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Interviewer: What was it like being the wife of a porter?

Interviewee [Mrs. Grayson?]: Um, it was a very lonesome life at times. Um, if you had to find, um, things to do in order to keep yourself busy, that is if you weren't working. If you were working, of course, you had your job. You also, um, had to work around your husband, uh, if he was in town, which wasn't very often. Sometimes, we'd give up-- I mean, you didn't have the social life you would have normally, you know. Um, but on the whole, I found that, uh, Mel wasn't away that much that I would really get bored. I always found myself, uh, being kept busy doing something, you know. By the time I got through my little housework, uh, there was always something else I could do, so I didn't find it too bad.

Interviewer: What about, uh, uh, what about other porters' wives? Did you and other porters' wives seem to get together? Was this-

Interviewee: Uh, we used to get together-

Interviewer: -usually?

Interviewee: -uh, uh, a lot of the porters' wives, myself. Uh, and then, of course, if they had children, well, the children occupied their-their time. Uh, I was, uh, one of the few that didn't have any children when Mel was running on the road. So I had to, um, more or less find things to do on my own, lots of times, where, uh, if the girls were, uh, were able to get babysitters that we could go out, and, uh, in the evenings, uh, there's one club particularly that we used to belong to, I believe you belonged to at the s-same time, was the-the Dilettantes, which later I believe turned into be the Young Women's Negro Association. I don't know whether it's still under that same name now or not. That, uh, um, I think, uh, at that time when I left the Dilettantes, uh, I was the only one that didn't have any children, so I didn't have any thing in common so that's why I pulled out I think at that time.

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