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Bell, Ormer

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Unidentified interviewer

Title: A tape of an interview with Ormer Bell. The subject is Canon City in the old days.

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1:20 Worked at the mines

2:00 Fremont, Rockvale, Coal Creek, Chandler, Ilse; Ran a hoist, mules, underground

3:30 \$4.85 day wages

4:15 1957 began carpentry

4:45 1930s age 16, started in mines; Worked in orchards for 19 years

5:45 About Dall DeWeese, had a nice house

7:05 Tom Nix: taking photos up Grape Creek; a girl drowned; He had a studio at 3rd and Main, was a ladies' man.

8:30 1929 Depression

9:15 World War II; ranchers had a hard time getting help

10:30 Ku Klux Klan killed a man who tried to break in

11:00 End