

Me: What is your full name?

Leonard: Leonard Albert Magnuson

Me: When were you born?

Leonard: January, 2, 1930

Me: Where were you born?

Leonard: Ishpeming

Me: Who are your parents?

Leonard: Albert and Edla Magnuson

Me: Do you have any brothers or sisters.

Leonard: I have one sister

Me: Who is she?

Leonard: Marlynn Sumner

Me: How old is she

Leonard: Shes seventy

Me: What school did she go to?

Leonard: National Mine

Me: Where does she live?

Leonard: Florida

Me: Where did you go to school?

Leonard: National Mine?

Me: How did you get to school?

Leonard: Walked

Me: How far away did you live from the school?

Leonard: 2 miles

Me: Did you graduate?

Leonard: Yes

Me: What were the classes like?

Leonard: They were classes.

Me: What did you write on?

Leonard: Peice of paper.

Me: What did you write with?

Leonard: Pen or pencil

Me: What did the desks look like?

Leonard: They were old wooden desks, with ink holes in them.

Me: How big were the rooms?

Leonard: 30^{ft} x 40^{ft}

Me: What kind of homework did you have?

Leonard: Very little.

Me: Do you remember any diseases when you went to ^{Nation} Mine?

Leonard: no

Me: How long were the classes?

Leonard: I think an hour!

Me: Do you remember any of your teachers?

Leonard: Sure, Mrs. Gleason, Viola Magnuson, and Mr. ^(Pat) Gleason and Walter Bath

Me: What was lunch time like?

Leonard: Busy

Me: Did you eat at school or did you bring your own lunch?

Leonard: ate at home

Me: What was your favorite grade?

Leonard: what was my what?

Me: favorite grade?

Leonard: I don't know

Me: What was your favorite class?

Leonard: that would be manual arts.

Me: Who was the teacher?

Leonard: Pat Gleason

Me: Do you remember getting in trouble?

Me: Leonard: Many times

Me: What did they do to bad children?

Leonard: Give them extra homework?

Me: What would you do to get in trouble?

Leonard: Turning over toilets on Halloween.

Me: How many students in a typical class?

Leonard: 25

Me: Did you have a cloak room?

Leonard: Yes

Me: Where did you keep your jackets and mittens?

Leonard: In the cloak room.

Me: What kind of clothes did you wear?

Leonard: shirt and pants.

Me: Where did you get your clothing from?

Leonard: I think St. Vinnies

Me: How many outfits did you have?

Leonard: I don't know, 3, 4 maybe.

Me: What did you wear during the winter?

Leonard: Heavy clothes

Me: Did you wear layers?

Leonard: Yes

Me: What kind of layers did you have?

Leonard: wool

Me: How many?

Leonard: 2

Me: Did you like middle school better than High School?

Leonard: No

Me: What was different?

Leonard: Hours maybe?

Me: Did you still go to National Mine?

Leonard: Yes

Me: Did you wear the same kind of clothes?

Leonard: Yes

Me: What kind of grades did you get?

Leonard: low grades

Me: How many dropped out approximately?

Leonard: none that I know of?

Me: What kind of activities did you do at school?

Leonard: we had gym class, plays

Me: Where were some hangout places?

Leonard: around the school?

Me: How old were you on your first date?

Leonard: I suppose, 13 maybe.

Me: Did you get year books?

Leonard: Yes

Me: what did they look like?

Leonard: Terrible

Me: Do you still have them?

Leonard: No

Me: were there more male teachers than female?

Leonard: about same

Me: what was the cost of candy?

Leonard? I don't know, that was many years ago.

Me: what was the cost of a bottle of pop?

Leonard: pickel

Me: How much money did you get a week?

Leonard: Very little

Me: How old were you in 1946, during the big strike?

Leonard: 16

Me: was there anyone you knew in the strike?

Leonard: I knew a few people I guess.

Me: How long did it last for?

Leonard? It lasted? I don't know, quite a while.

Me: Did your parents have jobs then?

Leonard: Yes

Me: Where

Leonard: Mother worked for the gozzard company, father worked as a carpenter at the construction company.

Me: when did you get your first job?

Leonard: 1948

Me: where was it?

Leonard: Umm... Construction company, building the Peninsula Bank or the Research lab in Ishpeming.

Me: when did you start to work at National Mine?

Leonard: 1960

Me: what did you do there?

Leonard: Janitor and Bus driver

Me: Did you like your job?

Leonard: Yes

Me: who are some of the people you remember, when you were working at National Mine?

Leonard: I remember Andrea Anderson, Viola Culbert, Umm... Mrs. Solka, Harold Berg, Ensio Helsten.

Me: did you have any other duties than janitor?

Leonard: working at the school?

Me: Ya

Leonard: Just Janitor and Bus driver.

Me: what was a typical day of work?

Leonard: Firing the broilers, cleaning the lunchroom.

Me: were women teachers allowed to marry yet?

Leonard: I guess so.

Me: How did your working methods change during the course of your career?

Leonard: A lot more automation, less bull work.

Me: Did any of the teachers or students have polio?

Leonard: Not from my knowledge.

Me: what were some of the diseases or sicknesses that kept children home?

Leonard: *Pneumonia* Narmonia, Chicken pox.

Me: Did you have any snow days?

Leonard: Yes we had many snow days.

Me: Did you have to make them up?

Leonard: I don't remember, I would imagine

Me: Did you go to college?

Leonard: no

Me: Do you have any children?

Leonard: Yes,

Me: who

Leonard: Keith, Steven, David and Barb

Me: What school did they go to?

Leonard: National Mine

Me: what are some of the most memorable memories you remember?

Leonard: at school you mean?

Me: ya

Leonard: Probably some of there Christmas plays, basket-ball games

Me: How long were the days?

Leonard? I think they were from 9:00-3:00 or 3:30

Me: what were the boundaries of the school district?

Leonard: the fence around there, ~~oo~~ the school district, I really don't know.

Me: How did the community use the school?

Leonard: they used it for basket ball games, bake sales, they use it for meetings.

Me: Did you like the auditorium?

Leonard: Yes

Me: Describe how it was used?

Leonard? The auditorium was used for plays and basket-ball game

Me: what was the condition of Ishpeming-NICE district?

Leonard? good I guess

Me: what were the basket-ball, base-ball, and cheerleading uniforms like?

Leonard: Skimpy

Me: Did you have any other jobs?

Leonard: You mean outside of working at the school, ya I worked at a gas station,

Me - where did the teachers eat lunch?

Leonard - in the lunch room.

Me - Are you or were you married

Leonard - no

Me - Right now

Leonard - You mean right now not in school?

Me - Yes

Leonard - Yes I'm married I have a wife sitting right here

Me - What's her name?

Leonard - Joan Elaine (Johnson) Magnuson

Me - ~~What's her name~~ Where did she go to school?

Leonard - Ishpeming High School.

Me - Did she graduate?

Leonard - Yes

Me - Where did she last work at?

Leonard - Pennys catalog