

On the first night the Louis Hermanson’s moved in, Grace heard what she thought were the bones of Mr. Grave rattling around the floor. Terrified, she awakened her husband, only to find the family cat rolling a bottle under the bed.

On the 40 acres they raised seven to eight acres of tobacco and also some milk cows and brood sows. The cattle were important because of the manure used on the tobacco field. They separated the cream and sent it to the creamery for which they were paid sometimes only enough to pay for the butter they received in return. Tobacco sold for two to three cents a pound some years.

Lester married Pernette Jacobson in 1939 and moved to the farm in 1942, as his mother was dying of cancer. In 1946 he purchased the farm from his father. Twenty additional acres had been bought from Charlie Hartzell in the early thirties. With Ralph Bradley he purchased the Maloney farm across the tracks from his farm. Later he sold his interest in the Maloney farm and bought 40 acres on the corner of what was the “old

Stoughton road” and County Trunk N. Adding to this later, he got 18 acres from the Willard Stebbins farm.

When grandfather Elling Hermanson came from Norway he purchased the land and built the home on what I know as the Charles Bowen farm (just “down the road apiece” from where Lester and Pernette live).

There’s an old saying about taking the boy out of the country but not being able to take the country out of the boy. How true!

Roger, Lester’s son and his wife and three children will be moving on the home farm soon. Roger has a son, Todd, so the fourth generation of Hermansons plus two daughters will be living there. Lester and Pernette’s daughter, Donna, with husband Donald Nelson and three children have bought the adjoining farm (Kersten) across the tracks, plus the Lee Van Valen farm next to them.

This fall Lester will undergo a hip socket replacement and he and Pernette will exchange homes (they’ve purchased on Blaine Street) but you can bet that the lure of the farm will bring them back often

Laugh from the past reprinted from The Edgerton Reporter 1973

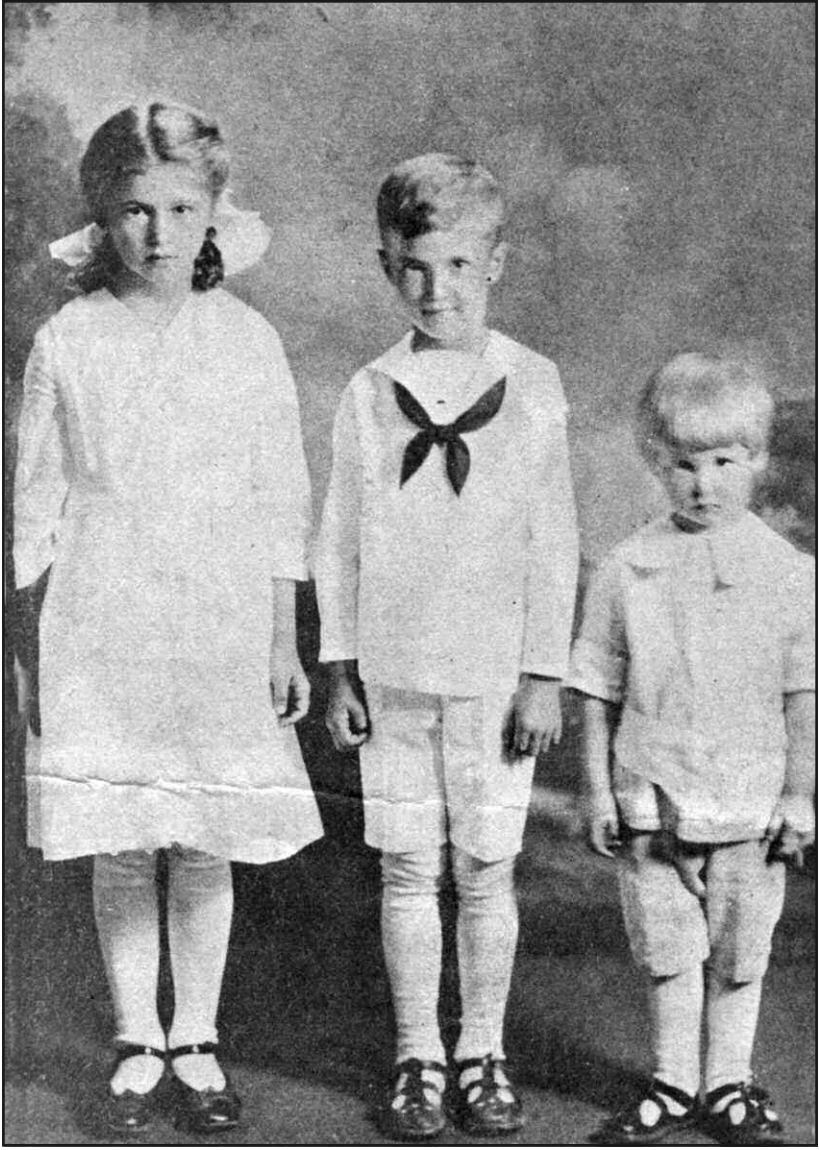
“Did you ever meet with an accident?” inquired the farmer’s insurance agent.

“No,” said the farmer, then added as an after thought, “a mule kicked in two of my ribs once and a year ago a rattlesnack bit me on the leg.”

“Great Scott,” gasped the agent, “don’t you consider those accidents?”

“Naw,” said the farmer. “They done it on purpose.”

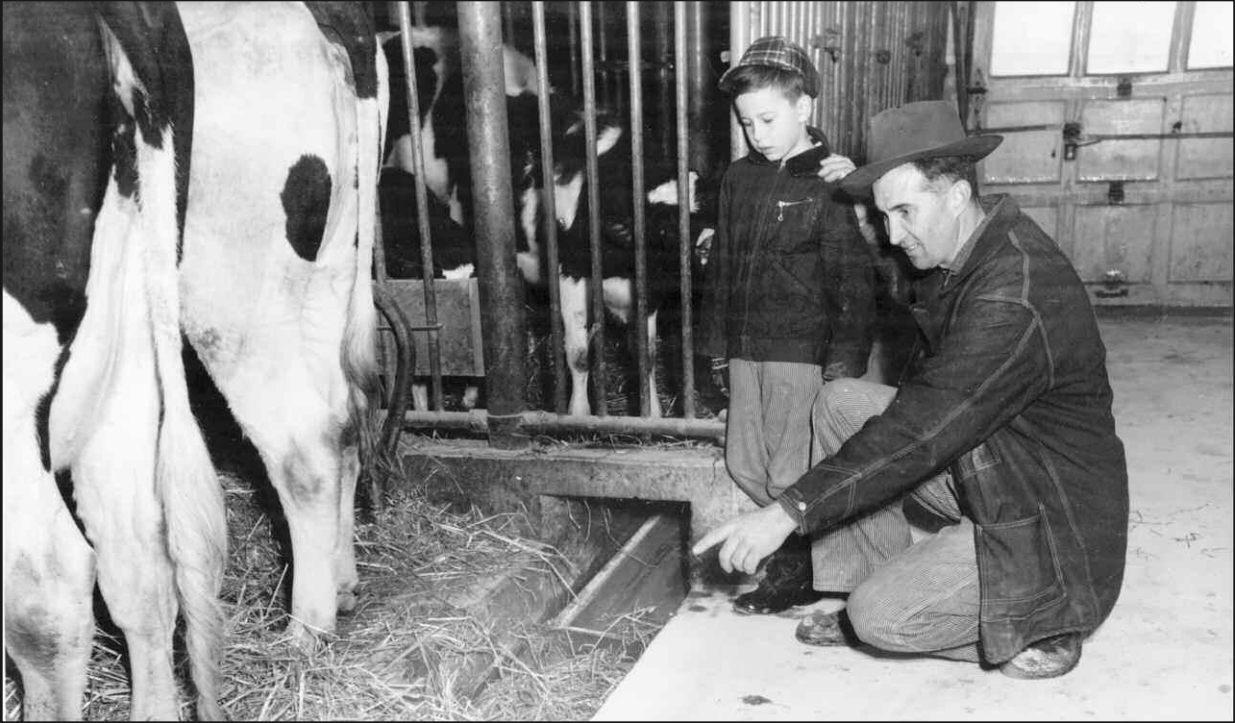
A man told his psychiatrist, “I can’t get rid of the feeling that I’m a horse, can you cure me?” “Yes,” said the doctor, “but it will take a long time, and my fee will be very high.” “Oh, that’s no problem,” he said; “I can afford it - I just won the Kentucky Derby.”



Mary Louise, Lester and Elver Hermanson all dressed up in their “Sunday Best.”



Grace and Louise Hermanson



Lester (41 years old) is showing Roger (8 years old) how the new Jamesway barn cleaner operates. “Saves my back and cuts chore time in half,” is what Lester Hermanson siad of his Jamesway cleaner. The year was 1953. Photos indicate how the cleaner works inside the barn and conveys outside to the manure spreader. (Submitted by Roger Hermanson)



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Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm: Mad Tadders
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Souvenir Buttons available at Grams Insurance Agency and Piggly Wiggly.
2014 T-Shirts available at Edgerton Pharmacy \$10.00
Enjoy traditional favorites throughout town:
Art fair, big wheels race, book sale, Friday fish fry, ice cream & pie social, fun run/walk, classic car show, truck & tractor pulls and the Sunday parade.

Edgerton Heritage Days 2014 donations & proceeds benefit:

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		City of Edgerton for park improvements

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