

374-453 Arvo herded cattle in Norwood, 500 or 600 herd at a time. It took about 11 hours to ride horse from Telluride to Norwood. The Bank of Telluride and Norwood Cattle Company owned the ranch he worked on, in fact owned most of the property and ranches in Norwood. Area. At that time a whole beef sold for \$15. Tells of rancher shipping cattle to Omaha on the train, but could not sell them, so the whole outfit went broke.

453-510 He had a tough life after his father died. Mother worked for the bank as a janitor. Arvo picked up buckets of coal from railroad track to use for heat. The oilers on the train would throw large lumps out for the kids, and they would bury them and then chip off as much as they could carry home to us for fuel.

510-600 His wife was Irish and Dutch. Talks of the depression. There was lots of bootlegging in town during the depression. Tells of Roy Stone's big still and how he shipped whiskey out to Denver and Salt Lake City. Recalls stories of stealing whiskey and getting drunk for 5 to 10 days at a time as a young man. Names different bootleggers in town.

Side B

00-45 The revenuers arrested the bootleggers, gave them a year in jail and released them. Tells story of sister's husband running whiskey between Canada and the United States. When he was caught, sister divorced him. Speaks of various laws concerning drinking, smoking, etc.

45-77 Describes the Finnish community he lived in as a child. Perhaps 200 Finns and just as may Swede-Finns. There were many different nationalities in our community. The dances at Finn Hall always had live music, usually accordion. Describes celebration of Christmas at the Finn Hall.

77-100 His mother worked at the bank and for Mrs. C. D Waggoner. There was a large community across the river. The floating population of Telluride including all the area mines and ranches on the mesas, was about 10,000, about 5000 in town.

100-181 Arvo's mother came to Telluride because her parents had arranged a match for her in Finland and she was unhappy about. She worked her way to the United States on a boat, landing in Boston at the age of 16, then worked her way to Telluride where she later met her husband. Mother was a very small lady and her husband was a tall, large man. He use to hold her on his lap and sing to her. He would work until they made some money, then would quit and they would take back to Finland. Arvo was born on one of these trips on the boat. Years later the boat burned at sea and sank, and they could not get a birth certificate for him, for many years. Arvo speaks of the bread his mother made and all the different Finnish dishes. Childhood was very unhappy after his father died.

181-267 He spent a lot of time outdoors and hunting as a young man. Stories of hunting days.

Description: sound cassette (71 minutes)

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