

Jarle Pettersen writes about himself

I would like to write a little about myself as a person and a little about my background. I was born in 1936 and grew up in Mørsvikbotn. I was confirmed in Norfolk old church in 1950, and started my working life immediately after that. From then on, and until 1957 I worked as a fisherman and participated in fishing for cod in Lofoten and Finnmark and for large herring at the coast of Møre.

These were great years, and going after the large herring in particular was exciting, and I got to know the coastline from Bergen all the way up to the Varangefjord and the Russian border like the back of my hand. In March 1957 I signed off the boat and went ashore in Bodø. I did this because the boat was on its way to fish for capelin on the coast of Finnmark and I did not want to experience another winter up there, and I wanted to try my hand at something new.

I went home to Mørsvikbotn and stayed there for a few days before I traveled to Fauske to get my driver license. That went well, and I can remember I passed the test after only 13 lessons with an instructor. It probably was a lot less demanding task back then. I would also like to say that I was there for about a week and stayed with Mary Sivertsen's parents, Sofie and Ludvig Larsen. They were good people.

Then I stayed at home until June 14, 1957, when I went to Bodø to start work at Køff. In the southern part of the country the company was named Kefas. I started work as a driver and warehouse worker, and later on I was a salesman for the company. In the end I was a consultant for the store, which was a lot of work and I took many courses to keep updated. From 1975 I was head buyer, and I held that position till I retired in 1995. I had then been with the same company for 38 years. The position as head buyer involved a lot of traveling, and I was in touch with a variety of people from all over the country. I did enjoy that, and it is probably safe to say that those years have shaped me into the person I am today.

This is basically a little about me.

In closing I would like to say that I do not mind if some of what I have written is posted on the web if it is of interest to anyone.

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