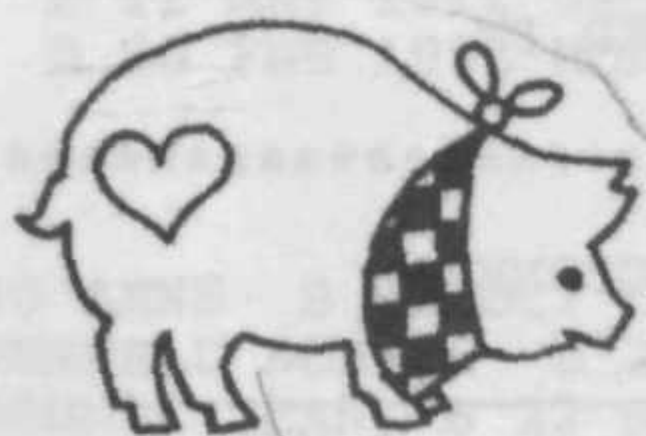


ARDATH, ELVA AND I USE TO CLIMB UP INTO THE LOFT. IT ONLY EXTENDED ABOUT FIFTEEN FEET OUT IN THE BACK END. THEN WE WOULD WALK ALL THE WAY AROUND THE WALL OF THE REST OF THE SHED UP ONE STORY IN THE AIR, STANDING ON THE 2 BY 4 ON THE WALL WHERE THE 1ST AND 2ND STORY WALL BOARDS WERE JOINED. WE HELD ON TO THE BOARDS ABOVE OUR HEADS BY PUTTING OUR HANDS BETWEEN THE CRACKS. SOME BOARDS DIDN'T HAVE ANY CRACKS BETWEEN THEM SO WE HAD TO REACH OVER TO THE NEXT CRACK. WHERE OUR HANDS WERE HOLDING WAS ABOUT 20 FEET IN THE AIR. ONE DAY WHEN ELVA WAS WALKING AROUND ON THE INSIDE OF THAT SHED SHE SLIPPED AND STARTED TO FALL. HER HAIR WAS IN TWO BIG BRAIDS. AS SHE FELL A BRAID OF HER HAIR CAUGHT ON A NAIL PART WAY DOWN THE WALL. SHE HUNG BY HER HAIR SCREAMING AS LOUDLY AS SHE COULD UNTIL A CHUNK OF HER HAIR ABOUT AS BIG AS A 50 CENT PIECE WAS PULLED OUT BY THE ROOTS. IT BROKE HER FALL SO SHE DID NOT BREAK ANY BONES. THAT ENDED THAT PARTICULAR ACTIVITY.(H18)

WHEN ELDRED BACON WAS BORN THEY TOOK US UP TO AUNT LIZZIE'S(N-5 ELIZABETH SMIT HAYES) UP STRING-TOWN. WHEN WE GOT HOME MOMA WOULD ONLY LET US KISS ELDRED ON HIS HAND. WE THOUGHT IT WAS SO WONDERFUL. YOU SEE, WE WERE ALL LITTLE.(H18)



MY MOTHER, CHARLOTTE ELNORA SMIT BACON, HAD WORKED HARD CUTTING RAGS, SEWING THEM, AND WEAVING THEM INTO A HOMEMADE CARPET TO PUT ON THE FLOOR. THEY USE TO PUT STRAW UNDER THE CARPET AND TACKED THE CARPET DOWN ALL AROUND THE EDGES. ONE DAY THE FAMILY WENT TO CHURCH AND THEY DID NOT SHUT THE DOOR TIGHT. THE OLD SOW GOT IN THERE. SHE JUST WENT ALONG AND RIPPED THAT CARPET ALL THE WAY ACROSS. IT WAS SEWED IN STRIPS ABOUT TWO FEET WIDE. WHEN THEY GOT HOME THERE WAS ALL THIS MESS.(H18)



ONE DAY MY SISTER, ARDATH BACON, WENT OUT TO THE PIG PEN. THE OLD SOW HAD LITTLE PIGS. MOMA, CHARLOTTE ELNORA SMITH BACON, HEARD HER SCREAM AND WENT OUT THERE AND ARDATH HAD STOOD UP ON THE SIDE OF THE PIG PEN TO LOOK INSIDE TO SEE THE LITTLE PIGS AND THE OLD SOW HAD GOT A HOLD OF HER DRESS AND PULLED ON IT. DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF MOMA HADN'T GOT THERE WHEN SHE DID.(H18)

UNCLE FRANK AND AUNT SADIE (BACON) LIVED JUST WEST OF US(A-2). WHEN AUNT LIZZIE(N-5) CAME TO VISIT THERE WAS A HOUSE FULL OF KIDS. IF THE FOLKS WANTED US OUT OF THE WAY THEY WOULD LET US GO OVER ON NOVENE HILL(NORTH-WEST ABOUT 2 MILES AWAY--A-15). WE WOULD PICK SOME FLOWERS. WE LIKED TO DO THAT. THERE WAS BUTTER-CUPS, SEGO LILLIES, INDIAN PAINT BRUSHES AND BLUEBELLS. ALSO AT THANKSGIVING PART OF US WERE GIVEN PENCILS AND PAPERS AND SENT UPSTAIRS TO MAKE A LIST OF ALL THE THINGS WE WERE THANKFUL FOR. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO NAME THEM ONE BY ONE AND HOPEFULLY THAT WAS TIME CONSUMING.(H18)