

Title:

Oakley, Hampshire

Shelfmark:

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Description:

The speaker compares standards of living now with those of his younger days and talks about stacking and thatching. Netheravon (to the southwest of Oakley) is a village in Wiltshire.

Lexis:

Michaelmas = 29th September (traditionally day for hiring of annual farm labour); *Woodbines* = proprietary name for brand of cheap cigarettes; *Player's* = proprietary name of cigarette made by John Player Company; *'bacco* = tobacco; *cause* = because; *rick* = round stack

phonology

H-dropping; rhoticity

MOUTH [EU]; PRICE [VI]; GOAT [o: ~ oU]; PALM [a: ~ {:]; START [A`:]; NORTH [O`:]; LOT [A]; BATH [a:]; letter [a`]

note also *wasn't* [wAd=n], *Saturday* [sa`r/di], *expect* [spEkt], *perhaps* [pr/aps], *by* [bI], *'bacco* [bak@], *threepence* [Tr/Ip@ns > dr/Ip@ns], *it is* [tIz], *with* [wI], *year* [jI@`] and *work* [w@`:k]

Grammar:

third person plural *be* (*they be altered so*); first person plural *be* (*we be gone from one extreme to the other*); third person plural *is* (*where is they photographs, mother?*); first person singular *be* (*well, he's nothing like as old as I be*)

to be + past participle (*they be altered so = they have altered so much; we be gone from one extreme to the other = we have gone from one extreme to the other*)

multiple negation (*nobody wouldn't believe it; I never had no more than a shilling a week pocket money; you never want to see they days back no more; I never want to see they days back no more*)

zero plural marker on nouns (*five pound at Michaelmas; till I was eighteen year old; five pound a square; two pound a square*)

of + general time phrase (*go and buy a packet of Woodbines of a Saturday night*)

second person *was* (*if you had that you thought you was right for the weekend*)

<a> + past participle (*I have a-bought it by the pound tin, too*)

zero indefinite article (*threepence _ ounce*)

determiner, those → *they* (*you never want to see they days back no more; I never want to see they days back no more; where is they photographs, mother?*); demonstrative pronoun, those → *they* (*the chap as thatched they in, he's buying all the straw for house thatching*)

complementiser, so that → *so as* (*I would like to see things settle down, so as you could settle your business down the same*)

zero auxiliary (*I _ got three there to thresh out*)

relative pronoun → *as* (*the chap as thatched they in, he's buying all the straw for house thatching; that's a trade as is going out now; that bloke as buys my thatching straw*)

verbal inflection with *you* ((*you*) *just trims them off with a pair of shears*)

there is + plural complement (*there's no youngsters*)

third person singular *do* (*oh, he do!*)