

Two Short Family Stories

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These are two short and related stories my mom told me about her older sister, Lucille, and also concerning her older brother, Charles.

1. In the 1930s my aunt Lucille traveled to Europe and being from Alabama at one restaurant in I believe France she ordered corn-on-the-cob which is how we Southerners prefer our corn. The waiter did not understand and even the chef did not understand. My aunt tried to explain. Finally the chef came out and said, "You mean like how mules eat it?" It seems that the French do not serve corn that way so my aunt ordered something else.

2. During World War II my uncle Charles was in the Army and part of the D-Day invasion in France. My aunt Lucille wrote to him and asked him to check a certain shop for some item she was interested in. My uncle wrote back that that shop was probably destroyed. I do not think my aunt understood what war was about. This was before television so without pictures it was hard to comprehend the devastation that was taking place.