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Craig Hebein's Interview  
with  
Herbert Berg

me: When were you born.

MR. B: Oct. 1 1904

me: Where were you born.

Mr. B: Calumet

me: Where did you go to school.

Mr. B: I was born in Calumet

me: How old were you when you got the job at  
National mine.

Mr. B: Lets see I was 40 or 45 around there

me: What year was it,

Mr. B: Well it was 1950 I guess.

me: What made you decide to be a janitor at  
National mine

Mr. B: Well I'll tell you I lived in Wakegon

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for 23 years and my wife wanted to come back here move back she was paralyzed at the time so it was a hard decision to make but I made it.

me: what were duties at national mine

Mr. B: I was practically everything up there I had to do everything up there clean the school and fire the burners I was the plumber electrician everything up there.

me: how long were your days like how long did you work.

Mr. B: It was 10 hour days when I started up there but in the summer time it was only 8 hours

me: did you have any relatives working up at the school

Mr. B: no

me: did you enjoy your job.

Mr. B: I liked that job up there.

me: what was the worst part of it.

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Mr. B: well I don't know all the work they would hand me and there wasn't any black top and all kinds of mud and gravel would come in there was a lot of work me: did you ever get hurt.

Mr. B: no I didn't

me: were you involved in any extra curricular activities there.

Mr. B: no not exactly

me: what were the kids like back then.

Mr. B: they were all good to me I got along good with the kids.

me: how were they different and how were they same.

Mr. B: well I don't know how they are know but you always find a few that are bad.

me: did you have any of your own kids when you were working at the school.

Mr. B: no I didn't have any kids

me: did you ever get any special awards or attention for your job

Mr. B: no

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me: are there any humorous or out of the ordinary stories about your job

mr. B: no

me: did you do special things for the kids

mr. B: I helped the kids out once and a while if they needed help

me: did the students do anything special for you

mr. B: yes I had some kids when I needed something heavy out when I was alone I had some of them help me the highschool was up there then the highschool kids would come and help me.

me: what were your fondest memories of the school.

mr. B: I don't know I don't remember anything

me: when did you retire

mr. B: 1969

me: do you have any advice for the kids today

mr. B: yes stay in school get an education.

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me: If you could do it all over again would you choose the same job or a different one.

mr B: well no theres better jobs than that.