

CLARK, LOREN W. INTERVIEW
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BIOGRAPHY----

Mr. Loren W. Clark was born in Big Stone City, South Dakota in 1915. He lived and attended school there, and in 1954, he moved to Ortonville. He was mayor of Ortonville for six years, in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

When Mr. Clark first started with the Big Stone Canning Company/Big Stone Incorporated, he hoed the sweet corn fields. Today he is the Vice President of Engineering and Research. During WWII, the president of the company asked and received a deferment for Mr. Clark when the government asked the company to fulfill so many orders.

There was a labor shortage in the area so the company put in a request to the government for a P.O.W. camp. Mr. Clark has taken a personal interest in the camp and the majority of the interview deals with this.

| <u>COUNTER #</u> | <u>ABSTRACT</u> |
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| 011 | Interview begins. |
| 020-121 | I - Personal Information: place of birth, and date of birth, parent's occupation, Clark's formal education, occupation during the war. |
| 121-158 | II - Information about the P.O.W. Camp. What is left of it, where it was, why it's location met with requirements to have a camp. |
| 158-240 | III - The first year, number of P.O.W's and soldiers, which farmers got help and in what area they lived in, and the type of work these men did. |
| 240-314 | Type of P.O.W's and where they came from, their attitudes to the civilians, outstanding P.O.W.'s |
| 314-371 | IV- The second Year of P.O.W.'s Type P.O.W.'s, time spent in Big Stone Camp, treatment of P.O.W's, hours they kept. |
| 371-440 | Areas attitudes towards camps, their entertainment, one outstanding P.O.W. |
| 440-496 | V - recollections of the war. Following the news, P.O.W.'s, number of area men in war. |
| 496-541 | Pear Harbor; feelings about Japanese, Germans; and if felt part of war? |
| 541- | Talks about community, World War II Vets. |
| 553 | END OF SIDE ONE. |
| 003 | BEGIN SIDE TWO |

217 People being patriotic, scrap and war bond drives, FDR, Japanese in camps, various other topics, such as dissenters, what he was doing during Pearl Harbor and the news propaganda.

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