

Interview with John Ano by Donja Ano 1

SA, when were you born?

JA May 31, 1911 at the home of my folks. And the mid wife was Mrs. Annala

SA What was it like when you were growing up?

JA Well like it is today I mean it wasn't so ~~expensive~~ expensive.

SA Did you go to school?

JA I went to school. Through the 5th grade then I stopped school & work at home to help my father out. Cutting hay in the summer time, planting potatoes, digging potatoes, hauling hay, cutting wood. That helped a lot on the fuel bills.

SA What was the school called?

JA National mine

SA Where was the school located?

JA Where the school is today.

SA What were some of the mining company buildings in National mine?

JA Buildings. There was an old engine house & old dry, repair building & a machine shop was it called.

SA Do you know where they were located?

JA Some of them were over there on top the hill there was the dry there & the machine shop & an engine house there.

SA What eventually happened to them?

JA They were all tore down.

SA What mines were operating when you were young?

SA Well the Tilden Pit & Ogden pit they were on the Cliff drive. ^{was operating} when I was young

SA Are all the pits around here once pits I mean JA mines? Most of them the big craters were from the underground mines the upper shaft and the lower shaft

SA Do you know how National mine got its name?

JA No, no I don't

SA Do you remember what it was called before it was called National mine?

JA I don't

SA How old were you when the stock market crashed?

JA 18 years old

SA Where did you work?

JA I worked at a lot of different jobs, I worked on the railroad one summer & I worked on the powder mill on construction one summer, worked at the volunteer mine one spring loading powder for the big blast.

SA Do you think you got good pay?

JA I got 25 cents an hour 10 hours a day.

SA Where did your father work?

JA He worked for the Oliver Mining Company at section 16 on your way to ~~Top~~ Ishpeming.

SA Did the depression have an effect on people going to church?

JA No

SA Did you go to church?

JA Every Sunday
 JA Where?

JA National mine. I went to the National mine Sunday school every Sunday and got confirmed & in The Ishpeming Finish Church. There was 94 in our class & I was confirmed on April 11, 1926.

JA What was it like?

JA Like it is today.

JA What did you do for recreation?

JA Well fishing, swimming, skating in the winter, ski riding in the winter, playing ball in the summer, can over.

JA ~~Was~~ was there any big events that happened in National mine?

JA No, not that I remember any big events. The only excitement one year when the powder mill blew up but I don't remember what year it was. I was so small.

JA Did you have a radio when you were younger?

JA Not til we were in the 20's when we got a radio.

JA Did you ever listen to the fire side chats?

JA No

JA Did you think Hoover was a good president?

JA Well as good as the rest.

JA Do you think Hoover was the blame of the

JA Stock market crash?

↳ No

JA Were there any major strikes?

JA Not in this area at that time.

JA Cater on there was a ~~big~~ major strike with (4) the CCI employees. They went on strike for one summer there.

SA What railroad lines were in the area?

JA South shore, Northwestern, & Elias & I.

SA What were there purposes?

JA Bring stock to the powder mill & hauling powder out & ~~the~~ The Elias & I was hauling ore to the Tilden.

SA Did you have a garden?

JA We always had a garden we grew all ~~of~~ our own products. potatoes, carrots & turnip.

SA Did you can the food?

JA Some of it was canned most of it was stored. We had a root cellar we stored the potatoes & the carrots in the root cellar

SA Did you go on picnics?

JA Well we had Sunday school picnic every few around mid summers day.

SA Could you tell me about them?

JA Well they were they had finish programs there, they had treats for the kids there.

SA Were there any WPA programs in the area?

JA Yes there was one on the Cliff drive & one on the cut across road down in Finfarm.

SA What did you think of them?

JA Well for some of the guys who had to be working. mummies. they had a job they would get \$9.60 a week working 3 days a

SA What were your opinions of the CCC? (5)

JA CCC was a ^{good} program they were making fire-roads, planting trees & fighting fires.

SA Do you remember any banks folding up?

JA Just that one in Nequanee I don't remember the name of it.

SA How did you feel about Home Owners Loans?

JA Never heard of the Home Owners Loans then.

SA Do you remember anything about "blind pigs" or "speakeasies"?

JA Yees. There was a bunch of them in Ishpeming & Nequanee.

SA Were there any of them in this area?

JA No

SA Do you remember the Temperance Society?

JA Well I don't. I heard of them but I don't remember what...

SA You don't remember what it was like?

JA No

SA Did any mines close? In this area

JA Well in later years the Homes Mine closed & the Oliver mine 16 section 16 closed they were two major employers here in Ishpeming. Besides the Barnem.

SA What did you think about the Wagner Act?

JA Never heard of the Wagner Act.

SA What were weddings like? when you were younger.

JA The weddings weren't as big of party as they are today. We went to the ministers name & got married. And that was it.

SA ~~How~~ were funerals the same as they are today?

JA Yes they were the same.

SA Do you think a lot of people turned to communism?

JA Well some of them. There are still communist today in this country.

SA Do you know anything about the Grange Hall?

JA The Grange Hall that was out on 581. They had meetings there but I don't know what they were about I never attended any of them.

SA Do you think there were many people who went to school then?

JA Well there was always pretty good size classes. For the population around then it ain't like it is today.

SA Where did schools get there money?

JA Through taxes & mining company taxes &

JA through property taxes.

SA Do you remember who were the board members or the principal of National mine school?

JA Well some of the board members I remember. Thomas Claton & Harrington, Cruisie, Oh Claton And the superintendent I remember was Dias, Dutch.
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SA Did you go to the movies alot?

JA No.

SA How were holidays affected by the depression?

JA Well I don't think there was anything to do with the depression the holidays they were celebrated as the were anyway so.

SA But like on Christmas did they get as much as we do today?

JA No Christmas was made to commercial today. In early years there really was a Christmas. All the people went to their churches on Christmas time. They had their Christmas programs

SA What did you use for transportation?

JA We walked. Although later years there was a bus coming out that was run by ~~Vietnam~~ ^{Victa-meen}. That was in the 30's he had a studa-begger for a bus it was just 8 passenger I think.

SA Were cars very important?

JA They were to the people that had em' there
wasn't very many of them.

J.A. Well thank you for your information.