

1:00 pm

Interviewee Kathleen Betty McNary
Interviewer Marilyn Coulter.Toronto Canada ~~born~~ born (Jewish)H-Date 5- 1948 second (1946 First Hire Date)
Cut + Sew Dept. (part of the cushion room) (1958 Cut + Sew left Fisher Body)
Returned to the cushion room. Not very acceptable to other employees.

next to Paint Shop until retirement.

- Very Few in rest of the plant, mostly
- in Cushion room

1948 Less pay in those years. \$1.79 hr

Memories - Work is hard. Had to make production daily. Always did the best job she could until the day she retired.

(Community Bathroom)

= Strike involvement: yes worked on picket line during years at plant.

Working conditions? Break time Money.
Education = 8th Grade, * Left home at 16 and came from Toronto to the United States to work.Supervisor always ~~told~~ told her she did a good job.

People outside the shop thought that women in the shop working were (loose women) going to hang out back home etc

Kathleen Betty Mc Mary

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didn't learn to drive until 33 years old.

* Paint (spray ~~down~~ deadner in the trunk)
Mostly women in paint, Jobs per hr.

Breasts + lunch. 6 minutes morning + afternoon. Designated smoking areas.
42 minutes for lunch hour.

* Most people brought their own lunch.

Big Event (Being laid off and not knowing if you were being called back.
Womens Committee volunteered for a exhibit.
Chairperson of Bitterness for a period of time.
Family, granddaughters, Son, Father-in-law
Sherman Mc Mary, Shane Mc Mary, Connie Swander.

Went to China 1977 US-China Friends Association (21 days) Different locations,
Car factory was something to see, slow production, overloaded jobs. People all rode ~~tricycles~~ bicycles.

Retired in 1979. Was not ~~rich~~ rich and not going to get rich. 30 and out was a strike benefit.

* Fondlest Memory, Mary Benedict Kimball, friends Ann Tjelle co workers in the plant.
She felt that the union let us down as we don't have a good car like the rest.
Union and Management had their hands in each others ~~and~~ pockets.

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Describe how you felt about General Motors
She said that she was treated very
well by General Motors. \$1.79 to
\$1.85 beginning and ending wage.

She spoke about the Union not gaining
enough benefits for the retirees later.
Went on Vacation during model changes,
during the year.

#400-500 women working in the plant
back then. Very ~~to~~ seldom she was
sent home early.

First car Bought = Buick Convertible.

Always drove Oldsmobile.

She felt bad when Oldsmobile brand
was discontinued. Always praised
General Motors for a good living and
taking care of her family.

- Union Hall was not here then.

- Wages ~~were~~ were paid in person back then
before payroll deduction was in place.

She thought Walter Reuther would
do things different today ~~if~~ if he
were still alive.

Union was also very good to her.