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Wayne Hinton: This is Wayne Hinton, September 28, 1989, interviewing Willard Pectol in conjunction with the Zion CCC Reunion. Willard, it's good to see you.

Willard Pectol: Glad to be here.

Wayne Hinton: When did you join the CCC?

Willard Pectol: 1st of October, 1938.

Wayne Hinton: I interviewed Leon Miller a few minutes ago. He was here the year after you, is that right?

Willard Pectol: Yes, he came in '39 I guess.

Wayne Hinton: He thought it was '39. How long were you with the CCC?

Willard Pectol: I left about November of '40; had a little over two years. I got married and they kicked me out.

Hinton: Yes, you had to be single. That's right; that was one of the provisions, unless you were one of the local supervisors or employees. I guess you had some of those, didn't you?

Willard Pectol: Yes, I worked with... Can't remember what the guy's name was. Owen (?) Johnson, I think. He was the head of the carpentry crew and that was where I started my first carpentry was with him. We would work on this water tank up here: 200,000 gallon water tank, and then we'd go to school at night. He taught us.

Hinton: So you signed up for some of the educational opportunities?

Pectol: Well, yes.

Hinton: You were taught carpentry. You came out of the CCC with a skill then.

Willard Pectol: Well yes, but we went into the service not too long after that, and then when we got out I furthered it by going into Dixie College and taking (wind interference) _____ and _____, and I just went from there.

Hinton: How old were you when you joined the CCC?

Willard Pectol: Eighteen.

Hinton: About 20 when you got out then?

Willard Pectol: Yes. I got married when I was 19; the day after I was 20.

Hinton: You indicate on your registration form that you worked on the water tank; we just talked about that. Is that the water tank that's up Oak Creek Canyon?

Willard Pectol: Right up on the hill right here, clear up on top. If I remember right, we had right around 200 steps to climb to go up there.

Hinton: You'd climb that every morning and every night coming back?

Pectol: No, we'd climb it in the morning, come back at noon, climb it back up and then come back down at night.

Hinton: Where did you take lunch then?

Pectol: We'd come back down to the camp.

Hinton: You'd eat in the Mess Hall then?

Pectol: Yes, sometimes we'd come back to Mess Hall and sometimes they'd bring it up. (Wind) We'd work just straight through until it was done; morning, night and right on through.

Hinton: Did you get lunch?

Pectol: Yes, they brought it to us.

Hinton: How big a crew did you have working up there?

Pectol: Oh I don't remember; there was around 15 or 20 of us. By the time they got the cement crew down there mixing it in the hopper. They'd make it in a big hopper like maybe a yard or two yard hopper, you see. And then they'd wheel it in Irish buggies and put it in the hopper that took it up the track. We had two tracks that went clear to the top of the hill with a drag line, and then they'd dump it into the hopper up there, and then we'd take it out of the hopper in Irish buggies and take it around and dump it in the forms.

Hinton: And that was a 200,000 gallon water tank.

Pectol: 200,000 gallon water tank if I remember right, yes.

Hinton: That was a pretty major project. You spent how long on that?

Pectol: Oh I don't know. I don't remember how long I was up there – quite a while. Then we went to Bryce.

Hinton: I noticed that you put on here that you were at a spike camp at Bryce, cutting timber, building lodges... what?

Pectol: Well we went out there and we cut the bug timber out of the forest.

Hinton: Got the black pine beetle in there and it was killing the timber, huh?

Pectol: Yes. We took and cut them up and bucked them up and took them down to Ruby's Inn to the sawmill.

Hinton: Ruby Syrett was using those to build his lodge then?

Pectol: Well, the lodge was built when we got there, so I don't know how he did it.

Hinton: Just put them in storage for him then?

Pectol: Well they sold it. The forester, I think, sold the lumber to people.

Hinton: Okay. You also say you drove the "pie wagon." That was the truck that convened the men to the barracks to a job or whatever?

Pectol: No, that was taking them on recreational trips and then I'd go over to Cedar and pick up supplies; go down to Hurricane and pick up supplies.

Hinton: That sounds like a pretty good duty.

Pectol: Well, I was in camp project maintenance too. I was taking care of that when I was making the runs with the pie wagon. We enjoyed it; it was quite interesting.

Hinton: On camp maintenance, you would be making repairs there at the barracks or in the Mess Hall or those kinds of things.

Pectol: Yes. I'll never forget the first time I talked to Lieutenant Wall. We still had the outhouse and we went in there and he set the toilet in, and you know you're supposed to anchor the four bolts down just a little at a time, each one of them. Instead of that, I anchored down and I just started pulling it tight and snapped it right off. Snapped the corner of it off, so we had to put in a new one but I didn't get to set that one.

Hinton: You put too much tension on the other corners.

(Wife says something...)

Pectol: Yes, while we were out at Bryce too, I helped build that lookout tower from Rainbow Point. That was one of our carpenter duties. When we were shingling that thing, they put a rope around us so we wouldn't fall off about a 5 or 6,000 feet down in the canyon.

Hinton: Yes, I bet they would. I guess they had a pretty good safety record though, didn't they?

Pectol: Yes, I don't remember of anyone getting hurt.

Hinton: In two years, you didn't need the medical attention?

Pectol: No. When I got the camp maintenance and the pie wagon, I got a rating: I was the \$36 man.

Hinton: Instead of thirty, a six dollar raise.

Pectol: Yes, a six dollar raise, and that was big money.

Hinton: Does that mean you got eleven dollars and twenty-five went to your parents?

Pectol: No.

Hinton: You still got five dollar huh?

Pectol: No, I got eight.

Hinton: So you got half of the raise?

Pectol: Yes, I got eight dollars and the folks got the rest.

Hinton: Now Leon said he'd drive to Washington and get there about the time his check got there and his folks would give it to him. Did you do that?

Pectol: Not me. They had to have that to live among themselves.

Hinton: You had several brothers and sisters then?

Pectol: Well, let's see, there wasn't too many of us at home at that time. They was five of them, maybe six.

Hinton: Did you have a car? Leon said he had a car.

Pectol: Leon had a car and I shared it with him.

Hinton: So you'd drive back to Washington with him?

Pectol: Yes, he had a '34 Chrysler Coupe.

Hinton: So that's how you were able to date while you were in the camp. You saw your wife and courted on weekends.

Pectol: Right.

Hinton: They didn't require a pass?

Pectol: Oh yes, they required a pass, but they'd always give it. Every once in a while when I had to go down to Hurricane to pick up some materials, I'd slip off the road and go see her.

(Both laugh)

Hinton: What would have happened to you if they had caught you?

Pectol: I don't know. I don't think anything would have happened really. I would have just told them what I was doing.

Hinton: So they were fairly...

Pectol: Yes, I don't think they would have had too much concern.

Hinton: What was the food like?

Pectol: I enjoyed that food. That's why we went in there, to get three square meals a day and clothes to wear and a place to sleep, you know.

Hinton: Yes, in 1938 that was a big consideration with a lot of people.

Pectol: You bet it was.

Hinton: Where you were working that hard doing physical labor, as most of the men were, they probably fed you pretty well.

Pectol: Oh, they fed us good. I had no complaints about that. A lot of the guys complained about it but not me. I enjoyed every bit of it especially on Sunday afternoons. The cook was _____ Holly (?) He wouldn't do any cooking on Sunday; he'd just give you all cold cuts and cheese and crackers and stuff like that. I just loved that to no end.

Hinton: You just snacked all day long?

Pectol: You bet.

Hinton: Did they provide you recreational opportunities?

Pectol: Oh yes. We played baseball. Man that was my favorite. We played baseball in a league. In Rockville, I guess was a church building or a school building off to the side by a naked field down and off to the south there. We had a diamond there and we played there, and then up here in Springdale, they opened up a place up west up (wind) there somewhere. We use to play up there.

Hinton: Who did you play?

Pectol: Oh we played townspeople and other camps; we had a lot of fun doing that. We went up to Duck Creek or Cedar Breaks or somewhere up there and played the CCC camp up there too.

Hinton: Could you beat them? (Laughs)

Pectol: Oh yes, we had our fair share of the wins. I always had to knock a home run in order to get to second base.

Hinton: Were those games usually on a weekend?

Pectol: Yes.

Hinton: You didn't miss work then?

Pectol: No, we didn't miss work. It was usually in the evening or else on the weekend. They saw that we did our work; that's what we came here for, was to work, so we did.

Hinton: Did you get in on any of the rock rolling up on the switchbacks?

Pectol: No, I didn't get any of that hard work.

Hinton: It sounds like that was hard work on the water tank.

Pectol: Well yes, that was hard work on the water tank and cutting timber. It was hard work. It just depended on what you were doing.

Hinton: Cutting the timber, did you use axes or a two-man saw?

Pectol: We used a two-man saw and double-bladed axe. Oh, what was his name up there?

Hinton: That was just a tent camp then?

Pectol: Yes, just a spike camp, a tent camp.

Hinton: Fifteen to twenty guys?

Pectol: Yes.

Hinton: Were you there for the summer?

Pectol: Yes, we were there from middle of summer toward fall. I didn't stay there as long as the others. I came back down and took over the camp project and the pie wagon.

Hinton: Did you have to apply for that kind of an appointment?

Pectol: I don't remember how I got that. I think Lieutenant Wall just called me in and asked me if I could do it. Maybe Owen Johnson, he might have recommended me to him since I was in carpentry.

Hinton: He was able to discern that you had some skills.

Pectol: Yes, probably. I'd been doing building all my life since.

Hinton: Was that good or bad?

Pectol: Good. It was good. I like to build.

Hinton: You enjoyed your CCC experience then?

Pectol: You bet I did. I enjoyed it, and I think, well some of them didn't enjoy it, but I think most of them did.

Hinton: Were there some trouble makers in the camp?

Pectol: Well, yes, but there are always guys that would take care of that. Some of them would just take care of trouble makers if anything that came along. Blackie White, he's the one that usually took care of that.

Hinton: He could whip them then?

Pectol: Yes.

Hinton: Was he an enrollee?

Pectol: He was one of the camp officers. We would go down from spike camp down to Panguitch on certain occasions (wind interruption) He knew quite a few of them. And there was another guy; I can't remember his name. He was known for boxing and took home the championship; I can't remember his name.

Hinton: Did they have organized boxing here at the camp?

Pectol: Yes, they did.

Hinton: You could do that if you wanted then?

Pectol: Yes, as far as I can remember they did.

Hinton: Did you participate in that?

Pectol: No, I was a lover, not a fighter.

(Laughter)

Hinton: Your wife says yes. (Wife says something....)

Pectol: Oh yes, I'd take the guys down to Hurricane and LaVerkin to the dances on the weekend. Lot of times I'd get a pass from Scipio -- Clayton Edwards -- so I could go on home after the dance started. My pass started at midnight and I had to stay with the "pie wagon" until midnight, then I'd go home and he'd drive the guys back to camp (?).

Hinton: You had two hundred guys in the camp, could they all go?

Pectol: Well, a lot of them didn't go. There'd be around thirty or thirty-five.

Hinton: What if you had fifty that wanted to go and you had room for forty-five?

Pectol: I don't know, I don't think we ever ran into that because there's only one "pie wagon." I guess if there were more, they would have taken one of the other trucks.

Hinton: Why did they call it the "pie wagon?"

Pectol: Never did figure that out (laughs), but that's what it was -- just to pick up supplies and take them on the next trip.

Hinton: Maybe you brought pies back.

Pectol: (Chuckles) I never did see any if we did.

Hinton: That was probably a false thing. Was there just one camp here during the two years you were here or were there two camps then?

Pectol: Just one camp across the river.

Hinton: Most of the guys in the camp then were probably from Washington County area and southern Utah?

Pectol: No, there were a lot of them from Iron County and from the Salt Lake area. Most all of them were Utah boys as far as I know.

Mrs. Pectol: Tell him about the doctor.

Hinton: I asked Leon about that and he didn't know too much about it. He did say the first time he ever saw a dentist in his life was here. I guess the dentist was military personnel?

Pectol: Yes, but I didn't... what was that doctor's name...

Hinton: Was he a character?

Pectol: Character? Worse than that. He was a wino.

Hinton: Oh was he?

Pectol: Yes. I mean to tell you when I went in to get my shots when I first came in the camp, why he was pretty well soused and he just ran out with a needle and hit me right in the arm and hit the bone and I hit the floor. Man that just knocked me out in a minute. Yah, I can't remember his name.

Hinton: Maybe that was why you had such a good safety record in the camp, nobody wanted to go see the doctor.

Pectol: That was probably it. Lieutenant Wall was our commanding officer and Clayton Edwards, we called him Scipio, he was our top kick, _____ Pollock was our cook, (wind interruption) and Denzil Pollock was (wind). . . John Exell, he was the rock quarry man.

Hinton: One of the local?

Pectol: Yes, a local. Owen Johnson...

Hinton: Lambs they called him, didn't they?

Pectol: Yes, he was on the carpentry.

Hinton: Was Owen Johnson one of the LEMS [Local Experienced Men] too or was he a supervisor?

Pectol: He was a supervisor.

Hinton: Where was he from?

Pectol: I believe he was from a tropic area, down through there somewhere, I'm not sure.

Hinton: Have you seen some guys today that you were in the camp with?

Pectol: Not very many. Condor there, he's the one that run the drag line on the water tank. I knew him, but the others I haven't other than Pollock and Hepworth. Some have died.

Hinton: Once that water tank was filled, did they have CCC guys run the lines out to park service residences?

Pectol: The lines were being run right at the time we built the water tank.

Hinton: That was to provide culinary water here in the park. It didn't provide water for Springdale?

Pectol: No, just here in the park as far as I know. Where it is now, you can't tell.

Hinton: I wonder if that's still in use, the water tank?

Pectol: I couldn't tell you that either.

Hinton: But it was up Oak Creek Canyon?

Pectol: Yes, below the ledge, up on that north side.

Hinton: We drove up there the other day; I can't remember whether we could see the tank or not.

Pectol: Well I don't think you can see the tank from down below because it was set back off the crest of the hill a little ways, you know. But that was quite a project.

Hinton: That should have kept you in good physical condition to hike that every day.

Pectol: That and then cutting the bug timber and with full saws and double-bladed axes, you bet that kept you in good physical condition. Sleep good and eat good - you bet.

Hinton: You left because you were getting married...

Pectol: Not getting married, I GOT married. They kicked us out (laughs).

Hinton: Did you have to inform them before you got the pass?

Pectol: No I didn't. I didn't tell them I was going to, I just went and got married on a weekend and when I com back, I think it was a couple weeks before they even found it out. Then I think Scipio knew it and I think he's the one that told Lieutenant Wall and Lieutenant

Wall called me in said, "I understand you've gotten married." "Yah." "Well," he said, "that's the end of your CCC tour then." So I got my discharge papers and went home.

Hinton: They issued the discharge papers on the spot?

Pectol: I think they sent them to us, I'm not sure. But I don't have them now though.

Hinton: Do you have anything of your CCC days?

Pectol: Not that I know of.

Mrs. Pectol: Just the picture you brought last year.

Pectol: Yes, I got the picture that I brought down here last spring and in bringing it they had to roll it up and they rolled it out, and it broke. They took and put it together and took a picture of it. But they should have enlarged that instead of shrinking it down like they did because you can hardly tell who we are.

Hinton: Was it a picture of the whole camp; everyone that was there then?

Pectol: Yes.

Hinton: Were there some camp characters?

Pectol: Oh yes, but I can't remember any. We think we were all characters really. We were all there just having a little fun.

Hinton: Well it would have been somewhat like high school I guess; having guys 18 to 26 or 25...

Pectol: Twenty-four. I think. 18 to 24 I think was the limit. (wind) We'd get into a scrap or two, but nothing that would amount to much.

Hinton: So you'd sign up for six months and then you could re-enlist for another six months?

Pectol: No I think it was a year. You signed up for a year and then re-enlisted for another year. And when my second year was up, I had already signed up for another year, then we got married.

Hinton: Were you able to find employment after you left the CCC?

Pectol: Oh yes, we went to work for E. J. Graff down at Hurricane.

(Wife says something)

Pectol: No, we went to E.J. Graff, (wind) and then went from Pioche to Las Vegas to build that magnesium plant out there, and then we went from there into the service.

Hinton: So you went right into the same kind of work you were doing here more or less, construction?

Pectol: Yes, we followed it right on through.

Mrs. Pectol: You drove truck for a long time.

Hinton: You picked up some truck driving skills here driving the pie wagon.

Pectol: Yes, I drove truck down at Pioche and down at Las Vegas most of the time. We went right on through with the building trade. I built a lot of homes. We moved to Salt Lake. I have one of the oldest contractor licenses in the state of Utah.

Hinton: Going back to when?

Pectol: In the early 50s.

Hinton: What were the typical kinds of things you do in camp maintenance, put doors back on?

Pectol: Yes, and repair doors. The boys would get drinking a little bit and they'd kick a hole in them and I'd patch them up, or they'd tear the railings off the steps and I'd put them back.

Hinton: Did they deduct from their wages when they did that?

Pectol: No, I don't think so; never did hear of it if they did.

Hinton: They didn't allow liquor in the park, did they?

Pectol: Well, not if they found it out.

Hinton: Did they get it in Springdale and bring it in.

Pectol: No, they went down to Hurricane.

Hinton: Dixie wine?

Pectol: No, it was a drug store (?) _____, had block and tackle wine.

Hinton: Take a shot of (wind interference) of _____.

Pectol: Yes. They didn't allow liquor in the camp, but a lot of them had it, especially on the weekend. They would have it there so they could spend the weekend in camp.

Hinton: Did they ever kick anybody out of the camp, dismiss them?

Pectol: Not that I know of. .

Hinton: Did you ever have anybody go AWOL, just take off?

Pectol: Oh yes, there were people that went AWOL, but they'd come back and I don't even know if they got punished other than had their pass privileges taken away from them for a while.

Hinton: Would they make them do extra calisthenics?

Pectol: No, calisthenics was the rated men. We'd have to get out there and give those calisthenics. And a lot of times I'd get back from a trip, I'd just get to bed and that old bugler would sound off. Pulsipher I guess his name was. We'd have to get up and hit the calisthenics platform about six o'clock in the morning; rain or shine, didn't make any difference.

Hinton: Did he play reveille then?

Pectol: Yes. He was a sax player too, you know, and one morning he came out with the sax going up and down the company street just really swinging it. Lieutenant Wall came out and said, "What's going on out there?" And he said, "I just thought I'd give the guys an extra little change this morning."

Hinton: (Laughs) The military didn't appreciate that? The regular routine then on a work day would be up by six, to calisthenics, have breakfast, on the job by eight – work till five, hour lunch.

Pectol: Yes.

Hinton: Breaks?

Pectol: Oh, I don't think they organized breaks really. I don't remember calling break; I think they did. I think there was a break before noon and after noon.

Hinton: How long did it take to construct this water tank?

Pectol: I don't know. I think we worked on that the biggest part of the summer.

Hinton: All summer the first summer you were here then? You came in November you said.

Pectol: Yes, I came in the first of October and I think we started on that I guess the next spring I believe. Fifty years is a long time.

Hinton: Yes, that's a long time to remember. Did you have guys coming and going all the time?

Pectol: Yes, their enlistment would be up and they'd go out and then others would come back in. See that was my job to go over to Cedar to pick them up off the train and bring them in, and pick up supplies: potatoes, flour, stuff like that.

Hinton: How many times a week would you run to Cedar?

Pectol: I wouldn't go over once a week unless guys came in. But for supplies it was just about once a week I'd go over there.

Hinton: Now when a guy was discharged from here, did they take him to Cedar to put him on the train to send them home?

Pectol: I never did, I never took any back. I don't know how they got home.

Hinton: They were on their own when they left the camp?

Pectol: Yes, when they discharged me, I was on my own to get home... hitch-hiking I guess. But I don't remember ever taking anyone back to Cedar to get on the train to go home.

Hinton: Were your outfits labeled CCC so that when you went to Cedar you were identifiable?

Pectol: Right.

Hinton: How did people react to that?

Pectol: I don't think people minded that at all.

Hinton: Most of them were happy to have someone that would be buying their supplies.

Pectol: Yes, I don't think they were unhappy about the CCC.

Mrs. Pectol: (Wife says something)

Hinton: Yes, they made a lot of improvements here in the park.

Pectol: Oh you bet they did. We were just talking about that in there this morning. If we had 100,000 people come through back at that time that was a big year. Now you get a million and a half come through, and that's just an ordinary year. A lot of people now to where then there weren't as many and they could keep the trails up in top shape and really look nice.

Hinton: Was there much campground usage then by tourists?

Pectol: No, I don't think there were as many campgrounds either. This one here, the south campground, is about as much as any of them.

Hinton: Did you do much hiking of these trails when you were here?

Pectol: No, I didn't do much hiking.

Hinton: But that was a possibility if the guys wanted to do it.

Pectol: Oh yes, right.

Mrs. Pectol: What in the park is different?

Hinton: Leon said that he thought there was more grass and so forth.

Pectol: Yes, it seemed to me like there was a lot more grass because they had quite a maintenance crew, you know, to take care of it.

Mrs. Pectol: It seemed like to me . . .

Hinton: Well, there weren't as many people to litter on it.

Pectol: We kept the park in pretty good shape back then.

Hinton: Did the CCC guys do the garbage pickup and that sort of thing too, or maybe that was park personnel.

Pectol: I don't remember that, they probably did though. They did everything else.

Hinton: You didn't have any fires here during the two years you were here?

Pectol: Not that I remember.

Hinton: Had some recently, on some of the rims and so forth, but certainly you would have been called out if they had had some.

Pectol: Oh you bet we would have because we took fire training out at Bryce. We would take fire training out there with Forest Service. They'd go out and simulate a fire. As a matter of fact, they'd go out and start a fire and then they'd call us out to put it out. It kind of backfired on them one time. They started a fire and we went out and we thought we had it all out, but there was a root that was burning. And it burnt along and came up in another place and started a fire. And then they had to call us out to douse it out. It wasn't too big of a fire.

Hinton: Well, can you remember any other interesting experiences you had during your two years with CCC Willard?

Pectol: No, not really.

Mrs. Pectol: You had appendicitis.

Hinton: You had appendicitis when you were here?

Pectol: Well, yes I had appendicitis not too long after I came in, and the doctor – I can't remember his name, I didn't think I ever would forget that guy's name – he took me in the infirmary and put me in bed and said, "I want you to stay there for 48 hours; nothing to eat or drink." So I laid there for 48 hours and he started eating a little soup every two or three hours, and he started that appendicitis out of me and I've never had an attack since.

Hinton: Well, it sounds like it worked!

Pectol: Yes, it worked.

Hinton: So how long were you in the infirmary?

Pectol: I was only in there two or three days when he let me out, about four days, got out on the fifth just eating a little bit more. But he helped me out.

Hinton: Did they have any camp legends or songs?

Pectol: No.

Hinton: Nothing like that that developed a sense of community among the men?

Pectol: No, not that I know of.

Hinton: Did you have some guys that were entertainers?

Pectol: Yes, Tom Sevy, he played the guitar.

Hinton: Would he entertain you sometimes at night then?

Pectol: Yes, he'd do a little entertaining. There were others too... and Pulsipher, he had the sax. I can't remember who else.

Mrs. Pectol: You didn't know Gerald Gifford (Wife says something)

Hinton: Yes, Gerald could play the guitar and sing. Yes, he used to play for dances.

Pectol: I don't remember Gerald being in here really.

Mrs. Pectol: He was about your age; I bet he was.

Pectol: Might have been, but I don't remember.

Hinton: You were raised in Washington weren't you?

Pectol: Yes.

Hinton: Were there quite a few Washington kids that came into the CCC?

Pectol: Well there was me, Leon Miller and Glen Milne and Lee Evert.

Hinton: All about the same time?

Pectol: Un-huh.

Hinton: So you were in the camp for that time together.

Pectol: Right. But I don't remember of anyone else up here along that time.

Mrs. Pectol: (unintelligible)

Hinton: How did you go about enrolling? Did you have to go to an agency?

Pectol: Yes, an agency down in St. George. See we was on the NYA, National Youth Association, building the ditches and so forth in Washington. And when we became 18, they said this program was open to us if we wanted to take it.

Hinton: Some did and some didn't.

Pectol: Yes, I thought it was a good idea myself, because on that NYA program we only got \$15 a month.

Hinton: Did you get all of that?

Pectol: Yes, they paid all of that to us. That was a lot of money back then.

Hinton: Yes I guess it was. Lots of people would have been glad to have \$5. You didn't have any place to spend it up here did you?

Pectol: No, we'd go down to Springdale, down in what we called "Dilly Holler." Go down there and get a beer once in a while or take in a show.

Hinton: Did they have a movie house in Springdale?

Pectol: Seemed to me like they did, right across... I can't even remember where that was at.

Hinton: Probably go to the show for 15 cents.

Pectol: Yes, it wasn't very much.

Hinton: Do you feel the CCC program was of permanent value then?

Pectol: I sure do, you bet. I think it helped out a lot of people, a lot of kids just like myself. It gave them an opportunity to learn a trade and I think a lot of the guys here today carried right on through with the trade that they had.

Hinton: How about development and resources and conservation and that sort of thing, is it valuable from that stand point?

Pectol: I think so, yes.

Hinton: You didn't get in on any of these rif-raff projects along the river, conservation and replanting of trees?

Pectol: No, I didn't.

Hinton: Were they doing that during the two years you were here?

Pectol: Yes, I can remember crews going out and doing that and cleaning the trails and the switchbacks, things of that kind. My time was spent on carpentry.

Hinton: Well that sounds like that would be a pretty good job to me.

Pectol: Oh it was.

Mrs. Pectol: He's always loved it; still does.

Hinton: Well, is there anything else you can think of Willard?

Pectol: No.

Hinton: Have you seen a few guys here today that you were in camp with?

Pectol: Not too many of them. I don't recognize... that one Condor is the only one that I recognized.

Hinton: Well kids that were teenagers would change.

Pectol: Oh yes, fifty years makes a lot of difference.

Mrs. Pectol: The pictures on the wall in there as each one comes in are fantastic. You can go over there and see their names under their faces.)

Hinton: Some of the pictures that people have brought that they're reproducing; did they bring back any memories? Or maybe they weren't of the same years.

Pectol: No, they were back earlier than my time. I didn't recognize any of them so far.

Mrs. Pectol: Just that one that you turned in... That guy's so little you can hardly see him.

Hinton: I wonder if they could blow it up.

Pectol: I think they could. I thought they would.

Mrs. Pectol: The original picture is bigger than it is.

Pectol: The original picture was about that long and that wide (indicating with hands) where you could see everything, see and recognize everybody.

Hinton: Could you still identify most of those guys when you had that blown up? Could you remember them, put names to faces and so forth?

Pectol: No, very few of them.

Hinton: That'd be kind of fun if we could somehow get names to faces of all those guys.

Mrs. Pectol: Well there's a list of names in the picture itself, right above the picture.

Pectol: I'm going to take that picture that I got that they took this off from and put it under glass and straighten it out and get it as close as I can.

Mrs. Pectol: Lynn Clark suggested that.

Pectol: Yes, Lynn Clark could put it in shape right exactly the way it is.

Hinton: You must not have had a camera of your own or you would have taken more pictures than that.

Pectol: No, a camera was quite a novelty them days. My mother, she had a box camera, an old Kodak box camera, and I used that a few times but that's about all.

Mrs. Pectol: There's two or three pictures down they with some of the guys that came from Orderville (unintelligible).

Hinton: Well Willard, I appreciate you spending this time with me today and reliving some of your experiences with the CCC. It was probably the most popular of all of the programs that were going in the depression era.

Pectol: Yes, it was.

Hinton: And maybe did more than any of the others in terms of preserving some of our natural heritage and developing recreation and so forth.

Pectol: I think it was a good program.

Hinton: Well thank you very much.

[End of Interview]