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....that--living for five more years before he died.

At Hartley the Rodgers farmed and operated a store and Post Office. They were there during the "depression", and learned the art of doing business by bartering. They took the farmers' produce in trade for goods, and hauled them to city markets where they disposed of them as best they could.

At Hartley, Frank was Superintendent of the Sunday School, and helped build the Ward chapel. Daughter, Helen, was born while they lived there. At age 13 months she took convulsions and died on the way to the hospital. Another daughter, Patricia, was born to the Rodgers at Hartley. She is now Mrs. David Piepgrass of Pincher Creek. The Rodgers have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In 1942, The Rodgers' store lease was up at Hartley, so they sold their 180 acres of farm land there and moved to Hillspring where they leased a store and restaurant for the next two years.

In 1944 the Rodgers moved to Coutts, Alberta, and operated a store for 27 years, until Frank retired in 1971. During these years he was Sunday School Superintendent, Counselor to Havelock Smith in the Branch Presidency, and Branch President for seven years. He saw the Branch grow from 35 members to 189, during the years he was Branch President from 1950 to 56. At the beginning of his Presidency, he supervised the building of a Branch chapel.

This last project became a community effort shared in by members and non-members alike. Although the Church supplied 60% of the cost of the building, the rest was furnished by volunteer labor and by reduced costs of materials and equipment. On numerous occasions suppliers returned half of their receipts by cheque after receiving payment. The building, which took a year and a half to build, actually cost the Branch \$100 in cash. The Branch had money left over when the chapel was dedicated. It was a one-and-a-half story building with chapel and classrooms upstairs, and had a dance hall, kitchen, and Relief Society Room in the basement.

Brother Rodgers' parents had died at Stavely during the 1940's. Frank counts as one of his most rewarding experiences the privilege he had of baptizing his parents. His brother David, and sister, Gertrude, also joined the Church. They still live at Stavely. None of Frank's other brothers or sisters joined the Church, although a couple of their sons did join. Although none of Brother Rodgers' own family filled missions, they are all active members of the Church.

In 1971 the Rodgers sold their store in Coutts, but continued to live there for another two years. In 1973 their desire to do temple work induced them to sell their home in Coutts and move to Cardston. They had been driving from Coutts to do Temple work and guiding at the Visitors' Center for two years. They continued to do guide work for one season after coming to Cardston. Both Brother and Sister Rodgers assist at the Temple in whatever capacity they are called.

People who have influenced Brother Rodgers' life most include his mother, his wife, and

Bishop Joseph S. Brown of Stavely.

If Frank has any regret, it would be that he wasted 20 years of his life before he found the true Church.

He feels that the greatest need in the world today is for people to live the first and second commandments.

His advice to younger members of the Church is to follow the teachings of their parents and stay close to the Church.

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A cold may be either positive or negative. Sometimes the eyes have it, and sometimes the nose.

When God measures a man He puts the tape around his heart, not his head.

After dining heartily at a swank city restaurant, you need an after-dinner mint--to pay the bill with.

Life is God's gift to you. What you do with life is your gift to God.

Life is fragile; handle with prayer.

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