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Marinus Van Ameyde

Seniors recall past

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Mile. There were cars parked on both sides of the street. I thought, 'how could people live like this,' " he remembers.

TEN YEARS LATER, Farmington is the home of a similar boom.

Bel Aire subdivision was a tract of trees being invaded by a bulldozer when Van Ameyde was new to the area.

"What are they doing here. They're ruining the place," he remembers thinking as he drove past.

His own preference for small

towns and the quiet life comes through in his memories of Farmington, he admits.

"I'm not opposed to progress but my preference is for living in a quiet place where there's less hustle."

When Olive Van Ameyde moved to Farmington in 1955, she shopped at the grocery store that was eventually taken over by a freeway.

"It was a nice quiet city," she remembered.

"We thought we were really way out in the country," she said.

The town was so small that

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