

Progress moving rapidly at Callahan mine site

BROOKSVILLE -- The scene these days is changing rapidly at the Cape Rosier mine site of the Callahan Mining Corporation.

Approximately 200,000 tons of earth covering the ore body area have been moved in recent weeks and Ted Maestretti, mine superintendent said Monday, "We hope to begin moving as much as 200,000 tons per month soon."

Maestretti said the material moved so far has been primarily waste, but about four or five hun-

dred tons having some ore concentration have been deposited at the future site of the mill.

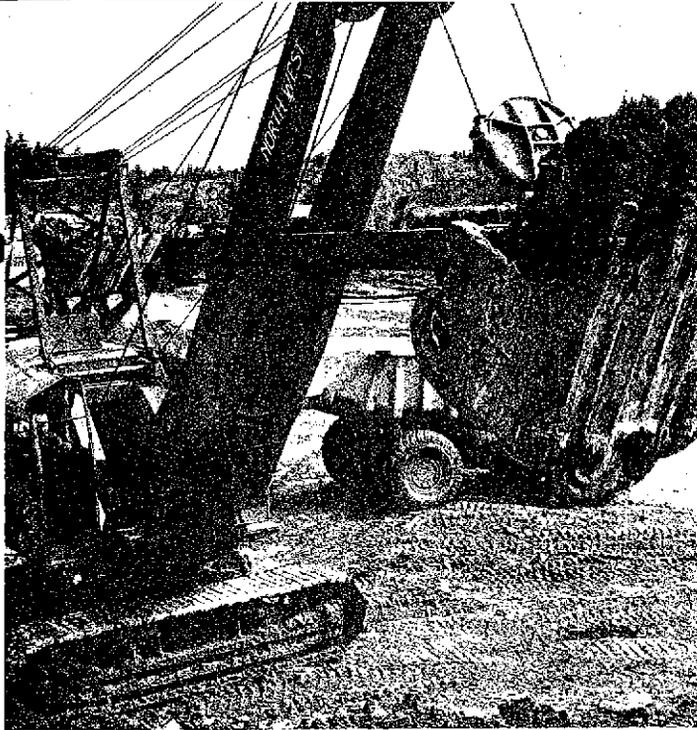
Work at the Cape Rosier site is continuing on schedule he said, and a night shift was begun Monday night to further advancement of the project.

CONSTRUCTION WAS recently completed on the office building, and administrative offices have been moved from the old location near Goose Falls and established in the new building.

Exterior construction is also complete on the assayer's office and on the machine shop, Maestretti said, but some interior work remains to be done, and the buildings must be equipped. They are presently being used for storage.

Local employment has continued to increase at the mine with approximately 40 local employees now on the Callahan payroll. The company expects to employ about 65 local employees when the mine is in full operation.

Mill production at the mine is expected to begin early in 1968.



UTILIZING A POWER SHOVEL, LOADER and trucks, more than 200,000 tons of earth have been moved from the future pit area at the Callahan Mining Corporation Cape Rosier site (above). Exterior construction is complete on the new office building, assayer's office and shop building (below), and the offices are now occupied.--Packet photos.



Tuesday morning.

6 June 67

Dear Albert, + Jean,

We received your letter yesterday (very good)
we are very disappointed in Silsby, we are done
with him. Did he send you a bill? He sent
us one for 100.00 (for what?) If he had done
more to help we would feel better about paying
it. Brandred says he will pay it and handle
nothing more to do with him. We thought
probably you received one too.

Send us about 50 ⁴⁵⁰ questionnaires when they
are ready. I think you better send about 6 to
Bob + Van, their address is -

Robert Selje

Main Street

Sherborn

Mass. 01770.

Bob + J

They will get their friends to fill out some. Miss
Anita said she would give some out in Castine
to her friends and I will send some to Freddie
Wardwell. I feel sure he and his secretary will
fill some out for us. I will give Miss Anita
some out of what you send us. I will call
Freddie Wardwell and see how many he wants.
I will tend to Mrs Doudie (Mauili's Island) and
summon people Henry White, etc, also a few
natives but it is no use to ask most of the
natives they would only refuse. Rita + Bill will
fill one out. I think these are a very good idea.
Van + Bob said they would write us a letter
also their friends would at the affect of this hurting
our business. Do you suppose your friends would

who have been here would write us a note that they wouldn't want to come with this situation here. Dan thought those letters would help prove about our business. I think they feel afraid to have their car here when they leave. We had a letter from Frank Borling wanting meals here this summer but we are not taking them.

It was terribly noisy here last night, the worst we have seen (drilling etc). I think I told you rocks flew again last Friday night and one struck our other house. Not much damage just barked up some of the clapboard.

Siloby hasn't called us and of course he won't now. Brainard told him when he was here that we did not want to sell. We are anxious to hear what your lawyer thinks about the case. Did Siloby say why he was acting this way? I would like to ask him a few questions. I am anxious for the summer people to get here.

Your trees and Rose bushes came Saturday and we set them out that night. I watered them again last night. I have kept your garden and flowers watered, I think every thing is coming good. We have our planting mold done, built some later peas and corn. we have worked until nearly 9 o'clock tonight.

We went up to Retar Sunday afternoon. we asked Bill to inquire about that lawyer when he went down that way. we have a feeling he is a good one if he is any thing like your lawyer out there. Have you found out about

the rocks yet? Let us know any new developments. We haven't contacted the lawyer yet. We are waiting to hear what you find out. I think Bradnard is discouraged. We found out who was blowing the horn and I guess they have stopped that.

I must close as it is time for the mail. Please let us know any new developments and we will do the same. Malcolm said last night he hasn't heard anything about starting on your house. We will let you know when he does.

Best wishes to all from all of us.

Sincerely,

Marian.

Thanks for the letters. I am working only two days a week now. You can take the papers you send Van Selfe out of the number you send us. I will send them to her if you want me too. I only thought you would get them back sooner.

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ELLSWORTH, MAINE 04605

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June 2, 1967

Sandecki:

Regarding your battle with Callahan, remember that they do have permission ^{to} ~~to~~ operate from the state. You may question the propriety of the authorization, but I doubt if you feel up to carrying it to the US Supreme Court.

Recognizing their authority to operate, you must then accept the fact that their operation is bound to be offensive to neighbors, by its very nature. Don't confuse your distress with their operation with their right to operate.

Most of your complaints are based on personal dissatisfaction. YOU can't expect the public to share them.

Your argument with Callahan therefore falls into the nature of a private war. I doubt if you will get much satisfaction from the courts. Moreover, a legal war usually impoverishes the man who wages it, both in outlook and in ~~material~~ purse. Do you fully realize what you are undertaking?

I don't mean to say that there aren't several good points on your side to stand on, but most of them boil down to the inconvenience of living next to a mine. In your situation, I'm afraid I would be tempted to get a good price from them and find a new roost. Would it be impractical to suggest getting them to agree to pay rental equivalent to your property's value for the duration of their activity? Then, when they left, you would have your place back, and meantime be able to live elsewhere at no personal cost at least. Just an idea, and perhaps not a good one.

If you do fight them, I should think a good lawyer could find laws enough. But it's a hell of a fight and an expensive one. Just be fully aware of what you are undertaking. Usually, only lawyers profit from such battles. It won't exactly ~~xxxx~~ be a creative inspiration for painting, either.

The paper's only editorial interest in the affair will be evidence of impropriety on their part, or violation of public interest (water pollution, etc.). Just realize that court battles are long, lonely, and expensive.

I should think Callahn would be willing to pay a good price just to get rid of you. I would figure up my loss in property value, in peace, and in damages, and give them a price. If they met it, I would leave the field. Just my own opinion, Take it for what it's worth.

Jack W.
Jack Wiggins
(No lawyer.)

50 Turner Street
Haddonfield,
New Jersey 08033
6 June 1967

Mr. John R. Wiggins
Box # 92
Brooklin,
Maine

Dear Mr. Wiggins;

I forgot to include this with my list sent to you the other day. It may be worthwhile looking into.

Perhaps you may have a way of looking up this bill and find out what happened to it.

At the special session of the 102nd in Augusta around January of 1966, there was a bill relating to maine coastline # L.D. 1705. An act relating to mining activity under Goose Falls Pond, town of Brooksville, Hancock County.

This I quote from the Conservation Bulletin of the Natural Resources Council of Maine March 1966.

Some legislators and individuals had reservations about this bill but there seemed to be little information as to permanent detrimental effects the draining and excavation of this tidal estuary might have. Concern centers on possible damage to aquatic life and also impairment of the natural beauty of Cape Rosier.

It has been suggested that a performance bond be required to assure that the area will be returned to as near normal as possible after the mining operation is over. This is estimated to be about 10 years.

I thought this last statement quite important, as you know the selectmen of Brooksville bent over backwards to have Callahan Mining come in to the town, -- with no thought given to the corporation signing a performance bond.

One other thing the first five points in my letter of June 5th are in reference to a zerox copies of Callahan Minings proposals to the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers New England Division 424 Trap Road Waltham, Mass. 02154 .

I have these in my file and if you want to see them let me know and I'll send them along to you.

Sincerely yours,

Albert E. Sandecki

50 Tanner Street
Haddonfield,
New Jersey 08033
5 June 1967

Mr. John R. Wiggins
Box 92
Brooklin, Maine

Dear Mr. Wiggins;

Listed below are the facts as gathered from my file on the Callahan Mining activity on Cape Rosier since its inception in January of 1966.

I have recently changed lawyers in mid-stream, and a Mr. Francis Marsano Esq. of Belfast Maine is receiving our case, he is a personal friend of a friend of mine who is an attorney in my town in New Jersey, no reflection on your suggestion, it is more a matter of better liaison.

All of this information can be corroborated by both State and Federal correspondences I have in my possession. One thing I want to request of you is that, if it is at all possible your source of material remain anonymous, as I am involved with litigations.

At least for the present, later on I'm sure it will be fine with me to disclose your source if you like, and will let me know before you do so.

* FACTS *

U.S. Dept. of Army (New England Div. Corps of Engineers) Code NEDOD-S

Callahan Minings proposal to construct two dams and widen an existing causeway in Goose Pond in the town of Brocksville, Maine.

1. From sheet I of I Location of Adjacent Owners ~~3/14/66~~
In this proposal false boundrays were submitted in the respect that three residents land boundrays abutting the northerly line of the Callahan firms land was represented as a straight east-west line, whereas in these deeds our boundrays follow the line of a brook.
2. Individual homes of both year-round residents and summer residents were represented as house lots. (alluding to vacant lots in my estimation) oops, pardon my personal view there.
3. From the chart of 2th proposed dam proposal and dike ~~3/14/66~~ was made to include the drainage ditch cut across the cape in a southerly direction to Weir Cove.
4. The proposed dam No. I and dike A & B shows Goose Falls to be spared in the construction of the dam and control gate, and the dam to be located north-westerly of the bridge over Goose Falls.

(continued)

(a) Instead, the falls were blasted out to facilitate the drainage of Goose Pond, rather, to spare the companies expenses in pumping out the pond than sparing the once beautiful Goose Falls.

(b) Instead of constructing the dam 25 feet in a north-westerly from the Goose Falls bridge, the dam was constructed directly under the bridge. This required the dismantling of the structure to the inconvenience of those whose homes are more quickly gotten to, rather than the round the cape road. This may also lead to complications when the dam is to be removed and in the words of Mr. Jack James, quote "The dams would be removed and Goose Pond flooded and returned to its original state," "It will be just like it was except for a new, small cove at one edge of the pond."

(c) And of course the ditch to Weir Cove is there as a surprise to everybody. not to belabour this ditch the following is in order.

The United States Department of the Interior in a ~~Report~~ dated May 10th 1966, stated, "That the Callahan Mining Corp construct a retaining dike in Goose Pond to separate the open pit mining operation from the remainder of the pond and maintains existing water levels in the unmined sector of the pond." "Present plans call for dam #2 to be so constructed as to maintain the waters in the marshy inlet at about the level of normal high tide."

Instead, the Callahan Mining Corporation blasted a ditch across the cape to keep this unmined sector of Goose Pond as dry as it is today, and not as the U.S. Dept. of Interior stated, "an opportunity to mitigate fish and wildlife losses by development of the marsh complex above Dam No.2."

5. From sheet 1 of 2 continued Dikes and Road Beds Sec. A-A B-B

The proposed road bed and dikes on the causeway will be widened from the existing width of 15 feet to 31 feet by a dike 8 feet in width and a rock facing 8 feet in thickness.

(a) Instead, the road bed has been torn to shreds since July of 1966 until this date. The road bed has been widened for approximately one half the length of the causeway with guard post torn down in places, creating a hazard to drivers. No 8 foot rock shell or facing exists on the exposed mine side of the dike.

(b) Instead, part of the originally proposed dike "A" is now a mud bank slowly being eroded away by the rise and fall of the tides and is turning the waters of Goose Cove all the way over to Holbrook Island into a turbid mess. (Now in violation of F.W.P.C.A. water quality requirements Table #1 quote, TURBIDITY No turbidity of other than natural origin that will cause substantial visible contrast with the natural appearance of the water."

6. Callahan Mining Corporation has told the U.S. Dept of the Interior it has planned an impoundment for wildlife development as a mitigation measure.

Where and when will this mitigation measure be instituted ?

(continued)

* FACTS *

7. Callahan Mining has told the United States Department of the Interior in April of 1966 that, "Mine tailings will be confined to company property, and mine residues will be prevented from escaping into adjoining estuarine areas."

(a) In January of 1966 at a meeting of the Maine Water Improvement Commission in Brooksville that Callahan operators ~~appear~~ to desire to add industrial waste water at the rate of 900 gallons per minute for eight hours a day into the Penobscot Bay.

(b) In January of 1967 at the annual meeting of the Blue Hill Chamber of Commerce a Mr. Gavin Young stated, "We will be pumping water with tailings at the rate of about 100 gallons per minute."

8. Callahan Mining vice president Mr. Jack James back in January of 1966 stated, "Since dust is very destructive to the machinery involved, all roads would be kept well maintained and watered to eliminate dust." "Heavy trucking would all be on company built and maintained roads on the mine property from the pit to the mill and disposal area."

(a) The dusty conditions endured by those in proximity of the mining operations this past summer and fall were almost intolerable. As a direct result of heavy trucking. Requests made repeatedly to the town of Brooksville for Calcium Chloride to suppress the clouds of dust were ignored. For those employed in a boarding business will mean ruin.

(b) The roads are in terrible shape, large trucks have gouged great ruts in the roads shoulders. Trucking of explosives this past summer on the public roads without proper escort for safety sake was a common occurrence.

9. At this same town meeting in Brooksville in January of 1966 Mr. Jack James stated further, "It is erroneous to think of blasting as a sharp report; the blasts are timed so that they don't go off all at once--it's more of a 'whoof'. It's also different from an underground mine in its frequency; it's much less, maybe only once a week."

(a) This is far from as Mr. James makes it sound, the blasts are sharp unnerving jolt. in Brooksville no doubt it is a 'whoof'.

(b) The blasts do not go off all at once there in the words of Mr. Maestretti (head of pit operations) "there is a milli second between the detonation of the charges."

(c) As to frequency of the blasting, usually daily, drilling and weather permitting.

10. Mr. Jack James said again at this town meeting in 1966, "Our desire is to come into this town, make a substantial contribution to the local economy, and be good neighbors, we want to be as unobtrusive as possible."

(a) They have made one hell of a start.

Albert E. Sandeck

Thursday June 1st 1967

Called Brainard L. Farnham at 4 p.m. to ask if SILSBY had contacted them they said no he had not.

Called Bill Baumgartner for advice.

FRIDAY JUNE 2ND 1967

Called Francis Marsano asked if he could take a case at this time he said yes.

Called Silsby to relieve him of his handling of my case asked him to send documents to Mr Marsano Said he will, asked for bill.

Called Marsano at 4:15 p.m. not in.

Called Farnhams to tell them of these past happenings. (NOT IN)

Called Marsano to tell him of my conversation with Silsby and asked him to visit the Farnhams. 6 PM

50 Tanner Street
Haddonfield,
New Jersey 08033
June 2nd 1967

Mr. Francis Marsano Esq.
c/o Eaton, Glass & Marsano
Savings Bank Building
Belfast, Maine 04915

Dear Mr. Marsano;

As per our telephone conversations this past June 2nd, I am writing you to request your taking this case against the Callahan Mining Corporation of New York.

Other people are directly involved in this case, namely Mr. & Mrs. Brainard L. Farnham my friends and neighbors in Harborside, Maine. They have suffered the loss of a sale on a house they own as a direct result of the mining activity, as well as the ruin of a seasonal summer boarding business. They as well as I have had fly-rock from the blasting operations landing on their property all this past winter up until this past April 20th. No warning was ever given them prior to blasting, until my damage was made known to the Callahan officials. In other words they were put through hell this past winter, and to this date still suffer harassment at the hands of Callahan employees in the form of horn blowing by cars as the change of shifts occurs and so on and on.

It would be well worth your visiting the Farnhams at Harborside to not only view my damages first hand but to speak with them. Their telephone number is 326 4434 after 3:30 pm is the best time to catch them.

I hope by now Mr. Silsby has sent you the material I made available to him, and that you will find it helpful. This case has many ramifications, as I said before and I think it will be a challenge to your abilities as a lawyer. If after studying the material you decide to take the case, PLEASE go for the injunction or restraining order to stop Callahan Mining from further blasting as soon as you can (if you think that's in order). Then under your guidance we will take it from there.

I ask this as my experience has been in the past with this corporation that what they say is quite the opposite of what they do.

As I had mentioned over the phone I am not wealthy, although I will make every effort to meet the cost of this litigation. I would appreciate a letter from you describing the basis upon which you would handle the case and would appreciate your estimate of the projected cost of this case.

I have an unlisted phone number (children take naps) it is as follows Area Code 609 429 1310

I will be glad to help as much as you like, and will be up to Harborside on or about the 1st of July.

Sincerely yours,

Albert E. Sandeck

50 Tanner Street
Haddonfield,
New Jersey 08033
June 2nd 1967

Mr. Herbert T. Silsby 2nd
Silsby and Silsby Law Office
68 Main Street
Ellsworth, 04605
Maine

Dear Mr. Silsby;

The suggestion of yours as to the best approach in this matter with Callahan Mining Corporation of New York, is in the opinion of the Farnhams and myself absurd.

I will not consider selling out to the firm nor will the Farnhams.

I feel you have not represented us in an equitable or aggressive manner in this case, by any stretch of imagination.

Furthermore, through your not attaining an injunction against the Callahan Mining Corporation right off, I feel you have jeopardized our case.

I would therefore at this time want you to forward all of the material I have sent to you to Mr. Francis Marsano Esq. who's address is below immediatly.

I want to clean the slate with you before giving the case to Mr. Marsano, By paying you for your services to date on our behalf.

I will as of this letter consider our association at an end.

Sincerely yours,

Albert E. Sandeeki

Send to:

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04915

HERBERT T. SILSBY II
WILLIAM S. SILSBY, JR.
FRANK B. WALKER

LAW OFFICES OF
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ELLSWORTH, MAINE
04805
887-8848

June 1, 1967

Albert E. Sandecki
50 Tanner Street
Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033

Dear Mr. Sandecki:

I had a long conference with the attorney for the Mining Company. He suggested that a good solution to the problem would be to buy out you and the Farnhams.

The price of course would be a value of your property just prior to the mining operation, that is, what a fair market value of your property would have been if the objectionable mining operation hadn't been started.

Are you interested in this type of solution and if so how much do you think is a fair value for your property.

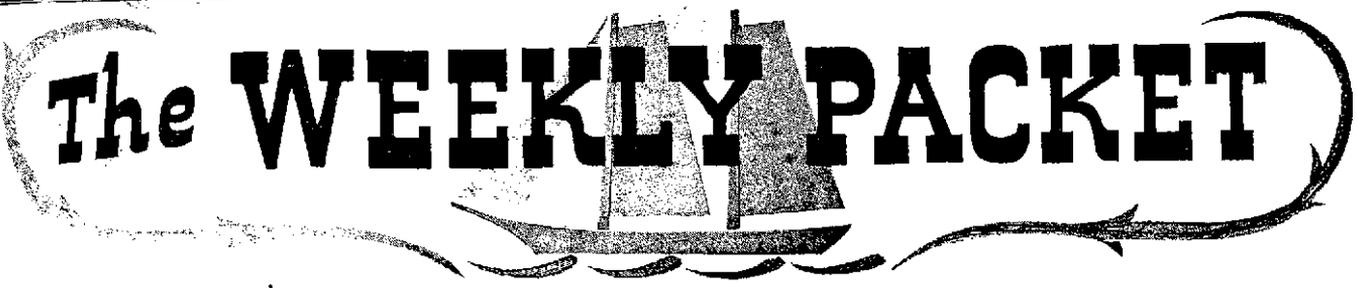
Sincerely,

Herbert T. Silsby II

Herbert T. Silsby, II

HTS:fsb

The WEEKLY PACKET



Second class postage paid at Blue Hill, Maine 04614, Thursday, June 1, 1967

Brooksville tax rate drops 10 per cent

Brooksville--A boost of over a quarter million dollars in assessed valuation has given the Town of Brooksville a ten per cent cut in its tax rate this year. The bulk of the increased valuation has come from development of the Callahan Mining Corporation's Cape Rosier mine.

Total valuation this year is \$3,809,110, up \$261,120 from a year ago. The tax rate dropped from \$20 per thousand to \$18.

Resident valuation is up \$37,970. Resident land value dropped \$980 to \$443,320, resident building valuation increased \$37,420 to \$1,265,470 and resident personal valuation increased \$1,520 to \$234,540.

Non-resident total valuation is \$1,975,780, an increase of \$223,160. Valuation of non-resident land dropped \$6,240 to \$689,810 while non-resident building valuation increased \$21,140 to \$996,140.

But the big jump came in non-resident personal property valuation, largely machinery at Callahan, increasing \$208,260 to \$289,830. Callahan's total valuation is \$280,340, and yields a tax return of over \$5,000.

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A MATTER OF CONVENIENCE

After dynamiting at the Callahan mine on Cape Rosier sent a boulder smashing through the roof of a nearby cottage. Maine's Department of Labor and Industry sent someone on a token visit to the mine, presumably to see what precautions were being taken to avoid such dangerous mishaps. On May 16, the owner of the damaged house received a letter from Howell G. Cutter, the department's Industrial Safety Director. We quote from it.

"Dear Mr. Sandecki:

On Friday, May 12, one of our inspectors visited the Callahan Mining Corp. Unfortunately, because of poor weather conditions no blasting was in progress - - -"

That's what we call a real thorough investigation.

The inspector left the mine area at 4:00. By 4:30, the weather had miraculously cleared sufficiently to enable Callahan to start blasting again.

MAY 25th - 30th 1967

MAY 25th ARRIVE HARBORSIDE 7:15 PM.

MR. TREADWELL WITH RELEASE IN HAND. WANTED MRETS SIGN AFTER WE WENT OVER HIS ADJUSTMENT EST.

CALLED SILSBY HE SAID DONT SIGN UNTIL HE SEES IT.

MAY 26th

MR. MARSTRATE STOPPED BY TO SAY THEY WILL BLAST IN 5 MINUTES. - ASKED IF (MARY + MALCOLM GRAYS) HOUSE WAS OCCUPIED - IF ANY ONE WAS HOME? I ANSWERED THERE IS SOMEONE THERE ALL THE TIME. (DRILLING EVENING)

MAY 27th

DRILLING - NO BLAST (MR. H.T. GREEN STOPPED IN TO SEE DAMAGE)

MAY 28th

NO WORK AT MINE.

MAY 29th

SILSBY ARRIVED AT 11:45 AM - SAID HE THINKS IT WILL BE A COURT CASE. I GAVE HIM THE ORIGINAL OF MY OUT OF COURT SETTLEMENT LIST. HE SAID HE WILL SEE CALLAHAN'S LAWYER LATER THIS AFTER NOON. HIS ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF LITIGATION WAS \$400.00 - \$500.00

MR. ^{F.M.} GREEN OF VAIL ROAD. POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. STOPPED BY TO OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF \$100.00.

MAY 30th

TALKED TO SILSBY HE HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH FENTON MAY 31ST WILL CALL MR AS TO OUTCOME.

WITH BLF. →

BRAINARD AND I WENT TO MINE SITE AT 4:15 PM → AND MET A MR. CLARANCE LYMBURNER WATCHMAN FOR CALLAHAN MINING CORP. I SAID, "I WANTED TO SEE MR. WHITLEY" HE SAID, "NO ONE IS HERE" I SAID, "I WOULD LIKE TO GET A SAMPLE OF ROCK FROM THE BLASTING AREA" I WAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO DO SO BY MR. LYMBURNER. I GATHERED 4 PIECES 2 FROM A PIT BELOW THE MINE OFFICE NORTH SIDE BY EAST SIDE 2 FROM SOUTH BY EAST SIDE OF MINE OFFICE. PITS WERE BELOW SURFACE BY ABOUT 50' IN DEPTH. BRAINARD + I THANKED MR. LYMBURNER + LEFT AT 4:25 PM.