The smiles say it all...

The smiles one sees on the faces of black Pittsburghers in the WQED documentary “Wylie Avenue Days” are unmistakable—and real. They reveal a time when there really was much to smile about.

It was a time:

• of full employment
• when new housing was built
• when black businesses flourished
• when night clubs and dance halls in the Hill District had local as well as national bands
• when fighting racism was a patriotic act
• when department stores integrated their sales force

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