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Morning Glow in the Cascades

1943 HANDSAKER'S ANNUAL

Family,
Photography,
Events,
The War.

Cover. Summery and finishing touches added in 1966

Deaths in 1943:

Bill Hennon, March 31.
Richard Skartvedt, Guadalcanal, February
Herbert Perkins, May 6.
Floyd Ivester, June.
Harold Erickson, November.
Martin Chappel, December
Merle Carman, December 20.

Cummary My his was the second year of our part in World War It. The Germans still held most of Europe, but the Allies landed in Africa and chove the Germans out, then invaded Sicily & Italy and ended the year in hard fighting against the Ger-On the Pacific front, the Japanese were forced to the defensive but we made few advances in 1943, 1 En January, Betsy and Bill Hennon were married and they flew to Connecticut. March 31st, Bill was last in a storm. Betsy came home and worked at Schunemans, November 1st. Bill's son Michael was born, M (Ceanwhile I started converting our porch into a room, for Peggy, who was at home attending the University. She only occupied the room a short time when, in December, she left for a six-months wartime radio course at Purdue. (The was Too young for the Wacs.) Dests and analysis of the old truss over Clarks Fork River at Thompson Falls constituted most of my roork. In March and August we made tests on the bridge. I got out to Seattle once, and Bertha had a two weeks visit there in September. was promoted from chief draftsman to Bridge Engineer in January, and in March I got the title of Assistant Bridge Engineer. Owing partly to wartime restrictions and short supplies, I took fewer photographs than for many years, but I do not recall any real difficulty in getting enough film and paper.

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The month of Betsy's wedding. Bill Hennon and Clark Edwards, his best man, arrived the 7th and the wedding was at home, at 7:30 the 8th; just the two families, two girl friends. Mr Dick the pastor, then a crowded, pleasant reception. They went to New York by plane the 10th, and were in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

We attended a party at Ekbergs' the 2nd. I took a quick trip to Medora dho Glendive the 10th-13th and was in Duluth the 29th. Peggy nearly blew her right hand off the 15th, but it healed perfectly and before the end of the month was as good as new......

I put in several evenings printing wedding pictures: Started my Red Cross blood donations the 21st. Mollie Savold was here the 25th to 27th.

My work, aside from the two trips, was mostly on the Soo Line ore dock contract; the Minnesota Transfer depreciation committee also met. Brockway's appointment as Bridge Engineer was announced the 9th.

I got a few more steel engravings.

The weather turned cold the 4th and we had many days below zero; 22° below, the 19th; also some days up to 30° above. Some snow, not many blizzardy days....



WEDDING CAKE, TABLE

MARRIED

ELIZABETH ANNE HANDSAKER

CAPTAIN WILLIAM JOSEPH HENNON

SAINT PAUL MINNESOTA

JANUARY 8TH, 1943

AT 7 IN THE EVENING

BY REV. THOMAS CHALMERS DICK

WHAGEE 19/8-2/2



PEGGY-BETSY-BILL+LENNON CLARK EDWARDS





MR. DICK-BERTHA PENNY- ME-

BETSY- BILLHENNON-CLARK



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BRIDE AND GROOM

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DECORATIONS



WEDDING GIFTS



CUTTING THE CAKE

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The Bride Throwing her Bouquet
-but where is it?

- MINNEAPOLIS STAR JOURN

d Air Battle Still s Off New Guinea

es Mound Hero of Java War sy Will Wed 'U' Sweetheart



German Naval Force Beaten British Save Convoy to Russia

TRANS-OCEAN COURTSHIP-Girl, Proposed to



Prices on 9 Foods

Farm Leaders By Phone, Weds Flier To Lift Prices

National Groups Urge S4-Hour Week And No Overtime Pay

In their Way



On the 9th they drove away for Bill's base near New London Connecticut

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On account of the War, there was no Winter Carnival this year, but Saturday, January 30 there was a "Victory Parade."

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I didn't see it, but Bill went down and took these pictures



W 43 2

24×21/4 negs

Weather - zero to slushy to 12° below (1415) melting again a week later, back to zero 25Ts, a spring morning the 2715. Some very pleasant days?

I attended meetings of the Minnesota
Transfer Ry, depreciation committee and
worked at bridge ratings and on a unit
set-up for our ore dock depreciation in connection
with the Soo Line contract. Made a 4% annuity table,
In connection with rating Bridge O at Ashland, I
went to Ashland, via Duluth's and bus line, the 19th, Spent
an evening in Duluth's old book shops and got a borms
Aldine Magazine for 1874.

Pegs injured hand was healed by the 2nd. We heard frequently from Betsy, at Uncasville, Com. The 20th, she wrote that she and Bill were moving to Long Island. Richard Skartvedt, of Mott, was killed on Guadalcanal.

I made a lighting and film holding rig to expedite use of the enlarger to copy small pictures; and made a book, for Mart and Lola, of our last summer's trip to Victoria.

Sunday The 7th, Lindgren, Bill & I went to Minnehaha Falls to take some Kodachromes. The 14th, Bill & I went to Plymonth Church - Scout Troop 59 attending in a body. The 21st, Bill and Peggy treated us to dimer at the Curtiss as a wedding anniversary treat - the 23d being our 25th. The 28th is was in the darkroom all day, printing pictures sent by Betsy and her wedding pictures. I spent evenings, Feb. 22 to 25, at the school house helpingwith sugar rationing.

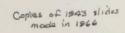


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MINNEHAHA FALLS

February 1943





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JOHN NOCTOR'S BRIDGE CREW

Thompson Falls, Montana March 22-29

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Tom Stang



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See the deer?



Handsaker and Ornburn

Maria

The first half of the month I was in Saint Paul except for trips to Duluth and Lake Park. I was appointed Assistant Bridge Engineer; Ben Ornburn receiving the same title west of Garrison. My works was making AFE estimates, bridge analysis, reports and study of Bridge 36 at Thompson Talls in preparation for the tests which took the second half of the month.

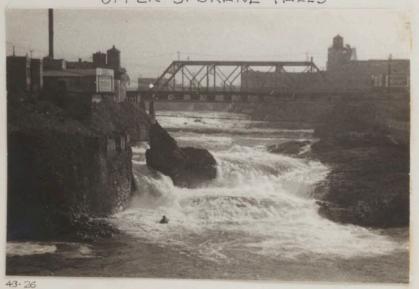
I left St Paul on No. 3 the night of the 16th. We went through a blizzard, losing time all the way and reached Spokane 10 AM the 19th, 16 hours later. Had a compler of evenings with Stangs. To Thompson Falls the 22nd with Ornburn and Stang: Moctor's crew built scaffolding for our deflection recordings. His two preachers were very little help in the air. We got our test-train records the 26th, 27th and 28th, then returned, to Seattle where we tried to make something of our recordings. Visited Hopkinses- Bud's graduated from flying school, Sally's joining the Wacs. Bud's married. Saw the Skartvedts. Report was fun-ished and I started east the 2nd of April.

After I got home I learned that Bill Hermon coas missing on a short flight in a storm March 31st. The weather - first two days 6 to 14° below zero and windy. Then up and down touching zero every day or two until it got more springlike after the 10th. At Thompson talls we had showers most every day,



"This is a party, Henderson! Quit worrying about the tensile strength of meringue!"







LOWER SPOKANE FALLS

A melancholy month; no trace ever found of Bill Hermon, Perkins very sick, in the hospital; I had a very bad cold, which bothered me most of the month and kept me home two days.

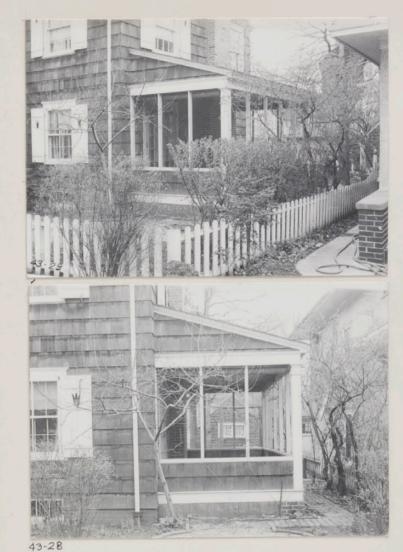
I left Seattle the 2nd, stopped between train sections at Paradise, got off at Benz coal dock and rode a freight to Glendive, changed trains at Dickinson to see the coal dock and got home the letts. Mandan still showed some traces of the worst flood in 25 years which tied the rail-road up a few days while I was west. I found Peggy & Bill keeping house while Bertha had gone to Betsy near Dew York. Mrs. Perkins and McKays dined us. Bertha and Betsy got home the 10th, driving.

Elma arrived from Seattle & Mott the 11th, left the 14th.

She hirried back to see Merle, who was home on a furlywh

Weather was mostly chilly spring weather, with some showers.

Except for a few odd jobs, my work was on Bridge 36, writing up the tests we made. Stevens called me and Brookway down to tell us, the 19th, that a very complete report must be made - just what I wanted, but I hadn't bargained for doing it almost alone.



Our Porchbefore I made a room out of it.



The Spring Flood from the Wabasha St. Bridge

Mostly fair or showery and cool; my gardening took shape the 5th when I planted some vegetable seed. Later, tomato plants. Tree leaves budding the 7th; the 19th was the first really fine spring day. The 21st Bartha brought home a lot of flowers from the Groveland Park Garden Club sale to be set out.

Herbert Perkins died May 6th; I was a pall bearen at his funeral, the 8th.

We had a short-notice blackout the evening of the 7th, I bought a huge two volume set. History of the Crusades, with Dore illustrations. Some evenings I went to bed early and catalogued engravings or read. Did not like Douglass's Robe." When evenings were too wet for garden work, I began making plans for altering the porch into a room, as Betsy's approaching motherhood, is going to make it necessary to have another room for Peggy. The 28th, we went to Collises' home on Edgecurabe for some plants, and spent the evening on their terrace overlooking the valley.

I did no traveling, worked the whole month on the computations for the Bridge 36 report, which are going to take months to finish.





Betalden and Sourrochnikoff

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The weather was mostly hot and damp, but from The 4th to the 7th it got down to 50° and twentilated, the basement without condensation on the walls. The night of the 14th we had a very heavy rain, bout our bosement only got a little wet in one corner.

There was enough fair weather to enable me to make a start on the new room formodations by moving the pipes to the oil tanks making concrete piers and beam bearings on the house foundations.

It was this month that Floyd I wester shot himself; the couldn't stand the pain and crippled condition any longer

our Bill and Peggy got summer jobs; Bill as kitchen hulper at Macalester College, Feeding soldier-students; Peggy in a small telephone factory.

We had a picnic at Lake Nokomis the afternoon of the 19th, wish Mrs. Perkins, her sister Midge, their chik-dren and Irene Knight. We went to Mound the 27th for our first visit with Bill Hennon's father, mother and sister. Pleasant day. Went through Mound's big school, Bill drove both ways; two days later, his 15th birthday, he got his state driver's license.



Paul Skartredt, his wife Allee

Paul and Olice Skanliedt

Mostly fair, hot and rather humid, but we had some showers and a few cool days-once we had the heat on, but that was mostly to dry some sticky varnish on the living room floor.

I was at Oelwein lowa the 1st to look at a Ross & White coal dock; and the whole family drove to Faribault via Northfield on the 8th, on a similar errand. My work in the office was nearly all connected with the study of deflections in Bridge 36 at Thompson Falls, using summation of Sul/AE and Williot-Mohr diagrams. I was aided by Raphael Ting, our Chinese draftsman, who joined us the 26th.

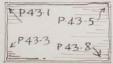
I began in earnest on the side porch, week ends and evenings; with Brookway's jacks I leveled up the floor placed new sills, extended the floor to be a foot and a half wider and made a shallow concrete footing for a brick pseudo-foundation all around the edge. I also drew a detailed plan and delivered it to Otistifor a bid, and scouted around for some knotty pine. It is very scarce.

Betsy quit working in Schunemans' office the 31st to come home and sew baby clothes.

Mary, Krohn's wife, and Caroline, stopped here en-

In the war, we invaded Sicily, and Mussolini resigned.











In June, Peg and a bunch of her friends celebrated the end of the University year by canoeing from Taylors Falls to Stillwater on the St. Croix River.

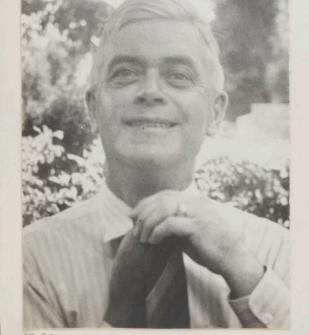
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Betsy and Bill at Faribault



FARIBAULT
July 8th



ST. PAUL MINN. SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1943. JULY 10 1943

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Biggest Bomber Force Hits Japs

Munda Air Base to Pave Way For Troops at Grips With Foe

Open in 10 Days

Care for Children of

and an fact at RAF Strikes at

Carrier's Sales Talk Brings \$1,500 Order

Reds Smash All Attacks By Germans

Above Average Crops Forecast

Allies Start on Road to Rome



SALVAGE ATTEMPT DAMAGES STORE-Stack Crashes Ryan Building

Nation Eyes St. Paul's Paper Drive Today

Yanks, British, Canadians Land Eisenhower Broadcasts "First Stage of Liberation" Has Begun; Warns French to Await Their Hour

American, British and Canadian land

day to open the second European front. frican bases they climaxed weeks o rial pounding with the first invasion of

dments, preceded the landing of soldiers by precision and area bombings mount

The United States War depa giers which gave the bare announcer the momentous sten.

mand of Gen. Elsenhower, began landing opera-tions in Sicily early this morning.



Betsy Betty

Peggy

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Hennons' Garden Patch at Mound 310

The calculated deflections of Bridge 36 needed a verification test, so I met Stang and Omburn there the 12th, ran some levels, made the tests, and drove to Clarks Fork for the night, examined Bridge 92 and went on to Spokane. Returning, we had a gang of baseball boys enroute to Miles City, who'd never been in a sleeper before. Swung like monkeys from upper to upper. I was home the morning of the 16th, and figured on Bridge 36 the rest of the month except for a day in Duluth, the 27th.

While home I continued my porch foundation and floor, building the 5 foot extension to the rear, laid the brick footing course and got my War Production Board permit...

Sunday the 22nd the whole family drove to White Bear Lake, and dropped in on Fullers, McKays and Gibsons. The 24th we had a "surprise" blackout but as Bill, an aide with a tin hat, was called to be a messenger, we had warning.

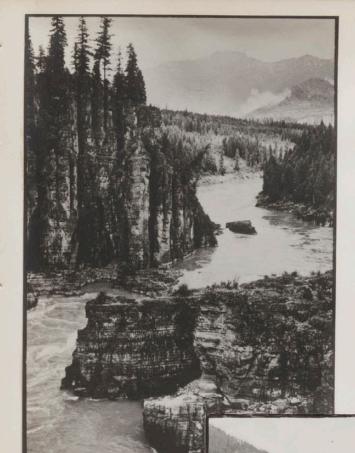


PEGGY- ON THE CANOE TRIP



SLIDE-OUT OF NEW FILL NEAR RED LAKE FALLS

OCTOBER 26.7#



CABINET GORGE

LEVELS ON BRIDGE 36







St. Paul Pioneer Press



MUSSOLINI FORCED OUT; KING TAKES COMMAND; BADOGLIO PREMIER

Yanks Raid Hamburg Duce's Fall
After RAF Hits City Started as He

In Greatest Attack Joined Axis



Seen in Duce's Fall

St. Paul Dispatch

Italy Under Martial Law; Peace Bid Forecast

Allies Bomb 'Oops! the Bottom Fell Out' War Speedup Arms Centers Air Paper Gets Duce Scoop Due in Italy,

8 Americans Indicted For Helping Axis

Storm Brings

Planes Raid Kiska Ten Times in Day

- Arms Stocks Tumble

: As Duce is Obsted

1 Dies, 12 Hurt by Autos

Allies in Sicily Nab Admiral, 6 Generals Nazis Wreck Orek

SEPTEMBEI We had mostly good weather, but there were 2 occasional rains.

Bertha left for Seattle August 31st, and returned about the middle of this month while I was out on bridge inspection.

I inspected the St Croix River bridge near Rush City the 1st. Then worked in the office, on Bridge 36 com putations until I went to Mandan the 11th to handle the bridge inspection to Glendiux and the Glendiux branches - finishing at the 16th,

The bids on the new room replacing the porch were so high that I decided to do it myself. I packed insulation under the floor on Labor Day. Then beginning the 18th, I took a two week vacation. With Brill's help I raised the new side and back wall frames and side the porch walls; spliced the rathers out so the new wall carried the roof; tore out the old porch frame and put the window frames in place. By the end of the month the outside was roughed in, but it still lacked shingles, paint, and a little moulding. The inside was entirely unfinished; and Bertha had persuaded me to lay a second Hoor for greater warmth.

As shown in the headlines on the next page, the Americans and British invaded Italy on the 2nd, and in a few days the Italian government surrendered, though the German forces there kept fighting for many months.



All my Saturday afternoons and Sundays and most of my evenings working on the new more I put down the second layer of flooring, 2"above the old one, built the sun deck except railing, got the misfit windows fixed by Snell, put up wall board, including ceilings, framed the closet partition, lined the closet walls and put up shelves in it. Painted outside of windows (had carpenter Ricci the 2nd and 16th; he hung windows). The radiator was put in the 22nd. Otis shingled the house & new roof. I started to shingle the side walls. The lino-leum was laid before the radiator was put in.

I continued work on the Bridge 36 report, completing the report proper but not the appendix exhibits. Went to Winnipeg the 12th. Had time to shop a little for old books but got none. There were a lot of al-can Highway men coming & going on the train. Lindgren and I made some test cylinders at Como. The 25th I went to Red Lake Falls with Tritz Setterlind and next day inspected the old Howe trusses and returned. Did some St Paul terminal inspecting, the 29th. A new Bozeman tunnels authorized; wartime traffic is so beauty that further repairs to the old me are impossible.

We had some fine Indian Summer weather, with occasionaf raw days, frost nearly every night after The 10Th. Plymouth Church celebrated its 85th anniversary... Guess III

Guess who arrived the morning of the lst? Yes, the little stranger we'd been looking for, and he was a 6½ lb. boy, which suited everybody, specially as he has a noticeable resemblance to his dad. He was born at Midway Hospital, and came home with Betsy the 11th. At first everything was rosy, but he was ill the 23rd, quite dopy and breathing hard the 25th, Thanksgiving (Hennons had dinner with us) but we didn't realize how serious it was till next day, when Bertha and Betsy and the doctor finally got him into Childrens Hospital. He'd have died that evening if Dr. Gardiner, a throat specialist, hadn't happened to recognize the trouble as a cyst on his wocal abord, which was choking him. A moment's operation, so he was on the road to recovery, Though he finished the month in the hospital.

I had the new room ready, after a fashion, for Peg to occupy when Betsy came home. I got the back cupboard up, we painted the ceiling, I put up one barm in ceiling, and outside I clid a little painting, and work on eaves trim and shingles. Weather got rather snappy, with sleet the 7th, a real blizzard the 8th.

I took two trips west? The 17th to 21st, to Lake Park, Dilworth and Bozeman coal docks; the 29th to Dec. 4th-with Si Knight, to Livingston. My office work was reports on car pullers, exhibits for the Bridge 36 report, and estimates.

Mart Chappel died suddenly the 17th or 18th in Seather Harold Erickson died the 27th. Swenson, our office architect died on a train the 10th, and Childs of the Mechanical Department died the 4th.



BETSY AND BABY IN THE HOSPITAL

Picture by a news photographer (This was Michael's first portrait)
No, see the next page.



MICHAELS FIRST PICTURE

ONE DAY OLD

MINNEAPOLIS STAR JOURNAL



DECEMBER 25



4-3-51 HAYNES SALON SPECIAL CEMBER

A very mild winter month, I was in Livingston the 1st, home the 4th. The first part of the month was mostly sunny & mildly freezing, so I got some of the shingling and outside trim work done on the new froom. Also put up the fluorescent lamp and got the overhead beams completed. I'd have done more, but lumbago crippled me a little, and kept me home a day now and then. Partly on that account, I was home with Mike often while the others cavorted. He is a very good boy. He had a severe croup attack and went back to the hospital the 6th-9th.

Russ Riedesel entertained us at lunch the 9th, when he flew here to bid on the Bozeman tunnel.

Peggy left, the 10th, for a 6 months radio training at Purdue University. Bill went to work for the Express Company the 17th, and worked until after Christmas at 90th an hour.

At the office I worked on the exhibits for the Bridge 36 report, and had 3 or 4 conferences in Gehan's office on the 500 Ore contract.

on the 20th, Elma wired that Merle had been killed in a plane accident in Texas. He had been in Army transport cross country flying for some time.

Christmas is on another page



NOVEMBER 21ST



DECEMBER 129th





BILL Je much enlarged from a High School club group picture.

THREE A.M.

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DEC 25



MICFIAEL

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Merle Carman

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Mutual Admiration
Betsy and Michael
Dec. 25

CHRISTMAS



Bill put up the tree the evening of the 22nd while I enjoyed my lumbago. Betsy trimmed it the 23rd. As Bill had to work on the 25th and Hennons were here. Christmas Eve, we opened our presents then. The family went to midnight services at Plymouth, and about all there was left for Christmas day was a big turkey dinner: big turkey courtesy of Industrial. We missed Peggy



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Robert Street, North from Sixth



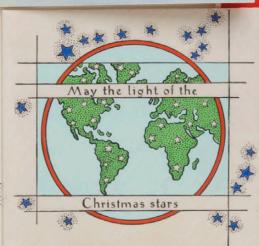
We are W.A.C.S. as you can see, And we're as proud as we can be. Christmas greetings we're sending you, Soon may the world have peace anew.

> Pvts, Barbara & Betty Serial Nos. 19 & 43 Camp Handsaker, Sacramento, Calif.



SEASON'S GREETINGS





spread over all the earth and bring Peace to all men



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SUPPLEMENT

My Office Friends





1. R.R.Brockway
2. Carl E.Ekberg
3. L.W.Lindgren.
4. Beth Weinke
5. E.A.Linell.
6 Henry A.Davidson











7. Basil Sourochnikoff
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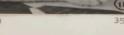
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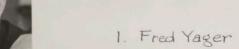






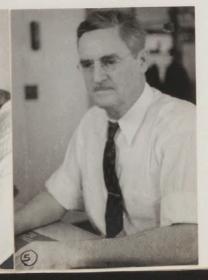




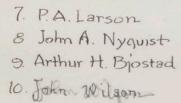


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- 7. Pete Larson.













Tom Gibson



Al Woker



Dick Kuehlwein



Jack Rochon



A.R. Owen



F.B Larentzen



Robert A. Hackenberg



Rochon



Clyde Smith



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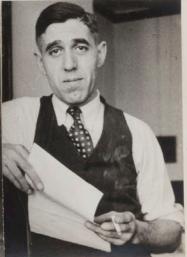




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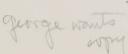




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Rose Mison



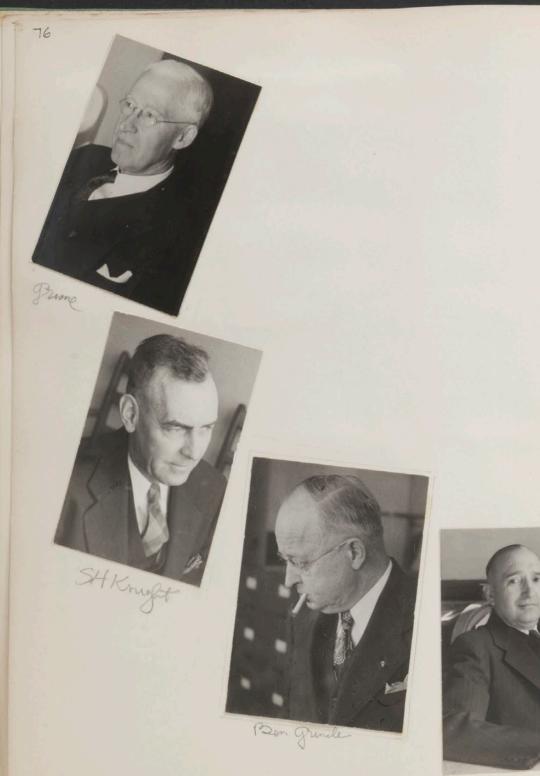
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Biggest Bomber Force Hits Japs

Warship and Land Guns Also Batter
Munda Air Base to Pave Way

Betts Funy Mount

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