

**Bernie Loveless and John Eckstine talk with Wilson Catterton about coming to the beach.**

**Mr. Eckstine:** Do you remember coming to the Beach?

**Mr. Catterton:** Oh, yes, I remember coming to the Beach when they were over the water. That was a big thing.

**Mr. Eckstine:** Tell us about that.

**Mr. Catterton:** The Beach was a big thing because it was the only place — you might say, the only place to go.

**Mr. Eckstine:** What did you do when you got here?

**Mr. Catterton:** I got excited.

(Laughter.)

**Mr. Catterton:** No, I mean, going on the Boardwalk.

**Mr. Eckstine:** How old were you?

**Mr. Catterton:** I don't know. Maybe eight, ten — eight, nine, ten.

**Mr. Eckstine:** Were you with your parents then?

**Mr. Catterton:** Oh, yes, mostly at that time. Mostly, yeah, in those days.

And going out on the Boardwalk and going down. And they had the merry-go-round. And that was a big thing, you know, and that really excites you and all that. You know, really and truly —

**Mr. Eckstine:** You liked to ride the merry-go-round?

**Mr. Catterton:** Oh yeah, sure.

**Mr. Eckstine:** How about some of these games that they played? You were just talking about the string game.

**Mr. Catterton:** Well —

**Mr. Eckstine:** Did you play those?

**Mr. Catterton:** I did play some, but quite a few people did.

**Mr. Loveless:** Yeah.

**Mr. Eckstine:** Did your parents play those?

**Mr. Catterton:** I wouldn't say they didn't, but not particularly when we were there.

**Mr. Loveless:** Of course there was —

**Mr. Eckstine:** There was a band. Do you remember bands played here?

**Mr. Catterton:** Out on the Boardwalk, yeah.

**Mr. Eckstine:** Do you remember any of those — any of the names of them? Any famous band that you might remember?

**Mr. Catterton:** I don't think — it was 1930 we said that they moved on shore. They had a band — I know George Vass.