

## Warden Emmet Lawson Millard.

Emmet Millard was born in Michigan, USA in 1897. Emmet's family immigrated to Canwood, Saskatchewan in 1913. He joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force for WW1 in 1917 and served in the Cavalry.

He married Signe Johnson in 1928. He and Signe moved to the Rabbit District of PANP in 1935 when Emmet joined the Warden Service. Rabbit cabin was on the southwest corner of the park and an idyllic setting in the pines along Rabbit Creek. They raised four children there, Myrtle, Florence, Allen and Ellen. Emmet was probably the only warden at PANP to serve his whole career in the same district. He remained at Rabbit until his retirement.



Emmet loved coffee and Signe made a great pot of coffee, boiled camp style on the wood stove. Anyone who passed by Rabbit Cabin was certain to be invited in for a fine cup of coffee. The pot was always on.

The west side road where Rabbit cabin was located was only slightly more than a trail. In the spring and during rainy times sections of it would turn into a mud bog. The ¾ ton Fargo trucks that were issued to the west side wardens were not equipped with 4-wheel drive or winches. It was an accepted fact that travel sometimes meant getting stuck in the mud. Wardens most often travelled alone and if you got yourself stuck there was little choice but to get yourself unstuck. Emmet devised his own technique. A steel anchor that could be pinned to the road in front of the truck with a steel rod that was pounded deep in the ground. A chain from the anchor was hooked into a rear wheel. Low gear was engaged and when the clutch came out the chain would wrap around the axle hub pulling the old Fargo ahead a couple of feet. It often took multiple attempts, but it was far superior to the alternative, digging and jacking that could take hours. Other wardens on the west side adopted his method.

Emmet suffered from Asthma, and when an episode left him short of breath, he would jokingly quip "I can walk a long long way in a long long time".

On back country patrols Emmet would collect antlers shed by Elk, Deer and Moose. These he would craft into beautiful Cribbage Boards which he gifted to friends and family. They were a treasured gift for anyone lucky enough to receive one.

Emmet and Signe retired to Canwood in 1961.



