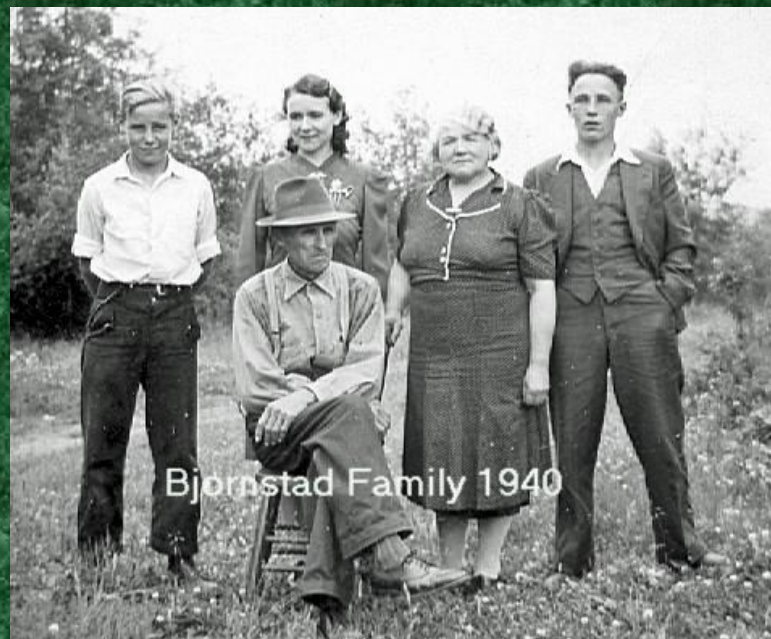
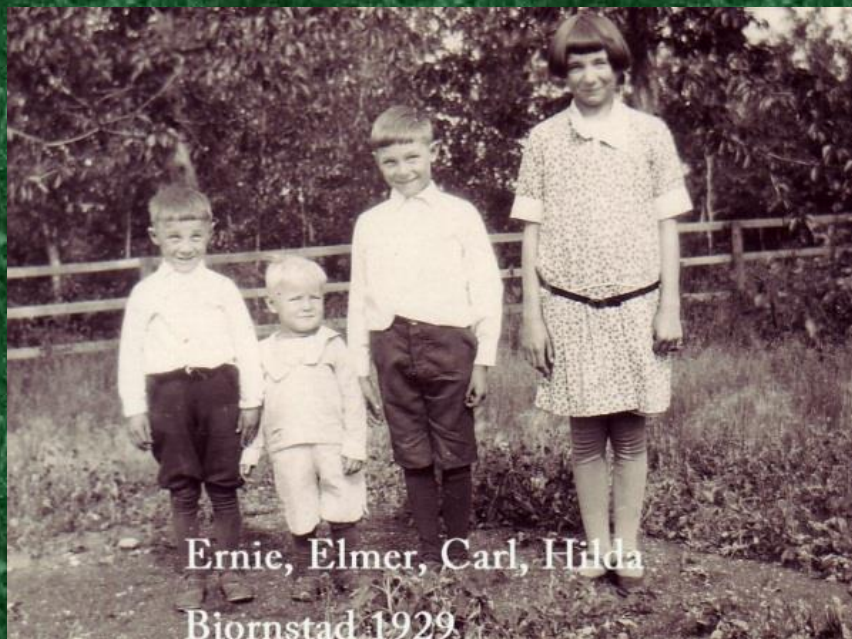


Life and Times of Elmer Bjornstad

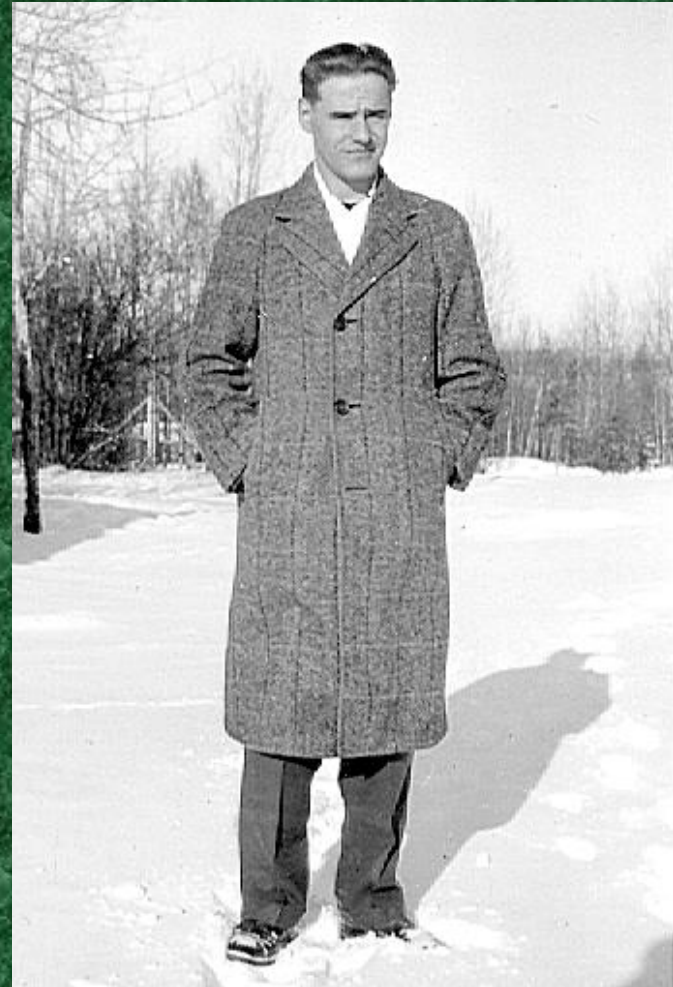
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Growing up in Evansburg



Youthful Elmer



Evansburg – 1927 - 1948



Bjornstad Gas Station

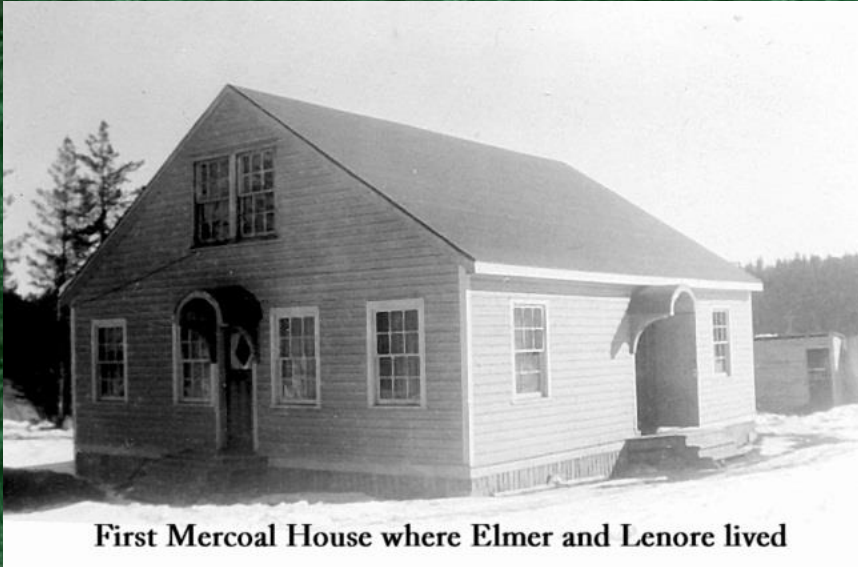


Low hotel building with glorious Evansburg road about 1960

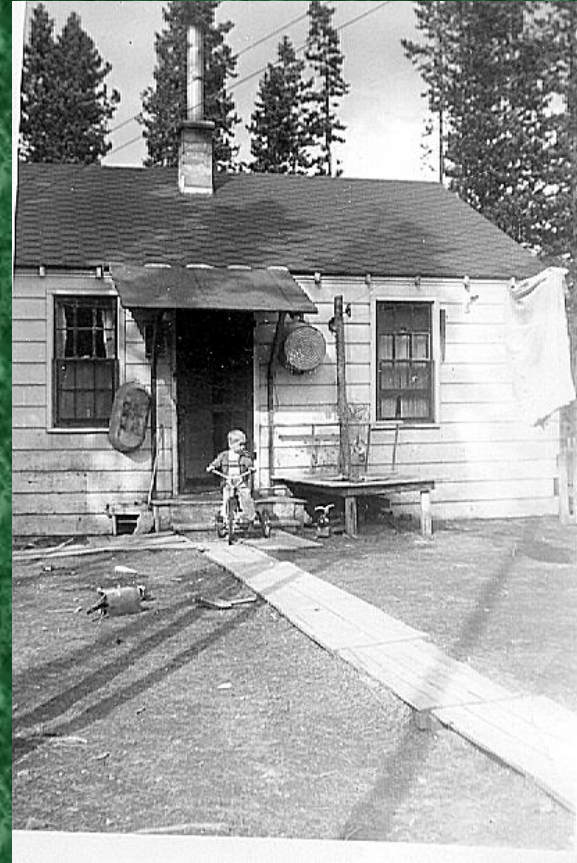
Courtship leads to Marriage



Life in Mercoal 1949 - 1955



First Mercoal House where Elmer and Lenore lived



Last Mercoal house



Move to Lindbergh, 1955

Elmer was sick with rheumatic fever when he move happened in 1955.
He had just completed his second class steam ticket.

Family Grows In Linbergh

1950s



1960s



Always had time for fun



Party at Winsor Club
Lindbergh

Surrounded by relatives



John and Clara Bjornstad
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Caring for others

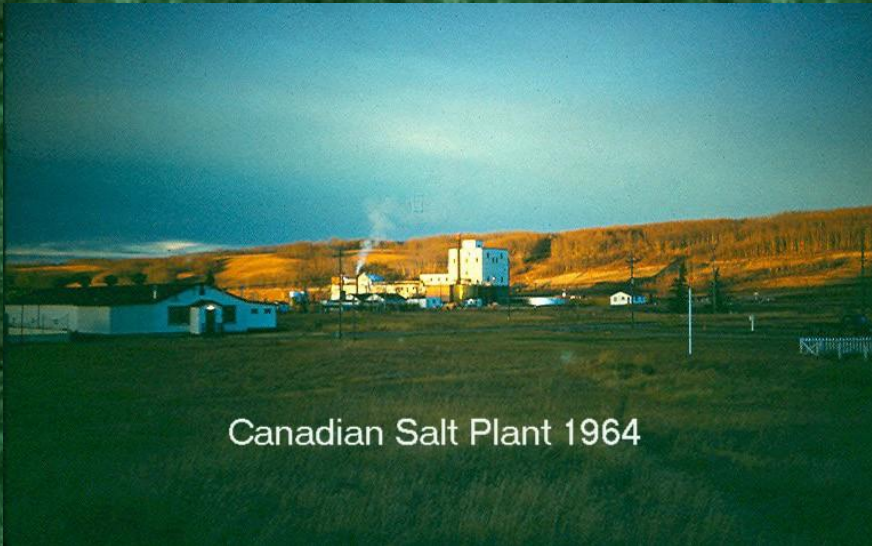


Francis Ford
1980s



Farquahar Macleod
Mac
1982

Working Life



Maintaining his basic strong character
in spite of changing responsibilities

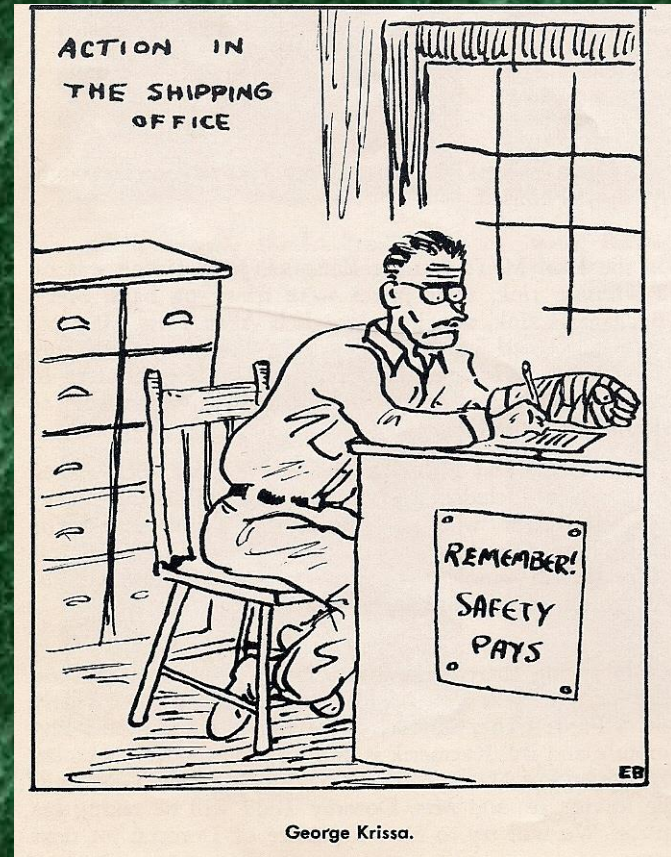


Work Life

- Using humor to ease the work life of all
- Developing his own style of management



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George Krissa.

Lifelong Learning

- Did most of his professional training by correspondence courses.
- Finished First Class Steam ticket in 1959
- Always read and studied late at night



Growth through life interests

- Photography
- TV and movies
- Newest gadgets
- Computers
- Carpentry
- Reading



A well organized home office

Family Expands



Elmer Bjornstad
Family
1995

Fixing a better space for family



Fixing Basement in Lindbergh



Moving to House in Elk Point

Fixing a better space for growing family – Lake Cabins

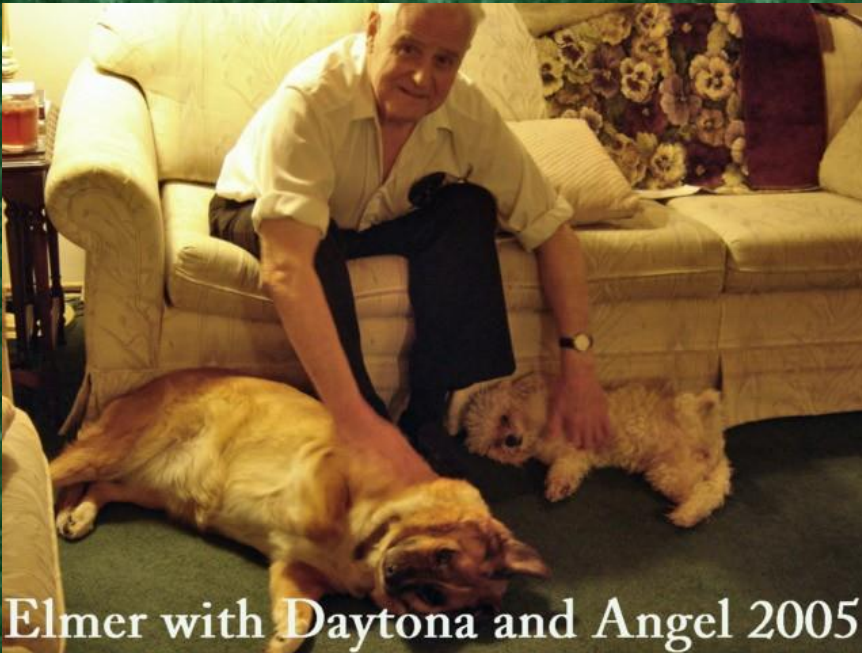


Whitney Lake

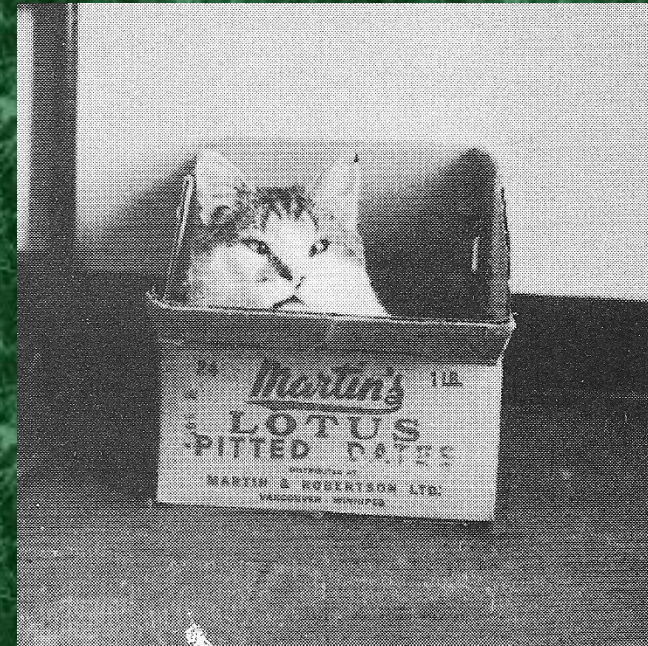


Muriel Lake

Always caring for animals



Elmer with Daytona and Angel 2005



Herman - the cross eyed cat

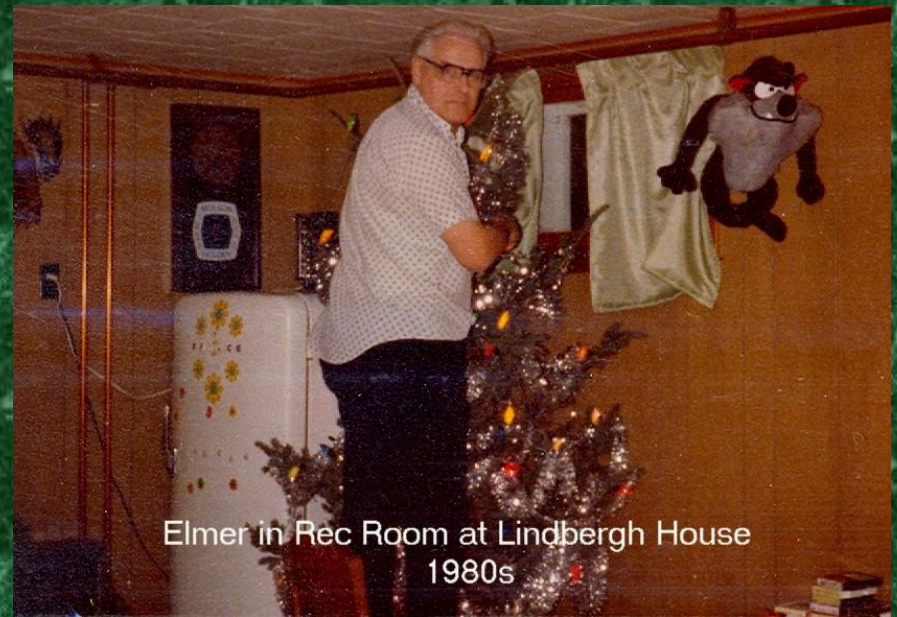
Active Community Interests

- Windsor Club
- Lions
- BPOE Elks
- Cribbage
- Curling

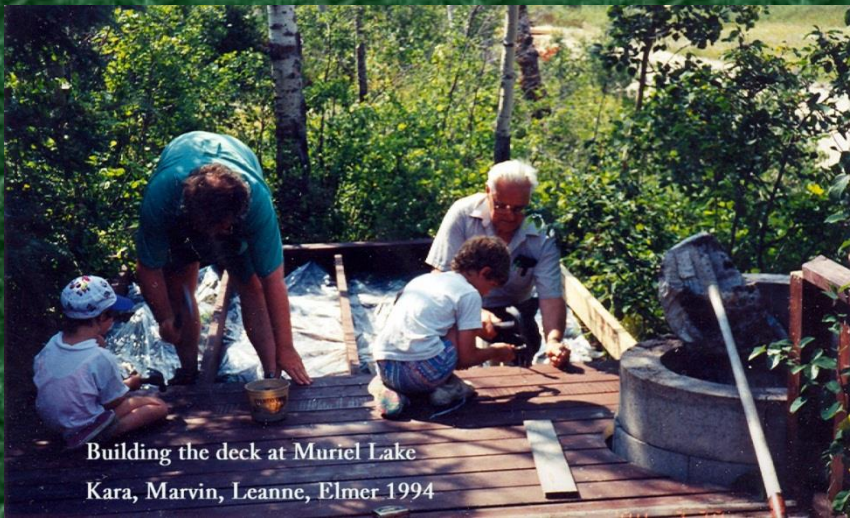


Active in Family Activities

- Many Family Reunions
- Hosted many yearly events
- Visiting his children's families
- Family work bees



Elmer in Rec Room at Lindbergh House
1980s



Building the deck at Muriel Lake
Kara, Marvin, Leanne, Elmer 1994



Four Generations

Retirement 1992



Being welcoming of others

- Accepting of whoever he met
- Accepting friends of his children as they passed through our lives
- Accepting our spouses with only a little teasing



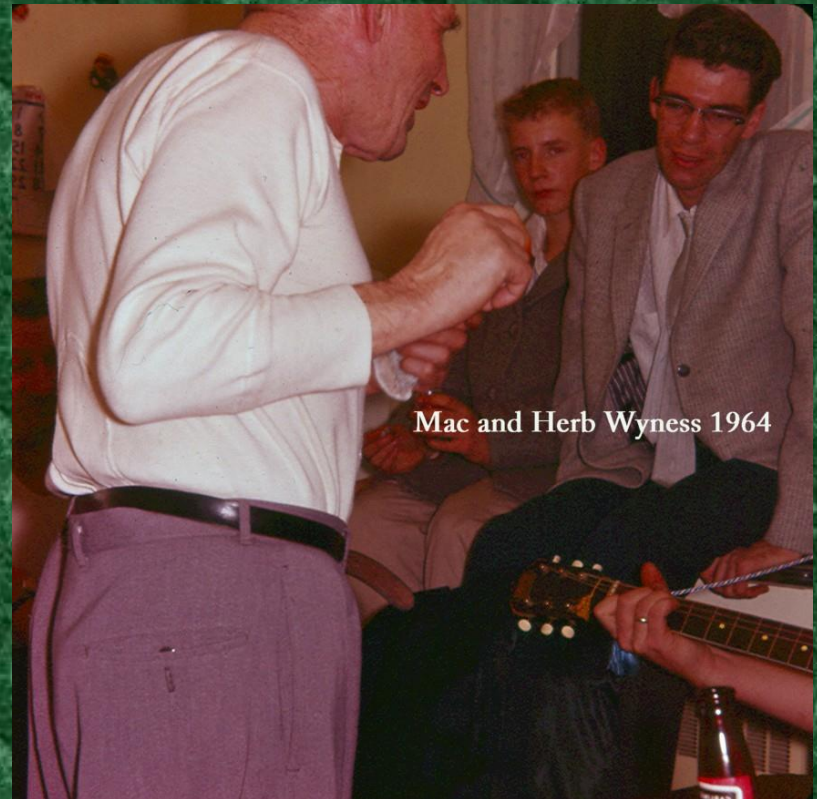
Generosity of time, money and spirit

- Giving freely of time to family, friends and organizations.
- Wining and dining the many strangers who arrived at our house or cabin
- Always ready to visit whoever dropped by



Inclusiveness

- Always welcoming strangers to his world
- Gently teasing to make new friends feel more welcome
- Welcoming friends ...and their friends



Health Declines 2001 - 2011



- Slow decline of memory and skills
- Knowledge of what is happening but still challenged to be himself
- Almost a 15 year process

Struggle with Alzheimers



Leaving us all with a life to admire



Gone but not forgotten

