

Beth Moyle

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1st hour
history

Beth Moyle's Interview
with
Viola Magnuson

Me: Dec. 10, 1990. I am interviewing Mrs. Viola Magnuson. This interview is for Red dust, for History and English. I am at Mrs. Magnuson's house on Juniper Street Ippewich.

Me: O.K. First of all you have to sign this says that um like if it makes it in the Red Dust it won't ever appear in something like a newspaper.

Mrs. M: It never will.

Me: No. Nothing like a supermarket thing or nothing like that.

Mrs. M: Uh ha. what's the date?

Me: Today's the 10th -

Me: O.K. let's start here. And you were a teacher there too.

Mrs. M: Yes um hum.

Me: you taught first grade.

Mrs. M: Yes. um hum. first grade

Me: O.K.

Mrs. M: For 36 years I taught there.

Me: For 36 years!

Mrs. M: I went all through the grades too you know from kindergarten all the way through

Me: so you taught high school grades?

Mrs. M: - no I taught first grade through

Me: O.K. then let's start with this O.K.

Me: What years did you work at National Mine? (ya)

Mrs. M: I work from ah is this on now (meaning, tape recorder)

Me: ya.

Mrs. M: I worked there from 1937 to 1973

Me: wooo!

Mrs. M: 36 years

Me: That's a long time. Um in as much detail could you describe your job?

Mrs. M: well, I taught first grade and of course I taught all the subjects, but I didn't teach music. Because we had a music teacher, otherwise I taught all of the required subjects.

Me: What kind of required subjects did they have?

Mrs. M: Well, there's your reading and your writing and an english and ya had a health an um books and we had phonics.

Me: did you do any science?

Mrs. M: yes. We had science too.

Me: What was the most rewarding part of your career?

Mrs. M: I don't know. I liked every bit of it. I enjoyed being with little children, and ah I I think I was born a teacher (laughing haha) Actually I liked it so well that I had planned on being a teacher even since

I was in the grades. Ya know.

Me: me too.

Mrs. M: you do? you want to be a teacher to?

Me: ya

Mrs. M: Oh, I had an Aunt that was a teacher in National Mine many years ago and she kinda inspired me, to be a teacher.

Me: What do you think is the most page 3
difficult about teaching 1st grade students?

Mrs. M: mm. I don't know. I couldn't say what was most difficult. I suppose teaching reading is the most difficult and phonics of all subjects. The most important regular in the beginning of a little education.

Me: How did you begin to choose your career?

Mrs. M: As a teacher? Um as I said I was inspired by a teacher, an Aunt of mine that was a teacher

Me: uh

Mrs. M: As soon as I was in 4th or 5th grade I wanted to be a teacher. (she laughs)

Me: Um. How had the duties of your teaching change over the years?

Mrs. M: Well, I um I taught well 17 years since I retired and there has been a great many changes since then. There in just beginning to change. Ya know bringing in some machines and we didn't have any computers at that time or no T.V. like they have now. Just simple teaching. (she laughs)

Me: When you taught were you in any extra curricular activities?

Mrs. M: when I taught? I taught 1st grade but first I taught in Carnie, Michigan and there I taught 4-~~th~~ club work for 8 years sewing.

Me: Wow! Did you um receive any special training for your job?

Mrs. M: ah, no I didn't. I had gotten my life certifiact and my graduation from Northern. I had my life certifiact for 2 year life and the later on I had to go back for my degree, and I did that by taking correspondence courses by going to summer school.

Me: And how long did that take you?

Mrs. M.: Well it took me about 7 years. To get my degree because I didn't take any years off. I just did summer terms until the end of 7 years.

Me: wow! That's long!

Mrs. M.: besides taking correspondence.

Me: Could you describe any funny or humorous things that happened during your career?

Mrs. M.: during my career. with the little first graders (she laughs)

Me: lots of things I bet

Mrs. M.: right now. mmm. Well, I can only think of one thing but I won't even mention that.

Me: what were you're co-workers like?

Mrs. M.: I had many good friends among the teachers, the ones that are living, of course (she laughs) many are dead now ah.

Me: uh ha.

Mrs. M.: They were old than I was when they taught with me.

Me: Wm At any time did you think of changing your career?

Mrs. M.: never.

Me: why not?

Mrs. M.: Well, I liked teaching so well ^{pg 1} that I uh wanted to stay in there and you think of you want to put in you're years so you get retirement.

Me.: And what was it like retiring, leaving those little kids?

Mrs. M.: Well, at first I thought I'd miss it but uh I didn't after a while I adjusted to retirement real well.

Me.: How did the community feel about National Mine?

Mrs. M.: About National Mine, at that time?

Me.: ya

Mrs. M.: Well, I don't know? They always had a good feeling, I mean the people they were a very faithful to their school and and uh I don't know what to say about it. They were good scouts. (she laughs)

Me.: Did any of your family members work there when you worked there?

Mrs. M.: no

Me.: no. ok.

Me.: How has the building itself changed since the time you taught to now?

Mrs. M.: Well, they've added four more rooms up there in National Mine, and that's the biggest change and I understand the the first grade I had there at one time I think the fifth grade teacher has it now and the windows are gone because because it's dark cause' those those

Mrs. M. of those other rooms being built I think was built right in front of that first grade. (pg 6)

Me: Was the room that you taught in really little

Mrs. M.: no. it wasn't too little.

Me: no?

Mrs. M.: A don't ya ah; you go to school there don't you?

me: ah ha.

Mrs. M.: You know where Mr. Embloom teaches ah, that's the room I had.

Me.: Oh, ok.

Mrs. M.: Did you ever have did you go to school there?

Me: no. I started kindergarten there and then I went to the other schools in the District. And then I came back for sixth.

Mrs. M.: Oh, I see.

Me: So. Have you ever maintained contact with any former students? Or coworkers?

Mrs. M.: Oh, yes I do. I write to a former teacher, and I visit with other teachers that I taught with and oh, you say students.

Me: Mr. Sjöholm?

Mrs. M.: ah yes, were you there the day that I got? (laughing)

Me: yep!

Mrs. M.: (laughs) I've always enjoyed meeting my former students ya know.

Me: ah ha.

Mrs. M. I like to talk with them and find out how their life is if they have a family or children. I always enjoy it. Sometimes I don't recognize them but they recognize me. (We laugh)

Me: If you had to do it all again would you, you would choose the same career.

Mrs. M.: Yes. I sure would, be a teacher. Yes.

Me: O.k. What were the greatest challenges you faced during your career?

Mrs. M.: Well, when I first started to teach I had first and second grade and they had a combination, and there was 47 in the room.

Me: Oh my gosh 47 kids!

Mrs. M.: 47 first and second grade students. Then it was so important ya know. I had that for 2 years and then they split the grades after that. That was the biggest challenge.

Me: Uh ha.

Mrs. M.: They never should have combined those two grades together.

Me: It's hard enough for me to babysit three of those like kids (Mrs. M laughs) much less 47 of them.

Mrs. M.: That was a challenge in our time.

Me: Did you ever win any special awards?

Mrs. M.: Well, I did ya know at the Grandparents Day. I recieved a corsage.

Mrs. M.: I had my picture taken. 1948

Me.: What are your fondest memories of this school?

Mrs. M.: Well, that goes way back to when I was in the grades and then along through high school, and then teaching. I had many fond memories.

Me.: Who was the principal then?

Mrs. M.: Ah, Mr. Loumin was one of my principals and Mr. Mailmen was and Mr. Bath was superintendent most of the time that I was teaching at National Mine. And then Mr. Loumin became superintendent.

Me.: Did you give your kids any homework?

Mrs. M.: Not for the first graders, no! (laughs)

Me.: My little sister comes home with homework.

Mrs. M.: Is she a first grader?

Me.: No. She is in 5-5's. She comes home with homework.

Mrs. M.: Oh.

Me.: How did you get to school and how did you get home?

Mrs. M.: When I first started to teach I rode with another teacher that lived in my neighborhood. And then after she retired she I walked to school.

Me.: How far?

Mrs. M. That was a good mile.

Me. woh.

Mrs. M. I had to walk to school when I was in the grades too. They didn't have buses in those days. We had to walk. But later I started to ride with teachers from Marquette. Yes that even when I lived in N.Y. After I came from Carrey and they did pick me up, at the Post Office there. But when I lived down Marquette it

Me. About what time did you leave and what time did you get home at and time did school originally get done with?

Mrs. M. Our days were long I think we started at 9 o'clock, and had an hour for dinner. I think that we had gotten out about 3:30. We had a longer day then what was now I think.

Me. Well, we start at 8:45 and we get out at 3:15.

Mrs. M. oh.

Me. and we have 1/2 hour lunch hour.

Mrs. M. oh. About the same hours, about 6.

Me. So. O.K. What was lunch time like?

Mrs. M. well, at first ah we didn't have hot lunch, we had to carry a lunch and then they put in the hot lunch program. And at that time we had ya know we had a different lunch room then what you have now.

Me. Mr. Keto's room.

Mrs. M. Mr. Keto's room. well, ah we didn't go to his room, it was in the hallways and or the gym the tables were set And we teacher had to a serve help to a supervise the lunch room.

Me: ya they have to supervise it. (9/10)

Mrs. M: And the first next room that you come in office _____ from a Mr. Keto's room that was the lunch room at that time the teacher had to supervise all the children through all the grades through the 12th grade.

Me: ah

Mrs. M: cause see there weren't too many taking their lunch at that time. That was the first lunch room.

Me: Did everyone eat at the same time?

Mrs. M: No.

Me: What did the kids and students eat when they had cold lunch?

Mrs. M: when they had cold lunches? Most of the time it was a warm lunch.

Me: oh

Mrs. M: They had very good menus, I thought at that time. Now days they seem to have so much of the fast food and we never had it.

Me: our hot dogs are green, it's goose!

Mrs. M: no we had wonderful ah we had some good good cooks. Some wonderful meats, wholesome ones. Compared to what they have now, cause I sometimes listen to the radio and hear what they have.

Me: yuh!

Mrs. M:

Me: Would you like to um, you graduated from National Mine. would you like to go into a little bit of that, or would you like to stick with just the teaching?

Mrs. M.: That's ok. Do you have questions for that

Me: Ya I have questions for both.

Mrs. M.: O.k.

Me: o.k.

Mrs. M.: You'll be picking out what you want on your report won't you?

Me: yep. O.k. now let's see here. Do you remember any names of your grade school teachers and could you describe what they were like?

Mrs. M.: I don't know

Me: that's a while back.

Mrs. M.: That's a while back. what their names were you say oh, well I taught school with some of the teachers that I had in

Me: oh my gosh!

Mrs. M.: So I had Allen Peterson, and Anna Welsor Jenny Cardo and they're all I remember them Mrs. Biscorn was a first grade teacher. Kindergarten was Miss Davis well I guess I do remember quite a few.

Me: wow! Do you remember any numerous stories about your teachers?

Mrs. M.: I don't think so.

Me: Do you remember having a favorite teacher?

Mrs. M.: well I don't know. I think I liked them all.

Mrs. M. but one that is so much ^{out of} my life because it was before we had home ~~sewing~~
And she taught us in her spare time at noon
hour ya know and after school how to sew
we didn't have any machines (she laughs) but
we sew by hand.

Me: oh my gosh!

Mrs. M. she sure did a lot for me. I liked
them all, I liked them all.

Me: MM Let's see here, o.k. what subject did
you have the most difficulty, and why?

Mrs. M. In school? I suppose it was physics.
Physics and chemistry maybe. But that was I
think the hardest.

Me: why were they hard for you?

Mrs. M. well, I made it I made it I mean but
they were ah.

Me: difficult.

Mrs. M. I liked history I liked languages
and ah I liked English but ah these were a
little different but I did well and I remember
I liked general science. But physics

Me: I'm in general science right now

Mrs. M. oh you are!

Mrs. M. I even taught general science when
I taught at Carney.

Me: were there any fads or sayings like
hey dudel in those days?

Mrs. M. Well, that was that was in the
50's I believe. I don't know. Well, in the 20's

Mrs. M. they came in with alot of short short skirts In the 20's anyway. I can't remember. Hair do's were maybe a little differ Did you make those up or did your teacher help you them?

Me Our teacher helped us make up alot of them.

Mrs. M. who's your teacher now?

* Me. Mr. An

Mrs. M. Mr.

Me. An Randy An . He has relatives that work and lived there. Lots of them. But none of them work there anymore except for his aunt Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. M. Oh ha. I don't think he went to National Mine school though, did he?

Me. um. o.k, let's see here. How were you expected to act and behave? what kind of disaplina did you get?

Mrs. M. teachers. well, um in those days when I remember prating teaching we had to have a meeting once the a training school ahead of Northern they expected teachers to live in the community where they taught, that was one thing. And I think they were supposed to dress casually. (laughed)

Me. were you in any kind of extra-cirruclar activities when you were in high school? Or didn't they have any for women?

Mrs. M. Well at one time I played basket- (pg 14)
ball, and we had um a club when I was in
high school. It was more a less we went on hikes
had picnics. And see what else here I wrote
down here. We had picnics and parties and hikes
and string. Ah one of the highlights of my
high school days was when we I think I was
a senior in high school and we were in a
Glee Club contest at Northern Michigan University.
And we took 2nd place. Second to the training
school club because they ah naturally (laughs) we
couldn't compete against them but we got 2nd
place many years ago.

Me. Did you have any plays or programs at
your school?

Mrs. M. what was that? Yes I was in class

plays and junior class plays, in those days.

Me: like what were they about? The ones that
you were in?

Mrs. M. I can't, ah one was called 'Safety First' I
think I can't remember too much about them, that
was many years ago, ya know. (laughs)

Me: Do you remember any interesting stories about
someone screwing up or laughing or anything like
that?

Mrs. M. no. Maybe if I had time to think
these over a little more, but not wright now,
ah ha.

Me: Did you have a lot of homework in high
school?

Mrs. M. I don't think so. Uh ha.

Me: what was it like after school hours (Pg 15)
and what did you do?

Mrs. M. Well, ya mean when I was in the grades or in (Pauses)

Me: high school ya

Mrs. M. well, in those days we didn't have TV's we'd listen to radio programs. And I think I remember skiing. Going skiing and sleigh riding and things like that and job in high school.

Me: when you go home did you have to help your mom clean?

Mrs. M. no. I didn't. Ah, I didn't do too much. I did some of the cleaning, and she did the cooking.

Me: Describe as much as you can the ceremony was like at your graduation.

Mrs. M. well, there were only 5 graduates (laughs)

Me: ↷

Mrs. M. 5. Yes at that time. And we always had two nights class night and um graduation. And we always had a speaker, an outside speaker. I don't remember who the speaker was, when I graduated. Well, that was when we had two nights for graduation.

Me: Did you have to wear those hats and

Mrs. M. nope. No caps and gowns.

Me: what did you wear then?

Mrs. M. we just bought a new dress.

Me: Did the guys have to wear ties and jackets?

Mrs. M.: no. No just a plain suit.

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Me: Do you have any special memories of your graduation?

Mrs. M.: Well, I know at the time I had relatives from Minnesota come to my graduation. An Aunt and Uncle came.

Me: Were you able to may an contact with childhood friends from junior high and high school?

Mrs. M.: ^{oh} yes. MM. The girls that graduated with me live in different parts of the country but some girls that are around here I do.

Me: Where most the people you graduated with ladies?

Mrs. M.: We were - three ladies and two gentlemen. (laughs)

Me: That must have been strange graduating with three people.

Mrs. M.: When we started off with school in the grades there were maybe 30 but in those days they didn't think that it was that important to go to school. As long as you went to 8th grade. That was it. I'm sure there were 30 or more.

Me: I'm surprised that there weren't more men than women. Because usually they kept the girls home to clean and the boys to go to school.

Mrs. M.: laughs

Me: Well, that's all the questions and I can't think of anymore.

Mrs. M: Well, what kind of writing you can do with that. I don't why I was much of a help. My memory wasn't too good. When we were in high school so many of our teachers were, Is that still on

Me: yep.

Mrs. M: were from out of state. Teachers from Montana, Minnesota, South Dakota, I don't know why all they went to get teachers from out of state when Northern was so close.

Me: strange.

Mrs. M: our school burnt down ya know? when I was interviewed by Bradley I told him about the school burning down. I imagine you've seen this.

Me: ya. We briefly look at different ones in our rows..

Mrs. M: oh did you? Red Dust sure has done well haven't they? Do they still have any for sale yet, I wonder?

Me: I don't know.

Mrs. M: I didn't get one this year. I've gotten all the others.

Me: oh. let's see, it will take us quite a while to make it.

Mrs. M: This new one ya mean?

Me: ya

Mrs. M: I taught with Mrs. Richards too.

Me: Oh she's my favorite teacher. I ^{really} like English. (pg 18)

Mrs. M: We took turns riding together. She'd pick me up one day and I'd pick her up the other. And she'd drive her car here and drive with me one day.

Me: Was she young when you

Mrs. M: Well, that was 17 years ago.

That I finished, and that was the last year I taught, that we rode together. (She mumbles something)

Then Mr. Ruesing was there at the time. I was there and Mr. Keto, Mr. Emblom, Mr. Peter ah Peter Johnson Lee saying they were there.

Me: Mr. Saring's still there but he's helping tutor younger kids like, he's not teaching science anymore. He quite I guess last year.

Mrs. M: Remideal work

Me: ya

Mrs. M: helping tutoring, The kids that need extra help with their work. Are you the only child in your family?

Me: no. I have two other children in my family. Did you any sisters or brothers?

Mrs. M: Yes. we were 4 generations that went to National Mine School. My dad and his brothers went to school in the 1880's we started. That's many years ago. (She laughs)

Mrs. M. a red school house. Which was
more in down by ~~down~~ town down by Pg 19
the country store. I think there's a township
building there now where they keep equipment
there for maybe plowing.

Me: oh.

Mrs. M. The Dan~~z~~ Mason was the last of
the four generations. He finished in June.
So there were quite a few people
my family living there and a ~~brother~~ ^{brother} still does.

Me: when + where were you born?

Mrs. M. I was born on Oct. 11, 1909.

Me: holly botch. So that means. Let's see here
my grandma was 90, and she was born in 1940.
So that means you're 81.

Mrs. M. 81. Is your grandma Jennifer?

Me: It's a different grandma but do you
know Katherine Moyle? She lives in Neguane.

Mrs. M. no.

Me: Did you have any brothers or sisters?

Mrs. M. yes. I had two brothers and one
sister.

Me: And were you the oldest?

Mrs. M. I was the oldest.

Me: where were you born?

Mrs. M. I was born in Ishpeming. When
I was a year old my folks moved to
National Mine. And we lived in our Grandparent's
home.

Mrs. M. our grandparents then moved to ~~Minnesota~~ ^{Minnesota} so my dad bought it. He lived there just until he died when he was 85.

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Me oh, where were your parents born?

Mrs. M. My dad was born in Berlin, New Hampshire and my mother was born in Ishpeming.

Me That's all the questions I've got

Mrs. M. (she laughs) Well, I hope I graduated from Northern Michigan University and one summer I went ~~for~~ ^{for} a week of college in Illinois for a summer term with a friend of mine. So ah I guess that's it hey.

Me: o.k.

Mrs. M. You don't have to have a picture of anything like that.

Me: Nope

Mrs. M. You had to have a picture with black & white picture.

Me: Ya. we don't...

Mrs. M. what are you gonna do? Are you gonna write it up like this?

Me: Yep. The teachers I guess are gonna decide who's gonna be put in the book. And if it does make it then I will need your picture but we don't until

Mrs. M. ^{I see} maybe I won't make it. But for your sake maybe because it will help you (she laughs) the school burned, and I happen to have a picture of the school burned.

Me: oh.

Mrs. M: And this is a picture of pg 21 what it looked like after the fire.

Me: oh my goodness. I think I've looked at this one.

Mrs. M: And they only want black & white pictures too.

Me: Yep. I don't know why but. Did you get vacations when you were in school, long ones?

Mrs. M: I think we always we got a 2 week vacation during Christmas. we always went ~~a~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ June. we had 10 months of school days. Now days I think it's 9 months.

Me: ya. what was this fire like when it happened?

Mrs. M: I don't know. I was I didn't go up to the school when it burned because I just looked out the window and saw the smoke and flames. I lived quite a way a mile but I could still see the flames. It was sad. I'll tell you. we had to go to different schools and churches and buildings an National mine. One class was in the Methodist church, another one in the Finnish church and so on. Good thing

Me: was there alot of people in the building?

Mrs. M: No. It was it happened in the early evening.

Me: So no one was hurt?

Mrs. M: no. Nobody there.

Me: Did you miss any school?

Mrs. M. no. I suppose we did but I think maybe we set up pretty fast. I wish I can't remember, when I had kept a diary in those days. (we both laugh) I guess I don't have the best of a memory

Me. So. All together...! Did you go to kindergarten at that school?

Mrs. M. uh.

Me. You spent a lot of years of your life at that school.

Mrs. M. yes. And I was in the ninth grade when that school burnt down. That was in 1923 & I think it was in the fall of 1925 when we went to the school that's the present school.

Me. Was the school you went to before the one that burned down was that small?

Mrs. M. no. There was 12 grades to it.

Me: ~~was~~ was it a smaller size than what we have now?

Mrs. M. well, there was about 200 students in the school at that time. The classes were never very large

Mrs. M. This is a picture of the school. Did you ever see that? (23)

Me: no. Is this from 1924.

Mrs. M. uh ha. Read the back.

Me: National Mine school - Tilden township
National Mine Michigan Nov. 3, 1929 or 1923
The wooden frame school occupying the site of the school pictured on the front side of this plate which houses both the grades and the high school of Tilden township was burned to the ground. During the time between the last of that school and the opening of the present school classes were held in various churches and buildings in the village of National Mine. The new school was dedicated

Mrs. M. dedicated

Me! on June 4 1925. And has been in continuous use since that day and now houses 240 pupils enrolled in grades from kindergarten through the high school.

Mrs. M. uh ha. You've never seen that before?

Me: no. I've only seen the old trophies + things like that.

Mrs. M. see that's where the first grade was where I was. Now, they built those into four new rooms up there that covered the windows

Me: And now we're runing out of room, so they put portables outside.

Mrs. M. I know you've got two portables out there. I didn't see them, the day that I was there

Mrs. M.: Cause? (she mumbles something)

Me.: They weren't finished yet. They were only finish about 1/2 month ago.

Mrs. M.: you mean they haven't been in use yet?

Me.: they're in use now.

Mrs. M.: who are the teachers there?

Me.: I think Mr. Emblom is out there

Mrs. M.: oh.

Me.: and Mr. Johnson, I'm not sure because

Mrs. M.: who's in their room?

Me.: I'm not sure.

Mrs. M.: (she mumbles something I don't know what)

Me.: It's a disaster at our school! we've had so many new teachers come from Champion and everything to our school because we didn't have enough teachers.

Mrs. M.: oh.

Me.: So the chorus room is changed. Everything is all a mess. So.

Mrs. M.: well, when I left the school before Westwood was built. And it became quite crowded up there too because it became the high school. Ya know. The children from two Ishpeming Tw. and Ely Tw. was going to Ishpeming school started going to National Mine School, because it became a part of NICE District.

Mrs. M.: So it was crowded then too! Because (25)
it became the high school, it was the high school
and it ah. At that time the kindergarten had
moved out to Faith Lutheran church. For one year
because that became an art room. At that time.

Me: wow!

Mrs. M.: Well, then when the school went back
to normal but as you said it's crowded again.
What don't they make some of them out to
Champion or somewhere like that?

Me: well, there's not many people that live in
Champion anymore.

Mrs. M.: oh

Me: but I guess it's too long of a bus ride.
so.

Mrs. M.: Is your mom here?

from mom came & left because I wasn't
ready.

Mrs. M.: Well, I don't know if I've been much of
a help to you?

Me: I've got plenty!

Mrs. M.: because you told me to remember some humorous
things and ah (she laughs) I can't remember too much. Well,
good luck with your thing (she laughs)

Me: ya! Thank you. It's gonna take a lotta hard
work to get all of organized and everything.

Mrs. M.: ya, sure

Me: I think it's gonna take about 7 different copies
to get it all completed.

M.: sure!

Me: and it might not even be in there.

Mrs. M: no. (laughs)

Me: and if it is that will be great! 75th year of our school it's so strange

Mrs. M: You've heard you we had a 50th year reunion at Northern at Northern 50 years ago in Nov and that was a wonderful affair. We had about 500 people there.

Me: wow.

Mrs. M: and I enjoyed that so much because even the first graduating class which was in 190 oh one of these women was still living so I enjoyed that because I knew many of them from the very beginning ah. Having taught up there it was interesting to meet students that I had.

Me: uh.

Mrs. M: that's gonna be a nice affair. They expect many people again.

Me: when the first day of school they said a lot was going to be put on our shoulders because it's the 75th year of school & I was like gees.

Mrs. M: (she laughs) (she mumbles something) I keep all the old. Do you have a yearbook now?

Me: no.

Mrs. M: Do you ~~have~~ ~~it~~. Does Westwood have a year book?

Me: well, I don't have a year book but our coming yearbook we just had to pay for them today. And then their gonna later send them to us.

Mrs. M: See here's the list of students from back in 1917 that's the first school. And the grade school Bennett is living in Palmer Home. She's still living from that first class. Here's a list see the classes were small.

Me: uh ha

Mrs. M: 1925 that wasn't too bad of a class.

Mrs. M: well, class of '07' here's where we are. (27)

Me: holly

Mrs. M: but it's interesting to have this ah I've been using this as a reference from time to time. It's gettin' kinda worn out. The class that did get a little larger. '05'

Me: wow did it ever.

Mrs. M: well, I had my first and second grade in this class

Me: ah ha

Mrs. M: when is was up there. They graduated in the class

Me: 48. My first grade class when I taught.

Me: 47 wow!

Mrs. M: I had 47 but look at how few that graduated

20. Course some moved away to but, well, tomorrow one of the women called me and told me to be a Mima Mia's at 12:30 because a reporter from the mining Journal was going to be there.

Me: oh!

Mrs. M: and wants some information on the school

Me: so you'll probably be in the paper!

Mrs. M: well, I don't know about that (she laughs) but I don't think so but maybe I can give a few items like I did tonight. What ever she asks

Me: ah ha.

Mrs. M: what ever she asks. You ask a lot of questions don't you?

Me: Mr. Ann gave us even more. He gave us ones for custodians because most of the people knew who they were. And for me I didn't know who I was gonna interview so I had to write down every question. So that's why I had so many

Mrs. M: uh ha

Mrs. M: well, I hope I'm some help to you.

Me: Thank you.

Mrs. M: I wish I could have been more. Well, you remember me getting my corsage don't you?

something? The tape ended on slide A. (28)

Mrs. M: ~~you~~ got it on again, yep.

Me: I turned it on again.

Me: well that's all I've got to add. Do you have anything else?
Mrs. M: no. I don't think so. Nice meeting you and good luck on your project.

Me: Thank you, I'm gonna need it. I have lots to write. This is this project is gonna be really big. If I don't do good in our English class I think we'll have about five grades and they'll equal a test grade so.

Mrs. M: Well, your teacher go over this now?

Me: My history teacher will look at it.

Mrs. M: you mean when you write it up?

Me: nope He's gonna listen to the tape and then in English we're gonna start the transcript and then the rough drafts and then the English teacher

Mrs. M: It won't be ran for the class of anything like that?

Me: nope.

Mrs. M: just for your teacher hey

Me: the only thing it would be in is this Red Rust because they made an agreement ^{that} ^{it won't} ^{be} ^{start} or anything like that

Mrs. M: Do you have Mrs. Richards for a teacher?

Me: yep.

Mrs. M: Say hello to her for me won't you?

Me: o.k. She'll be listening to this tape so she'll even know

Mrs. M: will she? yes. You had questions that I didn't really expect to be asked but ah

Me: You did pretty good

Mrs. M: I hope so.

Me: you have a good memory of that many years ago. God I don't think I'll even remember the year I graduated in (we laugh)

Mrs. M: oh yes you will.

Me: I don't remember what year I even started school.

Mrs. M: I remember every class I was in Kindergarten through highschool.

Me: & Mrs. M: Talked about her getting christmas trees up & getting her first present.

Me: Well, I better get going my mom's gonna think I died. (she laughs)

Mrs. M: Well, it was nice meeting you. ?

Me: Thank you.

Mrs. M: you're welcome. you're welcome.

Me: I hope it gets in this. It'll be really interesting because this year it's just on the people that worked there and went there.

Mrs. M: Oh! The whole Red Bust is on that)

Me: yep. Not a thing else.

Mrs. M: I wonder if anyone is going to Marquette to interview Mrs Mayhew?

Me: I don't know

Mrs. M: She was there when I taught there. We retired the same year.

Me: How do you spell her last name?

Mrs. M: Mayhew. D. Mayhew. She was an English teacher and French teacher up there. Mrs. Richards knows her. She started off in 3rd grade I believe but because her major and minor was in and she was really a secondary teacher but ah she ah there was a vacancy and she needed a job because her husband had just died. And there was Mrs. Gleason but she doesn't live here anymore.

Me: I know alot of the kids that I know they're doing teachers and students.

Me: there aren't too many custodians left to interview (3)
Mrs. M. and Mr. Kipling just died

Me: yep

Mrs. M.: Mr. Burg I still think he's still living. I think he was a bus driver too. You're doing bus drivers too aren't you?

Me: Yep. I think those are the only two people that I know of that aren't students or teachers. So they'll probably be in the book for a variety.

Mrs. M.: she asked me about what I wanted to do when I got older.

Mrs. M.: another thing that I think helped me to decide to be a teacher was when there was a teacher home sick & we were a senior in high school you went to their class room to take over. Sounds like fun! class dismissed goodbye!

Mrs. M.: That was fun though. But to think that they'd let us seniors to go in and think I think I taught for maybe one week when a teacher was missing, instead of having a substitute. Me: cause they'd have to pay em'.

Mrs. M.: That was fun, & easy to do. I wish ya good luck now.

Me: And if this makes it I'll give you a call and I'll need a picture.

Mrs. M.: you have to have a black & white one don't you?

Me: Ya. I don't know why? I think it's just the whole idea of the book.

I quite taping. It lasted another hour. But it was just talking except she told me the Yearbooks were named Tower because of the Tower near Tilden Mine.

The End

Have fun listening to?