

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CEDAR RAPIDS

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

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INTERVIEW TOPICS
CEDAR RAPIDS: THE EARLY DECADES OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

I. PERSONAL LEAD-IN QUESTIONS

- 1 --When were you born? Where?
- How long have you lived in Cedar Rapids?
- What are your parents' names?
- 1 --Where did you go to school?
- 1 --Are you married or single?
- 1 --Did you raise a family? How big?
- 2 --What has been your occupation (career) during your adult years?

II. COMMUNITY TOPICS

A. Technology in the Community

1. Transportation

- Railway travel (Union Station, trips to Iowa City on Crandic)
- 22 --Trolleys (the Interurban)
- 20 --Horses and First Automobiles
- 21 --Mud roads and the seedling mile
- Hunter Airport and the first planes
- 24 --Cedar River (ferries, floods, dams)

2. Communications

- 23 --Newspapers
- 23 --Radios
- Advertising
- 24 --Telephones

B. People in the Community

1. Amusements/Recreation

- 19 --Motion Pictures- Plays
- Cedar Rapids Parks
- Dances
- Carnival Week
- Chautauqua
- Community Theater
- Little Gallery
- Symphony Orchestra
- Circus
- Greene's Opera House
- Amusement Parks (Alamo)
- Camps

2 --Community Centers (YWCA, YMCA)

2. Famous Characters

- 19 --Cherry Sisters
- Grant Wood
- Carl Van Vechten (The Tattooed Countess)
- Marvin Cone

3. Lifestyle
 - 11 --Life before air conditioning
 - Winter Activities
 - 12 --Holidays (Memorial Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas)
 - Clothing
 - Toys
 - Saloons/Taverns
 - Farm Life

4. Family Life
 - 7, 10 --Household Help
 - Women's Roles
 - 18 --Childrens' Activities/Behavior
 - Sunday activities (Church life, Sunday Blue Laws)

5. Ethnic/Minority Life
 - 13-15 --Immigrants (Czech, Greek, German, etc.)
 - Indians
 - Segregation of Blacks
 - Jobs Available

- C. Organizations and Institutions in the Community
 1. Education
 - Cedar Rapids Schools
 - Coe College
 - Mount Mercy College
 - Cornell College
 - 4-5 --School Board
 2. Government
 - City Services
 - Streets/Roads
 - Relationship with Marion (Courthouse Dispute)
 3. Medical
 - 9-6 --Hospitals
 - Patient-Doctor Relationship
 - Broken Bones
 - Polio, TB, Debilitating Diseases
 - House Calls
 - Home Delivery of Babies

