

Lucy Damiani May 1, 1972

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1. Mario Rugero Brunetta

2. None

3. 42 Park, St.

4. none

5. retired

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3. Single

9. About 70 years old

10. It would be a good town to live in especially now with all the facilities but they should tear down all the old houses that are not livable. They were defeating their own purpose by fixing up the buildings renovating and making part of the downtown section very attractive. Then they have these old buildings on the same street. From the Silver City Garage to the bridge is quite a nice area. When they tear down some of the old buildings they should give people a chance to buy the lots. Some of the homes you see are so close together some of these should be relocated and some of the streets that are too narrow with houses close to the road, should be moved back in order to have wider roads. I also think it's a shame to have such a nice lake right in a town and they let it become-polluted with mill tailings and climes. Companies who mined around this area should also be made clean up the mess. Rather than waste time on some winter works program that wont t show why didn't they wait until the weather was favourable and have the alike pumped out until it's clean again. This is a nice location for a lake and it should be kept nice. I don't think much of this regional school and bussing the kids out of town, We have our own schools in town so why all this? I think there is more going against it than for it. First of all it's a long day for the student they leave earlier and come back later. Secondly there is no supervision except in classroom and it's hard for the parent to know whether or not their child is attending classes. Thirdly larger schools means more children which means not too much individual attention so does this help bring on a good grade of students. I also hope the

meeting on Monday night tonight will bring some results and that they will listen to the voice of the people. We would not want to lost grade 13. This big project that Mr. Cooper was influential in getting this big project for Cobalt. It's what the old town needed. Some people are still skeptical as to this going through out if they received a government grant they will have to produce I also hear things are looking better for the old town. There is more news to come on the Smelter and also the Dept of Restoration may have something for Cobalt every little bit helps. If we can keep our few small industries going locally it will all help. More industry would be a welcome benefit to the town they, the investors should be given some incentive to locate industry in Cobalt.

There is also room for private enterprise. We do need a drugstore and some more stores to prevent so much out of town shopping. Some of the local businesses we have now are out pricing themselves out of business. This is a depressed area and we are paying higher than city prices in clothing, groceries, hardware. The town has certainly improved in the few years, the new parks have added to it, and a credit to the town is the new Red & White the Tressider Bros are to be congratulated on their venture and so is Birnie's Motel and Tavern these are alia nice addition to the town. The new housing, subdivision

and I hear we are going to have a senior citizens home, which I think we really need.. The tourist trade should be encouraged although we want to keep our lakes clean, as we have much to offer the tourist where else except Cobalt ate all the things to do and all close by - lakes for fishing and swimming, Boot hunting grounds for small and large game, mine sites, shafts, the "Mat Hydro" Project, Drummond Cairn, good berry picking and a fine museum of mining downtown, now the new Mint & refinery will be another tourist attraction. I came to Canada in 1922 and went to Cape Breton Island for For years, I worked on a farm in Saskatchewan for the harvest went to Sudbury .,or about one year. In 1926 I worked in Gowganda and stayed there for 5 years. In 1931 worked on railroad on extra gang. I worked in Toronto for one summer on construction there was no winter construction in those years. Came back to Cobalt and started working as night man at the Fraser 'louse and stayed there for 'might years before retiring. I bought my house on Park Street in 1953 and I have been here ever since. Through the years when I worked in Cape Breton, Saskatchewan, Sudbury, Toronto, Gowganda, I kept coming to Cobalt to visit friends. There has always been something about the town and the people that got to me. I could have

gone to many other places to settle down as I have no ties, but I couldn't find a place I liked as well as Cobalt. We are situated in an ideal location. Lakes good hunting trails only 68or 8 miles to the north is Kirkland Lake and 98 miles to the south is North Bay. You can take a little drive to Haileybury or Liskeard and its only 9 miles away. I have a little Volkswagen and I enjoy driving around the countryside. In winter I am content to sit at home and watch TV or road. I read a lot. We have a good library in town and down the road about 5 miles in Gillis is the Highway Book Store that has any book you could think of or want I say this is the Best Old Town and I wouldn't trade it for any other place. would like to see it a little more lively, so I hope it does pick up. It will always has a big heat its people are famous the world over or their friendliness/ I've enjoyed talking to you about the old days. So have I Mario and I hope this will get into a history of some kind. Thanks.