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Brief description of contents: Veazie History and Architecture Project. Miss Weed is the oldest female resident of the town. She talked about her life as a girl in Veazie and she talked about the town in general.

Clock can be heard ticking continually in the background.

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	0037	25	Opening Announcement
		29	<u>Miss Weed</u> was born in Stillwater, Me. in 1883. She was about three when she first moved to Veazie.
		38	Her father was superintendent of the mills in Stillwater.
		41	She She has always lived in the house that she presently lives in now. Some additions have been made over the years. The house has sat where it is now since she has lived there.
		47	Porches have been added to the house. The barn was moved down by the road and used as a garage by her brother.
		63	She had tow brothers and one sister; <u>Flora</u> , <u>Alva</u> , and <u>Wyatt</u> . <u>Addie</u> was the youngest child. <u>Flora</u> was ten years older, <u>Alva</u> was six years older, and <u>Wyatt</u> was two years older.
	0100	80	Her father moved the family to Veazie because he owned the land. He commuted for some years by horse and buggy. He died suddenly one year when they had a freshet at the mill. He wasn't prepared to go in and he got pneumonia. They do didn't know how to tend it so he died at forty-eight. Her mother continued to live there
		99	She supported the family with insurance; she had a garden to take care of their feed. They had cows and hens. They had plenty of food. Her mother did not sell any of the produce. She made her own butter in a churn in the cellar. She would then put it in molds.

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		130	Her mother did not have any help until her health went at the age fo sixty. Her brother <u>Wyatt</u> went West and lived in Ocean Park. He was helping someone who had lost power and was electrocuted. He The doctor belived that her mother's health failed because of <u>Wyatt's</u> death.
	0200	146	Her sister <u>Flora</u> worked: she went to Emmerson School of Oratory in Boston and worked as bookkeeper there, She taught at BEals in Bangor, The Bangor Ri Railway and Electric Co., went to the Broker Schooð of Accounting, she audited Veazie's books, and then she went to work with <u>Alva</u> in the garage
		168	<u>Alva</u> always worked at the garage. He had America's first car to sell the Haines. He sold different makes as they came along. After awhile people would change cars frequently. <u>Alva</u> was a mechanic and anything that came apart he could fix it.
		191	<u>Addie</u> used to drive a Pontiac back in 1928. She drove it for twoe twelve years and went across country with it. They had 17 flat tires but nothing happened to the car. She went to Califoonia and Oregon.
		202	She changed her car when two boys were walking to Orono on a very rainy day. She stopped to pick them up and they didn't want to get the car wet. she told them to get in and when she looked in the mirror she saw a boy sitting on either side and rain was coming through the roof. She then bought another Pontiac but she didn't like it as much as her first car.
		215	She worked at the University. She was a recorder at the end but when she went in in 1908 she was an assisstant. She enjoyed her work and the students at the University.
		224	She went to school in Veazie. At the ninthe grade she went to the Palm School in Bangor. Her great uncle thought she would be better prepared for Bangor High if she went to School in Bangor. She wasn't any better prepared than her friends who had remained in Veazie. After Bangor High School she went ot Beals. Then for awhile she worked with the Bangor Railroad and Electric Co.
		243	The Bnagor Railroad and Electric Co. was what Bangor Hydro was formerly called. A student at the University wrote a poem about the train.
	0300	253	She wouldn't want to live anywhere else; she enjoys seeing other places but she would rather live in Veazie.

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Orono
Oregon
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		259	The house across the street was built when she was only nine years old. [Lot 3-5], 1892. Some old houses were down by Mount Hope Ave. There were eight houses on the other side of street up to School St. Continues with the recent developments. On her side of the street there was the <u>Fed Frederick's</u> house, their house, and five houses to School St. Where there is development now used to be mowing field.
		287	The houses around the center of town are old houses. She remembers the houses as a child. Most the people were farmers. The <u>Manters</u> live in the Beal house above the stone house, which was built about 48 years ago. [2-9? , 2-8] The architect of the stone was <u>Victor Hodgins</u> , who also designed the Bangor Union Station. [Someone walking above] The family that built the stone she house had five children with lots of pets so they wanted a country home.
	0400	320	<u>Deacon Warren</u> was prominent in the church, and he owned most of the land on the other side of State St. to where the Beal house. [2-5 to 2-9] She likes her neighbors, but she has lost many good neighbors.
		338	[Someone walking above] Other businesses in the town were the power plant, which was begun in about 1888; through the years they have added to it. There were five stores at one time in the 1890's; one was near the present store [6-62] in the center of the village , center of the village, one was at the foot of Corporation Hill owned by <u>Howard McNutt</u> , one on Oak St. at the foot of School St. owned by <u>Sullivan</u> , add there was a <u>McPhie</u> or <u>McGee</u> store that she did not actually remember.
		363	The big dam kept most traffic off the river. There were alot-to- a lot of row boats; her brother had one.
		374	There had been a ferry in Veazie. The People would come across from Eddington to catch the train--Veazie Railroad.
		381	The railroad station was there in Veazie in the lat 1800's. It stood where the factory stands now. [5-82] The rail road was the only way out of Veazie, but they rarely used it because they did not go to Bangor Much. They did use it more when they went to school in Bangor.
		397	She lived at home when she went to high school in Bangor; she didn't live at home when she was in grammar school. They had the electric cars to go on.
		406	Put the electric cars in in the late 1800's. Everyone was happy because it was such a

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	0500	415	<p>convenience. The fare was five cents to Bangor and to Orono.</p> <p>What is now the living room was the Kitchen and the buttery. The buttery was on the west side of the room and the cellar door was on the south wall. [Someone talk talking upstairs] The stairs to the upstairs was on the south wall near the east side where there is a closet now.</p>	
		429	<p>They had a fire in the house that burned the kitchen part and a shed was burned. Also two rooms that they called the backrooms were burned. The shed connected the house to the barn. The garage now there was built after the fire. Added a utility room. Upstairs there are five rooms besides the bath; they were raw chambers. On the front of the house was the parlor. The room on the north side of the present living room was the dining room. Where one enters now was the sitting room. They changed the house over in 1958-1959 when her sister <u>Flora</u> was so taken ill. She has lived in the bottom half of the house since about 1958.</p>	
		463	<p>Remembers that there had been an old house where there are cemetery lots now [<u>In the Fairview Cemetery</u>]. The house was called the <u>Robert McPeters</u> House. Then there was the <u>Hathorn</u> house. The present house on the lot was built in 1892. [2-5]</p>	
		475	<p>A number went to the war in 1916-1918 1918. Evertbody was knitting and cooking for the soldiers. The war didn't seem to change things much in Veazie.</p>	
		490	<p>There were some outstanding men in the old times. <u>General Veazie</u> lived where <u>Robert Turner</u> lives now. [5-36?] She knew the house as the Fogg place. The house above it was owned by a <u>Dr. Ostler</u>. <u>General Veazie</u> was the builder of the <u>Veazie Railroad</u>, he owned the <u>Veazie National Bank</u> in Bangor. There were the <u>Morris Mills</u>, and the owner did a lot for Veazie. The mills were lumber mills.</p>	
		510	<p>There was a cooper shop up in the village. The shop was down at the foot of Corporation Hill, where the children used to slide.</p>	
517		0600	517	<p>The lady- Ladies Aid of the church had entertainments, the Town Hall had a club called the Sociables that played cards and games. There were dances in the Town Hall. There were also church suppers.</p>
			525	<p>At home they played outdoors a lot. Their mother got a number of books, some series, and books for girls through the Youth's Companion. Her oldest brother was a great reader, he read everything he could.</p>

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Orono*

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		533	On Sunday afternoons in the winter her mother would make snow ice cream and put in some flavoring and a ete color. They first had to go to Sunday School. The boys went un until they were fourteen.
		542	Her mother would make the snow ice cream form snow and mix it withe heavy cream, then she put the color in. Many people used to make it. Ice cream couldn't be bought at the store because there was no way to it.
		550	The stores had candy for sale at a penny a piece. One could buy five peices of candy with a nickle. The people were satisfied.
		562	Her brother made a railroad out in the hen house field. He made a boat with spools for sailors. They saide sailed the boat on the pond that had been out back near the railroad track. The pond was big enough for the boys to sail rafts on. The pond was on the north side of the trakks.
		574	When her brother retired form the automobile business he decided to do some farming. To do so he drained the pond; he took out a lot of shrubs form what they called the line fence. He planted wheat, beans, and had an apple orchard. She kept them nice for a long time af after her brohter died. Three pear trees have been doing well for her now.
		591	There were many substantial farms in the town. Mr. <u>John</u> near Mount Hope Ave. had a lot of land planted with farm vegetables. <u>Mr. Hathorn</u> had a nice farm, <u>Dean Warren</u> had a lot of Farm land. There were alos fewer people.
	0700	605	The town was named for <u>General Veazie</u> ; done because he did so much for the town. He was the town treasured, he was on many committees, he was a selectman.
		609	Her sister was the firs t woman to be elected as a selectwoman for the town. Now a woman is acting as a temporary town manager.
		617	There was a primary school on Rock St. that was torm down years ago. Then the school was built on the present sight. f5-22-4 [5-22] It has been added to, and a few years ago they took the top part offobecause it wasn't safe-- they added more out back. The Veazie schoòls are good. The school is named for <u>Mr. Graham</u> the president of <u>Bangor Hydro</u> . He came in the 1902, and he was interested in Veazie because the Hydro Plant is in Veazie. Called the <u>John R. Graham School</u> . There was a high school in Veazi for a short time, but it didn't work- etat
		636	[Turned the recorder off for a minute]

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		673 637	<p>Talks abouts-when the <u>Ives'</u> first moved in. The children were good, and they didn't bother her garden--they played on the other side of the house. She is fond of all the children. The <u>Ives'</u> have been with her for twenty years. She didn't expect to live to this age. Talks about a previous interview with <u>Mr. Jordan</u>.</p>
		656	<p>She never worried about her <u>age</u>--she willing told her age. Tells a story of haw a friend learned how much older her husband's previous w wife was. [<u>The tape ran out before she finished</u>]</p>

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Interviewer: Bruce Brown Jr.

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Place of interview: Miss Weed's home

Date: November 8, 1977

Other people present:

Equipment used: Sony TR 26

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Brief description of contents: Veazie History & Architecture Project. Miss Weed talks about her home, when her afather moved it, how it looked before it was remodeled. She also talks about Veazie in general.

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		42	Opening announcement.
		49	<u>Addie's</u> house used to be on Oak street where the <u>Arthur Kennetthouse</u> is now. The house was moved in 1885 when <u>Addie</u> was about three. Her father moved the house on a jigger. The piazzas were added on after the house was moved and stationary.
	0100	91	<u>Addie's</u> father commuted back and forth between Veazie and Stillwater on horse and buggy She would meet her father at the back door and get get a bag of candy from his pocket. He was a tall, big man.
		108	The back door is beyond what is now the dining room, which was the kitchen, The room that is now the kitchen was the washroom. When the house was remodeled--it was remodeled after her father died at the age of forty-eight, in 1888.
		121	The front door was the entrance to the parlor. The door was used all the time until the new type of piazza was put on. [<u>Addie got up togo into another room to get a picture.</u> I also turned the taperecorder off for a couple minutes.] Through the years the piazzas needed repairing. The barn in the picture [Archives 582.2 & .3] has been moved.
		153	Beyond the washroom there was a woodshed. Then there was a slip that went down to the carriage house. The n it went into the barn, where there were stalls for the animals. The door to the washroom can be seen in picture

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			582.2 on the right side.
		169	The shed went down to the carriage house through a slip. The carriage house went into the barn where they kept the cows and one horse. [Took care of the picture]
		178	There were five rooms upstairs before the house was remodeled. What is now the bathroom was the plantroom, which was very uncommon.
	0200	191	Woodshed was outback and down low, went to the henhouse. In back of the hen house was a large hen yard. There was a door out of the carriage house that went out that way.
		203	[Pointing to the present bathroom] What is now the bathroom used to be the front hall, where the stairs used to be. The hall down stairs end at what was the parlor.
		222	What is now Addie's living room used to be the sitting room. The room opposite was the dining room. [POINTS to her dining room] What is now Addi's dining room used to be the kitchen and buttery. The kitchen had a stove where the chimney is now. [Got up to look at it] The exit from the kitchen is where the backstairs are now.
		251	Where people were entertained depended upon who they were. The minister's family was entertained in the parlor. As children the Weeds had the run of the house except the parlor; the parlor was kept for good--no toys, coats, or hats hanging around.
		270	The sitting room was used to entertain neighbors they knew. The children who came to play with Addie had a wonderful time because her mother did not require them to do too much' because she wanted them to enjoy their childhood.
	0300	284	The family would get together in the sitting room. When their mother read to them they would sit around the dining room table dining room table in what is the guest room now.
		292	They came into the kitchen when they were covered with snow. Only the parlor was hands off.
		302	Addie did not know how or who would design a house before it would be built.
		318	Addie's mother was thought of as a homemaker
		327	In a way her childhood was unusual. They had wonderful Christmases. Her mother would make things for them. She used to get the Youth's Companion for the children. People had no way to get into BAngor, except on the train that went once a day, or they could go in a team .

Bangor

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		347	Most of the farmers had ordinary gardens and hay fields. The people depended on selling their hay; her mother always planned on the income from the hay. She didn't know where they sold the hay. People who had a lot of cattle but now enough hay. They didn't bale hay but heaped it in a hayrack.
		372	Some of the men may have worked in the lumber mills. Lumber was very important for Maine and it was noted fro it.
	0400	376	Her mother had the trees pãanted around the house because most homes had no trees around them. Her mother also had a beautiful flower garden out front; her recreation. The elms were beautiful but thirteen had to be cut down. When they were planted her mother had populars planted also because they were so fast growing. Whne the elms were large enough the boys were to remove the populars, which have strong roots. [Points to a stump outside the living room window] Notheing could be done to save the trees, they were beyond help.
		412	The area around Addie's home is called Sandy Plains because the ground is full of sand. In school the children said they lived a down on the Sandy Plains. She had to walk to school except on a day with a very bad storm; they would continue to play in the snow.
		428	Harknessville is right below Addi's home Itoward-Bangor =[Toward Bangor] Mr. Harkness built or bought a number of houses. He had a good position with the Great Northern as a manager, he had been a chairman of the selectman His daughter <u>Avis</u> just got her BA in French after a long painful bout with arhtritis. She never knew anyone to equal <u>Avis</u> in determination to finally get a degree. <u>Harkness</u> built the houses as an investment. Three of the houses are probably still standing: one is next to cemetary [Lot 2-2?] and their house [2-1?] , and one across the street [1-8].
	0500	464	General <u>Veazie's</u> house is where <u>Bob Turner</u> lives now. [5-36], .beyond the smaller modern house= 13-44 [3-44?] The house was built in the early eightteen hundreds. He had the Veazie National Bank in Bangor, the Veazie Railroad--the present Central Maine. <u>General Veazie</u> did a dot for Veazie.
		504	Fort Hill is at Tompson Point. It is down toward her house from the power plant; there is also an old farmhouse on the hill. Thought they might be attaked by the British who had got up to Castine.
		514	When she was a little girl, four or five, there was only the John (Tole) house at the

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			<p>the Hathorn house where <u>Mrs. Harkness</u> lives now and house where the cemetery is now, owned by <u>Robert McPheters</u>. Houses used to small and dark singeled. There was the Hathorn house, <u>Edwin Hathorn</u> [5-5]. Where their lily pool is now was another small dark shingeled house. The present house was built when she was nine years old--1892. The house has been added to since they built it. No more houses until the Thomas house where a friend lived who died in the diptheria epidemic at the age of twelve; many children died of diptheria. There was a Robert Sproul house. Opposite from Mount Hope there is High St., which was not there, nor was May St, Hobson Ave., Arbour Drive; up to School Street was all mowing fields. Not sure who the earliest settlers were. Area know as North Bangor until 1853.</p>
		555	<p>There used to be an in-n inn. From Chase Road there is the Silver House, the Swift house, the Kelly House, and then the over night motel, now owned by the University.</p>
		562	<p>Veazie used to have a canoe factory that was known around the world.</p>
		570	<p>The motel [<u>Stucco Lodge</u>] is fairly new. On the other end of town, the Francis Webster house used to be an inn [9-2], but nobody remebers much about it. A neighbor knew that it used to be an inn. The Lou Silver house used to have an inn there, before anyone can remember. [3-40]</p>
	0600	585	<p>Heard of <u>Dingbat Prouty</u>. She did see him but she could not describe him: just like a farm man. He was a notorious character, a rerverman who was good on the water, and very clever on the logs. <u>Warren Prouty</u> had a house on the Chase Road, but she was not sure where <u>Dingbat</u> lived. He still has some family in Veazie: ==rrea= <u>Richard Prouty</u>, <u>Edgar Prouty</u> moved to Dover Foxcroft.</p>
		612	<p>The <u>Beals</u> lived where <u>Dr. Manter</u> and his family live now. [2-9]. The house hext to the s stone house. <u>Mr. Beal</u> came from Iowa, and was an unusually good farmer. He was liked by the children.</p>
		623	[Stopped the tape for a minute]
		635	<p>They regreted that open fires went out of style when the house was built. The house was heated by stoves. They mainly burned wood, but did get some coal from Bangor. Could not remember when the present heating system was put in, but there have been not=stob no stoves for years. She remembered that when she was in high school it was her job to clean lamps, but she could not remember when the house got electricity.</p>

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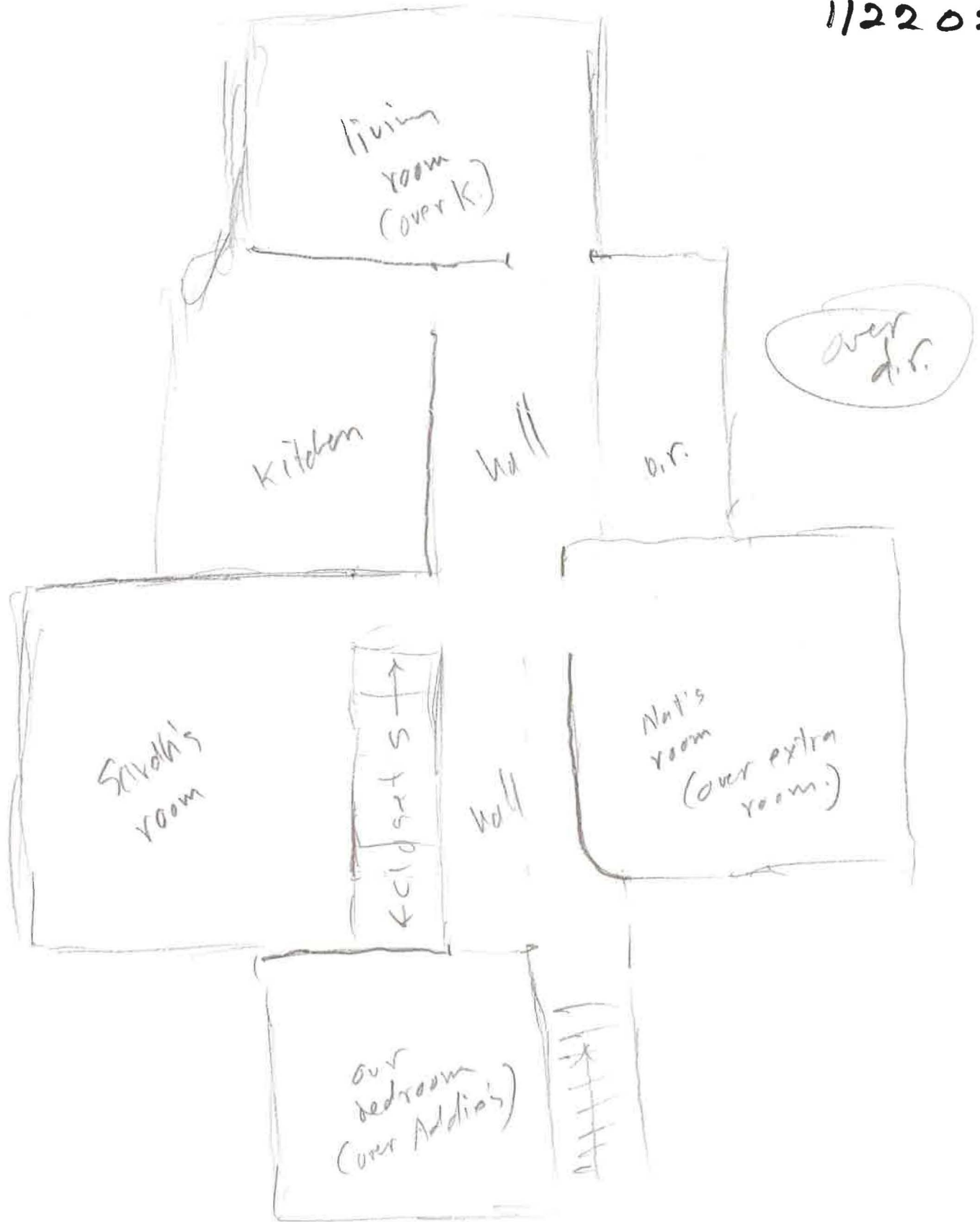
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		652	They got indoor plumbing many years ago.
		656	Many of the people that <u>Addie</u> knew have died. She did not know who the oldest living family family would be.
		666	Believed that there used to be a blacksmith and a cooper in the town because the people had to have things repaired. They lived too far from the village to know what was down there. the cooper made flour barrels. People bought their flour in Barrels--she remembered her mother had one at the end of a sideboard sideboard. One family would go through a barrel in two weeks.
	0700	682	The cooking was plain. There was a lot of cream--cream pies and cakes with frosting. The food was mainly vegetables that were that were raised; stews, soups, tapioca and bread pudding filled with raisins. Cream was a standby. Her mother preserved berries and fruit. The cellar was very cool--there was no refrigerator--kept the milk down there. There was no big furnaces down there then.
		707	She played tittley winks and Old Maid. She was gullible and her brothers would get her to pick a certain card. <u>[The radiator can be heard ticking]</u> They also played checkers--they played many games and had a lot of fun. They played tag. Her brothers taught her how to play poker and they used matches. There was not much money, and were lucky to have a mickle, but they didn't seem to want it. She had a good childhood.
		728	Closing announcement.

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Brief description of contents: Miss Weed talks about her home, the town of Veazie, the people who lived there, and life in general during her childhood.

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	026	28	Opening announcement.
		31	She and Pat begin talking about a melodeon. The melodeon had to be pumped to be played; it is a sweet instrument.
		51	Talk about Archive picture 582. 2, a picture of <u>Miss Weed's</u> house. The door to the parlor is not present but she could not remember when the door was put in. The door has been there for years. She could not remember when the picture was taken but it was taken before the house was remodeled.
		79	She had never heard of <u>Herbert H. Sellers</u> , a landscape photographer who had taken some pictures of Veazie.
		90	The house was grey at the time Picture 582.2 was taken. The house was originally brown with brown trim. The house is white now and has been for a long time.
		104	The walls of the house used to have wall-paper. In the sitting it was a grape shade, probably pink because the room is so dark--the sun is good in the morning but bad in the afternoon. There was a tan color with a little [field in it]. The kitchen was a light shade of tan. The dining room had different walls: first there was a rug with green it so the paper had a tropical look with palm leaves; then had a pink shade--sort of a silver and pink paper with a scroll pattern. Now the room is painted.
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		141	The guest room (the <u>Ives'</u> room now) was

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		sh	in blue. Her mother's room was in different shades of blue--the room above the sitting room. The room across the hall was in rose shades. There was a yellow room where the <u>Ives'</u> have their kitchen now. Where the living room is now was her older brother's room; it was some in dark shades.
		163	The sitting room has a rug on it now; it is used to have rugs originally. Then they had a new floor floor put in--polished. Now most of the rooms are covered except the kitchen, which has linoleum. The floors were hadwood with rugs.
	204	179	They never had a washing machine. They s sent their clothes to the laundry. Her mother used a washtub with a contraption [<u>washboard</u>]. The washbub was kept in the washroom. Her mother did all the washing until she got too old; a lady, <u>Mrs Bostrum</u> , came and did the cleaning for twenty-five cents a day. She had to walk from Oak Hill. Things were cheaper then.
		210	A lot of the clothes were bought from catalogs. Her mother and her sister made clothes. She used to sew also. When she graduated from high school she had a muslin dress with tucks and a long train, 1902. The men wore about what they wear today--had vests. The boys had to dress up in school. They had starched collars and bow ties.
		245	Many men had heavy mustaches, and a good many had beards. The women had to have a nice hat to go with every dress. The women never wore pants. Shoes haven't changed too much; there weren't any sports shoes. They had white shoes. Trains <u>Trains</u> went out because they were inconvenient. The hem line was about mid-way.
	321	284	In the winter they traveled around on seighs pulled by horses, bells would be ringing. When the streets were piled with snow the men would get out and shovel the roads. She drove a long time in the winter time except when it was icy. During the war she put up her car and used the electric cars to save oil (World War II). A few winters she drove with her neighbor, <u>Frank Todd</u> --a former professor at the University. She drove in good weather.
		321	<u>Frank Todd</u> is was a good gardener. He helps the neighbors with their gardens. There is a garden club, the Veazie Garden Club. She has belonged to it since it was formed about thriity years agoe
		332	She goes to the Veazie Congregational--

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			<p>United Church. It has a nice chapel with nice memorial windows. Recently put an educational wing on for twenty thousand dollars and they just paid it back it October. There were four churches in the town--people couldn't get out of town easily. Many go to BAngor and Orono now. the Sunday school she went to was in the village. near Rock St. It was a Congregational church. There were two Baptist churches and one Methodist church. One church was where the old town hall was.</p>
		374	<p>She did not know what the town was like when the men came in from the woods--they didn't know what was happening in the village. She never saw the woodsmen come in. They went to Exchange Street; they came into Veazie only to work. She remembers that the mills were where the pa power plant is now.</p>
		394	<p>She had heard of Veazie Park. It was where Hobson Ave. and the Jackson Beat Co, is now. Her brother wished that he had bought the land. The land was owned by the town of Veazie. having the Paek there was not desirable. They put deeds in the some balloons and dropped them; there was a celebration. People got the deeds and some built some shacks. now there are some good homes. Previously it was mowing field. She could not remember when Hobson Ave. was put in. The large brown house ont the street [Lot 1-7] was owned by the <u>Whitter</u> family. The deeds to Veazie park were for small plats os land.</p>
	452	436	<p>The farm house out on Fort Hill was owned by the <u>Thompson</u> family. Thompson Point was named after them. She did not know them. <u>McKay</u> may have lived there for a while, but now they live where Mr. <u>Sullivan</u> lived had a gracery store on School ST. [4-7].</p>
		452	<p>Mr. <u>Edwin Hathorn</u> lived across the street from the <u>Weeds</u>. Their house was a small brown onw that was torn down in 1892 when the present house was built. The <u>Hathorn</u> was an old family; <u>Frank Todd's</u> wife, <u>Helen</u>, was the last. There was also also a <u>Alfred hathorn</u> that lived where <u>Mrs. Harkness</u> lives now.</p>
		469	<p>She had never heard of a <u>Nell Donahue</u> or the story of anyone blowing up a house with some dynamite.</p>
		475	<p>She had seen the house she was born in in Stillwater. It was a large white house near the mill in Stillwater. Her father rented the house until they moved to Veazie.</p>
		487	<p>She could not remember any other dance halls in the town from the one in the town hall.</p>

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			<p>She did not remember there being a dance hall ever being in the present home of <u>Bill Jordan's</u> son's home. [5-14] The old town hall had a dance floor and was later later owned by the <u>Doane</u> family; they probably had dances there because they the Sociable there.</p>
		498	<p>The Grange was well attended. The hall in the center of town was call ed the Grange Hall [6-48] There is still a Gange in the town, but it isn't as active. tere were Masons but they went ot either Bangor of Orono. Eastern Star did the same thing.</p>
	543	520	<p>The church has fairs every year. But there werenever an y agricultural fairs. The people would go to fairs where they were held, but the fairs were not really too important to the town.</p>
		532	<p>Her father came from Frankfurt, Maine. He had his parents and some sisters and brothers borught up fromt he Frankfurt Cemetary and had them buried at fairview. The family cam f from Vermont Vermont, but she doesn't know where they came from before that. The names <u>James</u> and <u>Wyatt</u> carry throught the family. Her grandfather was <u>Wyatt James Weed</u>, Her father was James Wyatt Weed, and her brother was <u>Wyatt James Weed</u>. They were all named for somebaody in the family: she was named for one of her mother's sisters. Her full name is <u>Addie Matilda Weed</u>; she wouldn't have picked it out. Her mother was <u>Laura Jane Gillman</u>. her mother's father was Jonas Jonas Jonas Jonas Jonas Jonas Jonas mother's father was Jonas <u>Jonas Gillman</u>, who owned the mills above Orono. Everything was mills and lumber.</p>
		571	<p>She had never seen a log drive. Her father never worked on a drive. Her father died when they had a freshet in the summertime. He was not properly dressed for being in the water so long. he got pneumonia and they couldn't care for it properly then. They had no penicillian.</p>
		585	<p>Most people did not survive pneumonia-- in 1888. Diptheria was jus t the same. A friend of her's died of diptheria. Her friend lived in the present house of <u>Dr. Manter</u> at the Eastern Maine Medical Center. Her friend died when she was twelve years old. <u>Addie</u> was in Bangor at the time; she had come to Bangor to study at grade nine. No doctors lived in Veazie; they were in Bangor, Orono, and Old Town. The doctors came to the homes; nobaody went to a hosp hospitals.</p>
		607	<p>She did not remember women going to mid-</p>

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	634		wives. She used to know <u>Bill Jordan's</u> wife but didn't know that she had been a midwife. She could not remember of there being any hospitals in the area when she was growing up; people were treated at their own homes.
		627	Her mother used to use Johnson's lineament. She would take a teaspoon of sugar and add atwo drops of Johnson's. Her mother didn't believe in using any hard liquor. For a toothe ache she used peppermint. <u>Addie</u> never remembers haveing a headache. The family was very healthy. Her mother nemer brewed special teas. She used to stew onions for colds.
		655	Down in the cemetary there is a tomb--their lot is right in front of it-- called the dead house. People were put hhere if they died in the winter because they had no way to dig into the ground. Funeral were held in the homes because there were not any funeral paradors. Funerals were held in the church also. Neighbors were very kind when something like t that happened--she has always had nice neighbors. The neighbors brought everyday cooking. the people made their breads and biscuits. Her mother would keep six big pies in a draw because she had two growing boys and <u>Addie</u> . She made apple, pumpkin, squash, berry, and cream pies--a cake coverd with cream.sweetened with sugar and vanilla.
	709		They would have meat for dinner: roasts, chops, and pressed meat. The stove that her mother cooked on was a wood stove; the woobox next to the stove and the boys were to keep it filled but they didn't always remember so her mother filled it. <u>Addie</u> didnt know how one cooked on a wood stove. They had coal stoves: one in the sitting room, one in the dining room, and one in the kitchen.
		695	Her mother had a plant room in the bathroom upstairs--she was not delighted with haveing the room made into a bathroom. The house was always full of plants. She grew wax hoyas, geraniums--she did not have a lot of the plants <u>Addis</u> has now--she had cactus, hanging plants, pansies. The present floweres are larger and more beautiful
		715	Outside her mother had a big center bed where <u>Addie</u> had a pool until the last two years--the pool kept cracking.In the center bed she had a bed full of cannas.
		731	The tape ran out before I could put an end annoucement on.
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Place of interview: Miss Weed's home Date: Nov. 11, 1977

Other people present: Pat Murkland

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Miss Weed talks about her home, th- town of Veazie, the people who lived there, and life during her childhood.

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	033	37	announcement for second tape
		41	Her mother's garden: the center bed was cannas and the wax bean. In front of that she had a round bed of portulaca, and then she had a bed of heliotrope--the beds were diamond-shaped. There were four of those on either side of the center bed. There was a bed of heloitrope, one of petunias, marigolds, and asters, pansies.
		65	Her The plants around the drive are PG hydrangea. It's not the snowball type, those are out by the window [points to side of the hou that points east] Her mother did not plant those
		82	Her mother had beds of sweet peas in the circular part and she had lilies and then she had the hydrangea put in.
		87	Her mother also had a vegetable garden. They had potatoes, peas, corn, squash, onions, beets. The garden was where the garage is now. There is a bank near the garage door which was not there before, because the barn was there. [points]
		107	Her mother made preservatives: blueberries, raspberries, stawberries. Vegetables were stored in the cellar, before the furnace was put in. It was just the right temperature. After the furnace was put in her brother built a cold cell which kept the vegetable just the right temperat
		126	They were kept in a bin down there.
		126	The cold cellar was near the regular cellar, which was in back of the kitchen. From that you could open up the door and go into the

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	152	regular	cellar. She still uses the cold cellar for her plant bulbs. It's ideal for her dahlia bulbs.
		140	She still gardens but not anywhere near what she wants to do. Most of the things are perennials. She planted annuals this year but the weather was bad and she didn't call it successful, except for the dahlias and marigolds
		158	They Their house was originally a connected barn but her brother moved it closer to the road when it he wanted it as a garage. He added on to it to make an office. There was a slip going down house down to the carriage house, and the barn had a big haymow for the cattle.
		177	Christmas was a glorious time. They'd get up at four in the morning. Her sister was not enthusiastic about getting up so early and when the children all filed down the stairs her sister would be last in line because she didn't want to get up so early. They'd go into the dining room and on the sewing machine--they had no fireplace there'd be a big stocking full of gifts. They didn't have the expensive things that children have today but they had just as good a time.
		199	<u>Gifts:</u> Her mother and sister were both ingenious. They received a lot of books. Her mother made her a Lord Fanterloy doll because she had the book, and she also had a Lady Marian. Her mother made the clothes for these dolls and her doll Pansy just the same way she made clothes for the children
		210	She was going to keep those dolls. They were in good condition and kept in the storeroom. There were two big rooms beyond what is now the kitchen that they used as storerooms. There were many things up there. Most of it burned . They had a fire which burned as far as the dining room [points], and that all had to be remodeled.
		222	She's not sure of the date of the fire. She thought she'd never forget the military man who came in ^{while she was at work} and told her about it. She wasn't wouldn't have known anything about it, except that he came in and said, " <u>Miss Weed</u> , don't you live near the Veazie Cemetery, on the opposite side of the street?" She said yes, and he said, "I'm afraid that your house is on fire."
		233	So she didn't have a car, but she had just enough time to catch a bus. While she was waiting at the bus stop <u>Mr. Gannett</u> came by and gave her a ride home.
		241	At that time she was chairman of the cemetery board of the town and she had all the records, and she was also clerk of the Veazie church, and she had all their records. Those were irreplaceable.
	256	254	The fireman came from Bangor as well as Veazie. The neighbors took things out of the part of the house that wasn't burning, and

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		259	Her brother had to have the kitchen and the present garage fixed. He connected it with a lattice fence there. What they had was a shed out in back of the kitchen; she feels "affected" to call it a utility room.
		271	They were able to save the records and they removed them in case the fire would start again somewhere. The military department man was good to tell her about the fire. she gave <u>Sandy Ives</u> alot of information about the fire.
	s	287	She went Christmas caroling, but not when she was a child. She had a group of Camp fire girls and they walked all over the town...today they go in cars.
		295	They had special food on Christmas, such as popcorn. Her mother would make molasses candy and she'd let them pull it. You get it at the right temperature, and you keep pulling it; it gets whiter and whiter, then when it's the right size [<u>shows about a half inch-wide length with her hand.</u>]
		310	The Fourth of July was another celebration. They'd get up and start with their firecrackers and they'd go out on the backsteps and start about four in the morning. An old neighbor, <u>Silas Hat</u> who was about <u>sexton</u> , he'd come over and supervise. About eight o'clock they'd be out of ammunition. So her mother would give them some money and they'd go up to the store, which sold firecrackers then. They'd get another supply and shoot those. At night they'd have fireworks
		326	For dinner that day they'd have to go down to the field and pick strawberries. Strawberries and cream, on the fourth of July. Now you hardly find a strawberry down in that field. That was a tradition to also have the first peas of the season, also potatoes...new ones. There's nothing like fruit that comes right from the ground.
	347	339	They didn't do anything special for birthday. The children didn't make much of birthdays then.
		349	On the other side of the railroad tracks, there was just a field. It had quite a lot of bushes, but nothing objectionable. Right now it's so grown you wouldn't even know it was a field. Her brothers had a boat on the river and they used to go down and row the boat.
		359	No one did any plowing then right there. It was just a hayfield. ^{remember} She doesn't have any buildings down there, on the shore. But on the other side of the track, she thinks that was where <u>Mrs. Foyer</u> lived for a while. That was beyond their fields. She was known as <u>Aunt Mattie</u> . She took president Fellows for a ride. He was president of the university in 19

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		376	The students took <u>Aunt Hat's</u> waiting room; she kept it down on beyond what is now Hobson Avenue. <u>Aunt Hat</u> complained, and <u>Dr. Fellows</u> didn't know who she was, so he invited her to ride around the campus, and the boys took pictures of the both of them riding around campus together.
		386	She didn't actually see the two of them riding around campus, but the boys took pictures. She "guesses she did" see some pictures but she knows there was an awful lot of laughing about it. Of course he was just trying to have as pleasant an interview with her as possible, as with anyone who had trouble with the university boys.
	411	397	She thinks he solved the problem.
		400	closing announcement

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Miss Weed talked about how the people would entertain themselves in the town, and she talked about where some places were in town.

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	013	13	Opening announcement.
		18	The Old County Road was down by the river. The road is right at the end of Mount Hope and used to follow the river around; and it was also called the Shore Road. It wasn't used much.
		52	They had a hired man who was from Prince Edward Island. Her father was not home during the week so the man was there to help. She was about four at the time. Someone asked her what his name was and she said that he was <u>Frankie Weed</u> . He paid a lot of attention to her so she followed him around. He was there until her father died. He stayed somewhere in the house but hse wasn't sure where. Other families had hired help but she didn't know much about them. A lot of men came down from Prince Edward Island to get employment but she didn't know if some of them came to stay. ##6
	115	116	She could not remember of there ever being any Indians in the area.
		124	Most of the weddings in the town were either held in the home or at the church. They would usually have a reception like they do today. The weddings would be very simple. She does not remember anyone ever eloping in the town.
		163	She had never heard any stories bout buried or hidden treasure.
		181	She remembered no ghost stories in particular.
		188	She talked about <u>General Veazie</u> again.

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	226	221	Veazie was a quiet village so there were few stories. There were stories about Dingbat but she could not remember any. He did live in Veazie Park for a while.
		237	She had heard of Pumpkin Tavern but she didn't really know anything about it.
		244	The town never had its own newspaper or newsletter--only church bulletins. All the news came from Bangor.
		258	They did not have a radio when they first came out. She remembers more strongly about having a victrola and playing records by such singers as <u>Madame Schuman</u> - HEYNCK. ^{EMIKES} In Bangor people sang int the chorus. She remembers a <u>Mrl Chapman</u> who would wave his arms all over the place. They would get a big singer to come. It was difficult to get people there because of transportation. Talks about the old auditorium and the Paul Bunyan statue.
	322	310	She does not remember any concert band playing in Veazie. There were lecturers but she could recall any names. She describes her victrola: four feet tall and it would have to be would wound. They would buy their records in Bangor at the music stores. She used to play the piano, but hse was not a good pianist. She and some of her friends would get together to sing: She owned some of <u>Rudy Vallee's</u> sheet music, the "Sweet Bye and Bye," "Amy Rags," "Yes, We Have NO Bananas," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "The Perfect Day."
		368	When she was young she liked to read <u>The Five Little Peppers and How They Grew.</u> , fairy stories, and <u>Bible Stories Told to A Child</u> , <u>Queen Hildegard</u> . The boys had the <u>Algers</u> series. She never acted the stories out with her friends. She could not remember there being any school plays or pagents. Amature plays were put on fro the town. Ther were minstr shows where the people would get balcked up. She and a playmate would tap dance. There wpld be a banjo, and singing. She was in her teens then. They made their own amusement, there wereo no professionals except the Kickapoo Indians who were peddaling lineament. They were happy even though they had no professional entertainment.
	422	431	In the winter they would slide. Across th road they would slide on a steep hill. When her father was alive he learned to ski when nobody else skied--out in California. He brought the skie =skis back and the boys made a sled out of it. They would slide with their dog Prince. <u>Mike Hathorn</u> was around and he would take theri

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			sleds and send them down over the hill and when they asked where their sleds were he would say that <u>Timmy Cottle</u> took it.
		456	They would skate on a pond where the <u>Jones's</u> live now. [Lot 9-12] They have tourist homes there now. They used to skate on the river. There was a pond on the side of the house toward the village. She believes that children would be better off without TV.
		478	The Kickapoo Indians were the only peddlars that she remembered. The show was a comic one with the short acts, singers, and someone would play the piano that they had in the hall.
		489	She tells about the fire at the <u>Harkness</u> home where the first <u>Mrs. Harkness</u> received burns and died. She was preserving something on the stove. The house did not burn down, but it had to be done over--today it does not look too old. The firemen were down in the village.
	518	504	When they had their fire her broth brother called the Bangor fireman. They were able to save the house. They had a horse drawn fire engine and the horses were kept down in the village.
		524	The thing that struck her as important to the town was when they had a big cyclone when she was a little girl. Their summerhouse was blown down--her mother was happy that she didn't have to pay for tearing down the house, but a lot of damage was done by the storm. It happened about 1885.; when she about ten.
		552	She remembers a big snow storm when she was at the university. She and a girl from the town had to stay overnight at the university. They had to stay in what is now the infirmary, but was the home economics building then. The electric cars were going then. She could not remember of there ever being any flooding of the town.
		579	<u>Mrs. Foyer</u> was a large woman, a hard working woman, a little rough looking in her appearance. If she had the right chance in life she would have been a smart woman. She was a kind hearted woman--she was not a bad or malicious person--misguided. She lived in the village near the river above the plant. She moved down in that area over the railroad track. <u>Addie</u> could not remember when the place burned. The Old County Road was there then but it was only a dirt road.
	627	625	Tells a story about when her brother was taking one of their aunts back into town. The horse they had with them was skittish and when they crossed the overhead bridge it reared.

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			Her brother did not know if he could hold the horse but his aunt wanted to get out. He told her to sit there because he had taught the horse to do that. The horse then bolted with her uncle and the horse ran into a pole and was killed. The horse's name was Bob.
		651	She never did any bird wathing, but some of the neighbors would do some from their windows.
	678	659	End announcement.