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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Still like doing it, huh?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Yeah, I still like it. Might be a mess if I don't, you know.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Is there an off-season time, or slow time for you guys for shucking?

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<i>Doris Harris</i>: Yeah.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: What's [[??]]

<i>Doris Harris</i>: From July to November. That's when we start slacking up.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: And so you make up by--

<i>Doris Harris</i>: In the winter time, we catch up again.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: mm-hmm

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Yeah.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>:

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Do most of your family shuck clams?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: My sister, she down there, Mary Gross.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Mary's your sister?

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<i>Doris Harris</i>: Yeah [[??]] Mary Gross.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay.

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Yeah, she down there. [[??]] tell ya. [[laughs]]

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay. I didn't know that. Okay. How many oyster houses is there in the area?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: On this side, just one.

<i>Doris Harris</i>: And that's Denton's?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: That's all.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: When you first started, how many was it?

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<i>Doris Harris</i>: There was a guy at [[??Deale??]] but I think he closed down, so we just got one now.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Where's that at?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: All the way down at [[??Deales??]] Down Lusby.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: In Lusby? Oh, Okay. um. [[??]]--shucking oysters?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: [[??]]

<i>Doris Harris</i>: What's the price for your supplies, your oyster knife, your gloves?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: The apron is two dollar and the knife is five dollar. The buckets is free, you know, they furnish that. I only pay for the apron

and the knife, that's all.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Why has the handles changed on the oyster knives? At one there was a wooden handle, now its a different.

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Yea, no, I don't know why that changed. Can't never say, you know,[[??]] have some newer ones.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Does it make a difference to you, which one you use, are you more used to--

<i>Doris Harris</i>:

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I like this one now, the newer one

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: You like the new one better? [[laughs]]

<i>Doris Harris</i>: [[laughs]]

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay.Do most of the workers live in the area?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Yeah, right around here.



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