

1940's

When I was growing up in Bargersville there were cattle pens along the RR tracks on North Baldwin street across from my families Poultry & feed store. Farmers would drive their cattle into town, just like in the old west, to the pens to be loaded onto the train cattle cars & take to Indianapolis to the stock yards.

We would sit on the top of the pen railing & watch the cattle being loaded & herded into the pens. It was like a John Wayne movie.

At the end of World War II all of us kids in town, with our parents, went to the utilities & fire station building to ride on the fire trucks & we got to run the siren & ring the bell.

In the late 1940's & early 1950's we had free shows uptown in the parking lot on Baldwin street. The outside show was full every Sat. night. The stores stayed open to buy sandwiches, cokes, sodas % milkshakes, candy & popcorn. The movie screen was hung on a telephone pole at the south end of the street, kids sit in chairs & wagons in front & cars parked in rows starting at Dunns all the way back to the Lodge Hall.

From the 1950's through the 1970's the fire Dept had a fish fry in the summer & we had cake walks, dances, & bike races at the time. All the townspeople came & good time was had by all.

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