

Uh-huh. The retail wagon they was just covered over top and sides built in where the air couldn't get to it and covered it up with tarp. Those big trucks, supply trucks they called it, wholesale trucks, they had a big tarpaulin over it. Of course these big trucks, had to go out and supply these wagons after they got out on the route, they were so far from town. These trucks had to supply these wagons with ice.

(Not very many private homes had an ice box?)

No refrigerator of no kind. They just had ice boxes.

(A lot of them did have ice boxes.)

The majority did, there were no refrigerators--there was no electricity refrigerators at all.

(So you had to have a little money to have ice every day?)

Oh yes, well most of the people we'd sell coupons to the customers. All they would have to do would tear out a coupon and lay it on the box. Of course, if they didn't have any coupon they would leave the money there.

(How much was the blocked ice?)

I think they were sixty cents a 100 pound.

(How long did that last?)

Oh, we go supply some of them every day. Most of them didn't take over 25 or 50 pounds, or 75 pounds or maybe 100 pounds. It just depend on how big a box they had.

(Anyone who wanted the 25 pounds would leave their 15 or 20 cents if they didn't have a coupon?)

Yeah. But it was 30 cents for 25 pounds. Oh, if we get hold a customer who want 100 pounds they would get it for sixty cents.

(Oh, I see.)

A lot of independent ice companies were there in those days. Just went on their own, and furnished everything. They bought their ice from the company