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Oral History Report

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1. What was Butte like when you moved here?
Born 1903
Moved to Butte in 1937
Miners drafted into war
Miners returned to work in mines
2. What was Butte like during the depression?
Wages were good before the depression
3. What were the dangers of the mines?
Many people were killed
Butte broke down after the Unions
Miners wages were better with Unions
4. Why are there problems today?
T.V.
Shrinks (Psychologists)
Women working, kids don't have the homelike as they did
5. What was Park Street like in it's day?
Nice part of town
Houses are dilapidated
People are afraid of others
Vendors selling Tamales
Hennessy's Department Store
Columbia Garden's
6. Colored People couldn't find food and shelter.
Towey's Hotel let the colored folks stay
Remarks were made about the Toweys - didn't matter to them

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