

Ruby the Beautician

After high school Ruby went to Fargo and completed a course in hair styling. For all of my years, even while in college, I would go down to Ruby's to get my hair cut. She could pull out a chair in their oh-so-clean kitchen, put a towel around my neck, bring out her box of hair cutting tools, and cut my hair. I remember when she was cutting my bangs, she could blow in my face while she was doing it. During the years when permanents were the style, she would come to our house and give Mom a permanent. Often Erna would come over to visit while the tiny rollers were being put in Mom's hair. I can almost still smell the ammonia. I don't know who cut hair for other girls and women, but Ruby certainly did it for many of her family.

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