MY MEMORIES BY CHARLOTTE ALVINA (STOMBERG) WIESE

I was born on May 14, 1916 - Daughter of Alvin Linus and Ada Emerentia (Brahee) Stomberg.

I was named after my grandma Charlotta Stomberg (or Carlotta in Swedish), shortened to Lotta. Alvina came from my dad's name.



The earliest picture I have of myself and my sister Edith.

Typed by Alice Alle
my oldest daughter.
Started in 1997.



WEDDING PICTURE OF MY PARENTS

Alvin Linus Stomberg
Ada Emerentia Brahee

Married November 22, 1915

Our first home on the Ogles Place.





Edith, Charlotte & Mildred

Some of my memories of my first home, which we called"the old house."
The first floor had a long living room and kitchen and pantry.& bedroom.
In the kitchen had a cook stove, cooked on it summer & winter. In fact, that was the only heat in the house in winter time. We had no indoor water. Our drinking water came from a well which had spring water. We didn't drink the water from the well that took care of the cattle & horses. In later years had a cistern, so had soft water for washing. The north side of the kitchen opened into a room where we hung our coats. Also had a wash stand there for washing up.

There was a bedroom on the west side of the house. It had a spring cot, where the folks slept. Edith slept in the crib that was behind the door which opened into the bedroom. I slept under the crib on quilts. I can remember waking up in the morning with matter in my eyes & ma washing my eyes out with boric acid. There was also a writing desk in the bedroom. There were no closets in this bedroom.

Upstairs there was one large room with 2 full beds. There were 2 closets up there. One closet for storage, the other for clothes.

We always had "good" clothes for church. Always changed when when we got home. We always wore dresses - no jeans or slacks. We also wore an apron over our dresses.

We played in the trees a lot. We used old twine to divide trees into rooms. Make believe stove & used old dishes etc. We used tree stumps to lay a board across to make a table. We made mud pies & baked in make believe ovens. We had a red wagon to take our dolls out to our "tree house" to play with them. Of course, they came back every night. We had ropes in the trees to make swings, we sure could swing.
On the south side of the house, there was a screened-in porch the full lenght. Had a canvas curtain, which could be opened or closed. Had a table-like shelf on the east side, where ma kept flowers mostly or what ever needed to be out there.

Had a big table in the porch. The house got hot in the summer time because of the wood cookstove, so we ate out there sometimes. Especially used it for the threshing crew.

Millie also told me that in the "shanty" (wash room) there was a stairway to the upstairs & also the entry to the cellar.

District 4 School that I attended for grades 1-8. It was a one room schoolhouse with all 8 grades. Notice the playground equipment - teeter-tooter & merry-go-round.

MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

I spoke Swedish & no one in school spoke Swedish. I couldn't understand English. Ma put milk into a jar the size of vanilla bottle & then put it in a crochet bag she made. My lunch was in a metal ½ gal. syrup pail. Yes, that was our lunch pail. Ma said when the rest go & eat, you do like-wise. So first days was mostly follow the leader. Also go home when rest did. I had 1 3/4 mile to walk. Teacher let me draw & color at first because, "what else could I do."





When I was about 10 years old, they built a new house ( where Hildur & Cleo live today) Of course, us kids didn't know a new house was to be built till we saw action, digging the basement etc. My dad hauled gravel from the lake to make walls in the basement. My dad brought lumber home quite often. It was really something to see when the frame-work went up. Ma said "that is a tall house." Pete Olson, a bacholor from near Traverse Lake, was the carpenter. He, as well as any hired men, slept in the corn crib at night. He went home on Friday nights. Ma sent some eggs home with him & he tried to give us kids some money for the eggs (cause ma wouldn't take any money). Pa hollered up from the barn "don't you give those kids any money." They started in the spring before school was out and didn't finish until after school started in the fall. I think it took at least 4 months. My dad helped with the building. The hired man might have hepled some, but mostly he did the field work.

Edith, Mildred & I enjoyed playing in the house. We made a slide from boards by placing one up to the 2nd floor on a slant. THEN SLIDE! Remember we wore dresses, no shorts. Well, fun lasted till one day Edith got a sliver in her seat. That was the end of that. Then Edith & I would crawl out on the roof on top of the pantry thru the bedroom window. Hildur said she was too small to make it up to crawl out.

This was quite a learning experience - seeing a house being built. I remember one time in school explaining some of the building. Lots of people came by to see our house. We were so proud of it.

Millie added this bit of info: There were no steps(during the building process) from the 1st floor to the 2nd. Us girls would run up the planks set up. One day I got a sliver in my foot & I was crying. Pa said "what did Charlotte do to her now?" Pa pulled the sliver out. I also remember when they were digging the basement using 2 horses & a scoop. Us kids sat on the edge of the hole watching them dig & haul the dirt away.

Hildur added this bit of info: the house was built in 1926 & didn't get electricity till 40 or 41. However, pa had the foresight to put electrical wiring in when building the house. Church got electricity first. Had to have so many in a mile to get elect. Pa went around trying to get people to sign up for REA(Rural Electric Assn.), however he was one of the last to receive it. So many said "we've gotten along without it, don't need it, so wouldn't sign up. The membership fee was $5.00.

Then came the time to move from "old house" to the "new house." If possible, everything was washed. Bed bugs were prevalent, so didn't want to move any. We took ma's & pa's trunks outdoors & emptied them. Then they were washed out with hot water. All furniture was scrubbed & allowed to sit out in hot sun all day. All blankets & clothes which could be washed, were washed. The rest of the clothes were hung on the clothes line for a day in the sun. We turned everything several times during the day. Everything in the writing desk was taken out & cleaned. It was in the bedroom, so the bed bugs liked it. It took several days to do all of this. Edith & I helped a lot. However, by all of this work - no bed bugs in the new house. I remember after that when neighbors would come for a visit or ladies aid etc. ma would put a sheet on the bed before putting coats on it. The ones she suspected might have bed bugs she was careful when putting them down. Afterwards, she would look for bed bugs & kill them.

The folks got a new bed & also 2 for upstairs. In the living room I remember we got a library table. We also moved an organ that was Esther Nylanders. Later it went back to A.P. & Charlotta. Sometime later we got a piano. Hildur still has that piano.

Ma got a pantry in the new house. It was something she had asked for when the house was being built. Now her good dishes came out, they had been stored upstairs for many years. I know it made her feel good.

We had a bath room in the new house, but no water.

Later on we had a pressure pump put in and all the works. At first, we had to pump pressure into the big tank for water. The night we finally got water to the bathroom, pa was to have the first bath. Could hear him splashing up there. First, we had to pump pressure into the tank. The pump was in the basement, it had a long handle that was pulled back & forth. The more water you pumped into the tank, the harder it was to pump. We usually did about 50 strokes. We learned how to save water, most of the time us kids took turns in the tub. No fresh water for each bath. We only had soft water in the house. As best as I remember, we carried all our drinking water & cooking water from the little well.

After we moved we used the old house for a "theater". We had a wire across the dining room & used probably sheets for curtains for our stage. I don't remember what we "performed", but one would perform & the rest were the audience.

Oh yes, on moving day even our dolls got baths & their clothes washed.

# SOME MEMORIES OF MY MOTHER'S SEWING ABILITIES

My mother was a tailor, tailoring suit jackets for people. Before she married, she worked in a dress shop in Aberdeen, S.D. or in Sioux Falls, (can't remember which) She had one jacket that us 4 girls wore when we were the right size for it. I still have that jacket, looks pretty good yet.



She had a basic pattern for different sizes. She had small size for when we were smaller. Then largeer. I think she had 3 sizes. She would look at a catalog for the kind of dress we liked. She would then make the dress from just looking at it, using her basic pattern. We were always so proud of our dresses, especially Christmas & midsummer picnic dresses.

People would ask "did your mother make your dress?" People couldn't hardly believe it, especially when we'd go to town. Of course, the relatives all knew ma had made our dresses. As far as we knew, no one could sew like she could.

Our first boughten dresses, were our confirmation dresses. Oh, that cost so much money, I'm sure she could have made them cheaper.

There was thing my mother couldn't sew, a fly in pants. So she never could make Eldor's pants. He got boughten ones. She tried so many times & never could. I even tried it & couldn't either.



Mother made a cape for me, a jacket for Edith & a coat for Mildred. We also had new hats & new shoes (worn only on Sundays)



Vivian, Mildred & Charlotte holding Hildur. Taken on a day when Vivian visited. Vivian always had shoes & stockings on. Note the rest of us were barefooted.



Edith, Charlotte
Eldor, Millie, & Hildur

I don't remember anything special about this picture. Hildur remembers that Eldor didn't want his picture taken and ran out into the trees & someone had to go & find him. She also said that grandma had made their dresses, that her's & Millie's were,one had a blue with white polka-dot jumper & red polka-dot blouse, the other one being the opposite. Notice the cotton stockings.



Edith, Millie & Charlotte PLAYING HOUSE
One day we took our table, chairs, dolls etc. out into the yard to play. It got too hot. Notice we are all barefooted. We always wore dresses, no shorts in those days.

# CHRISTMAS TIME

I remember Ma making a doll for each of us girls. She made a cloth body, bought a head & put into the body. She also made doll clothes, which we never saw till Christmas. I suppose she made them while we were in school and after we went to bed. The clothes were so pretty. When Ma bought material to make a dress, she always got 1/2 to 3/4 yard extra to use in making quilts and doll clothes.

The stores didn't put out Christmas shopping gifts till 2 or 3 weeks before Christmas. What fun we had going shopping. Even Pa enjoyed it! After supper Ma would bring out gifts to wrap. I remember some of the boys got wind-up toys, games itc. Pa would play with them. When we were younger, we exchanged gifts with grandpa & grandma, Pa's parents, A.P. & Charlotta Stomberg and with Pa's brothers & sisters & families. George & Esther & their children, Viola, Vivian & Lealan, Ellie & Victor Lundquist & their children Evelyn, Lawrence, Amy, Edna, Florence, Wilton, Leonard, Inez, Doris & Alice, Esther & Herman Nylander & their children Merian, Vinard, Emma, Freddy, Lemoyne, & Genévieve (Gensy). After Victor Lundquist died, we didn't exchange with them. We exchanged with the rest until the depression.

Christmas eve we usually went to grandpa & grandma's place (where Orin & Millie lived later) We always had a big supper & then gifts. All of us couldn't eat at one time, so the grown-ups ate first. Then we'd wash the dishes & then the kids could eat (we were so hungary by that time.) One time I can remember everyone coming to our place, when we lived in the old house. I sure don't remember where everyone sat, as we only had one big room to cook, eat etc. in. That room was the lenght of the east side of the house.

We had our family gift exchange on Christmas morning.

We kept our Christmas tree on the porch. At night we would take it in for about ½ hour, long enough for the candles to burn out.

We practiced for the church program on Sat afternoons. What a job! We would all stand in front of the church & sing. Then we had our own pieces to say. The program was not held on Christmas eve. Christmas eve was for families to be together.

At church we had a big tree, that was decorated real nice with real candles on it. After our program, uncle George would light the candles. He used a stick with a candle on it to light high candles. Never had an accident. The tree was so pretty. In each window was a candle that was lite for Sunday Services.

From Sunday School we always got a book. After the program we also got a sack with fruit, candy and nuts.

On Christmas eve, at our grandparents, after we had eaten and before opening the gifts, we each said our "pieces" & sang our songs.

My mother could really bake bread. She had a pan that held 4 or 6 loaves. She baked bread every other day. She used a "starter" to get the bread to rise. The starter was kept in a jar. In the evening she would take about 1 cup of starter, put it into a jar and add potato water, that she had saved. It would"work" overnight, and she used the next morning to make bread. She made really good bread, rarely did she make rolls.

Ma was also a good cook. She never used a recipe to make cakes, pies etc. So when us girls started to learn, we had to have a recipe. She had a time teaching us how to cook. She could take a pinch of this, hand-full of that and could make a cake. We finally got a cook book. I learned how to make pie crusts. So I made pies for Sat & Sun. I learned at that time to make good pie crust. Now I can't make pie crust.

Another memory I have of my mother was she never had dirty dishes sitting around. As soon as we were finished eating she would do the dishes. When we got older, I remember, especially after supper, we could do dishes in 10 min. Ma would put water in the dish pan and start washing the dishes. Someone would clear the table, first bringing in the dishes to be washed. Another would wipe the dishes & another put away the dried dishes. Yes, we would time ourselves. In no time, we were all done!

When the new house was being built, she wanted a pantry, so she could do all her mixing etc. out of the kitchen. Her pantry was her pride and joy!

Note from Alice-I always thought that pantry was so special, I've never seen one in another house like that one. The"counter" for mixing was built lower (because grandma was shorter, I suppose) so I could use it sooner. Being able to look out the window was also special. The upper cupboards had glass doors, so I could see the dishes. I remember there were two enamal bowls(rather flat bowls) maybe 6 inches across that had been Hildur & Eldor's. One was yellow & the other blue (on the outside). It was special to be able to eat from one of them.

Oh yes, in the old house, when she would mix up a cake etc. she always would leave a little batter for us kids to lick. I don't remember if she did that in the new house.

One time, when we had a lady helping us, she didn't leave us any batter to lick, Yes, we told ma.!

Ma also wanted a flower table. It was in dining room by the two windows. She always had it full of flowers. In the winter time, people would come in & say "so nice to see flowers in the winter time. She grew mostly geraniums. She had a "green thumb" & used tin cans to grow her flowers. One time I brought her some clay pots to use, plants died, so she went back to the tin cans!

Ma's hair was straight, she didn't have a permanant. Sometimes, she would put curlers in to get some curl. Later her hair turned white, like mine has.

OUR BIG RED BARN



Roger. Doug. Elaine. Karol & Sherald

Our barn was a landmark.
It was 10 miles west of Collis
It was 3½ miles to church.
It also was the only barn
with a silo built in the barn.

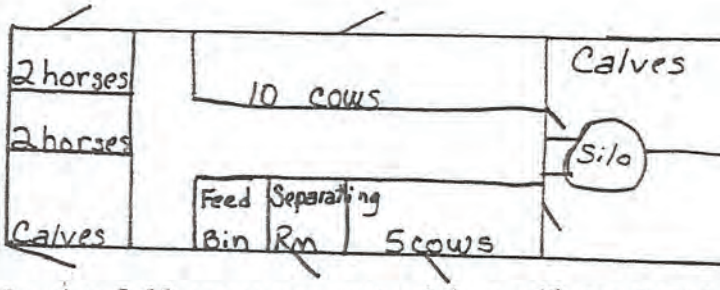
The barn was meant to be
temporary. It was there
when I was born.

The east end of the barn had
stalls for 4 horses & a pen
for calves
Next was the milk barn.
There was also a feed bin
& the milk room with the
cream separator & where the
milk cans were kept.
The west end had 2 sheds
built on the N & S sides of
the silo. Calves were kept
in this area.

There was a hay loft on the
2nd floor. On the east end
there was hay for the horses.
There was alfalfa on west
end for cows.



Charlotte taking a picture
Barn in background.




In the fall, corn was cut with a silage cutte
& put into the silo. I helped uncle Herman
stomp the silage down. It would spoil if it
wasn't packed down. Involved lots of walkin
Overnight the silage would settle some more.
We climbed up a ladder made by doors. As
silage was filled, we shut a door. At the
end, we had to go down a ladder on the outsid
A rope was put around us while going down.
Herman held it from above. Really scarey.
I have wondered who held the rope for Herman

By the time we started to feed silage, it ha
settled down, so could open the top door.
In the fall, Edith & I went up & put the
silage down to feed the cattle. Sometimes i
was frozen on the edge, so we used a pick.
As we got down further & next to the 2 side
bldgs. it was warmer & easier to to throw
down. Then carried the silage to each cow
in the stanchion. About ½ bu. per cow.

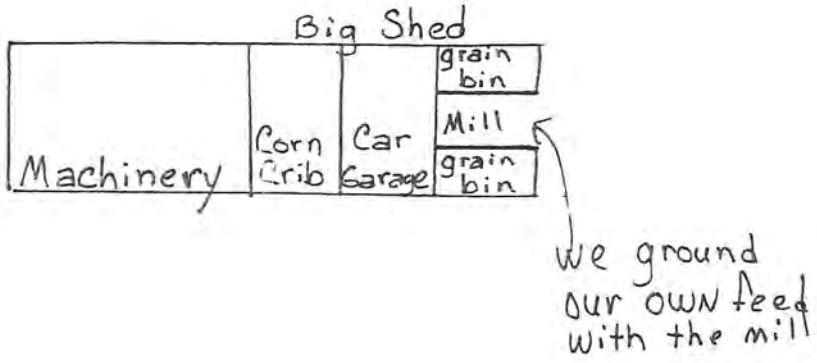
FARM PICTURE (the Home Place)



We didn't have a camera, so one time we borrowed a camera from a store in town to take some pictures at home. I went into the neighbor's field to the east & took this picture.

This picture shows the new house & the old house west of it. The old house was sold to someone in Beardsley. It was painted yellow, the new house was white. In 1997, Cleo Dyer said the old house is still occupied.
We had a big windmill. Water was pumped into the barn and into a cistern in the hog house. The water didn't taste good, so it was not used in the house. There was a tool shed by the well. Pa kept everything in order in there, he hated it when things were not in place. When I helped him outside and he needed a tool, he could tell me where it was. That is how I learned tools. Just south of the windmill there was a straw & hay shed. We fed cattle & kept extras in there. West of the windmill was the hog house. We used the water in the cistern to water the hogs & also to make "slop" - shorts or ground feed mixed with water, allowed to sit all day and then fed to the hogs. The sows were put in separate pens when it was time for spring pigs. Pa was so proud of his pigs and I remember him always bringing the first pig born, up to the house to show us. I remember that tiny, squealing pig.

North of the old house was the out house. We always called it our "private." West of there we had a corn shed and a chicken coop and the "big" shed.





FAMILY PICTURE _ THE STOMBERG'S

Front row: Ada (mom), (51 yr.) Eldor (10 yr.), Alvin (pa) (58 yr.)
Back row: Hildur (13 yr.), Charlotte (22 yr.), Mildred (16 yr.), Edith (20yr.)

In June of 1938, while I was on vacation, we had this family picture taken at Nelson Studio in Wheaton. Us girls had all washed our hair and pinned it up. So, at noon my dad announced we could go and have our family picture taken. We each had one "good" dress, so changed and about 1p.m. we went to have our picture taken. Boy, were we dressed up! Millie said she was confirmed 7/17/37 & mom had made her dress. This year she had made a bolero to wear with it.

Afterwards, we went for an ice cream cone. Sent Eldor to different places to check out where we could get a 3 dip cone.



a 3-dip cone was made for 2 dips side by side placed at the 3rd on top.

Pa would always treat us to an ice cream cone if we went to town with him. When Pa was going to town, he would say "any one want to ride along?" Of course someone always did, as that meant an ice cream cone.
Additional note from Millie: if we went to town, we always hoped he would stop for a cone. We would lick it real slowly to see if we could make it last till we got home.

We were very proud of our picture!



Some additional notes by Charlotte about her church home - Siloah

Mid-summer picnic was always a special time. We got new dresses and summer shoes. WE wore our dresses only on Sunday and would change as soon as we got home. Our clothes were also "handed down."

Us children had our own money to buy ice cream & candy etc. We usually bought something to take home. There were always some kids who tried to take our goodies away from us.

In the afternoon us children gave our program. After the program sometimes there were races. However, the main thing was the ballgame. Everyone enjoyed watching the married men play against the young boys. It was fun to watch, especially the men. I don't think pa or George played in the ballgame.

After the picnic we didn't have Sunday School for the rest of the summer.

We also had Ladies Aid, which met in the homes & sometimes at the church. We had them once a year at our home, in the summertime. Always served lunch. Most of the women came. Ma never went to the homes,as she didn't have a ride.

In later years the men had a pancake supper. (Alice's note-mom always says pan-a-cake, probably the way grandma said it)

At this writing, my youngest sister, Hildur, is the main organist.

I remember, when I was growing up, we had the farthest to church - $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The church was heated with a furnace with a big grill in the aisle about half-way up to the front.

# Siloah Centennial Trivia by Hildur Dyer

June 22, 1991 - Confirmation Reunion - 7:00 P.M.
188 signed the guest book
94 Confirmands answered Roll Call
Alice Lundquist Unger and Leo Holtz read the Roll Call of Confirmands.
Edna Lundquist Cole - Class of 1915 - was the oldest Confirmand attending.
Raymond Hanson and Lloyd Hanson - Class of 1929 - were the oldest male Confirmands attending.

There have been 53 confirmation classes these past 100 years - 37 classes were represented at the reunion. According to records, a total of 356 young people and 14 adults have been confirmed at Siloah.

June 23, 1991 - Sunday
10:30 A.M. Morning Communion Services
300 signed the guest book for A.M. and P.M.
268 were served at the catered dinner at noon.
2:30 P.M. Afternoon Program
Lillie Tracy, age 88, was honored as the oldest present member of Siloah.
Lawrence Lundquist, age 83, was honored as the oldest present male member of Siloah.
Taryn Ward, age 9 months, is the youngest member. Taryn is Clarice and Gerald Wards great-grand daughter.

47 direct descendants of charter members Andrew Peter (A.P.) and Charlotta Stomberg attended the celebration.

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| 17 | grandchildren |
| 16 | great grandchildren |
| 13 | great-great grandchildren |
| 1 | great-great-great grandchild |
| 19 | spouses |
| 66 | |

Number of descendants and spouses representing the four children of A.P. and Charlotta:

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| Alvin and Ada ------ | 39 |
| George and Esther -- | 4 |
| Elli and Victor ---- | 15 |
| Esther and Herman -- | 8 |

# *1910 Parnell Brass Band*



**Front row, left to right, Victor Lundquist, Martin Lundquist, Ed Hanson, Alvin Stomberg, George Stomberg, Alfred Grenwall. Back row, Russell Brown, Albert Harrison, John Halberg, Olaf Hanson, Simon Lundquist, Ansgar Lundquist.**

Mom writes here about the Midsummer picnic.

In the summer we had Bible School or Parochial School as it was called then. In the earlier years it lasted for 6 weeks, but in later years 2 weeks. At the close of Parochial School a Midsummer Picnic was held and the children would present a program of recitations and songs.

In the afternoon after the program there were sometimes races. However the main thing was the ballgame. The married men against young boys. It was fun to watch the men especially. I don't think Pa or his brother George played in the games. It was enjoyed by all.

The Luther Leaguers had a stand in which they sold candy, pop and ice cream...a treat for us kids.

Us children had our own money to buy any ice cream or candies etc. if we wanted to. We usually bought something to take home to enjoy later. There were always some kids who tried to get our goodies away from us.

After Midsummer Picnic there was no Sunday School the rest of the summer.

We also had Ladies Aid. They would meet in the homes and church. We had them to our home once a year in the summer time. Lunch was served and most of the women came. Ma never went to the homes as did not have a ride there.

In later years the men had a pancake supper at church.

## How We Earned Money at Home

We raised chickens. Each one had a different color of chickens. Mine were the gray ones and we also had red and white chickens. In the spring we would buy eggs from one of our neighbors. Which neighbor – depends upon what color you wanted. I think we would buy about a dozen eggs. Edith and I did this and I don't remember if Millie did.

One year I raised turkeys and I had quite a bunch of them. We had trouble when they got big enough to fly as they flew into the trees. We ate a lot of turkey the one year I raised them.

Another way we earned money was by helping Pa pull mustard (flowers, stem and all) out of the fields. Sometimes neighbor kids helped also. Pa was along when we pulled the mustard and paid us for doing this.

We put our money into the Beardsley Bank and one year the bank went broke and we lost all the money we had in the bank. From then on we gave Pa our money and he was the banker. We received 5% interest and this worked better.

Hildur wrote in 2006

Hi Alice and Laura

Laura, Alice wrote re: the WCSA Alum News I sent to you and asked a couple questions so thought I would send you my answer also.

Charlotte and Edith went to Beardsly High School their freshman year and stayed with a family there. Most families had only one car so students did not drive back and forth every day during the week.

Vivian and Viola Stomberg had gone to WCSA in Morris --- also another family from Siloah so Charlotte and Edith finished their HS years there also. Students stayed in dormitories and had meals and all classes on campus. A faculty member was in charge of each dorm and believe me the rules were very strict. We had a 'sign out' sheet that we had to sign if we left the campus ---- even to go downtown to shop or to a movie. We signed the time we left the dorm and the time we returned.

Charlotte and Edith graduated in 1936 --- Mildred in 1940 and I in 1942. Nanna Jelstup, the teacher in charge of the Girls Dorm was more strict than most parents.

Most of the students were from farms as there were no school busses at that time and by going to the 'Ag. School' we stayed on campus and paid for our room and board. Both Millie and I 'worked' to pay the room and board ---- we never saw the money --- it was deducted from the bill.

Millie worked in the Dining Hall and I worked in the Home Ec. Bldg.

Each day, after classes, I would clean the classroom and Saturdays do a 'good job' --- mopping the floor etc. I don't know if Charlotte and Edith 'worked' but I'm sure they did.

Enough for this time ----- maybe I'll write more WCSA life this winter.

Love. Hildur

Written by Hildur

My sisters, Charlotte and Edith went to Beardsley, MN. High School for their Freshman year. They went to West Central School of Agriculture (W.C.S.A.), Morris, MN. for the remainder of their High School years--graduating in the Class of 1936.

W.C.S.A. was geared for Farm Youth who did not have an accredited High School in their district. As we lived in the country, we only had a country school with grades 1 thru 8. Most farm families had only one car so anyone who went on to High School, in one of the neighboring towns, had to stay in town Monday - Friday. They would rent a room with friends or relatives. We did not have rural school bus service at that time.

Students who went to W.C.S.A. lived 'on campus' in one of the dormitories. They ate their meals in the Dining Hall in another building. Classes were in other buildings on the campus.

The school year began the first week of October and ended the last of March the following year -- a six month course. This was planned so farm children could be home to help with the fall and spring work on the farm.

Students could complete the required credit/ subjects in three years, Freshman, Junior and Senior but if they wanted to go to college they went another 'Advanced' year. They had the required subjects of English, Math, History and Science as in other High Schools.
In addition, the girls had classes in Home Economics, cooking, sewing and other home related subjects. The boys had farm related subjects.
Since it was a six month school year they had Home Projects in the summer to receive extra credits and were also graded on these projects.
Home Projects for the girls were meal preparation, sewing, gardening, laundry and other subjects helpful in the home and the farm.
The boys had farm related projects similar to 4-H projects.

One of Charlottes Home Projects between her Junior/ Senior years was sewing. She made a dress for her younger sister Hildur. Charlotte had to show the cost of the dress -- cost of material, thread, buttons and anything extra. This dress was a yellow cotton print material trimmed in organdy. Miss Zellers, the Home Ec. teacher and Miss Jelstrup, another teacher, came one day to check on the projects Charlotte and Edith had taken.

Hildur had to 'model' her new dress for the teachers. This was her 'good dress' for the summer to wear to church and special occasions.

Hildur gave Alice (Weise) Allen the dress in August of 2008.

W.C.S.A. was phased out and the last graduating class was in 1963.
The University of Minnesota, Morris Campus began classes, on the same campus, in the fall of 1960.

P.S. Mildred Stomberg graduated from W.C.S.A. in 1940.
Hildur Stomberg graduated from W.C.S.A. in 1942.

Douglas Dyer graduated from the University of MN., Morris in 1970.

# My 80th Birthday

My family wanted to know how I wanted to celebrate my 80th birthday. I finally said "let's go to the zoo in K.C. Paul didn't go. Alice, Forest, Deanna, Mark, Brenda, Mike, Arlys, Ron, Alysa, Laura, DeWain and myself went. Nolan & Sharon joined us later.

We went on a tram to Africa. Took us up to top of the park. We saw so many different animals. Most were not in "pens" but rather in the open with a high fence. There were lakes and ponds also. Some of the animals we saw were zebra, elephants, lion, tiger, & an animal with tall horns. I never did see a monkey.

After walking from the top of the hill in Africa, we came down to a restaurant and had some lunch. Forest & I stayed there while some continued on to see more animals.

We saw an excellent film at the IMAX "Survival Island" It was a really cold day, needed our jackets. About 4pm we left for a shelter house to eat our lunch & have birthday cake. Everyone enjoyed the trip. "Some way to celebrate 80 years!"

Paul raised goats when we lived near Smithton,. One day a photographer from the Sedalia Democrat stopped and took some pictures. He made the front page! Alice was able to get the negatives and we had some prints made. He was tying them by the north fence. He used the goats to trim around fences & trees. At one time we had 3 nannies with young ones. They were gentle goats. Our place was known as the "goat farm."