

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?
- 1 --How long have you lived in Cedar Rapids?
- 2 --What are your parents' names?
- 2,3,5 --Where did you go to school?
- 9 --Are you married or single?
- Did you raise a family? How big?
- What has been your occupation (career) during your adult years?

II. COMMUNITY TOPICS

A. Technology in the Community

- 1. Transportation
 - 9-10 --Railway travel (Union Station, trips to Iowa City on Crandic)
 - 10 --Trolleys (the Interurban)
 - 10,11,15-16 --Horses and First Automobiles
 - 3 --Mud roads and the seedling mile
 - 11,12,13 --Hunter Airport and the first planes
 - 13 --Cedar River (ferries, floods, dams)
- 2. Communications
 - 13,14 --Newspapers
 - 14 --Radios
 - Advertising
 - Telephones

B. People in the Community

- 1. Amusements/Recreation
 - 34 --Motion Pictures
 - Cedar Rapids Parks
 - 6,10 --Dances
 - Carnival Week
 - 26,27 --Chautauqua
 - Community Theater
 - Little Gallery
 - Symphony Orchestra
 - 15,16 --Circus
 - Greene's Opera House
 - Amusement Parks (Alamo)
 - 16,17 --Camps
 - Community Centers (YWCA, YMCA)
- 2. Famous Characters 23-30
 - 27,28 --Cherry Sisters
 - 24 --Grant Wood
 - Carl Van Vechten (The Tattooed Countess)
 - Marvin Cone
 - 23-24 --James W. Good
 - 24 --Verne Marshall
 - 25 --Paul Engle
 - 25 --Dr. Arthur Erskine
 - 25 --William Shirer
 - 25 --W.F. Severa
 - 26 --Keith Vauter

3. Lifestyle
 - 4 --Life before air conditioning
 - 4 --Winter Activities
 - 32,33 --Holidays (Memorial Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas)
 - 6,7,20,21,22 --Clothing
 - Toys
 - Saloons/Taverns
 - Farm Life

4. Family Life
 - 18,19,20 --Household Help
 - 18 --Women's Roles
 - 3,4,5,6,16 --Childrens' Activities/Behavior
 - 17,18 --Sunday activities (Church life, Sunday Blue Laws)

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

- C. Organizations and Institutions in the Community
 1. Education
 - 2,3,5,6,24 --Cedar Rapids Schools
 - 6,7,8 --Coe College
 - Mount Mercy College
 - Cornell College
 - 6,7,8 --Ames
 2. Government
 - City Services
 - 3 --Streets/Roads
 - Relationship with Marion (Courthouse Dispute)
 3. Medical 31-32
 - Hospitals
 - Patient-Doctor Relationship
 - Broken Bones
 - Polio, TB, Debilitating Diseases
 - House Calls
 - Home Delivery of Babies

