

Mrs. Clare Lansang was born in Los Angeles, California on December 12, 1929. She and her husband moved to Rock Springs after he finished his radiology training in Denver, Colorado. Their first glimpse of Rock Springs came when they visited some friends that lived here. She noticed that the people were "nice and friendly"

They were looking for a place for Dr. Rudy Lansang to take up his residency and she saw Rock Springs as a good opportunity after visiting the hospital.

They then began looking for houses to buy here and they decided on one that was fairly expensive; even for Rock Springs. Mrs. Lansang said that when she moved here houses were expensive compared to the rest of the country. Mrs. Lansang said a characteristic of this town that loomed large were the bars but she was never one to go to the bars.

Another characteristic that people think about when they talk about Rock Springs is the amount of violence. However, Mrs. Lansang said this was not so until the "boom" after she moved here.

GROWING UP

Mrs. Lansang says a favorite game of hers and others was Hopscotch when she was young; a game still played through the years and today. Clare went to a Catholic school in Denver. She said it was a very disciplined atmosphere in the

classroom, much more so than today. Boys and Girls were expected to behave differently back in her young days compared to today. "Girls didn't play any of the contact

sports or any of the sports they play now". "Dating is different now", she said. "There was usually two couples or more and there were more get-togethers".

One thing she said that has changed when she was a young woman very much is- medicine. She said there has been a lot more advances in technology. "They can save a lot more people than they used to. There are more cosmetic things being made for amputations.

She remembers the shiner circus coming to town every year. She thinks it is a big deal with every age when they came to town.

Mrs. Lansang met her spouse in 1955 in Denver, Colorado. There was a catholic wedding performed even though her husband is a Phillipeno. She and her husband planned on having a big family and she said they fit right in when they came to Rock Springs because large families were abundant in Rock Springs. She and her husband had seven children.

She said they didn't have television when she grew up and she didn't watch much television when she had her kids but she did listen to the radio a lot. Sometimes in the evenings she would watch the news or a program.

Other things occupied her time such as Exchange and Lions clubs and she belonged to a bridge group.

EMPLOYMENT

conditions were fair on her first jobs and hours were longer than today. She says her first job was in a bakery. She worked all day on Saturdays. "It was very busy and I

liked that".

During the time spent in the early days of their stay in Rock Springs, the economy was slow. So slow, that when they told friends they were going to move to Rock Springs friends said "why are you going there, it is a Ghost Town".

During their early days in Rock Springs when racial prejudice was alive in the country there seemed to be no problem with her marriage to her Phillipeno husband among the people they knew but she says she's sure some people had problems accepting it.

POLITICS

Clare Lansang said she was a democrat all her life until last year because of the pro-life issue. She then switched to the Republican side because they were pro-life and the Democrats were not.

She says the state is mostly republican but the county is mostly democratic. "I think this is because of the rail road in the southern part of the state. The railroad was democratic."

Clare first voted for Atlee Stephenson. "I admired the democratic party. I don't remember all of the issues but our family was always democratic. She said the democratic party at that time were most responsive to the working class' needs".

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She says Reno Roncalio, a United States Democratic senator lived here and was well known and respected. However, she says her favorite politician was Steve

Mayonovich. "I really admired him because to me the pro-life issue is central to the way I look at politics and he worked very hard on the issue."

Mrs. Lansang said the racial riots were not prevalent here after the Chinese Massacre but the K.K.K. was popular in Colorado when she went to school. She said violence was not big here until the "boom" came and the ever publicized 60 minutes show.

"Oh, it was wild. People could not find places to live. It was crowded. I remember my oldest daughter in Junior High. They would have half sessions. Sidewalks were jammed at school. There was prostitution. When I drove around you could see them running across the streets to people they knew." She said prostitution was not confined to a specific part of town.

In Mrs. Lansang's opinion 60 minutes overplayed everything. "The town was overwhelmed by the influx of people because there were some nice people here in town.

Clare Lansang says she means it when she says the best memory of the town is how nice the people treated her and her husband when he got ill.

The morality issue is of great concern to her. She says the state of the union morality wise is declining more and more compared to her day.

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When asked what she would want her grandchildren to
remember is their religion and to love one another.