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BOB AND PENNY - MARRIED IN '55

Handscar's Annual

1955

PENNY'S MARRIAGE
MY RETIREMENT
NEW ENGLAND TRIP

This volume was nearly completed in April 1957
but it was not actually finished until November 1959

PREFACE

The year 1955 was memorable to our family principally for two happy events: Penny's wedding, June 12th, and my retirement, August 31st. Not only are we pleased with Penny's choice, but she has the same good fortune I had, of marrying a family of fine people. To attend the wedding, in Mills College chapel in Oakland, Bertha and I went west, for three weeks. In the North, Herb and Ethel Beers took us around the Olympic peninsula.

Bill Hennon's serious illness brought Betsy and the children to St. Paul, July 21st to August 9th. Mike and I had a very enjoyable canoe outing on the St. Croix.

Retirement has been completely successful. Partly through my fault, my work had got in a rut, pleasant but not inspiring, so when I discovered I was already living within retirement income, I resigned, two years before I had to. In order to divorce my mind from the work, we took an autumn trip east, with George and Margaret Hopkins, lasting seven weeks and covering nearly seven thousand miles.

Elmore, Bertha's brother, died suddenly on Bainbridge Island July 18th.

Photographically, no new equipment. Most of my photographs are taken as $2\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ inch color transparencies; then I copy some of the best of them for this album. This year I took an unusually large number of office portraits in black and white, so a third of my pictures in this book are from original negatives. I enjoy straight black and white photography most, but can't keep away from color.



Our dining room. My desk in a corner of the sitting room.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Nineteen Five also was a very memorable year for me; for I graduated from High School, decided to be a Christian and joined the Methodist church, & went to work at a man's wages as a draftsman over in Idaho. While I was away, Father had the house enlarged. Previous to this, dad, mother, Erwin, Ama, Dorothy and I had lived in five very small rooms, at 1017 North "O" Street. Grandpa and Grandma Handsaker and uncles Maurice and Lester lived in the similar small house next door (but in June Maurice married Edith Locke, the girl across the street)

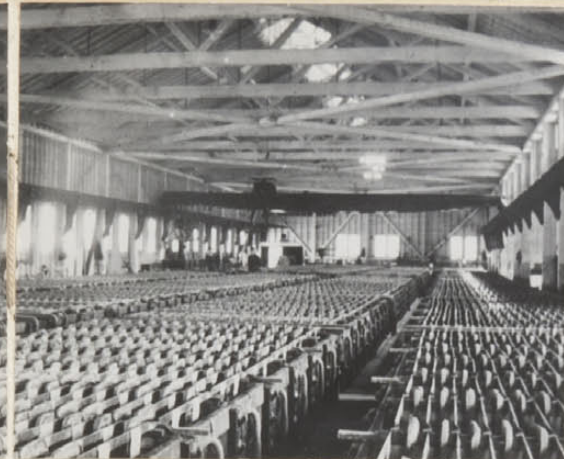
After three months of tent life in Ray's location party at Ilo and Kippen, I was made office man for T.H. Croswell in Lewiston, doing drafting, blue printing, typing and clerical work. By December, a full-time clerk, J.E. Grant, was added. We roomed together. I had a Christmas visit at home.



2 Myself and Erwin, fishing.



Our house being enlarged



Electrolytic copper refining at the Tacoma Smelter.



Lillian Clulow.



Me as King Polixenes

Photography Fifty Years Ago.

I had a 2 1/2 x 4 1/4 inch fixed focus folding kodak with an f:16 lens and a shutter that said "ko-dak!" Took quite a few snapshots of our senior class's outings, and several of our home in anticipation of its enlargement. My work in Idaho led to quite a few pictures. Unfortunately, the negatives were not well fixed; not one Lewiston scene remains.

The pictures: top row, our old dining room; living room with my desk in the corner; electrolytic copper refinery at Tacoma smelter (Hopkins and I got put out for taking it); Roy Pinkerton, Lillian Clulow and Frank Philip on a class launch party; me as King Polixenes in graduation program.

Bottom row: me, fishing; Erwin, fishing; our house at 1017 N. Cushman during alterations; Ray's survey camp at Ilo, near Craigmont, Idaho; the field men leaving for the day. Above, the camp at Kippen; and myself, ringing the dinner gong.

Me, in camp

One of our camps...



Our camp at Ilo.



Going out to work.

January
1955

First half almost springlike, occasional light snow. Then colder: 15° below, the 26th & below zero all next day. By the 5th, it was broad daylight before I reached the office at 8... We took Penny to the airport the morning of the 1st, then looked at the Pasadena rose parade on television... I had a cold since Xmas, felt worst the 2nd. I started installing a new shower the 7th, completed it the 9th, except some plaster and paint. Then I made some other plumbing repairs. Bertha and I took a River Drive walk past Randolph, the 9th, Sunday. That afternoon I went to Pine Bend with Bill, and John Keppel. Wrenched my knee.

To Highland movies, 13th; Vanishing Prairie and some shorter Disney films. We had Petersons and Bjorklunds to dinner the 22nd - a very rare roast. Maintenance Club the 27th. Thomas & Nagraws with us for dinner and canasta the 29th. Thomas about to leave for Mexico.. I finished tallying the Form 134, at

the office, and spent a lot of time on rating all our diesels; also got out contract & specifications for Clark Fork bridge foundations. Only "field trip" was to Bridge 72, Minneapolis, with Burandt and Wold.

Bill got his new blue and white Ford the 3rd... The 22nd & 23rd, he was skiing in Wisconsin. I read John Muir's "Boyhood and Youth" and spent several evenings with books of flower pictures, trying to identify last year's wildflower snapshots.

Carnival parade was Saturday the 29th, calm, bright, 5° to 15° above. I chased it as usual and enjoyed it... The 30th, Pepin & I went to Minnehaha Falls for pictures.

In Curtiss's retirement farewell party was at the Women's City Club the 31st - about 130 guests: vice president Stanton made the principal speech. Ekberg presented the gift; I presented the scroll, including an imitation ink blot....



55-4

ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI IN WINTER

Above, at the point below the
end of Summit Avenue, Jan. 23.

Right, somewhere near Saint
Clair Avenue.

Both taken with 4x5
Lloyd camera - upper one
with regular Raptar lens;
lower one with 9 1/2" Velostig-
mat. Prints on Ansco Proof.



55-21



Janet

from professional photographs



Prints on Ansco Proof



55-9

Minnehaha Falls

4x5 Lloyd-Leitmayr 12cm. lens
Print on Ansco Proof

Lin Curtiss's retirement party at the Women's City Club, Jan. 31st, was a very successful occasion. There were 130 present (second to Blum's party, only, in numbers). Vice President Stanton made the principal speech. He had been in Lin's engineering party at Longview, back in 1934. The purse presented was \$200. I made and presented the scroll. (The removable ink blot was at Harold Peterson's suggestion.)

My presentation:

In old times, when a slave was liberated, he received papers of manumission, which were in effect a deed to his own body and life, and which gave documentary proof that he was in truth a free man.

We, your fellow slaves of Old Mass. Railroad, rejoicing at your liberation, wish to present you with this scroll, not only as a testimonial of our high regard for you, but also as a document proving that, as of five o'clock this afternoon, you are a free man, and no longer a slave. You may now come and go as you please, subject only to the budget, and to Mama's orders....

Lynn, we hope you will overlook the imperfections in this scroll and accept it with our wish that the liberty which it memorializes may extend to many happy years.



With Best Wishes to
Lindsley B. Curtiss

from his fellow employees
in the Northern Pacific
Railway Company on the
occasion of his retirement
after over forty-three
years of service, achievement
and friendly association as
Designer, Engineer & Architect.
Saint Paul, January 31, 1955

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John Gendall	J.E. Hanson		F.W. Taylor	W.L. Wood	N.E. Boudie
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A.C. Gresson	J.W. Jenkins				

—The Chanters—

55-7





55-16 The Royal Float
(courtesy Ford Motor Co.)

55-17-Texas Cavaliers
and Tom Mix - (courtesy
of Brown & Bigelow)



WINTER CARNIVAL 1955

As usual, the Carnival to me was just the Grand Parade, held on Saturday Jan. 29th. I chased it, with my camera, from the mobilization area east of Dale Street, past the Cathedral and Capitol, & on down to 7th & Robert. Weather ideal: sunny & 5° to 15° above zero.

These pictures are copies of Ektachrome slides, taken with the Kodak Reflex. Printed on Ansco Proof and tinted with Flexichrome colors.

55-18 Eibert Coffee -
they passed out hot coffee
as they went along.



FEBRUARY 1955

Weather: mostly a calm, pleasant, sunny month, temperature 20° to 30°, with a good fresh snow the 4th & evening of 18th. But it was below zero the 10th to 12th ~ 15° below, the 11th. North wind and sleet a couple of nights glazed the streets and coated the branches.

Office: nearly the whole month rating diesel locomotives and checking bridge restrictions for them. No field trips. **S**ocial: To Lee's Kitchen with Magraws the 12th, bridge at their home. Mollie Savold over the 15th. I went to a color slide showing the 16th, at the Women's City Club. We had Ekbergs and Knights for a salmon dinner, the 21st. To A&P for a smorgasbord dinner, the 27th.

Personal: Bertha and I had a few days' upset from "stomach flu." I catalogued wildflowers in the National Geographics, and tried to identify my flower slides. I walked down Shadow Falls ravine with Pepin, the 19th. **M**iscellaneous: A plasterer fixed the kitchen ceiling. I ordered some aluminum storm-screens. I repaired bathroom tiles over old shower valve. At church, the Benevolence Committee got organized and had two meetings. I attended a deacon's meeting. A Bible study class got started.



55-22
Lloyd 4x5- 90 mm Angulon lens
Ansco Proof print

View from our front door
February 19th.



55-23

My self and George Papin
On the Shadow Falls Path
February 19th-

4x5 Lloyd
Leitmayr 120 mm
Ansco Proof-



Above- 55-3 Looking up the
Mississippi in winter -
January 9th

Right- 55-1- Path along the river
bluff, near Randolph Ave.
January 9th



4x5 Lloyd - Raptar 135 mm
Aerobromide.

March 1955

WEATHER: Whole month, mostly, freezing nights & melting days, but it reached 0° the 5th; 5° below, 7th; $+7^{\circ}$, 22nd; $+3^{\circ}$, 25th. The 29th-30th reached 55° - 65° and spring was really here. Trace of snow the 8th & 20th; 4 inches the 21st.

RAILROAD: Trip to Rock Creek underpass with Bjorklund the 2nd; to Little Falls with him, 3rd; to Northtown track scale 28th. In office I worked on revising system bridge restrictions, but on the 24th things were piling up; then I had plenty to do. At the A.R.E.A. convention, Chicago, the 15th-16th, probably my last convention. Bertha went along and we stopped at the Palmer House. Wet weather there.

PERSONAL & FAMILY: I made up income tax reports, filed them the 10th. I started painting the kitchen ceiling the 5th. I strained my right eye. Bill cut down the smaller backyard oak the 19th & 26th. I helped with a rope, & with cutting up the tree afterwards. We went to Ports with Thumas and Millers the 12th, then inspected Millers' new house out north. Smiths were in Florida. We saw Burton Holmes' "Switzerland," 13th. In Chicago we dined and saw puppet opera at the Kungsholm. Frank Raudenbush to supper, 20th. I attended M'tce Club dinner at Prior and University, 24th, and walked home— it was a fine night... I worked at our California vacation pictures for my 1954 album.

BILL went to Aspen for an Easter vacation week of skiing.

PENNY wrote us that she's engaged to Robert Miller of Oakland. The wedding will be there in June. So we're going to California again.

AROUND HOME

55-28: (right) Bertha in the kitchen—
from a Bantam negative. March 19.



55-27 (below)
Bill and I cutting
up the oak tree in
backyard

55-31 Bill in the back yard as
winter hangs on... Bantam neg...
March 19.





55-37

Entering from the hall, the coat rack is seen first; beyond, some of the boys are in conference. Walt Lindgren's just visible at the far left, while Dexter Dennis is hidden by the coats.

Coming past the coat rack, we see Dennis; and behind him, Goldberg has asked Lindgren a question which makes him scratch his head.



Turning from left to right, we see the length of the room, towards the Engineering draftsmen, as seen from Kempe's table. Goldberg in the foreground.



55-40

A TOUR OF THE BRIDGE DEPT. DRAFTING ROOM



55-39

And above is the corner in which Elmer Linell is enthroned with his records; this side of him, me at my desk, and at the right, Dennis. Lindgren was out. On the left, Goldberg.

Here's the rest of our office, looking towards Ruth Larson in the far corner. Henry Pedrazza this side of her; Kempe on right at Chief Draftsman's seat; Sidney Goldberg, center; and Gustafson in left foreground.



55-38



The American Railway Engineering Association in Session
Palmer House, Chicago.

My last Convention.

55-33 Palmer House, over
the Wabash St. Elevated...



55-34 Rainy day, Palmer House entrance.



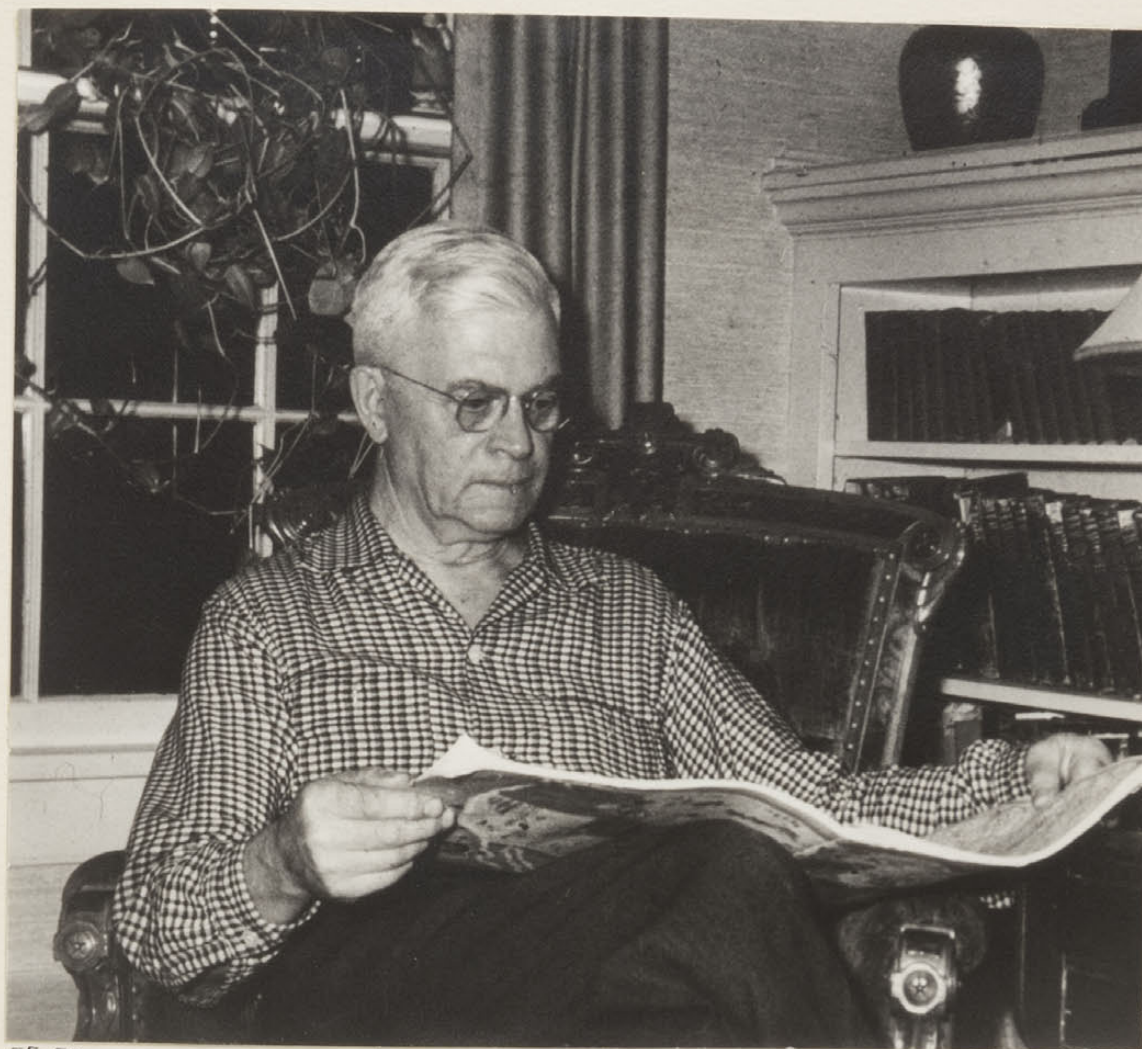
55-32
New Prudential Bldg.
built on top of the
Illinois Central tracks

April
1955

Weather: Mostly pleasant, cool weather- the last trace of snow in the backyard melted about the 5th. Gradually warmed up to nearly 80°, the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th and 27th, but 65° was typical. A few light night frosts, last the 22nd. Showers 4th, rain 18th & 24th. Trees budded leaves, wild flowers began to appear the middle of month. I walked the river path several times, began photoing wild flowers the 17th. Our crabapple was in bloom, 28th. Visited Como flower show, 8th. Raked & burned leaves, 30th.

Office: Estimates for burnt Bridge 51, Centralia, filling vs. ballast deck trestle, St. Louis Bay. Revising pocket bridge list, Miesenhelder in St. Paul, 14th. I wrote treatise on specif. & contract writing. No field trips. Harry Renstrom retired: party the 29th. I made his testimonial booklet.

Miscellany: I finished painting kitchen; and Bill & I completed cutting up the oak tree. Made a tally of our invest. fund earnings. City buses all rerouted downtown, for paving, and track removal, on 4th, also Wabasha. Easter perfect day, full church; then we drove to Mound with Bill, who's looking for a cottage. Called on Hennons. Betty home. Mrs. H. between 2 serious operations. Bill rented cottage, 24th. Plymouth antique sale 13th-14th: I had supper there, 13th. Spaghetti at Schwabs, 17th, with Bjorklunds. Caroline & Ed Messmer called the 26th: we ate at Lee's, then visited with them at Thelma & Leo's in west Minneapolis a while.



55-52

Nelson Handsaker



55-35

HARRY
RENSTROM'S
RETIREMENT
PARTY
APRIL 29



55-36



59-50b

DOUG SHOEMAKER'S
OFFICE



55-55

The Golden Statue Group on the Capitol.

m Teleassar
print on Ansco Proof.
(Slide copy)

Weather: Mostly pleasantly warm—several days in the 80's, and 90° the 2nd. Shortage of rain caused a total ban of hose sprinkling. **Garden:** I weeded, sprinkled with watering can, doused lawn with Weedone, spread compost, planted our Garden Club sale purchases (14th-15th.) Finished planting half dozen tomatoes, 31st. **Railroad:** Heavy car loadings, estimate for relining Westfall tunnel, tie pad economics, pocket bridge list, rating charts—so much routine I wished I'd retired. To Staples turntable 10th, rode diesel rear cab back to Northtown. To Stillwater, culvert, 18th. Saw Brockway 17th. **Social:** Garden Club dinner, 2nd. Knights, dessert, 7th. Gang dined at Sibley Tea House, then Thumas, 14th. To Manners for slides, bridge, 15th. Phone visit with Ama, 22nd. Stillwater picnic and Afton Road with Mollie, 29th. **Personal:** Jack Thames died, 29th. We drove east of Deer Lake, Wis., 8th, to photo wild flowers. I also photographed them on River Path. I hiked, alone, to Minnehaha Falls & back, the 21st, and around below Fort Snelling on the railroad track the 30th, a holiday. Tried out a latest model Leica one week-end, taking mostly indoor candids. **Bill** located a cottage at the Narrows on Lake Minnetonka, which he and two others rented for the season, for water sport. **Church** and Sunday evening Bible class as usual. Routine deacons' meeting the 19th.....

May 1955

TWO OUTINGS WITH MOLLIE,



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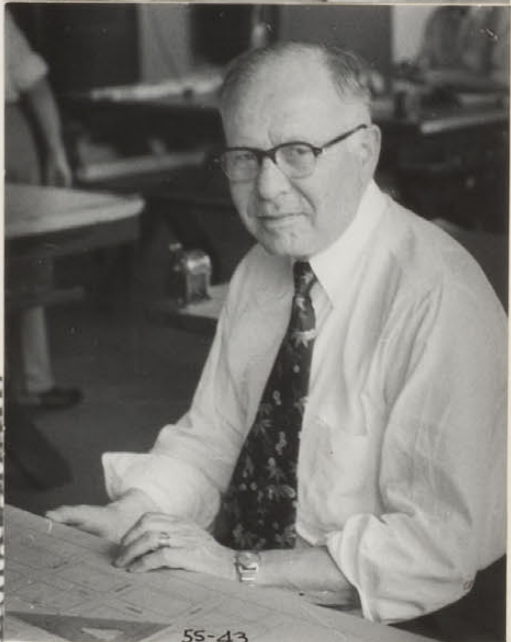


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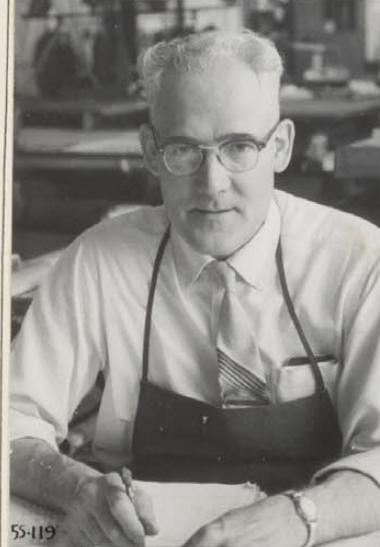
On the 8th, we drove past Deer Lake Wis., to Ralph's country home, to look for wild flowers, and had a picnic on the lake. On the 29th, we drove to Stillwater and Afton.



55-62



55-48 Carol Chaput and Max Sanford (Work Equipment)
 55-49 Ray Zelnick, Jack Jank, Dick Johnson, Chas. Swanson
 55-47 George Repin in the Vault (1/25 at f2)
 55-46 Paul Gibson, Principal Assistant Engineer
 55-43 Harry Steinman, Draftsman
 (next page) 55-50 Henry Pedrazza and Walt Lindgren
 " " 55-119 J. L. Canner, Draftsman



55-120
 Ruth
 Larson



55-118 J. Gustafson, Bridge Dept. Draftsman
 55-120B D.D. Oswald, Gen. Engineering Draftsman
 55-44 Joe Skaists, Bridge Dept. Tracer

GOING DOWN!



55-26 The old cigar store across Jackson from the N.P.



55-25 Travelers Bldg on Jackson, empty but for Goodwill store.

GOING UP!



55-30-B Excavation for new Woolworth Building, 7th & Minnesota



55-30 New Grant Building, 7th & Cedar.

Prints on lightweight VB & Kodabromide



55-59

In Picnic Valley



55-60

At the Mouth of Minnehaha Creek

MINNEHAHA PARK

MAY 21 1955

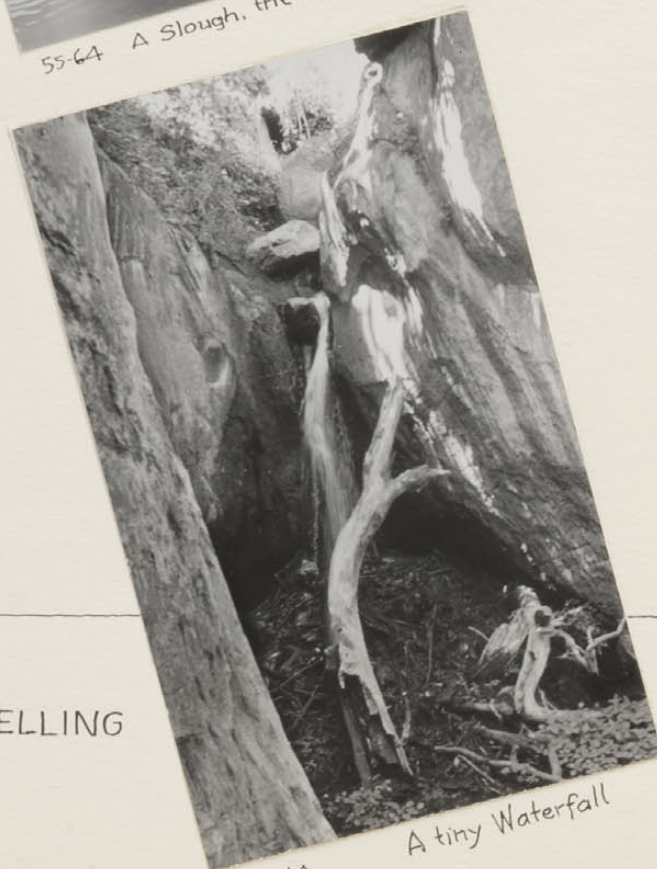
Kodak slide copies
Prints on Aerobromide



55-63
Wild Roses were in Bloom



55-64 A Slough, the River and West Seventh Bridge



55-64A

A tiny Waterfall

A HIKE BELOW FORT SNELLING

MAY 30 1955

63,64 - Slide copies
64A - Vestpocket
Prints on Aerobromide (resist)



5-51

THE LIVING ROOM

MAY 7 1955

Kodak Reflex
flash on Tri-x Pan
print on Ansco Proof

The great event of June was Penny's wedding on the 12th. That led Bertha and me to make a 3 week trip west, leaving on the 7th, via Portland & Shasta Daylight. At Suisun we attended a school picnic, met Bob who helped Peg pack; then we four drove to Millers in Oakland. Rehearsal the 11th, wedding the 12th. Bertha and I spent 13th with Millers, while bride and groom went up near Clear Lake. Going north, we stopped off a day in Eugene to see my cousin Belle. Around Seattle the 16th to 19th; saw Frances, Elmer & Aunt Alice in Everett. Around the Olympic peninsula with Beerses the 20th-21st. Visited with Ama & Ralph in Tacoma. We started home from Seattle the 24th and arrived the 26th.

Mr. Mastenbrook died the 27th. We did not hear of it in time to attend the funeral next day. Otherwise our few days in St. Paul were uneventful. I had plenty of weeding to do, and at the office there were estimates to make. Bill spent most of his spare time at the Lake Minnetonka cottage.

Weather 1st to 6th, showers, very moderate temperature. In California and north, mostly cool and cloudy. Last few days, in St. Paul, fair; warming up, from 65°, to 97°, the 30th.

June
1955



55-77

Hazel Miller, Don, Mike, Bertha, Betsy, Bob, and Penny, above; and here's Mike, Janet, me, and, outside, the Seal Rocks.....

Below, outside the Cliff House: Bob, Penny, Carroll Miller, Mike, Betsy, (Janet), Don, Bertha, and Hazel Miller.

The two upper pictures were taken at the Cliff House dinner at which Handsakers were hosts, on Penny's wedding day (dinner at 2, wedding at 8)

Millers had given us a dinner at the Oakland airport, - at 7 the eve. before.



55-78



55-76



55-80A
Bernie Ledy

These wedding pictures need no explaining: they were taken by Peg's friend Bernie Ledy, who's a "semi-pro" with a press camera.

I took the one of the chapel, on the next page: it's from a color slide.



55-80H
Bernie Ledy



55-80E
Bernie Ledy



55-74

The little chapel, just inside these gates to Mills College, where the ceremony was performed by Dr. Headley, chaplain of the College. There was a rehearsal Sat. the 11th and the wedding was Sunday the 12th, at 8 o'clock.



55-80C
Bernie Ledy

Returning up
the aisle



55-80F
Bernie Ledy

Bob's father and mother
with Penny and Bob.



55-73



55-71

These were taken at the reception at Miller's house, after the wedding. The 2 upper ones were with my Kodak Reflex; Bernie took the lower one. Betsy was matron of honor; John Danielson was Bob's best man.



55-80 G

Bernie Ledy

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Handsaker
announce the marriage of their daughter

Penelope

to

Mr. Robert Ryal Miller

on Sunday, the twelfth of June

Nineteen hundred and fifty-five

Mills College Chapel

Oakland, California



55-79

Look close
and you'll see
the aerial
cable car



55-80

Towards Golden Gate, from the
north terminus of aerial cable...



55-81

Seal rocks,
from the same place...

Slide copies with
Kodak Reflex

Mount
Shasta



55-84

from the
train



55-83

In the Oregon Cascades

In the Shasta
Daylight's vista-car



55-85



55-82

IN EUGENE

JUNE 15, 1955

← 55-82 Belle Keeney Williams is my favorite cousin. Her father, "Uncle Jim" Keeney was mother's brother; her mother, Mary Handsakes, was father's cousin. We stopped overnight at her home near the University campus; I got a lot of family history notes from her.



55-86

The forest (55-86) is in an old cemetery in Eugene, where Uncle Ben & Aunt Dollie are buried.

Below is the mill-stream which runs thru a residential section of Eugene near Belle's home.



55-87

IN SEATTLE

JUNE 16-17 & 23-24

These 3 pictures were taken at the Seattle Fishermen's Wharf, the 24th; we were back in Seattle after our drive around the Olympics, & I walked to the "wharf" for exercise. That night, we left for Saint Paul.



We went through from Eugene to Seattle. Ellen Skartvedt was visiting Elma, but she had room for us, too. Visited the NP office, and relatives, the cemeteries where Bertha's father and mother, and Lola and Mart, are buried; and we called on Mrs. Hoving. The 18th, Elmer Maier came & took us to Everett to see Frances, and Aunt Alice Keeney. Sunday morning the 19th Bertha's folks, & we, all went to Bainbridge Island, to church and to visit Elmore and his family. Agnes & Rob took Bertha & me to Seattle bus depot; we went to Tacoma, saw Ama and Ralph, & were picked up by Beerses.

AROUND THE OLYMPICS WITH HERB & ETHEL JUNE 20-21.

Over the Narrows Bridge, down west side of Hoods Canal, picnic lunch at Discovery Inlet; lots of rhododendrons. Overnight at Lake Crescent Lodge. Next day, around to Lake Quinault, and home to Tacoma.



Picnic on Discovery Inlet

55-101



55-102 The Olympics, from near Elwha River



55-104 Lake Crescent Lodge
and here's the beach at the Lodge



55-103

Lake Crescent



55-105



55-107 Highway 101, east of Forks



55-110 Coast, looking north towards Hoh River.



55-111 Coast, north from Kalaloch.
(below) Quinault Lake from the Lodge.



55-108

The island is
there, very
faint.

I first saw this
coast in 1902.

DESTRUCTION ISLAND
IN 1775, WHILE AT ANCHOR UNDER THE
LEE OF THIS ISLAND THE SPANISH EXPLORER,
BODEGA Y QUADRA, COMMANDING THE SCHOONER
SONORA, SENT SEVEN MEN ASHORE FOR WOOD
AND WATER, ALL OF WHOM UPON LANDING
WERE KILLED BY THE INDIANS. IN MEMORY
OF THIS INCIDENT QUADRA NAMED THE ISLAND
"ISLA DE DOLORES," THE ISLAND OF SORROWS.
IN 1787 CAPTAIN BARKLEY ANCHORED HERE IN
THE IMPERIAL EAGLE AND LANDED SIX MEN
WHO MET A SIMILAR FATE AT THE MOUTH OF
A NEARBY RIVER, WHICH BARKLEY CALLED
DESTRUCTION RIVER. THE ISLAND HAS SINCE
BEEN NAMED DESTRUCTION ISLAND, AND THE
INDIAN NAME OF HOH RESTORED TO THE RIVER.

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July 1955

Weather: Mostly hot and sultry or rainy the first half; still hot, over 90° daily till the 22nd. Touched 100° - a nine year record - the 26th, with 47% humidity; same the 28th. Some blistering, humid days at the office. Hurricane weather the 7th blew down trees and limbs all over town.

Railroad: Study of foundation tests for Noxon Line Ch bridge; heavy loads; big engine tenders, routine bridge lists. Around terminals with Bjorklund the 7th; with him to Duluth via Grantsburg the 11th; to Rice St. bridge the 18th; Keane St. with a ladder the 20th. The Duluth trip had to do with the Ore Dock and the Bay Bridge trestle. Ekberg went west the last week.

Elmore, Bertha's brother, died of a heart attack, without warning, the 18th.

Betsy, Mike and Janet arrived the 21st, to see Mike's grandpa Kennon who was in serious condition after a stomach operation. We had them with us until August 9th.

Other Events: Bob and Mora Manners here the Ninth and we called on Potters the 19th to get pointers for our New England trip. The same day I was given a surprise birthday party at the office. A family picnic above Lake Phalen the 23rd and Bertha, Betsy, Frank Raudenbush & the children had another the 27th.

Miscellany: Bill Jr. was home July 3. We hadn't seen him since June 7. The 4th, Bertha and I visited his cottage at the Narrows, had a swim; again the 24th with Betsy & the kids, and visited Hennons. I had my annual physical examination the 19th - in good shape.



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Betsy, Janet, Mike & Bertha



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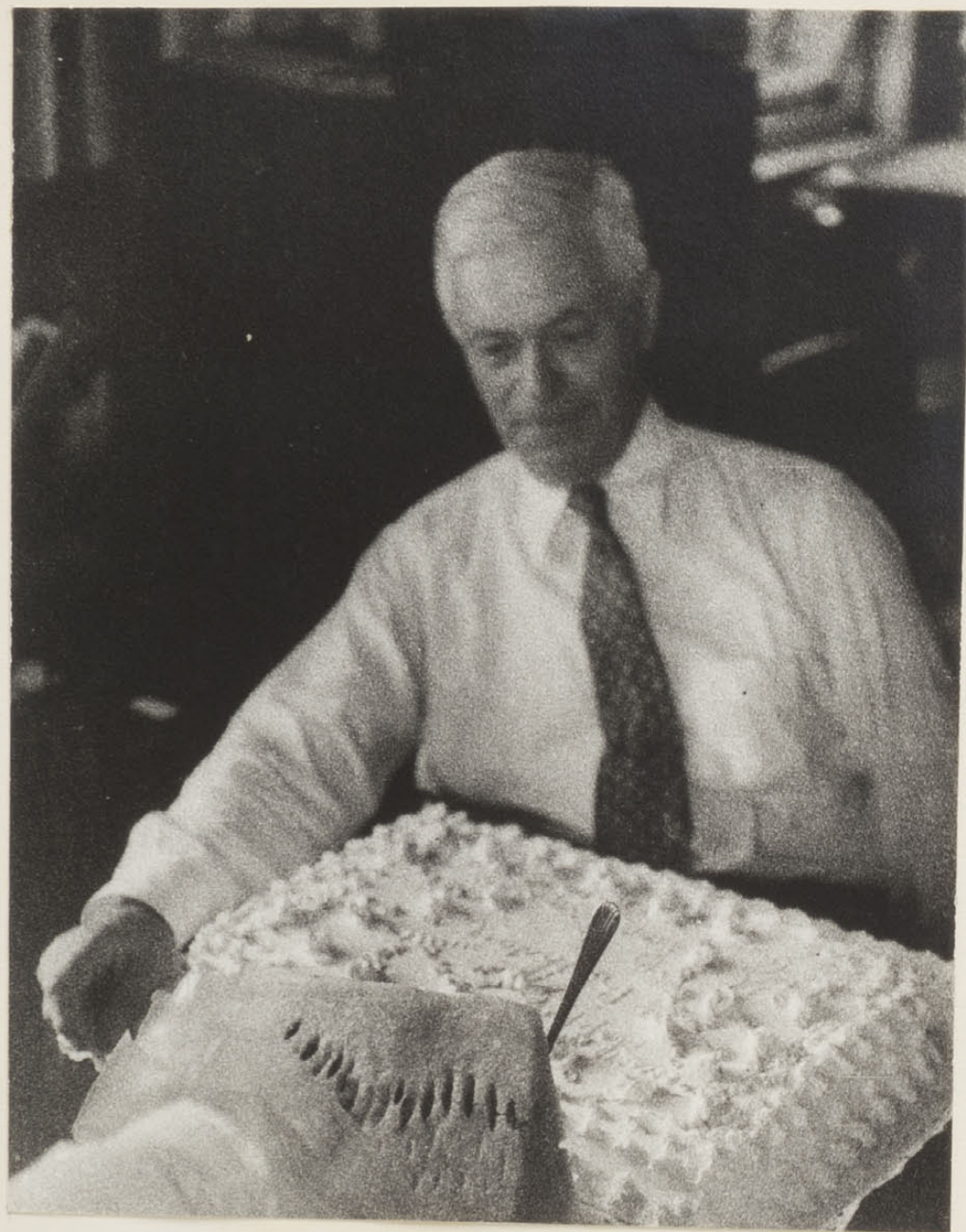


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BACK IN MINNESOTA, AT
BILL'S LAKE MINNETONKA
PLACE - July 24th

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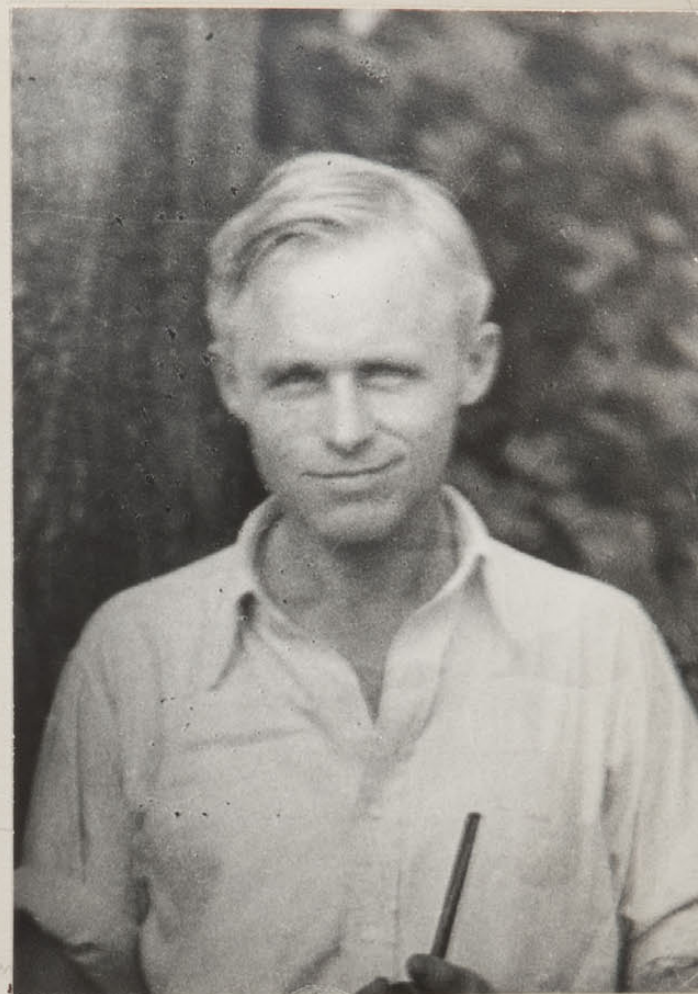


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My Birthday at the Office: a Real Surprise!

Bertha's
Brother
Elmore—

who died July 18th...
(heart failure)



group in Elmore



Margaret, Marla,
Elmore and Peter

Taken August 1954

Taken Aug 1954



BERNIE BLUM FLEW IN FROM VICTORIA

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COFFEE AND CAKE WERE SERVED.

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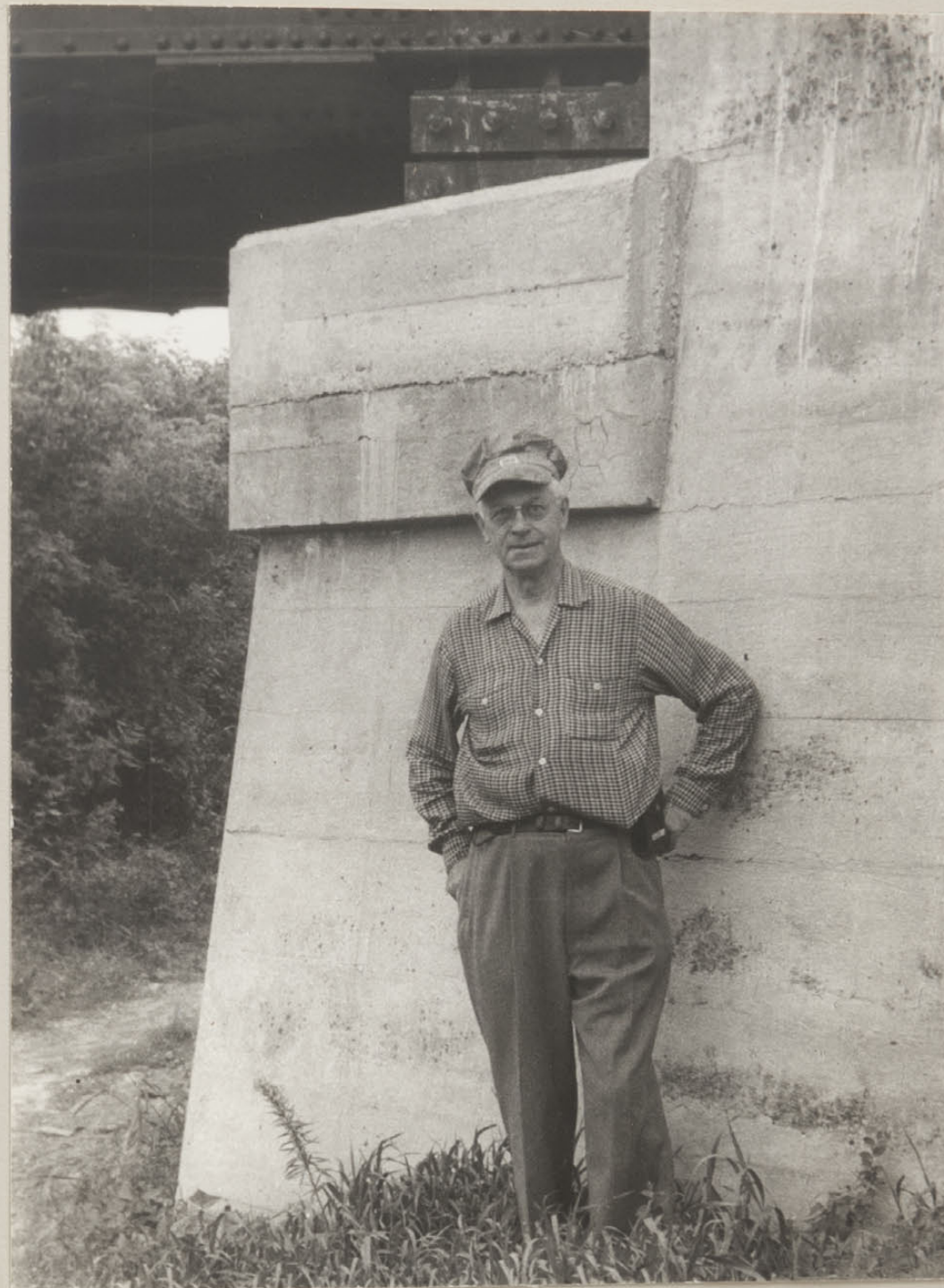


TOM'S SON

WAS THERE AS A SURPRISE

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TOM GIBSON'S RETIREMENT PARTY



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My Last Field Inspection Trip- Bridge O, Mandan

AUGUST
1955

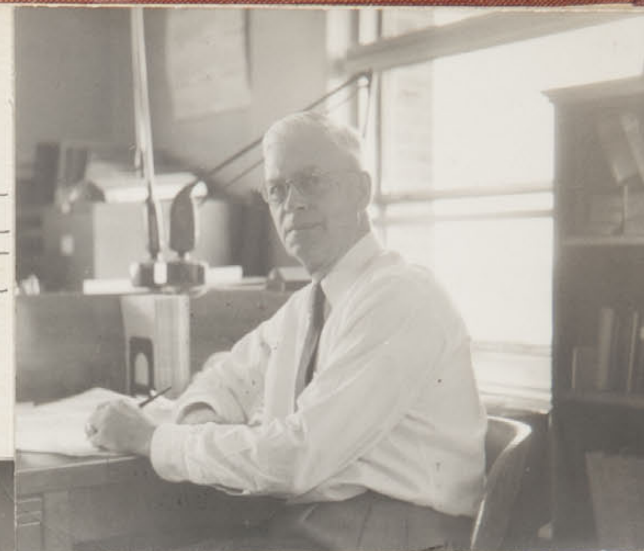
MY LAST MONTH BEFORE RETIREMENT. THE RETIREMENT PARTY ON THE 31ST WAS ONE OF MY BIG EVENTS; THE CANOE TRIP WITH MICHAEL WAS THE OTHER, THE 6TH & 7TH. **OTHER EVENTS:** LEO AND THELMA IVERSON CALLED THE 1ST. MOLLIE WAS HERE THE 4TH. ON MIKE'S RECOMMENDATION I TOOK HIM TO THE MOVIE "SEA CHASE" THE 5TH. BETSY, MIKE AND JANET LEFT FOR HOME THE 9TH, LEAVING THIS HOME MIGHTY QUIET. KNIGHTS DROPPED IN THE 13TH. SI'S NOW NP AUTO FLEET MANAGER. BJORKLUNDS HAD GREEN-APPLE PIE WITH US THE 20TH. (PEPINS GAVE US THE APPLES-OUR OWN CROP FAILED.) WE CALLED ON SMITHS OF THE GARDEN CLUB, NORTH OF TOWN, THE 24TH. WE LOOKED AT CARS THE 27TH, AND BOUGHT A BUICK AT WHITAKERS- \$2175 PLUS THE STUDEBAKER. I STARTED MAKING PICTURES FOR PENNY'S WEDDING BOOK.

LAST CHAPTER OF MY RAILROADING: I CANVASSED CLARK FORK RIVER BRIDGE ERECTION BIDS, STUDIED AND CONFERRED ON GIVING THE OLD BRIDGE TO COUNTY, PROOFREAD BRIDGE RESTRICTIONS, RAN OUT OF WORK THE 16TH-17TH AFTER HAVING BEEN NEARLY ILL THE 13-14-15TH. MY LAST FIELD TRIP, TO MANDAN THE 22-23RD WAS TO INSPECT OLD BRIDGE. O. LIGHTNING STRUCK MISSISSIPPI ST. COAL DOCK & BURNED IT DOWN THE 26TH. I INSPECTED THE RUINS. WITH THE HELP OF PETERSON, GOTTSCHALD AND McLEOD, I GOT MY RETIREMENT ARRANGED WITH A PENSION OF 63% OF MY SALARY (5-YEAR AVERAGE). LIN CURTISS HAD A SESSION IN HOSPITAL.

LAST DAY: I WAS BUSY TILL 4 O'CLOCK, MOSTLY ON FIREPROOFING POKE-GAMA TRESTLE, BUT IN THE MORNING I WAS OUT AT MISSISSIPPI ST. WITH A FIRE ADJUSTER. AT FOUR, BERTHA DROVE ME HOME IN THE NEW BUICK WITH THE LAST OF MY STUFF. BACK TO THE CAPRI HOTEL FOR MY PARTY AT 7. ONE TOM COLLINS. BLUM WAS THERE. AFTER THE DINNER, A PROGRAM FULL OF SURPRISES. LOOMS WERE THERE AND STAYED OVERNIGHT WITH US. WE STOPPED IN AT ERNIE SMITH'S (HIS BIRTHDAY)

WEATHER: BEGAN HOT & HUMID BUT COOLED OFF 5TH & WAS FINE TO 13TH. HOT 14-20TH. LAST WEEK WARM & RAINY. MOSQUITOS PLENTIFUL BY 15TH IN SPITE OF SPRAYING.

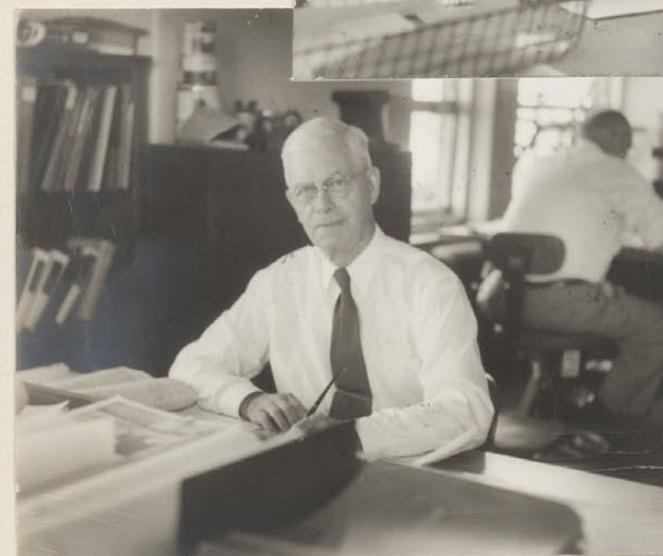
MY LAST DAY IN THE OFFICE



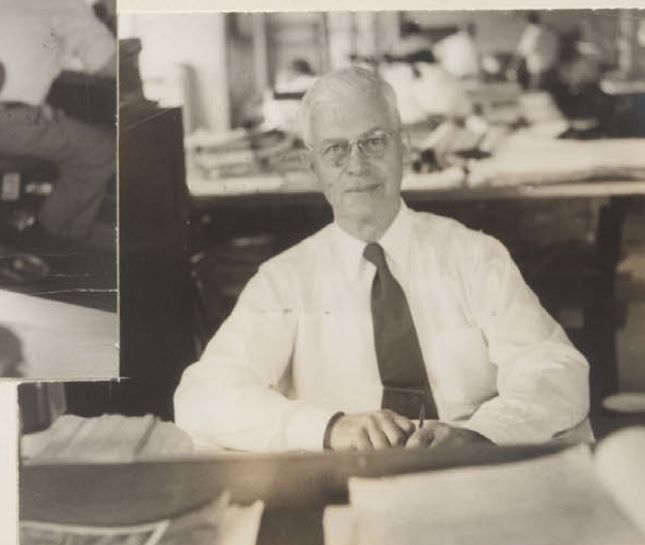
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On the island above Osceola



SAINT CROIX EXPEDITION

With Mike, August
the 6th & 7th.



55-126

We had a pretty little camp



55-128

We had a swim in the inlet at our camp

↑ 55-125
Palisades
above
Osceola



55-124 At the Soo Line bridge



55-130

Not far from Marine
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55-138 Head Table
Ekbergs, Handsakers,
Bill Jr and Petersons
Mr. Blum, Mr. Grime



55-139 Head
Table Again:
Pete Larson, Yager,
Si Knight, Irene
Knight, Wahlstrand,
Bjostad, Shoemaker
at the near table

55-144:
George Pepin pre-
sents a watermelon.



55-140 East Table...
Elmer Linell at far end
Mam Martensotto, Eva Morrison,
(Mrs Bjorklund between), Frank
Kemp, ? Allen, Pedrazza,
Lindgren, Miss Larson...
Right side, from front: Grime,
Blum, ... Mr & Mrs Loom
Ernie Smith, Mr & Mrs VanHousen

55-143 ->
"Billy, Billy Handsak...
King of the Old N.P."



55-141: West Table
Mr & Mrs Knight, Mr
& Mrs Shoemaker, Mr
Harding... Hendry.
Right Side: P. Larson,
Yager, Wahlstrand...

flashlights with my
Kodak Reflex - mostly
by Bill - prints on
Opal Z



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CONGRATULATIONS WISH WE COULD HELP YOU CELEBRATE
THE BEGINNING OF THE HAPPIEST TIME OF ALL LOVE=

BETSY AND DON=

from my
55-145
↓

BY WESTERN UNION

Place
cards



Mrs. W. N. Handsaker, wife of Assistant Bridge Engineer, was an interested spectator when C. E. Ekberg, Bridge Engineer, (L) presented her husband with a gift when he retired September 1.

During the summer school vacations of 1902-03 and 04 Handsaker worked in the field for the Engineering Department. From 1905 to 1912 he worked at various jobs in the same department. It was not until 1913 that he established a service date. Prior to 1916 he worked in the western territory. He became Assistant Engineer in 1924 and was appointed Assistant Bridge Engineer in 1943.



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Farewells...

From the N.P.
"Telltale" ->

THE big event, of course, was the trip east with Geo. and Margaret Hopkins, starting the 22nd. Before they arrived, I pitched in at home, got the oak logs out of the garage to make room for the Buick (1 ft. longer than the Studebaker), cleared away the table in sunroom so I'd have an office; printed pictures. Pete Larson and I called on Curtiss at the hospital, the 3rd. I spent my mornings in my "office" writing thank-yous and doing odd jobs; afternoons I took care of the garden and occasionally went for a walk. I worked up a tentative outline of the New England trip; visited the AAA for more data. Labor Day, the 5th, we took Knights to Bill's Minnetonka place. Supper at Knights. I visited the office four times. Frank Kempe got my job, Goldberg's chief draftsman.

Eunice Potter Early and Russ King were married at Plymouth the 10th; afterwards our gang dined at Conroys—east city limits—and bridged at Smiths.

GEORGE and Margaret arrived by train the 16th. We introduced them to our gang with dinner at a new East Side Lee's, then all saw their Alaska slides and played bridge, at our house, the 17th. We drove to Minnetonka the 18th, George and I saw Sibley and Fairbault Houses the 19th; we went to office and Masonic Club, 20th and showed Curtisses ^{their slides} that evening. Packed the 21st and on our way next day. That is another story, told on the pages which follow.

Weather was fine, though it reached 94° the 1st, and got down to 37° the night of the 11th. Showers were all at night.

September 1955

AT BILL'S
SUMMER HOME
ON LAKE
MINNETONKA



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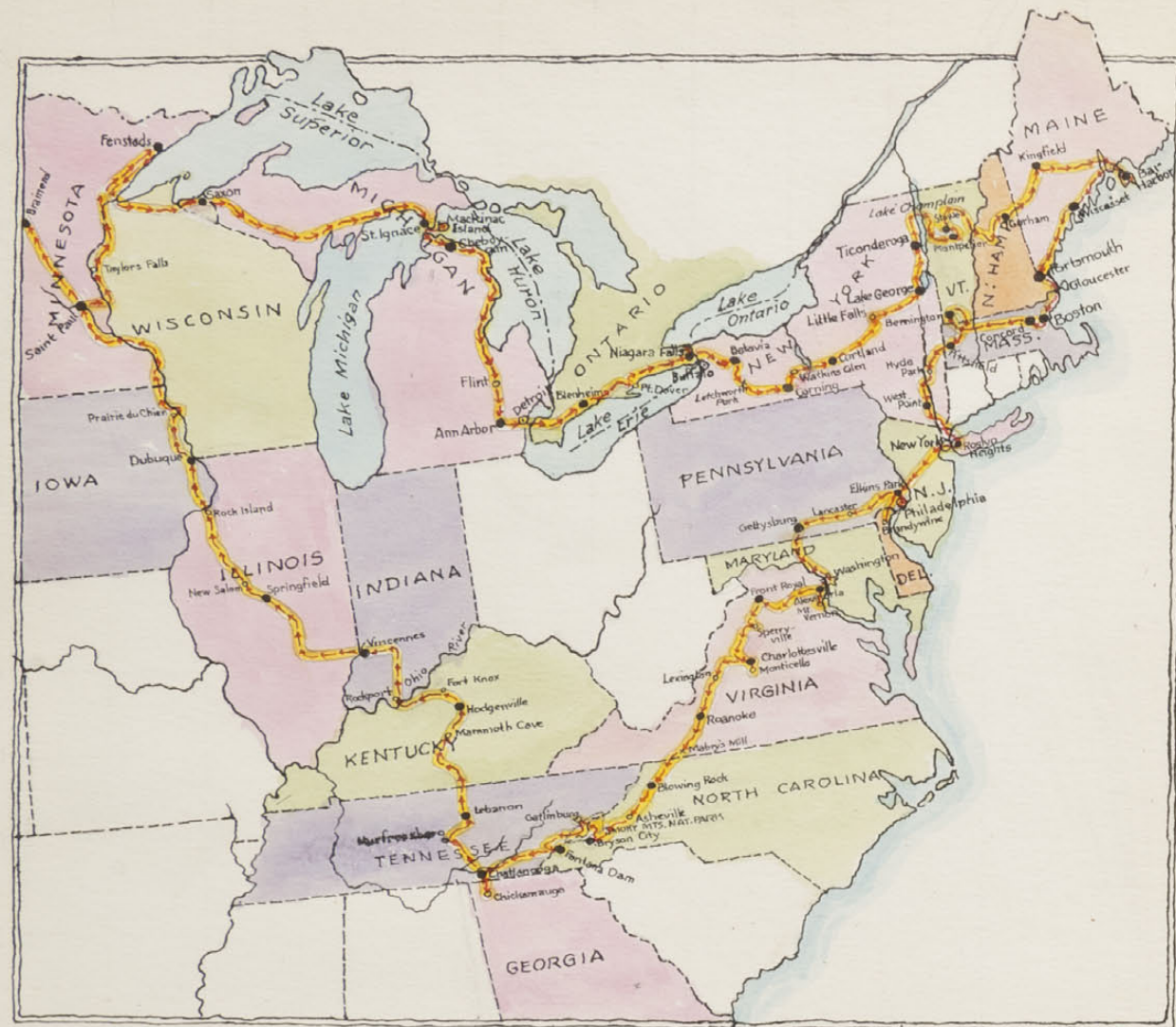
We were there with George & Margaret, September 18th, but I think these views were taken on other visits.



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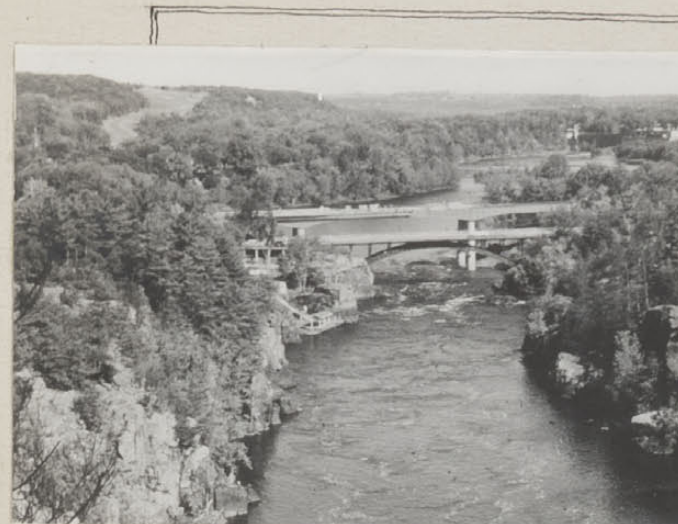


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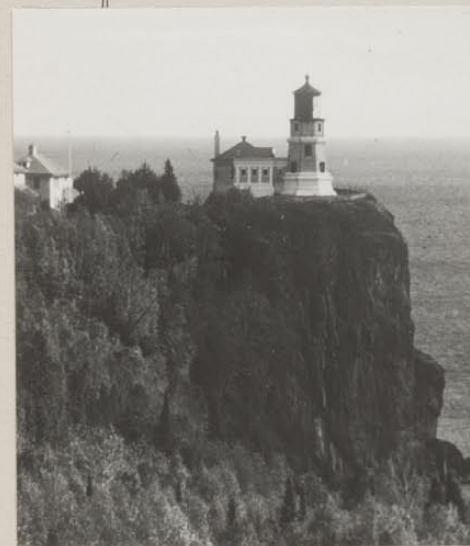


7 Thousand Miles: 7 Happy Weeks: 7 Hundred Dollars

We had planned this trip with George and Margaret quite a while ago, as a good way to get the old office routine out of mind forever. The Hopkinses conditioned themselves by first taking an 8000 mile drive to Alaska! In order to have more room, especially for luggage, we traded in our little Champion car on a new Buick. As we knew they would, George & M. made wonderful companions. Perhaps I shaped the route too much to suit my wishes, though I tried to stick to our daily declaration that each day should be planned as it arrived. After the eastern mountain roads, to add interest to the return we followed the trail of Lincoln's life, which brought us most of the way home. It took the drive to Brainerd to reach the seven thousand miles.



55V-1: Old and new bridges, Taylors Falls



55V-7 Split Rock Lighthouse — telephoto from the highway.

We wanted to show George and Margaret that there's scenery in Minnesota, too: so the journey to New England began by going up the St. Croix River valley and the North Shore as far as Little Marais & Split Rock.

This was on Sept 22. The 23rd we came thru Superior and headed east, stopping for the night at an inferior cabin in Wisconsin.



55V-2: Our cottage on Lake Superior; Ben Fenstad's

55V-11: Lower Gooseberry Falls.



Our cottage at St. Ignace:
Right: porch, car and lake. 55V-14
Below, in our living room. 55V-15



On Sept 24th, we crossed upper Michigan, through some beautifully colored woods, and wound up in the outskirts of St. Ignace, in a very attractive cottage on Lake Michigan.

The 25th, we took the boat to Mackinac Island, saw the fort, big hotel, etc., and got back for a good connection with the ferry across the Straits, to Mackinac City....

26th, down along Lake Huron - uninteresting - to Ann Arbor; stayed with Margaret's cousins.



55V-16 - The Old Walled Fort on Mackinac Island.
(In the distance, towers of the new suspension bridge.)

55V-18 Island harbor from the Fort...



55V-23 Port Dover, Ontario.

Sept. 27th, Saw U of Mich. campus, crossed at Detroit into Ontario, east just out of sight of Lake Erie, had a cabin in an apple orchard.

28th. Saw Port Dover, Welland Canal, and in the evening, the Falls. Motel on the west side of Niagara Falls, Canada....



55V-26 Horseshoe Falls -
(Niagara Falls, Canadian side)

55V-40 Great Falls of the
Genesee, in Letchworth Park



55V-36 Mouth of Niagara River; Fort Niagara from Fort George.

The 29th, we saw the Whirlpool, glimpsed Lake Ontario, skirted Buffalo after seeing more of Niagara Falls, and came to rest at Batavia.

The 30th, we saw magnificent gorge scenery in the Letchworth State Park, called on a cousin of Margaret's at Warsaw, traversed a beautiful hilly farm and woodland region, gorgeous in autumn color and reached Corning, the glassworks city.



OCTOBER 1955

On the road with George and Margaret all of this beautiful, memorable month whose wonderful weather more than made up for a few rainy days.

Our car mileage

1st	Corning-Watkins Glen-Ithaca-Cortland, N. Y.	91 mi.
2nd	Mohawk Valley-Sacandagua-Lake George	209 mi.
3rd	Boat ride, and on to Fort Ticonderoga	80 mi.
4th	Crown Point, Lake Champlain, U. of Vt., Montpelier	159 mi.
5th	Barre, Stowe, Mt. Mansfield, Smugglers Notch	87 mi.
6th	Bath, Franconia Notch, Shelburne Birches, Gorham N.H.	162 mi.
7th	Kingfield, Me, Mrs. Dexter, Deer Farm Camp, rain all day	123 mi.
8th	Across Maine to Bar Harbor, Mt Desert Island shores	199 mi.
9th	Mt. Desert, Maine coast, Camden, Booth Bay, Wiscasset	187 mi.
10th	Penobscot River, Bath, Portland, flat shore to Portsmouth	131 mi.
11th	Newburyport, Gloucester, Rockport, Salem, Boston	117 mi.
12th	Boston: Dorothy & Paul, Columbus Parade, Harvard	—
13th	Lexington, Concord, Walden Pond, back to Boston	46 mi.
14th	Art Museum, Geo. to Old Ironsides. Concord tonight	20 mi.
15th	Thru rain & storm across northern Mass. to Bennington Vt.	161 mi.
16th	Shelburne Falls, French King Bridge, Pittsfield. Rain.	137 mi.
17th	Hudson River valley: Rhinebeck, Hyde Park, Cornwall, N.Y.	135 mi.
18th	West Point, Storm King, Bear Mtn, Bronx freeways, Roslyn Hts.	106 mi.
19th	Manhattan, United Nations, New Jersey freeway to Elkins Pk.	161 mi.
20th	With ^{George & Margaret} Petersons, Elkins Pk., Pa. Evening at Brandywine racetrack, Del.	10 mi.
21st	Breiner's farm; historic Philadelphia; Petersons.	20 mi.
22nd	Valley Forge, Bird in Hand, Lancaster, Gettysburg.	192 mi.
23rd	Battlefield; Washington, Smithsonian, Nat. Gallery; night	132 mi.
24th	Mt. Vernon, Washington, Arlington; in rain to Front Royal	114 mi.
25th	Winchester, Skyline Drive, Sperryville, Charlottesville	164 mi.
26th	Monticello, U. of Va., Blue Ridge Mts., Lexington, Roanoke	138 mi.
27th	Gorgeous color, fine scenery; Mabry's Mill, Blowing Rock	200 mi.
28th	Blue Ridge, Asheville, Bryson City, Teddy Bear motel	160 mi.
29th	Smokies, Clingmans Dome, Gatlinburg, Little Tennessee, Fontana	165 mi.
30th	Fontana Dam, Chattanooga, Lookout Mt, Fort Oglethorpe	160 mi.
31st	Chickamauga & Murfreesboro; bumpy detour to Lebanon	154 mi.

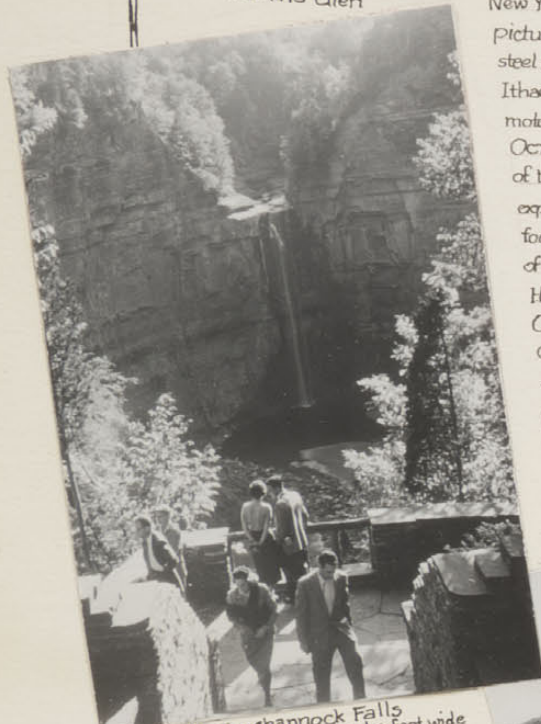
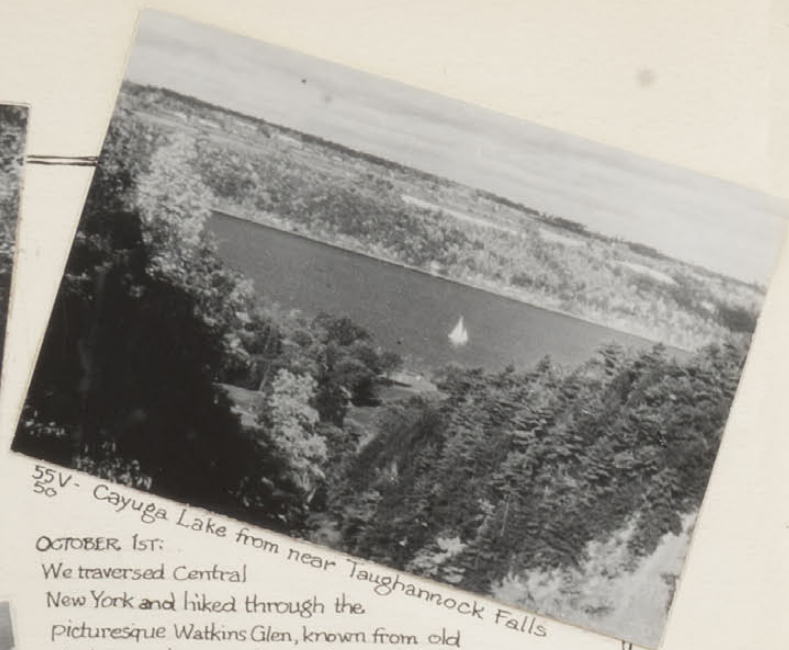
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55V-42 Autumn Scene in Western New York



55V-46 Watkins Glen

55V-49 Taughannock Falls
215 ft high and 8 foot wide

55V-50 Cayuga Lake from near Taughannock Falls

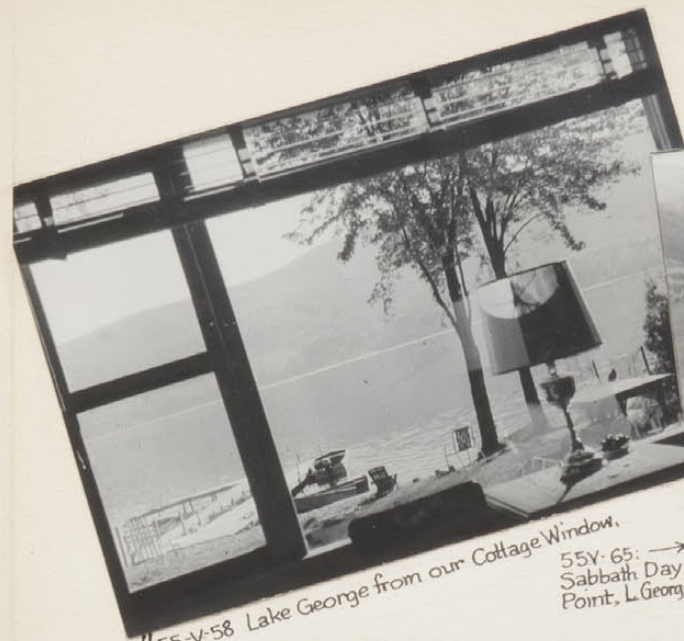
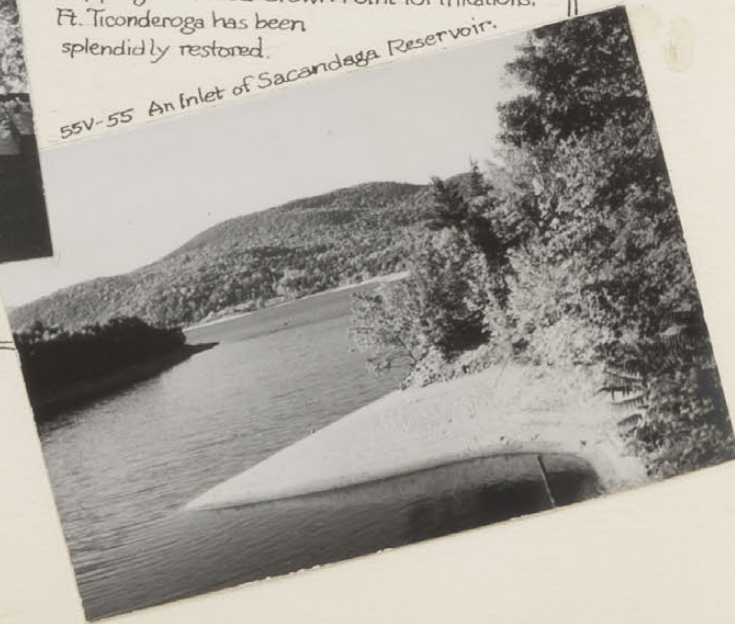
OCTOBER 1ST:

We traversed Central New York and hiked through the picturesque Watkins Glen, known from old steel engravings; the Finger Lakes (we saw only Cayuga) Ithaca and the Cornell Univ. campus, and got a fair motel near Cortland. More autumn-colored hills...

OCTOBER 2ND: - Back-tracked a little to get a glimpse of the Erie Canal at Little Falls. Avoided all big cities, explored the south shore of a big artificial lake, in the foothills of the Adirondacks and reached the town of Lake George through New England-like scenery... Here we got a perfect cottage, on the lake shore.

OCTOBER 3RD: We had a speedboat ride on Lake George, (Bertha preferred to stay in the cottage) then drove north on the west side to Ticonderoga, first stopping at ruined Crown Point fortifications. Ft. Ticonderoga has been splendidly restored.

55V-55 An Inlet of Sacandaga Reservoir.



55V-58 Lake George from our Cottage Window.

55V-65: Sabbath Day Point, L. George



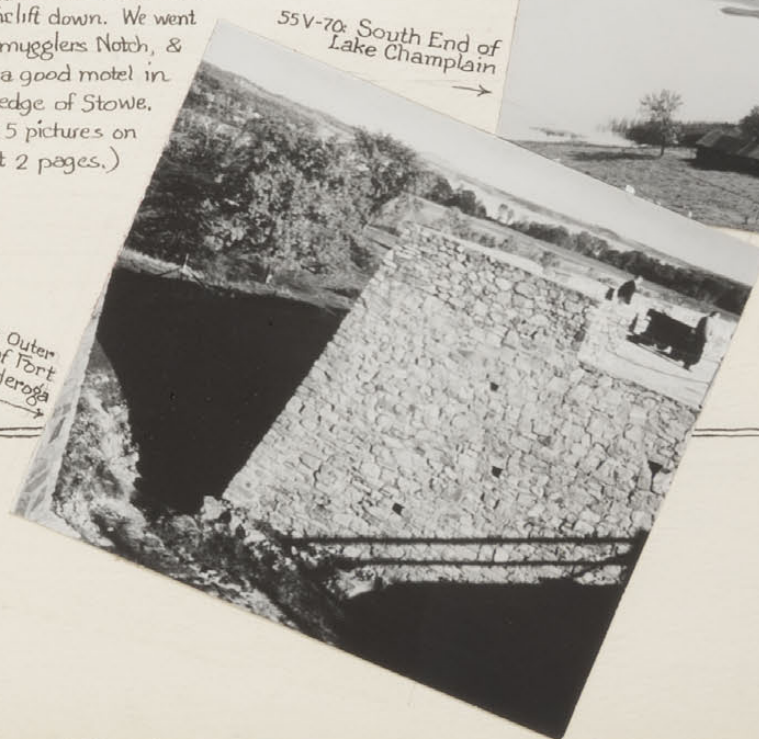
OCTOBER 4TH began gloomy, and rained, as we crossed L. Champlain on a ferry; but by the time we reached Burlington it was clearing. Saw the state university and drove on thru Montpelier to Barre and out to the granite quarries. Near Barre, the most gorgeous autumn color of the whole trip. We saw a drive-in movie that night.

OCTOBER 5TH we reveled in scenery. First to Stowe, a quaint village; then drove up Mt. Mansfield, (a little hazy). Bertha took the chairlift down. We went to Smugglers Notch, & got a good motel in the edge of Stowe. (Oct 5 pictures on next 2 pages.)

55V-70 South End of Lake Champlain



55V-74 Outer Wall of Fort Ticonderoga





55V-82

Outskirts of Barre, Vermont



55V-87 The Green Mountains from Mt. Mansfield



55V-89 Bertha took the Chairlift



55V-84

Main Street, Stowe, Vt.



55V-93 Framework of Covered Bridge at Bath, N.H.



55V-97 Mt. Washington's up in the Clouds



55V-100 Pool, Shelburne Birches.



55V-108 Shining Ocean from top of Mount Desert Island



55V-113

Harbor at Camden, Maine

55V-125

Steeple at Newburyport



55V-104 Rockbound Shores, Mt. Desert Isl.

OCTOBER 6 was a mostly gloomy day, with few pictures; but we saw the Old Man of Franconia Notch, a covered bridge at Bath, N.H., & stumbled onto the beautiful Shelburne birches in late afternoon and rain. We'd planned to explore a little around Mt. Washington, but as it was lost in rain clouds, we went east on OCTOBER 7, thru not very interesting country, to Kingfield, in interior Maine. Parker Norton's sister Mrs. Dexter made us welcome, but the rain continued. So, OCTOBER 8, we continued our dampened way east. Rain stopped in the afternoon, and we saw some of the rugged beauty of the Maine coast around Mount Desert Island.



← 55V-129 Rockport inner harbor, & the famous red barn.

Gloucester harbor

55V-127



OCTOBER 9, in the sunshine, we really enjoyed Maine, its clean, old small cities, rocky coast, cozy harbors, white steeples. Came to rest in a motel at Wiscasset.

OCTOBER 10 we crossed the fjord-like Penobscot River; explored Bath, hurried, through Portland, and took the coast road to Portsmouth; failed to find much of interest along this flat, resort-filled coast.

OCTOBER 11 was very interesting, with sightseeing in Portsmouth, Newburyport, Gloucester, Rockport and Salem. Then, about four, we reached Boston through Cambridge, and found Paul and Dorothy's studio apartment on Ipswich Street. We were in Boston until the 14th when we went on to Concord.

55V-124 Governor Langdon's colonial mansion at Portsmouth →
55V-135 In Paul and Dorothy's apartment,



55V-130 Salem Street, Boston



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Connecticut Valley
near Greenfield, Mass.
55-V-150



The Minute Man at Concord Bridge
55V-138

On the 15th, we crossed Massachusetts on Highway 2 in the rain, saw Williams College campus, and stopped at Bennington, Vt. The 16th, we nearly got mired on a detour. Connecticut being blocked by floods, we went on from Pittsfield to the Hudson the 17th stopping at Cornwall.

55V-157→
Hudson River from
Vanderbilt Mansion,
Hyde Park, N.Y.

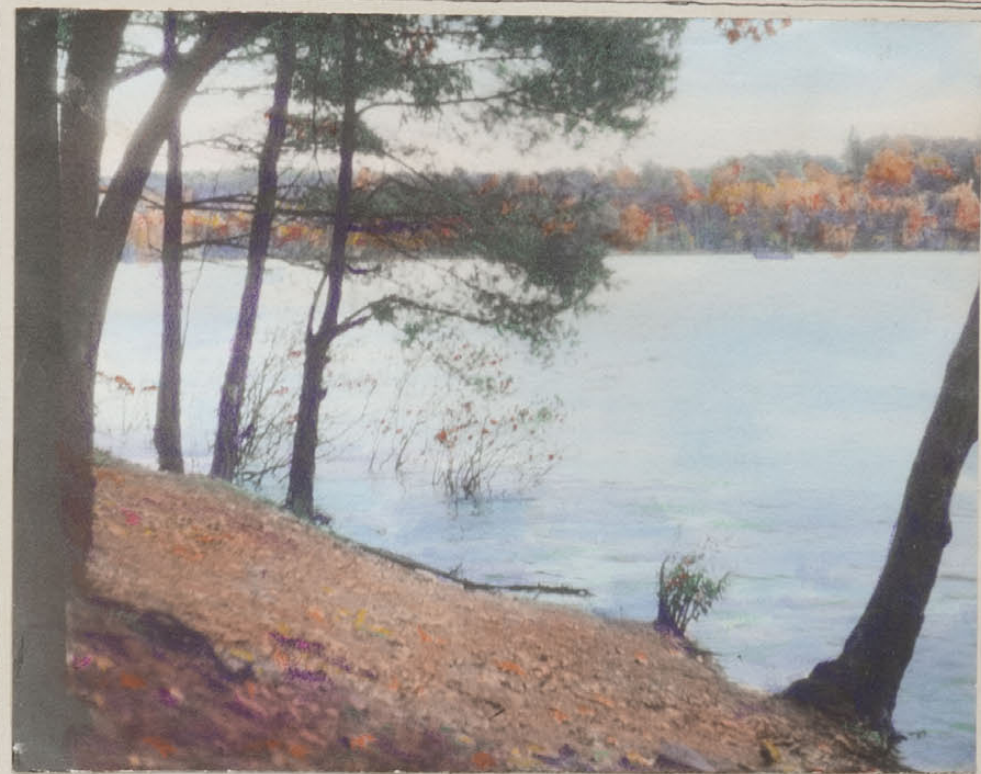


55V-160
The Hudson from
Civil War Monument,
West Point



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55-V-141

Walden Pond, Concord, Massachusetts

Henry David Thoreau walked here in 1845. Walden Pond was the high spot of the trip for me, and I was glad to find it still a quiet beauty spot. We visited it with Paul and Dorothy October 13th.

Path by Walden Pond



55-V-142

Oct. 18th we drove down the Hudson via Storm King, Bear Mountain and freeways to the Bronx-Whitestone bridge and spent the night with Ed and Caroline Messmer at Roslyn Heights.

The 19th, we drove in to Manhattan; toured the United Nations Building and crossed New Jersey almost nonstop; after a late search we found a motel. Next morning we found Charles and Betty Peterson. With them till the 22nd. Toured historic Philadelphia the 21st. On our way again, 22nd; saw Valley Forge, Penna. Dutch, and tied up at Gettysburg.



55V-174 → Benjamin Franklin's Grave...



55-V-168

Broad Street; City Hall.



55V-175

Cabins of Washington's troops, Valley Forge.

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55V-145 OUR NIGHTLY BRIDGE GAME (This one was at Wright's Tavern, Concord, Oct. 14.)

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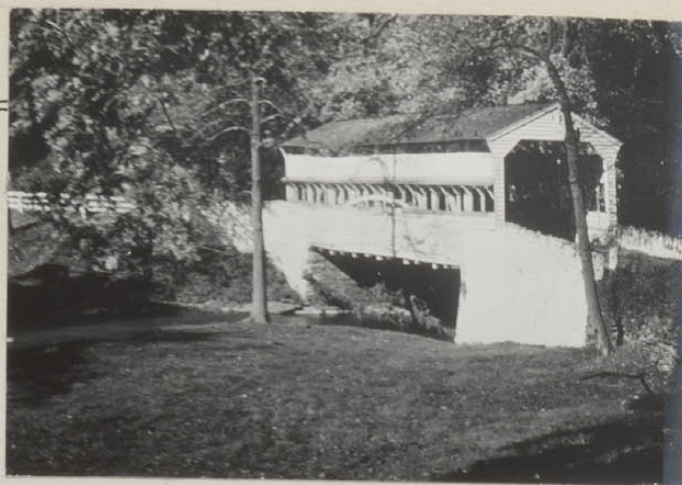
"Virginia to Her Sons
at Gettysburg."
Robert E. Lee statue

We gave Gettysburg battle-field a lick-and-a-promise late afternoon of October 22 and a couple of hours the 23rd then crossed rural Maryland to Washington D.C. It was a Sunday. Toured Capitol & Smithsonian Inst., (girls the National Gallery) Secured a motel at Alexandria, drove back to town to see it at night. 24th, Washington again, & Arlington, but Mount Vernon first. At Arlington it rained and we had a wet drive to Front Royal, beginning of the Virginia Skyline Drive.



SSV-195 When We Were
George Washington's Guests.

← SSV 190 -
The Capitol at Night.



SSV-182- Covered Bridge
near Valley Forge....



SSV-200

Cross Section of the beautiful
Shenandoah Valley near Luray.
Telephoto lens.



Monti-
cello....

The view
Jefferson
loved

SSV-211



George at Craggy Gardens Overlook.
SSV-237



October 25, pleasant. First, to Winchester for its history, then along the Skyline Drive to Sperryville, Ralph Heaton's home village; off the Drive again after 75 beautiful miles, to stop at Charlottesville. The 26th we saw Monticello and the Univ. of Va. in the morning, then drove, mostly off the ridge road, thru Lexington, (Lee's tomb at Washington and Lee University,) and on to Roanoke for the night. It was a fine fair day. The 27th, too, was fine. We followed the Blue Ridge Parkway. The further we went, the bigger the hills; magnificent autumn color. Picnic lunch at Mabry's Mill. Motel at Blowing Rock. I studied Goren, so no bridge, for a change. The 28th we were delayed in Asheville by a parade; scenery fine. Twilight trip out of Bryson City to find Margaret's cousin's new country home. Tried southern country ham for dinner: terrible.



K.R.-EK.

55V-222

MABRY'S MILL.

It grinds corn, and
saws logs into lumber.



55V-224

At Mabry's Mill.

K.R.-EK.

Image Reg. Glue

All slide copies



55V-230

← Toe River Valley
from the Blue Ridge Parkway.
Crossing Smoky Mts National Park,
west of the ridge →



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October 29th, we cruised around in Smokies Park, got haircuts in Gatlinburg, went out a secondary road southwest, and turned up the rugged Little Tennessee, to Fontana Village at the dam. A housekeeping cabin, and got supper. Perfect weather. The 30th we saw the big dam; Fontana Reservoir disappointingly near empty. Retraced our road, & on westward, reaching Chattanooga in time to go up on Lookout Mountain in late afternoon; then across to Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia to get our motel. The 31st we drove over the Chickamauga battlefield and on a detour, to Lebanon for the night. November 1st, on to Mammoth Cave, Ky, which we explored in a 1½ hour tour, and on for the night at Hodgenville where we were to pick up the Abraham Lincoln trail...



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Little Tennessee River on
Road to Fontana Dam →
← Minnesota Monument
on Chickamauga Battlefield
Lookout Mountain & Tennessee
River at Chattanooga ↙



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He was born
Feb. 12, 1809, in
this log cabin, near
Hodgenville, Ky. The cabin is
now housed in the temple above.

When he was 8 years old, the family moved from
another farm to Indiana, near Rockport, where
this reconstruction of his surroundings
has been built. Here he grew to manhood.
When 21, he moved with his father's family to
Illinois. (Below, left, from the me-
morial at Vincennes). The next
year Abraham went to New Salem,
where for six years he was clerk,
surveyor, law student and pol-
itician. (Right, New Salem
statue of him as rail splitter)
The reconstructed New Sa-
lem mill and
Rutledge tav-
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next page.



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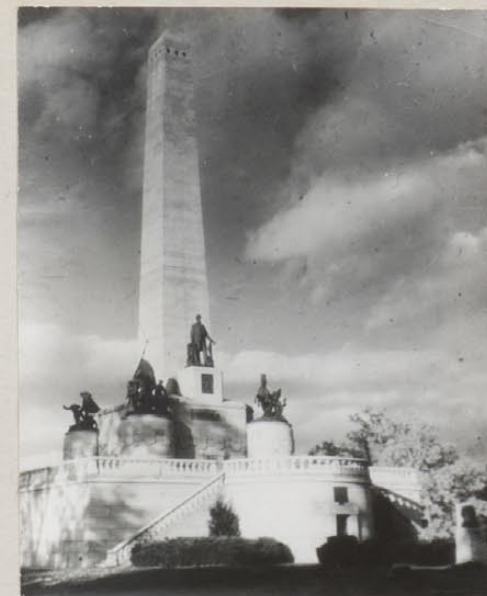
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COMING HOME WE RETRACED THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN



When 28, he was ready to
practice law, and he moved to
Springfield. He lived there for
24 years; he married, raised his
family and built a substantial home. →

He left in 1861 to go to the White House, &
was killed in 1865. His tomb in
Springfield (right, above)
and memorial in



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Washing-
ton (top)
attest that
his memory
is one of the
chief pillars of
our American
democracy.



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All slide
prints on
Lepages
copies
Kodak Zerkonide
white glue.

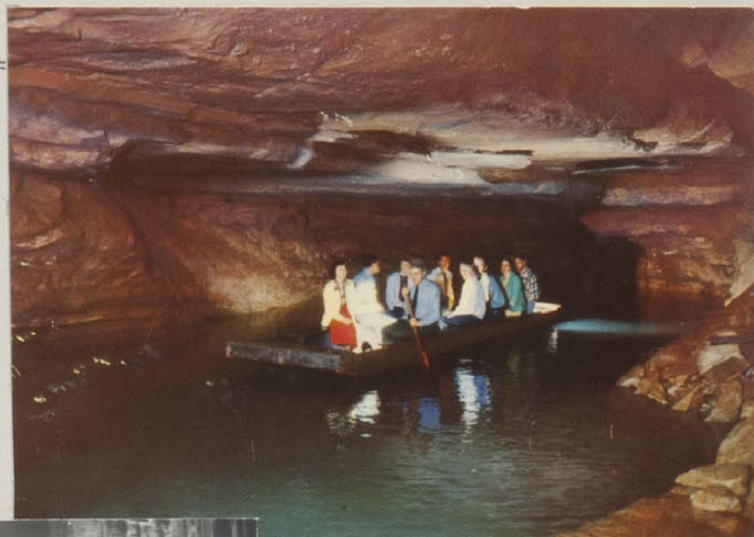
Our vacation with George and Margaret continued until the 5th.

1st	Lebanon Tenn. to Mammoth Cave and Hodgenville Ky.	155 mi
2nd	Lincoln's birthplace; Rockport Ind., in rain to Vincennes	234 mi
3rd	Geo Rogers Clark Memorial: to Springfield. Saw Lincoln's home & tomb	185 mi
4th	New Salem, Ann Rutledge grave at Peterboro, & north to Dubuque	250 mi
5th	Dubuque to St. Paul. Frost yesterday, cloudy today ending in rain	285 mi

So ended our expedition, 6835 miles, costing each couple about \$700; and George and Leach got about 300 color slides.

6th	We called on Bjorklunds.	7th	George and I called at the office.
8th	We 4 had dinner at Ekbergs.	9th	We drove with Hopkinses to Looms at Brainerd.
10th	Said goodbye to Hopkinses and Looms, and drove home.		
11th	Chilly - raked leaves - oil burner motor quit; Hindings replaced it.		
12th	Chilly - washed and hung storm doors and windows.		
13th	Sunday. After church, on every-member solicitation with Elliott Magraw.		
14th	John Kepple, who has lived here for a month, moved to an apt. 28° to 10°		
15th	32° to 18° fresh snow, icy pavements. To Curtisses tonight. Slides, my scroll.		
16th	7° to 14°, more snow. Have mounted 20% of vacation slides. Deacons' meeting.		
17th	21° to 25°, more snow. Bertha & I drove down town. I ordered Britannica.		
18th-19th.	Mounting slides. Short hikes in fresh snow.		
20th	Bill to church with us. 20-21 Sidewalks icy. 21st, began jury duty.		
22-23	Reported for jury; off in afternoon.		
24th	Thanksgiving. Hike with Bill. Mollie Savold and Frank Raudenbush here.		
25th	Jury: no duty. At Masonic Club. Principal home job is binding slides.		
26th	26° to 37° 27-Sunday - 2° below to 2° above. To church.		
28th	1° to +23° On jury till 5 ⁰⁰ - a cesspool case.		
29-30	Reported for jury, not called. Got checkup at Hospital 29th - OK., called early at funeral parlor 30th acct death of George Pepin's father.		

November 1955



We took the short boat ride in Mammoth Cave.



55V-260A We saw "Frozen Niagara" in Mammoth Cave.



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We were here reminded that, except for Clark's heroic campaign, the Ohio River might have been our Canadian border....

To Nelson Handsaker

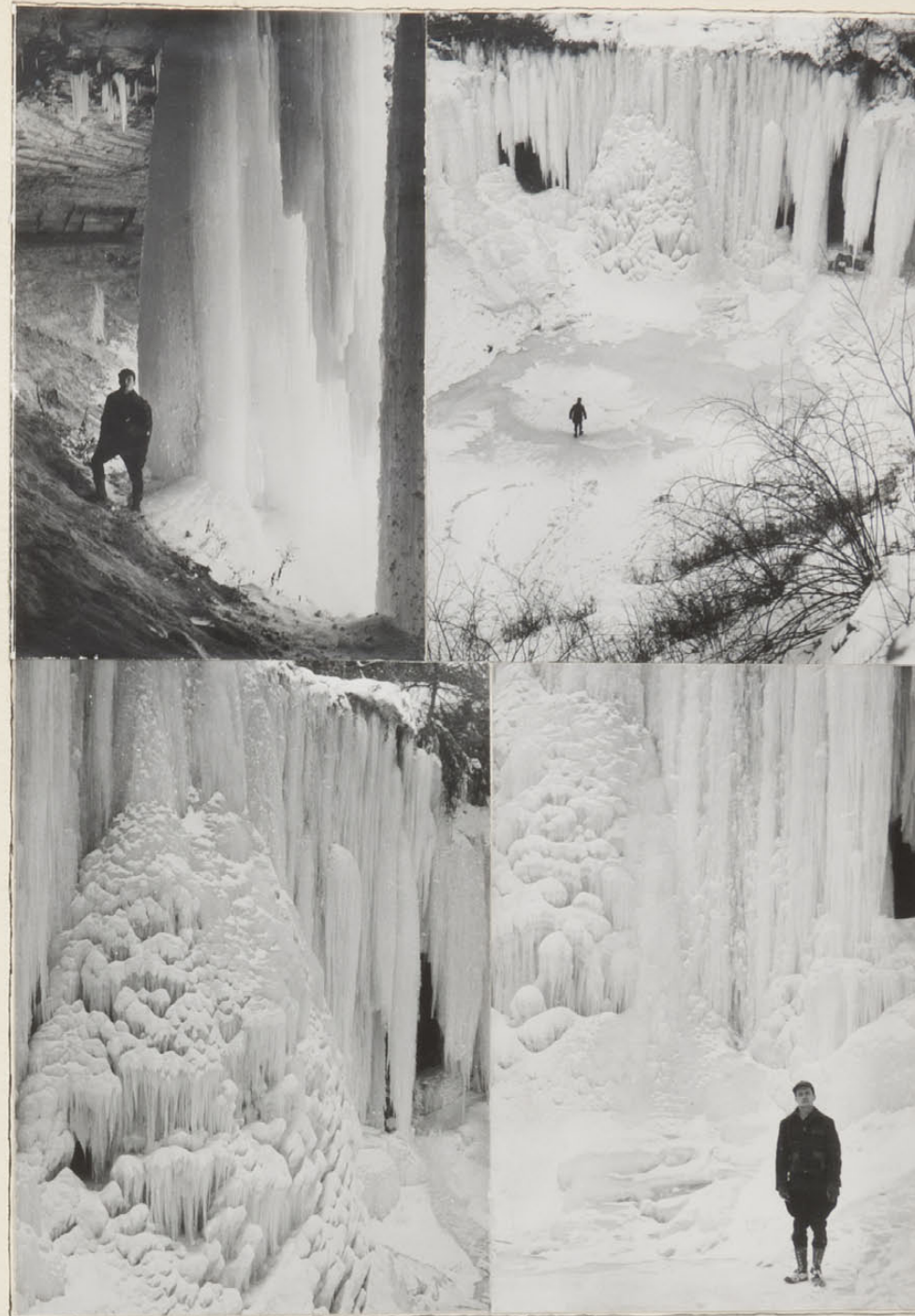
with the Best Wishes of his fellow employees in the Northern Pacific Railway Company on the occasion of his retirement, August 31, 1955, after more than forty-two years in faithful service and friendly associations.

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E.L. Dorrell	E.A. Linell	D.H. Shoemaker	

Saint Paul, Minnesota

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Curtiss was ill, and I told him I'd rather wait for him than take any other. It was worth waiting for!



At Minnehaha Falls with George
December 26th.

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Original Kodak Reflex negatives
printed on Aerobromide

The first three weeks were quite cold: night of the 4th it went to 7° below zero and then ranged from around zero to 10° to 29° maximum, daily; the 19th reached a record, for the date, of 21° below. The last week was mildly freezing. We had fresh snow the 2nd, 4th, 13th, 20th, 26th, 28th. Quite a lot of sunshine; I enjoyed it, even the shoveling.

Helped Geo. Pepin with some water pipes the 3rd. Reception of new members and communion, 4th. Women's Institute, Mexican orchestra, 6th. Visited office, 7th; that night, saw "Plain and Fancy." Our gang ate at Lees, 10th, then bridge at Millers. The 11th, we made photos for our Christmas card, and had supper with Mannerses. (their Canadian Rockies slides) ~ N.W. Maintenance Club, 15th; saw Humphreys and Rhode. Eng. Dept. Christmas lunch, 21st. Got a \$2.50 tree which took a lot of tailoring. Christmas Eve, dinner at Perkinses, & services at Mount Olivet Luth. church. Xmas morning Bertha, Bill & I opened our presents; I went to church. Bill brought a friend, Joan, to dinner, a Toro turkey. Bridge. The 26th, Pepin and I hiked back from Minnehaha, and 28th I walked 3 miles along the river; very pretty but no pictures. Knights over for supper, 30th. I showed our Eastern travelogue. New Year's Eve, our bridge playing gang dined at the Leamington, then to Smiths. I had wonderful cards. Stan climbed to his garage roof and rang the new year in. During the month, Bill spent a good deal of time in Windom for Toro.

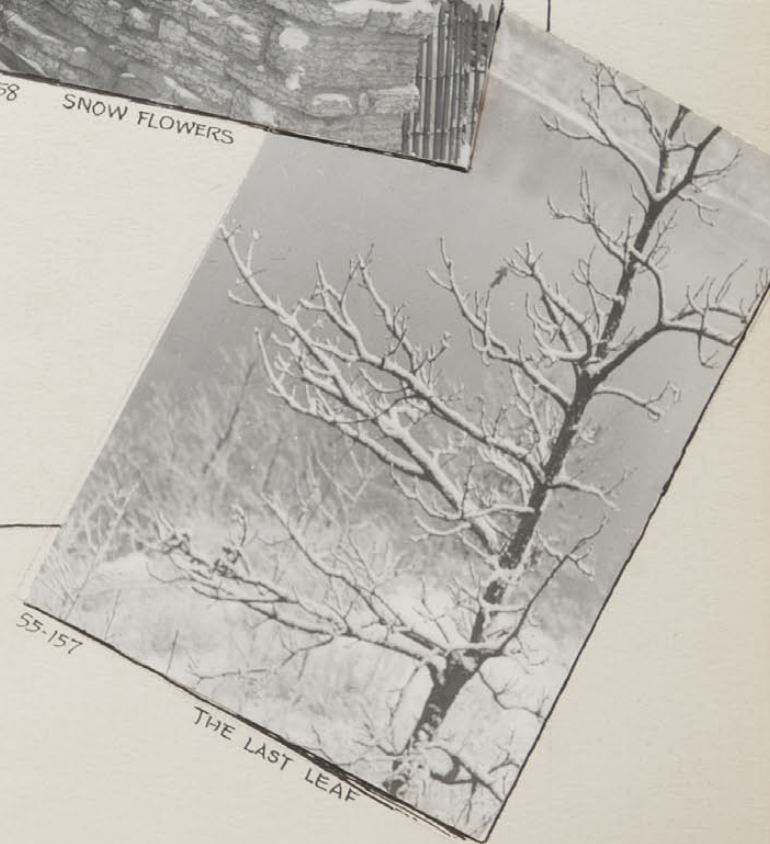
December 1955



55-166 OUR SPRUCES



55-158 SNOW FLOWERS



55-157 THE LAST LEAF

About the prettiest community planting of evergreens in town is on Bayard St. in Highland. Here are two pictures of them, adorned with fresh snow.

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55-170 Big white Christmas tree and nativity scene, in 1st Nat'l Bank



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Our Christmas Tree



OUR CHRISTMAS CARD
and, lower right, the photo
from which I worked it up



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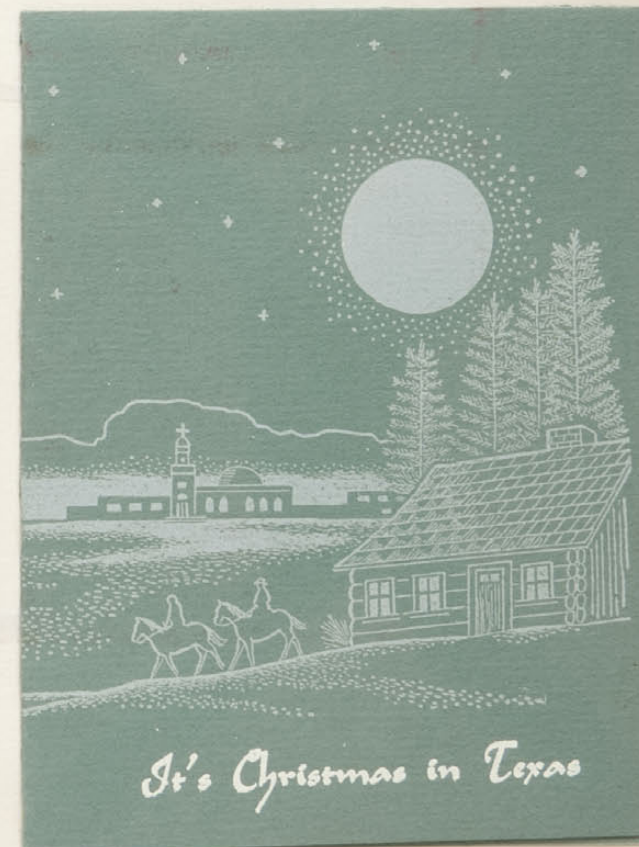
A Merry, Merry Christmas
the Loefflers



A Blessed
Holiday
Season

The Ed. Snekviks

For unto us a child is
born, unto us a son is
given...and His name shall
be called Wonderful,
Counselor, the Mighty God,
the Everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.



It's Christmas in Texas



1955





Season's
Greetings



Virg
Alice
Tom
Paula



Greetings...
from our house
to your house



The Messmore



...like a sleeping child



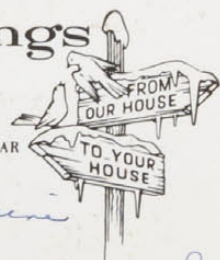
Greetings

AND BEST WISHES

FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lee + Katherine

Paula, Greg, John, Susan





Stowe, Vermont



Chimney Tops, Smoky Mountains Nat'l Park



Mount Mitchell, Blue Ridge Parkway

J. J. HANDSAKER

6917 S. E. HOLGATE BLVD.
PORTLAND 6, OREGON
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December 15, 1955

Dear Cousins:

Just a line to bring you up to date on our activities, and to say I will be glad to know similar things about yourselves.

Our three children are busy, well and happy; and the four grandchildren are keeping up the record which you would expect from that marvellous family of Handsakers!!!

Lois, the oldest, is coming home to see the miracle when I change on December 29th from 79 to 78. How stupid it is to add a year for each birthdate, when you might as well take off a year! I always think of a man at 80 as an old man, and I have no ambition to be classed as such.

Morrison is still at the head of the Economics Department in Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. The big honor of the year was a call from the White House asking him to help arbitrate a big labor dispute. He said he paused for as much as a fourth of a second and then decided that if his country called him, he would go. It was a 30-days job, with quite satisfactory pay, and gives him a standing in his favorite side-line--arbitration--which he could have in no other way.

Elaine and her family are busy, as I have indicated.

I am still technically the head of the Northwestern Office of the Heifer Project, but because neither Northern Kansas nor Colorado had been well organized for our work, I asked the privilege of sending my associate to them, with the results that I confidently expect will much more than double the amount of funds this office has ever raised. Suppose I ask Mr. Norcross sometime to drop in to St. Paul and we will make Nelson our State representative, or if not, to find someone. There's still a tremendous need and our policy of helping people to help themselves is paying off wonderfully.

It seems that I should be writing about some of your other cousins, but Tom's wife, Vi, whom you never knew, is the only one left, and she is living in San Diego. I am hoping that Belle Keeney Williams will be with me for my birthday here. Her daughter Dee has been in Honolulu for a year or so, and is coming home soon to look after her; for although she is only 76, she needs care.

My interests seem to broaden day by day and so new friends are found and I am beginning to think that this may be what Ponce de Leon was looking for--the fountain of eternal youth. With the very best of things for you and yours at the Christmas Season and the coming year,

Your Cousin,

John

BALLAD OF "BILLIE HANDSAK"

(Any similarity to Nelson Handsaker is absolutely intentional)

Words by E. A. Linell

Tune Ballad of David Crockett

Born by the mountains in Washington
Greatest state to rear a son
Raised by the rails so he knew every freight
That rolled on the road that made him great

Billie, Billie Handsak, King of the old N. P.

Carried a camera throughout his teens
Shooting pictures of flowers and scenes
Tramped through the woods and knew every tree
Shot a bear when he was sixty three

Billie, Billie Handsak, Shot a bear at sixty-three

Went to school at Tacoma High
Where he was known as quite a guy
Loved all his teachers all except one
For she had a rep as a "son of a gun"

Billie, Billie Handsak, Loved all his teachers except one

Formed a club S. S. S. J. M.
To suppress this vixen hated by men
But Billie's trial ended soon
For he graduated the following June

Billie, Billie Handsak, Formed the S. S. S. J. M.

In nineteen eight without much kitty
He landed in the wild "Windy City"
To learn to draw and an artist be
So he could collect a handsome fee

Billie, Billie Handsak, An artist he would be

But fate stepped in and back to the West
To prepare himself to be the railroads best
By studying again in Washington
And having a hell of lot of fun

Billie, Billie Handsak, Having a lot of fun

William was his original name
But didn't like it account of a dame
So he changed it to Nelson so that he could say
"I'm a good Norsk any day"

Billie, Billie Handsak, A good Norsk any day

He married a teacher from South Dakota
Built her a home in Minnesota
Raised a family, two girls and a boy
Who have brought them both very much joy

Billie, Billie Handsak, Dad of two girls and a boy

A bridge inspector he was made
To climb the bridges all over the grade
Small ones, and big ones, high and low
That cost the Company a lot of dough

Billie, Billie Handsak, An inspector he was made

He crawled through a culvert, a R. C. P.
The joints, the cracks and camber to see
But he got stuck in the middle of the pipe
And Billie began to swear and also to gripe

Billie, Billie Handsak, Stuck in a concrete pipe

He called for help and began to bang
Until on the spot came the B&B gang
A wop yelled "push", a Swede yelled "pull"
But Billie cried out "cut out all the bull"

Billie, Billie Handsak, Still stuck in a pipe

After 10 long hours Bill was free
And felt as if he had been a month at sea
His hips were smooth and his sides were sore
But Bill doesn't need to crawl no more

Billie, Billie Handsak, Doesn't need to crawl no more

Bill has been a wonderful guy
He has given himself without asking why
We hope him luck and lots of good cheer
And wish him joy and those he holds dear

Billie, Billie Handsak, A wonderful guy

