

Kacey Bertucci ^{interviewing}
Mrs. Paul Ameen

This is Kacey Bertucci interviewing
Mrs. Paul Ameen at her home on
Ridge Street on her life, on January
1, 1988

Me: When were you born?

Mrs. A: Ohh!! I'll have to stop and think
October 20, 1903

Me: Where?

Mrs. A: Marquette

Me: What is your full name?

Mrs. A: Now?

Me: Now?

Mrs. A: Leona Mary Ameen

Me: O.k.? Who were your parents?

Mrs. A: Frank + Pauline Publine from Marq.

Me: What was your childhood like
when you were growing up?

Mrs. A.: Five no complaints

Me: no complaints (laughing)

Mrs. A.: (laughed) ya!!

me: Did your father work?

Mrs A: Oh yes he worked in the ah
in the brewery My grandfather
came up from Cleveland and settled
in Marquette at the farm which
use to be known as the
farm then he ah started the first
brewery then they later developed
one down where the DUR is now and ah
that's where my Dad worked

me: When were you married?

Mrs. A.: In February 25, 1932

me: Did you have any children

Mrs. A.: four

me: Did you have a business with your
husband?

Mrs. A.: yes

me: What kind?

Mrs. A.: in the trucking business

me: What did you move

Mrs. A.: Well ah he use to move when he
first started out household furniture etc.
lots of pianos especially then
ah later on he hauled groceries
and all the meats that was ah

Mrs. A.: (continued) ~~the~~ delivered in Ish
Marg., Negaunee, Republic, Chippewau
Michigamme.

me: Did the depression affect your
~~business~~ business?

Mrs A.: Not^{not} to much cause people had
to eat

Me: yah!

Mrs A.: thats where the money was
spent. On the food

me: Did your father work during the
depression?

Mrs. A.: Well buy that time he was
pretty well ah retired.

me: Did any of your sons get drafted in
WWII

Mrs. A.: I had three of em in the service

me: All three of them

Mrs A.: mmph!!

me: How long were they gone

Mrs A.: ah Well ah Dow he was the youngest
one and he enlisted from Tech. Vand
so did the second boy enlisted from Tech.

Mrs A: (continued) he wasn't in very long because he ah was discharged he had rheumatic fever he was discharged but the oldest one was give ah? the best part of four years.

me: What now?

Mrs A: Pardon. He was over in the Belgium bulge.

me: How were you when WWI was going on?

Mrs A.: ? must have been ah 15, 16?

me: Were any of your brothers drafted.

Mrs A: No aha see they were all younger than I was

me: Did you have any illnesses when you were younger?

Mrs A.: No!

me: Did your any of your parents or brothers or

Mrs. A.: my brother had polio when he was three

me: Did you serve in anyway in the War?

Mrs. A.: No!! I was to young

Me: Did your husband

Mrs. A.: No uh ha

me: just on the draftboard or

Mrs. A.: Well he was on the draftboard
in ah World War II

me: Did he draft your sons

Mrs. A.: uh No!! two of them enlisted
Paul volunteered from here to.

me: Did you have a car

Mrs. A.: yes! we had a Ford runabout
for a while then a little later we
got a little more money and bought
a Ford sedan and thats what I

learned to drive.

me: oh ya!!

me: What were Christmas's like for
your family?

Mrs. A.: Oh!! Always five ~~but at all~~ ^{it was w}
like ~~they are~~ ^{it is} now I often say
I don't like the practice

Mrs. A.: (continued) that they have now getting the trees all trimmed and the houses all lit up we didn't see anything until Christmas morning.

Me: Did you have a tree?

Mrs. A.: We didn't do it for our children either. When they woke up Christmas morning there was the tree and all their toys underneath it was hard to do but we ~~managed~~ ^{did it}

Me: How about Thanksgiving did you have a big dinner?

Mrs. A.: Ahh Well usually as I remember when I was growing up I think we just had our own family there because the transportation was bad you either had to go with horses or don't go at all

Me: Easter? or any holidays that stick out in your mind

Mrs. A. : Well when I was entertaining
by that time my mother and
father were alone my sisters
had gone to Milwaukee and uh!
Paul used to go down and get
them for dinner

Me : What did you prepare?

Mrs A. : always turkey

Me : How bout your christmas now?

Mrs A. : always quiet I can go to
Marquette they'll come up and get me
or take me down but I'd just as soon
stay home then as to bother them after
~~the~~ everything's over someone has to
take me home

Me : Did you go to school?

Mrs. A. : you mean college?

Me : Yes

Mrs. A. : No I took a commercial course
when I was in high school and
I took bookkeeping so I kept
the books for my father after
the beer business went out and then
he was in the beer beer business
until I got married then.

me: did you got kindergarten through
high school?

Mrs A: Never went to kindergarten
went right into the first grade

me: Did all your brothers go to high school.

Mrs. A.: Oh yes! um I had one brother
that graduated from Tech.
when he was 22 and he was
killed in ~~an~~ accident when
we was 25

me: Did your other brother go?

Mrs. A.: Not to college uh! neither
did the youngest one but he's a CPA now so
~~has~~ has been all his life now so he went to
as he worked

me: Well Thank you for letting me
into your home.

Mrs. A. your welcome

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