

say and a butcher shop and 2 churches.

Q: I guess some of them are come and gone, but are you happy with the progress of Cyrus in the last few years?

Yes, I sure am. I'm <sup>so</sup>glad ~~to~~ to see them building up over there.

Q: Well, Mary, there's one thing I always one thing I always ask the people and that's their age and I've said before nobody's ~~refused~~ refused me yet. How old are you?

I <sup>be</sup>will 90 now, the 2nd of March.

Q: Thank you very much. We've been talking with Mrs. Mary Ronnie of Morris.

Mrs. George Jergenson

This is Reminiscing in WC MN a <sup>a</sup>St. KMRS news Feature. We're talking now with Mrs. George J~~e~~ergenson of Donnelly and Mrs. Jergenson, were you born around the Donnelly area?

I was born right in Stevens County near Cottonwood Lake.

Q: Where did you go to school? What was the first school you went to?

Oh, the first school I went to was in Grant Co. I was already 10 years old and there was no school close by at home so I stayed with some friends up there and went to school there about 2 years.

Q: And wehre did you go to high~~t~~ school?

I went to high school in Herman<sup>a</sup>.

Q: ~~After~~ After that you decided you<sup>f</sup>wanted to try teaching school. Where was that?

Well, it was in the rural schools around here. District 56 was one and one was west of Donnelly for 5 years I ~~t~~taught.

Q: How big a school?

Well, it wasn't too big but there were plenty children<sup>a</sup> to keep me busy.

Q: Well, back then the teachers<sup>e</sup> had to do a little bit more than teaching. What~~were~~ are some of the other jobs you had to do?

Oh, we had to be janitor, had to build our own fires in the morning, get it nice and warm

before the children came to school. We had to do the sweeping and dusting and all those things.

Q: I imagine you were the school nurse and the school counselor too?

*Q nurse*

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That's right.

Q: After you taught school, you got married. Do you remember when that was?

We were ~~married~~ married that <sup>17</sup> 17th of July in 1907. at Consiger Church.

~~Q: That's~~ Q: That's the church you still belong to?

Yes, we still belong to that.

q: How did the Consignor Church get that name?

Well, the first settlers that were or quite a few any way, came from Consignor, Norway and they took that same name and put it on their church.

Q: Your parents were one of the first members of that church?

Yes, they were charter members.

y: Tell us a little bit of how it was to be a farm wife in the early years. Raising 11 kids, you must have had your hands full.

Well, I didn't raise all of the 11. One little child died when he was just a few weeks old and a little girl died when she was just about 7½. Our oldest son died when he was around 40.

Q: To take care of all those different things that perhaps people just take for granted, like washing clothes<sup>s</sup>. What did that involved?

It's different from now a days. At first we just rub on the board you know, if you were washing that way but now in these later years when we had electricity, we had electric machine and the first machine I had, I just worked it by hand.

Q: What about your food now? Did ~~a~~ a lot of that come from the farm?

Yes. OUR first years that we farmed we had our own beef and pork, eggs and whatever we didn't use ourselve of course, we brought to town and sold it. We did canning. We canned meat and fruit also, ~~xxxxxxx~~ that we could get.

Q: I imagine as a Norwegian cook you fixed some of the Norwegian delacacies too. Like Lutefish.

I cooked Lutefish many times.

Q: Are you a pretty good lefse maker?

Oh, I've made a lot of lefse' in my life too. These last few years we <sup>have</sup> ~~had~~ an electric lefse \_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes I made it right on the stove and that works ~~is~~ pretty good too.

Q: Well 1976 is a presidential years and you've seen lots of presidents in your lifetime. Any favorite ~~one~~ president, or anyone that you thought did a ~~good~~ good job? Well, I thought, we thought Eisenhower was a good president and I think Wilson was a good president. We thought a lot of Nixon also, too bad that things should turn out like that for him.

Q: Well, do have any secretas on living to be an older age, any secrete in living a long life?

I thank God for a long life. He's given me the strength, the guideness, and the wisdom, that <sup>I've</sup> ~~I~~ needed. I always been carful about my eatings and other things of life.

Q: You're still pretty active in keeping house. Anything that you don't do any more?

Well, I do most of my house work. When house cleaning time comes, our daughters come and help.

Q: It's nice to have them living close by?

Yes, it surely <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~. Rueben helps me now with the washing.

Q: And there's one more question that I would like to ~~ask~~ ask and that's your age Mrs. Jergenson.

I was 93 last Novem~~ber~~ber, yes.

Q: Thank you very much. We've been talking with Mrs. Jergenson on Reminiscing in WC MN a KMRS New Feature

Elsie Mohr

We're talk<sup>k</sup>ing now with Mrs. Elsie Mohr of Morris and Elsie maybe you could stary out and tell us where you were born and something about what you remember.

I was born in Cherry County Nebraska. We lived in a sod house to begin with and a