

Danielle Heavyside's Interview
with
Bill Dally

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me: Danielle Heavyside, Dec. 11, I'm Interviewing Bill Dally who was a student at National mine and I'm interviewing him at my grampa's house.

me: When were you Born?

Bill: 1912 at Wyona michigan?

me: How many Brothers & sisters Do you have?

Bill: one Brother and one Sister.

me: What are there names?

Bill: Alice is my sister and Clide is my Brother,

me: When and who did you marry?

Bill: I married Mildred Brokberry in Trought Creek michigan in April the 24th 1930.

me: Hmm. How many children do you have?

Bill: That's wrong it should have been 1934 I made a mistake there.

me: OK.

Bill: How many what was the next...

me: How many children do you have?

Bill: Three

me: Three

me: When and where were your parents Born?

Bill: My dad was born in Cornwall Michigan and my mother was born in National mine.

me: Hmm.

me: what years did you attend W.M. School?

Bill: 1917-1930

me: Do you remember your grade school teachers?

Bill: A few of them my kindergarden teacher was Julia Jefferies and a I had one teacher called Mrs. Millamack another teacher by the name of Mrs. Nelson well not to many I cant remember to many

me: (laughing) umm. lets see do you remember any numerous or interesting stories about them

Bill: Yes Mrs. Millamack well she our school burnt in a 1823 the day after hallaween and a Mrs. Millamack (cough, cough) our classes were in the town Hall and a in the winter time she couldnt make it walking to school she lived a mile in a halfe to two miles from school well she used to come on skies,

me: (laughing) do you remember your junior high or High School teachers?

Bill: well I remember alot of my high school teachers. Mr. Smith was our Superintendent, Mr. Johnson was the principle Mr. Annala was our mathamatics teacher and a we got Mrs. ah shut it off for a minute

Bill: Mr. Gleson was our coach and our manual training instructor

me: What sports did you play in?

Bill: Basket Ball and baseball.

me: Do you remember any humorous or interesting stories about them?

Bill: Yes we played quite a few games with Champion or Republic, Palmer and a (caugh, caugh) ~~etc~~ one game we played with Champion well I a on of the players from champion was pushing one of our fellas around so I told him not to push him around so we got in a fight and both of us got ejected. (laughing)

me: (laughing) How how far did you go like just to Republic?

Bill: well lance was our farthest game we went by train to lance oh really!

me: unhun

Bill: oh! um how did you get to school

me: I was very fortunate why I only lived three houses from school

me: (laughing)

Bill: well the bad part of that why (uh) we couldn't take our lunch we had to go home for lunch but at that time there was no school busses in those days

me: oh ho

Bill: And so they carried there brown bag from home.

me: what was your favorite subject?

Bill: mathematics.

me: why

Bill: I don't know it just seemed that we had such a wonder full instructor Mr. Annala he was easy to learn from and everything he uh just a real good teacher and everything one on one he would just give you all the instruction you needed

me: yea I think that I have his grandson or something I have

me: a mr. Annala he's my history teacher
he's you know really nice

Bill: I dont think thats ~~his~~ the Annala
that was here had any children
~~George Annala~~ he lived upon Second
Street in Ishpeming a George Annala
I don't think they had any children

Grampa: No I dont think so Bill

Bill: Could Be Ray Annala's you know you
See that could be a nephew of his

me: ya what was your most difficult
Subject?

Bill: English

me: English

Grampa: (Laughing)

me: (Laughing)

Bill: the verbs and proverbs and adjectives
and stuff like that didn't interest
me at all,

me: what um what kind of extra curricular
activities were offered?

Bill: Just Basket Ball and baseball

me: um Did your Did the team win any
trophies or championships?

Bill: yea I was fortunate ~~enough~~ to play
on the sub on the 1928 team and the

Bill: 1929 we won the U.P. Championship and went to Detroit and played in the Olympia Arena in the state tournaments The ~~the~~ farthest and the only team National mine that ever went to the state tournaments the following year we went right into the the finals and the up tournament and got beat by Rock by 1 point

me: (Hu) what effect did it have on your school?

Bill: what do you mean what effect did what have?

me: Um that you won the championship

Bill: Well (uhum) it was a great time not only at National mine but at Ishpeming why when we went to Detroit to play basket ball we took up a collection of course the people from Ishpeming and National mine the day we left the city band played on a platform in Ishpeming when we got on the train and we went down to Detroit and after we got down to Detroit well we had poached eggs and before

Bill: and before we came home why we had Turkey.

Grampa: (Laughing)

me: (Laughing) um did you have any special cheers that youse did?

Bill: Oh ye with them all that's what the girls always used to say with them all win them all. So we did that year we won the majority of games.

me: What what how were the kids expected to act and behave?

Bill: In the game?

me: In school

Bill: Well we when I went to school it seemed like my notion that I have for my own children and grandchildren and great grand children I think that there was more disciplin and the teachers the children respected the teachers a little bit more than they do now

me: (uh huh)

Bill: In those days well they just idolized their teachers and everything

Bill: And it was a small school National mine was a small school my class was only five

me: Uhm

Bill: So we had a lot of one on one and if you couldn't get anything well the teachers would really give us (uhhuh) the instruction we need,

me: Uhm What punishments were given?

Bill: We got stern punishments they would pick you up and send you to the office well (uhhuh) if you disobeyed them in the classroom well ~~they~~ if you did something to distract the students why they would eject you from the classroom and send the rest of the class in the superintendent's office.

me: Oh (uhhuh) How did the kids dress?

Bill: Well we didn't have any dress codes in National Mine why we were all ~~the~~ dressed in clean clothes and everything why Blue trousers and regular blue work pants and stuff like that

me: what special facts or sayings were popular?

Bill: Facts?

me: yeah like what kind of things did they say?

Bill: Sing

me: say like their sayings like cool and neat and awson and that.

Bill: Well I dont really remember to much of that I imagine we had some of those things that said

me: Whm) What was lunch time like?

Bill: Lunchtime I had to go home for lunch only living three houses away and a the rest of them that lived in the rural areas they brought there lunches bags, they had there sandwiches there were no hot lunches in those days what kind of plays did they have

me:

Bill: Plays?

me: Plays

Bill: We had some of the most wonderful plays we had our auditorium that held from 250 to 275 people and we were talking about that today some of the old teachers and those plays were fantastic why everyone in the senior class and the junior class there was 10 total characters there were five in my class junior class and the sophomore class but ~~we~~ the plays were really fantastic.

me: were you involved in any?

Bill: I was involved in three of them in my 4 years there like were you the lead person in them

Bill: no I was never the lead I was a comic in one of them and just a cop in the

Bill: But they were really we had Mrs. Gleason was the instructor Mr. Gleason was the manual auto instructor there we use to make props for the stage we had some really good plays at National Mine all the classes over the years the were relatively for the parents and community.

me: I opose (laughing) Did the school have any picnics or outings?

Bill: Well the when we were I think we went to for a picknick at the end of the year I think that was our sophomore year we went to Marquette Island and that the only one at N.M. school

you didn't have any outings, like go to the library or anything?

go to the library?

yeah like...

well we had our library in our school

me:

Bill:

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Bill:

Bill: But then we all almost all of us had carried cards for the Deshpening library.

me: Uhm

Bill: and we were just like the city of Deshpening we could use there library but those were just books for informational books

me: Uhm! Do you have anything else to add?

Bill: No talking about the National Micro School today why I attended a Union meeting five of us who worked on the 60th anniversary now on the 75th anniversary and taking care of all the classes from the 1917-1930 the year I graduated there was 93 that graduated in that time and we have sixty that are still alive or sixty that one deceased and 30 are still alive

me: Uhm: OK Thank you!