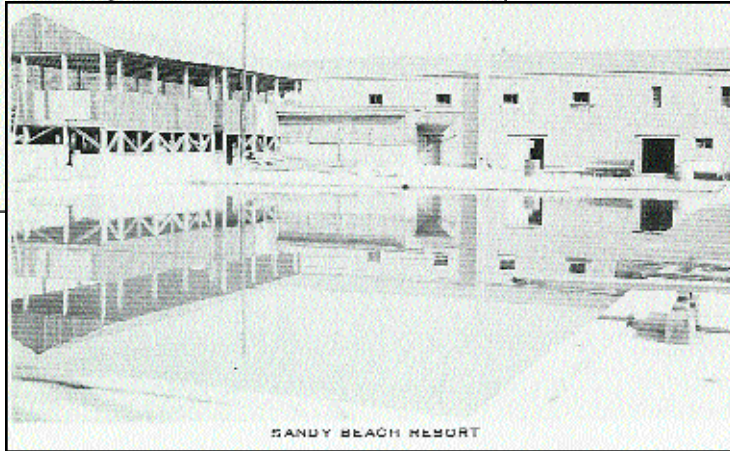


# MIXING WORK & PLAY



**Iris Preston Smith**, of 415 Fayette Street, learned to cook as a young girl, when her mother Emma took on the task of teaching a neighbor girl whose mother had just died.

The two girls learned to bake bread, and make fresh peach, apple and sweet potato pies. Iris later entered pies in the annual Fairs held just off Fayette Street near Pneumonia Hall.

As a wife and mother raising ten children, she cooked for rotating shifts of DuPont workers in the plant cafeteria, a job she kept for 26 years.

**SANDY BEACH** resort, located just outside the city limits where Fayette Street becomes Appalachian Drive, or Rt. 57, featured not only a pool and motel but a stage for music concerts. Flood damage from the adjacent Smith River contributed the resort's demise during the 1970s.



**THE BALDWIN PHARMACY** was more than a drug store. With its ice cream parlor, booths and jukebox tunes it served as a gathering place for all ages, well-remembered for milkshakes, sodas and toasted ham-and-cheese sandwiches.

Payday came every other Friday for **Alberta Wilson**, who worked at Jobbers Pants No. 3 She especially liked to shop for clothes:

“I had two stores uptown, Globman’s and Kolodny’s. Everybody had new outfits all the time. I didn’t have a lot of responsibility on me. I’d give my mother so much —now, she made sure that you did that because she said you had to learn how to be responsible. Then I bought things for the house and then sometime I would entertain friends, you know, have dinner or some kind of little social gathering.”

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