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1. Mrs. Ron Walker (Euneice)
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3. Euneice McLean
4. Dawson Point Road, New Liskeard
5. 647-4871
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7. Her birthplace was Kelliher, Saskatchewan
8. Mother: Pennsylvania; Father: Manitoulin Island, Ontario
9. Mother's ancestors were from Hungary; father's from Scotland.
10. Came to New Liskeard (Dawson Pt. Rd.) in 1963.
11. Car.
12. Blind River to New Liskeard via Highway 11.
13. Alone.
14. Worked in Royal Bank in New Liskeard as an accountant; when Euneice came in 1963, Ron was working at the Keeley-Frontier Mine on Silver Centre Road in Cobalt, in the office-an accounting job.
15. Armstrong Motors in New Liskeard.
16. Eplett's Dairy as an accountant-supervisor.
17. Home economist (housewife!)
18. (a) War memories; her parents had close friends who had a son who was fighting in the war. Euneice, who was four at the time, remembers seeing the son walking down the street in his uniform when he returned.
18. Initial impression - most depressing area that anyone could come to. Cobalt - "what a town!". Haileybury is pretty; finds New Liskeard depressing - dislikes the houses and the layout of the town - is not a well-planned town.
19. About the same - remembers the traffic light installation as the only change.
20. Came to marry Ron; had visited the area earlier. The drive up here was pretty.
21. No idea.
22. Armstrong - hours 9 to 5.
23. $50.00 a week.
24. Cute little cottage at the end of the road, belonging to old Doc Fleming. Had one bedroom and a verandah which contained the kitchen-living room.

25. Spent with Ron's parents.
26. Well - pump inside the cottage. Outdoor toilet facilities.
27. Electricity.
28. Electric.
29. No heat - oil stove but no insulation. Fireplace in bedroom.
30. Pretty much the same as what's here now.
31. Dances, shows, etc.
32. Sports - as of '63: badminton, bowling, broomball.
33. Not here (Sault Ste. Marie, Fraser Valley and Vancouver in B.C.)
34. 12.
35. McIsaacs' bus, cars - the same as now.
36. Dr. Fraser Farlinger.
37. Same as now.
38. New Liskeard.
39. Still in school (Wendy is 8; Jenny-Glenn is 6, who is nicknamed Toady. When she was a baby and Euneice was dressing her, the baby would hop about so much she reminded her mother of a toad.)
40. Not applicable.
41. No experience with any other fields than secretarial - her husband Ron worked in the office of a mine, but never underground.
42. No idea.
43. No idea.
44. The same.
45. Same type of clothing.
46. As above.
47. Fishing, gardening and boating.
48. One piece of driftwood that she found on Burnt Island - sanded it and put Rez on it.
49. Likes the seasons - there is good hunting; also fishing. One adjusts to the area and it grows on you. Doesn't have as much to offer as the Sault Ste. Marie or Vanouver areas, and it takes a long time to get accepted. However, they avoid specific groups by going into different organizations.
50. Obvious.
51. Traffic lights.
52. New arena - objects to its locations, should be where it is more convenient for the children, eg. closer to the schools.
53. Planning Board seems to be very old-fashioned.
54. Example: re-routing Dawson Point Road into a grid pattern where it

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now goes around the sub-division. The road used to follow a gentle curve through the trees; now one has to go up an incline where there is a stop sign and make a right-angle turn. Very difficult to cope with in winter driving conditions; as well as being nowhere near as attractive as it used to be.

55. Shopping centre which would have lots of parking space and one wouldn't have to tear around from store to store. Perhaps with a shopping centre, there wouldn't be such a difference in prices. Would have to be large enough to serve the area from Tri-Town north and south for a number of years - at present, the closest shopping area is North Bay.

56. As above.

57. Spring - generally May to July.

58. Ski-dooing, skating, Fall Fair Board, ice fishing, hunting, swimming.

59. Sewing, working with driftwood, collecting the beauties of nature.

60. Doesn't agree with bringing industry into the area; However, a suggestion is a meat packing-packaging firm. She works for Temiskaming Sales Ltd. (North Tem Highway) on Mondays and knows that the animals are sent down to Toronto for slaughter, processing and packaging and then trucked back up here.

61. Nothing much of interest to tourists other than picnic and camping areas. To interest people in Haileybury and Cobalt, there should be some sort of information given to tourists before coming up here. The lake could be cleaned and re-stocked. Another suggestion is to put an old riverboat on the lake to be used for excursions - shades of the old days of the Meteor.

62. Americans like to come up and look at the country and see the wild beauty.

N.B. questions 61 and 62 are reversed.

FOLLOW-UP:

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Mick
Mr. Mort Mason
Mr. Vic Walker
Mr. Alcide Rheault