

Allen Vietzke's interview
with
Mr. Anderson

me: When and ~~where~~ were you born?

Mr. Anderson: I was born in negunee hospital in December 21
~~1952~~ 1952

me: How many brothers or sisters do you have?

Mr. Anderson: I got one sister

me: What was her name?

Mr. Anderson: Ronda, she is about four ~~to~~ years younger
than I am

me: Did she go to National mine?

Mr. Anderson: yep

me: When and who did you marry?

Mr. Anderson: I married a girl named Marsha Stegson and
we got married October 27, 1973

me: What years did you attend National mine?

Mr. Anderson: I attended kindergarten through 12 grade but
I can't remember the year I started, that would have
been when I was six years old

me: do you remember any of the teachers?

Mr. Anderson: well ya I remember we had a lot of good teachers

Some of them are still teaching. It was only twenty years ago when I graduated, there was Mr. Hertz, he was a fifth grade teacher and later on he was a shop teacher, Mr. Roberts, ~~Mr. Roberts~~ he was our math teacher in our junior years, he taught all math courses, biology courses and chemistry courses

me: do you remember humorous or interesting stories about them?

Mr. Anderson: no not really, I have to search my memory, pretty

serious bunch really, oh, Mr. Roberts he was quite forgetful, he'd tell us we had a test of Friday and Friday would come along and he'd say don't we have a test today and we'd say no, no it's Monday oh that's right he'd say and then he'd forget all about it and then Monday would come along and he would right it down the second time but at least we had the weekend to study for it

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me: Do you remember some of your Jr. high or high school teachers?

Mr. Anderson: Stan Roberts was one of them, Frank

Rossing, he was a principal later on, I'd say he was one of the best teachers I had. he got me interested in politics and physical science, I remember him even today mainly because he made the class real interesting

me: How long was a school day then?

Mr. Anderson: I think we started at 8:00 and we got out around 3:30 or so, 3:00, around there

me: how did you get to school

Mr. Anderson: we took the bus, we had to walk down to the road down by 581

me: what was your favorite subject and why

Mr. Anderson: I liked history, and I ~~was~~ ^{have always been} kind of an amateur history buff, I can't remember dates or anything, I like to read about civil wars and American history, that was one of my favorites, chemistry and biology was interesting I don't know why, but science and economics was interesting and I wasn't so great on my math

me: how did kids dress and was there a dress code?

Mr. Anderson: yes there was a dress code we weren't aloud to well... the skirts couldn't be too high or the girls hair couldn't be too long and we weren't aloud to have muskies. you had to be neat and everything you couldn't go to school with raggy old clothes on

me: were there any special fads or sayings

Mr. Anderson: we had a saying we'd stick our tongues on our bottom lip and scratch the bottom lip and say could be bob. later on in the late 60's, early 70's it was far out, groove, ~~far~~ outa sight and that sort of thing

me: how were kids expected to behave and did they obey

Mr. Anderson: you were expected to mind your p's and q's and watch your tongue they didn't put up with too much bologne there you didn't lip at to most of the male teachers because they would cuff ya on the ear if they got the chance if it was necessary.

me: what punishments were given?

Mr. Anderson: there was suspensions you had maly write work essays of something writing on the board it depends if you were a whole kid you had to write lots on the board & write quite a few lines on the board when you were an older you had to do essays old a report on

Mr. Anderson (cont): something, it depends on the severity of the crime involved.

me: what kinds of extracurricular activities were there and did you participate in any

Mr. Anderson: well mostly back then we just had basketball, I didn't participate after fifth grade.

me: did any teams win a trophy or championship

Mr. Anderson: no, I can't remember I never really followed that much mainly when I went to game it was to goof around with my friend

me: how would you describe your academic performance:

Mr. Anderson: my academic performance, my grades and everything?

me: yes

Mr. Anderson: I've seen some of my cards up to I think maybe the fourth of fifth grade I guess I was doing pretty good I was getting a's and B's, once I got into 9th grade through 12 I could say I really didn't apply myself I ~~couldn't~~ could say I really didn't apply myself I just loafed along and was at everything with just half my brain power

me: what was lunchtime like?

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Mr. Anderson: mass confusion there'd be kids throwing food one in a while, but they used to have on the east end of school next to the shop room was a little kitchen and the cook and red andreas and dan i remember the other cook but there was two real good cooks in there and an hour before lunch time you could smell the food cooking and you would be growling they had two real good cooks in there and they cooked for the high school in that little kitchen, they had good food there

me: where was the cafeteria?

Mr. Anderson: for a while it was in the room next to the principals office on the east end of school and then they moved it into the gym

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

Mr. Anderson: ~~what~~ his name was Mr. Milman and don't remember his first name I can remember him very well he was a very good teacher he died in my 9th or 10th year he died of cancer, he was a very good teacher we would set the kids aside

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Mr. Anderson: he would talk sex education with the boys at one time and if they had any questions he wouldn't push it, he'd just say if you have any questions you can ask but we felt uncomfortable asking questions he'd have discussions and that but he was pretty tolerant he was a good man, a real good man, I was really sorry to see him die. He taught economics and American history for a while

me: who took over when he died?

Mr. Anderson: I think it was Fran Rooseny
But I could be mistaken

me: did the school have any special picnics or outings?

Mr. Anderson: no, we had field trips know anything about school dances, that's all I can remember

me: did any of your teachers have a impact on your life

Mr. Anderson: I would think that most teachers in some way have an impact on your life you always remember the classes like I had mentioned ~~earlier~~ earlier Fran Rooseny opened my eyes to see the world in a different way

me: what was your graduation ceremony like?

Mr. Anderson: well we had to go upon stage, the ladies wore gave a speech, president of the board of education gave a speech, we picked up our diplomas and that was about it you were quite proud when you graduate

me: do you have any special memories of your graduation?

Mr. Anderson: no, other than the fact I was extremely proud at the time I was so glad to get out of school I figured this is it I'm out of school I'm free, and I wish I could be back in school now

me: did you have a prom?

Mr. Anderson: I don't recall a prom

me: did any tragedies occur when you were in school?

Mr. Anderson: yes one of my classmates died she, I don't know if she had a name I'm inclined to think she had a name & her name was Patty or something she was four or five lockers down from me and she just fell over and Mr. Miller worked on her were some other teachers were trying to get her up each

Mr. Anderson: we were all told to go to our classroom about an hour later ~~she~~ we saw them carry her out on a stretcher and she was all covered up we knew she passed away

me: were you able to maintain contact with your childhood friends

Mr. Anderson: most of my class did well, some moved to Washington, most of them are still around, a lot of them I see at work every day, we all went to work for their men, most stay around

me: what do think is the biggest change in the school?

Mr. Anderson: Its bigger, I believe in a smaller school there is more attention per student ~~if~~ we had twenty seven people in our class when we graduated with is a far cry from now a days if you had a problem the teacher had time, you could go in between classes and the teacher could give you a hand and I ~~don't~~ think having bigger schools ~~is~~ ^{just} harder to get that extra help.

me: what are your fondest memories of Naumokine?

Mr. Anderson: I never really thought about that, probably noon hour, I liked some of the classes Political Science, shop classes & like

me! If you could give a message to students today what would it be?

Mr. Anderson: Study hard, don't be afraid to ask questions