

Jason Lauren's Interview
with
Dave Anderson

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Me: My name is Jason Lauren I am doing this interview on December 12th, I am interviewing Dave Anderson who was a student at National Mine School, I am doing this interview at his house on 581.

Me: When and where were you born?

Dave Anderson: I was born in Ishpeming

Me: When were you born? What year?

Dave Anderson: 1936.

Me: How many brother's and sister's do you have? The names?

Dave Anderson: 1 brother and 1 sister, my brother 'Nault, and Alma my sister.

Me: When and whom did you marry?

Dave Anderson: I married Pat LaPoint in 1959.

Me: How many children do you have? The names?

Dave Anderson: I have three children, two boys and a girl, David, Julie, and Mark.

Me: When and where were your parents born?

Dave Anderson: They were born in the Ishpeming area.

Me: What year's did you attend National Mine School?

Dave Anderson: From 1942 to 1954.

Me: Do you remember some of your grade school teachers and what they were like?

Dave Anderson: Mrs. Mason was our first grade teacher, Mrs. Lawnberg was our second grade teacher and ah. Mrs. Hart was our third grade teacher, Mrs. Millmark was our fourth, fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Trix was our sixth grade teacher, and in seventh and eighth grade we had a variety of teachers and we changed classes.

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Mr. Bath, Mr. Limberg, ah, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Gleeson was our music teacher, and Mr. Gleeson was our ~~Manual~~ Arts teacher, I can't think of any other's now.

Me: Um, Do you have any interesting or humorous stories about them?

Dave Anderson: Not really, I can't think of any humorous stories.

Me: Do you remember any High School teachers and what they were like?

Dave Anderson: Yah, there were, well, ~~there were~~ we had Mr. Annalla, he was our principle, he was strict, ah, Mr. Bath, he was the superintendent, but he taught, classes just like the other teachers, there is Mr. Gleeson he was a High School teacher, Mr. Thomas, let's see who else is there, I can't think of any other's, I know we had some other's but I can't think of any other's.

Me: Um, Do you have any interesting or humorous stories about them?

Dave Anderson: No, not really, no.

Me: What was the first day of school like?

Dave Anderson: I can't remember what the first day of school was like.

Me: How long was a school day about? ~~It started at 9 to 4~~

Dave Anderson: We started at 9 to 4 o'clock, yah.

Me: How did you get to school each day, how far was it?

Dave Anderson: We had a bus, about 6 miles, we rode a bus.

Me: What kinds of subjects were taught?

Dave Anderson: Reading and Math, Arithmetic, History, Geography, English.

Me: What was your favorite subject, why?

Dave Anderson: I would say probably History.

Me: Um, what was your most difficult subject?

Dave Anderson: Math

Me: Um, how were the kid's expected to behave?

Dave Anderson: Well they were, we hadn't had too much behavior problems, everybody knew what was expected ~~from~~ of them.

Me: What punishments were given?

Dave Anderson: Oh, maybe a little extra work, or sometimes, remember our fourth, fifth grade teacher, she had a ruler she cracked across the hands with once in a while.

Me: How did the kids dress? Dress codes?

Dave Anderson: We really didn't have a dress code at National mine, just with a sport shirt, and mostly overalls or slacks and a sport shirt, yah.

Me: What kinds of extra curricular activities were offered?

Dave Anderson: Well, we actually only had a basketball for in sports that's the only sport we had at the school being such a small school.

Me: Which one's did you go in?

Dave Anderson: Basketball, I played 4 years of high school basketball plus grade school basketball.

Me: Did your team win a tournament or some kind of trophy?

Dave Anderson: Yes, we won the district in my sophomore and Junior year.

Me: Were you a starter when you played basketball?

Dave Anderson: Yes

Me: What position did you play?

Dave Anderson: I played mostly center.

Me: How did your team travel and how far did they go?

Dave Anderson: We travelled longer trips with two cars like to maybe Chassel or Trout Creek if it was a closer trip we took the bus.

Me: Who was your coach, what did he expect from you?

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Dave Anderson: Mr. Gleeson was our coach and he expected discipline

Me: Who was the principal when you were a student? Please describe him.

Dave Anderson: Mr. Annalla was our principle, he was strict, he didn't have to say much, he just had a 'look' and you knew what he expected from you, to be quiet.

Me: How much homework did you get?

Dave Anderson: We'd have homework, pretty every night, some homework, but not alot. Mostly like in math, we'd have homework like maybe writing an essay on a book or something ~~at~~ after you read it.

Me: What was the food like at lunchtime?

Dave Anderson: When we first started school we used to carry our lunch. The hot lunch program started when I was in school, but I can't remember exactly what grade, probably around seventh or eighth grade it started.

Me: What did you do at recess time?

Dave Anderson: Well, most of the time, in the latter grades we just played basketball or baseball or something or other, in summer we had a little outside basketball court. Throw snowballs.

Me: Did you have any special plays or programs if so please describe them.

Dave Anderson: We had plays, a Christmas play would be every year, we had just about all the grades would participate. There would be a chorus, and a few main parts of something or other, a little musical. Senior class play we had, that's about it, and sometimes a spring play would be too.

Me: How long was vacations? Like Labor Day and Thanksgiving

Dave Anderson: Well, we used to start school the day after Labor Day and then we would have Thanksgiving and Christmas off, Easter and plus the summer 3 months in the summer. (5)

Me: Did any tragedies occur while you were in school? Accidents or something?

Dave Anderson: When I was a senior I broke my leg, that was February 13, 1954 in a car accident. I was thrown playing basketball. We had a pretty good ball team that year too.

Me: What special memories do you have of graduation?

Dave Anderson: I don't think there was anything in particular that stood out on graduation. I think like everybody else you were kind of glad it was over at that time but then later on you wish it wasn't.

Me: What were your fondest memories at National Mine?

Dave Anderson: Well I think playing basket ball mostly I really enjoyed. I think that more less kept me in school than anything.

Me: What do you think is the biggest change in school since you were a student?

Dave Anderson: Ahh the way the kids dress and I think discipline.

Me: Is there anything you would like to add? Memories or ~~something~~ something?

Dave Anderson: Let me think here. Ah like, each grade used to put on a dance, we'd have you freshman, sophomore, junior each would put on so you would have four dances, each year you would look forward to. I can't think of anything else.

Me: Okay, well thanks alot for your time.