

Kati Korpi interviewed William Anderson
on November 5, 1998 at 6:00

Me: Please tell me your full name.

Mr. A: William R. Anderson

Me: Can you please tell me the date you were born on?

Mr. A: 10/17/31

Me: Where were you born?

Mr. A: Ishpeming

Me: What are your parents names?

Mr. A: William and Ellen Anderson

Me: How many siblings do you have?

Mr. A: How many siblings do I have, 6.

Me: What are their names?

Mr. A: Siblings you mean my sisters and brothers.

Me: Yea

Mr. A: Oh I was thinking you meant my children. Oh I have nine besides me.

Me: 9, OK

Mr. A: Now you want their names

Me: Sure

Mr. A: (Laugh) Susan, Neil, Julie, Francis, Jean, Stella, Terri, Betty Lou, & Mary Jo

Me: OK. Can you, Please can you tell me about how old you were when you started school?

Mr. A: 4

Me: Did you go to preschool or kindergarten?

Mr. A: Well, 4 I started kindergarten

Me: What did you do there?

Mr. A: What did I do there?

Me: Yes

Mr. A: (phone rang) I don't know it's a long time, I guess we did coloring and numbers + letters and such and so forth.

Me: What school did you attend for elementary?

Mr A: North Lake.

Me: How did you get to school?

Mr A: walked.

Me: You walked, where did you live?

Mr. A: In North Lake Location.

Me: Can you please tell me your teachers names, any specific ones?

Mr A: Kindergarten it was Ms Johnson

Ms Jacobs was first, second grade I believe

Mrs. Limberg was third + fourth or some where in there

Mr. Bulley was our 8th grade teacher, he was the principal, nice name for a tea, principal key (laugh, ha, ha)

Mrs. Bulley was 7th grade teacher, so I guess that covers most the grades.

Me: What was your most funny or vivid memories of your teachers?

Mr A: I remember they were very funny (ha, ha) oh yes. well one incident that I remember with the teachers it was kind of funny when the we had goats that jumped through the windows + landed in the basement of the school cause they saw their own reflection + they had gotten out of their pen so they could see theirself in the window and they'd jump right through the window and land in the basement (ha) all the teachers and kids were chasing them out (laugh, laugh, laugh) trying to get them out, so that was kind of funny. (ha) But, Ah, They were pretty serious teachers there wasn't much mis behaving or pranks. You were delt with immediately.

Me: Who was your favorite teacher?

Mr. A: I know I forgot one teacher, she probably was my favorite teacher was Ms. Lajoie

Me: Why was she your favorite teacher?

Mr. A: Oh, she was always happy and she'd help you and never seemed to get upset when you did a little bad stuff (ha)

Me: How did the teachers discipline the students?

Mr. A: Not like now! They had a yard stick and they put your arm out and whack, whack (ha) or as you got a little older, principal used to use a belt on you and he didn't hesitate to swat you a good one. Of course sometimes ~~we~~ earned it, but they didn't hesitate to, a strong discipline

Me: Did you ever get in trouble at school?

Mr. A: Occasionally

Me: What subjects did you have?

Mr. A: In grade school?

Me: Yes

Mr. A: Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Social Problems we didn't call it Social Problems though, we called it something, I think it was Current Events, is what they called it.

Me: How many kids were in a typical classroom?

Mr. A: In what

Me: in a typical classroom

Mr. A: I guess about thirty I would, somewhere in that area. ^{anyway}

Me: Did you have any homework?

Mr. A: Only when misbehaved, no we had homework, but when you talk about discipline that was one of our favorite things, when we misbehaved from 7th and eight grade especially, you had to go home and write six verses of America and hand it in twenty-five times by the next morning, hand written

Me: What kind of materials did you use to write with?

Mr. A: I didn't get that.

Me: What kind of materials did you use to write with?

Mr. A: To write with?

Me: Yeah

Mr. A: Chalk, pencils, chalk and pencils (ha, ha)

Me: What were the desks like?

Mr. A: ah, they were just single desks, ah, slight ^{taper} tapper on the top and ink well and little groove for your pencils and, they were nice desks, chair was attached right to ~~the~~ the desk

Me: Where did you put your coats, jackets, gloves, and mittens?

Mr. A: We had, a, like hall trees and some ^{then in 7 rooms} ~~rooms~~ we had a lockers that we put our clothes in the morning as we got older in older classes I mean like 7th and 8th grade see we had lockers.

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Me: Please will you describe what you wore to school?

Mr. A: Ah, just, we had to wear, we couldn't come to school with raggedy jeans, or anything we were not aloud, we had to wear decent clothes, they didn't have to be fancy but, clean and neat and no ^{raggedy} raggedy stuff, it was not aloud or dirty jeans or anything like you, know, like, kids wear now, I mean no way

Me: Do you remember wearing lots of layers of clothes?

Mr. A: Oh yes, because we used to, ah, have recess and we had a ski hill right next to the school, so we used to go skiing at recess and sometimes we'd get to the bottom of the hill and the bell rang we had to go like crazy, but we always wore, had warm clothes, so, recess and noon hour ^{we were} we'd ski, sometimes we skied to school in the snow storm, because the plow didn't get there for a couple days, out to North Lake

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Me: Where did you eat your lunch?

Mr. A: I went home

Me: What did you do at noon time?

Mr. A: Well we ran home ate as quick as possible and, in the summer of course we would go play ball or go back to the school and play ball or in the winter ski, or skate.

Me: Did you play any games with your friends?

Mr. A: On all the time

Me: What kind of games did you play?

Mr. A: Kick the can, hide and seek, baseball, football, hockey, and of course we swam we had the lake not too far ~~we~~ we walked to the lake, Rock Lake now, that was our swimming hole it was about fifteen minute walk from Northlake.

Me: What was the price of a candy bar?

Mr. A: nickel

Me: how about a pop?

Mr. A: nickel

Me: What kind of diseases were around when you went to school?

Mr. A: Scarlet fever, mumps, chicken pox, there was quite a bit of T.B ^{too} when I was younger, lot of people ^{went to} not alot but, alot more than now went to sanitarium some of my class mates did.

Me: Did school ever get canceled because of diseases or epidemics

Mr. A: I don't think so, but, they used to quarantine the family where you, when a family had one of those diseases, you got a card on your house says big sign "Quarantine" so you weren't aloud out of the yard. You had to stay in your yard until you were better and if your sisters and brothers, they had to stay home too. If it was considered contagious.

Me: If you were absent for numerous days why were you absent?

Mr. A: Cause you were on quarantine, that was only if you were sick that was the only reason you stayed home.

Me: Um, for the snowstorm of 1938, did you get alot of days school days off for that?

Mr. A: I don't remember, but I know we had some off, but I don't remember how many, cause it took a long time to get cleaned up after that we were skiing right off the roof of houses it was fun, but it was too much snow if you were young.

Me: The North Lake school burnt down in 1938, were you in there when it was burning down?

Mr. A: Yes

Me: Do you have any stories about it?

Mr. A: Well, I can remember when we were just playing, we were on play time, and one of the kids, and I can't remember for sure what his name was, but I think it was Saint Andy, but I'm not positive about that, was hand-cuffed to the desk cause we were just playing cops n' robbers and all of a sudden, smoke just billowed into the room from the heating ~~duct~~ duct and it was right by the doorway where the heating duct was, it was just thick black smoke. I mean it came just right now, and the teacher told us all to run out, well this one boy he was dragging the duct with him, but anyway somebody had, ^{the} they couldn't find the key at first, but anyway they did find ~~the~~ ^{the} key, and he was, but it took an extra minute, but the girls wouldn't run through the smoke, they were running around the teacher's desk, and finally the teacher just told them "You have to run out" cause us boys were running right through that smoke, cause once you got through that little bit of smoke you were ok, you know, then you ran outside we were on the ground floor, so it wasn't too bad, we only had to go down ^{about} six or seven steps maybe, but it was scary,

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Me: Did it take a long time to get everybody out?

Mr. A: It didn't take too long, kids were out pretty fast once they got the word and of course it wasn't a big school but it was fair size, I mean it was about probably a couple hundred kids in school. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and it was in the spring, I don't remember, do you know the date, I forgot the date

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Me: I think it was sometime in March

Mr. A: Yea, that sounds right, but I know I was very upset because my grandmother had just knitted a new pair of mittens and a hat for me. and I ran out of the school without them and they got burned up and I was really upset about that, but after we all got out and everybody was safe, well it was, like I said it was a sunny afternoon in March and it was perfect snowball weather so we started throwing snowballs through the windows as it was burning I couldn't throw to far then I was pretty young, but some of the bigger kids were doing some good job and the older boys who, well we called manual training what they call wood work now, woodshop, that was down in the basement and they didn't want their stuff to burn up, so they were running down to the basement and hauling their projects out, they got a lot of them out, but I was like I said, it was still scary

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Me: Do you remember what grade you were in?

Mr. A: 1st

Me: Did any ~~body~~ get hurt or injured?

Mr. A: I think a couple kids got minor burns, but I don't remember anyone getting badly injured

Me: Were the causes ever known for the fire?

Mr. A: Well, from what I remember the boiler blew up, that's all I was ever told

Me: Where did you go to school after that?

Mr. A: O, I don't know, we were home a week or so and they split the grades up we went, some of us went to the North Lake Clubhouse which was owned by Cleveland Cliffs, and they donated as a school, there was a gymnasium upstairs and a great big room downstairs and they they split the big room downstairs into two classes at least ^{that} I remember I think there was, a second and third and fourth and fifth down there and there was another small room to the side where they put us First graders and I think sixth, seventh, and eighth grade ^{Page 7} went to West Ishpeming, they just added to their classes there

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Mr. A: - or else made new classes I don't remember, I don't know exactly but, so that's where we got split up for a year, until they built the new school. Then it was the following September when we went back to school and it was in the same place, but it was a new school

Me: Was it crowded there?

Mr. A: Oh yea, it was pretty crowded, they only had a curtain between the rooms, between the classes. and if you sat on the edge next to the curtain of course you were tempted to lift up the curtain and they did the same ^{from} the other side, so that was a constant problem, but after we got a couple of little taps on the fingers we quit doing

Me: Were lots of people excited when the new school was being built?

Mr. A: Oh, I think so, of course I was so young I mean it was just another school, so that was the way it was

Me: What was the new school like?

Mr. A: Oh, it was nice I mean it was so much improved over the old one, it was pretty fancy for us you know

Me: Did it take you awhile to adapt to the new building?

Mr. A: No, we were pretty well adapted, because we used to go and play in there every night when they were building it, we used to play hide and seek in the new school while they were building it that was a fun time. Every night after the cartracter ^{care take} went home, we'd start playing games.

Me: Can you please describe a typical day while you were in elementary?

Mr. A: Um? Get to school, do your work, and don't get in trouble, that's it, it was no, well we had recess like I said, but other than that you were busy they kept you busy, it wasn't just fun games, but the teachers were good, but ^{they were} strict, I think you got a good education, make sure you got your work done.

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Me: What was the most fun you remember having in school?

Mr. A: Well, for me, anyway, other than the daily fun, ^{but} we always had a huge Christmas program and we used to look forward, I did anyways, to getting into that and that was a big event, in our time, because ~~the whole~~ all the location, everybody came for it and it was a really fun time of the year, Christmas that was, we had to practice ^{for weeks} before that cause we had a long program it just wasn't a fun minute thing it was like a 2 hour program, and it was, we all had our parts and we ~~better~~ know them. we didn't want to mess up when you're on there, but it was fun.

Me: Did you ever go on any field trips?

Mr. A: Well, I guess you could call it a field trip. One day, every year, ah, we'd go out to plant trees, we had to walk from the school, about a mile and a half to the forestry club, which is along side 41 now, still is there, and we all planted trees. Everybody in the school planted trees, and we'd have a picnic lunch out there and chase around, trying to hide on, after you got your tree planted, see what you could do, But another thing we did, but I don't remember, I think we probably started, when we were about in sixth grade, we went down to the, what is Northrup now, just toward the end of the year, and I forget what they call it again, some day they called it, I don't remember what it was called, but they had a special day or name for it, well we'd go down there and they'd let us tour the college, and spend the day going around and had a big a lunch and stuff down there so that was a nice day. And, a, we, a, did that just once a year, though, so otherwise we didn't, see we were in a. let's see World War Two, when I was in elementary school, and very few cars on the road, you couldn't go anywhere, you didn't have gas, you didn't have tires, it was everything was crashing your shoes, your food, your sugar, your meat, so it was a people didn't get away from home very much, where ever you went you walked, it was very restricted, because of the war you know, so that probably would of had some more things if it was normal time, but It was pretty tough to get a ride into town even, so when we went to the Movies we'd have to walk ~~to~~ to Ishpeming from North Lake, Saturday afternoon, walk home

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Mr. A: that was three miles there, ^{and} three miles ~~back~~ ^{back}, six miles
twelve cents to the show, that's what it cost. So it was,
like I said, we walked a lot, everywhere

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Me: How big was the New North Lake School

Mr. A: I don't know it's size, or, but it had room for eight grades
and it had a nice auditorium, nice basement, with craft rooms,
and it was very adequate, it seemed to be anyway, we didn't have
any crowds any ~~more~~ ^{more}, so, we had extra rooms even, for a little
while

Me: Were there any minorities in your class?

Mr. A: No, ah, no I don't think there was ever, any, no, right through
elementary school. I don't remember any

Me: How was the Great Depression, for you, your family, and the people
you lived around?

Mr. A: How was what?

Me: The Great Depression.

Mr. A: Well see, it was beginning to pick up, by the time I remember
but, from what my parents told me it was tough, very tough
nobody was working, it just started to pick up a little bit by the
time I went to school, I can't say I remember suffering from it, except
we were just young enough that we didn't know any better, everybody
was poor, so, we thought that's the way it was, so it was, ah times you
never had, ah, six pairs of shoes or anything you just had one pair and
when that one wore out you were lucky when you got another one,
but we made it and we, I never remember going hungry or anything
like that, so, like I said there was ten of us and of course at that
~~the~~ time there was only a few of us cause I was the oldest and
so, like I said, I had a happy childhood, never went without, what
I knew of I mean. I didn't know any better that's ~~all~~ all.

Me: How did you celebrate holidays in school?

Mr. A: Well, Santa Claus always came to the rooms, and like for
Christmas and we had that big program and at any other
holidays we always brought stuff in, and the school's
apparently, must bought a lot of stuff too, because there
were always cupcakes and stuff or maybe it was, I don't remember Page 10

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Mr. A: -who brought all the stuff, but we always had, ah, good celebration at the holidays, you know it was always, Halloween was big time with candy and cookies and well, it wasn't so much candy as it is now, but alot of cakes and cookies and stuff, ah, we, ah, always had celebration, I mean, always like at Thanksgiving I mean that week when we were younger of course everybody had a big turkey ^{and} all that kind of stuff but it was the holidays were well remembered and celebrated

Me: How did you celebrate holidays in your home

Mr. A: Well, we always went to midnight mass, that was no going without that was for sure. and of course in the morning we opened our presents and always went to my grandmothers for Christmas dinner which was downtown, well when I was younger my grand parents lived in North Lake too, but ^{thats} as I got older, they had moved to town, ah they had, well it was our clan and it was ~~my~~ cousins we all, my grandmother had a huge house in town, so we all went there for Christmas and we did it all through our growing years, but we had a great Christmas and Thanksgiving was the same thing

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

Mr. A: During school?

Me: Yeah, what kind of activities did you do during school?

Mr. A: Ah, other than like at recess we'd play ball or whatever happened to be in season, but we did have music ~~with~~ which very limited music class, but we did have it and um, but otherwise it was just when you were out of school, that you took part in all this stuff, except like I said the Christmas program and stuff like that, and we had, they called it manual training, but that was shop so that was fun, I mean we had, we didn't have to tools like we have now, but we had a saw and a hammer and that's what you had to use, and there wasn't much else in tools as far as power tools or anything, everything was hand tools, so, but we, we also had a very active 4-h Club, and that was another thing we had an annual contest, it was always how to preserve the forest and we made models, little models of ways to prevent forest fires all keep the land green and so we had contests with that every year which was nice and ah that was another thing I just remember ~~the~~ The 4-h Club Page 11 was very active during the war, cause we all had victory gardens and for 1 week a year in the summer

Mr. A: they took us all to camp "Shaw" which was located in Enatom and we'd spend a week down there, it was alot of patriotic stuff and that but we'd ~~have~~ have our play time every afternoon and they showed us how to grow gardens and how to milk cows and take care of cattle because during the war that was very essential and, but every afternoon we'd have a couple hours off and play time we had games and that was a fun a, real fun week there'd be kids from all over the U.P. were there and it was huge camp and we all had to make our own beds and everything it was dormatory style, but we had alot of fun their, we'd go every summer, so. You couldn't go until you were ^{like} in 6th grade, ~~so~~ so, It was fun they'd take us down on buses and we'd stay a week, like I said, we, it was, On another thing the 4-h club too, in the fall when it was time to pick potatoes they'd let us all out of school, because it was a war effort everyone you know had to get the potatoe crop and they didn't have pickers like they do know automatic, all the kids got out of school that were old enough to pick potatoes and we went to some farm every year to pick potatoes, and wed get I don't know ten cents a bushel or something we could make about 50 cents a day if we really worked but, we did that during the war, so that was, we thought that was a treat getting out of school, but we worked alot harder than we ^{all} did in school

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Me: Did you have a yearbook

Mr. A: We never had a yearbook until I ~~was~~ ^{got} in highschool that I remember. I'm sure I didn't.

Me: What was your greatest source of entertainment

Mr. A: I guess, just playing with the other kids, like I said you couldn't go far and we all made our own fun, Between baseball and swimming and football and anything else that we could think of, skating, most our activities were outside, of course there was no T.V. you were lucky if you had a radio, in fact you were very lucky, so, that, like I said, was all outside, although we were fortunate in a way for a small town, the Club House, which is operated by Cleveland Cliffs, had a gymnasium upstairs, and we could go play basketball inside which was a real treat, and they had a bowling alley in the basement, you could bowl there once in a while it was hard to get an alley, because

Mr. A: there was only 2 allies and the big guys took over and they had a community room where they'd show movies on, one night a month or something, but they weren't talking they were a silence screen, so but that was a big treat to have that indoor basketball, I mean that was really nice, and they had pool tables there too, but you couldn't play until you were in high school, well, by that time I left Northlake

Me: what did you do on ~~Halloween~~ Halloween?

Mr. A: I better not tell you, that on we took gates off, and we pushed cars down the street, down to the next block and if they're were, the few cars there were, then we dumped over out-houses, and we would soap windows, we were kind of nasty on Halloween, but I don't know it seemed like it was a tradition, nobody seemed to bother us ~~so~~ much

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Me: Did you ever have to make up school days that were missed?

Mr. A: I don't remember if we made ^{any days} ~~up~~ ~~school days~~ that were missed for the fire, I don't think we did, I wasn't that old so, otherwise I don't remember any extended time off, except for the '38 snowstorm, we were off for a few days, I don't know if we went ~~for~~ longer, I don't remember ^{that} we had too _{a little}

Me: Who took care of you when you were sick?

Mr. A: My mother,

Me: Who was your doctor?

Mr. A: his name, well that was a big thing in those days, too doctor came out to the location you didn't have to go to the hospital they had house calls, when I was growing up his name was Dr. Erickson, and he came right to the house and he had a nurse with him and he did ^{almost anything} anything he needed to do to us, not surgery or anything, but otherwise but when you were sick, someone from your family would go to the Club House, leave your name there and he stopped at the Club House, on his way into town and pick up all the names of the people that were sick that day and he'd make his rounds and then if you just needed a bandage changed or something, some days he wouldn't come, the nurse would just come & take care of you, but rarely did you go to the hospital, like I say, a lot of babies were delivered at home, so that's the way that, and we got our pills and medicine at the Club House, they'd leave a big amount Page 13 there and then they'd fill them out there whatever their prescription was, cough medicine, and aspirin so that was a big plus

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~~Me:~~

Me: Did you ever have someone else besides a family member live with you?

Mr. A: Not live with us, we had plenty of overnight company but, ah, never did have anyone else live

Me: Did you have any role models?

Mr. A: I guess I must of had a few, couple of my uncles I thought were the best.

Me: Did you have any chores or jobs at home?

Mr. A: A lot! Feed the chickens, weed the garden, chop wood, Empty the ashes, Kill chickens on Saturday morning and pluck them for Sunday afternoon, dinner that was my job, every Saturday morning.

Me: Where did your family do its shopping?

Mr. A: Well, we didn't have to go far shopping, we had the store ⁱⁿ North Lake, a lot of our groceries there, but in those days they delivered groceries, so when they came one day you told them what you wanted the next day and they brought it to the house. In the winter they come with horse and a sleigh and we were on our days off or whatever we always ran half way to town to meet the teamster to get a ride back on the sleigh, he let us ride the sleigh, but oh they'd go to town for clothes, but we could even get clothes right in North Lake, boots, and jackets, and of course, my mother made a lot of clothes and my grand parents did too. A lot of people made a lot of their clothes. It wasn't too much shopping down I mean, there were times when you had to go to town, I'm not saying that but, it was, it was ^{in 94} way better than it is today, they delivered, so that took care of most of it.

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Me: Did you go on any vacations with your family?

Mr. A: Well, one of my grand parents lived in Iron River, which was a big trip, because like I said during the war you couldn't buy tires, sometimes it would take us all day to get there and it's only 70 miles, we had so many flat tires on the way, we'd have to take them off and patch them right ^{there} on the road, so we'd be lucky if we left at daylight and got up there by dark. Then I'd stay at my grand parents sometimes for a week or two at a time and that was a big treat, but we never went far because like I said, we just couldn't get any-where during the war. We'd get a train ride to Marquette once in a while from Ishpeming, went on to Marquette on a train, that was a big treat, but far as a trip to Chicago or Disney world there was none.

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Me: About how old were you when you got your first television?

Mr. A: That television, I was married, oh I guess twenty-five

Me: How old were you when you started driving?

Mr. A: 14

Me: What was your first car like?

Mr. A: ~~It~~ was a farm tractor, my own first car was a nice car, '48 Chevrolet

Me: How old were you when you got that?

Mr. A: 18

Me: Did you ever have any diseases when you were a kid?

Mr. A: Did I have what?

Me: diseases when you were a kid

Mr. A: Well, I had the mumps, I remember that, and I had measles but I didn't have a lot of things other kids had, I was quite lucky, when I was real little my mother told me I had diphtheria, but I don't remember that.

Me: ~~are~~ were you involved in any extra-curriculars?

Mr. A: In elementary school?

Me: OR highschool

Mr. A: Oh, I was in high Y, and the service, what is it called, sell tickets at the ball games and stuff like that, but I mostly worked after school, I worked at the Mather Inn, and I worked in the woods because with that big family we needed everything, but I didn't have much extra-curricular

Me: what was the "High Y"?

Mr. A: It was a boys club that we'd did, it was Juniors and Seniors, in highschool and we had social outings and we also did projects for the school, and if there was someone who needed help or that we'd go and do some jobs for them, and like I said, we had our own little parties and stuff, but I don't know if they have such a thing anymore, I don't think so, I don't hear anyone mention so

Me: what highschool did you go to?

Mr. A: Ishpeming

Me: what year did you graduate

Mr. A: '49

Me: about how many kids graduated in your class

Mr. A: 125, we were one of the biggest classes to graduate, at that time, but later on classes got up to 200 I guess, but that's when they had, well now be Westwood Students now, coming in, so, that's why they got so big

Me: what year did you get married

Mr. A: 55

Me: what's your wife's name

Mr. A: Charlotte

Me: how many kids do you have

Mr. A: Six

Me: Could you please tell me their names?

Mr. A: Patty, Peter, Paula, Peggy, Gregory, and Lynn. Lynns the baby.

Me: Do you have any grandchildren?

Mr. A: ~~13~~ 13

Me: Do you currently have any pets?

Mr. A: No

Me: Is there anything else you would like to tell me about that happened in elementary?

Mr. A: Well, I probably shouldn't tell, but, I think we were in 4th grade and we kind of had a rowdy student, I won't mention names, and he was really sassy to the teacher, although, he was older, because he stayed back a couple years and teacher, he would always ~~be~~ in trouble, one day this lady teacher came and she had a pointer, like I said, she swatted him on the wrist he grabbed the pointer from the teacher and swatted her and I'll tell you in a minute the principal was there and then there was real war, but he got kicked out of school by them, I don't think he ever came back. It was a memorable event for a fourth grader. But, I think I got it pretty well covered.

Me: Is there any other stories?

Mr. A: Well, I don't know if I shall tell these, On one time it was just, I don't remember when it would be, they had an old guard shack down at the mines and they had to quit using it while the war was going, they had a nice stove in their, and we had a nice shack we had built out in the woods so we went one night and took that stove, about ten of us, we carried it for a mile

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