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teachers. I really got a lot out of him. There were only two of us that were married in the class. We used to sit right on the front row, the two of us. I'll tell you, we made him jump with questions and comments and the like. I'll tell you, he was on the job and he taught us. I learned more out of his class than a lot of others.

Interviewer: What did you think of the quality of education at the U at the time?

Orson Clark: I thought it was all right. The teachers I had were good and on the job. Oh, we had one or two that wasn't too top.

Interviewer: What did you do when you graduated from school?

Orson Clark: Went to teaching school. Went to Carbon County in Sunnyside and taught the first year.

Interviewer: What did you teach?

Orson Clark: The year before the schoolhouse had burned down, they moved the kids into the vestry of the church house. I had ninth grade and all subjects for the ninth grade.

Interviewer: That was a rough assignment, Orson.

Ruth Knowlton: How many students did you have?

Orson Clark: Thirty, I think.

Interviewer: That was a rough assignment, Orson.

Ruth Knowlton: How many students did you have?

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Interviewer: I imagine in those days there were quite a few who couldn't speak English weren't there?

Orson Clark: Oh yes. They were all...

Interviewer: Italians and Greeks?

Orson Clark: Well, they all talked English. They were all English speaking.

Interviewer: How were they to teach?

Orson Clark: Well sir, as a rule they were pretty good. I had an experience with them. There in these coal camps, the company furnishes a gym for them, recreation and the like. So I got the job of running the gym three nights a week. And then there was at least one of the boys who was a foreigner, he was a little back in his work and wanted me to teach him nights so once or twice a week I had him.

Interviewer: Where did you live in Sunnyside?