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BERT DUNBAR

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Dunbar, Bert

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High School?

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DUNBAR: That was the first grade.

CRIST: This is Wednesday afternnon the 25th of May 1977. I'm Lyle Crist and I'm talking with Bert Dunbar. We're going to talk a little bit about Alliance and his awareness of the city through many, many years. You've been in Alliance all your life haven't you Bert?

DUNBAR: Since we came here when I was two years old. I was born in 1921. I was born in Georgia.

CRIST: Georgia. I didn't know that. But you were only two when you came here?

DUNBAR: Uh huh.

CRIST: And you went to, was it South Lincoln School?

DUNBAR: South Freedom, South Lincoln, Park and Broadway and High School.

CRIST: And let's see, what years were you at the Alliance High School?

DUNBAR: I graduated in 1943. January.

CRIST: Okay, January of 1943. And really the one consideration that I want to chat with you about in particular today is your continuing awareness of sports in Alliance. You followed the high school sports and grade school sports, all of them, haven't you?

DUNBAR: Most of them yeah.

CRIST: Let's just go back to the earlier years when you were

at South Freedom. just gather on the....

DUNBAR: That was the first grade.

CRIST: The first grade. Do you remember your teacher?

DUNBAR: Miss Hartzell. there.

CRIST: Ester Hartzell. And then you went to South Lincoln.

DUNBAR: Yes. in back of it.

CRIST: And can you recall any of the teachers names there?

DUNBAR: Mr. Cobbs, of course.

CRIST: Everybody says, "of course."

DUNBAR: Miss Winchester was another. Miss Ekey. thought.

CRIST: Okay, oh yes. Mary Ekey. Now, tell me about what we used to call the "hollow". Down

DUNBAR: Mrs. Smith. there back where the YMCA is. Did they used to have some

CRIST: Uh huh, Mae Smith. games down there? Yes. Football and baseball, they used to use it

DUNBAR: Miss Cassidy.

CRIST: Beulah Cassidy, uh huh. Is use that? Yes, the 1930s or

DUNBAR: Miss Baugh. anybody who was in the neighborhood

CRIST: Alright. come down.

DUNBAR: Miss Rowland. filled in now isn't it?

CRIST: Miss Rowland.

DUNBAR: Yeah. you went to Alliance High School then.

CRIST: Okay, good. Well when you were at South Lincoln School were there any organized sports activities there?

DUNBAR: No, there was none.

CRIST: Did they just gather on the....

DUNBAR: Playgrounds.

CRIST: Playgrounds, yes. And where were the playgrounds?

DUNBAR: Just in the lot there.

CRIST: By the school.

DUNBAR: Right in back of it.

CRIST: Do you recall any of the names of those who were active in the playground, softball or....

DUNBAR: There was so many.

CRIST: Yes. Well I just, kind of keep them in thought.

Now, tell me about what we used to call the "hollow". Down there back where the YMCA is. Did they used to have some games down there?

DUNBAR: Yes. Football and baseball, they used to use it quite a bit.

CRIST: Would South Lincoln kids use that?

DUNBAR: Well yes, anybody who was in the neighborhood close by, just come down.

CRIST: That's all filled in now isn't it?

DUNBAR: Yes. It is.

CRIST: And you went to Alliance High School then.

DUNBAR: Uh huh.

CRIST: Who were the names of the players? Who were the players?

DUNBAR: Jack Hahlen was one.

CRIST: Alright.

DUNBAR: McClure was another, Dick McClure. Larry Castiglione was another, Basil Skillern was one, Frank Iannoti.

CRIST: And this would have been football?

DUNBAR: Uh huh, that's right. Yep.

CRIST: Well now I used to see you keeping score.

DUNBAR: Well they had that intramural league there at one time at the High School. Mr. Reighart was in charge of it.

CRIST: And you were the score keeper?

DUNBAR: Of the intramurals, yes.

CRIST: Well you did that in baseball, too, didn't you?
In the summer?

DUNBAR: Well, after school was out, yes.

CRIST: Were the games, we're talking about what, the 1940's?

DUNBAR: Uh huh.

CRIST: Were the games under the direction of the park department then in the summer?

DUNBAR: Yeah.

CRIST: Was there a what they called a Hot Stove League?

DUNBAR: Well, not for quite a while after that about 1940 or something like that.

CRIST: But it was the same thing as a Hot Stove League.

DUNBAR: Oh yeah. ... to any of the away games?

CRIST: They had teams? ... When I can get transportation.

DUNBAR: Yeah.

CRIST: And they had uniforms? ... known on the teams; you've

DUNBAR: Uh huh. Well, not uniforms just shirts. Just ...
shirts with names on them. The YMCA ran some of that and ...
then the Hot Stove League got started and then that was ...
that. ... Well tell me, how, were there any players that you

CRIST: Do you remember any of the names of these teams?

DUNBAR: Can't think of them now. ...
good in any of the sports, ones that you dealt with, were ...
these real leaders?

CRIST: Well, we'll come back to that. What do you see Bert ...
in terms of the sports in Alliance today 1977 compared to ...
30 or 35 years ago? Do you see any changes? ...
CRIST: Yeah, sure. Well for instance a fellow like Hilby

DUNBAR: Oh yes, quite a bit. ...
Bert.

CRIST: In what way?

DUNBAR: Well we have a lot more teams than we used to ...
CRIST: What do you remember about him?

have, for another thing. And they need more room, they ...
need fields in Alliance I know that. ...
about a block away from him.

CRIST: Do you still follow them?

DUNBAR: When I can yes, when I can get to it. ...
CRIST: Yes, he lived on West Market and I lived on Col-

CRIST: Well you're getting around pretty well aren't you? ...
able Street.

DUNBAR: Yes, I think so. ...
CRIST: Okay, Do you live on Columbia now?

CRIST: Do you go to all the basketball games?

DUNBAR: Most of the, here in Alliance anyhow. ...
CRIST: Let's go back to when you were at South Lincoln.

CRIST: Do you travel to any of the away games?

DUNBAR: When I get a chance. When I can get transportation, I go.

CRIST: The fellows that you've known on the teams; you've been on the sideline, you just weren't up in the grandstands all the time were you?

CRIST: Since you were in that school.

DUNBAR: Well most of the time yes.

DUNBAR: And part of the playground was a dump.

CRIST: Well tell me, how, were there any players that you recall over the years that you thought were particularly good in any of the sports, ones that you dealt with, were there real leaders?

DUNBAR: There were some after I got out of school. There was quite a few of them.

CRIST: Yeah, sure. Well for instance a fellow like Hilly Hume.

DUNBAR: Yeah. That was before I got out. He was still in.

CRIST: Oxford.

CRIST: What do you remember about him?

DUNBAR: West Oxford just came to Haines and then you had

DUNBAR: Well I was neighbors to him once. I used to live about a block away from him.

CRIST: Oh yeah, yeah. Was the street a dirt street?

CRIST: Oh you did?

DUNBAR: Well it just was blocked off you couldn't go

DUNBAR: Yes, he lived on West Market and I lived on Columbia Street.

a dump on the other.

CRIST: Okay. Do you live on Columbia now?

CRIST: Were there any stores around there?

DUNBAR: No, East Cambridge.

DUNBAR: Haupt's Grocery was there then.

CRIST: Let's go back to when you were at South Lincoln.

Now you would walk then from Columbia?

DUNBAR: Yeah. In and High Street. Almost across from the

CRIST: You were on the east side, the west side of
Columbia of Union Avenue.

DUNBAR: Yeah. It's a house.

CRIST: Since you were in that school.

DUNBAR: And part of the playground was a dump.

CRIST: Oh was it? the name of the person that owned it?

DUNBAR: Yeah, where they got the backstop now there was
a dump back there and they filled it in.

CRIST: A dump. Was it deep like a hollow?

DUNBAR: No, just where they would throw stuff out. And

then the other side where those houses are was also one.

DUNBAR: Well he was here for quite a while then he retired.
On the west side of the street. Oxford Street didn't go
through. Then other people tried to run the store and closed up.
Now it's a house.

CRIST: Oxford.

CRIST: Did you go in the store?

DUNBAR: West Oxford just come to Haines and then you had

DUNBAR: Oh, we used to get our groceries there yes. When
to go the other way to get across. we lived on Columbia. That was the closest one to us.

CRIST: Oh yeah, yeah. Was the street a dirt street?

CRIST: What did you do after school, what you were at

DUNBAR: Well it just was blocked off you couldn't go
through because there was dump on one side of the road and
a dump on the other. Oh, not much, just stayed home.

CRIST: Did you do any reading?

CRIST: Were there any stores around there?

DUNBAR: When I could.

DUNBAR: Haupts Grocery was there then.

CRIST: But you went to all the games?

CRIST: Where was that?

DUNBAR: Lincoln and High Street. Almost across from the front of the school building.

CRIST: Okay.

DUNBAR: Now it's a house.

CRIST: That was Haupt's Grocery.

CRIST: I see. Did you remember any class in particular?

DUNBAR: Yeah. That's right.

DUNBAR: The only one that I can think of is at South Lincoln.

CRIST: Do you know the name of the person that owned it?

DUNBAR: I was in Mr. Cobbs, was reading that thing all the time.

DUNBAR: Fred Haupt.

CRIST: Tell me about Mr. Cobbs. What do you know about

CRIST: Fred Haupt.

DUNBAR: Fred.

DUNBAR: Well he, he was alright. Kids were always scared

CRIST: Did he continue in business after....

DUNBAR: Well he was here for quite a while then he retired.

Then other people tried to run the store and closed up.

Now it's a house.

CRIST: Have you?

CRIST: Did you go in the store?

DUNBAR: Oh yes.

DUNBAR: Oh, we used to get our groceries there yes. When

CRIST: Well do you think after somebody would be paddled
we lived on Columbia. That was the closest one to us.

CRIST: Did they respect him, or did they....

CRIST: What did you do after school, when you were at
DUNBAR: I think so. At least most of them did.
South Lincoln?

CRIST: Did they deserve the paddling?

DUNBAR: Oh, not much, just stayed home.

DUNBAR: Most of the time I think so.

CRIST: Did you do any reading?

CRIST: We won't ask you any names of those who have been

DUNBAR: When I could.
paddled.

CRIST: But you went to all the games?

DUNBAR: No, no. There was too many!

DUNBAR: Yes, when I got a chance, yes.

CRIST: When you got to the high school was that a ninth grade or....

DUNBAR: Right, yes, uh huh. And Park and Broadway, high school but last semester I was in grade school I went to Park and Broadway and went to high school from there.

CRIST: I see. Did, do you remember any class in particular?

DUNBAR: The only one that I can think of is at South Lincoln, I was in Mr. Cobbs, was reading that thing all the time.

CRIST: Tell me about Mr. Cobbs. What do you know about him?

DUNBAR: Well he, he was alright. Kids were always scared of him. I know that.

CRIST: Did he ever paddle you?

DUNBAR: No. I've seen him do it to other people.

CRIST: Have you?

DUNBAR: Oh yes.

CRIST: Well do you think after somebody would be paddled did they respect him, or did they....

DUNBAR: I think so. At least most of them did.

CRIST: Did they deserve the paddling?

DUNBAR: Most of the time I think so.

CRIST: We won't ask you any names of those who have been paddled.

DUNBAR: No, no. There was too many!

CRIST: Did he teach?

DUNBAR: Yes, uh huh.

CRIST: Full time?

DUNBAR: Yeah, he had a room upstairs and then his office down below.

CRIST: Okay. When you were at the high school and with the teams would you say that there were, well now just for instance you mentioned Basil Skillern.

DUNBAR: Yes I did.

CRIST: Basil Skillern was black wasn't he?

DUNBAR: Yes he was.

CRIST: Were there as many Black athletes?

DUNBAR: Not too many. He was about the only one I think, at that time.

CRIST: Did he play football?

DUNBAR: Football and basketball, both, yes.

CRIST: Do you remember the position?

DUNBAR: I can't think off hand but I know that he did. We only had three colored kids in our class that graduated.

CRIST: In '43? 1943 right? Only three.

DUNBAR: Three of the, yeah. I think the June class had about a dozen or ten something like that.

CRIST: Do you remember who they were?

DUNBAR: Ours you mean?

CRIST: Yeah.

DUNBAR: Basil Skillern was one, Eugene Thurman and Mable Anderson.

CRIST: Is that so.

DUNBAR: That's the only three that we had.

CRIST: Well Eugene Thurman is still in town and very active. And Mable....

DUNBAR: Anderson.

CRIST: Anderson. Do you know if she's in town?

DUNBAR: I think so. I'm not sure but I think that she is. That's the only three we had.

CRIST: Do you go into the high school building today?

DUNBAR: Not very much.

CRIST: Do you think that the kids have changed any?

DUNBAR: Oh my yes. Quite a bit.

CRIST: How?

DUNBAR: Well they are not as respectful as they were I know that. They don't respect other people, and so forth.

CRIST: But there are some who do.

DUNBAR: Oh yes.

CRIST: And you've with your sports activity did you follow the college teams?

DUNBAR: Some

CRIST: Some.

DUNBAR: Not too much.

CRIST: Were you down, did you get to Early Hill?

DUNBAR: Sometimes yes.

CRIST: For a game, what would it have been, baseball down there?

DUNBAR: Yeah. And when the two schools, Stanton and State were Junior High Schools they played their games there. Early Hill Park. Football that is.

CRIST: Do you recall any of the, either the baseball players who had the best batting averages? Or, well let's start with that. Do you remember any names?

DUNBAR: I know they used to play their games at Lake Park I remember that. The high school did.

CRIST: The high school played their games at Lake Park.

DUNBAR: Uh huh. Yeah.

CRIST: They didn't have a field of their own.

DUNBAR: Huh uh. Nope.

CRIST: Well, did you go out to Lake Park?

DUNBAR: When the school, when somebody ask some of the people to drive I did. I'd go down with them yes.

CRIST: Okay. Would there be many spectators there?

DUNBAR: Yeah, quite a few.

CRIST: This was at what time are we talking about?

DUNBAR: 1940 or 41, something like that. Now they don't even use that field anymore.

CRIST: I don't even remember a field at Lake Park.

DUNBAR: Yeah, there is. Was I mean. You had to go back off the road in there and then you could see it. They had stands for people to sit down and everything.

CRIST: Do you remember Lake Placenta?

DUNBAR: Oh yeah, sure.

CRIST: Wasn't there a....

DUNBAR: There was a ball field there too.

CRIST: Who played there?

DUNBAR: Well they had their own baseball team there, called Lake Placenta and they played about every Sunday or Holiday or Saturdays or whatever.

CRIST: Do you remember any of the players?

DUNBAR: Well let's see there was Terry Fox, he was from Alliance, here.

CRIST: Oh.

DUNBAR: Uh huh. And Bill Schwartzoff was another one.

CRIST: What position did he play?

DUNBAR: He played third base and he was also the coach.

CRIST: Now what years are we talking now?

DUNBAR: Oh, late 40's and 50's.

CRIST: And they would play just on Sundays?

DUNBAR: Well and holidays too. Or sometimes on Saturdays

CRIST: Alright. You're living with a brother now is that right?

CRIST: Were there any other places where games were played that have closed up since?

DUNBAR: Well they used to have a softball field down here on 183 called Trails Inn, I mean 173.

CRIST: Between Alliance and Sebring.

DUNBAR: Uh huh.

CRIST: Trails Inn.

DUNBAR: Yep. Between here and Sebring. We used to fill the place a lot of times at night.

CRIST: What teams?

DUNBAR: Trails Inn had their own teams and they just played about every night and fill it up.

CRIST: That was softball.

DUNBAR: Uh huh. Yep.

CRIST: Any others that you can think of?

DUNBAR: Well Sunset Park was another one, they played baseball out there.

CRIST: And that would be the Sunset Park team.

DUNBAR: Yeah.

CRIST: Do you remember any of the players either for Trails Inn or for Sunset?

DUNBAR: Well Sunset was a baseball team. Oh heavens. I don't remember the names but I know they had it.

CRIST: Alright. You're living with a brother now is that right?

DUNBAR: My sister, upstairs.

CRIST: Alright, alright. And do you have other members of your family here?

DUNBAR: Not in Alliance no.

CRIST: Okay. And have you, you've seen the way the town has changed over the years. What's good about it? The changes? Anything you see that's good?

DUNBAR: Oh, one part of the town is finally getting a park I noticed. West.

CRIST: Do you have anything in the way of changes that bothers you a little bit?

DUNBAR: Not too much.

CRIST: Pretty satisfied then?

DUNBAR: Oh yeah.

CRIST: Did these teams, you said that the sandlot teams would just wear maybe shirts with names on them.

DUNBAR: Long time ago, yes.

CRIST: Do you recall any of the names of the sponsors?

DUNBAR: Oh, Cracknell Service Station is one. We used to have a Forest Grocery in Alliance that had a team also.

CRIST: Forest.

DUNBAR: Yeah.

CRIST: Forest Grocery. Alright.

DUNBAR: Then we had the VFW and the Eagles, they all had baseball teams too for the kids.

CRIST: Did the Moose?

DUNBAR: Yeah.

CRIST: The Moose Lodge.

DUNBAR: Uh huh. Yep.

CRIST: Has anybody, gone on to professional careers in sports from Alliance?

DUNBAR: Well Barnett did, Tom Barnett was one.

CRIST: Tom Barnett.

DUNBAR: Right.

CRIST: That was football.

DUNBAR: Yeah. Of course Charlie King was another one.

CRIST: Alright.

DUNBAR: And Jim Davidson until he got hurt. And of course Dawson naturally.

CRIST: Len Dawson. Anybody in baseball?

DUNBAR: Well let's see. This Paul Whittingham I remember him. Then he went to the service and come out and I don't know, too old, too late. He was in there too long I guess.

CRIST: Yes.

DUNBAR: Of course he's dead now.

CRIST: This would have been in the 40's?

DUNBAR: Yeah. Paul Whittingham's dead now.

CRIST: What position did he play?

DUNBAR: Catch. He died in two years, about three or four years ago. Automobile accident.

CRIST: But he did play pro....

DUNBAR: Oh yeah, Pittsburgh sure.

CRIST: Oh he did? Okay, any others that you think of?

DUNBAR: Well John Streza for another one.

CRIST: John Streza.

DUNBAR: Yeah.

CRIST: Is he still around town?

DUNBAR: As far as I know.

CRIST: How many of, how many of those people that you saw on the sports field twenty-five or thirty-five years ago, how many of them do you see regularly now, are there any of them?

DUNBAR: Not too many. Unless I'm down town or something like that.

CRIST: Is there any in particular that you think of? Who are still around?

DUNBAR: Right off hand I don't think any of them live in Alliance.

CRIST: Tell me about this rivalry between Alliance and Canton and then Alliance and Massillon. Do you think that's a good thing?

DUNBAR: Yeah.

CRIST: Do you ever talk to the fellows before the games?

Some of those big games through the years. Is there any particular one football game that you remember more than others?

CRIST: How can you remember those scores?

DUNBAR: Huh uh. The first time we beat Massillon in 16 years I remember that one. '48.

CRIST: 1948.

CRIST: Well that 20-14 game that wasn't really settled

DUNBAR: Yeah. 14-0.

CRIST: Was that here or there?

DUNBAR: That was here, in Alliance.

CRIST: What happened after the game?

DUNBAR: They took the goal post down they come down Union Avenue. That was quite a thing.

CRIST: And you were right with it?

DUNBAR: Uh huh. I wasn't with them, but you could hear it.

CRIST: Do you remember any of the names of the players? Theirs, them?

DUNBAR: Jerry Thorpe was one at that time. John Borton was another one. First time in 16 years.

DUNBAR: Dutch Woppe was the coach in football when I

CRIST: That was a pretty good time that night. Was it a full house?

DUNBAR: Yeah. Then we beat McKinley in 1951 the first time in 19 years.

DUNBAR: They called him Dutch.

CRIST: Oh, 1951 that was the first time in 19 years.

CRIST: Dutch.

DUNBAR: Uh huh.

CRIST: What was the score in that game? Do you remember?

DUNBAR: 20-14. That was up here.

CRIST: How can you remember those scores?

DUNBAR: I was there, thats the reason I remember. If I'm there I remember it.

CRIST: Well that 20-14 game that wasn't really settled until the last minute was it?

DUNBAR: Huh uh. It was '51. Dawson was only a junior at that time.

CRIST: Did he start the game?

DUNBAR: Uh huh.

CRIST: You mentioned John Borton, was he the quarterback against Massillon?

DUNBAR: Yeah, uh huh. he was only a sophomore then.

CRIST: Did he go on to play pro ball?

DUNBAR: No, I don't think so. He got a bad shoulder and he couldn't.

CRIST: Oh, I see. Who were the coaches?

DUNBAR: Dutch Hoppes was the coach in football when I was in high school. Will, Wilcoxon was, then Hoppes followed.

CRIST: Do you remember Hoppes first name?

DUNBAR: They called him Dutch.

CRIST: Dutch.

DUNBAR: Let's see, Jack Singerman was there, he's down in Dayton now I believe.

DUNBAR: Leonard Hoppes, I believe his first.... of course

CRIST: Leonard Hoppes.

DUNBAR: Leonard Dutch Hoppes.

CRIST: Alright. This was in the 40's?

DUNBAR: Uh huh. It's a white house, it's down on Oxford

CRIST: Do you follow any of the professional games, do you get up to see the Cleveland Indians or the Cleveland Browns? They had their own, they didn't have any rope,

DUNBAR: No, not too often. I hear it on the radio and that's about it. son you mentioned, what was he, he was the

CRIST: Do you listen regularly?

DUNBAR: Most of the time. Physical Director.

CRIST: What's your opinion of sports? Does it serve a purpose? Mr. Barrymore was the Executive Director.

DUNBAR: Oh yeah. Well one thing it keeps the kids busy anyhow, out of trouble. time when I first came to Alliance.

CRIST: Out of trouble. Well now you've been around the YMCA a lot too. Tell me what you remember about the YMCA back in the 30's and 40's.

DUNBAR: I know one man he was there, he's been dead five years he was one of the best ones that they ever had. Dick Pearson. He was one of the best men that they had over there. He died. leagues and kids leagues and so forth.

CRIST: Do you remember any others?

DUNBAR: Let's see, Jack Singerman was there, he's down in Dayton now I believe.

CRIST: Was the, let's see, the YMCA at that time of course was a different building wasn't it?

DUNBAR: Uh huh. Right where Stanton is now.

CRIST: Do you recall what that building looked like?

DUNBAR: White, it's a white house, it's down on Oxford Street. They moved the house.

CRIST: And, did they have as many programs then as they do....

DUNBAR: They had their own, they didn't have any room, too much room. They didn't have too much room at that time.

CRIST: Dick Pearson you mentioned, what was he, he was the Executive Secretary.

DUNBAR: Well he was the Physical Director.

CRIST: Oh the Physical Director.

DUNBAR: Mr. Barrymore was the Executive Director.

CRIST: Mr. Barrymore.

DUNBAR: Yes. At that time when I first came to Alliance.

CRIST: Alright. Well they didn't have a gym though.

DUNBAR: No, no. They had to use the Methodist Church.

CRIST: Oh. The Methodist Church gym.

DUNBAR: Yeah, over on Broadway there.

CRIST: Well then did the YMCA sponsor basketball leagues?

DUNBAR: Church leagues and kids leagues and so forth.

CRIST: Would you go to watch those games?

DUNBAR: Oh yeah.

CRIST: Did you for example, okay it's 1940 or 42 or something like that. Did you go, was it just one night a week or did they play....

DUNBAR: It was several night a week because the church league played one night and the other leagues the other time. And the kids leagues on Saturday, of course. The kids had their leagues on Saturdays.

CRIST: Do you remember Alliance then during World War II.

DUNBAR: Some.

CRIST: Do you recall any changes that this town went through?

DUNBAR: I can't think of any right now, right....

CRIST: Were there as many games?

DUNBAR: Oh, some yes. Not as many but you kept busy.

CRIST: Do you feel that there is a greater stress on athletics today in the high school than there was in the 40's?

DUNBAR: Well some, well yes, since they got the girls involved.

CRIST: Yeah, that's a good subject to explore today. Did they have the girls teams in the forties?

DUNBAR: No. Just boys and not as many boys teams either. Football and basketball and baseball I guess. That's about the three.

CRIST: Do you follow the girls games today?

DUNBAR: Nope. They don't schedule in the paper and nobody knows when it is.

CRIST: I see. Were you close to some of the people at the Alliance Review with regard to sports?

DUNBAR: Well two men I knew real well, they're both dead now. John Hamlin and Cy Butler.

CRIST: What do you remember about them?

DUNBAR: I can't remember too much about them now, I know they treated me pretty good.

CRIST: Well could you tell us for instance something that they did that you were pleased with?

DUNBAR: Well Cy started the Hot Stove League for one. I remember that.

CRIST: Was he the sports editor?

DUNBAR: Well Houlon was the sports editor but Cy was there also.

CRIST: He was a writer.

DUNBAR: Yes.

CRIST: Do you read the Alliance Review all the time?

DUNBAR: Oh yeah.

CRIST: Do you read just local news or do you read world news too?

DUNBAR: The whole thing.

CRIST: The whole thing.

DUNBAR: From one end to the other.

CRIST: What do you think about the whole world today?

DUNBAR: It's a mess. That's the way I feel about it anyway.

CRIST: What do you think we ought to do?

DUNBAR: I don't know.

CRIST: A lot of people in Alliance know you don't they?

DUNBAR: I think so.

CRIST: You have a lot of friends.

DUNBAR: Most of the friends I got in this town went to South Lincoln School with me or I went with them something like that. All that part of town, most of them anyhow.

CRIST: Yeah, that's right.

DUNBAR: Most of them anyway.

CRIST: Yeah, because I see them wave at you. And you know them pretty well. Well can you think of anything else you'd like to say?

DUNBAR: Can't think of anything.

CRIST: Well what do you think that our prospects are for next year at the high school?

DUNBAR: Huh, I wish I knew that.

CRIST: You'd be a prophet then.

DUNBAR: That's right.

CRIST: As it is you're a historian. Right now. You used to keep those batting averages didn't you?

DUNBAR: Not too often.

CRIST: Oh you did. I can remember you used to tell me the batting averages....

DUNBAR: I'd read it out of the paper that's how I did that.

CRIST: You had them down on your own paper didn't you?

DUNBAR: No.

CRIST: You got some of them down. Somewhere. You were always pretty good at figures weren't you?

DUNBAR: Yeah, I thought I was.

CRIST: Well I think we'll bring this to a close. This has been an interview with Bert Dunbar, what's your address Bert?

DUNBAR: 222 East Cambridge.

CRIST: 222 East Cambridge in Alliance. We've been just talking a little bit about South Lincoln School and the High School and the sports events through the years. And this is Lyle Crist then signing off this interview for the Oral History Project.

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