

Me: ~~What~~ When were you born and where?

Mrs. M: I was born in 1945 in Detroit at Henry Ford Hospital.

Me: Who were your parents?

Mrs. M: My father's name was \_\_\_\_\_ and he died when I was in college, and my mother is Elsie Nutela Moore, and she was born in Piquette in 1907. She's going to be 90 yrs. old next month.

Me: Who are your siblings?

Mrs. M: I have one sister Mary who lives in <sup>Dayton</sup> Dayton, Ohio.

Me: What job did you have in high school?

Mrs. M: I worked ~~in~~ at a swimming pool. A swimming pool in town, not as a lifeguard, but just checking clothes and stuff for people and doing jobs like that. I think that was my first job that I had.

Me: Did you get paid?

Mrs. M: Yes, minimum wage. About a dollar and a quarter or something.

Me: What year did you graduate from what high school?

Mrs. M: I graduated from high school in Avon Lake, Ohio in 1963.

Me: Were there any dropouts?

Mrs. M: I don't remember that there were.

Me: OK. After high school, what college did you attend?

Mrs. M: I came to school at Marquette at Northern Michigan University.

Me: How many years did you attend that college?

Mrs. M: I was there for four years and got a bachelor's degree and then I kept attending other classes, graduate classes.

Me: What courses did you take?

Mrs. M: I took courses to lead me to a degree in elementary education and I continued studying after I graduated and got a job.

Me: What type of certificate did you receive?

Mrs. M: It's called a continuing certificate and it allows me to teach forever.

Me: Did you take any summer classes?

Mrs. M: Yes, I take classes in summer and classes at night and I also got a graduate degree at the University of Michigan about 4 yrs. ago, five yrs. ago in library studies.

Me: Tell me about your experiences at Imperial Heights.

Mrs. M: What was my first job and I was hired by Don <sup>4th</sup> ~~Uto~~ who was the superintendent at Champion, Humbolt Spang District at the time. That's the district it was called and he called me up after I graduated and offered me a job teaching kindergarten, first, second + third grade at this little school outside of Michigan.

Me: What yrs. did you teach there?

Mrs. M: I was just there for one yr. in 1967-'68 school yr.

Me: Can you describe a typical day there?

Mrs. M: Well, it was kind of hectic because I had so many different grade levels of kids and I had to really get organized. I used to work mostly w/ the kindergarteners until they went home about 11:30 and then I spent the rest of the day working w/ the 1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. After the school yr. I had gone under way for a few weeks. They decided to move ~~the~~ some of the older kids to Champion and move the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade out of my room so the other teacher had the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade and I just had kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, + second.

Me: What were lunches like?

Mrs. M: Lunches were delicious. They were made by a woman whose name I can't remember and I feel badly about she would come in and cook everything from bltch. Then pizza to sweet rolls to wonderful fried chicken, pasties. They were delicious.

Me: What free time games did you play?

Mrs. M: Oh, I think the kids played a lot of Duck, Duck, Goose and tag outside. They played a lot of running games w/ that age. They like to run + be active.

Me: What subjects did you teach?

Mrs. M: I taught reading + writing + arithmetic the basic ones w/d have classes in social studies, community, learning about community. Things like that.

Me: And you probably didn't give homeworks to little ones.

Mrs. M: No

Me: Were there after school activities?

Mrs. M: Not that I recall, no.

Me: Field trips?

Mrs. M: I don't really remember any field trips w/ that group. We did go on - have a picnic at the end of the yr. We went to a road side park near Michigan and have a picnic and the kids played outside.

Me: How many grade were there? Just up to third grade?

Mrs. M: Yeah, 3<sup>rd</sup> & fourth grade. The other teacher had 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade + 2<sup>nd</sup> kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Me: Was the building ever used by the community?

Mrs. M: Well, they came to programs that we would have around Christmas time and I think there was a spring, something going on in the spring, but don't remember them using it after school. I went there, I lived in ~~the~~ Marquette.

Me: How was holidays celebrated in school?

Mrs. M: We would have parties in the classroom. Dressup for Halloween and have a gift exchange and food & play games & stuff for Christmas and Valentines. We'd give out Valentines and lots of food, lots of games and fun stuff to do.

Me: Do you have any vivid memories of you teaching or of ~~the~~ the students?

Mrs. M: Nothing in particular that really stands out. The only thing that I do recall is that one of the students I had in my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade was the graduation speaker at Westwood last year, Kevin Luke, was the basketball coach at Michigan Tech. It was fun to see him again.

Me: Who did you work w/?

Mrs. M: The other teachers name was ~~the~~ Minilla Lund and she had taught for many yrs. She retired at the end of that year and the cook was named, I can't remember, and then the custodian and bus driver's name was Ron Dushnow

Me: What happened to the building?

Mrs. M: As far as I know, it was just closed at the end of that yr. and just kind of boarded up I don't know if someone bought it or, but it just sits there. No one has been using it, and it's pretty much deteriorated and it's kind of sad to see it just sitting there.

Me: Where did the students go after it was closed?

Mrs. M.: They would be bussed to Champion and attend the Champion building.

Me: Now tell me your experiences at Champion?

Mrs. M.: When I - I left at the end of that first yr. of teaching to go back home to Ohio and after being down there for 2 yrs. I decided ~~to~~ that I really wanted to live in the Upper Peninsula and so I came back up here and was fortunate enough to get hired again by Don Utz to a first grade position at the Champion school?

Me: What yrs. did you teach there?

Mrs. M.: Well I started back again in 1969 and I was there for pretty much 10 yrs. teaching first grade.

Me: Can you describe a typical day teaching there?

Mrs. M.: That grade wasn't much typical for me. Something was always happening every year, but we would mostly in the mornings work w/ reading and related subjects like phonics and writing and then math + science. It was at Champion that we had some special teachers that would come in to teach music and gym and art classes to give the opportunity to have the people who had some specialization.

Me: What were lunches like? Did you eat w/ the kids?

Mrs. M.: We had to stay w/ the kids in the cafeteria while they ate. In the beginning there were cooks, two women, who came in + prepared the food for all the kids at Champion. This was a K-12 building, but they cooked until the district consolidated and the food became more prepared, purchased.

Me: What subjects did you teach? Was it the basics?

Mrs. M.: Yeah,

Me: Was there homework?

Mrs. M.: Not really.

Me: Were there any after school activities?

Mrs. M.: For the high school kids there were, but not for the elementary kids. There were plays, tracks, year book committees.

Me: Did you ever go on field trips?

Mrs. M: Yes, we did go on field trips. We'd go to places like fire department, and the Pat Malins Party Shop to see how they made pasties, and we went to a green house in Ashpeming, and the bank in Ashpeming.

Me: Was it ever used by the community?

Mrs. M: Well, again, I think occasionally, not a regular basis there were community school classes, and I think they would be open for basketball games.

Me: How were holidays celebrated?

Mrs. M: Pretty much the same way. There was lots of food and costumes. We'd always have a costume parade for Halloween and Christmas presents, exchange present and valentines.

Me: Do you have any vivid memories of teaching there?

Mrs. M: That was the first time I had a chance to work w/ the older kids because it was a K-12 building for quite some time and I had the chance to work w/ some of the high school teachers and directing plays for the seniors + that was fun.

Me: Who did you work w/?

Mrs. M: Well some of the people I worked are dead, Bill Kaski + Wayne Kaski was the principle of the school the first year I was there. There are people who have gone moved on to other places or retired. People who I still work w/ now I worked w/ in Champion, Mrs. Paul, + Mr. Bucan, Mr. Jacobetti was there at the time teaching gym. There are a lot of people who are still around.

Me: Tell me about your experiences at National Mine.

Mrs. M: Well, the first time I came here was in 1974-'75 school yr. and I wanted to try ~~to~~ something other than teaching first grade and the opportunity came up for a fourth grade job so I moved over here for that one yr to teach fourth grade and then I went back to Champion and the second time I came over here was when I got my ~~librarian's~~ librarian's degree + when Mrs. Johnson retired I was put into this position in the middle school.

~~Mrs. M~~ Me: Can you describe a typical day teaching there?

Mrs. M: Well, then, I had a fourth grade where Mr. Bucan has his computer class. That was my classroom and I remember there were lots of kids, it seemed like there were over 30 kids in there, but maybe it ~~was~~ was just cause they were brand of wild, exuberant, enthusiastic students. I remember the one thing that I really ~~remember~~ remember from my class was

Mrs. M: that they wrote a play at Thanksgiving and they built scenery + painted scenery and put on this play and invited their parents and they did a real good job w/ it. I was real proud of them for that.

Me: Were lunches the same at National Mine as Champion?

Mrs. M: Yeah, pretty much. By then, they just started to consolidate at that time. They used to serve lunches out of the back room in the shop that opens up on to the hallway, there. That's where they would serve the food out of where the new kitchen is, there used to be an auditorium there, ~~and there~~

Me: Did you give homework?

Mrs. M: Yeah, forth grade I gave homework.

Me: Was there a lot?

Mrs. M: I don't think a whole lot, I don't think it was every day.

Me: Were there after school activities there?

Mrs. M: I don't think for the elementary kids or the junior high. I must of been a K-8 building at the time.

Me: Did you go on field trips?

Mrs. M: I can't remember, I can't ~~not~~ remember.

Me: O.K. Was this building ever used by the community?

Mrs. M: Probably in the same ways that - I remember that some of these buildings were used for voting. Do they do that now? or they use township halls & bet. We used to come in just to vote and come to basketball games and stuff like that.

Me: Were there Christmas programs?

Mrs. M: Yeah.

Me: Holidays were celebrated the same?

Mrs. M: Yeah.

Me: Do you have any vivid memories here?

Mrs. M: just that play. That Thanksgiving play.

Me: Who did you work w/?

Mrs. M: Well, let's see, Mrs. Kangas was a first grade teacher, Mrs. Goin was a kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Denny was a second grade teacher, Mrs. Queas was the third grade teacher, Mr. Johnson was the 5th ~~and~~ grade teacher.

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Mrs. M: Mrs. Emblom was a reading teacher, and some of the people who are in middle school

Me: Now can you tell me some of your experiences at West Ashpeming?

Mrs. M: West Ashpeming. ~~It~~ I moved there in, I don't remember when. I went back to Champion after National Mine then I moved to West Ashpeming a few years after that. It was a neat little school. There were only 4 classrooms. There ~~2~~ were 2 first grade classrooms and 2 second grade classes. We did a lot of things together. The kids played together often ~~and~~ and would do things, it was a fun building to be in.

Me: Can you describe a typical day there?

Mrs. M: Well, let's see. Things haven't really changed that much. Working on more language things. Kids would go outside. They had a nice big yard to play in. We also had the special teachers come in for art & music & gym. That was the first year I got involved w/ young authors.

Me: What was lunches like there?

Mrs. M: Now we're into the era of carting it over from Westwood & wasn't someone coming in and cooking. It was all pre-done.

Me: What subjects did you teach there?

Mrs. M: Same things. I'm still teaching first grade.

Me: You didn't give homework?

Mrs. M: No, not really.

Me: Were there after school activities there?

Mrs. M: No.

Me: Did you go on field trips?

Mrs. M: Yeah. The biggest one of the year was going to Young Authors Conference at Northern. We'd go to the library, was were able to go to the library once a month. Each classroom would go once a month to the library in Ashpeming. That was really nice and I think it really boosted the circulation and we made sure all the kids got library cards so they got use to going to the library. We'd go to the firehall & grocery store & bank & things like that. #

Me: How many grades were there?

Mrs. M: Just first - 2 first grades and 2 second grades & then at one point there was a third grade class right toward the end just before they closed the building.

Me: Was the building ever used by the community?

Mrs. M: It may have been before my time, but not...

Me: How were holidays celebrated?

Mrs. M: Same thing.

Me: Do you have any vivid memories teaching there?

Mrs. M: Nothing out of the ordinary, just what was special about it was the way the teachers worked together & did things together.

Me: Who did you work w/?

Mrs. M: Lynn Rundman and Marilyn Blewett were the 2 second grade teachers,

*(check these with Mrs. M)* Kris Sald who happened to die while we were there Judy Sarosick was in building for a while and Judy Sarosick.

Me: Tell me your experiences at North Lake.

Mrs. M: That's when I got to teach third grade and that was ~~real~~ exciting to change both Judy Sarosick and I wanted to switch grade levels & she taught first grade and went to North Lake. I was in one of the portables. I don't know why they're called portables, they never move. That was nice being out there, being kind of separate. It was fun that was my favorite teaching 3rd grade.

Me: Can you describe a typical day?

Mrs. M: The kids were a lot more independent so they could do more things on their own. Worked on basically the same kind of subjects, ~~just~~ just a little more intense level for each one. It was kind of interesting because I had the same kids I had in first grade in 3rd grade and it was fun to have some of them again.

Me: What were lunches like?

Mrs. M: Same as we have now. From now on they were hauling them over from Westwood, but there was one thing that was fun, we could do that we hadn't done before... there were lots of trees around that part of the building where we were & on hot days in the fall & spring the kids would get their lunches & we'd sit under the trees & have lunch & that was fun.



Me: What free time games did you play?

Mrs. M: Well they had lots of stuff & that's when we had a computer so there would be things ~~to~~ that they could do on the computer. They would read or play board games, & stuff like that.

~~Me: What about the...~~

Me: Did you go on field trips?

Mrs. M: Yeah, we did go on some field trips & that's when we started taking the 3rd graders to see "Scrooge" in Marquette at Northern and we'd go on a Saturday & ~~it~~ that was fun.

Me: How many grades were there?

Mrs. M: That was kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Me: Was the building ever used by the community?

Mrs. M: I don't think so.

Me: Do you have any vivid memories teaching there?

Mrs. M: The only one I can remember was spilling green paint on a kids head but I don't think I wanna tell you.

Me: Who did you work w/?

Mrs. M: Peggy Griefer worked next door to me out in the building & Connie Matson was the kindergarten teacher. Mr. Halgren & in there were lots of different people some of them are still there. Mrs. Osano started teaching there & Mrs. Deal & Mr. Kulio were there.

Me: Tell me your experiences at Ely.

Mrs. M: That was when I came back from going to school again ~~at Ely~~ & I came back to a third grade job at the Ely school & I was only there for 4 yr.

Me: Do you know what yr. that was?

Mrs. M: That would've been 1992-'93 school yr.

Me: Can you describe a typical day there?

Mrs. M: Pretty much the same.

Me: Any free time games?

Mrs. M: Same things. They would go outside & play they had a nice big gymnasium that building.

Me: Did you go on field trips?

Mrs. M: I can't remember going anywhere other than the Young Authors Conference.

Me: How many grades was there?

Mrs. M: Kindergarten through fifth grade.

Me: Was that building ever used by the community?

Mrs. M: I think the gym is used a lot for basketball leagues and stuff like that.

Me: Do you have any vivid memories teaching there?

Mrs. M: No.

Me: Who did you work w/?

Mrs. M: Mrs. Bulera was there, Mrs. Milokavich, + Mrs. Kubakka.

Me: Did you have a different occupation before teaching?

Mrs. M: Well, not before, but for one yr. after I left the first school I went back to Cleveland + I got a job working in a department store working as an assistant buyer which I don't know what I was supposed to do, learning how to work in retail which I didn't really care for so I went back to teaching.

Me: Where + when did you receive your masters degree?

Mrs. M: At the University of Michigan in 1972.

Me: When did you get married + to who?

Mrs. M: I got married in 1975 to Newman Miller.

- You need more questions on Young Authors
- Ask about <sup>getting</sup> master's degree at Univ. of Mich (describe the experience)
- You have no info about National Mine!
  - consolidation of libraries from champion
  - Importance of books to children
  - leading to kids
  - Advice to children
  - Anything she wants to add?