

Larry Burt 0:07

So she did and I can recall when she came home she said oh, I met the most delightful people and she named off a numbers of the people that were the old timers around here and and from then on, why we

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Larry Burt 0:45

that was, we were here about one week why? Jim Row. Who was the bishop's warden? I think they call it, why, came over and he said all I hear you know, a little something about organs. I'll say, Well, yeah, I built the organ that's now at St. Michael. He said, Well, there's a, some kind of an organ here in town that this fella wants to sell. And would you go over with me and look at it? So I said, Sure. Well, what it was, was an Estey Two-Manual Reed organ that he had, this fellow had worked on and was going to use as his own little residence organ, but he decided he wanted to sell it. So we looked at it and I told Jim Row. I said, Well, yeah, we could, we could use that for our church. So we bought it and put it down in the basement and I fixed it up. And we used that for all of the periods as we were in that basement church, worked out very well as real nice little organ.

Nancy Lawthers 1:49

That was 1958 through what?

Larry Burt 1:53

64 I think, when we moved up to the other church.

Nancy Lawthers 1:57

I see. And you said something about having church suppers?

Larry Burt 2:05

Oh, well, this being Ash Wednesday. Why I mean that Shrove Tuesday was yesterday and I'm reminded probably the second year we were in church over there on Hemlock. The first year we had a pancake supper there in the building and the building was just too small. So we rented the next year we rented the Methodist church for a pancake supper. And by that time, why is the Carlisle's had come Jane Carlisle and her husband Walt, and their daughter. And as, well we put everybody to work real fast as soon as they showed up on our doorstep. So Walt was put in charge of the pancake supper. Over at the basement of the Methodist church, well the Methodist church basement was of a fairly large meeting, had a large meeting hall and the basement had a fairly sizable kitchen. The kitchen had a number of electric stoves. And besides wanting to use those stoves, why we brought over some fry pans, some electric fry pans which we plugged into the hourglass. Well, we no more than got, had got the batter all made up and got things you know where we thought we were about ready to start serving, making pancakes than the breakers blew. And they were fuses in those days. So he got fuses and got started again. And then pretty soon we found that each one of those electric stoves had a problem.

Either the low burner would not work, or the high burner would not work, or something. We just could not get the right heat for pancakes. But anyway, we struggled through that night trying to cook pancakes the best way we could, blowing fuses, and burners are either too hot or too cold and all that. So it was, it was quite a problem night and we all remember that pancake supper.

Nancy Lawthers 4:19

And that building. Where was that located?

Larry Burt 4:22

It's over where Jonas Taxidermy is over, across the railroad tracks in Old Broomfield

Nancy Lawthers 4:31

and it backs right up to the turnpike.

Larry Burt 4:35

Yes. Right.

Nancy Lawthers 4:39

And they there was a Methodist congregation in there.

Larry Burt 4:42

They've been a Methodist congregation for many, many years. In fact, there were two there was one out about Huron and 120th where there's a little graveyard. You may see that there. And then there was one art here And that dates to somewhere around 1900. I think this Methodist church building was built on 1905, 1908, something like that and remodeled several times. We use their building on occasion. I remember we had a Christmas program over there. And a number of community affairs were over at this church like, the Methodist choir, it was a community choir, did the Messiah over there until. We did not have many places to meet either the Methodist Church or the Grange Hall, or when Kohl school was built why then we had some functions in Kohl.

Nancy Lawthers 5:48

Oh, and what about the other school? The Emerald school?

Larry Burt 5:52

Oh excuse me, I should have said Emerald

Nancy Lawthers 5:54

Emerald.

Larry Burt 5:55

Cause Kohl School wasn't built until little bit later.

Nancy Lawthers 6:01

And the cottage schools were they satisfactory?

Larry Burt 6:05

Well, they had to be because that's all there were. And they were over on First Avenue. And they've been since converted into homes. But they were built as homes but left open for school. And our two boys why went to those schools. And there were really good teachers. We've had a lot of nice interaction with the teachers. A Broomfield, see this was before the Boulder Valley District School and we were kind of part of our own unit out here.

Nancy Lawthers 6:48

Oh, I see.

Larry Burt 6:49

I don't remember the details of how that worked. But it was a quite a good school district.

Nancy Lawthers 6:56

And the community decide it needed a treasurer to become a town or a city.

Larry Burt 7:05

Well, I'm not very good on remembering years like that. It was a number of years later. It was yes.

Nancy Lawthers 7:15

Yeah, you didn't have any fire service or policemen?

Larry Burt 7:23

Well, yes. You need to talk to someone like Vic Boccard or someone like that. That was in the early days on the city council. And he worked with things like that. And certainly, Vic was one that I should have mentioned. He and his his family and his mother, why, they were some of the early day members out here, right, as well as Ron Fenolia

Nancy Lawthers 7:52

Yes. Oh, Ron was an early member?

Larry Burt 7:54

Oh yes. He helped us put in the sprinkler systems on up to 155 Hemlock and help to put up the ceiling tile, and we'll do a lot of things like oh, he's early day active member.

Nancy Lawthers 8:08

Oh yes. So had he moved up to the house that he's in? No.

Larry Burt 8:13

No. They lived down in the old, the first filing someplace.

Nancy Lawthers 8:17

Oh, they lived down there in the first filing. Right. Right. How did they advertise that first filing? Do you remember? I mean, how you saw it, when you're traveling the Turnpike, that how other people do it?

Larry Burt 8:32

Yeah, it was well advertised in the paper as a development, a new Broomfield Heights, planned community. And it was well advertised and most everybody knew about it. And of course, there were signs to get off the turnpike and come over and go through some of the show homes. Show homes were some of the first ones were over on about Fourth Avenue just off of Main Street.

Nancy Lawthers 9:03

Oh,

Larry Burt 9:03

And you would travel Midway and it seemed like forever, because it were just nothing except a roadway and get finally down the main before you start to see any homes at all. And then you turn and come back on Fourth, and finally go back on Emerald and, and but there were just very few houses, and very few signs of development. The one thing I do remember is a sign that the Nativity, Church of the Nativity had a sign out that there would be a church over there that was planned for that community. In fact, the Catholic Church was meeting over in the basement of what I call the Empire savings building and they they held church services over there and they got established very, very early.

Nancy Lawthers 10:04

Yes. Yeah. Well, I guess maybe I have more things, but perhaps I've taken enough of your time. And thank you very much.

Larry Burt 10:16

Well, I'm happy to do what we can answer any questions that you have.

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