

Q. My Name is Josh Bown in interviewing Marolin  
Latina at her house on November 14 1996 in Auburn + Michigan  
Me. What is your name.

A. My name is Marolin Latanen  
Q. When were you born ~~1935~~  
A. October 3 1935  
Q. Who are your parents

Mrs. La Alberta Florance Kastropa

Q. When did you become the secretary of Champion School  
A. <sup>November 22</sup> started in 1975 as a teachers aid for the first year  
Mrs. L started in 1975 as a teachers aid for the first year

in a half and <sup>she</sup> felt that said at champion High school  
~~she~~ was asked if ~~I~~ I wanted to be ~~secretary~~ a  
secretary and she applied for the secretary  
job and she got it

Mr. Howland were in the secretary at champion  
until it closed in 1995. So I was there 4 years  
Q. Did you go to school at champion  
A. Mrs. L no I did not I graduated from  
+ the Michigan high school

Do you remember name of teachers and students  
I remember them back to 1961 was the time I was there  
in fact when I was at the Champion school we were a  
high school and many of the high school teachers we have  
at ~~Wes~~ Wood were very young teachers at the time  
in high school Mr. <sup>Reiki</sup> ~~Ni~~ ~~Il~~ was there, Mr. Kuvshack, Mr. Shermar  
test ~~see who~~ ~~were~~ some of the other teachers that were there  
I can't think of all of them but a lot of the  
teachers left when we became part of the nice  
district they went up to the high school but  
they had started working at Champion school  
I remember them and a lot of the students not  
all of them by name any more but I do  
remember a lot of them  
Could you name some of the students  
Mr. Well I really don't want to mention  
a whole lot of names but <sup>as far as</sup> when it first started  
we saw parents and ~~for seeing~~ ~~for seeing~~  
their kids coming through school's not only did I see  
the parents but also their kids and that makes me  
feel a little old  
How was the basketball team  
Mr. I can't tell you much about the  
basketball team but I was on it  
PART 2

Mr. What was the teachers and students like  
the teachers back in the 1970s  
Mrs. our role secretary  
me trash - our role secretary  
Mrs. the teachers haven't changed all that  
ferribly much in all of these years  
most teachers in fact I might say that  
many have the same values as teachers do  
day a lot of these teachers are  
still teaching to this day and they were  
conscientious, carrying good teachers I think  
think that you have the best teaching staff  
good you remember or any details such as how  
good the basketball team was.  
Mrs. The champion teams were  
good basketball teams were.  
during the time of game school had some very  
were great players in the that's not here  
active in basketball was not  
except in all titles

cut read

What kind of special activities did the school have

Must when you talk about special activities what do you mean are you wanting know

~~the~~ Me basketball games or something like that and going to the movies

Mrs L thinking back of they use to have a lot of special presentations that use to do many years ago at the school involving a lot of music and grass plowers and things like that to entertain the students like I guess I'm really not under standing the question

me Did the students go to the perf building Mrs L Did they what me like go to the perf building

Mrs L that that time no the activities they had were held at the school me like at the the last few years of the middle school

Most oh ok these were very special activities going on they what to do with good behavior academic successes and just being good students and that started probably the last 4 years of champion before that they did not do that

Mrs. Pryor to that

me. How did the parent support champion

Mrs. Well we had a very active pta back in the 80's  
1980's and the nicest families sometimes about  
1985 but they were very active  
at a lot of volunteer services  
and it comes from the parents and I think they  
had always been will to help if they need to  
be for shape a room ~~and~~ and things like that

Me what of children when changes were there

Mr. I really didn't help you in academic  
changes or just changes

could you be a little more pacific  
me. like if it could be academic of some  
thing like that just changes or  
something like that probably  
mainly the academics

Mr. I like to say at first when  
I started there it was a high school  
which always is K-12 and it was a  
very busy busy because it was  
the center of the community  
and so many many things were  
going on at the school and  
we consolidated and we were  
no longer a high school because  
we became part of the  
Mee Community district

Mrs. L. and we were in a high grade middle school  
combination and there was a hole lot of  
changes in the school's really modernized the  
building hole lot by add new windows, etcetera  
and the building had a face lift  
it a lot more attracted and I then they had and made  
very high standard qualities of teachers  
and they had a good quality of teachers  
education who were always a creative  
school

Me. What were your duties

Mrs. L. the duties of are core pretty basic  
there are many many duties as the  
secretary such as the clerical duties  
the secretory duties and a secretary  
must be a person a lot of public-  
relations work and I did a lot of the  
nurses work before they got  
anurse a lot of helping student and  
adminerstrating medicine and  
I still do that, sell lunch tickets  
collect lunch tickets monitor the  
luchroom and help in just any  
way that I can

Me. Did you have to call the parents when their  
kid gets sick.

Mrs. L. Yes I did and I still do.

Me. What kinds of things did you have to do

Mrs. L. Well I did a lot of things the few years  
it changed a lot and got off things for the  
teachers but they had teachers aid they were  
hired recently

and then had periods where they could do  
that I like prep periods and but I don't that as  
much as I did years ago but I would call  
home for the mor<sup>now</sup> a help them if they need  
it

Me. Where some of the jobs rough

Mrs. L not really I don't think I never  
considered it rough

Me Did you enjoy your job

Mrs. L Yes very much and I still do  
Love the Nice District

Me What made you enjoy your job

Mrs. L I think I enjoyed working with the  
people I worked for I feel there  
is so much respect  
there ~~was~~ so much working for the school  
district where just like a big  
family Help each other

Me Did you do these things every day  
the thing you did for the teachers

Did you do  
every day

Mrs. L No I did not do them every day  
I think the teachers pretty much ask me  
to do them for her if she or helped  
not have time Well I a net  
the ~~time~~ time

not all the time no they worked pretty much  
when they needed help with any thing  
the what went on during the holidays

Mrs L. by that do you mean having parties  
of that type of thing yes they did  
during holidays or preparing  
for the holidays for the holidays  
they would have parties  
and I think one of the most  
the teas were the most enjoyable  
at the Champion school coffee party  
but I think that the holiday teas  
parents grandparents families came to  
the teas

Me How did the students celebrate  
Halloween  
Mrs L. We had these pig halloween parties  
the students were able to dress up  
in the afternoons we had five  
parties on Halloween night the boys  
club threw a party for kids  
all around us. the student always  
loved the parties the lions club  
threw. The parties are at the fire  
hall in champion that was always  
and still is a big night for the  
kids at champion.



Me: What kinds of things did they do around Christmas

Mrs L. Well we had the Christmas program and the elementary classrooms always had parties in their room exchanging gift and passing out snacks years ago made into 70's cards and the 80's a large Christmas party were they would hold it in gymnasium but they discontinued that after a while they put on shows they pass out present

Me: did they pass out Valentine cards

Mrs L. Yes they did the classroom had valentines parties

Me: What was it like for the students Mrs L. their parties they had

Me: how they felt about the party

Mrs L. I think they enjoyed them but it seemed more for the elementary grades rather than the upper grades K-6 grad exchanged valentine cards and parties I think when they got into the middle school grades they didn't continue

Me: What was your gallery when you first started

Mrs L. I don't even remember my gallery  
Me: what was your gallery at the of your career at champion

Mrs L. I really don't remember I I I guss I'm just the gallery I made the rough the years was not the most important thing

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~~Mr.~~ Me. Could you explain the differences in the machinery you used when you first started working and at champion then when you ~~first started~~ stopped working with champion & also how they work

Mrs. L in my job made a tremendous change as far as the machines I used when I first started I had a manual manual type writer and a ~~rk~~ more you had to push on these keys to get these machines to work and then we had electric typewriter now I have that a computer in the office which is a big help as far as business machinery I remember using an old minicour graph to do the publishing and then we had manual ditto hand cranked ditto machines now we have the electric and the ~~electric~~ electric copiers they are quiet fast and but um there's been a big change in the type of machines

I used teachers hit the me. Did the student. Mrs. L no I don't remember the teachers hitting the students no I don't

Mrs. L

I think I really don't know how to address this I don't recall teachers hitting the students years ago if you had to reprimand a student you had very much support from the parents and I think there's a big change now they kinda lost that support and probably if a teacher would hit a student they probably have a lawsuit or a court case and they probably want him or her dismissed from their jobs as teachers as of recalling teachers hitting students, no I don't think the teachers allowed to hit students

me. Where the teachers allowed to hit students in the fifties or sixties <sup>the state of</sup> Michigan

Mr. Sh

well the laws have changed in Michigan against striking the students I don't think that. I think that if I remember correctly that if you were to recommend you could strike or jerk the students you know and settle them down you were never allowed to hit a student with a fist if you were going to recommend you would have to use an open hand to strike you wouldn't use a fist because it would be too powerful these things were acceptable years back but they no longer are no longer can you use force or any kind of recommendation as a student

one. what about ~~the~~ your job did you like the best and why

Mr. Sh

I guess what I enjoyed about my job is working with children because I love working with children being around children helping children and I think that's what's made my job so very special so very very special

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what were your feelings or thoughts when Champion closed.

~~it~~ it was a really bad time infact I still feel  
very sad when I think about the building it  
was hard to leave that old structure being there  
that many years and I guess more the staff  
that we had <sup>that</sup> was very special and we got along  
very well together and worked as a family knowing  
so many many good things will no longer be it  
would be a thing of the past and a not being  
with the children and the families you'd  
known for years and kinda grew up and  
you saw them grow you were with all those years  
you wouldn't see a gain and a it's been very  
very sad not easy for any of us to leave

Me. Was there any important decisions you had  
to make if so name some please

Mrs L. I dont know what type of decisions  
your talking about I think I never had a real  
~~big~~ big decision to make pretaining to like school closer  
because of storms or I really dont know  
what your talking about ~~what~~ well  
~~I~~ I dont know if you mean ~~I~~ dont ~~think~~ know  
if this is considered a big decision or not  
one of the things that stand out in  
my mind is durring a real tragic  
time whe a student a put his arm through  
a plate class window and could have  
bled to death the decion I made  
was to put a turnicate on that boys  
arm and a come to save that boys  
boys life - was a good decision that  
we made and I worried about when you place  
an turnicate

it could be for the worst not the better  
but that particular decision to do  
and after applying we took the student to  
the hospital for the arm and I think ~~one of~~  
the biggest decision I had to make at that  
~~time~~ time when I did not have time to  
think about it but I think that probably  
stands out in my mind that probably  
Mrs. Richards told me about that

me. what did you do to the students that  
were in trouble all the time

Mrs. L. Well, we picked some really stricker  
principle in the areas and they dealt with  
the students themselves and the students  
seem to know if they get into trouble  
their were consequences and

me. sorta like my brother

Mrs. and it seemed like it worked real well

me. Do you think this school staff is one  
of the best staffs why or why not

Mrs. they were an excellent staff very  
expert and nice staff I still miss  
working with the staff at champion  
school I think we worked great  
and we all had one goal in mind  
try to give the student an education  
and a very good atmosphere the best one  
we could give them.

Mrs. I think they had a student that went  
to our school he had done of the best education  
they were very good education  
do you know how your family survived  
the depression

Mrs. I thinking during war I in the depression  
it was very hard times my father  
was always working my mother  
was a homemaker and we all were  
very poor because the so little sorses  
well were in the same boat because  
it jus happen to had food to eat  
close to wears and a warm place to  
be in and am my mother worked  
very hard just being a home  
maker because she had to sew all  
of us cloths and she had to canned

Me. Did you have to discipline  
students when they were misbehaving

Mrs. The only discipling I ever  
did is was in the lunch room  
monitor the lunch room and I  
never really had to discipline  
student