

Mrs. Asta Hickerson was born on August 8, 1914 in Lyman , Wyoming. At the time, Lyman was a very small farming community.

In 1933, Ansta and her family moved to Rock Springs, Wyoming. She thought Rock Springs was pretty nice as compared to Lyman.

There was ten people in Ansta's family. Four brothers, three sisters, her parents, and herself. Ansta was the middle child. They were a close family. Ansta found her parents easy to talk to. They were firm, but not to the point of being mean. She said they were very affectionate. As a family, they did a lot of things together. Ansta's parents went on basketball trips to see their oldest son play. Her mother did a lot of sewing and knitting and quilting because, with eight children she did not have a lot of time for outside activities. Her parents did have a lot of friends and they belonged to a card club. They went to dances on New Years eve and afterwards would go to someones home and eat. In the summer the family would have a family reunion on her fathers side. One summer they took a trip to Logan, Utah, which in those days was a long trip.

Ansta said she received musical and other schooling through her church. They were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Their Sundays were spent mostly in church. In the mornings they had primary and in the afternoon they had regular church services. After they got home from church in the evenings they had a large meal. Sometimes they would ask a

friend

friend over to share their meal.

For entertainment they played home games such as Pollyanna, like Parcheesi, they would listen to the radio, and they drew a lot.

Ansta started school in the first grade and graduated from Lyman High School in Lyman, Wyoming. She received a scholarship, but did not attend college because of financial reasons.

She worked in a small store in Lyman when she met her husband. He was living in Rock Springs and was employed by Mountain Fuel and Supply Company. They were married on June 25, 1934. She was nineteen. They decided to wait to have children because there was so many things that they wanted to do before starting a family. Their first child was born three years after they were married, in 1937. He was born in the Sweetwater County Memorial Hospital in Rock Springs. Their second child was born in 1942. She was also born in the Sweetwater County Memorial Hospital. They were strict with their children, but not overly strict. Their children are now both married and each have five children of their own.

Ansta was aware of her husbands's earnings because she was on charge of stretching the money and paying the bills.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickerson belonged to a card club, would go dancing, and on picnics for fun. One year the Hickersons and another couple went on a trip to Yellowstone Park for two weeks. They each borrowed twenty dollars and spent two weeks there. On their way home they stopped in Eden, Wyoming and had twenty cents left. They couldn't decide whether to buy gas or whether

to buy icecream cones.

Ansta did not recall any prohibitions, and during the depression she said they did not think the depression was as bad as it was. Money was tight for them, but they managed to get by.

Mrs. Hickerson knew that her father was a democrat, but did not take his view until she was old enough to vote. Her father felt that the democrats were the party to pick for the poor man. She followed through with his views when she became old enough to vote.

Ansta said one of her worst experiences was when her mother and father were out of town and she fell down a hill. The only people to take care of her were her older brothers and her sisters.

She was in and out of consciousness all night. In those days, she said, "you just did not go to the doctor like you do now."

She recalled one of the funniest moments to be when her husband asked his younger brother to go on their honeymoon with them on the Yellowstone River.

Mrs. Hickerson said she did not think the kids today are any worse than they used to be, but she felt the morals of society have changed. They tried, as parents, to teach their children right from wrong by setting examples for them, but the children themselves had to make their own decisions. She said for the most part they have followed through.

Ansta said she has been happy here in Rock Springs and if she had her life to live over she could not think of any other place that she'd rather live. She has had a happy life

and the only thing she said she would like to be different  
is that she wished they would have had more money.