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Interviewer: They though they had grown more, huh? Let me ask you another question about Farmington. Were there any lines drawn in terms of economic or social class between the families around Farmington at that time? How did families rate in terms of prestige or position in the community?

Orson Clark: Well, I don't know that there was any difference. This county was more or less a stablilized county with people being stable, staying and not moving.

Interviewer: Were there any families your parents didn't want you to associate with?

Orson Clark: Not that I know of.

Interviewer: What about between active Mormons and non-active mormons. Or were there very few non-active.

Orson Clark: There wasn't enough non-members to know the difference.

Interviewer: What about non-active members, Jack-Mormons, were there very many of those at that time?

Orson Clark: I don't think enough that there would be a difference that you could see.

Interviewer: So the church was really a unifying factor here, pulled all the people together?

Orson Clark: Yes.

Interviewer: Were the church leaders usually the political leaders too, when you were growing up?

Orson Clark: Some.

Interviewer: Could a man hope to become a political leader who was not an active church leader?

Orson Clark: Oh, I think so. You see, my father was in the Stake Presidency. He was in the High Priest Presidency for years and years then he was in the Stake Presidency for 15 years.

Lucille Clark: Oh, it was 23 years.

Orson Clark: You see, he was in the religious and he was in the politics. He was County Commissioner for several terms.

Interviewer: Was he Republican or Democrat?

Orson Clark: Republican. He had some fights with some of the