

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

I. PERSONAL LEAD-IN QUESTIONS

- When were you born? Where?
- How long have you lived in Cedar Rapids?
- What are your parents' names?
- Where did you go to school?
- 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

- Railway travel (Union Station, trips to Iowa City on Crandic)
- Trolleys (the Interurban)
- 5-6 --Horses and First Automobiles
- 6-7 --Mud roads and the seedling mile
- Hunter Airport and the first planes
- Cedar River (ferries, floods, dams)

2. Communications

- Newspapers
- 8 --Radios
- Advertising
- 7-8 --Telephones

B. People in the Community

1. Amusements/Recreation

- 8 --Motion Pictures
- Cedar Rapids Parks
- Dances
- Carnival Week
- 9 --Chautauqua
- Community Theater
- Little Gallery
- Symphony Orchestra
- Circus
- 11 --Greene's Opera House
- Amusement Parks (Alamo)
- Camps
- 10,26 --Community Centers (YWCA, YMCA)

2. Famous Characters

- Cherry Sisters
- Grant Wood
- Carl Van Vechten (The Tattooed Countess)
- 31-32 --Marvin Cone
- 10 --Douglases/Brucemore
- 31 --Bill Shirer

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3. Lifestyle

- Life before air conditioning
- 9-10,21 --Winter Activities
- Holidays (Memorial Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas)
- Clothing
- Toys
- Saloons/Taverns
- Farm Life

4. Family Life

- Household Help
- 19 --Women's Roles
- 20-21 --Childrens' Activities/Behavior
- Sunday activities (Church life, Sunday Blue Laws)

5. Ethnic/Minority Life

- Immigrants (Czech, Greek, German, etc.)
- Indians
- Segregation of Blacks
- Jobs Available

C. Organizations and Institutions in the Community

1. Education

- 12-16 --Cedar Rapids Schools
- 22-37 --Coe College
- Mount Mercy College
- Cornell College

2. Government

- City Services
- Streets/Roads
- Relationship with Marion (Courthouse Dispute)

3. Medical

- 18--Hospitals
- 18--Patient-Doctor Relationship
- Broken Bones
- Polio, TB, Debilitating Diseases
- 16--House Calls
- Home Delivery of Babies

