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Abstract: **Lou Payton**

Lou Payton moved to Richmond in November 1944. While he attended Sugar Land School and was active in athletics, his parents operated The Oasis Café in Richmond. Lou talks about the pre and post World War II years in Richmond and the semi pro baseball teams in the area.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Briscoe Family
McCulloch Family
Martha Ansel – wife (married 1950)
Mr. Ansel – mayor of Richmond
Hilmer Moore
Joe Clyde Wessendorff
Mr. R.E. Bob Smith
Mr. Roy Hofheinz – Mayor of Houston
Jack Mosler – ranch owner
Ray Charles' wife
Wally Moon – baseball player
James Shamblin – baseball player
J.R. Hardin – baseball -player
Virgil Shadox – baseball player
Gus Hrner – baseball player
Tack Hrner – baseball player

Places / Businesses

Oasis Cafe – operated by parents
Western Auto Store
John Deere dealership
Episcopal Church
Sugar Land School
Gonzales Chicken farms
Masonic Lodge
University of Houston
Semi Pro baseball team: Fort Bend jaybirds
T.L. Walker Bearing Company

Events

Moved to Richmond November 1944
Parents worked for a private detective agency before opening restaurant
Macario Garcia incident
Pearl Harbor and war years in Richmond
Jerry Lee Lewis jamming at the Oasis