

The following interview is with a most extraordinary man, Mr. Walter Tews. Born in what was known as Centerville in 1891, he and his family moved to the city of Hillsboro in 1905 and became one of the communities' most prominent citizens.

Mr. Tews can be categorized as a classic "Do it yourselfer." He designed and constructed most of the material belongings that he owns and has relied on his own initiative and skills to accomplish his goals. The citizens of Hillsboro depended upon him for much the same reasons. In his varied and 87 years he has worked on or in railroads, a sawmill, a restaurant. He was a volunteer fireman, the city police chief, drove a grocery delivery truck, managed a grocery store, was the city building inspector, plumbing inspector, and sewer inspector, road builder, city constable, and, last but not any less important, the city street cleaner. Through all these professions and avocations, Walter Tews has established his especial philosophy, moral code, and a sense of civic participation.

The quality of the tape is not as good as one would wish for. Cars and trucks are roaring their engines in the background. A little extra patience is required on the listeners' part to comprehend Mr. Tew's words. I will say, though, that it is worth the effort. The narrative is spiced with anecdotes both thoughtful and humorous. Indeed, the city of Hillsboro and the whole of Washington County is indebted to this incredible man.

TRACK 3

- 0-10 The city Fourth of July Celebration. Value of punishment for wrongdoings.
- 10-20 Students violating the curfew law. The "fate" of students who disregard the law. Today's law court engendering hate and revenge in lawbreakers.
- 20-30 Judge Bagley's son breaking the curfew law. Prohibition. Mr. Tew's distrust of vaccinations. "There's no disease that a shot of whisky won't cure." Storys of whisky and whisky runners.
- 30-40 More fires. The bakery, the hospital.
- 40-50 Depression tims. The N.R.A. Operating a restaurant. Price guidelines, bank closures, business failures, scarcity of money.

TRACK 4

- 0-10 Entertainment and social activities in Hillsboro. Fourth of July Celebrations. Shute's Park. Merry-go-round, taffy making.
- 10-20 Bicycle races, butter making.
- 20-30 Mother making butter, fresh buttermilk, and mashed potatoes. The county Fair.
- 30-40 More stories of being Police Chief. City recorder and dog compaaints. Hop growing and hop drying.
- 40-50 Road building.