

This is Maryellen Turino interviewing Emil pg 1  
Haveling about the burning down of National Mine  
School.

Q. um, what year did the fire happen?

A. um, to the best of my knowledge it happened in um,  
November, 1924. I don't remember the exact date.

Q. um, how old were you?

A. I was (talking + figuring it out in his head) 12 years old

Q. Oh, um where were you

A. Oh we were iceskating at a creek down by the house  
and we noticed the fire at the school

Q. What was your first reaction when you seen  
that the school was burning down?

A. Oh I was kinda glad because I thought we'd  
have a few months off (laughing), then I was  
kinda sad to see it go

Q. um, was it a big fire?

A. Ya, we ran up there and it was so hot that  
you could hardly face it, it would burn your  
face.

Q. um, About how much of the school burnt down?

A. It was a complete, burned completely

Q. Was anybody hurt?

A. Nobody was hurt, they strung a base down to the



local mine because they didn't have any water  
it was about a quarter of a mile to the nearest  
mine for water

Q. Um, do you know how the fire started?

A. That I don't know, nobody knew exactly how  
it started, probly in the boiler room somewhere

Q. Who rebuilt it?

A. The new school you mean?, ya. It was called  
the foster construction company

Q. About how long did it take them to rebuild  
it?

A. Oh! It took them about 2 years.

Q. Where did you go to school in the meantime?

A. I went to school in the old town hall <sup>6th 7th + 8th</sup> and um  
some had classes in the Norweigen school oh  
<sup>church</sup> and there was ~~at the church~~ som in the  
old Swedish church and a mine company  
office and there was classes in what they  
call the old red school house and a the  
Finnish church and methadist

Q. Was the new school any better?

A. Much better

Q. How did the people get the money to re  
build it?



A. I think they must of passed a bond or something.

Q. Is there any thing else that you could tell me that I havnt mentioned?

A. I dont think so