

SUMMARY OF TAPE E102 INTERVIEW WITH HILDA ELMGREEN

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Interviewer: Minnie Schneider

Mrs. Elmgreen was born in Idaho Springs and attended school there until her parents, Belle and Peter Hopper, moved to the Evergreen area in 1906. Hilda was the only girl out of seven children. She was 16 and had completed eighth grade. Socializing for young people involved going to the Grange Hall every two weeks for card parties and dancing. Local musicians supplied music on violins and auto harps.

She married Arthur Elmgreen in 1917. Mr. Elmgreen was the only boy in his family. He ranched for a while, but then became the post master and worked in that post for 21 years. Mrs. Elmgreen worked at Camp Neosho as well as for Mrs. Bancroft, and at a restaurant.

Eva Bradford was a good friend and worked with her at Camp Neosho and at the restaurant. Mr. Elmgreen reminisces about some of the other old time families in Evergreen, and the businesses of the time. At one time she was awarded the honor of "Mother of the Year."

At the time of the interview, Mrs. Elmgreen still owned the family ranch and some land around it. Her memories of the chores on the ranch are pleasant ones, and she muses over the violence and crime shown on TV and reported in the newspapers.