

Clarence Ettesvold Interview
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Mr. Ettesvold was a farmer in the Morris area during WW II. He also served with the county Red Cross War Fund organization, aided in his local area's scrap-metal salvage drive, and collected information from local farmers for government studies of agriculture.

In this interview, he deals at length with the effect of the war on various aspects of farm life in general and with his experiences with the above-mentioned war-mobilization projects in specific.

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Tape 1, Side 1 009	Interview begins.
009-022	Background Information: place of birth, ethnicity, movements of family, father's occupation, level of formal education, wife's maiden name (Cynthia Martha Hall).
024-065	Information Available During WW II: daily paper, level of interest in world events prior to U.S. entry into the war, radio as news source, role of commentary in news broadcasts, role of news reels.
066-124	Local Attitudes Prior To War: "America First" attitudes, gradual and growing awareness of likelihood of U.S. entry into the war, some events that built on this awareness, no German ethnic groups in immediate area, treatment of German-Americans, sense of active participation in war effort.
125-015	Effect of War on Farming:
125-150	Information on Ettesvold's farm (size, types of crops and livestock, number of people working on the farm both before and during the war).
151-177	Labor shortage during the war, Ettesvold's attitude toward the Selective Service's agricultural exemptions.
180-200	Effect of war on farm economy: average size of area farms, effect on commodity prices and credit availability.
201-273	Electricity on the farms during the war, system of choosing which farms would get electricity.
274-335	Labor shortage: use of town people for harvest labor, women's role in farm labor.

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337-368	Rubber rationing (also see 027 of tape 2, side 1)
372-391	Neighborhood cooperation as a result of war-time hardships.
392-015 (Tape 1, side 2)	Machinery Rationing, Black market machinery.
017-050	Ettesvold's service on agricultural information organizations, worked through county extension agent, description of duties.
050-060	Information being sent by government to farmers
069-090	War hardships as causing a freer exchange of ideas between farmers.
091-190	War-Oriented Community Activities:
091-109	Community classes on such things as canning.
110-120	War bond drives
165-190	Community attitudes toward rationing in general, attitudes seem to be divided along rural/town lines.
191-202	Movements of people during war (mainly away from the community).
205-359	Ettesvold's activity with Red Cross War Fund:
230-238	Community pressure to get involved with such activities.
260-290	Method of soliciting funds for Red Cross.
291-304	Level of participation in such drives in area.
323-359	Even distribution of sexes in all levels of management in Red Cross Drives, distribution compared with that in other mobilization programs.
366-026 (Tape 2, Side 1)	Ettesvold's experience with County Salvage Drives:
027-040	Lack of inspection of farm compliance with tire rationing regulations.
041-059	Level of community activity in civic programs and interest in politics after the war ended,
060-097	Re-adjustment of veterans after the war, attitudes of Veterans toward civilians and government.

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098-106	Community adjustment to peace-time.
107-119	Community attitudes toward U,S.S.R, and U.N.
120-126	Community's level of interest in international events after the war ended.
127-138	Community attitude toward government management of the war.
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