

Interview Summary: The History of Television in Stevens County

interviewee: Agnes Searle
interviewers: Stefanie Schrupp, Michael Heuer
date: Friday, 19 May 1995
time: 9:00 am
place: Ms. Searle's residence

Ms. Searle was born in Stevens County in 1925 (She is 50 years old). She lived on a farm with her husband and three children.

Ms. Searle bought her first television in about 1955. She bought her television because her children "seemed to think everyone else in the country had one." She remembers television stations in Fargo, Garden City, SD, and one later in Alexandria. She did not think that television had an influence on the amount of time that she listened to the radio. Television did not change the amount of time she spent on hobbies or how often she went to the movies, either. She did not feel that television dramatically changed the way she got news. In general, she felt that television had just a minimal effect on her and her family. In fact, to the question of whether or not television had any effect on her family she replied, "No, not really."