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(O) LM: So after the Armistice was signed you came back here to McMinnville or Hillsboro?

BM: McMinnville yes my discharge fare was to McMinnville. It was my home. I got a telegram saying my dad was not expected to live after I got to New Westminster. That telegram was waiting there for me and I got special leave hom. Dad had cancer of the throat. I then had to go back though and he survived about a month. I went back and got my discharge and got a tailor made suit that was made up in Canada. A buddy and I got two tailor made suits. The British army gives you \$100.00 which was a hundred dollars in those days. So we both got these tailor made suits. Beautiful wool suits. I came back then and took over where I had left off supposedly. Got a job and one thing or another. Decided I would go to college but that didn't work. I didn't seem to cotton to it like I should have.

LM: What was the feeling of the people living in McMinnville and Hillsboro area? Did they just as soon forget about World War I?

BM: Did they seem to?

LM: Yes, or was there much talk about Woodrow Wilson and his

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LM: (cont.) 14 points and the "World Safe for Democracy"
and all this?

BM: American boys they put on a tremendous effort. We met them the first trip over I think it was. We met a platoon of American soldiers that were lost somehow. It was awful easy to do. We herded them along with us for the remainder of that drive which went about a mile I think. Then they finally got lined up with their outfit again. But they were no different than anybody else. They were green but heavens knows they had to go into it for we would be taken in as recruits and go in with an old outfit or battalion. They just had to go in and every one of them was green as grass they had never had any experience at all. Which might be a good way to go (laughs). You wouldn't know what you were getting into. The early battle of Verdun and the song of some of those battles where they just pile the dead up five foot deep. I think it was mainly because it was the first experience for an awful lot of them. They figured that even though they were getting shot all way around from both sides that they would get through. The Germans were famous for that. The English were too. Years ago, they used to advance for hell or high water you just kept going. Americans did the

BM: (cont.) same thing in the Civil War.

LM: Other people coming back from World War I they were revered among the people living here than the people that stayed home? Or honored?

BM: What now?

LM: The soldiers that came back here to Hillsboro and McMinnville after the War, were they honored by the people that stayed behind? The farmers and there?

(10) BM: Well a Veteran was looked up to. They had preferences that did not apply after World War II. to any near extent that they did after World War I for some reason or other. I don't know why that was. After Vietnam of course they didn't have any preference at all apparently. No, jobs were available anywhere you could go to get a job. I took the postal examination and I got a grade of 98. Still didn't get the job because several of the other guys were college graduates because they smarted me out of it, even though I had a grade of 98 out of a 100. I didn't miss anything I wouldn't have had any legs if I had become postal man mail carrier. This Vietnam fiasco it is to bad that we ever got involved in that. Why didn't we clean them out I don't understand that. We

BM: (cont.) could have smothered them. I honestly believe that whether we were afraid of Russian intervention what caused it I don't know. The same way when they stopped MacArthur. I don't know what we were afraid of but MacArthur would have made them eat dirt believe me if they just left him alone. I think myself, although I am no authority, that it was a terrible mistake but that is neither here or there. That is my opinion

LM: During the 1920's did the people just as soon forget about the affair of state over in German and what was going on then?

BM: The 20's?

LM: Yes, after World War I.

(20) BM: Like our American Legion is quietly folding up and will in a matter of five years why you will see maybe one or two on a float in the Fourth of July parade. That is all that is left of us. I am 83 and I say five years but I won't worry about it. But they say old soldiers never die. The certain glamour or something about them that does die just as sure as God made green apples which is natural. Everyone still have a lot of respect for the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and all the rest.

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BM: (cont.) But there is something that is sort of lacking you take Memorial Day for instance. Anywhere a town this size you will have 15 or 20 at the cemetery with the flag raising and laying of wreaths on the tombs and one thing or another. The Veterans of Foreign Wars out here have their same kind of ceremony and have about 20 or 25 people there where we used to have a parade and quite a day of it. But now it they are mainly interested in a two day holiday over at the beach or something but not the damn war or the departed soldiers either. That is natural. The army itself has deteriorated I think a lot, and enthusiasm for service in the country. They look down on it now. Somehow or other, I think it should be compulsory. Every kid should go through at least a year and a half of military training which would if nothing else teach them obedience and a willingness to perform orders that you are given in the service for your country. That is what the National Guard does right now for that matter. It is something that they could use it is good for them all through their lives.

(30) LM: After World War I then Memorial Day was quite a time of remembrance. .?

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BM: Yes and it is natural we all have folks that have been very dear to us that are buried in the cemetery and a lot of them never get any recognition like flowers because they don't take time to do it. It applies to soldiers as well. We've tried to put on a day up at the courthouse and put on a program. I think last year there were maybe 25 people there on Memorial Day. I was fit to be tied because we came down Main Street or Jackson. We came down Jackson past the courthouse with our flags. There were three Mexican kids standing on the corner giggling and looking at us and I admit we didn't have any music and just kind of crawling around slow march. It couldn't have been a very inspiring sight but I don't think it should have been ridiculed after all they were bearing our national emblem. They were laughing and I was so damn mad that I could have bit nails into them but I was a flag bearer (laughs). Oh dear...Mexican kids. They were kids and didn't know any better.

(40) LM: What was your activities then once you came back here to McMinnville? You mentioned you got involved in the nursery of some kind? After you came back from World War I. What did you do after your logging experience here

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LM: (cont.) in Hillsboro?

BM: I got married to Idylla Brownhill in McMinnville and worked in Portland for American Express, then went to Seaside to log with Columbia Willamette Company as choker-sitter, \$6.50 per day. Promoted to headrigger at \$7.50 per day. After having served 3 years in the Canadian army I decided the woods were too dangerous so I moved to Hillsboro in 1921. I turned down offers on 11 acres that Mr. Clarke who owned this place over here on Garibaldi Street just by the railroad. He wanted to side track there and the railroad wouldn't give it to him so he just kept that 11 acres for an investment and bought it for \$5500.00. \$500.00 an acre and went out and bought the property out here. During the depression Mr. Clarke came to me and wanted me to take this mortgage for that 11 acres. There is a mortgage on it for \$1500.00 and I can't pay it. Mr. Clarke got into a bad way. He extended too much credit. He had a flower shop in Portland and had to fold up. I could have had it for \$1500.00 that 11 acres. There are houses all over it now. But I didn't want it. Nobody wanted the land as far as I know. The man that had extended the loan of \$1500.00 on it kept

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BM: (cont.) it as far as I know. It shows you what the ups and downs are of our economy can take. People today don't seem to realize that we are just as bound to hit the skids again as we did then. Mr. Clarke bought it in 1911. Property was booming. He paid \$500.00 an acre for that ground. That was unheard of \$500 an acre. Everything was going to go up and up and up. They went up and up for awhile. The depression here everything went to hell the other way. I don't know who we exactly will get out of this mad spiral we are in. I am not in it. I stopped in 1960. That is when I leveled off and retired. Those 1960 dollars damn it that we retired on are worth about 35-cents now. People can't see that but we are going to get by. It don't make sense. I don't know what exactly got us started except just plain human greed. It is just yankee ingenuity or what you want to call it the whole world is affected. So it isn't just the Americans. England is worse off than we are. Germany and Japan two or our worst enemies once upon a time are the only ones that seem to be profiting. West Germany I don't know how East Germany is that is Russian. I am beginning to get a sneaky hunch that there is more about

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BM: (cont.) Russia that we should know about. If we are going to avoid a complete bust-up. But that I am not going to worry about it. Hamburger is \$2.00 a pound well we'll get by. It seems that we could avoid it, it should be avoidable but not with politics. I don't know if your politically inclined or not, but I can't see the way our politics work. I can't tolerate it.

LM: Back in the 20's then was that when the nursery business first began out there at Tuefels (Tueful bought the green houses in 1943.)?

BM: No, Orenco at that time. That was right after World War I. Orenco Nursery Company out here there was this boom a slight boom of building and they had a vast holdings in there of nursery stuff. Nursery goods, trees, bushes, and shrubs. When the depression hit they just folded up just like a wilted flower. They in no time at all it went bankrupt. There are a lot of outfits now that are just booming. Out here the Walter's has a big place out here and the Japanese Yosaki. His dad and mother used to be out there grubbing in the fields. Heavens knows they have a tremendous organization now. Making lots of money. But we have to go through it just

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BM: (cont.) as sure as fate. To devalue the money. Some way they have to get leveled off. I don't make sense we all know it don't make sense but we keep right on.

LM: Was it quite a business for the nursery stock back in the 20's then?

BM: Oh yes it was a tremendous business.

LM: Was it international trade then?

BM: Well not so much international as local, state wide. You notice your homes now they got flowering shrubs around them before they are even finished, before the house is painted. These new building projects that is all nursery work. If you know how to make things grow it will pay off. They pay a dollar for a tomato plant that cost two-cents to raise you are going to make some money somewhere. We raised flowers all roses. Johnny is still growing roses now that we didn't dream of while we were there. But they have new varieties and he has a lot of new ideas that he has put to work. Less labor connected with it. He has done a remarkable job out there. Did you ever go through his place? He built a marvelous big wood chip burning establishment to take over in case the oil. They have some gas but the gas company would not guarantee

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BM: (cont.) that they could give him enough gas to heat the whole place. So he has a small amount of gas that he can use and oil. Heaven knows how much his oil bill is now for the amount of glass he's got. We had one acrs under glass and Johnny must have at least 5 acres now. It is practically all roses. Stems like that; that we didn't have. They didn't have that type of rose they didn't grow like that. It wasn't the fertilizer it was just like the difference of one bush will grow one way and the other won't grow. You have to breed them out of it. In other words, propigate get the varieties that will do best for you.

LM: Why do you think the nursery business did so well here in Hillsboro and Tualatin Valley area back in the 20's? Was it the climate or?

BM: We have good soil mild weather and lots of water and lots of help. Just the natural like of people love decorating their yards and a lot of it is shrubery. Shrubery that everybody wants. It is easily taken care of as far as that goes it is all out doors crops. Greenhouse crops are a horse of another color. They have to have heat.

LM: That was something they didn't have back in the 20's? Greenhouses?

BM: How is that?

LM: Did they have greenhouses back in the 1920's?

BM: Yes that was built in 1911. The original greenhouse where John Tueful was built in 1911. That was during a booming period. Portland was growing and he had his main shop on Morrison Street. He paid \$500.00 a month rent for that place.

LM: Why do you think the nursery nosedived in the 30's then? Depression time was that the cause of it?

BM: What was that again? I didn't get that.

LM: Did the nursery business fall apart during the 1930's?

BM: Yes, we burned up piles of it. Dig it up and after it gets to old it won't transplant. We had bonfires out there with all kinds of nursery stock that should have at the right time would have made money. When things break why they break and values should boost sense of values. Just like me turning down \$1500 for 11 acres for heavens sakes. I could have borrowed the money but I couldn't see. It seems like nobody else had any more insight that I did. You talk to any old timer and they will tell you the same thing. Right now young folks go into debt head over heels for all manner of things. They will buy a new home then they buy a mobile home and then they buy

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BM: (cont.) a boat and a motorcycle, two cars and a pick-up. Heavens, they go at it like they go money mad. I know they can't make the payments half of them. I don't know how your situation is. I know one family in particular that will lose their brand new home. They busted up and they can't handle it between the two of them. They are separated and she is living with a man that she is not married to. All kinds of things go on now days that we didn't tolerate in my days. That business of premarrital cohabitation. There wasn't any of it in my days. You would have just gone to jail that is all. It says in the Bible no and that was the way of the land. Before you are my age I don't know if whether the Bible will lose a lot of respect from the general public. There is a tendency now to make the Bible fit our present day ideas. Hope I don't have to explain that to Saint Peter.

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