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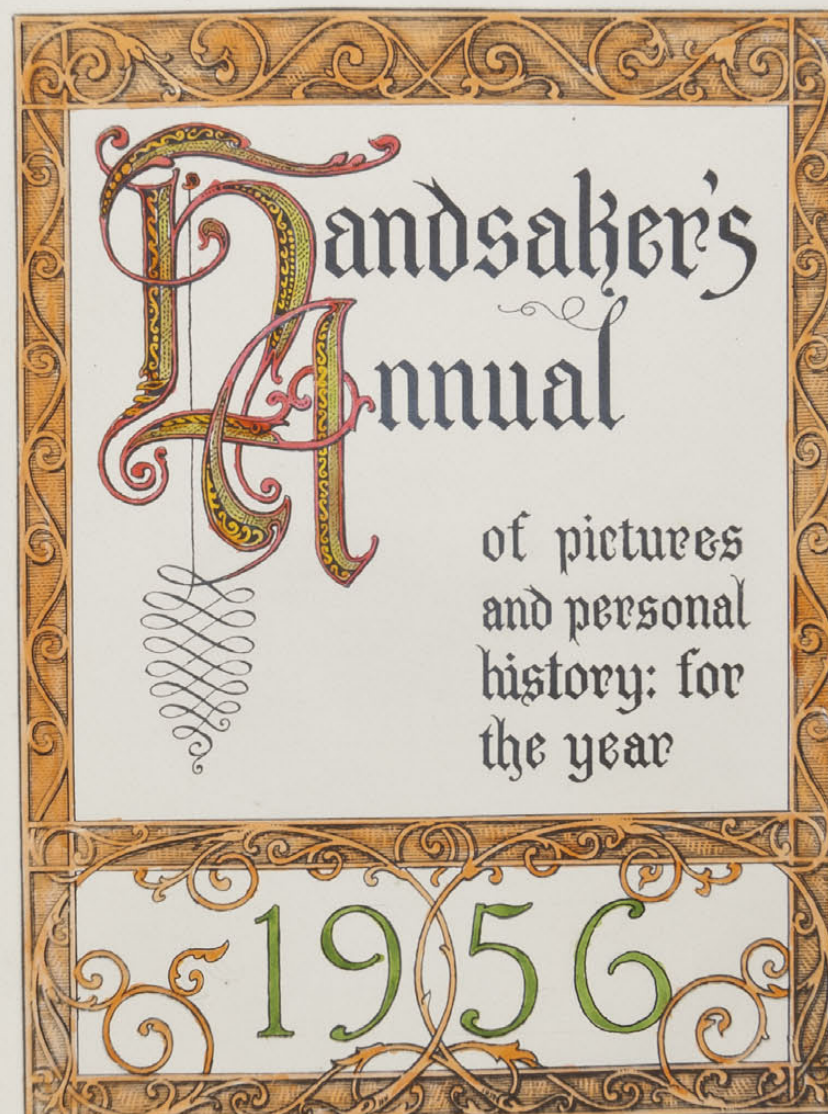
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56 1956



Mike in the Rain Forest



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INTRODUCTION

In 1956 we took three big trips and a few little ones. The big trips were-- to California by train in February and March, with a returning detour to Seattle and Tacoma by me; Bertha came straight home from Berkeley. Then, to Seattle in July for my August Olympic expedition with George Hopkins and our two grandsons; and another trip to California, driving through Colorado, in December. The biggest little trip was a two-day drive, up the "North Shore" in late September.

Except for my painful attack of sciatica in July, Bertha and I, and Bill Junior, were well all year.

Photographically, I seem to be doing less than before I retired. Most of my pictures are taken as color slides, and copied for this album. Out of 167 pictures in the album, only 29 are from original negatives; the rest are copies. I took 78 with the Korelle and 60 with the Kodak Reflex. I used Ektachrome for 80% of the slides, Anscochrome for 20% of them. Practically all the prints are on war surplus Resisto paper, and they are mounted with Borden Glue-All or similar ~~casein~~ glue.

January 1956

1. Sunday: Quiet day at home.....
2. Watched Pasadena parade, TV. PM, took a walk - (see pictures below.)
3. Another walk, took Christmas tree down. In darkroom, afternoon.
4. Worked on Peg's wedding book. Wallace Rogers called. Bill to Windom.
5. Long walk, Minnehaha & back. Fine sunny winter day.
6. Zero, sharp breeze, too cold for a walk. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom...
7. Expected Ed Snekvik, but he went thru. Bob & Mora Manners here tonight.
8. Open house at Kelleys, saw Frank K's art work. I worked on my '54 annual.
9. Hiked to Minnehaha, crossed river on ice, & up Hidden Falls. Perfect winter weather.
10. Worked on '54 album. We called on Gardiners, new church folks, this evening.
11. We picked up Mollie, called on Sylvia (Campbell) then had Mollie here for dinner.
12. White frost. In AM, drove to Hidden Falls, hiked. Tonight, Civic Opera at Audit'm.
13. Visited Carl Ekberg at hospital. Last night Bill left for Jackson Hole and Alta.
14. Office with Kempe: Form 134. The "gang" dined at Edina Biltmore, then to Thomas.
15. Sun. Church & eve Bible class. Fixed up carrying case for slides, for tomorrow.
16. 2 1/2 hrs working at office. Showed New England slides to St. Paul Eng. Soc. tonight.
17. Called on Carl Ekberg, saw Ruth and Jerry, at hospital. Carl much improved.
18. Another fine winter walk, Hidden Falls & boathouse. Deacons' meeting tonight.
19. Bertha & I drove down town, then saw the Grandma Moses exhibit at St. Paul Gallery.
20. 8" to 18" below; stayed home but tonight I was out soliciting - Masonic Cancer Fund.
21. Still cold. Had Schwabs for dinner, slides of our trip east, and a little bridge.
22. Sun. I walked to church (cold). We went to Bible class - animated discussion of miracles.
23. Bill home, very late, on crutches. Broke his leg, the last day of skiing at Alta.....
24. Stayed home, worked on albums; ordered passes to L.A. via Rock Isl. and Santa Fe.
25. Bill drove to work. Still in cast, on crutches.
26. Short hike. Maint. Club dinner. Rail sections.
27. Brought Ed Snekvik from airport, at bedtime.
28. Entertaining Ed. - to Mpls thru slush. Slides tonight.
29. Youth Sunday at church. Ed left for Seattle at 1:50. Had Knights for supper & a few slides.

30. Walked 7 miles, Ft. Snelling Bridge, Mendota, High Br.
31. Built a film holder; to copy slides on 116 film.

Pictures taken Jan. 2nd.



56-2 Shadow Falls



56-1 Ravine above Shadow Falls



56-3 River from Shadow Falls



56-5 Minnehaha Creek Jan 5



56-18 Road to Fort Snelling boat house Jan 18



56-9 Minnehaha Creek Jan 9



56-10 The River above Ft Snelling bridge Jan 12



56-20 Slough below outlet of Minnehaha Creek

January 12.



56-19 Hidden Falls ravine and creek.

Pictures on these 2 pages taken in black and white with 2 1/4 x 3 1/4 Kawee.

HIDDEN FALLS - JANUARY 18



56-6



56-8



56-7

Hidden Falls Creek

Black and white
originals: 2 1/4 x 3 1/4
Kawee



56-24

Ed Snekvik, Bertha and Bill Jr.

Ed was with us Jan. 27th to 29th.

Copy of Ektachrome "slide"
taken with Kawee

February 1956

- 1 I made out my income tax forms, and tried out my roll-film slide copier.
- 2 A fine winter day. See the facing page for pictures of my hike on the river.
- 3 Down town; lunch at Masonic Club. Saw movie, "Marty" tonight. Good.
- 4 Short hike with Bill, testing his leg. P.M., on lower river ice with Geo. Pepin.
- 5 Sun. Bill had a couple of girls here for dinner, pheasant out of the freezer.
- 6 Cleaned kitchen floor, took a short hike, worked on my '54 album ('04 pictures)
- 7 Saw Brockway, moving onto 8 acres near Portland. Geo. P. & mother here this eve.
- 8 Sorted films and worked on '54 album.
- 9 Reading and loafing.
- 10 Packing for California trip. We drove downtown and got our reservations.
- 11 Melting. Down town again. Bill and I saw a bookplate exhibit at University.
- 12 I went to church. Bill took us to depot for 7:30 train to Kansas City (Rock I.)
- 13 Breakfast in K.C. depot, west on Santa Fe #3. One sleeper, hardly any diner.
- 14 Snow at Flagstaff. Whole family met us at Los Angeles. 30 mile drive to new home.
- 15 At Northridge. Shopping trip, helped Mike with tree shack. Scrabble this eve.
- 16 Chilly, windy. Long drive with Betsy, Sepulveda Blvd., to look at a davenport.
- 17 Fine day. Chopping up walnut limbs. Shopping trip with Betsy, after lunch.
- 18 Don, Betsy and I planted all the new shrubbery, delivered this morn. Day's job.
- 19 Sun. Fine day. We drove to Santa Barbara along coast. Home about six-thirty.
- 20 Another perfect day. Sawed wood, & visited a couple of shopping centers.
- 21 Most of the day hiking around downtown L.A., while the girls shopped.
- 22 Holiday for Mike. Hennons and relatives here most of the afternoon.
- 23 Betsy and Bertha busy with decorator. Mike home with cold. Slides tonight.
- 24 Reading Eisenhower's "Crusade in Europe." Visited San Fernando mission, P.M.
- 25 Worked in the yard all day. Can still pick up a few eatable walnuts.....
- 26 Sun. We all went to "Disneyland." I liked the old time Main Street best.
- 27 I started digging for front walk. Malibu Canyon and beach picnic, afternoon.
- 28 Fine day. I was digging and setting grade strips all day, for front walk.
- 29 To downtown and Bullocks Westwood. I hiked through UCLA, near-by....

This is all I saw of the St. Paul Winter Carnival this year: Fifth Street from St. Peter to Wabasha was closed and made into a skating rink....



Left:
56-17

Right
56-16

Feb.
3rd

B-W originals
2 1/2 x 3 1/4 Kawee
Both pages



February 2nd:

Bertha let me off at the Franklin Ave. bridge. I walked to the river shore below the Univ. Union and walked on the ice to the road below Jefferson, about 5 miles back home. It was a beautiful day, like spring (-2° to +10°). I took these pictures with my 2 1/2 x 3 1/4 Kawee.....

56-11 Franklin Ave. bridge from end of University parking lot.
56-12 Arch and waterfall near Franklin Ave. invisible above.
56-13 Milwaukee R.R. pier, distant Franklin Ave. bridge.
56-14 Lock of old low dam, and distant Marshall Ave. bridge.
56-15 Seminary ravine, from the river.

56-21 Down the Jefferson Ave path, where I left the river.

56-22 Me, dressed for the hike (camera and tripod were along, but working here.) hence they are not being carried by me.



56-40
This is
the new
home-
stead, at
17821
Rayen, in
North-
ridge.



56-39

Setting out the
shrubbbery, Feb. 18.



56-44 The twin lamps make funny shadows



56-41

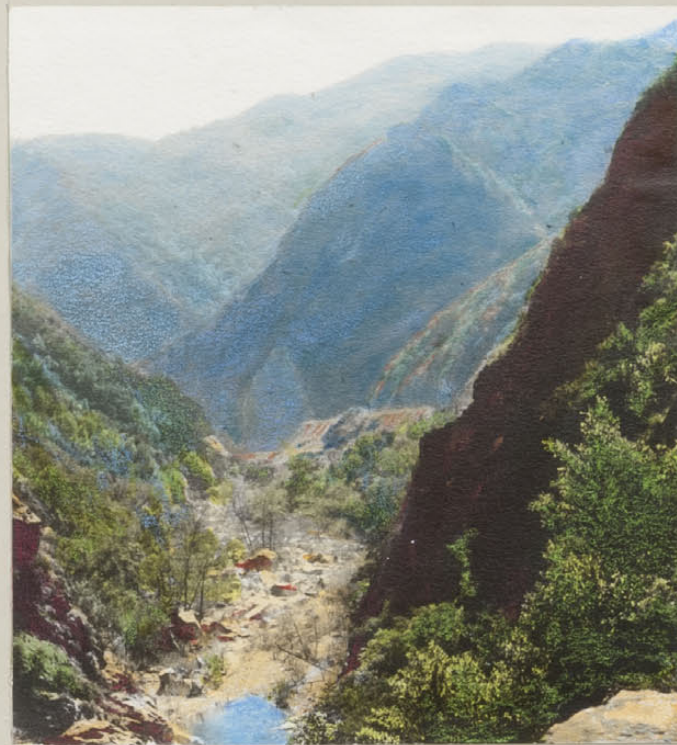
Counting the bricks, for the new
front walk.



56-42

Mike and Grandpa Hemmon
in the uncompleted shack...

Copies of Ektachrome.
Color slides taken with
Kodak Reflex.



56-26

Malibu Canyon



56-27 Janet, on Malibu Beach

Copies of
Ektachrome
Kodak Reflex.



56-29

Highway 101, south of Santa Barbara.



56-30

Santa Barbara and Harbor.



56-32 Arcade at San Fernando Mission.



56-31

Father Junipero Serra—at San Fernando Mission.



56-37 San Fernando Valley, from Enino Hills



56-38

Don and Janet: Long Beach Harbor.



56-35

Amusement Park, from "Chicken of the Sea"



56-33

The Mark Twain and a Keel Boat

DISNEYLAND

FEBRUARY 26TH

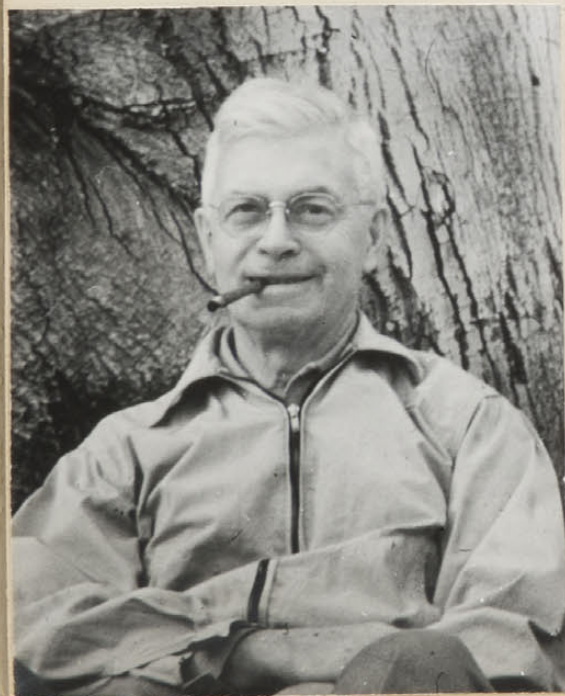
Gay Nineties Town



56-36

March 1956

- 1 Continued working on Don's front walk. Rebound broken slides.
- 2 "Smog green" so I burned rubbish. Bertha and I walked to Northridge.
- 3 Don and I helped Ed Snyderhans put up wire link fence on party line.
- 4 Sun. Don & I laid part of lawn sprinkler system. Mrs. Worum called.
- 5 Betsy, Bertha and I had lunch with Henry & Norma Brown at San Marino.
- 6 Too chilly & windy for yard work. I built a big storage shelf in the garage.
- 7 Spent the whole day laying bricks in the front walk. Got about $\frac{1}{3}$ done.
- 8 Warm, sunny day. Continued laying walk. Quit at 4: I was enjoyably tired.
- 9 Finished walk. Bill and Cele Hennon called; Mike to Long Beach with them.
- 10 We stayed with Janet while Don & Betsy shopped. Mounted world map.
- 11 Sun. We all drove to Palos Verdes, San Pedro, Long Beach, & brought Mike home.
- 12 Walked to Reseda. In P.M. we called on Tylers and Wheelers, old neighbors.
- 13 I put up another shelf in the garage. We're nearly ready to go home.
- 14 I mounted the big map in Mike's room. Bertha and I started packing.
- 15 To San Fernando for reservations, missing Deraufs & Witts. Train north tonight.
- 16 Oakland: Bob & Penny met us, then to work. Dinner & overnight at Millers, Sr.
- 17 We 6 drove to Monterey & Carmel. Late steak dinner and good motel.
- 18 Carmel, the Mission, 17 mile drive, Monterey. At Carroll's again tonight.
- 19 At kids' apartment, patching old encyclopedia. Visiting and arguing in eve.
- 20 Showed slides of trip east, at Carroll Millers. Met Joyce & Bill (the potters)
- 21 Rode to Berkeley with Bob, and walked back. Worked on encyclopedias.
- 22 Penny drove us to Montclair Hills, Fisherman's Wharf (lunch) & Sausalito.
- 23 Picnic on Berkeley campus, Charter Day. Sukiyaki in San Francisco tonight.



24. We 4 via Richmond ferry to San Rafael, visited Sally, dinner with Nortons at Santa Rosa.
- 25 Sun. Church at Mills College chapel, and visited in apartment. I took 8⁴³ train for Portland.
- 26 Snow in Cascades. Jane Rogers, 2 boys at depot, then 2 hr phone visit with John Handsaker.
- 27 Seattle, back to Tacoma, visited Ama and Ralph, dinner & evening with Stanley and Clara Shaw.
- 28 AM, Amas. Lunch at Elks with Herb Beers & Espeland. Dinner at Amas, stayed overnight.
- 29 Seattle, bus. Lunch with Hoving at Engr's Club. Home with Geo. Hop. My slides tonight.
30. Drove downtown & to W. Seattle with Geo. Tonight, his eastern slides. Overnight again.
31. Visited Elma, Alice, Earl & - showed my slides at Alice's. Spent the night at Lemoyne's.

56-43 Me—
Resting from my labors.



Michael, on
the living room
hearth,
whittling on a
Scout project.

56-46

This is the way that
Janet sits on the floor
and looks at the TV
cartoons, Popeye, etc...
the programs never
long enough for her.

56-45





CARMEL.

MARCH 17-18.

I liked Carmel better'n any place
I'd seen in California.

Upper left, 56-48 A shopping courtyard.
Upper right, 56-47 The old Mission.



On the Seventeen-
Mile Coast Drive
between Carmel & Mon-
terey.

Above 56-50 the Ocean
Right 56-49 the Shore.

All 2 1/4" slide copies



MONTEREY

MARCH 18

The harbor is
very colorful and
the town is quiet
and old-fashioned.

56-52-A →

56-52-B
↓



These are copies of 2 1/4 x 2 1/4"
color slides, on Resisto Aerobromide.

↳ The Customs-House Porch.
56-51



AROUND SAN FRANCISCO BAY

MARCH 16 TO 25.

Right →
from Univ.
Campanile.

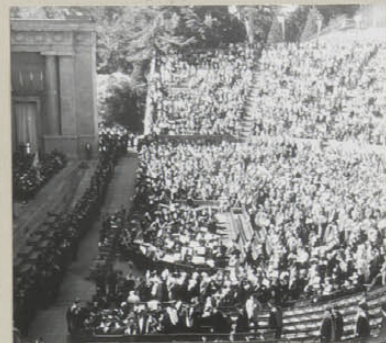
Below ↓
Outdoor
Convocation
at U. of Cal.



56-53 Bertha and Bob



56-54 Bertha and I



56-55 Convocation



56-56

An old
wind-
jammer
now on
exhibit;
and
(below)
enlarge-
ment of
figurehead



56-57

San Francisco from Sausalito, March 22nd,
when Penny gave us a ride.



56-58

All but the large tree picture
are copies of Ekharhannes
taken with Kodak Reflex...

GOING
NORTH
WITHOUT
BERTHA

56-58
This snapshot
of winter in
the Oregon Cas-
cades was made
with ^{Kodak Reflex} ~~Ekharhannes~~ ^{Ekharhannes} ~~Ekharhannes~~
March 26th.



It was Apr. 2.
when we called
on Jahns and
saw their new
retirement home
at Edmonds.



56-60 Jahns and Hopkins



56-59 Jahns' home.

April 1956

1. Easter in Seattle (Bertha in St. Paul) Dawn services. Dinner at Elmas and again with Agnes & Rob. Back to Lee & Catherine, showed slides again.....
2. Geo. Hopkins drove me to see Jahns at Edmonds, Aunt Alice at Snohomish.
3. Explored Whidby Island with Geo. & Marg. Catherine took me to my train.
4. Riding east. Crossed new Clarks Fork bridge.
5. Reached Minneapolis tonight. Called Bertha; she came for me.
6. Bertha had two teeth out yesterday; very sore jaw, and earache.
7. Our gang dined at the Heidelberg, then bridge at Millers. Gages took Smith's place.
8. Church and Bible class. 9. Walked to Highland via river path. No flowers.
10. Editing photo magazines. 11. Walked to Ford Bridge. Dinner at church. Bill along.
12. Visited office. Tonight, Garden Club dinner. Showed slides of our eastern trip.
13. We called on Knights tonight. 14. Bill drove me downtown, Pine Bend, Mendota & G.
15. Church, Rev. Mohr of Evan. & Ref. Ch. Binding '56 slides; Bible class tonight.....
16. Working on '54 album. Raw, blustery day..
17. Drove to Minnehaha Park, took a walk. Men's Club dinner - smoked pork chops.
18. Fine day, so I worked hard in garden, raking leaves. Deacons meeting tonight.
19. Continued cleaning up garden - then got tired & worked on '54 album again.
20. Same as yesterday. 21. Stiff & sore; album work. Movie with Bertha tonight.
22. Cold & bright PM. - Pepin & I walked RR tracks below Ft. Snelling. Pretty dreary yet.
23. Worked on '55 album, just started. 24. Same, and some backyard cleaning up.
25. Started work on church roster. 26. Blood pressure check, normal, no pills lately; lunch at Masonic Club, dinner at Mtce. Club meeting, met many friends.
27. Too raw for outside work. 28. We drove down town, I hiked, Capitol to Grand-Dale.
29. Church & Bible Class. Worked on church roster.
30. Started raising SE corner of garage.

The month's weather was mostly raw and blustery, colder the second half, with temperatures down to freezing most nights.



Our Apple Tree by the Garage

May 1956

My steady job was rehabilitation of the garage. Starting April 30, I wedged up the settled corner and put in a new, higher concrete footing and raised part of the floor, eliminating the trough that used to freeze and put the big door out of business. This required rehangng the door on a sloping track. I also began replacing the weatherbeaten wood shingle roof with asphalt shingles.

The garden also took a lot of my time, especially after the garden club's plant sale, the 18th. Before that, I finished removing leaves & winter debris, and gave the lawn its first cutting, the 14th, and spaded.

Other items of interest:

3rd- Laymens Council of Congregational Churches, dinner meeting at Plymouth.

5th- Did some chores at the church - window hardware.

7th- Mollie's birthday - she had dinner with us, then we played canasta...

9th- Women's Institute, a musical program.

12th- Knights over. 13th- Bertha's birthday, Bill gave her two rose bushes, ahead of time.

14th- Dinner at Mollie's. Tiny flat, wonderful meal - boiled dinner.....

17th- To office, then up to Capitol to see city schools' centennial parade.

18th- Sprayed the lawns with Weedone.

19th- May Festival at Lyngblomsten Home. Mildred Jewell, B's cousin, sang.

21st- Received my 7-50 monocular, for a telephoto with the Korelle

22nd- We went to the old Joy place in North St. Paul; photo'd wild flowers.

23rd- Bertha's birthday, so we dined at Lee's. I'm washing windows.

26th- Had Gages, Thumas & Agnes Neff for dinner. Our eastern trip slides.

30th- To Gages place; Thumas & Arthur Hubbell. Charcoal-broiled steaks

The weather - mostly beautiful, with enough rains, mostly at night, to start the garden and lawns off fine. Mostly cool, but 83° the 12th, and 86 the 29th. First thunderstorm the 10th. Rainy days the 5th, 16th and 24th. Heavy showers the 30th, but was sunny while we were at Gages.



56-61

100 YEARS OF
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
IN SAINT PAUL



56-62

The schools had a very impressive parade, the 17th, to mark the centennial. Flags, lots of clever floats, and lots of marchers - thousands of them.

Above, the head of the parade; upper right, the Kindergarten float; and lower right, Groveland School's marchers. The schools were in the order of their establishment, with the floats in the same time scale, to mark various developments.



56-63



56-65. Gages' beautiful and interesting home up the Minnesota Valley is hard to photograph because of its many fine trees. We were there the 30th.

June 1956

This month was memorable for the visit of Elma, Norman and his Agnes, who arrived from Seattle, the 16th, as delegates to Lutheran Church sessions at Northfield and Minneapolis. We took them to Northfield the 17th, leaving Norman there. The Minneapolis convention lasted till the 23rd, then we visited at home and called on cousins. Norman and Agnes went to Deerwood the 28th, to return later. Elma left for Mobridge, 28th.

My garage project continued. I finished the new roof the 8th, in good time for some rainy days which followed. I got the paint but did not begin putting it on (1) because of rain; (2) because of visitors and (3) because a strained back developed into a tormenting case of sciatica, beginning the 22nd.

Some other items: The 2nd and 14th, I gave some new church windows two coats of paint. Bertha entertained at bridge the 6th and 7th. Bob Peterson married Mary Goss in Plymouth church chapel, Mpls, the 9th, and Judy Perkins married John Kincaid in House of Hope, the 30th. We attended both weddings and the receptions. Judy and John's reception was a lawn party at Alice Perkins's. Pete and Bob Larson and Schnapps called, the 11th. I attended two AREA committee meetings: Masonry in Mpls the 12th, courtesy of Miesenhelder, who was there, and Wood Bridges in St. Paul, the 28th. Sidney Goldberg arranged that one.

Church deacons' meeting the 20th. The 29th, I drove to Cherokee Heights to test my monocular as a telephoto on the Korelle.

Bill was living with 3 fellows at Lake Minnetonka; was home overnight a few times. We drove out to the place the 23rd; found him away but had a picnic anyhow.

Weather: In spite of rain every few days, we were on curtailed sprinkling; odd house numbers on odd days. It was warm, and from the 9th to 13th it went over 90° daily—100° the 13th. With high humidity, this was really hot weather.



56-66. The school children have discovered my garden path over the rickety bridge and over the "mountain." Here's Sally Putnam, who says "Some call it the Secret Way, but we call it 'Lovers' Lane'."



OUR VISITING SEATTLE BROTHER & SISTERS



56-75 above:
Bertha,
Elma, Norman
and Agnes.

56-67:
Elma, Bertha
and Agnes at
Northfield

July 1956

Norman and Agnes returned the 2nd; we picnicked at Boom Park next day and drove into Wisconsin. The 4th we again drove to Hudson, where Worums had their cabin cruiser, and they gave us and Kelleys a ride up and down the river, with lunch aboard. The 5th, we took Norman and Agnes to call on the Gornitzkas at Luther Seminary. The night of the 6th, they left for Seattle.

My sciatica was really bothering me, but I felt able to start painting the garage, starting the 2nd. I lost a good deal of sleep, and began to worry about having to give up the Olympic trip. The 9th to 13th, I had daily massages and heat treatments. Finished painting garage the 20th. Celebrated my birthday the 19th with a steak dinner, watermelon and "The King and I" at the World. I made my reservations for the trip west, leaving the 26th. The sciatica disappeared just about that time.

Other events in St. Paul: The 7th, Pepin and I drove to Mendota and took a short walk to Lilydale. The 8th, right after services, we had a ground-breaking ceremony for the new addition to the church. Next day, the contractor moved in. The 12th, we dined, with Smiths, at the Macalester College cafeteria and Stan gave us a ride in his new Chrysler. With Tom and Bessie Gibson the 21st: dinner and the story of their trip to Scotland, and bridge.

Going to Seattle, Harold Peterson got on at Thompson Falls, and we visited all the way to Spokane. He explained the progress of the Noxon Rapids Line Change. We were met at Seattle by Agnes and Rob Mills; visited with them and at Elma's. Mike arrived - by bus - about 4, and we got him. Dinner at Mills'; Mike & I explored Kinnear Park nearby.

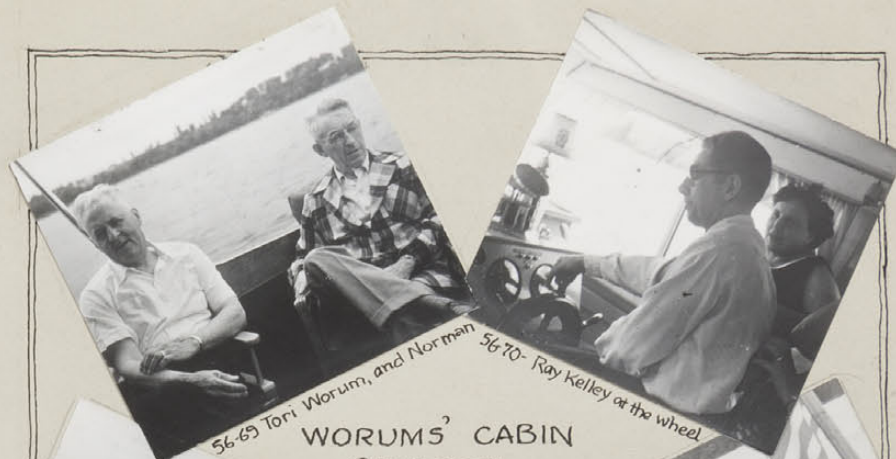
The 30th, Lee Carman and family started on a vacation in a cabin cruiser, and left their car for Bertha and me to use; so next day we drove to Tacoma, called on Beerses, and stayed overnight with Ama and Ralph in their very modern brick rambler on East D St. at 84th - way out in the woods.



56-74

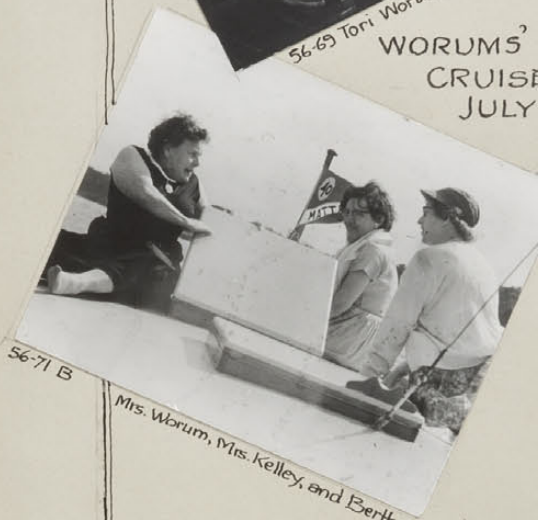
Ama's new house

Korelle
Copy of Norman's
Ektachrome...



56-69 Tori Worum, and Norman

56-70 Ray Kelley at the wheel

WORUMS' CABIN
CRUISER
JULY 4TH

56-71 B

Mrs. Worum, Mrs. Kelley, and Bertha



56-71 A

Agnes (Mrs. Norman)

56-68
Norman,
Bertha &
Agnes.A picnic at
Boom Park,
near Stillwater
July 3

Copies of Korelle
Ektachromes

BREAKING GROUND FOR THE CHURCH ADDITION

56-78

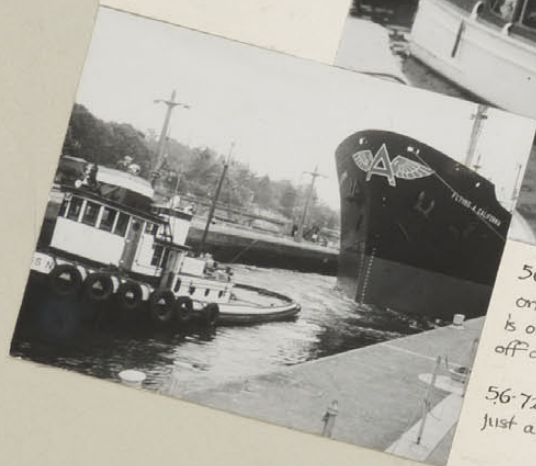


SUNDAY
JULY 8TH

56-77



IN BALLARD LOCKS SEATTLE JULY 30TH



56-73 above - Lemoyne & family
on their rented cruiser; but that
is our Mike on the bow. He got
off at the locks.

56-72 left - an oil tanker that
just about filled the lock.

Breaking Ground -
VF originals in B&W.
Locks - copies of
Kodak Roll. Ektachromes
Korella

August 1956

This was the month of the Olympic expedition. Bertha and I were out west the whole month (got home the 29th.)

The First, we returned from Tacoma, and in the afternoon, George took Mike and me downtown, shopping. The 2nd, we packed up, and in the afternoon went over and met Carl von Loewenfeldt, George's 10-year old grandson, the fourth member of the party.

We started early the 3rd, via two ferries, called on the Mogans at Sequim, and took Geo. Mogan with us. Mrs. Mogan followed, in their car. About 2, we reached the end of the Bogachiel road and loaded our horse, Buster and ourselves. We hiked only two miles to a good camping spot in the woods. I seemed to have got elected cook, and we discovered that we had no frying pan! Perfect weather & a pleasant evening around the campfire.

The 4th, we passed the park entrance station and Boga Guard Station, and had plenty of hard up-and-down hiking. Buster had his 2nd and 3rd fall; the last was a ghastly one between rocks in a mudhole. We had to unload him, it was so late that we made emergency camp right on the trail.

The 5th, we had only gone half a mile when Buster had his worst fall. We unloaded him and explored. Two miles ahead there was a good camp site on the river shore near Flapjack shelter, so we led Buster there, carrying most of his load in a couple of trips. We found an old frying pan, and things were fine by night, except for our misgivings as to the trail ahead.

We had two pleasant days of fishing at Flapjack, catching trout with salmon eggs, or periwinkles. In spite of Buster's troubles and some disappointment over changing our plans on his account, we were enjoying every moment.

The 8th, we reloaded Buster, beyond his last fall, and made the remaining 3 miles (5 in all) back to Guard Station. The shelter was not fit to camp in, but George rigged a good fly-tent against the corral fence, and we ate in the open. Washed our dishes in river water and sand, and went to bed.

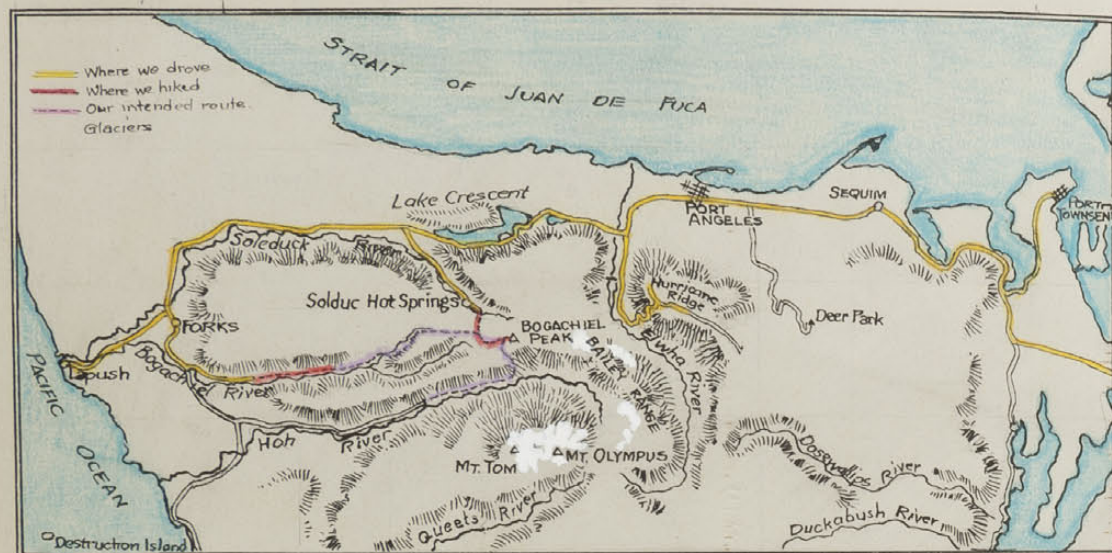
Next morning, George hiked out to arrange for getting the car back from the Hoh, where Mogans had taken it for us. He got back about ten that night, footsore but everything was arranged. Meanwhile, the boys and I fished, and explored. Mike discovered a beautiful waterfall. Mike took over the cook's job, for Scout credit.

The 10th and 11th, we were at the Guard Station camp. George had a sore foot. We fished, unsuccessfully, found elk tracks but no elk, explored, and showed George our waterfall.

The 12th, we loaded Buster; got him to the end of the road where we left him, drove to Forks for burgers and malts, and went on to Lapush.

Most of the Olympic pictures are
pieces of slides taken with my
Kodak Reflex. Anachromes are
colored; others Ektachrome.

OUR OLYMPIC EXPLORATIONS

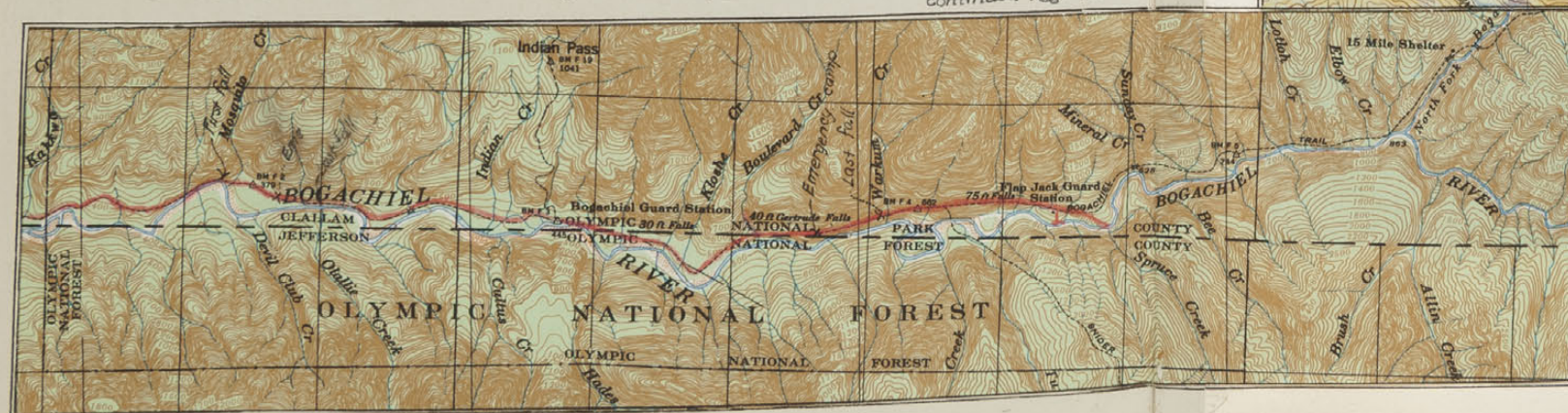


Continuing the story from preceding page: We bought a fresh-caught salmon on the dock at Lapush. The campground being crowded and dusty, we found a place by ourselves in the driftwood behind the beach, across the river. It looked stormy, but we had a good salmon dinner and a snug nest for the night, and the storm didn't come.

Next morning, the 13th, we had a restaurant breakfast in Forks, then drove to Soulduc Hot Springs and pitched our tarp in the public camping area, and, driving to the end of the road, Mike and I explored beyond, as far as Soulduc Falls.

The 14th, we loaded our packs with necessities for two or three days and hiked about 4 miles, steeply upward on a good trail in the woods, to Deer Lake, where we moved into a good shelter, with bunks and firewood.

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The contour maps are on a scale of one mile per inch.

For similar map of Mt Olympus, Hurricane Ridge, etc., see inside of back cover.



56-81 The Start:
George, Carl, Buster, Mike



56-83 - A spruce,
Mike and Carl

56-85*
Typical rain-
forest →



56-82
Resting on
the Bogachiel
Trail

56-90B
The Tyrannosaur:
a mossy stump
20 feet high



56-84
Bridge on
Bogachiel
Trail →

Up the Bogachiel



56-86 Down the Bogachiel River, below Flapjack



56-88* Wash Day



56-87* Grampa Handsaker was Cook, —
until Mike took over the job.
For Scout credit



56-90C * Bogachiel River Shore:
Double-log Bridge.
In the distance



56-90* Mike, Fishing



56-90D*
George Admiring
a Week's Whiskers



56-89 * Mike, George and Carl on the natural log bridge

At Flapjack



56-96* On the Return Trail



56-94A: Gertrude Falls, and Mike

Mike heard an unfamiliar sound up in the woods. I told him he could go see what it was, if within shouting distance. Soon he was back, reporting a beautiful waterfall. There is the main fall, and a whole series of cascades tumbling among boulders and fallen trees



56-94B Mike and Carl at Gertrude Falls.

The Return



56-91* A big cedar tree on the trail (See frontispiece)



56-95. Time out for repairs

from Flapjack

not a retreat: just
a revision of strategy
for the advance on
Bogachiel Peak.....



56-93. Snuggles in a rug.



56-90A. The boys' imaginations could see a cougar fighting a snake, in this snag. Can you?

19* telephoto



56-92* Dinner table at Guard Station. ← Tent

The shelter had been left in bad condition by 20 years of careless campers, so we pitched our tarp-tent against the corral fence, but used the fire-place in front of the shelter. ~ ~

We went out to Lapush so the boys could compare the north Pacific coast with that of California. It was blowing up bad weather, but we were snug.....



56-97* Beach camp near Lapush.



† 56-98 *
At Saldac Hot
Springs.

Upper right:
56-99 A* Saldac
Falls from
below

Right: 56-99*
The falls from
above

Right, beyond
56-100. George,
Mike and Carl

Below. 56-100
Our first view
of Deer Lake.

Below, right
56-101. Our
shelter, and
Deer Lake.



Solduc Hot Springs
to Deer Lake



Mount Olympus from Bogachiel Peak
water color by me

From Hoh River it's
7000 feet up to the
top of Mt. Olympus

Deer Lake to Bogachiel Peak.



56-102: Deer Lake's down in the fog.



56-101A - First View of Mount Olympus.



56-102 A Flowers Along the Trail.



56-102 The Boys Carried Their Share.

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Around the Deer Lake campfire we talked with a Czech refugee who, with his son, — had come down from Bogachiel Peak. He said the trail ahead of us was too dangerous for Carl, and was amazed that George, 72 and I, 69, were enjoying the hike. In the morning, the 15th, we resumed the climb; met a Boy Scout troop, and

That little knob is Bogachiel Peak... 56-103 56-103A Getting close to Bogachiel Peak



56-103B...The trail gets rugged



56-104 The shelter, on the very top.

found nothing much worse than you see here. Our only problem with Carl was to keep him from getting too far ahead! It was a beautiful trail, constantly opening up new vistas as we ascended about four of those uphill mountain miles that seem incredibly long. In the night we'd had a one-minute thunder storm, and the valleys below us were filling with fog. We were in the sunshine..... There were flowers everywhere there was a little soil. We reached the shelter, on top of the world, in mid afternoon; had it to ourselves. Rustled wood and water and enjoyed the magnificent view of the high ridges above great rivers of rising fog. To bed early. When we woke, the 16th, we were in the clouds. So we rested, rustled more wood and water and while the boys played in an adjacent snow field, I photographed wild flowers — the soft brightness was fine for that. Towards evening the clouds seemed to be dissolving a little.



The Bailey Range; Bogachiel Peak foreground.



The Hoh River, elev. 930 Mount Olympus, elev. 7930



56-105, Upper Hoh Valley full of fog, the 15th. Compare with the upper picture, taken the 17th....



56-109* Mount Olympus through my 10 inch telephoto lens.

In the night, I could see stars, and the dawn was perfectly clear. We were up with the dawn to enjoy the wonderful scene. By 10:30, we shouldered our packs. It was down hill, now, so we lunched at Deer Lake and reached our car by five o'clock. Found a place in the crowded campground, cooked supper, and all had a hot sulphur tub-bath at the Springs.

Bogachiel Peak, August 15th to 17th



Mount Tom



Foreground, the Bogachiel-Hoh ridge.

This is the panorama to the south from Bogachiel Peak shelter.

56-106A
56-107A *
56-108A
56-106

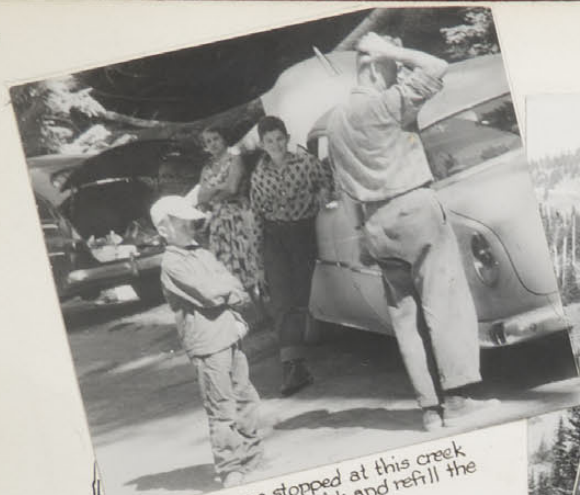


56-109 A* Mount Tom through the telephoto, from Bogachiel Peak, the 17th.

56-108* Carl and Mike studying the view west from Bogachiel Peak. This is the Soleduck side of the ridge that divides the Soleduck and Bogachiel valleys....



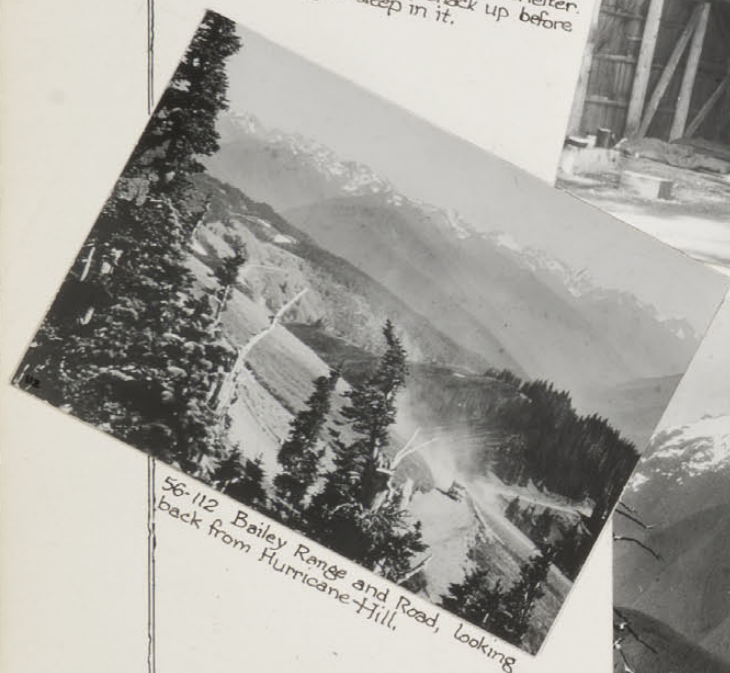
That would have been the end of our expedition, but I asked Hop if he would care to show us Hurricane Ridge, about which I'd read. So, the 18th, we drove past Lake Crescent again, up the Elwha Valley and climbed the long, narrow, steep and crooked gravel road to the Ridge, and on up to its crest at Hurricane Hill. From there, we could see dimly, Vancouver Island across the Straits, and even Mount Baker, over 100 miles away. We camped that night in the tumbledown Idaho Shelter, with deer for neighbors at twilight.....



56-110 Every one stopped at this creek halfway up, to get a drink and refill the radiator.....

56-111 → Near the top of Hurricane Ridge

56-113 - "Idaho" Shelter. We propped the shack up before daring to sleep in it.



56-112 Bailey Range and Road, looking back from Hurricane Hill.

56-114: Mount Olympus, 16 miles away, faintly peeping over the Bailey Range. The Elwha Rivers down in the valley..... 6 1/2" Maxitar lens



56-116- Mike, Carl and Carl's Bow.

56-117- Hurricane Hill and Flowery Slope, near Idaho Shelter.

56-118- Mike and His Pack →



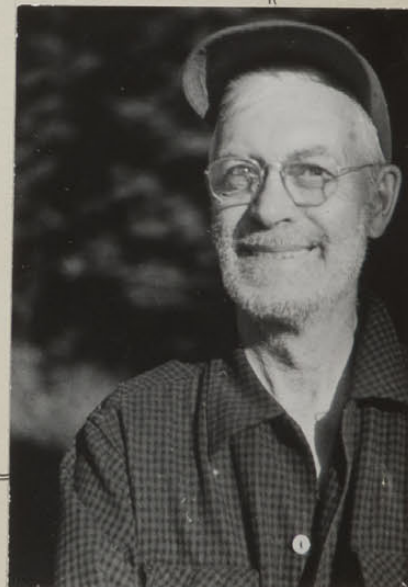
56-115... My 3-weeks beard was a biological curiosity to the boys, who had never been that close to whiskers..

Carl was anxious to get home to attend to some projects before school opened, but when the deer came into camp, he asked for another day. We had a most enjoyable, lazy time, drove around on Ridge roads, saw the new refreshment and information center and part of the unfinished "Heart of the Hills" road from Port Angeles. Went deer stalking in the evening.

August 20 was our last day. We drove to Sequim, called on Mogan and were surprised to find Margaret Hopkins, just about ready to take the bus home. We all, Mrs. Mogan too, had a picnic at Sequim State Park, where Mike cooked us his last meal.

We detoured into Port Townsend, then drove, via ferry, to Bainbridge Island and took the Seattle ferry. George dropped us at Elma's just in time for supper.

I lost 6 lbs on the trip (now 162# net.) Mike lost 11 lbs. Both feel wonderful.



The Rest of August.

21. Mike and I walked from Golden Gardens to 15th Ave so. of canal, then bus downtown. Smith Tower and waterfront. 22. Mike & I hiked & took bus, to Univ. campus, & Hopkins. Bertha & Elma came later: supper & Hop's Olympic slides. 23. At Elmas till 5:30, then Ed & Alice Snekvik drove us to Bernice's Anacortes home and on north to "Lutherwood" near Bellingham. Home about 11:30. 24. I visited N.P. office, then alone on 12:30 noon train to Portland. Taxi to John's. Belle Keeney there, having come up from Eugene. 25. Took a walk with John, discussed spiritualism with him & Mrs. Hussey, and family news, with him & Belle. 26. To downtown church with Belle; lunch with her at bus depot, then to my train. Family all at Normans, I went there. 27. Goodbye, Seattle! Norman helped us put Mike on his ^{Oakland} bus. In evening George, Margaret & Carl took us to our train. 28-29 Riding east. Bill met us at the Minneapolis depot. 30. - Did a little garden work. Kids have taken most of apples. We drove out to pick tomatoes at Clemons. Poor pickins. 31. Garden work. Bill home tonight....

September 1956

1. Sat. I repaired and painted the back fence; bound slides of Olympics. 2. Sun. 9:30 services in church basem't. Hertsgaards here for dinner and slides. 3. Home all day. Bertha not feeling good. We took a short walk this evening. 4. Cool; rain this evening. Bill home this evening. Letter from Betsy. Mike home OK. 5. Some rain. Started tearing out wooden back porch, to replace it with concrete. 6. Working on back porch forms & reinforcement. Bertha to Garden Club at HPSmiths. 7. Poured some concrete and did some form work. Got Olympic slides completed. 8. Porch work. Tonight, dinner with gang at White House, then Olympic slides, bridge, here. 9. Church at 11, in uncompleted sanctuary. Defrosted. Started auditing Stan's church books. 10. Worked on back porch, getting ready to pour slab. Dirty work, tired & happy tonight. 11. Tues. Put up side forms for back porch deck, & started front. Eddie Rydell's my little helper. 12. Got forms all ready to pour top and slab. Placing wire mesh reinforcement's hardest part. 13. Poured concrete all afternoon. To Wards in morning to get trowel, &c. Bill home for supper. 14. Got the finish course poured. Kelleys over for dinner. Saw our Olympic slides. 15. Started to patch decayed porch posts. Mr. Bachmann's funeral. Dessert at Knights. 16. Sun. With Mollie to see Bill at 'tonka narrows, & on to Hennons. Supper at Mollie's. 17. Worked on back porch. First meeting of Macalester color-photography class. 18. Finished back porch. Typed copy of the Sam Handsaker Oregon Trail diary. 19. Raising garage floor. Deacons meeting. 20. Finished garage floor work. To undertakers on East Side &c Mrs. Magraws sister. Continuing to type Uncle Sam's "Oregon Trail".



56-124



56-121

The scenes on this page were photographed Sept. 28 & 29 along the North Shore. The two top ones show the view from our cabin at Broadview Resort. On the right is Beaver Bay- very near an unsightly taconite development; and below, Caribou Falls, reached by a trail from the highway. All copies of Ektachrome slides, taken with Kodak Reflex.



56-122

21. Friday. Indoors nearly all day, typing "Oregon Trail" and planning garden bridge. 22. Home chores &c. Had HP Smiths here tonight, to see the slides of our trip east. 23. Sun. After church, to Mollie's to see Hennons. Church organ again in service. 24. Building bridge forms. Mac. photo class abandoned. In darkroom tonight. 25. Completed garden bridge forms. Picnic lunch with Bertha, south of the Ford plant. 26. Down town with Bertha, lunch at Masonic Club. Ridders color slides at Auditorium. 27. Back yard work. Tonight, first autumn meeting of Maintenance Club. Saw many friends. 28. To North Shore for 2-day autumn trip. Mollie with us. Cabin at Castle Danger. 29. Gooseberry Falls, Palisade Park, Caribou Falls. Returning, 3:30 to 8 P.M. 30. Sun. I went to church and in evening, to first small meeting of discussion group.



56-123

Copies of Kodak Reflex
Ansachromes.
All 80 mm. film
(123 is Ektachrome)

October 1956

The weather was mostly cool and fair; a couple of rains; the 12th to 17th we had unusually warm Indian Summer, reaching 84° the 12th, 83 the 13th, and 81° the 17th. Light frost the 19th, and down to 25° (killing frost) the 25th.

My work was principally construction of a little reinforced concrete bridge in the Japanese garden, and cutting off the big oak stump below ground. That stump was a real job, but I finished and backfilled it the 22nd. I also painted outside balcony railings, tin balcony deck and basement steps. I dug out the pool to its old concrete lining, and stored my left-over sand and gravel in it.

Autumn color led to three trips: the 6th, we took Pepins to Hastings & Afton, stopping at Bennitt's Apple Acres and at Strouses. The 7th, Sunday, Magraws took us to Prescott, and River Falls for dinner, and home via Afton, Stillwater & White Bear. It was their wedding anniversary. The 8th, we picked up Bob and Mora Manners and drove to Nelson and Wabasha on Lake Pepin. Then the 14th, we viewed the last of the autumn color by looping around the Mississippi River here in town, from Franklin Avenue to Ford Road. We went to Apple Acres again the 28th, and bought a bushel of Redwells.

Ama made her annual trip to Chicago. On her return trip, we had a 25 minute visit with her and Ralph on the train at the depot, the 15th. Next day, St Paul had another distinguished visitor; President Eisenhower on his campaign for re-election. I hiked to Highland with my camera and saw him go by.

George Pepin had an uncomfortable time in the hospital with a bad case of poison-oak. I visited him the 15th, 18th and 24th. I saw most of my railroad friends at the Maintenance Club's dinner meeting the 25th.



56-132

My principal back yard project

4x5 negative



56-127

County Road South of Prescott

Copy of
Kodak Reel Ektachrome
One inch square film



Above- the View
from Strauses'
stone house over-
looking Lake St.
Croix
56-125 A & B

Right- the ravine
road leading down
into Afton

The views on
this page were
made Oct. 6 & 8.



Below-left- Lk. St. Croix
from US 710 at Point
Douglas.

56-126

Right- Glimpse of Point No Point on
Lake Pepin, from Wisconsin Hwy 35



56-128 C



56-128 B

Copies of Kodak
Reflex Ektachromes



56-120

The bark "Azara" was
moored, all fall, at the old
locks, for alterations to fit
her for scientific work.



56-119

56-129
President
Eisenhower
in Highland
Center
Oct. 16



Top- BW original. Lloyd 4x5 - 9 7/8" Heliosigmat
Mid- - - (contact) " " - 3 1/2" Angulon
Bottom- copy Kodak Reflex Ektachrome

November 1956

We had pleasant autumn weather until the 6th, when it began to turn cold, and after that it was freezing most every night. But the 13th was such a beautiful day that I took a long walk. The 22nd it got down to 8° above zero (had my first chance to shovel snow the 16th.)

I finished copying the Olympic slides and sent prints to Mike and Carl, then got the remainder of the slides of our 1955 trip east copied and did some work on my '55 annual. I also hung the last storm doors and windows, raked leaves and banked up the roses.

Selmer and Grace Skartvedt from San Diego called the 8th, having brought Ellen's body to Mott. Bob and Mora Manners were here the 17th. We dined with a church group at Coopers the 3rd, and our four-couple group, with substitutes for Smiths (in Seattle) on the 10th, ate at Chapmans and played at Thumas. Church every-member canvass the 11th; I worked with Hugo Thompson. Council of Churches dinner on the 14th, at St. John's.

Mrs. McKay died the 15th, her funeral the 17th.

I walked clear down town the 9th; first time I've done it.

Bill moved out again, into a rented house near Lake Calhoun, with 3 other young men. We called on them the 18th and Bill took us out to dinner. The 22nd, Thanksgiving, Bill was with us and brought along Lee Longworth, one of his housemates. Mollie Savold was here, too.

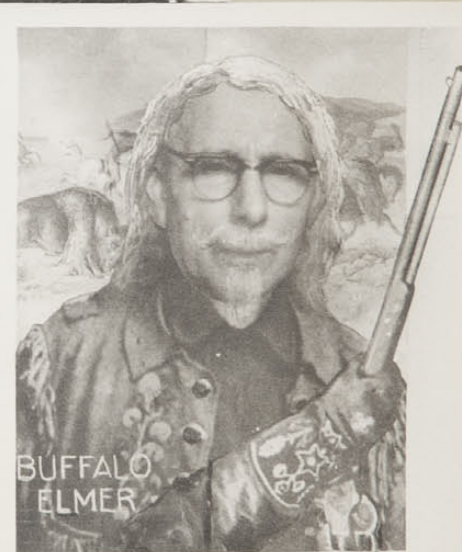
Eisenhower was decisively re-elected the 6th, but both houses of Congress went Democratic, a bad situation.

As we are going to spend 2½ months in California this winter, I advertised the house for rent; we felt very fortunate when the Stirmlingers, old acquaintances, decided to take it.

Elmer Brown, NP building superintendent, retired the 30th, with a party the 28th. Harold Peterson wanted me to portray him as "Buffalo Elmer" because he was born at Buffalo, N.D. So I visited the office the 20th and took a snapshot of him, then after research in the Library and quite a lot of darkroom work, I produced the questionable result you see opposite. It was a good party, anyhow.



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56-130

December 1956

1st to 3rd, I was getting our Christmas cards ready to mail. To Mollie's Sun. P.M., the 2nd. To Owens the 4th - slides. Downtown, shopping, with Bertha, 5th. Floyd Bean was taken to the hospital the 4th, died the 6th, and we attended his funeral the 8th. A church party at Brubachers the 7th: Doughertys, Coopers, Haskins and Kelleys there. Got our car overhauled for the long trip west, the 10th.

From the 1st until we left on the 13th, Bertha was working hard to get the house ready for Stirmlingers' occupancy. Things hadn't had so thorough an overhauling in the 32 years we've lived here. Of course I tried to help, but the burden was hers.

Bill Junior took a vacation and drove along with us; driving was not hard with two to share it. Bill's skis were on top of the car; the back seat was half filled with a chair from "Aunt Alma's" estate. The first night, we got to Kearney, Neb, 528 miles. Denver the 14th after a hair raising skid. Craig the 15th, after stopping a while at Berthoud Pass. Salt Lake City the 16th, but Bill stopped at Alta for a day's skiing. Wendover the 17th, Reno the 18th, and Truckee the 19th, seeing also Lake Tahoe, Virginia City and Carson City. Sacramento the 20th, Berkeley the 21st-22nd, visiting Millers and sightseeing. We arrived at Northridge by train the 23rd, letting Bill, Bob & Penny drive the car down.



56-133

Our front yard as we left Minnesota

Original vest-pocket negative

All prints on Redox bromide

Copies of Ektachromes
taken with Kodak Reflex

Snowy Colorado

December 15th



56-148 From the top, Berthoud chairlift



56-151 Highway 40, about 50 miles E. of Steamboat Springs



56-144
Chair lift at
Berthoud
Pass



56-150

We saw this view of Lake Tahoe while we were eating lunch, Dec. 19, before picking Bill up at Squaw Valley.

56-173



← Lodge and valley at Alta, Utah. The skiing is on another mountain

We toured Virginia City, Carson City and Lake Tahoe Dec.



56-154

Utah
and
Nevada
December 17-19th



56-160

← These two views of Lake Tahoe were taken from the east shore,



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56-169



56-153

The main skiing area at Alta..



56-158
On the road
to Virginia
City—



56-176A Looking east from Donner Pass.

-and California.

56-178
San Francisco -
from Sausalito
Waterfront



56-177
Sugarbowl,
west of
Donner
Pass



56-174- Squaw Valley Lodge and the mountain





56-182 Christmas morning

Family Reunion



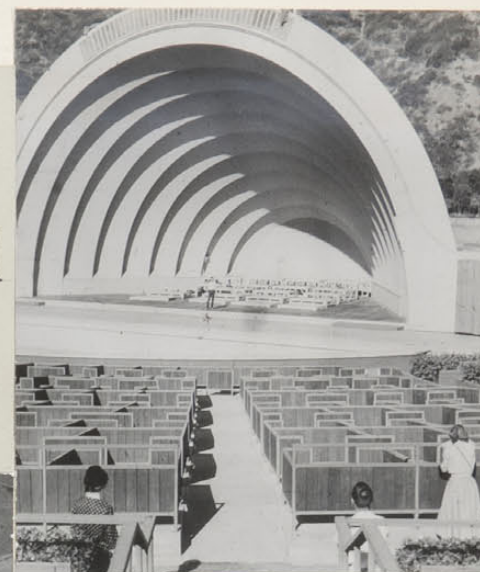
56-183 - The only family group didn't turn out so well

56-180 The tree



We Visited Hollywood

December 27, 1956



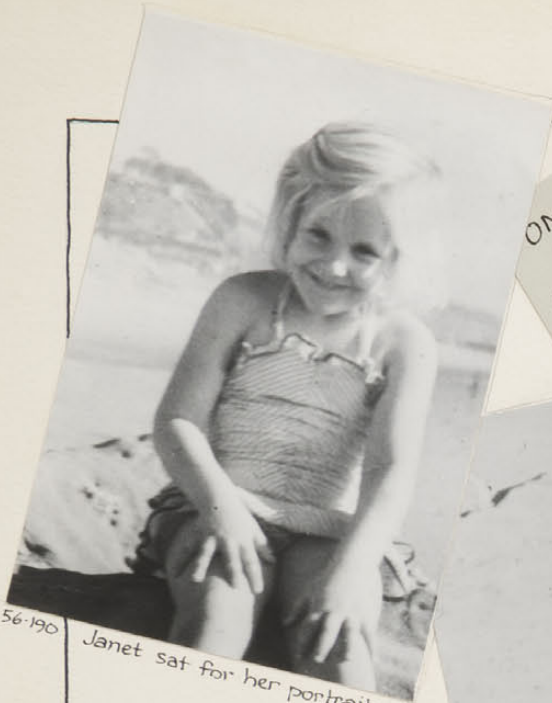
56-184 - This picture proves that Mike spoke to an audience in Hollywood Bowl.



56-186 - Betty Grable's leg at Sid Grauman's Chinese Theater.

56-188: Lunch at Farmers' Market:





56-190 Janet sat for her portrait

ON SANTA MONICA BEACH
Friday, Dec. 28, '56
All (except Don) drove to the beach, enjoyed the warm sun and ate a picnic lunch. Got home before the evening rush.



Bill

These three are all from film 56-189



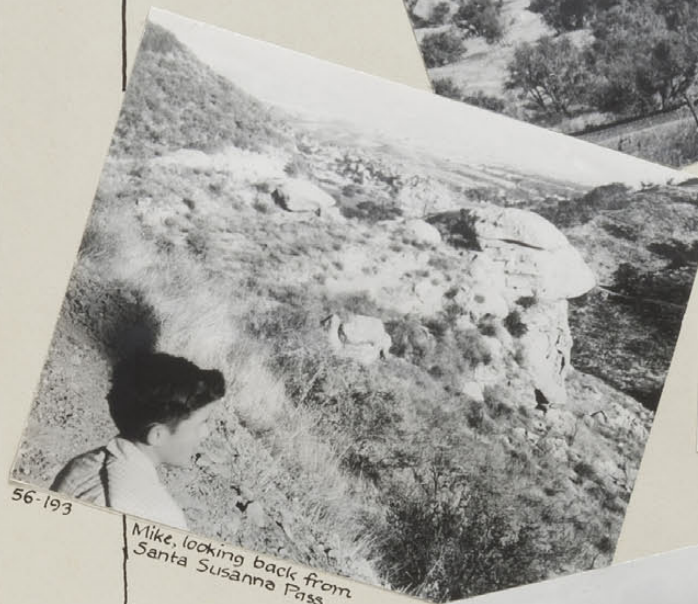
Betsy, Peg, Bob and Janet



Bertha



56-192 Stony Point



56-193

Mike, looking back from Santa Susanna Pass

A HIKE WITH MIKE Dec. 29, 1956

Betsy drove us to Stony Point, then we hiked on the road to the Pass, and back on an abandoned road. Continued, halfway home, before we phoned to be picked up.



56-195

Fire in Topanga Canyon, from near Stony Point

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Early in January, 1906, I was transferred to Spokane, with our whole Lewiston office. I roomed with Mr. Croswell's clerk, J.E. Grant, for a while, and then for several months, with Fred Peterson, who was janitor of Vincent Methodist Church. Finally in August I felt prosperous enough to have a room alone, for \$8 a month. I was more wrapped up in the church's activities than I was in my work. There was a very pleasant group of young people, and I attended church, Sunday school, Epworth League and prayer meetings. I was always a stag at the parties.

Three times I got home to Tacoma: in April, July and at Christmas. I was lonely, too introspective, and very uncertain as to my plans for the future. Early in the year I had decided to be a foreign missionary; sometimes I assumed that I would study art; but towards the end of the year I was meditating on the advantages of a farmer's life. As for engineering, I liked nothing about it, except the rare opportunity to draw a neat map. I perhaps wisely summed it up in my diary:

"The thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts, and the thoughts of this soft, green youth away from home and much away from everybody, keeping company with his books and himself, are like to be endless."

I was in the center of a great railroad construction boom, & met many interesting engineers; it's a pity I did not feel any inspiration in it all.

Though I was saving all I could, out of my hundred-dollars-a-month salary, my lifelong photographic interest was growing stronger: in June I bought a \$25 Filmplate Premo, which could use plates or the new film-packs, with groundglass focusing, an f:8 lens; picture size 3x5 inches. Soon afterwards, I got a tripod. Even with some coaching from Kokubow, my Japanese assistant in the drafting room, my pictures weren't very good.

At the close of the year I was in Yakima, then called North Yakima, on a temporary assignment.



06-19 Mother, father, Dorothy and Ama, my visit home in July. 06-23 Me and the Winton Six Croswell sometimes rented

Fifty Years Ago.



06-3



06-21



06-1



06-18



06-11



06-15

06-3 Group from Vincent Church on visit to Old Folks' Home. 06-21 Myself, at Liberty Lake (Church picnic). 06-1 A.A. Wunderlich, L.S. Oakes and J.E. Grant. Insert: Hazel, waitress at the Vegetarian Cafe. 06-18 Men of Vincent Fellowship Class. My roommate, Fred Peterson, rear row, right end. 06-11 Kem Uto Kokubow, draftsman. 06-15 A fellowship member and his girl, and Hugh Gregg (Liberty Lake)





Men of Plymouth Church.

Scale 1 mile per inch.



