

## KARL & MARGARET (PECK) SCHAEFER

**Wayne Summers:** This is Myrna VanEpps and Wayne Summers. Today is August 6, 2020, and today we are interviewing Margaret and Karl Shaffer at their home in Bingham Twp. Why don't you start out by telling us a little bit about when and where you were born?

**Margaret Schaefer:** I was born at Clinton Memorial Hospital a lot of years ago and my parents [Verna & Clyde Peck] lived in Eureka when I was born. When I was three years old, they moved to St. Johns and I've been in and around there ever since.

**Wayne:** Did you grow up in the town of St. Johns or were you a farm girl?

**Margaret:** No, I grew up in the town.

**Wayne:** And you, Karl?

**Karl Schaefer:** Well, I was born in St. Johns too on a farm out in Riley Twp. and I've lived somewhere around this same area for pretty much all my life from Riley to Victor, to here, back to Riley for a while.

**Wayne:** So you attended a one room school then when you were growing up?

**Karl:** I started in St. Peter's Lutheran School at St. Peter's [Church] and then I went to Cedar Lake [Victor Twp.] for the last two years; then I went to high school in St. Johns.

**Wayne:** I assume you [Margaret] went to the town schools and stuff.

**Margaret:** I went to Central for all of my elementary and junior high and then I went to the [Rodney B. Wilson] high school, graduated from there.

**Wayne:** So how did you first get involved with 4-H?

**Margaret:** I don't remember for sure. I was in Girl Scouts one or two years and then I was in 4-H and I don't think I joined 4-H until I was eleven. At that point in time, the age was 10 to 18, I think, or when you graduated from high school but I don't think I started until I was eleven. I joined a sewing and cooking club and was in that all the way through.

**Wayne:** Do you remember some of the projects that you worked on?

**Margaret:** Back in those days, your first year in sewing you made an apron, a tea towel, and you learned to darn a sock. The second year, I don't remember for sure what I made. The more complicated your outfit, the better you did. I made a wool suit; I made two or three dresses; I made a formal. In the early years you just made simpler projects, like a skirt, or like I said, the apron.

**Wayne:** What was the name of your group?

**Margaret:** Stitch and Giggle, and I have pictures.

**Wayne:** Karl, when did you first get involved in 4-H?

**Karl:** Well, I was only in a couple of years. I was probably in seventh, eighth grade. I raised rabbits at my place for me. I sold them and I showed them and I was just in, as I say, for two years. Then after that I was out because I was too old, I think it was.

**Wayne:** Aged out. Do you remember the name of your group?

**Karl:** The Victor Group.

**Wayne:** So it was just named after the township then?

**Margaret:** Yeah, and that group is still going. The Victor 4-H Club is still a 4-H club.

**Wayne:** Did you do anything other than sewing or was your group, mostly just sewing?

**Margaret:** Sewing, canning, freezing, knitting. I never learned to crochet but I do knit. It's been a long time but I'm trying to think--vegetable gardening.

**Wayne:** Was 4-H divided by gender at that time?

**Margaret:** I don't think so.

**Wayne:** I assumed that, if it was there was mostly sewing and canning, that was mostly girls.

**Margaret:** Our club was all girls until a little later on and my dad got involved and had handicraft and then he had more boys. He never had any girls, did he [Karl]?

**Karl:** No, I don't think so. I don't remember everything now.

**Wayne:** Do you remember going to the fair then in St. Johns? Could you talk a little bit about what the fair was like and maybe some of the things that you showed there?

**Margaret:** Back when I started, the pavilion is where we put all of our canning, baking, clothing. I only remember doing that a couple of years and then they started putting up big tents down on the fairgrounds. We still used the band shell because the last night of fair there was always a parade and the kids always walked their animals up through there. Back when I started, I don't think there was any beef. It was mostly dairy. I don't remember hogs but they would walk their animals up there. There was a style show and the girls styled their garments. If I remember correctly, we had Spring Achievement and if you were a winner in style show at Spring Achievement, you styled again at fair, but I may not be remembering everything either. That's how I remember it.

**Wayne:** How long was the fair?

**Margaret:** Three days. When we started out, it was Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. You brought your projects in Monday morning and they weren't judged until Tuesday and you weren't there. You weren't allowed to be in there when they were judging and then it was over with on Wednesday.

**Wayne:** They never had any rides or anything there that that I can remember.

**Margaret:** Never have, no. To a lot of us that is unique. We can take our grandkids; They're smaller, you know. We had four kids. We could take them up there and you don't have to worry about as much. Today you worry more but back when our kids were little---

**Wayne:** Were you fairly successful in showing there? Did you win some ribbons?

**Margaret:** Yes, I was.

**Wayne:** Did most 4-H'er win something? Was it like today where it seems like any activity you're in, everybody gets a trophy at the end.

**Margaret:** We had blue, red and white and you didn't want a white ribbon but sometimes you got it anyway. We had rosettes.

**Wayne:** So everything that was put in got a ribbon of one color, right?

**Margaret:** You got what you deserved. If you didn't do a good job, you got a white ribbon and if you got a blue one, that was a plus.

**Wayne:** Karl, did you show at the fair also?

**Karl:** I showed my rabbits the two years I was in. If I remember right, both years they were good enough that they went to State Fair in Detroit.

**Wayne:** Did they get auctioned off after the fair?

**Karl:** No, back then they didn't sell any of them. Now they do. They have meat rabbits. That's what mine was. They didn't auction them off like they do today.

**Wayne:** Did you have anything, Margaret, that went to the State?

**Margaret:** My vegetable garden box went to State but I think that's the only thing I ever had that went to State.

**Wayne:** Was the State always at the State fairgrounds?

**Margaret:** No, it was in Lansing.

**Karl:** Mine went to Detroit the two years that my rabbits went. I didn't have to go, but somebody took them and they went to State Fair and were judged down there. They didn't do well down there but I got first here. You had to have a first place to go to State.

**Margaret:** But there was something over there [Lansing] after our county fair 'cause I think I had to fix another vegetable box to go over there.

**Wayne:** When you put a vegetable box together, what would it look like?

**Margaret:** Oh, they were unique. You raised special vegetables to get this box. It became quite a competition among fellow 4-H'ers. We raised Swiss chard and you put that in the back. In fact, I think I have some pictures in there. [Her albums were on the table]--and then, I'm pretty sure you left the tops on the beets and the carrots and then those greens and then you just worked it down so the front of the box was almost level with--- These boxes were probably about two feet by one foot. You had to fill them: potatoes, peas, corn, you know what I mean? You really had to plan your planting so that it was ready at fair time.

**Wayne:** Were there requirements to have certain specific vegetables in it?

**Margaret:** If I remember right, yes.

**Wayne:** So it was the quality of the produce and also the presentation. I have a note here that there once was a Camp Smith over by Fowler. Could you tell us something about that?

**Margaret:** That was what I found upstairs. [Talk written by Lucy Gearhart, for dedication of Smith memorial stone on June 29, 1947]. Some of those memories are vague. I was a camp counselor. Like Myrna said, when she and I talked on the phone the other day, it was way up off from the road. Tallman Road comes to my mind. [Hinman Road] I think it tells in there this farmer leased or whatever to Roscoe Smith [County Agricultural Agent], this ground. We were up in a clearing. When I started going, there was a mess hall or a pavilion and one end of it was a kitchen. There was a well but the water was horrible. It was real salty. I shared with my grandson the other night, that's when Grandma started drinking coffee because that made it tolerable. And outhouses; no showers. In the beginning there was a lady. They called her "Ma" Viaches. I know the name but I don't remember the lady but she did the cooking. I don't remember who did the cooking when we were up there. Do you?

**Karl:** Marilyn & Bob Kissane did some of it. I'm not sure they did it all. It was a real rude and crude place and the guy pastured his cattle in there. Eventually, when they quit using it, his cattle got into the pavilion and ruined it. Then, of course, it went back to the guy, I guess. It's there yet but the fair has nothing to do with it.

**Margaret:** We had two sessions if I remember right. 'Cause I remember one time we split it and we came home over the weekend and some young kids got up there. We'd left our tents and everything but they just ransacked it. They didn't wreck anything but they just ran ransacked it. We had younger kids and older kids; we had games; we had craft sessions. At night after supper we'd sing songs and you jogged my memory. Some of the titles have come back.

**Wayne:** Was this a six-day camp or a one-week camp?

**Margaret:** I'm thinking like maybe a two or three-day camp. We slept in tents.

**Karl:** That's been a long time ago trying to remember all that stuff.

**Wayne:** What years would that have been or what decade?

**Karl:** 50's, 60's. We've been around too long. There's too much we don't remember and too much we do.

**Wayne:** How many campers would you have there at a time?

**Karl:** Probably 15, 20.

**Margaret:** More than that, I think.

**Karl:** Might have been more than that, but I don't remember all of it.

**Wayne:** Did they have to pay to attend the camp?

**Margaret:** I don't remember that.

**Wayne:** If you were a 4-H member, you could go.

**Margaret:** Marilyn did mention chaperones, that somebody went as a chaperone. Kids were playing badminton. I'm thinking we might have had 50, 60 kids up there at a time.

**Wayne:** Going back to the fairgrounds, you had the pavilion. Were there any other buildings there that you used or was everything just in that one building?

**Margaret:** There was a food stand.

**Karl:** There was a food stand; there was Smith Hall; there was a hog barn; beef barn. That's all been torn down and that new one put up.

**Margaret:** Smith Hall wasn't erected until [19]'55 or '56. They had tents.

**Karl:** And then they had tents. Then they got horse barn too. Now that old horse barn was made into the goats and rabbits [building]...

**Margaret:** At one time the show ring was just a circle fence out on the north side of the Quonset.

**Karl:** When they moved, they put up the dairy barn on the end down there--the dairy barn. They moved the show ring from the Quonset in between and then they put up the show arena. We, as 4-H'ers, built the beef barn that's there. It was all labor from the 4-H'ers. The dairy barn was put up by, I think, Wirth and Fedewa, but I'm not remembering for sure. The show arena too was put up by one of those outfits.

**Wayne:** Who were the judges? Were you ever a judge at a fair?

**Margaret:** Not at our fair.

**Wayne:** Did you have to be from another area to judge at the fair?

**Margaret:** Unhuh, I judged at Midland County, Shiawassee County, Isabella County. I think one year I judged at Montcalm County.

**Karl:** If you were ever a judge at these things, they had a list and different counties could draw from it.

**Wayne:** You were on a list and they would contact you.

**Karl:** “Would you want to be a judge at our fair?”

**Wayne:** Was there any particular qualification someone needed to be a judge?

**Karl:** I was a handicraft leader and that’s all I needed.

**Wayne:** So you had to be a part of 4-H, did you, or could you be like a professor at a college or it could be anybody?

**Karl:** It could be anybody.

**Margaret:** You could be a teacher or professor or anybody that was knowledgeable in that area. I judged clothing and I think one year I did judge gardening.

**Karl:** I particularly judged handicraft.

**Wayne:** When you said handicraft, what kind of handicraft would you do with 4-H? What kind of projects?

**Karl:** A beginner started out at something small and then after you got through the beginner, whatever you wanted to make and you do it.

**Wayne:** What would be the example of a small project?

**Karl:** End table, bookends—I’ve got some bookends around here somewheres—boot jacks, cutting boards.

**Wayne:** There wasn't a specific one that everybody started on?

**Karl:** No, there was a thing like this [pamphlet] that had projects in it for different ages. You could make that television stand. You can make that if you was an older kid.

**Wayne:** So they basically could select any project they were interested in and your job was to try to help them?

**Karl:** It was my job. Well, I had the saw and sanders and stuff they used to prepare the lumber, put it together and all that good stuff.

**Wayne:** Your job was to try to make sure they didn't lose any fingers.

**Karl:** Kept all their fingers and all that good stuff.

**Wayne:** Did you have any issues with any of them who were not necessarily careful.

**Karl:** Not too much. They started with something small and they couldn't use the saw anyhow.

**Margaret:** My dad did have one 4-H'er. He wanted to make a toboggan. To get that to curve, they had to warp the wood and they had a fire. I forget what he did but they had heat and a fire and they did start a fire in the basement.

**Wayne:** Hopefully, they didn't burn the house down.

**Karl:** It was basically what the kid could do and you had to make sure they didn't get something too big that he couldn't handle.

**Wayne:** You might encourage them to try something easier to begin. Did you take any field trips or to other places as far 4-H? What are the places you went to?

**Margaret:** I went to Toronto, Yankee Springs, Coldwater. I think, back when we were in, that pretty much were the trips. Now they start as Clover Buds--they don't call them Clover buds anymore--but seven years old. Each age group has a different trip and there's Mackinaw Island; there's the senior trip; there's a submarine trip; whitewater rafting; Washington, D.C. The Clover Buds, sometimes we went to the rodeo. I know they go up to Muskegon to the waterpark. That's not what it's called, but anyway, there's a trip up there.

**Wayne:** When you went to Yankee Springs, that's mostly kind of sandy and kind of woods area. Was it a camping trip?

**Margaret:** Uhhuh, they had buildings, dorms. The girls got one and the boys got another. We went down in the soup bowl [Devil's Soup Bowl scenic area] . We took hiking trips and whatever and went on the trails.

**Wayne:** Was that after Camp Smith closed? I'm wondering if this was like a replacement for that.

**Margaret:** No, I don't think so. I think we did both.

**Wayne:** You went to Toronto. You went to a city there.

**Margaret:** The last 4-H trip for the seniors or the older kids was a Canadian trip. We went to Toronto and Niagara Falls. In the year I went, we come back through the U.P. came down through the Soo and came home that way.

**Wayne:** Was a trip always the same for the seniors or did it vary a little bit each year?

**Margaret:** Well, I think it varied with the chaperones but they always went to Toronto.

**Wayne:** Earlier you talked about there being a spring event. Could you talk a little bit about that?

**Margaret:** There was a Spring Achievement and your winter projects were woodworking, clothing, knitting, crocheting, electrical, and those needed to be finished. It was usually around spring break which would be about the first of April and you finished those. They were judged at Spring Achievement but then you also took them to fair and they were re-judged, maybe by another judge. You got a ribbon at fair. There was a style review. I think that's about all that Spring Achievement was.

**Wayne:** Did that give you an opportunity to make some adjustments if you didn't do as well as you thought you should have before you took it to the fair?

**Margaret:** You could. I don't know that I ever did.

**Wayne:** Did you ever do Spring Achievement?

**Karl:** Yeah. When I was a leader.

**Margaret:** When you were a leader, 'cause that still was going on when our kids were in. I'm going to say maybe that ended like late 60's, early 70's.

**Wayne:** What are the biggest changes you've seen in 4-H from the time you started in it to today 'cause I think you said you had been actively involved until very recently?

**Karl:** One of the biggest, I think, is when they was gonna make the fairgrounds modern and everything was going to be lookalike, like the hog barn that they put up. That was through the university [MSU] and they had big ideas. They did buy some more land up there and they was gonna even tear Smith Hall down, put up a new-- That's was a big change. It didn't happen because of money.

**Margaret:** Some of the changes are life. You know, you have to be so careful what you say to kids, how you handle things. Now the kids are allowed to be present when their project is judged, which I think is a positive because when you take your project and you leave it, you come back, there's a white ribbon. Okay, what did I do wrong? You never got a chance to ask questions. Well, now they can do that and I think that's good. I think that's a positive. The still projects, the handicraft, clothing, and that are way down. This year we don't know what we'd have had. [Fair cancelled in 2020 because of Corona Virus epidemic]

**Karl:** Well, it's down, but it's switched like the Legos. They have books that you make, artwork. There's just a lot of different projects that didn't used to be there.



**Margaret:** Baskets and tee shirt painting. Our kids are older and when they were in, they didn't have all of that, you know, so that's some of the changes. We've gone more to livestock, more to horses, and there's nothing wrong with that either. A lot of these kids have taken their own livestock or beef or whatever you want to call it and they've gone on to college and this is their profession. They are in farming and I can think of three or four that have made this their life.

**Wayne:** It sounds like, when you first started in it, it was pretty active in both towns and in the country. Is that still the case today or is it become mostly just country, rural?

**Karl:** No, I think that's still somewhat in both places, maybe not in town as much, but there's still some there.

**Margaret:** Our kids today are so involved in sports and school. Sports, anyway in St. Johns, it's not just a seasonal [activity]. If you're in football, you do weight-lifting. You do conditioning all year round. I don't think it's just football. I think it's basketball and the whole-- So they're more involved with that and so I think some of our numbers are down because of things like that. I could be way wrong.

**Wayne:** Are the number of groups about the same as they used to be or are there fewer groups? I know you said Victor is still active today.

**Karl:** There's still others that are still active. Some of them changed names because they've changed leaders, but there's still a lot of the same ones active.

**Margaret:** Our Stitch and Giggle Club is no longer a club.

**Wayne:** Do you find today that there still isn't a lot of interest in learning to sew and canning and some of those things as there used to be?

**Margaret:** I don't think so. So many people just go to the store and buy, and again, it's how you were raised. My mother canned and my mother made my wedding dress. Would I tackle that? I don't think so. These younger moms are working. Some of them still can and freeze. I don't mean that but a lot of them just buy out of the store and prepared meals and--

**Karl:** Woodworking, there's just not the interest there as there was. Some of that too is that the schools have it.

**Wayne:** Some schools still have woodworking. Most schools don't have, what they used to call Home Ec, anymore where they used to teach some of those, how to cook, how to sew. I was wondering if 4-H is kind of filling in for what schools no longer do or if there just isn't the interest.

**Margaret:** I may be way wrong but I just don't think there's the interest because you go up to Smith Hall during fair and there's just not much there. Some of the foods, you know, they broadened it. There's casseroles and that sort of thing. It's not just cookies or bread anymore. I don't know how many young girls know how to make bread.

**Wayne:** Before we started today, you talked a little bit about Peck Hall. Would you like to talk a little more about that?

**Margaret:** Back in 1982, my mom and dad died four months apart and that summer they renamed the Quonset, Peck Hall, dedicated it to them because my mom was an entomology leader and my dad was a handicraft leader and was very active. He kind of adopted Peck Hall as his own. I found these [papers] upstairs and they're getting kind of weathered.

**Wayne:** So it has some special meaning to you.

**Margaret:** It did to them. When I asked you about the historical [discussion] that had come up at 4-H Council over another situation, and I just wondered if it could be. [Before recording, Margaret asked if Peck Hall could possibly be declared a historical building.]

**Karl:** If you go down into the beef barn, we got a plaque in there too that honors her and me. So we've been around too long.

**Wayne:** Not too long. You stick around a while longer.

**Margaret:** I hope so. Peck Hall, I don't know how old I was but was one of my first years and Molly Bacon, "Molly Ernst too, and her younger brother--they lived just up at the edge of the park and Chuckie lived at the fairgrounds. I don't know whether his mother knew where he was during the week of fair or not. One time they were all standing just inside that west door. He had crawled up on that ledge over four of those big doors and gone to sleep. At that time it was a dairy barn. Nobody wanted to holler at him because they were all afraid he would roll over and fall. That was their biggest concern, that he was going to fall off. That was back a long time ago.

**Wayne:** I understand that, at least those with animals, that they spent the night usually with theirs or is that not true?

**Karl:** Well, they did it, I think at first, some of them, not all of them. Then we had the night guards and that's what stayed. I was one of those quite a few years.

**Wayne:** You had to spend the night there?

**Karl:** We spent all week of the fair there.

**Wayne:** So you were, basically, volunteer security.

**Karl:** We had shifts. There were three shifts with two kids and an adult. We went from, like 10 o'clock at night until midnight; midnight until three in the morning; three in the morning until six.

**Wayne:** Three of you were supposed to stay up during your shift?

**Karl:** We had our trailers up there. The night guards had a trailer for the guys. It was all guys to start with and then the girls got involved too. Then they split it up. We got meal tickets at the Wheel [Inn] for that.

**Myrna VanEpps:** I'm wondering what requirements were for a leader or if you just had to be willing. I wondered about the Service Club.

**Margaret:** There really were no requirements. I was going to say leading was more trial and error. I sewed. My mom sewed so we just taught the girls what we knew. We would go up to Kettunen Center up by Tustin, Michigan. We really didn't get training but we could go up there for group sessions and stuff.

Service Club: I found these [papers re Service Club initiation ceremony] and in it really didn't tell me what you asked. I don't know how we got selected to be [in Service Club] and that's why I called Marilyn Kissane because I wasn't sure. She's not sure either. She wondered if it was by the amount of projects you took, what you did to help with 4-H, but was a very prestigious. I mean, if you didn't get selected for Service Club, "whoa! What have I done wrong?" and that sort of thing. This [paper] did show the candlelight service. When we were selected for Service Club, there was this candlelight service out away from camp. There was a clearing on the other side of the woods when you first came up to Camp Smith and that's where this bonfire was. The Service Club, those that are left, still get together on Monday at noon of fair. Had there been a fair, I would have suggested maybe we [would meet there] because you'd have gotten a lot more input from a lot of those people. One of the Sleights, Rolland, is it? No, it's not Rolland.

**Karl:** Norm. I think.

**Margaret:** Norm's gone [died 2005]. I can't think what his name is but one of the Sleight brothers [Justin?] is still alive. He's got a great big notebook that he brings. Duane Davis is another one.

**Wayne:** Maybe next year around fair time we can try to plan.

**Margaret:** I would be glad to introduce you and tell them why you were there, if I'm still here. Like I say, those people have a lot of memories too. It's fun because when you're talking to people, they'll say something. Well, that triggers my brain and I remember something, you know.

**Myrna:** Did we take food to camp? Did we have to donate food? Did we have to help peel potatoes?

**Margaret:** There are pictures in my book showing the boys peeling potatoes.

**Myrna:** Did we have to clear the tables?

**Margaret:** They had to help clear the tables and they had to help do dishes. Marilyn jogged my memory about the outhouse, how it was way out. I had forgotten that. When you ask if they had to pay a fee, they had to have some way to buy groceries. I don't remember that, whether we had to pay to go to camp.

**Myrna:** I remember the big hill. It seemed huge at the time, I mean, extra huge.

**Margaret:** What I was looking for upstairs was there was a picture in the paper and I don't think I cut it out. This farmer had turned his cows loose up there after we quit using it as a camp and these cows, like Karl said, had gotten into the pavilion. Manure was that deep. Somebody had gone up and taken a picture and it was in the county paper. I don't think I have it.

**Myrna:** I think it was on Hinman Road.

**Margaret:** Is it Hinman Road? Hinman and Tallman Road stick in my mind.

**Karl:** It was out in the sticks.

**Myrna:** It seemed like a long, long way.

**Wayne:** North and west of Fowler up in the corner of the county.

**Margaret:** Was it north and west of Fowler? It tells in that print-out that this farmer was going to sell it to Roscoe but I don't think that ever happened. It tells in there that Jack Smit made a gate to keep the cattle out. I'd forgotten about all of that.

**Wayne:** I look forward to reading it.

**Margaret:** Myrna, it's Delmas Moldenhauer [Clinton Co. Home Economics Agent ca 1940's] instead of Selma Moldenhauer and John Aylsworth [Clinton Co. Youth Extension Agent ca 1960's].

**Myrna:** Did you win the trip to Canada? Was that an award? The trip to Yankee Springs was an award?

**Margaret:** Uhhuh. I don't remember exactly how unless it was-- We always had to fill out reports. Now the kids, they don't actually win the trip. It's their age group. If they wanna go, the council pays a certain percentage of the trip and then they pay the rest of it. We chaperoned the Washington, D.C., trip when our youngest son went. I think that's the only one we chaperoned.

**Karl:** We chaperoned the Chicago one too.

**Margaret:** That was before our kids were in. We chaperoned--we never could do it today that way. We took seven kids and ourselves in a station wagon and went to Kansas City to the National Meat Judging--our daughter and another girl from Clinton Co., a gal from Coldwater. I don't know where boy was from. We won the State Meat Judging and we went to Kansas City for the National.

**Wayne:** Where did you stay? Did you take a camper?

**Margaret:** No, we had a station wagon.

**Karl:** We stayed in motels.

**Wayne:** You have seven kids with you and they're not all the same gender, you're going to have to split them up somehow.

**Margaret:** We didn't have our youngest son yet at that time and our two teenage boys went too.

**Karl:** That was quite a trip!

**Margaret:** We had three boys and three girls and Karl and I.

**Karl:** At the meat judging place, it was probably four city blocks wide, three or four city blocks long. It was all refrigerated. It was all meat.

**Margaret:** We froze to death.

**Karl:** You should have seen the people from Florida that came and it got cold too in there. It was 32 degrees or less. I never seen so much. It was piled in racks, hams. You just can't imagine the amount of meat they processed. They processed milk. There were semis all the time going in and out.

**Wayne:** I assumed that you were prepared with a coat.

**Karl:** We were. We was from Michigan. We knew what could happen.

**Margaret:** We laughed. We were coming home and we left Chicago. We'd stopped to get gas and we were in [dressed] just like we are now. It was the weekend before Thanksgiving but it was really warm. We got on the Indiana turnpike 'cause we had to come back up to Coldwater to drop this one girl off. We got into blizzard. Had we come up 94 [I-94], we wouldn't have gotten home that night because they finally shut off 94. Because we had to drop her off, we were coming the other way and we made it safely.

**Wayne:** Thank you very much. We're going to stay and scan some of the things but we appreciate your time and your memories.