

Maxine Cummings

Introduction to Maxine Cummings: Maxine's roots in Avon go back nearly 90 years, as she was born and raised in Avon. She has been an integral part of the life of the community all her life. She was interviewed by Dick and Betty Richmond, also long-time residents of Avon.

Avon Schools in the Early Days

Dick: Was there local schooling?

Maxine: The Avon school had all the...grades in one building at that time...That's where the library was, and even the trustee's office was in the building. You go in on the north side of the building, and as you went up the stairs on the left-hand side was the trustee's office and on the right-hand side was the library.

Dick: Where was this located?

Maxine: Where the new one is right down there [across from] the fire station...where the intermediate school is...

Dick: What grades did they cover during...?

Maxine: All twelve...were in the [building] together. Of course, that's when you only had around ten, twelve, or twenty-one in a class...And you knew everybody from the bottom to the top and even you knew all the teachers...

Dick: Did the school have any athletic teams...?

Maxine: Yes, they had real good basketball teams...That's when they had a little tiny gym downstairs.