

come out was old fellow by name of wade, Barnard and Wade.. They'd go out the front door, you know, and they'd look up the road and they'd say, "Now, I'll tell ya-" said ah if there was something you wanted, you know, and they didn't have, "Well, now, if you'll just wait a while," he said ah, "you'll see a wagon coming up here, it'll come right on in." We didn't have the railroad here then. (laughter)

Bob: No, we didn't.

That you just look up there everything's hauled in here by wagon, didn't have trucks then. You go out there and look up the road, you know, and see a little dust. They're coming down here, now just wait. (laughter) I've laughed about that a lot of times. But as I say, I've seen this country grow up from, you might say, just a wile prairie to what it is today.

(How were some of the first businessmen to come around here?)

NAMES EARLY DAY BUSINESSMEN

Well, real businessmen, the first ones, in this man's town was, was ah oh, let's see. G.W. Baker come along later, but ah Biggum, George Biggum was the first real businessman to come to this town and ah he and a little store down, had a store down here on Main Street right down there where we, right across from where they, the Goodyear Rubber people are now. Right on the corner there, and ah he had a fellow by the name of John--Chain, John Chain, that was his clerk, his head clerk. And then ah later, they formed a bank here was known as the bank the Bank of Miami. And then Doc McWilliams was in here. He was quite a operator in his time. He came in here from Missouri and this fellow Biggum came up here from Kansas. And ah then G.W. Baker, they were, they were big operators in grocery and clothing store and harness and