

Old Hodge Podge Building

Ralph Boake had the building built in 1948 and ran a cold storage facility out of the building, called Lakeshore Lockers. Farmers would take their slaughtered meats to the lockers for storage. I was also told that owning a fridge was rare and residents would rent out a locker to keep their food.

In 1958 Brewsters Retail I opened a Beer store in the building. Friday nights in Beaverton was mayhem as Hwy 12 ran right through Beaverton. Cars were stopped at the bridge and beyond as there was no parking.

The Hodge Podge Variety opened in 1968. It was the first variety store to be open 7 days a week. It was owned and ran by Bob and Yvonne Richardson till 1982.

Then the Lee family ran the variety store. There was a game arcade in the back of the building. Other memories were children buying candy and eating freezies during the summer.

I was also told that Mr. Calvin Calder a lawyer ran his practise from the River side of the buildings addition. He also owned the Building and lived upstairs.

Today the building is being renovated. Bringing new life into old bones.