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with Mary Etkinaki

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me: Could you give me a biographical sketch of your ~~self~~ ~~700~~

her: of what?

me: of yourself.

her: Well.

me: When you were born.

her: Oh, just ask those questions that are on there. ~~700~~ ~~was born~~  
~~up on Cliffs drive up on the farm.~~

me: When and where were you born?

her: UP on ~~Cliffs~~ Cliffs drive up on the farm, I was born on June 28, 1912.

me: How many brothers and sisters did you have?

her: 3 older sisters.

me: ahuh, could you tell the names and ages?

her: yah. my eldest sister lives on a farm ~~between~~ between Negaunee and Ishpeming. Her name is Martha Lightnen. and my second ~~sister~~ ~~ah~~ sister is ah in ah nursing home.

me: oh

her: BUT she's doing real well.

me: That's good.

her: And ah my third sister is ah Ileine Anderson and she lives near Negaunee.

me: oh

her: That's it.

me: How old are they?

her: How old are they, OH, My older sister is 26, 25, and the third one is 23.

me: ok

me: UM, how many of them went to National Mine School?

her: Just my next older than me, I am.

me: <sup>when</sup> ok. And who did you marry

her: Well I married Tauno Etlamaki, on July 8th, haha, 1930, I was gonna say 38, 39

me: ok., Did you have any children?

her: We have four children.

me: ~~Could~~ Could you give me the names and ages?

her: Well my oldest is Donna, my daughter, and she's married, and she lives near Cleveland OHIO. She has three children but now there all gone. And ah my oldest son lives in Humboldt and he has 5 children. The oldest one is in the service now, and ah 4 younger ones are in, the older boy is in the ah Westwood school, 3 younger ones are in champion ~~school~~ school.

me: oh.

her: and ah second son lives in Negaunee township and he has 2 daughters. 2 little girls. And ah, and ah, my youngest son lives in ~~Negaunee~~ Negaunee Township too, and he has one little boy.

me: Did any of ~~them~~ <sup>your children</sup> go to National Mine?

her: NO

me: NO?

her: They went to various places that we lived, haha

me: OH

her: So they went to Palmer and Negaunee They graduated from Negaunee high school.

me: OH, what years did you attend at National Mine school?

her: Did I attend?

me: yah

her: I ah, well when I was, started school I went to the country school, they had a school house on the farm. And ah the kids ~~up~~ <sup>up</sup> from the cliffs went to school.

me: a-huh.

her: But then they started to bus us to National Mine and I was in 5th grade. And ah then we graduated From National Mine school

me: OH, um, Do you remember any of your teachers?  
 her: Yah, I remember, lets see, Ellen Peterson was my fifth grade teacher, and ah Annie Melinake was my sixth grade teacher.

me: mmm.  
 her: And then in seventh and eighth grade we had several teachers.

me: what were they like?

her: Well I ~~did~~ liked my teachers mostly, as far as I remember.

me: OH, o.k., Do you remember any numerous or interesting stories about them?

her: mmm... not really. ha ha ha

me: o.k.

her: I can't think of anything right now.

me: Do you remember some of your junior high school teachers or what were they like?

her: yes. ah. We, one of my teachers was Mr. Griggs, and ah he was well, um just trying to think, well ah I think he taught Biology and. But we didn't have biology until high school, ah, He was the youngest teacher. Ah.

me: ~~was~~ Was he?

her: Yah, and ah, Then there was Mr. Gleason, and he was the coach and the gym teacher, and Mr. Annala, he was the principle. and ah, Mr. ( ) was the ah superintendent, Walter ( ).

me: OH.

mae: and ah, who else (ha, ha) They had several English teachers, in while they were in high school. That's about all, I can think of right off hand.

me: OH, Do you remember any humorous or interesting stories ~~about~~ about any of those teachers?

mae: Any of those teachers?

me: yeah.

mae: Well Mr. Annala was a very good teacher but very, ah strict he wouldn't take any nonsense from the kids.

me: a-huh

mae: that I can remember.

me: How long was the schoolday and what time did it start?

mae: I & I remember right it started at nine and ah we had about an hour off for lunch, and then we were through at, at the high school, I think, seventh and eighth grades were through an hour early.

me: a-huh, how did you get to school?

mae: Well we were bussed but we didn't have a regular school bus like you do now. ah the ah farmers, where we lived up on the cliffs farm, they ah each took a turn, and ah they a just, brought us, there were so few kids, from up there so, they just used their ~~own~~ cars, the ah first one he had a model A, and most of them had model A cars.

me: How far was it about?

mae: five miles.

me: five miles?

mae: To National Mine.

me: Oh, ok. what subjects did you have.

mae: what subjects?

me: yeah.

mae: Well, we had English and History and math and then biology that's in high school.

me: yeah

mae: biology and music and Geography we had in seventh and eighth grade.

me: what was your favorite subject?

mae: Geography

me: ~~what~~ ok. why?

mae: well I just like to travel and I like to, well ah I'm always interested to know, when you here places on the news, and I usually look them up.

me: oh

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me: what was the toughest subject?

mae: well, I don't know, probably ah, I didn't have Physics did I say I had Physics? I didn't have, I had chemistry. Probably they were.

ne: oh, How did the kids dress then?

rae: mmm... very simple, just what they had, they didn't have very many little things to change into. The girls always wore dresses, they never had slacks in those days.

re: was there a dress code at your school?

rae: was there what?

re: a dress code.

ae: well not really but I think if someone dressed too outlandish they would, wouldn't be about.

re: yeah.

ae: so they have to be just regular things, slacks & skirts

e: were there any special fads or sayings, at your school?

ae: any what?

e: special fad or sayings

re: fads?

e: yeah.

re: not that I remember.

?: How were kids expected to act and behave?

re: well they were expected to behave (haha) that's for sure. I generally they did, maybe there were one or two that would want to misbehave or do stuff they weren't suppose, but most of the kids would listen and obey in those days.

?: haha, what punishments were given if they didn't obey?

re: well if they were acted up for the teacher she would send them the superintendent's office. But I was such a shy little girl & I wouldn't have the nerve to act up (hahaha)

re: (haha) um, what kinds of extracurricular activities were there?

mae: uh, well I didn't participate in extra, because living so far from school I had to, I couldn't go for extra things and stay late so.

me: Did you ever want to?

mae: well.

me: or were you shy.

mae: well I just excepted the things as they ~~was~~ was.

me: Oh. um Did any teams win a trophy or championship while you were in school?

mae: I have no idea.

me: um. Do you know how the teams traveled to other schools?

mae: I think by, with the school bus, they were taken

me: oh.

me: what was lunchtime like?

mae: lunchtime?

me: yeah.

mae: what was it like?

me: m-huh

mae: well in the lower grades we had hot lunches that was during the depression time, and ah the teacher, the ~~high~~ high school cooking instructor would have the high school girls do the cooking, if I remember right. anyway, most we had, ah soups most of the time, they'd have a different soup everyday, and some ~~days~~ <sup>days</sup> we'd have hot chocolate, with ~~cream~~ <sup>cream</sup>

~~we~~ we all liked. Most of the kids didn't care for the cream soups, that well

me: mmm-huh. where was the cafeteria then?

mae: It was down down on the first floor, when you go into the school, what I remember, from the front door it was the right hand side the first room.

me: um, who was the principle and could you describe him?

mae: the principle was Mr. Annala, George Annala

me: U-huh.

mae: Do I describe him?

me: yeah

mae: well I think I did before I told you that he was ah, very, very good instructor but he was very strict too.

me: mmm-huh. Did the school have any special picnics or outings?

mae: well the music department I remember my senior year, ah, the teacher took us to her cottage at three lakes, ah, we had a picnic on the lake. I think we had pasties if I remember right, and ice cream. And that was fun that was at the end of the year.

me: when school got out?

mae: Well before, just before.

me: I see, Did any of your teacher have any impact on your life?

mae: Well probably they did, as far as I can think (ha, ha)

me: what was your graduation ceremony like?

mae: oh dear, I think we had a speaker if I remember, well I really don't remember that much (ha, ha) ah I don't remember if, I think the valedictorian and salutatorian gave a speeches, and then music, the children or I mean the students, that were in, they had to sing, selections.

me: oh, Do you have any special memories of your graduation?

mae: not too much, outside of that, well we had ah 3 nights which they don't have any more, we had ah ah.

mae: Sunday night, and Sunday night, Tuesday night and Thursday night. And the commencement was on Thursday night.

me: all for, all for graduations?

mae: yeah.

me: Did you have a prom?

mae: No.

me: um, Did any tragedies occur while you were in school?

mae: ~~tragedies, tragedies~~ tragedies, tragedies? um, not that I remember.

me: were you around when the school burnt down?

mae: No, not yet, you mean the grade school they had before they built this present one. No, um that was before my time (haha)

me: um, were you able to maintain contact with any of your childhood friends?

mae: you mean now? well I do see them often, I really don't have much contact now, I just see them when I'm shopping off and on.

me: what do you think is the biggest changes in the schools since you ~~graduated~~ we're a student?

mae: well, I think they have many more extra activities in school then they did, I liked, uh I was interested in art, they didn't have any art teachers or any art instructions you know in art. I used to wish that I could have, but in those days you just didn't go on to school. Couldn't afford to.

me: so you didnt go on to college or any thing.

mae: ~~uh~~ uh-huh

me: what are your fondest memories of national mine?

mae: well, I think ~~too~~ my freinds and the kids in school, in my grade, and the ones who I did chum around with in school.

me: u-huh, if ~~you~~ you could give a message to the students today what would it be?

mae: if I could give a message to who?

me: The students today.

mae: The students today, well, listen to your teachers & obey, haha, some of the kids are very, they just dont obey, I there so sassy I think I wouldnt say all but may be one, they all ways blame the whole group for what one child does. so you always here the bad.

me: yeah.

mae: you dont here the good tho, ha

me: what was your occupation?

mae: you mean after, I've been a housewife, just most of my life I before I was married I did baby sitting, for a family here in Megaville

me: um, you were talking before about the depression could you tell me something about that?

mae: Before or During?

me: During.

mae: During the depression, well it didnt hit my home that much we were living on a farm and ah its amazing my father raised four daughters on a farm without ah working out for just ah raising potatoes, and ah selling them to the stores, ~~and~~ selling my mother would sell cream + make butter and sell it.

me: so did you pretty much live off what you grew.

mae: yeah.

me: Do you have any thing else you would like to add?

mae: well, I can't think of anything

me: Well thats it then. Thank you.

mae: your welcome

me: How many Grandchildren do you have?

mae: Well I have eleven grand children, my oldest ~~has three~~ daughter has three and then my oldest son who lives in Humboldt has, I think I told you about them, then the second son has two girls and the last son has one. I think I ~~did~~ did tell you.

me: Oh, haha

mae: when I started repeating I realized,

me: Thats ok.

mae: well I ~~can~~ think you can write a ①  
story out of that

me: yeah, thanks