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Today I will be interviewing Beatrice B her nickname, Val Raponi and B has a lot to tell us she's been a long time resident of Brookdale, not sure this was recorded in the first part of the tape. So again, I will say this is Mary DeLong. The date is June 4th, 1990. We will start. We're gonna start asking you questions about your mother and father.

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Okay.

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When did they come to Brookdale?

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Uh, my father was born in Brookdale, but, uh, my mother came to Brookdale from Canada. Oh. With her family and I believe 1921 and married my father. And, uh, she brought,.

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What was your mother's maiden name? Excuse me.

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It was, um, Harris.

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Okay.

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And, uh, she brought three boys with her from Canada and, um, then I was born seven years later, six years later, I was born in 1927 and I was the only one by Chester bell, my father. And he worked for the LANs bees on their farm until later years when he went to work for the town of Carolina. And, uh, my mother took in Washington and took care of an old aunt that she had brought from Canada and an uncle came,.

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Oh, bless her.

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And, uh, she took care of both of them. And, uh, Anne, we called her nanny was, uh, um, had strokes was, was, uh, in a wheelchair all those years. So she took in washes and took care of her when I was young.

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And can you imagine someone doing that today? Oh, that's wonderful. She.

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Was so hard.

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She was a good lady.

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Yeah, she was. And um, um, um, I, what else tell you? I, I, I stayed in Brookdale and my brothers did too. Uh, my one brother went Toca, but the rest stayed in Brookdale and they were Buckley.

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Okay. Their last name was Buckley.

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Buckley, Fred Buckley. And, uh, I went to the Brookdale school, graduated from, uh, eighth grade. There went into high school,.

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Ithaca, high.

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Ithaca high school, which is now the oldie wet building.

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Oh, that's right.

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And, um, graduated from there in 1945. In fact, my 45th, uh, graduation reunions coming up in August. And, um, I have four children. I have, uh, Jim who's now in Brookdale. He has four boys.

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Now, how old is Jim?

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Jim's 42.

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Okay. And his boys' names there.

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Boys names are James and Christopher and, uh, Todd and Kurt. And they're all Amsterdam cuz he's separated. And,.

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And who did he marry? Just for historic reasons.

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He's married twice. He's married, Donna GLL.

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And first time,.

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The first time and the had had the first two boys and then the second time he married Sharon Tolson. Okay. And had, uh, Todd and Kurt by and he has a separation from, uh, her not a divorce that divorced from,.

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Well, is there any families that isn't in that we all have one right though. Anyway. And the others.

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And then David married, Deanna Del rents. And they're in, um, Buffalo, east

Amherst. He had two children. He married. Um, let's see, David is 39 <laugh> I have to start with Jim,.

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Me too.

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And uh, he has two children. David works for kitten Jafer and Shirley's controller and Heather Marie and Matthew and Heather is um, graduating this month. Oh, from high school and going to geneal and uh, Matt is I think third year high. And then I have Judy, she lives in Newark and works at the Columbia bank. And her husband teaches at NA with college. She married Jerry Zia from,.

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And she is one beautiful girl. <laugh>.

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She has two children, Theresa who is nine and John who is five. And uh, um, I just went to Theresa's piano recital last week and oh, nice. John's pre-K kindergarten was a little more to board on. And.

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You enjoyed that, didn't you? Yeah.

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Yeah. I, they were both the same hours, so we had to quickly run from one kid. Oh.

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And.

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It was, and then Tom home, Tom's uh, 30 just turned 30. The 1st of June, he married Karen Fuller and he didn't leave home till 27. So he was old enough.

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<Laugh> well that's okay. They're all different.

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Well, he stayed around with me I guess. So he lives, uh, up on burns road here in Brookdale, the restaurant. And uh, they have no children yet. He's been married three years,.

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But he's the one so active in fire and rescue squad.

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Yes he is. And he also works for Thea fire department.

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During.

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And fire and rescue.

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Bless him, bless him. And I mean it,.

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Yeah, I know.

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That's quite a job. You never know what you're gonna find.

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And I retired three years ago from the Brookdale post office and Ethica post office and uh, enjoy my retirement. I spend my winter months in Florida.

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Nice. Isn't it? Yeah, love it. We earned it. I want you to tell us what it was like when you were growing up. I mean, um,.

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Hard times.

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<Laugh> I, I know it was hard times be, but they were good times. We appreciate everything we have today. So tell me about the, I know, well,.

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We had a close knit neighborhood and we had the SIS and Clarks and the day hearts, which were always real close and seemed like they always called my mother out. If there was sickness in the family,.

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Isn't that wonderful to.

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Come give maybe one of the kids a or do something else for 'em in the middle of the night, springe their ear. If they had near ache. And uh, uh, then we had a cow, the rest didn't have a cow. We had a cow and we shared our milk with the neighbors and the cream and the, the butter and stuff like that. And my father always raised the garden and we Al they always shared that with the neighbors too.

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See, that's.

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Important. And we had nothing. And, uh, I remember dad would have, um, get a piece of leather and tap the kids' shoes.

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And that's right. I remember that. Yeah.

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<Laugh> and uh,.

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You probably had one of those forms. I can't remember what they called last. Yeah. With the different,.

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Yeah, we still got that, but um,.

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Hang on, do it.

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<Laugh> yeah. I gave it to Jim. I cleaned up, gave it to him. Um,.

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What did you do for entertainment?

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Well,.

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When you were real young,.

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I remember we didn't have electricity till I went to high school and then we only used it for lies. My father didn't let mother use it for washer or something. Fred would use to much, we had a battery radio and I remember we, we kept it for kind of special occasion run if a car battery and my brother. And I would always like to hear Joe Lewis fights or something. It seemed like, we'd think the battery was up, but just about the time the fight got started, the battery was down, oh, we'd run down a Burt mat masters and get a, get one of his Rus or something for the fight. And, uh, oh, town people, they came in Mr.

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Lee and, uh, the town folks who come in nice and played dominoes with my folks. And, uh, uh that's as kids just, you know, we made dad made me a, a log cabin out of, uh, slab wood and put a fireplace on. He had made down for Linda and I and Betty and Cheryl. Oh, isn't that wonderful to plan. And then the other half was a, um, of the log cabin was a washroom for my mother's

used to walk out on a little bridge and pump water from the Creek and put it in a boiler and boil it down on.

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There. I remember that wood.

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Stove. And then she had a hand washing machine that you crank sort of did. It was a real blessing when the boys got her a, a motor that she could start.

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Washing. That was a day to remember when she got the.

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Machine, she was taken washings, I think a dollar for a big basket washing and irony. You and, uh,.

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You know, you said you had nothing, what you had money can't buy today. That's right. And the kids would give their it teeth to have what you had instead of all the material things they're getting.

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I know they don't realize that. Uh, well,.

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The parents,.

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I was involved in our church, the Baptist church and Alice Powell, Jimmy's wife who's now dead was, uh, I was younger than her group, but she always included me getting ready for it or something. And I don't know, we went church every Sunday and every Tuesday night and or Wednesday night for prayer meeting and Sunday night. So it, it kind of filled in the gap,.

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But wasn't it also a social affair. Yeah. I mean about all the social life. Right. You could have.

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That's right. Never got to town only on a Saturday sometime my dad would always fill up the car. Cheryl Murray always last. Now we always said Che's getting on his suit. Must be they're going town today. So everybody would come and see which one could go.

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This week. Oh, that's wonderful. But your father had a car. Dad had a car. Oh, that was great. Yeah. Cause there weren't many around no.

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There wasn't, they heart didn't drive and canals didn't have one. So they always change off who was going, but C's, I always remember seeing check, get on his good, his suit. And he always know they were going to town for groceries.

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<Laugh> wow. That was a must. Unless you went to the country store and yeah, lots of times they didn't have what you needed, right?

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Yeah. Well, we, I think they went probably once a week, but uh, never went outta the place other than used the car for what it.

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Was. That's right. And did you have dances in Dale? I know they had them in Ville.

• 9:54 - 10:04

They, no, we didn't. I think years ago when my dad was young, he said they did, they used to dance. Uh, I think on the back street there, but, uh, I never watched a dance though, after I was married cuz I was raised Baptist.

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Oh. And they didn't.

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And they didn't believe in dancing. I didn't go to shows or anything. So that was uh, no, no. I thought it was real crazy when pat took me to a dance. I thought this is stupid.

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Was that your first reaction? Yes.

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Oh this is um,.

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Did you learn to like it? Yeah,.

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I love it. Yeah. But uh, I didn't at that.

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Time. Well that's two weeks his own, you know, that's the way they believe. And so when did you have your first day and with who? If you wanna tell us if not. Yeah.

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That's oh fine. Yeah. I, um, Sheldon Davis moved into town and his folks were in the store there. I think it was probably my first boyfriend. I was, you know, just in school, probably 13 and I seen Shelton for a couple years. First. I hated him. He'd come by and bring the paper and, and uh, my dad liked him. My mother liked him and I hated him cuz he's a tease sort of thing, you know? So.

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I, he liked you too, but he.

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Like me <laugh> so anyway, we was just a school fair thing. I, I know, um, uh, if he came up and he was supposed to stay just till eight and then be home and if he wasn't home right on the minute, his mother and sister Maryanne Davis, and um, Hanen now, uh, would come up in the plumbing truck and get,.

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And that's right.

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Just to be smart. MI was so then I had no black dog that would follow my dad to Bookton if he went down the store for something. So Sheldon would always put a note on my dog's collar and send it back for me.

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<Laugh> wasn't that nice. Now that was clever. Yeah.

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Yeah. I, I still, um, there was nothing, you know, it's we left school, we partnered in Sheldon, went to Berkshire, but it was just a in school thing. And then I met, uh, Patton high school and of course he went in service. We were engaged. He went in service and came back in 46 and we were married. And uh,.

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And you had your children?

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I had four children.

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Yes. Okay. Did you work while you were married?

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Yes. All the time. I, yeah, I worked at the pocketbook factory when I was 15 cuz I had to have eye surgery and the folks couldn't afford it. So I went, worked that summer from school and the next summer vacation, I worked at national cash to buy my school clothes. And um, during war time, you know, on drove truck.

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That's.

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Right. And then I went to, um,.

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And how old were you when you worked at national cash? 16.

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Yes. Ah, and well, uh, well cuz it was during the summer, then after I got outta school, I went to, um, worked for um, a LF and I was there a week and hat white lived next door to me and she said, I would like you to work for me at the government office. So I went to work in first national bank building for the production market administration. A government, um, was a lime allocation and I worked there a year, just a year and I say pay, it was still in service and I was unmarried and not my folks, but uh, uh, they went to Syracuse and rather than go dad wasn't well, so I stayed and uh, got other work and stayed here in town and I went to work at, um, well pat came home in, uh, August as my job was up the ladder part of July.

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And he came home in August and we were married. So then I went to work at Cornell, um, um, college stores, worst job, my whole life.

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Really because the men were so yes.
Um,.

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Today crew. Yeah. Crew. Yeah. And uh,
I was young today. It wouldn't bother,
but then I was young and.

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Everything B we were as innocent as the
day newborn day. Oh I still hate it. Oh
don't you? Yeah. Yeah. It would bother
you, but.

• 13:44 - 13:56

Terrible. So I quit there and went to et
good journal and then Jim was born
and I left and so then I went to um, let's
see, second one DRAL panel's office.

• 13:56 - 13:57

Oh he was nice.

• 13:57 - 14:12

Yeah. And I worked there till David was
born and then after, uh, David was
born, I went to <inaudible> or national
cash and work. Uh, and then I had
Tom, I had Judy and then I had Tom
and um,.

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But you worked because you had to,
that's why I worked. We didn't work
because we wanted careers.

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No, no, no. I had my folks say and to
take care of.

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That's right. Everything's that's.

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Right. They had the place and uh, but
uh, I had to work to help them. I.

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Didn't. And you lived with your folks?
That's something we missed. Yes.

• 14:32 - 14:45

It was either pat and I was gonna build
at one point and then I couldn't have
kept up another house, build one house
and kept them. So it'd only been bring
them with me or stay with 'em. So I
stayed with them and took care of
them. And one the house over.

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Until they, I remember you were.

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Died in 55 and mother died in 76.

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You were a very young girl. I
remember you're painting the house
one summer. Oh yes. You were very
young. <laugh> do you remember
how old you were?

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Well pay was in service. So it would've
been, I would've been, um, 17,.

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Probably. There was quite a job for
younger attack. Three,.

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Three coats.

• 15:09 - 15:14

Yeah. Every time we went by we'd
remark about it and it wonder, oh yes,
we thought it was just.

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Great. Yeah. It was black, just like a
barn. And the first time I put it on the
paint went completely outta sight. And
then I, uh, and I had to do it nice after
the office and I was working the office
for hat and I'd come home nice and

paint until dark. And then I could do one of the porch where I could see the light. But, uh,.

• 15:30 - 15:39

You did. All right. Yeah. Now tell me, uh, what division and part of the service pat was in. And then I would like to know about the boys if they went in service too.

• 15:39 - 16:06

Uh, yeah. Pitt was in, uh, uh, went in the air Corps, ended up as a military police in Munich, Germany, and, um, got out in 1946 year. We were married and Jim went and serviced in the Marine Corps. Right outta high school. And he was in three years and uh, it was during the Vietnam war. He went over, but he would repair him for plane. So he was mostly stationed in, in, um, Hawaii.

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Thank God. Yeah.

• 16:07 - 16:12

And he was married and he had his first family there in Hawaii or started the first thing.

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I'm sure. Now I wanna backtrack a little bit. Where are your mother and father buried.

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Up in quick cemetery.

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Okay. That's important.

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Yes. As her aunt and uncle and my brothers, Fred and Charlie are both there too.

• 16:24 - 16:43

Okay. That that's good. I'm going okay. Now tell me anything spectacular that you wanna tell us about Brook and Dale. There. There's gotta be something about anybody. I mean, uh, that, um, Mrs DeHart was one of the most wonderful ladies I've ever known. Yes she is. I mean, if you know anything about anyone, I would like to hear her. Yeah.

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Well she, Nellie DeHart was very close to my mother in, fact's kind of cute that, uh, when I was born, my mother was on late life. You know,.

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Going, you were a bonus child. Yes, I was. That's what I called.

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That's something I was, I guess. And um, the joke is that my mother to, uh, confided and now they, she thought she was pregnant and now I said, you're too old, Sarah, you're gonna have a, a, you've got a tumor, probably. So mother went to the doctor for the tumor, but I was born.

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<Laugh>.

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Real pleased that she could bath me. So when my gym was born, she came down and bath gym too,.

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For, for now. Wasn't that nice?

• 17:24 - 17:47

Yeah. And Cheryl, uh, the family was very close Nellie and my mother and, um, it was hard times, but like you said, it was good times. And we, the family used to go out tobogganing at night. Mr. Slaughtered, next door had a

big set of Bob sleds and they had all Bob sled ride. And, and uh, as you remember, Nellie was a big lady and we went one time, got her on her bike and tried to get her to ride.

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<Laugh> I bet she didn't make it. No, she didn't. But she was so good. Now tell me what she did. Uh, when did she start during world war II? A newsletter for the boys?

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Uh, um, that was Nellie. It was BEVA Lynn's uh mother-in-law. That was Matt Laton.

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Okay. Well what did Nellie do? Uh, back the Memorial we have in Brookdale for the boys.

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That I didn't know.

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Okay. Why don't, I'm.

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Not, I didn't realize that.

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If she I'm not sure. Okay. I'll have.

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She used to work at, uh, for Mrs. Munch who was professor at Cornell? She did housework, but I don't think she, she might have been, but to my knowledge, she wasn't instrument on that, but, uh, we were always, uh, close, you know, I was fat and Charlotte was slimmer. And I remember my mother was home doing Wass, but things were tight then. And so I always had homemade soup, which I liked. And mother would always have potato soup for me. Charlotte would run

home, cuz her mother worked down for Mrs. MUN. She'd grab a peanut, uh, mustard sandwich and come back and wait for me cuz I was eat.

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Always think about that. And I was kind of heavy.

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No you weren't.

• 18:53 - 18:54

When I was younger,.

• 18:54 - 18:56

Really? I don't ever remember you being.

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Heavy. Young, young. Yeah. And my first teacher still alive. Um, Mrs. Um, ly English taught in Brookdale and she was my first grade teacher and how nice. And she's still alive. And we have our reunion every year, the last Sunday in August at the community center. And Lydia always comes, she's now Lydia and NRON her and, and her husband always comes, she's failing, but she's comes and enjoys it. We have other teachers that are alive, but they don't usually participate the rows and Davenport and those, but uh, she always comes and quite enjoys it.

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You're you're, you're part of her family. Yeah. You know, she.

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Right,.

• 19:34 - 19:35

Yeah. Gave so much.

• 19:36 - 19:41

Yeah. She always, always comes to the funerals or sees 'em if they're sick or something.

• 19:44 - 19:46

Okay. That's going about Nellie.

• 19:46 - 20:09

<Laugh> yeah. Well, um, I just have good things, you know, to say she had a good size family and um, she had romaine and Alice and Charlotte and Don in Virginia five. But um, I don't know. There was a closeness there that people don't have today.

• 20:09 - 20:16

Exactly, exactly. That's what we missed today. Mm-hmm <affirmative> you were there for each other. All of you. Yeah.

• 20:16 - 20:17

Uhhuh <affirmative>.

• 20:17 - 20:19

So did you sell your house in Dale?

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Yeah, I lived there had lived there all my life until pat left and I thought I could make out better cuz I had all in good shape and I thought it was time to sell and move into something smaller where word that he wouldn't be so expensive, but as it was, it was a wrong move. I think because now I pay out in taxes for a new little house that I wouldn't have had in a, the bigger house.

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You really do.

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Oh yes. Oh yes.

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And where did you build right next door to that one?

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No, I built, we had had a lot up the road, uh, at the end of burns road there and I built up there a small two bedroom where the other was a big house, but it, it is easier to close up when I go to Florida this cuz it, you know, I don't have to worry about it freezing and stuff. So that's easy that way. But, and I find I'm finding two acres of land. There's too much for me to try and keep up on the outside, you know, with the mowing. And.

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Are you mowing all of it?

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All the two acres. Yeah.

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Wow.

• 21:16 - 21:25

But uh, yeah, but uh, you know the flowers and now I had little garden road filled up and stuff like that. I don't have any yet, but,.

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But aren't you enjoying the house?

• 21:26 - 21:27

Oh, I.

• 21:27 - 21:30

Love it. Good. Love it. Yeah. That's all that matters. Yeah.

• 21:30 - 21:37

But my old house is the people are running it down so bad raising and skunks in the kitchen and all that sort of stuff. That just makes.

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Me sick. You know what sad is having to go buy your old house.

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I know if I live someplace else, but I have to go buy it.

• 21:43 - 21:47

That's right. Because you know the care and love that you put into it. Yeah.

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I, a lot of memories there, you know?

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Oh, you're right. This place is full of memories. Yeah. I know it's too big, but I don't care.

• 21:54 - 21:56

Yeah. It's good. Well, you can rent your house.

• 21:57 - 22:05

Well, I have a lady down there, but renting is not good. Isn't it? She is perfect. But you know, if you had rented your house, it would've been demolished.

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I know. I.

• 22:06 - 22:07

Know all now. Tell me that's.

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Why I'm good. I didn't,.

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I'm glad you didn't too. Tell me how you feel about life in Brookdale today. Oh,.

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I love it. I think it's it's the place. I really like it. It's uh, it's, it's close enough to Ithaca and we have the, the, the communications with the bus there. I

guess if they people want, we always, usually did have a bus anyway, but uh, um, Tom train or whatever it is caravan, but um, we have the post offices store. If you need something down there. And uh,.

• 22:38 - 22:46

How about telling us about some of your experiences while you worked at the post office? That should be good. <laugh> you don't have to mention.

• 22:46 - 23:03

No, I, no. I can't think, think of anything very, very, uh, um, bad. Everybody always thinks when they don't get a letter, it might be tucked away someplace and you can find a, you know, and uh, uh, but everybody was really good. You know, you have good and bad, but uh,.

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In everything. Yeah.

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But I really there's really no, uh, big tales to tell, I guess I can't think of any, I guess Charles VO was the big tale to tell working for Charles <laugh>.

• 23:15 - 23:16

Oh, he wasn't easy to work for.

• 23:17 - 23:21

Oh, well he would just, he was different.

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Yeah, he was.

• 23:22 - 23:24

Mm-Hmm <affirmative> and uh,.

• 23:24 - 23:28

What did you find that you heard all the village gossip in the post office.

• 23:30 - 23:49
<Affirmative> well, as everybody comes in, they all tell you a little piece of what's going on on the outside, but that's all, you know, that, uh, you really get to know no more than if you worked in a store. I don't think or anything else. Um, I think the junk mail today, we didn't have so much years ago and now it's just so.

• 23:49 - 23:52
Terrible. Well, that's what our problem is with this landfill business.

• 23:52 - 23:52
Notice.

• 23:55 - 23:57
And what, what do you think we should do about it?

• 23:58 - 24:08
About the junk mm-hmm
<affirmative> I don't know how you stop it, but uh, I just know it's an awful burden for the carrier. Really feel sorry for the carriers, because it, there is so much of it.

• 24:08 - 24:17
You know what I do, I take what they send me and if it has a self address stamp, I tuck everything back in there and send it back. Yeah. And I say, please take my name off your list.

• 24:17 - 24:22
That don't help though. It doesn't help. Doesn't it doesn't stop.

• 24:22 - 24:29
If we had a mail, a box down by the mailbox, you find it was full of junk mail, you know? Yeah. As you get the stuff outta your mailbox, it would, um, yeah.

• 24:29 - 25:00

And you imagine you multiply by everybody Inca every day, right? That's right. When I worked in Ithaca, I used to feel so bad. Those boys would come in from a full day out on the route and they had to put up the next day's meal and they, they couldn't even get to their box. Sometimes we just drag it in by the two foot trays and stack it this high and everything had every piece and like Brookdale. Now Carl takes out three occupants on, on Wednesday and he just puts in the car. He puts three of 'em together and puts 'em in a mailbox.

• 25:00 - 25:08
Most of 'em Inca come in address and they have to go through every one of those flyers and put 'em in their address.

• 25:08 - 25:10
You know, how many times do they handle it?

• 25:11 - 25:12
Many.

• 25:12 - 25:13
All right. Many.

• 25:13 - 25:13
You, you.

• 25:13 - 25:15
Know? Yeah. It adds up and it's sad.

• 25:16 - 25:35
Mm-Hmm <affirmative> and I really feel sorry for the, the carriers in the big place, especially Carl too, but I mean, uh, or the carriers out here, but especially the city carriers and they carry that on their back and all that. And that, of course they have relay boxes along the street where they pick up more, but it's just such a nuisance and you usually get duplicates.

• 25:36 - 25:36

I know. I have,.

• 25:37 - 25:42

You know, you get 'em in the journal, you get 'em in the mail mm-hmm <affirmative> and you pick 'em up downtown or if you you're, right? Yeah.

• 25:42 - 25:42

You're.

• 25:42 - 25:52

Right. It's different used to be used to be just your catalogs. And now you don't get any catalogs, I guess. Uh, Sears still has theirs, but that's about all.

• 25:53 - 26:03

And you go and pick them up. Mm-hmm <affirmative>, which is good. Yeah. So I don't know about the telephone, but anyway, um, how do you feel about Brookdale changing the way it has?

• 26:05 - 26:31

Well, I think it's for, for good. I remember when the committee center was built, we thought we needed a committee center and pay my husband was instrumental in getting that with Jenny, so, and, um, McKenna and Helen Albertson. And, uh, let's see, I'm trying to think the guy lived here on Bero and I can't think of his name now.

• 26:31 - 26:32

Caroline G.

• 26:33 - 27:09

No, no. Uh, he's gone now. He lived this side of GUI. Oh, I can't. Well, anyway, they used to meet at the house and go nights and nights. And I, you know, know I serve coffee and donuts and stuff like this to him that burned them midnight, getting they started.

And I remember the day of the dedication pat said in his, um, uh, speech sort of thing is talked that day said those that are for it'll be against it. And those are against will before it. And I thought it was kind of crazy at the time, because I thought who namely me would be against it now or not be working for.

• 27:10 - 27:22

But it's really true. Those that weren't even in favor before are now the that's murders of it and us that got it going don't but it's, it's, it's so different. You know, when it was done, it was Jesse Brewer.

• 27:22 - 27:53

And a few of 'em said they didn't wanna, uh, give to a community center. Didn't have no windows, but, uh, my husband PA had put in when they were using them, the old schoolhouse before it burned, he had put in so many window lights that he said, if we have a community center, I don't think we should have so many window. So that was the idea. And all they had was the front doors that were window in the, in the little office and then two windows in the door, back doors, those big steel doors. And I don't know how many times they replaced them on.

• 27:54 - 28:09

And so too many windows and they, uh, uh, were gonna make it, um, uh, lower to save expense. But most of the people in town wanted the basketball court. So it had to go higher. And, uh, I, I don't know.

• 28:09 - 28:45

I, I see so much destruction and back then we had to pay 35 and then I served on the board. Pat was chairman. Then I was assistant at one point there when John Leer was chairman and it

seemed like we were so hard for the center to, to make it what it is. And today the kids just seem to wanna demolish it back. They don't care. The kids wasn't allowed in there. I know my David like basketball and would've loved have gone down through a few baskets, but, uh, you couldn't never go in unless you had somebody to supervise, you go in, sometimes Elmer Lockwood would go in with the David's.

• 28:45 - 28:56

So he could bless that, man. Yeah. A couple times it didn't happen off and could didn't wanna bothering, but it was somebody that was home that would go in and stay. But today I see the kids demolish it and it bothers me.

• 28:56 - 29:30

And we always used to clean the center. We rotated and one, one weekend we'd clean up my kids and pat and I would go down and clean the center for nothing. And then another family clean it the next week. And that's the way it went. But the day they have to hire everything done, nobody wants to do it. And everybody has a key and they misuse it and, um, borrow things that are never returned. Yeah. I, we used to have, uh, uhwas down there and things like that. And, uh, um, I know PGA, so he'd keep him so he could check 'em out's cause they could get 'em and take him and not bring him back.

• 29:30 - 29:51

And, but then they still find, found their way out. And the same, even with the building, you know, there was blocks left and someone took em and was supposed to pay the center. Never did. And that sort of, of thing it hurts. Yeah. And, uh, um, it was, it was something real nice to be proud of back

then. But now today, nobody seems to wanna work for it. And.

• 29:51 - 30:06

Well, number one, all the natives have grown up. You know, their children are all grown up and all you have be are this, um, bunch of people that have moved into Dale, they don't remember what it was like when it was first started. No,.

• 30:06 - 30:07

That's.

• 30:07 - 30:22

True. Mary Panka was on the board and she resigned because she said they didn't pay any attention to me. They wanna do what they wanna do. No, I do. Yeah. And she was there long, long time. Yeah. Okay. Now tell me what you can about Emma and Elmer Lockwood. I have nothing on those two wonderful people.

• 30:22 - 30:23

Oh dear. I.

• 30:24 - 30:25

Just whatever, you know,.

• 30:25 - 30:28

Dr. Old, Dr. Lockwood brought me into the world who.

• 30:28 - 30:29

Was, oh, his father, Elmer's father.

• 30:29 - 31:01

Elmer's father. Yeah. Benjamin Lockwood. And I always liked those people. In fact, I went to that auction. That's the laugh. I went to the Lockwood auction and then you didn't have any money, but my folks were there. We went down at the auction and Charlie Thomas from Thomas road with the auctioneer. And I sat down the

front row there. And, uh, there was some cracks there and there was March on five, 10 gallon cracks, whatever they were. And, uh, um, Charlie was kind of grew up in his way. And he said, I don't know how, how many gallon they are.

• 31:01 - 31:09

And I said, five. He said, 5 cents. You bought it right down there. And I didn't have a nickel to my name. You know, of course he did it. I was supposed to be smart.

• 31:09 - 31:10

And what happened?

• 31:10 - 31:27

Nothing. I, he took it back, but you know, it wasn't cut and dry, but I, he just said he didn't know how many gallons it was. And I was reading the five off it. <laugh> the 5 cents, you know, even tip your head. Well, I do remember the Dr. Lockwood and them selling the estate there where dun lots live now.

• 31:27 - 31:29

Oh, is that where he was? Yeah. Oh,.

• 31:29 - 32:02

Okay. That where's office was in the back there. And um, um, then Claire and Elmer, they were always very close to me. I always liked, and I always used to take Claire on something to eat, you know, when Elmer died and then they, she had retired from work and she didn't cook good for herself. So I, um, always used to take her in something. If we had something special, I'd take it into her. And she often would save it till tomorrow and probably not eat it at all. And she always had refrigerator full, but she didn't wanna cook.

• 32:02 - 32:25

So, but I, I know at the last day I, I took down a Sunday. We'd had the kids there and I'd, uh, put the jello, the bear jello and the FIA. And I, she had had a couple Fostoria glasses. So when she died, I went down to find them and they'd thrown 'em out my foster. But anyway, that was just, but, um, I always like Claire and Elmer, she was always good to me,.

• 32:26 - 32:27

Elmer. They were very kind people,.

• 32:27 - 32:50

People, they were, he felt awful bad. Cuz Elmer had such a, a, an elaborate write up about our cemeteries in the whole area. And he did such a beautiful job. He always wanted to have a put in book for him and clear didn't let him because of the expense. But, uh, it was lovely. And I understand when they cleaned out the house, Paul, Eli and BOS just burned all of.

• 32:50 - 32:52

His. No, they didn't be no, they didn't. Well,.

• 32:52 - 32:53

They said they did.

• 32:53 - 33:05

I have copies of them. I'm gonna show them to you when we're, somebody was lucky enough to give them to the museum, they went around and numbered and named every headstone and grave lot, whatever you call right.

• 33:05 - 33:08

Now, I ask everybody and they said it was nobody's business and.

• 33:08 - 33:14

They'd thrown around, oh no, I have a copy. Oh, they're at the museum. And

you can get anything that you want, but I want you to see what that man did.

• 33:15 - 33:30

Oh, I know. I used to come back from honey and tell 'em, or I'd found a new stone or something. And if he wasn't able to take it out, I'd either, you know, tell him about it and where it was and what the inscription was on it and things like that. Yeah. He did a, a real, so tiny.

• 33:31 - 33:43

<Laugh> when scoop died, Mike went up to see Mrs. Christal. And at that time we found out a little lowest along, was buried there when a Pete's children and no marker. We didn't even know that baby had been born.

• 33:45 - 33:45

Is that.

• 33:45 - 33:54

Right? So we took some of the money that people donated and spite of the fact, we said no donations and bought a little marker for that baby. But if it hadn't been.

• 33:54 - 33:54

Cemetery, is that.

• 33:55 - 33:55

Mocks.

• 33:56 - 33:56

Oh.

• 33:56 - 34:05

Really? But if it hadn't been for him, this is true. Another cemetery. Yeah. That man spent hours. I know. No, he did a beautiful job and I'll show you what he did.

• 34:05 - 34:14

Very intelligent. I know. And he didn't show up because he didn't hear, he was poor of hearing. I know. And so it made him look like, but, uh, he was a real,.

• 34:14 - 34:16

They were both good and kind.

• 34:16 - 34:17

Yeah, they were mm-hmm.

• 34:17 - 34:22

<Affirmative>. Now what about the lady that had the dogs? Was her name? Ross, something RO.

• 34:22 - 34:24

Roxy Heines. Yeah.

• 34:24 - 34:25

Roxy. Okay. What about them?

• 34:27 - 34:59

Well, um, I know she worked at Cornell and so, so did Roy and what they did there, I don't know. Roy always sold our tickets for Sportsman's club events and things like that. And Roxy always had her dog and wa but I don't really know. I wasn't really that close to him noon through the post office. And I know when I first started worked at the post office for Charles left me go away and I was always kind of scared, uh, not of people, but did I do the right thing or something? And Roy always set out there in the lobby for a long time every day. And it was kind of a satisfaction that somebody was least round.

• 35:00 - 35:01

<Laugh>. That was nice. Yeah.

• 35:01 - 35:07

He didn't do it for my benefit. He just sat there, but it was always kind of a

satisfaction. There was somebody around,.

• 35:07 - 35:09

What can you tell us about Charles Boris?

• 35:11 - 35:48

Well, Charles was his own thing. He was kind of a centric and he was a, of course, you know, an antique dealer. And in 1971, Charles was not very well. I mean, we didn't think he was that sick, but evidently he had gone down to Bradenton, Florida and bought himself a, a home down there and was gonna retire. And he asked to retire and, uh, on a disability and they didn't give, give it to him. So he up and took off and left me with a post office. I, at that point had never, I had never done the, the quarterly report and quarterly report was due and, oh, it was an awful.

• 35:48 - 35:50

Mess. That's what he did.

• 35:50 - 36:23

He up and took off and left me. He said, I'm going anyway. And he walked out the door and I called El Meer and I said, you have to send a postmaster. Cuz I had my mother sick at the time and I, they said, what are you doing there? I said, keeping the doors open. I remember I did the first quarterly report and it was about \$400 short and pay. It was aggravated at me that I even stayed. But, um, it so happened. He had made a deposit and not put it down the books and he was just getting slip shined cuz he was getting, I don't say stile, but I guess he, he was sicker worse than people thought.

• 36:24 - 36:40

I think he was sicker than people thought cuz he didn't live to retire for

very many months. And it seemed like he got sick and died. So I think he was sicker than he thought, but uh, oh he was alright, but he was just um, um, he was different and uh,.

• 36:41 - 36:42

He was definitely set in his way.

• 36:42 - 36:44

Yes he was. And.

• 36:44 - 36:48

Uh, he owned that big apartment house across from the post office. Did he live there?

• 36:48 - 37:10

Yes, he did Uhhuh <affirmative> and he, of course he had Mary panko, the sister-in-law and it was his sister Esther. And uh, he had a brother ed Vos who was now dead and Esther and Frank who was now dead. And uh, he was just kind of a loner.

• 37:11 - 37:16

He definitely was. He doesn't have an interest in the community as such. No. Well.

• 37:17 - 37:26

I remember the day that they burned the, the mill, which is a real sad, I feel now more so than then even they burned the big grist mill to.

• 37:26 - 37:27

Uh, I agree.

• 37:27 - 37:39

To, uh, it would've made a lovely dining room or something, but I think Mr. Boris was instrumental and, and pushing that rode over that way. So not to take his land Charles? No. Mr. Bo.

• 37:39 - 37:40

Oh, I don't know him.

• 37:40 - 37:41
He's the lawyer.

• 37:41 - 37:42
How do you spell it?

• 37:42 - 37:44
Bost B R S T.

• 37:44 - 37:44
Uhuh.

• 37:45 - 37:47
They run the big white Gables house.

• 37:47 - 37:48
Right next. Yeah, I know the house.

• 37:48 - 38:18
Okay. Well he was a lawyer in New York at the time. I don't think he was even living here Uhuh. And uh, he was instrumental in them purchasing the, the, the state purchasing the, the mill from Mr. Walker and things were bad at the mill. So he wanted to get rid of it. You know, he was in ho you know, with the mill. So it wasn't paying thing. So he had the state by the mill and swing the road that way. So not to take any of his land. Oh, sad. And that's how that little girl was killed.

• 38:18 - 38:36
That, um, the girl that lived in the next house there from the corner, it makes a blind corner there and she was pulling out RA Kenworth. They was pulling out and her little girl was in the back and somebody came up there, fast rate being killed her. Wasn't a sad thing. Oh,.

• 38:36 - 38:36
How horrible.

• 38:36 - 38:52

Yeah. I that's a real big corner there. You know, people zip around there. But um, that mill was nice. I always remember going down, getting crack corn for the chickens, for my folks. Up until time Jim was born, even until they used to take Jim down with me when I went in.

• 38:52 - 38:59
Well, lots of people used it. Yeah. In the early days they used to go down there to have it ground. Is that the right expression? Uhuh <affirmative>.

• 39:00 - 39:25
That's right. The floors were beautiful because the old corn and stuff was on those hardwood floors and they were shown just a perfection. You know, they would so sad. Well that day that I tell you I was working at the post office and I said, oh dear, I don't even have a picture of the mill. And Charles said, well, I do. And you can have it. I said, I'll pay you. I said, no, you won't pay me. You can have it. So it was a nice, big painting Carol. And we had done it, the mill, I was pleased with it.

• 39:25 - 39:30
And you still have it. I still have it. Very good. Yeah. We should take a Polaroid shot of that. Yeah.

• 39:31 - 39:32
You don't have any.

• 39:32 - 39:36
Of the mail? Well, I don't know. I don't, yeah. I don't know what Barbara had, but.

• 39:36 - 39:50
Uh, Carl English made him. And then, uh, later years I, uh, my son Jim, um, wandered fish of the mill. So I had Carl paint him one. I hired him to paint one for Jim, for.

• 39:50 - 39:51

C they're. Nice people.

• 39:51 - 39:52

Yeah, they are. Yeah.

• 39:53 - 39:57

Now did they still, uh, give the community center skipping? Uh,.

• 39:58 - 39:59

Joe.

• 39:59 - 40:01

Joe. Is that the name of it?

• 40:01 - 40:07

No, it's Dale community center now, but it was from the skipping Joe. How it got started was a clipping in there.

• 40:07 - 40:13

About it. Okay. I remember that episode Uhhuh. Yeah. Oh, that was sad. Okay. Um, I.

• 40:13 - 40:16

Just brought Judy Holsen hospital that day. Was.

• 40:16 - 40:19

That so you know exactly how many years ago it happened? Yeah.

• 40:19 - 40:20

36.

• 40:21 - 40:39

That was tragic. It really was terrible thing. So, uh, let me see, who else can you tell me about in Brook now? There's so many wonderful people. Who's the lady that just died that never married. She died at Lakeside. She was very Shafer. Yes. In.

• 40:39 - 41:11

Shafer. Well, Ruth lived there above the bridge while she lived first, um, right next to Claire and Elmer Lockwood in the big house. And then they moved up near me there in the little house, above the bridge with her parents. And then the old gentleman died and then the Mrs died Morris and, uh, Ruth in late years gave up her house and moved down into one of, uh, Frank pro's apartments here, the formerly, the old store across the bridge there. And then on into Lakeside when she couldn't take care of herself.

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• 41:11 - 41:12

Where did she work?

• 41:12 - 41:15

Well, she worked at Cornell. I think Macon beds. I think that's what she did.

• 41:16 - 41:18

She was very active in her church.

• 41:18 - 41:20

Yes. Uhhuh. It was a pianist.

• 41:20 - 41:21

Oh, was she? Yes.

• 41:21 - 41:21

At times.

• 41:22 - 41:25

Uhhuh. Oh yeah. Well she was another nice person.

• 41:25 - 41:26

Yeah. She was good girl.

• 41:29 - 41:36

Now, who else? Can you tell me anything about the wood halls? Did the older people live there originally? Yes, they did.

• 41:37 - 41:42

The old wood halls lived there where Charles and, and Bernie did mm-hmm <affirmative> when I was going to school.

• 41:42 - 41:43

That's interesting.

• 41:44 - 41:50

And I think it was some relation to 'em Cassie, Landon lived across where you lived.

• 41:51 - 41:51

Oh.

• 41:52 - 42:13

And I think that was a, a relative of the wood halls that CAS Landon, as I remember the name was, and she lived in the house where you did, you know what I mean? And uh, cuz when I used to go down, I used and then Mrs. Windshield used to live next door and I used to, when you rode your bike, you didn't take it on the school ground. So you, I would leave it either Casie, Landon. So.

• 42:13 - 42:19

I don't believe it. Yeah. <laugh> that's why there's so many beautiful flowers there. She must have planted them go on.

• 42:20 - 42:22

Yeah. Well, um,.

• 42:22 - 42:28

When did they move to Ithaca? When uh, Bernie and Chuck were buried the older people.

• 42:28 - 42:32

Yeah. I just don't remember what happened to 'em you know, with the.

• 42:33 - 42:34

Like.

• 42:34 - 42:39

Working and stuff. I know Chuck and Bernie came into town and, and they went, but where they went and the.

• 42:39 - 42:43

Whole thing, well, they moved downtown to Geneva on Geneva street. Okay. That must and that's all I know.

• 42:43 - 42:45

When Chuck's family was new there.

• 42:45 - 42:51

And they used to come over periodically to um, well, Mr. Woodhall would walk around the land and you know, mm-hmm <affirmative>.

• 42:52 - 42:54

Yeah. But they formally had lived there when I was young.

• 42:54 - 42:56

In school. It was a beautiful old house.

• 42:56 - 42:57

Yes.

• 42:57 - 43:06

It was then Herby made it into apartments. Yeah. Then sold it, sold it. And Bernie is up in, uh, quell then.

• 43:06 - 43:07

El ELs house.

• 43:07 - 43:12

Apartments? No, she got bad. Did she? Yeah. And he had to move her up at quell.

• 43:12 - 43:12

I didn't.

• 43:16 - 43:22

Know, but she's happy. She's lonely, but she's happy she has the phone and they're good to her. They pick her up and take her home and.

• 43:23 - 43:24

Oh, that's good. No, I didn't know.

• 43:24 - 43:37

That. So and their other son, Charles is a model in New York right now. I was trying to think who lived. Oh Mrs. Morgan. What do you know about that? Wonderful lady?

• 43:37 - 44:07

Well, um, I remember, but I, I, I don't remember that much about her. She had a son Bob trap in Howard. They, you know, where they lived, where the church parsonage is now, but I, I was young and about the time I was coming up in later years, there was, uh, the time that John and, uh, Evelyn Brock lived there, they, they was there newly house when they were.

• 44:07 - 44:12

Married at Morgan's mm-hmm. <affirmative> that great, big, beautiful house. Mm-hmm <affirmative> oh,.

• 44:12 - 44:15

John and PE uh, John and Evelyn lived there.

• 44:15 - 44:17

They gave that up and moved up on the hill,.

• 44:18 - 44:19

But they rented it.

• 44:19 - 44:21

Oh, they run. Okay. Oh, okay.

• 44:21 - 44:34

And they, uh, then they bought up on the hill, but that's when I remember

John, remember I remember being young and they were kind of big stature people, you know, were it looked like big people. Were you there then when they lived there?

• 44:34 - 44:36

No. Mrs. Morgan was there when we moved.

• 44:36 - 44:39

There Uhhuh <affirmative> and then they, they moved there.

• 44:40 - 44:42

And was Mrs. Morgan a widow when she moved there?

• 44:43 - 44:46

I think so. I think so. Um,.

• 44:47 - 44:49

Now one of her sons married, one of the at waters?

• 44:49 - 45:26

Yes. Uh, it would be Phyllis state water and she married, uh, yeah. Uh, Howard married Phyllis and they moved to California and he was working amongst the Redwood and the Redwood fell on him and was field. That's how he died. And I believe she died of cancer leukemia. She had the most beautiful families, five or six children. And, uh, she had maybe like two by Bob and, uh, or Howard. And then she married and had the rest of the children, I believe right by the other gentleman that she married and after that, but, uh, they were beautiful kids.

• 45:26 - 45:27

I've seen the pictures, but,.

• 45:27 - 45:38

Well, all I can remember is that when we lived in Brooklyn now, she was still very, very good to Mrs. Morgan. And

by that time she had remarried, but she still kept in touch with her touch with her and was good to.

• 45:38 - 45:48

Her. Yeah. And I don't remember Mrs. Morgan that much. I guess I lived in, I part Brookdale, Mary, and you didn't get that far, you know, unless there was an Aaron or you went to school sort of thing.

• 45:49 - 45:52

Well, she was so nice. And I wanna ask you about rep wooden.

• 45:52 - 45:54

Yeah. He was the near neighbor there. And.

• 45:55 - 46:00

Okay. Now tell me all you can remember about him. He did so much for scouting and I just,.

• 46:00 - 46:08

Yes, he was instrumental in cleaning up the roads. It was a big thing then, you know, when we didn't have bottle laws and stuff and he'd have his Scouts cleaning up the roads every year.

• 46:08 - 46:10

And he would organize the whole thing.

• 46:10 - 46:11

Yes he did. And,.

• 46:12 - 46:13

And tell me how they, how they did it.

• 46:14 - 46:34

Well, uh, not being into it, you know, our kids used to help. They were in Scouts, Jim and David, but, uh, I don't really know how he went about it, but the, the Scouts would all me and, you know, people would donate the bags

and they would pick it 'em up along the road. And then the town of Caroline would come pick up the bags that the Scouts scout it got done. But that was a real,.

• 46:34 - 46:35

That was a big job.

• 46:35 - 46:55

Yes, it certainly was. And, uh, rep stayed there by himself and his wife worked and they had, um, Maya and Phillip and Don and Karen and Sharon and, um, Mary taking fish and knives about every.

• 47:07 - 47:11

Time here to tell us that he was blind. And why and how and.

• 47:12 - 47:16

Well, uh, Lawrence had a, an.

• 47:17 - 47:17

Who's Lawrence.

• 47:18 - 47:18

Rep.

• 47:19 - 47:20

Oh, okay. That's his real name?

• 47:20 - 47:51

Lawrence. Yes. Rep um, had something, it was a, a heredity, I believe that was a dead name behind the eye. I, I mean, there's other stories out how he got that way, but, uh, the real thing is that he had this, uh, no transplant or anything would do because it was something behind the eye that might come up and Bo his sons that would be fouled onto his son. But, uh, he went blind at an early age and, uh, was able to work, do certain things at Cornell and keep on and would commute.

• 47:51 - 48:09

And then one day he got hit on college avenue, crossing the street. Oh. And, uh, um, not seriously, but, uh, then they retired him and he stayed home. And of course I lived across the road and I always worked, but the, anytime I was home pregnant for the children, you know, he always felt he could call on my mother.

• 48:09 - 48:40

I had to come over. Isn't it. If he was in trouble one day, I remember he had got, Mary, had put his food in the refrigerator and somehow a peach had fallen. They had fallen out on the floor and it had got behind the leg of the table. He kept cleaning clean. He couldn't find it and it would ooze out and he'd step in it. So he called me over another, another time. I remember he couldn't find, um, his pills or something, his nitroglycerin pills. And I went over to find them for him. But, uh, other than that, he, uh, pretty well took care of himself and would chew your head off. If you, you came by, he wanted.

• 48:41 - 48:42

Talk. He was lonely. He was.

• 48:42 - 49:08

Lonely. Yeah. And he wanted to talk. And, uh, my dad worked with him on different jobs, uh, these clean septic tanks and things and, or pat in later years. But, um, uh, he always took much pride in his scouting. And as I say, fishing, Mary would take him. Jim would come home from service and he always would kind of avoid rep cause every day he wanted Jim to take him fishing and.

• 49:08 - 49:09

Spend his referral.

• 49:10 - 49:20

And he'd cast out and get his line in the tree. I can remember Jim telling and then he said, I'd just get reps, fish line out of the tree. And I'd start to BA up. And rep was caught again. So.

• 49:20 - 49:24

<Laugh>, well, that was hard for a young person, you know, he wasn't home that long.

• 49:24 - 49:32

No, I know. But, uh, he had a lot of friends, kids, Charlie Barnhart used to come down and do things with him and different ones taking fishing. But, uh,.

• 49:33 - 49:35

And when did he die? Roughly?

• 49:37 - 49:37

God, I.

• 49:38 - 49:38

Dunno. Married,.

• 49:39 - 49:47

But quite a while ago. Yes. Uhhuh. And after he died, there was no more cleanup. Is that correct? That's right. That's sad. Yeah.

• 49:47 - 49:52

Nobody ever took the initiative to do it after that. It's a good thing. The bottle law came along the return battle.

• 49:52 - 49:53

Yeah. But now they.

• 49:53 - 49:53

Stayed the big.

• 49:53 - 49:59

Lot, but now it's getting bad again. Yeah. Uh, did Mary stay in that house after he died?

• 49:59 - 50:09
Uh, for a bit. And then she met a gentleman, uh, retired lawyer in Homer and married him, moved to home. Oh. And he has since died and she's married, moving back.

• 50:09 - 50:11
To Brookdale to Brookdale.

• 50:11 - 50:11
This summer.

• 50:11 - 50:12
And where is she gonna live.

• 50:13 - 50:13
In the same house.

• 50:14 - 50:21
Oh, she never sold. She rented up good for her. Yeah. I'm glad. Yeah. Cause there's no place like where you start.

• 50:21 - 50:22
Out. No, there isn't.

• 50:22 - 50:24
Now who else is her up there that, uh,.

• 50:25 - 50:38
At a slum used to live? Uh, her place is, um, burned down now, but that was canals and day Hart's mother. She was, um, or LO's wife. And, uh,.

• 50:39 - 50:39
Were they farmers?

• 50:40 - 51:14
Uh, no. He was a trapper and a hunter. He was an old, he worked in the lumber mills I guess, and did logging and things. They were old people when I knew 'em okay. They were old and she could hardly shuffle around. And then her house burned about the same time that the Kenyans barn and Albertson's fire down there. And that

was instrumental in getting our fire company started because it was so many fires. And so many people lost their homes and, um, Cher used to live in the next house.

• 51:14 - 51:25
And I can't tell you much about her. That was where prescribers are in the anus place where Roy anus was born. It was the other old male above there, Roy Annis family.

• 51:27 - 51:30
And, uh, can you tell me anything about Anna cavy,.

• 51:30 - 51:31
Anna?

• 51:31 - 51:32
Yeah. And her wonderful family.

• 51:32 - 51:49
Yeah. She was a good girl. Her and pat, remember my mother used, my mother used to do their washing and we'd take it down. Unbelievable. Pat used to pay me to talk cuz I was bashful. So when I'd always go with dad, he'd always say, if you talk, I'll give you nickel.

• 51:49 - 51:53
Isn't that wonderful? No, that was good. He was giving you confidence. Yeah.

• 51:54 - 51:58
Well I don't know, but I can imagine the day he probably pay me to shut up.

• 51:58 - 51:58
No,.

• 51:59 - 52:31
I was always, I felt close to pat, Anna. Um, in fact, when Anna used to do the, she was in living in a trailer there next to, uh, tip, gave me. And uh, she asked

me if I'd take over the, we have a little, uh, donations, we take flowers up at the store and she asked me, she said, uh, I know of known one that I would like to turn it over to other than you. So she said, would I do it? So I did it all those years until I retired from the post office and I gave it to Jane Williams cuz Jane's usually around.

• 52:31 - 52:41

And when I Florida, it's too hard to have somebody do it for the four months. So, uh, Jane does it now, but I took that from Anna Cavey and she was always, I.

• 52:41 - 52:45

Always felt what was her life like when you were little? Tell me something about it.

• 52:45 - 52:56

About Anna mm-hmm <affirmative> no, because I say that was down in Brookdale and that was like a hundred miles away. You didn't come down. I wasn't all that close to other than young than delivering the, the laundry to.

• 52:56 - 52:57

Him. But she had four boys.

• 52:58 - 53:01

She had, uh, Francis tip and Joan Francis. She had three,.

• 53:01 - 53:03

Three what's Fran what's Tip's real name.

• 53:04 - 53:04

Clayton.

• 53:04 - 53:05

Okay.

• 53:05 - 53:10

And he's married Margaret Hamilton. It was her maiden me a.

• 53:11 - 53:12

Name. And then they born.

• 53:12 - 53:31

Then they divorced and she married tip. In fact, when I would deliver the, the washing tip would, they would usually be the old people would say sparking in the di living room. And they would, he would always say, go in and go in that room there he'd get me in there. And then chip and Margaret would be in there, you know, as a kid, you didn't know any better, so,.

• 53:32 - 53:33

Oh dear.

• 53:34 - 53:46

But, uh, Margaret is still alive and, uh, tip died. Margaret's alive. And then, uh, O kill Manor. Right. And, uh, her daughter just died. Oh.

• 53:47 - 53:49

Yeah. What's her. What was her.

• 53:49 - 53:53

Name? Mar Marjorie. Marjorie Vanny. Mar she married Jim Vanny Mart from.

• 53:53 - 53:55

<Inaudible>. I didn't know. That was her daughter.

• 53:55 - 53:59

Yeah. And then she has a son, Charlie, and then that's.

• 53:59 - 54:00

The only one I.

• 54:00 - 54:18

Know. And then they have a, a son, Marjorie was a beautiful girl, beautiful, bright red hair. And, uh, she lived in

horse heads for quite a few years, I think in her and gym. And then, uh, um, they were living in Pennsylvania when she died. Someone said she was in a home there before she died, but I didn't know all it.

• 54:18 - 54:18
Oh, that's puts that.

• 54:19 - 54:40
It was the mine probably, but, uh, Charles was still alive. And then they had a son between him, pat and he lives in gunman, Monroe. He married, uh, um, Judy, um, um, McIntyre and they live on gunman road.

• 54:40 - 54:47
And then Franci and, um, Fran was what was Helen? Uh.

• 54:49 - 54:49
Walsk.

• 54:49 - 54:51
Yeah. That's it. Walsk that's it?

• 54:51 - 54:53
Yeah. Uh, they married son.

• 54:54 - 54:59
Yes. They married one son. You know, this is ironic. Cuz Joe and Margaret only had one child. Right. Each one of them.

• 54:59 - 55:08
Yeah, that's right. I hadn't thought of it. Yeah. Um, Fran married, Helen Walsk and they had one son done he's in California now.

• 55:08 - 55:22
First. Well he asked them, he says, am I so bad that you never wanted another child? And he was a wonderful kid. Yeah, he was. And they said no, but he really was. He was a great person. He's

a good boy. After Helen died. Did Frankie move to Ithaca?

• 55:22 - 55:31
Yes. And, um, Tori Hayden took care of Franci and uh, it would seem like an awful chore cuz he lost his leg, you know,.

• 55:31 - 55:32
Ah,.

• 55:32 - 55:42
To sugar. Uh oh she took such good care of him. I went over to visit him and he used to call her, love her girl. I always liked that.

• 55:42 - 55:43
That's cute.

• 55:43 - 55:51
But uh, um, she took such good care and right after that, she didn't live long after and she died, but she took good care.

• 55:51 - 55:53
Of him. Isn't it wonderful that they found each other? Yeah,.

• 55:54 - 55:55
She was good girl.

• 55:55 - 56:00
And well Mrs. Cay, the mother took excellent care of her husband cuz he was sick for quite a while.

• 56:00 - 56:01
Yeah. Yeah. Mm-hmm.

• 56:01 - 56:03
<Affirmative> and she was so good to him. Yeah.

• 56:04 - 56:04
He was.

- 56:04 - 56:07
Good, but I love both of them. I really did. Yeah.
- 56:08 - 56:12
I have pictures at home. Some place that remember we used to have Catholic church there once.
- 56:12 - 56:19
A month. I have one. I've gotta find it and give it to the museum. Cuz that was a historic thing. Yeah. To have a mass in someone's house.
- 56:19 - 56:22
Yeah. Yeah. I probably have the same one you.
- 56:22 - 56:24
Do. And they were the first ones to do that. Yes.
- 56:25 - 56:25
Uhhuh <affirmative>.
- 56:25 - 56:37
Well, I was thrilled when we had a mass here. Yeah. But that they were just super people now Margaret Joe had one daughter, right. Mary. She killed right now. That was tragic. Terrible.
- 56:37 - 56:38
She married poky.
- 56:38 - 56:41
She was a young, beautiful girl. Yeah.
- 56:42 - 56:48
She lost Joe and then married Mary Joe. So soon after you know it wasn't many years and then she lost.
- 56:48 - 56:50
The daughter Toman Mr. Toman. Mm-hmm <affirmative> isn't that right?
- 56:51 - 56:56

- Yeah. Right. But I say she lost her husband, Joe and then not long after the daughter was married and killed.
- 56:56 - 56:58
There. Yeah. That was tragic. Absolutely tragic.
- 56:59 - 57:00
No, she made Mr. Toman and he's done.
- 57:00 - 57:06
Now, but they had some good years together. Her and I can't remember his name, but you know, they seemed real happy. Yeah.
- 57:06 - 57:06
Right.
- 57:07 - 57:12
And that's the only way you can look at it. Right. Excuse me. We can't go back and.
- 57:13 - 57:43
No. And there was the other Cavey family. That was real nice. Her name was bird Cavey and I can't remember the uh, maybe John, her husband. I think my mother I'm thinking of my mother. I never knew him, but uh, he was, uh, they were more community oriented. Let's say the, the other family of caving. And I remember the ladies name was bird now they had Tom and Ben and Mary Alexander.
- 57:44 - 57:44
And uh,.
- 57:45 - 57:46
I love Mary Alexander.
- 57:46 - 57:47
I do too. She's a good girl.
- 57:48 - 57:49

And go on, tell me about them.

• 57:49 - 58:19

And they lived across the road from pat Nana and they have really brothers, you know, Patton, but uh, pat and John I'm sure my mother said John, but uh, he died of a heart attack, I guess. I can't remember. But it almost seems like mother said they were having an event in Brookdale when it happened, you know, where they used to cut, catch a greasy pig or something like that, you know? Oh yes. I almost think my mother had said that it happened and he was, he had just chased my brother around a car teasingly.

• 58:19 - 58:29

You know what I mean? Uh, cuz my family just loved him. And as kids, you know, they were, he was clowning with the kids and I think my mother said he died at one of those events,.

• 58:29 - 58:32

But well obviously he loved the kids cause kids can sense it.

• 58:32 - 58:47

Yeah. I never remember him. That was before my time. But bird lived there in the house with Mary and then later years Mary went to work at national cash and they said they had, um, Doug, Mary and or Doug, Charles Marion. Ben.

• 58:48 - 58:51

See, I knew do vaguely. I remember Ben.

• 58:52 - 58:54

He made Clara Scott.

• 58:56 - 59:02

From Tru. Now they were active in the community. Ben and DOD weren't they or was do active in senior citizens.

• 59:02 - 59:34

No DOD was fireman and community center always count on dead for cleanup. You know, I remember having the first, uh, back to the community center, I remember having our first, uh, money making event. Then as I said, times were hard. We had just got the new stove in the, in there and nothing, no water. There was um, a small sink. That's still in the, the utility room out bag, but nothing in the kitchen. And we put on a spaghetti supper for about 350 people.

• 59:35 - 59:36

And your mother-in-law made the sauce,.

• 59:36 - 59:59

My mother-in-law and pat aunt and pat and I made the sauce and we served that. And Tom that's how long ago? 30 years ago, cuz Tom's 30. I laid him on the, in the corner where I could watch him on a blanket over there in the corners. I was so afraid. He'd get up and get out on me to get on traffic. But I watched him there on the corner. I laid him as a baby. So we all worked on,.

• 59:59 - 1:00:06

You realized that was history making. They talked about that event for years and years and years. And nobody had ever had better sauce than they did at that dinner. So when.

• 1:00:06 - 1:00:12

Spite, they always said, we, when you do it, you do everything. Because if you leave somebody for advertising, they don't do it. Right.

• 1:00:12 - 1:00:12

That's right.

• 1:00:12 - 1:00:14

Somebody for decoration, they don't do it.

• 1:00:14 - 1:00:14

How true.

• 1:00:15 - 1:00:30

He had that big picture of, uh, Mely report. They're framed up there and we used to go through a lot of decorations and stuff and got the candles, the, you know, the wine cast, you make candle holders and,.

• 1:00:30 - 1:00:33

And uh, for all this atmosphere. Yeah. Which is.

• 1:00:33 - 1:00:38

Great. We had the tablecloth made, which you know, there again, people picked up and took home, never brought back and,.

• 1:00:38 - 1:00:40

And that became kind of a yearly thing too.

• 1:00:40 - 1:00:42

Yes, it did. Mm-hmm <affirmative> we did that over.

• 1:00:42 - 1:00:47

The bloody, but they really, really, there was no question about it. It was a good fundraiser.

• 1:00:48 - 1:00:49

We, we enjoyed it.

• 1:00:49 - 1:00:50

Oh, that's right. That's.

• 1:00:50 - 1:01:02

But like I said, we had the stove to cook on. We bought a picnic table in to work on and uh, we, uh, I remember washing the dishes out in the utility room for serve more people,.

• 1:01:03 - 1:01:05

But you know, something, it was fun.

• 1:01:05 - 1:01:07

Yeah. It was good. Yeah,.

• 1:01:07 - 1:01:08

We did. And it was such a worthy cause.

• 1:01:10 - 1:01:42

For sure it was good. And we had the chicken barbecues. That was another thing. They, they, they made the chicken, barbecue pit out there when they made the center and it, everybody said it was too high. It needed to come down a block. Oh. So they kept nagging pat to take it down a block. And so finally he took it down a block and I was there in the rough for a while. And uh, so, uh, then I was on the board. So I went down, took my, I took a couple sex, this cement and a wheelbarrow and two or three of my kids.

• 1:01:42 - 1:01:58

I don't remember how many at the time, probably Julie and Tom at that time and went down to, uh, uh, fix it up one night we went down, we got all the debris from the, the top ones started cuz they wanted to get it close to the cold.

• 1:01:58 - 1:02:34

And I filled the holes and the cinder block up, not being much of a Mason, but I didn't mind the word. So I went down after work one night and did this cuz I got tired and harping him pay. Hadn't got it done. Cuz he was also active in the fire company at the time. I think he was chief. So Tom and I, and Judy's I remember went down and filled all those in the next night we went down to work on it and the kids in town had taken all the stones out of

the thing, pick 'em all out. So we had to redo that and I mixed the cement and I filled it in and smoothed off the top all the way around. I thought probably if the kids come before this sets, they'll mess it up anyway.

• 1:02:34 - 1:02:36
Cuz they just par for the course.

• 1:02:37 - 1:03:10
So, um, uh, we went home that night and I stepped over next door to pit DeHart then and said, you know, you look so you can see this, you know, if you see kids out here, will you give 'em a holler? Cuz her kids at that time was involved in this. So, and the day Bruce Murray and Donna DeHart and darl and these others. So I said, you know, I just did fresh men over there and that whole pit over there. So, and it was a big one. So I said, you know, if you see anybody we'd give a holler or call me, you know, well we hadn't more and got home an hour or so.

• 1:03:10 - 1:03:20
And it began to look like rain. So I rathered have some stuff to take down to cover over and it was already all done. They'd already been in March.

• 1:03:20 - 1:03:21
I don't believe it.

• 1:03:22 - 1:03:29
It's true. And uh, you know, you had somebody disheartening, things like that. The summer center go on that you just.

• 1:03:29 - 1:03:32
Lost interest. They pathetic. Why did they do it?

• 1:03:32 - 1:04:03
I didn't carved their names in it. It was all their names in it there. And then,

uh, I was in the board and uh, um, Donna, they heard that time, uh, there was a scout meeting inside they were trying to get in. So I, uh, she somehow broke the front door, the plate glass door. And about that time we were just kind of disgusted with so much good demolition going on and the town people having to foot the bill.

• 1:04:03 - 1:04:20
And that was an expensive thing. So I called 'em up and told 'em they should go through the insurance company because we didn't wanna pay for it. So that came through the insurance company, we got the front door replaced, but that's none of it. You know, it just went on and on and I just got kind of disheartened, you know, you worked so hard and.

• 1:04:20 - 1:04:32
Well at one time must be, um, the lady that used to write the newsletter she wrote in it. What was her name? What is Elijah? Yeah. She said that if it didn't stop, they were gonna close it. Yeah. It was so bad. Yeah. But I didn't realize it that.

• 1:04:32 - 1:04:41
Bad buying, you see kids on the roof and then the roof leaks. They wonder why, you know, and they'd break the windows out and get in there and have their parties and,.

• 1:04:43 - 1:04:44
And there isn't anything we can.

• 1:04:44 - 1:04:54
Do. No, no, I don't know what the answer is. But back in when we built it, you know, the kids wouldn't think of them doing.

• 1:04:54 - 1:04:57
That. Oh no. Oh no way. No.

- 1:04:58 - 1:05:05
Way. Then they started having a 30 night, Thursday night group. I don't know. They still do or not. And it was this many book and Dale and this many.
- 1:05:05 - 1:05:06
Right. Outsiders.
- 1:05:06 - 1:05:10
And candor mm-hmm <affirmative> they were the ones brought the booze and stuff in. And.
- 1:05:12 - 1:05:18
I think that's one of our biggest problems. I wanna ask you about Mr and Mrs. Goz line. Oh yeah. They were so good to our,.
- 1:05:19 - 1:05:21
He used to be, uh, in the post office too. It was quite.
- 1:05:21 - 1:05:22
Oh, he did?
- 1:05:22 - 1:05:25
Yeah. Agnes Fanny Vanny Mar was postmaster way.
- 1:05:25 - 1:05:27
Back. That was her maiden name.
- 1:05:27 - 1:05:30
Agnes Fanny, Mar I don't know what.
- 1:05:30 - 1:05:35
Her maiden name. No, I mean, Agnes Gosline was not Agnes Vander Mart. No. Oh, okay. The go.
- 1:05:35 - 1:05:41
On. No Agnes Fannie mark lived on the back street and her son, Jim was the one that was married to Cave's daughter there.

- 1:05:42 - 1:05:45
Jim and Paul and Mary. Right? Okay.
- 1:05:45 - 1:05:47
Their mother was postmaster.
- 1:05:47 - 1:05:48
Oh, that's interesting.
- 1:05:48 - 1:05:56
Way back when it was over in the end of the store and Mr. Gosline was the clerk for years there. Oh. And uh,.
- 1:05:59 - 1:06:02
When we moved there he had retired. He was right. Yeah. He used to clean the school.
- 1:06:03 - 1:06:19
Did he see okay. Yes, I guess he did. Mm-hmm <affirmative> I, I can't tell you. They never had family or anything. Mary Fuer was a, a niece of, um, Agnes and she took off a good care of her and kept her alive or long, long time. Mary deserves a.
- 1:06:19 - 1:06:20
Lot of credit. Mary took care of who?
- 1:06:21 - 1:06:21
Agnes her.
- 1:06:21 - 1:06:22
Oh, that's wonderful. Mary.
- 1:06:22 - 1:06:23
Forger.
- 1:06:23 - 1:06:28
Yeah, because her daughter Mary died. Mary van demark. Didn't she?
- 1:06:28 - 1:06:32
No, no you're no, you're talking Nate. I'm talking about Agna scores.

- 1:06:32 - 1:06:33
Line. Okay. Okay.
- 1:06:33 - 1:06:35
Agna Fannie mark Agna scores. Length.
- 1:06:35 - 1:06:36
Okay. Okay. All.
- 1:06:36 - 1:06:37
Right.
- 1:06:37 - 1:06:41
And uh, now Mary Fier took good care of Agnes scores line. Yes. Right?
- 1:06:41 - 1:06:43
Okay. And uh,.
- 1:06:43 - 1:06:46
But didn't Paul Vandermark take good care of them too.
- 1:06:47 - 1:06:59
He might have taken good care of his mother, but he didn't didn't help Agnes scores line. Not to I knowledge. I never, you know, being there and waiting on her staying with or no, they, he might have looked in on him. I don't know that.
- 1:06:59 - 1:07:04
Well, I don't either, but all I know is she talked about him all the time. There was nobody like Paul.
- 1:07:04 - 1:07:12
Oh yes. Oh, they cared for him. Yeah. Because Mr. Van Mart Agnes's husband, I think was Mrs. Go's brother.
- 1:07:13 - 1:07:14
Oh, okay. Okay.
- 1:07:14 - 1:07:14
I think so.
- 1:07:15 - 1:07:22

Cause when they died, she said they were gonna leave Paul the house and Paul said he didn't want the house. He wanted them to spend the money and enjoy it.

- 1:07:22 - 1:07:23
Mm-Hmm <affirmative> yeah. I.
- 1:07:23 - 1:07:26
Don't know that had always worked hard.
- 1:07:26 - 1:07:32
My mother used to go down cuz my mother could understand her and uh, always enjoyed going down and visit me.
- 1:07:32 - 1:07:40
Well, she had a hair lift didn't she? Yes. That's why she liked our kids because they never made fun of her and they could understand her thing. I would've killed them. Had they.
- 1:07:40 - 1:07:40
Hadn't done otherwise.
- 1:07:40 - 1:07:41
Yeah. Yes they would.
- 1:07:42 - 1:07:51
My, my family as they came up, uh, Jim was always good to her too. But um, and my mother used to go down. She enjoyed mother coming.
- 1:07:53 - 1:07:56
And she, they raised the most beautiful flowers. You remember that? Yeah.
- 1:07:56 - 1:07:56
They were beautiful.
- 1:07:58 - 1:08:05
They were good. So who else was close by the pickles? The pickles. Yes. I went

to school with Barbara. How long were they in Brookdale?

• 1:08:06 - 1:08:08

I just always remember being there.

• 1:08:08 - 1:08:13

So many years. Yeah. Um, and they had two children,.

• 1:08:14 - 1:08:23

Bill and, and Barbara, Barbara married, uh, Payne and bill married in late years. Lady named Sarah, but I don't know her name. It was down in Florida. I believe they married.

• 1:08:23 - 1:08:24

What.

• 1:08:25 - 1:08:33

He married. He worked for Tom burns for years. Bill did. And the farm there. And then he went to Florida after his folks did and married down there. They,.

• 1:08:34 - 1:08:36

What are their, do you remember their names or first names?

• 1:08:37 - 1:08:38

Delo and.

• 1:08:38 - 1:08:39

Hilda. Okay.

• 1:08:40 - 1:08:41

Bill and Barbara were the children.

• 1:08:41 - 1:08:47

And they sold the house and went to Florida? Yes. Mm-hmm. <affirmative> amazing. Really back then. Yeah.

• 1:08:48 - 1:09:12

I'm trying to think of her name. She was a, I think she was from the hotel family. <affirmative> I think, uh, that's

not the name I want to tell you about, but um, she was relayed the, the hotel in say she took Gladys as I remember as a little girl and took care of her when the mother died, held her dead. Uh,.

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The family that has all those girls mm-hmm <affirmative> okay.

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And now wait a minute.

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Where did the hotels live?

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Well, one time they lived way up in, uh, Blackman.

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Hill. I think that's the one. Okay.

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And then there was Evangeline.

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That's that? Okay. Beverly and.

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Right. Yeah. Now she's um, ha Jagger is the name. She was a wow. Elder was a ha and Jagger. That was the name I wanted. And uh, somehow related to, to the hotels. And I remember she took, I think it was Gladys when she was, uh, young, when the mother died.

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Yeah. That was quite a, a sad thing with all those children, but they made out okay. Yeah, they.

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Did. They.

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Brought them. That's important.

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Yeah.

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So who else is, there's gotta be someone else around there that I can't think of.

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The bulls DB bull and, and his wife lived over on the slave road. It really wasn't. Brooked in Dale, but they were all included cuz he used to go to our.

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Church. Well that's Caroline town, Caroline and.

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Um, Mr. Bull. That was a second marriage. Mr. Bull had a daughter, Ruth who's still in the nickels Oxford area someplace. And she must be getting out in years herself now. And she was a school teacher, never married. And then, uh, Mrs. Bull had a son, Jim <inaudible> who lived there and was married to ALS. I don't remember. She was always so good to me, as I said in the church. And then, uh, her little one got into medicine, you know, got called and got medicine.

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And she had, um, Patty and um, James Dirtwood, the son and this other little girl and at a young age she got into medicine and died from the overdose of pills. She took dialysis, went downhill.

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Right after. Of course. Yeah.

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So, um, that was, and then Jim remarried, pat, um, Ruthie,.

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Ruth Patton,.

• 1:11:14 - 1:11:19

Preston, uh, uh, Jim remarried, Ruth Preston.

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Did any one of them marry? Um, Mrs. Patton?

• 1:11:24 - 1:11:28

No, that's on up Thompson. Oh, okay. Thompson married, Mrs. Patton. Okay. That's up the hill.

• 1:11:29 - 1:11:31

All right. You can see him lost.

• 1:11:31 - 1:11:46

Yeah, it was Pearl and uh, um, her husband's name was, um, Loveville Preston. They used to live in the house. Uh, where I, can I tell you a second above, above Ruth, Ruth Shafer there in the next house, big house and.

• 1:11:46 - 1:11:47

Valley road.

• 1:11:47 - 1:12:17

Yes. When I was young, uh, there was love and, and Pearl, they lived there and then they had two daughters, Doris and Ruth and the Mister and Ruth got polio. Oh, infantile paralysis at that time. Oh. Oh. And he died and Ruth was severely paralyzed at that time. Cuz I remember taking the only do I had at that time down and making up a box of things I had and put under the big old pine tree that was there and gave it to her to Ruth because she was in the house.

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See how we shared.

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Yeah. But uh, uh,.

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Then what happened with her as time went in,.

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She, uh, in the, the time, you know, there wasn't welfare and stuff, so she was a lovely bake. And so she used to do baking and sell it. The doors would paddle around town and then she met Myron Predmore who was divorcee or yeah. Aunt or not widower. And uh, they married and had.

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Paul Good.

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That would between them there. So, um, it was on in years and they lived there and then Myron died and uh, the Pearl isn't very well at this time either. And I do have to go through it,.

• 1:13:00 - 1:13:12

You know, what's amazing is today when someone bakes and sells it, they call it catering when our parents did it, you know, it was as though they were doing something beneath them. Yeah. And they weren't. Yeah.

• 1:13:12 - 1:13:13

Right.

• 1:13:13 - 1:13:28

Because scoop had an aunt cook for other people and she did exactly what caterers do today. Right. And they make a fortune and those PE poor people, including your mother for the Washington and my grandmother made pennies. Yeah. For what they did. Oh.

• 1:13:28 - 1:13:30

Yeah. Yeah. For sure.

• 1:13:31 - 1:13:40

When you buy something that's homemade at the farmer's market, do you, you know, bake, do you know how much we pay for it? Yeah. And here this lady was baking and selling it for.

• 1:13:40 - 1:13:43

Peanut. Yeah. Yeah.

• 1:13:45 - 1:13:58

Well that was the only way they had of burning money. Did anyone ever take care of children for money? I never heard of anyone saying they did back then. Babysit as we call it today.

• 1:13:58 - 1:14:04

No, I think they always just did it for nothing. Yeah. You know, if anybody wanted to go, you always just took care of the kids for nothing. I never heard of anybody.

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Too. Neither have I. And that's amazing.

• 1:14:06 - 1:14:10

And kids used to sit too for nothing. You know, us kids would sit with the next neighbors that was younger.

• 1:14:11 - 1:14:14

Absolutely. See, this is what is hard to,.

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There was a lot of bartering went on in those days though. I.

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Think exactly.

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You know, um,.

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Like.

• 1:14:21 - 1:14:33

Someone, they said, my family shared everything they had. I think of it now. You know, they never, I see some people that are, so the word is stingy selfish and we had, we had nothing and yet my family always shared,.

• 1:14:34 - 1:14:38
But what else could they have left you? The legacy of sharing to me?

• 1:14:38 - 1:14:39
I didn't appreciate it at the time. You.

• 1:14:39 - 1:14:46
Know? No, what we had to grow up, we had to grow up and see how the other people live. Yeah. And you think, oh, where we ever blessed.

• 1:14:47 - 1:14:47
Yeah.

• 1:14:47 - 1:14:53
For sure. Now, who do you think had the most, um, influence on your life?

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• 1:15:00 - 1:15:00
Well,.

• 1:15:04 - 1:15:04
Your mother,.

• 1:15:05 - 1:15:08
My mother old, gosh. Yes. I thought you meant outsiders.

• 1:15:08 - 1:15:13
No. Well, even outsiders, did you belong to camp fire Scouts or anything? No. No. Okay. Then it had to be,.

• 1:15:14 - 1:15:17
I was never one that could stay away. You know, if I stay,.

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I know that feeling I.

• 1:15:18 - 1:15:23
In the middle of night know its to just sit on, step on that soil. I was alright. But uh,.

• 1:15:23 - 1:15:25
I know that feeling really.

• 1:15:25 - 1:15:27
Some kids can go and stay away.

• 1:15:27 - 1:15:28
Not me, not.

• 1:15:28 - 1:15:29
Me know I had be home.

• 1:15:30 - 1:15:30
Um,.

• 1:15:30 - 1:15:50
Uh, no, my mother and I, uh, I just, I, I wish I, I wish I could have done more, you know, with the kids, you couldn't do that much. And as uh, my kids came up, she set for me. I always see she got something for it, but uh, paid her for it. But uh, not what it was worth to be able to have herself.

• 1:15:50 - 1:15:53
We couldn't afford it and work. My mother did the same thing. Mm-hmm.

• 1:15:53 - 1:16:04
<Affirmative> but uh, it was, um, you know, by the time you paid \$5 on a washer and \$5 on your vacuum container or something like that and come home, got your grocer, you came home, paid my mother, the \$10.

• 1:16:04 - 1:16:05
There was nothing left.

• 1:16:06 - 1:16:06

No,.

• 1:16:07 - 1:16:10

But see, we were lucky we had our mothers. You realize how many didn't have mothers, right?

• 1:16:11 - 1:16:11

Yeah.

• 1:16:12 - 1:16:17

So if I can take care of someone's child, well, not now, but before I would be glad to do it because we were blessed.

• 1:16:17 - 1:16:18

Yeah.

• 1:16:19 - 1:16:20

And their mothers were glad to do.

• 1:16:20 - 1:16:31

It. I think the same thing almost exists today though. Mary, but young kids don't wanna take care of their mothers when they get old either how true. And I wouldn't have done anything else. I never regret it. And uh,.

• 1:16:32 - 1:16:36

Uh, but that's a great comfort to you now that you know, you were a wonderful daughter.

• 1:16:36 - 1:16:47

Yeah. And, uh, and I just wish I could have done more. I don't know what I'd done, but you know, I just, uh, uh, I material things, I guess probably, you know, I wish I had more to do.

• 1:16:47 - 1:17:10

For, but those aren't the things that counts. See, my mother was that way and uh, what we did for her money, couldn't buy, whenever something went wrong, she'd cost scoop. And he was down there in two minutes. Yeah. And that, see, she couldn't buy that.

Yeah, no. So they weren't out for material things, but like I say, they did for us first and I felt I owed her all that I could do. Right,.

• 1:17:10 - 1:17:16

Right. I did too on and dad, you know, I just thought they were.

• 1:17:16 - 1:17:19

Good people. I don't remember your father. Vaguely.

• 1:17:19 - 1:17:20

I'm 55.

• 1:17:20 - 1:17:25

Okay. See, we were, um, in Dale I think, but you know, I was just getting acquainted and I worked and.

• 1:17:26 - 1:17:47

My father's family evidently went to Rochester. I knew my dad was born in Dale, but I think his family must have moved to Rochester. And my father's father when he was 12 years old, my father's father and sister was in a horse and buggy and it, it someone's something SP the Mustang horse and it jumped in the air canal and they were drowned.

• 1:17:47 - 1:17:48

Oh dear God.

• 1:17:48 - 1:18:16

So at 12 years old, my father had quit school and take care of his family, his mother and his sisters, Cora and may and his brother Leo. And he had to work and well, he worked for a farmer and both hit him in the back and drove his backbone in that fire, you know? And he always suffered all his life. And all dad did was farmers work. And then he went forward for the town and had the size and packing shovel and all that. And he'd come home. Nice. He said,

well, I wish I was dead. I mean, so much.

• 1:18:16 - 1:18:18

Pain, manual labor did aggravated him, you.

• 1:18:18 - 1:18:29

Know, today people would be on a disability for less than that, but he still had a curvature. And like that was, you know, and he knew he suffered. But at that time, you know, I didn't appreciate how bad he did hurt.

• 1:18:30 - 1:18:48

You were young. No, but this is why I cannot tolerate. When someone complains today, be our parents didn't have anything compared to woo. We have today. No, we have social security. We might have another retirement. We own our homes. I mean, they were so poor compared to, I, I know they had nothing if they hadn't saved too bad.

• 1:18:48 - 1:18:55

Yeah. I remember it took day all year to save \$24 for interest and \$24 for taxes.

• 1:18:55 - 1:18:56

It wasn't that awful.

• 1:18:56 - 1:19:07

Yeah. We were buying, they were buying the house on a mortgage and I remember for \$48 a year, he had to save all year. I remember once asked me for an ice cream cone at the store, I think was a nickel. He said, I just don't.

• 1:19:07 - 1:19:07

Have that's. Right.

• 1:19:08 - 1:19:10

You know, cuz he had to put it all away that.

• 1:19:10 - 1:19:11

Even every nickel,.

• 1:19:11 - 1:19:12

But uh,.

• 1:19:13 - 1:19:20

Uh, well at the time we felt deprived. Oh yeah. But we were better for it because everything you have today, you really appreciate.

• 1:19:21 - 1:19:22

Yeah. My kids don't they have.

• 1:19:22 - 1:19:27

So much, well they want so much is what I can't tolerate. You know, they want, want, want,.

• 1:19:28 - 1:19:28

Yeah.

• 1:19:29 - 1:19:42

If they have a car like you or I have, well, that's not good enough. They want a better one and well, anyway, I hope it, their values change. And uh, did your parents have any feelings about your converting to the Catholic faith?

• 1:19:42 - 1:19:43

Yes they did.

• 1:19:44 - 1:19:45

Oh boy. They.

• 1:19:45 - 1:19:45

Were very.

• 1:19:45 - 1:19:46

Hurt. That was hard.

• 1:19:46 - 1:20:04

It was hard. Um, remember when I was Baptist and I was seriously thinking of going to Bible school before I met pay and uh, that changed and uh, uh, number one pay was Italian. Number

two. He was from the city number three was Catholic and yeah, that hurt mother.

• 1:20:04 - 1:20:05

Three strikes against him.

• 1:20:05 - 1:20:12

Yeah. But uh, they learned a loving and especially my dad, you know, they got alive.

• 1:20:12 - 1:20:28

Here. My mother-in-law did the same thing. First time Italian, then I'm a Catholic. That was bad. I didn't know about the city business, but I was in the same bonus. Pat was? Yeah. My father-in-law was like your dad. Yeah. Him and I, I just idolized that man. So how are you related to us.

• 1:20:29 - 1:20:33

To your, your mother-in-law I think was a slaughter,.

• 1:20:33 - 1:20:34

A slaughter and.

• 1:20:34 - 1:20:45

My father's maiden middle name was slaughter Chester slaughter bell. Oh he was a, his family somehow was a slaughter too. So that's how it is through your mother-in-law and my dad's family.

• 1:20:45 - 1:20:54

Somehow. So he was related to Scoop's grandmother slaughter mm-hmm <affirmative> okay. Now there is a young man that's doing the history on the Armstrongs. That was her maiden name.

• 1:20:54 - 1:20:55

Really?

• 1:20:55 - 1:20:55

Mm-Hmm <affirmative>.

• 1:20:57 - 1:21:23

Somehow we related to the Ungs too through them, I think. And I met Mr. Genung over on Turkey hill road at a party one time. And I said, you know, we were somehow related the UNG, but we spell our G E N U N G said mine was Genung. And we, my family changes to G a N O U N G <laugh>. I probably wonder why, but funny in those days they changed it just like, uh, were POEs as I, and the other ones are E.

• 1:21:24 - 1:21:27

And, and they one pronounce it rapon the other rep pony. And.

• 1:21:27 - 1:21:33

Uh, sometimes they say they were related and then again, they say, no, we have no relations. So I dunno. That's.

• 1:21:33 - 1:21:38

Well, you know the one who, uh, just lost a daughter-in-law they were pony.

• 1:21:38 - 1:21:40

Oh yes. That was Frank mm-hmm.

• 1:21:40 - 1:21:45

<Affirmative> uh, the little girl goes to Catholic school and I see her on Thursdays. Ashley. She's a beautiful politic.

• 1:21:46 - 1:21:46

I.

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Don't. That is so sad. Oh, I don't know any of them. That.

• 1:21:50 - 1:21:51

Would be the younger girl. Wouldn't it think.

• 1:21:51 - 1:21:53
She's in kindergarten. Yeah. You know, it's really.

• 1:21:54 - 1:21:55
Sad.

• 1:21:55 - 1:22:00
For that. We can count our blessings. We saw our kids grow up. We lived long enough to raise them.

• 1:22:00 - 1:22:13
34 years young. Right. We were in Florida when they hit and I felt so bad. I said, I, and I called Jean. I said, I feel so terrible when you want me to come home. She said, no, there's nothing you can do. And she said, uh, your kids have all called and offered.

• 1:22:13 - 1:22:14
What else could you ask.

• 1:22:14 - 1:22:19
For? Yeah. Yeah. So she said they Jim, and to, and Dave and Jude. So.

• 1:22:20 - 1:22:22
It was one of the most horrible things that.

• 1:22:22 - 1:22:24
Happened. It was aneurysm, you know,.

• 1:22:24 - 1:22:25
Just like this. Yeah.

• 1:22:25 - 1:22:28
It was aneurysm. They didn't know. And they just found out last week,.

• 1:22:29 - 1:22:29
You know, I finally.

• 1:22:30 - 1:22:40
Case that nothing can be settled. They sent the hard away to Boston or

someplace and they found out, they say usually an aneurysm is out like that. And this was inverted in, into heart was in heart.

• 1:22:42 - 1:22:44
Well, it was a tragic day. Yeah.

• 1:22:45 - 1:22:51
The blessing was it. They both had insurance on the home. In her name. She had had the insurance, so would pay for Steve,.

• 1:22:53 - 1:23:15
But he's got so many expenses paid. No, really? But she, Jean, is that her name? Mm-hmm <affirmative> she has been a wonderful guiding light. She's finally getting him to stand on his own two feet, which he wasn't able to do before. You know, know? I mean, it was Unter we can't imagine that's all. Oh, I know. But, uh, he's doing better. And the kids are coming along this little girl. See, she's too young to fully understand.

• 1:23:15 - 1:23:15
I know.

• 1:23:16 - 1:23:21
But the other kids are so good to her. I don't know who told them and everything, but it makes you feel good.

• 1:23:21 - 1:23:22
Yeah. Oh yeah.

• 1:23:23 - 1:23:44
And you see, he doesn't realize she has to bring money in every week for pizza. Oh yeah. So there's this lady that works there. Yolanda. She's a nice Italian lady. She gives her her piece. She I'm sure her mother's looking down at me from heaven. And if I don't do this, she's not gonna like it <laugh> anyway. Anyway, it's cute. And the little girl is very sweet. So.

• 1:23:44 - 1:23:54
We're blessed. I don't know the young one, the other one I did, but the older ones, but I haven't ever seen this one. Even we there's no friction. Are we on tape?

• 1:23:54 - 1:23:54
Yeah,.

• 1:23:54 - 1:24:24
We was. It doesn't matter. It doesn't matter. Doesn't matter. But you know, when, when pat died, it was Frank was supposed to have been, uh, um, the administrator, the executor, and he told the kids, you know, uh, I'm pissed brothers. I won't charge anything. You know, then he ended up charging more than a lawyer. And it was just been a friction of the family. Uh, Judy was, um, in charge of the thing. Frank was executor, but Judy was, uh, got the home pay I had downtown.

• 1:24:24 - 1:24:38
And, uh, but she had so many bills that went on three, four years and eat everything up. You know, she had to pay, we laid there and, uh, it was just a lot of hurt. I don't think David is still friends. You know, he, he holds the grudges.

• 1:24:38 - 1:24:59
B, you just don't get over them. My brother did the same thing. My mother didn't leave a will. So at the time scuba had his first heart attack. And um, so I couldn't do it anyway to make a long story short. We all signed over for him to do it. Mm-hmm <affirmative> we never got a, a bill or anything telling us what the amount of the estate was or what the funeral expenses were. I understand how your son feels.

• 1:25:01 - 1:25:34

It was just, uh, you know, right. Uh, Jim took his car, his dad's car, which wasn't worth that much and had it praised. And the kids took the gun collection and had araise and Judy had the house appraise and Tom had this coin collection of price. They did all the word legwork for Frankie, come in for more than that. And, and Judy had all the expenses of, you know, the house expenses to keep it going three years there and the taxes and the funeral expenses and pass bills that didn't get paid and, and all that. And they were just, just a lot of her feelings and I'm not bad friends, neither this Tom.

• 1:25:34 - 1:25:43
And, uh, and, uh, let's see which one, Jim, but Judy and Dave still have that little feeling, you know, that, uh, uh, he didn't do right by him.

• 1:25:43 - 1:25:46
Well, I can sympathize with him. I really can. Yeah.

• 1:25:46 - 1:26:03
You know, I think though Mary, back when pat and I, we chose Frank because my, my family were older and as an executor, if something in our will that, uh, they would do by mother, you know, would see that she was taken care of. And if something happened him and I together and.

• 1:26:03 - 1:26:04
He never changed it.

• 1:26:04 - 1:26:12
And yes. Yeah. But I think back then, you know what, would've had my mother, if, uh, if we had died and not, you know, it would've been the same thing.

• 1:26:12 - 1:26:14
It would've been tragic, like is.

• 1:26:14 - 1:26:14
So.

• 1:26:14 - 1:26:16
Greedy. He don't, God was so good to you.

• 1:26:16 - 1:26:26
Yeah. That, uh, you know, I think back then it was the blessing. Now the kids might not have got thinking, but they got material things, but you know what I mean, money or anything, but his girlfriend's got a lot too. So.

• 1:26:30 - 1:26:45
July 26Th, 1990, and this is Mary DeLong and we will be talking with B Val Raponi. I found, um, an article on your scrapbook that said that he was resigning. That's why I want asked you to mention.

• 1:26:45 - 1:26:46
Judge Brock.

• 1:26:46 - 1:26:47
Okay.

• 1:26:47 - 1:27:15
Yeah. I, I don't know just when John took office, but he was our judge out there for quite some time. And after I believe it was, was town Kirk, he became judge and, uh, they, um, sold out here in Brookdale and went to Zeer Hills, Florida, and then he became sick. And, uh, not too, didn't have too many good years down there. And then he became sick and he was in the nursing home where he died down there.

• 1:27:16 - 1:27:23
Okay. Just so we have a record of it, right. Okay. Now start with your notes. It's all yours. Well, I'll give you a little question.

• 1:27:23 - 1:27:36
Katherine K lives in lower Brookdale and she was Katherine Smith and her, she used to live on, um, um, yeah, the road up from the Caroline school,.

• 1:27:37 - 1:27:37
Elli hall,.

• 1:27:37 - 1:27:51
Elli, how road, the end of it there. And she was Katherine Smith. And then she married Ralph Lee and then, uh, or local boy and he, Ralph died and she married Steve Kish. And she now lives down here, had a son, Edward,.

• 1:27:52 - 1:27:53
Right. Who,.

• 1:27:53 - 1:28:24
Uh, was worked for Cornell and died a few years back of cancer. And he has one son, Michael, and, uh, the bishops on, down through town here, bishops Eltons and his wife, um, Lua lived there and they had a son. Um, we call him Butch, his father and mother formerly lived in, in that same area where he lives. And he used to be the water, um, commissioner or something for our area. I remember, well, Mr.

• 1:28:24 - 1:28:37
Bishop used to come and get us kids out of the six mile crew. He would cause he was the net years. I guess they probably didn't use chlorine. It was always him, but he'd always let us know he was coming. He'd make enough noise. We'd get out. That was always kind of,.

• 1:28:37 - 1:28:38
That was nice.

• 1:28:38 - 1:28:43

Yeah. And Paul Drake lived down in the lower part of town. Everybody knew Paul. He, and.

• 1:28:43 - 1:28:44
He was very well.

• 1:28:44 - 1:28:59
Like yes, him and Elle. And they had two, two sons and a daughter, Audrey and Donald, which died of cancer. Right. And David still lives down in the area. And, uh, Paul, what area? What? Well, the lower Brookdale. Oh,.

• 1:28:59 - 1:29:00
He does. Okay. Mm-hmm.

• 1:29:00 - 1:29:31
<Affirmative> well near the family home. He has David across the street. Oh. Lives across the street. Okay. And, uh, but Don's dad and Audrey lives over, um, she's, uh, Casey now I believe and lives over in Newfield. He's someplace that way. But Estelle and Paul went to live in OC, Florida. And, uh, Elle's in a nursing home right now. And Paul stays down there by himself. That's sad.

• 1:29:31 - 1:30:02
Yeah, it is. And Albertsons, everybody in town know, knew the Albertsons. There was, uh, Bob and Helen and they lived across the bridge down there and had one son, Jim, Jim, uh, moved to, um, Colorado and does carpenter work there. And, uh, Helen and Bob in their later years sold everything here and moved to, uh, long mountain Colorado to be near Jim. Jim has married girl from Liverpool and has two children.

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And, uh, Helen was a S very girl. Yeah. That's very important. Right. Helen Albertson was a longs. Very, um, there was a shooter down there on the corner of Bob Albertson. And, uh, I wasn't, that was when I was so young. And I remember they had a big fire down there and then Paul Drake's house right next, the door burned down. I remember that. And we only had bucket brigade then. And, uh, so Latin built on Paul Drake's property at that time, Paul Drake came up and lived across from me and then they moved down where they are now last lived.

• 1:30:40 - 1:30:54
Right. But, um, there was a Mrs. Sugar on there, there a beautiful big home on the floor. Oh, well, didn't she build up across Mary paint or by that house later on, it's a different shirt. Oh, okay. Mm-hmm, <affirmative> all, it's a different, I don't think they related.

• 1:30:54 - 1:31:26
Okay. And then we got, uh, the Stanley place up, uh, coming up the road little farther across from Tony SPTA used to be an old man and his wife, uh, in the area named Stanley. And, uh, he used to pedal our mail. And like I said, that's kind of when I was real young, don't know that much about him. Remember, you drove an old, old car, at least we have his name. Right? Uh, his name was Stanley and Margaret Riley lives in his house now. Oh, that little white house house. Okay. Mm-hmm <affirmative> and Tony speed of course lives across the street.

• 1:31:27 - 1:31:54
And his wife was Helen maybe. And they had, uh, two boys, um, Ronnie and, uh, Jimmy. And, uh, then years later they had Jeff and, uh, Helen and Tony are still living in the house. Ronnie built on bald hill. And then the

Vandy Mars, there was Ben and Harry and Jay, and they were some were van DMARS and some were van DMARS.

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And I think Ben van DMAR and then Harry van DMAR and Jay Vandermark and there was van DMARS and Vandermark in town. And to my knowledge, they aren't related, but that's interesting. Yeah. Uh, van lived below the trestle there and, uh, uh, he had boy had all boys. He had, uh, Eugene and Walter and, um, uh, hug and Ramey and, uh, they're, they're gone now.

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I remember my house mother town, that nice little house that sits there with a little Cape pad just around the trestle. Right. Was a Sears and robot came in on the train. Really? Yeah. Isn't it something.

• 1:32:40 - 1:32:41

Yes,.

• 1:32:41 - 1:33:16

It is. It's attractive. Then there was Harry Vandy, Vandy, Mar that lived up above me there and had run the little store. And he used to have a little, uh, uh, car that he, uh, pet groceries, something like Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and then Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, bill Gorton worked for him would take it the other way. Go up John center way. Fantastic. ISN. That's something. And, um, that's now housing up there. And then Jay van mark would be Ed's father ed Marsha center and, um, Tom van mark, and, um, Barbara.

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And they lived right along in there. Two where Kathy Edelson does now, as I remember, and then later years they

moved on up to, um, the back street. We call it right along by Burt, Matt masters, along there in that little house. That was the band Mark House too. And then Anna Maltz is where Anna mal was an old lady and, uh, lived in sold antique and lived in, um, where Mary Thomas does now. And that I didn't know much about her husband or her cuz.

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They, so which house does Mary Thomas live.

• 1:33:49 - 1:33:51

In? Uh, the one next to dun LA dun.

• 1:33:51 - 1:33:52

La. Oh, next to where?

• 1:33:52 - 1:33:53

Sheriffs office and dun lap in town.

• 1:33:54 - 1:33:54

Okay.

• 1:33:54 - 1:33:56

Okay. It was Anna Mo's house. That's a.

• 1:33:56 - 1:33:57

Beautiful house. Yes,.

• 1:33:57 - 1:34:06

It is. That's old home and the next one down would be fancy Cave's years ago. Right. I'm going back as far as I can remember. And the Cave's lived there and um, his.

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Wife's name was Helen and they had one son down.

• 1:34:09 - 1:34:35

Donald in Elmeda, California, I believe. And Francis died and, and Helen and uh, then we had the pat N cave. They lived down, uh, Elm street and they had

son's tip and Joe and Francis and uh, the three boys and then across the road, a brother whose name was John was married to bird. Her name was bird cavy. And they had, um,.

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He was a brother to Mr. Cavy that we knew. Yeah. Pass.

• 1:34:39 - 1:34:42

Brother. John lived across the street.

• 1:34:42 - 1:34:43

That's interesting. I never knew that.

• 1:34:44 - 1:34:53

And he had sons, Tom and Doug or Charles and Ben and, and a daughter. Mary, Mary Lexander.

• 1:34:53 - 1:34:56

Is she okay. So now I see where the other Cav family came.

• 1:34:56 - 1:35:29

From. All right. Okay. And of late, um, Mary Alexander's daughter has put up a home out back of her house yet there in Brookdale. Yes. Here in Brookdale. On Elm street. And she's married to Lippincot. Yes. Okay. Jerry mm-hmm <affirmative> all right. And uh, I think Mr. John CA used to be very active in the community. I can remember my folks telling about him getting, uh, carnivals and, uh, uh, different events for the kids school in mother said he was real good man for the, and I never remember him.

• 1:35:29 - 1:35:45

He died before. I, I remember his wife bird cave, and she was real nice, but I didn't know, John, uh, he'd have things like catching the greasy pig and all that sort of stuff. And he died of a heart attack evidently at, at one of those

events, evidently you know, as, uh, doing something.

• 1:35:45 - 1:36:15

And then we have the locums in town and at, and ORs locum lived, um, just above Burnsville Brooks and Dale there, uh, the first house on the right at that time and their house burned just about the time the sugar house and Paul Drake's house and the old Albertson house out back, there was another place out there owned by sugar. So they burned. And about that time is when the men formed the, the fire in Kenyans burned, lost the barn at that very same time. It wasn't many years in between.

• 1:36:16 - 1:36:40

And then they formed the fire company there and Frank Bo's garage. Well in the slogan, family was Nellie DeHart and Nellie had her family and she had, uh, romaine and Alice and Virginia and Charlotte, and a boy named Don, um, romaine died this year. Alice is still living in the Elmyra area. Virginia's in Dale and her husband died a couple years back.

• 1:36:41 - 1:37:25

And, um, Charlotte is still in Brookdale and Don was killed in a car accident quite a few years ago. He's a copy of that in a scrap bone. Right. Mm-hmm <affirmative> and he was married to, um, the lip and cat grew up pan mm-hmm <affirmative> and, uh, Charlotte married, um, Murray right back Alice Murray, Alice married, Dutch Wardwell, uh, romaine, married, ed white and Don married Lipka. And Cheryl, I got that one, Virginia married, Frank bore, the second married, her first married was to Dean and he died after having Bobby and she had a family by Charles Flo and then also in the spoken family was Mary cans.

• 1:37:25 - 1:37:44

And, uh, Mary canals had, uh, Helen who died while we were in school of heart. And she had Joe and Tim and Catherine and Linda, um, Catherines still alive. Joe is done. The youngest boy, one is done.

• 1:37:45 - 1:38:22

Um, Linda died of cancer and that was just Tom and Katherine left Tim and Katherine left in the family there. Um, there was other ones that they lived out of town and I wasn't so familiar with them, the, uh, Marjorie and, um, Edna, just, I just don't remember all of them because they were out of town and it was now Cher lived above, above yet above SLMs.

• 1:38:23 - 1:38:54

And, uh, I never remember her being married. She might have, but I just remember as a kid going there, they would do work for her long work or something. I'd go up there. That was since then Kiy baker lived there and the scribes, and now Carrie's lived there, that house, they changed hands. And then we had the wooden in town, wooden. She, the Ray and his wife Marion lived right by the Baptist, the old Baptist church, the next house between there and the fire hall where lip and cots do now.

• 1:38:54 - 1:39:27

Okay. And Ray and Marion had the, um, Fred and Roy and rep and, uh, we called her Helen and Bob and, uh, Lena, I guess that was out. She had quite a few kids take in washes and, uh, rep has died. Fred still is with Ruby on, um, Lansbury road.

• 1:39:29 - 1:39:42

Um, I believe Bob is dad and Roy and George, I believe. And I don't know

where hell is, but, um, not many of the womens left.

• 1:39:44 - 1:40:13

Oh, see, Wilson's Fred Wilson. Uh, his mother lived in the big brick brick building down here below Brookdale. And, um, I never remember her husband must have died before my day. And, um, she had a son, Fred and bud, and so another boy and I don't remember his name. Allen is the only one of the Wilsons left. Um, Bud's wife, Ruth lived above here.

• 1:40:14 - 1:40:17

Well, they had a daughter that died the retired child,.

• 1:40:18 - 1:40:43

Jane. Okay. Yeah. Oh, yes. Right. Uh, Jane Wilson too. She was three years younger than I Jane was. And, uh, he had Stevensons down here next to Dr. Mary's and it was, um, Howard Stevenson and his son bought, built across the road from him, Howard Howard. And they had several children. I don't remember.

• 1:40:43 - 1:40:53

Three boys and a girl that one in between. They called duke. I, I don't know. Yeah. It's in the obituary in your scrapbook. Right. But they were nice.

• 1:40:53 - 1:41:01

Yes, they were. It was, uh, duke and George and we call him, Howard was, yeah, it's called pickle head and.

• 1:41:01 - 1:41:05

He's right. He lived across that name stock, which I'm sorry to say. <laugh>.

• 1:41:06 - 1:41:17

Oh, then there was Hass that lived down there years ago where Rick LA in the area where Rick Laton does now,

not the same house, but near there. And then we had the Latin family, there was, um,.

• 1:41:18 - 1:41:19
Start with Mrs. Latin.

• 1:41:19 - 1:41:24
So it's Latin and, uh, she was married to Harold. So it's.

• 1:41:24 - 1:41:34
Bishop, wait a minute. Let's go back a little bit. What was the boys Mrs. Latin's name that lived down, um, behind me. What do you call that other road behind valley road?

• 1:41:36 - 1:41:39
Yeah, Brookdale road. It's still Brookdale Burt McMaster,.

• 1:41:39 - 1:41:39
Right?

• 1:41:40 - 1:41:42
That was McMaster. That was a half brother.

• 1:41:42 - 1:41:44
Okay. But what was Mrs? Um,.

• 1:41:45 - 1:41:45
Um,.

• 1:41:45 - 1:41:47
Maddy. Latin. Okay. That's put her in there.

• 1:41:48 - 1:41:49
Okay. Maddy Latin, uh,.

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Is mother too.

• 1:41:52 - 1:42:42
Um, she was a McMaster and then she married Latin. And then, uh, she had son's, uh, Harold and Ray and Phyllis, a

daughter. And, uh, I, I think she had a daughter Charlotte, and I don't think she's still living, but, um, Ray has made married to Mavis Davenport. They had one daughter, Lynn, Harold has, was married to Phyllis Bishop and, uh, they had skip who was killed in a car accident and they have, um, Rick and, uh, bridge or Larry, the three boys of the fix that they had.

• 1:42:43 - 1:43:06
And, um, that was, um, Rick is married and still lives down here. And his mother lives out back of their house in a, in a trailer at this site and have the Lockwood in the area. I don't know if I spoke with them before. I think I probably did so.

• 1:43:06 - 1:43:07
We can mention them again.

• 1:43:07 - 1:43:13
Dr. Lockwood brought me in the world, in fact, and we, that was a long time ago. They.

• 1:43:14 - 1:43:14
That the.

• 1:43:14 - 1:43:21
Post, they lived right next to the post office. And that's where he had his, his, um, medical office too. I remember going the back way.

• 1:43:22 - 1:43:24
Same place where Dr. Mary had hers. Yeah.

• 1:43:24 - 1:43:34
Okay. The good month. Mm-hmm <affirmative> and, um, he had his son, Elmer, Elmer, Mary Clara, Travis. And they're both dead.

• 1:43:34 - 1:43:38

Now. Okay. Now stop right there. Tell us about Elmer. He was, um,.

• 1:43:38 - 1:43:39

Uh, town clerk.

• 1:43:40 - 1:43:40

Okay.

• 1:43:41 - 1:43:45

And, uh, he worked at national Pham and his wife in later years. All.

• 1:43:45 - 1:43:46

Right. And he, but he had.

• 1:43:46 - 1:43:49

A real good, uh, write up on local cemeteries.

• 1:43:50 - 1:43:52

He certainly did. He did a lot of work.

• 1:43:52 - 1:43:57

And that yeah. Cause I used to come home from deer hunting and tell him if I found few more stones and we.

• 1:43:57 - 1:43:59

Really, yeah. Oh, he was so.

• 1:43:59 - 1:44:35

Good. Yeah. He was, his hearing was so bad that just made him, you know, like miserable for him. And later years and we had the west falls, he used to live way up near, um, um, April road and there was a west falls there and he used to be, uh, in charge of the highway department. Um, the state, I believe it was at that time cut the trees and grass along the road and everything by hand in those days. Right. Of course, April used to live way up there on April road and he used to make syrup and log it and stuff like that.

• 1:44:35 - 1:44:48

And he used to play on the local baseball team with, uh, Mike Rich and Tex Romble. And, uh, I think it was the red wings team and he's just had his leg amputated real bad again. He had to have it.

• 1:44:48 - 1:44:50

Redone recently. Yes.

• 1:44:50 - 1:45:00

Uh, um, just a month or so. Well, since Evan's been here, we visiting at home, he just got home and uh, I understand he's back there and they have to take more.

• 1:45:01 - 1:45:01

That was hard.

• 1:45:02 - 1:45:02

Yeah.

• 1:45:04 - 1:45:04

And.

• 1:45:04 - 1:45:22

They had two, three children, Dorothy and Frank and another daughter. That's a sting now. I don't know her first name. And, uh, there was always Charlie Jones that lived down out farther and he was in charge of, um, our telephone.

• 1:45:22 - 1:45:23

He owned it.

• 1:45:23 - 1:45:23

Yep.

• 1:45:24 - 1:45:26

And we had very poor service.

• 1:45:26 - 1:45:28

That's right. It was the old crank.

• 1:45:28 - 1:45:36

Thing. And he didn't care whether you complained or not. He just went his Merry way and that's right. And Esther head was the main operator. Right. Right.

• 1:45:36 - 1:45:48

And it was Paul Bell's mother and the heads head, two daughters, Paul Wall and the wall, Mary Clarence Griffin and Paul, Mary George Bell. And,.

• 1:45:48 - 1:45:50

Uh, and what about the slaughters up beyond you.

• 1:45:51 - 1:46:24

Slaughter that had that written down here? That, yeah, there was, um, Bob and may slaughter that lived kind of at the end of burns road there across the road. And they had, uh, three sons, they had Norman and Merle and, uh, Bob, Bob married. And he had several children, Merl married several times and Norman, uh, think had several marriages. So this, and I don't know how many, the children, they had a piece, but, uh, me and Bob were always good neighbors, hard working people.

• 1:46:26 - 1:46:47

He used Bob used to make the run from, uh, I believe it's Caroline depo to Brookdale with a male years ago. And the Annis used to live where BHEL in now. That was the old Anni dam. We called it, the anus family lived there and there again, it was when I was young.

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And then snow blown. What's their name?

• 1:46:49 - 1:46:51

Snow blown, snow bones lived there.

• 1:46:51 - 1:46:54

Afterwards. They bought it. And then they sold it to daddy and Brielle.

• 1:46:54 - 1:47:16

Yeah. Well men's owner even before them. Oh, there was a men's family in there. And uh, Anna, Roy, Roy Anna's family lived there. That was his family. And he had a sister Pearl, which is downage and Roy. And I think he was, um, another one that they call him, pickling us. I dunno, his name.

• 1:47:18 - 1:47:20

They had some doosies as far as nicknames go.

• 1:47:20 - 1:47:27

No, my kids laugh when I go to the, um, Vanny Mar family hop and cook and.

• 1:47:28 - 1:47:31

<Laugh>, they weren't happy long they had. And Nick short, Ben,.

• 1:47:31 - 1:47:58

I know Harry Vanny, mark that run the store up there had a son Ben and there was long bend below Brookdale. And I believe one was van D mark and the other Vandermark again, but there was Ben. So people would just say long Ben or short Ben, the store owner was short. Ben cuz he but short and Mr. Vanney mark down, he was long bed and lived crazy. Um, Jesse Brewer used to live right there next to the port.

• 1:47:58 - 1:48:01

And do you remember her husband or anything? Yes I do. No. Okay. Louisie.

• 1:48:01 - 1:48:39

Brewer. He was a carpenter and they had no children. They lived in the house, which is now down, across from Dr. Mary tankers. But I remember it when it was up there. And in fact I

was gonna take pictures the day they moved it and I went down and took a few pictures on my movie camera and I had to go to, it must have been, um, oh probably 65, I think in the sixties because, uh, Tom, the youngest one was born in 60 and I went over to, uh, uh, school, um, to, um, conference regarding his abouts work or something when he was young and I came right back and the house was almost where it is now.

• 1:48:39 - 1:48:41
They'd gone that far with it.

• 1:48:41 - 1:48:42
Movie. Wow. That was unusual.

• 1:48:42 - 1:48:44
Yeah, it was.

• 1:48:44 - 1:48:45
Uh, now who bought it.

• 1:48:47 - 1:48:55
Pur P U R Y E A R. And they put it down there in later years. So one of the sons fixed it up nice and resold it.

• 1:48:56 - 1:49:01
And who bought eman or something like that? I don't know who bought.

• 1:49:01 - 1:49:10
It. I don't either. Um, uh, the chimney suite lives now there Bessy Cleveland lives there, but who really owns it? Mary? I don't know,.

• 1:49:10 - 1:49:12
But it was a beautiful house.

• 1:49:12 - 1:49:15
Yes, it was, uh, Jesse Brewer. And, uh,.

• 1:49:15 - 1:49:17
Tell us about what she stole till,.

• 1:49:17 - 1:49:51
Till McCord used to live on the other side. And everybody in town would know till, and I don't there again, know her husband if she was married, but she was just, uh, um, an old lady when I was young, she lived in half Jesse's house. Jessie had no children and she opened up the, the old store. There used to be another lady where, uh, Larry LAN lives now called Mrs. Mills. And she was little old main lady when I was young. And she used to run the store there cuz I remember the cookies looked so good, but you never could afford them to carry marshmallow ones, you know <laugh> and uh,.

• 1:49:51 - 1:49:52
Today we wouldn't need them.

• 1:49:52 - 1:50:08
No. And uh, she lived then later years, Jesse opened the, they owned the place. So she opened it up to, um, dry, good store. Cuz I remember that was at the time I was married in 40 46 and cuz I remember different blankets or something somebody would gimme from.

• 1:50:08 - 1:50:08
Jesse.

• 1:50:09 - 1:50:11
Store at that time. And uh,.

• 1:50:13 - 1:50:22
Then you know, you better stop right here and tell us what you received his wedding gifts because things have changed. And I think it'd be interesting to record, uh, the difference.

• 1:50:23 - 1:50:49
Well probably tells and um, blankets. I don't remember any sheets I might have got 'em if they were they'd have been plain Whitely and uh, dishes. Um, well

Mary, this one, whatever I got, I remember I pretty much saved cuz I said I was waiting till the day on ha a house of my own. Cause I lived with the folks.

• 1:50:49 - 1:50:50
You remember.

• 1:50:50 - 1:50:54
Right. But it, you know, time went on. I used them. But uh,.

• 1:50:55 - 1:51:05
As you look back, can't you see where today we give those gifts a shower gift. Yes. And it really, it shakes me up because um,.

• 1:51:05 - 1:51:06
I.

• 1:51:06 - 1:51:07
Know it's too much. Yeah,.

• 1:51:08 - 1:51:26
It sure is. Yeah. It was very Noal to what you would. And I remember I had my wedding, um, in Catholic church, but I had the reception at home in those days. My folks couldn't afford it. So I did and Pat's mother helped me and we saved, um, coupons for me. Remember that was um,.

• 1:51:27 - 1:51:29
Absolutely. Absolutely. We had.

• 1:51:29 - 1:51:50
The to meet and I remember we brought the long square ham, you know, or not lonely, but it was the min ham would guess we day. Right. And, but we had to have so many coupons to buy one those big ones and we saved and save coupons to get the meat for, and I can't remember what we serve, but it was probably just salads and something that we got together.

• 1:51:50 - 1:51:52
But that was good. That was just fine.

• 1:51:52 - 1:51:53
Yeah. Yeah.

• 1:51:54 - 1:51:57
You know, much better than spending thousands of dollars be. Yeah.

• 1:51:57 - 1:52:10
Right. I borrowed Virginia voice's wedding dresser. I wouldn't have had wedding dress. I had my own veil, but Virginia VO was then Virginia Dean mm-hmm <affirmative> and her husband had died. So she offered me a dresser. I probably wouldn't have had one further,.

• 1:52:11 - 1:52:17
But I think that's great. Mr. Long borrowed someone else's I think that, you know, more people did that. Yeah. You wear it one day. I know.

• 1:52:18 - 1:52:28
And nobody ever knows it anyway. Um, let's see. Who have I left out? Pat? Anna cave. Me, I guess I told you about them, right?

• 1:52:28 - 1:52:28
Yeah.

• 1:52:29 - 1:52:36
They, my mother used to do a washing for, and then PA would give me some, some change if I talked, I can't believe it <laugh>.

• 1:52:37 - 1:52:43
Well, cause I never taught <laugh>. Yeah, right. Yeah. Mean he started, he was a wonderful person. Both of them were, they were.

• 1:52:43 - 1:53:01

Gore lines. Wasn't forget the gore lines in town. They were an old, old couple that didn't have children. And they lived um, a kid corner there from the federated church and he used to be the janitor at our school. And um, he also was a clerk at the post office when Agnes Fannie Mar used to, to be, oh, postmaster.

• 1:53:02 - 1:53:04

Now what was Mrs. Gore lines? Maide name?

• 1:53:08 - 1:53:27

I suppose it would be Vanny mark. Cuz Lee, Annie mark was her brother because that would be Agnes's husband mm-hmm died. I never remember him. And he died and Mr. Gores line worked for her in the post office, but Agnes, I believe was a brother to Lee. So her probably her maiden name was a mark would say.

• 1:53:28 - 1:53:29

And she had a severe hair lip.

• 1:53:30 - 1:53:30

Yes.

• 1:53:30 - 1:53:32

Yeah. But a wonderful, wonderful couple.

• 1:53:32 - 1:53:44

Yeah she, and uh, there was another one. Um, Kate wink used to live along there and Kathy land and the next house where Dorothy Ward was now was an old lady named.

• 1:53:44 - 1:53:45

My house, our.

• 1:53:45 - 1:53:48

House, your house, Kathy land. And it must have been on your D.

• 1:53:49 - 1:53:50

Oh then Wilson.

• 1:53:50 - 1:53:58

Land and would be, uh, the Woodhouse relative aunt maybe or something somehow related to the old wood.

• 1:53:58 - 1:54:00

Halls. Okay. I'm gonna talk to Bernie,.

• 1:54:01 - 1:54:09

Cassie, Landon. I think her name was, and, and she was either, she was never married or I don't remember her husband the same with Winchell.

• 1:54:10 - 1:54:14

Now who lived in where? Uh, Wilson lived right next door to us.

• 1:54:15 - 1:54:16

Kate wink.

• 1:54:16 - 1:54:16

Okay.

• 1:54:17 - 1:54:39

And somehow she was related to our, our, my first grade teacher li English. Who's still alive. Used to be my first grade teacher. And um, she's now married to a NRO. Her husband died and she married a me named Nedra and lives in LA.

• 1:54:40 - 1:54:49

You know what I wish you'd tell us here about what life was like at that school in Dale. I don't think anyone's told me you walked to school.

• 1:54:49 - 1:54:50

We walked to school.

• 1:54:50 - 1:54:51

Did you carry your lunch?

• 1:54:51 - 1:55:10

You carried our lunch. We, and uh, I went home for lunch. Some of us did most of us. If we, if we carried lunch, we usually eat at recess. It wasn't that much, you know? And if you probably eat it at recess, but I would go home have potato a. So for lunch, that was a mainstay, you know, you always had.

• 1:55:10 - 1:55:10

Right.

• 1:55:11 - 1:55:48

And then Cheryl and I would walk home and the court kids and, uh, back, it was nice. It was two rooms. Um, the first grade teacher, my first grade teacher was Lydia li English, as I tell you. And then, um, we had Irma Davenport and then when Irma was in the little room, Earl row was in the, the, the second room, the larger room. And they fell in love when we were married and uh, she became Irma row. And then after that, we had, uh, I moved into the big room after Irma and I had her husband Earl.

• 1:55:49 - 1:56:08

And after he left, cuz I remember I had Bernie O'Neal a young gentleman and I guess that's oh, I had Clauson. I had Mr. Clauson there between there, I believe. And which was married to one, the Mansbury girls. He, his second marriage was to Louise Lansbury and.

• 1:56:08 - 1:56:10

She ended up being Louise alone.

• 1:56:10 - 1:56:15

Yes she did. Mm-hmm <affirmative> was that re, was that married or related to school?

• 1:56:15 - 1:56:16

I think so.

• 1:56:16 - 1:56:27

Really? Yeah. That's the same one. And uh, it was a good school. We, we enjoyed it and uh, that much went on. We were all glad to see Mr. Olds, the superintendent schools come by just to say.

• 1:56:27 - 1:56:28

Hi, he was nice.

• 1:56:29 - 1:56:36

Db bull who had something on the, the board would come in. And that was kind of a big day when somebody would come in. Right. But um,.

• 1:56:37 - 1:56:41

Now tell us how bad the transition was when you went to the Kaha. That must have been terrible.

• 1:56:42 - 1:56:56

Well, yeah, I guess I don't think much about it now, but probably then I was scared to death. I would say were yeah. Down at the old Dewitt school now, then now's Downing ons. I guess that doesn't is Dewitt building now, but.

• 1:56:57 - 1:56:58

It wasn't. We.

• 1:56:58 - 1:57:17

Took our Regents. We took our Regents out here and went right from eighth grade to, uh, ninth down there, which was high school. Right. Uh, I think, uh, Jim was the first, uh, that was Caroline when he was in his last year. I think at there they went over to.

• 1:57:17 - 1:57:23

Caroline. Well, how did you feel? You can't remember how you felt when you went to the Kaha. Everyone I've talked with.

• 1:57:23 - 1:57:23

Being.

• 1:57:23 - 1:57:31

Scared. They were terrified. Yeah. They didn't like it. They were glad when it was over, they wished they'd never gone. I mean, this, these are some of the things I've heard.

• 1:57:31 - 1:57:42

Yeah. I, I can't remember all that. I just know I was scared to death and it seemed like it was then in the world to go downtown to school. But, uh, I don't remember all that sort of, uh,.

• 1:57:42 - 1:57:45

Do you remember any special teachers that helped you?

• 1:57:46 - 1:58:00

Yeah. Um, Ms. Doy became Mrs. Pierce. He coach Pierce and, uh, um, Helen Coran, who was Mrs. EY, right. And ham.

• 1:58:00 - 1:58:02

Um, oh, she was the dad. The Kay teacher.

• 1:58:02 - 1:58:33

Yeah. She could baker and Elliott was my English teacher and Wakin was my history teacher. Didn't learn that much, but, um, I never liked school, but I never, I worked for what I got, but I, I guess I enjoyed, uh, you know, the buses. Um, we run on Covington road cuz it came down, crossed up over the bridge. And so I usually rode on cottage bus.

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• 1:58:34 - 1:58:35

And how was it back then?

• 1:58:36 - 1:58:59

Sometimes you'd go in a station wagon when those were the, you know, the wood station wagon used to squeak, squeak all the way. And then the buses, they were cold and they waited for everybody. I remember we'd get the end of our SL road and maybe George would run up first in about the time he'd make the bus then maybe June would come and then maybe Eler and Mary, you know, one by one they'd come up there. We'd wait for a mall. You know,.

• 1:58:59 - 1:59:05

Chris bells were running it, Chris bells. Okay. No one has said anything about the arsenals. What would you like to say?

• 1:59:06 - 1:59:23

Well, they were good people and they were a lot of kids. There was George and Elnor and Mary and David and Phyllis and June. And they all did well. Um,.

• 1:59:25 - 1:59:27

Now they lived where the family business was.

• 1:59:27 - 1:59:32

They did, they lived over there and uh, they ran the, the milk house. Beaverbrook.

• 1:59:32 - 1:59:34

That was from there too.

• 1:59:34 - 1:59:50

It was from there too. Okay. Um, Mr. Stevens, uh, Leslie Stevens used to bottle of milk. My husband, pat used to deliver the milk. And then when you get back, you'd have to wash bottles on the end of the day.

• 1:59:50 - 1:59:50

Wow.

- 1:59:51 - 1:59:59
Paddle every day in the week, you never had a day off because, uh, um, everybody didn't think they could do without milk every.
- 1:59:59 - 2:00:01
Day. Well, there was no refrigeration.
- 2:00:01 - 2:00:06
Later years. They went every other day and people thought they could never.
- 2:00:06 - 2:00:07
Live without. I remember that.
- 2:00:09 - 2:00:10
And uh,.
- 2:00:10 - 2:00:12
Did pat like working for our SNS?
- 2:00:14 - 2:00:16
Uh, he had had better places to work for.
- 2:00:16 - 2:00:19
That way. Okay. Well that's alright. That's enough? Uh,.
- 2:00:19 - 2:00:38
Well just, um, um, just, just a lot of things happen. The trucks were old and the kids would run the gas out at night. They had all the young kids and uh, he'd gas up when he'd come home and then he'd take it out in the day and get way over in Alice's house and run outta gas and never know how much he was in and have to walk for miles in those days.
- 2:00:38 - 2:00:39
To be home. Right.
- 2:00:39 - 2:00:40
Right. And, uh,.

- 2:00:40 - 2:00:43
That went on. That was before he went to work at Allen whale.
- 2:00:43 - 2:00:56
Yeah. And they went to national cash and well, uh, yes, that's right. Cause he worked for Lucy's dairy prior to, uh, going in service. And then he worked for <inaudible> when he came out.
- 2:00:56 - 2:00:57
And then the.
- 2:00:57 - 2:00:57
National.
- 2:00:57 - 2:01:00
Cash after that. Yes. And he was there,.
- 2:01:01 - 2:01:36
Um, until his, until he died in 70 in, um, in 81, he died in 81. He was there from, um, I think the year Jim was born, I think PA went there 46, 48, 19 48. He must have went there. It was about that year that he went there and worked, he got outta service in 46 and we were married and he worked for so, and I think about 48, he went to worked for since and worked there until he died in 81.
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- 2:01:36 - 2:01:37
He did real well too.
- 2:01:38 - 2:01:40
Yes. He got to traffic manager work,.
- 2:01:40 - 2:01:44
You know, from the amount of education, high school education. Right. He did very well.
- 2:01:44 - 2:01:53

And he took that, um, um, correspondence course for traffic manager and did well. And uh,.

• 2:01:55 - 2:01:59

What was the social life like in Brookdale? There wasn't any, when we moved there,.

• 2:01:59 - 2:02:12

No, there wasn't. We didn't have the community center. There was well, way back. There was not even a fire hall, but um, just everybody didn't have television at nights and most of us didn't have electric lights even until.

• 2:02:12 - 2:02:12

That's right.

• 2:02:12 - 2:02:40

Went to high school, we had lights and you only used it for lights. You didn't have, you still had the old washers and stuff like, and uh, you might go sleigh riding or tobogganing or ice skating on the, the dam. It seems like as kids would always get John Hoy dam cleaned off and then, um, Cornell, um, hockey people would come up and play, oh, kick us little kids off. Just about the time we got it done. Oh,.

• 2:02:40 - 2:02:41

That was terrible.

• 2:02:41 - 2:02:52

Yeah. Him and, uh, Jimmy Vanny mark on the bag street went to Cornell C. And so he'd always bring the guys out there to play hockey, but it was usually after we got it cleaned up, John White's another one if I didn't mention.

• 2:02:53 - 2:02:54

John. No, we didn't.

• 2:02:54 - 2:03:37

John ran the saw mill and uh, he was everybody's friend. He in later years, married Lee aunt who lived across the road from him. But, um, he was a good gentleman to has kids. And I was from his male burned many years ago and John's dead and now hat's dead. And uh, the Lees used to live across the road from John there where now he bent and does now. And it was, they had a family, they had herb and they call him bone <laugh>, um, um, herb bone and Tobe, which was Morris.

• 2:03:38 - 2:04:01

I remember that. And Ralph, that was married to Mary, to a friend, uh, captain K and, uh, the daughter Hadie and a daughter Mary, which is Prius and, um, they'd come up Morris or told we'd come up and play Dominos with my folks nights. That was just about it. And.

• 2:04:01 - 2:04:05

See, we played that yeah. With our kids. Yeah. And we still have the game.

• 2:04:05 - 2:04:26

Yeah. We played dominoes and some of the boys, as they came on, my brothers would play cards or something. But once they got arguing amongst themselves, take cards away from 'em. But, uh, I don't know. We just always got together and played games or something. Nice. You know, but uh, everybody worked so hard in those days. I guess there wasn't much time for fun. Mm-hmm <affirmative> um,.

• 2:04:28 - 2:04:35

The first social thing I remember in Brookdale is going down to that. Well, it was a store across from the bridge where, um,.

• 2:04:37 - 2:04:37

Davis's.

• 2:04:37 - 2:04:40

Yes. They had a Halloween party. Oh.

• 2:04:40 - 2:04:40

Really?

• 2:04:41 - 2:04:48

And when you were little, it was when we first moved there. When I say you were little, you were real young.

• 2:04:51 - 2:04:54

Dad. I don't remember Mary probably didn't get in on that. <laugh>.

• 2:04:54 - 2:04:57

Well, anyway, that, that was my first, the Davis.

• 2:04:57 - 2:04:58

Must have owned it, then mm-hmm.

• 2:04:58 - 2:05:10

<Affirmative> then they started home bureau and that was nice. Yes. We learned a lot through that. Were you, uh, you were still young when they started the fire department?

• 2:05:11 - 2:05:39

Uh, no, I wasn't. Um, I, I can't give you a year, but I do remember it was after all those, uh, uh, houses that burned at Frank was, and, um, probably the Latins, the older ones in, in town. Um, Frank loaned them the end of the garage there and they got an old truck and made it over into a fire truck. But pat didn't block that time. It was later that he joined,.

• 2:05:40 - 2:05:41

Well, you weren't married.

• 2:05:41 - 2:05:43

No, no, no.

• 2:05:44 - 2:05:47

Well that was wonderful, you know? Yeah. They didn't have to start with a brand new.

• 2:05:47 - 2:06:20

Truck. That's right. They fixed it over. I remember the, when pat joined, they had these old, uh, boxes, they were old army, um, radios or something. They were probably that big and they B gladed everything all night and all day, it seemed like, you know, anything that happened to any of the fire companies that wouldn't exist. And I remember Ray Latin and Roy Anis and them fixed those boxes over and duke winters. And um, well just everything came on.

• 2:06:20 - 2:06:27

'Em at night, it just kept you awake. And I, pat could never hear, you know, he was too in for Brookdale, but that's all, all night it's you mean.

• 2:06:27 - 2:06:29

It wasn't a scanner like.

• 2:06:29 - 2:06:40

That? It wasn't a scanner like that. It was just great big old box, like the old army utility box. And somehow the men worked these over. So they would do for radios at that time. But you heard everything on.

• 2:06:40 - 2:06:40

Amazing.

• 2:06:41 - 2:06:46

And as I said, pat only heard Brook and Dale, he was tuned out for the rest, but I heard 'em all. Oh,.

• 2:06:47 - 2:06:48

So you didn't get much sleep?

• 2:06:48 - 2:07:09

No, it was awful day when he joined it and uh, to be able to tune it out and I couldn't do it. Um, you see the Denman's used to live there by the bridge or Dr. Denman where, uh, later years, um, the Martins bought it, but, uh, Dr. Denman from this school, it was his summer home.

• 2:07:10 - 2:07:15
And you're kidding. Today. We commute back then it was his summer home,.

• 2:07:15 - 2:07:19
Summer home mm-hmm
<affirmative> but in the wintertime, they stayed in town.

• 2:07:19 - 2:07:19
I am.

• 2:07:22 - 2:07:54
And, uh, I'm trying to think of some other old people. Well, you think the B used to live down where Claire, um, Prescott does now. There was, uh, the lost in Hilden. They had two children, bill and Barbara bill used to farm from Tom burns and Barbara married a boy, Henry Payne. They moved to Florida and she has since died. And that whole family's gone.

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• 2:07:55 - 2:07:56
Barbara bile died.

• 2:07:56 - 2:08:28
Yeah. I didn't know that. Yes. Mm-hmm <affirmative> few years back. Hank's alive. Evidently down there. Evelyn and I was discussing who, um, Mrs. Mrs. Bickle was a hazard Jager. I remember that, but somehow they were related to the hotels cuz when Mrs. Hotel died, she took Gladys and

took care of her in those years. And then that, when I said, bill worked for the Tom burns, that's on burns road up there where the red barn apartments are now.

• 2:08:28 - 2:08:41
And there was uh, Tom and his wife, um, Gladys, Gladys always worked so hard and time in early years had a stroke and she had more to do with the housework and the farm work and everything. And, and she,.

• 2:08:42 - 2:08:42
The Chris bell,.

• 2:08:43 - 2:08:44
Us was a CRI bell.

• 2:08:44 - 2:08:45
Related to Leslie and.

• 2:08:46 - 2:08:48
David and Harry. And.

• 2:08:49 - 2:08:52
She was the nice lady. She used to ride the bus once in a while.

• 2:08:52 - 2:09:44
Yeah, she was good girl. And uh, bill used to work for them and theones on Burnsville. Then I remember they bought, uh, land for my mother that owned it there and uh, put her street car in there for a house, ah, right by the bridge there on Burnsville, Burnsville, Brookdale I'm talking about. And they were one, they had a street car. In fact, I think they had two and that's what they lived in. It was Kirk and Mary, which had been a Lee. She was a Mary Lee and they had children Francis and John and Donald and Beatrice and Alice and Bernard and um, um, Francis having been married and away all those years came back and lives on the homestead.

- 2:09:45 - 2:09:46
And um,.
- 2:09:48 - 2:09:51
See there was no zoning back then so they could get away with that.
- 2:09:51 - 2:09:59
Another street car used to be on white church road. John Leonard used to live in the street car out there on the white church road. And uh,.
- 2:10:00 - 2:10:03
Ray Leonard was Scoop's friend. Was that his son?
- 2:10:07 - 2:10:13
Uh, John Leonard, Ray. I don't know him. I believe. Well,.
- 2:10:14 - 2:10:16
It was Scoop's age. He'd be about.
- 2:10:17 - 2:10:18
What was that? Um,.
- 2:10:20 - 2:10:22
I thought it was Jan Leonard's son.
- 2:10:24 - 2:10:30
Oh, I think that old guy's name was John. I, I don't have the scrapbook here to find.
- 2:10:30 - 2:10:34
Out well that's okay. Well they file it under each name. You know, the article.
- 2:10:34 - 2:10:38
John Leonard. Well, who was the old guy that lived out in Ville Leonard. That's.
- 2:10:38 - 2:10:39
Where you that's, who I'm talking about?

- 2:10:39 - 2:10:48
Yeah. And what was his name? Um, name? Was it John? It was, um, time Leonard.
- 2:10:49 - 2:10:51
That's it. Okay. You're right. That's.
- 2:10:51 - 2:10:59
It. Okay. It would be his son to, but to Tom was John's brother. Okay. And John used to live on white church where I don't think he ever married and he lived down the street car.
- 2:11:01 - 2:11:03
Uh, do you remember when you got your first car?
- 2:11:04 - 2:11:04
Um,.
- 2:11:05 - 2:11:05
Your first.
- 2:11:06 - 2:11:37
Car? My first car. Um, I was going with pat and we had 35 Chevy and it seemed like a lot of money. I think he paid \$48 for it and uh, he drove it and then he went in service and we had put it up cuz there was no tires on it. We went on a trip with Phyllis and Jimmy hell who stood up in our wedding and we made one last trip with it to can go to, um, Roseland, Uhhuh <affirmative>. And I remember any tires that fit it. We piled in fight like five or six extra tires.
- 2:11:37 - 2:11:40
And we went that and I think we had five or six flat tires going.
- 2:11:40 - 2:11:41
Home.
- 2:11:41 - 2:12:12
And finally ended up in Ithaca with a flat and no more tires to put on it. We

patched and so forth. So, um, um, the next day we took my dad's, uh, I think it was the 29 Chevrolet and went down and pulled it up south of RO street and put it in Pat's folk's garage. And then when I got a job after I graduated and pat was gonna come home from service, Montgomery married, I got it out and went to Montgomery ward and was able to get four tires and put it back on the road. So when he came home, but that was a 35 shovel.

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• 2:12:13 - 2:12:16
Amazing, amazing. <laugh>.

• 2:12:17 - 2:12:21
Was the same year I painted the house. I, when I got my job, I used to paint at nights and.

• 2:12:22 - 2:12:22
I remember that year.

• 2:12:23 - 2:12:25
I, yeah, I painted and painted and painted.

• 2:12:25 - 2:12:27
Is that the year you started working at Cornell?

• 2:12:28 - 2:12:58
Uh, no, I didn't work for Cornell Phil. I was married. I, I did this when I worked for hat white in the government office and that was before I was married. I went to work for triple a production marketing administration. Formerly been triple a and then they went to production market administration. We were in the first national bank and I worked for Hadie a year and then they moved to Syracuse and dad and mother went, dad wasn't good. So I didn't transfer. I stayed

home. And pat came home. We were married that year and then I went to work to Cornell.

• 2:13:01 - 2:13:18
And uh, then after that I went to work for the journal. And so I don't know how you say it was a drastic change because, uh, we didn't have anything anyway.

• 2:13:19 - 2:13:23
Well, we didn't have any transportation to speak up except the buses because I'll just.

• 2:13:23 - 2:13:24
Leave. This is, I go,.

• 2:13:29 - 2:13:30
You can ask.

• 2:13:30 - 2:13:44
Me about so well, I'd like to ask you more about the, the life in Dale, because Evelyn told me some, but you were there before she was, um, you know how things changed, how world war II changed your life. You know, that was a drastic change.

• 2:13:45 - 2:13:53
Well, we never had anything here you begin with. So I don't know how you say it was drastic changed because, uh, we didn't have anything anyway.

• 2:13:53 - 2:13:58
Well, we didn't have any transportation to speak up except the buses, because gas was, you had.

• 2:13:58 - 2:14:01
Gas, you had gas, ration tickets. You couldn't never get gas to.

• 2:14:01 - 2:14:02
Go place. Right.

• 2:14:02 - 2:14:13

And if you wanna go someplace, if or something, you always saved your, you with me, you know, you never had anything anyway. So you never didn't miss.

• 2:14:13 - 2:14:20

What you did. No, we had extra stamps. Right? <laugh> <laugh> well, like the shoes they were racing weren't they.

• 2:14:20 - 2:14:26

That's right? Yeah. Yeah. They, everything was racing. Then we had problems in town in.

• 2:14:27 - 2:14:30

Virginia. Oh yeah. Tell us about, turn your head around a little bit.

• 2:14:30 - 2:15:03

Um, um, uh, Paul, Virginia lived down here and they had two daughters, Susan and, uh, um, Heather and they were going to get Heather from Rochester where Susan had married and live and was coming home this real bad night in 1975 and uh, bad accident. Some drunk hit, and Virginia was very badly. Her and Heather and Paul were killed. And, uh, it was along, uh,.

• 2:15:03 - 2:15:04

That was a real.

• 2:15:04 - 2:15:34

Trip tragedy. Yes, it was. The thing was that Judy was in, um, my daughter, Judy was visiting for now husband up in the area. And I was gonna ask Paul to pick her up on the way home cuz she came by busing and uh, I didn't, but I had a, at that time I had a, um, cast on my leg and mother wasn't well, and Tom was little. And I remember the night I had to go down to get her from the station.

• 2:15:34 - 2:15:38

I'd heard about him getting killed and lake sugar went my back because.

• 2:15:38 - 2:15:38

You better believe.

• 2:15:38 - 2:15:56

That because it could have been, cuz we had talked about maybe picking her up in Geneva, the way home she was visiting there, her boyfriend to be, we had, um, John lair used to live in Dale. They came in in later years and they lived over where Molly Adams lives now. And John was.

• 2:15:56 - 2:16:01

That's the old maybe house, the house at the maybe fill Lene and tip.

• 2:16:02 - 2:16:09

No the one next to it. Well, yes, you're right. They BU didn't they build a yes that's right Mary. Yeah. You're.

• 2:16:09 - 2:16:10

Right now. I'm not sure. So check me out.

• 2:16:10 - 2:16:45

No, I think that is, um, I think it was Paul Elizabeth Raman that we did the blacksmith shop if I'm not mistake. Okay. And then the next one, I forget Ms. Ma and John Leer lived there after Tipman, uh, Arlene and uh, he got a dystrophy and, but he was real good in later years. Uh, he was um, on the board of directors at the community center and he had wife Marie it's now with the egg center Ithaca and uh, they had two children and uh, oh, must forget Amy Atwater.

• 2:16:46 - 2:16:46

Amy lived.

- 2:16:46 - 2:16:48
In, oh no, we can't forget her.
- 2:16:49 - 2:17:16
Amy, um, lived here. She had two daughters SOIs and Doris, Doris married Patterson. And SOIs married, um, uh, Mrs. Morgan's son, uh, bag, trap. And he was killed in the redwoods in California and Amy's husband. I speak his name now was on the, the board for, uh, the servicemen draft board draft board. Mm-hmm <affirmative>.
- 2:17:17 - 2:17:18
He was a nice person.
- 2:17:18 - 2:17:33
Yes. He was good people. And um, pick, he was Lawrence wooden let's forgets Lawrence. He was Ray's son and he was real good. Missy, all good cleanup. And uh,.
- 2:17:33 - 2:17:37
Yeah. Tell us in detail about that. I mean that was a tremendous undertaking.
- 2:17:38 - 2:18:11
Well, him being blind and he really enjoyed his scout work. It was something he could do. He could phone and get things together. And he used to do this cleanup way back before we had bottle return. The town roads looked terrible with bottles and uh, Lawrence initiated this, that the Scouts pick him up and uh, they transport him to a dump and uh, he'd sit there all up and he'd set up other fundraising, uh, paper drives and such as they, uh, you.
- 2:18:11 - 2:18:18
Have some good pictures in there of the garbage trucks taking the trash away. And there was a lot of trash yeah. From the drive.
- 2:18:18 - 2:18:47
Right. Uhhuh on the other side, better over my own. But, and um, uh, Lawrence was married to, um, Mary, I want speaker name and I can't fall. She was Mary MCAL and um, they had sons, uh, Don and Philip and they had daughter Sharon and Karen and Minea.
- 2:18:47 - 2:18:49
Wow. They had a good size family.
- 2:18:49 - 2:18:50
Five mm-hmm <affirmative>.
- 2:18:51 - 2:18:52
I can say that we had five.
- 2:18:53 - 2:18:55
Yeah, good sized family while it was big for day.
- 2:18:56 - 2:18:56
Yeah, sure.
- 2:18:56 - 2:19:07
Is. Yeah. Um, we were talking about slow bones. They used to live in the area and their father still Hank crazy used to drive our school bus. And he's still living.
- 2:19:07 - 2:19:08
In. Were you afraid of him? Yes.
- 2:19:09 - 2:19:09
<Laugh>.
- 2:19:11 - 2:19:14
You know, something he really wasn't bad. I mean, no,.
- 2:19:14 - 2:19:24
You just made the kids mind in place. They were always in their place. That's not it, but you know, some of the kids I might be associating with, you know,

would do something, you'd throw 'em off the bus, the boys, you know.

• 2:19:24 - 2:19:24

Right.

• 2:19:25 - 2:19:38

You know, for, they were banding 'em off the bus, make him walk today. They had haven't fit about that. And the Turners here that lived in that water place, Irene and Glen, they had, uh, a daughter and two sons. Now.

• 2:19:38 - 2:19:40

She was a school secretary for quite a while. Yes. Yeah. She was.

• 2:19:40 - 2:19:40

At.

• 2:19:40 - 2:19:44

Here school. Now tell us about her staff. That was sad. They.

• 2:19:44 - 2:20:05

Were living on, uh, mid of midline road there and he was caught corn cutter and killed say 1975 must be 1975. And uh, they had a daughter Barbara and the son Glen and one Frank. And then she remarried bill Fowler.

• 2:20:06 - 2:20:07

Was that my cousin.

• 2:20:09 - 2:20:11

Bill follow? Yeah. From Mero formally.

• 2:20:13 - 2:20:14

Leah Bek brother.

• 2:20:14 - 2:20:15

That.

• 2:20:15 - 2:20:18

I dunno. Well, I'll have to ask Leah really? That's interesting. Yeah.

• 2:20:21 - 2:20:24

I didn't know that his wife's first wife's name was Linda.

• 2:20:25 - 2:20:28

I don't know. I have to ask my.

• 2:20:28 - 2:20:36

World. Yes it is. Yeah. That's her second husband, uh, young Glen was in an accident the other night. Did you hear that? Oh.

• 2:20:36 - 2:20:36

No.

• 2:20:36 - 2:20:48

Yeah. He was driving a tractor on, uh, bald hill there where he lives now and he overturned on here. They flew him by helicopter, the out of town to him hospital, you know they.

• 2:20:48 - 2:20:49

Didn't. And how is he?

• 2:20:49 - 2:21:05

I haven't heard yet. Oh, I don't think he was that bad. Really? Someone said he was too enough to say that. Um, he would be alright. They'd let him walk around. But he was taken to the trauma clinic and good. Oh, let's see.

• 2:21:05 - 2:21:09

Tell us something about bald hill. There wasn't any electricity when we moved to Brookdale.

• 2:21:09 - 2:21:12

No, the Sekis lived there when I was a kid and it was a bootlegger up.

• 2:21:12 - 2:21:17

There. Oh, lovely. She used to go up there from, well that that's good to know. Okay. That wasn't the only place.

• 2:21:18 - 2:21:28

No. Then there was, um, Laskey lived there, Mary Laskey. That was the other place. Minsky's and Laskey is the only two places on the hill. And there was a Russian lady lived over there.

• 2:21:28 - 2:21:31

In, I Leon's mother's name is Mary. Mary Laskey. Okay. Uhhuh.

• 2:21:32 - 2:21:50

Her, um, um, must been, um, I spoke the name and I can't think my last name bill, bill Las. And he was working in the fields in his tractor, drove return on him and he was killed. Ah, and he had the daughter, Leon owner, which is now th.

• 2:21:50 - 2:21:51

Oh, I remember that.

• 2:21:52 - 2:21:52

You.

• 2:21:57 - 2:21:59

Runs this fabric shop up there. Yeah,.

• 2:21:59 - 2:22:01

She does. You know, she runs Jolie's fabric now.

• 2:22:03 - 2:22:05

And she's married to a nice person.

• 2:22:05 - 2:22:10

Yeah. <inaudible> mm-hmm <affirmative> he does the repair there and so machines,.

• 2:22:10 - 2:22:15

He does everything for a guy, puts the material back and everything. He's real. He's real nice.

• 2:22:16 - 2:22:20

Yeah. Um, I know the hotel girl over here goes.

• 2:22:20 - 2:22:21

Up and helps Brisa. Oh's sweet.

• 2:22:22 - 2:22:23

Yeah. She's.

• 2:22:23 - 2:22:25

Real good. She was here yesterday. Yeah.

• 2:22:25 - 2:22:25

Yeah.

• 2:22:26 - 2:22:29

She works a half a day at Cornell and then helps Leon, I guess.

• 2:22:29 - 2:22:34

Yeah. She's good at the rescue too. The fire and rescue at Brook death.

• 2:22:34 - 2:22:50

Well, I have to tell you something cute. She was one of the first ones that answered. I'm one of our calls. Mm-hmm <affirmative> and I said, well, Reese, didn't take you long to get here. And she, well, this is the longest. It took me longer to get these jeans on than it did to get here. It was when those, the jeans were tight. So, you know, no matter how sad a situation is, there's always something funny. Yeah,.

• 2:22:50 - 2:22:51

For.

• 2:22:51 - 2:22:52

Sure. Yeah. She's a lovely girl.

• 2:22:52 - 2:22:57

Yeah, she is. She's good. Help Carl and uh, Elsie English live here on Bek.

• 2:22:57 - 2:22:59

But I wanna interview them.

• 2:23:00 - 2:23:05

I would. Yeah. Cuz he comes from all family that was Arlo and him and I just don't know their whole family.

• 2:23:05 - 2:23:09

Oh, down here is his brother. Yes. And they all lived in Dale.

• 2:23:10 - 2:23:11

I don't know where they lived.

• 2:23:11 - 2:23:12

Oh, okay.

• 2:23:12 - 2:23:16

I just knew Carl Nelson when they lived, uh, in the Wheeler place down there and.

• 2:23:16 - 2:23:18

Wheel near Dr. Mary. Yes. Okay.

• 2:23:18 - 2:23:22

That's another one. Clarence Wheeler used to be our old well drill year.

• 2:23:22 - 2:23:22

It's right.

• 2:23:23 - 2:23:54

Him and his wife lived down there and we had bill, a barber in the barber shop where um, um, to I lives now in Brookdale there, the little barber shop bill, bill, the barber used to live there and uh, everybody went there for a haircut. And did you ever get to talk to ed little Mac and tire? No. Someone said that she would be good cuz they used to live on bald hill and over there's no house there. Li what's her Lillian McIntyre.

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• 2:23:56 - 2:23:57

M a C,.

• 2:23:57 - 2:24:02

M C M a C, right? I'm sorry. M a C I N T Y R E.

• 2:24:02 - 2:24:03

Okay.

• 2:24:03 - 2:24:19

Her husband, ed is dead now. And uh, Lillian was an English, Lawrence and her and Clara and uh, um, Doris. And they used to live on Tampa, bald hill and the house is not,.

• 2:24:19 - 2:24:22

But can you imagine what their life must have been like? No,.

• 2:24:22 - 2:24:27

There was a little school up there. I guess they went to, but someone said she would know a lot of history of bald hill.

• 2:24:28 - 2:24:30

Okay. You don't know where she lives?

• 2:24:30 - 2:24:42

Yeah. She lives in <inaudible> at the end of bell school road there. Ed tubs is her daughter. Mrs. Ed tubs. Okay. And uh, beeps her son, grandson. Oh,.

• 2:24:45 - 2:24:47

You realize those scrapbook are price letter.

• 2:24:48 - 2:24:50

I look at him now and I can't can't believe I have all this.

• 2:24:50 - 2:24:55

Stuff. Oh, I think you, you realize how wonderful it is. I know. I, I have some and.

• 2:24:56 - 2:25:02

Tay comb here. He lives on ball hill now up there near who? Ty comb. H, M oh,.

• 2:25:03 - 2:25:07

Okay. He a remodeled little place. What's his real name? Jimmy.

• 2:25:08 - 2:25:09

James mm-hmm.

• 2:25:09 - 2:25:13

<Affirmative> okay. James Coleman. He came from ANCA family. Yes. Okay. He.

• 2:25:13 - 2:25:14

Has a brother, Joe.

• 2:25:15 - 2:25:18

Very nice person. Joe comb. Yeah. Yeah. And another brother.

• 2:25:19 - 2:25:19

Yeah. And.

• 2:25:19 - 2:25:21

I don't know, there were three of them. I don't either.

• 2:25:23 - 2:25:24

Um,.

• 2:25:27 - 2:25:33

Art bragging is antique carves here. Art and Evelyn,.

• 2:25:34 - 2:25:36

Did they have three children or two,.

• 2:25:37 - 2:25:38

Two a grown and boy.

• 2:25:38 - 2:25:39

Um,.

• 2:25:41 - 2:25:52

Rodney Ronnie was this son and uh, he married Margaret Pinco with another

family. Pinco and we have that on them.

• 2:25:53 - 2:25:54

Probably. Well, Mary's gonna gimme that.

• 2:25:54 - 2:26:32

And they had a daughter. Her name is crooks and I can't remember her first name. The rasins I don't remember Caroline Depot. Her grandmother was, um, postmaster in Caroline Depot right there by the, the old, um, freight station where the tracks went through and the, her name was Cresty or, um, Cresty was her mother. Um, cussy Conrad me.

• 2:26:32 - 2:26:39

See Conrad was her mother's name. Mini mini, maybe Conrad. And then her daughter was, um,.

• 2:26:40 - 2:26:40

Um,.

• 2:26:42 - 2:27:07

Osman. And, uh, she took over the post office when her mother got too old and the husband worked out at the, the station. And then when, uh, about the before SSY and then about the time I think that they were giving up up, I think they took the post office out of, uh, John Depot. About the time sh before she retired,.

• 2:27:08 - 2:27:13

I had one letter postmark that do you really? Oh yeah, I really treasured I'll give it to the museum.

• 2:27:13 - 2:27:15

Yeah, but they were nice family,.

• 2:27:16 - 2:27:19

Lovely family. Um,.

• 2:27:21 - 2:27:34

The male used to come in at that time on the torpedo, they call it, it was picked up in the other sections and brought from like Al Meer or someplace. And then it would, uh, be sorted on, on this, um, was like a long bus.

• 2:27:35 - 2:27:36

I remember people.

• 2:27:36 - 2:27:46

And I know a couple of guys, bill James for one and another bill was in the Courtland office used to sort there. So when it came to Caroline de Depot, the Mayo was pretty much sorted.

• 2:27:46 - 2:27:48

Well, did they sort it while he was coming here? Yeah.

• 2:27:48 - 2:27:57

So I say, okay, yeah. Was done on there. And um, Ralph Fuller, I guess you probably got him with the Dale.

• 2:27:57 - 2:28:00

Crew. No, I haven't. You wanna talk about him? Well,.

• 2:28:01 - 2:28:28

I don't know that much. His mother used to be school teacher in slave. Like I said, slave was a long ways off. It seemed like. Right. But, uh, he was with, uh, Agway and moved his Syracuse. His first wife took a life and then, uh, he had a daughter and um, about Jim's age, I don't remember her name, but um, he went to Syracuse and remarried and has since died.

• 2:28:29 - 2:28:30

I know he died hunting.

• 2:28:31 - 2:28:31

Yes.

• 2:28:31 - 2:28:32

That's all I remember.

• 2:28:32 - 2:28:36

Yeah. He'd had a bad heart with the barns is in Ville. Yeah.

• 2:28:37 - 2:28:48

I have to bill Barnes. Yeah. I'll have to interview, uh, what's their name? That's on the ambulance. Talk about not remembering names. Moon be.

• 2:28:48 - 2:28:58

Leslie moon. Mm-hmm <affirmative> Bob Tucker. I don't know if anybody said anything about Bob.

• 2:28:58 - 2:29:01

Tucker. Evelyn said some. What do you wanna say about him? Yeah. Well.

• 2:29:02 - 2:29:23

Just nothing. I just thought it, he run the store down here when I was young. And of course he was, he drowned fishing and uh, Doug Cavey or Charles cave. And he used to work for him in the store down there. And of course, Betty and Shirley Tucker, they lived in the house where George Williams does now. And uh, we always thought they were wealthy people, you know, you.

• 2:29:23 - 2:29:24

Go right. They had,.

• 2:29:24 - 2:29:35

Who never could have, and they had a new home and that sort of thing. And not much to say about Bob, he trusted everybody in the, in the store business and everybody didn't have cash. And,.

• 2:29:36 - 2:29:40

And Shirley married, bill fish. Yes. And bill is dead. Yes.

• 2:29:40 - 2:30:08

And she remarried someone in Florida, Betty married, um, uh, Matthewson Elwood Mathewson and had probably four or five sons. I don't know how many. And, uh, she, she did live in Richford, but she lives in Florida full time. Now that he does. And, um, grills. I dunno about the bris rolling grill. I think probably ever manage that row.

• 2:30:09 - 2:30:10

Well, no, I'm gonna interview Mrs. Braille.

• 2:30:11 - 2:30:13

Good. We'll do that for her then. Well,.

• 2:30:13 - 2:30:15

I hope, you know, we get all this done, right?

• 2:30:15 - 2:30:17

<Laugh> sounds like you're doing a lot, man.

• 2:30:18 - 2:30:21

No, there's a lot more to go, but it's interesting.

• 2:30:23 - 2:30:24

Um,.

• 2:30:31 - 2:30:49

You know what I want you to tell us about how you feel about the growth in Brookdale now I was there when you were in high school and I realized the houses that have gone up the apartments that have been made out of some of those beautiful old houses in the church. So tell us how you feel about that.

• 2:30:53 - 2:31:27

Well, from my father's day to my day, they had a real thing here. I think in town, they had the tannery, they had

the, the stores and they had the mills and they had a skating rink and they had a tannery and they had a woman mill. They had the grist mill, they had so much, and didn't seemed, my day, didn't seem like we had so much, we had the churches, we had two gas stations. We had Burt masters and Frank forest. We had, uh, a store, the Tucker store and then Davis has moved in from Virginia and built that store.

• 2:31:28 - 2:32:02

And we had, so we had two stores and then Harry Vanny, Mars above, and his wagon that went out. But it just seems like, uh, we're just kind of someone said, uh, Cornell's bedroom now. You know, it's not really much of anything. We don't have a garage. We don't have, we have one store. And, uh, uh, it's not the real setting that it used to be, have the Baptist church and the Nazarene church and the federated church. Now we just have the, the Nazare and the federated, the Dale Baptist just is now in the slave room, not really in town.

• 2:32:03 - 2:32:03

And, uh,.

• 2:32:04 - 2:32:08

But a lot of the houses have turned into apartment. Have they turned into apartment.

• 2:32:09 - 2:32:19

And a lot of Brookdales run down a lot too. It's not, I know that been kept old house just loose me sick. And uh, a lot of the homes are just run down, which.

• 2:32:19 - 2:32:23

Is too bad. It is because it was a very clean place when we lived there.

• 2:32:23 - 2:32:28

Yeah. Right. And now I don't know, kids today just don't seem to think

lawns are important or something, I guess.

• 2:32:29 - 2:32:30

Well, if they just keep the lawn picked up.

• 2:32:30 - 2:32:31

Yeah. That's.

• 2:32:31 - 2:32:41

Right. You know, if they get mowing at once when they can, but if they would just keep the place looking like, yeah, the apartment, the church apartment, they were a disaster couple years ago. I.

• 2:32:41 - 2:32:43

Don't, who's got him now. They, I know they changed hands. When.

• 2:32:43 - 2:32:44

I, someone new.

• 2:32:46 - 2:32:50

Frank proto owns a lot of books in Dale, he owns the, the big apartment house and he owns.

• 2:32:50 - 2:32:52

The, he dads, the one across from the post office.

• 2:32:53 - 2:33:02

He owns that. He owns the post office. And, uh, the one he say though, there, that, that he lives in,.

• 2:33:04 - 2:33:05

That was the O Barrett place.

• 2:33:05 - 2:33:08

Yes. He owns that. I think he owns the one across through doesn't he?

• 2:33:09 - 2:33:13

I guess. So I'm gonna have to get someone, you know, no one ever talked

about the Barretts and that's very important.

• 2:33:14 - 2:33:20

Yes it is. You know, in the shop and drug store. Remember that? Yeah. I do Uhhuh.

• 2:33:20 - 2:33:20

<Affirmative> I do.

• 2:33:20 - 2:33:27

Too, because I remember pig got me a brush and cone, a mirror and brush and comb for, for wedding gift.

• 2:33:27 - 2:33:28

And bought.

• 2:33:28 - 2:33:28

From.

• 2:33:28 - 2:33:40

Bear. That was the best. Yeah. That was the best, whatever you bought. There was, um, but his wife, she went blind, remember, and all the money he had and he was not poor. Couldn't help her.

• 2:33:41 - 2:33:42

Yeah. That's right.

• 2:33:42 - 2:34:14

But you know, be, I'll tell you one thing, scoop worked for him when he was a young boy and he gave scoop so much and he made him save, you know, he opened a savings account with Scoop's name and with his name on it. Yeah. So when we were married, um, I was pregnant for Sandra, not when we were married, but you know, when I was pregnant for Sandra, we needed money. And, um, that was all we had. Yeah. And scoop, wouldn't go ask him for it. Cuz he went once before he wanted to buy a car. Mr. Barrett said, no, someday you'll need it for something more important.

• 2:34:14 - 2:34:20

So I took my mother with me for moral support and I went in the drug store and I asked him, he said, of course you can have it. He said, that's why it's there.

• 2:34:21 - 2:34:22

Isn't it wonderful.

• 2:34:22 - 2:34:30

You know, you're having a baby, you need the money. And scoop was flabbergasted. He just couldn't believe he gave in so easily. I said, well, he figured you didn't need the car.

• 2:34:31 - 2:34:33

Right. But, but you needed the baby.

• 2:34:33 - 2:34:57

<Laugh> and well, it came anyway. So, uh, when, um, after my father died, my mother had a lot of potato crates because my father used to raise potatoes on Coddington road on his farm and we didn't live there. And then, you know, he'd had them trucked down to, uh, Madison street. So Mr. Barrett came and bought all the crates and there were a lot of crates in that barn. So my mother already knew who he was and he knew her Uhhuh. So that help. Yeah.

• 2:34:57 - 2:34:58

She did.

• 2:34:58 - 2:35:07

But don't you remember how hard it was when we had our first, uh, children, no money and they needed this and they needed that. And there just wasn't they so.

• 2:35:07 - 2:35:09

Much today. I know Mary,.

• 2:35:09 - 2:35:12

Well there, there's gotta be some kids that don't have everything today.

• 2:35:12 - 2:35:27

I, I, I don't know who they are. Don't know who they are. Gosh, I remember we didn't have laundromats. We didn't, you know, you didn't have disposable this and that. And you know, you had, uh, flannel, you cut out for baby.

• 2:35:27 - 2:35:28

Bag. Absolutely. Absolutely.

• 2:35:29 - 2:35:59

Remember our spring would freeze down the wintertime. So, so I said, it took the whole backyard of snow melted down in a boiler to do a wash, you know? And then it was the old handwash where he used the, the whites first and then the next, then the next darker. And it was the same with bathroom back in those days, you know, your youngest one first and not her day, but in my day, but in the family, you know, and uh, in the wash tub, in the middle of the floor, not when my kids were little, but next we, we put the bathroom on the house when pat and I were married.

• 2:35:59 - 2:35:59

But.

• 2:36:00 - 2:36:04

Um, well you really appreciate your automatic washer. Oh yeah.

• 2:36:04 - 2:36:11

Kids today make me laugh when they say, oh, I've gotta do a wash. You'd think that, you know, years ago you used to have to pump the water and heat.

• 2:36:11 - 2:36:13

Water on yeah. Nail the.

• 2:36:13 - 2:36:19
Dub and all you had all that messing on the floor, the water would, theri put it through the one you're a squoosh out. And.

• 2:36:20 - 2:36:21
Then we had to empty that water.

• 2:36:21 - 2:36:34
Yeah. But the kids today say, you know, my mother had a, a, she dad made her back there cuz she took in washes a dollar for a bushel basket wash, dried, um, iron.

• 2:36:35 - 2:36:36
Remember how they iron.

• 2:36:36 - 2:37:05
With yeah. The iron on the stove. Yeah. And uh, mother used to have this little house and dad made her little bridge out back and she'd go pump it and cut it into this old stove. It got hotter, hotter than the, that in there and have a coal fire wood fire in the middle of July and heater heater stuff on there, you know? And then she was taking care of an old ant that was crippled and paralyzed, you know, besides, and uh, it was a bad life. You know, dad was working for Lansbury 50 cents a day,.

• 2:37:05 - 2:37:06
Like 50 cents.

• 2:37:06 - 2:37:07
A day, 50 cents a day.

• 2:37:07 - 2:37:09
Mm-Hmm <affirmative> so how far could you get on.

• 2:37:09 - 2:37:27
That? Not no place. I remember took dad all year to say, you know, after buying a few groceries meat mostly, but you had your potatoes and things

that I remember took him all year to save \$24 for interest. We were buying it Fred voer and \$24 for taxes back then it took a whole year to save that much.

• 2:37:27 - 2:37:30
Well that salary that he was getting. Yeah. All.

• 2:37:30 - 2:37:32
Right. Well, see mother took, it was and.

• 2:37:32 - 2:37:41
Well who could afford, you know, what I wanna ask you is what kind of work did these men do? Like Mr. Cavy, that his wife could afford to have the washing done? Graham slaughter took in washing.

• 2:37:42 - 2:37:51
Well, she didn't do much Anna didn't work, you know, wasn't that hard working with. But uh, I think he worked on the railroad. I think his work was railroad, but pat,.

• 2:37:52 - 2:37:54
So you think he made enough money so that,.

• 2:37:54 - 2:38:10
Yeah, Uhhuh, but it was dollar than like mother said, she didn't mind their, their laundry. But then Francis got married that was put in the same basket and then tip got married and Joe got married. Mother had all the, all of her families wash and then she finally gave up cuz it was just too much,.

• 2:38:10 - 2:38:11
You know, that wasn't fair. The.

• 2:38:11 - 2:38:18
Baskets got bigger and the, the price was still down. I think I got a nickel for talking though. So maybe that was.

• 2:38:18 - 2:38:26
<Laugh> no, but that was not fair. Really? No it wasn't. And you know the same thing goes on today. Yeah. They take advantage of the, uh,.

• 2:38:26 - 2:39:08
Working person mm-hmm
<affirmative> yeah. Schooley were big in town. Mrs. School used to teach school here in Brookdale, Owen schooly and her name was, oh boy, Hazel. Her name was Hazel, Hazel and Owen used to live where Paul Crum does now and where rep wooden did. And this is way back. And she used to teach Brookdale school, but that was before I went. And uh, he built both of those houses. Owen did one school and he had two children, Carl and Edith. Edith is um, stark weather now and lives in STS in California and um, Carol lives in candor and uh, the Mr and Mrs.

• 2:39:08 - 2:39:12
In both then, but she used to be school teacher in Dale before I went.

• 2:39:14 - 2:39:18
Okay. Now let me ask you, how do you remember how they treated death when you were little?

• 2:39:20 - 2:39:38
Well, it was a family affair. I remember them bringing on my mother's uncle and aunt died. You had the service in your home. The, the Corps was brought in as soon as it was, uh, prepared for burial and you had it from then till they buried it and you had it in the living room. I know.

• 2:39:38 - 2:39:39
Which was three days.

• 2:39:39 - 2:39:49

Yes. Okay. And I can remember that now, you know, and my father seemed to think if you touch the corpse, you'd never fear him. Well, that's not true, you know, but you had him in the house.

• 2:39:49 - 2:39:50
You had.

• 2:39:50 - 2:40:05
To, uh, you know, and it seemed like we had a parlor in the old house and that parlor when in the wintertime was closed off cuz you couldn't heat the whole house. Right. Well, that parlor was, was set for, uh, when you had the funerals and uh, oh, that was an airy thing.

• 2:40:06 - 2:40:11
Okay. Now did all the neighbors bring in food during these three days?

• 2:40:12 - 2:40:22
See, I don't remember that. Okay. I don't remember that. I know in late years they did marry, but I don't think anybody had anything. And I don't remember. It was a, it was a food thing, you know? Like it is today.

• 2:40:22 - 2:40:27
Or like, oh no. When I was little, when my father died, I was 12. That was a 30,.

• 2:40:27 - 2:40:29
But you're from Italian family and I think they did it more than.

• 2:40:30 - 2:40:33
You're right. We were all Italians on that black. Yeah, you're right.

• 2:40:33 - 2:40:46
But I, people out there were pour Jobs's Turkey and I don't think that sort of thing went on. You came to the funeral

and that was it. You had no social hour afterwards. And uh, I, I don't ever remember.

• 2:40:46 - 2:40:48
Anybody. Did the minister come to the house for the service?

• 2:40:48 - 2:40:49
Yes.

• 2:40:50 - 2:40:55
Because when Graham slaughter died, they took the casket to the Episcopal church in Slater valley.

• 2:40:55 - 2:40:58
I remember that. I remember that service.

• 2:40:59 - 2:41:04
And I was, you know, quite shocked because I thought Protestants didn't do that. But they, some of them do.

• 2:41:04 - 2:41:14
Yes. Yeah. They, I do remember going to funeral cuz I thought, you know, being Baptist and then going to Episcopal and up and down and up and down and my mother was Episcopal. I thought, oh this is for something else. You know? <laugh>.

• 2:41:15 - 2:41:17
How things have changed. No things.

• 2:41:17 - 2:41:18
Have changed. Yeah.

• 2:41:18 - 2:41:30
Oh boy. So, uh, the third day you buried the person like, uh, we don't do that anymore. Either. Very few people hold, uh, away for three days, three days.

• 2:41:31 - 2:41:33

I just seen Paul Dale died. Did you know Paul?

• 2:41:33 - 2:41:34
It's a blessing.

• 2:41:34 - 2:41:45
I know. Um, I have a picture to give, uh, Claire. I'd seen her, not too long of, of uh, Paul and Allen. She told me he didn't have long. I've seen him as bad. I'd seen him in the hospital,.

• 2:41:48 - 2:41:49
But he suffered me. Yeah.

• 2:41:49 - 2:41:50
I know.

• 2:41:50 - 2:41:54
So terrible. I feel sorry for the family. Yeah, but he is.

• 2:41:55 - 2:41:55
Better.

• 2:41:55 - 2:41:56
Off. Yes.

• 2:41:56 - 2:42:02
His father used to be a plant manager of um, L Wells when my brothers worked there.

• 2:42:03 - 2:42:03
For a long.

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Time. Yeah. And then.

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He, and he was very well lifed.

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Yes. Oh Mr. Dale. Yeah. Mm-hmm <affirmative>.

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He was for the common man. He did not put himself above.

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That's right. The used to live on a RO street there then. Well, let's see who else I haven't remembered. Um,.

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Well you can tell me about different things. Not necessarily. We've got enough people in here now I'd like to hear about some things that happened.

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You keep being things there.

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Nothing. Well, I'd be maybe if you went swimming or something and.

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Well, we always swam down, back in my house, everybody from town swim there, cuz it was deeper in there. And then the went since the middle day and went out, you know, it's not deep in there anymore, but it used to be the old house and they always used to skate. My mother used to let all the kids in change their skates.

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And living. Oh bless.

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Yeah. They were always when my brothers were young and when I was young, we always could had the kids.

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In, it was home. It.

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Was home. The kids would always tell you that now that they always could. My dad let him, dad would make snow shovels, get mad at the kids cuz somebody borrow it to clean up the,

the ice. It would be a wooden one, you know, with a handle.

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Right. And nobody.

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Would be the last one to bring it up. Then we'd have a, th I would go to the snow shovel and they'd have make.

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Horn. Oh.

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But uh, yeah, we had skating there and swimming. I remember once, uh, um, Nelson Nichols slammed on his sled, went over the dam and down in the ice and my dad and I don't remember who else got him out and brought him up to the house and thought him out, got him out from under the ice down on the other side. Ah, it was Nelson and nickels.

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That was a good scare.

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Yeah.

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Uh, you were really pretty lucky to have ice skate.

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Yeah. Well I didn't. I remember ed Vanny Mart coming up and I, I wanted ice skate so bad and my brothers had skates cuz they were older. See, but I wanted ice skate so bad and my dad had no pair of Clampon no shoes on 'em but just clamp on.

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I remember the, and.

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I used to wish I could get that. And I just remember once mother got me a pair and when I was older, I mean, I dunno how old, but I remember uh, probably salvation army or something like that in those days. I don't know how she got the skates, but I remember going ed, be mark going, taking me down and Charlie, my brother to, to ice skate. But I was along then, you know, and I remember remember it was always so deep Outback that, that wasn't the first place to freeze because, um, it was such a big body of water.

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And when we would clean up from the mill dam clear up to behind slaughters, it went that far we could skate. And uh, over the years when the dam went out, the water rushes down so fast, it's just like a ditch there now in the summertime or even the wintertime nothing's held back. So it don't freeze anymore, you know? So they.

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Didn't fix it. So nobody, they never fixed it.

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You can't conservation department won't let ya. So, um, uh, we used to skate out there and then the summertime we'd swim and it was, it was a lot of fun. That was our, the Creek was our enjoyment in those days. I guess sometimes before that would freeze, we used to walk clear over to the Coton road. And then as you get a caning road, turn left and go down in the field, there, there was a little pond over there and not everybody had ponds like you're doing right, but there was pond. There we'd go all the way over there at night.

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As a group walked clear down in this field, maybe a mile in this little pond and clean that off and skate. I remember if Tim canals could go, I could go. If Tim canals wasn't in the crowd, I couldn't go. My folks seemed to trust.

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Him. That's right.

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But you just didn't go with anybody. And it was usually of a group or 10 or 12 kids that would block me there. Well today kids have to be transported and,.

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But that's true. You know, you walked all that way just to ice.

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Skate, ice skate. Yeah. It was a good time. He was no monkey around. He walked over and he ice skated and cleaned it off first, you know? And um,.

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It was teamwork.

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Yeah, it was. And, and closeness, you know, we always, uh, took care of each other on the way to school or,.

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Well, see don't you feel that those are the friends you made for life. Yeah. Yeah. You made friends over the years, but those are still your deepest rooted ones. I'd say that. Yeah,.

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For sure.

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Especially those in grade school.

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Yeah. Good.

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Were you ever, sorry, you didn't go into college? No, no, neither. My, no, I feel we got a good education and we did well with our lives and.

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Yeah, I, then you could work your way up if you had the ability, you could do it. If you didn't, you know? Um, no, that never seemed to be the thing back then, you know, your folks couldn't help you prepare for college. Nobody even talked to you about it. It was never any money to do it. And those that were more intelligent, maybe knew how to get the money or knew how.

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To the guidance counselor would pick them, handpick them.

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Is that how it came? Mm-hmm <affirmative> but uh, they knew the brighter one that always worked for where I got. But, uh,.

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So did, I just.

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Took, just took a business course. And uh,.

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What do you mean? Just, we got a good education equivalent to what junior college today.

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It's amazing though. Mary, just what a title in front where they know anything or not. We do for you cuz they graduated from college today.

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But let me tell you, you spend so much time in that office be, and they're gonna come too as to whether or not, you know anything or not right now.

They're not gonna keep you. Right. So as far as I'm concerned, if you don't go to college, you can still make something of yourself. Oh yeah. And college is not the answer for everyone. Everybody.

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No. Sure. Isn't.

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Now my sister, Phil really felt that she missed something by not going to college. I've never felt that way. No, we learned as the years went on. Yeah.

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And you could always upgrade yourself in those days. Like pat worked his way up from shipping on up to a traffic manager and uh, everybody worked their way up in those days. But today it just seems like they wanted a title for you at college. You know? Well, David, my David took a business, got outta school, decided I can't make it go on this much money. So went back, put himself to Cornell today. All he does. I'm sure. Show that Cornell degree. And he gave just about anything he wants. You know? I mean, it's funny.

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That uh, no, no, wait a minute. He's got the degree, but if he didn't have the ability he wouldn't stay. Yeah. Well.

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Know, right. I mean it I've seen two, listen, I have a niece that has a degree, but she didn't get an education, be see

your son realized he had to know what he was gonna be doing.

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But it just seems like, you know that, that, but today you can't work your way up, like you did years ago, you know? Uh, there's an, um, just for example, Elmer's job. He was there 45.

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Years. That's right.

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Had electrician, electrician foreman. And he went there after Ken Decker. Ken Decker was a, but he worked his way up, come outta college and was electrician worked his way into, he had an assistant for 19 years and he was sure Freddy stone would get the job. He was assistant for.

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19. That hurt.

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But no, I didn't.

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Some Greenho came in and didn't know what was doing.

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They had all the time.

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There, I think. Yeah, because they advertised this. What do they call it? Um, affirmative action. Yeah. And you lose your best people. Yeah. Fred stone was one of their best workers.

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Yeah. Emma felt bad about that, but it's the same in any line of work, Mary today, you don't work yourself up. You know like you used to, it used to be the

best man will get it, but not it isn't today is who you know or.

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Something. When I got my last job, one requirement was two years of college. Well I didn't go to college. So professor hurdle said to me, well, we're giving you that credit because you worked up here at Cornell and we feel that you have absorbed what I absorbed only God knows me, but I'm just telling you, he realized that that was not the answer mm-hmm <affirmative> but we got such a good high school education back then. We really did. Oh yes.

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And today they reroute the classes. If, uh, you can't cope with your English, they give you some other thing. I couldn't believe it one time. And he was in some kind of a class where they talked about race cards and stuff in English. And I couldn't believe it. It's not, they couldn't do the others. Just that, uh, it seemed to be what they chose and that was already, they called it English, but so stupid today. They can get away.

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With anything. I agree with you.

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They give the kids an out,.

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Well, look at this open room teaching. They had up in Caroline. I went up there one day. We had a foster child and Mike DeLong was there and this other little boy's name was Mike. And I said to Mike Miller, I said, what are you doing? And Mike DeLong's room. They were one year apart. He said, well, this is open. Whatever they call it. Yeah. I couldn't believe it. How could they

learn? I guess they don't do that anymore.

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I know. Well,.

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In the math, they, uh, they were Guinea pigs for that. The kids. Yeah. Right.

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The pardons used to live in the town. Pardons used to live before crus came there. There was a Herald pardon and Netty. And uh, they were related to hotels and he was a radio repairment in Ithaca. And they used to live in Paul Crums house. When I was young, it was always, uh, fun. Uh, we had the dark iron sink and kerosene Knights and I was always willing to go and do Phyllis's, uh, dishes for our nights, not eat there, but just do the dishes.

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Cuz I got to watch the Atwater, listen to the Atwater camp radio and do her dishes. Cuz she had Kirs uh, electric lights, you know, and uh, the white CA cabinets and things like that. And that was always kind of.

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Fun. Now, how old were your kids when they had their first radio? You know, compare the two.

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Oh.

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Dear. Yeah. They were little right.

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Not my kids. No, no they didn't have, uh, you, you mean as a family or is it in their own room?

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Either.

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One. Yeah. I don't.

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You never were without a radio.

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Well, I think mine was married. I don't remember mine had until they were um, I don't really don't remember having the radio of their own. No.

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See my sisters gave our kids their radio.

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Yeah. No maybe no mine never had 'em until they were teenagers and probably worked in earned them. I'm sure.

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Well, we couldn't afford them. Yeah. So they had these unmarried aunts on both sides. Mm-hmm <affirmative> and the two girls.

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Yeah. But that's why, but no, I don't ever remember mine having like that. And as he got older time probably had more than the Ross he made have,.

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But uh, the youngest. Yeah. That's why I think so in every family, well.

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Just that he came along later, you know, he was, um, Jim was born in 48 and time was born in 60. So it was 12 years between them. And, and though they probably the other boys by that time had a radio that they had passed down to Tom or something. But uh, he didn't go to his room and say like kids do today. You know, they have

television, they have radios and they have all this.

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Yeah. Well I don't go for that. No,.

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I don't either. Mine never did. They studied downstairs. They didn't go to their room.

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Right here. Great. Big table. Everyone studied.

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Yeah. And uh, they only went to, to bed to sleep to their room.

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That's right.

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Room. But I, they didn't, they weren't, you know, they didn't weren't sent to bed for being bad. It would be probably the worst thing we could done. They probably killed them.

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Well, we did do that. Yeah. When I'd get so desperate, I'd say to grant, go to your room. You know, that was um,.

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Grant. Pardon? Never knew had grant. Never knew Graham.

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Really? No, I oh, he's a nice looking boy. He's that one over to the left there.

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I know that I, she showed.

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Me. Yeah. He gave me such a hard time. Gave us such a hard time. Yeah.

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Isn't it's funny. I just never knew him. I, I told him, I said I marry the girls and the other one there, but I never knew.

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Him. Three girls and two boys life was not dull. No, no. But we had a good full life today is um, my wedding anniversary. So I went to mass today. Mm-hmm <affirmative> and um, I, I went every year Fe to St. Anne, because scoop had such a devotion to St. Anne, even though he wasn't a Catholic. Um, but I'll tell you those kids, you know, in spite of the growing pains and everything, we had good lives being, we were blessed. Yeah. Sometimes I, I'm not ashamed to admit.

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We wanted to give all four of them away. Well,.

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He does.

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Periodically anyway. That's okay. What do I wanna ask you? Now tell me something about your mother. She was very special.

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Yeah, she was. Whenever everything I gave up, I gave up postmaster is 71 because mother was real bad and I didn't dare take on anymore. Had I have known, pat would love me 73. I probably would've but I didn't at the time. And I took care of her and she had the stroke and she had sugar and I still kept her at home cuz that's what she wanted to do and took care of her. And I hired people come in morning and afternoon between I'd get her ready in the morning before I went to work and then feed her at noon and at night and set up all night with her lot of

times, maybe get one, two hours sleep when Tom or Judy could give me an hour.

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But um, she was an awful hard working woman. She came from Canada, she'd taken care of, um, with children there walked eight miles a day for 50 cents to support her.

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And uh, there again, she married a man that drank and uh, left him and remarried again the same man. And then, uh, it got to be women. So she left him for drink and women and came out here and made life with my father and I was born and then the aunt and uncle followed her out here. And uh, she took care of him. I told you that, that she was supposed to get 500 acres of land. Well she did, but she spent on John's funeral bill and uh, the uncle and she was supposed to get, uh, the land and uh, for taking care of her, the aunt and uncle, they were sisters, the aunt and uncle, brother, and sister that man like, and uh, the first one to die was John.

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And it must have been cancer in those days. And uh, uh, the Meow brothers demanded their money that they, so they had to give the 500 acres of land away for \$500 to pay the funeral bill cuz they demanded. So that's when all those years of work and labor went into the first funeral bill. So she got nothing mean she used to do washings and uh, uh, she'd take care of me cuz I was late in life, baby. And uh, to help dad and uh, take care of the aunt all those years crippled. She was uh, paralyzed and in wheelchair and uh,.

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But I always remember her with a smile. Yeah,.

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She was a good girl. She really wasn't. As I said, my dad and mother had nothing, but they always loved the neighbors and the kids. And always, we always shared the garden. We always had a cow, but we always shared the meat and the milk with the neighbors. They never paid.

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See what they gave you. No school could ever take you.

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That's right. And uh, even though I worked out, mother took care of my kids later years. I paid her, but I could, um, I never regret what I did for my folks. And I can't understand kids today because with all I did, I wish I could have done more. You know? And.

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Your answer is we have done too much for our children.

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Yeah. But I, with all I've done for my family, I wish I could have done more, you know? Right. Knows they shouldn't have nothing to do for 'em but they understood it and it was a good life for them.

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But you gave them love.

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Yeah.

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I know. We, they gave it back to me. Absolutely. Well they taught us a lot. Let's face it.

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Yeah.

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So how many years was your mother? A widow? Quite a while. She did.

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Dating in 55 and she died in 76.

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Quite a while.

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20 years came.

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Mm-Hmm <affirmative>.

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But.

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She, but say God sent you, so you'd be there to take care of her. Stop and think about it. I, I was.

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This old wife tale, my mother, um, she had the boys by the first husband in Canada and they came here with her, but uh, I was born and uh, she thought she had a tumor. She talked to Nellie. They Nellie decided that she was too old. So she was having a tumor, but I was born <laugh> and Dr. Lockford delivered me up there in the back.