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INT: Did they talk a lot about politics, stuff going on in the world, the newspaper?

RESP: No I would say that they were quite ignorant of that sort of thing. You see, there was no radio, well the radio came in at a later stage, there was no electricity, so like I was reared with

INT: Candle light?

RESP: Well there was lamps which were bit better than the candles, but that is what it was. There was a weekly paper bought, the local paper would be bought religiously every week and it would be read from A to Z. The occasional daily paper would be bought, but other than that there was very, very little sort of world activities or real interest in them. And I remember my mother used to refer to things as "out foreign", like "out foreign" could be anywhere

INT: [next town over]

RESP: It could be [next town over] or it could be America or it could be Europe but it didn't mean a thing to her, "Ah that's out foreign" like, when things happened, it was "out foreign". Generally she referred to 'out foreign' as certainly out of Ireland, but like whereabouts out of Ireland didn't arise. I suppose in a lot of ways they lived quite a simple life, you know, quite a simple life in that respect. They were very much involved in the farming and so what was going on would have been of keen interest, like my father used to go off every Sunday evening to various houses around and he go to four or five houses he'd go to. It would be this house one Sunday night and the next house, he'd go through them all. Some of them were in remote spots, but all the conversations I gather were about farming, or the price of cattle, or pigs, or this sort of thing, quite simple, quite simple really. And an awful lot of world affairs didn't really impact upon them, unless it was something that was relatively local like that happened in the county and even in the district or something like that.