

REMEMBER WHEN?

Drawn from the "Round Robin's" Remember When.

At Tyler Creek picnics, the boys dammed up the creek and the farmer was furious because his stock wasn't getting any water.

Shortly after Mom died, Dad and Mary took a drive to the farm etc. Dad said let's stop and see the Redlingers on Milwaukee Ave. Dad probably hadn't seen them since he left the farm. There were two sisters and one brother probably in their seventies who had never married. The sisters were so gracious. They immediately took off their aprons, you could see the exact outlines on the faded gingham dress. They served tea in the spotless parlor. The silent brother came in with his gun. Dad said he never remembered seeing him without it - shooting rabbits and doves etc. The walls of the parlor were hung with stuffed animals.

Terry was four or five and would follow his grandpa all around the nine acres. What Terry remembered most was when grandpa would cut the chicken's head off and it would go jumping down the grape rows.

Always offering company that came to dinner the glass with a hole in it.

Lyle putting string in the pancakes as he cooked them.

Sending Shirley to town for a left handed screw driver.

Pushing the butter into a new comer's thumb at the dinner table.

Terry gathering eggs and putting them in his pockets. One broke and he told grandma it was her fault for sending him.

Making ice cream after church on Sunday. One time used sugar from bag on back stairway instead of salt and didn't have dessert that day.

Elizabeth substituting a well-used round pot holder for a pancake.