

(M) When you moved out in '45, was - there wasn't any timber at all in that area then?

(F) No, no, it was - the stumps were still showing up.

(Mrs. F.) There was timber on our place.

(F) Yeh, on our place we had forty acres of scattered timber on it. It had about three or four ^{thousand} hundred board, or, thousand board feet on it. Big old growth.

(Mrs. F.) Then the next guy made a lot of money off that place selling timber or not the next guy, ~~xx~~ the next guy after that, huh? He made a lot of money selling that timber.

(F) Well, then guys did, yeh. The Lyda ^{boys} ~~put~~ in a little sawmill there and cut off a couple of settings and then they logged that big timber off and then turned around and sold it to Pat Murphy for \$10,000 and then they bought back some of the - the house and some ac--17 acres for \$6,000 and then they - Pat turns around and sells to Baker and another guy for \$55,000 and they cut all the second growth where that old burn was. That had grown up into second growth and down the creek in there and then on that scattering forty and they just about broke even. They said they would make it up on new timber that would come up off the logged off land. I guess then they planted it along that back field all into trees again. All that hard work we done clearing it up, why they planted it into trees.

(M) Is that what most of the land is now, replanted? in that area?

(F) Well, they seem to - a lot of that is self-seeding, I guess but it seemed lik e-- well, some of that they relogged some of that the Standard Box had logged. Why, they went in there and relogged some of that and replanted some of that. But they logged too darn soon. They just got a big stump cut on the bottom and when they got up there thirty feet high why it was just ^{but} ~~small~~ enough to make a ~~lxh~~. They logged ^{some of} ~~all~~ that too soon.

(Mrs. F) After we moved out we didn't move right to Cornelius. We bought another place right next to our place, ^{south} ~~back~~ of us - the ^{W. Johnson} Milliger place. We lived there for ^{what} /about six months? Why we fixed up the house, I mean added two bedrooms and then we moved away from there to the Fellas place down below by the railroad track, in Scofield yet.

(F) No, just the opposite.

(Mrs. F) Oh, Wellas first and then afterwards. Yah. and after ^{words} ~~hilligers~~ we moved down here.

(F) Oh, we paid \$1250. for that forty acres and it had some nice timber on that, and a friend of mine that I went to school with had a logging outfit and he twisted my arm and wanted me to sell that to him so he could pay off ^{Equip. debts} - if he didn't get a winter job he'd lose his equipment. So, I felt sorry for him and he had quite a bit of money borrowed and By Joe he ^{fell} ~~xxxxxx~~ about 2/3 of the timber and then this outfit he had the money from they was destitute to get that money payment made so here they went and siezed his timber and he didn't even get to log it. And, so they went in and logged it themselves and then they just took part of the timber that was in there and they left the scattering timber. Oh, I ~~sold~~ about \$900 worth of logs off it and about \$500 worth of wood off it so - then I turned around and sold it for \$2800.

(M) When did Howell Tree Farm move in there then? Is there a Howell Tree Farm up there now?

(F) oh...

(Mrs. F.) Howell Tree Farm - down at Wirfs there?

(M) Yeh.

(Mrs. F) Oh, we don't know anything. That by Wirfs, you know, down at that place he has where they planted the trees. When that move in?

(F) Well, that must have been about 7 years ago or something like that when ^{they} ~~that~~ moved that trailer in there and planted ^{those} ~~xxxx~~ trees.

(Mrs. F) I didn't even know those trees were in there.

(M) Mmmmm.

(F) but, yeh, they cleared up ^{quite a little} ~~some~~ land in there. I didn't know they had that many trees planted in there. That's the first time I'd been in there for a long time.

(M) Looking back on your years at Scofield, were you - do you have any concluding remarks on the area? living up there? the lifestyle up there?

(F) Well....I don't know. I know one thing I spent some real hard days up in there. I worked a little in the Sunset Logging one summer in '36 and then it was hard to get any work around there seemed like afterwards and then in 1939 I went ^{to work} in the woods up on the Sunset Highway and I farmed and done chores and milked cows and everything. I know I

(F contd) still had to go after cows when I got home. I think - no, I guess I had the cows pastured that time.

(Mrs.F) Sometimes I went down after them ^{by myself} /but not too much.

(F) I spent some long hours - and then we had some strawberries. And, we hired the pickers and Martha would look after them and then when I'd get home from work I would have to haul the strawverries to town to Banks. And, sometimes I would have to make two trips. One night I got home a little after 2 and I had to get up a quarter after three to go on a hootowl shift in the woods and that was kind of a short night. Next year I bought a bigger pickup and that worked out ^{a little bit} /better. I had I think it was 120 flats on that pickup at times to try to make in one trip.

(Mrs. F) Once we had a flat one time, remember? with all those flats?

(F) Gosh! we had a contract for $4\frac{1}{2}$ cents, and took one load and got, I think, got ...

I think it was the first load, got $4\frac{1}{2}$ cents for it and the second load in the evening I got ^{4¢} /they cut me down during the middle of the day a half cent.

(Mrs. F) Four cents a pound. Then we had to pay the pickers out of that, probably a cent a pound.

(F) I blowed up then. I was working in the woods and I told them, By Jo! I got a job and I can live and if you want to go for that price, I said, just hop to it - I'm through with this berry business, I says. War broke out and the price of berries went up and they *are up to 35¢ at present* was up there with..... (nothing else on the tape)

(nothing concerning Scofield on this side of the tape)

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