

INTERVIEW #4

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Date: Oct. 24/74

Place: 22 First St. W., Elmira

Participants: Ed Bearinger, Elias Brubacher, Norman Weber

#### Pre-War

- all were from Old Order background, but transferred to the Old Mennonite Church in Elmira before they were twenty years old
- were reared in the Mennonite "way of peace"; understood what this meant in terms of the threatening war and were aware of the alternatives that were being made available through the church's intercession
- were supported in their stands as CO's by their families
- no feelings were expressed concerning experiences of resentment being shown by the non-Mennonites towards the Mennonites

#### War

- affirmed the spiritual growth that resulted from these experiences
- camp experiences were valuable in that they taught them how to get along with others who did not think or believe the same as they did
- agreed that not much was done in terms of a tangible contribution being made; was a period when they were just kept out of the public eye by being made to do busy-work