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The Reminiscences of Rev. Bernhard Loeschen

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Excerpt

Drink of Choice

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Q: And so, farm bureau was an important part of your life as a growing up family.

Loeschen: It was. I can remember my brother, John, and I going with my dad—he would always have to go to these meetings, and then there was a movie house, a movie theater, close to [Reiners] and John and I could go to the movies. I think it cost five or ten cents and then dad said, 'I'll pick you up when I'm done with the meeting.' And then he'd go in and tell them he had two boys in there and then first thing we knew that my dad was sitting behind us, and he got involved with the picture and we could see it twice! We'd never get home until eleven o'clock or so! And the one thing I can remember too is when we'd go to Champaign, my dad he never wanted us to drink soft drinks, he'd rather have us drink beer. And there was one place we could stop for beer. They had their mugs in the refrigerator or something and they were frosty mugs, and we'd have a glass of beer and I always remember that.

Q: Well, that's odd that he would rather you drink beer than soft drinks.

Loeschen: He was very much against coke because he said that wasn't good for us.