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1. Mrs. David Legault (Sheila)
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4. 174 Armstrong St., New Liskeard
5. 647-6046
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7. North Bay.
8. Mother from Kempville and father from Campbellford in S. Ontario.
9. Dutch-Irish-English-Scottish ancestry.
10. At age 4, came to New Liskeard.
11. By car from North Bay.
12. Highway 11 from North Bay.
13. Four - her parents and brother.
14. Father - for the Hydro; husband originally worked as a miner.
15. Mother didn't work; Sheila was a clerk-stenographer.
16. Husband is a barber.
17. Sheila isn't working - has two children.

17(a) No.

18. Only 4 at the time - didn't mind the area.
19. Not as developed as it is now.
20. Her father was transferred - remembers standing under a big maple tree in the front yard while they unloaded the furniture. There were quite a few children to play with.
21. Hill-Clark-Francis; Eplett's in New Liskeard.
22. First job was with Hill-Clark-Francis - a summer job from 8:30 to 5.
23. Cannot remember - got the job through a man for whom she babysat.

24. Two storey-house; had three bedrooms. The house is now sixty years old and is still standing, on Armstrong St., about two houses down from where Sheila is living.

25. She forgets - probably at home. They didn't go away at Christmas very often. Occasionally, grandparents came to visit.

26. In the house.

27. Electric.

28. Electric.

29. Coal furnace.

30. Not too many. Thicks' Bakery. She saw a picture of the main street of town; the hotel was here and the Hydro building, the Post Office; Holmes' Meat Market. They went to Haileybury to shop at Abrahams for clothes. McKnight's was here then. The Red and White used to be a small corner store, the size of a double garage - burnt shortly after.

31. Skating rink; beach; Brownies, when she was old enough; church activities for young people. In school, there were movies after four down at the theatre and on Saturday afternoons - no age restrictions.

32. Skating, swimming, baseball, roller skating, "kick the can".

33. New Liskeard Public School- first school is the same building for Kindergarten and Gr. 1 now; two buildings for the other grades. She also attended New Liskeard Secondary School.

34. Thirteen years - one year of business school - Northern School of Commerce in North Bay.

35. Trains. Sheila doesn't remember the streetcars, although her husband, Dave, does - the streetcars ran along the lake. Bus service may have been here at that time, otherwise, travelling by car.

36. Dr. A. C. Farlinger.

37. Big brick building up by the water tower - is now an apartment bldg.

38. First child born in present hospital in New Liskeard.

39. Her two children are still in school; however, Sheila left school at 18 and started to work at Eplett's. One of her brothers also quit at age 18, then went back to earn his B.A. and is now working on his C.A. Her other brother is still in school.

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41. Just saw the head frames. There were a lot of farms - remembers driving around in the country and seeing the farms - then they were a lot smaller. More land has been cleared since then.

42. Not applicable.

43. Not applicable.

44. Dinner - meat, potatoes and vegetables, always dessert.

45. Wore dresses to school, then changed into slacks sometimes for playing. Remembers wearing dresses a lot of the time.

46. Dressed up on Sundays.

47. Went to the church in the morning; came home and had dinner. Spent the rest of the day as a family group - taking walks or drives - going on picnics or hunting and fishing with her father.

48. Cannot remember.

49. Not too big - doesn't like a city. Area pretty well has anything you want for recreation. Very good schools in New Liskeard.

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51. More stores (they could use more); more schools and better schools.

52. Mentioned here that she had heard a radio announcement of someone complaining about the lagoon, where the sewage treatment plant is, being smelly. Sheila says that if the lagoon is, better the lagoon that the lake.

53. & 54. Hasn't lived too many other places with which to compare.

55. Couldn't think of any at the moment.

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57. Summer - can get outside to enjoy the area more.

58. Dancing; likes to watch broomball games.

59. Knitting and upholstering; going hunting with her husband, although she doesn't shoot; swimming in the summer; tobogganing, skating and skiing.

60. A lot of people don't like moving to another area for a job. Cobalt Foundry closing must have put a lot of people out of work. Many won't work because they get more money from welfare; welfare payments should be lower than minimum wage. Objects to people on welfare living in duplexes which are more luxurious than what others, who are working can afford. Housing is expensive in the area - not enough of it. In the last ten years, the cost of building a house in New Liskeard has doubled. People will buy a lot in Cobalt for $400. and a similar size of a lot in New Liskeard will cost about $3,000.

61. New Liskeard has nice beaches, lakes, good hunting and fishing. People come in to the area to broomball tournaments or hockey games.

62. People who come here enjoy the freedom from the pressure of city life and enjoy the outdoors.

Addition to #61: Not too much in the way of evening entertainment, hard to find unless one wants to sit in a bar. There is usually a dance somewhere in the area.

FOLLOW-UP:

McKnights Holmes Bolgers Taylors