

FB1 – Frank Bridgeforth, “Prospect School, International Student Body”

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Time-Line: Decade IV, Local and National Events, 1939, General location, right after “United Aircraft merges....”

FB: ...Hungarians, Italians, Jewish people. And I went to school with all these kids, right in Prospect. One fellow -- he was Syrian. His father used to sell bananas. And that was on the corner of South Avenue and Main Street. That was in the 1930s...The father had like a garage in the back, and they used to go right down to Water Street, because the ships used to come in and bring fruit...

Him and I -- we used to swap lunches. I used to have peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. He didn't have that. He had something like a biscuit with some kind of -- I call it goo in it. But it tasted good. It was better than eating my peanut butter and jelly sandwich. So we'd go to school and we'd swap. And every day in school, I'd be eating different foods, because I would swap with all the other kids. “Hey, Frank, you swapped with him yesterday. You're supposed to swap with me today.” The parents didn't know what we were doing, you know?