the fire, baking was quite a chore cause you had to have the right kind of temperature in an oven whereas you had to have a different kind of heat coming from the top of the stove to boil a stew. And dish water had to be heated. And if you had anyone to take care of, which you often did, in those days, because old people stayed at home, there were no rest homes and sick people didn't get to hospitals in small towns, so there was an awful lot of very heavy work from morning to night.

NARRATOR:

Urban and rural families worked during the hops and tobacco seasons in the Fraser Valley, earning cash to supplement either their meager relief or subsistence farming.

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