

Tori Sodergren Interview

with

Judy Anderson

ME: This is Tori Sodergren December 9, 1990 and I am interviewing Judy Anderson who was a student at National Mine. The interview is taking place at her house on the county road 581 South of Ishpeming.

me: when and where were you born

Mrs. A: Well, I was born in National Mine on April the 20th, ~~1939~~ Do you need the year.

Me: ya

Mrs A: 1939

ME: Em, K Do you have any brothers or sisters.

Mrs. A. Yes I have 2 brothers + 1 sister

ME. Emm, what are there names + ages

Mrs. A. Well my brother michel he's 55 + he lives downstate on Sterling Heights MI. + I have a brother roger who will be 54 + he lives right out here on county road Pz not too far from here.

ME: Emhm

Mrs A: + I have one sister julie who was born 18 years after me so shes 33 + only one year older than my oldest son

ME: Really?

Mrs. A. And she lives on ninth street in Ishpeming

ME: Emhm, jeez

Mrs. A. so we all live except for you know my oldest brother

ME: Yup, so does all my dad's sisters + brothers

Mrs A: that's nice

ME: They all live like on the same road

Mrs A: Emhm

ME: Em, do you know when + where your parents were born.

Mrs A: Well my mother was born in Republic MI + my dad was born right in National Mine + he still lives there + he's gonna be 82

ME: Really woo

Mrs A: So he's probably one of the oldest residents you know

ME: Emhm

Mrs A: That oh has lived there

ME: Cool, lets see, ok now I'm gonna start with the National Mine stuff. A. what years did you attend national Mine.

Mrs A: Right from kindergarden um through twelve

ME: like in the 19's or what.

Mrs A: Well lets see I graduated in 1957 so 12 years from there

ME: 1945

Mrs A: 45, yup

ME: Do you remember the names of any of your grade school teachers

Mrs A: Oh sure, um, I had Mrs Gleason, she was the music teacher + I was trying to think of when I was in kindergarden I don't remember exactly the name of my kindergarden teacher I don't

Mrs. A. I don't know if it was Mrs. Gleason then, it might
of been her then

ME. Uh-hu

Mrs. A. First grade I had Mrs., she was Mrs. Mason at the
time

ME. Emhm

Mrs. A. She's Mrs. Magnuson now

ME: Somebody's doing her, huh he always used her,

Mrs. A. She was a nice lady

ME. Yeh, Mr. Annala always used her as an example
in class

Mrs. A. Oh, oh

ME. I think that's the one

Mrs. A. Very good teacher

ME. Yeh.

Mrs. A. + second grade I don't know I think it was
Mrs. Wineburg maybe in the second grade, oh
3, 4 + 5.

ME. All those years

Mrs. A. All those years, I think, there were other teachers
there but I can't remember exactly who they
were. 6th grade I believe was Mrs. Millimaki,
Phony B. Millimaki, & she was real strict,
probably the most strict of the lady teachers
that we had

ME. Uh-hu.

Mrs. A. I think I had Mrs. Hart for a while probably in
the 4th grade, then um, she married & she was
Mrs. Nault afterward.

ME: Emhm

Mrs A. and, lets see teachers I remember the best were in those grades

ME, yeh, did you have a favorite one

Mrs A. I liked all my teachers really

ME (a little laugh) me too

Mrs A. I never had any problems with them so I, I would have to say I like them all really

ME. I like all mine too

Mrs A. Good

ME (little laugh) Did you remember like anything funny about your grade school teachers

Mrs. A. lets see I don't know teachers in those days didn't cut up as much as maybe they do know, ya know they were teachers so they really didn't joke around too much or anything

ME. Emhm

Mrs A. oh I don't know if I remember any particular things like that

ME Emhm

Mrs A. that would of happened we used to, you know how kids are, we used to give Mrs. Gleason such a hard time when she was working so hard on the program, she put on beautiful programs

ME. Emhm

Mrs. A. uh Christmas plays for everything, for every holiday she came up with a play

Me uhhu.

Mrs. A. All the grades were in it, + she used to get maybe

Mrs A. a little prank gift

Me: uhuh

Mrs. A - of course the kids gave her a harder time then but um we were all pretty, you know there wasn't much fooling around in those days like maybe now,

Me (M) ya we fool around alot (little laugh)

Mrs A - (little laugh) well we didn't do that too much

Me (little laugh) do you remember the names of some of your junior high high school teachers.

Mrs. A. oh well lets see some of um aren't with us anymore & I feel real bad about that

Me mhm

Mrs A. & Mr bath was the super intendent at the time & he was good did you know, took care of a lot of things on his own & Mr. Lindberg Ken Linberg was principle.

Me! mhm

Mrs A. and, lets see, ok & um oh probally Mr. Thomas

Me mhm

Mrs. He was our um home teacher well we had in 7th & 8th grade we had the one room where you started off in the morning before you change classes ya know.

Me. I said all that when she was still talking emhm, really, em hm we don't have that any more

Mrs. A. Oh well in those days we didn't change classes until the 7th grade + I think most schools they change earlier than that

Me - 6th

Mrs. + we didn't so that was kinda nice, so he was our homeroom teacher, Mr Tonkin was the band teacher but we had him for um ch, English + things like that and music he was good at that

Me - emhm

Mrs A - and Mr. Ogea he was a was a couch but he also taught arithmetic + stuff like that

Me - ya like

Mrs A, - the um some of the junior high teachers did the same things as the high school did

Me - emhm

Mrs A - had the same ones I don't know things like that any more Mr Gleason was the gym teacher and ms ranita was the girls gym teacher

me emhm it was separate

Mrs A. Pardon me

Me - yous were separate

Mrs A, Emhm

Me - really and she was also the Home Economics teacher
Mrs A. So she was girls gym and home ec.

Me - ya

Mrs A - (little laugh)

Me - we have coed, is coed where the boys + girls are together

Mrs.A. - oh see we were always seperate we didn't have coed in those days

me - (little laugh) that's neat

Mrs.A. - ~~and~~ and a I think those were ya know those were the teachers we had

me - emhm (little laugh)

Mrs.A. - that made up the whole high school + everything

me - ya (little laugh)

Mrs.A. - covered ya know everything from Junior high on.

me - thers like lots + lots up at west coast and national mine has about (I don't know about 12)

Mrs.A. - All kinds of teachers now hey

me - ya, did you have a favorite high school teacher why or why not?

Mrs.A. - oh + one I forgot now how could I forget him Mr. Annala the one that I was telling you about that must be his great uncle the teacher you have now.

me - emhm ya

Mrs.A. - ya, he was 7th + 8th all sorts of stuff

me - what did he teach

Mrs.A. - Oh English, very stern with that good teacher

me - emhm

Mrs.A. - Good, we should have more teachers like him now everything together the kids really took him at all he had to do was look

Mrs. A at you he didn't have to open his mouth

me - yeh

Mrs, All he did was look and

me little laugh

Mrs. A, like right there, um he didn't smile too much but he was good

me emhm

Mrs. A, but a I don't know I liked all of those teachers too

me emhm

Mrs. A. - They were all good teachers yep + probably mr thomas + mr. um tonkin you could kinda fool around with them a little more than with the others

me - little laugh

Mrs. A. ya know we would kinda do things like that.

me - uhhu

Mrs. A. so I could say maybe they were my favorites then

me - yeh.

Mrs. A. they were easy to talk too

me yeh.

Me: Do you have any funny stories about your high school teachers

Mrs. funny stories about high school teachers, Oh well the funny thing about me one time was you know how when your gonna change classes that was the big thing of course kids are always ready to move

me - ya

Mrs A - Um we didnt have lockers or anything in those days

me - really

Mrs A - So w'd come right in the room all the time in winter time, you'd have your boots on or wet shoes or whatever

me - emhm

Mrs A - + you hung everything right in the same room

me - Where did you get all your books

Mrs A - stuck um in your desks everybody had there own desk + otherwise you just piled um somewhere

me emhm

Mrs A - no lockers at all, oh,
me - we have lockers + gym locker

Mrs A, so I was in my seat and I was waiting for that bell to ring

me ya

Mrs A- (little laugh) + the floor was slippery + I come out of my seat fast + right down I fell dn I felt so embarrassed

me (little laugh)

Mrs A, + you know how kids laugh

me - ya (little laugh)

Mrs A. - + when I went right down + the teacher said well thats what you get for being in a hurry to get out of there,

me - (little laugh) I know all the kids, he usually gives us 1 minute to get our stuff + we all just sit there

Mrs A- thats how we were too we'll always be the same

me ya

Mrs A- or it would probably eehm excuse me were alot of fun + things but

me eehm

Mrs A, I don't know when you knew everybody like that you know you did more things.

me - yeh

mrs A. but I always remember that because it was so embarrassing to fall on the floor

me - (little laugh) how did you get to school each day

mrs A - well starting from kindergarden I lived over a mile away from the school I lived what was called Sweet home location up on top of the hill on the other side of national mine

me em hm

Mrs A - & when you first come into national mine from town I lived on the first road that you go on

me - ok

mrs A - & I used to go on this walk right from kindergarden to walk to school

m - a mile!

mrs A. over a mile it was & I'd go up behind my house there was a trail that my brothers used to take & some of the neighbor kids used to, I was the youngest one upon the hill

me - (little laugh)

mrs A - and we walked & I don't know what year they om they started to have the bus then. I remember walking when I was just 5 years old

me really & be myself a lot

me - oh

mrsA - which I probably wouldn't do write now

me - (little laugh) I wouldn't either

mrsA - & I also walked in high school to & from they didn't bus you for everything like they do now

me - jeez

mrsA - I I don't know if the kids on our end, I think we probably walked most of the time.

me - emhm

mrsA - until after I graduated then they started to have a bus

me - really

mrsA - but um we walked in any kind of weather I remember one time the longest we were out of school when we didn't have to walk to school is when we were off for 4 days because I don't know if it was because of a storm or because it got so cold.

me - emhm

mrsA - that time they just weren't having school so that was nice

me - ya emhm

mrsA - & I remember walking when I was inⁿ school same trail abt. of times & there were bears on that trail & everything

mrsA. people used to shoot back there but

me - no no no no no

mrsA (little laugh) oh my god how long did it take you?

mrsA - um I don't remember, I used to make it there in time I probably had to leave really early in the morning to get there in time girls they take a lot of time gettin ready.

me - yeh (little laugh)

mrsA - many times I didn't wear boots that was bad we didn't wear boots

me - (little laugh)

mrsA. and we weren't aloud to wear any kind of pants we had to have skirts or dresses on

me (little laugh)

mrsA. no pants aloud so you had these bear legs ya know

me

mrsA. _____ well I guess you callum hobby socks now but we called them ankle socks

me - emhm

mrsA - and thats a that's what we wore

me - ya was there a dress code or how did you's dress.

mrsA - had to be dressed up

mrsA. there weren't any blue jeans or you could probably wear I don't know if they maybe after in high school maybe they let the boys wear some blue jeans.

me - emhm

mrsA - not the girls if you did wear any you had to wear them under your skirt or under your dress & there you were standing out there in the hall trying to get take these pants off

me ya

mrsA (little laugh) which was kinda hard

me - ya

mrsA - and a that's what we had to do, like I said about the cheerleading you didn't wear skimpy little skirts

me - oh I do

mrsA - when they started to wear dresses for cheerleading it was just the um pants that we wore.

me - really

mrsA - emhm

me - we wear skirts

mrsA - we didn't wear skirts at all,

me - blue jeans that's all we wear to school

mrsA - nobody wore those on a oh some special thing maybe that you went to

me - emhm

~~me~~ - even some of the teachers wear um
 Mrs A. really oh gosh the teachers wore suits &
 were dressed up all the time you never
 saw a teacher — without his suit
 jacket on even

me - really
 Mrs A. they had them on all the time, maybe
 once in a while they'd take them off
 when they were on their own free time

m - emhm

Mrs A. they always dressed up.

me - I think Mr. Batts at our school is the
 only one that dresses up, he's been
 teaching along time but all the other ones

Mrs A. I hate to hear that though that's a
 little too casual

me - but they dress nice like a nice sweater &
 a tie & stuff

Mrs A. I like sweaters

me - nice dress slacks

Mrs A - emhm, I didn't realize that they were allowed
 dressing like that

me - ya

Mrs A - thought it was different

me - & ya know the lady teachers can wear 'jeans
 pants'

mrs A. oh really

me - but they always look nice

mrs A - that would be hard to I don't know if it would be hard to see that

me - they look nice though

mrs A. - this is my dad I was telling you about who was born & raised in national mine.

me - (little laugh) where was it know

mrs A - & a about that dress code again it was a always dress up

me - emhm

mrs A - if you didn't wear, um, we had saddle shoes ya know

me - oh ya we wore those for cheerleading last year

mrs A - saddle shoes & loafers otherwise you wore nylons there wasn't pantyhose

me - (little laugh)

mrs A - they were regular nylons

me - ya

mrs A - hooked to garter beltst a you wore those when you wanted to dress up more

me - emhm what kinds of subjects were taught.

mrs A - more or less the basics, reading, writing, arithmetic, english, um we had music, biology, chemistry a some of the kids one time took a ctm correspondence course to learn another language, we didn't have foreign language of any kind

me - really (little laugh)

mrsA - will they show up on the tape

me - I don't think so

mrsA - lets see, algebra, geometry

me - emhm I couldn't get into algebra this year

mrsA, English we had to have & most we had to have 4 years of um math, 4 years of english 4 years of music, these were ya know you had to have those

me - did you have computers

mrsA - no never knew what a computer was

me - ha

mrsA - we were lucky we had typewriters

me ahha we have computers in 8th grade now

mrsA - in Home Economics we cooked on little stoves with little burners individual things at each table

me - like kansen burners, we have units now with a stove cubards, sink &

mrsA - Oh its probably very nice

me - ya

mrsA - but we had a good time

me oho what was your favorite subject

mrsA - oh probably oh I always liked um English, reading

mrsA. Reading and that the lower grades penmanship
 + reading in those grades I suppose
 I don't Economics liked that, music, really
 liked music.

me - ya we have chorus now

mrsA - & those were probably my favorites

me - what subject gave you the most difficulty.
 + why

mrsA - math

me - me too

mrsA - really

me - I couldn't get into algebra because my
 math

mrsA - I had algebra, I had geometry, don't ask
 me how I got through them

me (little laugh)

mrsA - cause I wouldn't be able to work any
 of that right now I I just drew a blank
 I could not get math in my head

me - really I'm ok in math but I just have to
 stop & think

mrsA - I ya that's the thing if you think you
 can do it, but other things came real
 easy, reading, I could read anything I
 could write anything I could spell
 anything.

mrsA- ya know no trouble there but math just had a hard time with that

me (little laugh) were there any specials fads like

mrsA- fads oh, well I guess in the 50's I, I had the first ponytail at national Mine

me- really

mrsA- I had long hair really long hair, I tied it up one day & pretty soon everybody started tying there hair up

me- cool

mrsA- so that was one of the first fads ponytails & I can say I started it.

me yup

mrsA, & of course we had our what they're doing know ya know they had saddle shoes — & loafers, penny loafers always had to have shiny pennies in our loafers

me emhm, we just have regular loafers

mrsA- oh they had a, they called um at the time I think I wore one the girls wore almost like a it almost looked like a arrow or bracelet band around there ankle if they were going with someone,

me - really

MISA - or whatever I was going with someone
but I didn't wear one I forget what they
call them

me anklets

MISA - I can't remember what they called them
they had a name of course everybody
wore there boyfriends graduation ring
around there neck on a string, I did
that

me - now we have merpaws there necklaces +
you each get half, + we were them now

MISA - + some of the lads wore their hair
slicked back

me - with grease

MISA - there white t-shirts with the sleeves rolled
up + those that smoked used to carry
them on their shoulder there was a few
of them that did that

me - (little laugh)

MISA - So I guess ya the lads could wear some
blue jeans like I said we couldn't put
they could.

me - emhm

MISA - + we wore a tho skirts were down to your ankles

me - ya

mrsA - + they were long didn't really have any ~~long~~ real short skirts everything was a long, long, wore more flat shoes than high shoes high heels + girls looked real feminine, liked to dress up it was nice,

me - hardly anyone wears skirts, no one, like when we talk too that's when we wear um or to church + stuff

mrsA - ~~all kinds of um~~ there must of been

me - ya

mrsA - I must of done them

me - how were kids like expected too laugh or behave

mrsA - well you had to like I said before they were more strict they didn't fool around that much

me emhm

mrsA - you know otherwise you were sent down to the office to the superintendents office principals office + we had to sit there for the rest of the after noon

me (little laugh)

mrsA - or down in the lower grades you went + stood in the hall do they still do that?

me - yop sometimes

mrsA - really k, well thats what they did then too

me Stand in the hall or get detention

mrsA - um they still have signing in + signing out of large study hall

me eh eh

mrsA - if you wanted to go to the bathroom you had to go up at the desk

me - emhm

mrsA - to the study hall teacher + you had to sign your name + what time you left + then when you came back you signed it again + put the time you came back to make sure that you didn't go anywhere else

me - ya we just like can we go to the bathroom
ok

mrsA - no we had to do that and whenever you had to leave that main study hall you had to have an excuse from the other teacher if you wanted to go to the library or something + do some research

me ya

mrsA - you couldn't just leave the room

me - our study hall is attached to the library.

mrsA- oh well we had to have this special note from the teacher that's why

me- hu

mrsA- so they kept watch everything was single file when we went down to we had to everyone had to go alphabetically

me- alphabetically in the lunch line holy ~~oh~~ my gosh

mrsA- it was strict

me- it would take me along time with the 5'

mrsA- \leq used to be with the P's they were pretty far behind too

me- ya

mrsA- so we were never aloud to just run down the hall or anything couldn't chew gum ever

me- emhm

mrsA- never were aloud having gum in school

me- neither are we but most kids do but if they get caught they have to write or something

mrsA- + you weren't supposed to talk in the halls passing classes pass from class

me- there's a roar in our halls

mrsA- we weren't aloud to be very noisy

me- It's roaring

me - it's really loud, lockers slam + everything.

mrSA - see well we didn't have lockers so there wasn't that all that extra noise

me - ya em, lost my spot here oh, em, what kind of extra curricular activities were offered.

mrSA - not too much

me - really

mrSA - we had our basketball games that was the only sport there was there weren't we didn't have track even or baseball we didn't have anything.

" I can't think of any other, school parties we had school parties

me - school parties.

mrSA - em hm in 7th & 8th & up thru high school yes how could I forget the school parties although I didn't go to many of them, we used to serve a nice lunch + we had dances in the gym

me - we have dances

mrs A - & they were nice

me - ya

mrs A - & you had to dress up no blue jeans not those you had to dress up

me - thats what we wear to our dances.

mrs A - guys had to wear dress pants
girls had to wear there best dresses

me - em hm we don't have school parties
we have dances

mrs A - yeh, well this was called a school party
& they'd have um for the different
holidays like the valentines dance,
couple of them

me - em hm we have halloween &
christmas dances, christmas dance
is coming up this weekend coming
up

mrs A - oh & yours were on the weekend

me - ya

mrs A - ours were during the week, school
nights

me - ours our on the weekends.

mwaA - oh we had them on school nights

me - (little laugh) (the guys in the backrooms
our making noise so she's trying to
signal them to be quiet) ———
were you or any of your friends
suspended

mwaA - no, nope, never, not that I would
no of.

me - really

mwaA - I can't remember any of the kids
was close to ——— get suspended

me - at our school there've been gettin
stricter cause some kids been
down some bad stuff so like if you
do somethin wrong you get suspended
for a day or something.

mwaA. There might of been some kids who
were but I can't remember

me - ya

mwaA. cause some kids might of got a little
tassy with the teacher, so maybe
they were sent home, that probably
did happen

me - ya em hm

me - do you remember any special moments when you were in sports events

mrsA - well like I said all we had was the basketball was the big thing & there wasn't any girls basketball then you had your gym time & you played basketball then as an exercise

me - enhm

mrsA - they never had spots for girls if well like I was a cheerleader, ~~it~~

me - did you have to try out for cheerleading

mrsA - yes we had tryouts

me - us too

mrsA - I think the boys voted in those days

me - voted really

mrsA - I'm pretty sure that was the way it was

me - oh my gosh

mrsA - in our school it was that way any how

me - the cheerleading coach & some others vote

mwa - we didnt have any special coach our gym teacher kinda got us together but we made up our own yells & everything

me - (little laugh)

mwa - there wasnt any such thing as a cheerleading coach

me - we have floor cheers, & bench cheers, & sidelines

mwa - oh my gosh we didnt have any like that

me - (little laugh) oh did the basketball team win a trophy or a tournament ever

mwa. oh I think they did I dont remember but National Mine always did have a good basketball team

me - emhm

mwa - I remember one year we lost the final by about 1 point oh & we cried

me - (little laugh)

mwa. oh we were sad that had to be when I was a freshman or a sophomore

mrs A. cause like I said I quit then with basketball

me and we had our first game Thursday

mrs A- oh

me- we won

mrs A- & we always had beautiful basketball banquets for the whole for the Junior High.

me- really

mrs A. & the um high school level, the mothers would cook a meal.

me - en hm

mrs A- for the basketball boys & cheerleading girls that

me- ya

mrs A- & we'd have those nice banquets that was on a weekend I think

me- a hah

mrs A. _____ but they did have the regular basketball ones were we would get our letters & medals & they used to hand out little basically

me - thats cute

MWA - that you could put on a chain

me - were you in any involved in any plays or programs

MWA - right from kindergarten everyone ———
 ——— you know we were in these plays + I remember one time I forget I don't know if I was in the 6th grade or what I played the part of a teddy bear, I had what was called a teddy bear coat. they had these little fur coats for girls then

me - ya

MWA. + I had one of them I played a teddy bear + oh we were gosh we had, I think I was in most every play + then between singing + chous then in high school a they were beautiful Mrs. Gleason, had a all the girls wear formals all the time, you looked these from other people cause we never had proms

me - we have proms our junior + senior year

mrsA. + it was just gorgeous, right down thru
kindergarten, we would sing + then of
course we had, that was the big one,
when you were a senior you put on the
senior class play

me. were you in it

mrsA. yes I was in it, if you weren't in the play
you did something towards it —————

me ya

mrsA. National Mine was known for their
programs everybody came to see
them + the auditorium was just
filled to overflowing

me - oh to Mrs Betts now, she's good too

mrsA. oh that's good to hear,

me - do you remember any funny stories about
the programs

mrsA. stories well there were some, I don't remember
any particular one but there was some
especially when you had the little
kindergarten kids up there ya know, I can
remember people roaring in the audience but

must- any particular one that I could talk about

me- what was lunch time like

msA- lunch time was alot of fun because we had good home cooked meals, they weren't smack meals like they have now, they had meat + potatoes + everything

me- oh my gosh

msA- + my mother in law was one of the cooks who cook there so everybody waited for lunch time lot of kids ~~did~~ didn't have a good meal at home but they could depend on that + you could go back for seconds one big thing everybody really loved was the bread heels the cooks would take + butter these heels + put peanut butter on um + you could go + get as many of those as you wanted to get

me- oh boy

msA- I still love peanut butter though

me- me too

msA- + the kids ate them up too, really good good meals.

me- a huh did it cost money + stuff

mrsA- yeh, but not too much,

me- really

mrsA- it was pretty cheap for what you got like I said it was a "Hot lunch"

me-

mrsA- in those days they didn't waste too much cause kids were hungry

me- yeh

mrsA- especially the kids who walked like I did, breakfast time was hours ago

me- yeh

mrsA- you sat in study hall + your stomach was growling.

me- (little laugh) like after you ate y did you go out + play

mrsA- yeh we were aloud to go outside couldn't leave, well lets see, yeh you could go out in that time but you had to be back at a certain time, I think you could leave the ground now I'm not sure if I'm ~~at~~ right or not, maybe we weren't aloud although some kids did go + ^{come back.} noon + didn't

me - really like skip it

mwa - skip it so but a otherwise you just hung
around the school, they had a playground

me - ya

mwa - took walks + things like that

me - emhm

mwa - + you had to ~~be~~ be out if you couldn't
be in unless you had a good excuse if
you had a cold of something with a
note from home,

me - us too, emhm

mwa - otherwise you had to go outside

me - was your principle really nice + what
was his name

mwa - well I think then we had Mr. Zindberg
at our school.

me - Lindberg that sounds familiar

mwa - I don't if when I was done in the
lower grades Mr. Bath was our
yo

mwa - well 26 years he was there

me - yep
mwa - and um, I suppose, I don't know how old I was

mwa. when Mr. um Lindberg came but, maybe
Mr. Annala must of been

me. which

mwa. they were both strict

me. really

mwa. em hm very strict didn't fool around

me. I lost my spot, did you have lots of
homework, what was it like

mwa. we only had that time to do it if you didn't
have time in there, you had to haul
it all home

me. em hm

mwa. & there was one set of encyclopedias
in the large assembly which we called
it. large study hall, & you figure all the
kids from one study hall trying
to look up words in 1 set of encyclopedias

me. ya

mwa. cause most families didn't have um,
they just didn't have um, so alot of
the work, — sometimes kids wrote
word for word out of the book

me. (little laugh)

mwa. so I guess half the things were the same
when the teachers corrected them.

me- ya

mwa- they didn't copy each other its just that they all wrote it out of the book

me- (little laugh) yup

mwa- they still do that too

me- yup, hm, what do you do after school hours where did you hang out somewhere

mwa- not really, many times we went back up to the school when we were in grade school,

me- emhm

mwa- people didn't have sidewalks at their houses I had a neighbor who had a sidewalk & we thought that was great, we didn't have one & of course the school had a sidewalk all around the school & I used to take my roller skates, I bet I went up there just about every night skated around that school, round & round,

me- was it all dirt road or something

mwa- the other road was all dirt, there was no blacktop or anything

me- emhm

mwa- & then, well the main road down from

mwa. where I lived they called it a tar road, no black top then go in the spring, you waited to go down there + jump rope that was a big thing to jump rope we had white stockings, so if it was wet we had rope marks all over our stockings ya know

me (little laugh) yeh

mwa. we played jacks, oh we played jacks for hours on end if you didn't have a partner you made one up + played + we bounced the ball against the school.

me - yeh

mwa. played "Russia" we called it, me Russia?

mwa. dont ask me why it was called Russia

me (little laugh)

mwa. you know, you threw it + if it went under your legs you clape your hands

me - yeh

mwa. + all those kinds of things, played tag + all kinds of things like that, fun things

me - yeh, did you have a graduation ceremony

msA - yeh

me - what was it like

msA - very nice ch, only the am, well the auditorium was small, so just you immediate family, everything was done on stage

me - en-hun

msA - & they used to have this scenery they'd put up & curtains & everything

me - ya

msA - & I suppose the principle & the superintendent & the head of the school board would be up there to hand out diplomas

me - did you have robes

msA - yeh

me - tastes

msA - yeh, do they still have blue & gold for National Pine

me - yup

msA - that was our color

me - were you guys? the cougars, National Pine

msA - ^{cougars} nope, not when I was there

me - were the cougars

msA - but um

mmsA- well lets see in those days, ya this is when
 I was a senior that was the Superintendent

 + then there was the
 board of education, John Wood was the
 president, I was vice president, Arlene
 was secretary + treasurer

me- did you have meetings

mmsA- ya we used to I don't think we had
 meetings like they do know we just kinda
 maybe sometin we would get out of class

 then there weren't that many
 extracurricular activities we had today
 you know,

me- em hm

mmsA- we didn't have that much

me- yeh

mmsA- + some of the other things like in high school
 for etno we all had to try to be in
 forensics whether you were afraid + didn't
 want to speak, everyone had to try out for
 that

no- everybody

mmsA- everybody had to try out for that everybody
 had to get up there + learn there reading
 + say it, that was hard cause everyone
 couldn't do that

me- yeh, some people are shy.

mrsA - so um + between the band + that those were

me - ah hu

mrsA - the band the school band played for the professional when we came out for graduation + then like now the victorians + that would give their speeches

me - ya

mrsA - + the glee club always sang

me - what's the glee club

mrsA - the girls glee club; chorus

me - oh

mrsA - well we were called the glee club + I guess they don't call it that anymore + then some of the other kids in the class would give speeches also

me - em hm yeh

mrsA - and so more songs by the glee club + then ~~we~~ we had a class memorial was presented

me - yeh

mrsA - + then the superintendent, oh he presented the diploma + couldn't remember that

MISA - + then the other valedictorian, there were 2 valedictorians, 2 girls were valedictorians at the same time + then we had the valediction + then afterward they had us line up in the back of the gym + people could come + congratulate us + everything

me - yeh

MISA - + then that was it, we left there, nobody had home parties, nobody had big home parties like they do know

me - yeh

MISA - maybe coffee at the house or something + then o at night they had a senior class party I never went to that

me - how come

MISA - I don't know, I just a didn't go I don't know if they had any, they didn't rent places or have anything like they do know some kids just got together I didn't go that's why because it wasn't that important

me - em hm

MISA - so that was graduation oh + the girl always wore really fancy clothes under their gowns

mrsA - + that you couldn't dress casual you had to dress up

me - em hm

mrsA - there were no blue jeans tho guys would wear their suits the girls always wore suits too that was the thing to wear

me - suit

mrsA - 2 piece suit, but when I graduated you were allowed to wear dresses they didn't wear suits, but this was under the cap + gown

me - uh huh, were you able to maintain contact with your childhood friends

mrsA - some of them, most of them moved away. from around here + I'm hoping to see a lot of them for the 75th reunion this summer hope they come. I've talked on the telephone to quite a few friends + a web exchange christmas cards

me - yeh

mrsA - nothin really, you know that steady

me - did any of your teachers have an impact on your life

mrsA - well I guess they all pretty much did like I said really good teachers in those days manners were a big thing

me - yeh

mrsA - you learned a lot of manners if you didn't learn em home which you did in those days too more tho. know that was so important everyone knew manners + you respected people + things

me - yeh

mrsA - some don't do that anymore kids don't but a each one probably left a little mark

me - em hm, thank you Mrs Anderson!

mrsA - your welcome!