Emil Kravik--2nd folder MHS oral history summaries

As high school kid, worked on dam in summers--his teacher got him on. He poked traps on dredge pipelines, evidently getting balled-up clay out. Then drove truck for contractor, hauling crews, collecting trash; drove into tunnels. Then was deck hand on dredge. Also racked pool balls and shined shoes.

Remembers Corps officers in "suntan" uniforms.

abt accidents: "You take that many people working, why, they're hard to keep 'em all safe."

Tom Mullen--2nd folder MHS oral history summaries

snake joke: carcass of snake coiled up and put where it startled people.

James Montfort, 2nd folder MHS oral history summaries

rattlesnakes: snake man could be called to come get snakes; remembers snakes being shook out of ground by vibration of construction.

--cd be worth listening to tape for this and other details

He didn't at all mind seeing Darius break a tooth on (politics).

possible adds to Med Lodge scene.

used?

Then decided if I was going to dip my toe in the Medicine Lodge social life, I might as well wade right in. "But let me do the buying.

"I bet you hated to see him go," I said with as straight a face as possible.

"Yeah," Stanley answered in kind. "Tears as big as horse turds rolled down my face."

Hugh, act Darius marrying Easter?

"Poor sad sonsofbitches us, we figured (they couldn't get away with doing that to us)...

"That's the only thing I have against him."

"And that ain't much."
isn't, is it.

So-and-so thinks she is somebody.

--Dora says it of one of her daughters-in-law? ~~Rhonda?~~ Francine

Lingo
said by Dora
or act Ker, by
Hugh?

gadder (gadabout)

possible use: I was getting to be a regular gadder, here there and about...

or: use to describe wandering ewe (Gilfillan, 113)

- Althea, art pick

(Hugh?) walked crisscrosses of the yard in hopes the place would look better from some angle.

- wd fit w/ grasshopper crazy gait

St. A 8 July '84

Miss?

Dora?

detail

as seen on st. in St. A, an old Scotch woman who is balding: very high hairline at her foreheadm, and a thin gray frizz on top, as if the hair had decided to leave by flying off the back of her head. Long expanse of forehead gave her a sheeplike look.

Marcus Matovich physical details, in 7 Sept. '90 diary entry.

"At 78, Marcus looks no more than 65...has a full head of white hair sweeping back from a face so tanned he looks a bit Indian....A good-looking guy, with one raffish touch I've never seen before: about a third of a front tooth is chipped off evenly, so that when he smiles there's that surprising unexpected little gap winsomely there, like a dimple in his mouth."

Sept. 17 of that year's diary: "Ed Balbi, "I'm not moving again until they plant me!"

There is no biddy like a Scotch woman with too little to do.

(have Darius say?) abt Dora?

Dora ?

Scotswoman teaching a younger one to knit:

"Here now, hold the needle up against you so you can get some purchase on it."

(based on Gladys Hesler memory of Annie Doig)

Grandma never called one of her sons (William) anything but his nickname, Bud, and never called Wally by anything but his full name, Wallace.

use for one of the Duff parents if this isn't used in Heart Earth? Dora?

Dora?

It began to tell on her.

Dona

A parent addressing a son as "boy"

"Boy, that's gonna be something."
"Yeah," A couldagree, "I guess it will."

Dora

Hugh?
- Darius disagrees?

Swan misters most people in his diary.

This is a country where you don't have to mister anyone.

Hugh

That's flat (no doubt about it)
(VH Collins, p. 109)

Hugh?

I'll just shag on

Everybody was dead or getting there fast.

Lenjo
said by Hugh?
abt Ninian?

I suppose it got to grinding on him...

sd by Hugh, abt Paris?

rd abt Dora?

on the way out (dying)

There you are on (winter) again.
Hugh to Dora?

from Frank Muller: the old canning jars with a snap-off wire contraption on top were called "lightning jars"

I saw your better half (i.e., your wife)...
– someone to Hugh?

"Whatever y'do, don't..!(Ironic use, as in don't be useful, don't help me out...)

He went in the war in early 1942....

In small ways,
Things ~~xxxx~~ between them came apart.

Hugh to Darius?

Spare me all that explainery.

Dona abt Hugh:

I don't know how he kept his mind.

Althea as biddy.

possible use as xxxxxx verb: Althea would biddy at me...

Dora?
Rosellen?

She was undeniably a biddy, but xxxxx maybe a biddy was what I needed.

Owen?

in plenty (as in, "She had that in plenty.")

It was no bad thing, Dora thought, for ...

It had been a spirited dance, as if we all were responding to the green year grinning in our faces after the past four gray miserly ones, and the hour went from being late to being early.

Hugh:

Meg did the corresponding (with Darius,...). What was in those letters?

packaged. As for herself, Meg's maiden name was Margaret Milne; Milnes had died in quantity at Culloden in 1746 when Prince Charlie's kilted ranks were raked by English cannon; and Meg had the attitude that

One of the newly-wed women--Rosellen--develops cystitis, and asks one of the others--Meg?--about it?

Hugh takes the Keeley cure?

--goes to Chicago

--Owen asks: "Gone? Where the hell, gone?"

Meg: "He said to tell you he's gone to college."

--as per Harold Chadwick's experience, Hugh is told he cannot ever take another drink, or it will set him off again. Also, Harold's experience of someone trying to bully him into a sociable drink, having to turn it aside time and again.

--he drinks root beer instead? Dr. Pepper? Nehi?

--he needs a job again when he comes back: asks Owen?

--in the aftermath, Hugh is not noble; he's maybe a bit self-righteous? or is he simply implacable, a new cordage of behavior wound around himself?

Meg, trying to escape being alone w/ Darius in cookhouse kitchen;

"I have to scamper on home."

"Eleventy-seven jobs and here we be, building something we don't know the first thing about."

--Hugh in soliloquy to Jackie? or some version ~~to~~ of this to Meg or Owen?
Birdie?

Manilla—

Hugh becomes snake wrangler?

possible use for Hugh as snake wrangler:

source:
Homestead Shacks over
Buffalo Tracks; History of
NE Fergus County, p. 67

From Fergus County Argus — April 28, 1897

SHEEPHERDER AMPUTATES FINGER

R.S. Reid, a sheepherder in the employ of Will Fergus, arrived in town last Friday minus the end of a finger on his left hand, and in explanation of his loss related a snake story which some discredit, though not at all impossible. Mr. Reid said that on last Thursday while herding a band of sheep on Lower Dog Creek he laid down on the grass to rest, placing his hands under his head, when suddenly he felt a blow and a queer sensation on the ball of one of his fingers. He withdrew his hand quickly and at the same time jerked a rattlesnake out of the clump of sage brush in which his head had been resting. Realizing the danger he was in, Reid resolved to cut his finger off, and taking an old, dull knife form his pocket, commenced to whittle on his finger as if sharpening a lead pencil. Finding that this would not work he opened a larger blade of the knife and placing his finger on a hard substance proceeded to amputate the finger at the first joint, which he accomplished with some difficulty. With the blood flowing freely and without stopping to kill the snake, he put the stump in his mouth and started for the ranch, two and one-half miles away. Arriving there a chicken was killed and the intestines bound upon the wound at once.

The following day Reid came on to Lewistown and on Saturday had another operation performed on the finger by Dr. Monahan, it being necessary to amputate the finger again in order to get a flap. Reid thinks that resort to the knife was all that saved his life, and if it was a sure enough "rattler" and not a cactus thorn that came up against his finger, his act was the proper one, although it required considerable nerve to amputate one's own finger with a dull pocket knife.

"If I'm keeping track right, he is my brother-in-law." (Meg to Hugh abt Darius?)

she our sister

Hugh o Pkg

Meg ?

Sometimes one [he] had the patience of an imbecile, she thought.

"You know, though, it might do us some good. Sit (Go down to the Falls, have a swanky meal together somewhere)...

"What do I hear? Hugh Owen Duff wanting to go out on the town?"

--or: use w/ Hugh & Meg near end of ch. 3, about Thanksgiving?

pismire. (one of the Duffs uses it as derogatory; his wife doesn't like it, finds it not one thing or the other)

used

Understand me. (spoken firmly or angrily)

Dora

someone--~~my dad or mother~~--who says "cannot" instead of "can't" ~~xxxxx~~ when particularly upset or insistent, as in:

"I cannot savvy that man guy."

son of ours.

... understand those sons of ours."

Dora

I believed ~~I~~ she knew how things would go now. (Jick, after fire, about his parents & Alec.)

(Alec at WW until shipping time: then

After that, we would see.

seasoned to the bone or (work?)

Hugh to Dona?

Will you get that ~~out~~ into of your head?

Why this should be,.. Dora wd. I sure.

used?

Dora to Hugh: (abt Daniel, or abt Owen & Kate?)

You were born with eyes.

Born with OO eyes,

Dora's
~~parchment~~ potato peelings thin enough to read a newspaper (the Bible?) through

– Angus (in ch. 3?) thinks Dora - lineup of Sc Hn women; one of them does ↑

Hugh: a characteristic of puffing out his cheeks in exasperation?

--Owen does it too?

"Idiot child." (Meg, fondly, to Bruce or Owen?)

used

[Life is choices.] ~~I~~ OO could either tell..., or ~~I~~ she could say something like ~~I~~ she did: "...

Dora?

"What's the diffucalty?" (deliberate parody of "difficulty")

Hazel Bonnet

detter-minded (for determined)

--Genise tells of her entertaining a grandchild by throwing pie dough at ceiling, a la pizza chef, letting it come down on her head, etc.

used?

Dora gave (Hugh?) ...

--a look that could skin a rock.

- ch. 2: more this from Beth using it on Jick to her using it on Alec.

stickler--as in, Dora 00 was a stickler for...

OO had a tongue in him like a clapper of a bell.

– Dora to Lovely abt Hugh?

used

in lieu of life.

--use w/ Hugh, his felt loss of the farm?

--set this up earlier w/ someone asking, "In lieu of?"

ad by Hugh?

Not unless it's going to gonna make money fall down off the roof onto us.

(Hugh was) middly fuzzled... all is this world (he wanted)... was to grow alfalfa...

(Hugh says?)

"That brother of mine is one big ear. The elephants ought to come by for lessons."

Meg's distinctive voice:

edge-of-the-bed voice, wrapped around you...

cello voice(?)

What, she wondered, is he up to now?

If politics was Darius's chamber of faith, geography was Hugh's.

phrasing box

If you couldn't exaggerate, you wouldn't know what to say at all.
GodHelp (lie) he

Meg

I am not a forgetter. (i.e., I don't overlook slights)

that ditchline of mouth. (~~Dora~~'s?)

Meg's?
Owen's?
both?