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1. Frank MacDougall

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7. Lasarre, Quebec

8. Mother Barry's Bay, Father- Nevin Center

9. Parents were married in Ramore

10. 1934 and left in the summer of 1944

14. My dad was an auditor and chartered accountant he worked for awhile at the Nipissing, then went for the Abitibi Paper Mills as an auditor.

20. We came here because my mother's parents were here. Dick Mahon and also my fathers brothers Grandfather was a foreman for the railroad.

18. Fantastic

19. Very busy, farmers market was very busy, every Saturday A.M. this was under the T.T.L. my brother Dan and I had our wagon and we offered to carry the ladies parcels home for 25¢ we always made a lot of extra money in these days. Dan would yell kidnapping lady instead of transfer some of the ladies wouldn't let him take their parcels. Dan was very shook up about this.

24. Typical Cobalt home it was large and cheap 1 Cobalt St. Murphy's used to live there this house was owned by St. Pats Church.

30. Minerva, Sweets Restaurant-it was a hang out for high school kids then a chinese restaurant, biggest chinaman worked there that I ever saw.

Woolworths-quite a few other stores. The market really stands out in my mind there was stall after stall from the area Belle Valley, Englehart, New Liskeard, there would be about 1,000 people on the floor shopping then.

31. The theatre had war time specials particularly on Saturday when meat bones would be in demand for soap to send overseas or aluminum. There would be 5 western shows on, we had nothing to pay just had to bring bones or pots or whatever they wanted. made our own, would walk pipe lines across open pit shafts over Nipissing hill 100 - 150 feet deep.

My uncle Jim Quilty worked at Mining Corp. for Ambrose Murphy, he came across the biggest pocket of silver. Ambrose made a lot of money out of the mine.

32. Played school hockey, Public played Separate school, baseball, fished a lot & hiked.

33. St. Pat's old school on Jamieson

We didn't want to move to Oshawa we just couldn't accept it. Went to Osawa with a sling shot in pocket, cop picked one up and took it away from me and gave me a good talking to.

35. The streetcars were gone they were only used as way side restaurants in North Cobalt just buses and cars around.

Nipissing Mill 1 was still in operation then. With other mines open.

36. Dr. Dunning

37. Mines Hospital still here but never in it.

Cobalt Arena caved in. In the evening hours in the early 40's.

M.J. McCrank played hockey there one of Cobalt's greatest athlete. He died

suddenly at 17. This really wiped out his career. This guy had terrific coordination. Dan and I would pick up scraps of iron and sell to Jake Cohen usually a Sat. we'd pick up about a 1,000 pounds of it and sell. Old trolley car wheels, drills, and any other bits of waste we'd find on the Nipissing Property Hill.

I remember one caper we pulled I usually hung around with the two Warren boys and Kennelly's we were out playing and found a muck car on the track it was empty, the boys wanted me to get in I wouldn't we pulled the block off the car was slanted towards the lake it hit the bumper block and went right over, cops were on the scene and our parents.

The cops said it would cost our parents about \$100. each because they were going to bring a diver in from Kirkland. Young McCrank dove in found the car and they had it pulled up.

I sure got hell for it. As our parents thought they would have to pay the money and there just wasn't that kind of money around as we only paid \$12. a month for rent.

M.J. Scully's father farmed our garden they really grew potatoes, we ate so many of them I think that's why I don't care for them anymore. There just wasn't money around to buy meat.

49. The nostalgia is the main thing

50. Sentimental reasons, it proves that people have guts because town seems to fold then all of a sudden comes back.

51. Artificial ice, parks, new housing, developments

55. Yes

56. Cobalt doesn't have the proper facilities for good sports.

57. Spring and Fall

59. Stamp collecting worth \$1000. or reading and fishing, coaching minor hockey for fifteen years or more.

60. More processing of the minerals in the area instead of sending them south.

61 Tourists

62. Mining heritage backgrounds, friendliness from the people.

War Hero-Powell Boy- he was on the H.M.C.S. Oakville corvette ship a special Canadian design for destroying submarines. He was an officer somewhere off the East Coast

They rammed the German Sub on the water surface at that time. Those subs had orders to set up time bombs. Powell and the other officer boarded the sub defused the time bomb took papers from the officer's desk then towed the sub into the harbour a real war prize. Powell made the headlines of all papers in North America. He was given the key of the city to New York, Toronto then came back to be feted in Cobalt a month later.

Cobalt lost its cream of the crop. Some of its finest young men were killed in the war mostly air force men.

I used to serve mass for Father Caufield we served a war service funeral for Robert McCrank-Air Force personnel came up from Trenton and a military band.

M.J. McCrank skated in the open cuts June and July always the darker part of the cut He used candles to see then after would swim in the other part that was open.

We spent most of our time playing, from the Mining Corp. to Buffalo, never once

thought it being dangerous I've found a drill head in the rock cut some older fellows had been there before me and put a fire hose around the drill we would swing out on the hose used our feet for a brace to swing back. Jackie Warren slipped and was falling gut down somehow he ended up on his side broke his wrist, we had a hell of a time getting him back up.

Frank says Cobalt speaks for itself he said when he had to leave Cobalt it was like they had cut off his right arm.