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Interview with Zelda Nance Fisher conducted by Louise Skinner

June 20, 2019

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00:00:01	Introductions and general information
00:00:25	Family at the time of her birth were tenant farmers in Hatchetville, Texas in Hopkins County
00:01:05	Family moved to Post Oak (Brushy Mound), Texas in Delta County when she was 9 days old
00:01:35	Then moved to Shiloh, Texas
00:02:12	Then moved to Pacio – started school – Edna Hascott was her teacher
00:03:43	Memories of her father, including his getting books from the old Cooper Library (located in a house) and going to the movies
00:04:50	John Silman's grocery store in Cooper
00:05:25	Farm crops – cotton, peanuts, popcorn
00:05:50	Relationships with mother, brothers, and sisters
00:08:32	7th grade, circa 1940, at East Delta School
00:09:10	In school when she heard about Pearl Harbor
00:09:34	Then moved back to Hopkins County
00:10:00	Relationship with oldest brother, Lonnie How she got her name and nickname (nickname – Winkle)
00:13:46	The move to Emblem, Texas at beginning of WWII, rationing
00:14:50	The school in Pacio, Texas – cloakroom, 3 rd grade boyfriend, C. H. McCarty, Annual Outsider's Play organized by the school, her part in one play
00:18:30	Early memories of her oldest sister Dood's role in the family
00:19:35	Memories of the war years (WWII)
00:20:10	Then moved from Emblem to Dike, Texas, age 12 – the school at Sulphur Bluff
00:22:25	Father died and family moved to Cooper, Texas Sophomore year in high school, Ellene Oliver was English teacher
00:23:50	First friends in Cooper – Lola Nell Morgan and Laura Jo Taylor
00:25:08	Graduated from Cooper in 1946 – senior trip to Bonham State Park Miss Bledsoe taught English, and Lillie Carroll taught Business
00:27:15	Memorable event at Cooper High School – the day the ceiling fell in
00:27:45	Graduation class included only 13 boys – many boys had already gone to war
00:28:30	Camp Maxey in Paris during WWII
00:29:00	Saturday nights on the Cooper Square – met future husband, J.C. Fisher
00:29:40	Worked in Dallas for 3 months after graduation
00:30:50	1946 – began job at Vocational School in Cooper
00:31:25	Married J.C. Fisher in Asbury Building next to Methodist Church in Cooper
00:33:10	Worked for Wade Bledsoe at the Vocational School in Cooper for 5.5 years
00:34:00	Worked temp jobs while her children were small
00:34:35	Began work for Mr. Bledsoe in Supt. Office in Cooper ISD – stayed 30+ years Replaced Emma Lou Tucker
00:36:40	1968 – began taking classes at ETSU (now A&M Commerce) Relationship with son Stephen while both were taking classes – parking ticket Stephen incurred while driving car registered to her
00:41:45	Church and faith – Invited by Lola Nell Morgan and Laura Jo Taylor to Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), eventually joined the Methodist Church in Cooper Children and grandchildren attend a Baptist Church in Rockwall, Texas
00:47:35	Degrees/certifications earned; retired in 1990
00:49:45	Upcoming 90 th birthday in December

	Good life in Cooper – good health, good place to live and raise children, good teachers
00:52:25	Advice: get a college education and choose a career that you enjoy. Be accountable for your own choices. Talked about grandchildren