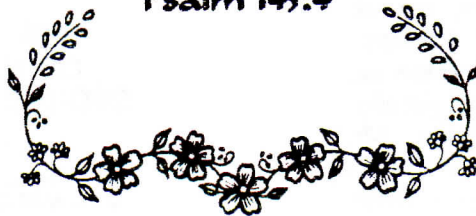


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One generation will commend your works to another, they will tell of your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4



IN THE BEGINNING

- Nan Sipe

When the Senior Citizens were first organized, only two women in that age group could drive a car: Cora Killian and Essie Sipe. So the younger group picked them up for the meetings. George and Lizzie Sipe picked up all that were on their way down.

I used to pick up Hattie Hedrick, Lula Lail, Jennie Hefner, Hattie Sipe and Neva Deal's mother. (Mrs. Sipe made tatting for one set of pillowcases for me that I still have.)

I also hauled Mrs. Emma Sipe from the rest home in Conover. She was the first member to be in a rest home. This is when she used a wheel chair. When we met, it was a real treat to get together since there was no television and not many telephones.

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT

- Nora Lee Lail

Pastor Luther Hunt used to come to see my Grandpa Simmons a lot. One winter Pastor Hunt came to visit and was standing too close to the fire in the fireplace. He got so hot that he had to stand by the door with his backside toward the outside to cool off.

NAN SIPE

- Elvie Munday

Nan Sipe is a lady of 86 years but it doesn't show in any of her talk or work and interests. She is active in all church work: Worship, Sunday School, Women of the ELCA Circle 2 (where she is treasurer), overseer for the quilt makers (last year she herself sewed 100 tops), XYZ Club (she collects and holds cans for the XYZ Club to sell for traveling expenses of the club).

Nan still gardens and sows seeds for cabbage and tomatoes. (She gave Roy 35 cabbage plants this week.)

I have known Nan for many years. She lived with my grandparents while she worked at Banoak School. She lived in the Startown area and went to school there.

Nan's family is buried in the Old St. Paul's Cemetery. Her mother would come over to clean the family graves. She would come by our house and ride to work with my uncle. My sisters and I would go with her and carry hoes and rakes to help her. Nan would walk all the way home.

Keep active, Nan. You won't get too old to do church work, community services and gardening.

