

**Marylyn Shadduck discusses her career at
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5 Shirley Bradley: This is June 8 and this is Shirley Bradley and Marylyn Shadduck and
6 we're at her home and we're just going to be talking about REO
7 memories. And I think I'll start by asking her just a little personal
8 background. She's given us some wonderful typed information on, that
9 we'll be happy to have copies of and we can store at the museum with this
10 tape but, um, just for the record, we're going to put this on tape today.
11 [0:31] I'm just going to start by asking her a little bit about her
12 background, where she grew up, and where she went to school, even
13 though she has been showing me and telling me [chuckle], I need a little
14 bit on the tape.
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16 Marylyn Shadduck: Well, I was born in Lansing at St. Lawrence Hospital the night before
17 Christmas.
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19 Shirley Bradley: Oh!
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21 Marylyn Shadduck: And my mother's name was Mary and I always thought that was
22 significant. And I lived in Lansing all my life. I went to Maplewood
23 School and Walter French. And the REO Clubhouse was always a big
24 part of our existence for one reason or another when we were kids. That
25 was where we went for our free movies. We'd run all the way from
26 Maplewood School to beat all the other kids for a seat. And one day when
27 we were running cross country and had to hurdle the parking lot barriers,
28 my girlfriend tripped and it was just too bad, she actually sprained her
29 wrist but she had to pick herself up and join us if she wanted a seat.
30 That's the way it was. [chuckle] And it would get out about 5:00 and my
31 dad would come home from the State building where he was working and
32 sometimes we'd get a ride and sometimes we wouldn't, but I think it was
33 once a week. Then, of course, they had evening shows for the employees
34 and families. We weren't allowed to sit in the balcony during the kids'
35 things because we're mischievous, you know.
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37 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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39 Marylyn Shadduck: The organ was up there and they'd throw paper wads or one thing or
40 another if they – one day, somebody through a peppermint, one of those
41 pinwheel peppermint things.
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43 Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.
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45 Marylyn Shadduck: Or no, I was sucking on one and somebody through a paper wad and I
46 inhaled real quick 'cause it startled me and that thing...
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1 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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3 Marylyn Shadduck: I thought I was going to die. It just worked its way down my whatever
4 [chuckle] and by the end of the movie it had dissolved itself. It's a wonder
5 I didn't, didn't choke to death. [laughter] And I saw the original Ben-Hur
6 movie. It was the brand new color and it was awfully hard on our eyes.
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8 Shirley Bradley: Was it?
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10 Marylyn Shadduck: And, and some of the dialogue was in writing and I couldn't read that well
11 yet and I kept punching the person in front of me to ask him what it said. I
12 can remember that. [chuckle] And then Lew Ayres was there in...
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14 Shirley Bradley: Oh my.
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16 Marylyn Shadduck: ...in All Quiet on the Western Front, that original movie. I remember that.
17 My mother wouldn't let me go to the Frankenstein ones or Murder in the
18 Wax Museum one but anyway that was great. It was great.
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20 Shirley Bradley: You had a lot of fun there. A lot of family time there.
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22 Marylyn Shadduck: Well, no. It was just us, just the schoolkids.
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24 Shirley Bradley: Just, oh, this was just – your parents didn't...
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26 Marylyn Shadduck: This was just – my, my parents didn't work at REO. My husband's father
27 when he first got out of WWII and came home, after WWI and came
28 home, Andy Shadduck, he retired from the fire department as captain
29 years later but the first job that he had he went to REO to work and this
30 would have been like in the, like 1920 in there. And in 1922 when my
31 husband was born, his mother entered him in a [chuckle] baby show and
32 here's the picture of all those mothers and the babies. There's Dick's m-,
33 Dick and there's his mother Genevieve and he won a prize.
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35 Shirley Bradley: Oh, wasn't he adorable.
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37 Marylyn Shadduck: Wasn't he cute? [chuckle]
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39 Shirley Bradley: His mother was pretty too.
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41 Marylyn Shadduck: Well, years later...
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43 Shirley Bradley: [chuckle] Look at this little girl down here.
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45 Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah, yeah.
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1 Shirley Bradley: She doesn't want any part of it.
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3 Marylyn Shadduck: Just think, all those ladies are dead now.
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5 Shirley Bradley: I know.
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7 Marylyn Shadduck: Mother died at 103.
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9 Shirley Bradley: Is that so?
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11 Marylyn Shadduck: And this was when we were at a mother-daughter banquet. This was
12 Mother.
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14 Shirley Bradley: Oh, this was your mother.
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16 Marylyn Shadduck: And our daughter and myself at a mother-daughter banquet...
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18 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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20 Marylyn Shadduck: ...when I was working at REO, for the Girls Club, you know, so
21 [inaudible 4:30].
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23 Shirley Bradley: I love the, uh, the hairdo.
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25 Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah. [chuckle]
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27 Shirley Bradley: Yeah. [inaudible 4:33] some are beehive.
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29 Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah, yeah.
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31 Shirley Bradley: And you had geraniums so this...
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33 Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah.
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35 Shirley Bradley: And fortified milk, uh, your daughter has a little jug of fortified milk in
36 front of her.
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38 Marylyn Shadduck: Oh, does she?
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40 Shirley Bradley: [chuckle] Yes.
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42 Marylyn Shadduck: Well, why not?
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44 Shirley Bradley: [chuckle] Yes.
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46 Marylyn Shadduck: She didn't drink coffee I'm sure.

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2 Shirley Bradley: No. Or tea.
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4 Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah. So that was one of the activities of the Girls Club, so that was our
5 first family connection with, with REO. But like I wrote in the notes I
6 gave to Jim Neal, that REO woods was right down there in my
7 neighborhood when we were kids.
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9 Shirley Bradley: I didn't know about that.
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11 Marylyn Shadduck: Well, you know, where the arm-, the, the Guard is now.
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13 Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.
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15 Marylyn Shadduck: The National Guard, that was the extreme north end, but the woods where
16 Washington Park is now was very dense and that was the REO proving
17 grounds, test track for their trucks. There was a road that wound all
18 through there and the trees were very dense.
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20 Shirley Bradley: Hm.
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22 Marylyn Shadduck: Full of all kinds of fascinating things, garter snakes and flowers and
23 everything else. And we all, all the kids in that whole south end
24 neighborhood played down there in the REO woods and it stretched from
25 city limits which was there on Greenlawn where the Ingham medical
26 facility is. That used to be the TB sanitarium and the city bus that was the
27 extreme end of their route.
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29 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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31 Marylyn Shadduck: It would come down Greenlawn and turn north on Washington and head
32 back downtown and that was our main means of transportation in those
33 days.
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35 Shirley Bradley: Oh sure.
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37 Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah, so.
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39 Shirley Bradley: [6:06] Uh, so you grew up in that area?
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41 Marylyn Shadduck: Oh yes.
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43 Shirley Bradley: And, uh, probably a lot of your friends' parents may have worked for
44 REO.
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46 Marylyn Shadduck: Oh, oh, well, um, everybody worked for REO in the old days. [chuckle]

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2 Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.
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4 Marylyn Shadduck: When the Depression hit, my husband's parents opened their home to
5 good friends that were let go at REO and he had gone to work for the fire
6 department by then so Andy had a job but the Richardsons moved in with
7 them when he lost his job at REO.
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9 Shirley Bradley: Hm.
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11 Marylyn Shadduck: And, uh, those were tough years.
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13 Shirley Bradley: Oh, they were tough years. Yes, indeed.
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15 Marylyn Shadduck: So a lot of people...
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17 Shirley Bradley: A lot of people, oh, I know.
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19 Marylyn Shadduck: ...have come and gone from REO but it's always survived. The factory
20 has always been there, you know. And the Clubhouse has always been
21 there.
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23 Shirley Bradley: Until now.
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25 Marylyn Shadduck: Until now.
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27 Shirley Bradley: Yeah.
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29 Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah.
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31 Shirley Bradley: [6:53] When did you hire in to REO and how did you happen to go there?
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33 Marylyn Shadduck: Well, uh, first time I worked there it was war, it was the war.
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35 Shirley Bradley: Oh, you started during the war.
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37 Marylyn Shadduck: And, uh, I had been working at Oldsmobile in the office. That was the
38 first job I had when I got out of business college, in the insurance office at
39 Oldsmobile. And my husband was in the navy. He was a sailor and he
40 was at sea most of three years.
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42 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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44 Marylyn Shadduck: But he would, his ship would hit maybe San Francisco or maybe New
45 York and if there was time, I could get out there and see him. Well, one
46 time too many, I couldn't get any more time off at Oldsmobile so I had to

1 leave Oldsmobile. That would have been in 1944, I'd say. And, uh, I
2 followed him to rest camp and then when he, when they hit a [inaudible
3 7:47] day, he was shipped right out again so I came home. And it's not
4 that easy to get back in to Oldsmobile. I mean, you...
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6 Shirley Bradley: [7:55] It wasn't?
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8 Marylyn Shadduck: No, no. You, you either knew somebody or something to get in to
9 Oldsmobile. But anyway, I could make more money in the factory at
10 REO and I had a girlfriend who had gone to work there and I heard she
11 was making \$100 a week. I couldn't believe it.
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13 Shirley Bradley: Oh, that must have seemed like a fortune.
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15 Marylyn Shadduck: They were, she was at the, out in the factory where they dipped packages
16 in wax to ship 'em overseas.
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18 Shirley Bradley: Hm.
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20 Marylyn Shadduck: And that's what she did so I, I got a chance to go to work at, at REO but
21 first we had to go downtown to Old Central and learn to run the metal
22 lathes in Mr. Kieppe's metal shop and so he [chuckle] I can't tell you how
23 many tools I had jammed. [chuckle] He must have, he must have been at
24 his wits' end. Anyway, then, then we learned to run the micrometers and
25 so forth, gauges.
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27 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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29 Marylyn Shadduck: And then they put me in the Navy Department, running gauges as
30 inspector on the drill press line. We made fuses for depth bombs for the
31 navy. It was in the Navy Department. I was 19. I was a war bride. We
32 were married and my husband went into the service. I was 18 when I got
33 married.
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35 Shirley Bradley: It sounds like a movie, doesn't it?
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37 Marylyn Shadduck: Well. [chuckle]
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39 Shirley Bradley: It wasn't easy.
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41 Marylyn Shadduck: It wasn't. [chuckle]
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43 Shirley Bradley: It wasn't easy...
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45 Marylyn Shadduck: No.
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1 Shirley Bradley: ...with him away and you worried.
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3 Marylyn Shadduck: We survived. And so when the war ended in 1945, that day, everybody
4 whooped and hollered and I just stood there and balled. I couldn't believe
5 it was over.
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7 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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9 Marylyn Shadduck: And we were all sent home. Everybody in the factory was sent home.
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11 Shirley Bradley: Is that right?
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13 Marylyn Shadduck: We never went back. Nope, that was it.
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15 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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17 Marylyn Shadduck: And the unemployment line stretched for blocks. Everybody was
18 unemployed, you know.
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20 Shirley Bradley: Oh, I see.
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22 Marylyn Shadduck: So my husband had so many points being at sea duty for so long and being
23 married and in, in, uh, theaters of war [inaudible 9:55] he got out in
24 November of '45, so I stayed home and had two children and I was home
25 for 10 years and then I went back to work and I couldn't get back in to
26 Oldsmobile.
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28 Shirley Bradley: Still.
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30 Marylyn Shadduck: I went over and had an interview and saw my old boss and so forth. Tom
31 Shields and all of them were very gracious but I never got a call back so I
32 went to work at Motor Wheel and I survived there for about seven years,
33 then the office unionized and I was bumped out of my job just like that.
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35 Shirley Bradley: Huh!
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37 Marylyn Shadduck: So they sent me over to Diamond REO, which was just REO then. I never
38 missed a day's work. I hired in as secretary to Arnold Schuppert in the
39 Sales Engineering Department and, uh, we...
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41 Shirley Bradley: I'm sorry. [10:46] What did you say his name was?
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43 Marylyn Shadduck: Arnold Schuppert, S-c-h-u-p-p-e-r-t.
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45 Shirley Bradley: P-e-r-t.
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1Marylyn Shadduck: He was in charge of Sales Engineering.
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3Shirley Bradley: Okay.
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5Marylyn Shadduck: And it was our job to publish the spec books that he, any truck that was
6 built had certain specifications and they were all published in a
7 specification book and it had to be updated and revised constantly. And
8 there was no computer invented yet, so we would cut and paste and retype
9 and, and the print shop was over in the Clubhouse downstairs...
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11Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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13Marylyn Shadduck: ...downstairs in the Clubhouse, and there was a gal that was in charge of
14 the print shop and they printed all the material that we used at REO.
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16Shirley Bradley: I didn't know that.
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18Marylyn Shadduck: Yup.
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20Shirley Bradley: That's interesting.
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22Marylyn Shadduck: And, uh, Ruth [inaudible 11:38] was on the switchboard. She was over at
23 the Clubhouse. And can you imagine that? Having a switchboard
24 operator to manage that whole place. Anyway, I was in Sales Engineering
25 when Kennedy was assassinated. I can sure remember that. Well, in
26 1967, Mr. Schuppert was promoted to Vice President of Engineering and I
27 moved over to the Engineering building with him and I was over there
28 until 1970 and Mr. Adams was president and he lost his secretary. She
29 quit, so Mr. Adams picked me to be his secretary and that's how I ended
30 up over in Mr. Adams' office and I survived there until Mr. Cappaert
31 cleaned house.
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33Shirley Bradley: You, so you were there [inaudible 12:49] when things were bad.
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35Marylyn Shadduck: Oh, was I ever. That's when I worked so close with [inaudible 12:52]. He
36 ran and fetched for me and we had – it was a busy office. In fact, it was so
37 busy that Mr. Loudenslager gave me a help, Mary, and I can't remember
38 Mary's last name. This gal right here.
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40Shirley Bradley: It looks like you got some wonderful pictures there.
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42Marylyn Shadduck: Quite a few. This is Mary right here. And so she came in and between the
43 two of us we were getting the job done. But the day that it hit the fan,
44 Mildred Johnson called me in and said she was terminating me and I said
45 "Don't you mean laying me off?" And she said "No, I'm terminating you
46 and I'll give you a month's pay." She says "Mr. Adams is out [inaudible

1 13:41] right now. Mr. Cappaert is firing him, so.” She says “You have no
2 boss, so we’re letting you go but” she says, um, “when we do replace him,
3 why you’ll have first opportunity to interview for it.” So I hung all that
4 summer thinking I was going back, which, of course, I never was and they
5 had no intention of. And she said “Just one thing, don’t tell Mary. I want
6 to tell Mary myself that she’s done.” And she never did. She never did.
7 Mary was kept and she went to work for this Stan Eaton who replaced Mr.
8 Adams, but she didn’t last very long. He looked like Hugh Hefner. He
9 was quite a nice looking fellow but he wanted a different type of person to
10 be his secretary so he let Mary go, but she had enough time out in the
11 plant that she survived for a while.
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13 Shirley Bradley: Hm.
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15 Marilyn Shadduck: But, uh...
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17 Shirley Bradley: Those were difficult days I’m sure.
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19 Marilyn Shadduck: That was it. That was devastating. It was, well, within a year or so,
20 Diamond REO closed and everybody was out on their ear, so.
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22 Shirley Bradley: [14:51] Did you sense, well, of course, she, she called you in, but before
23 that, did you sense that it was...?
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25 Marilyn Shadduck: No, see, it was, it was all in transition. REO merged with Diamond T and
26 that meant Diamond and REO became Diamond REO. Well, then, White
27 Motors owned Diamond REO and they sold it to Mr. Cappaert, F. L.
28 Cappaert. And he was a very wealthy man. He had his own big BOAC jet
29 plane that he traveled in and then he had the Gulfstream that he let Mr.
30 Adams and the staff and different people. One of my duties for Mr.
31 Adams was to keep track of that plane, where it was, and contact the pilots
32 and keep track of where it was and where it was going and all that.
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34 Shirley Bradley: Oh really?
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36 Marilyn Shadduck: Oh yes. Anyway...
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38 Shirley Bradley: Hm, I suppose he kept it out at the Capital City Airport.
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40 Marilyn Shadduck: Uh, it was on the move almost all the time.
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42 Shirley Bradley: Oh, it was?
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44 Marilyn Shadduck: Yeah, almost always.
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46 Shirley Bradley: [15:54] He was from Mississippi or something, wasn’t he?

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2Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah, he was. He started in mobile homes, Mag-, they were called
3Magnolia, something like that. He, he had mobile homes. That's where
4he got his start and then he had this big Farmland, F. L. Cappaert
5Farmland Corporation, I guess he got from his initials.
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7Shirley Bradley: Hm.
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9Marylyn Shadduck: He was a big operator but he, everybody liked him. [Inaudible 16:20]
10shake your hand, you know, and, and, uh.
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12Shirley Bradley: Oh really?
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14Marylyn Shadduck: Oh yeah. And, uh.
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16Shirley Bradley: So it was.
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18Marylyn Shadduck: [Inaudible 16:27] a lot of stories there that I won't get into, so.
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20Shirley Bradley: Okay, uh, [16:32] so you didn't have any other relatives that worked
21there?
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23Marylyn Shadduck: No.
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25Shirley Bradley: Okay.
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27Marylyn Shadduck: No.
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29Shirley Bradley: Um, and we've already talked about how you, what your jobs were when
30you started and some of the people you worked in, with, worked with.
31And you said your training they took you down to Old Central and showed
32you how to run the, the...
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34Marylyn Shadduck: [laughter] And, uh, I kind of think Mr. Kieppe called my mother and said
35what are you doing letting your daughter work in the factory?
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37Shirley Bradley: Oh, he did?
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39Marylyn Shadduck: I'm, I'm pretty sure. And so they didn't put me on the line. They put me
40in inspection and I think probably Mr. Kieppe had something to do with
41that.
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43Shirley Bradley: How do you spell...?
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45Marylyn Shadduck: I had so much steel in my hands when I was through working there that it
46took months and months for that, from running the gauges and...

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2 Shirley Bradley: Oh, for it to work out of your skin.
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4 Marylyn Shadduck: Mm-hm, yeah.
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6 Shirley Bradley: So it was like having steel slivers.
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8 Marylyn Shadduck: Oh yeah, yeah. My, my hand grew a whole glove size.
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10 Shirley Bradley: Did they? Is that right? They did?
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12 Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah.
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14 Shirley Bradley: [17:28] Did you have any protective gloves or anything?
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16 Marylyn Shadduck: You couldn't.
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18 Shirley Bradley: You couldn't.
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20 Marylyn Shadduck: Your, your – I had so many gauges on that fuse, I had a table probably 8
21 feet long with all my gauges and they'd bring the stock, you know, hot
22 from the wash, you know, after they get through on the drill press. And I
23 had one gauge after another to run and the faster I could work, the more
24 the line got paid.
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26 Shirley Bradley: Oh!
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28 Marylyn Shadduck: They, they made piece rate but I had a flat. I think I made something like
29 \$65 a week, which was about twice what I could make in the office at
30 Oldsmobile [chuckle] but they never let you slack up, not for a minute. If
31 you had to go to the bathroom, why you had like 10 minutes and if you
32 didn't come back, somebody would find out where you were and what you
33 were doing, [chuckle] so you earned your pay I'll tell you.
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35 Shirley Bradley: I guess.
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37 Marylyn Shadduck: Our line was right behind where the fire station was at the corner of Baker
38 there and, and Washington Avenue.
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40 Shirley Bradley: Oh yeah.
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42 Marylyn Shadduck: Near the fire station.
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44 Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.
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1Marylyn Shadduck: When we'd take our break, which was like a sandwich for 15 minutes or
2 whatever it was, we went outdoors on benches right behind the fire station
3 there. That was, that was where we were. And I never ventured very far
4 in that place. I'd have gotten lost. I had no idea. That place went on and
5 on. [chuckle]
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7Shirley Bradley: Oh, it was huge.
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9Marylyn Shadduck: It was huge.
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11Shirley Bradley: It took up that whole...
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13Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah.
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15Shirley Bradley: ...Cedar, Baker, Washington.
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17Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah, it sure did.
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19Shirley Bradley: All the way down to the tracks.
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21Marylyn Shadduck: And cigarettes were a prime thing in those days, though I've never
22 smoked but most everybody else did, so when they'd get a load of
23 cigarettes, shop workers had a chance to buy'm so...
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25Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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27Marylyn Shadduck: ...somebody pushed me in the line and I'd have to buy a [chuckle] carton
28 of cigarettes for somebody. I wasn't old enough to buy'm probably, but I
29 was 19 then.
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31Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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33Marylyn Shadduck: That was funny.
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35Shirley Bradley: [19:22] So they would, uh, bring a load of cigarettes in for the factory
36 workers?
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38Marylyn Shadduck: Oh sure. Just like servicemen got all the cigarettes they needed, you
39 know.
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41Shirley Bradley: Uh-huh.
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43Marylyn Shadduck: But the rank and file of the population I don't know how they, how, how
44 those, how that managed. I don't think you had stamps for those, food
45 stamps you had but not...
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1 Shirley Bradley: No, I don't think so but.
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3 Marylyn Shadduck: But it's just, uh.
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5 Shirley Bradley: I think they were rationed in, uh, in this way. I think that the store would
6 get so many and so each person was allowed to buy maybe one or two
7 packs.
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9 Marylyn Shadduck: Whatever.
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11 Shirley Bradley: Whatever.
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13 Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah.
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15 Shirley Bradley: Something like that. My parents both smoked and they didn't seem to
16 have any shortage of it during the war so they must have had some way to
17 get them.
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19 Marilyn Shadduck: They managed.
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21 Shirley Bradley: [19:59] How did, how would you spell Mr. Kieppe's name?
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23 Marylyn Shadduck: Uh, K-i-e-p-p-e I, I think.
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25 Shirley Bradley: K-i-e-p-p-e. I almost had it right. Okay.
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27 Marylyn Shadduck: His family is all buried out there at North Cemetery. They were all from
28 Holt, you see.
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30 Shirley Bradley: Oh really?
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32 Marylyn Shadduck: Oh yeah. Mother was in school with him.
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34 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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36 Marilyn Shadduck: And his wife Edith and Dick Kieppe, their boy, went to Michigan State. I
37 think he played football at Michigan State and Kathleen was their
38 daughter.
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40 Shirley Bradley: Hm, hm.
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42 Marylyn Shadduck: They lived over there on Forest I think.
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44 Shirley Bradley: [20:31] What kind, what would you say about the working conditions
45 when you were doing your work with the micrometers and...?
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1Marylyn Shadduck: Well, they were pushing so hard for production and I didn't know one
2 factory from another but I'd been in the new Grand River plant and
3 believe me, it was nothing like that. And they tried to get the gals to wear
4 a cap or a hairnet, and like women are, they resisted. And one day a gal
5 got scalped. I'll never forget that. Her hair got caught in the drill press
6 and you could hear her screaming from – that really shook me up.
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8Shirley Bradley: Oh my.
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10Marylyn Shadduck: So that brought out a few caps and hairnets after that.
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12Shirley Bradley: I remember those. Mother had a cap 'cause she worked there too. She
13 worked out on the receiving dock I think, anyway, and it had a blue snood
14 kind of thing.
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16Marylyn Shadduck: Sure, yeah, yeah.
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18Shirley Bradley: Remember snoods?
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20Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah, right.
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22Shirley Bradley: Um, let's see here.
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24Marylyn Shadduck: You know, about the last thing that happened to me there was when they
25 had a picnic out to Fitzgerald Park and they were trying to get some girls
26 to be in the beauty contest and it didn't sound like a great idea to me. I
27 mean, taking your clothes off and standing up in front of a bunch of
28 people, you know. But they made us feel like it was our patriotic thing to
29 do.
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31Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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33Marylyn Shadduck: They were going to have some boys from I think Percy Jones Hospital that
34 were going to be the judges so they talked me into it and, my gosh, I won
35 the contest.
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37Shirley Bradley: I've seen the Xerox of it, but this is the...
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39Marylyn Shadduck: And I think...
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41Shirley Bradley: Oh, you were lovely. You really were.
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43Marylyn Shadduck: [laughter] 19, huh. I think his name was Murphy, I think.
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45Shirley Bradley: Murphy?
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1Marylyn Shadduck: I think his last name was Murphy.
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3Shirley Bradley: It looks like he's enjoying pinning that banner on you.
4
5Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah. We actually had to go over to the clubhouse and get measured
6 before they let us compete and I wasn't prepared for that either. [laughter]
7 Oh dear.
8
9Shirley Bradley: [22:35] Now who did the measuring? [chuckle]
10
11Marylyn Shadduck: Murphy. [laughter] I think [inaudible 22:38].
12
13Shirley Bradley: Now how did he get that job?
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15Marylyn Shadduck: I have no idea. Probably the whole thing was his idea. I don't know, but
16 it was a lot of fun.
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18Shirley Bradley: Ain't that funny. And this is you right here.
19
20Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah.
21
22Shirley Bradley: And all the, oh, there were a lot of contestants.
23
24Marylyn Shadduck: And bathing suits, you couldn't buy bathing suits with rubber, you know,
25 elastic in them anymore. This is just a fabric thing, you know.
26
27Shirley Bradley: So pretty.
28
29Marylyn Shadduck: Because rubber, everything like that was just all going into the war
30 production.
31
32Shirley Bradley: Oh yes. It's beautiful.
33
34Marylyn Shadduck: But I won a Hamilton watch and I gave it to my mother. She'd never had
35 a watch and I was so proud to be able to do that.
36
37Shirley Bradley: Oh, you won a watch...
38
39Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah.
40
41Shirley Bradley: ...for being Miss REO.
42
43Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah. That was my prize. Yup. That was...
44
45Shirley Bradley: Miss REO reigns at Gala Annual Picnic.
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1Marylyn Shadduck: [chuckle] So that was just before the war ended.
2
3Shirley Bradley: Was it?
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5Marylyn Shadduck: 1945, uh-huh. I gave, uh...
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7Shirley Bradley: [chuckle] That must have been an exciting day. A lot of fun.
8
9Marylyn Shadduck: Well, it was, as I look back on it. I didn't win anymore beauty contests so
10 that was quite a highlight.
11
12Shirley Bradley: It says selecting Miss REO Motors proved to be the most exacting and
13 exciting task of the day. [chuckle] And Mr. Murphy looked like it was.
14
15Marylyn Shadduck: The servicemen were sitting right down in the front row judging
16 everybody.
17
18Shirley Bradley: Were they?
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20Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah. They had a good day.
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22Shirley Bradley: They must have had a good time. Miss REO Motors chosen after a
23 lengthy study... [laughter]
24
25Marylyn Shadduck: Oh dear.
26
27Shirley Bradley: Oh, don't you love it.
28
29Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah.
30
31Shirley Bradley: ...is Marylyn Shadduck, lovely blonde with a healthy tan and next in line
32 were **Rowena** 24:17 Adams in the black suit. Marylyn received a
33 handsome wristwatch while the other two girls received cocktail sets.
34
35Marylyn Shadduck: We were on the swing shift and so that's how I was able to get a tan.
36 We'd worked one month 12 to 8 and the next month 8 to 12 and the next
37 month 4 to 12 and then we'd swing from – it was terrible. You'd just get
38 your biological clock in tune to one set of hours and then you'd swing to
39 the other set of hours. But I liked the one where you get out at midnight,
40 you could still sleep in the dark, you know, and, and get up and I'd have
41 time to be out in the sun.
42
43Shirley Bradley: Hm, and that's how you got your tan.
44
45Marylyn Shadduck: That's how I got my tan.
46

1 Shirley Bradley: I was wondering when I read that, you know, when you had time.
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3 Marilyn Shadduck: Mm-hm.
4

5 Shirley Bradley: Um, [25:07] can you recall any of the other people that you worked with
6 on the line and then later in the office?
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8 Marilyn Shadduck: Well, Larry...
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10 Shirley Bradley: I guess we'll start with the line.
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12 Marilyn Shadduck: Larry [Ducap 25:16] was second down the line of foremen. Earl, Earl
13 [Chlore 25:23] was the foreman on our line and he drowned years and
14 years and years ago and Larry [Ducap 25:29] was second under him as, as
15 on our line and he moved in two doors down from us on Pleasant Grove
16 Road years later and he's gone now.
17

18 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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20 Marilyn Shadduck: And, uh...
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22 Shirley Bradley: [25:42] D-u-c-a-p you think? Something like that.
23

24 Marilyn Shadduck: I – it was a French...
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26 Shirley Bradley: Oh, a French name. Okay.
27

28 Marilyn Shadduck: D-u-c, I don't, I can't really remember.
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30 Shirley Bradley: Earl Core, C-o-r-e probably.
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32 Marilyn Shadduck: Uh, his last name I can't remember if it was C-h-l-o-r-e. I can't
33 remember.
34

35 Shirley Bradley: That's all right.
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37 Marilyn Shadduck: But the other people I can't remember their names.
38

39 Shirley Bradley: Hm.
40

41 Marilyn Shadduck: I can see them but I can't remember their names.
42

43 Shirley Bradley: Um, so then you worked back and forth and then you were in the office.
44

45 Marilyn Shadduck: Uh, after the, after I was let go at REO from the office back in '72 when
46 Mr. Cappaert was there, I tried to get into Oldsmobile again and couldn't.

1
2 Shirley Bradley: Is that right?
3
4 Marylyn Shadduck: Yup.
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6 Shirley Bradley: My gosh.
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8 Marylyn Shadduck: And, uh, well, the automotive business is up or down. They're in austerity
9 or they're in great times. And when they're in austerity, they start cutting
10 heads. I know because I worked in the sales budget office at Oldsmobile
11 and that was part of our job was head count for the whole marketing thing
12 in our office.
13
14 Shirley Bradley: Oh really?
15
16 Marylyn Shadduck: I had to run, do to the organizational charts and all kinds of things and so
17 you'd be given a head count and, and if you had to lose two people, you
18 had to lose two people and that's the way it is. And when they weren't
19 hiring, they weren't hiring, so I just didn't hit it right I guess.
20
21 Shirley Bradley: You were in that slump period.
22
23 Marylyn Shadduck: Yup. But I, I went to work for Manpower killing time trying to find a job
24 and a friend of mine knew Bill White and asked him to do it for me and so
25 I got a call and I got a job and that's how I got in. The first time I went to
26 work at Oldsmobile, I was just out of business college. It would have
27 been 1943, and I had no idea that it was difficult. I'd always wanted to
28 work at Oldsmobile. I just always did. My aunt worked there and I had
29 an uncle who had worked there. Oldsmobile was to me the greatest place
30 to be in the world, you know. And when I went to go there, Dr.
31 Gunderson was the plant physician, George Gunderson. He was the plant
32 physician and he was a very close personal friend of ours. He and his wife
33 we called them Uncle Doc and Aunt Louise.
34
35 Shirley Bradley: Hm.
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37 Marylyn Shadduck: So he put in a word for me and I had no idea that's the reason I got that
38 job. [laughter] I thought it was awfully nice of him, you know. And that's
39 why I, I just stepped right in. Isn't that funny? I worked in the insurance
40 office and that was in Building 28, which is where the cafeteria was. And
41 the men that would come to the insurance office we had to ask their social
42 security number because everybody had a set of books according to social
43 security number for the factory men.
44
45 Shirley Bradley: Oh
46

1Marylyn Shadduck: And we'd cover their families with insurance and so forth and so that's
2 when I learned my soc number because without exception they'd say "My
3 soc number? What's yours?" You know, like who would know that.
4

5Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm, mm-hm.
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7Marylyn Shadduck: We were lucky if they even knew the names of their children much less,
8 they usually know how many they had but some of them had trouble
9 coming up with the kids' names. It was funny.
10

11Shirley Bradley: Oh, that's funny.
12

13Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah. But there were an awful lot of deaths. They were working terrible
14 hours in the plant, 7 days a week, 10, 12 hours a day.
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16Shirley Bradley: And the strain was...
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18Marylyn Shadduck: And there were a lot of heart attacks, a lot of heart attacks.
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20Shirley Bradley: And a lot of them, some of the men were older because the young ones
21 were off serving...
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23Marylyn Shadduck: That's right. That's right.
24

25Shirley Bradley: ...in the army.
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27Marylyn Shadduck: And women were taking jobs in the plant.
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29Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.
30

31Marylyn Shadduck: But they wouldn't transfer anybody from the office out there.
32

33Shirley Bradley: No. They wouldn't.
34

35Marylyn Shadduck: Uh-uh. But before I went to work in, uh, the insurance office, I was put in
36 charge of issuing gasoline ration stamps and they'd give us a whole sheet
37 of stamps and then you'd X out the ones that they weren't entitled to
38 'cause the guys that worked in the plant got priority on their gas rations.
39

40Shirley Bradley: They could get a couple gallons more a week or something.
41

42Marylyn Shadduck: Well, they'd get stamps for, toward gas.
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44Shirley Bradley: Uh-huh.
45

46Marylyn Shadduck: You take so many stamps for so many gallons.

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2 Shirley Bradley: I didn't know they did that at the factory.
3
4 Marylyn Shadduck: Oh yes. And when my father-in-law found out I was crossing black X's
5 on gasoline stamps and not pocketing any, [chuckle] he couldn't believe it.
6 It never would have occurred to me. It never would have occurred to me.
7 [laughter]
8
9 Shirley Bradley: I supposed there could have been some of that going on someplace.
10
11 Marylyn Shadduck: Could've been but I'm sure they were, it sure wasn't risk, worth risking
12 your job for.
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14 Shirley Bradley: Absolutely.
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16 Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah.
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18 Shirley Bradley: Absolutely.
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20 Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah.
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22 Shirley Bradley: Um, let's see now. I had a question in mind. Hm, what was it? Oh gosh!
23 It was a good question too.
24
25 Marylyn Shadduck: What was it?
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27 Shirley Bradley: My memory is failing me.
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29 Marylyn Shadduck: I was trying to find an old picture I got of...
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31 Shirley Bradley: Oh, I think I was thinking of after REO closed and the doors were
32 padlocked, a lot of those folks – you went to Oldsmobile eventually.
33 [30:59] Do you suppose a lot of the others that you worked with
34 personally may have ended up at Olds or?
35
36 Marylyn Shadduck: I have – I, I don't know because they were all office people. The
37 executive staff was just laid out on the ear. I know Barry DeVine went to
38 law school and started a class action lawsuit. I remember that.
39
40 Shirley Bradley: Oh really?
41
42 Marylyn Shadduck: We were all notified of that. He was on the staff.
43
44 Shirley Bradley: A lot of the people, well, most everybody didn't get anything. I mean, the
45 pension fund had been raided [inaudible 31:31].
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1Marylyn Shadduck: It was, it was devastating. There were people who had been there for
2 years and years and years. Of course, they had, they had unionized the
3 office but I wasn't in the union because I was a confidential secretary and,
4 um, the time I had outside of that was union, would have been a union
5 classification so I had enough time in to get a small pension, which I still
6 get. But the people who had expected to get, what, \$500 a month, that
7 was pretty good money in those days.
8
9Shirley Bradley: Oh yes! Sure.
10
11Marylyn Shadduck: They had about the first case I think that went to the National Benefit
12 Department that, that, that guarantees pensions now.
13
14Shirley Bradley: I see.
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16Marylyn Shadduck: It's in bad shape because there's so many pensions they've had to step in
17 and take over.
18
19Shirley Bradley: Hm.
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21Marylyn Shadduck: Uh, so I don't know what's going to happen with that but REO was about
22 one of the first cases where the, the company has to pay into this fund so
23 that if this happens, the money is in the government to – but they have to
24 take into consideration how many people are still alive, how many people,
25 uh, and when and how much are they going to allocate because no new
26 money is ever going to come in.
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28Shirley Bradley: No.
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30Marylyn Shadduck: And how long has it got to last and so forth.
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32Shirley Bradley: Sure.
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34Marylyn Shadduck: So everybody I'm sure took a big cut. It was devastating.
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36Shirley Bradley: I wonder, I have heard stories where some people either didn't get
37 anything for a long time and then maybe it was something like \$20 or \$30
38 a month.
39
40Marylyn Shadduck: Sure.
41
42Shirley Bradley: I've also heard of some suicides when everything closed...
43
44Marylyn Shadduck: Oh.
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46Shirley Bradley: ...and there were no jobs.

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2Marylyn Shadduck: Oh [inaudible 33:13].
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4Shirley Bradley: It was a terrible time.
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6Marylyn Shadduck: It was, uh, people were...
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8Shirley Bradley: I also heard, uh, I think it was Mr. Cataline that mentioned that there was a
9 Swedish company that at one point toward the end was interested perhaps
10 in building a new factory north of town and starting, you know, building
11 the engines again and...
12
13Marylyn Shadduck: Well, there is a group that have a business that, that builds the – a fellow
14 named Larry. They've been in the paper several times telling they, they
15 build buses I think and one thing or another. They have quite a business
16 there [inaudible 33:47].
17
18Shirley Bradley: Oh, the Spartan Motors.
19
20Marylyn Shadduck: Right.
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22Shirley Bradley: Yes, yes.
23
24Marylyn Shadduck: Those people came from REO.
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26Shirley Bradley: Some of the men went, yeah, from REO. That's true, yeah.
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28Marylyn Shadduck: Mm-hm.
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30Shirley Bradley: Yeah. Uh, and then there's, uh, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania they still
31 build a big truck with like the Gold Comet engine. The big REO Comet I
32 guess it's called. But anyway, they still build some of the big REO over
33 there, road trucks, commercial trucks.
34
35Marylyn Shadduck: Boy, those trucks were beautiful, I'll tell you.
36
37Shirley Bradley: Were they?
38
39Marylyn Shadduck: We thought they were the Cadillac of trucks, I'll tell you. They really
40 were. Every one was designed for a person. I mean, you didn't have
41 dealerships just buying trucks to sell. If a man had a fleet of trucks and
42 needed a replacement truck or whatever, he'd come in and they'd spec out
43 a new truck and it would have to make a difference, you know, whether it
44 was going to carry a big load of a cement mixer or whether it was going to
45 go on a school bus or what it was.
46

1 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
2

3 Marylyn Shadduck: Everyone was figured and built for the person and when they'd come off
4 the line, well, if the line ever went down, Mr. Adams had the siren
5 [inaudible 34:45].
6

7 Shirley Bradley: Oh really?
8

9 Marylyn Shadduck: And everybody in the world knew the line was down. And, and ain't that
10 funny?
11

12 Shirley Bradley: [chuckle] And so I imagine they didn't want that line going down very
13 much.
14

15 Marylyn Shadduck: Oh no, no.
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17 Shirley Bradley: Hm. That's interesting, isn't it? Almost custom-making a truck for a, for
18 a buyer.
19

20 Marylyn Shadduck: Absolutely, absolutely [inaudible 35:06].
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22 Shirley Bradley: I bet that doesn't happen at very many places.
23

24 Marylyn Shadduck: I have old newspapers for Jim and it has a lot of pictures of trucks and
25 different kinds.
26

27 Shirley Bradley: [35:22] This is one of the publications that REO put out?
28

29 Marylyn Shadduck: Mm-hm. Yeah. There's pictures of all [inaudible 35:28].
30

31 Shirley Bradley: An in-house kind of...
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33 Marylyn Shadduck: Mm-hm. This Dorothy [Karens 35:35] was secretary to Hugh Clark. He
34 was right – they were right next to the Sales Engineering office. They did
35 orders and distributions. And Ron Nelson, he was my sister-in-law's
36 uncle.
37

38 Shirley Bradley: [35:48] Who was that?
39

40 Marylyn Shadduck: Ron Nelson. He was the plant maintenance man.
41

42 Shirley Bradley: Hm.
43

44 Marylyn Shadduck: And they're just, all these trucks are just fabulous [inaudible 36:00].
45

46 Shirley Bradley: Marvelous you've been able to save some things.

1
2Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah. There's a lot of personnel that, that I have known. I wish I could
3 find this little picture I had of the girls.
4
5Shirley Bradley: Diamond T dealer meeting highly successful.
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7Marylyn Shadduck: Here it is.
8
9Shirley Bradley: Three new models were unveiled to the dealer organization and White
10 Motor Corporation president J. N. Bauman pledged vigorous support for
11 Diamond T and the Lansing division, hm.
12
13Marylyn Shadduck: Boy, they used to give some really nice outings for these customers and
14 dealers, whatever, that would come in. Mr. Collins was sales manager
15 when I was in Sales Engineering and he had a home in Okemos, and he'd
16 have these pool parties and invite these various customers, dealers,
17 whatever they were and then he'd ask some of us girls to be hostesses and
18 that was a big thing. That was a lot of fun.
19
20Shirley Bradley: Was it?
21
22Marylyn Shadduck: He had a beautiful home there in Okemos and he married this Kay Collins
23 and she was a concert organist and she put on a concert in the Clubhouse
24 at one time...
25
26Shirley Bradley: Hm.
27
28Marylyn Shadduck: ...that the Girls Club sponsored and it was a real money-making thing for
29 us. She was, she was a real performer.
30
31Shirley Bradley: Hm.
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33Marylyn Shadduck: These are the girls when, when I went to work for Mr. Adams. I was
34 replacing Alice and this, this gal worked for Clare Loudenslager and
35 Phyllis Harkins was the receptionist. This is Carol [Andreoski 37:51].
36
37Shirley Bradley: Carol Andrea?
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39Marylyn Shadduck: [Andreoski 37:53].
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41Shirley Bradley: Oh, I guess I better write that down because whoever is going to transcribe
42 this will not know. [chuckle]
43
44Marylyn Shadduck: And Alice Goodrich was leaving Mr. Adams' office and I was replacing
45 her.
46

1 Shirley Bradley: And you were replacing her.
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3 Marylyn Shadduck: And Phyllis Harkins was just outside in the lobby. She had to cover my
4 phone for me if I ever had to leave my desk.
5

6 Shirley Bradley: Oh, I see.
7

8 Marylyn Shadduck: I have no idea what became of Phyllis or Alice or Carol.
9

10 Shirley Bradley: I was going to ask you if you'd had a chance to see some of the gals.
11 [38:33] Are some of them still...?
12

13 Marylyn Shadduck: Well, the only one that I keep in touch with is Ruby [Hurley 38:36]. She
14 was in the Accounting office and she and her husband used to always go
15 to the charity ball with my husband Dick and myself and we were such
16 good friends. And eventually he died and Ruby moved up north. She's
17 got a place right, right at the foot of the Mackinac Bridge.
18

19 Shirley Bradley: Oh really?
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21 Marylyn Shadduck: Her daughter has a farm up there and Ruby moved up there and I still am
22 in touch with her at Christmas, but she's the only one that I really – all the
23 bouffant hairdos.
24

25 Shirley Bradley: I was looking at that.
26

27 Marylyn Shadduck: Ain't that funny.
28

29 Shirley Bradley: And, and the styles haven't changed all that much, a little bit.
30

31 Marylyn Shadduck: They come, they come and go, but.
32

33 Shirley Bradley: Yeah, they do, don't they?
34

35 Marylyn Shadduck: But, you know, girls don't have their hair done anymore. It just is straight
36 and they have to stick it behind their ears so they can see out.
37

38 Shirley Bradley: [chuckle] Um, looking back on the REO Motor Car Company, [39:36] any
39 last thoughts or things I haven't even thought to ask or something you'd
40 like to mention?
41

42 Marylyn Shadduck: Well, they, there were so many phases like when they had Duo-Therm
43 division over there, the lawnmowers and the space heaters and all that and
44 then they moved that to La Grange.
45

46 Shirley Bradley: Oh.

1
2 Marylyn Shadduck: They had, they had two sets of staff. They'd have a president at Duo-
3 Therm and then another president at REO. I mean they had double and
4 then, of course...
5
6 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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8 Marylyn Shadduck: ...they had to eliminate all that at Duo-Therm and then they eventually
9 moved it to La Grange. And I remember we bought several things that we
10 got a discount on. We got a space heater for my uncle's cottage. They
11 had a small hot water heater that we used at our cottage that went
12 underneath the sink, you know.
13
14 Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.
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16 Marylyn Shadduck: All kinds of things like that. Lawnmowers. They had playground
17 equipment for kids. My aunt and uncle bought our kids a whole set of
18 playground equipment, all bright painted blue and red and yellow, you
19 know, metal swings and slides and stuff. All those things besides trucks...
20
21 Shirley Bradley: Hm.
22
23 Marylyn Shadduck: ...came and went.
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25 Shirley Bradley: I knew about the lawnmowers, but I didn't know about the space heaters
26 and the...
27
28 Marylyn Shadduck: Yup.
29
30 Shirley Bradley: And they were built by the Duo-Therm part of the...
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32 Marylyn Shadduck: Duo-Therm. Mm-hm, yeah.
33
34 Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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36 Marylyn Shadduck: I don't know where the swings and slides came from. [laughter] That
37 didn't have much to do with anything, but they had them.
38
39 Shirley Bradley: [41:12] So you think it was a good place to work?
40
41 Marylyn Shadduck: Well, it was a great place for me because I was saving every dime I could
42 get my hands on during the war so when Dick came home we'd have
43 something to start with, you know. And I was living with my folks for a
44 month and then I'd go live with his folks for a month.
45
46 Shirley Bradley: Oh, is that right?

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2Marylyn Shadduck: Take my, take my food stamps with me, right?
3
4Shirley Bradley: Ah.
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6Marylyn Shadduck: Ration stamps and, um, by the time he got home, I had a pretty good nest
7 egg saved up. And when our kids went to college, Terry worked two
8 years, two summers. He worked out in the plant one summer and up on
9 the drawing boards. He was an engineering student at Michigan State so
10 he earned money there and then...
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12Shirley Bradley: At REO?
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14Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah. Out on the line and then the other summer...
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16Shirley Bradley: Oh.
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18Marylyn Shadduck: ...on the boards and that's where I was able to put, that was one of the big
19 reasons I went to work was for college.
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21Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.
22
23Marylyn Shadduck: And then when our daughter started State, why she got a job, they had sent
24 the government office over there to where the Duo-Therm had been at the
25 corner of Mount Hope. They had moved the government offices from,
26 from the Engineering building over there and she got a summer job in the
27 office over there. So thanks to REO, we financed college pretty much and
28 what...
29
30Shirley Bradley: And maybe your first home. You were able to save while your husband
31 was away.
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33Marylyn Shadduck: Well, that's right. And so...
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35Shirley Bradley: So those are good benefits, aren't they?
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37Marylyn Shadduck: Absolutely. Gee, we had health benefits. We had it all, you know. We...
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39Shirley Bradley: [42:43] You did have good benefits?
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41Marylyn Shadduck: Yeah. We didn't make much money compared to what people make
42 nowadays. But I can remember when I got hired at Diamond REO, the
43 girl I was replacing had gone to work for that Con-Con, Constitutional
44 Convention, where they were redoing Michigan's constitution.
45
46Shirley Bradley: Oh yes.

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2Marylyn Shadduck: And I heard she was going to make \$600 a month. I couldn't believe it.
3 In those days, \$400 was really good for a steno, you know, a secretary
4 steno.
5
6Shirley Bradley: Is that right?
7
8Marylyn Shadduck: And uh, I heard she was going to make \$600 a month. [laughter]
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10Shirley Bradley: [43:20] But that work wasn't permanent, was it? Wasn't there ...?
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12Marylyn Shadduck: No, but almost all the girls got in with some senator or legislator...
13
14Shirley Bradley: Oh.
15
16Marylyn Shadduck: ...and ended up working for...
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18Shirley Bradley: Working for them.
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20Marylyn Shadduck: ...the government. Yeah.
21
22Shirley Bradley: And that was a good thing.
23
24Marylyn Shadduck: Sure, if they wanted to, you know.
25
26Shirley Bradley: Uh-huh.
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28Marylyn Shadduck: If they wanted to.
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30Shirley Bradley: Well, I certainly do thank you for taking time to talk to me today. I've got
31 a feeling there's thousands of stories that you have and some worth
32 sharing and some that are private. [chuckle]
33
34Marylyn Shadduck: Well, as you get older, sometimes your memory plays tricks on you and
35 w-, what you think you remember maybe wasn't exactly the way it was.
36
37Shirley Bradley: [laughter] I see.
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39Marylyn Shadduck: But... [chuckle]
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41Shirley Bradley: I think you've done a marvelous job and you typed out really two bios.
42 Well, I thank you very much, Marylyn. And this tape will be kept at the
43 REO's Museum.
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46/mlc