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Reading Article GP2

Article #11: Excerpt from "In the Shadow of the Pines"

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Papa had to go to the bank to get a loan to buy seeds. Because he had no money, his tools and animals were used as collateral to get money. The cash was taken to the feed store and exchanged for seeds and a few other farm implements. Then the precious seeds were planted into the soil that spring of 1936.

Velma, Alfred, Prentice, Kenneth, Mary Joy, and even little Billy toiled with their father in the fields. It was a dry summer. The water in Bobbitt Creek got lower and lower. Some of the chickens and other small animals died. It was always hot, and sticky and

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were already in the back of the vehicle.

As the truck pulled away, Prentice held onto Kenneth who was tugging to get away. "No, no," little Kenny was shouting, "you can't take our animals from us!"

"How are we going to farm without our animals and tools?" Alfred wondered, dumbstruck by what he had just witnessed. He saw his father stomp off into the woods, his fists clinched.