

Working on the Farm

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"I worked for Royce Sharf before joining the Army, with Milton Likness, Abe Christopherson, Ira Woodward and Art Markus. Sharf had a pickup with a house on it. We would ride up to where the bailer was; those that didn't fit up front would ride up in the house. It was like a trailer house, with enough room that we could all sit in there to eat our lunch. It had a gas stove, they would light it up about 11 in the morning and it would be nice and warm when we ate our lunch".

"Bernard Fish farmed a quarter of land south of Knopf's- and he got called into the service. It was threshing time, so Dad and I took two days to help him. Bernard had a homemade bucker, he used that to push the hay to the haystack. Paul Thompson owned the land and he came out to see how much grain loss there was, but it wasn't too bad".

"In the spring of 1944 I went back to the farm from the Western Union, as my work release ran out; I was going to help Dad put in crops. But Ernest and Albert Richter wanted me to come and help-I was a hot commodity back then! Dad thought he could get along with DeEll and Gene so I helped Richter's that year".

