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2 hours

1. Mr. Michael Cunningham
2. Mick
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4. Miller Ave
5. 679-5684
6. 83
7. Arnprior, Ont
8. Renfrew County
9. Ottawa family
10. Came to Cobalt in 1911
11. train
12. CPR to North Bay then TNNO to Cobalt
13. Came alone with 2 friends Jack Maher and Martin Kennedy. Martin Kennedy had been in Cobalt for a year went back to Arnprior and told the boys about Cobalt and said they'd have no trouble getting a job in the mine. Mike and Jack knew nothing about mining by the way Jack Maher was Mike brother in law
- 14.. Worked in the mines as mechanic
15. Wife worked in Haileybury for Adshead
16. Retired,
17. Retired
18. Found it very exciting
19. Very rough not used to seeing so many people about 30 mines in operation
20. Because Martin Kennedy said they could make money
21. mining
22. Worked first at the Temiskaming only mine that was unionized, so only worked 9 hours a day
23. Paid \$2.75 per day
24. Lived out at the Temiskaming mine camp at the bunk house
25. Met Mame Pigeon whom later married spent it with her parents in Haileybury
26. in the bunk house
27. hydro
28. wife used a wood stove
29. wood and coal
30. All kinds of shops never bothered too much with them All the way up to St. Theresa's school even stores at the mining camp
31. An awful lot of dances made your own fun went to a few blind pigs with friends. Would pay 500 a drink. Went to the shows a favourite pastime was going down to the station. If you wanted to catch the train you had to be there at least an hour ahead of time or else you couldn't get through the crowd. Also spent a lot of time at the ball grounds, and the rink. Really enjoyed sports.
32. Didn't participate in any just loved watching
33. Went to School in Arnprior
34. grade 8

35. streetcars, horse and buggy, but Mike walked a lot and still does
36. Dr. . Mitchell
37. Only had the mines hospital but a very efficient hospital and well run
38. Clarence born in Haileybury Hospital
39. All five were well educated they quit school in their 20's Two went to University the other 3 business school
40. Clarence worked in an office Belle Terre Que. Wilf and Len both mining engineers. Audrey Northern telephone. Anne a mine office
41. Mines; just starting to work, sinking shafts, not too many accidents. Quite safe to work in. Mike worked at the Mining Corp. for 2 or 3 years after married worked in the shop. First job at White Mine worked there for 9 days then to Temiskaming Mine paid \$2.75 a day. There he gave his job to brother Joe and went underground for a few weeks but didn't like it. Then went to Beaver and last to the O'Brien mine where he worked for 30 some years.
42. Hand steeling, mucking, drilling all up at Ball Park. Most of the contests were held in North Cobalt.
43. Good heavy meals ate most of his meals at cookery when first came
44. Same as today
45. usually work clothes but if we went out dressed up
46. On Sundays dressed up but after mass put on other clothes. Always saved the good clothes.
47. Went to mass usually played cards all Sunday afternoon
48. Just a lot of old pictures
49. Just likes the people and old friends and the new ones you make.
50. Just a feeling inside when you've lived in a place so long, it just grows on you.
51. A lot of improvements in the town, but in olden days the appearance of the town added character to it.
- 52, no
53. no
- 54.
55. yes
56. Mines working and town busier more work for people but can't think of an answer
57. summer every winter my wife and I go south to Florida
58. Playing cards make your own. Going to parties
59. In the summer picking berries and puttering around the house and watching the sport games on TV
60. Unless some industry or something new comes in and especially starting to close the schools that will be the end of Cobalt
61. tourists
62. museum, tours, scenery, hunting and fishing

Highlights

Mike is one of the nicest elderly men in town and is very proud of his wife Mame who was once Mayor of Cobalt for five years. He worked at the O'Brien Mine until he was 70 years old came home one day and said he wasn't going back to work. Ever since

then spends all his winters in Florida where he loves just walking along the beach and walks to mass every day.