

Joanna Stubinski February 15, 1971

6 p.m. - 8:15p.m.

1. Marvin Armstrong
2. Marvin
3. Bachelor
4. 50 Nickle St.
5. 679-5517
6. 55
7. Cobalt
8. Dad born Nipissing, Ont.-Mother in Powassan
9. Cobalt
10. Born here 1916, December, out on a saw mill at Moose Lake, about 5 miles from Cobalt.
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13. One sister and parents
14. Miner and prospected
15. Housewife - seamstress before marriage in Sudbury
16. Prospector.
17. 2nd World war as an electrician, wanted to be a pilot but didn't quite make it
18. Many mines - men going with lunch kits in 20's -Marvin said he couldn't remember that much as he was quite young. He told me about the managers of the Mine, how their homes were so well kept, beautiful riding horses, stables, maids, gardeners, just the best of everything.
19. When old enough to really remember, Cobalt was really going down. The depression was on and men out of work.
20. Parents came because of silver boom
21. Mining, shafts sunk, lumbering, saw mills
22. 10 hrs. per day
23. \$2.50 per day
24. Their home was not too far from a livery stable down (swamp street) really known as Argentite
25. Remembers the Christmas trees with candles on. Also that dad has given him a violin and he hated it.
26. Water in the house.
27. Electricity
28. Wood stove - the only stove in Cobalt were so kids could stand on oven door.
29. wood heater.
30. Lang St. was a mass of stores from Imperial Bank to Bridge - fruit stores - used to call Syrians - Lang St. Indians 9 or 10,000 population - live entertainment and shows-vaudeville.
31. As a boy remembers tent shows live entertainment
32. Played hockey, rugby, football.
33. Yes, also Mining School in Haileybury
34. 12 years.

35. Livery stables - trotting horses, street cars, also remembers when Ferguson Hwy opened.
36. Dr. Taylor
37. very good hospital. It was a mine's hospital at first, wouldn't let women in until town took over.
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41. Too young Started to work in 1937
42. Old Timers Reunion 1924 contest prize 1st was \$500.
43. In camps the food was good
44. Ate well.
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46. Hand me downs patches on the seat of pants.
47. Dressed up
48. Went to Church. Big meal of the week usually chicken on Sunday
49. Mineral collection - rock or silver
50. People - it grows on you, friends are here.
51. Accustomed to it.
52. Roads improved
53. Misses old style grocery stores, paid the bill, once a month groceries, gave a bag of cookies or candies.
54. Wishes more mines were working
55. Answer above
56. A better price for silver.
57. They need the mines
58. Fall - Marvin didn't like spring because in those days of the horses with the slush and all, when walking downtown you'd be up to your knees in horse manure. He remembered one guy, Irwin Orr was always covered with it from head to toe.
59. Music, form of relaxation. Takes in odd show.
60. Gather minerals and enjoys listening to classical music.
61. Better price for silver and industry craft, shops, more mines.
62. Have to be mining promoters or tourists.
63. Some characters - it's unique, oldest mining town in this part of the country.
Air plant.

Highlights

I really enjoyed Marvin's interview. I'm just disappointed that there was no tape recorder. I think that if we do get one I would like to go back. He is a marvelous talker. He also said the band shells we used quite frequently at least once a week. One was right across from Deluxe Grill now. I saw a picture he had.