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Mrs. Pellow

Me: I'm at Mrs. Pellow's house ready for a topical interview

Me: where did you come from originally like where did your parents come from

Mrs: I was born in Negaunee and lived here all my life and my mother was also born in Negaunee however my father this is interesting he was born in National Mine but at that time it was called Winthrop location his folks had come from Ireland and settle in Winthrop.

Me: what was school like? um I know it was a lot harder than we had it but was anything really really different

Mrs: Oh there was much more discipline yes I went through eighth grade and then into Negaunee High school and I think we were well the classes were much smaller we probably got more attention and therefore there able to give children today and nuns and the were quiet strict with discipline when I went through the eighth grade but I don't know I guess there isn't a lot of difference of course know of days the teachers have less chance of discipline with all of this child abuse going around not that I believe in punishing the children that way physically but I think there more careful of all those things now and they were stricter than we went to school. They were very strict for sure we had to learn ^{lines}

Me: What was it like during the Depression like what was your reaction to black Tuesday.

Mrs: Very Depressing that's for sure and I remember is a lot ^{tramps} ^{tramps} who used to come to the door for handouts and in those days we didn't fear people like we do today there wasn't as much crime or violence as there is today and "we trusted people more" so my mother would always let whoever come to the door for a meal my mother would always let the person in and however one time that a little scary

Mrs P: my father was in the hospital and apparently the men had become quiet made to my mother and I was about 12 years old and I didn't realize what he was talking about but she had already told him that my father was in hospital he had asked where he was and she had told him that naturally she should have said he was to work night shift and he was sleeping in so I could see that my mother was getting frightened and she said you better go! and he still sat there and by that time I knew I had to get some help so I ran out to the apartment upstairs you had to go outside to the other apartment and the man there had been late shift and he was in bed and by that time I was hysterical and I kept saying a man a man frightfully and so the lady woke her husband up and I don't know how he jumped into his clothes so quickly he came down and verbally threw the man out of the house and we read in the paper later that an prisoner had escaped from Marquette prison that answered the description of the man who had come to our house so that was one time we had a good scare from taking in people to feed them. *include*

Me: Did your husband work in any governmental projects like the CCC?

Mrs P: Yes he was in the CCC for a while and he worked in mines he worked for the North Range Mining Company and then later he worked for JCL company but this is rather interesting my father worked at the Moss Mine and ran the skip hoist and the skip hoist brought up the ore the cage hoist the men and the skip hoist there so he probably brought up thousands of red dust to the surface

Me: Mr Annala told me that your sons were in World War II u did anything like scare you.

Mrs P: No my brothers were,

Me: Did like when you were over here did anything scare you were you frightened that they might get killed

Mrs P: Oh yes terribly "I prayed all through the war I believe yes I was terribly worried about them my youngest brother was in what of you heard the Battle of the Bulge in region of Normandy he was in that and one brother was skinned over the in Japan and the other one was in the Illusions he was an engineer in the Illusions. *god quite* *Alentian*

Mrs P. Throughout the war so he didn't get into the fighting but my youngest brother was right in the middle of the fighting and fortunately they all came back okay

Me: What was reaction to some of the bombings like Hiroshima and some of the Great Battles like Normandy Midway what was your reaction to it

Mrs P. My reaction was very frightened and worried in fact I prayed so hard I asked God if I told God if sent my brothers back I wouldn't eat meat on Wednesday for the rest of my life I would give that up as a sacrifice and so this I hadn't eat meat on Wednesday it was a little promise I made hoping that my brothers would be back safely include

Me: What was reaction your to some of great inventions of your life like Television radio

Mrs P. I loved it before we had radio we used to entertain ourselves at home my mother was interested in music so we would all gather around and sing together and when friends would come over they would join in too. many many years later after I was an older lady my friends would tell me when we would all go over to my house and sing together and so few people do that anymore that it's fun but television has taken lot of that type of entertainment away and people sit and watch television so much but I do love television and I enjoy the radio my son was a disc jockey in Marquette while he went to Northern he did some radio work then I certainly I enjoy it it's very enlightening I think it does a lot more for the children today they get a lot more education from it if they watch educational things.

Mrs P. The first person who introduced me on television we were at my brothers house in Minneapolis we still didn't have television here but they had it up there and I was introduced by George Gobel so I kept telling my husband when they get TV up here I'm going to get one so I can see George Gobel I thought how fascinating you probably don't even remember him he did a one man comic stand

Me: I still remember the old Texaco shows where like they have the comic stuff and like The Honey Moozers

Mrs P. Oh yes in fact I just saw one of them on last night they had one of them on Me: Oh you told me you were a very musical family what was your first instrument you had that any of your family had

Mrs. P The auto harp kind of ~~utilitarian~~ really like a string instruments which you set it on your lap or on a table and strum it. I have never ever seen one of them

me: I think so

Mrs Kind of triangular shape

me: Yes I seen one of them in elementary school we used to play with them

me: Did you ever ride on a train The old train systems Did you ever ride on one

Mrs Oh yes

me On the old train system that used to ride through here

MrsP yes in fact at one time that was the only way you could get back and forth we had a street car here that used to run up iron street up through this street right up to the end here up toward Lsh playing other ways to get to Marquette you'd have to take the train down and when we used to go to basketball games tournaments and things we always take the train down to Marquette in fact this is kind of interesting I was on the debate team squad in junior & senior year and in senior year we went to Iron Mountain Meet to be held on a Friday afternoon and we all left on Thursday overnight Thursday stayed overnight Friday and came back on the train on Saturday now you can go to Iron Mountain in an hour and a half but we had to make a three day trip at that time.

me: I don't think that Westwood has a debate squad I don't if they do or don't

MrsP we used to go to a lot of basketball games and in later years my husband refereed basketball

me When you were young did you ever play cricket

MrsP No its the long game with mallets

me: its something like baseball one hits the ball and they have to get the ball in and hit 3 poles and make the poles fall down

MrsP I've seen it played but I never played it I play horseshoes I'm not too good at it but I played it

me: What was your reaction when the first automobile came out when they first introduced automobiles

MrsP Oh I was fascinated by them I used to stand and watch them and I can remember the first man in Marquette that had a car it was an open type thing and had a handle came up from the front and that is the way he used to steer it and it had a long handle instead of a wheel I remember that one very well I used to stand and watch we were fascinated by that and the groceries were delivered by horses sleigh or horse and buggy and I remember they used to deliver kind of late in afternoon it would be dark you could hear the bells on the sleigh and they were ready

Me: How long did your husband work in the mine

Mrs P. Golly he's see he was young when he started for North Rang it must have been 22 when he worked in the prison for awhile he was in the office at the prison he was about 23 when he started for North Range and he finished all he had to take was retirement sick about 30 years

Me: Did you anybody that lost a family member in the Burnos & Hecken Mine disaster up by Champion

Mrs P: Well I know I wasn't real well acquainted with them people related to friends of mine

Mr. Carlaine whose daughter I'm friend with a Perost runs that restaurant up near the Triangle Motel some near relatives of his his father was killed in that and two others I can't

remember their names a father and son were both killed in that and I know some of their family

I was working at the telephone office the day that happened and all of a sudden the board at the time would light up would have little drops instead of lights and then we would push the drops

and all of a sudden every number of the board dropped in and there were were with all of these numbers to answer and one of the girls working with me we didn't know what had happened we were answer

calls and we were just too busy to discuss it and then after a while one of the girls was working with her mother called and said her uncle and her cousin had been killed she told her what had

happened and they had been killed in that and that's now we found out sometime later what this was all about we had no idea what had happened we knew it was some disaster but we couldn't imagine

what it was we didn't have time to discuss it we couldn't ask anybody what

was going on we just had to keep answering calls.

Me: Mrs P: I worked at the telephone office when I first got out of high school I graduated on Friday night went to work on Monday I worked there 3 years then I went to the city library I worked there till I was married

The Depression days it was hard for married women to get jobs because on supported

The family *include*

Me: Did you think you had any easier time during the Depression than the people in the cities did like did you have advantages living during the Depression

Mrs P: Well I think in a small town everybody tries to help everybody out and it makes it easier that way people are more easily helped than in the big cities is more insensitve to

that was awfully a proud it gave something anyway so I had my three brothers into that getting fairly decent salaries for that time not anything like the salaries today but they

brought in people from the WPA there were 3 of us working the library and two assistants and they brought in 5 or 6 other people so there was 9 of us and the wages were divided up and the WPA helped

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Me: in what year did Wagoner finally put up all the electric light posts

Mrs P. What

Me like when all the city had electric lights outside and on the roads so the cars can see like that did you know that came out

Mrs P. No I can't tell what year really we didn't have much lighting when I was young but I can't really tell you what year they came out with the lamps

Me: What was your reaction when FDR died

Mrs P. after what

Me: FDR died

Mrs P. I was heartbroken when he died he was a wonderful man ya I felt very badly when he died I think the whole country did no certainly helped people and brought up a lot of projects beneficial to the people I think he did a wonderful job he was a fine man

Mrs P. and she ^(Mrs. Roosevelt) was a down to earth lady

Me: Did you work for any of the did any of your friends family work for the factories that made war material

Mrs P. No

Me: is it true in the old days that presents got sent by the government that came like in a big barrel from the train center

Mrs P. I don't remember that we got things from the government but most things I could remember my father buying barrel of apples at a time I can remember cookies that used to come in a great big wooden crate we used to buy kind of like wholesale they had wholesale houses and that's the way we had a big family we had 6 children so it was cheaper to buy things wholesale and that's how we got in fact the nationality set is from a old cranberry were picked in those days and I imagine I think you mean when the government sends out cheese it's in a barrel type thing

Me: I don't know when I read Little House on the Prairie Books I don't know if it was from the government but something came in a barrel from the train for Christmas presents like if you had a girl in your family you get some dresses and for the husbands the newspaper

Me: and the boys would get catholic books

Me: What was some of things during the 20's The roaring 20's what were some of the highlights

Mrs P: What was it like

Me: ya

Mrs P: That was a wild wooly time everything was somewhat hectic in the 20's There was a lot of goings on dancing and I graduated in 26 and that was around middle of it I of course just being in school until that time I didn't get much time to get out to dances I was still too young we didn't go quite as young as the people today do but it was a wild time of course it was more in the cities really

Me: What do you think was the best President that the U.S has had during your lifetime

Mrs P: The best President I love Abraham Lincoln I read everything I can get on Abraham Lincoln was a fine man I liked he having freed the slaves and I think Harry Truman and Jack Kennedy I think if he could have stayed here long I think he was doing a lot of good and FDR of course and I think Thomas Jefferson was a very good President too he's a better one I read about Lincoln and Jefferson

Me: What was it like during the 60's The Vietnam War

Mrs P: During the 60's

Me: ya During the Vietnam War Woodstock Nixon's Time

Mrs P: The Vietnam was certainly a very sad thing it seemed like a very unnecessary thing I didn't have anybody personally in that my son was too young my nephew was in the Korean War but it was I don't know I thought it was a sad the economy was changing out in 65 my husband had a very bad accident he had a stroke he fell and had a stroke

I don't know it seemed like from 65 on I was just concerned with him and for many years after he was sick and that's about how I spent most of my time and I was worked I worked up at the hospital then but we weren't too active

Me: During your childhood what were the most popular games that you played what were some of the games you played

Mrs P: When I was a child

Me: ya

Mrs. P: Oh what did we play? we used to play checkers and jacks did you know Jacks

Me: yes I know them

Mrs. P. and Jacknive Toss The Jackknife and marbles we used to play we lived when I was telling you about The prison we lived on the old road to Marquette it was by the Moss Mine at that time and there was a huge field and we used to play ball at it The girls and the boys got to together and we had many many ball games That's what he did most of the summer doing

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Me: When you were a child what most horrible of Heat like The old wood stoves

Mrs. P wood stoves after a while we had coal stove and that was kind of roundish thing in the mornings everybody where trying to huddle around the old stove to keep warm while we were getting dressed because it didn't heat the house so well you had to keep it down at night somewhat and then fire it up in the morning by the time were we getting ready for school it still hadn't

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it still hadn't warmed up very much everybody was trying to find a place around the stove and then they came out heat throats a fancier type of thing but we still burned coal in them and then they came to the oil then gas but at one time were we lived that was after

WWII we didn't have natural gas you had to buy bottled gas so we had a gas heater in fact we couldn't when the oil heaters came out it was a long while before we could get one

because them things were also scarce during the war and also a refrigerator we had an old ice box and we wanted to replace it with a refrigerator but you had to wait you almost had to be in line to get one once they started producing them everybody wanted one and during the war there wasn't any production of that kind so we had to what to get that

Me: What lake on river did you get most of your ice from I hear that they used to cut it in big blocks

Mrs. P. They got the ice off Teal Lake we used to have an ice man Mr. Thompson was the ice man he delivered ice we

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Me: Did you go any place out of the state

Mrs. P: YES I've been in several states We my husband went to Minneapolis that was when we were old and after we used to visited Chicago and Milwaukee I have relatives here and we took some of the trips by train and that was nice and I've been out East my son was in the Navy he was stationed at Cambridge Maryland and I went out to New Jersey and Maryland and Pennsylvania and we went out there for the wedding some years ago and I got to see Washington the state of

Mrs P. Washington so I've been through a lot of states I've traveled considerably

Me: I've been out of the state once I went Green Bay to watch a football

Mrs P. Have you ever ridden on a train.

Me: No

Mrs P. A lot of young people haven't ridden on a train I used to love a train ride to it was so interesting I went out to Nebraska on a train my son went to Nebraska The University of Nebraska so while they lived there I went on a train and visited there and another time we rode there

Me Some of the bigger cities still have trains but there mostly electric

Mrs: What was the first picture show you show

Mrs. I had remember that and know I can't remember what it is know but I can remember we used to have **serials** every Saturday after noon there was The Perils of Pauline and you were let I think there cliffhangers and the one biggy was The Perils of Pauline that went on for years We used to get into the movies for a nickel **include**

Me when did you first see The silver dollar

Mrs P. I didn't see them until the 50's

Me was there more of an advantage to have a big family in those days

Mrs P. Well I don't know it was pretty expensive to have a big family I always remember when the mines would be down when the economy was low that was before the Depression that we had in the thirties and the Mining Company would allow the men lots of their property and they were allowed to plant potatoes there and we kids would all have to pick potatoe bugs and I detest bug I don't know how I even picked potatoe bugs and some times when the mines were down in those day they Quarintined people there scarlat fever and disease at that time they put a sign on the door to tell what they had and nobody was supposed to go in or out

The End

Hard to read!

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- 2 childhood activities etc yellow
- 3 school life etc. blue
- 4 Depression brown
- 5 World War II purple
- 6 Important events, reactions, green
- 7 life during different time periods orange
- 8 other questions black