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Orson Clark: No. It was on the Owyhee.

Interviewer: How many head of cows were you running then?

Orson Clark: About thirty head.

Interviewer: What breed were they?

Orson Clark: Jersey.

Interviewer: Was there an advantage to Jerseys because of the high fat content of the milk?

Orson Clark: Well, I had Jerseys down here. I rented my place here. I had Jerseys here and the renter didn't want the heifers so I took them up there.

Interviewer: And you continued with Jerseys up there. I am wondering why you didn't go into Holsteins?

Orson Clark: Well, I had them in there and I don't like Holsteins.

Interviewer: Why?

Orson Clark: In the first place, they are too large and eat too much and they are more of a nervous type.

Interviewer: They are at that. But a Jersey, of course, had much higher fat content. Were you paid by the fat content of the milk?

Orson Clark: Fat and protein.

Interviewer: Well, Jerseys would do better. Did most of the farmers around you have Jerseys?

Orson Clark: Not most of them but some of them. Some had Holstein.

Interviewer: You don't find many commercial hers of Jerseys anymore.

Orson Clark: Well, we've got one right down the street here.

Interviewer: Is that right? Jerseys?

Orson Clark: He tells me that he makes more money on those cows, on the price of milk, than the man on A Grade. They have got them, too. They pay for the solids and fats. You see where the Jersey is better.

Interviewer: I've always liked Jersey cows. The whole time I was