

Carl Engelbach 05/03/1992

Carl Engelbach - age 81 - born in Butte.

Dad (Carl) came f/ Germany.

Mother from Wisconsin.

Dad worked in the mines. Mother came f/ farming 4 girls, 1 boy. Graduated HS in WI came west to teach. Came over 1902-03. Taught @ Monroe & Washington Schools. Lived across f/ McKinley School. Remembers horses running away. Ran down Henry onto school grounds. Managed to get out of way. 2nd grade McKinley School burned, took 2 days to burn. Remembers 2nd grade room being in flame. watched floor burning, slope, & coming down. In 1919. Went to school @ Lincoln. WWI. Barracks @ School of Mines. Marched & trained by marching in street.

Knew mines well f/ dad. Shift boss @ Nettie Mine. worked every 4th Sunday. Boys would go out with him. - stay away f/ shaft - Silver ran out after war & demand. Found miners he worked w/ very nice - majority helpful. 'I knew his dad'. ~~stayed~~

After soldiers moved w/ to school @ MT Tech.
Only had main hall & gymnasium.
After war - filling in gulch in front of
McKinley for street car line.

Children's day, big event, Older kids would ride
to gardens, ride roller coaster, take car back to
Park & Main transfer to Lake Aroca. Paid
nickel to ride back uptown. Did this once a
week.

Interested in mines. Carl could name 125 shafts.
many very small. Various companies.
Clark, Anaconda Co. - took care of mines, Pittsmont
on east side, smelter located where pit is now
dumping ore. Just west of Columbia Gardens.
North Butte on East side of hill. Had interests west
of Ont. Divide

Clark good to his men. Stewart mine - hauled
on street cars @ night. Down to Eddie's Motel
smelter near slag walls.

Mountain View mine, → cousin jacks, saffron
boy nickname.

Mtn. Con.

Meadowville. dom. by southern Euro, Italians, Austrians. Some groups seemed hopeless nothing but a strong back, but their families did well. ~~£~~ Made use of what they had.

Other nationalities in mines. pasty letter from one.

Industrial arts course, ~~got~~ taught at Butte High 32 years. Kids are influenced by many things. Many good kids. Strong feeling of patriotism.

Chinese, Lebanese, many people. More or less remained by themselves. Lebanese branched out taken positions of importance.

Always w/ unions. Worked under carpenters and teachers - helpful. Retirement - went to Bureau of teachers union. Pension figured out. Got him severance pay. Working in trade, did stayed within union - no trouble.

Give average parent phone call and ask about students they will come in. No problems normally.



Continues discussing teaching career.

Birth date: 6/05/1911.

German descent, 1/2 Irish. His dad was German. father was immigrant. came when 10/ yolo. Pennsylvania then Butte. Has one brother in Kalispell. lived on West Broadway. Close knit neighborhood and family. His brother played more sports than Carl.

Earliest memories - WWI, he was about 6 years old. favorite activities - tools, model railroading.

Chores - chopped wood, clean & dump ashes. Parents would get coal for range and coke for heater.

Discusses various trades in the mines. Good men.