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Interviewer: What did you do for the American Express?

Orson Clark: I worked on what they called the Extra Board. I did everything. When I started, it was hitching up horses and handling horses. I had been used to that kind of work and knew how to do it. It was horse-drawn vehicles that did all the delivering of the packages in Salt Lake at the time. After they converted to automobile, then I worked on the automobiles delivering. I did practically all of the jobs that they had, acting as a member of the Extra Board. You did work when the others went on vacations or were sick.

Interviewer: What was your major emphasis at the University?

Orson Clark: Economics and education.

Interviewer: So what was your degree in?

Orson Clark: Economics. Well education really is what is was, and I minored in economics.

Interviewer: Being that you were raised on a farm, how did it come about that you learned the farm work and that which goes along with working a farm?

Orson Clark: I worked right along the side of my older brothers. They showed me how to do things. There I got the fundamental principals.

Interviewer: What did you do on the farm?

Orson Clark: We raised all kinds of crops.

Interviewer: What were the hours that you had to work to keep the farm going?

Orson Clark: From daylight in the morning until after dark at night. We milked cows, in those days they didn't have milkers so we milked by hand. I learned to milk when I was seven years old.

Interviewer: How many cows were you responsible for milking?

Orson Clark: With the brothers and myself, we had about thirty head. We kept about thirty head. One night I milked all of them alone.

Interviewer: Why did you have to milk all the cows?

Orson Clark: The others were busy thrashing. It took all of the men. It was my choice to stack the straw or milk the cows. I took milk the cows.