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Nichole Sundberg Interview with Mrs. Peterson

ME: my name is Nichole Sundberg and the interviewee is Mrs. Peterson and the date is 10/15/10 and she was a student at National mine and we are doing it at her house.

ME: when and where were you born?

Mrs. P. March 6, 1936 in Ishpeming.

ME: o.k. How many brothers and sisters do you have?

Mrs. P. I have one brother and one sister. Now my sister is dead.

ME: oh! His name?

Mrs. P. Wayne D. Millinohi

ME: How many of them went to National mine?

Mrs. P. Both

ME: when & who did you marry?

Mrs. P. William R. Peterson

ME: Do you have any children?

Mrs. P. 1

ME: Oh! what was his name?

Mrs. P. William Bruce Peterson

Q: Did he go to National mine?

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Mrs. P. NO he didn't

M: Am what years did you attend National mine?

Mrs. P. 1932-1944

M: Do you remember any teachers from grade 5 school?

Mrs. P. That are leaving? I remember some. Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Gleason, my aunt, I had an aunt that taught elementary

M: Um. were they nice people?

Mrs. P. Well my aunt was mean to me. I thought she show she would show me so favors but I think I got the dirty end of it during class because I was her niece. I got some slaps with a ruler (Ha Ha)

M: Do you remember any humorous stories about them?

Mrs. P. Not really

M: Do you remember any of your junior high or high school teachers?

Mrs. P. Yes. Mrs. , Mrs Lacombe, Mrs Annala, Mr. Bath.

ME: I had Mrs. Lacombe to. What were they like? (3)

Mrs. P. You know in high school you don't care much and in junior high you don't care much for teachers your to interest in other activities but they were all right I guess.

ME: Ha Ha! Do you remember any stories about them?

Mrs. P. Not really.

ME: How long was the school day? What time did it start what time did it end?

Mrs. P. Mm. We started at 9:00 and ended at 3:30.

ME: How did you get to school?

Mrs. P. BUS

ME: TOOK A BUS what subjects did you have like like math or other?

Mrs. P. High school, or Junior High

ME: Either one

Mrs. P. Well I had chemistry, I had algebra, geometry, English and history and all that good stuff.

ME: What was your favorite one?

Mrs. P Chemistry

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ME: Why?

Mrs. P Because I liked my teacher Mrs. Clochin
she was good at teaching.

ME: Tuffest class?

Mrs. P Geometry

ME: Why?

Mrs. P I just couldn't catch on to it. That pie business.

ME: I don't get it either.

Mrs. P I don't care for Geometry

ME: How ^{did} the kids dress?

Mrs. P How do we dress?

ME: Did you wear jeans or,

Mrs. P we were not aloud to wear jeans we had to

~~wear~~ ~~wear~~ wear shirts no jeans. The boys
couldn't wear jeans they had to wear dress
pants no jeans were aloud.

ME: That's alot different now

Mrs. P. No jeans aloud!

ME were they any special tabs or sayings when you went to school?

Mrs. P. mm not really.

ME: How were they expected to act and behave?

Mrs. P. Very well. No running in halls. I remember one time when I was on the bus. I was goofin off and I was high off and walked home.

ME That's for!

Mrs. P. Veni. I had to walk home from National mine to my house. I got kicked off at Brook's hill. for I don't know I was sooth off with one of the boys. He was teasing me and I went off and hit him with my lunch pail. Ted Koshi kicked me off the bus and I had to walk home.

ME: What punishment was given to kids that were bad in school? Did they have to go to the principal office.

Mrs. P. went to the office talk to the office. had to sent in the hall. had to talk to the principal!

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ME: were there. What were the extra like activities
were there?

Mrs. P. well we would put on a class play called
Operaratace we did that at Christmas time.
and there always a senior class play we
made the home ec. students girls did most
of the sewing and making of all the
costumes. that was part of our project
and the boys in manual training did
the painting and set ready for that. then
we had a newspaper called the echo
we put that out once a month. ECHO-
we put it out once a month different
class did different parts like the sports,
comics, the news in the township

ME: did you draw the cartoon or did you
take them out of the paper?

Mrs. P. some were drawn some were out the
paper and then when the war was
here we did a newsletter we collect
news from the community. and the
daily activities and we did some
jokes for that too. and we sent to
everyone in National mine that
was in the service once a month and
the typing class would type up a
newsletter. and then run it on a machine

Mrs. P. and send it to everybody in the
the service

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ME That's neat

Mrs. P. Our projects the service men enjoyed it and
some of them wrote back to us. How neat
they like it. Everyone would collect news like
who was married and who had a baby and
National mine was such a small little town that
everybody knew everybody.

ME: um this year we did for the people that
are in persian gulf. for english class we
wrote letters and some people got them back
because I did and his wife works with
my mom

Mrs. P. Only some people wrote and they ~~are~~ really
enjoyed it it keep them in touch with the
community being a small community
what everybody was doing who was married,
who had a baby or any little news, and a
few jokes and what we were doing in
school and I enjoyed it.

ME! um! which ones did you participate in?

Mrs. P. All of them!

ME: Did any teams win a trophy like
basketball teams or a championship? (8)

Mrs. P. NO! we lost. we were considered class E at
the time. we were runners up one year in
class E. I can't remember the date of that
but we were runners up. But we never
got a trophy in my years.

ME: Did it have any effect on the school?
were people happy cause they got runners up?

Mrs. P. Oh! Yes Yes everybody went and the bus we
sign up and the bus would take us to
the tournaments I mean it was very very nice
you just signed up and you went to the
tournaments. Sometimes you would pay
50¢. Sometimes the bus took us for free. But
the bus took us around to the basketball
games.

ME mm! um How did teams I mean How far
did you have to go to other schools was
it along ride

Mrs. P. Oh! we went to Champion and Michigamme
But we figured Champion was a long ride at that
time. on the bus.

ME: Do you remember any special cheers?

Mrs. P. Not really just about the same cheers that we have now.

ME: How do you describe your academic performance

Mrs. P. average mine average

ME mm! what was lunch time like? Did you have good food or was?

Mrs. P. we packed our own lunches.

ME Did have any food for anybody?

Mrs. P. there was no food. At one time we did give commantries. Sometimes they would give a grapefruit sometimes tomatoes or a piece fruit once in a while. we had to brown bag with our own drink

ME: That's weird from now, (10)

Mrs. P. Yes that is

ME: Where was the cafeteria?

Mrs. P. Way down at the far end of the building at National mine. The auditorium was big then compared to what you got now to sit on the bleachers that was a gorgeous auditorium. And the hall was the lunch room and we had benches and tables. We all would get out the same time for lunch because the school was so small and there wasn't many and then the ones didn't take their lunch wait there then when there was special activities some of the kids took their lunch and worked during our lunch hour.

Now right now the cafeteria is just behind the gym the gym then cafeteria is right behind it so the will superlatives

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Mrs. P. maybe it close but
where you have the
lunchroom now it
was as twice as big
as that

ME: ~~the~~ curls is so crowded now that
we have last year we had
sixth, seventh, and eighth grade
all at the same time this year
we have sixth grade in their
own special lunch time, then
seventh and eighth grade

Mrs. P. when I graduate there was
nine in my class out of that
nine four took their lunch
the rest went like Emily Corley,
Donna, Annala. They went home
for lunch for that only left five
from my class to eat.

ME: we have here 80 in just one cl. like

Mrs. P. well like I said there was only
nine in my class

ME: oh!

Mrs. P. In 1944 that's small

ME: Did you guys have any special picnics ~~or~~ or outings? That you went to?

Mrs. P. Well! we had a that I thought was very interesting we had a for our class we planted trees I was one who planted trees up in the school forest we enjoyed that we put in trees every year. you know where the school forest?

ME: yes

Mrs. P. mm. I was one of those who participated. There used to be a boy who would dig and the girls would plant them. He shoveled and we would put the trees in.

me. Now we have a ski trail
in the forest.

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mis.P. No we did have anything
that was one activities we
did that all we didn't
have much activities

me we have right now we have
a ski trail that the gym people
sometimes ski on it and stuff
like now they go ~~ski~~ skiing around
there and we have a trail

ME:
~~ME:~~ Did any teachers have any
impact on your life? Did they
help you or anything?

mis.P: Oh yeah they were very good.
If you wanted to listen to them
they were very good. I mean I
liked that um Clarice Brown
she was my English teacher.
in high school. I liked her.
She was very good.

Mrs. P. Also she could really put across a lesson without much bother of anything she had an knack for teaching English

me: what was your graduation ceremony like?

Mrs. P. well there was nine in my class and one had to go in the service so left eight that graduated war time. world war II when I graduated. we would walk across the stage and take our diplomas and salute and the valedictorian would get a special one, and take a speech

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

Mrs. P. well I don't know. It was a sad time when there is only

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Mrs. P. (continued) about nine or ten in your class you get almost like brothers and sisters. I mean your really close to your classmates when there is only ten nine I mean your really close to them it was kinda sad that we were are going our separate ways I won't see them any more

ME: um Did you have a prom when you were in high school?

Mrs. P. No! we used to have what was called class party every class would give a party from 9 to 10 and we used to have the gym and refreshment and a dance called a class party, when you were a freshmen then you would have an invitation that they would have for you.

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MRS P. then they would blind fold
and make you put your
hands in spaghetti and they said
it was worms.

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MRS P. and it was only spaghetti

ME: uw guess! Did you have any
tragedies during school? broken
leg or anything?

MRS P. No but the girl's son by me died
and she was a diabetic. It was sad
for me because she sat behind me
in study hall. It was sad

ME: when I was in first grade my teacher
died because I knew really well cause
she was my dad's best friend and they
went to school together. I knew her personally
she got really sick. were you able to
maintain contact with your friends?

Mrs. P. Now

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ME: Yes

Mrs. P. Yes those that around here yes. but one of my classmates got killed he was a electrician and he got electrocuted which was very sad being such a small class. Like I said we were almost brothers and sisters.

ME Nine kids in your class that's small

Mrs. P. Then that would only be eight take me out of there and it would only be eight they were my eight friends you know. we were close.

ME: What do you think the biggest change in the school when you went? Like what is the biggest change when you were there and now?

Mrs. P. Cafeteria was one thing and a the dress code which is very different when we went to school. The educational program is the same except for different subjects. Some where added that we didn't have,

ME. we don't have chemistry or stuffometry yet

Mrs. P. That was when I was in high school.

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me: Oh. umm what were your
fondest memories of National Mine
school?

Mrs P. Always remember the year that
we had a snow storm it was a really
bad snow storm. and after everything
was clear. Eskie Humantine came with a
team of horses and a closed in sleigh, and
we went to school with that that and
there was rock on the bottom with bricks
to keep our feet warm there was so much
snow that even the bus couldn't get through
so we came with a team of horses to get us
to school

me: you had school when the snow was high

Mrs P. yes you couldn't get through only the horses could
get through.

me: you mean they didn't close school or anything?

Mrs P. yes but when they opened it up there was so
much snow that only the horses could get through
at those times they didn't have the plowing equipment
like they have now they only had a tractor but it
couldn't be everywhere, so we went with a horse for
a couple of days. and the sleigh was closed and
bricks on the floor and snow on the bricks would
keep our feet warm.

me: what if you could give a message to the
students today what would it be?

Mrs. P. obey your teacher and study hard. This world is nothing but education so study

ME: I do cause I got all A's and one B.

Mrs. P. You have to study because you can't even get a job digging. Hence if you don't have a high school diploma. It's got to be that you have to graduate to get any sort of a job, and there's a lot of opportunities for a good job.

ME: Do you have anything else you would like to add?

Mrs. P. Oh not that I can think of.