

Lucy Damiani May 15, 1972

6.30 to 8.00

1. Cyril Louis Bazinet
2. Alma Baker (wife)
3. 56 Nickle St. Cobalt, Ont.
4. 679-5504
6. Cobalt
7. Mother born in Vernon; Father born in Plantagenet
8. Married 11 children
9. 55 years old Born May 23,1917
10. I can't see where there can be too much done for Cobalt politically this area could be built into tourist attraction area. People who are responsible on making effort toward a personal gain any effort made toward any community effort should be applied for the good of the people in the community.

I do not favour regional school system primary motoring children not having facilities here in their own town 2. Busing kids involves bussing them to heavy populated schools which means they don't get the personal attention they do in small schools. For their own good there should be personal involvement. Centralized schools having more facilities primary thing is education not recreation.

As for a silver industry goes there is too much fluctuation in price of the metal when price is high we are fine but if controlled effort is lowering prices we are drastically affected. I've seen this happen on three separate occasions in my lifetime. A community of this nature should definitely have some secondary industry to take up the lapse in economy.

As soon as students graduate they have to leave the area because there are no job opportunities.

I graduated from Scollard Hall in June 1938 and in December of same year I started working at Morrisette Diamond Drilling in Haileybury as an accountant and I have been there ever since.

I married in 1944 and bought my first and only home at this address. the home I am now residing in. I bought it from Edward Assaf, who at the time was moving to London. I have completely renovated from basement to upstairs. A little at a time. We have new sidings new windows, new eclectic furnace, completely renovated 10 rooms in house and a sun porch.

I was on school board as primary for 26 years, trustee, chairman, secretary treasurer then with High School Board until they regionalized.

I was with recreation committee for 28 years enjoyed my involvement in recreation very much. Coaching minor hockey and baseball and softball. I started a hardball team league and if you have an initial sport there is a sport goods company in Toronto that supplied all the equipment needed for free. Jack Church worked with me we coached, managed and refereed all games. I really enjoyed the work.

In 1946 under the direction of Father Kavanagh a senior Cabogi Club (Catholic boys & girls) was formed. A junior club (Cabogi) had already been formed in 1940. This was a teen age project and when it passed out of existence the senior club was formed. One of its main functions was to give assistance to students for the Priesthood this group carried on activities in forms of plays, drives to raise funds, for entertainment , we can remember

many happy wiener roasts, drama festivals sing songs stimulating discussions. I can remember a good membership Edna Maher, Charlie Landry, Sammy Sullivan, Eileen & Mike Wanamaker, John Damiani, Ann Cunningham, Hugh Moore, Kay Riley, Theresa & Lucy Damiani, John Devlin, Mr. Frilly, Ruth McCarty, Russ Bazinet, Phyllis & Ernie Scully, Denise Hooper, Ada Regimbal, Anita Brenman Anita Doyle, Mary Kostuik, Betty Gillis, my wife Alma and I to name a few that were with the club throughout the 14 years in existence. In 1960 because the group consisted mostly of married couples the Cabogi made way for a new group C.F.M. "Catholic Family Movement" I was also on Parochial Council while it lasted. I am a fourth degree Knights of Columbus. There are 34 members we have four meetings a year, Two here and two in Kirkland.

I organized Cancer Campaign for 3 years and had the town all drafted up streets, homes divided and it was well organized then I gave it up and Mrs. Bob Burns took it over. When I was younger for about 7 years in a row recruiting members for week end retreats. never missed one and I found these very rewarding. Father Cavanaugh at the time. Father Scully was in Noranda and he was in charge of English Sector and he asked me as a member of Knights of Columbus if I would take on the project, so we took it on as a Tri Town effort. There was an average 28 people going. Mr. Boulet was organizer from New Liskeard.

Raising 11 children has given us happy years some disappointing but our happy years and good life made up for these. We had to have orders and we stuck to them.

We do have facilities and surroundings for drawing tourists Festival once a year and many people have gone through our museum; it took a festival to get some of the Cobalt people out too. We have mine tours, parks historic spots a theatre bowling alley Laundromat some souvenirs shops a tavern 2 motels a tremendous book store down the highway. And I think this new park project on the lake will be a wonderful thing when it's completed.

My involvement got too heavy and for personal reasons I pulled out of everything I have dropped my share in Cobalt Assets. It's been a lot of work we had houses but we've sold them. We have kept the theatre going under adverse conditions and we have a nice Laundromat to service people of this area.

I was born here and have lived here all my life and I plan to stay on in Cobalt. I like the pace and I like the people. Planning to retire in five years if all goes well and would like something to take up my time then, besides fishing and music.

My favourite pastime is playing guitar. I get much enjoyment out of my records. I can fish and I am an avid hockey fan, follow the series very closely. Going into a new line so to speak. Personal recreation, going back to piano and Donkey music from the swing era, leave some terrific Mills Brothers records. Only difference the changes in Cobalt have made is the appearance of the Town has picked up. We do need more stores men & boys wear most us don't have a car we don't miss a drug store because these commodities are available at most super markets.

In closing I'd like to say that Cobalt is a good town to live in and I'm happy to have been an active part of it. I hope we can foresee a future in it in some new developments.