

The Ravenswood Manor Centennial Oral History Project

ADRIAN COLLINS

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Hi. My name is Jim Peters, age 62. Today is September 12, 2014. We are doing this interview at a residence at 2739 West Agatite in Chicago, and I am one of the interviewers on behalf of the Ravenswood Manor Centennial Research Committee.

My name is Jackie Klein my age is 48 today's date is September 12, 2014. I'm at 2739 West Agatite in Chicago, and I am an interviewer.

My name is Adrian Wrobel Collins. I was born in the 1950s. Today is September 12, 2014. We are at 2739 West Agatite, and I am the storyteller.

Jim: And we are also doing this interview in Adrian's home, a Chicago bungalow.

How long have you lived in Ravenswood Manor?

Well I've...I was born in Ravenswood Manor. I lived, um, more than 50 years but I was in 3 different places and I also moved away from the Manor and then returned to the Manor. So...

So you grew up in the Manor.

Yes, I did.

Alright. And um, do you have any idea why your family moved to the neighborhood?

That one I can't answer. i'm [laughs] just probably because it was a nice neighborhood.

OK.

And probably the rent was right. [laughs]

Alright so they started in an apartment building?

Yes. We started in an apartment building on Eastwood, right near Manor Park.

OK, then later moved into a house?

We then moved into a house on Manor Avenue.

OK.

And then I moved away, and now I'm back at my house on Agatite.

Alright. And um, do you have an earliest memory of living here in the Manor?

Well, my – I really don't remember living on Eastwood but I do remember I have many memories of living on Manor. I guess most of it would be, um, a lot of playing with friends.

OK. So if you went back and said 'my earliest memory in the Manor was playing...'?

Playing with friends. Riding bikes, doing a lot of sitting around playing games.

OK. Were there certain places that you played more than other places?

Well, we played in the alley, mostly. Because at that point the alley had, um, cement trash receptacles. There weren't any blue carts or black carts in the alley so we had the whole wide open alley and then our parents could just call us and we'd hear them. You know, we would play different games in the alley, such as, we'd play Red Rover, we'd play Red Light Green Light, of course we played softball in the alley.

How did softball – to interrupt you – how did softball work in an alley because an alley is not very wide?

Well, home plate was in the middle. Um, usually one of the telephone poles was 1st base, then we'd draw somethin'...across from first base uh, from, excuse me, from home plate to just a chalk outline of 3rd base ,and then we'd just make something else up for 3rd base – somebody's fence, somebody's – you know, it wasn't like it is now! It wasn't very structured! [laughs]

OK. And you were rewarded if you could hit it straight and far as opposed to in

somebody's yard?

[laughs] Yes. This is true. And then there were mean people that if the ball went in their yard, you never saw the ball again but then there were a lot of nice people too. More nice people but somehow you kinda remember that mean old person.

So for somebody who's not familiar with the Manor, one of the reasons I guess you'd be in the alley is there weren't many parks and the backyards weren't very big is that right?

Most people had a garage. We did not have a garage, but the backyards were not big, and it was just the place to go. You wanted to get – you wanted to get away from your house. Nobody seemed to hang out in the front because there weren't that many front porches, so the alley was the place to go. And back then what we know now as Buffalo Park used to be the dumping ground for...everyone walked their dog there, and that was before people picked up after their dog! So you definitely didn't want to go to Buffalo Park!

Jim: OK.

Then when we were older, and could cross Montrose, we could go to Horner Park.

OK. And Horner Park's a bigger park on the south side of the neighborhood?

Correct.

How about Manor Park, anybody play in Manor Park?

No. I mean, not my friends.

Was it because it was too far from where you lived?

We were happy being in the alley! [laughs]

OK. Alright. How about the river? Did you ever go down to the river and play, or?

Well, I was not allowed to go to the river. Our parents would call each other up and say, 'did your son or daughter go to the river? You can't go to the river.' I think I was about 10 years old before I could even cross the bridge without my parent, so to us the river was somewhere to stay away from.

And would you know why? What did they say happened if you went down to the river?

There was no reason. In those days, they said 'don't go there', so we didn't.

OK. And probably because the banks were steep?

Most likely.

Alright were there any other play areas? Would you hop on the train and go to another park or did you mainly stay in the neighborhood?

No. We stayed in the alley. we...and, stayed out there for hours. Rode our bikes, rode our bikes around. Played games. And talked. Did a lot of just sitting there and talking to each other.

Not on your phones.

Uh no. [laughs.]

OK. You didn't text one another?

No.

So where did you go to school – grade school, high school?

i went to Our Lady of Mercy at Kedzie, on Troy and Montrose, and I walked there everyday and walked back for lunch and walked back there and walked back again. Because I didn't want to eat in the cafeteria. And some of my friends also came home for lunch. In those days you had that option of coming home for lunch. Then I went to the Immaculata over on 640 West Irving Park, and then I went to DePaul University.

OK. And did you take transit to get these – did you ride the L were there still streetcars, buses – do you remember how you got around?

To Immaculata I took 2 busses. And to DePaul I walked down to the L and hopped on at Francisco.

Do you have any memory of the L in those days? Was it different from how it is now?

Well, it certainly wasn't air conditioned! The windows would open and they were green and yellow

or green and white. They also had, Francisco was an A stop and Rockwell was a B stop, and then they also had what they called an A/B stop which would be like Fullerton or Belmont. So if I was coming home from DePaul, I could, I had the option of – if I wanted to walk from Rockwell – if the B train came first I'd hop on the B. If the A train came first, then I'd get off at Francisco. Um I don't think there were conductors people that open the doors and then there was somebody who was driving. Everything wasn't automated of course an actual person would call off the stops.

So, you went to DePaul and then what was your occupation after college?

i am a retired school teacher.

Where did you teach?

I taught physical education and driver's education and I taught at Englewood High School on the south side, and Kenwood High School in Hyde Park.

OK. And...

...for 30+ years. People don't do that anymore.

One question that's come up with some folks is if people remember more languages in the neighborhood, uh, people from different countries there was a sizable percentage of people who were foreign-born. Does that ring a bell, that there was variety in ethnicities?

Uh, I knew some German people but they spoke english but I know there were German people who lived across the alley from us from Germany. In fact there were 2 sets they both lived on California but, as far as others, no, I do not.

So your playmates were just from school or from the neighborhood?

They were from both. From school, I had some playmates that went to Bateman and then the other playmates we all lived on Manor, Sunnyside, or California. And we all knew each other and all of our parents were allowed to discipline any of us any way they felt necessary.

OK. No permission.

Permission was granted! But if someone was acting out, your parent heard about it ,and if your parent was not at home and the other parent saw it, you were disciplined! [laughs]

So, we talked about where you played, the alley and the park, sometimes Horner Park, later on.

Later on.

How about shopping – as a kid were there stores you went to?

As a young kid, we went across the river to Pete's.

Where was Pete's

Where the hospital [Kindred Hospital] is right now.

OK, so, east of the river on Montrose.

Yes. And that was a candy store, and it also had a soda fountain and you could – in the beginning you could – actually go behind the counter and you had a little bag and all the candy was a penny and you could pick out your own bags of candy. But then I – maybe the health department or something came in and then a few years later – now this is when I was in grammar school – then a few years later, you had to go in and say I'll take one bullseye and one sour cherry and then they'd pack it in the bag with you. Also, another thing about Pete's was that they had a special gumball machine that I believe it was a penny and if you got the special gumball it was green with stripes on it you got a candy bar so that got me gambling I guess [laughs] if I went in there! And you'd do your pennies and when you got this green candy ball or gumball, you'd give it to the proprietor and he would ask you which candy bar you wanted, then he'd put it in a jar. And I'm sure those same green things from the jar were going back in there when [laughs] they refilled it. Then there – also next to Pete's – looked just exactly on the corner there was a place called Ed's which was not very, shall we say, clean.

Was Ed's also a candy store?

No, Ed's was a small delicatessen. But the thing about Ed's is – and this would also be about the gas stations, too – your parents could write you a note because both my parents smoked they would write you a note, you could take this note to Ed's or to the gas stations, give the person the note and the money and they'd give you the cigarettes you could take back to your parents. And then also another thing about Ed's was when I was probably in 8th grade Ed's sold near beer which was not beer but it tasted like beer so I guess it's like what they have now, and we could buy that because it wasn't beer. So we thought we were like 'Whoa! We're gettin' near beer!'. [laughs] So it's like the nonalcoholic beer now but it was near beer.

For kids

Or for anybody! It came in 6-packs.

Yeah. Wow. and candy cigarettes probably?

Oh, candy cigarettes for sure!

Candy cigarettes and near beer and you were...

But we never bought any groceries from Ed's we went down the street between...

The other direction on Montrose

The other direction .

To the west.

To the west. The candy was at Pete's the near beer and cigarettes were at Ed's...

[laughs] OK.

...and then the candy was, excuse me, the small grocery store was, Centrella or Van's. In fact there were 2 of them right next to each other, um, between Francisco and Mozart I believe.

OK

There were 2 right next to each other.

So Montrose was your retail street.

Yes. There was a Tastee Freeze there. Um, down the way closer to Our Lady of Mercy, there was a shoe – a shoemaker. Then there was the big store, uh, in between, a little bit east of Peacock Liquors there was a big – what they call a big grocery store probably twice the size of the 2 little ones.

And you said gas stations also?

Yes. There was a gas station at, um, California and Montrose on the north – uh, northwest corner. There was another gas station across the way at the northeast corner.

OK. So this is the intersection that now would have senior citizen housing and the strip mall opposite from Horner Park?

That's correct. And then about half a block down, there was Burke's Carbonic, which is now the doctor's office. That used to – they would fill up the tanks for the carbonated beverages. They'd go to different, different, um, locations and then next to that was another gas station which was more repair station so that was at Manor and Montrose that would be.

Ruby's Cleaners?

That was there. Yeah. But let me tell you the one thing about that gas station on Manor and Montrose, they had, um, what was again it was more a repair there was probably maybe one pump but inside they had pop and they also had – a big draw to us was – they had pistachio nuts – both red and white in 2 like gumball type containers. So for a nickel you got a handful.

OK. So you specifically haven't mentioned up by the L station – did you ever go to any of the stores around Manor Park?

No, I don't remember those stores. Well younger, Black's Drugstore was there.

OK.

That I know from the pictures. I don't remember going in there but I know it was there from the pictures from when I was...

That would be the corner of Eastwood and uh, Francisco?

Yes. The LaPointe Dance Studio.

Right.

And then the other memory of the L is when I got in high school we'd go down there and get quarters and lay 'em on the tracks you know flatten out so that was like but never we never played down there! There was no reason to go because everybody was in the same area.

Yeah, and you were in the southern part of the Manor.

Yeah – which is the nicer part of the Manor.

OK.

Adrian: [laughs]

Did your parents warn you not to play near the L tracks? Was that like the river, a forbidden area?

No, it just never came up because I never went there. I was too young when I lived on Eastwood – I was always with my parents so that didn't, that didn't come up.

Do you, uh, how about the vacant lots?

Oh, yes!

People talk about how there were a lot of vacant lots.

Well, I'll tell you the one was right behind the gas station that was on the northeast corner – there was a big vacant lot so the vacant lot was between Burke's Carbonic and the gas station. Again, we played softball there. [laughs] We'd climb trees there. And uh, a woman, Maki was her nickname, she ran the um, this is just one of these great memories from being a young kid. Maki Ward, and she ran the... 4415 California they had the taxi dispatch down in their basement. And she had a couple of – her niece and nephew stayed with her were younger than we were and one of the big things I remember we were all playing in the in the empty lot she'd come out with Eskimo Pies and bring them to us! [laughs]

And she'd literally dispatched cabs from the basement of her house?

Yes. Yes.

Maki Ward?

Makia. And her husband's name was Roger but we always called him "Uncle Roger".

Because he was related to you?

No. He was just "Uncle Roger".

So did you call adults ‘uncle’ and ‘aunt’?

Just those 2. Most of the rest most of the other people we called Mr. Valarugo, Mrs. Vogt, Mrs. Neiber, we called them all by their names.

OK. The formal way

For the formal way.

OK.

Mmhmm.

Do you remember any colorful characters in the neighborhood? well known characters?

Well, we of course had Mrs. Neiber, who was, um, who owned property in the Manor, and she like to walk around the Manor with her dog, Happy. And uh, colorful characters?

Walking around to collect rent, or?

To collect rent and just I guess to keep an eye on her property. Colorful character was Mr. Lushek. He and his wife and 2 daughters they were – the 2 daughters were much young– excuse me they were much older – than I was, but Mr. Lushek was just, um, he loved kids. And we would go down to his basement and he had a bar set up there and we would drink Cokes.

Would you drink near beer? [laughs]

No near beer. We would drink Cokes and we would sit down there. They had shuffleboard on the floor. Now these days they would probably say you know, 'he's a pervert' or something. He – and then if we were good – we got to walk his dog so he would let us play in his car in the garage they were just wonderful people great neighbors. Wonderful friends!

How about Little AI?

I didn't know little AI, but when – 7th, 8th grade – when those records came out, that was the place to go over on Lawrence. Was it on Lawrence and Kedzie, a little bit west of Kedzie. I believe it was called Little AI's Record Shop and, uh, you could then buy 45s and albums and that was like a big deal: get your money, take a walk up there.

It's quite a walk!

It's quite a walk and on the way maybe stop at the Borfire over the S&L and get a Coke.

The S&L?

The S&L would be on the on Kedzie and Lawrence on the southeast corner.

And that was a?

A delicatessen, restaurant. Delicatessen/restaurant. And the Borfire was kiddie corner from it, so that would have been on Lawrence on the northwest corner.

And Abe Saperstein? Harlem Globetrotters – was in the neighborhood?

Was in the neighborhood. And my mother met them and became very good friends with them because they lived on Eastwood and my parents lived on Eastwood. And I don't know why but they became very good friends. We used to go over to their house for parties even as an adult I still am in contact with their daughter, Eloise. In prior years maybe 15 years ago when I was an adult she would invite us always for Thanksgiving over to her house she moved to Lincolnwood Towers. Abe would send, oh I've got a good Abe Saperstein story! It was my birthday. I was in grammar school. He got me tickets to Harlem Globetrotters game, Row 1. I was with my parent, my mother, and all of a sudden at halftime they said oh there's a very special person in the house and we want to wish this lady a happy birthday and it was me! I went out to center court. They presented me with a basketball. And it was very exciting!

This was at Chicago Stadium?

Yes, and one person when I went back to Our Lady of Mercy, one of the fellas in my class was actually there and saw me. Now I don't have any pictures of it. I don't have the basketball anymore, but that was really very exciting for me.

Now you said your mother can you talk a little bit about your mother? She had a very interesting career, or a notable career?

My mother was a Chicago policewoman from 1947 until 1981, and she, um, worked undercover. She, um, worked as a bodyguard for some politicians – for Jane Byrne when Ladybird Johnson was in she was with her,...

Any presidential candidates that would come to town for conventions?

Oh I saw –I do have a picture of her with Governor Stratton – she was with him.

Richard Nixon, I think?

Richard Nixon – she was on a detail with him thank you for reminding me of that. um, she...

And this was especially notable because there weren't that many women cops?

That's right. That was when they went in uniform. Which I'm not sure quite when that was. I want to say in the '60s. Before that she worked in the youth division and then also undercover I know that. And also at the north avenue beach with a partner a male partner and they posed – when north avenue beach was seedy – it's now the place to be, but it was seedy back then so they spent the summer at the beach arresting purse snatchers and people that stole bicycles. And then the other thing she had a big deal with – I have a few articles about uh – gypsies. she liked to uh we'd say now 'bust the gypsies' evidently they put her picture around. They knew who she was.

The gypsies?

Yes. And there was an article in the [Chicago] Tribune and it was called Gypsies or Fortunes so it was a 3 day article and it was about...

About your mom?

...how she was arresting the gypsies, yes.

And where was she arresting them? Where were they?

i guess wherever they were telling fortunes, she'd go in and pretend to have her fortune told, and then lock 'em up.

So, uh, what was the charge? You're not allowed to tell fortunes or what?

i guess not! I don't know. I'll have to reread the article for you. [laughs]

Alright.

She also did some guest speaking she did come to Immaculata one time and spoke and some other things, too.

Do you remember how your parents might socialize or how the different adults in the neighborhood – do you remember anything?

I remember a lot of card playing. You'd go to other peoples houses and they'd come over probably on a saturday night and play cards and smoke and drink [laughs] and a lot of times there would be BBQs. They'd go to each other's houses and BBQ and just generally have parties.

Do you remember when TVs came to the neighborhood? or color TVs, let's put it that way, because TVs were around but do you remember that?

I always remember having a TV in the house but I can't really remember when a color tv came.

OK. Alright. So that didn't change things in terms of entertainment?

No. But I had my own TV in my room – I was an only child –now they all have 'em!

Do you have, um, do you remember any specific neighborhood issues that came up like the closing of the L, or any changes to the river or any other big projects that threatened?

Any big issues...there was a lot of arguing – all the streets used to be 2 ways in the Manor and I believe a big issue was – I remember all the people on California wanted Manor to continue to be a 2-way street, and they – the people on Manor – we wanted the street to go north, and the people on California wanted it to go south so I think just making these one way streets excuse me these 2-way streets into one-way was a big issue and then another issue but this is just what I heard from my parents was when the Dutch Elm disease – it wouldn't be an issue but the Manor used to have huge trees and this Dutch Elm disease knocked out just a ton of them but I don't really remember that.

But that was a big issue because that devastated the trees.

It was a big issue but I can remember that, yeah. Mmhmm.

Alright. and there was always talk about closing the L stop but you don't remember that either?

No I was taking the bus to high school then so I wasn't on the L I don't remember that.

So is there a favorite thing? You grew up in the Manor and then you moved away but then you came back so you obviously find this a special neighborhood. So what's your favorite thing about living in the Manor?

I think the people are friendly. I like the way it's referred to as the suburb within the city. We're, um, it's very eclectic around us, shall we say, and you don't have to really go too far to, um, go shopping, or to find a good restaurant. And I like the style of the houses – they're all different. When you look at the ones now and they tear 'em down and they all look alike – our houses have character.

And as we started saying, you live in a bungalow which is a very classic Chicago style house.

Yes. And I did the paperwork and I got it, uh, it's a quote-unquote a historic bungalow because I didn't do anything like put in a picture window or anything like that.

And it's filled with stained windows and built-in buffets and things which...

Yes.

...you don't find in the new houses.

And real wooden doors. [laughs] Not particle board!

So how has the neighborhood changed over time? Would you say – from when you were growing up to now?

I believe there are a lot more children in the neighborhood and younger families it used to be there were a lot of older residents and it seems that people got in their house and they stayed in their house. And now it's amazing to see all the young people and all the – even the young people with children and even with young children and then you still do see the teenagers also so I think that it's just one way it changed for the better. It changed for the better!

Do you remember any special events that took place in Horner Park?

Well I do. On the 4th of July a lot of the families, we would go to the hill which was much higher then...

Because it was an old landfill?

Because it was an old landfill and it's now sinking.

It's now sunk.

Uh-huh. And we would go and sit on the hill and watch the fireworks which were shot off at Riverview Park which used to be at Western and Belmont so...

...and what was Riverview Park?

Riverview Park was an amusement park within the city which closed in the late 1960s.

So kind of a Six Flags?

Oh no. This was a real amusement park. there were no seat belts. [laughter] There were no seat belts! You didn't pay one price. You paid for each ride. And then you could, um, there were no there probably were some height restrictions or maybe there was a sign that said you had to be this old – and then you could stay on the ride and ride again so if you had one of those good seats like the last seat in a roller coaster or the first seat in the roller coaster after you paid, after you got your ticket if you wanted to ride again and it wasn't very crowded you could stay in the same seat and just give the person your nickel and you ride again – only on certain rides.

OK. And for those who don't know, Riverview Park is west of where Lane Tech is. Right along the river.

Yes. And when you went up on the parachute jump you could see the Lane Tech smoke stack.

What about Lincoln Square – did you ever go to Lincoln Square?

Not really. Didn't go to Lincoln Square.

No? So what was your sense of Lincoln Square at the time. Was it anything special?

It was the other side of the river and I really didn't go to the other side of the river so...

OK. So no real attractions over there like the Davis Theater, or any of the restaurants or anything?

No, most of those restaurants weren't there!

So if you didn't go to Lincoln Square to go to a movie, where did you see movies at the time?

I would go to the Terminal, which was on Lawrence Avenue somewhere between, um, Kimball and Kedzie. And then there was also the Commodore which was on Irving Park, and I believe that was east of Kedzie somewhere maybe between Kedzie and um, Sacramento. Both of those are gone.

OK. And how about things like delicatessens, restaurants – were there any special places like that that you'd go?

Well after church we'd always go my mother and I would go to the Kaufmans' bagel bakery and buy our bagels and then we'd go to Ada's right next door and we'd usually get lochs or sable and cream cheese and take it home and have that after church. And another thing in Ada's was that they had barrels on the floor – they were covered – um, and there was just um like uh,...

Jackie: tongs?

Tongs! Thank you! There were tongs, and you would just pick up your pickle or your sour tomato or whatever else I can't remember what else would be in the barrels but those were the 2 most popular things and just put it in a bag and hand it to the man and they'd weigh it and then they'd charge you.

So why the predominance of delicatessens and things in the neighborhood? Was there a big Jewish presence in the neighborhood as you were growing up?

The only way I remember that is some of my friends that did not go to Catholic school and they went to Roosevelt because that was the high school, the neighborhood school, 'cause that's how it was done back then: you went to the neighborhood high school or you went to a Catholic school. It seemed that there were um a lot of Jewish students there in fact my friends used to tell me that their parents – when it was the high holidays and a lot of the Jewish students took off – my friends who weren't Jewish their friends parents would let them stay home b/c there were so few people in class. That's the only way I would know about that.

Jim: Right.

And then the bagel restaurant was located on Kedzie a little bit north of Lawrence and my mother

and I used to go there too. We like that, we like Jewish food!

OK. So how about the bagel, Kaufman's, Ada's,...

And Lutz was there but we mostly just went that was before they really had a big seating area or opened up that garden, that was open and you could get pastries or candies.

And Lutz was, is on Montrose...

Montrose.

Closer to Western and still is there.

And still is there. Looks a little bit different. Now Lutz's – those people spoke German they were, they spoke German, and yeah they would speak english also but if you were there, they would speak German. I think that was one of the requirements when it first opened that the staff spoke German.

And um, it seems that Lincoln Square was a heavily German speaking area – there were restaurants and things.

Yes!

Was that true when you were growing up or is that something that happened later ?

I believe that was true when I was growing up.

OK

But can I tell you about the Tastee Freeze?

Oh sure!

We neglected the Tastee Freeze. Which was on Montrose west of California and it was right next to the gas station and that was a place that you would also hang out because they had tables there. You could go in and get your ice cream and eat your ice cream there and you could just sit around and hang out and nobody would bother you 'cause we weren't causin' trouble.

So, the, uh, how about when you were a teenager, did things change, did you start going

farther afield?

Well then being high school that wasn't in the neighborhood I had more friends that did not live in the neighborhood so – and many of these places were not there but – when Ada's and the bagels bakery were there I still went there.

Even as high school student?

Yes. And that was close to Our Lady of Mercy church.

OK. Can you talk a little bit about the church because we understand that the new church was built in the '60s replacing an old church. Anything special about that church?

Well I do want to tell you about the new church. I remember the old church. Um, that's where I made my confirmation and well, when they decided to make the new church they made it a block long and they built I guess times maybe were tough or people weren't putting enough money in the collection boxes but when they built the church, right at the halfway point, they actually constructed a glass partition but it did have doors and the front of the church was air conditioned and the back of the church was not air conditioned at that time so if you were late for mass you were just hopin' there was a seat in the front.

So it may have also been there way of encouraging people to be on time.

Yes and it may have encouraged people to drop more in the collection plate but I don't know when but then it was after I don't know how many years and right now the glass partition is down.

OK. Sounds like Montrose was the place to do a lot of shopping, businesses and things. Can you talk about a few other places?

Well if we're gonna talk about Montrose I can tell you that I did take piano lessons on Montrose on the north side of the street between Francisco and Mozart, from at that point in time she was an older lady and you took 3 or 4 steps down and she had a piano there and you took your lesson – half hour lesson – and she accepted whatever cash, check, I don't know, whatever my mother sent – but we had that. There also was a company called power tools that was also on Montrose on the NE corner of Manor and that was what they do now at Home Depot – actually rent tools to people. If you needed a jackhammer, if you needed a welding gun, he had a whole business, and it was called Power Tools, and they rented tools. Also on Montrose between on the NE corner of California and Montrose, there was a Jack in the Box, and that was one of the former gas stations, and that caused a little bit of controversy because the neighbors didn't like the drive-

through making the noise.

And this is a fast food restaurant.

Oh yes. I'm sorry – it's a fast food restaurant. They didn't like that and they also said there was a lot of littering going on so that of course wasn't acceptable IN the Manor. And then our big store was the one that is now Aldi – was a Jewel. And you could walk to that or drive to that so if you really needed something that was the go to place the Jewel.

And that was the biggest grocery store.

That was the biggest one in the area. yes.

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