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The Iwo Jima statue in Washington, D.C.

HANDSAKER'S ANNUAL~1945



PHOTOGRAPHY
FAMILY
THE WAR AND ITS END

Our Year \approx 1945

The War: Manila and Iwo Jima taken, the Rhine crossed, Hitler dead, the Atom Bomb; - Germany surrendered in May, and Japan in August - unconditionally, and our troops began coming home.

The Weather: Both winter seasons snowy; the rest of the year pleasant, but cool and moist. Mosquitoes hardly bothered; and this gave me a chance to enjoy my gardening.

My Work: no trip to the Pacific Coast; three to western Montana, & Glasgow on the GN to inspect turntables, bridges and cinder disposal. A few one-day trips; - but mostly office routine & Soo-Line ore dock contract.

Home: **Betsy** traveling, recruiting ^{for} Army civilians, home week-ends. Bertha and I enjoyed **Mike**; I took him for a walk every evening. **Peggy** was at Dayton, Ohio until September, coming home by way of New York, etc., and enrolled in her junior year at the University. **Bill**, in high school, was active in Skull-and-Key. He spent the summer in a survey party at Livingston. Jerry Burke's his best friend.

Events: Dr. Fuller, next door, died in February. Walter Witt became Plymouth's new pastor. George and Margaret Hopkins stopped over on their way from Sally's wedding in Chicago in May. Bertha and I vacationed at Dayton and in the Smokies in June, with Peggy. Bud Hopkins died in a storm-wrecked plane in July. Agnes Mills was with us two weeks in August. Bertha and I made our autumn-leaf pilgrimage to La Crosse in October, and Ama was here three days. Barbara Samuelson was married in December.



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BY THE
RIVER



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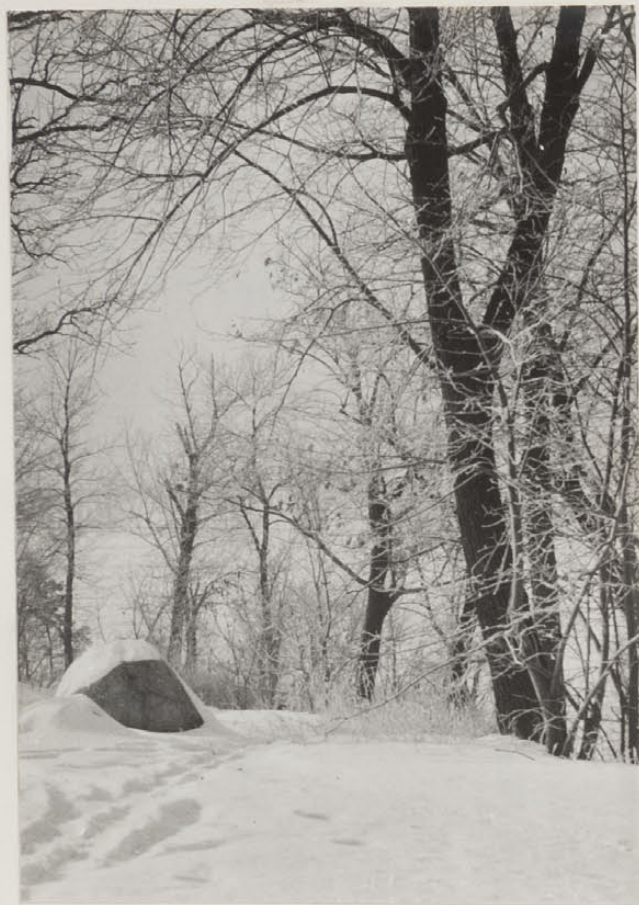


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DOWN
BY THE
RIVER



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DOWN BY THE RIVER
Feb. 25



PENNY AT DAYTON

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MICHAEL

Minnesota Warbler
1943-1944
18 PAGES
ST. PAUL, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1943
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St. Paul Pioneer Press

Oldest Morning Newspaper in Minnesota
ST. PAUL, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1943

AMERICANS LAND ON IWO JIMA

Allies Crack Nazi Line Near Goch

Round, Montgomery, Tals, Tresser

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Army today announced that it had broken through the last line of German resistance in the Goch area of the West Wall, near the Dutch border.

Russ Encircle Nazi Fortress; Near Saxony

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Soviet Union today announced that it had encircled a large German fortress in the Saxony area, near the Polish border.

U. S. Attorney To Get Tire Data Today

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. attorney today announced that he would receive data on tire production from the Federal Reserve Board.

659 Nip Planes Blasted In 2-Day Tokyo Attacks

ADVANCED PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor (AP)—The U. S. Navy today announced that it had destroyed 659 Japanese aircraft in two days of attacks on Tokyo.

Yanks Rescue 7,000 From Japs In Manila

MANILA (AP)—The U. S. Army today announced that it had rescued 7,000 American prisoners of war from the Japanese in Manila.

Manheim And Berlin Bombed

MANHEIM (AP)—The U. S. Army today announced that it had bombed the city of Manheim in Germany.

Nazi Fire Stickers Along Italian Front

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Army today announced that it had found fire stickers along the Italian front.

Dare Not Delay Work Draft, Stimson Says

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Army today announced that it would not delay the work draft.

Ball Favors Execution Of Hitler

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Army today announced that it favored the execution of Hitler.

Need More Bases For Jap Invasion

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Army today announced that it needed more bases for a Japanese invasion.

M'Arthur Goes 'Home' To Bataan, Defies Peril In Jap-Infested Area

MANILA (AP)—The U. S. Army today announced that General MacArthur had gone home to Bataan.

Train Throws Driver 180 Ft.; He's Scratched

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Army today announced that a train had thrown its driver 180 feet.

Patrols Battle Nazis In Tunisia; Suez Free

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Army today announced that it was battling Nazis in Tunisia and that the Suez Canal was free.

February

A fine winter month, which began with 5° below zero, had an all-day snow storm the 3rd, and had very little melting weather until the last few days.

Dr. Fuller died the 2nd. I was a pallbearer at his funeral the 5th. Oakland Cemetery was beautiful in fresh snow and bright sun.

I worked at the office mostly on my perpetual routine jobs—posting bridge inspection notes and revising the bridge rating books. No trips.

Family events: We got a 10lb. steelhead salmon, the trout, from Bill Hegg of Tacoma. Kept it frozen solid on the balcony till the 17th, when we had a dinner party. At the last minute our party blew up on account of illness and misunderstandings, and we had a good party anyhow—with neighbors. Betty Bachmann showed her slides. The 3rd, Mike grabbed a cup of hot coffee & burned himself severely. Petsy was recruiting in Northern Minnesota but got home every week end. Bill continued active in his Skull & Key. He and Jerry Burke delivered phone books and made a little money. The 22nd being a holiday, Bertha & I went down town, shopped an hour and had tenderloin steaks at the Covered Wagon, as an anniversary celebration.

With the Japs on the run in the Philippines, our Navy and Marines took the little island of Iwo Jima, halfway to Japan, at a heavy cost in lives. See the frontispiece.

YANKS CROSS RHINE!

MARINES INCH AHEAD
ON BLOODY IWO ISLE



St. Paul Dispatch

Russ Drive Toward Berlin

Mandelay
Entered By
Indian Unit

Perfect Pitch:
Hand Grenade Hurled Into
Gun Barrel Destroying Tank
But 25 Miles
From Capital,
Say Germans

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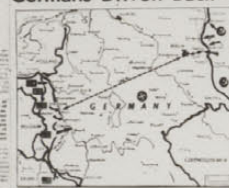
THOUSANDS POUR ACROSS RHINE

M'Arthur To
Run Jap War
Nimitz Hails

Marines Seize
Iwo Cliff Top

Russ Within
12 Miles
Of Dantzig

Yanks Reported Seizing Bridge;
Germans Driven Back 4 Miles



1st Army Unit
Catches Nazis
Off Guard

Senate Votes Sharply
Modified Work Bill

Union Threatens
Packer Holiday

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NAZIS COUNTER ATTACK BRIDGE 300 B-29S SET TOKYO AFIRE

Refused
GI Spur

Rain Incendiaries
In Mightiest Raid

1,300 Tons Of Bombs Dropped
In Record Blow On Pacific War
Ten Square Miles Of City Burned

THE TURNING POINT OF THE WAR



Enemy Columns
March On Yanks

Germans Pump Shells Into
American Lines; U. S. First
And Third Armies Joined



Hordes Of Japs
Smoother in Caves

St. Paul Faces
WW Final Fight



Dr. B. F. Fuller
our next-door neighbor
who died February 2nd



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BETSY AND HER BIG-BOY
MICHAEL



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SPRING THAW
MARCH 11TH

MARCH

Definitely a spring month, though it was down to zero the 6th. Winter faded out pleasantly with no late storms. I chopped the garage door out of the ice the 6th. A couple of Saturday afternoons I went to the Minneapolis Salvation Army and got all the old National Geographics I could carry home, trying to get a complete collection of color sections. Many birds were singing the morning of the 19th. Bertha and I attended the Groveland PTA one night to see Breckenridge's remarkable nature movies in color.

At the office, we had a series of division conferences on the Form 134. I went west the 25th, stopping at Glendive, Beach (small blizzard at coal dock) and Billings, and a car ride to Park City. Visited August Holmgren and his wife, in Billings; back to St. Paul morning of the 31st. A little time during the month on the Soo Ore Contract.....

I started raking the garden Saturday the 24th. Mike was out with me, boisterously happy. Scillas were budded, lilac leaf buds green. Temperature 70°. I was so soft that I got tired and quit early.

In Germany, our Army found a bridge across the Rhine at Remagen and poured across there and on pontoons elsewhere, getting far into Germany.

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This was our May Day snow.



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BERTHA

MORE
SPRING
SIGNS

MARCH 24TH



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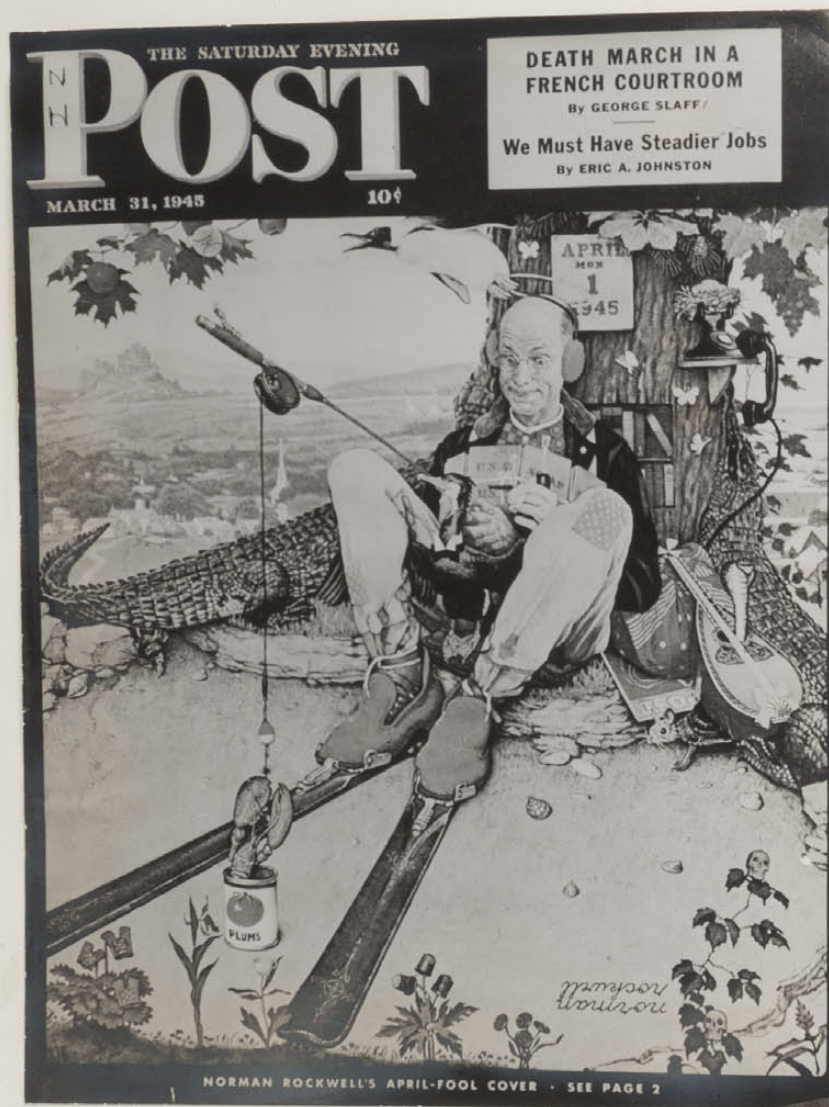
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*Myself,
with
Roberts and
Bjorklund,
March 29.*



PENNY AT DAYTON

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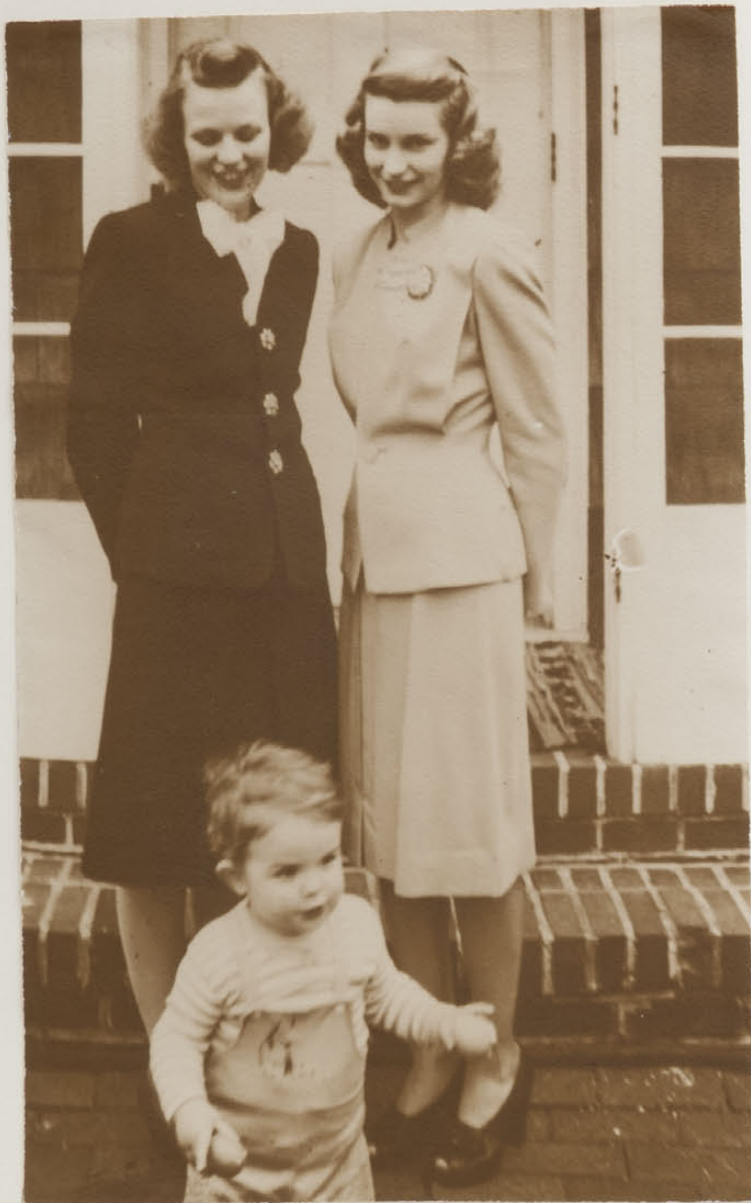
JUST FOR FUN
(APRIL FOOL'S DAY)

APRIL

Weather was mostly early-springy-35°-50°, rather raw and windy, with a few really nice days which encouraged me to rake the leaves (8th & 14th) and spade the vegetable garden (28th, 29th.) Little toy blizzards chased one another the 16th, but the real last day of winter was the 4th, when the most April snow in many years fell, somewhat disrupting traffic. It was slushy and lasted only two days. My work was pretty much investigation of cinder handling plants, including several expeditions around the Twin Cities, and one trip to Valley City, Laurel and Glasgow (on the G.N.) That was the 17-22nd. The 11th I was in Duluth. Ben Grinde, veteran Signal Dept. clerk, died the 22nd.

The Engineers' Society visited the airplane equipping center at Holman Airport the 9th. Went thru a Liberator bomber. Mr. Witt, our new minister, began his preaching the 8th. Betsy's recruiting in Northern Minnesota continued; she missed getting home only one week end.

President Roosevelt died suddenly the 12th. I've missed him so much that I'll miss him, I'm afraid. The war in Germany went fast with our armies far beyond the Rhine, and advancing so rapidly that German collapse was imminent... We had Art & Edna Ainslie for dinner the 29th; they are moving to Spokane,



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reversed

Betsy
Betty Hennon
and Mike



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ALL MIKE

May 28 { 45 29
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CAN'T I GO, TOO?

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EXTRA!

Today's Weather
Cloudy with occasional rain
and showers. High 55;
low 40. Wind light variable.
Temp. 55. Wind 10 to 15.
Moon 10 to 15. Wind 10 to 15.
Moon 10 to 15. Wind 10 to 15.

THREE CENTS ST. PAUL, MINN., TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1945 THREE CENTS

HITLER IS DEAD

Tram Strike Threat Here Averted

CHICAGO (U.P.)—The St. Paul Streetcar Co. announced today that the threat of a strike by employees of the city-owned transit system has been averted.



Financing's EASY at the Home Loan Department

If you're thinking of buying a home, or building one after the war, the best way to get good financing is to go to the Home Loan Department.

HOME LOAN AND VETERANS LOAN DEPARTMENT

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

St. Paul, Minn.

Saints Game With Millers Called Off

ST. PAUL (U.P.)—The St. Paul Saints baseball team and the St. Paul Millers football team have agreed to postpone their game until a later date.



Radio Sees Fall Of Berlin Tonight

LONDON (U.P.)—A German radio broadcast today said that the fall of Berlin was imminent.

War Events May Speed Molotov Home

ST. PAUL (U.P.)—The St. Paul Saints baseball team and the St. Paul Millers football team have agreed to postpone their game until a later date.

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50,000 Freed Yanks Almost Mob Savors

By EDWARD B. HALL
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Tells Of Fees For 'Steering' Scrap Tires

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Posse Catches LaDouceur In Swamp

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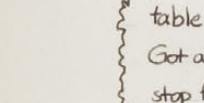
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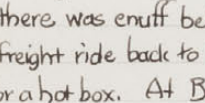
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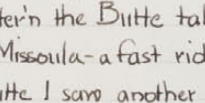
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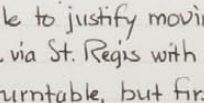
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MAY

A cool month, but mostly pleasant- it began with snow on May Day- just enough to get a picture before it melted. Then each day it was 40°-60°; up to 80° the 6th and 30th. On May Day the trees were half in leaf, the plum tree was white with blossoms and the early wild flowers in bloom. The 6th I planted beans; tomatoes the 26th. Mike likes to help, so I rigged gates to keep him from straying too far. We had our evening walks half round the block regularly.

Hitler was reported killed May 1 in the fighting in Berlin, which surrendered the 3rd. On the 6th came unconditional surrender, and the official "VE" day celebration was the 8th. We got off No. 1 off, account of George and Margaret Hopkins arriving from Sally's wedding in Chicago, and Frances Peterson's funeral at which I was a pall bearer in the afternoon.

I went to Duluth the 14th (cinder plants) and started west Sat. night the 19th- straight to Paradise, to see if the turntable there was enuff better'n the Butte table to justify moving it. Got a freight ride back to Missoula-a fast ride via St. Regis with one stop for a hot box. At Butte I saw another turntable, but first I drove with Erickson to Bridge 55, stopping at other jobs enroute. Saw Sandness at Marent. Bus, Butte to Logan. Henry & John Davidson on return train. The High School J-S Prom was at Stern Hall the 25th.

Bill led the march, we were chap-erones. A very quiet dance-no fightin', not much dancin'. I took a ride to Anoka in B&B truck the 29th, to look at Bridge 27.

We celebrated Memorial Day with a lunch on our terrace, & Si & Irene Knight, Alice & Judy Perk there, & no mosquitoes.



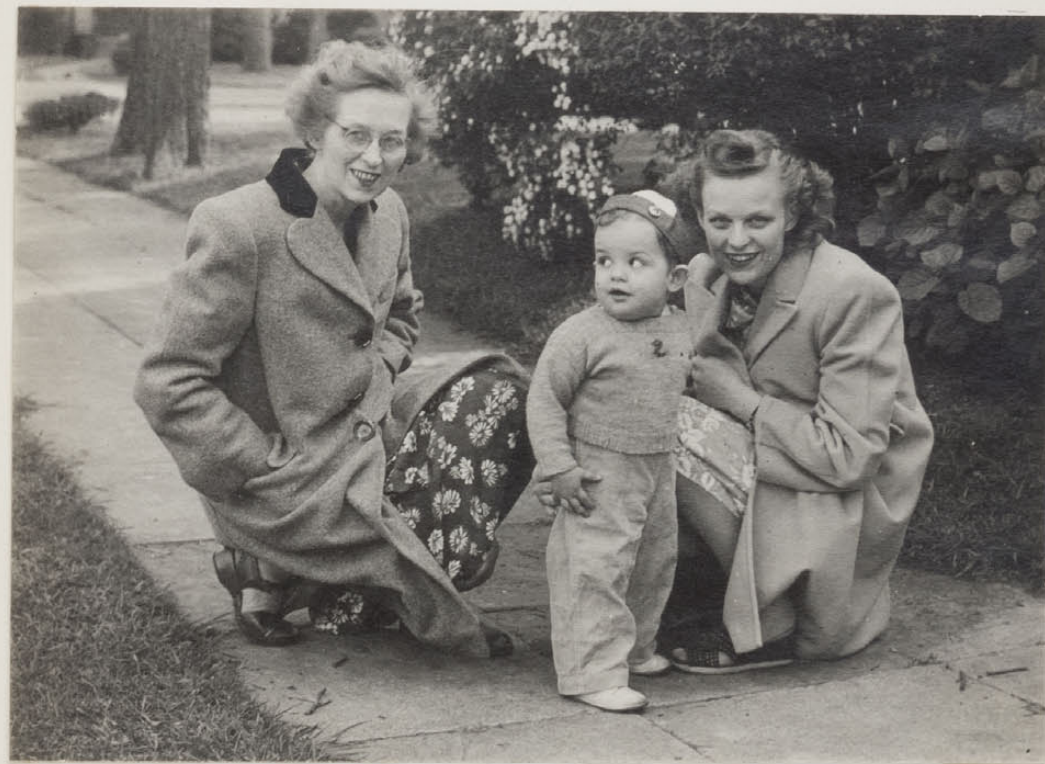
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It took Mike a long time to learn to walk right over the backyard bridge but he loves to cross it. He likes to climb to the top of the "mountain", too, but usually I have to help him down.



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JULY 20TH



BERTHA, MIKE AND BETTY

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Two Down;
One To Go

St. Paul Dispatch

This edition is restricted
to four pages because of
newsprint shortage.

ST. PAUL, MINN., MONDAY, MAY 7, 1945.

VICTORY

ALL GERMANY GIVES UP

AXIS POWER AT PEAK OF CONQUEST



TEXT OF BROADCAST OF SURRENDER

Following is the text of the Von Keitel's broadcast which preceded the formal announcement, as recorded by the British Ministry of Information.

The high command of the German army and navy has today at the order of Grand Admiral Doenitz declared the unconditional surrender of all fighting German troops.

As the leading minister of the Reich government which the German people have supported for the wounding up of all military tasks I turn at this tragic moment of our history to the German nation.

After a heroic fight of almost six years of struggle the hardest Germany has succumbed to the invader.

To postpone the war would be to prolong the bloodshed and a futile disintegration which preceded the formal announcement, as recorded by the British Ministry of Information.

A government which has a feeling of responsibility for the future of the nation was compelled to act as the collapse of all physical and material forces and to demand of the enemy the cessation of hostilities.

It was the nation's task to assist the fleet and the government in the hour of the terrible sacrifice which the nation demanded to save the last phase of the war in the face of a maximum number of fellow countrymen.

That the war was not ended immediately, but that it was ended in the East, is to be explained by the reason alone.

We and the greater part of the German nation and the people of the Reich.

By EDWARD KENNEDY

REIMS, FRANCE—(AP)—Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Western Allies and Russia at 2:41 a. m. French time today. (This was at 7:41 p. m. St. Paul War time Sunday.)

The surrender took place at a little red school house which is the headquarters of Gen. Eisenhower.

The surrender which brought the war in Europe to a formal end after five years, eight months and six days of bloodshed and destruction was signed for Germany by Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl.

Jodl is the new chief of staff of the German army.

It was signed for the Supreme Allied Command by Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff for Gen. Eisenhower.

It was also signed by Gen. Ivan Susloparoff for Russia and by Gen. Francois Seyve for France.

Gen. Eisenhower was not present at the signing, but immediately afterward Jodl and his fellow delegates, Gen. Adm. Hans Georg Friedeburg, were received by the supreme commander.

They were asked sternly if they understood the surrender terms imposed upon Germany and if they would be carried out by Germany.

They answered yes.

HERE'S WHAT REMAINED OF AXIS TODAY





FROM PARADISE
TO MISSOULA
VIA THE RIVER LINE

I rode in the caboose of a freight train;
only two brief stops: one for a hot box

MAY 21, 1945



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JUNE

A cool month with very frequent rains: the 1st, 10th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 17th and 28th it rained hard. There was frost near St Paul the 5th.

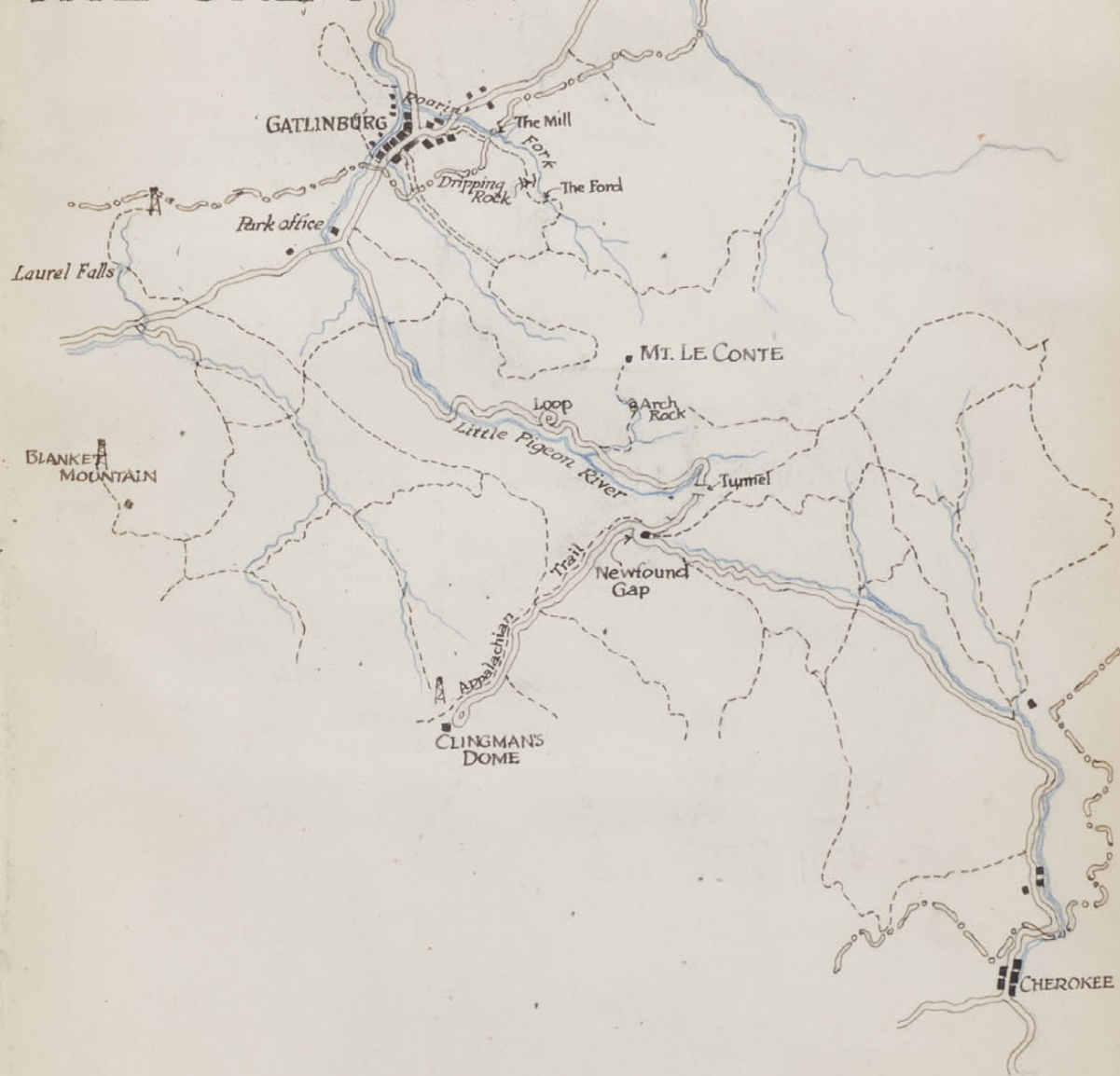
Garden work: got our annuals the 3rd, pruned apple trees, planted a few more small tomatoes the 9th, transplanted the seedling asters first time the 12th. Planted 3rd, 4th rows of beans the 15th.

Railroading: wrote specifications, reports etc., detour data, engine ratings; and three one-day trips — Rush City the 8th, to inspect the old Howe trusses; Duluth the 11th on account of the Lake Avenue viaduct work and to Detroit Lakes with Fritz Setterlund the 13th to look at Bridge 199.

Miscellaneous: Dennis was recovering from his stomach operation. We had a call from our new minister, Mr. Witt. Peg called from Dayton the 7th to learn our vacation plans. Betsy kept on traveling, except while we were away on our vacation. Her vacation was to keep house with Mike, and to see that Bill got started for Livingston the 17th: he had a job as chainman there. Mike went to grandma Hennon's the 14th, and that left the place strangely silent.

Vacation: Bertha and I got started for Dayton and the Great Smoky Mountains the 16th, visited in Dayton the evening of the 17th & the 18th, went on with Peg to Gatlinburg the 19th and started back late the afternoon of the 23rd. We "saw Cincinnati" the 24th, had some close connections and a late supper that evening, but reached home Mon. morning the 25th, and that was the best day of our vacation.

THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS





BERTHA AND I
AT DAYTON

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BERTHA & PENNY ON THE BRIDGE



P44-56 THE GIRLS' LOG CABIN IN THE WOODS



CINCINNATI-OHIO RIVER
FROM TOP OF HILL FERRY

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45-39 THE SMOKIES FROM LAUREL FALLS TRAIL -



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MOUNTAIN VIEW HOTEL-GATLINBURG

35 mm slide copies except
P44-56 = copy of professional photo



45-38 BLANKET MOUNTAIN FROM THE LAUREL FALLS TRAIL



45-44 LOWER LAUREL FALLS...



45-43 THE WHOLE - LAUREL FALLS



45-35 MOUNT LE CONTE



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LOWER FALLS

LAUREL FALLS -



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UPPER FALLS



45-67 PI BETA PHI SHOP



45-69 THE LITTLE PIGEON IN TOWN



45-68 GATLINBURG'S MAIN STREET



45-63 LOWER ROARING FORK SETTLEMENT



45-72 PEG IN LITTLE PIGEON



45-73 QUEER BRIDGES ABOUND



45-64A PEG AT THE FORD



THE FORD

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45-61 DAM FOR THE MILL

ROARING FORK



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THE WEAVER



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OVERLOOKING GATLINBURG



45-51 THE MAIN ROAD



45-50 ROAD LITTLE PIGEON RIVER



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CLIMBING TOWARD THE GAP



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LOOP IN THE ROAD



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BERTHA AND PENNY, LOOKING WEST, A COUPLE OF MILES FROM THE GAP

ON THE
ROAD TO
NORTH CAROLINA



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AT NEWFOUND GAP

All 35 mm slide copies, except
+ 45-77, copy of post-card



45-59 The only bear we saw,
at the Indian shopping village
of Cherokee.



45-54 Mountains and laurels



45-60 Mrs and Mr Johnson
of Cincinnati, who took us
shopping to Cherokee, N. C.



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TYPICAL COUNTRY

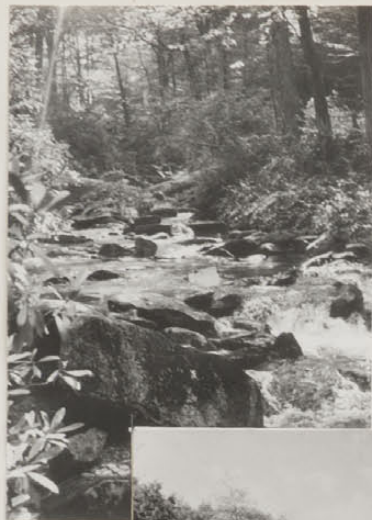


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AT NEW FOUND GAP



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45-46A
ALUM
CREEK



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TUNNEL ON
THE MAIN
ROAD



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LITTLE
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BRIDGE ON
ALUM CREEK TRAIL

35mm slide copies,
taken with Leica

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July: The first half of the month was fair and so cool that the oil burner was on, occasionally; but it turned hot the 19th and stayed hot till the 26th when we had an all-night rain; and another wet night the 27th. There was a near-total eclipse of the sun the morning of the 9th. I watched it all the way from home to the office. My color slides of the Smokies came back, and were good.

Our holiday the 4th was the quietest possible, at home; Bill, Betsy and Peggy being all far away. The 6th, Bertha and I saw "A Song to Remember" (Chopin's life) at the World. The 7th, I again transplanted the asters, to their permanent arrangement. I spent several evenings copying vacation slides.

Bud Hopkins lost his life in a storm, in an airplane over Texas, the 7th. Sally and her husband called from the airport the 10th, en-route to Seattle for the funeral. Mollie Savold visited us the 14th. I was tying and staking tomatoes and beans the 15th. We canned cherries. Each evening when I got home, Mike was ready for his walk with me. Once or twice we went down in Stonebridge, looking for pretty flowers. I usually put him to bed, after feeding him his supper.

Ben Ornburn came through, the 18th. I met him, and visited a while before his midnight bus for Iowa came in. He was back the 25th and spent the night with us. The 26th, I went to Elk River; back on a freight.

Tom Stang died in Spokane about the 23rd. I was a pall bearer at his funeral here the 30th. My RR work was a little local inspection, and a lot of bridge ratings. Agnes Mills arrived the 29th.



MICHAEL



Great Falls
of the Yellowstone

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Yellowstone
Canyon



W 45-14

Geyser
Basin



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WITH BILL JR. IN MONTANA

He lived in Livingston with the Tryg. Johnsons, spent long days at Bozeman Tunnel waiting for something to do; saw Yellowstone Park and had a little fun.

AUGUST: The first half of the month was rather cool, with quite a few wet days, or showers. Up to 85° the 12th, rather hot the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th, down to 50° the 24th - month ended hot and humid. Bertha & I called on Mrs. Stang at Owens on the 1st, then I went on for Mandan that night to look at the foundation work at Bridge 17; I got home again the morning of the 4th. Most of my month's work was on breakdown of ore clock valuation to units. Agnes Mills visited us from July 29 to August 11th. The 12th we visited Como Park (see pictures opposite). Bill got home the night of the 26th, and you never saw such a brown boy. His summer in the Livingston maintenance party turned out rather monotonous, but I think it was good for him. We had a remarkably mosquito-free summer, but they were showing up the 18th. I took Mike for walks in the evenings before supper, looking for "pub-pub" (pretty flowers).

The month began with intensified bombing of Japanese cities, and it looked like the invasion was near; sure to be a bloody fight. Then one of the revolutionary events of the world's history occurred. On the 6th it was announced that 4 square miles of Hiroshima had been completely destroyed, with 60 000 to 100 000 people killed, by a single very small bomb parachuted from a plane. On the 7th, Nagasaki was hit by another atomic bomb. Nuclear physics had been developed at Oak Ridge and Pasco into a possible world destroyer. Japan, already defeated, accepted this proof of utter helplessness, & after a few days of hesitation, surrendered unconditionally the 13th; while the formal surrender came 2 weeks later, all hostilities stopped at once; Russia moved in at the last minute. The night of the 14th was a wild jamboree across the country - I heard it on the radio. Betsy's recruiting job tapered off - after the 23rd she worked here. Peg had already decided to quit at Dayton Sept 1. (The 15th was an unofficial general holiday; RR offices closed in PM acct no place to eat.) A hastily organized Victory-Peace parade the afternoon, the 15th.

At Como Park
Aug. 12

Betsy
Barbara Samuelson
Michael
Teddah



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RUSSIA DECLARES WAR ON JAPANESE

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Four Military Zones Will Be Shared By Big 4 And France

BOMB CORTEGE REACHES DULUTH



B-29's Blast Japan Fourth Time In Day

Fukuyama Bettered After Raid On Two Plants In Tokyo



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or make needed repairs to keep property in top condition. Decide NOW what must be done... get estimates... then see us about an installment loan for paying the bills. We have the cash and welcome loans for paint and maintenance of property.

The body of Major Richard I. Bong of Poplar, Wis., American ace of aces, arrives by plane in Duluth from Long Beach, Calif. The government casket is being moved from the plane to be taken to Poplar for burial.

Truman, Byrnes Sign Charter OK

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Ratification of the United Nations Charter by this country was today completed by President Truman's signature and the Senate's ratification of the charter. The document, which was signed by Truman and Byrnes, is the first of the four major international agreements since World War II. The other three are the European Recovery Program, the North Atlantic Treaty, and the United Nations Conference on International Law.

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Plant Reported 'Sun'

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Why Did Message End?

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Japanese declaration of surrender ended abruptly, leaving many questions unanswered. Experts are trying to determine why the message ended so suddenly, and what it means for the future of the war.

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Japs Accept Terms

WASHINGTON—(UP)—President Truman announced Tuesday night that the Japanese government had accepted the surrender terms without qualification.

"I deem this reply a full acceptance of the Potsdam declaration which specified the unconditional surrender of Japan. In the reply there is no qualification."

The President also revealed that he had named Gen. MacArthur the supreme commander to receive the Japs now surrender.

"MacArthur, he said, Allied armed forces have been ordered to suspend offensive operations."

VI DAY WILL NOT BE PROCLAIMED UNTIL AFTER THE FORMAL SIGNED OF THE SURRENDER TERMS BY JAPAN.

The three Allies in the Pacific war—Great Britain, Russia and China—will be represented at the signing by high ranking officers.

Macroe radio said Emperor Hirohito has ordered all Japanese armed forces wherever they are to cease military operations, give up their arms and follow orders of the Allied supreme commander.

Tokyo radio in a special broadcast said Emperor Hirohito personally will read an imperial rescript over the radio at 10 p. m. St. Paul time.

"His Majesty is also prepared to issue his commands to all his military, naval and air subordinates in Japan and all the forces under their control wherever located to cease active operations, to surrender arms and to liquid their arms and orders as may be required by the supreme commander of the Allied forces of the execution of the above mentioned terms."

"The President did not say where the surrender terms would be signed but it has been reported ceremonies would take place aboard a battleship or at Okinawa."

St. Paul radio said that arrangements are being made for the formal signing at the "EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT."

President Truman declared a two-day holiday, today and Thursday, for all federal employees in Washington and throughout the country.

He said a grave conference that the reason for two days is the employees had not had a chance to celebrate the last surrender on VE day.

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THE PRESIDENT AUTHORIZED SELECTIVE SERVICE TO REDUCE DRAFT INDUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY FROM 450 TO 350 MEN PER MONTH.

The monthly inductions, which will be limited to the lowest age group—probably under 18—will "provide only sufficient men to support occupation forces and permit the rest of men who have long been overseas, the President declared."

Mr. Truman predicted that the army probably will receive less than 100,000 "during the next twelve to sixteen months."

"We now release as many men as can be brought home by the means available during the next year," Mr. Truman said.

The President said "a constant flow of reinforcements to the occupational forces" is imperative. It is, he said, due to the millions of men who have grown long and faithful service under the difficult and hazardous conditions of the Pacific war and elsewhere overseas.

Mathematically and morally, he emphasized, "no withdrawal of active troops is acceptable."

NE SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY NOW TO PROPOSE DEFINITE FIGURES FOR THE OCCUPATION FORCES WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE PACIFIC TWELVE MONTHS FROM NOW.

Not, he added, can it be estimated yet what reduction may be possible in European armies of occupation in the near future.

Mr. Truman said the reduction in draft inductions was recommended by the War department and approved by him. He said the selective service system's problems now center on the readjustment of personnel now in uniform and the induction of new men.

The radio report said Mr. Truman said that the earliest possible release from the army of those men who have long periods of overseas service and faithful service is the policy of the War department.

The President, arrived in a blue double-breasted suit, blue shirt and diagonal blue striped tie, sat at his desk, a smile on his face, as almost 500 reporters entered his executive office.

He was surrounded by high ranking members of his staff, family.

When the "all in" announcement was made, indicating that the waiting press had been assembled in his office, the President arose, holding a sheet of paper in his hand.

It was his statement.

As he began reading, several cameras whirled.

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As soon as he completed the reading, someone shouted, "THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT," the reporters made a mad rush to their telephones.

Former Secretary of State Hull, who helped give the nation its long war effort at the President's invitation, said: "But he got there in time to shake hands with the smiling jubilant Chief Executive."

Mr. Truman also summoned many other important government officials to witness the historic meeting with the press.

Before Secretary of State Byrnes and Adam Lasky, these were Secretary of the Navy Forrestal, Secretary of the Treasury Vinton, War Mobilization and Reconstruction Director Snyder, Attorney General Clegg, Foreign Economic Administrator Crowley and several officials.

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THIS WAS PARTLY A CELEBRATION OF THE END OF GASOLINE RATIONING, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS THE JAPS GAVE UP; BUT MOSTLY IT MARKED THE END OF ANXIOUS FEARS OF ALL WHO HAD SERVICE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS—AND THE BEGINNING OF IMPATIENT WAITING FOR DEMOBILIZATION, AND RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT TO STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES



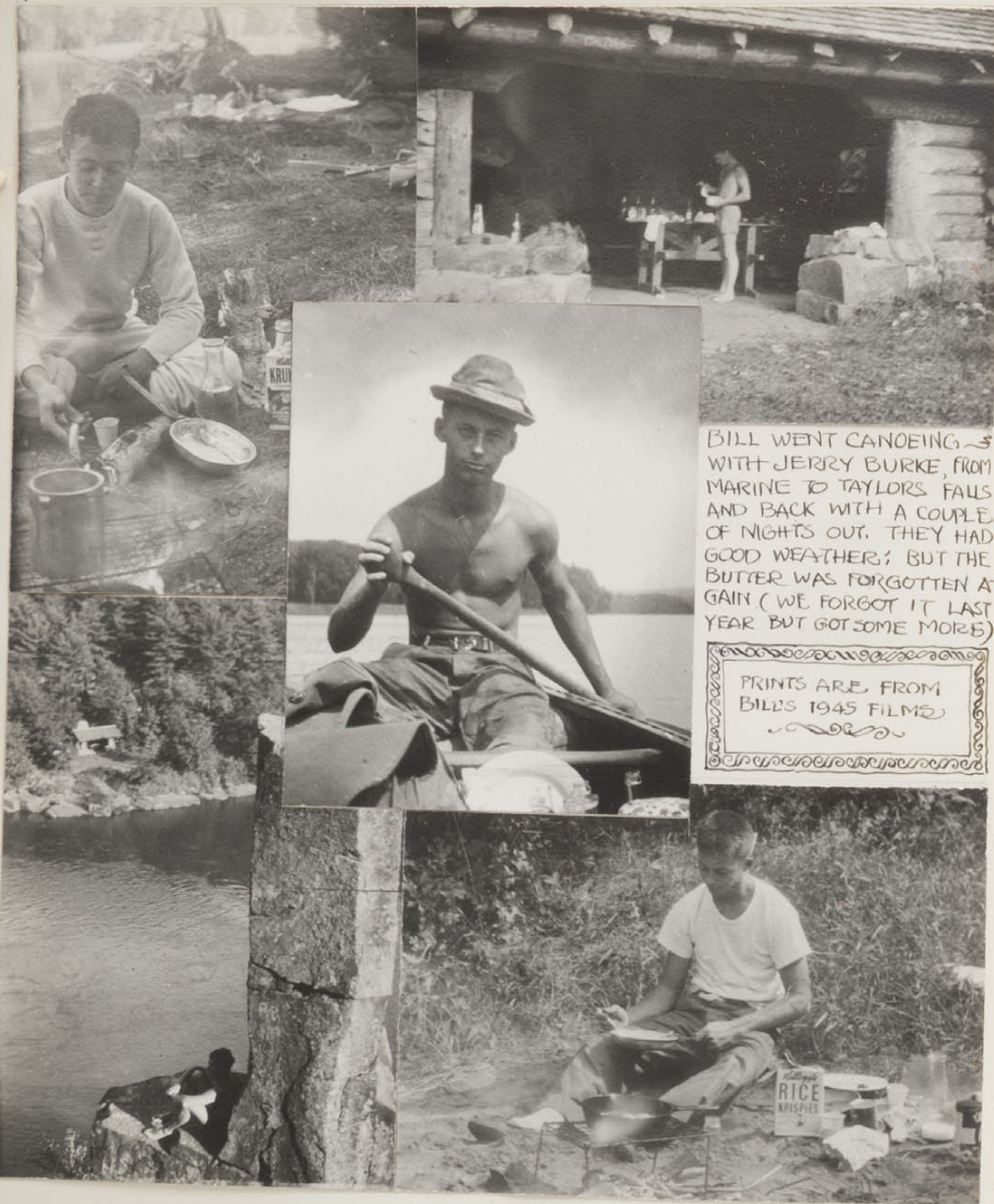
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AUGUST 15:

THERE WAS LITTLE TIME TO GET UP A VICTORY AND PEACE PARADE, BUT A NUMBER OF CIVILIAN MARCHING UNITS AND A FEW STATE GUARDS, & LOTS OF FLAGS, DID VERY WELL. IT WAS SHORT AND SNAPPY.



BILL WENT CANOEING WITH JERRY BURKE, FROM MARINE TO TAYLORS FALLS AND BACK WITH A COUPLE OF NIGHTS OUT. THEY HAD GOOD WEATHER; BUT THE BUTTER WAS FORGOTTEN AGAIN (WE FORGOT IT LAST YEAR BUT GOT SOME MORE)

PRINTS ARE FROM
BILL'S 1945 FILMS

SEPTEMBER

Sort of a trivial month, anticlimax after the great events of August. Cool, some fine fair days, and many showers. Getting chilly; & the 28th we woke up to see the trees loaded with snow; it melted almost immediately but that night we had our killing frost.

I finished wiring Peggy's "porch" room; we got a chiffonier; and the 18th she & "MJ" arrived on a plane from their spree in the east. So now the whole family's together again.

I had two or three outings around the Twin Cities, one to Northtown to see the "no clearance" signs being installed on the Soo bridge; and on the 12th, Bob Hackenberg and I went to Brainerd by train, drove to Pine River, looked at a couple of concrete trestles, I went wading, and we got home that night. My steady office job was the ore dock.

The 23rd I tried to be a portrait photographer with Pat Knight as a model.

THEY CAME HOME
THE LONG WAY ROUND



WASHINGTON

MOUNT
VERNON

PHILADELPHIA



THE BOARD WALK

PEG AND M.J.
LITTLE MONEY
THEY WENT
DAYTON TO
TON, PHILADEL-
LANTIC CITY,
BOSTON, NIAGARA
HOME ON A
FROM CHICAGO



NEW YORK HARBOR

HAD A
SAVED, SO
FROM
WASHING-
PHIA, AT-
NEW YORK,
FALLS, &
PLANE



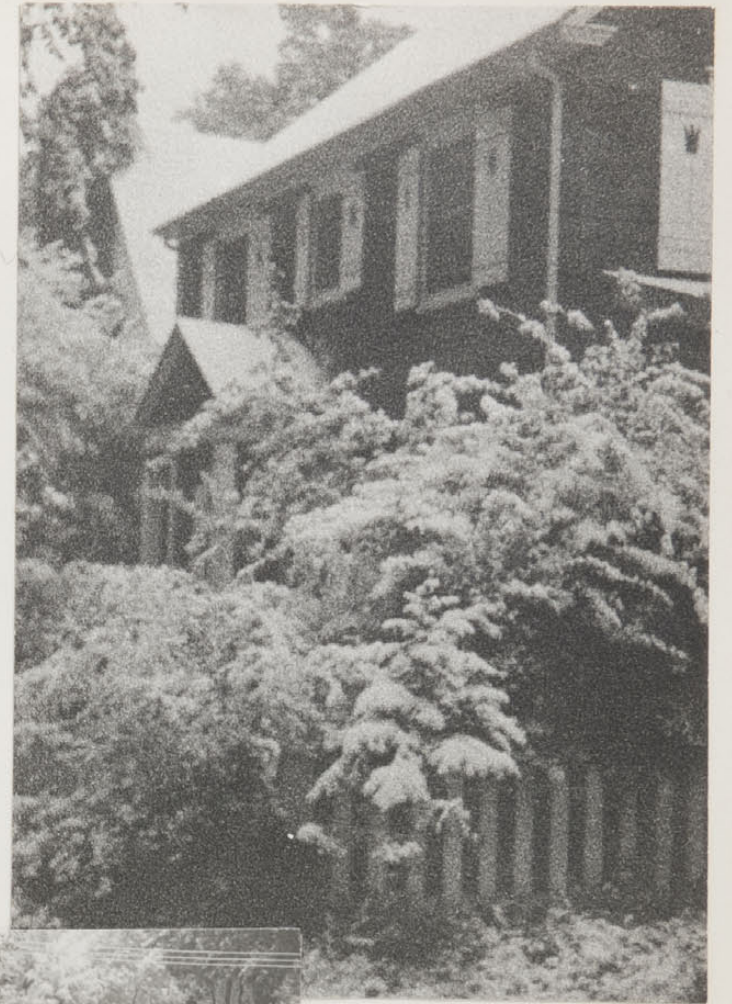
NAVY YARD FROM NORTH CHURCH BOSTON

NIAGARA-
FALLS



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Patricia Knight



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SNOW
SEPT 28



B&B SUPERVISOR HONORED

A farewell dinner was given on Sept. 29th at Odd Fellows Temple, Tacoma, honoring the retirement of Mr. J. A. Campbell, B&B Supervisor, Tacoma Division, who completed 56 years of railroading, 52 of which were spent in continuous service on the Northern Pacific.

Mr. Campbell was presented with a diamond ring by the 300 officers and employees present.

Jim began railroading in 1889 on the O R & N as a carpenter and transferred to the S P in 1890 and remained there three years. He entered the service of the Northern Pacific in Nov. 1893 as a B&B helper at Tacoma on the old Pacific Division, promoted to carpenter in 1896, to foreman in 1901 and supervisor in 1907, to trainmaster in 1917, returning to position of B&B supervisor in 1920 where he remained until his retirement on Sept. 15th this year.

I didn't see the Japanese surrender, but thanks to General MacArthur's radio broadcast, I heard it.



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Post Photographer Larry Keighley's unparalleled color picture of the Japanese surrender aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945.

In the foreground, General Yoshijiro Umezu is signing the surrender terms for the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters. On the Jap general's right, opposite side of table, is Lt. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland, General MacArthur's Chief of Staff. Back of microphones stands General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. Reading left to right, the first row of men facing the camera in back of General MacArthur are: Admiral of the Fleet Chester W. Nimitz; Gen. Hsu-Yung-chang, China; Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser, Britain; Lt. Gen. Derevyanko, U.S.S.R.; Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, Australia; Col. L. Moore Cosgrave, Canada; Gen. "Jacques Leclerc" (Count Philippe de Hauteclocque), France; Vice Adm. Conrad Helfrich, Netherlands; Air Vice Marshal L. M. Isitt, New Zealand. The officer at the extreme right is Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright.

Japan Surrenders, Sept. 2nd.

The first ten days were cool, uncertain of sunshine, and it occasionally rained. Rest of the month was mostly sunny, cool with some autumn haze, and occasional frosts.

Afraid the autumn color would disappear if we waited longer, Bertha and I drove to La Crosse, Sunday the 7th, returning the 8th. My principal object was color snapshots, Bertha's to see the scenery and look in antique shops for glass. The weather was disappointing, being mostly raw, dull and cold, but we had a good room at La Crosse, saw the Ernie Pyle movie, & got some glass. It's a magnificent trip in any weather. We got a case of eggs at Galesville. When I got home Mon. evening, I drove down to the Engineering Society dinner. Dr. Lind on Atomic Energy; my headache disappeared.

Ama arrived Sunday the 14th. We drove to Pine Bend that afternoon; and Tuesday afternoon she and Bertha picked me up and we drove to Stillwater, Copas, Marine, White Bear and home. Watched for bittersweet, but it had all been picked. Bill went hunting at Mound the 20-21st and brought home 3 pheasants. The 28th, Bertha & I went with Bob & Mora to ants. Manners to the old mill at Hastings, Carpenter's orchard home at Point Douglas, & home via St. Croix Beach. We took a few color photos. That was the last of Indian Summer. We were at their house Oct 23 to see some slides.

I had one railroad trip out of town. The 24th, Ed Johnson and I took the train to Crookston, bus to Red Lk. Falls. The hotel being full, we stayed in a private home. Next day, inspected the steel spans replacing the old Howe trusses, & rode with water foreman Zitlow to Grand Forks; I returned home by train.

OCTOBER
1945





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*Point No Point, Lake Pepin
On the Wisconsin Road near Bay City*



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*Lake Pepin from south of Bay City, Wis.
North End of Lake Pepin*



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↑ Sugar Loaf on Minnesota side.
 ↓ Minnesota road between Wmna & La Crosse



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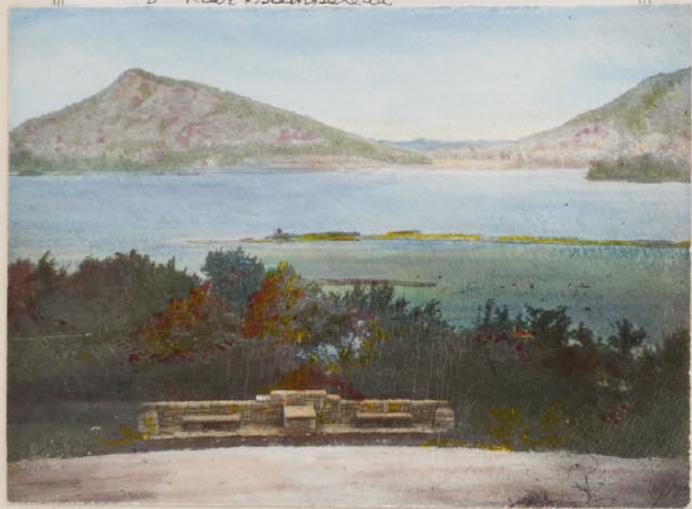
↑ From Wisconsin side near La Crosse
 ↓ From Minnesota side near Wabasha



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45-131 Between Wabasha and La Crosse
C Near Trempealeau



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August, 1945

MICHAEL AGAIN OF COURSE



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PINE BEND



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*This is the site I have in
mind for the imaginary
house I've been planning.*



River drive



DOROTHY-
THE STUDIO &
MY NEW
BROTHER-IN-LAW
PAUL SCOTT



*from
Dorothy's
films*



DAN ALBRIGHT AND ED JOHNSON



45-137 CELIA HENNON- BERTHA- MIKE- BETSY- AND YOURS TRULY



OLD MILL AT HASTINGS



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NININGER WATERFRONT



45-147 APPLE GROWERS HOUSE NR. PRESCOTT

OUR LAST FALL DRIVE

On the 28th, Bob and Mora Manners invited us to take a trip, to Nininger, Ignatius Donnelly's busted metropolis, to Hastings, Prescott, & past Afton to Stillwater, and home. We spent some time in the ruins of an old mill; visited Carpenters & another apple orchardist, got a box of apples, took a few colored slides & had a swell time. Ate in Hastings.



45-145

MOM

Mike was 2 years old the 1st; one of his presents was a "choo choo" book I made him. I got the leaves raked & compost pits filled. The 5-6-7th Ed Johnson & I drove to Brainerd, Crookston & the Twin Valley bridge, which Roberts has about done. The 8th our gang gave Raphael Ting his farewell present-- he went to Detroit. Winter began the 8th with a toy blizzard at 5PM but 'twas too warm for the snow to stay. Next couple days it was freezing, sharp breeze, a little snow. Hung storm windows the 11th, finished the 17th. On the 12th the Engineers Society spent evening in Minn. Mining & Mfg Co. A little snow every few days, but mostly melted immediately, I felt too lazy to do anything evenings, except print a few pictures.

The 22nd, Thanksgiving, was just white. Ed Kelly came from Clinton Ia to be our only guest, 16# turkey. 24th, Peggy took me to father-son-daughter banquet at Union.

My trip west started night of 25th. In Mandan between trains & on to Glendive- supper at Bjorklunds 27th, saw Bridge 201 moved to line change next day & on, to Missoula 29th. Ben Ornburn met me, we inspected turntable, I looked at Ma-
rent Viaduct & had supper with Ben & some friends at the Florence; spent some time at Elks Club-slot machines for entertainment- with Ericsons. Back to Livingston 30th.

NOV.

LINE CHANGE
AT BRIDGE 201
EAST OF GLENDIVE

NOVEMBER 28, 1945



Story of my trip

I was in Livingston the 1st; looked at the turntable, visited Bennett's office, and in the evening attended a Masonic supper and 3rd degree- my first Masonic visit in another state. Next day- Sunday- I went to Helena, looked at the turntable and saw Walt Stalnaker and his family. On to Billings that night, got a room at the Gage. Mon. AM on bus to Laurel. Caught a caboose hop back to Billings, found I could go on to Forsyth, in time for supper. Next morn., 4th, Ira Brewer drove me out to Br. 136. After lunch a "Main" troop special with a caboose came along so I got to Glendive for supper and on the train visited with "inventor" conductor McCarthy. Jamestown, turntable the 5th & on homeward on No. 4, ... The 8th I started making our Christmas card. That night we saw Barbara Samuelson married to Capt. Thomas Riche of Texas. Finished my turntable inspections the 10th, at Northtown. ... The weather was mostly mild freezing but got below zero several times; 12° below the 15th, -14° the 18th. Occasional snow; Christmas it snowed all day. Mollie was coming to dinner but couldn't make it; Hennons came Christmas eve and a few presents were opened then. Total storm snowfall, 14"... I felt fine all month except Friday the 28th I went home early, and stayed home the next day. We had Mollie for dinner the 30th, ... Bertha and I celebrated New Year's eve by calling on Alice Perkins, Judy & Kay, — then went to the Park theater to see "Rhapsody in Blue" — Gershwin's idealized life, getting home just as the whistles blew, to have a glass of Ginny Dare with Betsy, ... Two of my avocations this month were trying to plan a more or less Frank Lloyd Wrightish house with a bunch of old Architectural Forums, — and reading "Atomic Energy for Military Purposes", my introduction to nuclear physics.

DECEMBER 1945



BETSY AND BOY FRIEND AT MOUND

35 MM BY GENEVIEVE THOMPSON

BILL

JUNIOR

His High School
graduation pictures



PHOTOGRAPHS
BY GOLLING



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THE PROPOSED CAPITOL GROUNDS
AND SUPER HIGHWAYS

From the daily paper

[This is the plan which was later
carried out]
(mostly)



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IN STONEBRIDGE



E45-10

ON GRANDPA HENNON'S LAP

SHOWING GRANDMA
THE CHOO-CHOO BOOKMICHAEL AND
HIS FOLKS
AT MOUND

— 35-mm by Genevieve Thompson



E45-7

PULLING AUNT BETTY'S NOSE



E45-17

"ALL BY 'SELF"



E45-12

READY TO
GO OUT
WITH
RUSTY

E45-3



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DEC.

2191 BERIKELLY AVE.
(our home for fifty years)



45-121

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE
IN THE - SUN ROOM



45-122A



45-122B

ONE MORE BLOCK
AND THE FALL FELL



45-118

OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING

A
VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

BILL'S CHRISTMAS CARD



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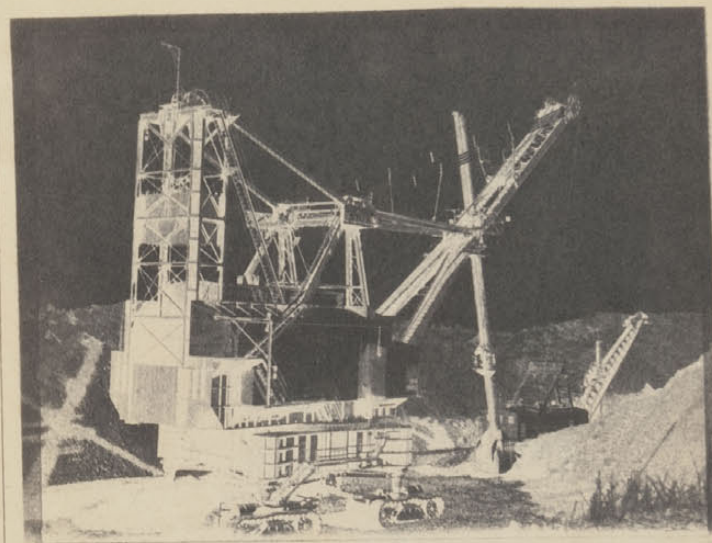
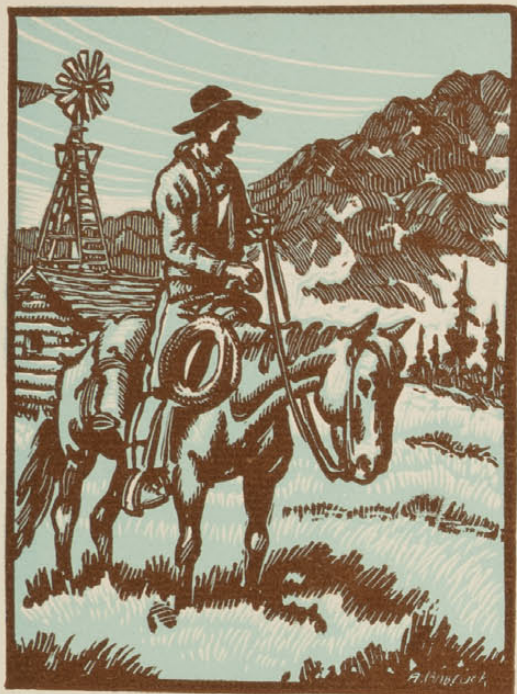


Christmas
1945



"TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"





*Seasons Greetings
from Colstrip Montana*

