

Excerpt from an interview with Julie Woods.

Julie: ..... Bruth was the first one I worked elections with... Long time ago.

*B: You weren't at the one where we had the election in the paint shop down on the corner of Farmers Loop and the old Steese, there was a quonset hut in there... I don't think you were there. That was Jane and Janet Brunberg.... The election supervisor of the time didn't get us any heat. There was a furnace in the place, but it wasn't functioning. We were holding pens under our arms so they'd write. One of the husbands brought us a little electric heater which helped a little bit and about mid-day we ended up with a space heater. We finally got a space heater and you know what they're like. Had to keep the windows open.*

J: Was there a bathroom?

*B: There was no bathroom. We had an in bucket and an out bucket. We had a bucket full of water to make coffee and another bucket...*

J: I remember the trailer court over on the old Steese. Remember, we had elections there.....

*B: Yeah, we used their recreation hall, or community building.... And then Bushey's....*

J: We were at a lot of different places.

*B: I was remembering at Bushey's--- when Skip Cook was the local election supervisor, he didn't get us a ballot box, and Bushey's had a clean, unused garbage can so we taped brown paper over the top of it and cut a slot. This was when we voting whether or not to have a borough. A lot of voters thought this was highly appropriate, that they were putting their ballots in a garbage can.*

J: And at the trailer court, Joe Vogler and his wife came in, something happened but I forget what it was. I was a nervous wreck. I shouldn't have let her vote because she wasn't on the register.....

*B: As I remember, we got right on the phone and told them (the supervisor's office) what happened. Yeah, she wasn't a property owner, or something and couldn't legally vote—*

J: Yeah, that's it.

*B: But Joe was pushing it. And she was, too.... Where else, oh, the old Sunday school we had elections in some years.*