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Handsaker's Annual 1954

Saint Paul, Minnesota

Introduction

Nineteen-fifty-four was a year of many retirements among my railroad friends: Stanley Law, Jim Derrig, Caleb Corser, George Hopkins; Judson; Bill Jahn; Edgar Short; Graham Smith and Dick Kuehlwein. Gets a fellow to wishing.

Our greatest family event was our second vacation reunion at Huntington Lake, California in July.

I traveled a good deal: to New Orleans in Jan. (with Bertha); to Sandpoint & Seattle in Feb; to Chicago AREA convention in March; to Helena & Butte in April; to Lafayette in June; to Seattle again in June to attend George Hopkins's retirement (worked my way out) - then our vacation in July; to Livingston in August, and five days' bridge inspection on Fargo Div. A weekend drive to Winnipeg with Bertha, & Mollie Savold in Sept., and to St Louis in Oct., also 2 or 3 trips to Duluth.

Other important events:

Death of Uncle Al Keeney, February 5.

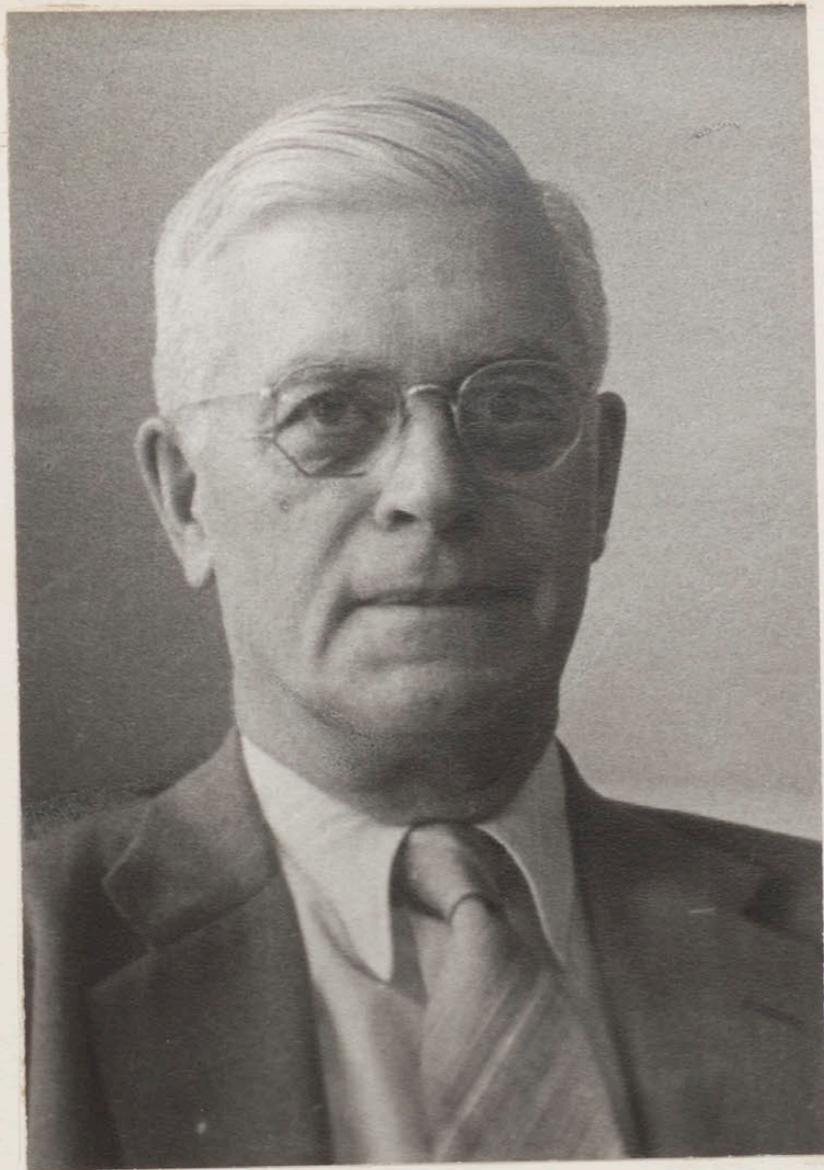
Fire in our basement, April 30.

Total eclipse of sun, June 30.

Removal of front yard trees, September 11.

Visit of Herb & Ethel Beers, October 22-25.

Photography - I got a Flexichrome outfit, & tried it out.... In spring, I photographed quite a few wild flowers.



Nelson Handaker

1904

THESE PICTURES
WERE TAKEN WITH A
\$2 - 2 1/4 x 3 1/4 BOX
BROWNIE CAMERA



MYSELF, AND PHELO

FIFTY
YEARS
AGO



I SPENT EASTER
VACATION VISITING
A RAILROAD CONSTRU-
TION CAMP AT HOPE
IDAHO - ON LAKE
PEND D'OREILLE.



THIS IS EMMA
TANNER, MAMA'S
HELPER- (& DORO-
THY, PEEKING)

FIFTY YEARS AGO



MAMA-DOROTHY & THE
BOBTAILLED CAT



BEGINNINGS OF THE S.S.M.
IN THE WRIGHT PARK BAND
STAND



ALL SUMMER I WAS IN A MAINTENANCE
SURVEY PARTY. THIS IS TWO OF THE OTHERS
ON OUR "SPEEDER"



ME

Nineteen Four: Fifty years ago.

L was in the second half of my junior year at High School, becoming a Senior in the fall. Our gang's ties were strengthened by our hand published "Cotidianus Puckus," which soon became a weekly to which we all contributed. When others started the S.S.M. as a joke, we took it over and had our name.

I took many walks, both in the woods and on city streets, using my new pedometer and a pocket compass to map roads. Skunk Hollow and the School section wilderness were being invaded by houses; Mentzer's mill and its tracks were entirely removed. The woody block behind our alley was cleared for a cow pasture.

In the rainy season I had my usual troubles - colds, tonsillitis, fever. Papa was in the hospital four weeks in April and had two shorter sessions there. Mama was never well, but kept on her feet even when really ill, in November.

In March I spent a week with Mr. J.E. Grant in a construction camp at Hope, Idaho. In June I went to work in Gus Stotler's maintenance party, mostly setting track centers between Tacoma & Portland. Nearly 3 months at \$35 a month and a dollar a day expense allowance.

Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts were at Grandpa's, next door, with Uncle Lester's family and Uncle Maurice, too, and, at Christmas, Uncle Theodore and Aunt Mamie were over from Yakima. During the year, cousins George Handy, Maggie Horner and Leona McDonald made long visits.

Photographically, I took my snap shots with a $2\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$ Brownie box camera; developed and printed my own films, together with papa, who took some good family portraits with his 4×5 focusing Bulls-eye Special box camera. Non-curling films were introduced this year.

January 1954

1. Drove to Pine Bend with Geo. Pepin & his mother. Weather: Temp in 20's.
2. Looked at suits in Minneapolis with Bertha.
3. Church; Dr Kelley's open house, & turkey with Char Hunt & wife.
4. Ordered tan suit at Howards; took tree down. Mild freezing.
5. Walked to St Anthony, & to Capitol at noon. 32° down to 15°
6. Studying Lake Superior Div. culverts. } Copying slides Cloudy, +13° to 26°
7. Posting Tacoma Div. inspection sheets. } slides Fair, around 30°
8. Bill is on new schedule at Toro: 7 to 3:30 Very mild for winter.
9. Sat. Got wire at Wards, put in series dimmer on enlarger. +10° to 20°.
10. Sun. Walked to Shadow Falls with Bill. 0° to 10°; north breeze, mostly dull.
11. Tonight Bill & I to depot expecting Norman & Agnes returning; they did not stop.
12. Drove to Stillwater with Riley. Minimum 15° below; 5° below yesterday, to 0°.
13. Started tallying Form 134. Got the new suit. 10° to 18° above.
14. Revising bridge list, tallying F. 134. 18° above; 2" of fresh snow last night.
15. Estimate for filling Norwegian Gulch bridge. Raw, cloudy.
16. Saturday - at home, some work on '53 album 15°-20° below zero.
17. To church. Mollie Savold, & John Keppel here for dinner. minus 24° last night
18. Dick Peffer died unexpectedly yesterday. 12° to 20° above.
19. Tallying last Form 134. Packed up for New Orleans. Colder.
20. Morning Zephyr, and Panama Ltd. Blizzard and zero this morning?
21. New Orleans, Committee 29, boat ride for women. O'Briens bar tonight. 77° and damp
22. Inspection bus trip, lunch at Arnau's. Early to bed. Frost threatened tonight.
23. Old cemetery; Audubon Park with Brueske, waterfront. Bedroom on Panama Limited.
24. Chicago 9:30 to 3 - to Rosenwald Museum. Home on the "400". Nearly frosty in Chi...
- 25-26. Back to office & Form 134. Dull, 10° to 14°. Missed 14° below while down South.
27. Bertha and I saw "The Robe" in wide screen. Late home supper. Weather unchanged.
28. My first deacons' meeting. Saw Dr. Edwards about new glasses. 20°-25°, cloudy.
29. Started on Mullar Tunnel estimates. Lee's, we three, for dinner. 20°-30°, fair.
30. Chased Winter Carnival parade. 20° & sharp wind too much for Koralle shutter.
31. Sunday. Church and some album picture work.

PINE BEND

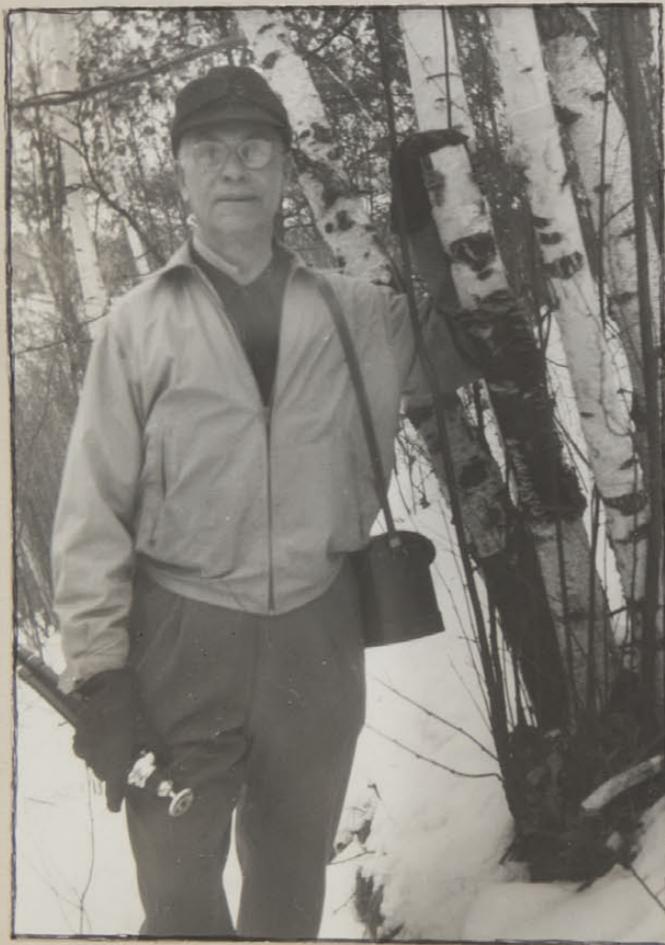


GEORGE
PEPIN'S
FILMS



We didn't know it, but Jan. 1st is a special Pine Bend day - and there were quite a few young Pine Benders in charge of Gordon Meeker getting their New Years turkey cooked.

Gordon knew George, & also Bill Jr., so we were welcome.



NEW ORLEANS



54-1

BERTHA AND I WENT TO THE A.R.E.A. COMMITTEE 29 MEETING AT THE JUNG HOTEL - ON THE PANAMA LIMITED AGAIN. SOME ANXIOUS MOMENTS ABOUT TRAIN RESERVATIONS BUT IT TURNED OUT O.K. WEATHER: FIRST DAY FAIR & HOT: THE LADIES TOOK A BOAT RIDE. AFTER THAT, TOP COATS COMFORTABLE & TOO MURKY FOR GOOD COLOR PICTURES....



54-3

TOP & BOTTOM - COMMITTEE INSPECTING GRADE SEPARATIONS: MIDDLE, INSPECTING THE NEW UNION DEPOT.

54-2





54-6A A JAPANESE STEAMER UNLOADING TEAK LUMBER, LOADING FLOUR



54-13 IN ST. LOUIS CEMETERY



54-6 B THE WATERFRONT



54-8 ROSES AT AUDUBON PARK



54-12 IN ST. LOUIS CEMETERY



54-11 MANSION ON W. ST. LOUIS AVE.



54-9 FOUNTAIN IN AUDUBON PARK



54-10 LOYOLA UNIVERSITY



54-4A ST. LOUIS ST.

NEW ORLEANS

Copies of Ektachrome and Ansco Color mostly badly underexposed - on Ansco Proof and Dupont 4 L. Hand Tinted

February

A rather mild month; less than a third of the days went below freezing, but it got down to 5° the 11th. Up to 48° the 9th, and 54° to 56° the 16th to 19th. No new snow and not much old left, but I went thru a small blizzard west of Madena, going west the 22nd.

Uncle Al Keeney died in Seattle the 5th: Ama phoned and Frances wired. He was 87; born December 14, 1866.

I worked mostly on Mullan Tunnel estimates the first 3 weeks, then went to Sandpoint to try to inspect the bases of the Lake bridge piers; but the water was too high. Art Ainslie and Jim Young were there. Jim drove me to Spokane, where I saw the modernized depot and new Bridge 1.4. On to Seattle that night to get some tunnel repair data, went to Grays Harbor with Geo. Hopkins and a Dixon paint man. It rained. Saw Ocosta Branch Bridge 1 being razed and ate 50 oysters at Olympia. I had 2 nights with Hopkinses & a big evening with Bertha's folks at a reunion dinner at Bernice's.

I got my trifocals the 8th. My right foot was a little lame, but it didn't slow me down much. Bertha and I called on Potters the 12th: Our gang ate at Lee's and bridged at Thumas the 13th. We had supper at Magraws with the Kelleys, Carlsons, Smiths, Thumas and Mrs. Neff. Sunday the 21st we had Curtisses over for supper (Bill & I walked to Highland that afternoon.)

I got a \$30 Flexichrome outfit, and made my first attempt the 14th. It is an all-day job. Other busywork was making some progress on my '53 album.



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MINNEHAHA FALLS

FEB 12 1954

4x5. Lloyd Camera
Ansco Proj. Proof

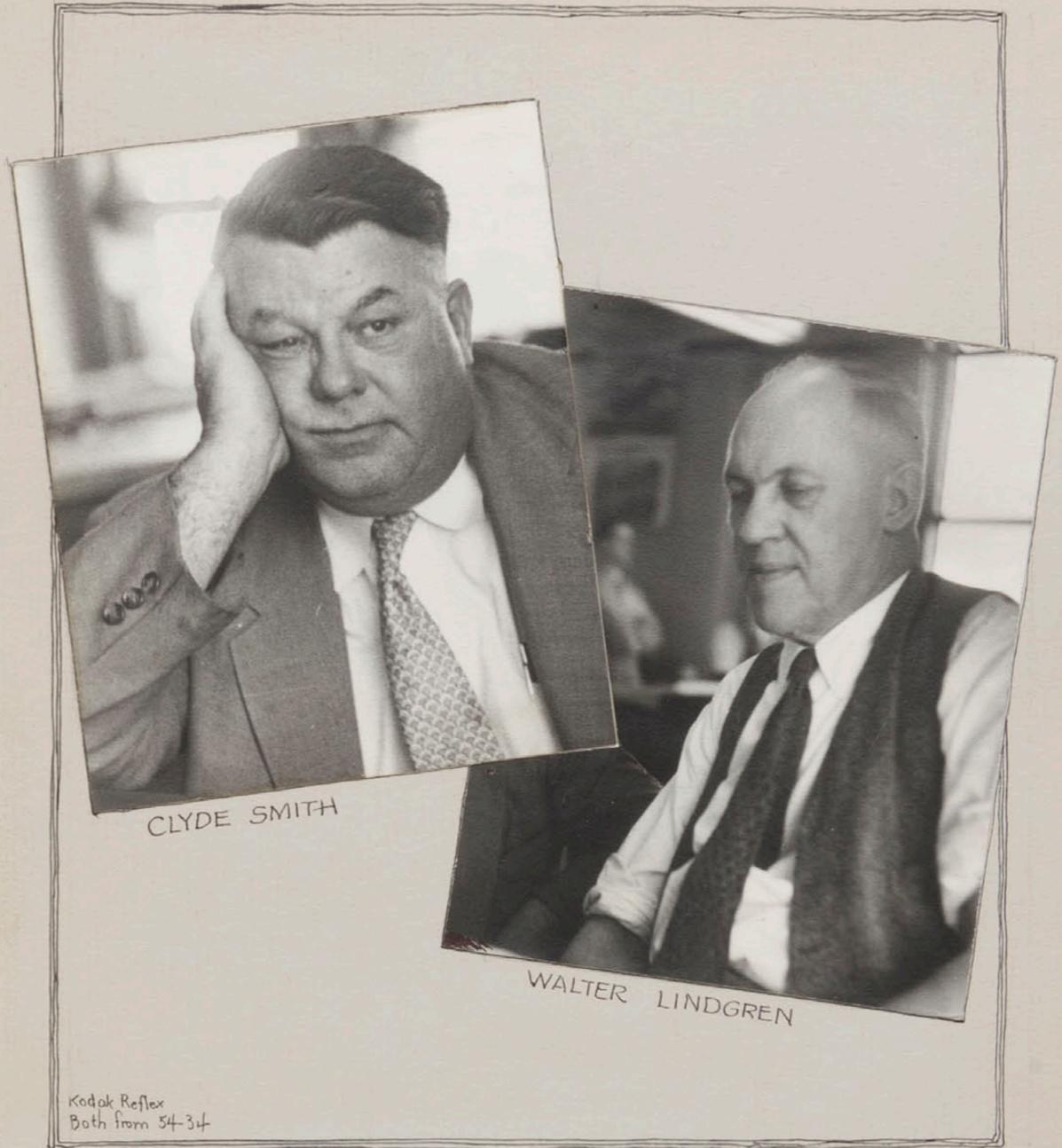


MY FIRST TRIP WEST...::

I went out, to investigate the pier bases at Sand Point. The water was too high to see them, so after one day in a boat I went to Spokane with Young, saw the new 7th Avenue viaduct, & on to Seattle, to see Geo. Hopkins about tunnel repair costs; ran right in to a drive to Aberdeen, where I saw the demolition work at old Bridge #1 on the Ocosta Branch.



Kodak Reflex
Railroad pictures
Kodak Reflex
on Ansco Prof. Proof



CLYDE SMITH

WALTER LINDGREN

Kodak Reflex
Both from 54-34

March

I got home the 1st from my trip to Seattle. & was surprised to find the Oak-Harriet line ends at Washington Ave., but Bill found me. Concrete Institute the 2nd and 3rd; lunch at Athletic Club, 2nd, had Pete Mieserhelder home for dinner the 3rd. Worked mostly on Mullan Tunnel estimates all month, and I photographed Mississippi St. diesel shop the 9th...

I was at the A.R.E.A. convention the 17th. Von Sprecker's green tie was a sensation. Returned, to find that a deck fire on the Wisconsin draw span had ruined the steel stringers. Schutt and I drove to Duluth & stayed 3 days.

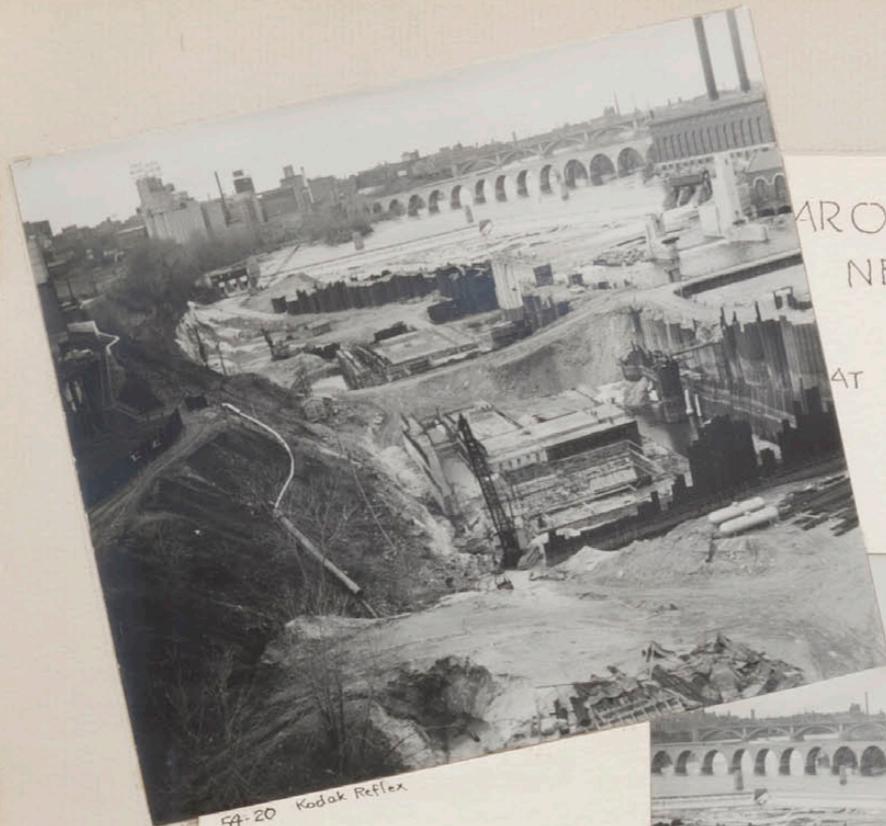
Our gang had dinner - & Tom Collinses - at the Lexington the 6th, then to Smiths'. The 21st, Bertha & I called on Thelma & Leo Iverson (she's Krohn's daughter) Mrs. Pusch, Bruce and Fritz came over, the 28th, & Bruce showed us his fine Korean war slides. Bertha and I had supper at Lees Kitchen the 31st.

Bertha and I stood by the church door the 7th & 14th, then I got other couples as greeters. Church neighborhood meeting at our house the 9th... We attended a special Women's Club meeting on the Council for Social Action the 22nd. The first Lenten prayer service was the 24th. Deacons' meeting the 31st.

It was about an average March for weather: warmest, 46° the 7th & 20th, coldest, +2° the 4th... One big snow, all day the 12th, seven inches; Bill & I enjoyed digging out next day (Sat.) then we went for a hike in Minnehaha Park. Other snow flurries the 11th, 24th, 25th & 27th. Rain the 18th & night of 24th.

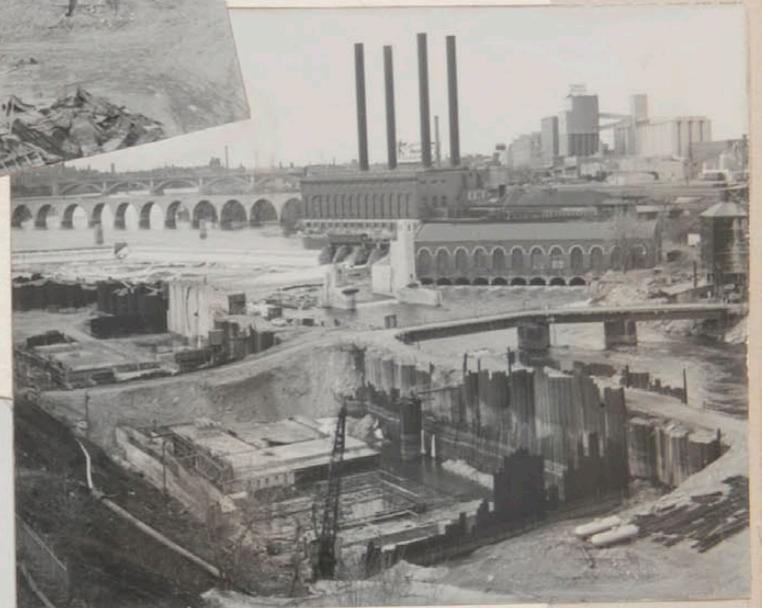
Bill drove to Telemark for skiing the 14th. He had a business trip to Chicago the last 3 days of the month. I met him at the airport, late the 31st.

Pepin and I got thrown out of Mpls lock construction area the 7th. I began my spring hikes by walking to Marshall Ave. with George the morning of the 26th; and I hiked to the Ford plant for my bus the 29th...



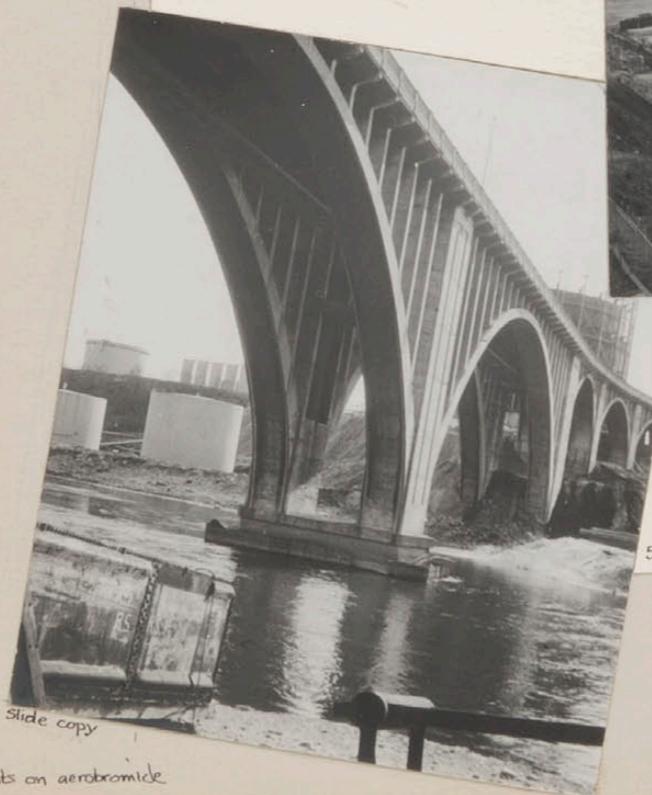
AROUND THE
NEW DAM &
LOCK
AT MINNEAPOLIS

54-20 Kodak Reflex



Kodak Reflex

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Slide copy

54-20A

MARCH 7 1954



NP Negative

THE NEW
DIESEL SHOP
AT MISSISSIPPI
STREET—

Taken with Lloyd-4x5
90mm. Angulon lens.



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FORD BRIDGE, DAM AND LOCK— MARCH 14.

Except Diesel Shop
with Kod. Refl.



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AROUND MINNEHAHA FALLS
MARCH 14 1954

KODAK REFLEX 2 1/4 50
Enlarged on Acetamide.



54-21

Storm thru sun-room window - a multiple exposure ~~4x5~~, not very successful.

March 12



54-22

Bertha by the garage.
March 13



54-26

Berkeley & Cretin thru the bedroom window

March Snow storm

From living room window.



54-23



54-24

Shoveling the walk.
March 13.



54-25

Juniper by Garage - playhouse.

This one taken with a 620 box Brownie...



54-27



54-75

CHICAGO- March 17.

1 7/8 x 2 1/2 Ihagee, enl. on Warmtone



WISCONSIN
DRAWSPAN FIRE
AT SUPERIOR
MARCH 17, 1954
from Demerais' negatives
NPRY films.

2 1/4 x 2 1/4 enl. on Ansco Proof

APRIL

Frosty, raw till the 5th, spring came suddenly, 32° up to 64°, and by the 14th it reached 86°. Rest of the month cool, with rain every 3rd or 4th day.

My principal event was a trip to Helena to inspect Mullan tunnel with Young, Seltzer & Gilbert Smith on a high car. I had an afternoon in Helena & another in Garrison, to photograph early wild flowers, stayed overnight at Butte, visiting Homestake tunnel and East Butte line change. Left St. Paul Easter Sunday morning the 18th & back the 22nd.

Took wild flower pictures also on the river path near home, and did quite a little hiking, including new Shepard Road past Robert the 1st & 5th, over to Pelham in morning, 6th & 13th, to Ford Road, morning of 12th & 16th.

The 25th was the big day: after church I set fire to the basement, the fire department and neighbors came, & later, Bertha cut her thumb so deep that it had to be stitched.

Bob & Mora Manners with us to "Here to Eternity" the 4th. We called on Fred & Mabel Coates the 11th (selling their new house out north) To Phil Thuma's wedding reception the 24th, then bridge with Magraws. Garden Club the 5th at Midway Y: Hawaii slides

Stanley Law's retirement dinner, 30th. Same day, Jim Derrig, Caleb Corser, W.W. Judson and T.M. Kane retired. It had been announced a week earlier that Hoving would succeed Derrig, Burgess would be Vice President.

At the office I revised the bridge list, compiled system car limits, continued Mullan tunnel studies, wrote reports. At home, I made and bound this book.

Bill went to Rapid City the 2nd, for a 3-day skiing trip. It was a little late for good snow.



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VB'AL



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Aerobromide



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VB'A

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SHEPARD ROAD
CONSTRUCTION
APRIL 5TH 1954



Taken with Reflex Korelle
80 mm Tessar.



From the Railway Building



BUTTE.

APRIL 20-1954.

Dragline excavating
copper-bearing material
from under former loca-
tion of NP main line.

R.R. negative

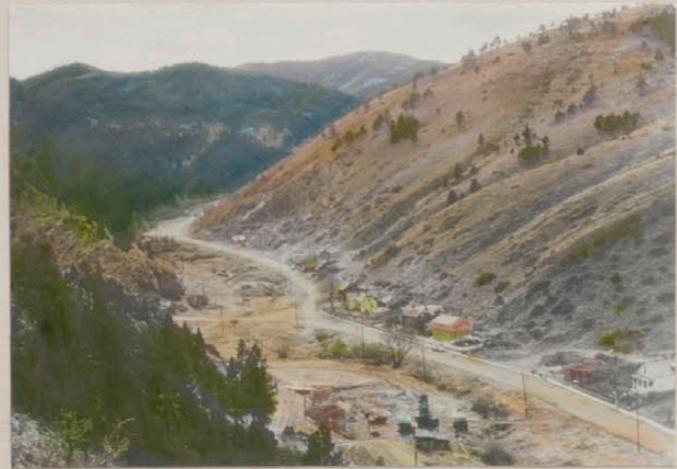
NP main line eastward
climbing up the ridge
east of Butte.
Slide 22-54. Neg. 54-61



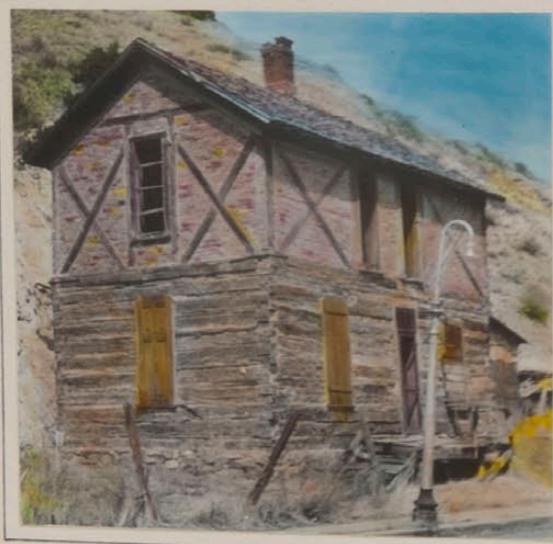
Upper, Kodak Reflex.
Lower, Kōrele 250mm, color slide
Both, Ansco Proof

I had the afternoon to kill, so I took the Korelle for a walk, up Reservoir Hill just above town, & up the road in the picture on the right, just a little beyond the last farm. It was a rather warm day.

Before supper, Reece Humphreys, Al Seltzer and Gilbert Smith drove in from Missoula. Next day we inspected Mullan tunnel, finding a snow storm outside when we got done. Then we drove via Garrison to Butte.



← 54-56 This is upper Last Chance Gulch



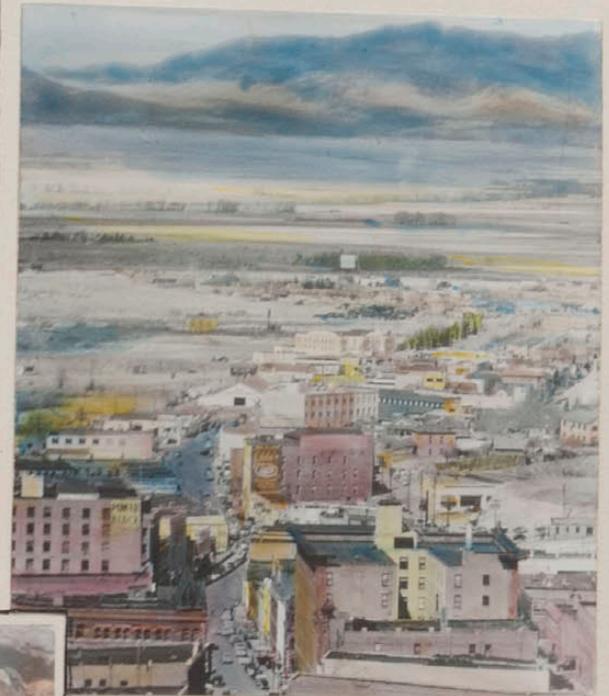
↑ 54-59 I found a few tiny wildflowers up on Reservoir Hill. The dime shows their size

← 54-57 A pioneer house in the upper end of town.



← 54-58 Old time kiln on upper Last Chance Gulch Road

Helena April 19th



This is lower Last Chance Gulch -- ↑ that is, the main street of Helena. 54-55





LAMPERT LANDING
Spring navigation—
and spring flood

54-191



54-193



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MAY 11, 1954



54-67

Bertha cut her thumb on the sharp edge of a tin can; had to have it fixed at the hospital, and it bothered her the rest of the year.

April 25, 1954
This was our unlucky day. I set fire to the house, and Bertha nearly cut her thumb off. The fire was the result of bringing back an undetected spark in the waste-paper box which then ignited everything in one corner of the basement. No serious damage, but lots of excitement.



54-66

MAY

The month began and ended with a couple of rainy days, and there was snow the 3rd, followed by a few raw days. Then by the 13th and 14th, it was up around 80°; cooler afterwards. The river was up over Lampert Landing the 4th, other rivers high and flooding parts of some towns. There were some very pleasant days. I walked the river path pretty regularly, and occasionally walked to Rondo or other distant bus lines. I photographed wild flowers. Trees were leafed out by the middle of the month, but were still light green.

I took no out of town trips, and the office work was not worth mentioning.

- 1st: "Brigadoon" Civic opera at Auditorium.
 - 9th: Dinner at Sibley Tea House a/c Mother's Day.
 - 10th: St. Paul Engr's dinner and trip thru 3M plant at Hastings.
 - 11th-12th: Bertha at Faribault; church conference.
 - 15th: Dinner party at Thumas.
 - 16th: After church, B. & I drove beyond White Bear Lake.
 - 17th: "Osmose" luncheon for railroaders.
 - 20th: Deacons' meeting.
 - 21st: Got 2nd trifocals, 8mm middle band, much better.
 - 22nd: Planted garden: Groveland Club plant sale yesterday.
 - 23rd: For B's birthday, to River Falls for dinner. Mollie along.
 - 25th: Planted beans.
 - 27th: We saw some fine Europe slides at University Lutheran Ctr.
 - 22nd and 29th: Movies.
 - 31st: We stayed home for the 3 day Memorial Day holiday.
- In addition, I got caught up on copying color slides.

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MAY 3RD

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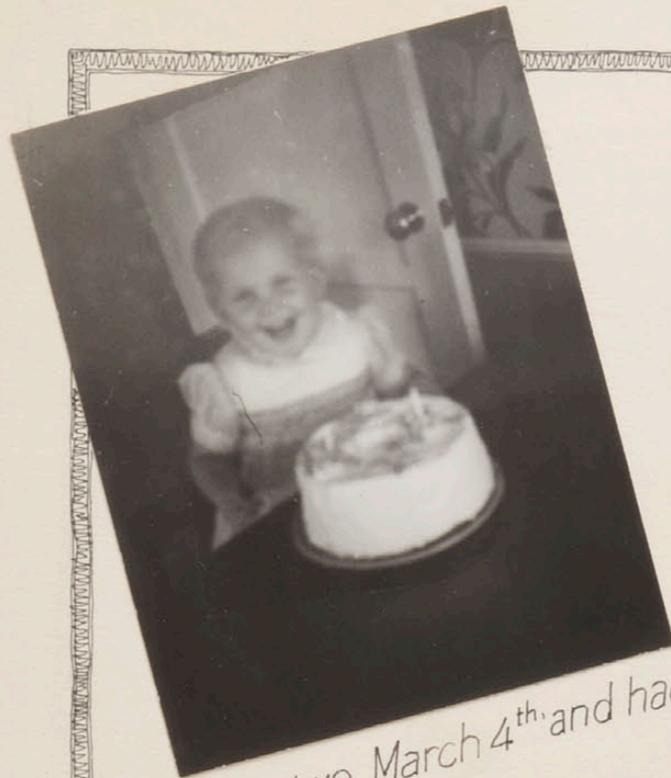
OUR LAST
SNOW STORM

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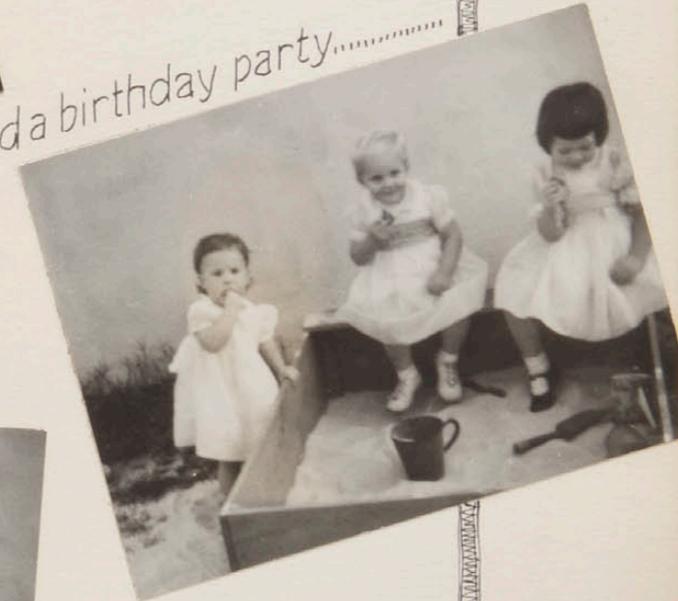


PICTURES FROM ALTADENA

Betsy's Bantam Kodak was out of order, but she got some 'cute pictures, anyhow.



Janet was two, March 4th and had a birthday party.....





Dutchman's Breeches

54-63A Reflex Korelle
Photographed near River Falls, Wis.,
May 23, 1954. Slide neg. 54-63A.
Print on Ansco Proof. Actual size



54-65

Red Tree on St. Clair Ave.

May 17, 1954

JUNE

Principal events: Fuller-Schlichting wedding, AREA committee meeting at Purdue, walks morning and evening looking for wild flowers and a drive to Somerset, Osceola and St Croix Falls also for flower pictures, and our trip west, 21st-29th for me, longer for Bertha, and a total eclipse of the sun.

We had Mrs. Fuller and Herman Schlichting for dinner, the 1st, attended their wedding the 5th, and reception at Dr. Ben Fuller's.

I went to Chicago the night of the 8th and attended Committee 29's meeting the afternoon of the 9th and next morning, with the usual catfish dinner, at Purdue U.

Bertha picked me up at the office, Sat. noon the 12th, and we drove over into Wisconsin, partly to take flower pictures. Got half a dozen..... Also, going to and from work, I frequently walked the river path with my Korelle and found a surprising variety of flowers.

We had a "picnic" with Smiths, Thumas, Nienhausers & Arthur Hubbell at Gages' country place beyond the Auto Club, the 6th. Bill Jr was in Indianapolis the 18th.

On our coast trip, I went to Livingston, drove from Missoula to Paradise & found Bertha and Looms aboard No. 1 the 24th- all going to George Hopkins's retirement party in the office drafting room, the afternoon of the 25th. That morning I drove to Bridge 51 near Centralia, with Gaylord and Beers; then we drove to the party. Pete and Myrtle Finch were there, Ben Nutley and about 75 others.

We had visits with Hopkinses, most of Bertha's relatives, and Ama & Ralph. We went to Elmore's place on Bainbridge Island. I arrived in St. Paul, late the 29th and had 4 hours in bed before getting up to see the eclipse with Bill.

The weather was mostly fine, warming up, to 94° (at Livingston) but 90° in St Paul the 15th seemed hotter. Heavy rain several nights.



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54-201

Korelle
Slide copies

on Ansco Proof

OSCEOLA

The cabin motel by the pond, and the new bridge. Bertha and I drove here June 12th.



Dog-tooth Violet. actual size.
A dime

54-62 B
Photographed May 15, 1954 on the
river-bluff path near home. Print
on Ansco Proof. Actual size.

Slides with Korolle.



54-150 A
Photographed Aug. 8 1954
Print on Ansco Proof

June 13, 1954.



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54-203



54-204

Spring in the Garden

Slide copies
Korelle
Prints on Ansco Proof



Passing thru Chicago

54-177



54-75 1/2

54-76



VP Ihagee
Small ones on
Aerobromide
Lower
Anso Proof



54-74

Committee 29 around the Weatherometer
Purdue University, June 10, 1954.

VP Ihagee
on Anso Proof

Top row: The 2 Agneses, Norman, Bertha and Elma.
Below, David and Marla

54-81 B



Picnic on Elmore's beach 54-81A
Marla and David 54-82



54-79 Elmore's House; Puget Sound beyond



54-80

Elmore's "Guest House" and part of his house.

Upper 3
Karell slide
copies
Lower 2
V.P. Hoag

SEATTLE AND BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

After getting George Hopkins retired on the 25th of June, Bertha and I visited her relatives, staying with Elma that night and a whole party of us going to Elmore's on Bainbridge Island the next day; my first visit to his waterfront home. The 27th, Bertha and I went to Tacoma, and visited Ama, Ralph and the Beerses.

Golden Gardens Forest, Seattle ->

Both taken with Kodak Reflex, enlarged on Anzo Proj. Proof



54-77



54-78

Elma's triplex apartment



GEORGE R. HOPKINS -

WILL RETIRE ON JUNE 30TH, 1954, AFTER HAVING COMPLETED 42 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE WITH THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

• AN INFORMAL PARTY HONORING GEORGE WILL BE HELD IN THE DRAFTING ROOM OF THE ENGINEERING DEPT., SEATTLE, AT 3:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY JUNE 25TH.

• PRESENTATION OF A GIFT WILL BE MADE AT THIS PARTY, AND ANY CONTRIBUTION YOU WISH TO MAKE TOWARD THE GIFT WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED. YOUR CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE SENT TO R.S. GALE, % J.E. HOVING, ASS'T. CHIEF ENGINEER, SEATTLE.

• WIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

• PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WILL ATTEND.

COMMITTEE:

R. S. GALE
E. M. TANDBERG
C. J. KUGLER



54-84

The Old Gang at George's Party.

June 25, 1954

Finch, Adams, Nutley, Handsaker, Hopkins, Beers
(I never realized how I was grabbing stage-center)



Phases of the Eclipse

This picture by a McGill-Warner photographer gives a false impression of the appearance. At all phases except the few moments of totality the sky was bright with broad daylight, and inspection thru a dark film was necessary to see any trace of eclipse; but during totality the picture opposite indicates the appearance



54-86

The Eclipse

June 30, 1954

Korelle-10" Teletessar
Ansco proof

JULY

The 1st to 19th at home. Weather mostly fair; over 90° several times. Ekberg and Kempe took their vacations so I was busy. Out to Anoka with Panushka the 16th. Bertha got home from Seattle the 9th. I ran out of gas, bringing her home. Bill and I'd had several bachelor dinners, mostly steak. Sun. 4th I drove alone to Prescott, River Falls, & White Pine Inn for dinner. Not many pictures. Mon. was a holiday & I had lumbago, but I was called to Chatsworth St. on account of a derailment. The 6th, Bill and I celebrated his birthday, a week late, at the Lexington. Mosquitoes showed up the 8th. Later, one spraying fixed them. I did a lot of weeding. Bertha and I had supper on the terrace a couple of hot evenings. Bill got a boat and was afterwards away weekends, water-skiing.

Bertha and I left on our vacation, via Omaha and U.P., night of the 19th, my birthday. Only one upper reserved, but got a section. Penny met us at ferry, S.F. the 22nd. That night we 3 drove to San Rafael to see Sally and family and George & Margaret Hopkins, with them. A very late dinner with Hopkinses at the Walhalla on Sausalito waterfront. Next day B.&I visited Golden Gate Park and saw Cinerama while Peg worked. In the evening she took us to Fishermen's Wharf and the Italian district.

The 24th Penny and I alternated, driving down the peninsula, to Huntington Lake, picking up grapes, apricots & melons. Arrived at 6:30 - Don & Betsy's family were already there. Next day, Sunday, we all rode in Penny's car, to Mono, and Florence Lake. The 26th Penny, Don, Mike and I took a hike up Home Creek trail. The 27th we were all on the beach until it was time for Peg to leave, alone. Then we 3 men went out in a rowboat. The 28th, Don, Mike and I found Nellie Lake. We all picnicked the 29th. The 30th, I hiked alone to Big Creek bridge while the others fished and picnicked. The 31st, Don, Mike & I hiked strenuously to Twin Lakes. August 1st, we left and drove to Altadena.



54-88

JULY 4, AT PRESCOTT—
Above, Wisconsin farms. Left, the St Croix beach enhanced by double exposure of Montana mountains. Below, boat house on the Mississippi River



54-73

(Aug. 15th)



54-165

Vacation

We arrived in San Francisco the 22nd of July. Below is part of the grouped public buildings.



54-92

While Penny worked, Bertha and I tried to walk all over Golden Gate Park. Found it a big job, but found a lake on a hill; the Aquarium, and the Japanese gardens which I first saw in 1935 when Martin Stirud showed us around



54-90



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54-96



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54-94

We all met together again, at Lakeshore, Saturday evening the 24th. Our two cabins were modern but quite far apart. We wore a hillside trail between them. The bottom view, of our girls, shows the trail, from our porch. The next one above is our cabin, from the less familiar side (Penny had a little private porch.) Top views are the resort Lodge, and the stores.



54-95

Vacation



54-103 Near the Mono Springs Road

Vacation

Our Sunday trip, to Florence Lake, was on a blacktop road even narrower, steeper and crookeder than the one to Huntington. The side road to Mono Hot Springs was like an escalator. We ate lunch at picnic table there.

Scenery was fine, but it began to drizzle when we reached Florence Lake, and we didn't stay long.

Florence Lake is the impounding reservoir for Huntington, the storage and regulating reservoir for a big power project.....



54-104

↑ Typical Scene on Road

This was the only day we had any bad weather, but there were lots of big cumulus clouds every day. Last year the sky was..... cloudless until the last day.



54-100 Pool in San Joaquin River, at Mono



54-101 Florence Lake



54-102 Florence Lake Dam



54-99

Two scenes at Mono Hot Springs



54-98

Vacation

Korelle:
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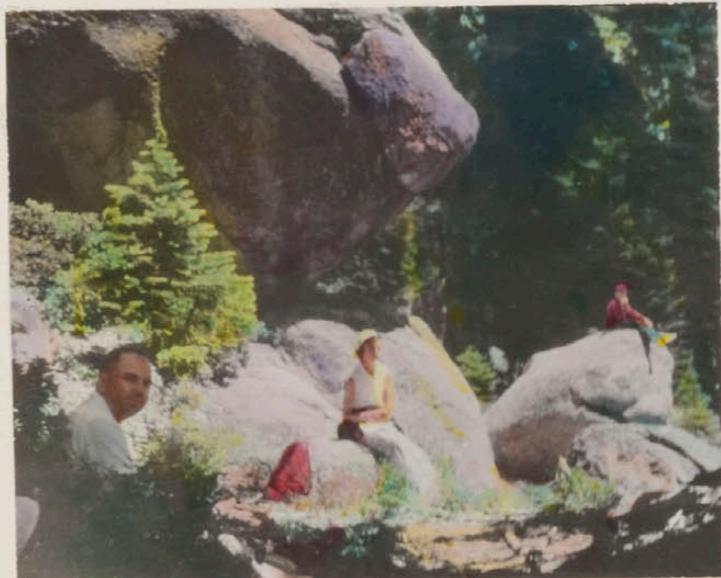
Vacation

Monday, July 26th.

Our hike was intended to be to Nellie Lake at the source of Home Creek but we got some bad advice. Although the Home Creek trail was interesting, it never got us to the lake. Part of the time we were on game trails, or no trail at all. Penny found the top of a ridge with a wide view, and we all enjoyed the hike, altho a little disappointed over the elusiveness of Nellie Lake.



54-106



54-105

A boulder for each of us, at lunch, but only the canteen for water.

Korelle slide copies, on Velour Black A and AL

We saw several groups of snowplants, rare and protected chlorophyll-less plants.



54-139



54-107

There were meadows full of flowers, but the Creek was not full of fish. Mike was the most ardent, and disappointed, fisherman. Fished practically the whole week, and never caught a fish.



54-110A

Vacation



54-115



54-116 Betsy and Janet



54-125

FAMILY PICNICS



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Vacation

Vacation



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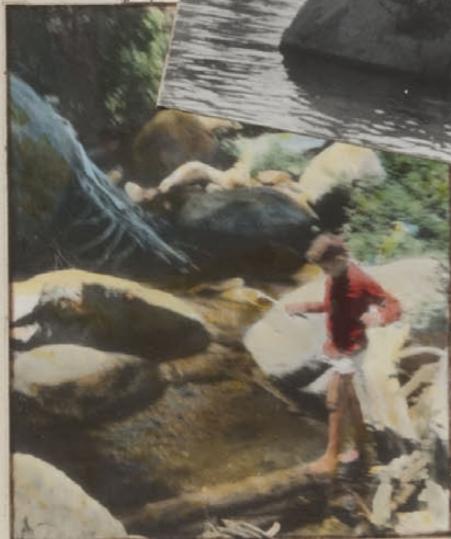
MICHAEL THE FISHERMAN



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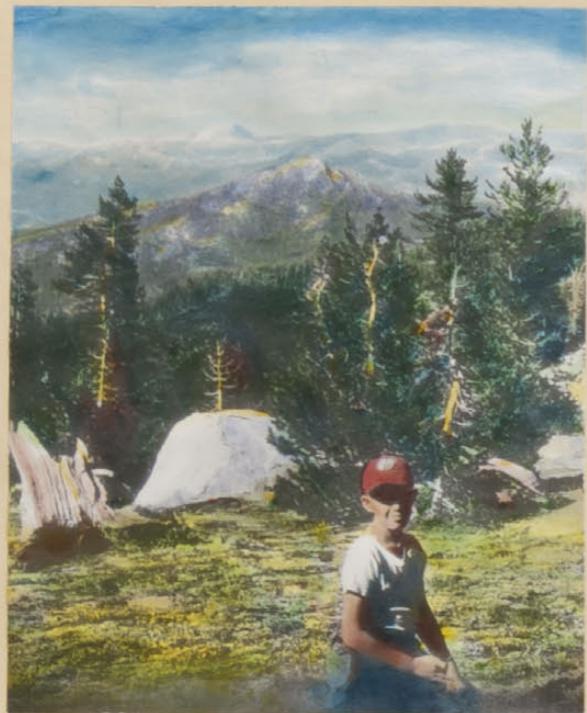
and Janet →



54-127

Mike and Janet

Vacation



54-112 A Looking towards Yosemite

Curious about the elusive Nellie Lake, the day after Penny left, we men tried again, in a most-all-day hike from the horse camp. Trail was good, and we found the lake, ate lunch beside it, then went up to the top of Kaiser Ridge, where we could see Kaiser Peak, & north across the San Joaquin to Yosemite Park. The views on this page are from the Ridge.

JULY 28TH

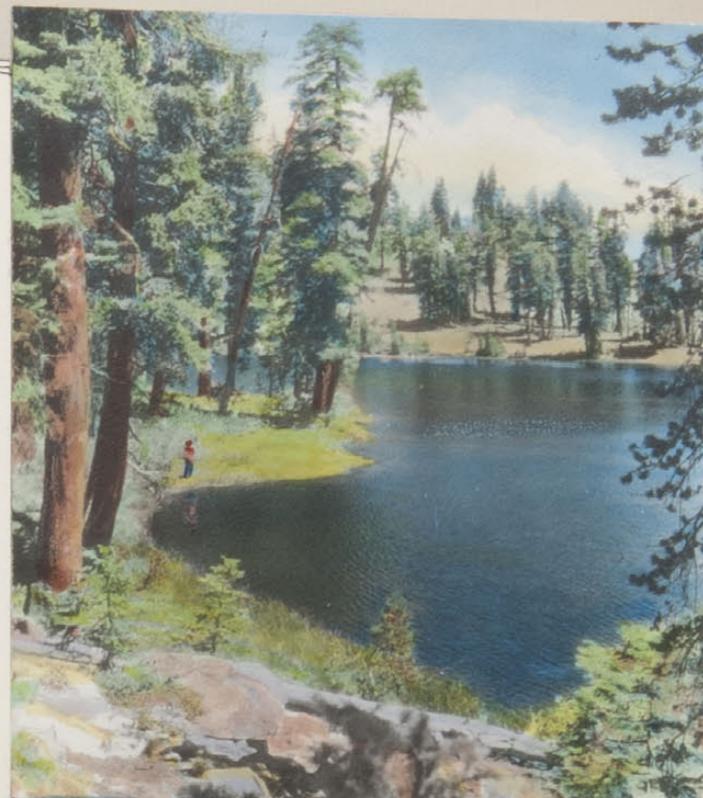


Kaiser Peak 54-114



54-112 On the Ridge

NELLIE LAKE



54-110
In the lower view, that's Kaiser Ridge in the background. Me & my pink cap, and camera case, and Mike, fishing.
54-111

Vacation



54-140

HOME CREEK INLET



54-123

TUNNEL CREEK INLET

Vacation

Vacation



54-130

BIG CREEK AT THE HEAD OF THE LAKE

Bridge near the mouth of the creek; creek a quarter mile above the bridge; and flower girl boulder in creek, below the bridge.



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54-129



54-132 B



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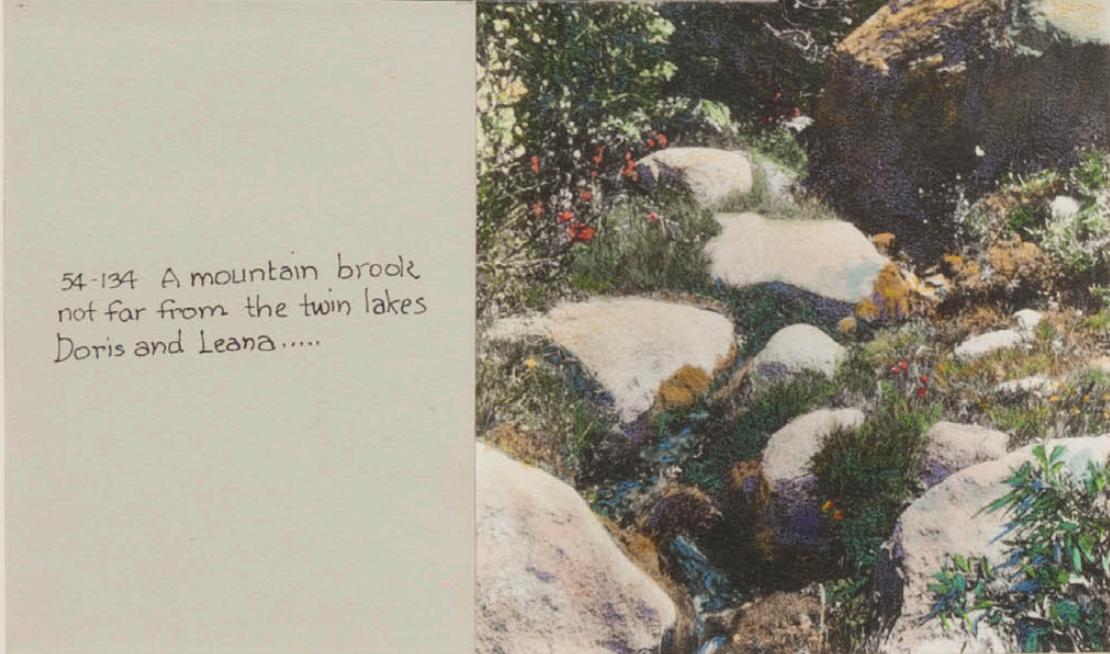
Vista on our Hike to the 'Twin Lakes.
(This is Huntington Lake, not a 'Twin'.)

Slide copies

Vacation



54-133
At Potter Pass;
that is Kaiser Peak
beyond, and Doris
and Leana Lakes
are a mile or two
to the right, below
the pass.



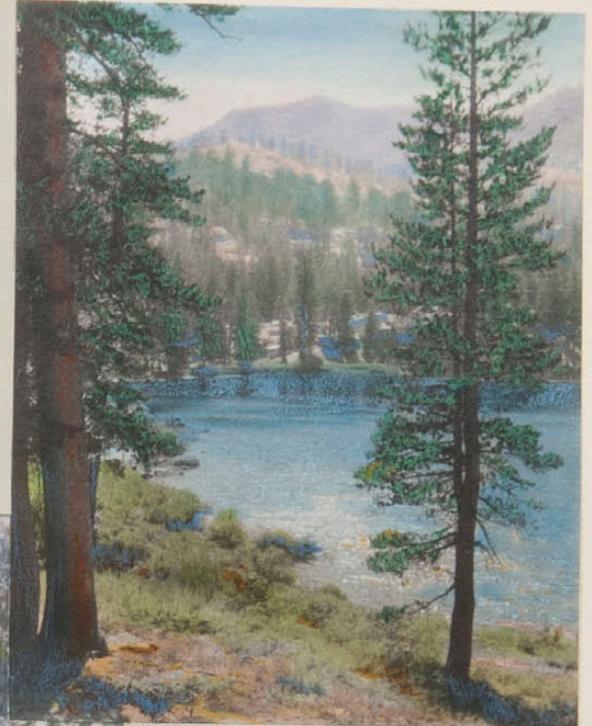
54-134 A mountain brook
not far from the twin lakes
Doris and Leana.....

Vacation

Slide copies on Ansco Proof;
hand tinted. All with 80mm Tessar.

Vacation

54-136 to the right is Leana
Lake, which was the end of
our hike, July 31st.....
(not the end... the turnaround
point.)



54-135- We ate lunch by the
shore of Doris Lake.....



55-15

Don and Betsy's home:
321 East Poppyfields Drive,
Altadena.



55-14



54-143 - Don, Betsy and Janet

Vacation



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Betsy, Mike,
Janet Don



55-13 Janet

Vacation



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Don and Betsy's home:
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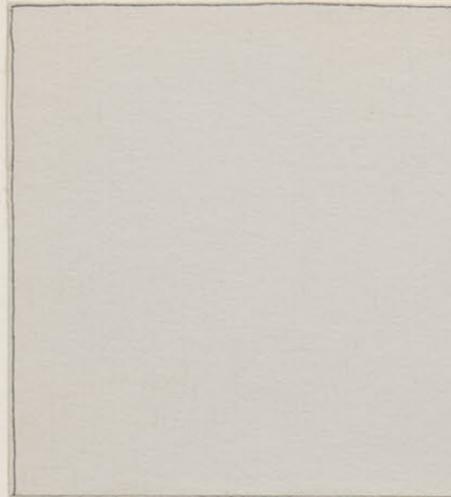


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54-143 - Don, Betsy and Janet

Vacation



55-13 Janet



55-11

Betsy, Mike,
Janet Don

Vacation

All by Frank Raudenbush in December except lower left-hand group
printed on Aerobromide

I came home alone, direct from L.A., arriving the 6th, & found plenty of garden work waiting. Weather mostly fair, ideal temperature. Rain the 15th & 22nd, hot, humid & rain the 24th.

August

I left for Livingston the 17th, seeing Bertha arrive from L.A. the same morning. I had a day to wait for the turntable, so I walked up into the Absaroka foothills. Saw Andrew Hanson one evening. Home 21st. Then the 29th I went to Fargo for five days' inspection of Fargo Division bridges. Traveled by Ford on the rails and ferried the car by truck between branches. This month I also had a few inspection jobs in the Twin Cities.

The 6th to the 17th, Bill and I "batched." He took his boat out 2 or 3 times waterskiing, and he left for a Colorado vacation.

Carl Ekberg was at Pasco the 9th, to see the new lift span installed. He returned the 12th. Stanley Law died suddenly the 6th; he had retired only 3 months before.

My hikes included circuit around the river between Lake Street & Ford bridges, Sun. 8th, still looking for flower pictures. The 15th I drove alone to Hudson & Prescott. The 28th, Bertha & I, Bob & Mora Manners picnicked by Lake Pepin at Frontenac and drove Salem Church road by dusk, then viewed our vacation slides. I had spent quite a few evenings mounting them.

City news item: streetcar tracks at important intersections are being removed, rails elsewhere gradually disappearing under the blacktop.



54-147
250 mm lens

THE HILLS OF
LIVINGSTON—

AUGUST 18-20—1954



54-146
80 mm lens



Slide copies



This is how we took the flange-wheels across-country on the Fargo Division, August 30 to September 4....

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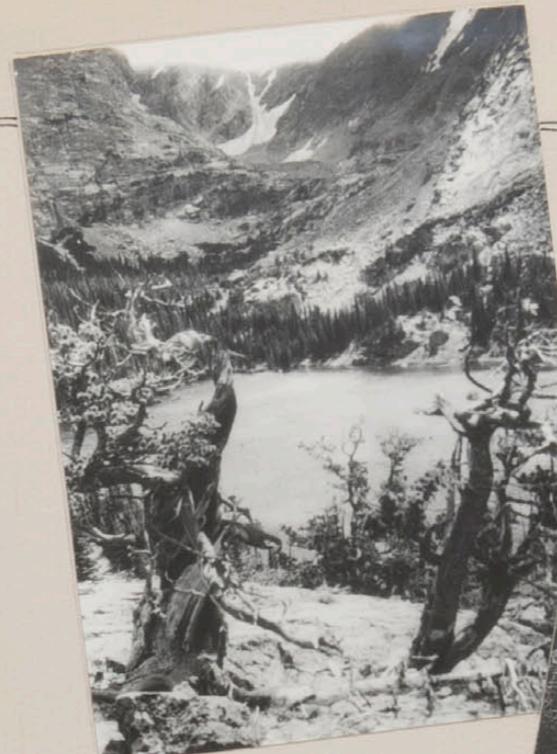
An old tub with a big name:
Duluth, Sept 29.

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SOUVENIRS
OF THE
FIELD



Vest Pocket Images



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TWO COLORADO SCENES
FROM BILL'S
VACATION SLIDES

AND HERE'S BILL
HOME AGAIN



54-217

Colorado scenes copied
from Boston Kodachrome
54-217 - Koralle
Printed on Revere Acrobromide

SEPTEMBER

I was at New Rockford, morning of the 1st, continued bridge inspection on Sykes-ton & Wilton branches, south to LaMoure & Streator, back to Fargo terminals, and home 3rd. Weather was fine. Then mostly rain & cloudy in St. Paul until 19th, but no rain Labor Day: home all day. Pretty damp for gardening.

Saturday, 11th, the tree crew came, and removed both front yard trees, the elm and the ash. All cleaned away & sodded by supper time. The elm was not too decayed to save; I'm very sorry about it. Next day, 12th, we drove to Fisher's apple farm & Strouses' beautiful place overlooking the St. Croix-friends of George Pepin, who was along.

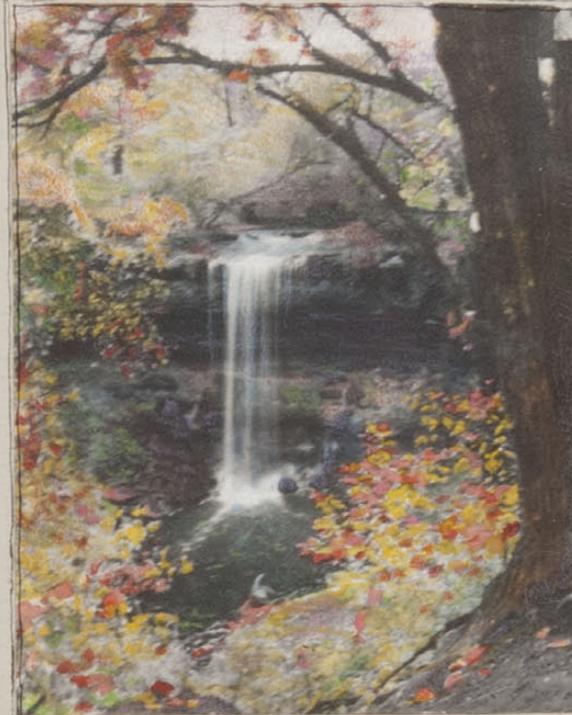
Bertha, Mollie & I set out Sat., 18th, in the rain, for Kenora. Poured all day. Reached Kenora just before dark, passing scenery that would be beautiful in better weather; but never got the camera out. Got a poor cottage, had a terrible steak dinner at the Chinaman's. A cute German girl in a drugstore made chocolate malts for dessert. Sun. morning we outran the bad weather, going on to Winnipeg. I came home by train that night; the women drove home Tuesday & Wednesday.

I went to Minneapolis a couple of times to inspect some corroded bridge steel. Bill made two trips to Windom. We attended a Plymouth meeting the 15th, discussing a membership campaign. Ruth Erickson was here for supper the 24th.

Photographically, I had a big job making negatives from vacation slides, and got a few prints made.

Bill took down the rotten front fence. I started cutting up lumber to rebuild it, and did a little filling of the front yard.

Penny quit her office job and started teaching in a country school: 21 pupils, 8 grades, one room, near Fairfield, California. She likes it!



54-163 MINNEHAHA FALLS -
OCTOBER 3RD

These pictures were taken in a
light rain....



54-162 MINNEHAHA CREEK
BELOW THE FALLS - OCT. 3RD



54-158 - Before removing the trees



54-210 Removing branches from west tree



54-209 A load of branches

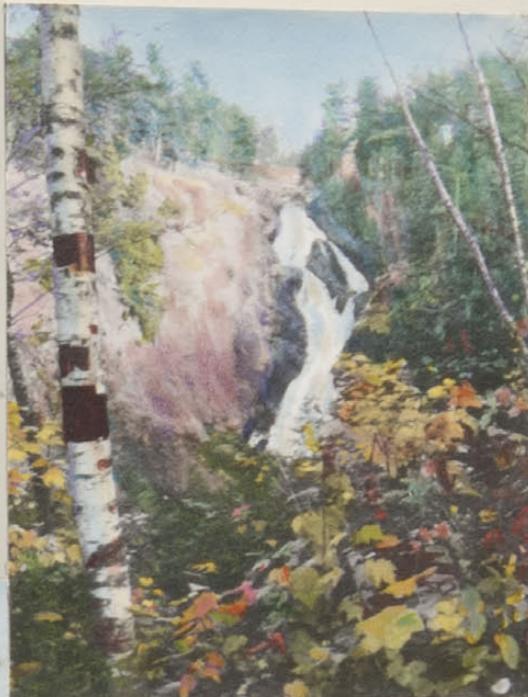
SEPTEMBER 11, 1954
THE TREES CAME DOWN



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Kodak Reflex
Ansco Proof

54-166 Falls at Pattison State Park,
Wisconsin, October 7th. Souvenir
of a trip to Duluth with Virg. Demarais
in St Knight's Company car.



54-161: On the River Drive near Randolph St.
October 3rd

Copies of Kodelle slides
Hand tinted on Ansco Proof

OCTOBER

A drive to Duluth- a trip to Saint Louis- a visit from the Beerses- retirements. Weather began cloudy, some showery days- fair from the 16th, light frosts 18-19, cold rain 26th, trace of snow 29th. Autumn color past its prime- all leaves fallen by the 31st.

Demarais and I drove to Duluth, 5th, to test the turning of Wisconsin drawspan; drove back 7th, via Pattison State Park and Wis. #35.

I went to St. Louis via Chicago, in SL the 10th-11th-12th; sight-seeing the 10th, then Waterproofing Committee. I didn't stay over for overlapping Trestle Comm. These days, heavy rain in Chicago flooded Union Depot.

Herbert and Ethel Beers were with us from the 22nd to the 25th. The women shopped; Saturday Herb and I hiked around the river in Minneapolis. Sunday, to Phalen, White Bear and Lowell Inn. Tom and Bessie Gibson saw our Huntington Lake slides and played bridge, 30th. Dinner & bridge with Stan & Gert Smith, 16th.

Northwest Mtce Club the 28th. Edgar Short's birthday party, the 15th & farewell the 29th, and Bill Jahn's retirement party at Riverview the same night.

My chores: mostly making posts and pickets to rebuild the front fence: the basement's getting full of them. Bill and I hung most of the storm windows the 16th & 17th. My reading, mainly Whitehead's "Science and the Modern World"- slow, hard reading with an unusual sense of being worth while.

Bill went on a couple of archery expeditions for deer- no meat, to Bertha's relief... Fifth Street was torn up all month while the streetcar tracks were being torn out.



AREA COMMITTEE 29
WATERPROOFING

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AT SAINT LOUIS
OCTOBER 12, 1954



54-173

A fine group of friends and
railroaders....



54-176

Pete Miesenhelder tells 'em.



54-174

V.P. Ihagee camera.
Prints on aerobromide

EDGAR SHORT'S RETIREMENT PARTY



Margaret Merlensotto Betty Campbell Edgar
In Peterson's Office

54-187 to 190



Edgar Bodele Walberg Wahlstrand Ruth Larson Linell Dennis Skemmis-Schutt Bobbed Burandt Curtis Yager Shemab Ekberg
Betty Campbell Edgar

OCTOBER 29 1954

Taken with VP Bayre



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BERTHA, HERBERT AND ETHEL BEER'S
!

Herbert and Ethel Beers were with us from October 22nd to 25th.

Slide copy



54-187 A,B

Construction of Lower Saint Anthony Falls Locks



BILL JAHN
RETIRED AS VALUATION
ENGINEER ON OCT 31
These pictures were taken
in his office, a few days
earlier

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Bill, and Mitt Wolf, his
successor →



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54-195

Congratulations from
"Ike" Greenberg.

Mitt Wolf and
"Swanny" Swandollar



54-194

NOVEMBER

My principal jobs: tallying Form 134, filing inspection notes; odd jobs... 2nd, election day; Democrats gained. Bertha was election clerk. The 3rd, got new car license. 4th, drove to Anoka with Burandt and Rea. That night we Handsakers had supper with Schlichtings. To American Hoist the 5th with an NP delegation to see a big GN piledriver. Lunch there. I worked on the new front fence, pickets etc. in basement; the 13th I began putting it up, and had it all done the 20th. Smiths took the gang to Lees, and their house, 6th. 7th, to church twice, and we made a church call on Spaeths; made another on Miss Stichelberger and her doctor mother the 10th.

Bill went hunting; brought home 3 pheasants. On account of continued Indian summer, red mums still blooming fine, 15th. Had several inspection rides: to Bridge 7, A Line, 12th, with Ekberg and Bjorklund; to Fridley, 18th, with Burandt and 24th, with Bjorklund, on acct. of a big sewer being laid under the new bridge. Maintenance Club dinner, 18th: welded rail.

Stan Smith's birthday party, 20th, after a dinner at Colonial Inn. 21st, last fall chores: storm door, etc. Pheasant dinner. Thanksgiving turkey the 25th, with Mollie, and Rene Knight. Snowed the 26th, & next day I twisted my back, shoveling it. Bothered me a week. 28th, I worked on this book and made a Xmas card design. 30th, visited with Miesenhelder in the morning; in evening I acted as clerk at Plymouth annual meeting.

Weather: Trace of snow, raw, the 1st, then balmy Indian Summer until 22nd when freeze-up began. 65° the 10th, 61° the 16th, and a lot of days at 50°: shirtsleeve weather!



54-211

CORNEB BEEF ON
PUMPERNICKEL, A
PIECE OF PIE, AND
A GLASS OF MILK

FIVE TIMES
WEEKLY!

AT THE
MASONIC
CLUB



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54-213

CONSTRUCTION ON THE OLD COURT HOUSE BLOCK



54-14 CORNER 5TH & CEDAR - JAN. 13 1954



54-15 CORNER- 4TH & CEDAR. | JAN.13,1954



54-46 WEST ON FIFTH



APRIL 16, 1954 CORNER- 4TH & CEDAR. 54-48

Upper- VP Ihagee
Lower- Korelle
Prints on Acrobromide



54-51 EAST SIDE OF WABASHA FROM 5TH APR. 16, '54



GARAGE FOUNDATIONS TOWARD WABASHA
APRIL 28, 1954

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54-53 GARAGE FOUNDATIONS AND
INSURANCE BUILDING STEELWORK
FROM WABASHA-
APRIL 28 1954

CORNER 4TH AND WABASHA-
IN AUGUST



54-198

54-51 Korelle
54-53 & 54 Kodak ReFlex
54-198 VP Ihagee

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←
 Corner Fourth and
 Wabasha: Parking
 Garage (Northern
 States Power building
 behind)

West-rear-face of
 Minnesota Mutual
 Life building
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FURTHER
 PROGRESS
 ON THE
 NEW
 BUILDINGS

I neglected to note
 the date of these
 pictures, but they
 were all taken one
 day in August or
 September.



54-154

Kodak Reflex
 on Aero-bromide



54-152

TWO
 VIEWS OF
 EAST FRONT
 OF THE
 INSURANCE
 BUILDING

↑
 From corner of
 Fourth and
 Cedar

→
 From corner
 of Fifth and
 Cedar



54-151

December

We had a GE television set delivered on trial, the 1st, but decided on a Stromberg Carlsen, delivered the 20th.

The 5th, 21 new members came into the church. We had dinner, 5th, at A.M. We called on Bjorklunds the 10th; they bought the Jesness house on Cretin. The 11th, our "bridge" gang ate at the Chateau- North Snelling- and played at our house. We bought a good Christmas tree the 12th, for \$2.50. The 16th, at deacons' meeting, Hugo Thompson told some good stories with "morals." (i.e., grass houses.)

The 20th, Penny arrived from Calif. by air. The 22nd, the Eng. Dept. Xmas lunch. The 23rd, Ama had a phone visit with us. The 24th, Miss Larson served cakes and coffee; office closed at 3. We dined at Perkinses, then to Plymouth Church, then coffee at our house.

The 25th, we gathered 'round the tree to open gifts: a happy time with Penny at home. Bills Toro Co. furnished the turkey.

The 27th, Graham Smith's retirement. The 28th Knights took Bertha and me to dinner in M'pls, then to their apartment.

The 29th, Dick Kuehlwein's farewell at Riverview Club; saw a good many retired friends.

The 30th, Bill & Peg out to see the town, in Mpls. Next day Bill went to Telemark. We ate at home with Penny, then played bridge at Thumas with them, Smiths and Millers.

I went out to Fridley (new underpass & sewer) 6th & 16th, and drove to the new Rock Creek underpass with Schutt the 23rd.

Snow on ground all month, freshened the 9th, 14th, 17th, and 31st- mild weather, mostly 20° to 35°.

OFFICE SCENES



54-199
Architect's
Assistant
Hanson



54-215

Above:
Assistant
Dist. Engr's
Office:
Bolstad
Schutt
Phelps
Durandt



54-228

Below:
In the
Drafting
Room:
Jensen,
Canner,
Wahlstrand.

215 - Karelle - on Opal
228 - Kawee - on Aetabromide



54-229

DICK
KUEHLWEIN

ENGINEERING
ACCOUNTANT

Who retired December 31st

His farewell party was at
Riverview Commercial Club
December 29th.



54-230

GRAHAM
ALSO RETIRED
DECEMBER 31ST.
from his position
of Engineer of
Track.

At Graham's
request, there
was no party



54-200

GRAHAM SMITH



54-200A

GRAHAM SMITH'S OFFICE:

Smith

Anderson

Barlow



CHRISTMAS
1954



Penny flew home from
Suisun City, California
for the holidays.

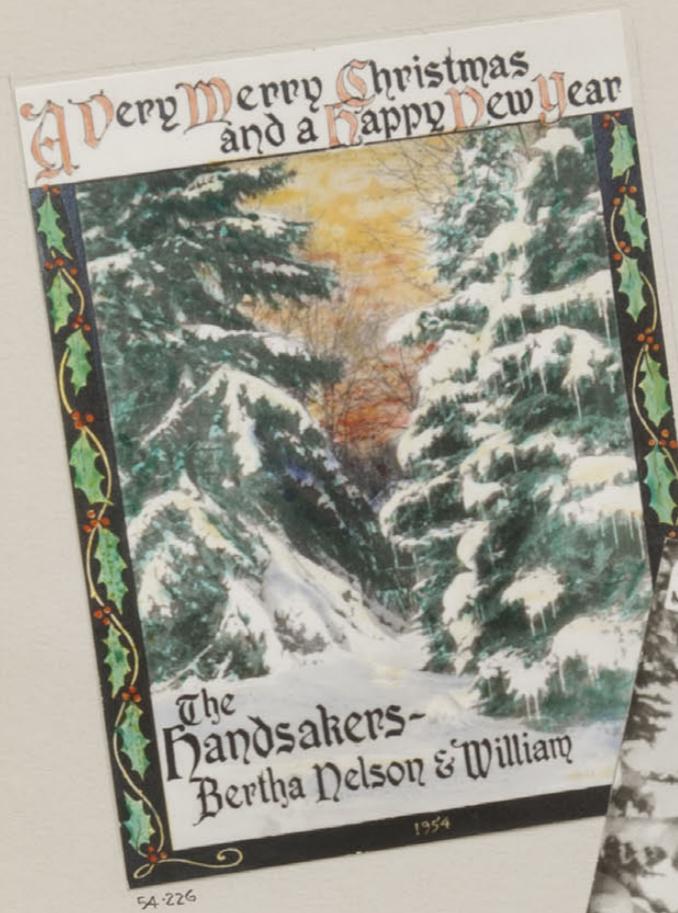


Kodak Reflex
by available light
on Opal C



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Copy of color slide
printed on Opal



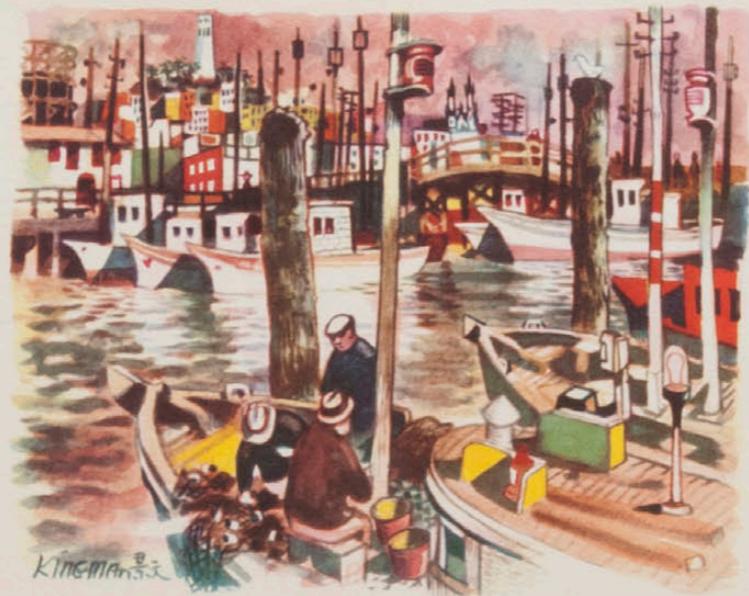
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I colored only a few
of our cards.



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Printed on Cykora Silk



Kingman's
Fishermen's Wharf, San Francisco

Doug Kingman



1935



The Nelson Standefer's
2191 Berkeley Ave
St Paul, 6, Minn.



465 Cretin Avenue South

Season's Greetings
from our house to your house



The Bjorklunds



The Aurora Avenue Bridge, Seattle
and Lake Union

