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P.1 Born 1933 in Kendal.
Grayrigg Bank, Appleby Road.
Father policeman (John Owen, PC10), very strict with his children and others.

P.2 Fellow policemen.
Visiting Father at Lowther St. police station. Seeing the cells.
Mr O'Neill, Chief Constable.
Going mushrooming to Watercrook.
Sunday morning walks. Days off spent at Sandside.

P.3 Learning to swim in Kent at Low Mills.
Moved to new house at Rinkfield about 1933; then moved to Lound Gardens.
Attended Dean Gibson School, then Senior Girls, Windermere Rd.
Nuns taught at Dean Gibson.

P.4 Teachers at Senior Girls'.
Began work at K Shoes, punching patterns on shoes.

P.5 Dances at the Town Hall, Saturday nights.
Joined Land Army at 16. First Land Girl in Arnside (Arnside Tower).
Uniform.
Delivery by milk float.

P.6 First day on the farm.
Gang of Land Girls working nearby (Milnthorpe).
Lived as part of the family; paid ten shillings a week for first six weeks.

P.7 Whilst in Land Army moved to Windermere and then New Hutton.
Married a farmer in 1943.
Stock kept on the farm. Extra help at haytime and threshing time.
Threshing machines used to go round farms.

P.8 Borrowing from neighbours.
Generator for electricity.
Did washing by hand. Boiler in kitchen. Domestic routine.

P.9 Dolly blue from Backbarrow.
Keeping bees; molasses for cows (and gingerbread).
Salting and storing bacon.

P9/10 Killing pigs. Making black puddings.

P.10 Making brawn.
Joined WI and Mothers' Union.

P.11 Walking two miles to WI meeting on curing rabbit skins to make gloves.

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P.12 Demonstrations at the Mothers' Union.

Making rag rugs.

Demonstration of canning machine. Bottling fruit.

Knitting and food parcels for the troops.

WI at Westmorland Agricultural Show.

P.13 Chairman of Show Committee and Produce Guild (WT).

Biking into Kendal in the evenings.

Founder member of WT Market, 1964.

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P.14 WI Market began in Red Cross rooms in Highgate.
Moved market to YWCA.
Coping with decimilisation; taking hygiene tests.

P.15 Crafts sold at WI market.
Closed in 1999 through lack of helpers.
Making up and delivering food hampers.

P.16 Catering for the Bowls Club.