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INTERVIEW TOPICS

CEDAR RAPIDS: THE EARLY DECADES OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

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I. PERSONAL LEAD-IN QUESTIONS

- 1,19--When were you born? Where?
- 1,22,31--How long have you lived in Cedar Rapids?
- 1,19-20--What are your parents' names? and additional background.
- 1,3--Where did you go to school?
- 2,12*,13*--Are you married or single?
- 1,3--Did you raise a family? How big?
- 4,5,29-31,13*--What has been your occupation (career) during your adult years?

II. COMMUNITY TOPICS

A. Technology in the Community

1. Transportation

- 2,10,11,12-13,20--Railway travel (Union Station, trips to Iowa City on Crandic)
- 3,5,8,12,22,1*--Trolleys (the Interurban)
- 2,4,8-9,17--Horses and First Automobiles
 - 10--Mud roads and the seedling mile
 - Hunter Airport and the first planes
 - Cedar River (ferries, floods, dams)

2. Communications

- 16*,25*--Newspapers
- 26*--Radios
- Advertising
- 25*-26*--Telephones

B. People in the Community

1. Amusements/Recreation

- 25-27,7--Motion Pictures
 - Cedar Rapids Parks
 - Dances
 - Carnival Week
 - Chautauqua
- 27,15*--Community Theater
 - Little Gallery
- 5-6--Symphony Orchestra
 - Circus
 - Greene's Opera House
 - Amusement Parks (Alamo)
 - Camps
- 9*--Community Centers (YWCA, YMCA)

2. Famous Characters

- 21*--Cherry Sisters
- 14*,15*,22*--Grant Wood
- 22*,27*--Carl Van Vechten (The Tattooed Countess)
- 21*-22*--Marvin Cone
- 3*,14*--Bruce more, Howard Hall's Palisades home

