

IN THE SPRING WE WOULD MAKE HOMEMADE ROOT BEER. THE ROOT BEER EXTRACT AND THE BOTTLE CAPS WE WOULD GET AT THE STORE. WE HAD THE EMPTY GLASS POP BOTTLES AND THE BOTTLE CAPPER. WE GOT THE MILK CAN AND MIXED TWO BATCHES IN IT. WE MADE SURE THE BOTTLES WERE CLEAN AND THEN FILLED THEM. THE BIG JOB WAS GETTING THE BOTTLES CAPPED. THEY WERE THEN LAID DOWN SIDE BY SIDE IN A BOX AND LEFT FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS. THIS RECIPE HAD YEAST IN IT SO THE ROOT BEER WOULD TASTE LIKE ROOT BEER. THEN THE BOTTLES WOULD BE PUT IN THE FRIDGE SO THEY COULD GET COLD. IT WAS A GOOD DRINK ON A HOT SUMMER DAY.(LLLLL)

MARY FERN LOVED FLOWERS AND ANYTHING THAT WAS BEAUTIFUL, IN THE SUMMERTIME HER YARD WAS ALWAYS NEAT AND BLOOMING WITH FLOWERS.(LLLL)



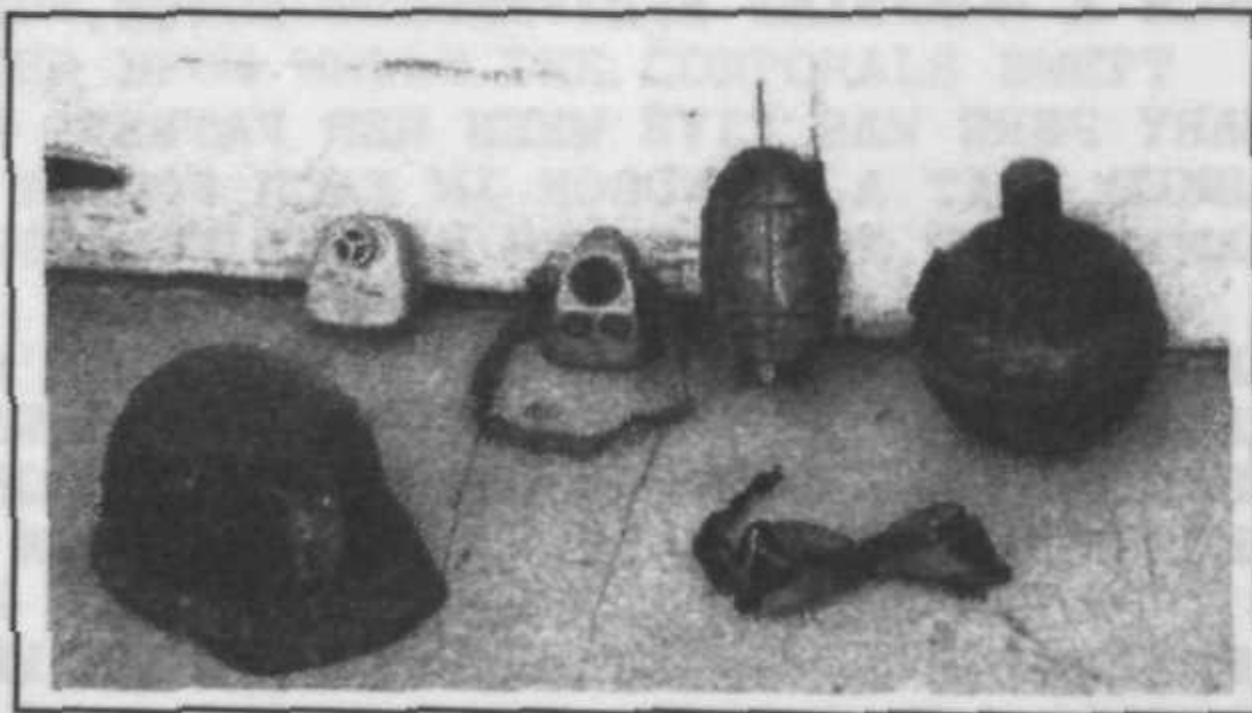
AT 14 MARY FERN FIRST SAW ELDRED AT A DANCE IN MONTPELIER ID AND SAID "HE'S THE ONE FOR ME." THEY ENJOY DANCING TOGETHER.(LLLLL)

ELDRED HAD A NATURAL ABILITY WHEN IT CAME TO DRAWING OR SKETCHING. HE WAS NEVER IN A HURRY AND LOVED TO VISIT WITH PEOPLE. HE HAD A GOOD VOICE AND ENJOYED SINGING IN THE CHURCH CHOIR.(LLLLL)

ELDRED WAS ABLE TO TAKE ANYTHING AND MAKE IT WORK. HE TOOK PARTS OFF OLD MACHINERY AND USED IT TO FIX WHAT HE NEEDED. HE WAS GIFTED AND COULD FIX ANYTHING WITH WHEELS AND A MOTOR.(A)

OUR DOG JACK WOULD SCRATCH ON THE DOOR WHENEVER THERE WAS THUNDER, A GUN SHOT, OR HE WANTED IN. IF IT THUNDERED DURING A RAIN STORM AND NOONE CAME TO THE DOOR, HE WOULD GO TO THE SIDE OF THE HOUSE, BREAK THROUGH THE GLASS WINDOW IN THE BASEMENT AND GO INTO THE HOUSE. A REPLACEMENT WINDOW WAS MADE OF PLASTIC THAT COULD BE TAKEN AND PUT BACK IN WHEN KNOCKED OUT.(LLLLL).

ELDRED WORKED AT THE MINE IN THE EARLY 1950'S.
(PIC MINING EQUIP)



A BUNCH OF US WOULD GO TO DINGLE ID TO PLAY BASKETBALL. MAX SORENSEN WOULD DRIVE THE TEAM OF HORSES AND ELDRED, STAN DUNN, JACK SORENSEN, ROSS DICKSON, TED PINCKNEY, ASHLEY PAYNE, JIM SMITH AND THE BARTSCHI BOYS ALL WENT. AFTER THE GAME WE WOULD GO TO MONTPELIER ID AND STAY UNTIL DAY LIGHT. ELDRED WAS AN ATHLETE. HE WAS A FORWARD AND HE WAS GOOD. HE WAS AGILE, AMBIDEXTEROUS. HE COULD PLAY AS WELL WITH HIS LEFT HAND AS WITH HIS RIGHT HAND. HE COULD ALSO BAT EITHER LEFT HANDED OR RIGHT HANDED. IT DIDN'T MATTER, WHICHEVER SIDE OF THE BASE HE STEPPED UP TO. HE WON A LETTER FOR CROSS COUNTRY.(A)