

## **Jesse & Judy Burnett**

Introduction to Jesse & Judy Burnett: Jesse's roots in Avon go back to the early 1920s when his parents moved here. He grew up here and in Florida. Over the years Jesse and Judy have been active in the Optimist Club and the Avon Junior Athletic Association, among other things. They were interviewed by Dick and Betty Richmond, also long-time residents of Avon.

### **Remember Those Little Orange Biographies for Children?**

Betty: What stories do you remember your mother telling...?

Jesse: ...[Mother] was a member of the National Press Women and she would go to conventions and things like that...As I say, she wrote books. She and Hortense [Powner] wrote several of the children's [books] that used to be called COFAs, the Childhoods of Famous Americans, those little orange books everybody [read back then]. And then she wrote romances...which are still available at the Avon Library...

Dick: Did she write under a pen-name...?

Jesse: Sometimes...All her early life she wrote under all kinds of pen names because, when [she] sent something to a men's magazine, it wouldn't have done to say, "Ruth Burnett." She wrote under whatever name came to mind that fit the situation.

