

Miller Farm Home

Brother Chuck and I received a box of C. J. and June Miller memorabilia recently. We have gone through it and discovered some treasures which I plan to share with you, starting with yesterday's winter photo of the Miller Farm Barn. Today's treat is an old photo of the Miler Farm Home. This home met with fire in 1954 and was a total loss. Neighbors and friends salvaged many family items from the house as it was burning. Clarence and June moved a small building onto the farm and lived in it while their new home was being built. This was a real tragedy. It was a lovely farm home; three nice bedrooms on the second level, a large dining room, two living rooms and a small kitchen on the main floor and a small basement.

The home featured electricity derived from a "Wincharger" system which included a small wind driven generator on the roof and a bank of batteries in the basement. This way ahead of the transmission of electricity throughout rural Iowa be the Government subsidized REA system.

Uncle Clarence was an innovator on such matters. He also designed and developed a short-wave radio with which he communicated with others throughout the world. In many ways, he was a man ahead of his time.

Our family enjoyed lots of chicken dinners in this home. Aunt June, Nana Dot's sister, was a great cook. Her fried chicken and fresh pies were to die for. We always looked forward to a Sunday at the Miller farm. A softball game always ensued in their spacious grassed area between the house and the barn.

I have some neat photos in reserve which I will share with you along with the story that goes with each one. Through these photos and stories you will be able to develop some personal feelings for Aunt June and Uncle Clarence Miller and as a result, a deeper appreciation for the Miller Farm Corporation, a living legacy from these two wonderful people. – Raymond Underwood

