

Glenn May, Nancy and Frank Leppert, and Chris Perry

Tape I, Side 1:

Chris is the adopted grandson of the Lepperts. Nancy and Glenn are sister and brother. Nancy is several years older than Glenn. Nancy's family moved to West Asheville in 1924. Her father was a partner with Teague [groceries and meats, 724 Haywood Rd.]. They lived on Dunwell Ave., where two brothers were born. Her father went on his own [747 Haywood Rd.] in 1927. [John B. May, Isaac M. Teague, Morris May, Henry May]

[12] Her mother kept the books for a few years and her father came home for lunch every day.

[18] Her father was a linotype operator for the Citizen. When there was a strike in 1923 - he couldn't get work so borrowed money from his father and went into business with the man who had Teague's Market. The Depression began. (Re: strike, see enclosed) [John B. May, Isaac M. Teague]

[27] The market was on the corner of Heron and Haywood Road [part of the building where Luke Atkinson's store is now, 728 Haywood Rd.]. There was a furniture store [1935: Home Furniture Co., 751 Haywood Rd.] owned by the Weddles which is still called the Home Furniture Co. [1992: 797 Haywood Rd.] run by their sons (3rd generation furniture store) and their grandsons. [Algar C. Weddle, Timothy Paul Nichols, William A. Nichols, Margaret A. Nichols]

[44] She didn't go to the store when she was little but stayed home with her mother. She passed by going to Vance School (see enclosed). Her father had a car but they walked. She went to Vance from kindergarten through 7th grade. All children went there. They were poor but didn't know it. She had marvelous teachers and many people in school with her are still friends (she started kindergarten in 1927).

[54] Glenn and his friends roamed the area - Burton St. to Johnson Blvd. and Patton Ave. There were few houses and they could fly kites and play baseball in the middle of the neighborhood.

[66] Brevard Road was the end of the trolley line in 1927. It wouldn't turn around; the driver went to the end of the car and drove from that end. There were also jitney busses - big cars which would seat 7 people.

[69] Glenn remembers the first bus that went to Lucerne Park in 1934. The road was paved to Enka. The family moved several times: Dunwell, Louisiana, Lucerne, Brucemont Circle and moved to Brevard Rd. July 1, 1944. (1936: #179 Brucemont).

[86] Brucemont Circle and Louisiana were nice neighborhoods. Everyone watched out for each other. There were so many children you could get up 2 or 3 football teams or baseball teams and

skate in the streets. Glenn remembers an ice sled run on the lower part of Louisiana. The boys would ice the road and make cars turn back.

[100] Chris grew up in this house and said this is the best part of West Asheville, but there are no kids to play with. There were two guys down the street but not the kind you want to be with. The kids are hanging out, watching TV or playing video games. Children are in day-care centers.

[114] Nancy said her daughter didn't have but one little girl to play with. She began working at May's Market right before her daughter was born - 1945, stayed off for 5 years and then went back to work until the store was closed. [Susie Leppert]

[119] Glenn went to work after school in 1942. Many of the men were going into service so he was proud to be working with his father. All 5 boys worked as well. He worked after school, and all day Saturday. On Sunday, he, his father and Nancy, counted ration stamps after church - then they could go out and play.

[151] Nancy said that, when a shipment of pineapple came in, the customers were served first. Coupons for shoes were often given by the customers but shoes were not available.

[160] Frank said May could have gotten a rail car of sugar but it would have been illegal.

[167] Glenn felt they had an obligation to use everything they had. He worked from 7 AM to after dark and then had to clean the store.

[179] Customers came from rural areas. Glenn delivered on a bicycle - a small wheel in front with a basket, and a standard wheel on the back. They later delivered by trucks and at one time had two trucks.

[190] They carried meat, groceries and kerosene. There was a small drug rack but it was not a general store.

[196] West Asheville was a convenient place to shop - Cobbles Department Store [717 Haywood Rd.], variety stores: Ben Franklin Store [707 Haywood Rd.] and French's Variety Store [773 Haywood Rd., William F. Casteel]. There were three drug stores, a hardware store. [William F. Casteel]

[204] When Nancy was a little girl Barker's Department Store [458 Haywood Rd.] was where the B&B Pharmacy is now. The treat was to get on the bus and go to Bon Marche [33-39 Haywood St.] and later to Ivey's [26-32 Haywood St.] and Denton's. Fain's was not there then. Other stores were M. V. Moore for men [45 Patton Ave.], Jean West Shop [58 Haywood], Perkinson and Co. [961 Haywood Rd.], Margaret Cruse [32 Battery Park Ave.], John Carroll [38-40 Haywood St.], the Man Store [22 Patton Ave.], Kress [21 Patton Ave.], Newberry [41 Patton Ave.] and Woolworth [25 Haywood St.]. She didn't go in town much until high school, except once a month to pay the electric bill (see Kosta tape).

[221] Glenn said that his brother walked to town to save money so he could buy fireworks. The bus fare was 5 cents and went to 6 cents. Nancy made lunches for school. [Morris May]

[235] When Glenn worked for his father he earned \$7.50 a week and out of that he bought lunch tickets (35 cents for 6 tickets), bus fare, and clothes. None of the boys got an allowance. His father said, "I'll look after my girls but the boys can take care of themselves."

[242] Nancy went to town with her mother to pay utilities (people didn't have checking accounts) and to buy fabric. Her mother made clothes for her until she was in high school and all the boys as well. "Little ladies stayed at home with their mothers." When they went out they wore hats and gloves. Every Easter, girls had something new. Nancy also sewed for her daughter.

[270] It costs Chris 65 cents one way to ride the bus. He doesn't go much (Frank says he is the "personal chauffeur.") He does his homework at school. He is involved in the Technical Community Theatre. He wants to get a paying job but finds it is hard because employers are afraid of being held liable (for accidents). He has to be 18 or get a worker's permit. He doesn't want to work at McDonalds. He is an acolyte in the Episcopal Church and is the youngest chalice bearer. He is interested in religion because he is interested in other cultures. He would like to study music and plans on going to Berea College where he will study music and art. He has been interviewed twice in the 10th grade and is going up with several others to spend the night. The college is Methodist or non-denominational. Tuition is free - this a work/study program. You have to work about 20 hours a week in the department you are studying in. It is not a trade school, though furniture making and crafts are part of the education. (see enclosed).

[376] Frank was born in the Mission Hospital and raised on Haywood St., went to the 91st Infantry Division in 1942 right after he married Nancy. He was in Africa and Italy when he broke his leg, he went to a Boston Hospital, then Georgia and home for 30 days. He returned to service and returned with a brace. May's Market was expanding [747-751 Haywood Rd.] and he worked there from 1944 on. John May died, Morris May bought out Stoney Knob in Weaverville and Frank and Nancy ran the Haywood Rd. store. Morris died of a heart attack and Frank went out there [to Stoney Knob] for 6.5 years but came down with a rare blood disease. Nancy was trying to run both the stores and they decided to get out of the grocery business. [John B. May, Morris May]

[423] Glenn hadn't been with the market since 1948 when he went off to college. He worked when he was on leave from the service and in the summers from college. He went to Stoney Knob occasionally (an intersection in Weaverville. Store gone). He worked at Enka for 8 years and then Kinco Corp. for 22 years and was Director of Out Patients at the Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill. He came back here and worked for Glenn Snipes in Public Accounting. His wife didn't like the heat and wanted to get back with family. His parents were born here. [Glenn Snipes, John B. May (b. 1896), Mable Morris May (b. 1898)]

[465] Frank's mother was born here, her family pioneers, from NY. His father was from West Virginia [Annie Victoria Lowe Leppert, b 1896, Frank Leppert, Sr.]

[481] Glenn told about O. E. Starnes' grandmother [Annie S. Starnes] who lived across the street from May's Market (now Salvation Army). She had another house (stone and just torn down) farther up the street but she wouldn't move into it. She wanted to stay in the middle of things. Miss Emma worked for her and bought from the store (see Starnes tape). Dunn and Groce Funeral Home [1936: 756 Haywood R.] was next to her. Glenn, Nancy and Frank list the stores on Haywood Road from memory: [this is from the tape but advise using the city directions for accuracy]: service station run by Jimmy Justus [1936: Justus Motor Inn, 760 Haywood Rd.] with mechanic Claude A. Goodlake, Jerry Stanley's, a bowling alley [1938: Majestic Bowling Alley, 744 Haywood Rd.], filling station [1931: Union Oil Company Station; 1936: Atkins Service Station, 732 Haywood Rd.], Pig-in-The-Pen Café [1931: 734 Haywood Rd.], on the corner there was a place where baseball and pool tickets were sold with a poker game in back (which is why Nancy wasn't allowed to walk around much), Bob Atkins and Miller had a store behind Luke Atkinson's Furniture store. [A and M Garage and Taxi Co., 12 Brevard Rd.] At one time, on the corner of Brevard and Haywood, there were 2 bus stations - Mrs. Roach ran the restaurant of the Trailway Station. [1938: West Asheville Bus Station, 709 Haywood Rd.] Next door was Teague's Market [1938: 724 Haywood Rd.], then Gardner's Hospital [1931: Dr. Garrett D. Gardner, Gardner's Hospital (1938: called Modern Health Hospital), 718 Haywood Rd.], an open field and a Sinclair Station with a big lighthouse [1931: Young's Beacon Service Station, 714 Haywood Rd.] that Jean Johnston removed when she took over. Next was an open field, then Virginia Ave. Coming back on the other side there was a beauty shop [1943: Edna Johnson's Beauty Salon, 689 Haywood Rd.], barber shop [1931: West Asheville Barber Shop, 713 Haywood Rd.; 1936: Ideal Barber Shop, 721 Haywood Rd.; 1943: Sanitary Barber Shop, 691 Haywood Rd.], Fater's Drug Store, Jarrett St., a brick house, A&P [701-703 Haywood Rd.]. In 1936 Samuel E. Saunders put in a Ben Franklin dime store [1943: 707-09 Haywood Rd.], Cobbles Department Store [1943: 717 Haywood Rd.] and a Dixie Store [1943: 669 Haywood Rd.]. [O.E. Starnes, Mrs. John P. Starnes (Lillie - 750 Haywood), Miss Emma, James F. "Jimmy" Justus, Claude A. Goodlake, Jerry Stanley, Robert L. "Bob" Atkins, C. Hubert Miller, Luke Atkinson, Mrs. Roach, Dr. Garrett D. Gardner, Jean Johnson, Fater, Samuel E. Sanders]

Tape I, Side 2:

Continuing on Haywood Road:

Dixie Store [1943: 669 Haywood Rd.], Ideal Paint and Hardware [1943: 727 Haywood Rd.], Vance School, First National Bank [1943: 730 Haywood Rd.] (Nancy made deposits there from May's Market). The bank was where Luke Atkinson's is now. He is a newcomer - 1956. Fortune rented space. [G. C. Brown, Mrs. Roberts, Luke Atkinson, S. Jackson Fortune]

[2/30] Crouch Drug Store (see snapshot outside and inside store) [1943: Bilbro Drug Store, 733 Haywood Rd.], Olvie General Store [1921: Olvie General Merchandise, 733 Haywood Road], horse watering trough (there were 2 or 3 steps to keep out of the mud before the street was paved), Nun Such Café run by Roxie [1943: 735 Haywood Rd.], Ideal [should have said "Model"] Barber Shop [1934: Model Barber Shop, Jarman Steedley, 737 Haywood Rd.] (can still see the roof line of this on side of building), a man sold hot dogs there during the Depression, the Isis Theatre (built in 1936-7) [1943: 743 Haywood Rd.], Elmer Hughes Shoe Shop (between May's Market and the Theatre) [1943: 745 Haywood Rd.]. Theatre run by Bamford [Publix-

Bamford] Enterprises (see Gibbs, Wolcott & Kouns tapes). [Q. T. Bilbro, Henry J. Olvie, Mrs. Edith "Roxie" Goan, Jarman Steedley, Elmer Hughes, Carl Bamford]

[2/75] The Isis Theatre was the place to go on Saturday afternoon. Glenn did yard work for a dime and for another nickel he could get popcorn. She got passes sometimes when the store had show cards in the window.

[2/84] They went to Dreamland after 1945 when Susie was a baby (see Pless tape).

[2/88] There was the bowling alley [1938: Majestic Bowling Alley, 744 Haywood Rd.] and Elmer Hughes Shoe Shop [1943: 745 Haywood Rd.]. Miss Emma lived in a little house behind Granny Starnes. [Elmer Hughes, Miss Emma, Starnes, Lillie (Mrs. John P.) Starnes]

[2/93] Going west, Bert Starnes had Mutual Coal Company [1945: 851 Haywood Rd.; 1950: 753 Haywood Rd.]. He sold coal and they had a cleaner pick-up station until 1949 when E. Clyde Kinser came and started Home Insulation Co. [1950: 753 Haywood Rd.]. Miss Clemmons kept books and he had salesmen going all over WNC (rockwool insulation). Glen worked for his sons at Kinco Corporation for 22 years. Bert Starnes, E. Clyde Kinser, Miss Clemmons]

[2/107] On West. Johnny Grieshamer was a chauffeur for a NY family and he started Crispy Cream donuts with his formula. He had donuts in three locations in West Asheville (2 doors west of May's Market [1945: 755 Haywood Rd.]. Next came Judd [Furniture &] Supply [1945: 757 Haywood Rd.] and in same building where barbershop is now, Kerr and Wright had a bakery [1948: Home Bakeries, 755 Haywood Rd.]. One was a former army pilot and the other a former navy pilot and Glenn and his brother would go to the airport and rent a plane and "fly out their \$15" they had earned (see Lacy Griffith tape). [Johnny Grieshamer, Oscar J. Judd, John O. Kerr, James Paul Wright, George May]

[2/141] Where the parking lot now is, there were 2 log houses. The McDade's lived in one [1936: William A. McDade, residence at 769 Haywood Rd., sold produce at 741 Haywood Rd.], and in the other Cal Marshall [1948: 767 Haywood Rd.], who operated a service station and wrecker service (now Walls and Marshall in Enka area). [William A. McDade, Calvin "Cal" W. Marshall]

[2/150] In the Bledsoe Building there was a feed store [1943: Handte's Seed Store, 771 Haywood Rd.] where Dave Salvage Foods is now. Glenn used to stop in and talk to the parrot. [Jacob S. Handte]

[2/156] Frank and his father bought the parrot in Charlotte and brought it back to Asheville. They brought a lot of parrots back and sold them to the Asheville Seed Co. [1931: 20-22 West College St.; 1935: 76-80 N. Lexington Ave.] behind Kress (now Tops for Shoes). They also had monkeys and chickens. His father worked for Mr. Jones who sold out to Mr. Earl who had a seed store on N. Lexington (see snapshot). Frank's father never liked it there and talked Earl into moving back to Lexington and College [1939: Asheville Seed Co., Garden Shop, College at Lexington Ave.] and his father operated that until he died. [Robert S. Jones, J. Daniel Earl, Frank T. Leppert Sr.]

[2/173] John May got up at 5 or 5:30 to go to the open air market on Lexington (see Hollifield tape) and local farmers would bring produce to the store.

[2/185] Everybody came to Lexington to buy seed. There was a bus stop and all the farmers went there on Saturday.

[2/187] Jitneys were big old cars with regular stops, charged 6 cents a ride.

[2/195] Nancy was in the stores and didn't work in town at the time [she does now at the Tax Dept.] but considered Weldon Weir one of the nicest men in town. He was her father's staunchest enemy, as West Asheville didn't get its due - it was a stepchild. At one time more money was produced by West Asheville than any other place and no money was spent out here. [Weldon Weir]

[2/210] Few people ran for office because they couldn't afford the time but Nancy said Frank was very involved - Parks and Recreation, Civic Arts Council, Asheville Merchant, Better Business (see Luke Atkinson tape).

[2/219] Glenn said his father ran for city council in 1939 as an anti-organization candidate. Weir was an organization man and some of May's best customers were also. He lost and said, "Thank Heavens!" - It was hurting his business. [John B. May, Weldon Weir]

[2/228] He was also involved in the Mutual Distributing Co., a buying co-op [1935: 347 Depot St.], where small merchants banded together. This was a response to the chain stores, with their buying advantage, moving into town. First was the Quality Service Stores. Johnny Lawrence [1935: Lawrence Grocery, 219 Haywood Rd.] was one of the original officers. He died last week. There were 30-50 stores in this with a big warehouse, manager, secretaries and dockmen. They had 2 locations, one by the depot and later by Riverside and Broadway in Woodfin. [John L. "Johnny" Lawrence]

[2/269] The Lee ice house was between the two locations [1956: Asheville Ice and Storage Co., 90-98 Riverside Drive]. Frank remembers Walter Lee driving a team of mules (see Harmon Lee tape). [Harmon Lee, Walter Lee]

[2/280] The co-op was established to help reduce the price of merchandise. It made the independent stores clean up their stores. Most were filthy until the A&P came in. May's Market was well-kept.

[2/289] They all describe the interior of the store - beans and sugar in drawers, pickles in barrels, caddies (boxes) of cookies with glass tops. Items were taken for the customer one can at a time. The price was noted on a paper bag and added by hand. Later there was an adding machine. Customers paid cash but there was charging as well.

[2/322] One man drove the truck and then worked in the store as a bookkeeper. Later he worked for the post office. He never made a mistake in adding long columns. [J. Bynum Lance]

[2/327] Nancy, when in Biltmore College, had a math teacher who commented on how poor she was in math and how good her father was.

[2/333] Chris has a friend in High School (raised with different morals than his grandmother (Nancy)) who relies on his calculator and when the class was given a "pop" (surprise?) quiz and told they could not use calculators, he failed. Multiplication isn't taught that much. He goes to an alternative school and said that some students are limited but can do well in math.

[2/369] "Our country has come to a fine kettle when a high school graduate can't fill out his own income tax return," Glenn said, and they all agree.

[2/383] Chris tells about courses in school where a little store is handled by elementary school students. They learn business management and, after getting permits and a special license for safety, older students run a thermal printer for t-shirts.

[2/406] Changes have taken place in requirements in running a market. Frank said they had to have a blood test, TB test and wear a hair net. Glenn said the Wasserman was the big test. Had to have it once a year. Integration changed all of that. Blacks didn't come up to passing.

[2/427] Chris said the TB test is done in school.

[2/428] Nancy said they always had a black woman in the house and only had one black employee who stole everything he ever saw. School was the biggest change. They had black customers. When she was growing up there wasn't any ill will and never saw one mistreated. "Except," Glenn said, "for riding in the back of the bus and that never set well with me - or the separate drinking fountains - I never understood that, but that's the way it was."

[2/455] Glenn tells about the drinking fountain in front of the barber shop. There was a horse watering trough - they took the water out of the trough and put it into a fountain. They tried to take the fountain out but people complained so much they had to put it back in. It is the only operative fountain. It used to run constantly, Now there is only a handle.

[2/465] Nancy said that Chris has a black friend who comes down and one of her other grandsons has a black friend who would go to church with them. They were better mannered than some of the white children.

[2/474] Glenn wants to walk Haywood with me. [1956: Judd Supply Company, 757 Haywood Rd.] [I have talked with Rob Neufeld at Pack Library. He had made a date and will get all this material on video (June 8, 1995 - see tape).] [Dan S. Judd]

[2/474] Nancy remembers the old Carolina Theatre where she saw a silent movie. It is next to #4 Fire Station which is now closed and carries stained glass. She went to the movie with cousins in West Asheville (Howard St.) [Eleanor and Donald Glenn]

[2/493] Frank said there was no problem in West Asheville but trouble in the schools.

[2/514] Pisgah View is a rough place. Chris won't go down there. Nancy used to deliver groceries there but there were mostly white people then (see Minnie Jones tape).

[2/522] During the Depression "people either charged or starved," Nancy said. She knew Roy whose clientele was Biltmore Forest, who didn't pay their bills as well as the hard working people. There were a number of years when you couldn't garnish wages for a debt - only the government could do that. [Roy Trantham]

[2/552] Frank worked with Roy on the Heart Fund. Roy bought things in the Mutual Distributing Company but was not a member and did not advertise with them. The company stopped advertising in the mid 30's.

Tape II, Side 1:

[II/1/7] Frank tells about Robert Fortune who talked to the Lions Club showing pictures of old Asheville - the street cars, flood with people clinging to trees in Biltmore, the Eagle Hotel. He knew the names of the people, Melford drove the bus. He knew the Eagle Hotel. The collection was willed to Mars Hill College. [not all - see enclosure and Pack Library File.] [Robert Fortune, Mr. Melford]

[II/1/37] Frank doesn't remember having much to do with the water bond (see enclosed - Mar 15, 1974) but he had a lot to do with Parks and Recreation. He stayed with Ray Kisiah 16-17 years. He got the business men together to purchase property behind the fire station for a park - (see Ray Kisiah tape). [Miss Augusta Barnett, Ray Kisiah]

[II/1/55] He tried to get the city and county together to have one fire department, police and library. People came from Chapel Hill to talk about this, but they still haven't gotten together. He worked on the Water Agreement. This was a busy time, especially for him. He was president of the West Asheville Business Association, the West Asheville Lion's Club, the Buncombe County Heart Association, on the board of the Asheville Merchant Association, Board of Directors of the Aston Hospital, Board of the NC Food Dealers, the Arts Council and treasurer of his church. Morris died Jan. 1972 (see Red Hoyle and Norma Price tapes). [Barbara Keleher, Henry Colton, Morris May]

[II/1/85] Nancy said that all the children went to Trinity Methodist Church. Since moving to West Asheville in 1924, Glenn has been a member except for 2 years when he was a member of a church in Chapel Hill. Church means a lot to them.

[II/1/103] Glenn said that Sunday dinner was the only time that the whole family could get together. There were 7 children and their guests.

[II/1/112] Frank's family gave land for the West Asheville Methodist Church. The Lion's Club does a lot of good work. They would sell brooms that blind people made and collect glasses to ship over seas. They established a cottage at the Eliada Home (see Red Hoyle and Margaret Dowdle tapes). He was given the highest award, the Melvin Jones award. He tells about Margie

who was very active and ran the local office (see enclosed). The home was put up in her honor.
[Marjorie "Margie" (Mrs. R. G.) McCune]

[II/1/141] Nancy's father was a Lion and the group put on horse shows and stock shows in Enka, getting up early to prepare food. They raised money and had a good time. He worked at Bele Chere until they went to tickets rather than cash. (see Leslie Anderson tape).

[II/1/150] People had to line up to buy them and vendors thought they weren't getting what they should. They are going back to cash.

[II/1/166] Glenn can't attend Bele Chere because it is held the same time as the local amateur radio club's flea market. People come from Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia. They have a chance to meet others in the organization they know by voice but now can see them face to face. One can pick up a piece of wire or a \$3,000 radio. People used to be able to build and repair their own sets but now the equipment is so small most people have to send it back to the manufacturer for repairs.

[II/1/190] Glenn's brother Morris was a radio operator in the navy. As a child he had a crystal radio and built his own in a cigar box. He got his novice license in 1975 and is working on his general license. He was president of the local group two years and vice president one year.

[II/1/209] In order to obtain a license one must signal 13 words a minute in Morse Code. This is a law under International Treaty. "Big Brother" is going to regulate the activity out of existence. As long as an operator does not talk about government issues they can contact anyone in the world. No profanity is allowed - but it is creeping in. A "hell" or "damn" is prohibited in the South but not in the North.

[II/1/277] Glenn feels that "morals are sort of like a handful of water: if the first drop gets out, then the rest of it is gone, so you have to hold on pretty tightly. If you allow stuff like that, the cat's out of the bag." There are 206 local amateurs and three-quarter of a million in the US.

[II/1/300] Ham Fests raise money for scholarships to A-B Tech and Haywood Technical Institute. His wife teaches chemistry at A-B Tech and has since 1972. He taught accounting at A-B Tech for 2 nights a week and Economics at WNC 2 nights a week while working at Enka (see Haynes tape). [Caroline May]

[II/1/323] He does not talk with his brother (21 months older than Glenn) in Lawrenceville, GA because he is too close for one band and too far for another. (see enclosure re: ham radio).
[George May]

[II/1/329] Glenn walks around flea markets with a friend - Dreamland and the one in Enka. (see Pless tape).

[II/1/341] The antique stores in the middle of the city draw on tourists. They have developed over the past 15-20 years. Jackson's trading post used to be next door to Young's Poultry and a

feed store. The whole area is changing. Jackson is upgrading. They sell to square dancers, "wannabe" cowboys and horse owners.

[II/1/372] Glenn used to buy saddles from Jackson's when he had horses but has given it up. He lives on 4 acres in the Enka area. He did not participate in horse shows.

[II/1/390] There used to be horse shows at the Biltmore Forest Saddle Club and there is an endurance trial there now. The shows have moved to the Agriculture Center (see Pat Brinkley tape and Jane Bingham tape).

[II/1/405] There are car races at Amboy Field every Friday night. They learned to ignore the noise. They never go. Carrier Field was a small air field (this is where Frank took his first ride) run by Owens. Their brother-in-law did his first flying there (retired from Piedmont Airlines). [Doc Owens, Robert Ulman]

Tape II, Side 2:

During WWII small planes were in and out of Carrier Field: a B25 landed and was unable to get off without "jet assisted take-off bottles."

[II/2/18] They heard about Westall's landing on what is now Beaver Lake but this was before their time. (see enclosed)

[II/2/22] When Frank was young in the early 20's water was short and had to be drawn out of Beaver Lake. He went house to house to check to see that no water was leaking.

[II/2/29] Nancy remembers the Arcade and the Rhododendron Parade, which she watched from the top. Cars were not driven up at that drive. Dances were held on top. Frank flew a kite and was in the parade with a fox terrier on a tricycle dressed as a clown. Glenn said that Morris, on his way to the parade said to his mother, "People come from a long way away. There is a car from Canton." In the 30's Canton was a long way away. Nancy said that businesses were closed for the main parade and remembers a cart pulled by a billy goat (see Lee tape).

[II/2/64] Frank said that the Lee ice house was used to store produce and Glenn's mother-in-law stored apples there in the 40's and 50's. Nancy used to send checks from the store every month for their storage. [No one remembers "water glass" which was used for storage of eggs in the winter.] [Harmon Lee]

[II/2/82] When Nancy was in her late teens and first married she used to take her little sister to the lovely coffee shops on the main floor of the Vanderbilt Hotel. Glenn took his dates to dinner and dances on the second floor. There was a ballroom on the second floor of the Battery Park Hotel. The Merchant's Association met on the top floor of the Vanderbilt Hotel (see Booker T. Sherrill tape).

[II/2/100] They remember the murder of a young white girl on vacation at the Battery Park Hotel and were very upset about it at the time (see B. T. Sherrill tape). Glenn tells about the violence

on TV that children take for granted and said one child, seeing someone shot, "I didn't know it hurt." People are hardened to that kind of thing. Frank said that years ago, after the hotel murder, a man delivering the paper was killed by a black man who was convicted of this murder also. He may or may not have been guilty. [Helen Clevenger, Mr. King]

[II/2/126] In 1936 Frank went to the Court House to get his drivers license. There were two highway patrol men who said he would have to get his parents' permission. He took the paper, went to the feed store, got his father's signature, paid \$3 and drove home.

[II/2/131] Chris went to Driver's Ed. at Owen High School, passed a 200 question written test, drove for 6 hours and got a certificate. However when he went to the DMV he failed the written test, not having studied the book for a while. He took it again, paid \$10 and got a learner's permit.

[II/2/161] Glenn said that in 1947 the State Legislature passed a law whereby everyone had to renew their license every 4 years. A man who had been driving a milk truck for years for Southern Dairies failed the examination. Today one has to take the written and eye test every 5 years but not the road test unless there is an accident. [Daniel H. Picklesimer]

[II/2/187] Frank said Picklesimer drove for years, and never had an accident. He was ready to retire when he was hit and killed. Glenn remembers the milk truck when they lived on Brucemont Circle. There was always ice on top of the bottles. The driver would give the children a chunk of ice. [Daniel H. Picklesimer]

[II/2/187] Arthur had a horse drawn delivery wagon and two drivers. The horse was kept behind the house during WWII. [Jim Arthur, Ed Harrison, Joe Mulvaney]

[II/2/194] I stopped at Ideal Drug Store (see Phillip Crouch tape) and was told a group was forming to suggest refurbishing Haywood Rd. Nancy said that several years ago a group wanted everybody to have a slate roof like Luke Atkinson (see his tape). People didn't want to do it. Sellers is president of the West Asheville Business Association. (see enclosed). [Jene McGlamery, Luke Atkinson, Tommy Sellers]

[II/2/206] Sellers was instrumental in getting the police sub-station established. People got together to pay the rent.

[II/2/216] They park their car as a decoy, Chris said. Nancy said that crime has decreased in that area. Frank believes the police on bicycles did more. Nancy saw a policeman walking a bike with a man, chained to the back of the bike, walking to the courthouse. There are horse mounted and bicycle mounted police. Chris' father is a policeman and said that there is a trailer for the horses and there are a couple of trained dogs. Cars are parked on the side of the road which cuts down on speeding. The officers are at the station during the day and there is a secretary. There was an appeal for volunteers. Chris said the Montford area and Hillcrest are heavily policed (see Robert Branson tape). [Charlie Silvers]

[II/2/277] Glenn remembers when there was one policeman in West Asheville and everybody knew him. And one street sweeper. They played tricks on Fisher by jacking up his car so he couldn't move it. [W. Bruce Fox, Red Fisher]

[II/2/290] They played tricks on new employees at the store, sending them out for things like "bag stretchers." Nancy walked up and down Haywood Rd. for Halloween. Glenn said they would stretch leaves across street and set them on fire. There was lot of window soaping of store windows. He didn't do much because he had to clean it up. He never heard about "Trick or Treat" until Paul moved in 1941. They don't do this anymore - the children just want the treats. About 20 came this year. [Paul Markwood]

[II/2/318] Frank told about a firecracker place blowing up. He was at the feed store with his father and they were outlawed until recently (see enclosure).

[II/2/356] Nancy is glad her father had a grocery store which allowed her to get out and meet people. The customers were like family and are still friends. Glenn said it has been a good life. The growth in population has led to more restrictions such as cutting trees. Frank, when business was slow at the feed store, helped out at the A&P. He was accepted in West Asheville and was so busy working for Nancy's father he didn't have time to look for another job. [Jim Anderson]

[II/2/413] Chris said that the store has affected his life, as everyone knows his family. "It's real cool."