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<b>Subject</b>	joanne blazek
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<b>Special Notes</b>	poor sound quality, WWII and post-war cleveland, downtown retail

**minutes:**

- 1 introduction and background
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- 3 education and career as a teacher
- 4 growing up during the Great Depression
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- 6 World War II
  - 7 ethnic communities and manufacturing jobs
  - 8 family involvement in the war
  - 9 rationing
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- 12 troops bring home a taste for world cuisine
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- 14 Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- 15 employment opportunities after the war, personal employment history
- 16 library work
- 17 telephone switchboard operator (untold secrets of the Sam Sheperd trial)
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- 19 downtown and neighborhood shopping in wartime and post-war cleveland
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- 21 wartime newsreels
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- 24 skating rinks
- 25 Hough Riots (brief digression)
  - holiday shopping downtown was "just like you see in [the films] Miracle on 34th Street...[and] A Christmas Story"
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- 28 downtown shopping amidst post-war transformations
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- 30 "the old arcade" and its many shopping options
  - (track 2:)
    - 1 emergence of health foods stores
    - 2 well-known rare bookstore
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    - 5 downtown events
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      - early era of Cleveland Sports: "I saw the Browns from day one... that was down and dirty real football"
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      - 8 football, baseball, hockey
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    - 10 thoughts on modern cleveland, need for new technology jobs
    - 11 medical institutions are the future
      - (track 3:)

- 1 "boutique shopping" and "dimestores" at the arcade
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- 3 closing comments