

Joanna Stubinski March 27,1972

Time: 1 ¼ hrs

1. Miss Rita Sweeney
2. Rita
3. Single
4. 12 Helen St
5. 679-5627
6. 43
7. Cobalt
8. Rutherglen, Ont. Mother. Sheenboro Quebec. Father
9. Ottawa Valley
10. born here
11. parents came by train
12. Parents came by CPR to North Bay then TNNO to Cobalt
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14. Dad was a miner
15. Mother was a housewife
16. Father is dead
17. Rita is a bookkeeper for Northern Metal Ltd.
18. Rita has always loved Cobalt when you are born in a town you just seem to be tied to it.
19. Cobalt was a lot busier than now, even though it was going downhill.
20. My parents came to Cobalt because because father heard of the money to be made in Cobalt and he was fed up with farming.
21. Mining – building roads and working in the bush cutting and selling wood
22. Rita's first job was during the summer at Hermiston's bake shop then when through school, she worked for Northern Telephone then finally Northern Metal
23. Job during the summer was 4 hours a day
24. this paid \$7 a week
25. Can't remember any special one but always had a lot of fun
26. running water
27. hydro
28. Woodstove. "They were the first house on Helen to get a telephone
29. wood
30. Working Mans store – Shaw's ,Costello's drug store, Taylor Hardware, Hydro Office, sold furniture there, clothing stores, Fauteau grocery store and butcher shop. Minerva restaurant, Chinese restaurant, Paneriti's Candy store. Greenleys grocery store,.Caverleys
- 31/ Bowling, skating, shows, made their fun, also badmington
- 32 Basketball, skating, picking berries and sold them
33. St. Pat's and Cobalt High School
34. grade 12
35. train, buses wehtn to bass lake, streetcars, care
36. Dr. Wallingford
37. Just in fisiting her father

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41. Mines all running watched the mill at the Nipissing burn thought the sky was so red they thought the whole town was burning down. Mother had the whole family up ready to move out.
42. Up at the ball park drilling remembers people came from all over
43. Her mother made heavy meals for her dad. Plenty of vegetables, meat and desserts. Always ate a lot of pork.
44. good substantial meals.
45. skirts, blouses, sweaters, wore slacks to school but had to take them off.
46. Wore their best dress. Always wore a hat
47. Went to mass. Bass Lake and skating. Also for walks downtown or to ball park
48. none
49. Rita likes the people here.
50. Sentimental reasons-members people came from all over
51. parks, recreational purposes and facilities
52. McGarry's, Folley, the parking lot, losing the drug stores, lack of shopping facilities and transportation. Doesn't like the way the snow is ploughed
53. no
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55. yes
56. would like to see it busier but can't offer any suggestions
57. summer
58. goes to the show and the tavern
59. used to do woodwork and knitting. But really loves travelling
60. Government should step in
61. just the tourists as it has nothing to offer
62. fishing, hunting. Art colony, rock hounds, museum, Historic sites, water shoot at Ragged Chutes, scenery.

Highlights

Rita is really a wonderful person. -lives at home with her mother and probably always will. She just gets a real kick out of playing tricks on people. I doubt If she will ever leave Cobalt.