

FAMILY OF HEIGHTS WOMAN REUNITED AFTER 33 YEARS

Mrs. Mary Treharn was reunited with her family recently, 33 years after they were placed in a West Virginia orphanage.

Mrs. Treharn, who was three when her widowed father died, was placed in the Lewis County Poor Farm with the rest of the family of five brothers and sisters.

As time passed foster parents took the children from the home separately and they lost track of each other because none knew where the others went.

Mary was reared by Mr. and Mrs. Grant McCoy of Weston, W. Va. Going into the world alone and on her own she finally settled in this area,

In 1946 while working at the Youngstown Kitchens plant in Warren she met Bernard Treharn and they were married.

The Treharns have 5 children of their own and have lived happily and well together but in Mary's mind there was always the haunting specter of her lost family.

Strangely enough it was her husband who took the initiative to do something to relieve her melancholy.

As he said, "I guess I just got tired hearing, 'I wonder where they are, I wonder what they are like.' And I decided to do something about it instead of just sitting around thinking about them."

The first to be found was a sister, Edith, who is married and living in Linn, W. Va. Her daughter, JoAnn is now married and living across the street from her Aunt Mary.

The three brothers remained unaccounted for, for some time til Treharn enlisted the aid of the Clarksburg (W. Va.) Exponent-Telegram telling the story and asking for information concerning the missing brothers.

A friend of John Dolan Donahew (who was now spelling his name Donahue and had changed his middle name to Richard since he never knew what the middle initial D. stood for) noticed the story and showed it to John.

He had been taken by a farm family in the Brushy Fork section of Buckhannon in 1934. He has been with them since then with four years taken out for service in the U. S. Army in World War II.

The Last Brother Dale was located in Akron working for the Ed Nagy Construction Co. The other brother, Denvil, died in 1935.

The remaining four got together last week at John's farm near Buckhannon. Although there wasn't much to talk over as far as old times were concerned, they regrouped the family circle.

A tender sidelight of the reunion was Dale's first glimpse of Mary's daughter, Karen, three. He found her to be the "spitting image" of Mary as he last remembered her at the same age.

Bernard Treharn had been able to devote more time to his project in the past few months since he was injured in a porch fall while making his mail rounds in Niles last March.

He has been off the job since then and is now waiting for a special corrective brace which will allow him to resume his carrier duties in the near future.