

Memories of the Alexo Nickel Mine

Editor's note: The article, headlined "Alexo Nickel Mine produced ore for WWI", submitted by Les Palmer of Monteith, that appeared in The Enterprise two weeks ago, sparked quite an interest in the subject. The following article was submitted by Pauline Boutin and was written as told to her by her mother, Emily Cashmore.

Iroquois Falls A, also the late Mr. and Mrs. Bert Van Luvan of Kelso.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen ran the staff house in Twin Falls before going to Alexo. Because of open shafts, the mine could not be left unattended.

The buildings at the site at that time included an office, an eating hall (probably where the workers had their meals), a cookery, where the Owens lived. Across the road was a large bunk house and not too far down the road was a barn where

the Owens raised chickens.

Another large house stood among the trees. This house is now located on the outskirts of Porquis. Mr. and Mrs. H. Hussey (employed by the Department of Highway) took up residence there for many years and before that, Bill and Irvine Delauriers.

Mrs. Emily Cashmore of Porquis and the late Pat Cashmore were married in that house at Alexo in 1928. A few years before that, Mrs. Stella Meyers, Mrs. Cashmore's sister, of Eno, Ontario and the

working in the bush and came home only when he had a few days off.

Looking back I recall one incident in particular that was terribly dangerous. Mrs. Cashmore's son, Douglas, along with another boy, climbed down a ladder into a shaft to skate on the ice. They could have hit an air hole and no one would have known where they were.

However, when it was all over and they told their parents, it was the first and last time they did such a thing.

late Mark Meyers were married in the same house. The Meyers were formerly from Twin Falls. He drove the school "rig" for many years.

Mrs. Pearl Bailey Leeson, another sister who now lives in South Bay Mouth, Manitoulin Island, also lived at Alexo for a year or so, along with her children. I believe her husband, the late Jack Bailey, was

