

me: Interview with Mary Ann St. Andre. Today's date is November 16, 1996. The focus of our interview is to find out what it was like to be a student at North Lake School.

me: What year and day were you born on?

aunt M: January 31, 1938

me: where?

aunt M:

~~I~~ Ishpeming Hospital

me: What were your parents names?

aunt M: Adelord and Mary St. Andre

me: How do you spell Adelord?

aunt M: A. D. E. L. O. R. D

me: What are your brothers and sisters names?

aunt M: Ronald, Ceal, Jonny, and me. Jon is Jon.

me: Who are your current family members? Just your brothers and sisters.

aunt M: Same ones.

me: What were your parents occupations when you were a child?

aunt M: My mother was a nurse and my father was a miner.

me: Where did they work.

aunt M: My father worked at the ^{Morris} Morse Mine, and my mother worked at Ishpeming Bell.

me: What is your full name?

aunt M: Mary Ann St. Andre.

me: Where did you live when you were growing up?

aunt M: North Lake location

me: How old were you when you started school?

aunt M: five

me: How long did you go to North Lake?

aunt M: Through the eighth grade.

me: Did you attend kindergarden?

auntM: yes.

me: Do you remember your first teacher?

auntM: Yes.

me: What do you remember about her?

auntM: I remember her name was Mrs. Olsen and she lived in Nequanee. That's all I remember about her.

me: What is your earliest memory of school?

auntM: The Christmas Play.

me: What ~~do~~ do you remember about it?

auntM: I remember all the kids went into the auditorium and we used to practice. That's what I remember most about it.

me: What grade were you in?

auntM: Kindergarten.

me: Did you have to walk to school?

auntM: Yes. ~~that's~~ ^{that's} ~~because~~

me: How far was it?

auntM: Three blocks.

me: How many kids were in your class?

auntM: I don't know about 14 I think. I'm not sure

me: Where there any different minorities or immigrant students in your class?

auntM: No.

me: Did all the children in your class speak English?

auntM: Describe a typical school day.

me: We'd go in there and draw pictures, play in the sand box. We learned our numbers and the ~~the~~ alphabet and we used to go home for lunch, everyday. I remember that, and we'd have recess. That's all I remember.

me: How long was an average school day?

auntM: I'd say about six hours.

me: How long was your lunch hour or recess?

auntM: A half hour

me: What did you do at recess?

auntM: We played ball, jumped rope, played marbles.

me: What kind of lunch did you bring to school?

aunt M: We didn't bring lunch, we came home for dinner.
me: What kind of clothes did you wear to school?

aunt M: Dresses. We didn't have pants in those days and that's
it.

me: How many layers of clothes did you wear to school in the
winter.

aunt M: Just a jacket and our regular clothes, that's all.

me: Where were your coats kept at school,

aunt M: ~~They~~ I think they were hung in a room on hangers.

me: Were they kept in a cloak room?

aunt M: No.

me: Do you remember anything about Tuberculosis?

aunt M: No.

me: Do you remember getting any vaccines?

aunt M: We got small pox I remember getting small pox.

me: Do you remember visiting a doctor, the hospital, or
getting any other medical treatment?

aunt M: No.

me: How often were you absent from school?

aunt M: I don't think I was ever absent that I remember,
unless I had mumps or something like that.

me: Do you remember going on any field trips?

aunt M: No.

me: What forms of entertainment did you have?

aunt M: You mean in school?

me: At home.

aunt M: We had the radio and that was it.

me: What kind of shows did you watch?

aunt M: We used to listen to Shadow and _____
and that's about it.

me: How old were you when you got your first t.v.?

aunt M: I would say about 14, 16. I was about 14.

me: Did you go to church on Sunday?

auntM: Yes.

me: Did your family do anything different on Sunday?

auntM: No, Well, I don't remember.

me: Did your family have a special meal on Sunday?

auntM: No, Because we had three meals a day all the time so it wasn't nothing special.

me: So ~~we~~ you didn't have a bigger meal at supper.

auntM: We had it at supper, but we had it everyday.

me: Did your family have a radio.

auntM: Yes.

me: What kinds of games did you play as a child?

auntM: Kick the can, soft ball, anty-anty-O-over the house.

me: How do you play that?

auntM: You take the ball, throw it over the house, and then they catch it on the other side and they'd chase you around the house and try to get you with the ball.

me: Did your brothers collect baseball cards?

auntM: No.

me: What was the price of a movie, pop, candy bar?

auntM: Movie was 12¢ a candy bar must have been 5¢.

me: What else did you ask?

auntM: Pop.

me: I don't know because we only got it on Christmas and 4th of July. Never bought it, *quote*

me: Where did your family do its shopping?

auntM: At the store here in North Lake, *Find out name*

me: Do you remember going to Marquette when you were a child?

auntM: No, Well yes I did. I remember for 4-H we used to go there for 4-H at Northern we used to have the 4-H contests, That's all I remember.

me: What was that?

auntM: What was 4-H?

me: yes

auntM: 4-H was people sewed or boys made stuff in manual training, and then all the people would meet at Northern and they'd give you prizes for what you made. include + quilt

me: How did you get there?

auntM: By a bus.

me: Do you remember anything different you did at home or at school during World War II?

auntM: No.

me: Were there any of your family members in war?

auntM: No.

me: What do you ~~remember~~ remember about the snow storm in 1938?

auntM: That was the year I was born so I don't remember anything. I was born right during the middle of it.

me: What was a typical day at highschool like?

auntM: We usually got up caught the bus about 7:30. Went to school, had regular classes. Ate lunch down the lunch room after school was over we went on the bus and came home. Thats all I remember.

me: What kind of classed did you take?

auntM: In highschool?

me: Yes.

auntM: I took the science course. I took all the college prep courses.

me: Were there any extra curricular activites offered to you?

auntM: Yes, we had intermural gym, and I belonged to, alchols anonimus. It was a club.

me: What did you do on a date?

auntM: Went to the dance.

me: How old were you when you went on your first date?

auntM: Fourteen.

me: Do you remember any particular strikes in the mines?

auntM: No.

me: How big was a typical class at school?

auntM: At high school?

me: Yes.

auntM: I'd say 25 to 30.

me: Did anyone drop out of school that you knew?

auntM: Yes.

me: Who?

auntM: Carol Pantti dropped out.

me: How do you spell Pantti?

auntM: P-A-N-T-T-I

me: What year did you graduate in?

auntM: 1956.

me: How was discipline handled in school?

auntM: Really strict. If you did something wrong you were usually sent home. But it was real strict.

me: What did they do to you at home?

auntM: My dad put me to work doing something.

me: Did you ever get sent to the principal's office?

auntM: No.

me: Did you go to college?

auntM: Yes.

me: Where?

auntM: Northern

me: What is the biggest difference between school today and ~~school tomorrow~~ when you were in school?

auntM: Lack of discipline.

me: Is there any advice you would give to people about the time when you were in school?

auntM: The advice I'd give them. ~~#~~

me: Yes,

auntM: Finish school further your education or get a ^{trade} ~~trout~~,
Then that's about it.

me: Do you have any photos or yearbooks that I
can see.

auntM: Yes, ~

me: Can I please see them?