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A. Andy Smith, Andy Antolic

Yeah me and Andy Smith used to work in the coal mine you know when they first started. They're still living here. You know where they live?

Q. Right, I do.

A. And in Mutchakinok they didn't _____ quite nervous you know.

Q. There were Slovak people in ^{mutchakinok} ~~Mutchakinok~~ too?

A. Yeah.

Q. Where did the Slovak people live in Buxton, Manny?

A. Huh?

Q. Where did the Slovak people live in Buxton? Did they live in a special area?

A. No, all over.

they had I think about 3 or 4 or 5 company houses and they got their water from Eddieville. Put your order in and they'd haul you a tank of water for 50¢ and then if it did rain, you had a cistern well you got that water.

Q. Did your father sell any of the produce raised on the farm to people in Buxton?

A. Huh?

Q. Did your father sell farm produce to people in Buxton?

A. *Did you have vegetables at your father's place down here? You know on the place, 40 acres?

Yes. Didn't Dave bought that land now? I mean Dave Larson.

*No, yes but did your father have any fruit to sell or produce? Well they had the coal mine

Q. What's that?

A. *They had the coal mine on grandpa's place _____

Here's something come from Germany. I had to wait 6 months for that doctor in Ottumwa, \$900.

Q. \$900 for those glasses?

A. Yeah.

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Q. You don't want to break them do you? Were you ever at the YMCA Manny?

A. Yeah.

Q. What was that like? Can you describe?

A. Huh?

Q. Can you tell me about the YMCA in Buxton?

A. Oh yeah, big building,

Q. A big building huh?

A. It had everything you wanted.

Q. What was in the YMCA?

A. Huh?

Q. What was in the YMCA? What was there? Did they have a swimming pool?

A. Oh yeah.

*Ask him if the Langloys were in the YMCA?

Q. Were the Langloy sisters in the YMCA?

A. Huh?

Q. Were the Langloy sisters in the YMCA.

A. Oh yeah.

Q. They ran the movie show, didn't they?

A. Yeah.

Q. Were there any rough parts of Buxton, Manny?

A. Huh?

Q. Were there any rough parts of Buxton where there fighting, drinking, gambling?

A. Oh yeah.

Q. Where at in Buxton did that occur?

A. *Ask him down in Coopertown.

Q. Was it down in Coopertown this would happen?

A. Huh?

Q. Was there a lot of drinking in Coopertown?

A. Oh yeah.

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- A. *Ask him about that guy that got run over by the train named Harris down in Buxton.
- Q. Okay. Do you remember a guy by the name of Harris who got ran over by a train in Buxton?
- A. Huh?
- Q. A man by the name of Harris who got ran over by a train in Buxton.
- A. Oh yeah.
- Q. What happened?
- A. I couldn't say but I'll tell you it happened right down here what they call Coopertown.
- Q. Okay.
- A. At one time every hour a train take some coal out you know, take it to Belle Plaine and then some of the trains would take it to Pennsylvania or someplace where it wasn't coal. _____ coal was for heating, I mean in the wintertime.
- *I'd say, it stood there until 1930.
- Q. When did Buxton fold up, when did it all move?
- A. *1923.
- Q. 1923?
- A. Uh huh.
- Q. What did they do, did they just take the houses and move them over to 19 or what?
- A. *They sold each house for \$50 a piece, they told me and my uncle _____ he built his barns out of the big schools down there in Buxton you know _____.
- Q. Was there ever a high school in Buxton?
- A. No.
- Q. No? Manny was there ever a high school in Buxton?
- A. Huh?
- Q. A high school.
- A. Oh Yeah.
- Q. There was a high school?
- A. No.
- Q. Was there a high school in Buxton?
- A. Yeah.

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Q. How long did it last? Did it burn down?

A. No last pretty long.

*Not that I know of, a high school.

Q. You don't remember it?

A. Barbershops in Buxton.