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HANDSAKER'S  
ANNUAL

1971





**Handsaker's**  
**Annual**


of pictures  
and personal  
history: for  
the year

1971



One of my oil paintings of Mt. Tacoma  
has the date 1971 on the back but I find  
no reference to oil painting here.

## SUMMARY of our YEAR 1971



Our grandson Michael's wedding, May 15, to Jeanne Caldwell was the headliner and Don, Betsy, Janet, Bill, Bertha and I were there, at Huntington, Long Island... After the wedding, Don drove to Rockport with Betsy, Bill, Bertha & me, to spend a couple of days with Paul and Dorothy.

We had our usual California visit and a little time in Seattle: out on the Empire Builder, back on the North Coast: these were our last rides on our N.P. passes (Amtrak took over soon afterwards.) We flew between the North coast and California.

Another memorable trip was the bus tour, around Lake Superior with the Mellumacs of our church. Sister Agnes Mills visited us, and went along on the trip. A rail ride out of the Soo showed us why the maple leaf is Canada's emblem.





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1921

## FIFTY YEARS AGO

Top Left: Elizabeth found her thumb very nourishing.

Top center: "Aunt Dode" Johnson, next door, was very good to her.

Top right: Janea Shoultes and a picnic in May.

Left: Betsy was a happy baby.

Left, below: Uncle Ole and Aunt Velli Savold, at Wheeler.

Bottom, left: Riding to farm at Wheeler; Mollie Savold on rt.

Bottom right: Dinner, Savolds on farm near Wheeler, Wis. This was in July.

All year I worked in the valuation department of the N.P.Ry., compiling cost data: a dull job but I was associated with some very congenial people. From January through August, our home was still the rather shabby Ansco 4-family flat in St. Paul. Agnes visited us at Easter and for two weeks after her St. Olaf year ended in June. Janea Shoultes (another Skoolum Chuck school ma'am) stopped by in January, got a teacher's position and stayed with us until June. Floyd Ivester, laid off his railway job, was around town for a couple of weeks, and all year we saw my uncle Al Keeney frequently. He was in and out of St. Paul on N.P. right-of-way business.

Bertha went west with Elizabeth July 17: first at Mobridge with Elma's family, then on to the Coast. While she was away, Uncle Al, Aunt Alke and Frances shared our apartment for two weeks, and I joined the Masons. Then I rented a little new house, way out in the woods, at Prior



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21-43  
Above, Grandma, Elizabeth, Mother (August)  
Right, August group at La Center, with Agnes.  
Left, Elizabeth and her mother, Phalen Park, May.



and Randolph, & got things moved there before going on my vacation August 27th. I was with Bertha at La Center and Tacoma, and we came back together, arriving home September 12th. Bertha was not altogether pleased with our new home.

By this time we were looking forward to the birth of our second child. She came, prematurely, December 30th; she might have lived if a nurse had not left all the babies unattended for hours after her birth. We called her Ellen Pauline.

A great part of my '21 diary tells the story of Elizabeth's development from a helpless infant of six months to a charming young lady who could talk, mostly in her own language, and almost walk.



Right, Elizabeth with her grandma, La Center, in September  
Right corner, Lola, Elizabeth and her nest of blocks, Tacoma  
Below left, one year old at Wheeler, Wisconsin, July 3rd.  
Below right, Bertha



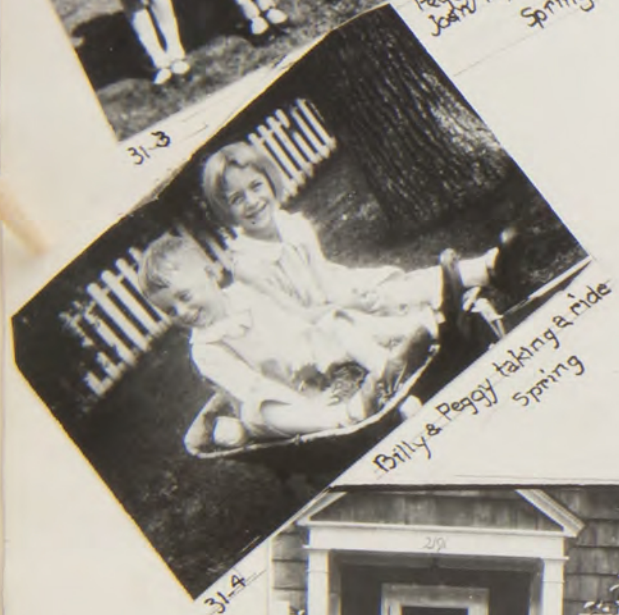




31-1 Betsy in her Spring Coat  
Peggy, Lenore Peterson,  
John P., and Betsy  
Spring



31-2 Bubs Peterson & Billy  
Spring



31-3 Billy & Peggy taking a ride  
Spring



31-4  
Fancy gate posts  
June

## 1931-FORTY

A year of wage cuts and unemployment, but in our office only anxiety, and transfer of 4 of our men to Valuation. ~~~~~ My travels: ten days in February inspecting coal docks and turntables, as far as Ellensburg; the A.R.E.A. convention in Chicago with George Hopkins and a stopover at the Madison Forest Lab.; ten days in May, comparing treated and untreated trestles. July 18, west again, to accompany annual inspection in Idaho and western Washington. This lasted until Sept. 1st. Bertha had gone west, with the children, in June and returned in Aug.; I had weekends visiting with them and Skartvedts on Bainbridge Island; with Ama & Ralph in Ruyallup, and Adamses, Hayneses, Keoncy's, and old city hall friends in Tacoma. I took Bertha on a trip to Wallace, Idaho and Paradise to see the scenery and have a day with Hopkinses. In September, ten more days on annual inspection. Office work included studies of the effect of proposed big steam locomotives on bridges, and drawings for a lawsuit, and to illustrate "sand island" foundations. At the end of the year, I was preparing a very meager budget.

Home improvements: I put up walls in the basement, planted, shaped the Japanese garden with cliff, pool and a wooden bridge. In June, starting in a week's vacation, I laid

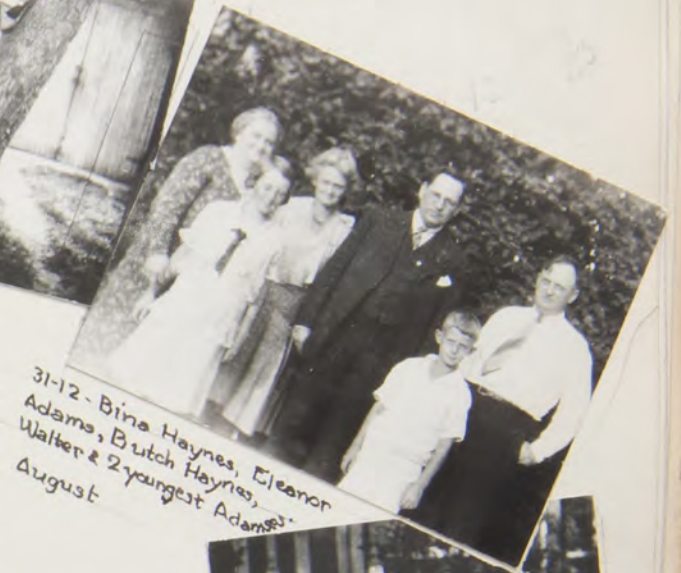
I took a hundred or more railroad pictures, but have only fifteen home pictures to choose from.



31-6 At a PTA picnic-Highland  
Park: June



31-9  
Betsy, Peggy and Billy  
up a tree in Ruyallup.  
August



31-12 Bina Haynes, Eleanor  
Adams, Butch Haynes,  
Walter & 2 youngest Adams.  
August



31-13  
Billy and  
his tricycle  
Sept.



31-14  
Peggy on  
Betsy's bike  
September

## YEARS AGO

the brick walks to garage and alley, and extended the low stone wall along the back walk; and when Merle Carman came to attend the University, I insulated and wallboarded half the attic for his bedroom. Peg and Billy had to "help" and Peg showed quite an aptitude with tools. With some advice, she made a two-story doll house. And with all this home work, I got out ten maps for Row Peterson & Co.

Our best friends were Arthur and Mollie Savold, Selmer and Grace Skartvedt, Pusches, the E.R. Smiths, Johnsons and especially Petersons living near us with 3 children like our three; they had a fourth this year.

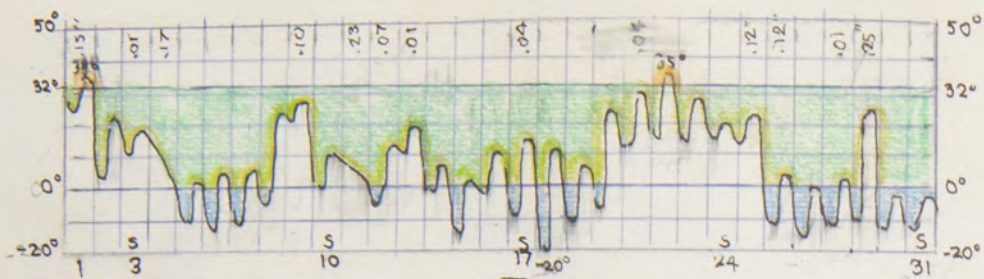
I took Betsy and Peggy to Chicago in February, to see the sights and visit Dorothy: Ethel VanHorn and daughter Peggy were here in June; in October Ama stepped over, and Wakefields were here for a day or two. Merle went home for Christmas, and Dorothy visited till New Year's.

Betsy got glasses, but found that they were too much bother. She made the "Alpha" preferred-student class and I had a week of severe lumbago in March, and in December planned to have the bad teeth extracted, to end headaches & other ills. Bertha and I did not attend church as regularly as Betsy & Peggy did Sunday School.

ad pictures, but have only fifteen Taken with 2 1/4 x 3 1/4 Voigtlander.



January



January  
1971

**W**e had the usual cold January, with ten days when it snowed - totaling two feet; I still enjoy shoveling it. We had 5 inches the 29th, day before the Winter Carnival parade. That day was all below zero, and blowing.

**O**n New Year's Day, Magraws were here to see the Rose Parade on color television.

**B**ill was here three times. He was skiing at Bozeman during the holidays; he brought us his Panasonic hi-fi radio. He, Bertha & I visited Mollie Savold at the hospital. The 24th, she went to the Mayo Clinic.

**E**lliott Magraw took me to lunch at Midway Club the 6th. The 14th, supper at Margery Brubacher's. A foursome here the 15th. Sunday dinner at the Quality - six of us - the 17th, then Elliott took us to the Como conservatory. We heard the Minneapolis Symphony at St. Catherine's the 21st. Magraws gave us their season tickets, as Martha had been in surgery and they could not go. (She made a good recovery.) The 28th, we saw "Forty Carats," a stage show, at the Auditorium theater.

**I** took 3 hikes of up to 1½ miles, figured my 1970 income, shoveled snow, and had a struggle with our old front door lock; I had to take it to a locksmith, & for several days the door was barricaded with a 2x4.



West garden: bird bath heaped with snow.

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THE  
FRONT  
YARD

Front walk —  
towards the  
street

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# THE ICE PALACE



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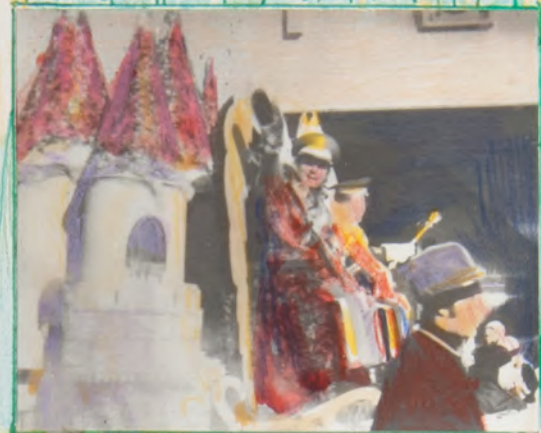
One of the Clowns  
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Vulcan's Firetruck  
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Daytons 71-24



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# KING BOREAS

Swans in Air Conditioned Cage  
Hilax 71-25



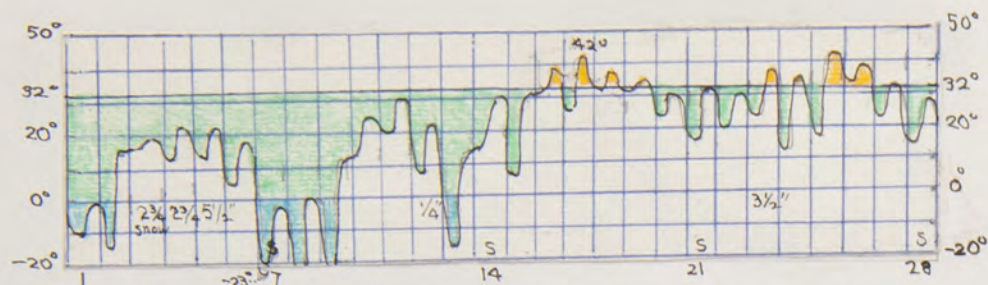
Whirlpool 71-23



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# THE PARADE - JAN. 30





**T**he first half of the month was cold!... way below freezing ~ and there was fresh snow to shovel about four times. Second half, thawing and freezing. Our car got stuck twice, and for a few days we kept it out of the garage on account of ice under the door. I took no walk of as much as a mile.

**February 1971**

**M**y work was finishing last year's annual and assembling this book. We shopped frequently, and once I drove down town to "clip coupons." I put my Christmas eagle up over the front door.

**T**o church each Sunday, alternating driving with Elliott Magraw. We attended Ash Wednesday communion the 24th. Eugene Leffingwell, asst. pastor, resigned.

**B**ill brought Mollie Savold back from Rochester the 11th, and I went along. We took her to the Willows convalescent home. She was sure she was going to die, and suspected all her "own folks" of trying to get her life savings. Bertha visited her five times; sometimes with me. After a week's return to Mt Sinai hospital she began to improve.

**B**ertha had lunch and bridge three times (once here.) The 12th, we dined with Ekbergs; we four and 2 dachshunds.

**O**ur astronauts landed again on the moon, the 5th. A very severe earthquake at Los Angeles the 9th. It did no damage at Camarillo.

## Caldwell, Raudenbush Wedding Plans Set

LAUREL HOLLOW, N.Y. — Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne Baldwin, to Michael Hennon Raudenbush, son of Mrs. Donald H. Raudenbush, Camarillo, Calif., and the late Capt. William Hennon, Mound, Minn.

The wedding date is May 15.

Miss Caldwell is a graduate of Connecticut College, New London.

Her fiancé, an alumnus of the University of California, Berkeley, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa honorary society, has

completed four years' service as a naval officer with the nuclear submarine force. Currently he is studying nuclear engineering at North Carolina State University graduate school, Raleigh.

Son of a World War II ace, he is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hand-saker, 2191 Berkeley Ave., St. Paul, and of Mrs. W. J. Hennon, Austin, Texas, and the late Mr. Hennon.

We knew about Mike's plans since last fall, but did not get around to putting the announcement in the St. Paul paper until this month.

Mike has known Jeanne since he went to New London in 1967 and they've had many outings together. They visited Camarillo last Christmas.

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Lewis sent this Los Angeles cartoon in comment on the San Fernando Valley earthquake. Obviously, Californians don't appreciate our fine, crisp, virile winters! Alice said of the quake, "Never in my life was I so speechless." They'd just moved into their mobile home — No damage to it, but a real shake-up.



"Earthquakes, floods, fires—why would anyone want to live in Southern California?"

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71-16  
The front gate



71-15  
Sidewalk, looking  
towards Mount Curve



71-18  
Front eaves  
ice-draped

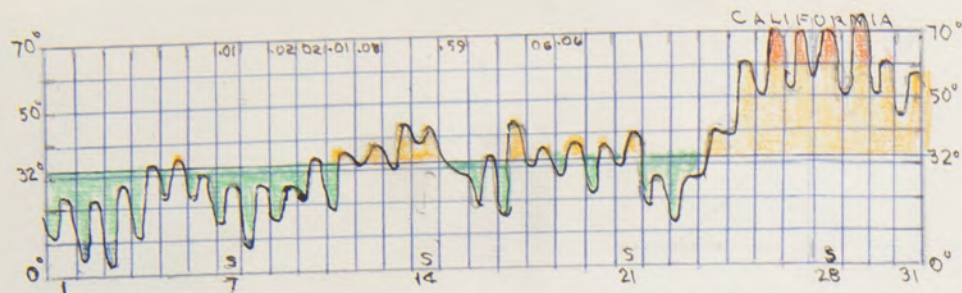


71-19  
From my bed room  
window

February 13-  
ICICLES-



March



**S**pring was coming, with the usual slop & slush, and some slippery driving. We were home the first 23 days. Bertha saw Mollie three times, entertained at bridge once and was out bridging a couple of afternoons. We visited hospitals to see Luella Schlichting (a cracked hip) and Harry Griesbach (emphysema). Bertha had a check-up at the (N.P.) Samaritan clinic.

March  
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**C**hurch: a very badly planned youth service; session and committee meetings; and a good Lenten Bible class by Dr. Francis with almost no attendance. I ended my duty as greeter-getter.

**M**y activities:— some snow shoveling, one mile and a half hike; purchase of a \$100 (blue) suit; payment of income taxes, and preparation of the "Fifty Years Ago" section of this book.

**B**ill Jr. took us to the depot the evening of the 23rd; we had a free compartment on the (G.N.) Empire Builder in the face of an impending strike; we ran a little late, so we taxied from Vancouver to the Portland airport and flew above solid clouds to Oakland the morning of the 25th. We were with Penny & Bob the rest of the month. A week-end at Carmel with a call on Hulda Johnson at Pacific Grove and, returning, an evening with Bob's folks in Mountain View. Carroll took us all to a steak dinner.

In Berkeley we enjoyed the patio. We had a call from Alice Snelvik and a lunch-and-afternoon call from George Hopkins, his daughter Sallie and her Aunt Sallie. There were two evenings with other friends of Bob and Penny: the Stones, (teacher and artist-wife, and a next-door neighbor. Bpb is teaching at Hayward State College, 20 miles south.

PORTLAND  
TO  
OAKLAND



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We were in this Boeing 727 plane and saw only the top of a white cloud bank until we descended over San Francisco Bay. Then we had a glimpse of the Bay Bridge, & Yerba Buena Island. We phoned Penny and were soon picked up and taken to their home on La Loma in Berkeley, in a shower.

This picture was actually taken on our later flight to Seattle.



# With Penny and Bob



71-38 Bob and Penny on the patio



71-35 Azaleas next door  
Bertha and Penny on the patio



71-34 Penny's Welding Class bird

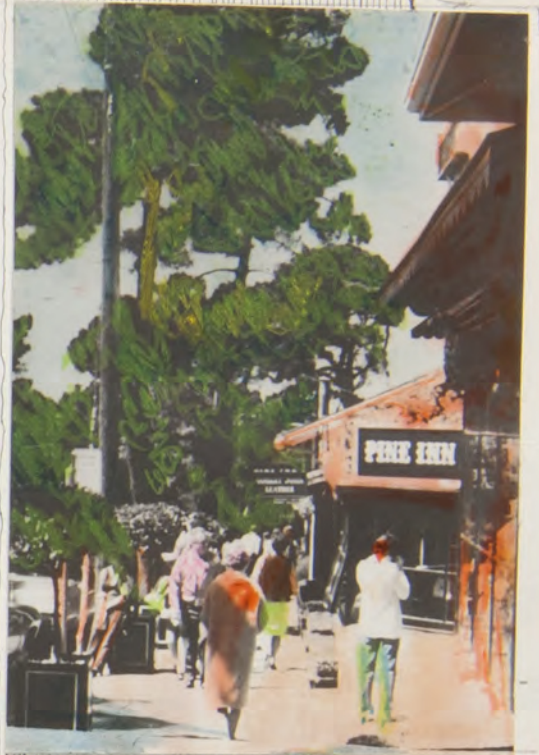


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71-31 At our doorway, Lobos Lodge, Carmel

71-33 Road back from Carmel near Los Gatos

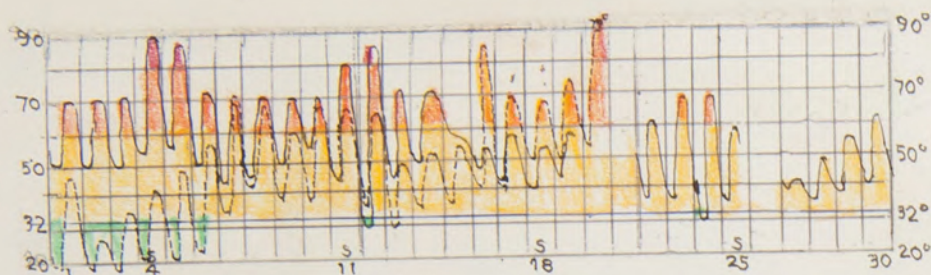


Sidewalk, Carmel

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April  
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**C**alifornia until the 15th; Seattle until the 20th, home the 22nd. On the 2nd, an all-day Greyhound bus ride from Oakland to Oxnard. Sunday, the 4th, Don drove us to Santa Monica by slow, crowded coast highway to see Irving & Dorothy Satrang. I enjoyed my four mile walk the 11th. We saw Lewises in their new mobile home, the 9th. The 11th-12th, we were driving to & around Sequoia Park with Don & Betsy.

**T**hen on the 13th we bussed back to Oakland (bad service) and Penny had a fine late supper waiting. Two days later we flew to Seattle with good visibility most of the way. Agnes met us at the airport, and we lived with her. We called on the De Mosses the 17th, and next day we drove to Linvogs near Anacortes. Returning, we called on Ellsworth Skartvedt & met most of his large family. We dined with Norman's Agnes, & called on Willard & Vi, & saw Frank Raudenbush.

**T**he afternoon of the 22nd we took the North Coast Limited for the two-night ride home. We felt that this might be our farewell rail ride: Railpex takes over with a curtailed passenger service May 1st.

**I** was cleaning up the lawn and garden the rest of the month, and did some darkroom work. Mollie Savold is still at the Willows.



Berkeley, March 30: Sally, Bertha, George, "Aunt Sally," and I.



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Santa Monica, April 4: Don, Bertha, Betsy, Irving and Dorothy Satrang





← Betsy in her garden, over-  
looking head of barranca.

↓ New house below Raudenbushes  
on Calle Portada. Looks very  
close, but actually there's a  
big vacant lot in between.



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↓ Washout in the four mile loop road.



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71-43

↑ Flags at the  
Fire Station --  
(35 mm lens.)

Lewis: Betsy, Bertha and I drove  
into the Valley to see Ed, Alice and  
their new mobile home — a big bunga-  
low: entry, big living room, dining area,  
hall, kitchen, utility room & 3 bedrooms.  
They're still getting it furnished. Then we  
went to see their son's home, met Louise  
their daughter in law and a grandson.  
Then we ate in the Valley.

Below: Bertha, Ed, Alice, me, Betsy.



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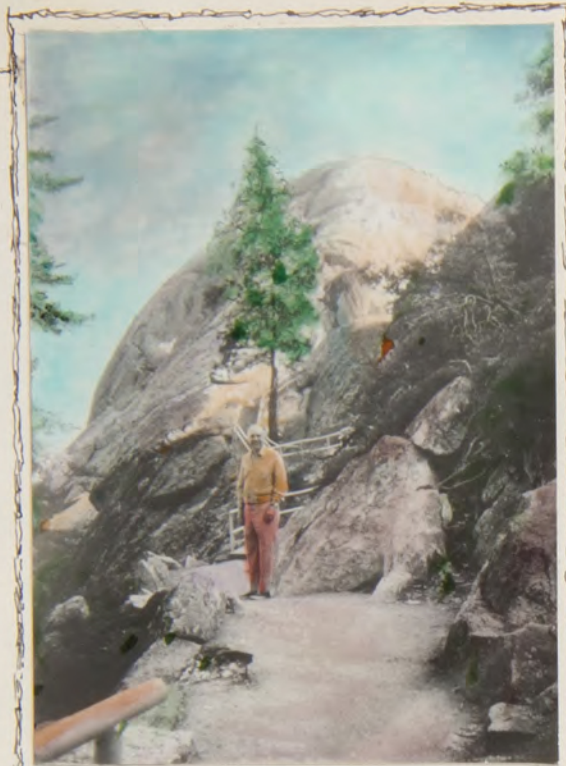


71-45 Above:  
Old commercial fishing ship  
in Hueneme harbor, April 3.  
It was Saturday and Don took  
us to Oxnard, Ventura and the  
Port, which is being enlarged.





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The Top of Moro Rock: There's a concrete path and stairway to the top but we went only this far.

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71-49 Great Western Divide from Moro Rock.

At Giant Forest: A sequoia so big that it took two pictures to get it all in.

Sequoia Park  
April 11-12

All Miranda T - Kodachrome X  
negative copies

Don drive the 200 miles each way, over the Tehachapi mountains, down the San Joaquin valley, up through the foothills to the Sierra. The Park is right across the Kings River gorge from where Mike and I started our backpack in 1959.



71-52 Above: Mt. Goddard across the Gorge. Mike climbed it in '55



Below: Spanish Mountain, which overlooks the Gorge. Mike and I were both on top of it in '55. (There was no snow)

71-55 Above: Kings Canyon, deepest gorge in the U.S. 8000 feet deep... the bottom and river do not show in this picture. (35mm lens)



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# Sequoia Park April 11-12



71-57  
Left: Bertha, Don and Betsy in front of the Tennessee Tree.

71-59 -  
Below: We stayed over-  
night at Kings Canyon Lodge,  
a very individual place  
featuring Dutch & Indonesian  
food. Our rooms were in the  
building behind the main one.



71-54  
A corner of  
Hume Lake.

Miranda T - 50, 35, 50 mm lens

## Mount Shasta Elevation 14,162 feet, - from our plane, altitude 30,000 feet.



71-61

The flight from Oakland to Seattle was much more scenic than the one from Portland to Oakland; visibility was clear except for small clouds here and there; this lasted until we approached the Columbia River. This picture of Mt. Shasta shows some curious formations. I saw as good a view of Crater Lake, and thought I had the picture - but I was at the end of the film.

Miranda T - Kod. X - f4.5 1/500 -  
50 mm lens; copy of 35 mm. slide

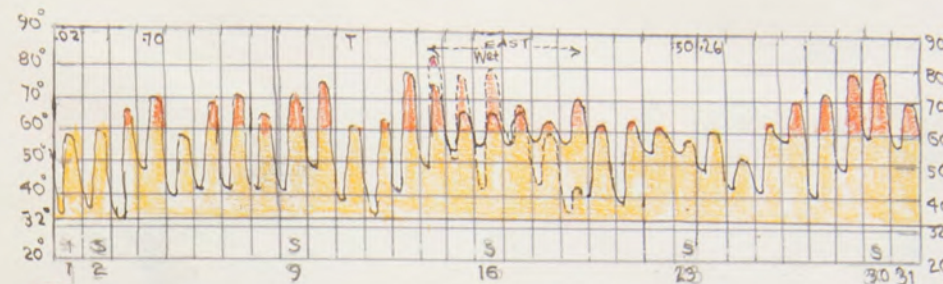




71-63 LeMayne Catherine Agnes Bertha  
Relatives in Seattle Betty Douglas 71-62



Sam DeMoss's view - Country Club, Lake Washington, Cascade Mts.



**A**mrak rail passenger service began on the 1st, closing St. Paul depot and ending most remaining routes.... This month Walter Bjorklund moved to Fort Worth to be chief engineer of a B.N. subsidiary... Myrtle Finch died in Tacoma.... I got rid of the leaves from the garden and lawn, and cut the grass twice.

**S**upper at Margery's the 3rd; dinner for Bjorklunds the 8th. Bill gave us and Mollie a Mother's Day steak dinner at his apartment, the 9th. East with Bill the 14th, to attend Mike's wedding next day; a smooth flight to La Guardia airport where Don, Betsy and Janet met us with a rented car and took us to our motel. Don did all our chauffeuring, and on the 16th we all, except Janet - drove in a continuous downpour, past Boston, to Rockport where Don, Betsy and Bill stopped at Pegleg motel and Bill stayed with Dorothy and Paul, where we all got together. Don and Betsy drove back to New York, Bill flew home, and after calling on Ralph and Tony Smith and visiting Paul's Montserrat Arts Center, we flew home the 19th. Bill met us....

**B**ertha had Lou and her niece Dorothy for lunch the 20th; Edith Pates took the "girls" to Lees the 22nd; Lou had them for lunch at Sibley Tea House the 25th... Next evening we went to Morris's big golden wedding dinner at Univ. Women's Club.

**L**ater, the night of the 26th, Don and Betsy arrived from the East. The rest of the month I was gardening and visiting with them. Bill took us all out to see the house he wants to buy, on Minnehaha Creek. The 31st, we took them to the airport for a noon flight to California and home.

↳ That's the one he lived in after that.

May 1971





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Approaching La Guardia Airport



71-75

Jeanne Caldwell Rauderbush





## The Wedding

Jeanne and her father drove to the wedding in a fine antique car owned by friends. The only picture in the church was this one, after the ceremony.

It was in this nearly 200-yr. old church, Huntington Presbyterian. It was burned in the Revolution and rebuilt.



We attended the rehearsal in the church Friday, the day we arrived; and that evening we dined at Raudenbushes' party to the bride, groom, attendants and family at a picturesque old inn. Got no pictures at this gay party, which reached its height when an accordionist began playing old German drinking songs, which Mike (and the rest) sang enthusiastically.

The morning of the wedding, while Betsy got a hair set, Dordrove us to Theodore Roosevelt's old home, Sagamore Hill, now kept up by the National Park Service. It's a big, comfortable Victorian home, well suited to the big family.

The wedding was solemn and beautiful, and afterwards there was visiting on the church steps—though cool, it was a bright sunny day. Then there was



## The Attendants

Top left the wedding party: Bill, on the left, an usher; Kim, the littlest girl, Jeanne's 16-year-old sister, was maid of honor; our Janet, right, was a bridesmaid. Jeanne made the girls' dresses.

Top right, maid of honor Kim, best man Keith <sup>DICK</sup> JALI a Sierra Club friend of Mike, and bride & groom. Left, Janet Raudenbush, bridesmaid. Right, The bride and her bridesmaids.



a cavalcade of about 15 miles through Long Island country to Caldwell's home, down in the woods. There were tables on the lawn, with refreshments, and another glass of champagne was

always available. There was a receiving line, for a while; otherwise it was strictly informal and I never met a friendlier bunch of people. Among those present were Jeanne's old music teacher; the commander of the Thomas Jefferson (Mike's submarine); Jeanne's one living grandfather and both grandmothers and Maggie and John Posten, Betsy and Bill Hannon's war-time friends.

It was nine or ten when we got back to our motel (we can't recommend Howard Johnson) and got ready for the morrow's drive to Rockport.





Right →  
William Caldwell, Jr.  
Betsy  
Raudenbush  
Mike and  
Jeanne  
Alice Caldwell  
Don Rauden-  
bush



Bride and groom & their parents

## Family

Alice Caldwell, her  
daughter Jeanne, and the  
father, Bill Caldwell Jr.



← Bertha & Jeanne's  
grandmothers.

Grandpa →  
Hansaker  
begging for  
a kiss...



Jeanne and Don



## The Reception

Caldwells' home, before and  
during the party. The house  
is not quite finished, inside—  
a whole-family project.



Below: an exchange of wigs.



Mike and  
Jeanne es-  
caped in a  
shower of  
birdseed, to  
their Volks-  
wagen, for a  
honeymoon  
in the Utah  
wilderness.

Below: Finishing touches on the decorations.



Birdseed, not rice!





## Mr. and Mrs.

Mike is said to have remarked that after his years of submarine service, he didn't suppose anything would ever make him nervous again, but all those elaborate preparations were getting him jittery. Well, at the reception the ordeal was over, and he and Jeanne were as gay as the rest of us.



## Rockport



The morning of the Big Day, Betsy had a hair appointment at Cold Spring Harbor, so Don drove her there, then took us to see Theodore Roosevelt's home, Sagamore Hill near Oyster Bay. It's now owned by the National Park Service. I found it very interesting: just a big comfortable Victorian home to raise a family in. (When he got into public life, Roosevelt added a large reception and entertainment room.) After this side trip we drove back to pick up Betsy, had lunch, and went to the church in Huntington, L.I.

This Presbyterian congregation was organized about 300 years ago; the old building, <sup>was</sup> occupied by the British during the Revolution, and was burned down. After the Revolution, nearly 200 years ago, the main part of the present church was built on the old site.



Rockport and Gloucester

# Rockport and Gloucester

Rockport Harbor

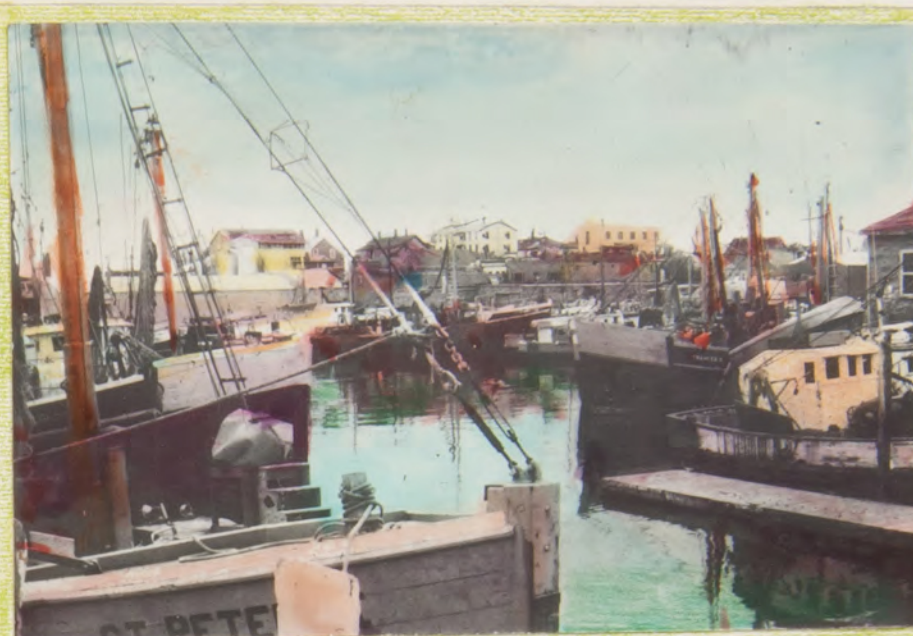


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The Atlantic Ocean



PHOTO BY DON



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Gloucester Harbor

Rockport was the same, off-season, quiet town around Bearskin Neck; Don, Betsy and Bill explored it with us, and also visited Gloucester, for lunch, the 17th; there a strike filled the harbor with tied-up fishing boats. Bertha and I stayed at Paul & Dorothy's house; the others were there part of the time. Bertha and I stayed the longest - evening of 16th to afternoon of 19th: Paul drove us all the way to the Boston airport. And he showed us the Montserrat Center of the Arts, where he teaches. (Also dropped in on Ralph and Tony Smith at Magnolia.) Bill flew home Monday p.m. the 17th, and Don and Betsy drove back to Long Island the morning of the 19th, and later went to Williamsburg, Virginia for two days.



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Shop on Bearskin Neck





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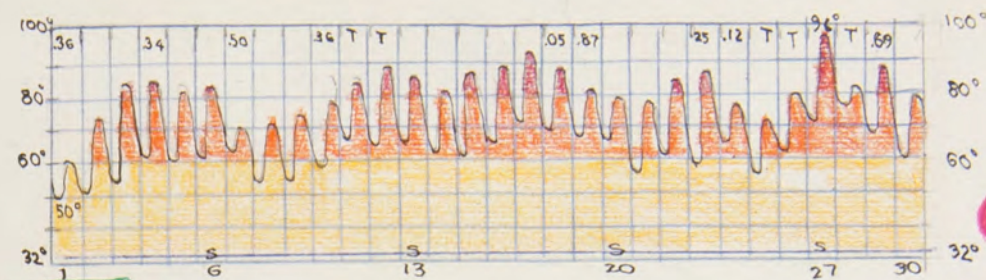
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Don and Betsy visited us on their return from Mike's wedding; they were here from May 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. ~ The 29<sup>th</sup> we drove to Bill's apartment and he drove us ~~to the house~~ to the house on Minne<sup>haha</sup> Creek which he's going to buy. It's occupied, but we picnicked on the lawn.

The creek was high and carriers had some difficulty in portaging at Bill's foot bridge.



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**T**he garden was doing fine and full of bloom: even most of the peonies were blooming! I spent most of my time weeding and transplanting ~ I even dared think of a weedless garden. The lawn took a lot of time, too, mostly weeding and fighting clover. It rained every few days: when it was wet I was in the dark room or finishing Plymouth Church history, or playing my four games of Sol. I was not out of town. Bertha was away the 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, with Margery & others at Margery's lake cottage up north; it's to be sold this year. While Bertha was away I cooked one bachelor meal. Bill took me out one evening: an early Father's Day treat.

**D**ined at the Quality the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, and we dined on Magraw's porch the 8<sup>th</sup>. Later, Elliott Magraw was in Midway Hospital a few days for a check-up.

**T**he 21<sup>st</sup> Bertha was at Edna Thoma's birthday party; next day. Bertha and I picked so many strawberries at Swanson's Cottage Grove place that Bertha had two or three strawberry shortcake bridge parties and had to put up jam out of the very ripe ones. Bertha helped greet Joy Sampson at Arden Hills the 25<sup>th</sup>. Bertha was at Maude Madgen's the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**P**ete Finch followed his wife in death the 14<sup>th</sup>; and Lorraine Miller died unexpectedly, at home, the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**I** got an encouraging report when I went to the Minnesota Eye Clinic the 21<sup>st</sup>.

June 1971



May 12



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Apple Blossoms from the Balcony

May 12

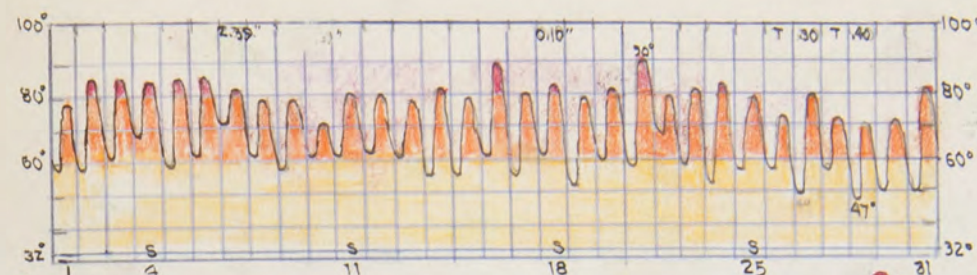


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The Front Yard, Iris Time

June 5.

Tinted BW copies of 35mm color slides



**J**uly was a month of moderate temperature, fine weather and little rain (a cloudburst the 7th.) We took no drives out of town, but the 16th we took Schlichtings to dinner at Anchor Inn at Bayport; Herman drove.

I got an OK on my health at the hospital; Elliott Magraw & Agnes Neff each had a brief session in Midway Hosp. I felt ambitious: did lots of gardening; weeding, mowing & watering; by the end of the month I had visions of a weedless garden! I took quite a few walks of up to a mile and a half, and one, from Minnehaha Falls to Soldiers Home, and home, 3/4 miles.

**I**ndoor s, I completed & bound my Plymouth Church history, and gave it to our church library. The color proofs of Mike's wedding came; I had a photographic spree, making slides and negatives. My own snapshots were poor: bad processing. I also finished my '70 annual & got this one well along.

**We** saw "Song of Norway" the 5th, and were at Betty Bachmann's to see her Japan slides, & have dessert, the 6th. Bill was here for dinner twice: on the 19th he was at my birthday dinner, here; we also brought Mollie. It was one of my happiest birthdays. Magraws dropped in and Betsy and Penny both phoned. There was plenty of watermelon! Lou Bean had us and Magraws for dinner the 29th. Bertha went out for lunch & cards about six afternoons and she, Ag, and Myrtle picnicked at Nokomis the 14th.

**A**pollo 15 made a landing on the moon, the 30th.... Our local burning ban finally took effect the 5th.... Automation made a nationwide telephone strike hardly noticeable.

July 1971



WIDENING  
AND REPAIR  
OF  
FRANKLIN  
AVENUE  
BRIDGE

Materials are  
handled by a  
traveling hoist  
suspended from a  
cable that can be  
shifted laterally.



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71-106

I saw it with  
Bill, June 15,  
but took these  
pictures a  
month later.

Kodak Reflex - 35W neg.



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71-108 A



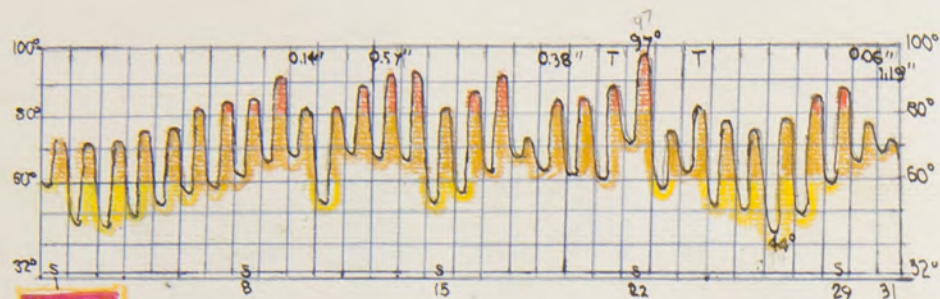
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MINNEHAHA FALLS AND CREEK  
July 26, 1971



# August 1971



**T**his month my steady job continued to be weeding, trimming and watering the lawn and garden. A few showers were not enough to prevent a near-drouth. I had other chores; tried to put a new gasket on the refrigerator door, but had to call in help. Of course there was some dark-room work. Walks were fewer and shorter: the longest was a little over two miles.

- 9th: City began rubbish-garbage collection. ~~~~
- 7th: We had Agnes, Lou & Margery for dinner. ~~~~
- 9th again: Two 2 1/2 hour power failures. ~~~~
- 11th: We drove to Bill's new home, taking Magraws. ~
- 13th: My longest walk - to Hartford & River Dr. & back. ~
- 14th: County Historical Society bus tour: Gibbs Farm, etc..
- 15th: Verne Handsaker family of Iowa called in morning and we went to Lake Benton reunion at Minnehaha Park.
- 16th: This evening I watched Geo. Pepin repair his garage door. 17th: Magraws took us to Mrs. Castle's garden at Stillwater, to see a caboose & observation car, and to "Al" Hageman's home in North Oaks. ~~~~
- 18th: The annual messy oiling of the alley. ~~~~
- 19th: Downtown and to Highland by bus: interest deposit.
- 21st: Elliott, Martha, Harriet and Agnes here for dinner.
- 22nd: After church, Ray and Esther Kelley's golden wedding at Edina-Morningside church in Edina; Elliott drove. ~
- 23rd: Bertha, Martha & Agnes with Nellie at Church Home. ~
- 27th: Bertha had a pre-birthday party for Irene Davies. ~
- 28th: Tomato day; we took George Pepin along, out South Robert several miles. Picking poor but we got a bushel. ~~~~

aug 11 Bill's place



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At Bill's  
with  
MAGRAWs

Aug 11.

Weeping  
willows by  
the creek.





Aug. 27: Irene, Martha, Edith, Nellie at Martha's luncheon - bridge...



Vernon Handsaker of Radcliffe, Iowa, his wife Hyllos and sons James, Jerrold, Paul and Roger called on us August 15th. to discuss Handsaker history.



Althea Chester Manning



Bertha



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# LAKE BENTON'S FIRST REUNION

PICNIC AT MINNEHAHA PARK  
AUGUST 15

Nona Kimball Eddy was in the picture 71-100 also, but it was a very bad likeness



Sept

aug 26  
yellow tree



The Yellow Tree

August 26

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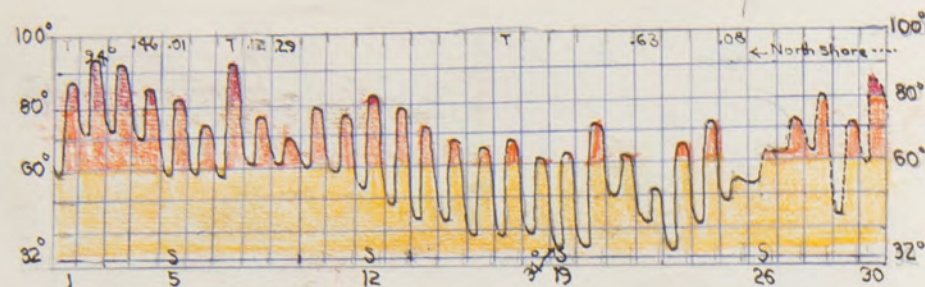


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The Back-Yard "Mountain"  
Overgrown with Bishopsweed.



September  
1971



Bertha had two days' work canning windfall plums from Pepin's yard. I did quite a lot of lawn work, weeding, mowing, and watering in the midmonth drought; and there were lots of acorns to remove and pile for the squirrels - and the falling leaves needed raking. My walks were mostly short. I walked home from Highland once, & took a two-mile walk down in Hidden Falls park. Indoors, I made some progress (up to June) in this book, and did some dark-room work.

To church Sundays, and Dr. Francis began a Tuesday morning class on John. One morning I helped get out the church Herald. A dinner party at Agnes Neff's the 11th, and Bertha had two bridge luncheons. I waited the whole morning, the 16th, at the eye clinic, - got a good report; then drove to the NP pharmacy and down town.

We met sister Agnes at 6:30 the morning of the 18th. The rest of the month she & Bertha were out shopping and calling on friends. The 19th, we saw "Fiddler on the Roof" (local talent.) The 20th, Agnes Neff's sister-in-law at the Ebenezer Home took us all out to lunch, and then we brought Mollie home with us, for bridge and dinner. Bill came, too, and took her back to the Willows.

The Mellomacs' grand tour around Lake Superior began the 26th; we were at Duluth that afternoon & night. Weather was bad until the 30th, a train ride out of Sault Sainte Marie.

Lightning struck Mrs. Holman's elm and stopped my clock for keeps the 4th. The 7th, our color TV was repaired.

## Our Lake Superior Trip Sept. 26 - Oct. 2.

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German freighter  
loading wheat in  
Duluth harbor...

We stayed overnight in the very modern Duluth Hilton hotel; after a boat tour of the harbor. Foreign ships at the elevators were loading grain for Europe and India...



71-112 - Kakebeke Falls

71-115 - L. Superior  
surf, after the storm.



Next day we ran to Thunder Bay, Ont. Weather was very hazy and few stops were made, - depot museum at Two Harbors, Split Rock and Gooseberry Falls, and up to Kakebeke Falls. The third day was worse; heavy fog, some rain. Very scenic country & we couldn't see it; no stops except lunch at Marathon. That night a windstorm cleared the fog and with a few scenic stops we went on next day to the Canadian Sault, for lunch and a boat ride through the locks from the U.S. side. (see the next page)



## Lake Superior Trip —



Our excursion boat, flying the Canadian maple-leaf flag, went up through one of the U.S. locks, passed the loading docks of the big Canadian Algoma Steel plant, and down through the one Canadian lock in company with a ship which was a tight fit in the lock. Then back to our bus, to dinner and night in our hotel in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario.

71-116: Approaching an American lock.

71-117: Algoma Steel locks piled with limestone and coal.



71-118: In the Canadian lock.



71-119 - Little Achigon Lake

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71-120: Ogidahl Lake and our train.

71-122: Hillside near mile post 90.



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I had imagined that our train ride into the wilderness might be on an ancient narrow gage. But at the modern depot the train was a modern diesel-pulled one with sixteen coaches and two diners. We had one coach — the others were well filled. The track was strictly main line and there were three diesel locomotives.



The train passed numerous small lakes, gorgeous with maples everywhere; — crossed Montreal River on a high steel viaduct above a power plant, and descended to the bottom of Agawa canyon. There the excursion cars were set out and had two hours to eat lunch in the diners and explore. While the diesels and a couple of coaches went on up the line.

A returning train picked us up and brought us back to Sault Ste. Marie, & another night before going on our return trip to St. Paul.

All the pictures taken this day, except the two of Black Beaver Falls, were shot on the fly from an open vestibule window.



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71-123: Power house and Montreal River from the viaduct



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Lake west of the viaduct



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Natchewan Valley.

## Lake Superior Trip



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Agawa River in the canyon



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In Agawa Canyon

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Black Beaver Falls →



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71-128: Lower Black Beaver Falls



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## Lake Superior Trip



King Don & Queen Irene Murray,  
knighting one of our leaders.



Agnes Mills, who came  
the farthest, kneeling to  
be knighted.

The last day, Oct 2, we  
stopped at Rice Lake  
for lunch, drove thru  
Taylors Falls & by free-  
way & Snelling Avenue  
to the church. Miriam  
Bushnell's daughter drove  
Bertha, Agnes & me home.

THE LAST NIGHT -  
at Land-o-Lakes, Wis.



The audience for the skit.

The ride across northern Michigan  
and Wisconsin was colorful, but not  
like Ontario. We spent the last  
night at a big resort. After dinner  
we went to the convention hall and  
saw our presidents Don and Irene  
crowned king and queen, in a skit  
written by Miriam Bushnell. ::

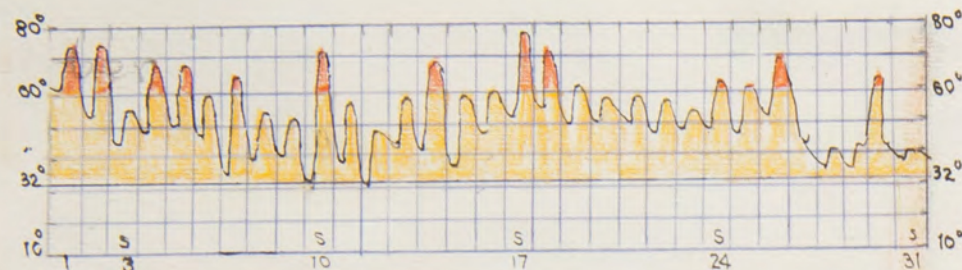


Part of the Mello mass on tour, at Rice Lake, the last noon.

These two color prints of slides of mine  
Wae gives me by Don Murray.



# October 1971



**S**ister Agnes was with us until the 12th. After the Lake Superior trip, our friends helped show her a good time. The 3rd, Bill gave us a partridge dinner at his creek-side home. The 7th, Edith Pates had us for brunch at Jimmy's, and then drove us to the Wilder Residences. (We saw Si Knight briefly.) The 9th, to Edith Bush theater: a play about young Shakespeare. The 10th, we drove to Maiden Rock and Ellsworth - and the 12th, raining most of the way, we took Agnes to Aston and Taylor's Falls. Bill was here for supper the 12th, and took Agnes to her train.

**M**artha Magraw's German cousin, Miss Müller, saw Betty Bachmann's slides of the West, here one night. Betty could describe them in German. We were included in a luncheon and drive in Minneapolis for Miss Müller.

**H**ulda Johnson visited in Saint Paul; Bertha had a four-some for her the 14th.

**M**ollie Savold moved to a rest home in Northeast Minneapolis, and we visited her there the 22nd.

**T**he Cleveland Ave. Methodists' annual dinner was the 29th, and our church had a budget dinner on the 26th.

**M**orris were here the 30th; next morning, the Magraws gave us a before-church ride to Fisher's orchard.

**I** was taking leaves most of the month, and putting up storm windows. I had several sessions in the dark room.



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View from my  
Bedroom.

## OCTOBER

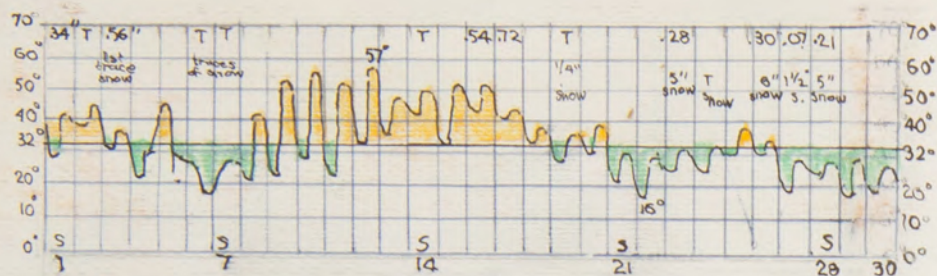
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Stonebridge Boulevard



71-140  
Woodlawn Ave.  
in Stonebridge



November  
1971



**F**irst half of the month, fall weather; I was pulling up annuals and disposing of leaves. Tuesday mornings we attended Bible class. We missed church the last Sunday on account of 5" of fresh snow. Bertha was at Women's Fellowship a couple of days.

**F**rom the 19th, it began to be winter: quite a lot of snow after the 23rd. I painted the kitchen, using texture paint on the ceiling to hide irregularities. Then I got busy on our Christmas card, and was mailing them out about the end of the month.

**O**ur Thanksgiving: Bertha roasted the turkey Bill got from Bemis Co. and we three had it, with all the trimmings, on the 25th.

**R**ecreation: The Mellomacs had a dinner and "fun night" at the church, the 16th; and slides of the Mellomac bus trip were shown by Don Murray, with a potluck supper, the 21st. We saw one movie at the Grandview the 24th: "Peter Rabbit and Beatrice Potter". The 2nd, we had lunch (a big dinner) for 70¢ at the Vocational School, with Magraws. I did not do much walking—only four or five lukes of a mile or less. We drove down town three times and went grocery shopping, usually to Highland, several times.

**D**eaths: Jim Derrig, retired N.P. assistant chief engineer, died in Seattle the 5th, and Mobart McKay, our old neighbor, died in the same week, here in St. Paul.

## THE ANNUAL SPECTACLE of LIGHTS



The Capitol to the First National Bank —  
—from across the river.

November 15





First  
SNOW  
- well, almost!  
November 23.

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Taken with 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 Kodak Reflex



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# St. Paul Dispatch Family Life

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## People Here and There For Ida Holman There's No Generation Gap, Even Though She's 100

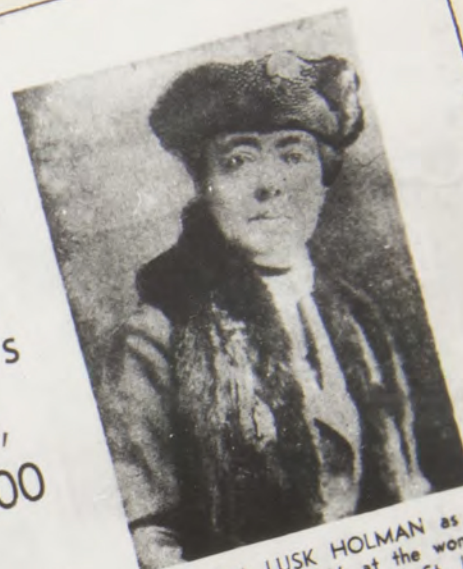
By BETTY RONEY  
Staff Writer

Ida Lusk Holman, St. Paul's major spokesman in women's suffrage circles a half-century ago, will celebrate her 100th birthday Wednesday at a family gathering in the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Fred C. Norton, 701 Fairmount Ave.

Twenty-eight representatives of four generations in the Lusk-Holman families will sit down to dinner following an afternoon tea and reception for Mrs. Holman's friends and neighbors. Here for the occasion will be her nephew George Nye, Montclair, N.J., and his wife; Frank and George Nye, Wayzata; and a niece, Mrs. Colbert Andrus, Long Lake, and her husband. A daughter-in-law, Mrs. James L. Holman, a grandson, John Holman, and his wife will join the Nortons in representing St. Paul relatives of the woman born Dec. 1, 1871 in Reedsburg, Wis.

Dr. Walter R. Ramsey, whose late wife was a sister of Ida Holman, will be a special guest.

Daughter of Judge and Mrs. James W. Lusk, young Ida came to St. Paul when her father became general counsel of the Chicago Great Western Railway. After graduating in 1899 from Central High School, she attended Vassar College before her marriage in 1892 to John Charles Holman of Cambridge, Mass., and Blue Hill, Maine.



IDA LUSK HOLMAN as she looked in 1916 at the women's suffrage convention in St. Louis.

Widowed in 1896, Mrs. Holman brought her young son with her when she returned to St. Paul to make her home with her parents. After their death she moved to 2185 Berkeley Ave., where she still lives.

In 1916, Ida Holman was among the women who attended the 50th anniversary convention in St. Louis of the Women's Suffrage Association and took part in the planning of a League of Women Voters. She was a member of the first Minnesota LWV board and held office in the Ramsey County organization until she was well into her seventies.

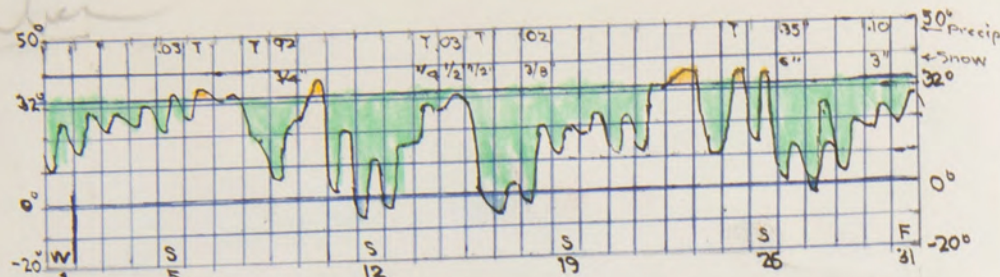
In recent years, Mrs. Holman has made a hobby of antiques and glassware, but her interest in current issues is as strong as ever. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Norton, is a vice chairwoman of the Minnesota DFL executive committee, and Fred Norton is a state legislator.

"My children," said Mrs. Norton, "keep saying 'Somebody should tell people what a neat old lady 'Ma' is.' They don't even know there's such a thing as a generation gap."

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December  
1971



Christmas and its preparations were the main order of business. I was getting out, photographically, our Christmas cards, then (mostly Bertha) we wrote notes and mailed them. I got a little balsam tree for \$2 the 13th, put it up and decorated it the 20th-21st. Bertha did most of our Xmas shopping; I wrapped the gifts. Bill came to dinner Christmas Eve; Margery Brubacher was here, too. After some bridge and a television tour of the White House, we went to eleven o'clock services. Bill stayed over for opening of our gifts next morning and for dinner (Bemis Bags donated the turkey.)

I started a new project: a photographic book for Jeannie, of Mike's first 5 years; and I had several light snow shoveling jobs, - but only a few walks.

The first, we went with Betty Bachmann to Mrs. Holman's 100th birthday reception. The Mellones dined at the church the 15th; White Bear Sweet Adoliners sang. We and Magraus had dessert at Margery's the 28th - the same day Bertha and I got our driver's licences renewed, under the old law, without an examination. We went to church every Sunday. Dr. Francis preached his sermon to the children the 19th, and afterwards Bertha and I drove to Rosedale shopping center and dined at the Hot Plate; we had quite a time getting back into Snelling Avenue. Bertha had half-a-dozen social afternoons, including one bridge foursome here. We called on Molly Savold the 22nd - she has moved to a new place, way out on Central Ave. Mpls.

There was a brief war between India and West Pakistan, freeing East Pakistan - now known as Bangladesh.



CHRISTMAS  
DECORATIONS  
AT HOME





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Mayrows' mantel and Scotch pine tree.

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### My Last Annual Pass

Ever since 1916 I've had one, issued annually until this one, which was extended, year by year, in anticipation, first, of the Burlington Northern merger, then of nationalized passenger service (Amtrak) which gives only half fare... The Burlington Northern honored this pass on all lines and the "limited" trains.

## Gloria in Excelsis Deo

This has been a happy and eventful year for us, with much travel. The greatest event: our flight, with Bill Junior, to Long Island in May, to witness the marriage of our grandson Michael to lovely Jeanne Caldwell, and to join in the festivities that went with it. Then, with daughter Betsy, Don & Bill Jr., we drove to Rockport on Cape Ann, a fascinating spot, to see Bill's sister Dorothy and her husband, artist Paul Scott; but granddaughter Janet, a bridesmaid, could not go with us because of urgent classes at Stanford. After exploring the East, Don and Betsy had a happy week visiting here in St. Paul.

Next in importance was our spring trek to California to visit our children - Penny and Bob in their unique house in Berkeley, overlooking San Francisco Bay, and Betsy and Don in Camarillo, with week ends at Carmel and in Sequoia National Park. Then we flew to Seattle, to see sister Agnes, and the many nieces, nephews, & grands & great-grands.

Our third big event was Agnes's visit here in September, to join us in a bus tour with church friends, around Lake Superior and (by train) into the indescribably beautiful Canadian wilderness.

And we must mention the delicious "game" dinners which Bill Jr. prepared for us in his new country home on Minnehaha Creek.



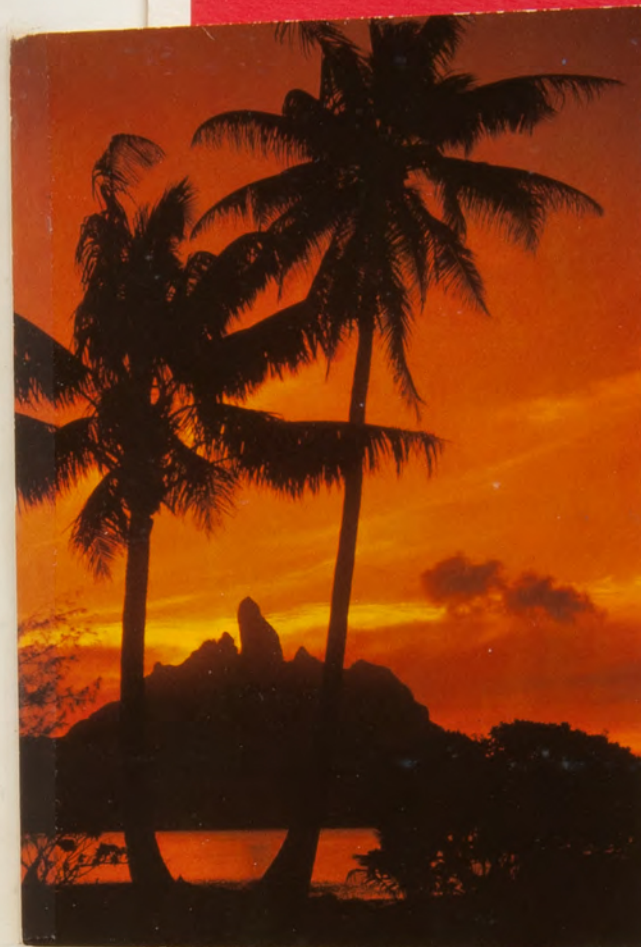


FROM JOHN BJORKLUND:  
Silk screen by his brother Charles ("Bjork")



From Mike & Jeanne  
vacationing in Tahiti →

FROM THE ENGLISHES - CLEVELAND, OHIO



day  
ings

ED A MONTH TOO SOON -  
I SNOWSTORM IN VALLEY NEAR US."  
- "ROUND ROBIN."







GENE HANDSAKER  
FAMILY -  
Redondo Beach



Sincerely,  
Lois

I'm not in touch  
with Mrs Joseph  
or Helen Lee - now  
LMA

BUZZA/CARDOZO  
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

X 529





ANOTHER CARD  
BY CHARLES BYERLUND

Sending You  
Our Very  
Best Wishes



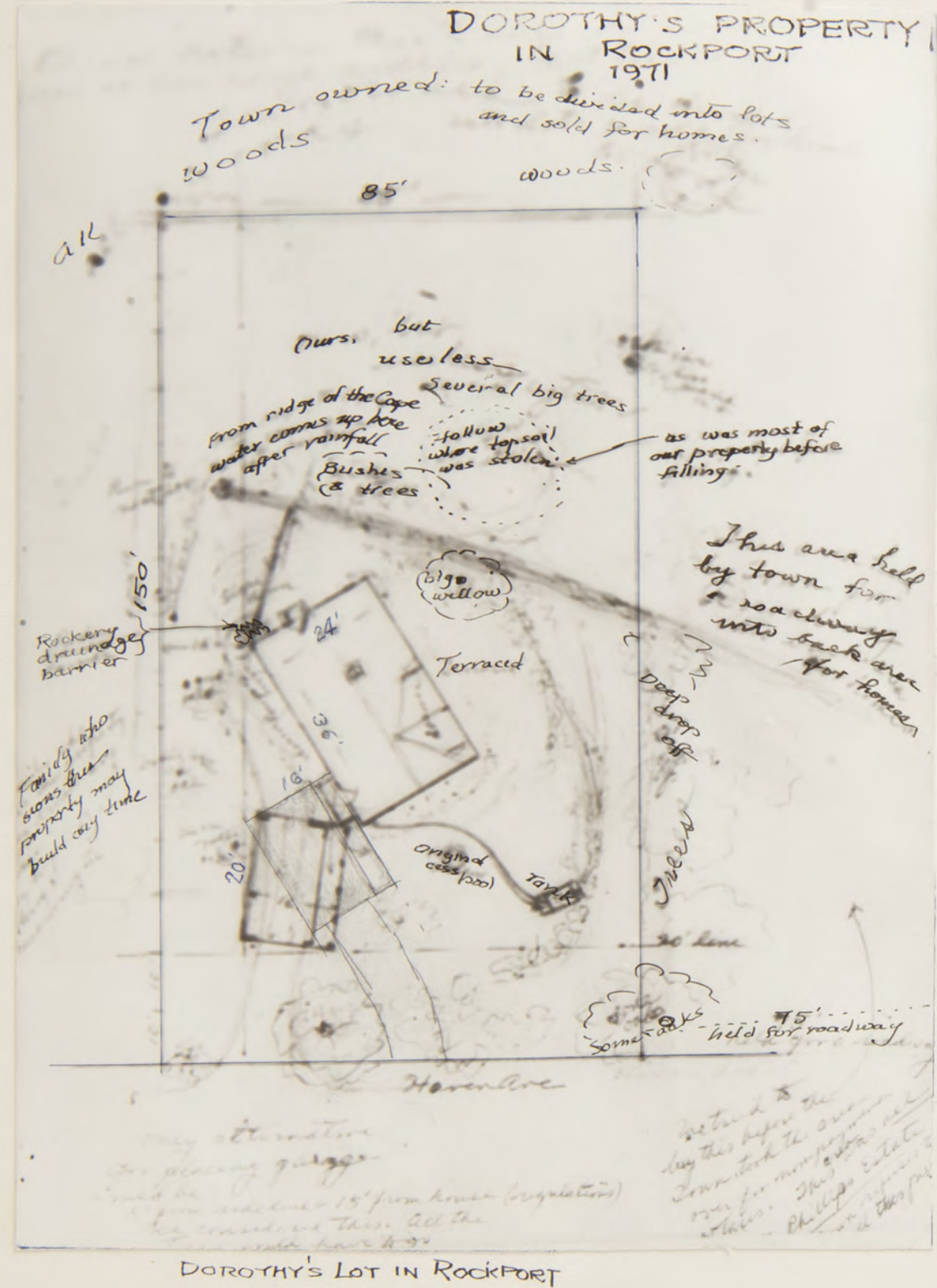
A Christmas Call  
from 938-3068











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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

The Wolsey Family



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