

is Mary Hilliker interviewing Harry Marcotte at his home in Ishpeming Michigan.

Just leave it there it all, it all. Okay

Q. Where were you born?

A. Uroca Wisconsin 1896 had a good childhood lived happy. and when I got ~~the~~ school, graduated ^{the} eighth grade. and then I had to go to ~~work~~ I worked for the Township for Hardwood Michigan. Then I worked there one summer. Found old ~~had~~ had a brother in St. Paul I went and stayed with him. from January to March and then March I went to British Columbia I had a sister out there when I got out there and my brother-in-law said I had to go to work can't keep you if your not working so I went to the yard foreman and asked for a job pilling slabs and he said my boy he says one of thoughts big slabs roll over you I'll never find you. (laughter) They got big timber out there so the plainman boss called me up I want to talk to you, so I went up there and he said I heard you asked that guy for a job I said I heard you did well he said you get yourself a cap and come to work tomorrow morning he said and I'll give you a job. so I did that and I went to the store and bought a cap and went to work the next morning and they had these big blower pipes and they picked up the shavings up around the planing mill planers and they brought them into the boiler room.

and he knew that these big pipes taken 2
one to another so I moved these big
pipe and when to get my broom I walked
under that pipe and it sucked my
hat off (laugh)

Q: What did you do after that

A: Well the bank ~~you~~ ~~to~~ used too
come and cash are checks. and I
put what money I didn't need in the
bank. When I left St. Paul I left ~~with~~
to go home I had seven-hundred dollars.

Q: Did you have any jobs after that.

A: Ya. I went up for the after I got through
working for the plaining mill I went up
to the camp ~~so~~ cooking cooked their
cooked two three-hundred men their in that
camp they had 5 cooks, 1 second cook + the
cook.

Q: Do the men eat a lot their?

A: Ooh do they ever (laughter) well you cook a
hole half a beef at a time (Oh) (Om)

Q: Where their lots of. Did you have lots
of trouble get your supplies for line to.

A: No they halled ~~to~~ them in car load ~~to~~ lots every
thing came in on car load.

Q: Was their lots of lice + diseases spreaded
up in those camps? ~~Were~~ ^{WERE} their lots
of lice + diseases up in their camp?

A: They kept them pretty clean. The camps out there you had to buy your own bedding & ~~blankets~~ carry your own pillows and blankets and they had a shack for each two men slept in a shack.

Q: What was the bathing like the ~~tubs~~ tubs and that.

A: Know tubs just washed dishes (laughter) (Om)

Q: Did you like it there.

A: I liked it but ~~I~~ I had to come home. There's no place like home you know. (laughter)

Q: Did you have a job after that.

A: When I came home I worked for the ~~township~~ township.

Q: What did you do there

A: Shoveling gravel and wagons there were know trucks then

Q: Do you know if the om camp you worked at still, still there

A: ~~No~~ No, no more lumber camp

Q: Where was it located?

A: Fortyone city

Q: What other kind of jobs did you have?

A: I cooked in camps and cut, saw logs, plained, run ~~camp~~ routers swamped in the woods I did everything

Q: Did you have very many jobs?

A: I had lots of different jobs, work isn't what it is now you don't get a job and stay there everything shut down every so often,

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you would have to keep looking for
more. When I would get a job I would
take the pay I was getting and ~~to~~ look
for something better. I had a big family
and I had to work

Q: Did you live around here all
your life or did you live in different
spots.

A: No I lived all over I was all ~~of~~ over
the ~~town~~ country: British Columbia,
Michigan, Hardwood, Harveys, Fourchase
City, where ever there was work that
where I was. (laughter)

Q: Would you say this is the longest
you stayed in one spot?

A: ya. I worked for the mining company for
seventeen years that's the longest job
I ever had

Q: what did you do in the mining

A: I was a ~~miner~~ miner I worked on the
pumps for the first few years the last
few I worked as a mines drilling, digging
dirt and what not.

Q: Where did you live when you were
working for the mine.

A: Neaunee

Q: Was that your last job or did you have jobs after that.

A: I worked for Osmos, Hanada in the woods driving tractors running log roads and went back with them the following spring and went back to driving tractors until Osmos called me I went to work over there tip shooting camp when they and did that worked there five years and retired

~~was~~ I've been retired ~~for~~ 22 years
and I don't know how much longer
I'm going to hang on but I'm going
to try. (laughter)

Q: How many children did you have?

A: 18 lost two boys and one girl

Q: How many boys do you have
ten boys and eight girls. 15 are
still living all doing good.

Q: Do you think education is
important? ~~Yes~~

A: Oh sure is I ~~could~~ had
lots better jobs if I was
well educated eighth grade
isn't very much.

Q: (What you) What do you think
about the ~~al~~ surname?

A: I don't ^(very strong) like it not a bit
they have to get the people
back to work if things ill
ever get come back. "The working
man is the lying power"
without them it's nothing?

millions don't need to buy stuff?
they got everything they need they don't
need to buy. That's why the
country is in the shape it is
today.

Q: Do you think it has to get worse
before it will get better?

A: I don't know how it ~~can~~
get worse the people are sleeping
in cars + living in cars it's a
crime and it's going to get
worse unless they put the
people back to work + stop
important stuff
(it's ^{me} true)