

Reid Barrow interviewing Marva Bond-Smith clip 2

Topic: Main Street Newark

[Marva Bond-Smith talking about how it's been a good life in Newark, in spite of not being welcome at all places, such as the Deer Park Tavern.]

Marva Bond-Smith: In spite of not being able to, you know go and all, I might not have even wanted to even be in their places even though they didn't want us. So no, I think, people go down to the Deer Park. I knew they didn't want us there and I had some friends who I taught with, white young ladies. And they finished University of Delaware and they always wanted to come down here after I retired and take me out to lunch. They always wanted to go to Deer Park, and I said no thank you.

Interviewer: Makes sense.

Marva Bond-Smith: In fact, though, we are a retiree group that we used to meet and go to different places for lunch. And uh, the last call I got maybe was a couple months ago. Say, well Marva we are going to be near you. I said Well where are you going? They said Deer Park I said no forget about it. I said don't ever call me when you are going to Deer Park cause I'm not going. I would never forget I'd see my mother and talk about it you had to go through the back door if you wanted to buy anything. Uh oh, no.