

C. Herbert Jones

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CHJ: I am C. Herbert Jones, 1039 Linden Avenue, Wilmette. I was "born in Philadelphia, October 18. 1889. The City of Brotherly Love - I lived, there until I was a sophomore in high school. And then I moved to Evanston because my father had a cousin, Mr. Childs, who had a stationery store on dark Street.

A: How long did you live in Evanston?

CHJ: Well, I came in 1905 and I went to Evanston High School and then, because we moved in May - I was a sophomore - I'd been taking physics and Greek and a lot of subjects in a Philadelphia school and when I moved out here I was in Mr. Beardsley's class in Greek. And I remember there were four girls and two boys in that class and Mr. Beardsley was principal of Evanston High School and built a new high school in the west that at this time was on Dempster Street.

A: How large was Evanston High School at that time?

CHJ : I don't know how many pupils were there. We all met every morning in one big room. Everyone had a desk and they kept their books in there and every morning Mr. Polkwood who was principal - Mr. Polkwood believed everybody should be able to spell. Every morning we had about ten words to spell and those words were turned in and before the end of the day we had every one of those papers back and any problems-- words we couldn't spell, we had to work on that.

He had: us do spelling. He was a specialist in spelling. But this Greek class- -all I remember was in Philadelphia. I had a red-haired teacher and we just had a good time in that Greek class. I didn't learn anything and I tried in the month of May and a couple of weeks in June to make up a whole year's work in Greek. And I never worked so hard in my life. But I flunked Greek. And that's the only course I've ever flunked. I changed from Classical Course to Latin Scientific course. So I had four year in Latin in the Evanston High School. So I really spent five years in high school, but I had a lot of engineering courses like trigonometry, and drawing, and physics and chemistry. I needed those to get into Armour Institute. So I had a friend in Evanston whose father was a preacher and a very good friend of Dr. Gonzales who was a pastor of The Peoples' Church and also of the - I guess it wasn't Peoples' Church, but anyhow. Central Church in Chicago.

A: That big one in the Loop?

CHJ: Yes, that big Central Church. And he had a scholarship there so I went down to Armour Institute which is now Illinois Tech and I took the "L" in the morning about 7;30 and I wouldn't get back until supper time. We had a lot of lab courses and so forth. Well, then Northwestern University just started up a

school and I had another friend whose father was a relative of some Methodist and he had a scholarship at Northwestern in the Engineering School, so I changed to Northwestern and so I finished in two more years in college "because I had a lot of extra credits from my technical. And they just started their regular course for liberal arts for twelve to fifteen hours. Well, I figured my credits amounted to twenty-two hours. They said we can't give you credit for that but they let me go on with advanced calculus. [Track 2] I had a minor credit in chemistry but I never had any chemistry at Northwestern at all." I graduated from Northwestern in 1911 and in the meantime we lived in several houses. Our first house was at 1625 Oak Street in Evanston. That's right near Church Street. That old house is still there with a little store front in front of it. And then another place we lived was 1458 Maple. Well, that - it was a double house and the YWCA lived in that place a while and they finally tore it down, and now it's a parking lot. But - so then I was out of school for a year. I worked with Central Scientific Company in Chicago and I got a fellowship to Northwestern and I went back and got my Master's Degree in the Liberal Arts Graduate School in 1911.

A: Now did they have more than liberal arts at Northwestern at that time?

CHJ: Oh yes, they had- -Northwestern Engineering school was just starting and so I guess I'm one of the oldest graduates of the Engineering School.

A: Very interesting.

CHJ: A week ago last Friday they had a Half Century Club and 1961 was the first time I went to that Half Century Club and I went there again last Friday.

A: Are there many in the Club?

CHJ: There weren't very many from the classes before 1911 who got to that banquet. We had a good dinner. This was the first year they charged \$5.00 for the dinner. I had free dinners before that (laughter). We had a nice dinner at the Orrington Hotel anyhow, and, well so I graduated with a Master's Degree in 1913. Well, then I, my father was interested in Lincoln Chattaqua. We had Chattaquas all over the state of Illinois and so I worked during the summer on that. Then I also worked - during my graduate work, my first semester I went down to Central Scientific Company because I had charge of their returned goods and their catalogs and so forth. So I was very busy the first semester of 1912 and 13. But the second half I quit Central Scientific, and I remember that Christmas I got a \$20 gold piece as a bonus and I was so proud of that.

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It went, I wish I had it now (laughter) because that \$20 gold piece would be valuable.

A: Indeed it would. Tell me, that was a gift from the Company?

CHJ: Well, yes. Central Scientific - it was a kind of Christmas present. Then I quit there in February. In the meantime, a nice girl from Northwestern I got acquainted with at the Loyal Temperance Legion, and I belonged to the First Methodist Church there and they had an Epworth League and I got acquainted with this gal and .

A: That's where many romances started.

CHJ: That last semester between 1912 and 13 I really had a good time. And then I worked on building with a couple of other fellows on the Sanitary Community Mausoleum Company where they were building mausoleums. [Track 3] And they had one mausoleum down in Mattoon, Illinois. And I was there from the beginning, laying out the building. I did concrete work, pile work, set marble tile, granite stone work, so I was with that building until it finished. 'And then I was an engineer at a job up in Madison, Wisconsin, so he sent me up there to have charge of that job. Well, things were getting a little touch then. But in the meantime, my wife had graduated from Northwestern in 1915.

A: Was she your wife?

CHJ: No, she wasn't my wife.

A: Who was?

CHJ: This beautiful gal, anyway, she was beautiful to me.

A: Would you like to name her?

CHJ: Her name was Ferne Storm. And she had .a job teaching chemistry in a little school out near Madison. So Northwestern University and the University of Wisconsin were going to have a football game and so I invited her to this football game. And I was making big plans to get a big chrysanthemum and spent 500 for a chrysanthemum and that was pretty big. Anyhow, we had big plans but in the meantime she was trying to put a glass tube through a rubber stopper and the glass broke and she cut her hand badly and she got a doctor and the doctor used some instruments that hadn't been sterilized so she got blood poisoning and she nearly passed out. She result was we never did see that game. But that year when Northwestern played Wisconsin at Randall Stadium the wooden bleachers all collapsed with the crowd, so it may have been, if we had gone to the game, we might have both been killed. I don't know. It might have been a different story. Anyhow, my wife had a stiff finger the rest of her life. But, so then in 1917 things got pretty tough, anyhow .

A: That was during the War?

CHJ: They were talking about war and so I got a job in the second semester, well, in February of 1917 at Miami Military Institute. Miami Military Institute was in Germantown, Ohio. And this was a school for boys who wouldn't study at home and So a lot of their teachers were -retired Army officers and a lot of those had gone back into the service. I lived at the school and had to go around to the rooms and see that the boys were all in their beds. I was Captain Adjutant and had to keep track of their scholarship records and the discipline records and I never saw a daily paper. I never had listened to the radio, I didn't know what was going on in the world. And the school there wasn't very anxious for me to know what was going on. So I was never under any pressure to enlist. They took charge of registering for the Draft and my feeling was that I would go when I was called.

A: And what the Draft did was -

CHJ: It was there and I was registered there for it and when I got through there in June. Well, it was a question - shall I enlist? or shall I wait to be called? or shall I get married? and then if I was called, O.K. So I asked this Ferne Storm's brother (she had a brother out in Montana) on a claim. Out near Great Falls. Montana.

A: It was still unclaimed in 1917? .

CHJ: Oh, yeah. This July the third we were married and we went up to Minneapolis and then out to · on the train to --Helena, Montana and I got a Model T 1917 Ford and I wish I had that now! But I don't.

A: Indeed.

CHJ: In the meantime I worked out there at the smelter. I'd done electric furnace work, and they were building a big electric furnace there to smelt manganese. A lot of their boats had been sunk bringing manganese from the South so they were going to smelt it there. So I got a job in the drafting room there, and then I finally got what they call a "relinquishment" for 640 acres of land and so I got a job at Montana Wesleyan College which is in Helena Montana and is a Methodist school · I've been a Methodist all of my life. And so what I did -- I taught school there. On the daytime, I mean, during the winter, then late fall and early spring I went out to this claim, about 100 miles and this was · well -- it's about 100 miles from Alma northwest. It was about 50 miles west of Great Falls.- Lewis and Clark County, near Augusta. Well there was a train went as far west as Gilman. But anyhow, I lived on that land in the summer. My wife taught a country school there and she had all eight grades.

A: Did they have a school in the summer there?

CHJ: Well, they had school for these · - a lot of people from

southeastern Europe were there. It was right along the Sun River and the flat land there was good for hay and so forth. But in the winter, why, they didn't go to school. But, anyway, well, so once, one summer, the last summer, she came back with my boy that was born out there -- oldest son, Howard - and so I took her school, the first grade clear up through the eighth grade, and I remember getting up in front of the class singing "Three Blind Mice." Oh, the youngsters enjoyed that song.

A: That was a one room?

CHJ: Gee, I really enjoyed that summer. One room, a log cabin. I remember one time -my wife telling about a snake coming up through a knothole in the floor and going out the front door. (laughter)

A: It was actually a log cabin?

CHJ: Oh, yes, a log cabin. I guess there were 12 to 15 youngsters, all grades, and while one youngster was reciting in the front of the room, the rest of them were studying. And these youngsters learned how to concentrate in a school like this. But at any rate, after five years -- you have to live on the claim five years and you had to do improvements. So, my improvement was I moved an old house from one part of the claim over next to a log cabin. And then I put an addition in there of some more logs and went down and cut some logs and made a log cabin. So we had a nice three-room house there. We

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dug a hole in the, right below the kitchen floor - and so we kept our butter and things. We had a little elevator that we dropped down to keep things cold down there.

A: Like a dumb-waiter?

CHJ: No refrigerator. And we weren't -- we were right next to the Sun River and the Sun River was flat and a lot of good hay land, but we were up on a lot of glacial drift. It was kind of hilly and so right on my front porch I drove a stake, or drove a well down to sand point and I struck water. Very unusual because I didn't go more than twenty feet. It wasn't too far. Maybe a quarter of a mile from the Sun River. So we had good water there, although there were two ponds and a lake which were all salt, white, you know, and ducks would come there and land. A lot of curlews and at night you could hear the coyotes howl and, in fact, I ...

A: That was real pioneering.

CHJ: Yeah, well we rented the land to a fellow in the river bottom who had a big flock of sheep, about two thousand sheep. And I remember standing on the porch and seeing these sheep coming back - they'd come back in to the corral and they'd drink the water at the river, you see.

A: Let me ask you. You mentioned sheep. Now there was a big altercation between the sheep people and the beef people. Was there much beef ...

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CHJ: There was. There was no fighting or no- - but the cattlemen didn't like the sheep and the sheep men didn't like the cattle.

A: Who was there first?

CHJ: Well, I don't know but . . . This was open land and my improvement outside of this house was fencing. And so I put a -- I had 8 miles of fence-to put around that acre of land because they were quarter sections but they weren't in a square block. It was in four miles So it was a zigzag around. So then I had my little boy with me and ...

A: How old was he?

CHJ; Well, he was born in 1918, so He was 3 or 4 years old and he was born on the kitchen table on Rodney Street in Montana while I was in college. He was born in April. Well, at any rate. Well, when I - - this was all virgin land. Lot of glacial drift. Not far from the mountains. But I had to locate these little stones. Well, here would be a little pile of stones and a big stone upright and carved on there so I'd know the section number. So I had to locate all those so I'd know where my land was.

A: Now where in Montana is Holden?

CHJ: Well, Helena ...

A: Oh, Helena, oh, I thought you said . . .

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Capitol and I could look right down the Capitol and clear over the valley to what they call the Sleeping Giant. It was in the shape of a man lying down- And, but at Christmastime we just would go up in the woods and cut down a Christmas tree. When I finally proved up on this land - I have a deed signed by President Warren G. Harding. And so his signature is valuable.. (laughter)

A: That was in The Twenties then?

CHJ: That was in 1922. Yes. But . . .

A: How many acres?

CHJ: The thing was that the war was going on, but in the college I taught physics, and I had a course in surveying, and they had a student army training course. And I was really key man on the faculty for this student army training course. And so there wasn't any question about getting into the service. This was a Methodist school. ~ and I - they had an academy there, too. And a lot of older men who wanted to go into the ministry and hadn't really finished their high school education. But we had a -real enthusiastic student body. It was all one nice family. -And that was really the happiest time of my life, I think.

A: How large a community was that college?

CHJ: I don't know how many students there were. Probably not more than 125 in the college. And maybe 25 in the

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[Track 6] academy. So I taught physics and I didn't teach chemistry there. I taught chemistry at this - - my - - Miami Military Institute, but I had a real live freshman class there. One of the fellows later came to Northwestern and he was assistant to the President of Northwestern University. It was a kind of side-line. But I'm getting off the subject. But his name was Gonzer, Tom Gonzer. And he was in the President's office one time when a fellow came in and wanted to know about the Engineering School. Well, they just decided on a 5-year plan where a fellow would go to school a semester, work a semester. So he took this fellow under his wing and he explained Northwestern's prospects and took him all around the campus and gave him the red carpet treatment. And he didn't know anything about him. Well, later on, it happened this fellow was representing Murphy and later Murphy gave Northwestern this Technological Institute and so Gonzer felt he was responsible for getting that Technological Institute because this fellow would go to some of these other colleges, go into the President's office. "Well, here's a catalog. Walk around the Campus. Come back and ask any questions you want. We'll be glad to answer them." But Tom Gonzer was a real salesman and he sold Northwestern.

A: Who was President during that time?

CHJ: Dr. Tittle. But ...

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A: Was it President Scott?

CHJ: Yes, yes, Scott was President. And, at any rate, well, that's a side line. But we had a football team out there. We played Bozeman. Bozeman was a state college. And Missoula was the state University of Montana.

A: They have beautiful campus today -

CHJ: They have a very nice campus. My claim was just about half way between Yellowstone and Glacier Park and we, my wife and I, took the trip up to Glacier Park one time, but we didn't get down to Yellowstone Park until just a couple of years ago we went out there.

A: We had a family reunion at Flat Head Lake.

CHJ: Well, this one brother of Fern's- " he had a claim on this and we bought from him what they called a relinquishment. And what that means is you go to the office and say "Well, now I don't want this any more," and before anyone has any chance to sign up you sign your name so I wrote it right away. So we got that. And so I went -- this was grazing land. It wasn't good farming land. Just grazing land. But they had real, what they call, buffalo grass. It was very thin little grass that came up two or three inches, but had a kind of head on like wheat or barley. Very nourishing. And the sheep would crop that clean. Well, the sheep would be there just in the spring and in the fall, and they had a big sheep shed right near my place there for the shearing and the

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lambing. I know they - what they did when they - these poor sheep. They looked like wonderful big fat sheep. But after they took the wool off, they were the skinniest things and then they'd bite off the lambs tails.
(laughter)

[Track 7] A: I just read "The Thorn Birds" and that's about Australia and New Zealand where they do the same thing today.

CHJ: I think I told you one time I stood there - maybe this

is repetition. The big flock of sheep going down to get water. I was standing on the porch and there was a coyote following along back for the little sheep that had fallen by the wayside --

A: To catch the last one and round him off; How long did you stay in Montana?

CHJ: Well, it was just until 1922. And then I applied for a job. My wife had gone to Joliet High School and was born in Marley, right near Joliet, and X applied (I guess through some teachers' organization) and got a job in Joliet. And my job was in the Vocational and Educational Department. And so I took a course with the University of Chicago in teaching trigonometry, math, and also a course in vocational education in the United States. My teacher in that course - well, I know -- one of the text books I used in that course was a book by Paul Douglas, and I had four books and that book was the only interesting book. The rest were as dry as could

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be. But Paul Douglas' book on education was just a thrilling.

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CHJ: Well, later on I took a course down at the University Campus in the Loop there under Paul Douglas on co-ops in the United States.

A: Oh, yes!

CHJ: And we belonged to the co-op in Evanston. And that was -- he was a wonderful man and a wonderful teacher.

A: Did you know the head of the cooperative movement who lived in Winnetka?

CHJ: Was that Van der Vris?

A: No, not Van der Vris. It was a Dutch name. I can't think of the name because he came from California. And was a promoter of Pomona. And was defeated for the Congress.

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being required to take a course where they had six different shops. They had a plumbing shop, an electrical shop, a carpenter shop, a printing-shop and an auto shop and so forth. So, my job was; to route all the boys through these six shops and kind of keep track of the records and so forth and then each shop had its own specialist. For instance, in the plumbing shop, they had a licensed plumber. In the electrical shop, there was a licensed electrician and there were a lot of what they called "continuation students" who would go to school a half a day and be out on the job as an apprentice half a day. And the idea was that these people could take care of it and I was just a supervisor job. Well, I always tell that when I left there they hired seven men to take my place. And they did - the next year I left. I came up to New Trier. They hired one fellow to have charge of it and one fellow in each one of those six shops to take care of the boys, so I felt I was very important.

A: Well, this is very important. So then in 1925 you came -

CHJ: No, in 1922, in Joliet. So I served a year in Joliet. I always tell people I served a year in Joliet. I didn't tell them just where I was but at any rate. Then my folks lived in Evanston. And I, well. New Trier and Joliet had a basketball sectional meet in basketball and I was taking tickets for Joliet and Mr. Tubbs was

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principal at New Trier came in there and I talked to him and he said I would like to see -- we are going to put in a new domestic, science -- stoves and so forth and New Trier wants to put in a green house. Joliet had a nice green house. After the game I took him all around the high school and showed him what they had there and then later I sent a letter to him and applied to get into New Trier. Well, that was his last year, so we saw Mr. Harper and Miss Packer were interviewing and I got a job at New Trier because they were planning just starting an advisor room and --

A: Now you mentioned Mr. Harper. That wasn't Rob Harper . .

CHJ: Rob Harper was principal and superintendent of schools here in Evanston.

A: In Evanston?

CHJ: In Wilmette

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CHJ: His brother was Mr. Harper whose brother, O.J. and had a series of math books and we used at New Trier and his math books ...

A: What was that Harper's name at New Trier? Because there was confusion.

CHJ: George Harper.

A: George Harper?

CHJ: Now George H

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A: I understand he was --

CHJ: He and Miss Packer ran the school. Well, they had charge in the summer and, but, then Mr. Clerk came. The first year he came - X came there the same time Mr. Clerk did and Mr. Brown came the same time.

A: How large was the faculty at New Trier then?

CHJ: Well, I think there were 1200.

A: 1200 students. How large was the faculty?

CHJ: Well, I don't know. Maybe 40 or 50. I think they're 300 now.

A: Can you name some of them who were heads of the departments maybe when you came?

CHJ: Well, Mr. Small was head of the language department.

A: C. Russell.

CHJ: And I just went last night to the 50th reunion of the class of 1927.

A: Oh, did you really?

CHJ: And they listed a lot of things about the - and so if I'd known about this I might have jotted down some of it. But we could all meet in the auditorium there and

A: Not the present auditorium?

CHJ: Oh, no, that was built long after that. But we, well, we had our commencement there. I remember the spring festival. We had the art department - would make on this transparent paper stained glass windows all around that auditorium.

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A: Now was Miss Murphy there then?

CHJ: Miss Murphy was there and acted as head of the art department. Miss Grove'r was there in the staging. I don't think Miss Stanley was there at that time.

A: How about the music department?

CHJ; Mrs. Cotton was head of the music department.

A: Mama Cotton.

CHJ: Mama Cotton. In fact. Mama Cotton is out at the Westminster now.

A: Oh, is she?

CHJ: She wasn't able to get out. We couldn't get her out, but she didn't make it.

A: She used to go to Sunday Evening Club ...

CHJ: Last night Mr. Brown was there and Miss Wyman was registrar and Mr. Brown married Miss Wyman and they have grandchildren now. But they were both there. There were four of us guests of honor. And they told quite a little about that class.

A: Now, you went into the math department?

CHJ: Yes, I went into the math department, and Mr. Windoes was head of the science department. And they had a - - too many people in the science and so I taught one class in physics. I got out my class book and I did it. - - A list of my physics students. And I was surprised how many poor grades I gave in physics (laughter) because nowadays, if a youngster goes to all his classes why

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he ought to get an "A" if he goes to class. But evidently I was kind of hard on them. The first year, well, they had this class of -- 1971 was the class-no, 1922, 1923, 1924. The class of 1924 had their 50th anniversary in 1974. And I went to that. And I was thinking something happened there, anyhow. That was the first year.- that they had this 50th anniversary dinner. Very nice.

A: That's a wonderful tradition to ...

CHJ: Well, I retired from New Trier in 1957.

A: That long ago?

CHJ: Yes, 20 years ago. But I still go up there and substitute. I have to send in my teacher's certificate, so I can teach there next semester.

A: And is that renewable forever?

CHJ: It's renewable as long as you pay your \$2.00. But if I didn't renew it, I could never get a teacher's certificate now because I never had a course in psychology. (laughter).

A: They should have given you. credit for having learned a little psychology on the way.

CHJ: I took a course in psychology my last semester doing graduate at Northwestern and we had a course in psychology and the final examination came the same time when I had an electrical engineering exam. Well, I needed that credit in electrical engineering and I didn't need the

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psychology so I never took the exam so I never got credit in psychology. Well, not only that, I would have to pass an exam on the Constitution of The United States. I couldn't pass that now I

A: But now you haven't talked about your family at all.

CHJ: We will start on the tail end. Last Sunday - [Track 10] I only have one grandson who's named after me. His name is Kevin Herbert Lee and last Monday I got a letter, a phone call, and they said that Kevin had been in a bike race in Maryland, 105 miles, and he won the race and now he's state champion bike racer of the state of Maryland

A: Now whose child is he?

CHJ: My daughter's.

A: Which daughter?

CHJ: I have three daughters and two sons. Now one daughter, my oldest daughter is Ellen and she was back with me a week ago for just three days, Monday Tuesday, and Wednesday. And then the second daughter is Lillian. She lives in Washington and her husband was in the service and when he was overseas, her oldest boy was born and she was living at our house and I was teaching at New Trier and they called up and wanted me to take her to the hospital; the Highland Park Hospital. So Mr. Gaffney took my classes that day.. As far as I know Mr. Gaffney had never taught math and never took other people's classes. He was a wonderful fellow.

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A: He was a wonderful man.

CHJ: He was indeed.

A: Does anyone know about his boys?

CHJ: Well, he had two boys, and one was out at -- out in California while my son was out there getting his doctor's degree.

A: That's the younger one?

CHJ: The younger one. The other boy I think was in Washington teaching.

A: Matt?

CHJ: Matt. Yes.

A: And then he went to London.

CHJ: Maybe he did.

A: And then returned.

CHJ: Let's get back to -- - my youngest daughter, was a -- she's out at Oak Park.

A: And she's Bertha?

CHJ: That's Bertha.

A: She was in school with my Sally.

CHJ: Is that right?

A: All through Howard School and then to New Trier.

CHJ: All five of my youngsters graduated from New Trier and I have these five children and 17 grandchildren.

A: Ooooooh.

CHJ: And seven great-grandchildren.

A: For goodness sakes.

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CHJ: Well, my oldest grandson, the one that was graduated, the one that was born in my house there on Forest Avenue. We, ah, his father was on one of these P-T boats. They were chasing a submarine and all of a sudden, one of the tubes on their radar gave out and so they lost contact with the submarine and the submarine turned around and shot a torpedo and sunk the ship. The ship went in half and half of the crew were lost. He was in the chart house and he managed to climb up over the transom to get out, and so he's down, in Washington, D.C. - Atlanta, Maryland now. That's his son. Well, he has several children. But this oldest son was a sophomore at the University of Maryland and in the summer he was taking a trip toward the end of the season with another boy in a little foreign car. He was up near The Great Stone Face, up there in New Hampshire and it was rainy and slippery and went around a curve and he was killed.

A: Oh.

CHJ: So I had 18 grandchildren, and now I only have 17.

As For goodness sake.

CHJ: That was some years ago. At any rate

A: And your wife? - was very active in community activities.

CHJ: Where did you get all this information?

A: Well, this information came first hand. I worked with her on many, many things for many, many years, but have you always been in that - Miss Stewart -

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CHJ: Did you know Miss Stewart?

A: Both, I knew Mrs. Gillson.

CHJ: Well, Mrs. Gillson, of course. She taught chemistry. She had her desk right next to mine up in the New Trier. For many years. She was a wonderful gal. Went to Evanston High School.

A: Yes, I know she did. And I had known Margery in the - for a long time before Grace Stewart had retired and came here but I was to see Grace Stewart on her birthday, on her last birthday, two days before she passed away.

CHJ: How long ago was that?

A: That was, I believe two years ago.

CHJ: She was a wonderful gal.

A: She was amazing. I would see her up at Ravinia long after she lost her sight. With Anna Hanson and -

CHJ: She was very good, too. And took care ...

A: I am in touch. But you mentioned Methodists. Have you always been a Methodist here?

CHJ: Well, I was a Methodist and this was a Methodist college but when we came to Wilmette, my wife had always been a Baptist, so we shopped around at all these different churches and we went to this Baptist church and there was a Mr. Stifler there and he was, oh. So enthusiastic in his whole group were such a nice enthusiastic bunch that we joined the Baptist church. Well, she had become a Methodist for me so, I thought I could be a Baptist for her.

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So now every Sunday I tape the sermons. I tape five cassettes of the sermons every Sunday and then these people that are shut in and can't go, they hear them. Now there is a Mrs. dark who's down at the Baptist Home in Maywood. And so we often get a cassette down there and there are several of our people down there who listen to the cassettes of the sermon.

A: Bob Hall does that at the Christian Science Church.

CHJ: I didn't realize that.

A: Yes, for people that are shut in.

CHJ: Bob Hall bought this Mr. Maxwell's house, didn't he? On Forest Avenue?

A: No, Bob Hall, Alice Hall's husband, this is.

CHJ: Oh, this Hall was the fellow in the Recreation Department.

A: No, Bob Hall married Alice Freeman.

CHJ: I see.

A: And Alice Hall taught up at New Trier in Hone EC. And now is out at New Trier West.

CHJ: I see.

A: She has red hair.

CHJ: I see. Well, it's a different Hall.

A: Yes.

CHJ: Did you know Mrs. Maxwell?

A: Oh, Mrs. Maxwell was a neighbor of mine. We lived at 1501 Elmwood -- 1601 Elmwood and she lived -- 1601 Elmwood.

CHJ: See, we lived at 1514 Forest Avenue.

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A: Yes, I know you did. Right. "

CHJ: Well, my wife was quite active . I'm very proud of my wife.

A: You should be because everyone . she did a great deal in the community.

CHJ: I remember one year. Dr. Siefert and my wife with Dr. Cornog and Somebody else, I don't know whether it was Cornog. Well, at any rate, they were all given a Bible by the Village, so I have that Bible. I treasure that Bible.

A: Oh, yes.

CHJ: But she was quite active in starting the Senior Center with Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Miller and some of these people.

A: Mrs. Maxwell was such an unusual person. There were a number of people in that neighborhood in which we all were at that time . were outstanding, but

CHJ: Let's see. Well, we were talking about the family. My oldest boy is in Pasadena, Maryland. He's an electronics engineer, and he's been doing research work on underwater photography using sonar. So they put a cable down a couple of miles below the surface and they can send out sound waves. So it hits a submarine a mile away and bounces back and they can get the outline of that submarine. And he's an expert on antennas, but he hasn't got his five words a minute cold, so that he can

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get a license and so we can talk together. But my daughter in Maryland and her husband both have their licenses and my son up in Ann Arbor has his license.

A: And you have it?

CHJ: And I have a cousin, his wife's cousin is out in LaGrange and so we get on the air and talk. I talked to my daughter yesterday morning. But this is another sidelight. I say my daughter was here a week ago just for three days because her husband had to go to a meeting on electronics out near the airport, so we took him out every morning and got him at night. But when I was gone one time the phone rang, and they said, "Well, is Mr. Jones there? We wanted to give him an award. And I want to find out something about him." When I, this Ellen went back home, she wrote a little letter and I got it and Bob Mays and so I mailed it to him. This is this transcendental meditation affair and they had a big meeting last Wednesday at the Library here in Wilmette and I was given this award. They had 10 candles and five of the candles were five different people given an award there. So that was one of the events of this last week.

A: Oh, well, you have had all kinds of awards.

CHJ: What I'm supposed to be now, I'm not going to make it. I teach radio at The Hadley School for the Blind, and this is all correspondence work, but once a year they have

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a field day and so today at noon, until noon tomorrow, we're going up with some of our blind people, up to Waukegan, to the Fair Grounds there. We'll be on the air from noon today until noon tomorrow and all through the night, and we'll be contacting people all over the world with radio and we won't use the 110 volt. They have their own generating system. For an emergency . . . for being able to contact people in an emergency. Well, last year, we didn't do that. We were in our Hadley School. So we contacted everyone of the fifty states of the Union except Alaska. We didn't get Alaska. We did get Hawaii. And we had all seven provinces of Canada. Of course we did get more than one from some states, but we did manage to contact and we had several of our blind students there that are operating. And that's a very . . . I wish I'd brought a little letter I got just yesterday from one of the students.

A: Tell me what it says.

CHJ: But my students are all over the world. Sao Paulo, Brazil. In India. In Australia, New Zealand. Well, most of, we have this course in both Braille or on 7 inch reels or on cassette tapes, and most of our students in this country have cassette tapes so that I can write them a letter.

A: Tell me, did you see in "The Press" just yesterday about the IRS employing a number of blind people in the tax

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department? They have a blind man whom they gave an award to because he has learned the IRS rules and these five people they have hired are answering telephones and they memorize the law and then go home and put it on Braille machines so that they can give these answers over the telephone very fluently and well and factually

CHJ: That's very interesting. One of these gals who was given an award is a real estate lady up here who was given an award.

A: Oh, you know Kitty Rogers.

CHJ: Yes, she was one of these who got an award.

A: She's a friend of mine.

CHJ: We're going to run off this tape.

A: We'll run it till it stops.

CHJ: Let me show you this. Wednesday, June the ,12th at the Wilmette Library, there was a summer festival and the award winners were Natural Law and Order Award, and Anita Lukas of the Community Service of the Wilmette Police Department an award for Cultural Integrity, Invincibility and Responsibility and World Harmony Award. Mrs. Catherine F. Rogers, real estate broker associated with Quintan and Tyson, who is blind and has done a lot of wonderful work in the real estate field. Information and Inspiration Award, Mr. Kay Fred Schultz, Managing Editor, Wilmette Life. All Possibilities Research and Development Award, Dr. Israel Zivin, Neurolo-

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gist. Health and Immortality Award, Dr. Herbert Jones, teacher and humanitarian.

A: What was your award for?

CHJ: Well, it's Health and Immortality, (laughter) I think that way just because I'm 88 years old and still alive.

A: Well, and so active, Mr. Jones. I know of few people who at your age are so alert and alive and "with it," so to speak, as the young say today, because people somehow or other sit back and let the world go by, but that will never happen to you.

CHJ: Well, I'll tell you. I lost my wife and that was quite a blow.

A: Yes, because you were always so close.

CHJ: Keeping active and not worrying about -- the thing was - I just feel that we had some wonderful times together and she had a stroke. She was never going to get better, and her whole left hand side was paralyzed, her brain was damaged. She had been going to see Mrs. Brooks.

A: Was that Betty Brown Brooks?

CHJ: No, that was another Mrs. Brooks. Gale Brooks' wife. This Mrs. Brooks had been paralyzed. She would go and visit her several times a week and she never knew whether she understood - her face would light up when she'd see her. But this idea of just living doesn't appeal

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to me. Anyway.

A: How long did Fern ...

CHJ: Well, she died back in '73. Four years ago.

A: How long did she have to linger?

CHJ: She had a stroke and then she -was getting better and then she had another stroke and she Wasn't-- and I don't know/ no more than a couple of weeks.

A: So she didn't have to suffer ...

CHJ: No, she didn't suffer too much. I saw her and her son was here. By the way, we were talking about my family back there. My oldest boy is with Westinghouse Electric and my daughter married an electronics engineer who is with Westinghouse Electric in Baltimore and then my daughter married Lee, her cousin, really, and he was a Lt., J.G., in the service and his ship was shipwrecked, but he's now in real estate near Washington, D.C. and his wife was just recently . gotten into real estate and she sold her first house a week or so ago.

A; I have a daughter in real estate. And her husband. Recently ...

CHJ: Way back when I was in real estate and, in the summer at odd times. North Shore Realty and I . it was right down here. Fourth and Linden. And Vince Roy was the head of that.

A: That wasn't the one that used to be Stone and something, was it?

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CHJ: No, it was Schroeder. It was also - I guess he owned some of these places down here. At any rate, then I have a, the, my son Lawrence who got his Ph.D. in Berkeley, California and he's a professor of physics, high energy physics at the University of Michigan. And so he had a sabbatical some years ago and was over in Geneva, Switzerland. They have a laboratory there. A bunch of the European nations get together and have a big lab contributing. Well, then, this year he has his sabbatical and he was over in London. He's over in London now and I went over there for two weeks and everything is --" with the Queen there. But I enjoyed my two weeks. I went to Gospel one night and went to their national theatre there and saw "Julius Caesar" and I went up to Stratford - Upon - Avon and saw "Mid-Summer Night's Dream."

A: Isn't Stratford lovely?

CHJ: And I saw the ballet and saw "The Nutcracker Suite."

A; Well, you really had a whirl!

CHJ: Up here at the center we have a play reading group and we were reading "Arsenic and Old Lace" and so I saw that out there in London. And when I got back we finished "Arsenic and Old Lace" up there -- at New Trier.

A: Now is this a new version that they are playing in London or is this a continuation of the one that is run --

CHJ: Oh, no, that is A Mousetrap, and my daughter-in-law

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saw it-and we saw it at the Senior Center. We had it up here. At Harriott. Yes, I saw that a couple of years ago.

A: Well, you really do get around.