

# Kally Manty's Interview

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with

Rosalie Alderton

Me: December 16, 1990, I'm interview Mrs. Rosalie Alderton at Mrs. Alderton's house in National Mine, I'm Kally Manty.

Me: When and where were you born?

Mrs. A: Born in Nat'l Mine August 29, 1929

Me: How many brothers and sisters do you have?

Mrs. A: None I'm the only one

Me: Oh

Mrs. A: My dad was killed in the Mine, when I was just a baby so I never had any brothers or sisters

Me: Oh. When and whom did you marry?

Mrs. A: Kenneth Alderton (Ab) Jan. 23

Mr. A: June

Mrs. A: June 23<sup>rd</sup> ah 1951 (ha, ha, ha)

Me: how many children do you have?

Mrs. A: 2, one boy and one girl.

Me: What's their names?

Mrs. A: The boy is Daryl and Julie

Me: When and where were your parents born?

Mrs. A: Both parent I think were born <sup>right</sup> ~~where~~ in Nat'l Mine

Me: Oh.

MrsA: Umh, one was born in this house, one was born in the house that I was raised in.

Me: hum, what years did you attend Nat'l Mine School.

MrsA. 1936 to 1947, when I graduated.

Me: Do you remember some of your grade school teachers?

MrsA: Yes, My kindergarten teacher was Mrs. Gleason she was Miss Austin then My first grade teacher I think was Miss (pause) Stole, I think it was Miss stole and (pause) My fourth grade teacher was Ellen Peterson, Fifth grade teacher was Fanny Mil, mac, Sixth grade teacher was Miss Tomas, 7<sup>th</sup> grade through high school we had many teachers

Me: And what were they like

MrsA: Well, they were rather strict some of them they were very nice, we had nice teachers we were very close to ~~our~~ teachers. we had alot of fun in school (ha, ha, ha)

Me: Do you remember humorous or interesting stories about them? About like anything that happened.

MrsA: I remeber when I was in kindergarden then was going with Pat Dorothy Austin to come to the door to say hi And he used to giggle about it. (ha, ha, ha) He was going with her at the time. I don't remember, a couple of teachers worked with us in girl scouts.

Mrs A: And we used to take piano lessons, Oh, that <sup>3</sup> was another one piano lessons from Ahum Miss Roducinin, I couldn't tell you how to spell that. (ha, ha, ha) Roducinin ya.

Me: What teacher was she for

Mrs A: Ah she was our music teacher and she also gave piano lessons to any of the kids that wanted to ah take piano lessons

Me: Did you take them?

Mrs A: Umhuh

Me: hum. How did you get to school and how far was it?

Mrs A: well, we walked did have buses running around the neighborhood at that time, so we just walked from here (her house) a quarter or a mile, half a mile ken? Half of a mile we used to go home for lunch when it was nice, cause we used to have an hour for lunch, so we'd run home.

Me: Oh!

Mrs A: Umuh

Me: What was your favorite subject

Mrs A: Hmmm! I liked Home Ec, I liked typing I think those were my favorite (ha, ha, ha)

Me: What was your most difficult?

Mrs A: Geometry, I didn't like geometry (ha, ha)

Me: What kinds of extra curricular <sup>(couldn't say it)</sup> ~~was offered~~

Mrs A: Curricular

Me: (Ah were offered?)

Mrs A: All we had was gym

Mr A: You were a cheerleader?

Mrs A: Oh Ya I was a cheerleader for 3 years  
Of course we had Ba girls did have basket ball  
then just the boys But we were the cheerleaders  
So, But that was about it. We used to have  
School dances Every class put on a school  
Dance every class put on a school play  
Then when we got to be Seniors, Juniors  
and seniors we had to put on plays We used  
to have that was all that was connected with  
the school I think, we used to have a lot  
of dances over at the old town hall  
Almost every week. Now its an apartment  
building

Me: Has cheerleading changed a lot since.....

Mrs A: Very much It's much more active Much  
Much more active You have to be really  
um Almost a gymnastic type person to  
ah do all the things now

Me: were the uniforms the same

Mrs A: (ha, ha) very, very, very different Ah  
we had to provide our own skirts And  
then we had a sweater I don't think we ever  
had a uniform from the school we just  
more less wore either slacks or skirts  
and we had our own sweaters and um  
then we got to be juniors in high school we  
bought our own school sweaters And Ah  
that was it. Never had school uniforms

Me: Do you remember any special moments about  
cheerleading?

Mrs A: No not really we used to enjoy going out of town on games, we used to go one the bus of course I remember one time I scrapped my leg down it the autotorium and I had to ~~go and get that taken care of, of course~~ ~~it was bleeding and~~ I had to go and get that taken care of. That was about it I guess we used to enjoy it, it was fun

Me: How far did you travel to go to games?

Mrs A: What would've been the furthest? Probably Michagamme, Marquette and Michagamme ya I guess that would be the furthest, we'd go to Republic, Ishpening and Negannee we never went to any of those places

Me: Did you um have like any cheerleading competitions or anything

Mrs A: No! we were just asked to do it and we did it. (ha, ha, ha)

Me: Did you have any special cheers that everybody did?

Mrs A: Not really I don't think

Me: How were kids expected to act and behave in school

Mrs A: Ah, like I said they were kind of strict you know you didn't fool around or we didn't dare run in the hallways we had one teacher he just had to stand there and we knew where are place was

Me: What punishments were given?

MrsA: Let's see well I think when we were little if they were bad they were put out in the hall I think ah other than that it would be to go to the office to the principles office.

Me: They didnt hit kids then?

MrsA: MMH I think when we were in about the fourth grade I remember a teacher hitting kids on the fingers. But Ah that would've been about it

Me: Oh! how did kids dress?

MrsA: Well we weren't allowed to wear slacks to school

Me: So there was like A dress code

MrsA: There was a dress code Ya we couldn't wear slacks we could wear them to school But we had to take them off we weren't allowed to wear them in school And in gym we had gym Ah suits, gym suits.

Me: Did the school supply them?

MrsA: uhha we had to buy them ourselves

Me: Was there any special fads or sayings that were popular? when you were in school that you can remember like groovy

MrsA: I'm trying to think, I can't think of anything right now. I can't of anything there probably were but I can't ~~think~~ remember them, that's the number of years ago (ha, ha)

Me: What did ya have for lunch

MrsA: For what?

Me: For lunch did you like come home or  
Did they cook at the school

MrsA: No, we either come home or we packed  
our lunch and ate in the lunch room

Me: They didn't have school lunch then.

MrsA: No No Once in a great while they  
might of given some fruit juice I think  
that was about ~~th~~ all. We never had  
hot lunch

Me: What kinds of plays or programs did  
they have?

MrsA: Well um we always had an armistist  
Day program

Me: What

MrsA: Armistist Day It's veterans Day now  
Ah mmmhu And each class had to put  
on a ~~a~~ program um we always had  
a Christmas, a beautiful Christmas  
program and a spring program Mrs. Gleason  
was in charge of both of those that included  
the whole school right from kindergarten  
~~thru~~ through the high school

Me: Then did you put it on for your parents?

MrsA: Mmmhu

Me: Did you participate

MrsA: Always

Me: Did you have any main roles?

MrsA: When I was a senior I had the main role

Me: Did you.

MrsA: Mmmmm at least one of the main roles

~~Me:~~ I played the part of the daughter

Me: So I was one of the main characters were you like Cinderella?

MrsA: No, No It was just kind of um an everyday family ah play and I was the daughter

Me: Do you remember any humorous or interesting stories about your plays

MrsA: While you were practicing your plays I'm sure we went through some but I can't think of anything right now

Me: No scenery falling over or anything Did you have any special field trips or picnics?

MrsA: We never had field trips then we only had one and that was on our Senior skip day I think the only trip we took was on our senior skip day And then our advisor & his wife went to Iron Mt.



Me: What did you do there?

MrsA: We went and toured the Ford Motor Company plant.

Me: What's skip Day?

MrsA: Skip Day is all the seniors get together and they have that day off from school so we ah um chartered a bus and ah we went

Me: Who was your principle?

MrsA: George Annala was our principle and Walter Bath was our superintendent

Me: Can you describe them like were they mean or anything?

MrsA: Well Mr. Annala was very strict and um just normal And our class advisor was Austin Limberg, he was very nice he was our Advisor and went on the trip w/ us Both he and his wife.

Me: What's a class advisor

MrsA: A class advisor is the ah a teachers in charge of your class & then when ever there was a party or anything they were in charge of it each class used to put on a party & each class had there advisors so they were in charge of the ah every thing

Me: Did any teachers have an impact on your life

MrsA: Probably Dorothy Gleason as much as any of them I was very close to her we helped out when ever we could with ah plays and things like that

Me: Describe your graduation ceremony

MrsA: When we graduated we also had Baccalurate on um Sunday night that was a church service and ah at the time we had ordered our caps and gowns and they didn't get here in time so we didn't have caps and gowns for the Sunday night graduation service. But they did come when we had our graduation on Thursday & they were blue gowns um, There were 18 in our class and um we had a nice graduation at that time we had speakers come in where now we have students take part. The only ones ~~at~~ that spoke was the speaker plus the Valedictoria and the Soladictorian

Me: Were you any of them?

MrsA: No mmuh and are um, I was in the chorus and our chorus sang

Me: Do you remember what song you sang

MrsA: No I don't mmuh that was a long time

Me: Were you able to maintain contact w/ your childhood friends

Mrs A: Some of them we have had class reunions every 5 years since we were out of high school and then um we had a 4 class reunion what year was that ya there was an all school reunion in 66 so we were w/ alot of them and then I think it was about maybe 4 or 5 years or maybe 5 we had a class reunion w/ 4 other classes we had a 2 day reunion for that we went to Walstroms on the Saturday night and we had a program we several of our former teachers there and on Sunday we all got together at a camp for a pot luck so we had a good time so we've had several reunions

Me: What are your fondest memories of Nat'l Mine School?

Mrs A: Oh I think the kids were close and we had alot of um parties at school oh alot of dances and um that's probably about it.

Me: What is the biggest change in school today

Mrs A: And you get to meet alot of kids from elsewhere where here we only got to meet the kids that were right in Nat'l Mine I mean we were only with the kid that were from right here in Nat'l Mine only a few were bused at that time so um.

Me: Were the buses normal like?

Mrs A: An yah I think we only had about 2 buses didnt we? at that time one went way out set and one that came in around the area

Me: I forgot a question so I have to ask you it.

Mrs A: That's okay

Me: Um what special memories do you have of um graduation?

Mrs A: Well they didnt have graduation parties like they do know um Ah we just had a few friends come in to the home and ah had lunch with friends and relatives it was nothing big like it is now so it very different

Me: If you had a message to the students what would it be?

Mrs A: Work hard, work hard (ha, ha, ha) um go to college if its at all possible I didnt go to college but I could have gone but I choose to be a telephone operator

Me: What was that like?

Mrs A: Oh ~~let me~~ I enjoyed that I was a # please girl we sat at a switch board w/ alot of cords connected people like from who was calling out to the person they were calling

Me: Meant

Mrs A: Mm hnh I was there for 6 1/2 years so I enjoyed that. The only thing is that we had a lot of different shifts so you would be late at night or maybe sometimes you'd have to start real early in the morning wed have to work Sundays and Holidays um but I enjoyed the work I really did and I got so that I got to train classes ya know for new people coming in

Me: Do you have any thing else to add

Mrs A: Um one thing when we were kids we used to play outside a lot we used to do a lot of sleigh riding, ski riding um wed walk to Ishpeming and go skating then wed stop and have hot chocolate and the walk back to Lull Mine wed spend the whole Saturday afternoon skating in Ishpeming

Me: Did you use to walk there

Mrs A: Mm hnh we used to walk to town and skate and walk back home and then um before we got to Mich snow we used to either skate down here at a pond or else we used to skate over at big pond do you know where big pond is

Me:

Mrs A: No  
Oray that's over um how can I tell you As you walk to Ishpeming ya know where Felt live up on the hill you know where the Tilden Club is.  
Me: No

Mrs A: You don't know where that is either well its a pond that is on the way toward ah um town we used to have lots of fun all of the kids used to gather there & we used to skate there almost every night that's when all the kids stayed in the neighborhood & we played together there were a lot of kids in the neighborhood at that time so um

Me: When you were in school did the township like do baseball teams?

Mrs A: No, No. But there was no organized baseball for anybody but when I was out of school ah we had a girls baseball team & we traveled we just together went to Gwin Northlake and just play our own competition we used to have a pretty good baseball team or soft ball team I was already working so it was after I was out of high school no nothing organized so we used to play at the same diamonds as they do now

Me: Oh anything else you want to say.

Mrs A: Oh I might say that um the house that I was born in our son is living in now & his son is the 5th generation living in that house

Me: wow

Mrs A: My mother, my grandmother lived there my mother was born there I was born there and my son lives there no and his son is living there

MrsA: This house that I'm living in my grandmother lived in my grandfather my dad we are living here my son and daughter lived here so 4 generations lived in this house

Me: oh

MrsA: So that's kind of interesting that doesn't happen very often

Me: No

MrsA: And um I think that's about it

Me: Okay, Thanks

MrsA: Uhuh

Me: where do you work and what is your job like?

MrsA: Okay I work at the Little Nine school And I worked there for this is my 21st year I'm a teachers and I started w/ the 3rd + 4th grade and I worked there for probably about 4 years + now I have been working w/ the 2nd + 3rd grade since then I started w/ Mrs. Dubos \* I'm still w/ Mrs. Dubas but the 2nd grade teachers have changed so I attended that school for 13 and I've worked there going on well this is my 21 year

Me: what is your job like?

MrsA: Well I like my job very much I work w/ the children as far as um reading spelling math and anything that I have to work one one with we do have a structured reading program that we work with and um I do a lot with math + I really enjoy it I must to have this career right

Me: umm

Mrs A: (haha, ha) so um other than that that's pretty much what I do I catch things up on if there absent you know

Me: Do you remember anything ~~that happened w/~~ you special about with a student or something that happened with you and a student or anything special about your job

Mrs A: One thing I remember a little boy past his math test on a certain type of math he came up to me and he says um Mrs. Alderton if it wasn't for you I wouldn't have been able to pass that math test so that made me feel really good he came from another school and he had not had that type of math and I worked w/ him and he past his test so that I remember but there have been a lot of funny little things that have happened I kids are really good to work with and they enjoy having good extra help so it isn't that they feel bad about having to come and work they enjoy coming out and having that one on one attention so other than that we've had a lot of fun times I really enjoy the kids I guess that's about it with that at Christmas time I've had cute little things given to me from some of the children and they like to come w/ gifts and um I can't think of anything imperticular right now



Me: Do you help the kids make ornaments?

Mrs A: Oh yes we help on special projects I help the children we make special things for Christmas for Mothers Day any special occasion and ah I help w/ costumes when we have programs and parties of course and I make tags for them special tags for something special I guess that's about it unless you can think of something else

Me: Nope Thanks Again

Mrs A: Your welcome