

Corner of Maple and Center, Doc Bradfield's, Feesers, Sanitary Grocery Co.

SM: Coming from Lawyers Road and Courthouse Road, there was a gas station about halfway. There was a big house on the corner. That was before Money and King was over there. Then there was a smaller house and then a gas station. Oh, I know! There was a beer joint. It was right at the corner of Center and Maple but it was way back. It was an old house that had been turned into a beer joint.

AS: Which corner?

SM: The one where Safeway was, Hawthorne's.

AS: We'll call that the north-west corner.

SM: Across the street of course was Waggoner Brother's Garage.

AS: That was on the corner of Center.

SM: Right. Across Center on Maple Avenue was Doc Bradfield's. He was a druggist. He had an ice cream fountain. Everybody swore—he chewed tobacco and everybody swore he spit in that ice cream. (laughs) I never wanted to buy ice cream there.

AS: Was that right on that corner?

SM: Yeah. Then the next one up was Feesers, which is where the Vienna Inn is now. It had a soda bar and all and it had a big wall stacked like this (raises hand) with penny candy. Those people, the man and his wife, they watched us like hawks. I think they were sure we were going to steal everything they had. If I'd stolen anything, my mother would've whipped me within an inch of my life. I wouldn't have even thought of doing anything like that. Boy, they were really watching us.

AS: They must not have been Vienna people. They would've trusted you if they were from Vienna.

SM: They weren't Vienna people, no.

(continued) You know where the bank—POSH is? Then there's a paint store right next to it? That was the Sanitary, which is the forerunner of the Safeway. It wasn't like it is now. You'd go to the counter and tell them what you want, and then they'd get it and bring it to you. They had a meat butcher shop right there and big barrels with pickles in them. Safeway owned it and they went from 'Sanitary' to 'Safeway'. The first Safeway was where Doc Hawthorne's was, at the corner of Center and Maple.

AS: That brick building where there's a Starbucks.

VH: Did the name 'Sanitary' and 'Safeway', did those partly come out of the fact that you sent someone else to go get it and people weren't touching all your fruit and stuff?

SM: No, I don't think so because all the stores were that way. They didn't have stores like they have now. You always had to go to the counter and order what you wanted. You couldn't go and pick out anything. Now you could go to the meat counter and say 'I want *that* particular thing' but that's it. You just ordered the brand and amount that you wanted and they'd bring it. Everybody, I'm sure, was glad when things got to be a little better than that. But it was something we were used to. We didn't even think about it.