

Leslie Monday

me full name

ma mary Ida Ellwood

me; you full name grandpa

pa; Ralph Blain Ellwood

Me; when and where were you born?

ma' I was born in Massacki County Michigan July 8<sup>th</sup> 1914

me when and where were you born grandpa?

pa; Kalamazoo Mi, January 15 1915

me; who were your parents

ma; my parents were Patrick Henry Baw and Edda Artilia Baw

pa; my mother and father's name Robert Henry Ellwood mother's Katherine Cornilia Ellwood

me; where did you go to school

pa; Kalamazoo public schools and I didn't graduate High School, Kalamazoo

where did you go to school grandma

ma; I started school at Oak Park school in Lansing, and then we moved out in the country and then I went to three different country schools and then I went to 9<sup>th</sup> grade in Waco 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade in Nashville MI and I graduated in Lansing Central in 1932

me; okay, that's pretty long line of schooling

Me, what kind of social life did you have in your teens

ma; ha, what did we do, well I used to go to dances with my brother.

me; school dances or

ma; no at the hall I had a friend from Mountain Hall and he taught me how to square dance I did that when I first..... I was in a school play when I was at Waco. .... we just had youth and fellowship in Waco and we used to go to somebody's house afterwards and have popcorn and something or another and dance by the Victrola

me; you didn't have TV did you

ma; heavens no we didn't even have a radio and didn't have electric lights didn't have many boyfriends.

did a lot of school thing I belonged to a Latin club sang in a youth choir and belonged to a youth fellowship where we would have parties once a month oh I had a boy friend there, ... had the same one for the whole time I was in Nashville MI

pa; could you shut that off so I can think

me; sure

ma; in Ionia we went to different county fairs

me; okay could you tell me about the sugar things

ma; about the sugar bush well I told you I belonged to a youth church group a couple of the boys and their parents had a sugar bush and one Sunday we a whole bunch of us and we would hang buckets on the trees and catch the maple syrup and then they'd go around and take that bucket off and put another one on so it catches the sap and they have big long cooking trays and it runs from one tray to another to another until at the end it's maple syrup. that was fun

me yaw

ma; we went to county fairs and looked at all the animals and the exhibits with parents sometimes and

sometimes with a boyfriend we went to each other's houses on Sundays

we played cards at night,

me; so that's what you did without TV and electricity

ma; yep, we had what you call a Coleman lantern and we had gas lights

me; well, how about you grandpa, what did you do without television

pa; listened to the radio but we didn't have a radio right away, the first one we had was one that my cousin made taking what they call well it was an oatmeal box and wires around it and earphones but in order to amplify the radio we rigged it up so that there was a dish pan hooked on the earphones and there was a metallic sound but the neighbors would come in because they were very rare. and you could just barely make out the sound. I can remember there was one station called ADKA, one from Cincinnati one from Shreveport, there were very few radios at that time. sometime you couldn't even make out the words

me; that is very interesting grandpa thanks, so next question, what kind of social life did you have

pa; just a regular kid, play mates boys and girls, we didn't really have parties or anything

ma; we had icecream socials, I used to go to a ladies house down the street from me and she had a phone a graph and it was an old old old one and the records were round an they ewre a tube they would have a party once a month and the young people would dance

me; where did you live when you were growning up and growing up and gong tyo school

pa; I lived all over Kalamazoo.

me; what was your first job?

ma I was a babysitter and I worked at a resturanunt

pa;sold news papers put out fires with friends 9 or ten

and when I was about 18 I was a member of the civilian concervation corps prez rozovelt was elected and I ran a campain for him and when he started up the ccc I would go everywhere, the American legion this was during the depression we planted trees and other stuff like that

we went to camp custer and served for the army bout is what not really the military

ma; my first job? well you know e live on a farm and we had some neibors ad the lady of the house got very sick and one day this old man her husband came over and asked me if I would concider coming and working for them and I said yes and I went to work for them and I washed I cleaned I bakes and did everything that a house wif e would do. and I even got food for thrashes

me; wht are thrashers?

ma;well when the crops are done and ripe in the fields, all the farmers harvesters will go get all the crops and shuck them and when that died they had people who has steam engines and theyed come to each farm and separate the grain from the stock and they woiuld get paid for itand the farmers , well it ould take quite a few men because thy didn't have any tractors and they had to do everything with either horse or by hand and they would I would work for 10 dollars a week. and I bought the first thing that I found and it was a pair if black leather puimps and that was the first thing I ever had bought for myself with my own money