

ERNESTINE “TINA” URSICH

in 2-7-08 interview by CSU Fullerton student, Taran Schindler

Remembers the rapid paced work and remembers a sense of camaraderie.

TU: Worked by the hour they would make sure that we worked-
At Plant 1 we never had to work by the piece. When we went to Plant 4 the men would put the baskets on and would punch-- So many baskets an hour in order to stay in the plant.

TS: Was there a minimum?

TU: Yes there was a minimum – I don't remember how much we had to make. We killed our own selves. The women would—we had a lot of pride. We would play around in the plant. We were young. We would play races. We did it to ourselves. The men--big bosses are looking: Well if she could do, she has to do it also. We have to keep up, I never could. The girls loved me and they helped me. I don't why they did.

We had fun ,we had fun, we had fun, we had fun. That's why I say we made a lot of friends. We were Italians, Slavs and Mexicans, no Filipinos there were no— that's all there was. As far as the ethnic, that's the way we were. And there were a few colored people, too. We all got along together fine. We laugh and kid.