

INTERVIEW WITH GERALDINE FURGESON

SUBJECT: SATURDAY NIGHTS

SUMMER SATURDAY NIGHTS

How well I remember them. When our 25-cent allowance was given to us, we knew exactly where most of it would go. Eleven cents for the movies, sitting in the balcony, ten cents for a banana split at Mr. Brandetsas' Ice Cream Parlor, located where the Canaltown Record Shop is now. (1980) We'd pool our pennies and play the electric piano. Mr. Brandetsas wanted us, not in our teens yet, to call him "George, The Greek." How we loved him and his wife, Anna.

I think they baby-sat for every child in the village and town.

Always we walked. Very few owned cars, only the well-to-do. Sometimes our parents would walk us home. We lived fourth house from Main Street on the East side of Stafford. Our mother used to say she could hear us girls walking home down on Main Street-our hard heels hitting the sidewalk. Rubber heels were too expensive.

Then, when Mr. Bert Rush had his hot dog and hamburg stand on the corner of Main and Williams Streets, we had a hard time choosing between them and the banana splits.

Sometimes our parents would let us go downtown early. Then we'd go to the park to play. Vandalism was unheard of. We had swings, slides, hand bars, etc.

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I was brought up on band concerts. Once in a while, we'd listen to the band in the park, then go to the second show at 9 We stumbled home.

Stores were open until there were no more customers.

I know. As I got older, I worked in different stores and found out the hard way.

SUBJECT: DOCTORS, ETC.

We must not forget the medical profession. It's hard to believe that Palmyra had so many doctors at one time. That was in the late twenties and early thirties. I am recording the ones I remember, plus the later years. Dr. Henessey- Drs. Reeves, Chase, Smith, Tillapaugh, Nesbitt Mac Pherson and Bott.

Then Drs. Bennett, Hagaman, Culman, Tollman, Brandetsas, Marsh and Braell.

DENTAL:

Drs. Becker, Rowell, Fisher, Eveland. Later came Drs. Birch, Rink, and Brandetsas. Now in 1980-Sweeney, Masterson, etc.

CHIROPRACTORS ETC.

Female-Drs. Jane Frear, Seager

Male - Wilson, McCarthy (Mr. & Mrs.), Crowthers

OPTOMETRIST

Raymond Smith