

Carmen Stubinski May 6,1972

5 hours

1. Milton Halstead
2. Milt
4. 43 Ruby Street, Cobalt
5. 679-5567
6. 67 years old
7. Roland Manitoba (born on a farm)
8. Mother link Pinkham Ont. Father - Belleville
10. 1936 - went away came back to live in 1937
11. train
14. mining engineer
15. bookkeeper
16. mine manager - silver shields mine
17. housewife
18. I like Cobalt since the day I arrived I started with the O'Brien as mine engineer. I got moved to a gold mine at Cline Lake by O'Brien. When the Second World War started, Cobalt ore became a strategic mineral. I was sent back to Cobalt by war time technical personnel board. I was interviewed and came back to Cross Lake lease, which O'Brien was operating here. Duncan McLeod. Tom Jackson, Carm Dunigan Lorne Humphries got the lease. Cobalt being in demand mainly we went after Cobalt ore. Cobalt was around \$1.10 per lb. then.
In the spring everything had turned green, and over at the O'Brien property it was beautiful. Pete Leith, Ed Anderchuck next was my house, Dr. and Mr. Stark lived there, next to them Carm Dunigan, Art Moss next was the O'Brien Mess and recreation Hall 1000 ft. away up the hill were the barns and work horses further over was the mine managers house. The manager was Mike Kennedy. Nest to their house was the quest house (where John Larabie3ives today), with the tennis court, down the road from Mikes was a whole street of houses, first John Anderchuck, Vincent O'Shaughnessy, Art Brown was across the street. Henry Matiola lived there
19. It was after depression and the town was not too busy. I remember Mrs. Hugh Park with her horse and buggy coming to town every day. Her driver was John Rody.
20. Came in 1936 for the O'Brien
22. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
23. \$175. per month
24. A log home on the O'Brien property the logs were 1 ft. in diameter. That home is still standing, sheeted over. It was one stony. It had beautiful hardwood floors, oak, there was a living room, 3 2 bedrooms, kitchen and bath.
25. We had a ball Xmas night, went our with Mamie and Mike Cunningham. Cal and Vi Taylor. We partied all night dancing, drinking and visit from house to another usually ended up at Anderchuck's. We had all conveniences in our houses at the O'Brien.
30. Shopping was good in Cobalt; Eaton's had a grocery store where the Dominion was when it burned down. There was Pete McEwen Irwin's on top of the hill, Ross Grocery store on Nickel and Prospect. Larry Stadleman's variety, Reckin and Lowery's wholesales
31. We had a tennis court and skating at the O'Brien and tennis courts at Sass Lake. Dances in the old town hall where TTL is today, skiing, lots of Tally Ho parties, sleigh

riding parties on Colonial hill. We played lots of bridge with Claude and Minnie O-Shaughnessy Austin and Eve McLaren Mike and Mamie Cunningham, the Leith's, George and Lil of part Prate, Phil Wolfe and his wife. We had lots of parties, made our own fun.

34. Graduated from Winnipeg University, Manitoba 1929, BSc.

35: Cars, trains. I remember them taking out the street cars. Alf Fennah went over the new Ferguson Highway. His car sank in t1 highway and it never was recovered. It was 15 miles south of Martin River. The Highway Dep't of the Provincial government gave him a new car.

36. Dr. Case

37. Miner's hospital. Miss Knight was in charge. Nurses resided where Buffam's home is today. The hospital was in front of it.

38. Haileybury hospital

39. 21 years old

41. The mines were very rich O'Brien at Gowganda was rich too. It has been running ever since 1905. The miners contests were revived during the 50th anniversary celebration of Cobalt, 1953. Milk Halstead, Chairman, Ellen Giffen secretary. We used carbide lamps underground.

First electric lamps used were at Silver Miller Mines 1951-52

47. Church. In summer take my boat up the Montreal River for the day. Fish-sun both. I feel Jim Armstrong deserves a lot of credit for getting Norton Cooper to appropriate \$120,000 for exploration on the South Giroux

Lake discovery, which today has opened up at least 3 rich silver mines which are being prepared for mining. I discovered Green Lake Silver Mine in the fall of 1961, Phil Cain had a lease on the old Bailey years ago. He was mining Cobalt. The mine ail discovered was within 7 feet of where Phil had quit working. We took over 3,000,000,00 oz. of ore out of there. A few hundred feet to the west the Alexandra shaft on the Extension of our ore. Have been mining since 1963 Silverfields and produced 10,000,000,00 oz of silver. The day we made the find we cut silver on hole 21 for 69 feet. Phil wouldn't believe it. I took him over and showed it to him. He couldn't believe it. Silverfields is a rich little mine and Giroux Lake (Giroux Lake is a brand new mine).

49. One of the finest towns in Ontario that's why I built a home to retire here. I like the people. They are sociable, people always help without being asked when I was building my house. There were always 2 or 3 people wanting to help me.

51. I do like the way they have been cleaning up the town. The little park. people restoring and painting their homes. There's more pride in the town. The people of the Mastermet property are happy to own their own land at last. There is a lot of remodeling and new houses going up at that end of the town. Its just like a face lifting.

52. I definitely didn't like the government moving the provincial Geologist out of Cobalt where he was so badly needed. He gave excellent service with the loss of Dr. Thompson; we can't get any information now. We miss him and the daily information we were able to get. The station closing was a great drawback, ONR long distance and hydro. In the old days we could go to the Cobalt foundry get and get anything we wanted. Now we have to go to New Liskeard. The changes in the foundry since being taken over by Wabi Iron Works it's now impossible to get the quick service and we used to get from

Cobalt foundry. You could get a lot made anything you needed right away regardless of size or price now it has to be a \$20. order. The mail service is not what it use to be. We used to be able to put our mail on the late train, Toronto would get it the next morning. Now its 2, 3, or 4 days Wed. I mailed Norton Cooper at head office all articles on new mint project at Silver Shields . Friday night Norton Cooper phoned me. He still had not received the articles I mailed him. Mail services have deteriorated in this area.

55. yes

56. Would like to see Latchford, Coleman and Cobalt, become the improvement district of Cobalt. Then we can take in industry. Would like to see the restoration program go through to completion

57. I like summer here. That why I go south in the winter.

59. Carpentry, painting, built my own house and patio. I have worked for LIMN for years since 1945 Mining engineer of Ontario and Quebec, belong to Engineering Institute of Canada. Elder United Church. I am trying hot to be so active this last year.

60. When money was free we had dozens of properties operating; now the restrictions on O.S, they have clamped down. Any new industry would help there's all kinds of lime stone; we could have a cement industry here. We could also use our own raw materials suitable to industry. There are millions of tons of tailings for fertilizer. If the price of silver goes up, there would be financiers, mining people who would go north for exploration, also tourists. A mine set up by the Dept of education affiliated with the Haileybury School of Mines could serve for educational purposes such as practical experience to the students and an added attraction to tourists in the summer.

62. The natural beauty of its own, mining tours, Ragged Chutes blow off. Museum, rock hounds, paradise, artist haven, hiking trails, nature trails, cross country skiing. We have all kinds of hills for unorganized sports such as skiing and snowmobiling.

Highlights

I worked for A.B.Pilliner 1947 -48 Ossie is mining and reduction operating Geneses and Silver Cliff Mine and the Blue Berry mine. During the depression 1- million dollars in wages were paid, Sometimes Pilliner sold everything he owned to pay the men and meet expenses. Mr. Pilliner was a darkie and worked very hard at trying to make ends meet to keep the mine operating.