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singing. But those days, in the party, no. It was pretty near all men. Because every? body was taking a few drinks. And the wom? en then--there weren't too many taking a drink. Not down home. Oh, no, no, I was travelling with another guy. We were not married then. I got mar? ried in '47, and the other guy got married in '47 too, in the other car. And we used to travel together, because the girl friends were on both sides of the street. We were singing. Nobody was drinking, as far as I know. Maybe there was a few. May? be the men were overseas. In Cheticamp. Is that taping? (We won't say any names.) The only time that I remember that women YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND COUNTY DAYS 1993, AN ACTION-PACKED, FUN-FILLED PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES BEING HELD IN CAPE BRETON COUNTY COMMUNITIES THIS SUMMER! COMMUNITY FESTIVALS, FOOD SOCIALS, DANCES, CARD GAMES, CHILDREN'S FUN DAYS, PICNICS, CONCERTS, DAY CAMPS, FUN VANS, SWIM AND TENNIS PROGRAMS ,...YOU'LL FIND THESE AND MORE IN COUNTY DAYS '93! FOR A FREE BROCHURE ON COUNTY DAYS ~93 EVENTS, CONTACT THE CAPE BRETON COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 865 GRAND LAKE ROAD, SYDNEY, N.S. B1P6W2 started drinking down home, it was after 1950--you know, some of them. But not too many. (Was it such a terrible thing for a woman to take a drink?) I don't know how to ex? plain that, but I suppose from one to the other they were not taking a drink. There were not too many. I'd say maybe in 1955, it started a little bit after that. (They often say that about the fiddle tunes, that drink goes along with the fid? dle music. Was that the same with the singing?) Not the women, but the men. (But the men.) Oh, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. Oh, yes. (Including yourself.) Oh, yeah. I'm not a heavy drinker, but--I wasn't a bad drinker, but I mean, in a party I'd like to take a few drinks. It's bet? ter to sing. Oh, yeah. If you take too much, it's no good. If you're just feeling good, that's perfect. Oh, yeah, it's better--feel more lively.... TELEPHONE US AT 563-2700, EXT. 110 County Days '93 (That's very interesting, though. You were saying that your mother had a song that your father learned.) Yeah, she only sang it 3 or 4 times. (And she sang it in her own kitchen.) Yes, sir. (And it really wasn't at a par? ty.) Oh, no, no, in her own kitchen, when she was working--you know, she was singing just a little bit. (Would your mother sing at a party?) I never heard, no. (But she could sing.) Yeah. She wasn't interested. She was not interested--maybe she was shy. There were hardly any women singing in those parties. Not that I know! Because--it was the men. (Where did women learn songs?) Well, some of them, when they had kids, they used to--for the rocking chair --they used to sing songs to make the children sleep. Do you know what I mean? I heard many, many, many women singing songs like that. But not in a party. But now it's different. Now it is tavern. Legion, Irish Club. You know that better than me. (Perhaps not!...) (The songs that the women would sing, if they're going to put a baby to sleep, are they a special kind of song?) No, no, no. (Oh, they were "'A "' y' Celebrating ' "mffuri (25 Years of Savings ' r tUUILU V at our Sydney River> DEPARTMENT STORES ' LOCation CAPE BRETON SHOPPING PLAZA - SYDNEY RIVER MAYFLOWER MALL - GRAND LAKE ROAD - SYDNEY PORT



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