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grades?

Orson Clark: Two grades to a room.

Interviewer: Did this cover grades one and two?

Orson Clark: Well, I think grade one was single and grade two was single but three and four, five and six, and seven and eight were in separate rooms.

Interviewer: So you went to the same school for eight years?

Orson Clark: Yes.

Interviewer: Can you remember any of the basic subjects that they taught you there?

Orson Clark: Oh, arithmetic, spelling, writing, and reading.

Interviewer: Did they have spelling bees or anything like that?

Orson Clark: Yes, they did. When I was in the upper grades, nearly every Friday we had a spelling bee, choosing sides.

Interviewer: What was the school game or what did most of the students enjoy playing during the recess time?

Orson Clark: Baseball.

Interviewer: Did just the boys participate or did the girls also?

Orson Clark: The boys had theirs and the girls did very little baseball playing then.

Interviewer: Is there any particular teacher that you remember?

Orson Clark: Yes, I had Minerva and Louise Clark who were sisters, Annie and Minnie Nelson who were sisters, and George Q. Knowlton for the seventh and eighth grades.

Interviewer: Is there any teacher that motivated you to want to continue your education like you did?

Orson Clark: George Q. Knowlton. He was a wonderful teacher and a wonderful man who always encouraged people to improve themselves.

Interviewer: Is that the biggest thing that made you want to continue on with your education?

Orson Clark: Well, not necessarily. I went on because I knew that to accomplish the goals in life that I wanted to accomplish, I would have to have an education.