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Phillips was a relative of Mrs. Fran Stefanini (an Uncle) who now organizes Kingsway West Elementary School reunions.

Across on the east side of McKay Avenue from the tracks to Kingsway (note the tracks always meant the interurban train tracks). We remember the houses of the Rouse family (Florry...) and Olive Taylor (these may not be in order) and Fursters, Eunice and Vera and brother. They owned Foresters Plumbing. There was a white stucco with shiny black bits in, and big laurel bushes by the front steps. The Rutledge house (Mildred) was further down the street from the Wight house, same side. Same side, near Rutledges was Thorpes, a nice rambling brown house that had a beautiful garden going right through to Silver Avenue. (Some of the other properties may have too). But mostly the McKay houses were backed by more Silver Avenue houses. (Tom Thorpe was one of that family). Next to Thorpes was Dunhams, with holly trees on front lawn, green shingled home. Mr. Dunham, a carpenter, made a small child's wooden table that Mom bought for me. I still had it until Fred took it to either the thrift shop or the junk yard, recently (unfortunately).

Then there was Wight's Old English Tudor Style home, cream colored stucco with brown board decoration, and leaded panes in the windows, giant poplar trees, Old English roses over trellises. We caught glimpses of the beautiful garden over the wooden fence. (Eunice and Cliff Wight.) That area is now Save-On Foods building. Next to Wights was Mr. Dennis' Shoe Renew. A well worn, well used little wooden building that smelled of real leather and shoe polish. Mr. Dennis was kept busy as most people had their shoes renewed a number of times over, then. Next to Mr. Dennis, was Wallace's Marketeria, run by the Matheson family for many years, until they bought their store at Nelson and Kingsway where the medical-dental building is now on the southeast corner. The Angus Mathesons had five children Dan, Ella, Bea, John, and Eddy. (Not sure if that is in right order, but it is more or less).

The Mathesons lived half way up McKay on the west side, facing what is now a much larger grocery store - Save-On Foods.

On that side of the street at the corner of Kingsway was the old Royal Bank solid brick building with granite steps and window sills. It was later demolished and a new modern