

Marjorie Jenkins

Introduction to Marjorie Jenkins: Marjorie lived in Avon much of her life. She died shortly after this interview took place. She was interviewed by Bud Ewoldsen, another long-time resident of Avon.

Bud: Marjorie, what condition was road 36 in when you moved out here?

Marjorie: When we [she and her husband, Roscoe] moved here, it was probably blacktop, but it was a narrow road; and Roscoe said that, when he was a boy it was gravel. He remembered that it had changed during that time...It was in 1975 that they decided to widen that road, just widen one side at a time. All the houses that were along the highway, they just took the ground right up to the doorway, almost...

Bud: So the road was up to their front door?

Marjorie: Yes. This building here [in the picture they were viewing] was the building that Roscoe's dad had built, that he had businesses in [on the southwest corner of the intersection of 267 and 36]. He had a barber shop and a grocery store and a garage. He had a restaurant, several different things, in there that he rented to other people. That's how he made his living. [Reading from an interview of Roscoe done by their daughter-in-law, Kathy]: ...the Depression came in 1929; that when everybody lost their jobs and didn't have any money...my dad's business when downhill, the grocery store particularly, because people owed him a lot of money for groceries. Consequently, he didn't have money to buy more groceries to stock the shelves...He owned properties in old Avon, and he traded those properties for a farm down in Putnam County by Fillmore, so we moved from Avon to Fillmore in 1934...