

Fitzgibbon's Coal and Wood

Three coal sheds stood behind the house, and wood lined the yard next door.

In the '50s, no longer daddy's little girl, Emery married. By then, her father was into the oil business, selling not oil, but burners and servicing.

Emery's husband, Kenneth (K.C.), worked for Fitzgibbon, setting up and cleaning burners.

By this time, Fitzgibbon was also selling appliances like stoves, fridges and fans.

"I've still got one of the fans," Emery says.

In the late '50s or early '60s, the business slowly burned out. Fitzgibbon's generosity put the company in the red.

Emery fondly sums up her father's approach to business with an old cliché.

"He'd give anybody the shirt off his back."



Everett & Jean Fitzgibbon

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Betty Emery of Belleville contributes this tin picture of her father's family, probably taken around 1908. Her father, Everett Fitzgibbon — owner of Fitzgibbon's Coal and Wood which used to be on Lewis Street, is the young boy.



This coal shed stood next to 73 Lewis St. while Fitzgibbon was in business.

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A fleet of trucks line up at 73 Lewis St. ready for drivers to make deliveries.