

Marlo Mannikko's Interview ①

with  
ED Ostola

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me: This is Marlo Mannikko. The date of the interview is December 16 and the interviewee is ED Ostola. The purpose of the interview is ex-student at National Mine. We are at my house in National Mine.

me: When and where were you born?

ED Ostola: I was born in Ishpeming hospital in 1936.

me: Okay

me: How many brothers + sisters do you have? ~~names?~~

ED Ostola: 2 brothers and 3 sisters. me: And their names?

ED Ostola: Eugene, ENSIO, ESTHER, Ellen and Eileen.

me: When and whom did you marry?

ED Ostola: Sandy Mannikko. JUNE 3, 1989

me: How many children do you have?

ED Ostola: 4

me: And their names?

ED Ostola: (ha-ha) Wally, John, NIKKI and Marlo.

me: Okay

ED Ostola: Stepchildren

me: When and where were your parents born?

ED Ostola: They were both born in Finland, in the late 1900's.



me: And their names?

Ed Ostola: William and Martha Ostola.

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me: What years did you attend National Mine school

Ed Ostola: 1842 ~~to~~ through 1950.

me: Kay

me: Do you remember some of your grade school teachers <sup>and what</sup> were they like?

Ed Ostola: I remember Fannie Millamaki, Mrs. Wornberg and Patrick Gleason. And they were all good.

me: Kay

me: Do you remember any humorous or interesting stories about <sup>them?</sup>

Ed Ostola: (Ha-ha) Yeah Fannie Millamaki used to, she had one arm and she'd pick you up with the good <sup>arm</sup> and then she'd slap you with a ruler on the knuckles.

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

Ed Ostola: No, I didn't get that far.

me: How did you get to school and how far was it?

Ed Ostola: We rode on the bus and it was cold and it was about three miles.

me: Okay

me: What was your favorite subject and why?

Ed Ostola: ~~G~~ Geography, I had Mr. Thomas for a teacher and ah, I was, I liked Geography.

me: Okay

me: What was your most difficult subject and why?

Ed Ostola: Arithmetic, cause I couldn't add.

me: What kinds of extra-curricular activities were offered?

Ed Ostola: Basketball.

me: Which ones were you involved in?

Ed Ostola: none



me: Did the teams win any <sup>from 500</sup> championships?

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Ed ostola: Yes.

me: What effect did this have on the school?

Ed ostola: It made the players wanna compete more.

me: Okay

me: How did the teams travel and how far did they go?

Ed ostola: Traveled by bus and the farthest I remember is they went up to Chassell.

me: Okay

me: How has competition changed?

Ed ostola: Everything is more modernized.

me: Kay

~~X~~ me: Did you have any special cheers?

ED ostola: Not that I can remember.

me: Kay

~~Ed ostola:~~ me: How were kids expected to act or behave?

Ed ostola: Per the mark.

me: What punishments were given?

ED ostola: You'd be expelled from school.

me: Were there any dress codes?

ED: Yes there was, girls had to wear dresses and boys had to wear dress pants.

me: Kay

me: What special fads or sayings were popular?

ED: None that I can remember.

me: What was lunchtime like?

ED: You had to stand in a line on the stairway and wait to get served.

me: Okay



me: could you describe your hot-lunch?

ED: It was good.

me: Where did you eat lunch?

ED: In the lunchroom.

me: what Plays or Programs did they have?

ED: Christmas Plays

me: Did you Participate in any?

ED: yes

me: In what way?

ED: I had to dance in the Christmas Play.

me: Oh, did you, do you remember any humorous or interesting stories about them?

ed: When I had to dance with Emily Richards and Pasty Trevoore and I didn't know how to dance.

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

ED: NO

me: Kay

me: Who was your principal and describe him/her?

ED: Mr. Annala and he ruled with a iron hand.

me: Kay

me: Did any teachers have an impact on your life?

ED: Yes, Mr. Thomas.

me: describe your graduation ceremony.

Ed: I didn't graduate.

Me: Okay

me: Were you able to maintain contact with your childhood friends?

ED: yes



me: What are your fondest memories of National  
Mine School? ⑤

ED: Going out the door.

me: What is the biggest change in the schools today?

ED: There's more schools and their stricter.

me: If you had a message for the students what  
would it be?

ED: Graduate

me: Do you have anything else to add?

ED: Stay in school and graduate so you can  
make something out of your life.

me: Okay, thank you very much.