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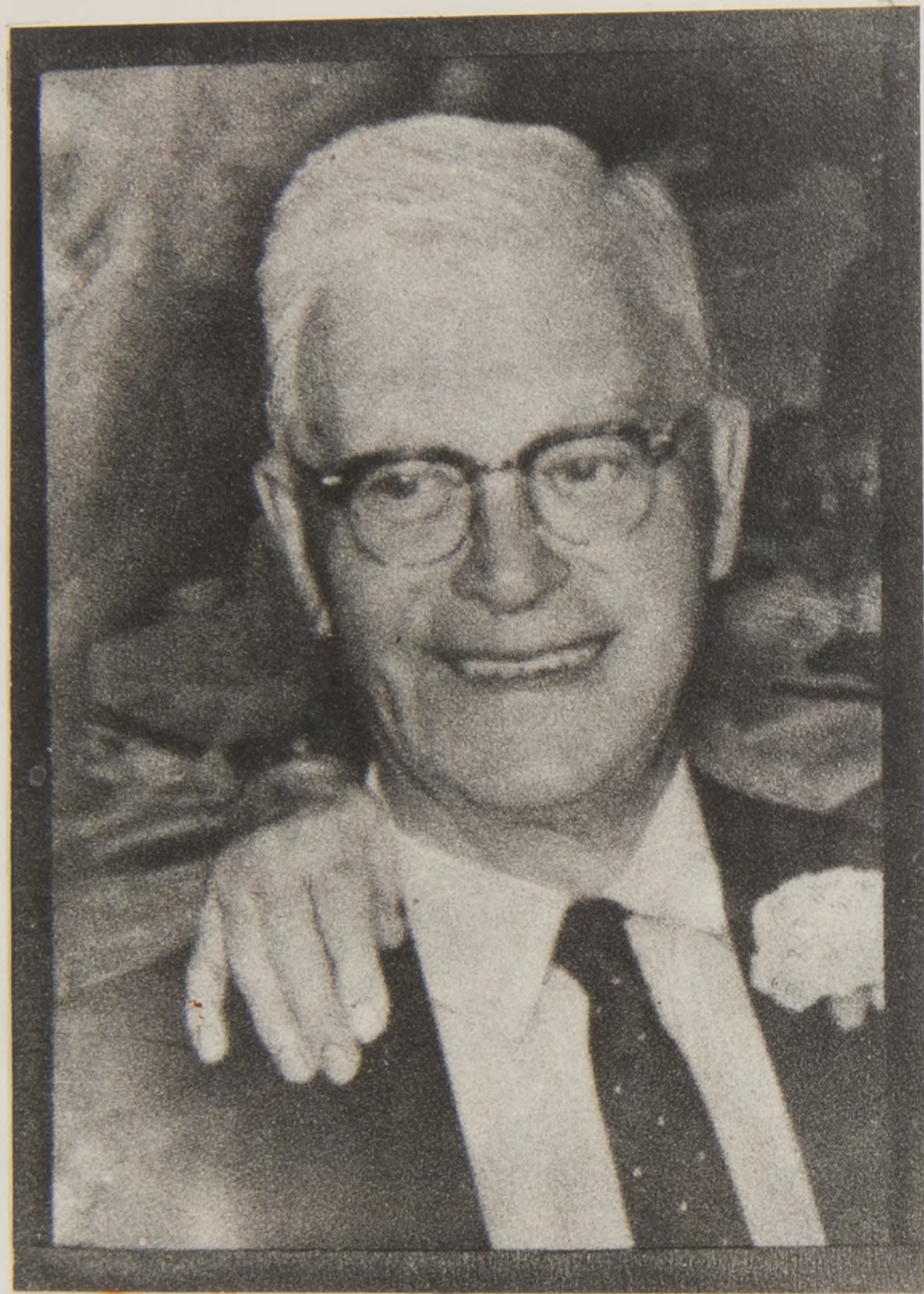
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HANDSAKER'S
ANNUAL

1968



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Mug enlarged from 35 mm color slide by Bob
Printed on Ansco Projection Proof, Halie screen



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Photocopy of my 1967 title.

Our Golden Year

It was our children's idea that we must do something special for our fiftieth anniversary. There was some discussion of Acapulco, Mexico, but we decided on Laguna Beach, a town we love. Betsy made the arrangements and she, Perry and Bill paid for the motel and banquet, gave us gifts and promised us a color television set. After the week in Laguna, we visited at Camarillo.

In St. Paul I attended the painting class at Leisure Age until July.

In April, Ed Lewis fell from his roof and was in hospital and nursing home for six months. **P**lymouth Church solved its problems by merging its dwindling membership with Macalester to form a united church on September 1st.

In August we visited our Seattle folks, and in October we went to Rockport to visit sister Dorothy and Paul.....

This was the year of national conventions and presidential election, and in November Nixon won narrowly over the Minnesotan, Humphrey... **T**he big news story was the looping of the moon by our astronauts in December, but there was more significance in the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and of Robert Kennedy and in the riots in slums and on campuses; and a good many of us were trying to find any significance for good in our involvement in Vietnam.

Photographically, nothing new except that I tried 35mm Kodacolor in California & found it good. I am using 35mm for nearly everything, mostly color, with copy negatives and tinting for prints in this book. I counted 113 of this year's pictures in this book- of which 13 are Kodacolor and 78 are copied from Kodachrome slides.



My home in a car.



Bertha at our table



Nothing to do but sleep



The St. Michael, our first home



On one of our hikes



Friedman Apts., our second home

1918-FIFTY YEARS AGO

I and my two assistants were sleeping and working in a railway car, parked below Broadway, behind the old railway office building in Saint Paul. Walking up Fourth Street in the blizzards, to eat at the New York, or Trocères, was an ordeal. We were finishing the records of last fall's surveys. I checked off every day on my calendar, in anticipation of my marriage to Bertha.

The morning of February 23rd, in the Davenport Hotel in Spokane, I found Dad, Dorothy, Ama, Bertha's father, George and Margaret Hopkins and, at last, Bertha. The wedding, at a tiny Lutheran church at Washington and Sinto streets, was at 4:30, followed by a "wedding breakfast" at the Davenport. Also present were Professor Thompson of Saint Olaf, and Bess and Franc Babcock of Ewan. All our folks left for home that evening. We went east the following night and reached the apartment I had rented in St. Paul, the night of the 26th. There I left Bertha, day after day, while I worked. I had few railroad acquaintances and Bertha knew nobody. Not until long afterward did I realize how bored and lonely she must have been. For recreation, we went to the theaters and took long walks. In March I began working in the general office building.

In April we moved to a one-room apartment near the Masonic Temple; we could see the budding tree-tops from our third-floor window. A month later, Bertha vis-

ited her sister Elma at Glenham, South Dakota for two weeks - I went there in time to bring her back. In June, Bertha started a business college course, mostly to have something to do. When I was sent to Duluth to inventory some terminals with Krogsti, Bertha was with me for a few days.

In July we knew that I would soon enter the Army. Bertha visited Elma again, returning just in time to start west with me the 17th. We visited in Tacoma and I introduced Bertha to the SSM. On the 24th, I was inducted at Camp Lewis; I was there just a month, then went by troop train to Fort Benjamin Harrison near Indianapolis. I was there until December 24th, reaching sergeant's rank and finding a good buddy in Billy Kent. I reached Tacoma the day after Christmas and went on to a reunion at the Skartvedt parsonage in the woods near La Center.

In the fall, Bertha had started teaching a country school several miles from the parsonage, and I knew I must be alone in St. Paul for a while. I stayed with Bertha about a week, before going back to my new job, a valuation draftsman, in January.

Photography: I had a little 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 folding camera with an f:6.3 lens - the pictures on the preceding page were taken with it. Then, in Duluth I got a 2 1/4 x 3 1/4, f:4.5 folding Anseo. The pictures on this page were taken with it.



I was in Duluth with Krogsti



Checkers, with Billy Kent



Me, soldier



The La Center rural parsonage



Bertha, Agnes, Elmore



Line-up at Mess time

1928~FORTY YEARS AGO

The BIG event was the birth of our son on June 29th; we named him William Nelson in August. The second biggest event was— our first car, a Studebaker, May 31st, for \$1289. The third was building a garage, all by myself, started before we got the car, and about finished by the end of the year. Most of the work filled my May vacation. Car and garage were made possible by the \$1900 I earned by drawing for the Row-Peterson history: we had no savings at all.

My railroad work included several trips of less than a week and six weeks out west in July and August, mostly on the Tacoma Division. Agnes Skartvedt was with Bertha from June 15th to August 22nd. In December, on a trip to Pasco, I saw Floyd Ivester and his wife Leona in their home in Walla Walla. I did not go with the annual division inspections.

Bertha's father and mother were here more than two weeks in June. Dorothy stopped over at Thanksgiving, and I saw her twice in Chicago.

We had two Christmas trees: one in the front yard, lighted. Our two little girls had a big time and lots of presents; our son was not much interested.

Photography was not a hobby. Aside from many railroad pictures, the ones on the opposite page are about all I took. I was still using the Ansco 2 1/4 x 3 1/4 camera I bought in 1918. I didn't even photograph the new car: the picture below is the best I can do; it was taken in 1936.



36-85



The snow hill I made in the back yard.
Three pictures featuring baby Bill.
(Peggy and Betsy in the one below.)
Three bottom ones, Betsy in her
dance costume, a friend, and Peggy.



Betsy

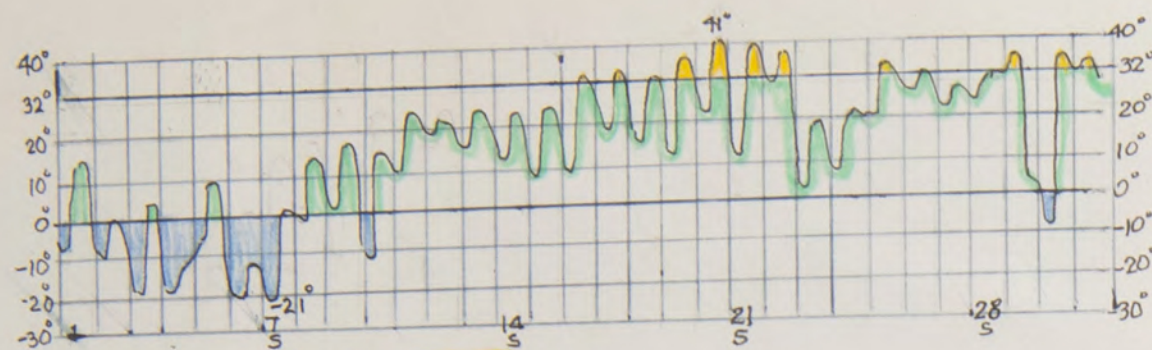


Betsy and a classmate



Peggy in Betsy's costume

Jane Ruth, dance teacher.
Costumes by her mother.



January, 1968

The first ten days were subzero and we had several two-inch snows this month, but there was not much accumulation. On New Year's we had snow; watched the Pasadena parade, off & on. The Christmas tree came down the 3rd.

I attended the art class at the retirement center on Wednesdays, and had lunch there. I tried Eichhorn's pen-and-ink and watercolor technique. Also worked on my 1967 annual and painted a frontispiece for it.

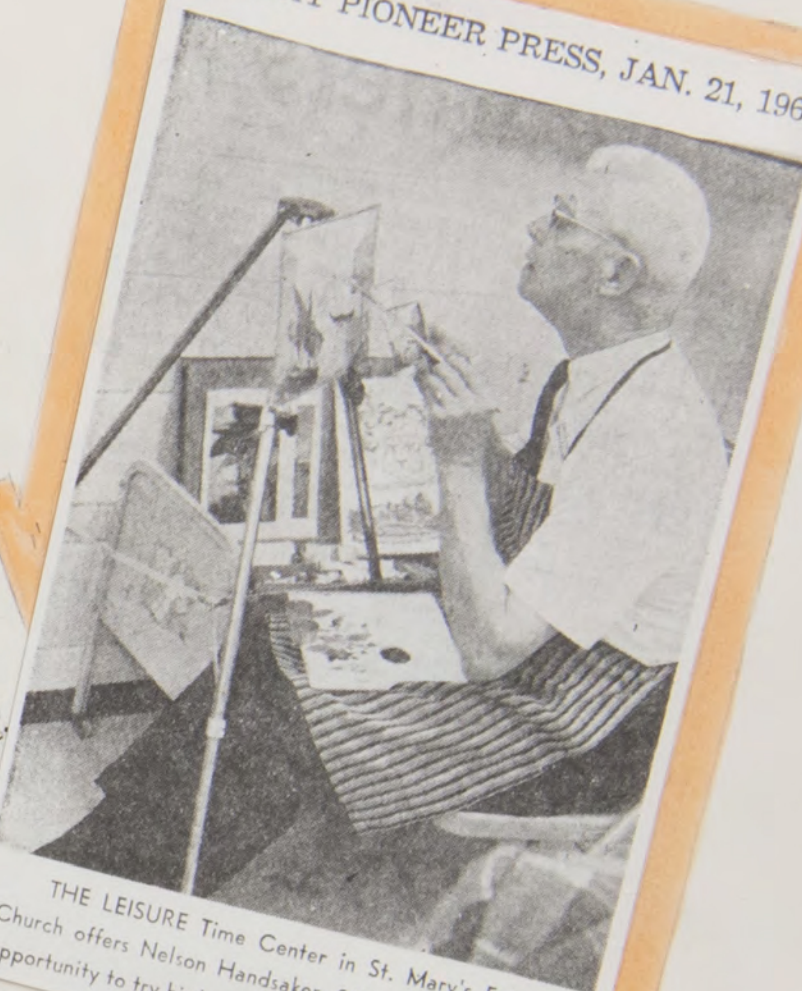
We drove down town several times, and over to Highland, where Bertha had several sessions with the dentist. On one of her trips the car was struck and damaged by two Mormon missionaries. (Elliott Magraw had a serious accident with his car.)

One day I walked from Highland to Minnehaha Falls and home. My other walks were mostly a mile or less. I saw the Winter Carnival parade the 27th with George Pepin. The bus driver forgot Cretin Avenue, and so George talked him into backtracking a mile to pick me up. That day it was freezing, with snow on the ground.

Social life: a dinner at Macalester, an evening with Bobbergs, Lloyd Anderson's 54th wedding anniversary, and the 20th our bridge-playing group honored us with dinner at Cannon's; anticipation of our 50th anniversary. Bertha had several afternoons bridging with "the girls."

Frank Darby, husband of Mollie, head cook at the St. Mary's retirement center, died of cancer the 18th.

SUNDAY PIONEER PRESS, JAN. 21, 1968



THE LEISURE Time Center in St. Mary's Episcopal Church offers Nelson Handsaker, 2191 Berkeley Ave., an opportunity to try his hand at painting.—Staff Photo.

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The oil painting class at Saint Mary's started last June with Mrs. Ion, a very inspiring teacher. In November, she turned the class over to Mr. Eichhorn, who professes not to know anything about oil painting, but is very clever with pen and ink tinted with water colors. Mrs. Ion came back in the spring of '68; then we had both of them to help us. I had never had any oil painting instruction, so I am finding this new hobby very enjoyable.

The center is open Wednesdays, from 9:30 to 4:00. There is card playing all day, various craft classes in the morning, a good lunch for 50 cents, and a sing-fest and entertainment program (slides, etc) in the afternoon. It is supported by ten churches. Attendance runs over 100, and sometimes taxes the capacity of the very good facilities at St. Mary's. I never knew this picture had been taken until I saw it in the paper.

68-7 TV Camera and Parade



68-3 The King's Float and Honor Guard



68-10 Looking down Cedar from the Public Health Building →



THE WINTER CARNIVAL PARADE Jan. 27th

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← Dayton's float
burst into flames
at Ninth and Cedar
Nobody hurt.



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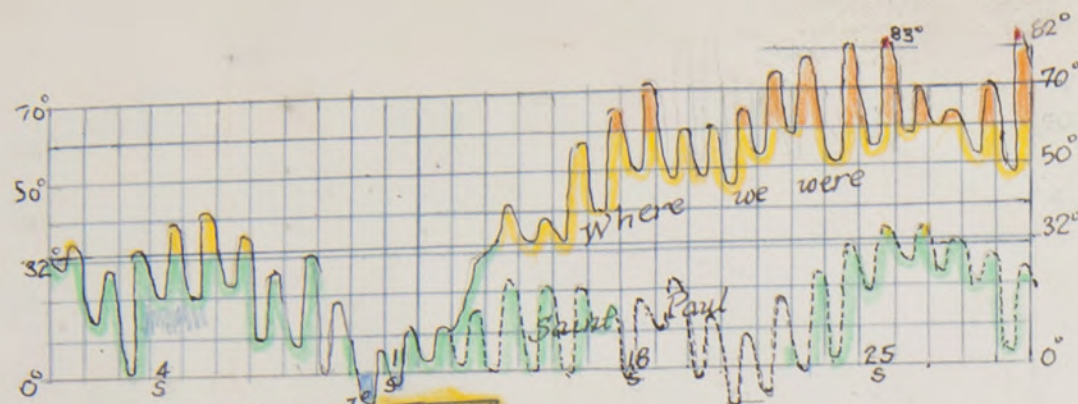
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February 1968



We were at home the first 12 days: cold, a little fresh snow. Called on Griesbachs; dined at Lee's Kitchen; saw two short plays at Edyth Bush; to Ekbergs for dinner the 10th. Bertha was busy getting ready for our big trip; I was lazy.

We entrained at noon the 13th, changed at Kansas City and were met at El Paso next evening, the 14th, delayed four hours by a freight wreck.

Two whole days with Penny & Bob at Las Cruces— (saw a fine amateur version of Camelot.) The 17th, after visiting Juarez, Penny, Ber. & I took the train to Los Angeles; Betsy met us and drove to Laguna Beach.

It was a delightful week there, in the apartment overlooking the sea. Weather perfect after two foggy days, so we were picnicking, beaching or using the warm pool. We saw our Leisure World friends. Claire and Kay Keeney spent an afternoon with us. Bob, and Agnes Mills, arrived Wednesday, Janet, Don & Bill too.

Friday the 23rd was our 50th wedding anniversary. At seven our children banqueted us at the Victor Hugo, then presented us with gifts, including the promise of a color TV set. Saturday we dined them at the hotel. Sunday, to Camarillo, dropping Bob, Penny and Bill at the airport.

Agnes was with us at Camarillo until March 1st, then she went north. We drove to Ventura and Oxnard, and I started a painting.

May God Bless You On Your
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



We received many gorgeous congratulatory cards: following is a nearly complete list:—

Ethel & Irving Van Horn
Agnes, Elma & Bernice
(another from Agnes)
Alice & Ed Snekvik
Betsy, Don & Janet
Carroll & Hazel Miller
Claire & Kay Keeney....
Thelma & Ed Leland...
Betty Bachmann.....
..... & Erma Woolston
Carl & Ruth Ekberg
E.R. & Mae Smith, with
a little vase.....
John Handsaker (London)
Agnes Neff
Dave & Jessie Morris
Florence & Jean Nienhauser
Alice & Ed Lewis
Lyngblomsten Branch #7

An anniversary dinner party was given us January 20th, at Gannons, by Agnes Neff, Nellie Grosse, Lorraine & Al Miller, Lou Bean, Elliott & Martha Magraw, Myrtle Potter, and Edna Thuma, and they gave us a golden candy box (pottery.)

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY
FROM YOUR
CHILDREN

1968



COLOR TV

THIS PICTURE WILL BE REPLACED FOR
THE REAL THING
IN ST PAUL

To Mom

This bracelet is part of our gift to you
when the rest didn't come 'twas the best
we could do.

We ordered a charm to mark the date
But as you see, it's too too late
We hope you won't have too long
a wait

For the charm that completes
our congratulate!

Your kids



68-K-0

Bob and Penny's home in Las Cruces.

Penny and Bob have sold their house but will retain possession until June. They intend to go to Spain again this summer, and may spend the next school year in Berkeley so Bob can write and use the Bancroft reference library.



68-K-7

It happened to be Winter Festival Week of the Laguna Beach Arts and Crafts Association; there were exhibits on their grounds, a street dance, a garden tour, etc., all of which made the town even more interesting than usual.



68-K-6



68-K-2

68-K-3



68-K-4

February 21, Laguna had a garden tour; a 3 1/2 hour visit taking in about seven gorgeous gardens with a bus transportation and a lunch, all for a dollar and a half. There were some hard feelings when the bus didn't return in two hours to get another load, but we on the first load had a grand tour. Here are just a few highlights: a bridge in an orient- al rock garden; a driftwood tree with potted succulents "growing" on it; and a garden overlooking the sea and the town.



68-K-11

AROUND "VACATION VILLAGE
MOTEL"

← In front of our apartment; the beach.



68-K-9 Breakfast in the
Apartment



68-K-10

On our balcony (Betsy and Agnes)
Sunset from the apartment →



68-K-15

Betsy
Bill Jr.
Penny



68-K-8



Janet
Yours truly
and Bertha

These two from
Bob's Kodachrome slides

Bill Jr.
Penny
Myself
Bertha
Betsy →

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Bill Jr., Janet, Penny, Betsy-Agnes, Bill Sr., Bertha, Don.

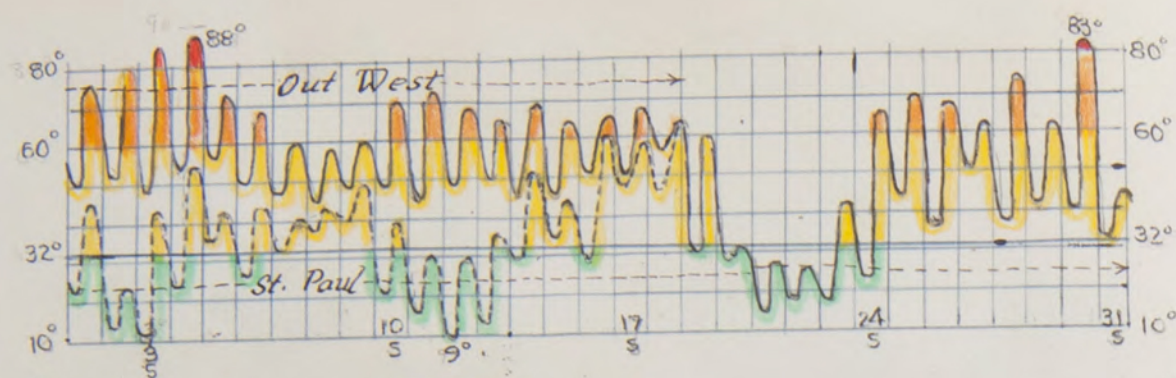


The
Banquet at
Victor Hugo

68-K-14 Penny, Bill, Janet, Bob, Betsy

Janet, Penny, Betsy,
Agnes, I, Bertha, Don
(Bob's Kodachrome slide)





March 1968

Bertha and I stayed with Don, Betsy and Janet until the 16th. I walked the four-mile circuit around the Country Club twice, wheeled some gravel and finished my painting. Betsy was substitute-teaching occasionally. We shopped in Camarillo, Oxnard, Ventura and Thousand Oaks. Janet was busy in high school & its society: painting house numbers on curbs (a civic project) and an overnight ski trip. Evenings mostly we looked at some good TV movies. Weather, fine except one heavy rainstorm.

On the 16th, we were taken to the Los Angeles depot, stopping first at the Art Museum. Quite a tussle getting our tickets, but after a hot-dog lunch in the patio we got on the 1:15 train; changed trains at Barstow with two hours for supper; and rode the two-storied San Francisco Chief to Kansas City with a bedroom the first night. Lewises met us at the Saint Paul depot in a rainstorm.

I had a bad cold for a few days; I was busy with the mail; later, I began to rake & dispose of leaves; bound my '67 annual & made this one blank. Bertha was busy restocking the pantry, & got a permanent. Bill came, to urge us to accept a color TV from our kids. I attended the art class once.

St. Paul's Church dinner the 27th- then to Lewises (our Spanish slides.) The 31st, President Johnson made his sensational renunciation of re-election, and "any place, any time" promise to talk peace with N. Vietnam.



68-K-21 On the Patio.

Janet's New Nightgown

At Raudenbushes?
- Camarillo

Down the Barranca



68-K-16



68-K-20



68-K-18

Near Camarillo

← The Ojai Valley,
from the County Park
where we picnicked



68-K-17

Oxnard Valley
from near the
Country Club



68-K-19

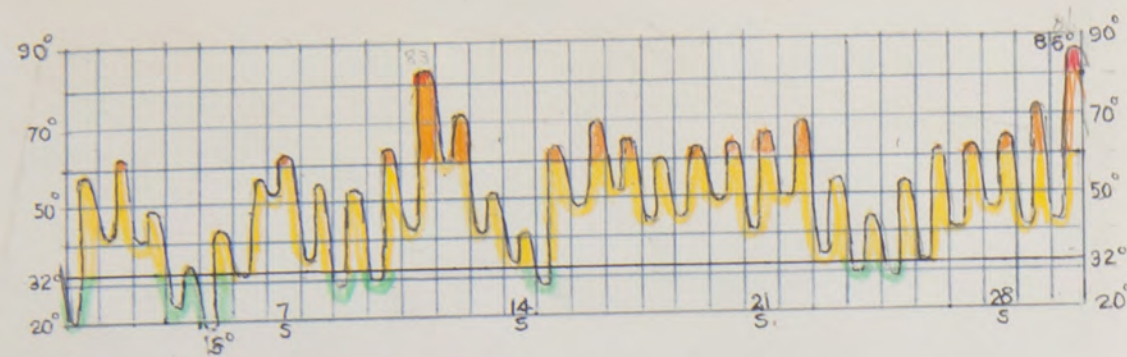


4 Feb '68

Dear Grandpa & Grandma:

We're in the last week of our 3-week ski trip to Europe. Just got back from a week-long side trip to St. Moritz and Davos, concentrating our efforts on western Austria (St. Anton, Lach, Zurs). Weather has been very fine, conditions excellent; a very successful trip.

From here we'll probably go on to Innsbruck and Kitzbuhel, then back to New York via Munich. Love
Mike



April 1968

The great event of our month was the delivery of a 23" color television set the 17th: Bill got tired of waiting for us to make up our minds. He came over a couple of evenings and rigged up an attic antenna, but even on rabbit-ears it exceeded my expectations— we're ddighted with this generous gift from our children.

I finished raking leaves, planted beans & carrot seed, spread compost and filled a hole in the front lawn where a stump had rotted. I attended three sessions of the art dass, and this month I ushered at the church. I also did some work on church history. A walk to Shadow Falls was my longest. Physical checkup, 8th: O.K.

Easter the 14th; light rain in the morning. We had Lewises for dinner. Plymouth Church is very close to a merger with Macalester— final vote in May.

We dined with Magraws at the Quality (7th) at Agnes Neff's with a card party (6th); at Gim's Chinese Cafe, six of us, & cards at our house (20th).

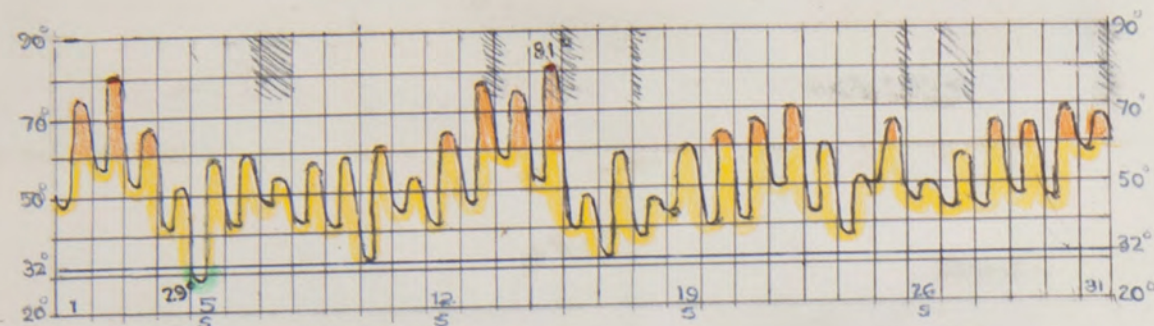
Ed Lewis fell off of a second story porch roof the 26th while Alice was shopping with Bertha. He was very seriously injured, but after several days, seemed to be improving. Their planned trip to Spain and Portugal in May had to be canceled.

Martin Luther King was murdered in Memphis the 4th, and his funeral the 9th was a national day of mourning. The frustrated blacks rioted in Washington and other cities in the meantime.



Nokomis Picnic
May 2nd





May 1968

More gardening than anything else: weeding, transplanting sweet alyssum into borders front and back, planting a few annuals and six tomatoes. The crabapple tree was in full bloom May 1st, and by the 31st the iris were in full bloom. The weather, good—first week too dry, then a rainy day, occasional night rains.

Social life: a picnic at Lake Nokomis with our friends, the 2nd. Mollie here the 5th; Magraws here the next evening. Mothers' day, 12th, we took Mollie along to Bill's apartment, where he served broiled teebones. Bertha had canasta parties, 10th and 17th. Ekhegns here for dinner the 18th. Bertha's birthday, the 23rd, we two dined at Ports, then saw Shaw's "Candida" at the Edyth Bush. Millers came to see our new TV the 30th—4³⁰ to 10³⁰. And Bertha had several afternoons out, at cards.

Ed Lewis continued to improve from his fall. We visited him—and Alice—at the hospital twice, and before the month's end he was moved to a convalescent home. Alice and her daughter were here one evening.

The merger of Plymouth Church with Macalester was voted, 85 to 37, on the 26th. There was much discussion, with vigorous opposition, but no one came up with any plan to finance our continuance, alone.

The demands of the garden made me drop out of the art class after the 20th. Mrs. Wilson had a tea for the class at her home.

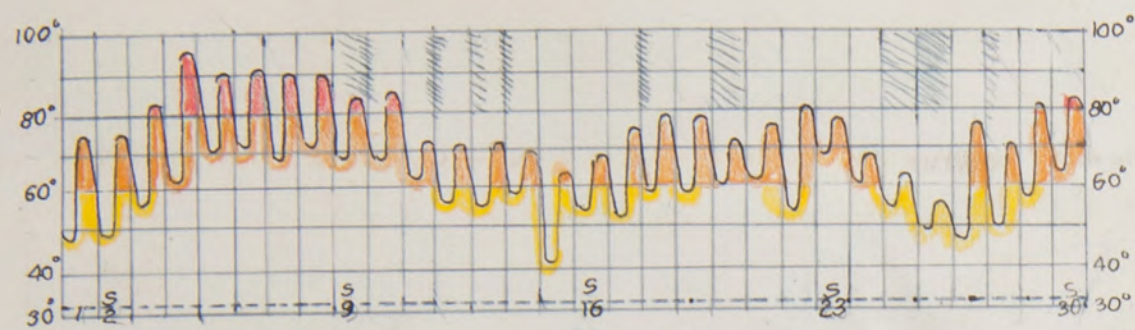
BERTHA'S CANASTA PARTY - MAY 10TH



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Maude Madson, Therese Folsom, Bertha, Melon Griesbach,
Marguerite Jodl Laura Sherman

On the 17th, Agnes Neff's birthday, Bertha had another party, for Agnes, Nellie, Myrtle, Edna, Lou and Martha.



J

une 1968

Half the days were perfect. The first week was fair & hot; a couple of stormy days; (a tornado wrecked Tracy the 13th) and several wet nights and days.

The month's shocking event was the killing of Robert Kennedy, campaigning for the presidency, in Los Angeles the 5th.

My work was mainly gardening, & church history research, & putting up screens. With Bertha, I made one trip down town and one to Minneapolis, where I bought a summer coat. We visited Ed Lewis at Golden Age twice.

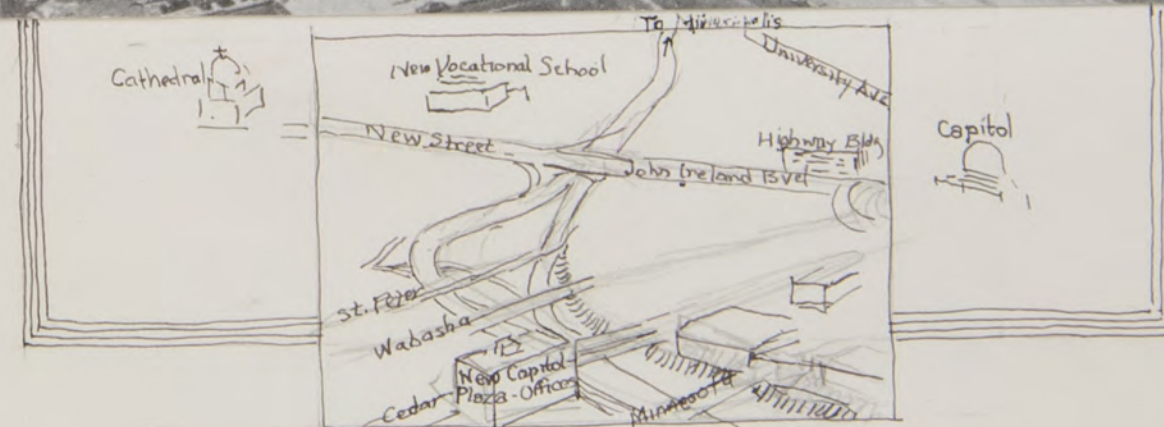
Elymouth Church entered the three summer months of shared services with Olivet and People's, a month at each, and was preparing to merge with Macalester, beginning September 1st.

The Fifteenth, we went with Magraws to Somerset (pea soup) and the 30th, on an all-day bus trip to Hayward, Wisconsin with Habereorns' travel club. This month we saw two good movies.

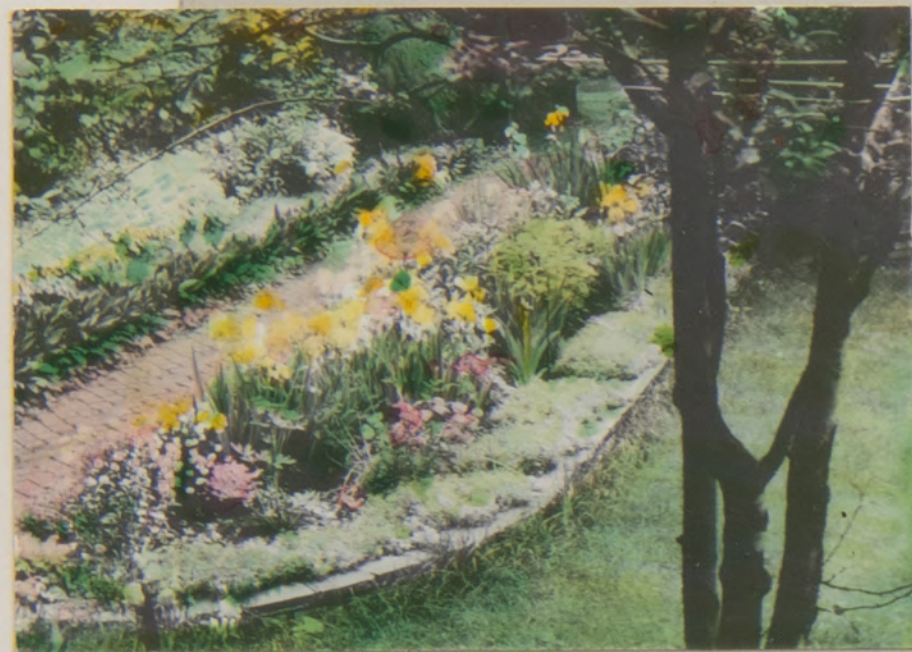
1st: Picnic supper on Magraws' porch & color TV here.
13th: Betty Bachmann & Mrs. Woolston here: "Lands & Seas" and supper. **22nd:** Harry & Helen Griesbach here for dinner, TV and bridge. **29th:** Agnes Neffs for dinner, and Samba- six of us. And Bertha had lunch & cards with her friends several afternoons.



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Copied from a newspaper illustration



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June 1st

In the
Back Yard



68-23

June 15th

from Miranda Kodachrome II



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PEA SOUP
AT SOMERSET

June 15th

Bertha, Elliott and Martha

Afterwards, we
had a picnic at
Pioneer Park on the
hill at Stillwater...



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CHARTER TRIP TO HAYWARD WIS.

The travel club of which Haberkorn is a member chartered a bus, June 30; Lewises, Bertha and I went along, via Stillwater and Turtle Lake. We had a noon dinner at the Loggers' Cookshack in Hayward and saw the Indian village and museum, and had a ride on the river. Weather mostly cloudy, a trace of rain. On the way back we stopped at a wood-carver's exhibition.

Upper left, our bus

Left, dinner at the Cookshack.



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This is the Nema-
tigon Queen, on
which we took a
short ride.

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68-28 Our Indian Guide



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Birchbark canoe and, lower right,
the cradle on which it's fabricated....

Our guide, again



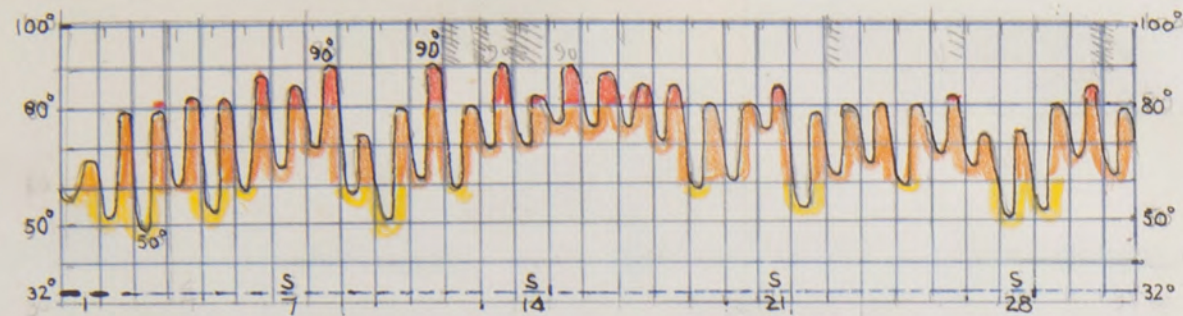
68-30 An Ojibway Indian tepee



68-29

Copies of Kodachrome
slides, Miranda cam.

July
1968



We rode to Lacrosse with Magraws the 2nd, and 3rd; Elliott stopped in several towns. The 30th, I accompanied Elliott on a business trip through southern Minnesota.

I walked to Minnehaha Falls and back, the 15th, and to St. Mary's church for the painting class the 17th; drove to the class, the 24th.

Garden work took quite a lot of my time, and I worked several half-days on Plymouth Church's history. Three-church services were at Plymouth, so the 26th was the last time we met in Plymouth, - then Olivet and People's; in September we will be merged with Macalester Church.

Eating out: - dinner at the Quality, 7th; Holiday Inn near White Bear, 13th (and evening at Millers); Jim's Highland, 20th with Agnes & Myrtle. Dined at home the 18th, celebrating my next day 81st birthday with a watermelon; Bill was here. Betsy, Don and Janet phoned, the 19th. A broiler party, 27th, at Magraw's.

The 24th, Bertha picnicked at Taylors Falls with Edith Pates and friends. Bertha & some friends lunched at Sibley Tea House, 30th. She entertained, the 9th & 11th.

We saw one movie, "Thoroughly Modern Millie". Visited Ed & Alice Lewis at rest home twice. Ed's recovery is slow. We usually watch "Of Lands & Seas" on TV, 4 to 5, & this month we saw two Aquatennial parades on TV.



68-36 Elevators at Rushford



68-35 Approaching Rushford, Minn.

68-34 Highway 44 west of Houston, Minn.



Our Motel at La Crosse, Wis.

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From Kodachrome II slides
Miranda T camera

Southeast Minnesota with Magraws



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July 15th

At Minnehaha Falls

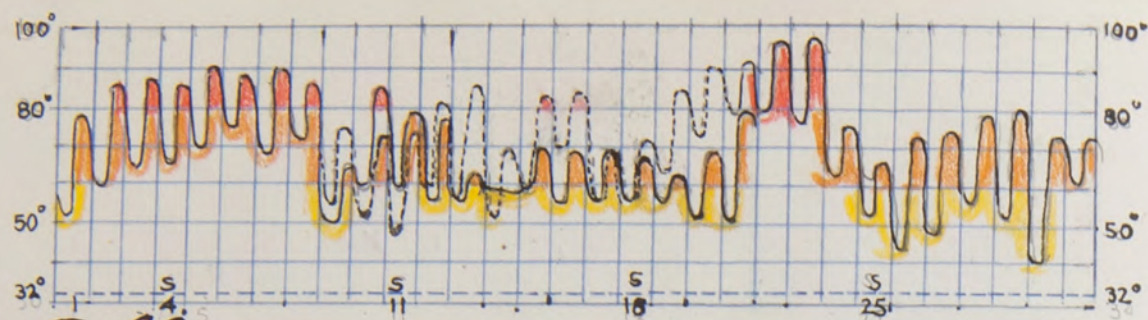
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Our West Front
Sept. 11.



West Backyard

The Garden

August 1968



We left for Seattle the evening of the 8th; Bill took us to the Minneapolis depot. As we can now get one pass a year on the North Coast Limited, it took only one full day (and two nights) to reach Seattle on the morning of the 10th. We visited our relatives for ten days; we had two drives north. One with Snekviks (visiting, too) was to see Ed's shore lot on the east side of Whidbey Island; the other with Agnes to see Linvogs' new house in Anacortes; - also to see Mount Erie. On the one rainy day, Agnes took us to see Joy Samson and her children on Mercer Island. We also called on Homer Benjamin next door. The 17th, we went to Doug Linvogs' wedding in Tacoma - right home that evening. We returned to St. Paul the 20th to 22nd.

Before we went west, I did a lot of garden work; felt good and did quite a lot of walking, but more in Seattle.

The last nine days, back to garden work. We visited Ed Lewis, still at the Golden Age home. We saw a New England slide show at the Wilder senior center, down town. We attended the last of the three-church summer sessions, at Olivet. Magraws, Lou and Agnes had dinner with us the 24th.

National events - the Republican national convention, held at Miami, opened the 5th, and the Democrats had theirs in Chicago near the end of the month. Very evident that the "organization" had made all the decisions: that the "convention" is just a television spectacular. Nixon and Humphrey are the presidential candidates.

Two views of the Puget Sound waterfront at Ballard:

Top one, towards Golden Gardens...

Below, towards the entrance to Ballard Locks...



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68-41

Right: This is the house near Elma's that sold for \$22,500. We gave a thought or two to buying it....

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Agnes, Elma,
Bertha at the
wedding, in
Tacoma at the
First Presby-
terian Church.

August 17th



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Betty, Doug, Bernice & Earl Linvog at Elma's



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In the Receiving Line.



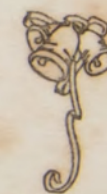
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Refreshments

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Before the Ceremony



Betty and Doug
August 17, 1968

Thank you for sharing our evening of joy
As we witnessed our two children wed.
We bless this day and wish for sweet peace
As their lives by the Father are led.

This date was so special for Betty and Doug
In every detail and way
And our hearts go out to you, dear friends,
You helped make their perfect day!

Their Parents



Two views of Ed's
& Alice's waterfront
building site on the
east shore of
Whidbey Island,
August 18th

68-50

Below—

View over Anacortes
from Earl & Bernice's
new house being built
for Joan and Bob
to live in.



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From
Mount
Erie



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68-52

Mount Erie is a big
hill south of Anacort-
tes. We drove to the top,
which is a natural
park. Even in hazy
weather, the view is
magnificent. We
were there August
19th.



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COMING HOME

The new Green River
Reservoir, nearly empty.

East of the Cascade
Mountain summit
↓



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In the vista-dome
of our sleeper →

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The "Back Yard:"
Steps up the "Mountain"-
September 9th.



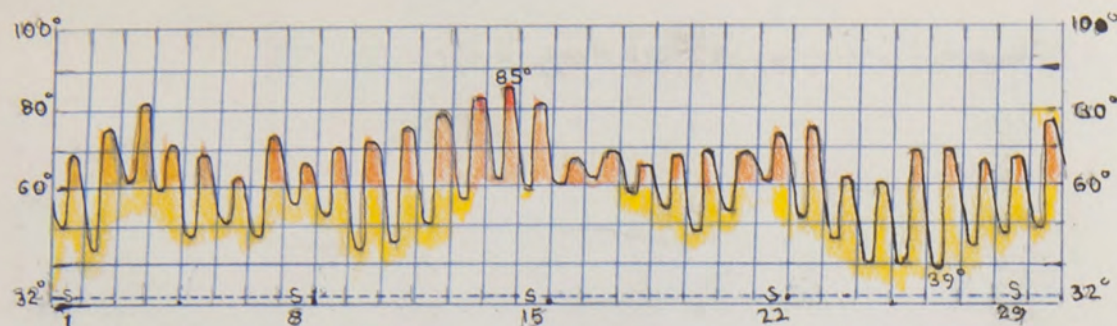
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Premature Autumn
Color in a tree on South
Cleveland Avenue
September 9th.



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September
1968



Night showers the first week, and rain off and on, from the 16th to the 22nd. I wrote and typed church history, getting it nearly up to date; got most of the windows washed and storm windows in place, and took quite a few walks of a mile or so.

Sunday the 1st was the first united Macalester-Plymouth service; scarcely any mention of it, but there was a special merger service, the 15th. Morris was here for lunch the 11th; they're very bitter about the merger.

We picnicked with Agnes Neff at the foot of Summit Ave. the 3rd. ~ ~ We went to Golden Age the 8th; saw Ed, Alice and Ed's cousin. ~ ~ The 24th, Bertha & Alice had a Northern Federal boat ride on the St. Croix and I met them afterwards at Golden Age. ~ ~ The 11th, Bertha and I went to the St. Mary's retirement center for lunch & a program. I looked in on the painting class; haven't attended for a good while. ~ ~ I went down town the 16th to photograph the big river boat "Delta Queen" on her final trip - these pictures didn't materialize. (all my September pictures were lost by failure of the film to wind.)

Our crowd dined at Gannon's the 21st, then played canasta at Edna Thuma's house. ~ ~ After church, the 29th, we dined at the Quality Tearoom, guests of Agnes Neff.

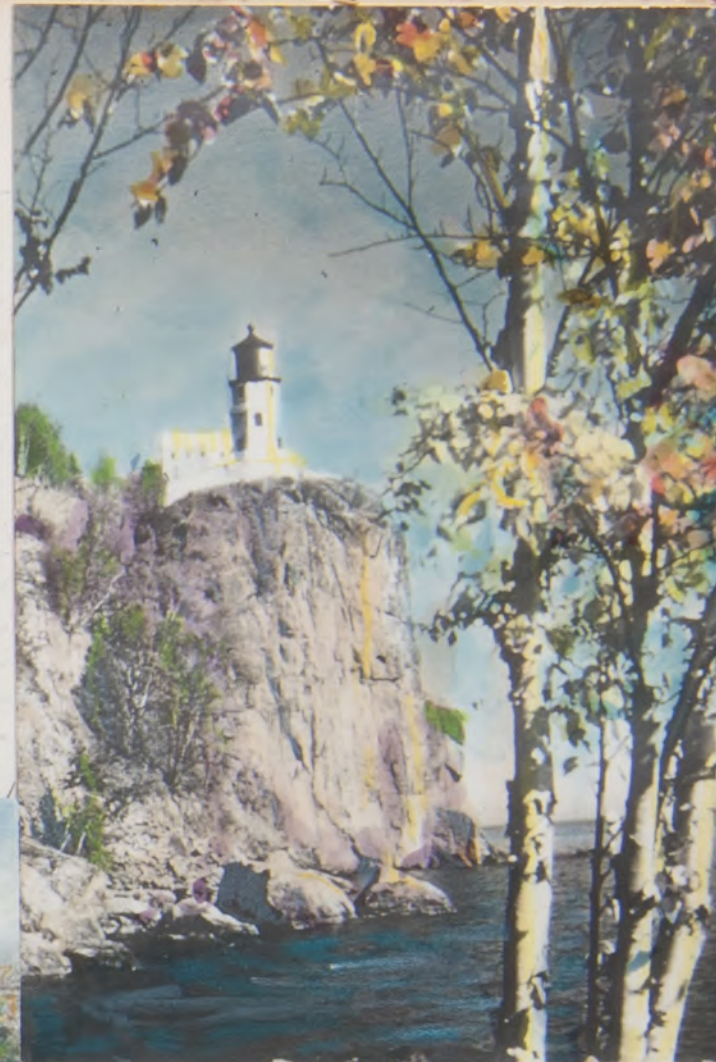
The North Shore drive with Magraws, the 26th to 28th, will be described elsewhere.

The last two days were spent in preparation for our visit with Dorothy and Paul at Rockport, Mass.

OUR NORTH-SOUTH SHORE TRIP SEPTEMBER 26th TO 28th

Elliott Magraw drove, his sister Harriet Pugh, Martha, Agnes Neff, Bertha & I went along. Highway 61 and 23 to Fond du Lac, Duluth and Grand Marais, where we stayed overnight at the Shoreline Motel. That's as far as we went; then back to Duluth. We had the Welches with us for lunch at the Buena Vista restaurant and saw Welches' apartment. Then over the new harbor bridge & east from Superior along the south side of Lake Superior, to Bayfield, spending the night in another modern motel. Next morning, on a boat to Madeline Island. Finding museum closed, we returned on the same ferry. Then homeward, via Ashland, Hayward, Taylors Falls and Stillwater.

We were early for autumn color: only a few brilliant patches. Weather was pleasant.



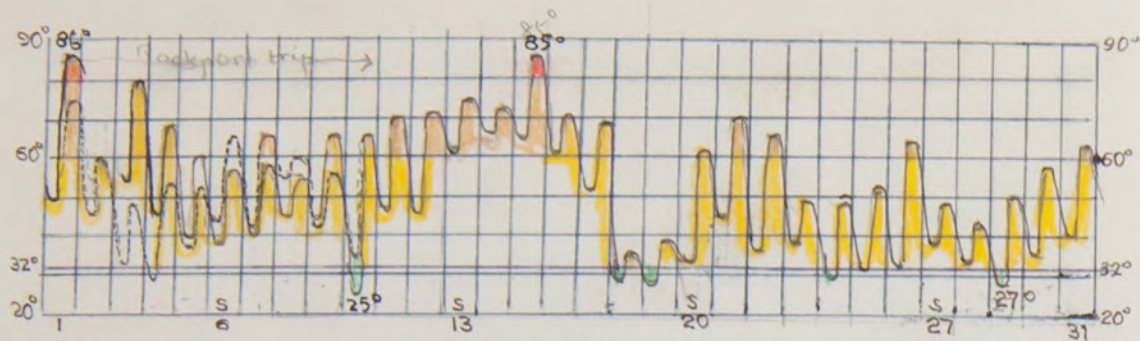
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I didn't get any pictures; again, I failed to get the film properly started in my Miranda camera. So here are three old-timers to remind me of the trip.

Top, Split Rock Light, which this time we passed without a stop. 68-99

Second, a small state park, overlooking the Saint Louis River valley, I think. - 68-100

Bottom, Bayfield with Madeline Island in the distance. 52-116



OCTOBER
1968

The weather: mostly fine, but there were rainy days- the 16th, 17th, 18th and 23rd; and there were several wet nights. In Rockport we had one much needed all-day rain.

The 1st to 10th, our visit to Rockport is described on the following pages. Returned, we saw "Half-a-Sixpence" at the Grandview, the 11th. The 13th, we called on Lewises, and had a ride with Ed's cousin Adolph. Ed had been home a week. About then, the maples were in full fall color- Bertha and I took a few walks.

Magraws drove us to Rochester via River Falls the 15th: we lunched at the fabulous cafe in the old Northwestern depot; and after church the 20th, we rode with Brubachers to Astor (hamburgers) and the apple orchards near Prescott.

Bertha had a card party the 18th. She bridged at Edna's the 14th, Ruby's the 17th, Marg. Jodl's the 29th & Folsom's the 31st. We both dined at Gammons the 26th, then played bridge at Agness.

Mollie was here the 27th. (That morning Milo Farmer preached his last sermon for us.) This was the first day of slow time. The morning of the 17th, Mrs. Wicker, our new neighbor two doors east, died suddenly.

My chief activity was garden work- raking and composting or burning leaves, pulling up the beans, tomatoes, etc. and also washing and putting up storm windows. My longest walk was up to Macalester and back, about three miles. I also did some church-history work.



68-67

A Glimpse from the Train- the Berkshires in Massachusetts

Our Trip East: Elliott Magraw took us to the train. The ride on the Zephyr was pleasant, but I was in a stew because of a close connection in Chicago. We made it, all right, had sleepercoach berths and were met by Paul and Dorothy in Boston at 2 p.m., the 2nd. We were in Rockport until the 9th- took almost daily drives around Cape Ann, a little early for brightest color, but we enjoyed plenty of beauty and the quaint communities. One day Paul drove us clear to Newburyport. I found a few chores to do. Plenty of fresh cider to drink.

We were disappointed that Mike was having car troubles, so he couldn't drive up from New London, as he had planned.

Bertha and I attended Congregational church services, the 6th. Paul goes to Boston to teach art, twice a week.

When we started home, the 9th, we took the suburban train to Boston. Had two hours in Chicago. I brought home 100 of my favorite penny caramels, which I got at the Country Store on Bearskin Neck.



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68-68
Dorothy's
House in
the Woods:
42 Haven Avenue

68-69
Woodland Path
to the Seashore
from the house



68-73
Somebody's
Gateway to
the Sea—



68-72
An Oak on
Haven Avenue

68-71 "Big Boy"—
the Pet Pheasant



68-78
Morning View—
Dorothy's
Woods



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68-77
Antique Shop
on Bearskin
Neck

68-76
Bearskin Neck,
Rockport



68-75
Rockport's
Inner Harbor

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68-82 Halibut Point →

These two views are
very near Dorothy's
house.



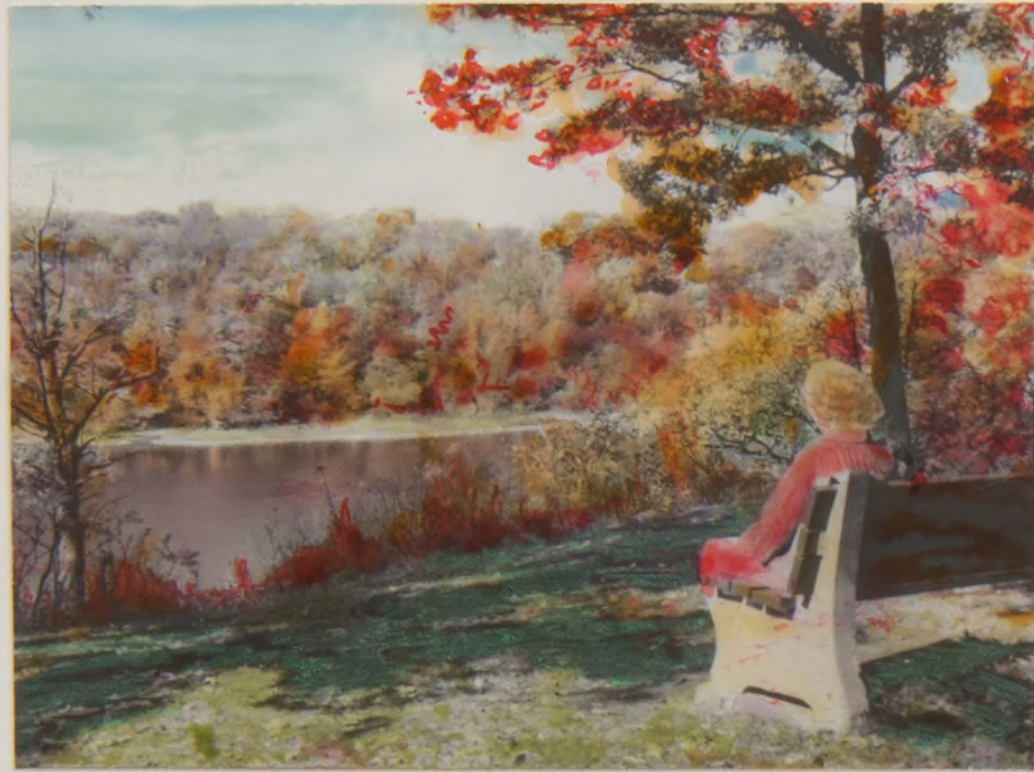
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Hoop Pole Bay -

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Two Views in Newburyport, where the color
was more advanced than at Rockport.

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68-84. The River at the foot of St. Clair Ave.



68-90 Another view at the foot of St. Clair.



68-89

Our Front Gate, and
Mrs. Holman's Maple just
beginning to show autumn
color.



68-86

Home Again

Our oak in the back yard.
It lost its top last year,
but there's a lot left—

November
1968

1st, with Elliott to see the new Vocational School; specially impressed with printing department. 16th, a "cute" show at Grandview - little French Jewish refugee. 17th, Brubachers' travel slides. 19th, our first Melo-mac dinner (middle-aged Macalester group.) 21st, 'mum show at Como Conservatory; 22nd, Bertha's sudden inspiration led the "gang" to buffet-lunch at the plush Camelot in S.W. Mpls., then canasta & supper with us. 24th, Lewises drove us to the Wilder residences, where we saw Si Knight.

Thanksgiving, 28th, at Bill's with Mollie. Bill cooked the excellent partridge dinner. 30th, with Alice and Agnes, to the Auditorium: "Guys and Dolls" a comedy with music. ~ ~ ~ Oh, yes, and the 10th, Alice Lewis, with Ed, took us for a drive to see two cousins of Ed's in a new apartment in Southwest Minneapolis.

Karth Trounces Barrette

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States Shifting In Seesaw Vote

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SERVICE CUTS SEEN

St. Paul Voters Defeat Tax Hike

St. Paul Dispatch

HUMPHREY CONCEDES NIXON VICTORY

State's House Liberal Leaders Are Defeated

GOP Piles
 Governor
 Majority



WEARY CANDIDATE
*Hubert Still Hopeful
Before Going to Bed*

Cloudy. Cold
Snow Showers
In Forecast

Congratulates Opponent, Vows Total Support

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President Vote By States

LATEST VOTE FOR PRESIDENT
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State	Per Cent	Humphrey—Pet.	Nixon—Pet.	Wallace—Pet.	Elec. Trend	Dem.	Grand Total	3rd
ALABAMA	84	140,031-14	138,114-14	643,052-66	0	0	0	10
ALASKA	56	16,297-41	17,106-46	3,875-10	0	3	0	0
ARIZONA	80	132,148-35	277,065-56	34,233-09	0	5	0	0
CALIF.	53	79,961-31	72,283-31	106,438-41	0	0	6	0
COLO.	96	3,012,500-46	3,146,943-48	448,966-07	0	40	0	0
CONN.	96	331,208-42	404,221-51	59,289-07	0	6	0	0
DEL.	100	624,809-50	857,100-44	76,160-06	8	0	0	0
DC	100	88,119-42	95,686-43	27,608-13	3	3	0	0
FLA.	100	136,452-82	29,617-18		3	0	0	0
GEO.	92	567,211-30	751,576-40	555,290-30	0	14	0	0
HAW.	72	234,198-28	262,242-29	410,970-45	0	0	12	0
IDA.	78	195,644-58	80,540-41	3,283-01	4	0	0	0
ILL.	95	82,802-31	150,855-56	33,331-13	0	4	0	0
IND.	90	1,610,789-45	1,877,019-47	331,181-06	0	28	0	0
IOWA	95	765,421-39	1,009,718-50	230,846-17	0	13	0	0
KANS.	97	456,104-41	579,115-33	62,506-06	0	9	0	0
KY.	91	268,292-35	419,677-65	172,827-10	7	7	0	0
LA.	93	363,499-38	417,891-44	173,687-18	0	9	0	0
ME.	97	304,041-29	349,397-23	512,627-48	0	0	10	0
MASS.	90	201,199-56	154,143-43	5,994-02	4	0	0	0
MAR.	100	519,787-43	500,600-42	177,422-15	10	0	0	0
MICH.	86	1,185,882-63	595,555-32	96,630-05	14	0	0	0
MISS.	64	1,102,343-49	928,780-41	227,489-10	21	0	0	0
MINN.	90	785,948-54	612,103-42	65,963-05	10	0	0	0
MISS.	95	140,716-23	85,714-14	382,556-64	0	0	7	0
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MON.	74	75,752-44	85,204-49	12,247-07	0	4	0	0
NEBR.	91	147,302-33	266,013-59	28,368-03	0	5	0	0
NEV.	93	53,682-40	63,391-47	17,475-13	0	3	0	0
NHAM.	99	129,522-44	152,872-52	10,796-04	0	4	0	0
NJER.	99	1,248,748-45	1,399,461-46	253,411-09	0	17	0	0
NMEX.	100	128,838-40	164,350-52	250,535-08	0	4	0	0
NYORK.	100	3,444,812-50	2,966,987-40	347,786-05	43	0	0	0
NCAR.	98	454,060-29	612,882-29	496,635-31	0	13	0	0
NDAK.	70	74,023-39	106,210-36	10,761-06	0	4	0	0
OHIO.	94	1,608,942-43	1,694,978-45	44,865-12	0	28	0	0
OKLA.	94	278,550-32	405,123-47	173,302-20	0	8	0	0
ORE.	90	295,869-44	337,621-50	43,499-06	0	6	0	0
PENN.	92	2,015,359-47	1,898,388-45	533,163-06	29	0	0	0
RI.	100	230,497-25	115,929-31	14,967-04	4	0	0	0
SOCAR.	91	187,825-29	246,922-29	202,877-32	0	8	0	0
SODAK.	86	86,551-40	113,310-51	19,146-09	0	4	0	0
TENN.	98	334,241-28	443,742-38	402,388-34	0	11	0	0
TEX.	85	1,044,722-42	1,002,000-40	470,354-19	25	0	0	0
UTAH.	100	152,455-36	241,608-37	28,356-06	0	4	0	0
VT.	93	69,143-44	82,321-33	4,727-03	0	3	0	0
VIR.	93	435,406-37	578,038-45	216,810-24	0	12	0	0
WASH.	73	424,150-48	391,809-45	77,000-07	9	0	0	0
WVA.	95	357,850-50	291,190-41	69,313-10	7	0	0	0
WIS.	99	740,496-44	810,768-48	125,693-08	0	12	0	0
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THE ELECTION- Nov. 5.



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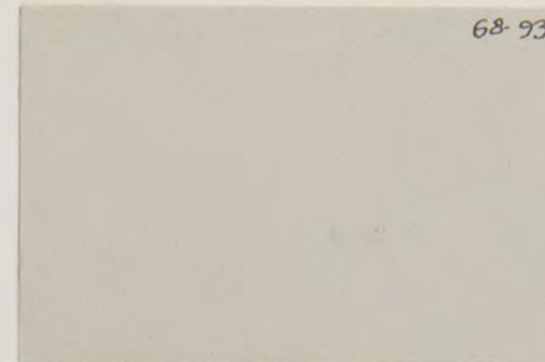
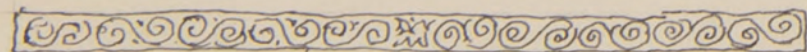


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Top - First Snow:
November 9th.

Lower: Lorraine Miller, Agnes Neff, Bertha, Edna Thuma.

There should have been a third picture, to commemorate our Thanksgiving dinner with Bill in his apartment, but it was such a poor likeness of everybody that they made me take it out. Bill's an excellent chef, and the partridge he prepared was the best wildfowl I ever ate. There were enough other things to make it a real feast. We picked up Mollie Savold on the way over, dined early, played a little bridge, and got home by nine o'clock. This was on November 28th.



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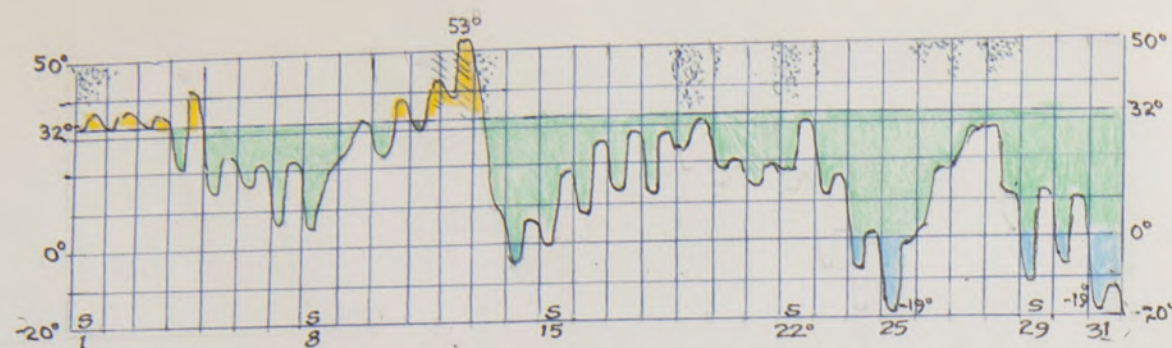
Top - ANNUAL CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW
AT COMO PARK CONSERVATORY
The Formal Room -

Left - Bertha on the Bridge which they added, across the Lagoon. A Japanese motif was used for the setting.

Bottom - Specimen blossoms were displayed in a special room....



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December
1968

As the chart shows, it was a cold month, with several snow storms (rain on the warm 12th) and the month ended with the town buried in about two feet of snow. As walking was not good, I got my exercise shoveling the snow, and enjoyed it.

We took Schlichtings to dinner at Gammons, the 7th; and the 8th, Ekbergs invited us and Mr. & Mrs. Loeffler to dinner, conversation & TV. The 11th, Bertha and I drove to Leisure Age at St. Mary's for lunch, & danced a little. The Macalester Mello-Macs had a dinner meeting at the church the 17th. Bertha had a few afternoons of bridge, and she had the girls here the 20th.

CHRISTMAS: My part, as usual, was making and mailing our cards, putting up the tree and decorating it, and making a wreath for the front door. I left all the gift buying to Bertha, including my gifts to her, a table mirror and a dress. Brubachers took us to Macalester church for the Christmas Eve pageant. Bill came over Christmas day, bringing Mollie for dinner; - Bill's Bemis turkey.

The fantastic Apollo 8 flight to the moon, ten times around it, and back to the earth, with astronauts Borman, Lovell and Anders, began the 21st and ended the 27th without a hitch.

On account of the cold weather & some down with flu, at the last minute we gave up our New Year's eve dinner at Gammons, & had McGraws, Edith, Myrtle, Agnes & Lou here for dinner & cards, till 10 o'clock. Bertha and I were up till 12; we heard no whistles

A WHITE CHRISTMAS



68-102-2 1/4 x 3 1/4 - Dec. 23

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68-103-2 1/4 x 2 1/4 - Dec. 23.



The ground was white nearly all month; we had a two-inch blizzard the 13th, eight inches the 19th, another 9 inches the 22nd, eight more the 26th and 27th, four inches the 28th, and eight inches the 30th. So, Christmas and New Year's were plenty white.....

Good Evening
ST. PAUL AND VICINITY
Have Story tonight and Reader: live tonight at 10:30 Sunday 75.
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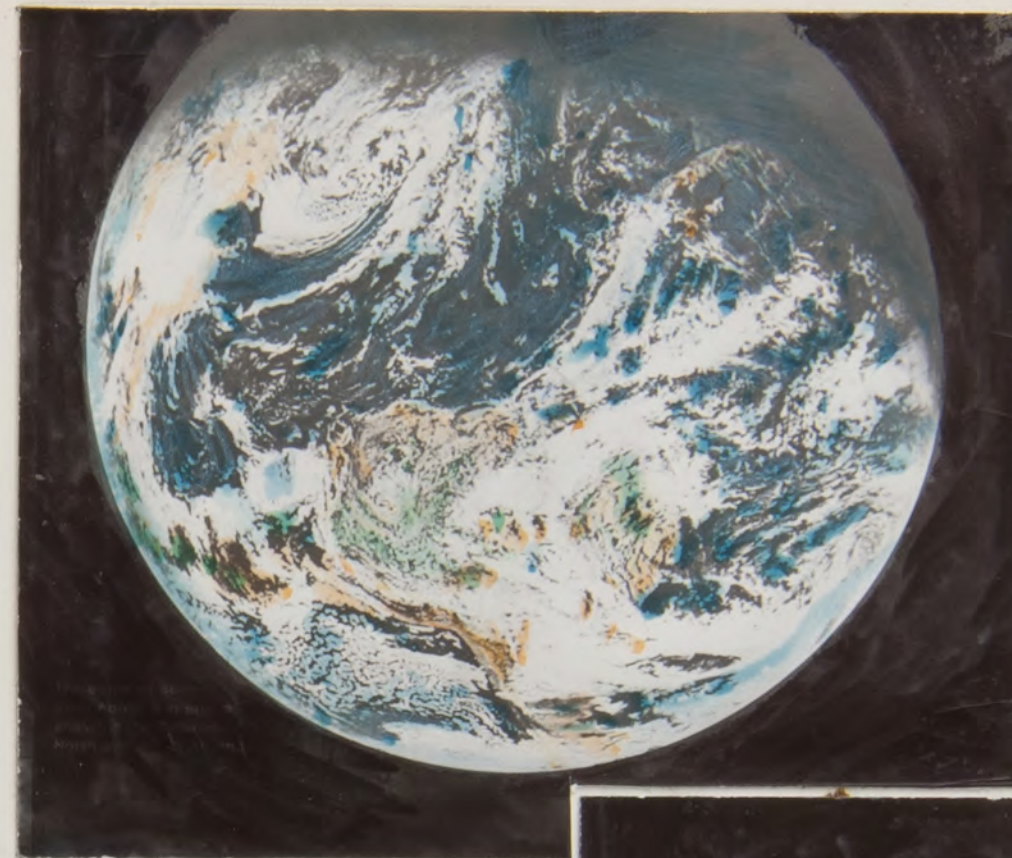
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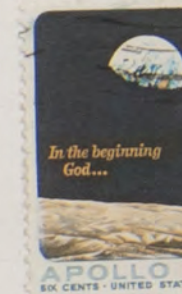
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The earth, as no one ever saw it before:—mostly a weather map, but South America can be faintly seen through the clouds, in lower center.



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As the astronauts left the moon, this is what they saw. Nearly half of the scene, (right of the dotted line) is not visible from earth, and had never been seen before. (See my moon picture, 1959, page 71.)

On their ten laps around the moon, they were too close for such full views, but took many pictures from their height of 60 nautical miles....



Our Christmas Tree

MERRY CHRISTMAS



On this, our fiftieth
Christmas together, we
would share our happiness
with You.

Bertha and Nelson Handsaker

We celebrated our Golden Anniversary,
with our children and other relatives,
at Laguna Beach, California, February 23, 1968



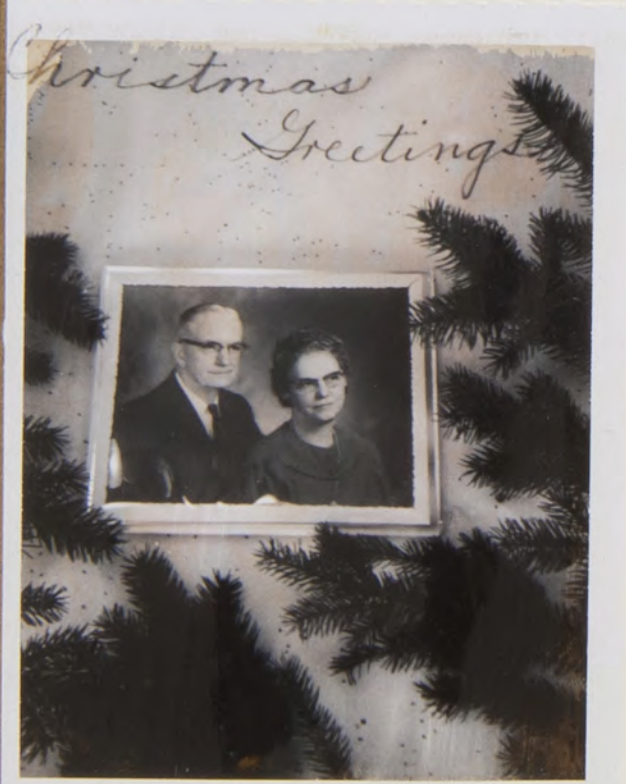
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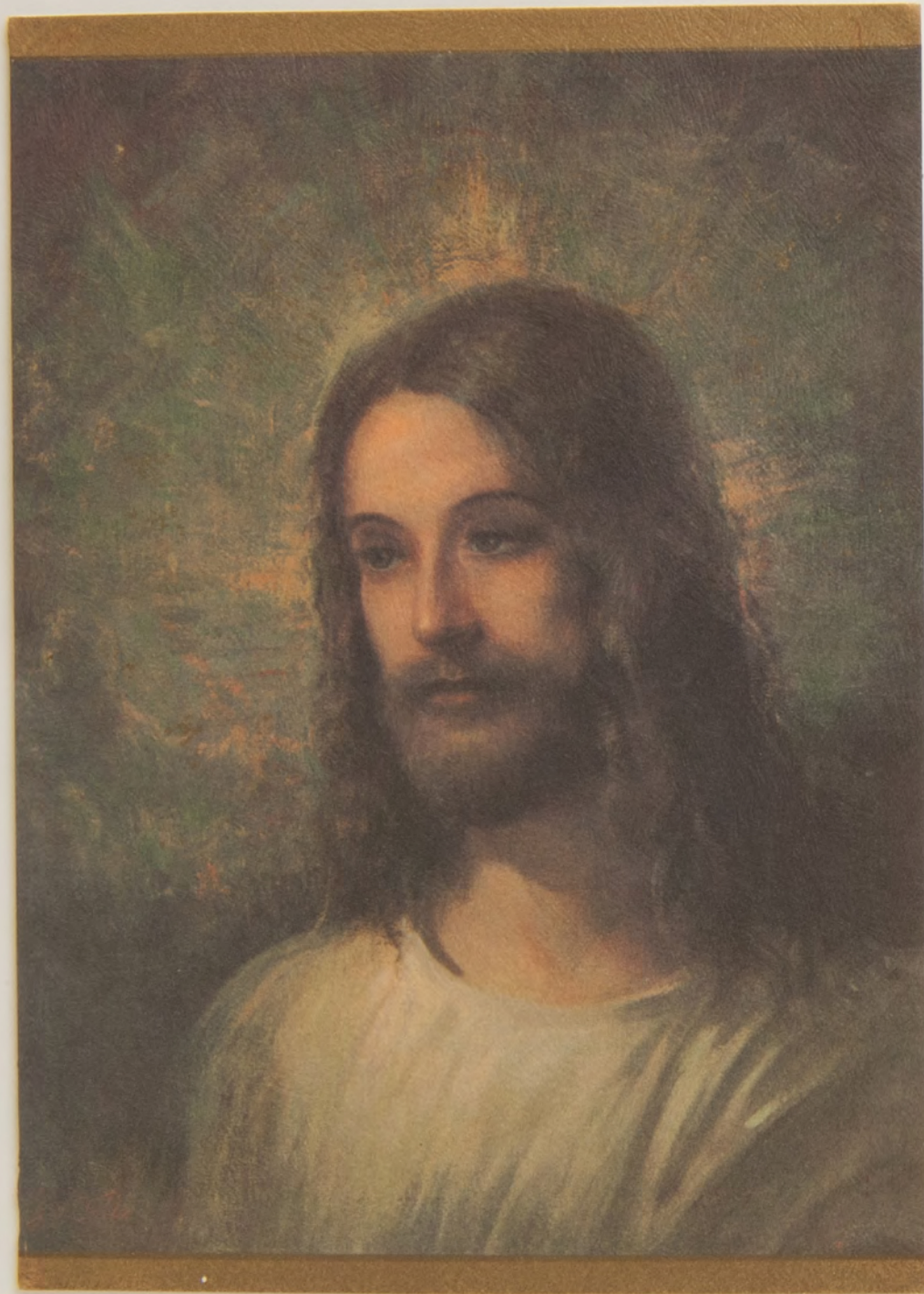
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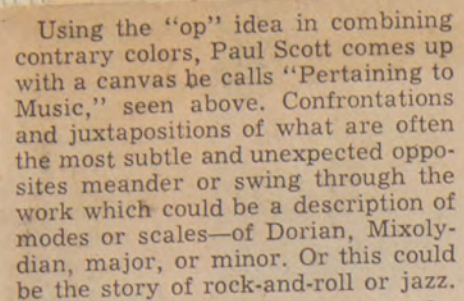




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Scott invents a wide variety of designs in his reciprocal colors. In a very pure form of abstraction he is able to induce a mood. He seems intuitively aware of space and motion. Here are optical tricks, but they are not an end in themselves—they produce expressive composition.

"Tannhäuser" is another musical allusion. This time horizontals furnish the positive element, carrying the dramatic notes of warm colors — yellow, orange, soft red, emerald and lapis.

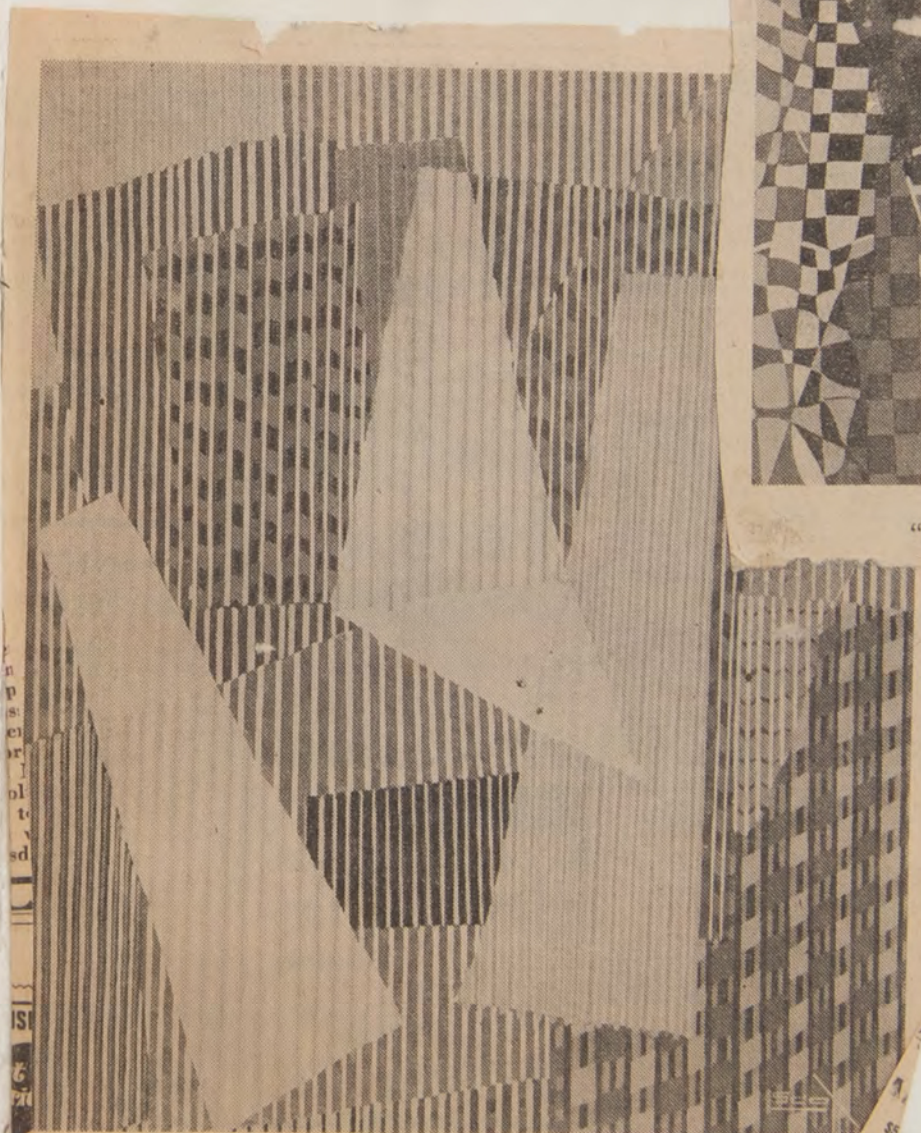
Both artist and educator, Paul Scott writes, "I find control of the medium of prime importance — contrary to the current trend. Line,

plane, volume, negative and positive space, value, texture, color, are up-
permost in my mind along with the
integration of an idea. I believe rela-
tionships of these seven elements
must play a rhythmic beat in a total
at-one-ment of composition and
design. . . .

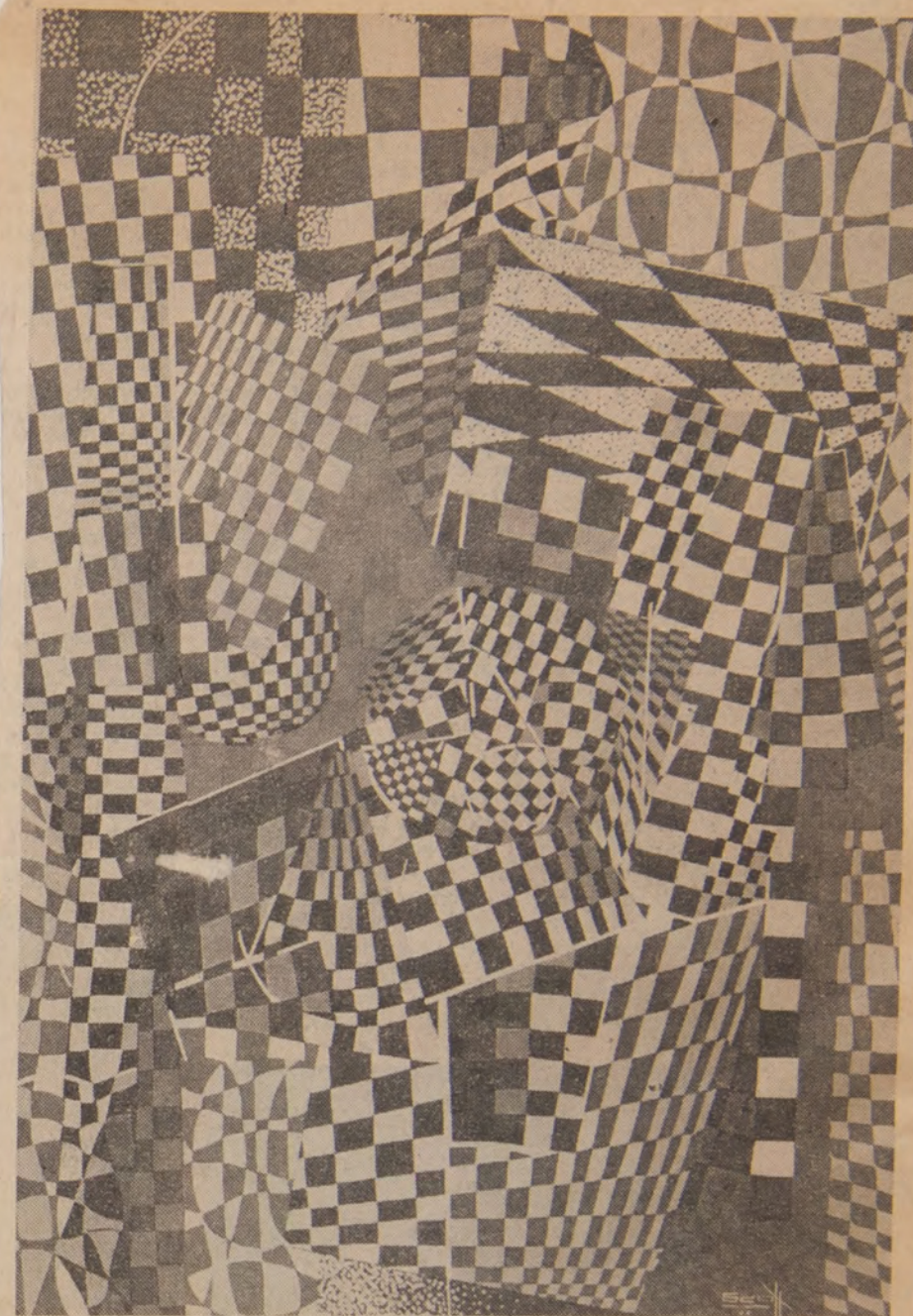
"My great teacher, Hans Hoffman, wrote a book, titled, *Search for the Real*. The title suggests my motivation as a painter: the probing beneath the façade into the forces, life and nature of things. . . . Increasingly of late I have been probing into the problem of color as a means of expression and form-builder."

Scott is from the West Coast and began his art study in Seattle, but came East to graduate *cum laude* at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. In addition, he had three years, including summers, with Hans Hoffman; at times assisting the famous teacher as monitor. During the winter, Scott teaches at the New England School of Art, and in the summer he conducts his own school in Rockport, Mass.

PATRICIA BOYD WILSON



"TANNHÄUSER": Acrylic by Paul Scott



Both pictures by courtesy of Gallery of World Art, Newton, Mass.
 "PERTAINING TO MUSIC": *Acrylic by Paul Scott*

Two of Paul Scott's
Abstracts.

