

TABLE WAS PARCHEZIA AND A GAME WHERE WE SPUN A PUT AND TAKE THING. MOM ALWAYS HAD A BIG JAR OF BUTTONS. WE USED THEM FOR MONEY. WE ALSO HAD A SO CALLED RADIO. BEFORE EARL LEFT HOME HE MADE A CRYSTAL SET. YOU HAD TO HAVE EARPHONES TO HEAR. THE ONLY STATION YOU COULD GET WAS KDKA. LATER WE HAD A BIG SET. IT WAS RUN WITH A CAR BATTERY. DID NOT NEED EARPHONES. WE ALSO HAD A WIND UP PHONOGRAPH. KEPT PLAYING THE SAME FEW RECORDS. AFTER WE GOT ELECTRIC, WE GOT A LITTLE ELECTRIC RADIO. EARL CAME HOME FROM NEW YORK ONE TIME. HE IS THE ONE WHO HAD THE ELECTRIC PUT IN THE HOUSE. MOM USE TO HAVE A HAND CRANK WASHER. AFTER WE GOT THE ELECTRIC, WE GOT MOM AN ELECTRIC WASHER. TO DO THE WASH, MILTON AND I TOOK TURNS AT FILLING THREE WASH TUBS WITH WATER EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT. WE HAD A HOSE TO RUN FROM THE OUTSIDE SPIGOT. MOM WASHED EVERY MONDAY. AFTER THE ELECTRIC WAS INSTALLED, I BOUGHT A BOOK ON HOW TO DO ELECTRIC. I ADDED A COUPLE RECEPTICLES. WE EVEN HAD AN ELECTRIC TRAIN AND LIGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS. TALKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS. I NEVER KNEW OF SANTA. ALL OF THE FAMILY WOULD COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS. EACH ONE WOULD GET A BAG OF MIXED CANDY WITH A PIECE OF FRUIT. EVA WOULD GIVE US A GIFT. HER HUSBAND JOHN ALWAYS HAD A JOB. I LOVED GOING TO THEIR HOUSE DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. HE ALWAYS HAD A TRAIN SETUP.

MY YOUNG DAYS GROWING UP WERE NOT HAPPY. MOM AND PAP WERE ALMOST ALWAYS ARGUING AND COMING NEAR TO BLOWS. SOMETIMES ALL NIGHT. THIS DUE TO HIS DRINKING PROBLEM. I WAS GLAD TO GO TO THE ARMY TO GET AWAY FROM IT. I ALWAYS FELT SORRY FOR MY PAP. AS YOU WILL SEE LATER. I WAS A SKINNEY KID. IN FACT, MY SISTER EDNA BOUGHT ME COD LIVER OIL TO TAKE. SHE TOLD EVERY ONE THAT I WAS GOING TO DIE. AS YOU CAN READ, I MADE IT. DURING THE SUMMERS, I WOULD GO PICK BERRIES, HUNT APPLE, PEACH, PEAR TREES TO BRING HOME FOOD. MOM WOULD MAKE COBBLERS FOR OUR MEALS. AS I LOOK BACK, THE FOOD WE ATE AND WAS VERY INEXPENSIVE. BEANS, PASTA, GROUND MEAT, SALMON, FISH ROE, EGGS, CHICKEN, AND ALL KIND OF FRESH VEGETABLES THAT PAP GREW IN A GARDEN. SOMEONE ALSO BROUGHT SUGAR, FLOUR AND OTHER ITEMS THAT WERE HANDED OUT TO THE NEEDY. THERE WAS A KEYSTONE STORE IN TOWN RUN BY MACE DETWILER. WHEN BREAD OR OTHER ITEMS GOT STALE OR TO OLD TO SELL, HE WOULD GIVE THE STUFF TO US. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH. I ATTENDED THE SAME CHURCH WITH MOM. WE HAD A LOT OF ACTIVITIES CHURCH, SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE SCHOOL, TEMPERANCE MEETINGS. MRS. THOMAS SMITH WAS A BIG HELP TO ME. SHE ALLOWED ME TO WALK INTO HER HOUSE TURN ON THE RADIO AND LISTEN TO ALL THE KIDS PROGRAMS. LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE, DICK TRACY, JACK ARMSTRONG, BUCK ROGERS ETC. HER ADOPTED SON HOWARD WAS A COUPLE YEARS OLDER THAN ME. I THINK THAT SHE BOUGHT HIM NEW CLOTHES SO SHE COULD GIVE ME HIS OLD ONES, WHICH WERE PRETTY GOOD. WHEN I WAS LEAVING FOR THE ARMY SHE SAID TO ME THAT WHEN I CAME HOME I WOULD BE SMOKING DRINKING AND DOING EVERY THING ELSE BAD. THIS WAS MY CHALLENGE. IS AID THAT I WOULD SHOW HER. I DID MY BEST TO SHOW HER WRONG. ANOTHER WAY THAT I MADE MONEY WAS THAT I HUNTED AND SAVED SCRAP IRON, COPPER, RAGS, ETC. AND SOLD THE STUFF TO A MAN WHO CAME AROUND WITH A TRUCK. HE BOUGHT ALL KIND OF