

Janis Kozlowski: You know, a lot of people say the war changed the country, you know, and in a lot of different ways. One of the things that, you know, there are books written about how women were in the work force after that and some men resented it after the war that they took jobs and so forth. It sounds like since you were going to college your intention probably was to work anyway even if the war hadn't...?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Oh yes, oh yeah. I had to earn a living. I had to earn my own money to go to college. Oh yes, I definitely had to work. I had to buy my own shoes. I made my own clothes. I couldn't just go out to the store and buy a dress, no, I had to make my own clothes. And I had to ... but I did have to buy my own shoes. I had to get the cheapest shoes I could get. But all my clothes I made myself except the underwear and [word unclear]. But, no, I remember, I couldn't just go to the store and pick up what I wanted. We were not allowed, well, I didn't have the money either at the time. It takes money.

Janis Kozlowski: Did you feel any resentment after the war when you wanted to work? Did you feel like...?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: No, I was looking forward to it. Because I was always treated nicely and rode, walked ... when my Mother and I went we walked down to catch the guy that was driving the car with five other men. We went and met them down at the corner and they'd pick us up and they'd drop us off on the way home. And they were very polite, very nice to us, you know. They didn't show any favoritism, but they were nice ... they treated us good.

Janis Kozlowski: Did you end up working later on?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Oh yes, I worked until I was married and ready to have a baby. I worked, yeah, I worked a long time.

Janis Kozlowski: But then after you had the kids did you continue to work?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: No, no. Then I didn't. I stayed with the baby. I had just the one. No, I didn't have to then. In fact, my husband rather I wouldn't because he didn't want to baby sit.

Janis Kozlowski: Sure, that was a different time.

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yes. [laughing]

Janis Kozlowski: There weren't the male Mommies like there are now. [laughing]

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yes. It was.... And I had a very good husband. Of course, I wasn't married until after the war but he was a really good.... He had a sense of humor though, he was funny. He was a wonderful person. Of course, I'd say that anyway, but he was. He had a sense of humor.