

√ (1) Interview with Mahele Trudell Matt Bostio

The date is December 28 I am interviewing Matt Bostio. He lives in National Mine. I would like to begin with this question

me: When and where were you born?

M.B. I was born in section C in Tilden township up on the hill.

It ain't ~~that good~~ ^{didn't get} on purpose

my Dad: Well, that's

me: It's good

well not till the forty two (laughter in back ground)

another person: When?

M.B. In ninty hindrend and six

another person: When's your birthday?

M.B. the rhind month on the thirty first day of nineteen six

me: How old were you at the time when the stock market crashed?

M.B. stock market crash! I'd need a pencil for that. That was in

nineteen twenty eight. Oh, 31, 30 I was about

another person: 25, 30

M.B. twenty some years old cause I was twenty ~~two~~

my Dad: That would be twenty three then (laughter in back ground)

M.B. yeh Don't mind that kind of shaky chair you wunt fall down

more laughter.

me: Do you remember when the stock market crashed?

M.B. yeh in 1931

me: Do you remember where you were at the time?

M.B. at the Tilden pit, I got layed off.

me: How many peopla did you have in your family.

M.B.: Oh, do you mean everybody my ma & dad and

ME: yes!

M.B.: yes, well, ^{some} 3 died so there was only thirteen and six sisters

another person: I already said that (then laughter come)

ME: Was your father working at the time?

M.B.: No

ME: um, where there any other family members working?

M.B.: No, I think I was the only one working at the time.

ME: um, when the stock market crashed did you or any other family members go out to look for a job?

M.B.: Yes, I think they were looking ~~for~~ probably, they were the day (mumbles on) people in back ground laughing) Don't laugh cause I say that word. (then he starts laughing also)

ME: Do you remember how many mines closed? or the names of them

M.B.: ah how many mines they were going was the guys who were working

another person: say it again

ME: Were there any mines that closed that you know of?

M.B.: yes, all the mines closed (mumble something I didn't get)

ME: Do you remember any of the names?

M.B.: well, there was - I don't know there was cliff shaft and lake mines I don't remember the names, Greenwood mine, there was alot of mines I don't ever remember the names of

ME: were most people layed off at the time?

MB: I think everybody was layed off at the time.

ME: Did you blame the Stock Market Crash on Hoover?

MB: I didnt even know the president (lots of laughter) come from the farm I didnt know who it was (he laughs harder)

Don't ask me that question I wasnt dumb or anything like that I didnt know that much (more laughter.) mumbles

ME: Do you Remember what the National Mine school was called?

MB: It was called the Tilder Township school.

ME: was there many poeple going at the time?

MB: I dont really know cause I kicked out of there in 6th grade (laughter)

another person

Don't say you got kicked out of there just say you quit in sixth grade. (you dont have to tell them the truth.)

ME: Do you know if we had a school bus or something like it?

MB: Yes, there was a the - I think they had one bus then there was a these cars ^{that} ~~that~~ would transport the kids to from the out cliff and section 1 because there was few kids that went.

ME: where there any strikes during the Depression.

another person

STRIKES!

MB: ha

another person: strikes

MB: STRIKES? there were no strikes during the Depression. You were glad to get a job. (laughter) No there wasnt.

ME: Did you have much food in your family?

MB: what?

ME: Did you have much food in your family?

MB: mumbles something

another person: Food, to eat you know

MB: Yes we had venison and rabbit and chicken (slaughter in back ground) and then a pig, other potatoes, turnips, milk, (people in background telling him to say cows he pronounces it different) Cows. (everyone laughs over him)

ME: Did any one pick or can berries

MB: Yah we had a marsh over there to pick cran berries on the other side by the bluff.

another person: Can berries not cranberries

MB: Can berries there were no cans (interrupted)

another person: Did they can berries?

MB: I suppose ^{most} people did.

another person: Your Ma, Your ma and sister did they can berries

MB: They canned venison and that stuff (he laughs with the others laughing) yes they canned alot of stuff them days.

ME: What did you do for social occasions like wedding, funerals, reunions and church?

MB: well its hard to remember all that, But I really dont remember, I know I used walk from main to up to town cause you didnt have money to buy gas and I did ride a horse now once a week now and then.

another person: What did you do for social occasions like weddings and funerals and that? How did you get to them?

MB: with a horse dressed up ^{best} ~~that~~ we had and jump in the buggy and the old skinny horse go forward (some of the people started to laugh)

ME: ~~How many~~ Did many people have automobiles at the time.

MB: Yes we had a 1916 model-T. But it didn't run ^{half} ~~at~~ the time (more laughter in back ground)

ME: Did many other people have automobiles?

MB: Not to many.

ME: Were there such things like marathon dances and ice skating and roller skating?

MB: Not where I was (laughing)

ME: Did people live in different groups like french in one and other people of different nationalities in others?

MB: Yes, they were more separated than what they are now the nationalities.

another person (mumbles something)

MB: well I did, that's all I ~~know~~ remember. (laughing)

ME: Did you go church often?

MB: Yes I had to go church every saturday. He used to bundle me up when I was a little kid to church.

another person (whispering slightly)

MB: yes. in a two horse sleigh.

ME: what kind of chores did you have?

MB: what?

ME: what kind of chores did you have around the house.

another person (speaking louder) what kind of chores did you do?

me: Did you get your job back

MB: What?

me: Did you get your job back later on?

MB: No, I never looked for a job because I got laid off and wasn't looking for a job there anywhere there.

another person: What did you do for a living then?

MB: Bumped everyone laughed

another person: Well can where you work

MB: I worked on the WPA with the team for 474 a doctor or I got \$4.70 for ten hours I had to drive from the bus up to the ski hills in morning since this 30 below I used to walk 2 1/2 to three hours.

me: Did many people get their jobs back?

MB: Yes later on they so things started picking up then after 10 years all jobs started coming back.

(Dog starts whining in back ground we all laugh.)

me: Okay that's all I would like to ask.