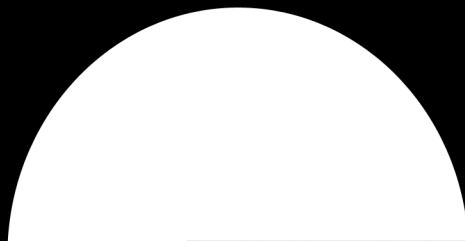
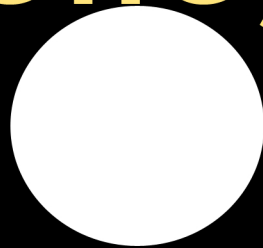


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Biography

Dean Goodale was born on September 3, 1937 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Vivianne Goodale. He doesn't have any recollection of his birth father since he left as a newborn. His mother married William S. Goodale and moved to Northern California. Dean Goodale and his two older sisters resided with their parents in Northern California until the early 40s until his father moved to Nevada for work. His father was an engineer and obtained work at Stauffer Chemical and his mother at Timet Titanium. Once the family was complete again in Southern Nevada, Dean and his sisters attended local grammar and Basic High School. After graduating from Basic High School, Dean obtained work at Foodland, located in Henderson. He had planned to work there until he figured out what he was going to do, but stayed nine years. Goodale worked his way up the ladder at Foodland, a grocery store that took pride in their customer service.

He reminisced about meeting his wife, Rachel, there when she came in with her family after moving to Henderson from Utah. They would marry and have five children, though he says she would have liked a dozen if she could. He stayed in the grocery business, working at stores like Albertsons, more than twenty years until he was offered work with the Water District. Dean Goodale is now a retiree living in Henderson with his lovely wife Rachel. His children, grandchildren and great grandchildren all reside in Henderson and are discouraged from using their cell phones while visiting their father/grandfather/great-grandfather since he believes it to be the downfall of civilized society.

Dean Goodale

Narrator: Dean Goodale

Interviewers: Carole Pahl and Rachel Douglas

Interview Date: May 9, 2014

Location: Henderson, Nevada

Carole Pahl: Dean Goodale, my name is Carole Pahl.

Rachel Douglas: And my name is Rachel Douglas.

Carole Pahl: And we are in the residence of Dean Goodale and the date of the interview is May 9, 2014. This is the Nevada State College Undergraduate Oral History Project. And this will be given to the Nevada State College Library.

So you moved here, you said forty - - -

Dean Goodale: Forty-six, July.

Carole Pahl: July '46. What was the weather like? Was it like the oppressive heat or -

Dean Goodale: It got warm, but there was hardly any humidity. I mean because there was not that much - - there's no [Inaudible 0:00:50] you know and hardly few lawns. But I think the humidity, if it got up to ten that would be quite a bit, but it could be up to one hundred eighteen too, you know, but it didn't seem to bother us. We used to go out there and play baseball, you know.

Carole Pahl: And your parents- - did both your parents work when they moved here?

Dean Goodale: Yes, my mom worked at Titanium and my dad worked at Stauffer Chemical Company.

Carole Pahl: And what was your mother's name?

Dean Goodale: Vivian Anderson, excuse me - - it was. Vivian Goodale, yeah.

Carole Pahl: And your father's name?

Dean Goodale: William S., he was my stepdad.

Carole Pahl: And they - - being in the forties with the BMI and, you know, the industry with the war, more opportunities was here. Is that how they ended up here or was it just a plan to move or - -?

Dean Goodale: You know, I really don't know why they came up here. I'm glad they did but she worked at Manganese first before she went to Titanium.

Carole Pahl: And- - so you said you had your sisters here as well, they came a month after you and you also - - did you go to Basic High School? Or was it - -

Dean Goodale: Well I started in the fourth grade, but yeah, I ended up going to Basic High School. We all three did.

Carole Pahl: Right, and do you still keep in contact with any of the people that you have grown up with? Or - -

Dean Goodale: Well, I - - yes because - - well, we get into the fun part now - - after we graduated okay - - well actually it was about - - I got out of school in '55 and still see a lot of kids. But in 1988, I think that was the first time we had a big reunion.

It was the first class of Basic High School that graduated in '43, we went from '43 to '56, they didn't even have to graduate; they went to school. And every four years, we would have a reunion and we'll have between three and four hundred kids coming to this, of course their spouses, but they come from Hawaii, Alaska, Connecticut, and New York, everything to come to the reunion. And I think the last one was 209 [2009] and then it just kind of - - health wise and different things, kids kind of drop off and so then we thought it was time to quit.

So we ended it but it was nice because a lot of these kids hadn't seen each other for even thirty or forty years, you know. And then they come to this and it was nice. Everyone we had and, like towards the end we would have a tailgate party. In fact the one - - well that was the first one, we had a tailgate party in Morrell Park and it was [Inaudible] hot dogs, beer and pop whatever you can drink. Then we rented the convention center out for Saturday night. We had a dance floor, a DJ, a sit down dinner and we had the VFW [Veterans of Foreign War], we always use them and that way it'd be like they can make money on the bar. And then Sunday we had a picnic, you know, and then some people couldn't stay so we had sacked lunches so they could come by and pick up sack lunch. Now we did this for \$55 a person. And if you talked to people that went to one, you know, their reunion in one day, spend anywhere from \$100 on up. But we had that laid out pretty good and good food.

- Carole Pahl: And it was a weekend deal, it was like spread out.
- Dean Goodale: Oh yeah, it was three days, yeah.
- Carole Pahl: That's great. Not a lot of people do reunions anymore; so just to be able to carry on that long.
- Dean Goodale: And one thing is good, you know, the phones, the new stuff they have today wasn't around so you sat down talked instead of texting and stuff like that. It was more, you know, I don't know, what you call it, but you got to know the people after a while too again.
- Carole Pahl: You're actually interacting with people and, like you said, not through electronics.
- Dean Goodale: And one there, I had a VHS camera and so I took pictures of it at the park you know and so Morris got that too, you know.
- Carole Pahl: So when you were in school did you play any sports? Did you - - any activities?
- Dean Goodale: Well, I didn't play for the school, I mean, because I was not very tall, a big kid. I mean, when I was a Junior I was only 5 foot 1, weighed one hundred thirty-five pounds, had a twenty-eight inch waist. I mean I was very - and the football coach wanted me to go out and I told him no. All these big guys, they stomp me you know. So I never did. But there used to be a gentleman, I can't remember what type of cop he was, but he was Mormon and I played on his - -- he had a basketball team and I was on that, yeah. Anyway just for I don't know, I can't remember how I got started in it or what, but yeah.
- Carole Pahl: Was there any kind of recreations like movies? Did you - - what did you kind of do on your off time when you weren't in school and weren't home?
- Dean Goodale: Well, the theater, I remember going to the theater when I was about eight years old. My mom gave me a quarter to go and it was fourteen cents to get in, nickel popcorn, a nickel Coke, and a penny left over. And then there's a store across the street, sold penny candy. I mean, even the kids today never even heard of nickel candy or dime candy, you know. You're lucky to find penny candy for a quarter.

But we just running around, I mean, the kids and we used to always have different games. I mean, you kicked a can or you know, I forget some of the names, you know, but we kept busy and we all walked, you know. We used to walk up to the top of Black Mountain, but yeah and then it was after I got off - - let's see - yeah, I was still in school.

And during the summer, the school buses would meet up here at the one school and everybody that wanted to learn how to swim, you get on the school bus and they take you down to the lake and they taught everybody how to swim. So, you know, you're a beginner and then you went up to a life saver, you know.

And the lake used to be called Las Vegas Wash. And - - but you walk in and they had these platforms and the water was like three foot deep and if you walked out a little further and you got to just about, oh maybe five feet, and then they had a rope with the buoys so it kind the- - if you didn't know how to swim, you don't go pass there and then about another one hundred feet they had two platforms out there with diving boards so for the people who knew how to swim and stuff. It was nice.

Carole Pahl: That's cool. You don't hear of things like that anymore.

Dean Goodale: Oh no, there's so many things that- - kids don't know how to have fun. And that's what it really boils down to.

Carole Pahl: And they just kind of got together and did this or was this like a- -?

Dean Goodale: It was a school project, yeah. It be two or three school buses. There are a lot of kids going down there to learn. But that's where they learn.

Carole Pahl: Now did you live on the original Townsite?

Dean Goodale: Yeah, we lived- - when we first come up here. Well, we lived on Tungsten. 238 Tungsten, it was a two bedroom house and then when the plant started to sell the houses- - it was either '48 or the first part of '49, somewhere around there, if you worked at the plant, you had first choice to buy the houses. And so if you lived in one house and the neighbor across the street had a nice looking house, see everybody's renting. And he didn't work for the plant, you could go and buy that house.

And a two bedroom house was \$2800. If you had a carport it was another \$100, so it was \$2900. Three bedrooms were I think \$3200

then if it had a carport it was \$3300. The wood that they built those things with, you couldn't afford to build the house, if you bought that type of wood. And those houses are only supposed to last for about twenty years, you know.

Carole Pahl: What was I like growing up in that? Was it a close knit area?

Dean Goodale: No, I mean, it was just all wide open. But, you know, we were in the three bedroom and you had a heater out in the front room, a wall here about two feet by maybe three feet, not quite, and you had a heater in the bathroom and that was it. The houses were not insulated and you had a swamp cooler. Most people don't even know what a swamp cooler is. But it runs on water and you have pads on it, so every year you had to clean it all up and put new pads on it. And it was good, but when the humidity started coming up, then it made it a little rough, but that was it.

Carole Pahl: Now, were you familiar with Carver Park?

Dean Goodale: Yes, Carver Park and Victory. Yes. Carver Park, well actually both of them are kind of the same and most of the young kids when they got married that's where we went to, we went to Victory Village and I think we paid like \$31 a month for rent and then Carver Park, well, we didn't have too many blacks in town and they had to live in Carver or Pittman, you know, and then one of the things I wanted to tell you to is it was in the middle of the sixties when they like allowed blacks to buy a house and this - Horace Travis, he was probably one of the most well liked person in town. And he fixed washing machines and dryers and your refrigerators. He was the first one. And like I said, I never found anybody that didn't like him, you know; I mean he was just a really good guy. I thought I wanted to mention. I don't know if his family still lives here or not. Anybody that been here for a while, everybody knew him.

Carole Pahl: How as - -during that time, how was - - was there any kind of like racial tension?

Dean Goodale: No, no. You didn't even - - because - - you didn't look at him as being black. We had a few in school, but there was no racial. It's just so what, you know.

Carole Pahl: Right, they were just like you - - -

Dean Goodale: Oh yeah, I mean, they just fit in. The football player, Tito Williams, I think it was, and he was out of high school before I come but- - oh yeah, everybody - - I mean there was no problem.

Didn't make difference, if you are Oriental or Spanish or Mexican or Hawaiian, but I mean, you know, everybody like equal. Now Vegas was different, you know, because of hotels. And you probably heard that story?

Carole Pahl: No.

Dean Goodale: Okay, they have black—okay, say The Platters. You ever hear The Platters? Okay, they would perform out there, but they had to come in the back door, they performing and they had to go back out. Their family could not go in there and watch them and, in fact, The Platters when he wrote the Great Pretender, he was in the restroom and using toilet paper he - - that's where wrote the song. But you know; I just never really paid that much attention to it.

And that's why they built that Moulin Rouge. Have you heard about that? It was over on Bonanza and it was more so for blacks and then the whites would go over there too. Because I mean, there was a lot of people, it didn't make any difference you know. But the hotels, yeah, they were tough on that, you know.

Carole Pahl: Did - - well, you said the weather wasn't all that humid, but once the greens start coming in the grass, the trees - -

Dean Goodale: The humidity start going up. Our park- - we didn't have no grass. It was down there on Atlantic and Pacific and we had two sets of swings, but it was all dirt. That's why a lot of times Boulder City had a nice park out there and a lot of kids would go up there, you know, out there. So people couldn't believe it because they would see Henderson and there was not too much. Most people had a kind of lawn. Everybody had an elm tree, which was one of the worst trees you can have, but that's what they put in [Inaudible 0:16:38-16:39]. You go over the hill and see Boulder City all green, nice park and all the lawns are good, but I found out later that if they didn't take- - if you rented the place and if you didn't take care of your lawn, they come in and charge you. So that's why everybody had a nice green lawn in Boulder.

Carole Pahl: So right out of high school, did you go to college? Did you just start working?

Dean Goodale: No, I just - - when I was working down there at Foodland as a [Inaudible] boy and then when I graduated and I was just kind of waiting to be - - you had to be eighteen to go down to work the plant and I was thinking about going to Titanium because a lot of my friends - - because I was - - I didn't turn eighteen till what

three, we got out in May, June, July, August, three months and then I turned eighteen and so they knew I was going to quit and go down there so they asked me if I wanted to be clerk.

And I say, "Okay, I'll try it." Nine years later I left and I enjoyed the grocery business, you know, and we had to compete with Safeway, they were over on Boulder Highway and where the Albertson's is, right in that area, there was a store called, it was Market Town and then they made it Fox Market Town and they went into Smith's, you know. But that was our competition.

The people that owned Foodland they- - owned one in Vegas, one north town, but the owners were kind of important people. In fact the one guy was Max Kellerton. He was the first one that brought music into the businesses. And he started a radio keno, I think that's still going, I don't know and then the other [Inaudible] he was one of the board members of Bank of Nevada. And then the other woman, she wrote books. She was a writer so - - so there was - - but the only way we could compete with those is be friendly.

And we did and I'm going to tell you this one time. This one checkers we had, it was Ray Sullivan. One of the best checkers around and we were standing there in front and this woman come in and Ray says, "Hello, how are you today?" She stood there and froze and just -- she says, "You know, this is the first time I've ever been - - well somebody says hello and I come into a store," and somebody recognize her and just greeted her you know. But that's the way we were.

Carole Pahl: You were friendly.

Dean Goodale: Friendly, yeah. That's the way we had to compete.

Carole Pahl: What did you do after Foodland?

Dean Goodale: Okay, then I - - well, I had a nickname - - Butch. See my grandfather, when I was born they told my name and he said, "No. His name is Butch." And so I had Butch all the time I was out here, but when I went into town, I worked for Thrifty Mart and I went by Dean. So if somebody came in and asks for Butch, they knew - - they knew me from a long time. But it's been twenty-two and a half years in the grocery business and I really enjoyed it and I went to work for the state, Division of Water Street for twenty-two and a half years and then I retired.

Carole Pahl: And then you retired. Were you - - did they have any Unions?

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- Dean Goodale: We had Unions in the grocery business.
- Carole Pahl: And did you hold any kind of office? Were you involved in any kind of communities or boards throughout - -?
- Dean Goodale: Okay, we used to live over on Hillcrest and, you know, I always liked the street where you had the trees come up and over and so we probably about what- - ten houses or twelve houses on each side. And so I went to everybody and I say, why don't we buy, of course I picked the wrong tree, but I didn't know too much about trees.
- I say, "Let's all buy these trees and then you have a gap from the street to the sidewalk," and so we all planned -- my idea was to have that. And so after they had been in for a while, the city I guess heard about me or something and they asked me if I wanted to be on the Beautiful Commission- - Beautification Committee and so I did it and I can't remember how long I was on there and then I left and that was just kind of doing different things around town and stuff like that.
- Carole Pahl: So did you - - is there any kind of project that was really significant that you got to work with that really kind of stood out for you?
- Dean Goodale: That I did. You mean - -
- Carole Pahl: When you were on the Beautification?
- Dean Goodale: No, I - - we ended up planting some palm trees down there on Lake Mead and - - but that was about it.
- Carole Pahl: Were there any kind of social groups or like supper clubs or you know - - was there a strong community like pride where you - - people would just get together? Maybe block parties or any kind- -
- Dean Goodale: Not really and I never joined anything. I'm a worker.
- Carole Pahl: You're a worker, okay.
- Dean Goodale: And you know, when you join something if you're a worker, you do it all. And so I just never joined different clubs and stuff like this because I knew that, you know, they could have one hundred people there and five people doing all the work. And you know,

I've helped, I've donated my time to different things and stuff like that and I don't mind it.

I just don't want to be, you know, in there and all of a sudden I'm doing somebody's-- a lot of people get stuck in that you know and pretty soon they don't have time for themselves. And I got too much, especially Bernard, he retired, you know, but even before, I'm a gardener.

Carole Pahl: Yeah, we can talk - - it's beautiful.

Dean Goodale: You ought to see what we got in the backyard. I mean we have a lot of fruit and that keeps me kind of busy.

Carole Pahl: So you love the shrubby, the beautiful roses of course.

Dean Goodale: Yeah, I don't mind getting my hands dirty, feels good.

Carole Pahl: Let's see, how was - - okay one of the questions- - was living in Henderson dangerous in anyway?

Dean Goodale: No. The only time we locked our front door is if we went out of town, out of state. We could leave the keys in the car. In fact, I tell you - - down there, I don't know, right there on Water Street across from Eldorado Club has been changed a lot, you know, and there's - - it started out as the Arctic Circle and then - - the company gave him [Inaudible] how to run it and he said no.

So he got out and he made it Boulder Queen and then he named it the [Inaudible] one of my kids worked there and on time- - I come up there and I park my car and sometimes right out front and I be sitting there and somebody come by and say, "Let's go to Vegas," why I just left my keys in the car, you know, and sometimes, we come back and my car was gone. So we drive around, it was usually some girl that got in there and just - - they would drive around, it didn't bother me. This is a small town and I had a hunch who it was so it didn't bother me, you know.

But I mean, yeah, people didn't have to worry about their kids walking downtown you know they're just - - it's so different. I mean, you got to watch your kids if they get out in the front you know and it's - - that's what I mean. So many people come in, you get the bad ones too, you know, and it's just --so much different.

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Carole Pahl: Now raising your own kids compared to when you were a child here. Was there a significant difference with the change in the community?

Dean Goodale: No, because I was raised different, you might say, not bad it's just - - and raising the kids of course, you know, who's to say you're doing the best or right. You know, everybody has a different way of raising kids. When I first started out, of course I didn't know we were going to have five. My wife, I think she would have had twelve, but I said we have five.

We got no serious problem, let's stop you know. And it try to treat them different, you know, and then as I grew older and learned, you can't—you know Christmas time, you try to even it out, but then later on, they're all different. And so you got to treat them a little different. And so you learn, if you want to and if you're paying attention. You know, my oldest one we put her in accordion practice and one was in piano and - - but they were - - most of them were pretty active. They played church ball and then the oldest one - -well- -deer hunting time in October, half the town left and went deer hunting. And I mean, just everybody went deer hunting.

So I got my oldest one to- - you had to have - - a kid has to have to take a course before they would give them license and so they had one inside and then they were going to take them all outside and we went out here at the mountain and to shoot. I had a .22 [Inaudible] and so I let her take that. Well, when we were out there, there must have been at least twelve boys, she was the only girl and so they were really giving her a bad time about this big gun. They had all more high power rifles. So then they started shooting, well, she outshot them all so they didn't say much after that.

Carole Pahl: She made you proud, huh?

Dean Goodale: Yeah, but - - and then - - but, yeah, and then they all had cars and - - but I didn't buy them. I said, "You want a car, you get a job." They bought their own car, paid for their own insurance and bought their own gas.

Carole Pahl: Wonderful.

Dean Goodale: I said, "I did it, so you might as well." Just people, when they give their kids cars, kids don't take care of them and you know, people just [Inaudible] even my kids say, they don't. I mean the way they

raise their kids is just - - you know, it's their kids and you know it's their business. I try to stay out of it as much as I can.

Carole Pahl: Were there any like urban legends growing up around here? Any kind of folk tales that kind of been passed down from family to family or within the community?

Dean Goodale: I don't - - years ago, probably 90 percent of the people live here, didn't have any money for one thing. I mean, it was week to week. The only ones - - the doctors, lawyers and store people and stuff like that. They had a little money, but it didn't seem to matter because even growing up as a kid, I mean, I don't know, we had so much fun without money. Because nobody had anything but anything - -I mean, each family you know passed on not really that I can think of.

Carole Pahl: What- - like you said, you go don't often go downtown anymore, but what are your thoughts? Is it kind of heart breaking that you've seen so many smaller businesses kind of - -?

Dean Goodale: No, no. The only thing they did, they would just change their front end and a lot of them were the same businesses, but, you know, when you - - I just don't really go through the main town. I mean we go down Pacific to Water or go up, but right there where the theatre used to be and stuff like that, I just- - the other day, yesterday, I said, "You know, I'm just going to drive through it because it's been a while." Because it's nothing down there, I mean, I don't go to Morris' casinos [sic], I don't drink and that's half of it, you know, places down there and we go to the Eldorado Club for dinner once in a while. And it just got so we really didn't go down that part and so I was almost surprised to see some of them.

I mean, Pacific, they've been re-doing the front and Water Street, but I didn't really thought about the other part. And then the only thing they really - - the city really messed up on is now they've changed Water Street. It's a single lane, but they put these trees going down the side and so they - - you could have maybe two parking places and then you have a tree because they would bring out and take part of the road, I mean.

Whoever designed it didn't have any common sense. You know, I believe in common sense and there's so many people that don't even know what it is, common sense, you know. And so, then they changed it and it's like Boulder City now, you know, one lane and

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it works out pretty good, but there for a while, what a waste of money.

Carole Pahl: Do you have any other interesting stories that - -?

Dean Goodale: How much time you got?

Carole Pahl: Well, have at least, probably an hour?

Dean Goodale: Okay, years ago up on Boulder Highway, I didn't know the people. But it used to be crowds [sic] up there and they had horses up there too. And one time they went up to check on the horses, a cougar killed one and you would think where is a cat coming from in this area, you know.

And then you know the school system? We had some good teachers and one was - - the superintendent of the school, Mr. Burkholder, every time you see him, he didn't have a hair out of place, you might say. Suit, you know, nice guy and everything and then when he retired, I think he said the heck with it and he let his hair grow long, pony tail, when I see him, I thought, well you know, I guess he- - after so many years, you know, almost like we used to call a hippie, kind of the way he was.

And then his wife, Mrs. Burkholder, when we were in the third, fourth, fifth grade, she had an organ and the kids would push it from one school room to another and she would play and people would sing.

But some of the teachers- -we had, just like Marlon Walker, he taught Spanish and all my kids took Spanish. He would take them down to Mexico. And then my one daughter, she went there to Mexico City with him, and I mean he was probably one of the most well-liked person- - he would take even later on in years people clear over to other countries. And they would go with him and travel with him and he was really good and then the principal Dooley he was alright too.

Now see when we graduated in '55 went up and got our - - well, they had it in the auditorium and so we go and get our diploma. Well, the first girl kiss him on the cheek. So I think almost every girl did the same thing. So I mean, he liked our class, you know.

In fact, when had our twenty year class reunion, I went over and seen him and he was not in the best of health and this guy was there with him and I asked him, "Would you like to come to our

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reunion?" He said, "Well, okay, but I don't know if I can stay very long." He stayed the whole time.

Carole Pahl: Really, that's wonderful.

Dean Goodale: I mean, he had a really good time, I mean - - yeah. But there was a lot of teachers and different people that just made a mark, you know and - -

Carole Pahl: Did you have a specific teacher that you liked the most? That stood out?

Dean Goodale: In the seventh grade we had this - - Mr. Mallard and I did like him and he'd been in World War II and he lost his leg and he had an artificial leg. But we go out there and we play basketball, you know. And sometime - - he taught history so we get talking and pretty soon we get him talking about the war and so - - that way we didn't have to history, you know. And - - the only time he had a full uniform was when he joined, but he said, man I might get that because the clothes would wear out. He might have a pair of German pants on or something, you know. But I really liked him, he was alright.

I mean, a lot of but he kind of stood out and - - well let's see, trying to think. Well the other were alright, I don't think there was not one teacher I didn't like and very true, I felt sorry for this one. She taught us math and it was Mrs. Leer and she just couldn't command the class. And so people just didn't pay attention to her and I felt sorry for her. She leaves the room and then she go down there and talk to Mr. Wingwright, okay, when he come in that room, you could hear a pin drop from a hundred feet away because nobody messed with him. But yeah, I really felt sorry for her you know, but we got a lot of good teachers there.

We had the first class of one hundred to graduate. I think there was like three hundred fifty - - well, let's see, about three hundred fifty kids in high school. And my sister, she was a senior and I was a freshman and I think there was about thirty-five in her class. And so everybody knew everything. Because they had sisters and brothers and it didn't make no difference if you're a freshman, sophomore, everybody kind of like new everybody. That's why when we had this reunions, you know, I mean, just - -

Carole Pahl: Everybody merged together in classes.

Dean Goodale:

Oh yeah and it didn't make no difference. Like, you know, when you come there, you know like Harry Reid. He was two classes behind me and when he was there, he was just one of the guys, you know. There's people that are millionaires and it didn't make no difference, you're back in school.

In fact, Harry came in one time and of course he always have security guard with him. And he started walking and I said, "Harry, you can't go in there," and he looked at me, I say, "You got to have your name tag on." But you know, I don't know, it's just - - life was good here in Henderson and, you know, growing up in these years, I feel sorry for the people now, even my kids.

My grandkids, I say, how many kids do you know in your class? ten, twelve, you know, there's no communication. Everybody is - - in fact, all my kids, even my kids about five or six, they got all these phones. Last year I put up a sign, turn off your phones. They come out to see us and they're - - everybody - - you know and so it's just irritates me. And, you know, and that's the trouble with the world you know, it's just.

You know, everybody is like a drug habit, you know, people get on them and what I hate is when you go to lunch and somebody, you know, gets out there and starts you know - - to me it's really rude, but they don't even think. I give my kids a bad time--sometimes our grandkids about pride and respect. We have two granddaughters here, one grandson. I was telling them, I talked to them and I don't care if they're listening or what and I said, "The trouble with you kids, you guys, you don't have no respect." I say, "I don't even think you know how to spell it." And the grandson popped up and spelled it.

But yeah, years ago when I was there at Foodland, I was checking this woman out and she looked at me and she says, "Why don't you smile?" And so I did it and from then on it was - - life was different you might say. We had good people in that store.

It was good times in the old days and somebody says, the kids today have no idea what a good time is. And kids that was either smoking something or taking, they were outsiders, you know. I mean, they were there - - not too many though. There was maybe, you know, ten at the most I think, but they just - - they were their class and then you know, they talk so much about bullying in grade school.

We had this fun girl, she was slow, she wasn't all there and everybody treated her good, but then there were some that would start bullying her. Well, some of these girls I know, they went over there and talked to them. You don't do that and they stopped right then, even if they had to whip them. Because we just - - it was not right and it's just so different.

Carole Pahl: It is, it's -- you don't see very many kids sticking up for each other anymore.

Dean Goodale: No, my boy did that in high school. When he was in high school, we have a friend that was that way and this guy started bullying him and he just went up there and knocked it off. I'll do something about it. But I've been proud of my kids. When they went to church, you know, I'd be working.

Well, this Albertson's, this is the second one. I went to work for Albertson's and we opened the first one in '71, and when I was working there this one lady that I knew quite a bit and she'd come in and she was telling me how good my kids were in church. And I really appreciated it. She says, "It's just too bad some of these - - your relative kids' aint this good." But you know when I heard good things that made me feel good. And they knew that they were taught better and I wouldn't put up with nothing.

My oldest one when she was like two years old like a lot of kids, she fell on the floor and started throwing tantrums. I just looked down at her and says, "You better get up or I'm going to tear into your hiney." She got up and I never had a problem. And a lot of times when kids get away with stuff, they tell their siblings - well, you can you know - - and they found out they don't get away with nothing you know. But yeah- - and growing up in Henderson, oh yeah, it was good.

Carole Pahl: So, since the community wasn't huge, but if something happened, did word spread really fast? Like if one of the kids was in trouble, by the time he got home, Mom and Dad already knew?

Dean Goodale: Oh yeah. Well, let me tell you a little story about the kids in Henderson. You know, some of those kids, it was the same ones that used to fight, Vegas back and forth. So one time they heard that Vegas was going to come out here. I think every kid in town was down - - you know, waiting for them. I mean from eight on, you know, and then of course cops stopped them and then of course Vegas and Boulder City could not play football because of the fights.

And then our sports, Vegas always beat us on football because, I mean, when you have, say, that many high school and the girls outnumber the boys so I mean, I think there might have been thirty guys that went out for football. And so, you know, they had the whole team maybe half dozen left over. Well, they played Vegas; Vegas would have fifty sitting on the bench and the team playing. But they had some good people. And then we would maybe beat them in baseball or basketball sometimes, but we always had Las Vegas refs. And so if we beat Vegas in basketball and we could beat them by just say, thirty to ten and it come out in the RJ [Las Vegas Review-Journal]. Well, Basic just edges over Vegas, you know, but then if they beat us by one point or two points, they would say, "Oh, Vegas slaughtered Henderson, you know." And you could see, it was obvious.

Carole Pahl: It was a little dramatic on their part.

Dean Goodale: Oh yeah. And then, do you know where Nellis Air Force Base is? Okay, the first pilot that got killed, his last name was Nellis. And that's why they named it Nellis. Well, his dad lived in Henderson. I didn't know this until later on, but he lived down there on Magnesium Street.

And you ever hear of Jim Thorpe? All American? [Inaudible]. He had a little place down here; well, we used to call Pittman in the high club. He had that place, you know, his retirement days, I can't remember for sure how long he had it.

We had no speed limit from Henderson to Sahara and I mean, you could - - I could drive one hundred miles an hour, but there wasn't hardly much traffic.

Carole Pahl: Well, I think that people still drive like that.

Dean Goodale: But Boulder Highway used to be single, they made it double highway and but - -

Carole Pahl: What was it like when - - was it PEPCON – when it blew?

Dean Goodale: I worked for the state, me and this guy, we come back from Pahrump and we seen all this so you know. I thought it was Titanium because they have had a few different problems. So when we got here and then the state truck, they were stopping everybody, we just kind of went around them, and so anyway we come up here.

My one daughter was on the phone right around the corner. I got five doors, regular doors, they all blew out. My garage door, one blew in, one blew out, you know. No bust of glass or nothing and they let the kids out of school. And my wife, she was working for the dentist and she was trying to find my boy and he was running home, and I cannot believe more people didn't get killed.

I mean two of them and the reason why is this one guy was in a wheelchair and worked there and the other guy was trying to get him out. And the other guy in the wheelchair said, "Just leave me. Try to save yourself," and he got so far and that was it.

But I talked to so many people and see it happened around noon and a lot of times people would go home for lunch and they be sitting by the window but they weren't. It blew the window - - the glass and it penetrated the walls. I mean, there was busted glass everywhere, you know.

But I built this home and I built it pretty strong and, but yeah, I mean, we went down to her old home and, man, busted glass, I mean just - - it was bad but it's just something that just, you know, there could have hundreds of people killed by flying glass.

Carole Pahl: One of the girls in our class found a clip of the explosion and it just- - it's mortifying.

Dean Goodale: Did you see how the ground - -?

Carole Pahl: Yes.

Dean Goodale: Now I got it taped. And the thing - -- what's really weird too, there was a guy out there taking pictures with his camera of the valley when this happened. So I mean, if he hadn't been there a lot of people wouldn't have seen this, you know.

And then I tell you this thing about Halloween. Of course I always greet the kids, you know. But anyway, my wife worked for this dentist and I think for about two years he would buy a bunch of toothbrushes with animal characters on them. And so we would pass these out. Here's piece of candy, here's a tooth brush.

Even years later, you know, I'll maybe give them some candy and it might be a ten or twelve year kid there and he says, "Yeah, this the house where we used to get the toothbrushes." I mean that got

around everywhere. And especially little kids, little kids didn't want the candy, they wanted that toothbrush.

Carole Pahl: It's good to be the house that stands out.

Dean Goodale: But everything was good. I can't really recall any bad times in this town. It's been good to me. A lot of people moved away, but one of the biggest problem is gambling. We had an Albertson's truck driver and his wife worked at grocery store as a change girl slot. She spent all of her money there, you know, and they had to end up moving back to Idaho. But there's so many people had to move out because of gambling and you got to just learn to be here.

Carole Pahl: Stay away from it.

Dean Goodale: We about to run out of time now?

Rachel Douglas: No, we have a few more minutes. I have a question.

Dean Goodale: Sure.

Rachel Douglas: If you don't mind.

Dean Goodale: No.

Rachel Douglas: When you lived here, were you - - was your family a member of a church? And if so, which one?

Dean Goodale: Well, let's see, my wife is LDS, okay. I was baptized as a Lutheran. And I didn't join a church because I have my reason. But I've gone up there and worked and done things. I dug holes and planted trees. And then I used to play ball with them and I was a pitcher, a slow ball pitch, but I had to go to church twice a month and I did you know.

And most of my friends are Mormons, a lot of them are. But I had my reasons and it was funny because my dad- - I don't even know - - he was my step dad and I can't - - I don't even know what religion he was, but both of my parents were alcoholics okay. And then I was in the Boy Scouts, I was in Troop 23 and my dad, they got him to be the scout leader of Troop 21; that was the LDS Boy Scouts, you know, but yeah, I've done a lot of things for, you know, the church, but I go there once in a while with my wife, but like I said, I have my reason.

There's nothing wrong with the church. The church is good, I say, it just irritates me because I'll speak up and when I got to church and I see all these - - the church is family oriental [oriented], okay. But when you go there and you see these kids out of control and running around, I would say something. And a lot of times it would be - - could be Bishop kids, but see I don't care who somebody kids.

In fact, I used to - - they were going to cancel the sports program and that was basketball and baseball or softball. And so they asked me if I run it and so I was forced to run it, and this one time the two different wards they were playing basketball and I had the buzzard, the other guy was keeping score. Well, one of the guys from one of the wards, he fell down, he was having a hard time. So I pushed the buzzard. And the guy that had the ball wanted to know why I pushed it. I said, "Well, you have a guy here; he's having a hard time getting up." I say, "It's only church ball." They didn't like it. But that's why I - -okay, I either do things or sometimes I say things, you know.

And then another time I was playing ball, there was some guys that played city league and then when they got done they would come up and want to play - - we were playing other wards. Well the team I was on, when we went out and practiced, but they never come out and practiced with us. So they thought because they were them, they could - - well, the first time they did it, the second time they didn't. I said, "No."

I mean, if you want to play, come out and practice. So see they know and so that's why I would have hard time if I join the church because I speak up and say what I mean. And so I rather not cause a lot of problems so I just stay out. I don't mind if they come by here and say, would you come out [Inaudible].

We had this Mr. Weekly [sic]; he was the one that had helped me build this house. He was seventy years old and he was out busy teaching and I don't know how many books - - I think I got five books a morning [Inaudible] because different ones tried to get me to join. But anyway, he was walking the walls. Boy, he used to scare me, but he was a carpenter that did everything. He built houses so he says, "I'm kind of slow," so he says, "I just charge you \$6.50 an hour," and I said "No, I'm going to make it \$7, it's easier for me to keep track."

And so he worked and I be working and he tell me how much and I just pay him. And he - - I don't know what I'd done if I didn't

have him. And was good and he knew where I was. So when he come down here, we really didn't talk about church and - - but yeah, he was alright. There's very few- - there's only three people in this whole town I call Mister, that was him, Mr. Weekly, I was tell you about Marlon Walker, the Spanish teacher, Mr. Walker and then there was a Price, Mr. Price, I would call him Mr. Price. There's only three people and I worked for the state and higher ups I didn't call them mister. I said, "You got to break that or you don't get it."

Rachel Douglas: Where was the church located? You were speaking of the LDS.

Dean Goodale: The first one was up here on Ocean. And they just re-done it and made a new one. And then - - of course my wife has always been - - it was second ward and a lot of those people - - I mean [Inaudible 0:56:51] my friend but then they built one up on Pacific but she had to go to Ocean because they way - - somebody cross the street, like up here on the same street on the right hand side, she went to another one, and my wife, I mean, it's the way they do the boundaries. And - -

Rachel Douglas: That was in the fifties, late fifties, after you got married?

Dean Goodale: The first church - - we got married.

Rachel Douglas: Yeah, is that where you attended in the fifties or - -?

Dean Goodale: No, that was later on. We got, married in December 31st, '59, so I could claim her on my income taxes. But found out that - -I mean I didn't, her dad did too. Neither one of us got caught, but I always heard as long as you were married before the end of the year, whoever takes care of you over six months or more.

So I didn't know that. I learned a lot. And I tell my kids, I said, "You be surprised what you learn if you keeps your eyes open, your ears open and your mouth shut. See my little sign here?"

Carole Pahl: [Inaudible]

Dean Goodale: How true that is?

Carole Pahl: That's very true.

Dean Goodale: You know. But I don't beat around the bush and when you meet me, you get what you see. And I don't mind helping anybody. But after I've helped for a while if I don't get nothing in return,

then I just drop them you know. Because there's a lot of people are users you know and so - - I don't mind helping anybody, but you know, come over and help me one time. You'd be surprise, the communication and a lot of people are—there are so many good people in this world, but I mean, they're probably 80 percent good and 20 percent that, you know. And every time the government comes out something good, others find a way to- - you know. Just like Social Security, you know food stamps, I mean, there's so many people abuses it and that what irritates me, but there's nothing I can do. So I try not to think of it because there's so much that you can't change. So most of the time I don't ever talk about it because if get started and talk about it then it just - - why should I get upset over something, you know.

Carole Pahl: That's bigger than you.

Dean Goodale: Yeah. And also, treat people like you want to be treated. And I've come across some people that's really nice. Because working for the state there was just a boss and the secretary. Well see, I knew him because I went to school with his daughter and we had horses. And down there on -- where Sunset takes on top over the highway, if you go right there's corrals down there. And we used to belong there. We used to have five horses. And the trouble is as you get a little older you forget what you're saying. You might say - - you know all of a sudden, you know what I had in mind. There's benefits of getting older, but [Inaudible] and sometimes I get these growing pains as I get older, I get these pains.

Carole Pahl: Now you mentioned that you were work for the State?

Dean Goodale: The state, yeah. The State of Nevada, Division of Water Resource.

Carole Pahl: Oh okay, can you tell us about that and when you- - ?

Dean Goodale: I tell you what, it's the best job I ever had. I only had either a grocery business and the state and so when I ask the guy, I said, "You know, if you ever had any openings, I appreciate it," because I was getting - - the grocery business was really going bad. I mean, people were either name or a number.

So it was time I got out. So he call me up and wanted to know if I wanted to go to work, I said, "Sounds good to me, I'll give them a week's notice." And so I went in there and then like I said it was the secretary and him and me. And we had all Southern Nevada. I mean that goes clear to Tonopah, Amargosa, Laughlin and the first year 35,000 miles on the state truck, I would travel.

I used to supervise well drilling, but the thing is, I didn't know anything. So this is where I tell my kids, "Keep your eyes open, ears open and keep your mouth shut." And so I've always been self taught. Jack of all trades and master of none. And it was heck- - I could have kept working, but different ones say get out as soon as you can before your health goes. And so I thought it was time.

And- - but I lived here all these years in Nevada and then I learned so much of the Nevada working for the state. I was - - once I learned my job, nobody told me to do anything, they would ask me. I traveled most of the time by myself.

One of the things we used measured the precept gauges of the rainfall and stuff and we had it up on - -we had nine of them. We had three on north side of Boulder - -Charleston, Lee's Canyon, Corn Creek and on the other side I had four. There was more water on the other side.

No, excuse me, there was more water on this side than the other side and I met this - - Les Adams and he had - - a boss got him to buy this place. Bought for taxes, so anyway, he bought it, built three cabins out there. Nice guy, but he was- - could get ornery. And we had a precept gauge on his property and so we go up there and measure it and then I got along good with him.

I don't know, I never had too much problem not getting along with people. It just - - and- - but he made his own lake up there and he grew his own fish and he kept wanting me to come up there. You wouldn't even need to bait and you could pull out a trout this big.

And - - but yeah, what's really interesting is we're out in the middle of the desert. You know, there the s-bunker thing is going, where that guy got his cows in that area, okay, we're way out there and you come across, here's this waterfall. It was probably like twelve feet tall coming over and it was probably ten feet wide and then it was about a foot deep. I mean, out in the middle of the desert. I mean, you can't really imagine until you see something like this. It's like paradise you know. We used to see so many animals.

One time we were down here by, you know, on the way to Searchlight, we had a precept gauge down there. We were driving down the road and here's this mountain [Inaudible 1:05:09] must just got born. I mean, hours trying walk down the road you know.

Dean Goodale

We were out there on the Pahrump side of Charleston and we drove over this hill, me and this guy and it just come alive, there must have been thousands of quail. You know what a quail is? Okay, there was a mother - -there was so many little ones. I mean, all of a sudden they were gone. I mean, it don't take long to disappear but just, you know, - - we see wild turkeys or deer. I mean, you know, I said - - it was a good job.

Rachel Douglas: How many - - what years did you work at that job?

Dean Goodale: 22 ½.

Rachel Douglas: Oh okay, so you started - -

Dean Goodale: In '78 and I retired in 2000. I been retired for fourteen years. It don't seem like it either. As you get older, you know the time just goes faster and faster. But yeah, there were a lot of interesting - - and I met people. I go out there and hear there - -had these farms and I had to check them out and they would give me, you know, fruit or stuff that they're growing.

This one guy, he grew a rhubarb. He was up on the mountains and so when I got there he would always give me rhubarb. You can't grow it down here because it's not cold enough. And - -but yeah it was really interesting job.

Carole Pahl: Got to see all different kinds of places and - -

Dean Goodale: Oh yes, but when you're way out and you come across things you know. And so many people are so nice.

Carole Pahl: Did you - - what do you think of the decline of - -like you had said about your grandchildren and everybody is on their phones, just the decline of interaction with people over the years, especially - - I'm originally from the East Coast, I know my neighbors. Out here the sense of community seems to dissipate a little bit.

Dean Goodale: They don't know their neighbors.

Carole Pahl: No.

Dean Goodale: You know. And it's just funny, I mean, there is no - - like sit down here and talk. Now if my kids were here, they be - - you know those things are naked - you don't need any computer. And you can- - it's really something - -I mean, how something so small has

information in that thing you know, and it's good, but the thing is, it's making people - - I think it's ruining the world.

When I was a kid, just like all these cameras everywhere, but the computer -- I went to see this movie, Big Brother's Watching and what it was is later on - - is this big computer in his room, was telling the people what to do. And I can really see it coming when I grew up, Buck Rogers was going to the moon. Dick Tracy would talk on this phone, everything and this guy has these jet things on his back and they had this.

Everything we seen in the past is coming. And I really see the downfall. And look at the computer, you know. Look at all these people hacking into it. See, your life is not private. They know who you are, how much you make, what you do, what you drink, what you eat. You go to the store, you give them that little thing, and you tell them what you eat.

I mean, when you fill out something- - that's why when I fill out an application for let's say, if I was going to buy something, I wouldn't put everything down. And its -- but they know everything and the thing is, your neighbor can find out exactly what you pay for your house, how big your house is. I mean, you get on a satellite and you can get a picture of your house in here.

Nothing is private today. And these guys are hackers, that's why one of the biggest mistakes people do is their own computer. They put all their bills. I don't know if you girls do or not. But they pay by computer. Well, they can hack into you. And they got - - because you got all your records - - they can take everything you got. And you don't know it until all of a sudden the bank calls you and say, "Hey, your checks are bouncing. Your money is gone."

I got one kid I think that does that. I tell him, I say, you - - don't --I mean, when you start putting all that information - - and what's really bad is Facebook. You're on Facebook? How much you put on Facebook. You're telling everybody. You know, like somebody says, you can put on there and say, "Okay, I got all these silver coins that are worth money." People have the tendency to brag about things.

You go into a restaurant, you're talking, you're telling people you know, what you have and where you work, what time you going. And some guy sitting right next to you listened to all this. Most people have a tendency to brag. They don't realize how much harm

they're doing. But this is just my theory on life, you know. And I can - - to me, I can say things.

Like, when I was in the grocery business, I spent so much time in the grocery, as a matter of fact, I was there at Thrifty Mart and I was getting ready to leave and this guy come in the door and I thought, he's going to steal. And this butcher comes around the corner and I say, "I already see him." I mean, I caught five hundred people shoplifting from dawn; it was like from eight years old to sixty, you know. Just like a cop, a cop goes driving down the road, he sees the guy, and he knows it, if he's a druggie or a two-story man or what because they deal with it all the time. And I could see somebody coming in.

And just like me and my wife, we be shopping and pushing the cart, down there be a woman and [Inaudible] her be gone. We got to the next aisle and we passed her and they were gone. I mean, I caught professionals and just kids. I can write a book on the ones that I caught you know.

Carole Pahl: That would be really good though. A lot of people love that stuff to hear.

Dean Goodale: But today, see that don't really want to stop anybody because they've jacked up the prices higher to pay for everything that's being shoplifted. In fact, you might get fired if you stopped a shoplifter. We used to stop so many of them, you know. But today, in the bank if you do something you're fired. You know, there's so many people - - if you're fired, it's not worth it. So many people carrying guns and you just don't- - in the old days, kids fighting, they fight it out. But now, it's shooting. Shoot a kid over his shoes, you know.

So why do these people buy kids these Nikes for a hundred and something dollars? I mean you're putting a target on his back but they don't look at it that way. People, the way they think - - so many people don't have common sense. Common sense -- I used to fight city hall, me and my neighbor, you know, I won't go into details because it'll be long.

They built some houses over here and every time I got up state, I say, "Now listen; let's look at common sense wise. So this went on for, I don't know how many, three or four different times. And then one time I was up there and one of the councilman got up and was talking, he said, "Now common sense." I thought, finally! You know, they found out what common sense was.

Where 215 come in and it stopped right there at Lake Mead, there's so much traffic coming off. We used to live on Hillcrest and so if you go down there, there was no signal light. So there was a car wreck there every day, people trying to get out there and I told Andy. I said, "You know, you need a stop light down there." Because he came the same way because he just live down the street here. And I knew Andy when he was about this tall.

And so finally they - - well they say, we couldn't because they couldn't afford it. They usually have businesses go in and then they put it up. And so finally there was a stop light, okay, so I'm going down there and man, there was about eight single line to make a left hand turn, you know. And I'm thinking about the eight one coming down, I look back about a quarter mile, there's Andy, you know. So next time I tell Andy, I said, "Andy, I see you got room for two lane turn. Why don't you do that?" Well, two weeks. I mean people cannot see -- and the trouble is that they put these people in charge and so they let the horses out and then they lock the gate. That's what I say.

Carole Pahl: That was really good, I like that one.

Dean Goodale: I think I probably talked too much, didn't I?

Carole Pahl: Oh no, I think the professor is going to be really happy.

Dean Goodale: If there is anything else, any questions you know feel free. I mean, I could --there's a lot but can't tell you. Just say it's - - it's in the closet. I don't know how this would go because maybe you could erase it.

But there was a fight downtown. Two guys fighting. It don't matter it's up to you. But anyway, it was probably the biggest fight in Henderson's history. I mean, the kid from Henderson- -

[tape cuts]

And then when they paved Water Street and around the stores and stuff, we all thought we died and went to heaven. And then later on, it wasn't until the late fifties they started to put the curbs and the streets in. And then it was in '52 and they put in the gas line in Henderson. My dad worked for the company, Georgie Miller and they put all the gas lines and it wasn't - -trying to think how far back, my wife's mom lived over on Zinc and they were digging it up and I was talking to the guy and they were replacing a lot of the

old gas lines then you know. But they had been in there for you know forty years or so.

And then, oh, the swimming pool, our first swimming pool, they've redone it now, they got a new one now, it's up there on Basic, where Lead comes up and it's recreation right in there, big auditorium and, yeah, most of the workers are volunteer. My daddy worked because he was a plumber and when they started building it, I can't remember, there's a woman, and I think she was a singer. And she was on she says, I'm going to donate \$100, I can't remember if it was a week or a month, until this place is done. I thought that was pretty nice.

And then when we graduated, it was the auditorium. I mean, we didn't go to any of these places there wasn't that many people for one thing. And the prom, it was held there you know. Everything was just done local.

Carole Pahl: Well I appreciate all your wealth of knowledge.

Dean Goodale: Another minute there? It's about Pepsi. We had a Pepsi Cola Company up there and when we first went up there it cost \$2.00 for twenty-four bottles in the wooden box and when you bring back the empties and you get \$1.00 off the next one. So you only paid \$1.00 for twenty four bottles of Pepsi. Well then come Halloween, we knew where the guy lived so, we go there and he give all the kids bottle of Pepsi.

Carole Pahl: Oh, that's nice.

Dean Goodale: So we knew where - - and some people gave full candy bars. So we knew all the good stops to go.

Carole Pahl: That's what my kids do right now. We're going to this development and this one.

Dean Goodale: Nowadays, if it's a little one, I'll put - - I used to have a bowl by the door and little kids come and I say, "Well, I know I can't give you --- you pick out what you like to eat." And so that the way I like to do it. And then sometimes I open the door real fast and I'd say, "Trick or treat," and the look at me and say, "No we're supposed to say trick or treat." "I thought you were bringing me candy."

I used to like the kid with the -- and then sometimes I try to have them sing a song, or tell me a joke or something. It was fun. Life

is what you make out of it and you can have so much fun and entertainment, it's just you know. The amount of kids you know -- they go out and look for a job, they get up at ten and be home at two. I couldn't find a job, I said, "You go out there and tell them, find a place and say, I tell you what, I work today for you, if I'm not any good, fire me. If I'm good hire me."

Carole Pahl: There you go.

Dean Goodale: You got to prove - - your whole life, you know, you might say, you have to prove yourself. You know if you're at a job and you do good. But when you go to another job, they don't know how good you are. So you have to prove yourself again. And I know my kid's around thirty, he says, "I'm ready to retire." I said, "Kid, you got to pay your dues first. You pay your dues and then you can." I have the strangest things.

But is there any other questions you want. You know maybe later on, I might think of different things you know. I'm just hoping I didn't say nothing too bad. I didn't want somebody to come by and say, well, I listened to that and you mentioned my name.

Guy across the street was having a yard sale and I was over there and this girl come by and she was buying some stuff, well, she was probably in her thirties and then she was a teacher and she was down at the library and so I got to talking to her. Well, when we had our big reunions, well, when the first class - my sister was in '54, the first one they had was thirty years.

Well, she was an artist and I got it probably down in the garage, about this wide and about this tall, you know, it says '54 and I asked her, I've been holding on [Inaudible] but I want somebody to take him and I said, because she's doing the Basic High School thing and I never did get her name and I wanted to give it to him for the high school, heritage center whatever they were going to do, but I said, "I'm not going to give it to you unless you use it." I said, "I don't want you to take it and then put it in the closet." She said, "Well I won't take it."

And then when we had our big reunion, we got a bigger one and this girl painted another big wolf, I mean, it's, I don't know - - after it turn off, if you want to see it, I'll show it to you.

Carole Pahl: Wow, that's pretty cool, yeah!

Dean Goodale

Dean Goodale: But I mean, I just wanted somebody to get it. Maybe put a frame around it, you know. Even if they put it on the wall, you know.

Carole Pahl: Right now, I know that we specifically don't -- they don't have a space for it yet because we're still -- this is still kind of like the beginning. I don't know. Honestly right now, it probably would sit in a closet somewhere until- - because they - - with the expansion of the school right now, they can't do anything until they actually expanded.

Dean Goodale: I'll have it stored here until then.

Carole Pahl: Yes, it's probably safer here.

Dean Goodale: And so I just wanted to go - - I thought I give one to my daughters, she's still quite the Basic fan, you know, and everything, she goes to the reunions and I thought maybe I might give her the bigger one. See we just put that up in the convention center and - - yeah.

Carole Pahl: That's cool, yeah. I wish we weren't so far behind still. Because we - -

Dean Goodale: Well, let's see, 209 [2009] was the last time of course I was storing it here all the time anyway because -- for the other one so—it's '14. So I've had it good five years now just sitting there. Some people might just throw away or something. I think it's there's too much little history you know. The girl don't live around here anymore. I don't even know if she's' still alive, somewhere up north; because I run into her sister.

Carole Pahl: And the school doesn't want it? The school won't take it.

Dean Goodale: Well, I got a neighbor at [Inaudible] his name is Terry, but I haven't gotten - - it's just sometimes I get so tied up and sometimes what's out of sight, you know, it's out of mind. And it's just, I'm always got something going on, you know. And so I was going to go down there and talk to him but like I said, I get tied up doing -- I got more projects

Carole Pahl: We really appreciate it and thank you so much for your time, but anything else we can- -

Dean Goodale: I'm retired.

Carole Pahl: We can definitely - -

Dean Goodale

Dean Goodale: I hope I didn't bore you.

Carole Pahl: No, you didn't, no. I guess this concludes the interview.

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