

The Greatest Generation

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I interviewed Mary Manis on March 24th over the phone. Mrs. Manis is one of my childhood friends grandmother. She was born in 1927, which makes her 94 years old today. Although she lives in Manitowoc, Wisconsin now she grew up in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, which is where she had the following experiences with media in the 1940's & 50's

Sound recording

Mrs. Manis is fascinated by Bing Crosby, he was her favorite recording artist and she loved his show called The Bing Crosby Show. She listened to him on the families universal record player, which was located in the Den (Martin, 1957)



(CBS radio, 1951)

TV/movies

She said TV was life changing because you could actually experience what people were doing. Unlike radio you no longer needed to guess. Shirley Temple was one of her favorite actors because she was in dance (Tarshis, 2017).

Additional info

Recording cost: small, only 75 cents & \$1.25-1.50 for larger or name on record. It cost a quarter to go see a movie at the theater (Nyaole-Kowuor).

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Early TV sets, like this 10-inch screen RCA model, spent a lot of time displaying test patterns since stations weren't on air all day. Source the Early Television Museum.

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