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206--'29 he had a big crop, they bought a pickup and took trip to Minn.,
their first ever; "didn't even know about the Dep'n then"

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139--fed mangel wurzels (sp?), German beets, to sheep; much like sugar beet

150--his father raised them for milk cow in Ft. Benton; nice and sweet and juicy, they were good for milk; would build pit for storing beets and household vegs as well.

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406--in 1920s he sold hay to town people who had milk cows and horses; sold it by load, pitched it into barn, for \$10, nearly 2 days work

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355--1919, first farmed with tractor, which burned kerosene and water

372--farmers used distillate by letting sand, etc. settle out of it.

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335--weeding out mustard by walking down the dead furrow

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132--during Depression, never had a nickel but raised plenty to eat. Had big root cellar built into hill.

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307--harvest of 1913, hired an oldtime roundup cook, Zack Larson, chuckwagon and all, for crews. S was hauling wheat from separator to siding and shoveling it into boxcar; successive boards to be shoveled over as car filled.

325--used 60-bushel wagons, about all two horses could pull

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270--in '19 S rode across country from Ft. Benton to Black Coulee near Loma, saw mostly russian thistle stubs a few inches high, except for one grain crop planted on summer fallow. Area farmers learned summer fallow from Washnt farmers.

278--area farmers never thought they could grow winter wheat because they'd been waiting until after ~~harvest~~ harvest; learned to seed it soon as possible after Sept. 1

289--originally grew hard red spring wheats, of great milling quality, but it needed binding (and ripening in shock) instead of combining; would shatter if ripened in field

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212--during Dep'n, S was once in Gt Falls, woman he knew asked him to make a phone call, "I was very embarrassed, I didn't have a nickel" and no way to get one.