

Carmen Stubinski      March 1, 1972

2 1/2 hours.

1. Ida Sartorreto

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4. Silver St., Cobalt

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7. Ottawa

8. Vank Lek Hill, Ontario

9. Cobalt

10. was raised in Cobalt left at the age of 13 returned to live here in 1964.

11. Car.

12. South from Swastika

13. three

14. engineer

15 Long distance telephone operator.

16. Was killed in a United Asbestos Mine 21 years ago.

17. Quit my job Friday at the hospital too much pressure and confusion.

18. To be honest about it, when I returned to Cobalt after living here in the early days. It was depressing sight to see all the empty buildings which were eye sores when I visited in 1964. I found an amazing change for the good.

19. It looked as if someone had gone to the hairdressers and had a hairdo. It looked so different it didn't look like a ghost town anymore.

20. For this reason the O.N.R. had moved their long distance office from Swastika to New Liskeard. There was no work in Swastika. The buses were cut off to Kirkland Lake, and a place to raise my children.

21. I worked at Haileybury Hospital C.S.R.

22. 7:30 to 4:00 p.m. - 12:30 to 9 shift.

23. \$40. per week.

24. We lived at 106 Earl St. when I was a kid, 2 storey frame wooden building.

25. All I can remember was a Big Christmas tree, dolls and a long stairway. We hung our stockings up in the stairway.

26 In house.

27. Hydro

28. Wood stove, mother made her own bread, preserves, did her own sewing. My sister has my mothers sewing machine still

29. quebec heater, burned coal.

30 There was everything ,stores side by side on each side of Lang Street. I remember shaft store operated by Giachino at one time he had an ice cream parlour. There were lots of blind pigs. There was one blue house on -Earl St. they called it mothers place.

The Bijou on Lang Street, the Lyric and Grand Theatre. I remember a concert at the Grand Theatre that all the school children were in. my sister was a music teacher at the time. She used to teach music at night and work at Woolworths in the daytime.

32. Skiing, skating, play ball, snow shoeing. Lots of swimming in the old pond at the end of Sass Lake, near the Hudson Bay property. They had a big dam :here and we swam in

the pond and picked blueberries. There is still a large cement block there from the dam, we now stand on it when we go fishing. There were houses there and a big mine mill there. The foundation is still there. There was also a large building there I never . . . went near it. It was for scarlet fever patients. Old Dr. Mitchell and Taylor and Dr. Schmidt was here then. A car hit me and broke my leg that's how I remember the Dr's. I guess there was only one car then in town as there weren't cars and one had to hit me.

33. St. Hilarion school was the one I attended, it was across the right of way bridge. There was a big Catholic Church next to this school that blew over on Good Friday. I can't remember the name of the Church.

34. 10 years plus business college. St. Hilarion was a big frame building with eight class rooms. Lots of big halls and nuns. After the 1922 fire they had around 500 pupils temporary.

35. We walked, if there was a big storm someone would come along with a horse and sleigh and gave us a ride to school. We took our lunch in the winter and ate in the big basement.

36. The one I remember the most was Dr. Taylor, he fixed my leg when I broke it.

37 There was a mines hospital here.

38 Kirkland Lake.

39. Gary was 18. Jeffery joined the army at 17, Albert 18, Tina still going to Laurentian University.

40. There was no summer work. The only one who got summer work was Tina one summer she worked at the Beach.

41. Lots of mines and shafts. Lots of men going to work with their lunch pails.

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43. Lunch pail

44. Big supper at night

45. slacks, skirts, mocassins

46 Occassionally wore my best clothes on Sunday

47. Church first, catachism at 2 p.m. and church at night

48 .is a large old book dated 1874.

49. A good friendly swing

50. You go down the street and everyone says hello.

51. Parks, lights, new sidewalks. I have a respect for Jack Mathews. He has done a lot of Cobalt. It has cleaned up.

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55. Yes

56. Would like to see a few industries start up, we've got the land, water and a place for it. Their own natural resources could come up with an answer. All the older people wouldn't be so lonely, if they could do something in one area to be sold. We have lots of silver in the old dumps and mines are stocked and piled with silver. The price of silver should be up. We are in the Clay Belt. Why can't we package it, get an outlet and ship it out. They. do ceramics all over the country. There should be a good sale for it, if you need a pound of clay to do pottery you buy it 1146 shot in Toronto. Why couldn't it come

from here. Seeing they have so much clay here why couldn't we manufacture pots planters etc. Clay has lots of uses.

57. Spring and fall.

58. Playing cards, bingo.

59. Ceramics, summer time, roam the bush,,look at rocks and the old foundations there are interesting.

60. Price of silver to go up. Jobs made to solve the unemployment.

61. Engineers, geologists, miners.

62. Miners Festival very good. Museum, good beach at Bass Lake, Rock Hounds paradise, mine tours, good water,fishing, hunting, beautiful country.

### Highlights

When people are taken on mine tours Rock shapes as picks or rocks could be given to the tourists. These could be done here.

Train went to Silver Centre Daily 1926-27. I lived there 2 years..

New Frontier, Keeley Frontier, Whit Lawford, Nipissing, Maidens were some of the mines working there at the time. There were quite a few houses, 1 show, ice cream parlour, restaurant, general store, post office. Quite a few families. I went to Public School there. It was a busy town, so sidewalks, lots of mines.

I'm not too keen on these things (no employment) I do hope they'll do something for these people.

the whole north seems to be sleeping. These people going around with no jobs. It breaks the morals. It isn't encouraging.

Ida enjoys doing ceramics and pottery, long walks in the bush in the summer.