

15 Enver Peštrović zvani Dus – Car mechanic from the old town

My name is Enver Peštrović - Dus. I was born on 02.10.1951. in Zavidovici, where I studied primary and high school. I started to work 09.25.1969. in the ŠPP "Gostović", the company took me as a trainee. After the internship, I worked for 5 years, so I took the exam for skilled mechanic. I finished for highly skilled mechanic. I was offered the position - the controller, and I finished and passed the exam in Sarajevo for the controller for technical condition of vehicles.

The name of the company where I worked until the war was "Krivaja trans". In the war I had a work obligation so all the time I have worked in the technical inspection located at the Omladinsko Naselje. In 2000 there was a privatization of the company, which was bought, and there I worked until 2007, when, because of illness I went on sick leave, and I retired in 2009.

Once Zavidovici was a city. I remember the street "Marshal Tito", where young people gathered from the surrounding cities. I remember the "Kolona" street, which was the most beautiful part of town in winter, because then the whole city slipped, enjoyed, also on the river Bosna were slipping because the winters were severe and Bosna river would freeze. Once it used to be the House of Culture (in the true sense of the word), in which were held cinema shows, reading rooms, there took place New Year Eve parties, exhibitions, dances.

A variety of events took place at that time. There were coming famous actors, performers, rock bands. We had a rock band called "Feniks", and they played for the New Year parties, dances, etc .. On Sundays there were performances for children in the House of Culture, in which Bora Abramović taught children about manners. In the rock band "Feniks" were Premil Jovic, Branko Dabic, Hamzić Eško, and occasionally they were and Bato Mitrić, Ivica Hiršman, Eško's brother Mirza. From the "Feniks" was formed group "Pauk" (Spider).

Coexistence before the war was at a satisfactory level, we didn't care to which nation you belong. We used to visit each other for Christmas and Bajram – there was harmony. We did not know for hate and intolerance, unlike today.

Old Zavidovici town was the area from present town bridge, once wooden bridge, to the right and it looked like this: Đordje Miljković houses and cottage, pastry shop, Fehima Ajanović store, then former City pharmacy, Ramiz's cafe, flat of Đinić director of water supply, family Kabiljo, textile store "Prvi partizan", shoe store of Berec, pastry "Kurešepi", bakery where worked Adil, Planika store, pump, Škudo baker. Next to this store was a barbershop of Ramiz barber, Tončo's store, Jošo and Marica, lottery kiosk, a passage to the House of Culture, House of Culture, old hotel, one large building, Ejub Hadžialić and Slavica, parents of engineer Mijatovic, father of Milenko Lazic, Vojo teacher, Post office - later Water supply, family Čavar, tailor's shop, "Jakovljevic", Socijalno building, City park with a memorial, ramp, the Centar company building - Zema (where I watched the first TV), newspaper shop of Huso Žižak, City market, cottage, Dragan Matić and Nikolić football player, ice cream shop "Sport", Bowling cafe, building TP Center. Across the railway line was the Police Department and volleyball court - there was no underpass.

Advice for young people - take this country in your hands, create progress, create new jobs, create the former brotherhood and unity. Be alive and well. Good luck.

