

Title:

Blackawton, Devon

Shelfmark:

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Description:

The speaker compares farming practices now with those of his younger days.

Lexis:

cause = because; *a-fifteen* = fifteen; *bob* = shilling (colloquial); *about* = around

Phonology:

H-dropping; rhoticity; <f-> → [v] (*fifteen* [vɪfti:n], *five* [v¹v], *four* [vO`:]; *fourteen* [vO`:di:n]); also <s-> → [z] (*so* [zou], *say* [zeɪ], *said* [zEd], *something* [zVmDIN], *sixpence* [zɪksp@ns], *ourselves* [@` :zEL/vz] and *sold* [zoUL/d]) and voiceless <th-> → [D] (*something* [zVmDIN]) or → [d] (*three* [dr/i:])

MOUTH [9Y]; GOAT [o: ~ ou]; GOOSE [Y:]; PRICE [AI ~ { :¹]; START [A`:]; NORTH [O`:]; NURSE [@` :]; LOT [A ~ Q]; LETTER [@`]

note also *it is* [tɪz], *can't* [ka:nt], *answer* [a:ns @], *eighteen* [eɪdi:n], *thirty* [T @` :di], *good* [gYd], *better* [bEd @`], *with* [wɪ], *few* [fY:], *one* [wQn] and *here* [I @`]

Grammar:

first person plural subject pronoun → *us* (*when us used to be on the farms us used to go on*)

zero plural marker on noun (*five pound; four pound*)

there is + plural complement (*there is some tractors'll make a proper job of it*)

zero auxiliary (*there is some tractors _ 'll make a proper job of it*)

third person plural *am* (*I don't know why they'm better*)

third person plural *was* (*horse ploughs was good ploughs*)

multiple negation (*I don't go nowhere*)