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M.O'R.: I've heard a lot of stories of people who have swam on the river and never had any problems.

W.T.: Even the Willamette River now - by gosh, they're letting sewerage flow in, and you don't know where in the hell to swim in that now. You go up there by Oregon City and look at that foam in that water.

M.O'R.: Yeah.

W.T.: And then they say don't swim now because they're overflowing, and the pumps are down, electricity's off or something.

M.O'R.: Well, another sort of last question, is there anything that we did talk about that you would like to add anything to?

W.T.: I can't remember anything.

Some things I can remember pretty good, and I can remember some - I can see some of the people that I worked with, but I can't remember their names. But I'm sure - they were older than I am, and I'm sure they're probably either dead or in my condition. And I've never kept contact with them at all.

M.O'R.: Okay. Well, thank you very much. That was a good interview. We've definitely gotten a better picture of Avalon and Roamer's and ...

W.T.: It was a good time. It was a good time, you know.

MRS. THOMAS: It really was. You know, the companies used to take picnics out there, too.

W.T.: Oh, yeah. They had their picnics out there, too. But you know, everybody should do something like that. I had - my oldest son worked at Glacier Park as a bus driver in those old Mack - 33 Mack -. And then our younger boy went up there later, and he was a kitchen supervisor or something. He was a dishwasher. But there were 600 kids. The first boy got \$300 a month, and they took 100 off for his board and room. Our younger boy went up there, and he made \$600 a month dishwashing - or what did he call it? Pearl diving? - and [indiscernible]. It's not a big-paying job, but it's one of those jobs where you have a lot of fun, and you remember it for all your life.

M.O'R.: Okay. Well, thanks again.

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