

Video and Interview Outline
For
Ray Kladnick

Ray--Feel free to write notes on the outline.

- I. Biographical introduction. (Born 1921 in Black Diamond; to Cle Elum 1925)
- II. What do you remember about your ethnic origins on your mother's side of the family?
 - A. Discuss old country origins and all known family members in old country.
 1. Focus on customs- Ex. women do not eat with the men; greetings after long absence from old country.
 2. Focus on location, geography, occupations, crafts, skills and education; dress, music, song, dance.
 - B. Discuss marriage and decision to immigrate to America.
- III. What do you remember about your father's family history?
 - A. Discuss the origins of the Kladnick name; old country locations, geography.
 1. Focus on identifying family members on father's side, occupations, skills, songs, dance, instruments.
 - B. Discuss marriage and decision to immigrate to America.

IV. Once in America, where did your father settle?

A. Discuss your father's occupations, working life in the mines.

✓ 1. Western Miner's Strike c. 1934 and working conditions.

✓ 2. Focus on how mine life influenced family life. Ex. mines shut down and no income. Ex. Great Depression and WPA.

B. Discuss your father's old country traditions and contact with old country.

✓ 1. Father is Pres. of 2 Slovenian lodges.

✓ a. Desire to return to old country.

b. English vs. Slovenian.

c. Ethnic origins and business.

✓ d. Discuss present day Slovenian lodge activity.

2. Discuss ethnic parade in Cle Elum 1939 (go over personalities in 1939 picture of parade) (Discuss Joy's Corner-Pete Klenick, Mike Lopotich, Nick Joy)

3. Focus on achievement of citizenship.

V. Discuss what life was like while growing up in an immigrant family.

A. Explain how your Slavonian customs helped or hindered your childhood years. (Language; Scouts; Hazelwood dividing line; ethnic rivalry)

1. Going to school and graduation in 1939
2. Violin lessons vs. playing pool
3. Locations of Bocce Courts and the Piscalato-Gaspero fight. (Court at Gunther's brick yard)
4. Slavonian gathering at Teanaway Junct. and BBQ lamb in Pricco's bakery, bring out mushrooming and ethnic recipes.

B. Discuss your return trips to the old country in 1974, 1984, 1998.

1. Comment on what has changed and still remains intact between family and old country.

VI. Describe how the following influenced your parents and family.

A. Prohibition

B. Inventions- 1st car, plumbing, radio etc.

C. Cle Elum fire, 1916 big snow, floods etc.

VII. Describe how the following events influenced your life from 1939 on.

A. Why did you work in the mines? (Discuss need to help dad)

B. Discuss working in No. 9 mine. (Hat/belt displ)

1. Working conditions-unreported mine blast. Mine rescue team.
2. Various jobs in the mine-haulage, machines, foreman (John Leninsky; Frank Cernick; Dave Nichols; Steve Melos; Andy Zimba)
3. Personalities in the mines-G. Belmondo, Joe Ozbolt, Bill Weisman
4. Discuss mining methods and technology in the mines.
5. Why you left mining and the joys of mining

Ray has a basket from wash house in No 9,

✓ C. World War II. (Doug Monroe; Your decision to join the service with John Cernick)

1. Focus on what changed in the community after the war. Ex. Veterans organizations; drum and bugle corps.

VIII. What careers did you have after you left mining?

A. Discuss your law enforcement career.

1. Working on the Cle Elum Police Dept. - the tavern issue, travelers in town, RR. Str., names and locations of taverns Ex. Joys Corner. 1957

2. Working for the State Patrol 1953

3. Working for Plum Creek

B. Working for the forest service.- Straw boss; Pollalt Look Out; Rubin Lake' Iron Creek; Gold Creek

1. Discuss origins of place names in the area.

2. Discuss unusual geographic formations in the area.
3. Discuss evidences of mining or recreational activities in the forested areas.

IX. Describe community life in Cle Elum.

A. Community activities-SNPJ, Masonic, Sons of Italy, AFU' RRC Heritage Club, fire department

Eagles,

1. Discuss locations of lodge halls in the area.
Ex. Spansky Hall

B. What did the community do for recreation?

1. Describe your baseball activities- players, competition, leagues, Cabin creek team, NWI team, good player = good job at NWI, Cle Elum Clowns *Horse shoes,*

2. Comment on the Cle Elum Ski tournaments - Devil's Dive, Rocky Run, Curry Mine, Bull Frog jump

3. Comment on camping areas, roller skating, bowling alley, ethnic festivals, booce ball, bands in the area, school events and community life.

4. What community events were popular? (4th July, Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Years, Loggers Festival, other.)

X. Closing Remarks- If someone were to move here or visit this area, what do you believe they should learn about this area? What advice would you give a young person in order to cope with the future?

*Steve's
Lodge
Records
at Rays*

*Gary Fedak
has Polish
Records.*