

Old Restaurants and Businesses--Rexall, People's Drug, Conrad's--and Virginia Alcohol Law

VH: I was just going to ask. You mentioned the drug store. Was that the Rexall? What was that like when it first opened?

BC: Well, they had—I don't know when it first opened. As I said, you have to go from when I arrived. Well, the really neat thing was that Rexall had a soda fountain. Grants had a soda fountain. Grants was where the automobile store is now, automobile parts.

DS: Michaels, too, right? Michaels is in there.

BC: And People's Drug, which is now a CVS, had a soda fountain. You could walk and you could have a sandwich or an ice cream cone. Of course, the *big deal* was Conrad's.

VH: Was that a restaurant?

BC: It was a walk-up. Order at the window. They had marvelous ice cream, meat ball sandwiches, French-fried onions. Just that kind of a place...A big change in Vienna, ok you want something that changed? They didn't serve any alcohol here. So we didn't get any good restaurants because that's where they make their money. That—getting alcohol served in Vienna—was a big, big change. Because people went into Washington. If you wanted to go out to dinner and have a drink before dinner, you went into town.