

Aug 23, 1995 - Thursday
Bonners Ferry Herald

Victor Vetter

Victor Vernon Vetter was born September 11, 1915 in Carpio, North Dakota to Henry and Nellie Vetter. He lived in North Dakota until he moved to Carmichael, Saskatchewan, Canada at the age of 12. During his years in Canada he enjoyed playing baseball with a town team that traveled throughout the area for games and tournaments.

Vern participated in "slow" bicycle races (last one standing was the winner) with friends and family members. These races were a topic of interest by the younger people at recent family reunions.

As a young man, Vern, followed the grain harvests throughout the Midwest moving from job to job by hopping trains. Later he and his brother, Arlo, bought a "Whippet" for \$25.00 to drive between jobs.

Vern moved to Bonners Ferry where he met and married Carlene Caughey on September 9, 1938. During WWII they lived and worked both at Farragut Naval Center and at the Portland shipyards.

Returning to Bonners Ferry after the war, Vern bought land north of town, farmed and worked as a carpenter helping construct many buildings in and around the town. He began working for McKim & Kaiser Building Construction Company in 1961 as a Superintendent. The family moved to several towns in Idaho until his retirement in 1975. He was a 50 year member of the Idaho Washington Carpenters

Union.

After retiring Vern and Carlene then returned to Bonners Ferry and built their current home.

Square dancing (in his younger years), working on crossword puzzles, hunting and car dealing were favorite pastimes of Vern. Not long ago he made a list of all the vehicles he has owned. There were at least 32 vehicles on his list. He remarked, "I could have been a millionaire if I hadn't bought so many cars!" Some of his grandchildren believe their grandpa is

in Heaven dealing for a new car.

With twelve family members present a week ago, Vern celebrated an early 80th birthday. Vern passed away peacefully at his home Friday, August 18th. He is survived by his wife at home, Sharon McNair of Bonners Ferry; Bill of Detroit, Michigan; Vivian Doll of Everett, Washington; and Lynnel Wassmuth of Grangeville, Idaho; 10 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to Home Health and Hospice Services in Bonners Ferry.