

Amanda Pittsley's Interview  
with  
Elizabeth Croschere

ME: When and where were you born?

Grami: O.k. I was born in Marquette Michigan.  
at St. Mary's Hospital at the site where  
the Jacoby Center is now on August 31,  
1935.

ME: Did you have any brothers and sisters?

Grami: I had one sister, and her name is  
Jackaline.

ME: What were your parents names?

Grami: My Father's name was Alford King, and my  
mother's name was Ardial Wilder King.

ME: When and where were your parents born?

Grami: Ah, my dad was born November 3, 1910 in  
Marquette, and my mother was born January  
27, 1916 in Marquette.

ME: What did they do to make a living?

Grami: My dad worked in a butcher store in  
his younger days, and then he went to school  
to become an auto mechanic. My mother never  
did work.

ME: Are you married?

Grami: Yes I am



ME: did you have any children?

Grami: Yes, I had 2 boys, and three girls. Their names are Lloyd, David, Sherry, Carol, and Theresa.

ME: what school did you attend?

Grami: well when I was in kindergarten I had to go to the public school which is the Fischer school, and then I went from Fischer school to the Bishop Savage school for grade school. Then for high school I went to the Gravenet.

ME: what were schools like when you were young?

Grami: The schools are about the same as they are now, the teachers ~~are~~ always are, did about the same thing the teachers do now, they did not have as much activities as they do now.

ME: what were the teachers like?

Grami: well, the teachers were nice, they got a little bit more involved with the students then they usually do but, they were ~~really~~ really nice.

ME: what subjects did you take and which one is your favorite?

Grami: well, they had the basic classes which you had to take at the time and those were English, math, and then they also had a physical education which was a



Grami: required subject in the High School, area. And my favorite subject when I was in Grade School was Math, and I'm I like bookkeeping when I was in High School.

TE: How much schooling did you have?

Grami: I went through school to the Eleventh Grade.

TE: How did you get to ~~the~~ school?

Grami: I had to walk to school and it was about 1 1/2 miles that I had to walk, and that was back and forth. And I had to walk there for back and forth for lunch also.

TE: Were class sizes large?

Grami: <sup>ya</sup> they are about the same as they are now they have about the same amount of children in each class as far as the amount goes, as the number of children.

TE: How were kids supposed to act and behave?

Grami: The kids were expected to behave as ladies and gentlemen with no fooling around. And they also had to wear dresses at that time, they didn't allow pants in the schools at that time, and there had to be no loud noises between classes in the halls.



JE: Do you remember any humours or interesting events in school?

Arami: No, I don't remember any of those.

JE: What kind of chores or responsibilities did you have as a child?

Arami: Well, when I was younger I had to keep my room clean, I did the dishes, and at that time we had to do our own ironing, and I also when I got a little older had to babysit my younger sister.

JE: What did you do for fun or recreation as a child?

Arami: (cough) Most of the time we didn't do much during the week but on Fridays and Saturdays nights we used to go to dances when we were in high school and in our younger years we used to go on Sunday afternoons to the movies, then we had roller skating and football games like they have now a days, and they also had mall stops which you were about going to after school.

JE: What kind of church activities did you ~~part~~ participate in?

Arami: I didn't participate in any church activities.



ME: What kind of special community events did you attend?

Grami: The only one I really remember is the 1949 Centennial in Maquette. They had bread judging contest, square ~~and~~ dancing in the streets. They had picnics and alot other things that were interesting, but at that time I was an teenager and I didnt care for alot of the stuff.

ME: Did you have any family gatherings or reunions?

Grami: Well, the only family gathering I could remember was at Christmas time when we all got together at my grandparents house on my father's side of the family.

ME: Did you have job before you were an adult?

Grami: No.

ME: What was your first job when you got out of school?

Grami: My first job was as a waitress at the wool ~~wool~~ worth's Rione store in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ME: Did you go to college why or why not?

Grami: No, because my parents ~~of~~ couldn't afford to page 5



Grami: to send me, and I didn't have any  
(ough) to send myself.

ME: Did you graduate?

Grami: No.

ME: Why not?

Grami: The reason I didn't graduate was because at  
that time the students if they got  
pregnant were not allowed to go to classes.

ME: What was your opinion about ~~JFK~~  
Franklin P. Roosevelt?

Grami: As far as I know about him he was  
really a nice person but I didn't know about  
him because I was very young at the  
time, he was president.

ME: Do you have friends or relatives who worked  
for the Government at the time of the  
Depression?

Grami: Well, really never had any friends or  
relatives who did, but my husband's brother  
worked in the ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ camps in his teenage years

ME: O.k. and thank you for your time, I really  
appreciate it.