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P.1 Respondent came from N.E.England in 1935 to work at Curwen Woods.
Other staff hired through agency.

P.2 Two staff kept at Curwen Woods (Wilkinsons owners, who had lost money in 1929).
Mr Hadwin outside staff.

P.3 Housemaid's duties.
Rooms in Curwen Woods.

P.4 Mrs North and Mrs Shaw-Kennedy, daughters of Wilkinsons.
Mr and Mrs Shaw-Kennedy eloped to Gretna Green, then had blessing in London.
Hours worked

P.5 Buying a bicycle for £4.99 (earnings eight shillings a week).
Bicycle accident – hit car. Badly hurt.

P.6 £5 bill for hospital treatment (five weeks.)
Recuperation in N.E.

P.7 Visiting Lancaster in time off.
Dress and apron given as Christmas present.
Buying whisky for Mr Wilkinson.
Off-licence, Post office in Holme.

P.8 Shops in Holme in 1930s.
Bus transport. Pictures in Lancaster.

P.9 Big snowfall during the war delayed soldier getting back to Blackpool.
Got job in boarding house at Morecambe (1940).

P.10 Expecting baby whilst working at Curwen Woods.
Silesian Sisters, Brettargh Holt.
Respondent was two weeks at Springfield, then into St. Monica's (home for unmarried mothers in Kendal).
Miss Hanton and Miss Wilkinson ran Springfield - about 14 residents.

P.11 Working for keep at St. Monica's.
Slept in dormitories. .
Miss Stannard and Sister Roberts ran St. Monica's.
Mothers to stay three months after baby born.

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P.12 Everyone at St. Monica's kept their babies.
Timetable for duties. Cottage pie made from sheep's head.
Jobs procured where baby could go too.

P.13 Respondent met friend from St. Monica's after leaving.
Respondent went home to N.E. to nurse mother.
Mother gave respondent cold-shoulder at first.

P.14 Life in St. Monica's.

P.15 Returned to Curwen Woods with son. Doing some outside work.
Son's friendship with Tommy Prickett whilst at school.

P.16 After marriage, respondent looking for a house in Holme.
Allotted council house.

P.17 Respondent's aunt and uncle living in lodge at Curwen Woods.
Moved into brand-new council house in 1950 (rent one pound and one penny); cooker came with the house.
Went back to help at Curwen Woods (pay now fifteen shillings a week),

P.18 Servants' hall at Curwen Woods made into playroom for son.
Curwen Woods sold after Mr Wilkinson died.
Went to work at Holme Park Farm as cleaner.

P.19 Working locally as a cleaner.
Doing washing-up at Hale Moss (transport cafe).
Ill with fibroid (1954).

P.20 Holme in the 1950s.
Men working on the railway.
Transporting coal on the canal
Cinder ovens.
The wharf, City o' Pinch.