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6. I'm 65 years old.
7. I was born at Haileybury.
8. MY mother was born at Pembroke Ont. My dad was born at Oswego, New York.
9. Haileybury
10. We moved to Cobalt around 1926
13. When we came to Cobalt we were 6 boys and 1 girl and my parents.
- 17 I was in the army for 3 months and I was discharged because of Bronchitis, I was stationed at No. 25 Training Center near Toronto.
18. It was mining town and Cobalt looked like it had a good future, it was very easy to get work in the mines.
20. We came to Cobalt because there were more working opportunities.
22. We worked 9 hours a day and we had 15 minutes for lunch which we ate underground.
23. A machine man had \$2.75 a day and a mucker \$2.25 a day.
25. We would have a family gathering and we would play musical instruments and sing Christmas carols and other popular songs.
31. For entertainment there was Farr's Park in Haileybury where they had horse racing, baseball, we also had sleigh riding parties.
32. I did a bit of amateur boxing, baseball and ice skating.
33. I went to Ste. Mary's School in New Liskeard.
- 34 . I went to grade 10.
35. Street cars and taxis.
36. Dr. Gordon Jackson was our family doctor, I was named after him..
37. When we lived in New Liskeard there was the Lady Minto Hospital and Cobalt had the Cobalt Miner's Hospital.
39. As a young boy while I was still going to school I worked part time at Farmer's Cooperation after school and on week ends.
41. The mines were worked pretty well as they are to-day except that everything: was done by hand.
- 42.They had hand steeling and hand mucking contests.
43. Miners had sandwiches and tea for lunch.
44. We had good meals it wasn't like to-day, everything was home made.
45. We wore blue denim pants, heavy shirt, leather boots and a cap.
46. On Sunday I wore a pearl grey suit, white shirt, black tie, black shoes and straw hat.
47. I went to church and then I'd sing and play and instrument also broadcasted at McAdams Radio station across Cobalt Lake.
- 49-50. i find the Cobalt people very friendly and easy to get along with.
51. for one thing they had expanded with Dunning Drive and the trailer park, the mining museum is something in itself, and they have parking meters out.
53. Better snow removal and widening of narrow streets.
55. Mr. Mathews is the best mayor we've had and I would say that he's doing a very good job.

57. I prefer summer as I like to go fishing.

58. I watch T.V.

59. My hobby is electronics

60. The answer to Cobalt's unemployment problem is a better price for silver.

61. People who would be interested in Cobalt would be miners and tourists.

62. Cobalt has the mining tours, mining museum and general geology to offer the visitor.

My dad came to Haileybury from Quebec by canoe with the Indians on Lake Temiskaming.

The Wabi River was named after the Wabi family who were well known by my dad. One of the first steamboats on Lake Temiskaming was owned by my father. The Jesuit fathers had a mission at the Old Fort for the Indians, this place now known as the Old Mission. There's a lake in the Temagami area that was called after my father, he was prospecting there and he staked a claim nearby and the lake had not been named so they told dad to call it Tasse Lake.

There was a lead mine on the north-east shore of Lake Temiskaming by the name of Wright's Mine was owned by Ned Wright and my dad. The first guys who found Kerr Lake Mine were and my father Charlie Tasse, they sold it to a Jewish man for \$50,000. and the first shipment that went out of that mine paid for the original cost paid to the Wright's and my dad

My father was the first one to build a general store in Martineau Bay

My dad owned a property tied to the Green Meehan and Red Rock Mines sold it for \$30,000.

The first cement block house to be built in Haileybury was on Rorke St.. Dad got this house built for us and he gave the contract to Mr. Frisby of New Liskeard who owned the theater there.

My dad and mother were married around 1905 in the Catholic Cathedral in Haileybury and held the reception in the Parish Hall and a second reception was held at the Orange Hall in the evening as dad was very well known.

The first theater in Haileybury was owned by my uncle, Mr. Marty Wright.

Fifty-six years ago the railroads ran from Cobalt to Silver Center and as the mines closed down it was later abandoned. At that time the Keeley, the Frontier, the Wetlawffer, the Currie, The Nipissing Lorraine and the Maiden mines were all working.

Mr. Brennan owned a store and operated the Post Office in Silver Center. Kerr Lake was once a decent town and the Nipissing Central Railway ran street cars to Giroux Lake every half hour.

The Cobalt rink on Miller Ave. was a big wooden frame building that was used for ice skating in Winter and roller skating in Summer they would play Over the Waves, Peggy O'Neil, It's three O'clock in the Morning, and Smile Awhile.

Maxey Bennett, Wilfred Moriarty and Fred Brough skated in a race against

Lela Brooks Potter who was the world's ladies speed skating champ in the Cobalt rink.

I was a broadcaster on McAdams radio station on the Sunday afternoon amateur show.

Elizabeth Smith sang and I played violin, guitar and mouth organ. Captain Payne of the Salvation Army had trained about 12 young girls to play guitar and they would have a radio program every second week on McAdams radio station and I would be the broadcaster for the program.

I prospected with my father in South Lorraine Twp. I remember the Old Beland Mine located on McDonald Lake.

I also worked at No 13 Shaft at Kerr lake, I'd do the timbering of shafts.

I would play violin in recitals in the Tri-Town. I remember when my mother made home made soap.