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DON MACMILLAN: And now, friends, our guest and most welcome guest, Mr. Lloyd Ferris. Now, Lloyd, to get to know you a little bit better when did you retire from Inco?

LLOYD FERRIS: I retired on March the 1<sup>st</sup>, 1976.

DON MACMILLAN: And after how many years with the company?

LLOYD FERRIS: I had 36 years.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, that's a reasonable number of years I would say. And what sort of work were you doing at, at retirement?

LLOYD FERRIS: I was a hoist man at five shaft, Creighton.

DON MACMILLAN: Okay. Now to get back to where all of this began and so on, where are you from? Where were you born?

LLOYD FERRIS: I was born near Parry Sound.

DON MACMILLAN: And in what year?

LLOYD FERRIS: 1919, February the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

DON MACMILLAN: Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1919. Okay. Now tell us about your father. What, what was he? What did he do there?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, he worked in the bush. He was a bush worker and a farmer. He worked on the farm.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, well now, how come he-, was he born in that part of the...

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, he was born right close to where I was born.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, I see. Well, then can we go back a little bit farther. What about his father?

LLOYD FERRIS: His father come from Ireland when he was 21 and he settled in that area.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, good for him. Now tell me something about him. He was a-, just came over and homesteaded, is that right?

LLOYD FERRIS: That's right, yes, he, he chopped a farm out of the bush there just after he come over here. I heard he slept under a, a tree for two weeks while he was building his log cabin.

DON MACMILLAN: You know, as we said earlier, this, this is a pretty country, isn't it?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, it is, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: When you can look back on that.

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, it is.

DON MACMILLAN: When you think in terms of countries in England, or at least in Europe that are thousands of years old...

LLOYD FERRIS: True, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: And just a grandfather had to carve his own cabin right out of the bush, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: That's right.

DON MACMILLAN: You tell me he was a big fella. Was it Black Bill, or something like that?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, he was known all over there, that country as Black Bill.

DON MACMILLAN: And pretty good in rough and tumble scrap or something, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, well in those days you had to show your worth by your ability to defend yourself.

DON MACMILLAN: So-, oh, dear. So who did he marry? He married a Canadian girl, I guess, then, did he?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, he did. Yes, he married a, a Canadian girl.

DON MACMILLAN: But from that part of the world?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, from Bond Head. That's down towards Toronto.

DON MACMILLAN: Right, right.

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes.

DON MACMILLAN: Mm-hmm. Now what family did he have?

LLOYD FERRIS: He had nine boys and one girl.

DON MACMILLAN: And you were telling me that all of them born in the log cabin.

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, well, he built a, a lumber house after-, a few years after and they were all born...

DON MACMILLAN: Well...

LLOYD FERRIS: ...on the same farm though.

DON MACMILLAN: Okay. Well, now getting back to you, sir, what are some of your early memories? I guess going to school would be...

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, we walked two and a half miles through a trail through the bush to school and it was a small elementary school that took two years graduate, or two years of high school in that public school.

DON MACMILLAN: Uh-huh. Now what brothers and sisters did you have, Lloyd?

LLOYD FERRIS: I had seven brothers and two sisters.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, any of them in, in this part of the world?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, there's-, I have three brothers who work at Creighton.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, yeah, and they're probably listening to the show...

LLOYD FERRIS: Could be.

DON MACMILLAN: ...or we hope they are, right?

LLOYD FERRIS: Could be, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: We're gonna have to make an effort to be sure that they do, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: I'll let them know about it.

DON MACMILLAN: That's right. Well, you're a young fella going to school, a rural school near Parry Sound, what'd you do, play ball or hockey or?

LLOYD FERRIS: We used to play ball at school.

DON MACMILLAN: Yeah, softball, hard ball?

LLOYD FERRIS: Softball and we played by numbers because there wasn't enough in the school to make a team, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: Right.

LLOYD FERRIS: So everybody but the one who was batting was out in the field.

DON MACMILLAN: Sort of, sort of a scrub, I guess, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: That's right, that's right, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: I remember playing scrub in, in my day. Just-, it just occurred to me now, is there any-, do you remember any of the fellas that you went to school with back in those days who might be in this part of the world?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, well I have a friend I went to school with. He's-, was a guard at Burwash and I think he's still there.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, yeah, yeah. Now you would then, let's see, born in 1919 you-, what year did you finish school to work? Certainly, you would be a, a kid, eight or ten years old when the Depression hit then, eh? You would...

LLOYD FERRIS: That's right. I was about ten years old, yes, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: But you survived, eh, lots to eat anyway?

LLOYD FERRIS: Oh, we lived on a farm. We had plenty to eat. I never was hungry.

DON MACMILLAN: I, I hear that story, time, time after time, you know.

LLOYD FERRIS: That's true. We never went hungry.

DON MACMILLAN: There was enough to eat anyway, even if it was only potatoes and so on, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: That's right.

DON MACMILLAN: And what year did you finish school?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, I finished school in 1937.

DON MACMILLAN: '37, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes.

DON MACMILLAN: Now by this time the Depression was still on, but just starting to ease a little bit, right?

LLOYD FERRIS: That's right, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: What'd you do when you, when you finished school, go to work somewhere or...

LLOYD FERRIS: I cut logs and wood and I worked around the farm...

DON MACMILLAN: Mm-hmm.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...until I was 21.

DON MACMILLAN: And then what happened?

LLOYD FERRIS: I come to Inco.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, and you don't look like a very big man. Were you-, how big were you then, sir?

LLOYD FERRIS: I weighed 157 pounds...

DON MACMILLAN: You just...

LLOYD FERRIS: ...when I got hired on.

DON MACMILLAN: ...got under the wire...

LLOYD FERRIS: I got under the wire, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: ...by about seven pounds, eh? What was your first job?

LLOYD FERRIS: I went there as a shoveler.

DON MACMILLAN: Just like everybody else, eh, as a shoveler?

LLOYD FERRIS: Just like everybody else, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: Right. How long did you stay at that?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, I went drilling after that and then in 1941, October I went stoke boss.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, well, a fairly fast promotion. You must have been...

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, I guess they were...

DON MACMILLAN: ...(inaudible).

LLOYD FERRIS: ...I guess they were short.

DON MACMILLAN: Maybe, but where did you stay, Lloyd, at the time?

LLOYD FERRIS: I stayed at my cousin's place. He lived on Pine Street at that time.

DON MACMILLAN: What was his name?

LLOYD FERRIS: Tom Dickey.

DON MACMILLAN: Yeah.

LLOYD FERRIS: He worked for Inco at the time.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, yes. Is he still around in this part of the world?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, he, he went to Burwash and then he transferred to Smith Falls...

DON MACMILLAN: Oh.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...as a guard.

DON MACMILLAN: Now, so here you are a young fella, sports and so on. Tell us something about ball or hockey or whatever around about 1940 or so when you were here.

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, I used to watch most of the ball games, especially when Creighton Cubs were playing. They played in Athletic Field most of the time and I used to go up there and watch them.

DON MACMILLAN: Now I don't know whether this is the era or not, but was there not a famous pitcher, Phil Marchildon or somebody who'd later, and I think he was from Parry Sound or somewhere, who later went down to the big leagues, pitched for Philadelphia or somewhere?

LLOYD FERRIS: I just can't remember that. No, I can't...

DON MACMILLAN: Now somebody can certainly straighten me out on this if I'm wrong, but I think so. I know I talked to somebody else about-, I know there was a-, although maybe he was a little before this. He may have been...

LLOYD FERRIS: Probably was.

DON MACMILLAN: ...earlier in the '30s...

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes.

DON MACMILLAN: ...'cause otherwise you would have heard of him...

LLOYD FERRIS: I think so, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: ...'cause he was a, a great pitcher. And around about this time you got yourself married, is that...

LLOYD FERRIS: Yeah.

DON MACMILLAN: ...right, sir?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, I got married in July 1940.

DON MACMILLAN: And who was the young lady?

LLOYD FERRIS: Irma Vowels. She was raised the same area as I was.

DON MACMILLAN: Back in Parry Sound, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: That's right, just outside.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, well, it's nothing like getting a gal from the, from the same area, eh? Where, where did you, where did you live when you were first married?

LLOYD FERRIS: We lived in-, on Dufferin Street, a house owned by Tom Edwards.

DON MACMILLAN: Okay. Now have you any family from, from this marriage?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, we have three boys and three girls.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, would you mind telling me their names or where they are or what they're doing now?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, the oldest girl is Joyce. She lives at Waterloo. She's married and has three children and she was a high school teacher, or is a high school teacher.

DON MACMILLAN: Okay.

LLOYD FERRIS: And Ralph's the next. He, he's in South Africa. He went there to play hockey and he works and plays hockey there.

DON MACMILLAN: Okay.

LLOYD FERRIS: And there's Keith. He's in the army. He's a captain in the regular army, and Bill works at Cambrian College. Bonnie works in the Royal Bank and Gina's still in university.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, things got pretty well organized, eh, for...

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes.

DON MACMILLAN: ...for a young fella from Parry Sound, eh, for a father who attended the rural school in Parry Sound. I'm gonna ask you more about the-, some of these families a little later, but you moved to Lively somewhere along the line here, right?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, we moved in April 1951.

DON MACMILLAN: And you're still there, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: We're still there, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: Uh-huh. Now you got some promotions through the years, Lloyd. What were they?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, I went stoke boss in October 1941 and I stayed at that for-, until I went to three shaft in 1955 as a plaster boss.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, you-, also you were relieving shift boss...

LLOYD FERRIS: I was...

DON MACMILLAN: ...(inaudible)...

LLOYD FERRIS: ...for a while, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: ...along the line there, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes.

DON MACMILLAN: And were you not a shaft inspector for a time?

LLOYD FERRIS: I went from three shaft to five shaft as a shaft inspector and I spent three years at that and then I went and I finished up on the hoist.

DON MACMILLAN: Okay. Well, now I would say a fine career with a, with, with the company and a fine family and-, but you couldn't get Parry Sound out of the blood either completely, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: That's true.

DON MACMILLAN: What do you got down there (inaudible)?



LLOYD FERRIS: We got-, we also have a camp down there and I have two-, one boy and a girl's building down there.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh.

LLOYD FERRIS: Building a cottage down there now, so it's...

DON MACMILLAN: Well, that's...

LLOYD FERRIS: ...gonna be quite a family affair.

DON MACMILLAN: That'll be quite a community when...

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes.

DON MACMILLAN: ...when the Ferrises all get together, eh? Well, now, Lloyd, I am sure that our listeners would like to hear a little bit more about this South African trip of yours. When did you go over there?

LLOYD FERRIS: We left on December the 27<sup>th</sup>, 1975.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, now, how come your son wound up in, in South Africa?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, he went to Europe and played hockey there for two winters in the Netherlands and they come up and-, there's a scout come up. They took he and two other Canadians down there and he played two winters down there, two of their winters down...

DON MACMILLAN: Oh.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...there.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, now I never thought of a-, hockey in South Africa. The, the-, have they got rinks or anything down there?

LLOYD FERRIS: Oh, they've got lovely artificial rinks and they got a lot of them, too.

DON MACMILLAN: But they would have to be artificial rinks. There's no natural ice...

LLOYD FERRIS: No, no, they didn't-, the-, it's a real calamity if the weather goes down to freezing over there.

DON MACMILLAN: Is that, is that so, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: Oh, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: But do the South African kids, do they play hockey, too? Do they try to play hockey?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, they're catching on to it. They're going to the games now and they're very interested, so they'll be playing hockey before too long I think.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, do they have a league or anything like that?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, they have leagues, yes, so while-, I don't know if you call it a league, but there's half a dozen teams all with different names and they just have a contest there, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: And people turned out to watch them?

LLOYD FERRIS: Oh, yes, they have-, well, not a big crowd but maybe 500 to 1,000, you know, and they-, the (inaudible) are a lot of yelling there and, you know, they're-, it's catching on.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, that's great, you know, hockey around the world. Now did your-, and your son got married over there, correct?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, he did, and he's got a little boy and a little girl.

DON MACMILLAN: Fine. What are their names?

LLOYD FERRIS: Kerri and Dean.

DON MACMILLAN: Good, good. Now maybe we can see if we can get a, a tape or something made of this show and you can ship it over to them...

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, wouldn't that be nice...

DON MACMILLAN: ...there. You can...

LLOYD FERRIS: ...eh?

DON MACMILLAN: ...say hello to them, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: That'd really be nice.

DON MACMILLAN: Go ahead. Say hello to Kerri and...

LLOYD FERRIS: Hello, Kerri. Hello, Dean.

DON MACMILLAN: Now your, your son, you were telling me, I found this interesting, married at least a girl whose, whose father is involved in the legal off-track betting, is that true?

LLOYD FERRIS: That's right, yes, yes. He come from England when he was a boy to that country and he's been in this many years and Ralph, he worked in the bank for a while and then he finally joined them about three or four years ago.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, now do they have several places around town where you can just phone up and place a bet on a horse or how does it work?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, they phone-, they have stalls there, maybe half a dozen guys working in each stall...

DON MACMILLAN: Yeah.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...phones ringing like mad, then there's about ten different places you can put bets, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: Uh-huh.

LLOYD FERRIS: And it's very interesting, but hectic for the guys working in there.

DON MACMILLAN: I bet it is, eh? They'd have to cut it off, but just before the race started, too, I guess, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, there's a government man watches there and that sheet's gotta be over there before the horses start...

DON MACMILLAN: Yeah, I can see that.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...or they're in trouble, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: Mm-hmm. You tell me that they, that there's some talk of you going to work over there on this, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: No, no, I don't think so. I like this country.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, that's good to hear. Now what kind of races are they? Are they...

LLOYD FERRIS: They're jockeys.

DON MACMILLAN: ...jockeys...

LLOYD FERRIS: All jockeys, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: ...that are racing there?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yeah.

DON MACMILLAN: Okay. You also tell me, just while we're on the subject, that your son Ralph also-, hockey helped him through university, is that correct?

LLOYD FERRIS: That's right. He went to-, he got a scholarship, hockey scholarship.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, now I'm interested in your trip over there. You went in two lags, eh? Where did you fly first?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, we went Air Canada to New York and then we flew South African Airways from there to Johannesburg.

DON MACMILLAN: How long was the flight (inaudible)?

LLOYD FERRIS: Seventeen hours.

DON MACMILLAN: Boy, that's...

LLOYD FERRIS: That's a long time.

DON MACMILLAN: ...that's a long flight, isn't it?

LLOYD FERRIS: But we were off for a half an hour in the Verdes Islands...

DON MACMILLAN: Uh-huh.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...refueling, so it gave us a chance to...

DON MACMILLAN: Stretch your legs (inaudible)...

LLOYD FERRIS: ...stretch our legs, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: ...eh? But do you-, of course you'd be served meals and everything on the flight.

LLOYD FERRIS: Oh, yes, yes. Oh, you got plenty to eat. You just-, if you couldn't sleep, you'd go to sleep, they'd wake you up to give you something to eat.

DON MACMILLAN: Yeah. Now, now what-, the Verde, Cape Verde or the Verde Islands are there, what are they-, how did they strike you, anything unusual about that?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, it was dark when we were there, but I don't think there was anything there, only a refueling station.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, yeah.

LLOYD FERRIS: And an army, army camp, that's all.

DON MACMILLAN: Mm-hmm. Okay. But then you'd, you'd land in South Africa in daylight then, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, we did. Yes, and...

DON MACMILLAN: Okay.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...everyone was there to meet us.

DON MACMILLAN: What was your first impression of the country coming down there?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, I was surprised there was, there's no lakes there, you know. No inland lakes. They're all manmade. There, there's a dam and it holds the water back and that's only lakes...

DON MACMILLAN: Oh.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...that look like lakes from the air, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, I didn't know that. Well, okay. And your brother and his wife and youngsters were all there. Were they at the airport to meet you?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, my boy, yeah.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, now how long did you spend? You spent two or three months down there, didn't you?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, we didn't get back till the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, now some impressions of, of South Africa, I mean, the, the, the climate or the vegetation and so on, what, what are your recollections of that?

LLOYD FERRIS: Oh, the climate was lovely. There-, it's a real nice climate, but I think you feel the heat more here on a real hot day than you do over there.

DON MACMILLAN: Could be.

LLOYD FERRIS: I think so.

DON MACMILLAN: Uh-huh. Well, now what kind of trees do they have in the city? Same as, as we have here or different or...

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, they have different trees. They have-, you see along the road a lot of sugar cane and corn, bananas, orange groves, and...

DON MACMILLAN: These would be farms outside...

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes.

DON MACMILLAN: ...the city...

LLOYD FERRIS: That's right...

DON MACMILLAN: ...that you're talking about, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: ...yes, that's right.

DON MACMILLAN: What about the land? Is it, is it rolling like prairie land or is it like Ontario or what is it?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, there's a lot of mountainous, but the valleys are just beautiful...

DON MACMILLAN: Uh-huh.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...just as green as can be and just beautiful to look from a hill, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: Right, right.

LLOYD FERRIS: All beautiful.

DON MACMILLAN: Now tell us something about-, I know you went to Kruger National Park.  
Now tell us something about that.

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, that's something to see. You, you can't get outta your car there, you know, you, you gotta stay in your car.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, yeah.

LLOYD FERRIS: If you have a flat tire, you sit there until a warden comes along and he changes it for you

DON MACMILLAN: I, I wouldn't want out anyway with lions...

LLOYD FERRIS: Lions and...

DON MACMILLAN: ...(inaudible), eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: ...elephants, lions and elephants and plenty of baboons.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, yeah, yeah.

LLOYD FERRIS: And they'll jump right in the car if you don't have your window up, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: Will they?

LLOYD FERRIS: Oh, yes. They're looking for something to eat, you know, and they'll jump on the trunk and they'll ride and they'll jump off and they'll catch another car back, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: Oh, I see. Oh, I guess would anybody open the window and sneak out something for them to eat (inaudible)?

LLOYD FERRIS: Oh, they're not, they're not supposed to do that, but they do, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: Uh-huh.

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, they give them an odd candy or something.

DON MACMILLAN: You'd get quite a kick out of this, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: Oh, yes, I, I got a big kick out of that. You give them a, a candy with a wrapper on and in just one movement he's got that off there.

DON MACMILLAN: That's right.

LLOYD FERRIS: That wrapper, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: He, he's seen, seen them before, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: Oh, he's seen them before. He's got plenty before I think.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, would you drive up like into the park in the morning and spend sort of the day at it or how did that work?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, we went out about-, well, shortly after daylight. That's the best time to see them, you know, or in the evening.

DON MACMILLAN: Yeah.

LLOYD FERRIS: But you must be back at camp at a certain time. You get fined if you're not back in the camp at a certain time, or report...

DON MACMILLAN: Well...

LLOYD FERRIS: ...into a camp.

DON MACMILLAN: ...that makes sense. The...

LLOYD FERRIS: See, they know you're in the park because you have to register going in and if you haven't landed at a, at a camp they, they will look for you.

DON MACMILLAN: That's fair enough. I, I'd feel safer out...

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes.

DON MACMILLAN: ...there...

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes.

DON MACMILLAN: ...with somebody going that route. What impressed you the most, elephants or the baboons or the what?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, the elephants are just so, so mammoth. They're so big, you know, that-, and you're close to them. I mean, they just looked like a side of a wall, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: There's no, no danger of the elephants charging the car, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, they will they told me.

DON MACMILLAN: Yeah, that's what occurred to me.

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, they will.

DON MACMILLAN: That's a chance you take when you go in there I suppose, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, I never stopped when, when they were too close.

DON MACMILLAN: Yeah, you just keep on moving.

LLOYD FERRIS: Keep on moving.

DON MACMILLAN: Elephants are pretty peaceful anyway I guess, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: They-, yes, they are.

DON MACMILLAN: Unless you bother them.

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, they are.

DON MACMILLAN: Right. Now you were telling us also something about staying in a chalet or with thatched roofs or things like that.

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, all the chalets in those camps are thatched roofs, roofs and no-, there's a main room and a, a kind of a verandah and then you have two bedrooms in each one and they're, they're real nice to stay in, air conditioning...

DON MACMILLAN: Uh-huh.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...you know, and lovely.

DON MACMILLAN: Good, good. Now there's some other incidentals and so on. You tell me that, that a lot of the food eaten in South Africa is much the same as ours, but they seem to have more rice than we do...

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, they seem to...

DON MACMILLAN: ...here.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...go for rice instead of potatoes. Like this country, a meal is not a meal without potatoes, and there...

DON MACMILLAN: That's right.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...they seem to go for the rice more, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: Okay. Well, that's-, and something you were, you were impressed I think a little bit by their television, too, is that correct?

LLOYD FERRIS: It's beautiful. They just-, the television-, they got the first TV when we were over there, just opened the station, and at-, the reception's just beautiful.

DON MACMILLAN: I guess the programs aren't all that great yet...

LLOYD FERRIS: No, they're not...

DON MACMILLAN: ...but...

LLOYD FERRIS: ...no, but they'll, they'll, they'll get better.

DON MACMILLAN: Uh-huh. Uh-huh. Now did you not also take a side trip off to Durban or somewhere like that?



LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, we went to Durban and we spent a week over there on the seashore and it was really nice.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, tell us something about Durban. How does it differ from Johannesburg and so on?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, it's not that much different, but the seashore is-, from your hotel you hear those waves going steady night and day if there's any wind or not, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: Is that right, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: There's no-, they never stop. And the sand's so hot you can't walk in it on the seashore.

DON MACMILLAN: And now you went actually swimming in the ocean though, didn't you?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, we did, yes, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: That's kinda good, eh? Nice...

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, I couldn't really swim. The waves were too big.

DON MACMILLAN: Too bad you're not a surfer.

LLOYD FERRIS: That's true. Oh, there are plenty of them there.

DON MACMILLAN: I guess so, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes.

DON MACMILLAN: Now also in your trip now you're telling me you went down into a gold mine and that you're kind of impressed by the safety precautions up around here after seeing that.

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, I, I didn't see any, any-, they didn't seem to be safety conscious at all there. I didn't see a scaling bar when I was there, while I was underground.

DON MACMILLAN: Uh-huh. Now, sir, the-, I don't know if I asked you, but you, you, you don't think that you'd like to live definitely in South Africa.

LLOYD FERRIS: No, I like-, I, I was very anxious to get back.

DON MACMILLAN: Mm-hmm.

LLOYD FERRIS: It's a-, it's not like Canada, you know. To me the, the climate in the winter is beautiful, but I didn't like the, the atmosphere there, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, and...

LLOYD FERRIS: It seemed...

DON MACMILLAN: ...(inaudible) there's tension in the air.

LLOYD FERRIS: ...they seemed tense. It seemed tense in, in-, at times, you know, and I, I didn't like that very well. I was very anxious to get back. I was happy to get back.

DON MACMILLAN: I, I think you said that maybe the, the days of white rule are maybe on, on the way out down there.

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, it looks like it, yes.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, it could be. Now about this son of yours that's gone to Germany, the-, this was not Ralph, but what's the son in...

LLOYD FERRIS: Keith.

DON MACMILLAN: Keith, yeah.

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes.

DON MACMILLAN: He just went there recently, eh?

LLOYD FERRIS: Yes, he left last Thursday.

DON MACMILLAN: Now are you going to get over to see him, do you think?

LLOYD FERRIS: Well, he thinks we are. I'm not too sure, although I love flying, you know.

DON MACMILLAN: Well, if you're going to do some travelling you have one son in South Africa, another one in Germany. That's some place to go, and also you have sort of some plans in the back of your mind. You've got some relatives out in Edmonton, correct?

LLOYD FERRIS: That's right. I have a brother out there and we hope to go out there maybe this fall.

DON MACMILLAN: Right. Well, ladies and gentlemen, our guest today has been Mr. Lloyd Ferris, who retired in March the 1<sup>st</sup>, 1976 after 36 years with Inco at which time he was a hoist man. Lloyd, thank you very much for telling us something of your own early life, of your father, of your visits to South Africa, and very interested in you saying that having had a good look at another part of the world, Canada looks pretty good. We say thank you very much for coming and being our guest on Memories and Music.

LLOYD FERRIS: Thank you.

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