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there is a superior over you, you take instructions from them and do it. Well, here we never got any instructions.

Ruth Knowlton: Who was the Mission President then?

Orson Clark: I've forgotten who it was.

Ruth Knowlton: You never did get the acquainted with him then?

Orson Clark: We got there in the early fall and he dropped in one Sunday morning on his way to another place. Sunday School was on so we went in a little corner and talked for a few minutes. That was it.

Interviewer: What did you do?

Orson Clark: I could see things that needed to be done, but no one to tell you to do it. Now being a branch that way, it is under a Bishop. The Bishop never came out to tell us what to do or anything. We could see the President of the branch was an airplane mechanic so he was busy on Sunday, so the thing was disorganized you might say and just there. So we got a list of the members that lived there and we hunted them up.

Interviewer: Were most of them converts or any from Utah?

Orson Clark: No there weren't. They were people who lived up in that country.

Ruth Knowlton: Were many of them active or inactive?

Orson Clark: There was one elderly woman, big heavy-set woman, she was active. Then there was a young man and his family that were active. Then there was a family where the father was active but the mother wasn't, she was Presbyterian. He was baptized 40 years ago. He would go to her church sometimes and she would go to his. They were lovely people, they were just lovely. Well, their son was in the Branch Presidency and he had only been in the church for three months. His father was a Presbyterian Minister, so you see the backing there was there.

Ruth Knowlton: So you went out and you visited all the members and got acquainted with them?

Orson Clark: Yes, and tried to encourage them to live right and come to church. If we would have been there a little longer, I know we would have had one convert and maybe we would have had another couple. We got a couple coming and in good shape. They were retired people, but they were bright people. They were these kind of people that knew what to do and the like. But we left before. But as I was saying, there was one woman and she came in right after we left. The new people that came baptized her. We