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<i>Christina Gray</i>: No, not really I guess I live closer to it than any, other than Velvet and Bunty.

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<i>Christina Gray</i>: Some new family loves me. And that's the farthest, than down, that's the farthest they can hold. Oh wait. Less of course. [[?]]

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay, is there any type of union or trade association?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: No.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: What's your hours now?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: Well, presently, I go in at 5 and I work until 8 and then come home and babysit.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay. Was 5 O'clock always your hour for going in or--

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: Yeah, he changed it about a month ago, I started going in at 7. But now that the its time for the business to pick up we starting again at 5.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay. I think I asked you this before, but what do you like most about about your job?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: Yeah, I told you before.

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: I like it because basically we're our own boss, and as long as we go in, do our work, and sometime we, because most of the time we have no contact with the boss at all. We just go in and go to work and come on late. [[?]]

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay. Who usually opens up or he just come in to open up and just?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: Yeah, Norman opens up, he brings the boys down to get us started and then he go around and pick up all the girls. And after that he in his office all day long on the telephone most of the time.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay. How has oyst-- clam shucking changed over the years? What changes have you seen?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: Money, we are making more money now than we used to for Pam.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay. Has anything changed in the last few years that, that makes your job a little easier? Any changes to the way you get your clams or anything?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: Yes, since we been doing it at Denton, they are allowed to dip the clams in hot water and they dip them in the hot water and that'll loosen that skin up. But that's the hardest thing about shucking clams you got to get the skin off.

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: Once they dip them in the hot water then they dip it in ice water, some pound it, its alright with the health department that they can do that and that make it much easier to shuck, much faster.

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Are the oysters and clams usually packed right there on sight?

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<i>Christine Gray</i>: Yes

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay, how has the management procedures changed over the years?



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