

"There is No Place Like Home" By Nelda Zinser

"Having had the privilege to travel many places in my adult life, I realize some of my fondest memories originated right here in Kinmundy. Many of these memories are as vivid as though they occurred only yesterday. They are a result of unforgettable experiences significantly influencing my life.

Come stroll with me down memory lane as I recall some of these events, demonstrating, "There is no place like home".

As a young girl, my family often came to town on Saturdays to buy groceries at Jesse George's General Store. On occasion, my sister and I would go into the "dry goods room" where Louise Feather would help us choose the fabric and rickrack for new dresses! We frequently had lunch at Crain's Café where we enjoyed, what I was sure to be the "best cook'n in the world!" If we had been on our best behavior, our special treat would be an ice cream sundae at Bargh's Drug Store. I could hardly wait to listen to the 50's music on the jukebox!

When I was seven, we moved from the farm to town. I loved going to the city park. I remember, with delight, the traveling wooden roller rink, assembled there for all to enjoy. Others have shared remembering this rink being set up downtown. I have been told of traveling "tent shows" which would come to town for a week at a time. They included live entertainment and a Saturday night free show on the Main Street. This just happened to coincide with the weekly trip to town by area farmers to sell their cream and eggs. Later, on the side of a downtown building!

The highlight of my childhood had to be the Centennial event. The men sported beards, while everyone was dressed in colonial attire. The event featured contests, games and wonderful food, compliments of the greatest cooks in the world!

Words are inadequate to express my feelings about this community. I appreciate growing up, meeting my husband, and raising our three daughters, right here in Kinmundy. No matter where my travels have taken me," There's No Place Like Home!"