

Simone Bedard April 10, 1972

9:30 to 11:30

1. Marie Murray

3. Marie Allaire

4. 154 Earl St. Cobalt

5. 679-5945

7. I was born in Cobalt

8. My mother was born in Buckingham Que, my dad was born in Val Dois Que.

9. My mother came to Cobalt from Ottawa, where she was working for the Grey Nuns. I can't

remember where my dad came from just before he came here.

10. My parents were married around 1919

13. We were 3 children and my father also had two children by the previous marriage, his first wife died of the influenza during the epidemic

14. Dad was a miner

16. He has now retired and living in Timmins

17. My 2 brothers were in the army and went overseas

20. My father came to Cobalt to work in the mines

21. When I was a child there were a lot of mines and there were also saw mills that were giving jobs.

22. The working hours varied depending on where you worked, bushmen worked from sunrise

to sunset and the miners worked around 10 hrs. a day

23. The wages were very small

24. It was a wood frame two storey house in French Town we had a kitchen, a living room

and 1 Bedroom downstairs and 2 bedrooms upstairs

25. Our first Christmas tree was decorated just with Christmas cards. I remember I got a dresser scarf set to embroidery accessories, we had oranges, apples and very few candies.

26. We had the tap water in the house

27. We also had electricity

28. A wood stove for cooking

29. We had a coal furnace for Winter

30. Poisson's grocery store, Mr. Coutu's grocery, Mr. Smith had a corner store at the North

end of Lang St. and there were many more

31. I just remembered the one theater and we didn't go very often

33. I went to St. Theresa School and we had nuns and lady teachers

33. I quit school in grade 6

35. Dr. Chase was our family doctor and Dr. Joyal for maternity cases

38. My first child was born in Ottawa

39 & 40. Emile was 15 yrs. old when he quit school and he was in Grade 9, his first job was working in the bush with, his dad, when he was 18 yrs. old he started to work for Barron's

Diamond Drilling.

Clair was also 15 yrs. old and she stayed home.

Roger quit school in grade 7 and went to work for Milne Saw mill in Temagmi.

Joe went to grade 8

Rita, Denise, Cecile and Robert are still going to school

41. It was very hard to work in the mines, as everything was done by hand

44. stews, home-made soup, hogs feet, potatoes and veg.

45. We wore dresses, long woollen stocking and felt boots in the Winter and we didn't wear slacks.

46. Sundays we'd wear nice little cotton dresses to go to church and when we came home we'd

change to other clothes.

47. I'd take walks or listen to records as a young girl.

49. I like Cobalt it's a very friendly place

50. We have a nice big store which has improved our town

55. It would be nice if they had dances for the teenagers on weekends

57. I enjoy summer most as i get out more

58. I knit and I have a ssrap book of newspaper clippings of friends and acquaintences

60. A factory or some find of industry would sure help our unemployment problem in Cobalt

61. Tourists

62. The museums and mining tours

I don't like to see our children travelling to Haileybury and New Liskeard when we have our

own School in town, they will be leaving home soon enough.

The job opportunities are rare, you have to go out of town and as far as training there are no

facilities around here. Wages are not high ,for the cost of living.

I'd like to see a swimming pool build in the new park they are building on Cobalt Lake, and they could have monitors to keep the children occupied during the day. I would also like

to see something going for the teenagers.