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a really bad government that it was important to save something to protect the global climate? And yet when you start breaking it down, there's all kinds of really good environmental activists working in Brazil. There's all these really courageous indigenous people. And there is an economic sense to not destroying the rain forest. And it makes no sense to destroy it, because nothing ever grows back. (Elizabeth, let's get back to you. The herbicide case in Cape Breton--is that the beginning of your interest in environmental things?) Oh no, no. Go back to budworm. 1976 is when we started Cape Breton Landowners Against the Spray. But was that the beginning of my interest in environmental stuff? No. I was active in high school in environmental work. To be honest, I don't know of any time that I wasn't interested in the environment. But there wasn't necessarily a cause around it. The Hartford area where I grew up to form one big coalition environmental group. We had an Earth Walk, and we raised money to have the first Ralph Nader outfit outside of Washington, based in Connecticut. And those are now called PIRGs--Public Interest Resource Groups. And there's several, lots of them in Canada. So that was one thing. And I worked on getting a bill introduced to the Connecticut legislature to ban non-returnable bottles and cans. And I worked to get phosphates out of detergents. And that was all between '70 and '72. and we moved (to Cape Breton) in '73. And when we moved, one of the things I brought with me were all of my books on environmental issues, and all of my back issues of various newsletters. It was a funny thing to bring. Because a lot of the stuff that we had in the States got left behind. That I had all my facts and literature from all those years--and I was interested in pesticides. When I got to high school, by 1970, there was a lot of interest in pollution. And I was involved. I started an ecology club at my high school. And then I found out there were other ecology clubs, so I got the 35 high schools in

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interested in pesticides because we had had sheep who had died in Connecticut with really horrible death from--it was like they had nerve gas. Their legs were twitching and it was awful. And we were really crazy about those sheep. And we had an autopsy done. They hadn't eaten anything poisonous. The vet couldn't figure out what happened. That happened when I was about 12 or 13. And it was a couple years later that I read Silent Spring (by Rachel Carson) . And I read the symptoms of nerve gas poisoning from insecticides. And it looked just like how our sheep had looked when they died. So I wrote the town, and I said, "During this period"--which was right before the sheep had died--"was there any spraying done on our road? And if so, what chemicals were used?" And they sent me back a letter with a list of some of the most villainous of insecticides that had been used in combination. And from reading Rachel Carson, I realized that those were the chemicals that would have caused those symptoms. So anyway, I was an environmentalist at that point, I guess. I mean, I wrote back to the town and I said. "Look, you should know that your spray program killed our sheep." But they never wrote back. Anyway, I had Rachel Carson's book with me. So when it turned out in '76 that they were going to start spraying for budworm in Cape Breton.... The first thing I saw on it--well, I saw the item in the newspaper--and then the 539-4413 539-4415 "GOOD DEALS ON GOOD CARS!" Located on the Sydney - Glace Bay Highway 1/2 mile before U.C.C.B. Catering Services for Any Function [large or I Yellow Cello Cafe Bakery ./ 295-2303 #' Pizza / Outdoor Terrace I JFacing theL [baddeck]