

Jamie Nankervis's Interview  
with  
Jeffrey Johnson

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Me: My name is Jamie Nankervis. The date is December 11, 1990. I'm interviewing Jeffrey Johnson for a Red Dust project. The project is to see how our school has changed. I'm interviewing him at the Nankervis house at 1640 North Westwood Circle.

Me: I will first start with a biographical sketch.

Me: When and where were you born?

Jeff: I was born in Ishpeming, ~~1950~~ 1957.

Me: Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Jeff: I have two sisters, Jill who's two years younger than me, and living in Jackson <sup>Michigan</sup> now, and another sister, Jodi, who's (3) three years younger than I am and lives next door to you.

Me: Do you know when and where your parents were born?

Jeff: A both my parents were born in the area, in Ishpeming, my dad is 60, I think, my mother is, I think 55, around 55, 60.

Me: What is your occupation?

Jeff: I'm a mining engineer at the Empire Mine.

Me: Okay

Jeff: I work in the pit, the pit operations.

Me: What years did you attend ~~National~~ National Mine?

Jeff: A, from the time I was in kindergarten till I was a finished with the eleven<sup>th</sup> grade SO 1962 through 1974

Me: Okay

Me: Do you remember the names of any Gradeschool teachers & can you describe what they were like?

Jeff: A, yeah, Quite a few, like Mrs. Gleason was a kindergarten teacher, and she was, we had a half a day, like they do now. She was a nice teacher for us we learned, we didn't learn ~~as~~ as much as kindergarten learn as much emphasis on the reading + learning skills. We had a lot of fun ~~and~~ were in the same building as the rest of the high schoolers, I just remember how big they seemed compared to the kindergarten. In first grade Mrs. Magnuson was a teacher she was, I remember her as being a, strict with us, teaching us how to read, I still remember, ~~reading~~ reading some of the Dick + Jane, and Spot's stories

Me: Ha, Ha, (laughed) Mmm! A huh.

Jeff: A, ~~was~~ second grade, I think, Mrs. Wara, then through 5<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> Mr. Johnson came to National Mine, I think, when I was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, + started teaching there when I was in 5<sup>th</sup> ~~grade~~ grade. Then Mr. Saylor for sixth grade they were all you know, good teachers, + I had a lot of fun.

Me: Did you have a favorite teacher?

Jeff: A, NO, Each year, I think, we only had one teacher for each of those years, and ~~have~~ ~~different~~ now have different teachers for <sup>each</sup> ~~every~~ class, so I guess each year they were kind a like a favorite teacher, a I never had, ~~I think~~ <sup>don't</sup> Mr. Emblem for a teacher, He ~~was~~ was at national mine, but he was a guy we would visit all the time because he was ~~our~~ our little league coach and we would visit + talk about sports + baseball, - baseball was most important thing, the most important

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Jeff: I used to think about when I was ~~younger~~ in grade school and Junior High when I ~~think~~ <sup>thought</sup> thought baseball, + so I wouldn't think about other stuff.

Me: Why were all your teachers your favorites?

Jeff: I guess because they all, we were, that's a hard question to answer.

Me: Ha Ha. (Laughed)

Jeff: they were, a we used to spend a lot of time ~~being~~ ~~with them~~ with them so we got to know them well, they were really good as I remember, you know they taught us to respect things, not only what we were taught out of a book, but they taught us things that were you know we had to learn the rest of our ~~if~~ lives, but that was the part, but they all were good people.

Me: Umm! Do you remember any humorous or interesting stories about your grade school teachers?

Jeff: a yeah, a couple stories, I guess so. I don't know how funny they are, Ha Ha, How long is your tape?  
Ha Ha!

Me: 90 minutes. H

Jeff: I won't go that long. We a we were in sixth grade. I think and one of the guys, I think Mike Holmes, was one of my friends the Green Creek location he had a bright idea to buy a tack on Mr. Saylor's chair.

Me: (laughing)  
Jeff: (laughing)

Jeff: I + didn't go over very well, Mr. Sauring got up and Mike ended up admitting it was him who had done it and he got a little discipline for that. I remember going into a Mr. Lindberg I think was the superintendent at that time, where five of us had, had a over lunch period, or whatever had call some one of the other kids names but it wasn't a bad name or anything, but we got sent to the superintendent for it + me + the most a intimidated man, and it scared me. To go to the superintendent's office, we had to write over and over so many times + turn it in the next day that we wouldn't do it again. And I remember that as being the real intimidating experience facing the superintendent that way.

Me: Do you remember the names of some of your junior high + high school teachers?

Jeff: A, yeah, in high school, I had Mr. Roberts for several classes, he was teaching geometry - some of the math + science courses, we try to get a prickly question, I had him both at National Mine and Westwood. A Mrs. Kososki had her both at National Mine + Westwood teaching the English classes. A, we had other high school classes. I think I ended up taking <sup>some</sup> wood working classes from Mr. keto.

Jeff: History classes from Mr. Olmstead, a but ~~that~~ pretty much of the high school teachers I had at National Mine went to Westwood to so a, those were some of them I can't ~~be~~ remember some of the classes in particular.

Me: Could you describe what teachers were like?

Jeff: I don't think their a lot different from today because a lot of teachers at, that are at Westwood are the same teachers, that who were at National Mine then. I think some of the teachers at, were at National Mine have changed a little bit in the way they teach, I think even from the time I was in Junior High until I graduated from High school, you, could, Mr. Roberts had a reputation for being real ~~insuppress~~ disciplinarian, an if kids were out of line, he would take them in the hall...

Me: Laughing!

Jeff: and straighten them out, by yelling at them, no, but that's changed over the years, teachers whether I was good or bad a lot of the times it was probably good, can't do that any more because of fear of a lawsuit or parents not targeting with it.

Jeff: I think a lot of teachers really today are like teachers I had they were basically the same.

Me: Do you have a favorite high school teacher?

Jeff: Yeah, turn it off.

(the recorder is off) (the man)  
Me: Did you have a favorite high school teacher?

-Jeff: Probably not one, not one really favorite teacher no.

Me: Why not?

Jeff: Ha Ha (laughing)

Me: Ha Ha (laughing)

Jeff: That's a, I got along with all my teachers and never had a problem, you know, I did well, pretty much in all my classes, and I, a enjoyed school, enjoyed extracurriculars that went along with more. Probably, when you think about teachers, and probably spent more time with the coaches I had, and the teachers I had, and guys like Mr. Chikan, ~~for cross-country~~ who coached cross country, and track, & basketball, which is with much of the school year, Mr. Ghiardi who was ~~my~~ J.V. coach & people like that I spent more time with & probably if they were favorites they all were teachers, but coaches & teachers too I guess

Q: Do you have any humorous or interesting stories about your high school ~~teachers~~ teachers? Page 9

Jeff: A yeah, I had one and now I forgot what it was, when I first read, when you showed me that question, I had, I had, I thought of something right away, now I think of it later I'll come back ~~with it~~.

Me: How did you get to school each day and how far was it?

Jeff: Well, we went on the bus everyday, I lived on the end of a road that was little less than a quarter mile long so we used to walk out to the road county road 581 everyday, it was always dark in the mornings so seemed like every morning liked to run to get there but it was a lot of morning it would be cold and snowy the bus was late we would stand out there for a while, but the bus ride was that long we used to think I got pick up on the way back, the bus has gone all the way out to pick up all the kids on 581, and I would be one of the last ones to get pick up so we would get back to school pretty quick then I would be one of the firsts to get dropped off. (cont.)

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Jeff: some of the real cold mornings if the bus was early, Mr. Dobson was the driver for us, once and a while, he used to, I don't think he was supposed to, but once and a while he would even drive in and pick us up at our house.

Me: Ha Ha (Laughing)

Jeff: Ha Ha (Laughing)

Jeff: but it wasn't a...

Me: so, oh, sorry.

Jeff: That's okay!

Me: So you didn't really close to the school then?

Jeff: NO, we lived about 6 to 5 miles away from school.

Me: How long did it take you to get to school each day?

Jeff: Probably only 15 minutes, wasn't, I say the bus ride wasn't that long.

Me: How did the kids dress?

Jeff: Well, I think we went ~~through~~ through nap period where jeans came in <sup>we</sup> didn't <sup>wear</sup> where, I'm thinking about it, there were a <sup>few</sup> ~~couple~~ of fashion changes back then, I think jeans were not ~~at all~~ allowed in school. a when I was in grade school ~~Junior~~



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Jeff: High hand when, I think, when we got  
into high school, then jeans were allowed.  
But I think the reason jeans weren't  
allowed, because they had those metal  
a metal clips or ~~metal~~ studs that held the  
material together, the reason we  
were given is that it would hurt  
the furniture or the chairs at school  
the jeans weren't allowed, but eventually  
as we got closer to high school I think  
jeans became a what everybody was  
wearing to school and I think that's  
true today but they had to be more  
of a dress ~~jean~~ back then you couldn't  
wear the stuff with holes.

Me: Yeah.

Jeff: That's the style now a days

Me: a huh.

Jeff: I remember when I was in Junior  
High a seven<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade that bell bottoms  
started to come in then.

Me: yeah

Jeff: and I was, that was a big fashion  
'change I was afraid to wear bell  
bottoms because that was I don't know,  
some of the older kids were wearing  
them, but I remember going to a basketball  
game, ~~one~~ of the hot shot players from  
the other high school team was wearing  
bell bottoms before the game and after I  
saw him wearing them then the next day I told  
my mom I would wear bell bottoms.

Jeff: Cause Todd Linderman was wearing page  
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bell bottoms he was, there's a Todd Linderman playing basketball now at Channing, and the guys name is Todd Linderman too! He played for a Channing, but a girls went through I ~~remember~~ remember in Junior High also when mini skirts were coming in + og and the principal used to measure some of the girls with really short skirts and ~~use~~ he had to take out a measuring stick out, because they could only wear them so many inches above the knee, so they're were a lot of different styles, that some had bell bottoms, mini skirts, and a coming into the jeans, but I think as ~~a~~ a rule we tried to dress better even when we had to wear jeans, we had to wear good jeans baggy, wear jean without holes I think anything is the style now they're were a lot of different styles back then, I remember the older kids and myself, going through. That was an interesting question.

Me: Was there address code?

Jeff: Yeah, there was you couldn't wear,  
I remember you couldn't wear jeans, the  
code was, you know, when, I remember the  
girls with skirts, but there was some  
dress code there, between to short or  
I don't know if girls could even wear there  
slacks or jeans, pants for a while, they  
had to wear some type of a dress, or  
something, so that has changed a lot, ~~we~~  
where kids wear anything to school  
now, + probably a sweat shirt + back then  
may have not been allowed...

Me: Yeah!

Jeff: \* I don't know if you had to wear a  
collar, there were code or there was  
a dress code, was probably more  
conservative, then today, certainly  
was.

Me: What kind of subjects were taught  
at that time?

Jeff: During high school now or during grade  
school or?

Me: a During the whole time

Jeff: the whole thing?

Me: Yeah!

Jeff: A

Me: You don't have to do them all

Jeff: Yeah!

Jeff: It was the basics in grade school and in junior high we didn't you know had basic Englishes, Math, I remember freshman, getting into high school, we had like Journalism class, a remember taking, I was in band so, a band class up till I was in the sophomore year. That was meant as a class, a woodshop, we all, all the guys took woodshop, all the girls took home ec, which was like one, there was home ec, and that was just about it there wasn't a variety of things, like there is now. A lot more now, like we only had the basics, and a lot of things were expanded now, a we had the woodshop and a lot of things that are designed, you know all the ~~auto~~ <sup>auto</sup> mechanics that stuff, we didn't have that, but it's at National Mine, once we got to Westwood they were more things there because, the facilities we had at National Mine we didn't have facility, we didn't have facilities to teach all that so really it was limited because the facility you know it was quality education

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Jeff: and so many things that they taught.

Me: What was your favorite ~~x~~ subject and why?

Jeff: Probably, you'd say Math classes, right from geometry, ~~alg~~ algebra and then to trig and and little bit of ~~x~~ calculus it was interesting and I ended up going into a college, pursuing a degree in, ~~English~~ <sup>English</sup> Science. I used a lot of ~~to~~ Math background and Science background, but I enjoyed the Math and I enjoyed the Science, General Science biology, chemistry that kind of gave me more of, I didn't enjoy lot of English classes so I took Math and Science with me. My favorite classes with probably more enjoyment was more like a challenge than other classes.

Me: What subject gave you the most ~~difficult~~ difficulty and why?

Jeff: I remember as a grade schooler <sup>Junior</sup> as high school, I got a C- in Art, (Ha Ha) I had a lot of problems in Art. I didn't ~~like~~ <sup>draw</sup> very well, but I think grade school + Junior high level Art I had a hard time. And when I got older I think English I probably should have put a lot more effort

Jeff: it because I still, when you get older <sup>page</sup> 14  
you should and you do more ~~x~~ writing and  
speaking in <sup>front of</sup> groups that you wish had  
more skills in that area, I never did  
read enough and I don't write good  
like I'm supposed to, my English  
was lacking, was a problem for me.

Me: Do you remember what teacher you had  
in art?

Jeff: O, when we were in grades school the  
grades school teachers taught art,  
we didn't have a teacher ~~x~~ come in  
and do art. I don't remember. I don't remember  
any art teachers, I didn't take art in  
school, so.

me: Okay

Me: Were there any special facts or sayings  
when you were in school?

Jeff: Yeah, lots which ones were there.  
(recorder off)

Me: How were kids expected to laugh or  
behave?

Jeff: Expected to laugh or behave? a,  
in school?

me: Yeah

Jeff: We a Ha Ha, I don't know I guess I can't  
answer that one

Me: What kinds of punishments were given? <sup>page</sup> (13)

Jeff: We a, I remember I was punished like I said we were calling the other guys name, we had to write we wouldn't do it, it was one of those standard, we had to ~~write~~ write it 100 or 200 times and hand it in the next ~~day~~ morning, I will not do this or that. a, sometimes teacher would be afraid to a remember a guy teacher give a guy student a back hander but I remember one of the, Mrs. Magnuson, if you were bad she would slap ya, on the fingers which would hurt you if you're a little kid, teachers weren't afraid to discipline you in front of the class,

Me: Were you or any of your friends suspended?

Jeff: I remember kids getting suspended for a, I remember distinctly the reason it might have been drinking or smoking. I don't remember specifically, but I remember kids getting suspended from track team or drinking at a party, that was when I was little, not when I was in high school, yeah but kids got suspended for various reasons

Me: What kinds of extracurricular activities were offered?

Jeff: There isn't as nearly as many as there is now and like for sports I don't think there weren't hardly anything for girls at the Junior High level. There were just ~~the~~ cheerleaders for the basketball team, I remember it was girls track I don't know when that started but that didn't start right away and I don't think there was girls track until I was a 7th grader or 9th grader, that is it was really limited for girls but for guys it was we had band and I think there was chorus which to many guys were involved in the chorus, and besides that as far as sports ~~I~~ <sup>went</sup> there was basketball in winter, track in the spring and cross country we started I think it was not there in high school it was a fall sport, ~~and~~ track well cross country was before any extracurriculars I don't know of any clubs or any, like kids participate in, there was always a high school play we had at National Mine, I mean a Junior class play that was big production where the Junior class put on the play where the ~~the~~ whole class put on a play that was a big extracurricular



Jeff: for that one class, I don't remember much shows being offered, there was n't business clubs + that type of thing now or forensics, you know wrestling or no swimming pools, or thing like that.

Me: Did you participate in any of them?

Jeff: Yeah I was involved in all of the sports, basketball, track, cross country a in Junior I think only track basketball, I was involved in them till the time I got older, ~~till the time~~ I think they started ~~as~~ an organized basketball when I was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade I participated in every sport, till I graduated, then I played in a band till I was in high school, then I quit playing / in band

Me: Do you remember any special moments?

Jeff: A yeah, in sports there were a lot of special moments, I was freshman or sophomore in track I ended up winning 3 events in the regionals in track which was a big deal, and I qualified for 3 events,

Jeff: and basketball was probably where I Page 18

Spent most of the time, & made a lot of friends  
and put a lot of effort into it & into playing  
I remember going to all the small schools  
we used to play back then even in Junior  
high we would play small schools like  
Negaunee St. Pauls, Champion, Bishop  
Baraga, and even High School when we  
travelted to small towns would have  
along ride ~~now~~ it's a lot of fun  
I think even to travel to go on  
trips and play all these schools  
& small schools, they are all consolidated  
and now bigger schools & have a lot  
of character in all schools we played at  
a long time ago.

Me: Did any sports teams win a trophy  
or a tournament?

Jeff: We, we didn't win any tournaments in  
basketball & I don't think that we won  
any teams or track events real small  
events in cross country I don't remember  
we won any big events no big success  
or team sports.

Me: Could you describe the effect it had on <sup>page</sup> 19  
the school?

TELL: The extracurriculars, sports?

Me: Umm, Oh,

Jeff: If we had won something?

Me: Yeah if you'd won something?

~~Jeff:~~ Do you think it would have a effect on the  
school?

Jeff: Yeah, we didn't win so I guess we didn't  
have much of a effect on it

~~Me:~~ I can't think if there was anything  
special I can't say,

Me: What kind of, what kind of play or  
programs were staged when you were in  
school? (Or any programs?)

Jeff: We always had a program in grade  
school Mrs. Gleason always put those  
ons from the kindergarten, 1st grade all  
the way up a, we would have plays  
I don't know how many there were  
Christmas programs - that were always  
put on that was before the basketball  
floor was a stage it was like an auditorium  
there

Jeff: I think it's the lunchroom now, but it was a nice auditorium for putting on plays & we would have one every year, she put them on I remember being involved in most of the total of them in some type of a role more so than being standing in the background as a singer, but being involved as a character and a lot of those pieces. One year I actually fainted, when I was younger I don't know, I wasn't diagnosed, I fainted several times when I was younger, getting up on stage for one of those plays I'll (ha ha) put in a damper.

Me: So you did participate in them?

Jeff: Yeah, they were an important part of the school year by having a whole other events to know like extracurriculars now a school play is important,

Me: Do you remember any humorous or interesting stories about the plays?

Jeff, One that I fainted was one but a I remember putting on our Junior class play and I think we put it on for one night or two nights, I don't know if it's humorous but it's different, it was two nights and completely different both nights because one night no one could remember the lines and 15 or 20 minutes shorter than the other night. Everybody had a problem everyone had their sheets to remember their lines but we got lost on those.

Me: What was lunchtime like?

Jeff; Lunch was a really hectic when we were in high school we had gotten more students from it was after the consolidation started and people from the township came to Nat'l Mine, from the time I was sophomore up until that time I remember a lot of good food and could go up for seconds + Mrs. Anderson + Mrs. Culbert were the ~~best~~ cooks

Jeff, and they were, there was really good <sup>food</sup> food after we had more kids come in when I was a sophomore we had a mad rush to get to lunch they cooked in this little room at the bottom of the stairs, where we all would line up ~~at~~ the staircase, and up down the hall, over by the principals office we would line up the stairs grab our tray and go up to the window and ask for lots, little or medium, and the cooks would dish it up as you go by there. it not like its made up like now and put in serivims for champion, and ship it out, so they ship it from westwood to Champion, Northlake and places. There were only two people back there & they were both the cooks, they got to know all the students, & we got to know them pretty well.

Me: So they did have hot lunch?

Jeff: Yeah.

Me: Could you bring your own lunch?

Jeff: Oh, I don't remember anyone who brought their own lunch, probably could I'm sure they were able to. I think it was different then when I was at Westwood there were kids who didn't eat lunch and took their ~~own~~ own lunch. Just about everyone at the school lunch at Nat'l Mine.

Me: Where did everyone eat?

Jeff: We used to eat in the room right across the kitchen area when there got to be more students that the room could handle or had to be used as a room, the tables were set up in the hallway out across from the kitchen all the way to the stage where ~~before~~ between the gym floor and the seats in the auditorium in order to get us enough tables. It's hard to remember where everything was after the additional students, they need wide hallways to the gym.

Jeff: And right across the stage &  
next to the gym floor,

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Me: How much did lunch cost?

Jeff: I don't remember, it wasn't very much,  
but I can't remember

Me: What did you do for lunch everyday?

Jeff: I ate lunch from the school,  
I never carried my lunch, I don't  
remember any meals I didn't  
like there, I ~~it~~ think most  
of all the kids ate school  
lunches, it was real good food, we  
didn't have sandwiches I think  
you have sandwiches & pizza  
where it was all like meat,  
potatoes, casseroles, always  
a hot lunch, I don't remember  
having a cold lunch, it seemed  
always a hot lunch.

Me: Who was the principal when you  
were in school?

Jeff: The principal when I left was  
at Nat'l Mine was Mr. Ruesing  
and a Mr. Lindberg were the superintendent/princ.



Jeff: and they were there for quite a few years.

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Me: Could you describe them?

Jeff: They were always, they were authority figures they always came across us, especially when I was younger we respected them + were a bit afraid but that changed as you got older and realize, and certainly weren't mean, and got to talk to them more. And still respect them but weren't afraid. I remember as a young student at Nat'l Mine we probably still now kids look at superintendent/principals as authority figures.

Me: Did you have lots of homework?

Jeff: A, not, I don't remember having a lot of homework, I remember taking work home, math problems, remember doing research papers things like that for homework, a, most of the nights after school were extracurricular and sports, not doing a lot though.

Me: What was your homework like? Page  
Hard? (20)

Jeff: I just remember, like I said, like  
Math & they ~~were~~ <sup>was</sup> more homework  
with that than any other classes.  
A, I used to, I didn't mind that  
But English type classes maybe  
& write something you have to say  
in front of a class a, I don't  
know if that answers that or  
not.

Me: After school what did you do?

Jeff: After school?

Me: Yeah, did you play sports?

Jeff: Yeah, see after school I never  
took a bus home from school? it  
was or was a one of our, most of  
the kids I hung around with  
were the kid from SSI participated  
in sports so so, it was very seldom  
I took a bus home, a bus home from  
school, we went to, at least as you  
got older, in Junior High on when you  
had sports after school, I don't remember any  
younger 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th grade after school taking

Jeff: Then I usually took a bus home.

That from 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade up I every day after school was a practice for some sport. So that we I would be in a locker room or a gym all the time.

Me: Where would you hang out if you weren't playing sports.

Jeff: After school, during school?

Me: After school.

Jeff: We used to always hang around the S81 Cash Store be there probably almost the whole day + time. We used to hang around there because everyone came around that area, a lot of the time we would play basketball at the Flacks house, they owned the store at that time, and Mrs. Flack ran the store, she was in the store all the time, from the time it opened to the time it closed pretty much, Her son was a couple years older than me, Martin and his dad had built a court there and it was a double court cemented.

Jeff: so that we would play basketball there in the summers after school and in the winter after school we would play basketball there so much of the time that hanging around we would go there from the time when I was 12, 13, years old. I started a paper route that covered where I lived to the end of 581 and at that time I had about 80 papers total for that whole area. Now there's probably 2 or 300 papers. I delivered to every house and there was 80. But get back to the story the <sup>1st</sup> credit I ever got was from Mark Flack from the 581 store we always hung around there so we buy a can of pop or candy bar if we didn't have money she would let us charge stuff instead of charging every little kid, so then we would pay up about \$1.50 to \$2.00, for stuff like that like that.

me: wish it was like that today.

Me: Could you describe the Graduation ceremony?

Jett: The senior year the year I graduated was from Westwood High School in that year we have gone to a class of 30 to a class of 34 to 35. We ended up graduating 50 to 55 students so at Westwood it was a bigger class than normally happened. We had students graduating that we knew only 1 year with ~~a~~ rather than 13 or 14 years, so it was a little different in that respect, probably different that it would be at Nat'l Mine too. But it was at the new gym at Westwood High School and it was a big ceremony compared to what it probably would have been at Nat'l Mine. It was a good ceremony, I remember walking out and talking to all my classmates after the ceremony, not really realizing what had happened and how everything would change in our lives, basically following that

~~X~~!  
Me: What special memories do you have of graduation? Do you have any?

Jeff: Well, I remember talking to a lot of my classmates.

(Tape stopped)

Me: What special memories do you have of graduation?

Jeff: I remember sitting through the ceremony and trying to think about what's going to happen from that point on and talking to some of the classmates after the ceremony, and talking about what we were going to do over the coming months, I don't think any of us thought or comprehended what was going to happen and over the next several years, we were finished with school and ready to start our lives.

I don't remember any specifics but remember what we were going to do. But not really comprehending the importance of what we have finished, and what is going to happen from that point on. I don't have any specifics <sup>details</sup>

Jeff: But I remember sitting through that ceremony thinking where we were going to go & from there.

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

Jeff: Probably not. Not as much as the, as I'd like to, I'd like to. A lot of my childhood friends are out working in the area, but you do see them quite often we don't get together and socialize like you would like to and talking about some of your experiences and good times when you're younger. We did have a class reunion after we'd been out of high school for ten years. A lot of the kids you hung around with were there. It was a lot of fun to talk about things you do now and think about the things you did in high school. So although of kids you went to school with are still in the area, but don't get a chance to talk with them.

Jeff: And your wrapped up in your own life and your own family so you do keep in contact but not close enough.

Me: I'll ask you the questions you have missed. Do you have any humorous or interesting stories about high school teachers?

Jeff: There is a couple of stories and they both, as I witnessed some and heard some, I heard stories about others but both involve Mr. Roberts when he was teaching in his room which was the science room down by the principals office he used, I had my geometry class in there and both the years the years I've been in there or the year before one of the student in the front row used to change the page on Mr. Roberts when he was up at the board. what would happen when he was up there he going over a theory he start on whatever page the book was on, but sometimes we would catch him but we end up have lots of fun with



Jeff: Mr. Roberts. He was had a reputation for taking care of students that ~~to~~ step out of line by taking them into the hallway ~~to~~ and rattling the lockers around, it would echo through the hall. I remember Mr. Roberts as a high school teacher.

Me: Okay, Thank you very much.

Jeff: Your welcome.