

Lucy Damiani

Interview April 15, 1972 Time 1 1/2 hrs.

1. Peter E. McGarry
2. 36 Earl street
3. 679-5582
5. Unemployed
6. Cobalt
7. Mother and Father both born in Cobalt
8. Married, one child
9. 24 yrs old

#### IMPRESSIONS:

Cobalt is much cleaner with the new sidewalks parks, and supermarket and Motel which fills  
n Empty spaces downtown. The town government has now reached a more respectable  
standard  
with more competent people holding office. These things have made Cobalt a place we  
can now  
be proud of.

#### EDUCATION:

When I went to school we had one teacher for all subjects and three grades, facilities and  
proper equipment for proper teaching were not available therefore making school a  
necessity and  
not something with and excitement or responsibility  
Now schools are better equipped with facilities and teachers which are more qualified.  
The  
outlook is different with things to interest everybody such as outings to cities and  
industries  
these things are making young people more aware of what is going on and now things  
happen  
first hand rather than just reaching about. In my day we didn't have these opportunities.

#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

The job opportunities in Cobalt are almost non existent for young and old both. With the  
mines and Smelter closing up and no industry starting up to replace these and take up the  
employment.

#### PRIVATE ENTERPRISE:

The private enterprise is almost limited to family businesses which control the town  
economy

these same people make it almost uneconomical and unfeasible for new business to start up or for the town to attract new business to start up or for the town. The last few yrs. council has not had as many business men on council because in the past yrs these same business have been blocking any move or vote to bring in new business.

#### RECREATION AND ORGANIZED SPORTS:

Recreation and organized sports when I was a youth consisted to Teen Town clubs, scouts, Brownies and guides, and school had home economics so the social part was taken care of.

There was baseball for men and women, a swimming program, youth and adults badminton, hockey.

This program I think is complete as ever except for older people. In today's program we have only social groups for girls and older people no baseball, soccer and the hockey is not as good because there are not enough people interested not even our own recreational director.

And I feel our program is mostly for indoor creative activities not so much of physical fitness.

11. I feel that changes should be made in Cobalt dealing with housing rentals should meet standards especially welfare cases. Improve recreational facilities such as a baseball field for ball and soccer, and softball and use areas for lacrosse, handball or Tennis and roller skating in the summertime.

12. I worked at Copperfield mines, Temagami for 4 yrs. my wife worked at Temiskaming General Hospital.

My hopes for Cobalt are that some industry will come in to employ the people, so one of the best little towns in the north can survive. I have my home here and was born in Cobalt and,

would like to continue living in Cobalt.

The medical facilities have to be improved with the new clinic in Haileybury and the competitive Doctors and Dentists in the area. I feel that the hospital is too small to serve the three communities and parts of others.

The regional School is a good idea for children in grades 6, 7, and 8 and secondary school because this is a time of preparation for life and they need to know more people do

more things and have larger facilities and more equipment to accommodate them. which the small

school cannot supply. I think they are just too young to be given this responsibility.