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Jim Leloudis

Did you ever pull pranks on one another, practical jokes?

Mary Thompson

No. My mother always taught us it was childish to have practical jokes, that you could hurt people, it was dangerous, and it wasn't fair to the other fellow.

Jim Leloudis

Did any of the other women ever do things like that to one another?

Mary Thompson

No, they never did have no trouble with them. I've seen young boys sometime pull practical jokes on people, but the bosses usually called you down on that if you was in the mill, getting loud, because it was dangerous.

Jim Leloudis

What type things would those young guys do? Do you remember any of them?

Mary Thompson

No, I don't. They'd do anything mean till they get caught. [Laughter] But the bossmen would stop them pretty quick when they found out.

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