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THIRTY-FOUR

GRAMPS LIFE WORK

He was born in Caspian, Michigan, May 7, 1921. I am referring to Verden Greenwood, my grandpa. Gramps parents' names were Luella and Louis Greenwood. His father was a foreman for the county and also the city of Caspian. Gramps had two sisters and three brothers. He is married to Myrtle, my grandma.

Gramps has three children: Sandra, Bruce and my mother, Kathryn. Gramps worked in the iron industry for about thirty years. Gramps' son Bruce and his son-in-law Ron also work in the iron industry.

Gramps duties that he performed for C.C.I. were accounting, personnel assistant, assistant employment supervisor, employment supervisor and supervisor of employee benefits.

"As supervisor of employee benefits I administered the pension, insurance and workers compensation programs. The necessary paper work was done at our office for anyone interested in retiring," said Gramps.

The most challenging or difficult part of Gramps job was when he had to notify the surviving spouse if there was an accident which caused death. "I could never enjoy that one very much," said Gramps. Gramps said that it was very difficult to go to a door and tell someone their spouse was so badly hurt that it caused death.

Fortunately, Gramps enjoyed most of his job very much, but what he liked best was meeting people. He enjoyed meeting them because they were so pleasant and very nice to talk to. Gramps enjoyed giving the information that the people needed especially when it came time to retire.

The biggest responsibility of his job was to handle the money. Gramps had to do it as economically as possible without hurting anyone.

"Having been in employment for C.C.I. for a few years I would say that they should have a good appearance, pleasant manners and be honest," said Gramps giving advice to future employees.

Gramps likes to play golf, go camping, snowmobile, and cross country ski in his spare time. Gramps also does taxes for low income people at the senior center during tax time.

I enjoy talking to my grandpa about his life. It was very interesting. I learned information that I would have never found out. I will always remember when he said "They should have a good appearance, pleasant manners, and be honest in your answers to questions." I am glad that we eighth graders had the opportunity to find out about people close to us did as their life's work.