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Bitter Creek 1936 to 1955

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Ed Varley

Mr. Ed Varley was born in Ogden Utah in 1936. He was ~~in~~ Utah for three weeks and came to Wyoming where his folks have lived for a year previous to that. He's a native, he has been here all his life. His dad had got a job in Wyoming. His dad came to Wyoming to work like most people do. His dad had a job in a warehouse and they lived and work in Rock Spring for about a year. His mom and dad moved to Bitter Creek the year Ed Varley was born and that was Ed's home for the first 20 years of his life. The town of Bitter Creek why it was quite a little rail road town when he was thier. It had a few sheep out fits and mostly rail road. His dad own a geoury store in Bitter Creek. Him and his dad knew everyone and delt with everyone.

Ed sold geoury since he was big enough to reach over the counter and also sold beer. He has sold beer all his life. He owns a bar now and I did when his dad had beer in the store. He was opening beer cans even if it was aginest the law back then too. He was saling beer for 25¢ a can when he was 4 years old. Bitter Creek was laid out right on the rail road tracks. House on the path sides of the rail road was well most of it. The sheep out fits had shearing corrals and stock yards. If you saw bitter creek now you would never think ~~Lwaw~~ was born there it doesn't look the same. Well Ed was old but not old enough to worry about catalog he did have paper but he did have out door plumling was a kick. ~~in-the-early-years~~

In the early years he got water out of a  
foset that was about a hundred yards away  
that they had to carry in budkets it was  
one job he didn't have to do his dad had  
to do all that because it was to heavie for  
him to carrie. Ed lived in a nice house that  
in Bitter Creek. It was an old hotel that tey  
rebulit. The only ~~X~~ geoury store around was  
where they lived. They sold beer in a geoury  
store. They had frouds and curld muds they  
used to throw. Rock Springs was the only  
medical help ~~X~~ they could go to. The hoild-  
days they had to be spent in Rock Springs.  
They had a few blacks and mexicans around  
in Bitter Creek. They ~~dance~~ had dances together  
and it was interesting. Most the spanish  
people worked on the rail road who would  
take the job.

The blacks could work their too. The indians would come in gangs and work on the rail road. They had a culture that was very strange. They would run around naked and put paint on them. The old indians would wear their old cloths and the younger would wear the modern cloths. Ed play hide in seek and kick the can. He He went and kick the can and they ran into each other and they felt real good. They only had two rooms that would be very uncomable. They didn't have any sex education in Bitter Creek. The girls would beat up on all the boys so we asked for it. They had to bring coal cuts in the house before bed time. The house was a upstairs and a downstairs only. The ~~Y~~ home remines was onion, lemone juice and carosen for a cold. The ~~Y~~ other was menthal on a hot rag and the put around your neck for soar thort to keep warm.

Christmas was a big thing in Bitter Creek. They would go to houses to houses to see what ~~it~~ everyone had. Tom and Jerry was the most drink anyone would fix. They ~~didn't~~ didn't have eletric so they had to use egg beaters which they went threw three of them. Ed had a car so he could take the girls in Rock Spring to the games or the dances. On vacation Ed's family went to Black rock but he would never go anyw ~~here~~ esle with his parents. He meat his spouse in 1955 in Point of Rocks and still lives here today. Mrs. **ReDeal** Varley. He knew **Vergina** Bertincel who work in the cafe in Point of Rocks. ReDeal Bertincel and **Eileen** would tell Ed Varley to leave Vargina here and not take her to Rock Springs and thats how ReDeal and Ed meat. Three years later they got married. ~~The~~ wedding was pretty.

He was scound and didn't remember what was going on. He has three children; Jeff was born in 1959, Cheri was born in 1960, and Roger was born in 1063 and Ed is very proud of them. They did have radio and would listen to the stories that came on the station like Stright Arrow, Sky ~~Hornet~~ // ~~and~~ king, and Green Hornet. He had to move in Rock Springs to go to high school. His dad was in the Elks club but he never tool it on any more. His condion at work was very close to not getting hit by a rail road cars. He had to weld rails on the tracks. His wages was \$1.20 which wasn't much to buy a car. He ~~work~~ near Las Veagus and got home sick. When they worked on the rail road they didn't have to pay eletice bills. It was dangerous to work on the rail road cause of the cars. He was never injured. They only had a crue of 7 men. They only worked 8 hours and 40 a week. They got a bousus of \$5.00. The only hoilday they got off was Christmas and New Years.

They only had a foreman who would take over the guys that was sick. He had a lot too. X work and quit a lot too. X They did lay him off because they didn't need him. Bitter Creek was a company town. He did belong to the Union the rail road he got \$2.60 an hour. Which union was it? It was sheet metal. He joined because of a job. X No he never argued with the union because he had his own rules. The union did a lot for the workers. The union wanted to get 40 hours back and which they got it. X They did have a safety course. He didn't go to the meeting cause they argued over what would happen to the guys. The dues were deducted out of the checks. They did have a union paper. They did have their own baseball teams, one in Bitter Creek and one in Wamsutter. Ed said they were union workers and person.

They didn't have any women in the rail road  
to work. Ed's a regester democarte. He worked  
in Idachio befor he came back to vote. Ed knows  
Teno Roncadio and he was suppose to do and  
he didn't want to go ~~and~~ into that. En Herschler  
he knew and pertie good guy. Nick Wataha  
he didn't know but he knew Paul Wataha as  
a major and a bookeeper. Bob Johnson he work  
for the schools and is a lawyer. Democarte  
they do more for the work. He's happy about  
the inflation that has gone down. He was a  
democrate alie in Point of Rocks for years  
and he did go to some ralies. The KKKwas not  
much in this area. Yes his wife has voted  
longer then she remembers. The presadent  
has done a real good job and he is realy good.  
# The thing about Buy\*~~R~~out is going to go  
off for a long time.

He graduated in 1954. That's when the coal miners shut down in town but he still found a job. The union did a good job in keeping the coal mines open because of the trains that took the coal. It was a change in the boom because everyone started to move in. In the correction of Rock Springs was true from crime and prostitution. The prices did go up and the shop at the union merc. and Bens food liner. Crime was bad because of all the theifs. They did have prostitution in Point of Rocks and they had to tell them to go. People that was running from the law and would stay til they lift. Point of Rocks has change since the boom. It is calm then back in the old days. The wild life is back on increse and they would poch and run over the beautiful land.

The biggest change their was lese people  
and now more people have came and moved here.  
Wyoming is going to do real good. The wild  
life and all the lands. He will sale for  
adecent living here without having the boom  
to come back again. The atmosfear around  
us was a nice day, sunny. We were sitting  
at a table where know one would ~~bother~~  
bother us or destrube.

The ~~End~~