

Bella Lathem

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1. Gordon MacRae
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3. 94 Birch Street
4. 672-5554
5. Dep't of Transport and Communications
6. North Cobalt
7. Mother Midhurst Ont, Father Middle River Vadeek, Nova Scotia
8. Married
9. 57 years
10. I think it will prosper now that we have water and sewers and it is a nice quiet place to live lots of wide open spaces. With three high schools in the area and Public schools I would say this is real good.

It was pretty good alright until the inflation era and then mines shut and jobs seemed to be scarcer. Most people head for Southern Ontario for work as wages are higher and work seems easier to get. I would say our facilities are pretty good BP Fleming sales, Rexwood plant and New Ontario Dynamics, We have to go to Haileybury for most of our recreation a ball field in the making here Better roads and sidewalks street lighting improved further better postal service, large super market factory for work we have the land to build on. All these things are fine if it does not hurt the tax payer. I was born and raised here and attended Public School when I was old enough. I helped my father on farm on Birch Street we had milk cattle and delivered milk by horse in the late twenties and early thirties. Our milk wagon for summer months had sliding doors on either side and the reins come through front of wagon. We sold milk in Haileybury and North Cobalt cream 25¢ and milk 10¢ a quart. Later we purchased a ~~small~~ half ton truck and in winter we covered milk on back with blankets to help keep it from freezing. Norman Bell also drove milk wagon. Then after we worked for Conlin and Hagan's coal and wood yard. Later went to work for Dep't of Highways.

I have a chime clock and watch of my dad's milk picher of my great grandmother's over 1 hundred yrs. old and also pictures of empty houses here. Fred Beers, Dagenais, Legaults stores, Art Robinson and Max McConnell barber shops, Christos pool room, McNally's drug store, Park Lane Hotel corner of Stewart and Main St. Presbyterian Church, Birch Street, Anglican Crosslake Rd., Methodist Church. When McNally burned out he started a small store on Crosslake Rd. behind Christo's We used to skate on mill creek and we had a nice ball park.