

Interview with Mary Anne Fisher

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CB: When were you born Mrs. Fisher?

MA: In 10/20/20.

CB: Think back to when you were 17. Where were you living at that time?

MA: On a farm in Kingman County.

CB: Who was living in your house with you at that time?

MA: I was the oldest of ten and my parents.

CB: What were your brothers and sisters names?

MA: Well, my oldest brother was Sylvester, Leon, Homer, Dennis, Larry, and Bob. My sisters were Elma and Ella.

CB: What did your parents do for a living?

MA: My father farmed and my mother took care of kids, cooked, and cleaned.

CB: What was your method of transportation?

MA: The Model-T Ford.

CB: What color was it?

MA: Black.

CB: Did anyone else have a different color car than you?

MA: I don't remember, I don't think so.

CB: Where did you work after school? How much did you get paid per hour?

MA: At that time I didn't work. After we moved to town, I did but didn't make anything because my father was the owner.

CB: Were you involved in sports or activities in school?

MA: We played softball I think.

CB: What did teenagers do for entertainment, and where did you go for dates?

MA: We went to movies and dances.

CB: Did you like the dances?

MA: Yeah, I did.

CB: Do you remember any famous singers bands or dances?

MA: No, maybe Bing Crosby.

CB: What were some popular TV shows you can remember?

MA: Ha! That hadn't been invented yet I don't think.

CB: Do you remember any movie stars or famous people?

MA: I remember *Gone with the Wind* with Clark Gable.

CB: Do you remember who was president?

MA: No, I really don't.

CB: Do you remember what was going on in the world?

MA: No, I can't.

CB: What were some inventions of the time?

MA: Well, we didn't have electricity, but I think the refrigerator was. Somebody came around three times a week to put ice in it. I had to empty the drip pan.

CB: Do you remember anything about the Dust Bowl or dust storms?

MA: I remember some people put up wet sheets to keep the dust out but don't remember my mom doing that.

CB: What were some major events you remember?

MA: I remember Pearl Harbor.

CB: Do you remember who told you Pearl Harbor was happening?

MA: No, I don't.

CB: Did you know anyone in the war?

MA: My husband and his two brothers. All of my brothers went except for the youngest one.

CB: Do you remember what it was like when the war ended?

MA: I can remember my youngest and a buddy of his kneeling down in the backyard giving a prayer of thanks.

CB: Were you happy?

MA: Yes.

CB: Was everybody happy?

MA: Yes, I think so.

CB: Is there anything else you would like to say?

MA: No.