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BOB: About when was that ~~then?~~ In the 50's?

MILDRED: Yes, if I remember right, I think, that was in the early 50's. ~~probably.~~

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BOB: It must o' been pretty hard on mothers that had small children?

MILDRED: Oh, yes. It was. We had several mothers that gave birth to children, their babies, ⁱⁿ the sanatorium and then, of course, they had to be taken right away.

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~~BOB: And 20 some patients?~~

~~MILDRED: And I think 28. I'm not positive about that, but I don't remember exactly.~~

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MILDRED: Well, there were a lot of things. if I could just remember I could tell you, but so much of it is gone. You can understand that. When you get as old as I am, it's funny I remember as much as I do.

BOB: (laughs) No. I think, your memory is better than mine. I can't remember what I had in mind here a minute ago. Would other people in the community here consider that sort of a....

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MILDRED: Ontario. He was from up there and he had all his training from there. He was a wonderful man. He was a Scotchman. Yes, he was Scotch, I think. Well, he saw to everything. He was there about.... He married after he came there and he had three children. Oh, he must o' been there..... Let's see. I think, it was in '27 or '28 he went to Minnesota to ~~Sanitorium~~ Sanitorium out from Duluth. He went there as superintendent. Oh, he was a wonderful man and he was so kind and considerate.

BOB: Was he the first doctor?

MILDRED: No, the first doctor was Dr. Widmeyer, but he was up here just a very short time. I think, he was up here not quite a year and he had a family and they were all afraid of it. and When Dr. Lamont came there he was single, and he and Dr. Widmeyer were friends and Dr. Widmeyer got Dr. Lamont to go here.

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BOB: Children could visit, but they couldn't actually live there with the parents?

MILDRED: No. We never allowed children in the infirmary.

~~BOB: Oh. You didn't?~~

MILDRED: No. ^{Q. T.} No, they could stand outside and talk to their mothers or their daddies whichever was there from outside but not inside the building.

BOB: Were there some people that stayed there then for as much as 20 years or more?

MILDRED: Oh, I don't think there was anybody there that long. Probably eight or ten. Maybe twelve at the most. That was in the early days where they had so much chemotherapy, so many things to keep them there.

~~BOB: Was tuberculosis eventually then terminal?~~

~~MILDRED: In the early days.~~

~~BOB: It was eventually, huh? It might take a long time, but....~~

~~MILDRED: It might take a long time; but, you know, after we had chemotherapy and then ^{1940s} ~~chemo~~ ^{2000s} ~~therapy~~. We could put air into the chest wall to contract the lung and after we did things like that the patients didn't stay there very long, maybe ^{four or} five years and some of them not that long, with medication. We called it surgery.~~

~~BOB: Oh. I see.~~

~~MILDRED: And then, of course, some patients when they started were sent to Rochester for ^(Therical plastics) ~~thermo~~ ^(?) ~~plastics~~. Well, in the later years, about the last five years that I worked, they were doing ~~thermo~~ ^(?) ~~plastics~~ at the sanitorium. That's ^{rib (?)} section, taking out part of the ribs and collapsing them.~~

~~BOB: Oh. And that then gets rid of the tuberculosis germ?~~

~~MILDRED: Well, it contracted the germ and, I don't know, it healed it some way. Oh, yes, they became negative. They'd have to become negative.~~

BOB: Oh, you couldn't require some**body** to come?

MILDRED: Oh, no, we couldn't make them come.

BOB: Oh, I didn't know that.

MILDRED: No, we couldn't do that. The county would have to do that. The people that were sending them would have to do that.

BOB: Oh, but, I 'spose, the county would usually do that?

MILDRED: They were responsible for them, see. And if they didn't come it was up to the county to see that they did or take care of them at home.

BOB: If they ^{wanted} to stay at home, would they have to be quarantined then?

MILDRED: They would in those days because the ~~air~~ And it didn't have to be fresh [?]. You could ^{expectorate} ~~expect to see it~~ on the ground and it would dry and someone would come along and scuff there and that germ would be in the air.

BOB: Oh.

MILDRED: And you could inhale it.

BOB: And catch it that way?

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BOB: Oh. Yeah.

MILDRED: That had tuberculosis. We had one teacher and two or three of her pupils. There's a lot of things that I remember, but there are a lot of things that I've forgotten.

BOB: What would you do with someone that kept trying to run away? Did you have a security....

MILDRED: No. If they run away.... No, we didn't have anything like that.

BOB: You didn't have a cottage where you'd lock 'em up or anything? (laughs)

MILDRED: No. No. No, we didn't have anything like that. No, there was nothing like that here.

And then the upstairs that's where we ate, the kitchen and the dining room, and then in the basement was the laundry and the store room for canned goods and the food, you know, for keeping. And.... What was I going to say?

BOB: What was the refectory? That's what I want to know.

MILDRED: That was the dining hall.

BOB: Oh.

MILDRED: And they called it the refectory building and upstairs was the chapel. We had a big chapel up there for church and amusement. In later years they had movies once a week.

BOB: The old silent movies?

MILDRED: Yes.

BOB: Oh?

MILDRED: With a piano player.

BOB: Yeah. You had someone on the staff that could play the piano that well?

MILDRED: Oh, that was in the movies.

BOB: Yeah, but I mean you had to have someone playing right there, didn't you?

MILDRED: No. It was right along on the picture them days.

BOB: Oh.

MILDRED: It was silent. You see, your education has been neglected.

BOB: (laughs) I always thought they had to have somebody playing the piano right there?

MILDRED: Oh. They did but we didn't. We just got those playing right on the film.

BOB: Oh. They'd play that sound then on something separate, a phonograph or something, I 'spose?

MILDRED: No, it was right on the film with the picture. There'd be music but no talking. There'd be a little verse or line or two, but you'd guess at the rest of it. But it was good for that time.

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BOB: Did you have quite a few Indian people in the institution being this close?

MILDRED: Yes, there were quite a few.

BOB: Yeah. What could you do for that strain of flu?

MILDRED: Well, there wasn't much we could do, only keep them warm and give them lots of fluid.

BOB: There was no certain medication?

MILDRED: No, there was no certain medication. We used to give them aspirin and keep them warm.

BOB: You and the doctor lived there on the grounds?

MILDRED: Oh, everybody that worked there did. They lived right there in those days. ~~Now they live all over.~~

BOB: Oh. They did? The cooks and everything?

MILDRED: The cooks and everybody. Everybody.

BOB: Who were some of the other people on the staff then? There was you and Dr. Lamant.

MILDRED: Well, let's see. There was Dr. Lamant and then there was his secretary. She was from Wisconsin. You know ^{Lena Danielson} ~~she was his~~ secretary. There were those two in the office and then there was myself and ^{Ruth} ~~Anna~~ Thompson, the night nurse. ~~No~~, Anna Thompson is the one that came with me and then Thompson, the night nurse. I can't remember really how many there were.

BOB: And then you had one or two cooks?

MILDRED: We had two cooks. Yeah. And then we had a woman in the dining room; but we all ate in the same dining room, but we had different dishes and, of course, the dishes were sterilized.

BOB: You say you had two cooks and a woman in the dining room?

MILDRED: To wait on tables and catch dining room cleaning and she did other housework, house cleaning, and she did some for the doctor until after he was married and then his wife did it.

BOB: Was there a grounds keeper, also, living right there. He was the

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to be cured.

BOB: How often would you administer the shots of tuberculin?

MILDRED: Well, some of them got it once a week and some of them got it once every two weeks. It depended on their condition and what the doctor ordered.

BOB: And that wouldn't actually cure it, but it would kind o' arrest it, huh?

MILDRED: It would kind o' arrest it.

BOB: Oh. Did it have any side effects or was it a tough....

MILDRED: No. No. No, because I remember there were no side effects.

BOB: If a patient would get sick or injured or something, would you usually call a doctor to treat them there or would you often taken them to a hospital?

MILDRED: Well, we used to often have a doctor come in; but if it was anything serious, why, then we took them to a hospital because we didn't have the facilities that they had at the hospitals.

BOB: You couldn't perform surgery or anything like that?

MILDRED: Oh, no. Not very much. No abdominal surgery or anything like that.

BOB: No.