



Mike Bairds interview
with
Raymond Anderson

Me: when and where were you born?

Mr A: in his land in 1936

me: do you have any brothers or sisters?

Mr A: yes

me: could you name them?

Mr A: Louis and Robert

me: when and whom did you marry?

Mr A: Julia Pietro in 1957

me: did you have any children?

Mr A: three

me: could you name them?

Mr A: Michael, Allen and Cathlene

me: who were your parents?

Mr A: Otto and Andrea Anderson

me: what year did you attend National Mine school?

Mr A: 42 to 54

me: do you remember any of your teachers?

Mr A: I remember a lot of them Mr. Best, ~~Mr. [redacted]~~ Mr. Thomas, Hummgaard, Ms. Hill
Ms. Gleason
Olson

Me: which of them did you like

Mr. A: I like all of them

Me: do you remember any humorous or interesting stories about them

Mr. A: We had a lot of humorous things on our basketball ^{trips}
Probably one of the funniest ones was when Mr. Gleason ^{Chassel} drove half way to Chastle in second gear we were all laughing at him and he didn't know what we were laughing at until finally one of us told him he didn't have it in high gear.

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Me: how did you get to school?

Mr. A: on a school bus
Me: and how far was it?

Mr. A: the school was about 5 ~~mi~~ miles away and ~~to~~ my dad drove the school bus.

Me: what was your favorite subject in school?

Mr. A: manual arts

Me: and why?

Mr. A: because I liked to do those things with wood and work that way on projects

Me: what kinds of extra curricular activities were offered?

Mr. A: the only thing we had was basketball, but then we did play baseball and football on our own at recess time

Me: were you involved in it?

Mr. A: yes I played junior high basketball

Me: did the team win any trophies?

Mr. A: not that I played on we lost out

Me: how did the team travel?

Mr. A: the teams went by car, the fans, kids went on the bus

Me: how has the competition changed?

Mr. A: we were a class D school we only played the smaller towns

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^{include} Champion, Misquamee, Republic, Nequamee city and Ishpeming during Christmas vacation other than that we only played the small schools

we used to scrimmage other than that

me: did you have any special cheers?

Mr. A: no

me: how were the kids expected to behave?

Mr. A: we had strict teachers in school we didn't dare misbehave too much once in a while you could get by with something *includes*
we had real good teachers and they kept you in line pretty good.

me: what punishments were given if you misbehaved?

Mr. A: the worst thing probably would be you would have to stand out in the hall, but you would have to go to the superintendent office and he would talk to you, *should have asked what he did?* I only had to do it one time.

me: how did the kids dress?

Mr. A: the boys were allowed to wear jeans but the girls had to wear skirts *includes*
if there were any student parties the boys had to wear dress pants

me: what foods or sayings were popular?

Mr. A: the foods everybody wore crecut haircuts especially the ones *includes*
relaying basket ball.

me: what was lunch time like?

Mr. A: lunchtime we always had a real good hot meal, and my mother was a cook at the *includes*
national mine school when I was there it was a regular meal it was a nice hot lunch

me: where did you eat lunch?

Mr. A: in the lunch room, now I think it's made into a classroom *next (art room)*

me: what kinds of programs did you have

Mr. A: the biggest programs was the christmas and spring but there was also a program for each holiday that were put on by Ms. G. Leasin *includes*
and did a beautiful job of it

me: did you participate in any?

Mr. A: I he involved everybody in the plays, if you were just singing *includes*
or sometime you had a part in the plays.

Me: do you remember any humorous or interesting about them?

Mr. A: probably one of the most humorous one I can think of, one time I had a part as a ~~body~~ and my voice was never too high so I had a hard time doing that. *include*

Me: did the school have any special picnics or outings?

Mr. A: we used to go on little picnics in the spring of the year. Mr. ^{Lindberg} started that. that's the first time I was on a little picnic, we used to have field trips during school hours, would be in spring of the year in the with grade of course in high school we had extra field trips

Me: who was your principal?

Mr. A: ~~Mr. Annilin~~ Mr. Annilin

Me: could you describe him?

Mr. A: he was a very strict but good ~~guy~~ guy everybody had a respect of Mr. Annilin *include*

Me: did any teachers have an impact on your life

Mr. A: all of them did, ~~that~~ they were all good teachers, *possible quote*

Me: could you describe your graduation ceremony?

Mr. A: My graduation was in the auditorium there were only 15 of us. in my graduation class, and ~~recladitorium~~ auditorian gave a speech and the superintendent he would pass out the diplomas then after the graduation, we would go back in the gym to a reception line and we would talk to the people the glee club would sing during the graduation *include*

Me: what special memories ~~do you~~ do you have?

Mr. A: probably the basket ball games I was most interested in, that had special memories the games we played everything in the school was enjoyable I liked it, it was a ~~am~~ nice school to go to *include*

Me: were you able to maintain contact with your chided friends?

Mr. A: yes there is a lot of them this week or month maybe that I started school with we've been in contact for 40 some years *include*

Me: what were your fondest memories of National Mine School?

Mr. A: probably the kids I met in school who I still get along good with the teachers some have died. Mr. Thomas we still bowd agents him I can remember about him in school their good memories

Me: What do you think is the biggest change in schools today?

Mr. A: their bigger our little school we knew everybody so good I don't think the big school know everybody so ~~good~~ ^{personally} but we did everybody was just like a family compared when there a hundred graduates in the graduating class our little class had 14 or 15 20 or even some less than that *include*

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Me: if you had a message for the students what would it be?

Mr. A: Stay in school, ~~and~~ work hard and pay attention ~~and~~ do your school ~~and~~ work it'll payoff in the long run *possible quote*

Me: do you have anything else to add?

Mr. A: no.

Legend
~~graduation~~
~~early childhood~~ Red
Present lives - Black
Extracurricular - Orange
~~classes~~ ~~transportation~~ green
~~Teachers~~
and lunch - purple

