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Annie Pontrelli: This is Annie Pontrelli interviewing Mr. Bob Hendon on September 6, 1991. Bob, why don't you just start out by telling me the years that you were here as a student, and we'll just keep going from there?

Bob Hendon: Annie, we didn't intend to come to the University. I actually turned down a scholarship from Fergus County High School where I graduated. I had been up here to (unintelligible) that spring. I stopped up here to visit. I stayed for seven years. That was in the fall of 1927. I was quite young. In fact, I was barely just 15 when I entered the University. I graduated with a B.A in journalism in 1931.

I studied under the Dean, the great Bob Hossler (?). Then I hung on and went to the law school and took my law degree in 1934. During that period, I met my wife-to-be. I first saw her in Brantly Hall, which is where we are right now. I was sitting in the parlor with a girl I was picking up very seriously, or had been for a little while, when this young girl appeared on the balcony. It all came down (unintelligible) came to the parlor in those days. I said to this girl I was with, "Who's that?" She said, "This is a young sister from Butte, Montana." Peg Paron—who was in the university—and a friend of mine. I said, "She's going to be all right when she grows up."

AP: You said that to your current girlfriend?

BH: Yes.

AP: I bet that went over big.

BH: I had no idea I was talking about my future wife. So she didn't come to school until I was in the second year of law school. I immediately started to go with her. She was staying here in Brantly Hall. Actually she was a proctor under Mrs. Brantly. There was another girl from Butte who was raised together (unintelligible) came as a freshman the same time. I started to pick up one and then the other one back and forth.

Every time I called for my future wife (unintelligible), I got the other girl. I'd say, "May I please speak to Ruth? I want the other girl Ruth (unintelligible)." That went on for a while until finally Ruth said, "Look, you better make up your mind." I did. I still have my junior and senior years in law school left. I had the last two years in law school left. We were in love. Then I went east to

make a living. It wasn't Depression time yet in '34. We didn't see each other for 20 months until I came back to our wedding in Butte.

AP: Did you keep in touch during that time?

BH: Oh yes, oh sure. We were engaged. She had my pin for a while. Then I became a special agent in the FBI. They made an exception for my age. You were supposed to be 25 and I was only 22. So they made an exception. I was sent to Atlanta at a training school, a very rough training school, for six weeks training. It was seven days a week from morning until nine o'clock at night. It was tough.

There weren't very many people in the FBI then. There were only about 400 special agents. So I was sent to Atlanta. While I was there, I bought an engagement ring, which I gave Ruth at Christmas time. It was still a year and a half after that before we were married. It lasted for nearly lacking three weeks of our 52nd wedding anniversary. We've been (unintelligible) four years. That was a long answer for your question.

AP: I know that particularly since you were here seven years, you probably noticed a lot of changes that have taken place, especially coming back after—

BH: I've been coming back many, many times since. I didn't for a while, then I started to come. I've been on the—I was the founder and former president of the Grizzly Riders International. I was one of the founders. As a matter of fact, it originated between Tom Collins and Oakley (?), who was then alive. He later became effective director of the foundation. Then he became President. Dr. Bob Johns, sitting around a campfire on the first time we went out, he decided that we would form Grizzly Riders International.

The name slowly evolved in the conversation. We waited and no one person could claim what it was. When we stopped on the way back from Trixie's, a saloon near Ovando, I announced to the group that from here on, we would be Grizzly Riders International. So this year is our 26th annual ride. I've been coming back through those years. Then I started (unintelligible) alumni award several years ahead of that. The Forest Service trustee foundation happened to be senior living, former president foundation (unintelligible).

AP: Then I know you've gotten real involved with the alumni association as well, just from where I first met you. It seemed like you were the class agent. Is that right?

BH: Yes. That was the 60th reunion of my class. They asked me to be the Class Agent. I was active on campus as a student. I was Business Manager of the association and Student Body President. I was a Sentinel member. I was Chief of Bear Paws as a sophomore and I was the Central Board representative of the class.

AP: Now Central Board, is that something like ASUM today?

BH: That was the governing election body. It was really more soft position than the Class President's. That really served as a cabinet for Student Body President and Business Manager of the student body.

AP: Can you recall some stories or memories of times you were here when you were the Business Manager or Class President (unintelligible)?

BH: I never was Class President. I was Student Body President.

AP: Oh, Student Body President.

BH: I was (unintelligible) king for a couple of years too. I used to run the SOS program on Singing on the Steps. It was a wonderful program. It was always very touching (unintelligible) at the time. Everything went silent. It was great singing with your college chums. It was always an impressive program. My entire time at the University was one which I deeply appreciate not only from the standpoint of the social relationships and the friendships that lasted, but from the scholastic standpoint.

I received an excellent education. The journalism school would be top in place certainly back in those days. It was a fantastic school. It wasn't a large (unintelligible) equality times. The law school was excellent, had excellent faculty. Dean [Charles W.] Leaphart was an outstanding man. David Mason was (unintelligible) was an outstanding professor. I received a top-notch education. In my business career, I was in contact with graduates of all of the outstanding schools, reputation-wise; Harvard law graduates, Yale—you name it.

I never felt that I had an inferior education to any of them. As a matter of fact, my children, I have a son and a daughter. They never were in Montana. My son was in the west working in Sun Valley. He was in the Navy out to sea and was stationed in (unintelligible) California for (unintelligible). He graduated with a doctorate from Yale, from their honors school, the (unintelligible) school with honors.

He graduated from Yale law school. My daughter went with a bachelor's from Ohio. Her granddaughter is an honors graduate from Yale just a couple of years ago, three years ago (unintelligible) which she left (unintelligible). They had to come back (unintelligible) Singapore, Mexico, Turkey (unintelligible) so she called. (Unintelligible) Singapore to Vienna and spent about six months (unintelligible).

AP: That wouldn't be too bad.

BH: (Unintelligible) but of course threw the foundation into coming and visiting (unintelligible) kept very close tabs with the University. I've been very happy and very proud with what I've seen. Of course, the size has increased tremendously since I came here in 1927. I think the

quality has not diminished certainly the size, but I think in many cases it has increased, which might be expected over the years. Everything I can see is still (unintelligible). I think that we have a fine President, George Dennison, who (unintelligible). I hope he's going to stay with us until he retires (unintelligible) to do a good job.

AP: Were there any changes in the physical layout of the campus? Have you noticed any changes just in social attitudes or just the attitudes of students as they come through the years?

BH: Well I don't think I have been a position to observe that since I left the University through visits. Of course in my day, I came to school with a kind of planning in '27, '28. Times were good. There was no question about having money then or anything like that. Then the Depression hit and the crash of '29. The rest of my years were tough, hard years for everyone. (unintelligible) making sandwiches and serving.

I never quite figured out which of my (unintelligible) to that for dancing with the girls that came over (unintelligible). My last two years in law school, I worked for Missoula Fort Quartermasters Corps. They were very nice to me out there. (unintelligible). Most of the staff there at the fort were (unintelligible). I stayed to get my work out and I (unintelligible).

AP: This was at the fort as a Quartermaster?

BH: In the Quartermaster's Corps in the Quartermaster's office.

AP: What did your responsibilities include?

BH: Oh everything. The Quartermaster runs the supplies (unintelligible) for big areas. And a colonel by the name of E.A Gilinhey (?) who was a Quartermaster, he was wonderful to me. He saw me off when I left after I graduated from law school. I visited him several times when I was boosting my business. (unintelligible) passed away since then. Times were tough. There was hardly any schools at the University in those days that didn't have financial problems.

Some kids had to quit their school. So we moved from a time of plenty to a time of real sacrifice and hard work. You caught a real sense of proper value. I think it was character building. I stayed in the fraternity house for four years. I was a house manager the last year, which I was '30- '31. I got room and board, and an office, and lots of responsibilities there. It was a great opportunity, a great thing for me. It was the most desirable kind of thing I could have been in. (unintelligible) had an apartment my last years. I became a good cook.

We had good meals. As a matter of fact, (unintelligible) the last two years was a football star. He played a lot of football. He was one of the finest chaps I've ever known. He had a poor family background. He worked in a store to get through school. They had an unhappy marriage.

Later he went to Washington before I did. We hooked up again in Washington for a year. Then he, after an unhappy marriage, he had a very happy marriage. He graduated (unintelligible).

He ended up in the army for war for a (unintelligible) colonel in North Africa. (Unintelligible) and two children. After the war was over, he was killed in a jeep accident in North Africa. He was a fine—I would trust my life with him. He was a fine chap.

AP: What was his name?

BH: Botsonmarr, August Botsonmarr (?)

AP: You've mentioned a few people who have really, apparently, made an impact on you. Who were some of the other folks that made an impact on you whether it was a teacher or a co-student or one of the presidents?

BH: Well, I of course knew Dr. [Charles] Clapp very well. He was the President. He was a fine gentleman who ran the school. Carl McFarland was a student assistant and later became assistant Attorney General. I knew him in Washington. We were friends. Later after he left, he went in the Justice Department. He was in there while I was in the FBI as an official. He became the President of the University of Virginia.

He was there (unintelligible). He was a good man. A number of the faculty names that I admire—Dr. [Garvin] Shallenberger, whose son is President of (unintelligible) currently. He was a fine gentleman. Every time I would cut class and go play golf on the University golf course, he'd show up out there. I never took a course from him. The faculty was quality faculty. They appreciated having the jobs that they had.

AP: I remember when I met you at the union this summer. The (unintelligible).

BH: Oh.

AP: ...a significant character (unintelligible).

BH: Oh, yes indeed. I'm surprised I haven't mentioned [J. Earl Miller]. He was outstanding as Dean of Men. (unintelligible) the first quarter with a sense of balancing. He demanded discipline (unintelligible). He knew how to handle that. I also admired Dean [Harriett Rankin Sedman], who was the Dean of Women. Of course Mrs. Brantly, she made an exception to my, my first time I know. I don't know that she ever did it again. She made an exception and came to our wedding.

She liked my wife. She, on occasions, would invite us to have her quarters back here and have somebody (unintelligible). I don't think she did that after again. She and her friend, who was

the nurse—that was the health department in those days (unintelligible)—she came up with this friend. She was the epitome of a lady, Mrs. Brantly was. She was austere with a great heart.

AP: Any other people that came to mind? You will probably think of people as we converse.

BH: I'm thinking about Dean Sedman. This was when my wife and I were just starting to go with each other. She had a boy from Butte that she'd been raised with and grown up with in Butte in high school. He was going to Montana State College. So she decided that she was going to go over to some dance over at Montana State College. The weather was really bad. Mrs. Sedman called me and said, "The Forester's Ball is coming up. You don't have a date for the Forester's Ball do you?" I said, "No I don't." She said, "I've got a girl I think you'd like to take out." It turned out it was Ruth. Mrs. Brantly was very happy that we were married.

AP: During the Depression years, I'm sure in particular, you had to come up with creative ways of entertaining yourselves.

BH: We had a wonderful time. There was—I was on a fraternity council. Then while I was President of the Student Body, I was invited to many of the sorority and fraternity dances other than my own. My wife was a Kappa. So we used to—we'd have our choice of two or three different dances or parties that were on over the weekend and picnics were popular. There was no liquor until '32 of course. It was homebrew—that was available. There used to be a lot of picnics that we'd have on.

The athletic (unintelligible) Ruth attended the basketball games. You made your own fun. Things that didn't cost too much money (unintelligible). Our war (unintelligible) were pretty slim. You'd wear corduroys for several years—that was the most that you wore. The parties that the sorority dances and the fraternity dances were all nicely (unintelligible) good music (unintelligible) and a lot of (unintelligible). Despite the difficulties everyone had at the time, close friendships were made. Everyone was sort of lying in the same boat.

AP: What were some of your favorite classes? Do any stand out in your mind?

BH: Well several of the journalism classes were outstanding, particularly the (unintelligible) fine lecture, need to think. There was a professor by the name of Dr. [Harry] Turney-High. I took anthropology from him. That was just (unintelligible) getting into his class. They were always interesting.

AP: Just in what he had to lecture on, his style?

BH: Oh yes and the way he handled the questions that you had. He'd catch you up for sure. He was an outstanding professor. David Mason from the law school—he was just one of the (unintelligible) fine instructor. I couldn't fault any of the law school professors. Mason was outstanding. Of course he was always selected as—

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BH: When I was in Washington and when I was in New York, David was back as a visiting professor from (unintelligible) law school. The faculty was a quality faculty. I didn't have a dull professor man or woman in the work I did. They were interesting professors. I think every one had an attitude of seriousness and purpose because of the times (unintelligible) and took advantage of what was going on to a higher degree.

And the times were so different and changed so vastly over time. The athletic teams, we of course then were in (unintelligible) conference.

AP: Did that include Washington?

BH: It was Idaho, Washington, Washington State, Oregon, Oregon State, California, Stanford, University of Southern California.

AP: That was kind of like a pack of (unintelligible).

BH: It was. It was basically, yes. There were some great players. Of course they didn't have the bowl games like they have now. There were so many that didn't have a (unintelligible). The big game of the year was the Shrine Bowl on New Year's Day in San Francisco. They always had over 100,000 in that game. That was the big game—national. That was on the radio. One year, that was won by two of my fraternity brothers Wild Bill Kelly, who everyone knew that name. He was one of the freshman football players. He passed to Russ Sweed (?), who held the Civic Course Conference 100-yard dash record.

He passed to him for a touchdown. Sweed (unintelligible) victory in that bowl. That was a great thing. Incidentally, Kelly, I met a year before I came to school. I came up to the inter-scholastic week as a member of (unintelligible). Incidentally my wife came up from Butte—not that year but another year. (unintelligible). She was offered professionally after we were married. I tried to (unintelligible). It was a great spirit and a great backbone for the team. The basketball team was always good. A boy by the name of Chinske (?) made the team (unintelligible) who was a fraternity brother of mine too who was the star.

He led the (unintelligible) conference (unintelligible) two or three years. (unintelligible). I started to say that Kelly from that school (unintelligible). I was general manager of the house looking at those debts and (unintelligible) professional football (unintelligible). He graduated a year before I did. (unintelligible). One day while I was still house manager, he came in and (unintelligible). They pulled the whole thing off. He didn't live too long after that. He choked on a hot dog at a football game.

AP: What did you like best about your time here at the University besides meeting your wife?

BH: Well I liked the campus. I liked the studies. I liked the friendships. There was a spirit that was uplifting, I think. I had an awful lot of fun. It was just a good time. It was a good time on getting and understanding I was getting a good education. The social life was fun. I enjoyed the (unintelligible) political and governmental (unintelligible) of the student body. There were a lot of responsibilities as general manager and President. (unintelligible) Association of Student Body Presidents of the (unintelligible) conference, all the schools, plus the University of Nevada at Reno. It wasn't at Las Vegas then.

And the University of Arizona came too. I was (unintelligible) who was a graduate of the Forestry School and at that time was President of the student body and I was (unintelligible). The convention of the Student Body Presidents Association was held in Phoenix, Arizona—no in Tucson (unintelligible). The current student body President was incumbent student body President who (unintelligible). I remember how impressed I was with Arizona when I went down. I was the first one to arrive in the Flathead Hotel, which was (unintelligible). It was about this small—with six-by-ten index cards [of] girls' pictures front and forward and everything else. They volunteered to take me all this time. So I had first choice with who (unintelligible) who was a lovely girl. The President of the Association that year was Edward R. Murrow who later of course became...

AP: Murrow?

BH: Yes.

AP: Oh my.

BH: He was the president. We went down into Mexico on a tour while I was there. They had a rodeo that wasn't very fancy (unintelligible), and I was raised on a Montana ranch (unintelligible). So we ended up riding in the bronco contest. It was sort of fun. Of course it was prohibition that year. (unintelligible) around campus drank home-brew beer out of tin cans (unintelligible) and they all wore white suits with a flannel trouser. That was so different from what they wore when it was cold. There was no prohibition in Mexico. So I'm afraid most of us had a little bit too much of what they had to sell down there. That was a great experience. Murrow then stayed on as executive director of that association for a couple of years. He came up through and would visit the campus. (unintelligible) always had a poker game when he would come. This one time, (unintelligible) Spokane to Gonzaga to meet people there and (unintelligible). He was late for his engagement and the (unintelligible). Of course there were a bunch of interesting boys.

AP: It sounds like it.

BH: I was also Sigma Delta Chi (unintelligible) and I was their delegate to go to Sigma Delta Chi (unintelligible). It was at Ohio State University. I was a senior I guess so (unintelligible) I had a date with a girl. I went over to the house to pick her up. All of these girls were on the balcony

and the front stairway looking down. I found out later that my date (unintelligible) all expected me to show up (unintelligible). They wanted to know what someone from Montana looked like. Those were my experiences.

AP: Going back to just your involvement with the student government, what was it like on campus? Were people strong one way or another?

BH: Yes, there were elections. They got pretty exciting and involved. When I ran, I ran against a boy who was captain of the basketball team and then (unintelligible). I won. (unintelligible) women's association and held hard contests. When it was all over, I thought that the (unintelligible) was pretty well run (unintelligible) was an advisor of the student body who (unintelligible). They had a lot of activities in which they were involved. Silent Sentinel was a very respected organization for senior (unintelligible).

That was very, very respected. I understand that later on during the period when I wasn't there, it almost disappeared off campus. It was unfortunate. When I was there, it was very respected, as was the Bear Paws. We used to paddle if someone walked on the grass. I can't get over yet seeing all the paths that are worn around through the different parts on campus. You didn't dare get on any grass back in those days. That was absolutely forbidden. No one would even think about it. If someone did and a Bear Paw saw them, they'd go over to them and whack them.

AP: Did you carry the paddles with you?

BH: Yes, sure.

AP: So it was just- you didn't stand to watch, but it was just if you happened to—

BH: No (unintelligible) sort of a tradition. There was a lot of—in the fraternities would (unintelligible).

AP: Did the fraternities generally get their people elected? Were there more fraternities almost than not?

BH: Yes I would say so. The women had quite a contest on beauty queens too. That was an active political situation also. All of them would (unintelligible). My wife was one of the candidates. She didn't win. She was only a sophomore or freshman. Other girls were seniors. She was steady dating a boy in (unintelligible). She was very (unintelligible) and a good dancer. (unintelligible).

AP: Sounds like you had a few. What do you feel your greatest accomplishments were at your years at the University?

BH: Well I think mentoring—I'm a (unintelligible). I was raised on a ranch at a strange elementary education. I only went to (unintelligible) grades. I lived on a ranch. I had four of them in high school—I went for a couple of years in high school. I started school when I was six. I was there for two weeks and then (unintelligible) people were dying in the streets and wearing masks on their face. My mother told me that I would go back to the ranch. I never got back to school at all until I was (unintelligible) a step-cousin of mine (unintelligible).

I never went to the second through eighth grades until (unintelligible) high school. I thought it was one that teaches you to (unintelligible). Going back to your question, I was around (unintelligible). I never had playmates. So despite my age I (unintelligible) ten or 11 and the older students accepted me when I was there, when I was a youngster. I matured education also mentally and in character.

The faculty had a way of getting interested and making (unintelligible). The activities that were available were educational (unintelligible) in the student body activities. All of those added to (unintelligible) good people and (unintelligible) situations. The University was concerned about students from the standpoint of the professors and administration. I think it was (unintelligible).

AP: If you were to go back in time, what would you want to do? What would you want to relive?

BH: I've been very happy in my seven years here. It was the happiest seven years (unintelligible). I don't know how to better spend my vocation or my (unintelligible) than I have. I think I was lucky to be able to participate in many things I did. My time in the FBI was a fantastic experience.

AP: How long were you in there for?

BH: I was in for 14 years. I was a special agent through training, and I was (unintelligible) headquarters. From there, I was sent to Des Moines, Iowa to open an office and establish an office for (unintelligible). It actually split the Omaha office. My wife was pregnant with our first child. I was (unintelligible) administrative school (unintelligible) Charleston in Columbia, South Carolina. We opened an office there. We split the Charleston office. North Carolina was (unintelligible) covered in Nebraska.

(Unintelligible) and then two days he called me back and said, "I'm sorry. We can't proceed (?) the lease in Columbia. How would you like to go out to Iowa and open an office in Des Moines?"

I am barely 25 years of age then and said, "When would you want me to go?" (Unintelligible) everything was all ready (unintelligible) South Carolina to Iowa. So she went to a doctor to find out. The doctor said, "There weren't any complaints. I want you to go by train. The

(unintelligible) keep them dry. You can drive as far and as long as you want just so you can get out and walk five minutes every hour."

So that's what we did. The doctor didn't tell me to walk to Iowa. So we get out there and had our baby. That was (unintelligible) *Des Moines Register* newspaper and (unintelligible). I finally decided that the (unintelligible). We took a little walk and came back. I had a phone call. She said, "Honey I'm feeling peculiar, not too tired. Would you mind coming on home?" I said that I would be right there. So I did (unintelligible) across the lawn (unintelligible). However, I started out for home still enjoying the beautiful moonlight and the beautiful night without worry.

When I got home, the lights were on, but I went in and there wasn't anyone there. Our next door neighbor was about a half a block away. Her lights were on. I went down there and no one was there either. So I headed immediately for the hospital. When I got there I said, "I'm Mr. Hendon. May I see my wife?" The nurse said, "Certainly. Follow me." So she took me in the elevator up a couple of floors. We walked up to the door and opened the door. I went in and there was my wife with the baby in her arms.

AP: Oh, she already had it?

BH: It was a beautiful black-haired boy, curly hair. He's still got curly hair. He was a handsome young fellow, I must say. She was feeling fine. The next day—that morning paper came out, the *Morning Register Tribune*. On the front page (unintelligible) man loses race to a stork. I thought boy having a child is no problem at all, but that was not quite true and my second one came along, my daughter, and my wife was in the hospital, cesarean, premature. My daughter who is now a very beautiful woman was the ugliest child I've ever seen in my life. She hardly weighed anything. We had to put her back in the hospital in an incubator but she soon was healthy as could be. It was a lot different times with birth. Then I was transferred from Des Moines and became a special agent in charge of the offices at (unintelligible) in the Minnesota area. Headquarters (unintelligible). We had action there. Anything that happened in the Midwest we had a part of. Then I was agent in charge in Philadelphia (unintelligible). From there I moved back into headquarters first as head of the (unintelligible) records division which really was a misnomer. It was more of a public relations department. Then I was made an inspector and an assistant to the director for the rest of my career. I left with the good graces of the director and with his recommendation and I finished off my career in an executive position.

AP: The director was J. Edgar Hoover that whole time?

BH: Yes, that is right.

AP: What was it like to work for J. Edgar Hoover?

BH: Wonderful. He was a great gentleman. One of the world's great men.

AP: Is that right? How would you describe him?

BH: As a wonderful administrator, organizer, grim, fair. He expected you knew where he stood and knew what was expected of you and just a fine great citizen at a time when this country sure needed someone like that. He built a great organization. We had to (unintelligible) rapidly for the war. He recognized that the war was coming on. Of course we had men in South America and elsewhere. He was a fine administrator. Of course the qualifications to get into the bureau back in those day we had not changed much. You did not have to a lawyer or an accountant. I enjoyed my service very much and I remained active in the society of former special agents in the FBI. As a matter of fact, I just finished last week my third non-consecutive term as chairman of the Middle Tennessee chapter of the society. I'm not going to do it again. I have had had my task at that, but when I went on as a consultant for the (unintelligible) press agency then they asked me to stay on. I now organize the department and the company. Loss and damage and prevention. Then I became a general manager of the (unintelligible) division which took in everything from the Hudson river through Virginia. I got (unintelligible) while I was there by another company from (unintelligible). I stayed with them as assistant to the president and director of personal when the express company brought me back as vice president of personnel and labor relations. I had that job for a couple of years and then I was made the operating head of the company. I retired from there and went with the (unintelligible) companies as an executive officer. (unintelligible) I stayed in Washington for the last ten years. In the mean time I became a director of Manhattan Life Insurance Company and a second insurance company which I remained. I became the senior director for a long while. 25 years I served as the director of those companies even after I retired from (unintelligible) companies. Based upon having reached age 65, which was compulsory retirement. I stayed on as director of...well we moved to Nashville from McClain Virginia. I moved to Nashville and I commuted twice a month every month of the year from Nashville to New York City to attend two board meeting and committee meetings and to Bismarck North Dakota about five times a year. Once always in January. What a cold place that is in January. In the meantime while I was coming to get out here every year.

AP: One thing I wanted to ask you BOB is, you had mentioned early on in the interview about how you were one of the founders of the Grizzly Rider program. I would just be interest in finding out more about how you got into that and how that came about.

BH: Well Bob Johns became president of the university and he was a very active kind of a guy and wanted to expand the function and activities of the University of Montana Foundation. This resulted from that. It was arranged to elect me from, I lived in New York City at the time, as a director of the foundation and also **Frank Grethal** who was a senior vice president and chief financial officer at H. J. Heinz, and one other man as directors of the foundation. Then we had organized the first ride up beyond (unintelligible) we went on up in the mountains north. We went up in that area and old Clarence Scott was with this group.

AP: Who was that?

BH: Clarence Scott, he is one of the most illustrious, (unintelligible) who was the founder of (unintelligible). He was the chief correspondent for *New York Times* at the Geneva Conference way back. He just passed away. He was the uncle of Robert Kesser the father of (unintelligible) kisser. He was just wonderful. We had a good group. Made camp up there and (Unintelligible) who was in business in Missoula.

[Tape 2]

Note: Audio for Tape 2 is too poor to hear clearly and cannot be transcribed.