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Orson Clark: Mine was right around $3,000.

Interviewer: Were you doing any farming on the side at all?

Lucille Clark: He had five hundred dollars when we came from Montpelier. His father found out we had it. He said, "Well, I need a new car and if you let me have the five hundred dollars, I'll let you buy my farm down there."

Orson Clark: He wanted to know if I would be interested in buying a little ground. I said, "Yeah, I have five hundred dollars in the bank and all my debts paid. Make out what you want." He did and I took over a thirty acre place down here. The best ground there is around.

Interviewer: That was a lot of work school teaching and farming on the side.

Orson Clark: I did and you know these hard times came along. They had contracts and you could only have one job. Do you remember that? They told me along with the others.

Ruth Knowlton: There were so many of them who were working in places selling shoes or whatever they could get to make ends meet.

Orson Clark: Yup. So when the contracts came out and they said that is what it will be, I just took my contract in my hand and walked into the office. I said, "I'm not going to quit farming. I've got a little ground and I'm farming it and I'm not going to quit. if you don't want to let me teach school and do it, here is my contract." I just threw it down to him.

Interviewer: What did he do?

Orson Clark: He said, "You can stay on the job."

Interviewer: What were your major crops?

Orson Clark: I had put in a bunch of asparagus when we first took the place over. About three or four acres of asparagus.

Interviewer: How did they do?

Orson Clark: That was a good spring market.

Interviewer: I love asparagus. You made money from asparagus?

Orson Clark: Yes.

Interviewer: Did you sell it in Salt Lake?

Ruth Knowlton: Did you take it onto a farmer's market or did you