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1. Bruno Giroux 37 Galbraith
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3. 66 years old Jeanne Giroux 3, Boulanger
4. 62 years old April 26,1972
7. Plantagenet,Ont. I was born in Grand Dessert now
8. Bruno. My parents were born in Plantagenet, know as Rutherglen  
Jeanne. My parents were born in St. Marcelin des Escoumains, Que.
9. Bruno. They were from Plantagenet. Jeanne. my parents left Grand Dessert to move to Earlton and then on to Sassaginika Lake
10. Bruno. My parents came to Cobalt around 1917. Jeanne, I had a sister here Mrs. Pierre Loranger and I lived with her for awhile and met my husband and I came to Cobalt by train.
11. We came to Cobalt by train
13. Bruno. When we came to Cobalt there were my parents and six children. Jeanne When we came to Earlton we were 4 children and my parents.
14. Bruno. My dad was a carpenter at the Nipissing Mine. Jeanne, My father was a section man for the ONR
- 16, I am retired from the ONR since 1969  
—Th. I was too young for the first war and I had too many children for the second
  
18. Bruno. I came from a farm and to me it was a very nice place and there were a lot of stores,
20. Bruno. My father came here to find work and we came to join him later, Jeanne. I came here to work for my sister Mrs. Pierre Loranger and I met my husband and we got married and made our home here,
21. There was all kinds of employment available the Nipissing Mine, Larose, Townsite were all hiring and there was also construction work.
22. On the ONR we worked 8 hours a day,
23. I was getting 12.40 a day
24. Bruno. Our first home was a two storey frame home on Watson St. Jeanne our first home after we were married was on North Ave. and it was a 3 apartment tenant house.
25. Bruno. Our Christmas was very quiet as we had no relatives around here, The toys were rare and we were given an orange and a few candies. Jeanne. I saw my first Christmas tree in Earlton and it was decorated with strings of popcorn. We had a few toys and we visited with neighbours. My mother made meat pied and cakes etc.
26. We had water in the house.
27. Bruno. We had electricity, Jeanne. We had coal oil lamps.
- 28, Wood stove only
30. We had stores on both sides of Lang St.
31. There were dance halls, theaters and we had house parties.
32. Bruno. I'd go swimming at the YMCA and I was a spectator at hockey games and ball games, I would also go the theater.
33. Bruno, I went to St. Hillarion School on O'Brien property.
34. Bruno. I finished school in grade 6

35. We had the street cars, and horse & buggies.
36. Dr. Taylor was our first family doctor,
37. We had a nice hospital and the services were very good.
38. Our first child was born in Cobalt
- 39&40. Maurice went to grade 9 and he was only 14 years old when he quit, he worked for the extra gang. Norman went to grade 9 and went to work at the Silver Miller. Larose mill, he later finished his education by correspondence course, Pau\_\_ finished school in grade 9 and went to work for Woolworth's and was transferred to Val D'Or. Albert went to grade 8 and then went to work on the extra gang. Denis quit school in grade 8 and worked for Gamble Robinson Wholesale Store. Patricia went to Ste. Mary's Academy for two years and then worked for Sam Buckovetsky's. Leo went to Ste, Fatima High School and went to work at the smelter.
41. My job on the railroad was general maintenance. I'd repair tracks, replace old tiles and burn grass
42. Hand mucking and hand steeling contests.
44. Fresh vegetables, meat and desserts.
46. Bruno. On Sundays we'd wear our suits, white shirts and ties. Jeanne. We were well dressed we had special clothes that we'd wear just on Sundays.
47. Bruno. We'd go to Church then we'd go to the hall games or hockey games and sometimes I'd play horse shoe. Jeanne. I played with paper dolls and dolls I would also play ball
48. No.
- 49 & 50. I think it's a nice friendly town we know a lot of people, its quiet and we're happy.
51. We have a few nice parks in town, they keep the town nice and clean, and the renovations of Lang St. have really improved the town. We've lost a lot of our businesses here, such as the Freight sheds, Hydro office. Long distance telephone and many more.
53. Cobalt is good enough for me.
55. If we had a shopping center this would help us terribly. We don't have much choice in the stores and they are also quite expensive so we do some of our shopping out of town. There's not enough amusement for the teenagers. And we should also have police protection.
57. I like Cobalt all year round,
58. I go to Bingos, I belong to the Women's Institute, Les Femmes Chretienne and Hospital Auxiliary and we also play cards.
59. I knit and crochet a lot, I also do liquid embroidery
60. I wish the mines would open up to have more employment to our people. 62. We have a nice marling museum and also the mining tours in summer.

#### Highlights

I started working when I was 17 years old in 1923 as a section man for the ONR and worked for 462 years until my retirement in 1969. We had a reunion of boys who had went to St. Hillarion school on O'Brien Property, a lot of the boys were married by this time, this reunion was organized by Omer Sabourin now living in Ville-Marie Que. and it was held at the Elkhorn Lodge at Bass Lake. Around 1946 we had a big snow storm and

all the roads were blocked and the snow banks were so high that we couldn't see the stores on in town.