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8 Memorable Moments. You'll love winter weather when experienced through beautiful color photos.

18 High-Flying Hostess. Former stewardess from the '40s recalls early commercial flights as just plane fun.

19 Sanctum Sounds. The eerie squeaking door that opened each episode of *Inner Sanctum* really existed.

20 Stop Da Music! "The Schnozzola" always had time for his fans, even if he was at home wearing a bathrobe.

22 Hot Stuff. When "the furnace war" on Healy Street really heated up, they knew something would blow!

26 What a Guy! The Lombardo band was in Montana when reader got royal treatment from the Canadians.

30 Don't Touch That Dial. Stay tuned for some readers' fond recollections of those golden days of radio.

33 Willie Was a Pip. Pound for pound, Willie Pep may have been the best prizefighter. Come visit the champ.

34 Underground Movies. The seats were crates, but the price was right in the kids' basement movie "palace".

42 Mail Memories. Unique illustrated envelopes made her letters to her GI husband overseas extra special.

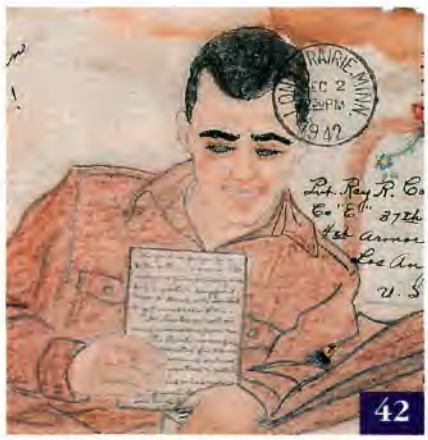
44 Get in the Swing. Relive the Big Band era with two former vocalists who share tunes on the old Party Line.

49 Hot Dishes for Cold Weather. You'll wish winter was longer when you try these tasty warmer-uppers.

55 Eye-Popping Pies. The bids were rising fast when two rivals tried to outdo each other at the pie supper.

56 Harkin' Back to Larkin. The old Larkin catalog had it all when most housewives did shopping from home.







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5 There *Was* Life Before TV. The community entertainment we once enjoyed was simple but lots of fun.

8 Memorable Moments. Ready for spring? By the look of these colorful photos, it can't be that far away!

18 Down Memory Lane? Famous kegler Andy Varipapa struck out for Hollywood and bowled them over.

20 Rumbling Recollection. This family felt the 1906 San Francisco earthquake at their home 75 miles away!

21 Remember the Crosley? Couple's first car was *so* small, they never knew where pranksters might put it.

26 "May I Take Your Order?" As a "Johnson girl", she quickly learned that good old vanilla can't be beat.

27 Dinner with Elvis. When he met a rising teen idol, he expected the worst, but he left singing a different tune.

30 Teen "Hangouts" Meant Food and Fun. Malt shops and jukebox music were just about all any kid needed.

33 He Got His Kicks on Route 66. Reader's dad was instrumental in building "the highway that's the best".

34 Motorcar Mailings. Bevy of beautiful brochures tells of the days when most car shopping was done by mail.

38 I Saved Jackie Coogan. Child actor was lucky this girl was in the audience and saw the oncoming train.

43 Wish Book a Textbook? The Sears catalog once did much more than just tempt kids—it helped them learn.

45 Make Memorable Meals. Swing into spring with these tested and tasty dishes, perfect for the season.

51 Said a Mouthful. The family kitchen was old-time dentist's "laboratory"...and sometimes his office, too!

52 Banding Together. During the Depression, this family orchestra covered 30 states in a secondhand car.







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8 Memorable Moments. Spring into the season with pages of colorful photos and memories from readers.

18 Mouthful of Trouble. He learned an unforgettable lesson while trying to chew his way to adulthood.

20 Shipboard Serenade. Soldiers bound for Europe got lyrical surprise—Glenn Miller's *Moonlight Cocktail.*

21 He Took a Trip to Mars. Burma-Shave once sent this reader on an incredible journey for saving jars.

25 Pop to the Rescue! In the 1920s, long before paramedics, this sturdy hero saved lives in New York City.

30 Bygone Brand Names. Readers fondly recall favorites like Rinso, Bendix washers, Packard autos and more.

33 Raceway Recollections. The Indy 500 wasn't as exciting as the company these boys kept during the race.

34 Cards Showed You Cared. A reader shares her lovely collection of colorful antique friendship cards.

37 Grandpa Loved Limburger. A granddaughter will never forget good but smelly treat with her granddad.

40 "Hey, Mister, Want a Shine?" Listen in as two former shoe-shine boys "chew the rag" on our Party Line.

46 You'll Make Mealtime Memories with this menu of delicious family-favorite recipes one reader shares.

54 Mobile Movies. With a truck and a tent theater, this reader's parents really made the motion pictures move.

55 She Was Queen for a Day. Back in 1952, a young bride got the royal treatment on popular radio show.

62 Leap in and Laugh! Our limerick contest has readers everywhere rolling out some rollicking rhymes.







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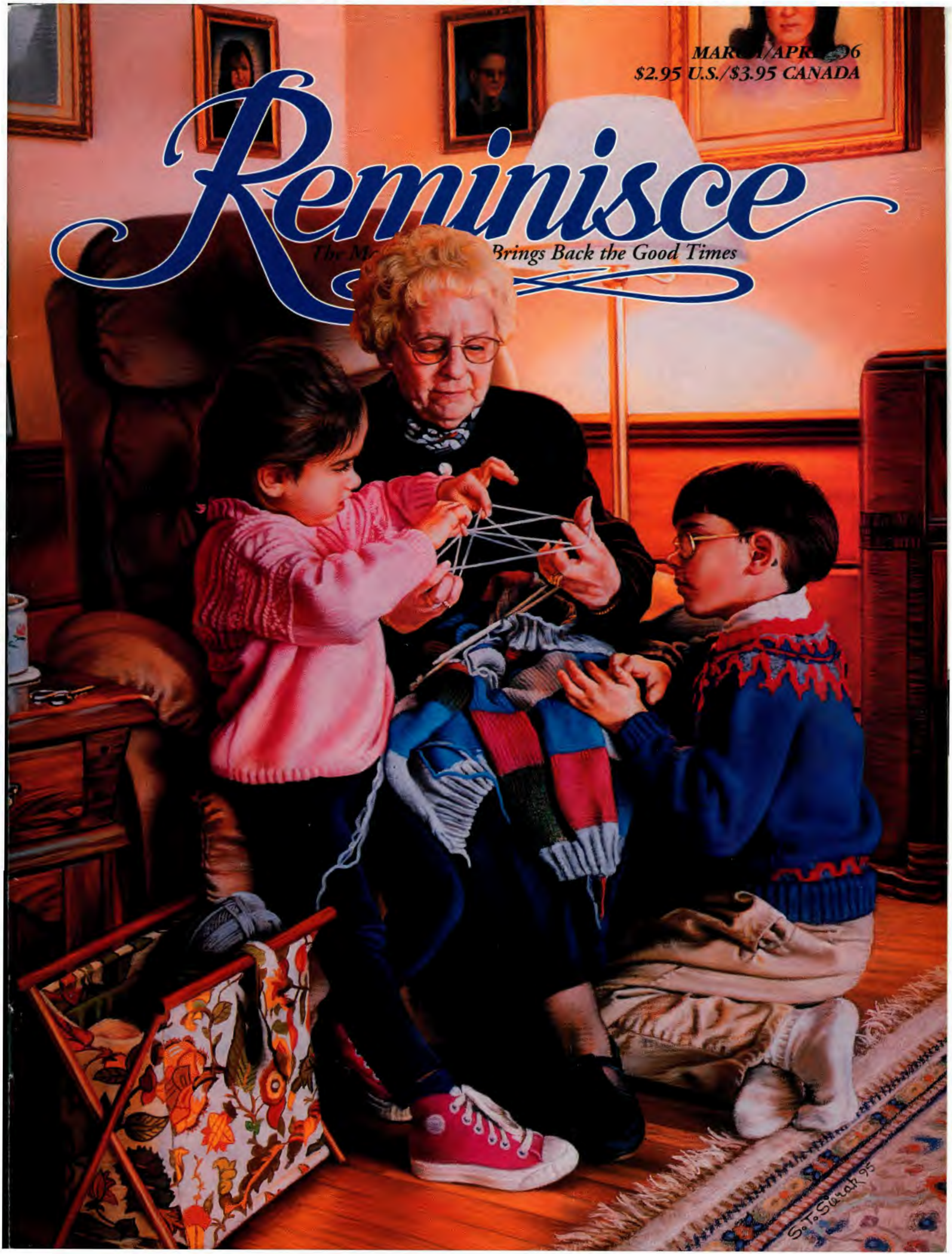

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16 Hark Back to the Bark. At first he thought Dad's special carving tree was gone. Did it still stand?

17 Oh, for a Steam Car Ride! Only the skipper of the *Queen Mary* could understand this boy's excitement.

18 Hereafter for Hounds? "Brownie" went to church so often he likely landed in a heavenly doghouse.

19 When Vic Damone Was Vito. Famous crooner never forgot his roots, as his old friend remembers.

20 Chocolate Heaven. Five teenagers turned loose in a chocolate factory? Hide those Hershey's kisses!

22 Rolling West. Think driving across the country was tough in 1921? This couple went on roller skates!

23 Charlie in Charge. His daddy's wise manager knew how to make a real success of a farm...and a life.

26 Grandmother "Butterfly". This lady was delicate and colorful and possessed a true inner strength.

27 Nameplate Namesake. Grandchildren finally found Granddad's car...not one he owned—one he built!

34 Backpedaling...in Time. Searching for his sister's 1935 toy Hupmobile led to kiddie car collection.

36 Remember Judy Bolton Mysteries? Storybook heroine solved mysteries in reader's "backyard".

37 Puzzling Fashions. Come try this little "bib and tucker" puzzle and see if you can name that garb.

38 Nick-of-Time Knickers Change. "The knickerbockers incident" was resolved by his big sister.

45 Sister Grace Was Amazing. She might have been small, but this special teacher's lessons stood tall.

51 Granddad's Gift. Despite having a handicap, he made his teenage granddaughter "a space of her own".

52 Nelson Eddy to Bela Lugosi. What did they have in common? One of our readers took their photos.

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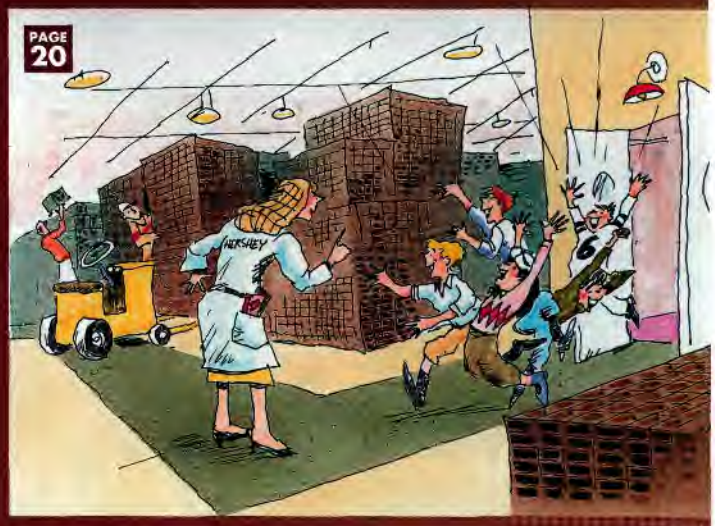









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18 Gee, What a Shivaree! The local practical joker found the tables turned when he tried to sneak his wedding past his buddies. They proved to be just a little bit sneakier.

19 Oh, Say, Did You Know? Think you know how our national anthem was selected? Come to school and find out.

22 Some Slick Salve Salesmen. A couple of young entrepreneurs found Cloverine Salve was not the quick seller they figured. But, as usual, Mom and Dad rescued them.

26 Hey, It's Mickey Mantle! A ride to the ballpark with the Yankees' newest slugger was a bit of baseball heaven.

27 Search for the Boy Yodeler. A letter about Olivio Santoro, radio star of the '30s and '40s, led his No. 1 fan on a search that had some surprising, and wonderful, results.

32 Having Strum Fun. Every singing cowboy needed a guitar. This collector has just about every one they played.

34 A World of Fun at the Fair. The 1934 Chicago World's Fair was not only a great birthday present for this 6-year-old, it gave her the chance to meet most of her relatives.

36 Lost at Sea. When an H-bomb fell into the ocean, he was called to find it...with the help of a salty local fisherman.

54 Days at the Old Mill Run. Sweet memories cling to this reader the way flour did to nearly everything at her dad's mill—and she still knows how to tie a miller's knot!

57 Taking a Test Spin. Remember when record stores with listening booths let 78-rpm music fans "try it before you buy it"?



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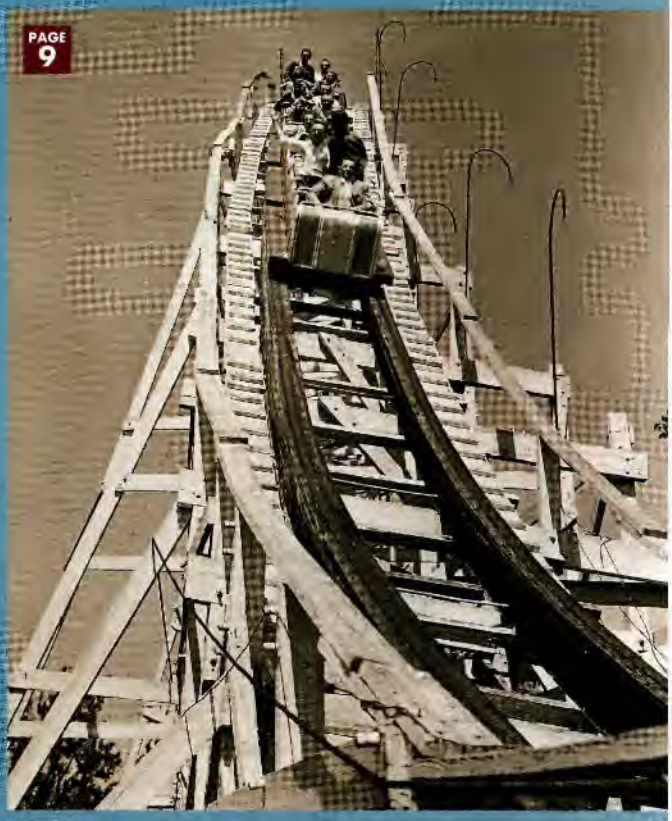

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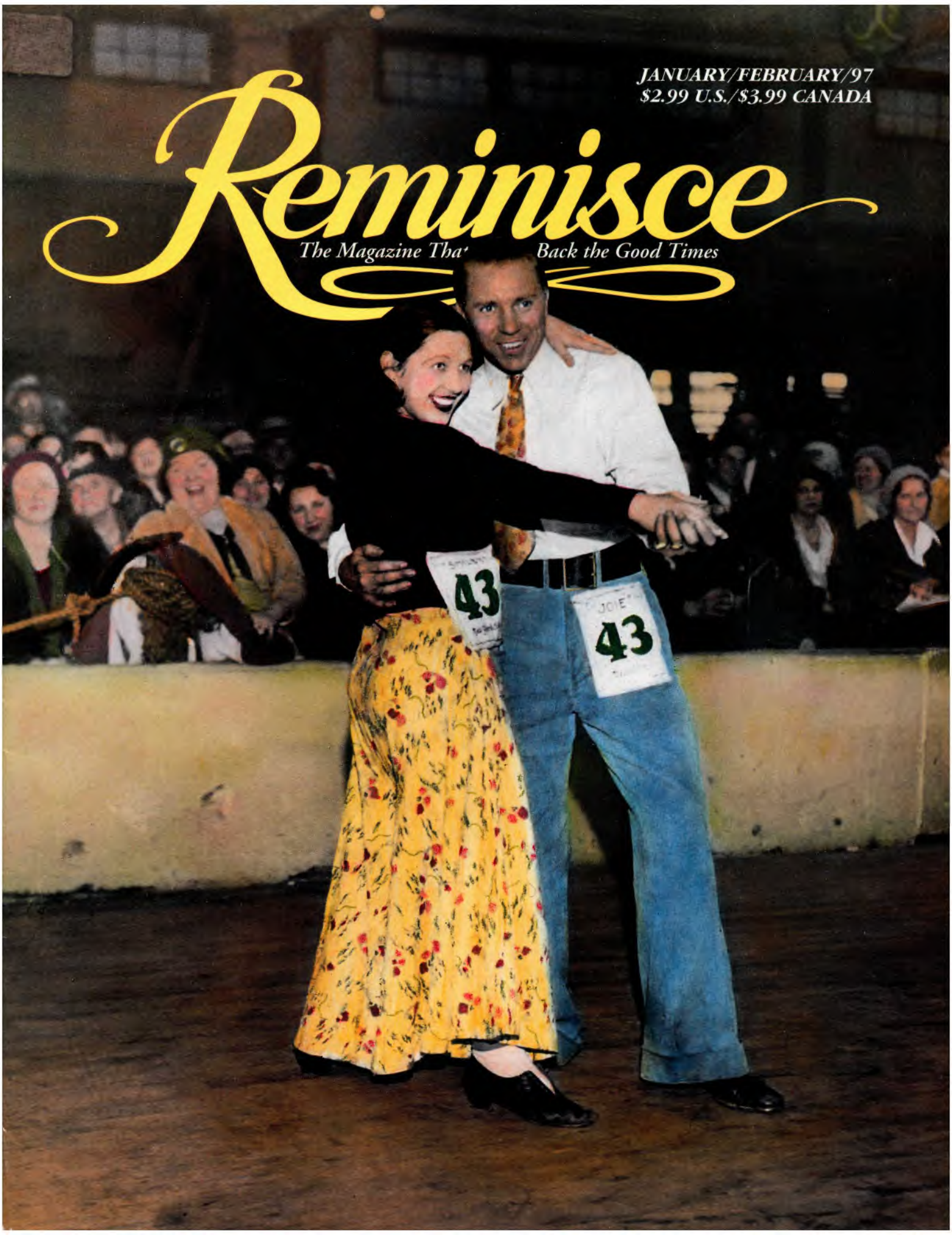
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Welcome to The Good Old Days!

IF YOU RECALL the fun of Saturday matinees, this late-'20s theater lobby in New York City may spark some golden memories of the silver screen.

Reminisce reader Elaine Wojenski of Burlington, New Jersey certainly remembers. "The fun started in the ticket line," she writes. "Clutching our 11¢ admission tightly, we said hello to friends and eyed the kids we didn't know with suspicion.

"There was a lot of walking up and down the theater aisle. When the lights dimmed, that solemn voice of the Newsreel competed with some noisy kids!

"After the main feature ended, the manager climbed up on stage and called out ticket stub numbers for the week's Grand Prize Drawing. Oh, the lucky kid who won a pair of roller skates or a Dionne Quintuplets cutout book!"

Nowadays you don't see lavish theaters like the one in this Brown Brothers photo. How nice to know that grand memories are always playing in the pages of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

DANCE MARATHONS in the '30s entertained spectators, and the couple still standing after hours of dancing got a cash prize (as well as sore feet!). This lively photo from Brown Brothers was hand-colored by Marcy Merrill.

In This Memorable Issue

8 Shortcut to Success. Back in the Roaring '20s, when bobbed hair became the biggest in fashion, this sharp woman saw a real career opportunity.

16 Born to Roll. After Dad strapped those big wheels on this little kid, he was a good skate about it.

18 Remember Air Raid Drills? Mom thought California was the front line during World War II, so the garage was the only place you could be safe.

19 "Good Night, Mrs. Calabash..." Millions heard about this mysterious woman, but did she really exist? Only Jimmy Durante knew for sure!

22 Unscheduled Stop made by this train crew surprised a group of children and even their parents.

23 Box Top Memories. Getting secret messages from Tom Mix was just a bowl of Ralston away.

26 Milk of Human Kindness. The Great Depression might have been the worst of times, but it brought out the very best in people.

27 No Dealing These Cards. Back in the 1930s, baseball cards were collected and traded just for fun, not bought for investment.

32 All Hands on Deck. If the radio dial was tuned to *Don Winslow of the Navy*, enemy agents were in big trouble with the brave Squadron of Peace.

43 Dining, Texas-Style. Memories of the ritual of dining in the '30s are as tasty as the food was then —even if sometimes that food was cold biscuits.

56 Who Needed Talkies? This subscriber's family band was a hit back during the 1920s, when the silent movies required some accompanying music.

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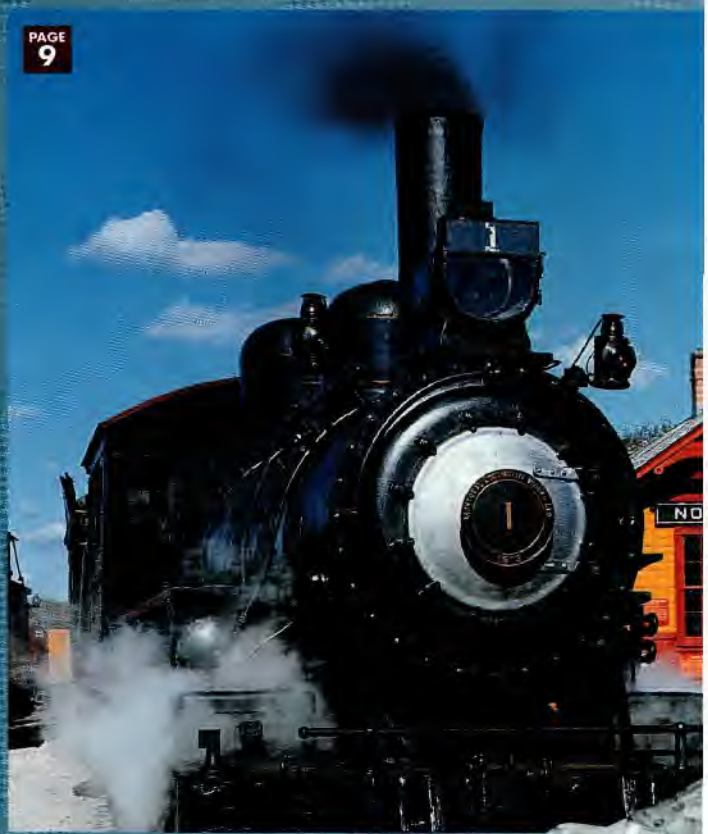





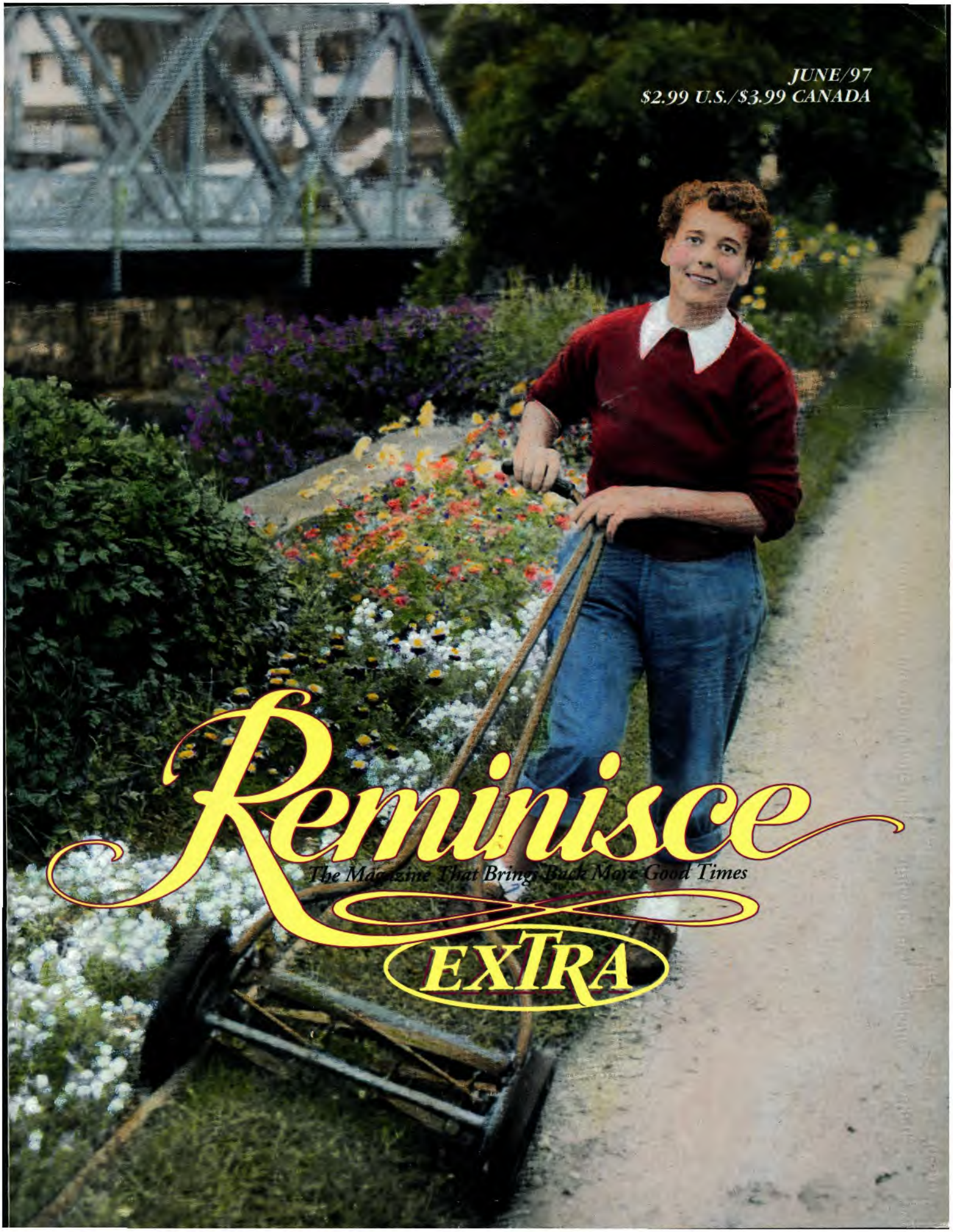
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BOYS, BASEBALL and summer have always made a striking combination, just as they did back in 1908, when this photo was taken.

Pictured are members of the Poughkeepsie, New York High School team. This treasured family photo comes from James Mullen of New York, New York.

"I don't know any of the team's vital statistics," he notes, "but they look like winners to me—especially the lad seated at left in the middle row. That's my dad, James."

We think you'll find the bases loaded with memories in this issue as *Reminisce EXTRA* hits a homer. Play ball!

On Our Cover

SINCE its creation in 1928, the unique Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts has attracted folks from all over.

The Shelburne Women's Club still provides volunteers to keep things blooming along the 400-foot-long "garden path", which was once a trolley bridge.

English-born Edna Marsh is pictured maintaining the beautiful Bridge of Flowers in a 1951 photo sent by her friend Judy Teasdale of Naples, Florida.

Judy writes that Edna, who now lives in Bonita Springs, survived 8 years of the bombing of Britain. She'd worked in greenhouses from the age of 14 and studied horticulture in North Wales.

She and her husband met in 1944 and moved to the States in 1948. At 85, Edna still delights in her hibiscus plants, tea roses and exotic cattleya orchids.

Blooming good show, Edna!



In This Memorable Issue

15 FORE! Grab a bag and join a feisty young golf caddie.

16 River of Memories. Chicago's Riverview Amusement Park was this little girl's idea of heavenly thrills.

18 Go West. A 19-year-old motorcyclist did just that.

19 Queen for the Day. The coronation in 1953 had a lot more than Queen Elizabeth as a main attraction.

20 Landlocked. A sailor's wife felt "alone at sea" back in 1947, living in the most primitive temporary home.

21 Happy Mother's Day. These kids were angels!

22 Chautauqua Kid. A girl joins the Redpath circuit.

23 Getting Dad's Goat. No buts about it, this lively movie theater prize was *not* going to be around long.

26 Everybody's Grandpa. The neighborhood kids knew where to head on a summer day during the 1950s.

27 Roll Out the Fun. This family had its very own rink!

31 Soap Box Soap Opera. A young racer's sad tale.

32 Island Paradise. Santa Catalina Island was super.

34 Shelves of Memories. Back at the old general store.

37 Planes and Trains. After their first airplane ride in 1937, these boys had to ride the rails to get back home.

38 Catskill Summers. A city kid's escape in the '50s.

43 Cinderella of the Airwaves. A young couple had the time of their lives on a free trip to New York.

45 Civil War Vets Meet Again. A couple of old soldiers get together in 1919, the first time since the war.

51 The Gang's Mostly All Here. The "Pinball Gang" from Manhattan enjoyed a grand reunion after 50 years.

53 Model A Marriage. Two wrecks became a match.

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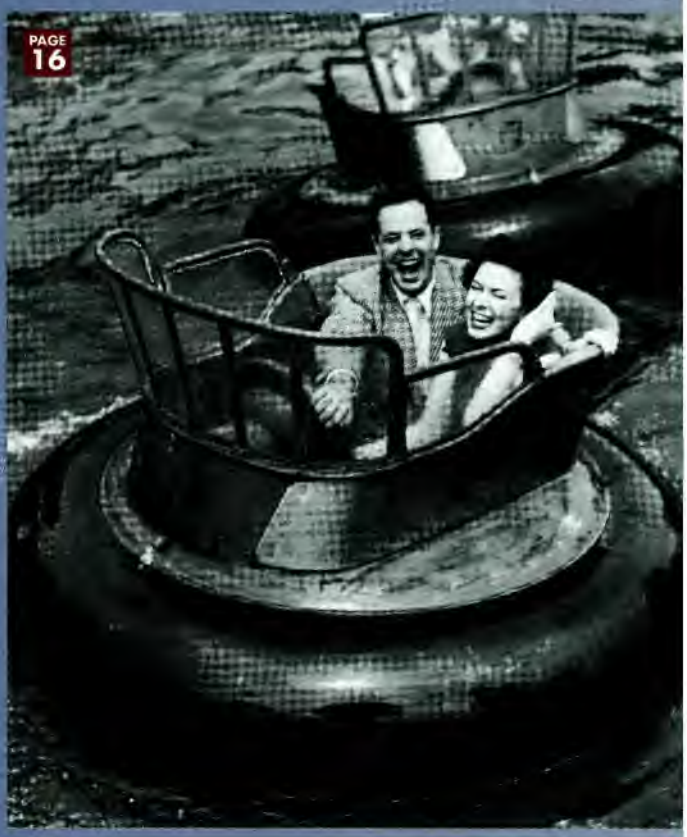



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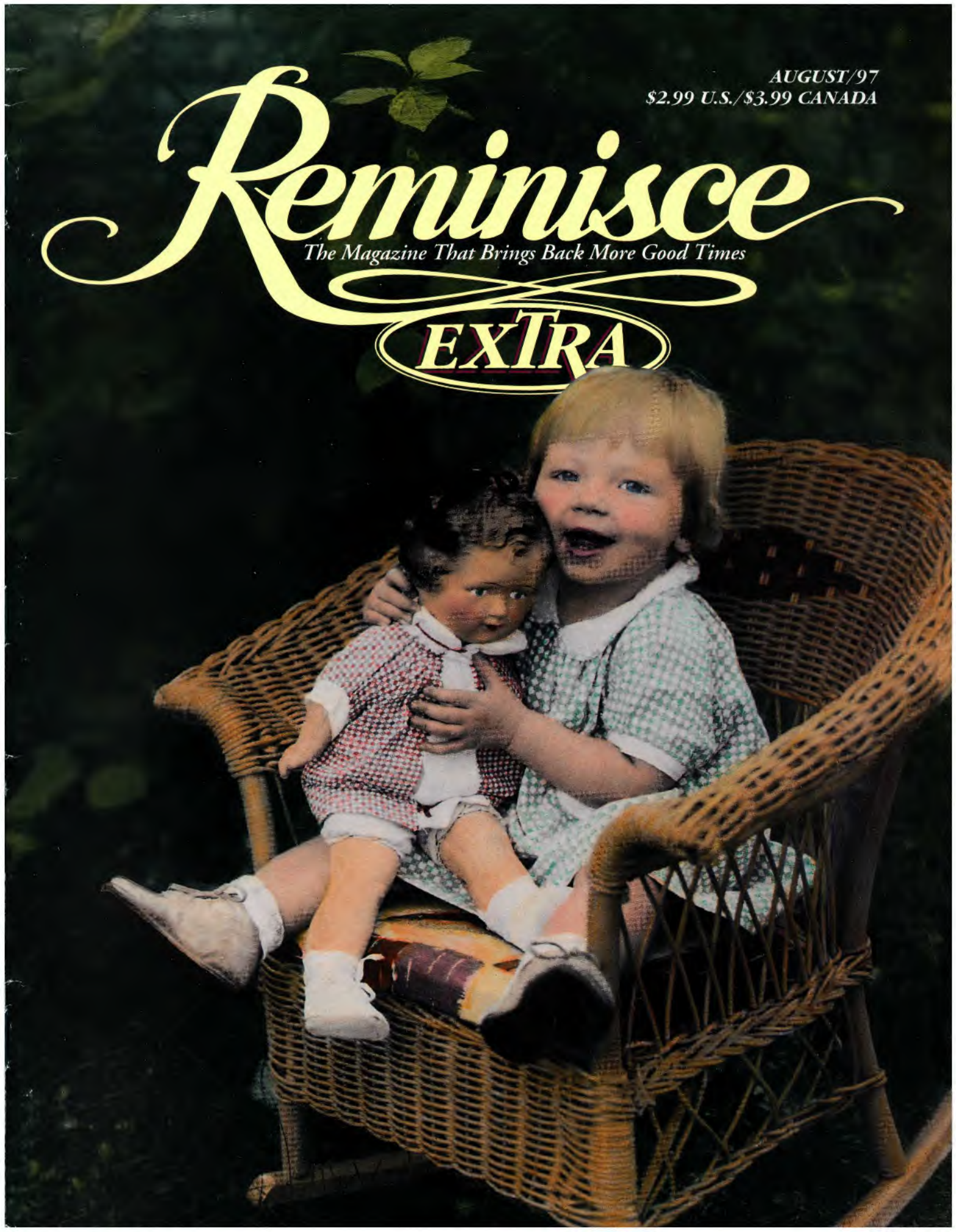

Welcome to The Good Old Days!

BEATING the late-summer heat took more thought years ago, but judging from this 1922 scene, these kids' imaginations weren't about to run dry!

This photo from the Brown Brothers collection captures a once-familiar city scene. The fire department had run a hose from a hydrant into the street and attached some pipes to give neighborhood youngsters a shower.

This was one way for city kids to cool off, as reader Eliza Massa of Kansas City, Missouri recalls. She grew up in St. Louis in the '40s and has her own city memories.

"We had to beg, but eventually the firemen at the local firehouse would open a hydrant so we could prance around in the flooded gutters," Eliza relates.

"One station even suspended a long pipe with holes drilled in it, and we'd get sprayed racing under the man-made 'rain'."

Eliza knew when it was *really* hot in St. Louis. "Someone would fry an egg on the sidewalk," she says, "and the story always made the headlines." (See page 41 for a firsthand account of this sidewalk delight.)

Meanwhile, do *you* have a great old 8 x 10 black-and-white photo (in sharp focus) we might share in this space? If so, consider sending it in after checking the guidelines on page 33.

But first jump into this issue and get your feet wet—we've let loose a flood of memories!

On Our Cover

MEMORIES STILL SWAY. The sweet 1933 photo on our cover is from reader Laverne LaPard of Streator, Illinois. She says she loved rocking then and still does today! The print was hand-colored by Marcy Merrill.



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15 Captain Video Comes to Earth. A Space Ranger learned in '54 that his universal hero was only human.

16 Grandpa Knew. She'd always be "Maggie's girl".

17 The Pink Throne. Aunt Mary was queen for a day when the family came to see her very special new room.

18 Sweet Memories. Her Uncle Ben "knew his onions".

19 Playing in Sty-le. It was "Whoopee-ti-yi-yo, git along little hoggies" when these cowgirls rode the pen.

22 Tigers Fan. In 1934, a kid could imitate his hero.

26 Mom, the Flag-Waver. Although foreign-born, this little lady was a true patriot, says her proud son.

27 Useful Utensil. Her old tin cup has stories to tell.

32 From Bikes to Bombers. His father started designing bicycles and ended up working on missiles.

34 Puzzle Pix. These old jigsaws still provide fun.

37 Family Tree. Grandmother's old catalpa tree became this imaginative girl's very own private playground.

38 Pedal Power. A bike in the Depression meant a job.

41 Now That's Hot! They weren't bragging when these two kids said you could fry an egg on the sidewalk.

43 Store-Bought Fun. Gramp's store stocked memories.

45 Little Chicken Cook. Although she was only 7, she managed to make a chicken dinner for her ailing mom.

51 "Dirty Jim". If your sprizzle was sprung, he'd fix it.

53 Unbroken Circle. A ring thrown away in a fit of anger was never found...yet their love was never lost.

55 Yellowstone Road. In 1939, the park was like Oz.

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Welcome to The Good Old Days!

BACK IN 1912, just as today, young people didn't need a reason to have a party—especially the 23 girls and one boy (can you spot him?) pictured here.

Ruth Matheny of Ormond Beach, Florida, who shared this photo, says her mother and friends often had parties. "They called it 'a meeting of the girls'," Ruth explains.

Ruth's mother, Mary Elizabeth Carey (known as "Mamie" back then), is seated in the second row, fourth from the left.

Ruth doesn't know what this party was all about or why just one boy, Charlie Jones, was invited. (He's in the back row, second from the left.)

By the looks of the cups and pans some of the girls are holding, this gang expected to be fed! The photo was taken in February, so maybe it was Valentine's Day. If so, Charlie sure had his pick of sweethearts!

Back then, when folks made their own entertainment, most parties included music. It's likely Mamie and her friends sang some of the hits of that year, such as *Moonlight Bay* or *You Made Me Love You*.

Dancing was popular, too. The fox-trot and tango hadn't yet come around the corner, but the "animal dances" of a few years earlier were still "in". Anyone remember the "bunny hug", "camel walk" or "buzzard lope"?

If you have an interesting old black-and-white 8 x 10 photo you'd like to share, send it in! (First, see the guidelines on page 59.)

There's nothing like a family album photo to get those memories hoppin'!

On Our Cover

PEDDLING papers by pedal power was a good job for a kid in the good old days, as this lad surely knew. The vintage photo comes from the H. Armstrong Roberts collection and was hand-colored by Marcy Merrill.



In This Memorable Issue

16 Hold the Wire! This collector of rare old wire recordings can play back your forgotten memories.

18 Hello, Central. Her mom was the chief operator.

22 "Fintastic" '50s. When cars resembled planes.

26 A Winner! Entering those '50s contests paid off.

27 On the Road Again. Fifty years after they bought the '33 Chevy, it was up and running again.

31 Secret Melons. Finding Dad's patch was tempting.

32 Back to the Track, Jack. This train buff has turned a one-track mind into a booming business.

34 Ivory Tickler. In the '30s, his dad pounded the keys from Florida all the way down to Havana, Cuba.

43 Couldn't Follow in Footsteps. She loved Grandpa, but pig's feet sandwiches were too much!

52 Boiled Over. These high schoolers did their part.

53 The World on a String. The yo-yo champ of 1951 is still enjoying his ups and downs today.

55 Wild Ride. Boys' 1914 Indian cycle ran amuck.

56 Harvest Fun. Old-time threshing days recalled.

57 Mystery Solved. Last time's "What Is It?" revealed.

58 Fashion Faux Pas. Just because Vice President Nixon was in town was no reason to get dressed up.







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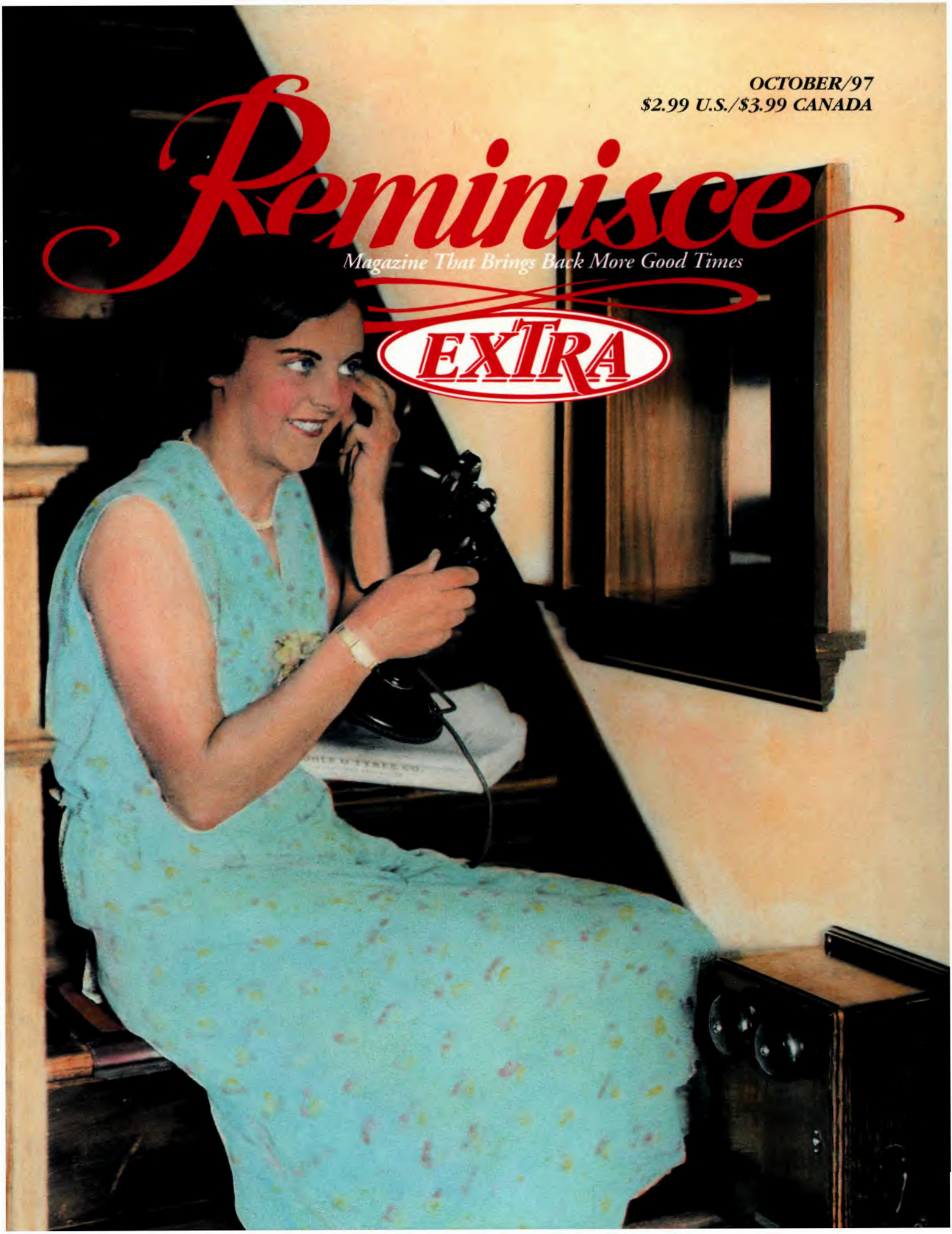

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SUCH a tranquil scene truly captures "the good old days"...back when a leisurely train ride was often considered the best part of a vacation.

The precious family photo here was sent in by Jean Elliott of Claremont, California.

"This memento shows my parents on their honeymoon trip," she writes. "The newlyweds, Harry and Myrtle Dovell, traveled to Colorado Springs in July of 1912 and were joined by Myrtle's papa and stepmother."

These days, you might not find many couples honeymooning with their in-laws. And you probably won't see today's harried train travelers pausing for a group shot.

That's what makes our family albums so interesting. If you have an old 8x10 photo you'd like to share, we'd be happy to consider it for this space. First, please check the guidelines on page 33.

Meanwhile, you can start chugging through this issue at your own leisurely pace...enjoy.



This inset, taken from the right of the larger photo, shows (left to right) Jean Elliott's father, Harry (in straw hat with his face mostly blocked by a fellow traveler); her mother, Myrtle (in white hat); and Myrtle's stepmother (in black hat with white flowers) and father.

On Our Cover

RING A BELL? Ringing up "central" was part of everyday life, and this photo from J.C. Allen and Son caught the moment in a time when wall crank phones were still "the latest". It was hand-colored by Marcy Merrill.

In This Memorable Issue

15 Hut 1! (1 Pound, That Is.) Back in the Depression, the local A&P was a sporting goods store of sorts.

16 Gildy Was Great. The windy water commissioner of Summerfield was a big hit for radio listeners in the '40s.

18 No Church Mouse. Being the preacher's daughter meant church twice on Sunday…and having to be *quiet*.

19 Feed Sack Fighter. When a bully made fun of his flowery feed sack shirt, a little boy grew up fast and tough.

20 King of Canned Goods. Back in the '20s, his dad worked for Monarch, a brand known from coast to coast.

22 Riding Rollers. Crossing the storm-tossed Atlantic in 1932 was the thrill of a lifetime for an 8-year-old boy.

26 Movie Star Message Maven. On her own in Hollywood in the '50s, this 19-year-old reached the stars.

27 We Marched for the "Prof". A music teacher inspired his students in 1936, and they still follow his lead.

32 Will Rogers and Grandpa. The cowboy philosopher from Oklahoma inspired this fan to act like his hero.

34 Music Sold by the Sheet. A colorful collection of sheet music recalls the days of fun family sing-alongs.

36 Down in Front! Back when movie theaters had ushers, this lad was the head man at Chicago's famous Granada.

38 Wrenching Experience. Shy girl learned the way to Dad's heart was through the engine of his used Nash.

43 Way Off Broadway. This 4-year-old was a hit in her first show, even with unrehearsed costume changes.

45 Friday Franks and Football. High school football in the '40s is recalled with peanuts, candy and hot dogs.

51 Up the Creek. There was never any problem getting these kids to take a bath—not with Sugar Creek so handy.

53 Lessons Well Learned. Those dreaded piano lessons in the 1930s turned out to be more than worth it.

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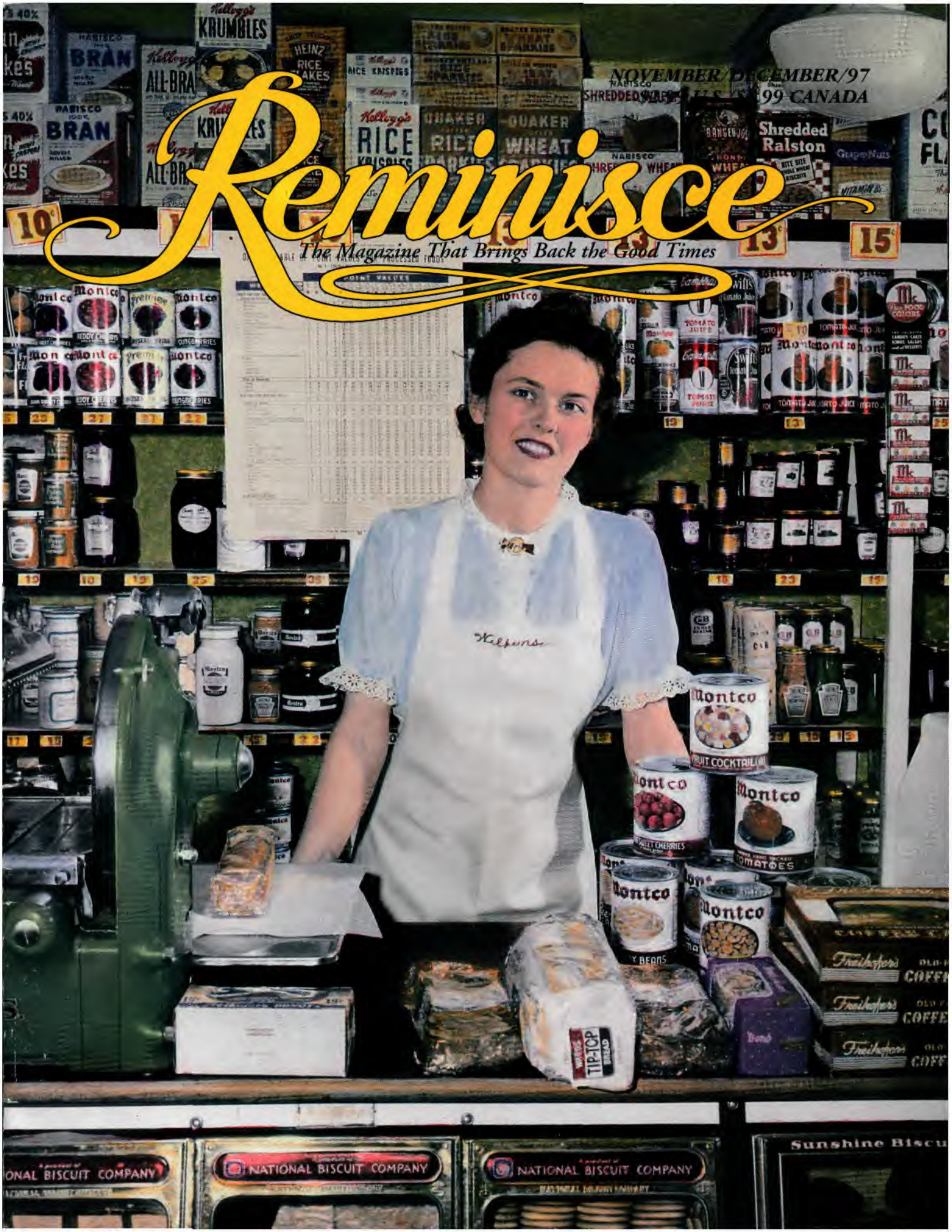
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THESE spiffy travelers on the tarmac in Chicago represent a whole different era. Back in 1939, when the photo was taken, folks dressed up whether they were walking to the corner store or flying cross-country.

Carol Albert of Aptos, California shared the picture, which shows her mom and dad at far right. "Unfortunately, a part of Dad didn't get in the camera frame," she notes.

"My parents worked for Swift & Company in Chicago. This is a picture of their department going on an American Airlines ride in April."

Anyone who remembers those days won't be surprised to see the men wearing ties and the ladies in hats *and* gloves.

"I just love the picture because of how dressed up all of the people are," adds Carol.

The first regular airline passenger service began in the United States in 1914, and by the late 1930s, flying was becoming *the* way to go all over the world.

Just a year before Carol's folks posed here, some 3.5 million people had flown worldwide (a third of those in the U.S.), even though there were only four U.S. airlines then.

If you have a sharp black-and-white 8 x 10 photo that soars back to the good old days, see the guidelines on page 59 and consider sending it.

And now, turn the page for a flight of fancy as many more share their precious photos and stories in this issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

SMILING SERVICE. Yes, those *are* the prices of cereal on the top shelf of the store shown in this 1940s Archive/Lambert Photo, which was hand-colored by Marcy Merrill. There was a war on, as the list of ration points behind the clerk shows …still, a dollar bought a lot.



In This Memorable Issue

14 Thanks Given. Mom spent endless hours making dinner, so it was only right to take time to enjoy it.

15 Field of Dreams. Kind neighbor in North Philadelphia gave these kids a place to play in the '30s.

17 Shocking Halloween Trick. Some tricks were no treat, this young girl learned during the 1920s.

18 Their Special Soldier. A WWII veteran came back to see the family he'd met over 50 years before.

23 A Lot of Hot Air. The end of the world didn't come back in 1924...it was just Papa's newest toy.

26 Big Jon and Sparkie. Meet the creator of this popular children's radio program from the 1950s.

27 Miracle Tree. Christmas of 1945 looked treeless...until this youngster was struck with an idea.

31 In Warm Springs with FDR. A boy visiting this very famous spa got to meet the President.

32 Every Kid's Christmas Wish. Hop on board the memory train with these great old Lionels.

34 Seed Money Santa. Christmas 1932 looked bleak, until Dad made good on Santa's promise.

43 Stretching the Bird. Feeding 22 people with *one* turkey in 1933 was his mother's special secret.

51 Cold Dad, Warm Heart. Father made a sacrifice in the winter of '36 so this little girl could walk.

52 Early Exurbanites. Moving out of the city in the '50s was a big adventure for many young couples.

56 Queen in Absentia. She was the queen for a day in 1946—even if it was way out in Nebraska.

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WHEN MOST of us think of Christmas gatherings, we remember simple school pageants, or a party in the church hall after the service.

But the kids in this Brown Brothers photograph, attending a party in 1910, obviously went home with some far more elaborate memories.

Friends of an apparently well-to-do youngster have been invited to a celebration where every table has its own iced Christmas tree and each party-goer has his or her own miniature version.

It also appears the ribbon that ends at each place setting is attached to a favor. (*We* were happy to go home with a brown paper bag of candy, nuts and maybe an orange or an apple.)

Fancy or plain, the Christmases we had as children left us with rich memories of a time when things seemed slower and simpler…and, of course, there really was a Santa Claus.

Your family album might not contain pictures of such a ritzy event as this, but if you have any sharp old 8 x 10 black-and-white photos that bring back memories, we'd be happy to look at them for possible use in this space. First, please check the Contributor Guidelines on page 33.

Now, it's almost Christmas, so let's start the celebration by turning the page and seeing what Santa brought!

On Our Cover

IS IT DONE YET? The name on the pan says it all. Is there anything more *savory* than a holiday turkey? The one in this photo, by H. Armstrong Roberts and hand-colored by Marcy Merrill, looks good enough to eat.



In This Memorable Issue

16 They All Went Off to War. It was a sad day indeed when this Red Cross gal saw "her boys" off on D-Day.

17 The Gift of Giving. A 5-year-old girl learned the true meaning of Christmas from her parents in 1952.

18 One If by... They'd know if Mom was driving that new 1936 Ford by the headlights shining in the snow.

19 A Dog, a Cat, a Comforter. For a wistful reader, trips to Grandma's back in the '40s left warm memories.

20 Route to Manhood. Helping Dad on his milk run in 1959 also helped a 12-year-old boy feel truly grown up.

21 Snowbound and Stranded far from home, this family was going to miss Christmas...or would they?

22 Willie Was a Wonder. In the late 1880s, her grandfather, then only 4, was a roller-skating sensation.

26 Gift of Life. A Depression Christmas became one for the memory books, thanks to a caring physician.

27 Body for Fisher. A young man with a knack for building models in the '50s impressed designers at GM.

32 Yuletide Memories. Readers recall happy holidays.

34 Power by Pedal. Undeterred by the price of an antique pedal car, this skilled craftsman just made his own.

37 Wish Come True. A gift from a brother far away.

43 One Small Voice. Her first day was a nightmare for a teacher in 1942, until a voice from the back saved her.

45 On Mended Wing. Even an angel with a broken wing couldn't ruin Christmas for this little girl in 1944.

51 Look, Ma, I'm Flying! In the 1920s, there was nothing as exciting for a boy as taking off in a WWI Jenny.

53 Happiness Is a Warm Puppy. These kids expected the worst, but their clever big sister saved the day.

59 The Best Tree Ever. There was no doubt this Christmas tree was special—just ask the man who owned it!

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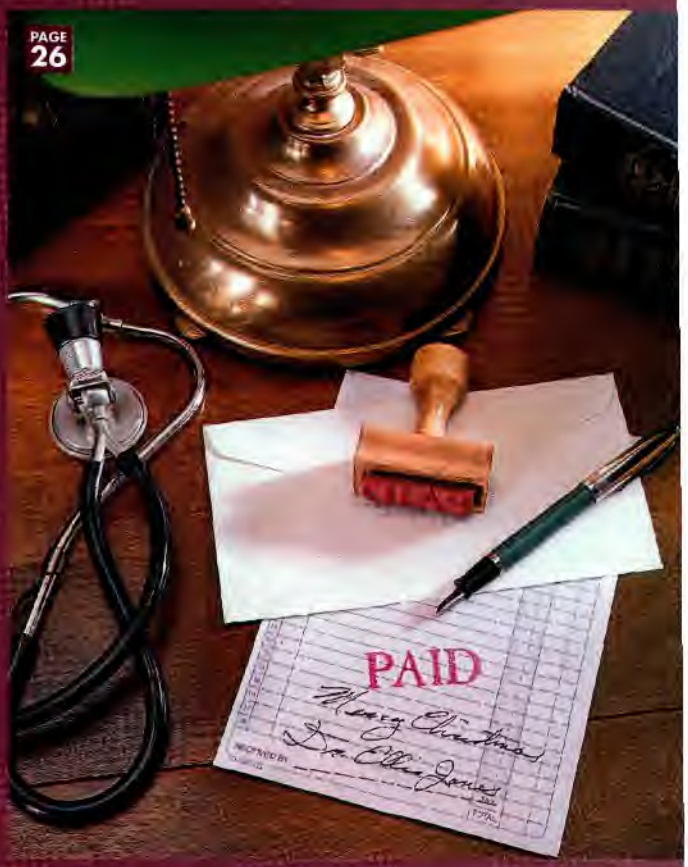



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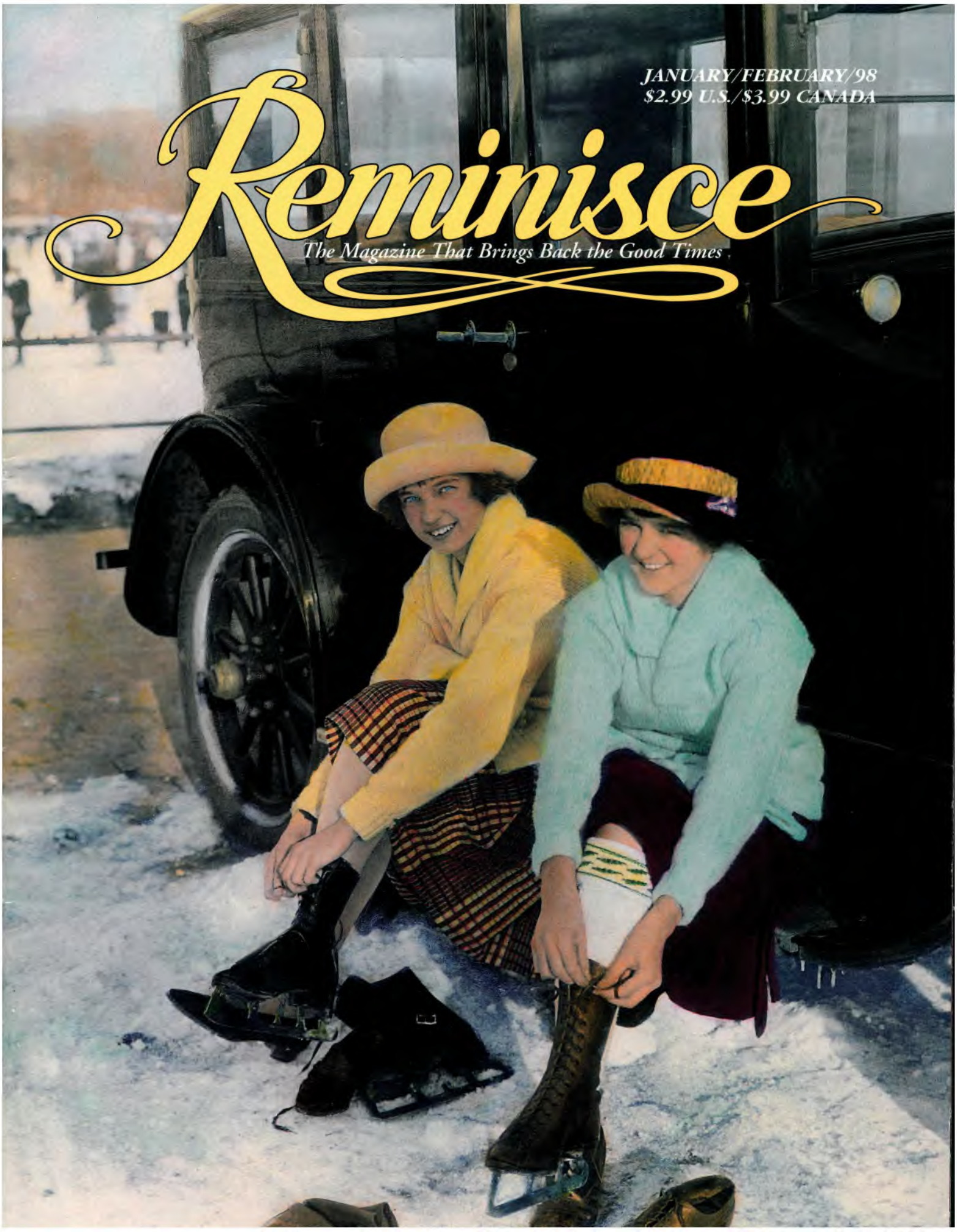

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JUST IMAGINE…when this photo was taken in 1926, "junior high" was still a new idea. Those schools were just starting to appear across the country.

Pictured is the Printing Trades class of Henry Snyder Junior High School in Jersey City, New Jersey. Students were about to tour the *Jersey Journal* newspaper building, explains Robert Talbot, now of Houston, Texas. He's in the front row at far right, holding a paper.

"The man in the back row wearing a hat was our instructor, Harry Osgood," recalls Robert. "Although I'm 85, I remember Mr. Osgood as a good teacher *and* good with us boys. He'd discipline us in a way that we could learn from our mistakes."

Robert was especially interested in the printing business because his father was a Linotype operator for a New York newspaper.

"He bought me a small printing press," Robert remembers. "At Christmastime, I'd buy postcards, then canvass the neighborhood offering to sell them with the person's name printed in the cards."

If *you* have a sharp black-and-white 8 x 10 photo that really sells the good old days, check out the guidelines on page 59 and send it in.

Then settle back and tour the priceless stories and photos printed for you in this issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

COUPLE O' GOOD SKATES. There was no need for fancy warming shacks when the gang went skating in the good old days…a running board made a fine bench for this cool pair. The charming photo, from Brown Brothers' collection, was hand-colored by Marcy Merrill.

In This Memorable Issue

16 Photo of a Lifetime. This couple's 50 years together was captured in a single colorful collage.

17 A Timely Surprise. He hadn't known a photograph from the '40s made him a calendar boy.

18 Cash Register Code. An immigrant found her new job to be a snap, once she learned the secret.

22 If You Knew Eddie. This kid knew Eddie Cantor, all right...only he called him "Grandpa".

26 Snooky on Saturday. When *Your Hit Parade* came on TV in the '50s, Mom was sure to tune in.

27 Og, Son of Fire. Radio in the '30s went back to the Stone Age—and this young fan loved it.

32 Think Spring! A sure sign winter was almost over was the arrival of those pretty seed catalogs.

34 Unusual Pet. When Babe gave birth to a curly-haired baby donkey, the family fun really began.

43 Mama's Snow Cake. Fresh coconut wasn't the only special ingredient in this sweet creation.

52 Star-Gazing Along the Rails. Seeking celebrity passengers was teenage delight in the '30s.

53 Instant Large Family. There was big fun in numbers when a surprise set of triplets arrived.

54 Luck with Lyrics. When she hit Tin Pan Alley back in the 1940s, her songs became instant hits.

55 Where's the Fire? Restored 1926 Hudson fire truck is hot when it comes to rekindling memories.

57 She Was No Old Maid. Her spinster Aunt Rhodie had a career, but never forgot the kids.

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THERE WASN'T a monogrammed bowling shirt in sight when these keglers took to the lanes earlier this century. Rather, boiled shirts seemed to be the style in this Brown Brothers photo—complete with spittoon in the foreground!

Winter is a great time for indoor activities like bowling. And though this looks to have been a more formal event, the folks seem to be having a good time.

Speaking of good times, there are plenty in this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*. Your fellow readers have shared some striking memories and cherished photos so you can pass these short winter days in nostalgic pleasure.

Now…if you can spare the time, let's get the ball rolling down memory alley.

On Our Cover

WINTER WEDDING. Rita and Robert Kainz were married on January 25, 1947, but the happy couple looked nice and warm as they posed for this photo.

Rita notes the car trip back to Detroit from their Florida honeymoon, however, was *cold*.

After an unscheduled stop in Tennessee when their 1940 Dodge had engine trouble, they encountered a blizzard in the Smoky Mountains, and the car's heater quit in Ohio!

Rita says the oranges and grapefruit they were taking back froze, not to mention their feet. When the couple got home, it took them a day to thaw out.

Since then, Rita and Robert have experienced miles of warm memories, and they now stay toasty year-round in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The inset photo at right shows Rita and Robert on their 50th wedding anniversary in 1997. *Congratulations!*





In This Memorable Issue

15 Go for the Gold. Fleet-footed farm boy wins a prize.

16 Farming the River. A Wisconsin farm family pulled up roots back in the '50s and made a living on the river.

17 Lunch with Shirley Temple. Her husband came home for lunch one day in 1948, and she saw stars.

18 No Bum Steer from a Hobo. He might've been a tramp, but he gave some good advice to a kid in 1943.

19 Riding the Candy Express. Buying sweets was the first step. The real test came in trying to make them last.

20 Pencil Box Miracle. He knew praying for a fancy pencil box during the Depression was selfish, but...

21 Yippy Ti-Yi-T. Henry Ford probably never figured his flivver would meet up with "Ferdie" the bull.

22 It's the Truth. Tune in and meet one of the men who thought up zany stunts for *Truth or Consequences*.

27 Remembering Recess. No matter what the weather, recess was the best part of this girl's school day.

32 The Rockefellers Owe Him $2. If there's interest on unpaid debt from 1930, there's a tidy sum waiting.

34 Nashville, *Hear* She Comes! A country girl from Michigan made it all the way to the Grand Ole Opry.

38 Davy Jones and the Flivver. The old 1924 Model T proved that time and tide wait for no man—or car.

40 Heartwarming Valentines. It's easy to guess the favorite holiday for this collector of antique cards.

43 Traveling Store. There was no need to leave the farm when the old "horse trader" came by with his goods.

45 Revered Root Cellar. Hers was filled with fun!

51 A *Real* Snow Day. Lots of kids got out of school due to snow...but how many because of a snowman?

53 Barreling Down the Slopes. Stave skis are back!

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GOING through stacks of wax from the front of the racks was just one fun activity for teens in the '40s—and Francie Stopera of Akron, Ohio has proof.

The day this photo was taken in 1946, a photographer from Charles Mayer Studios in Akron happened to be in "Teddy's Rendezvous" and caught Francie checking out a few platters.

"My favorite pastime was shopping for records like Tommy Dorsey's *Boogie Woogie* or Eddy Howard's *To Each His Own*," Francie remembers.

"Record stores had little booths where you could sit and listen to the records—and meet your friends," she recalls.

Of course, once the records were selected and taken home, the friends were invited over to "cut a rug" ...literally. "I wore out my mother's living room rug jitterbugging every night," Francie admits.

Teens also spent their money on clothes, but not like today. "The dress I'm wearing in the photo cost $4," she says. "For the boys, zoot suits were 'in'. I loved them."

Well, Francie, we loved your photo!

If *you* have a sharp 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 photo that "records" a moment in time from the good old days, check out the guidelines on page 59 and send it in.

Now it's time to push back the chairs, roll up the rug and get ready to dance through the pages of this issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

WELCOME ABOARD! When airliners still had propellers, the stewardess welcomed passengers right out on the tarmac, as shown in this 1940s Archives Photo, hand-colored by Marcy Merrill.

In This Memorable Issue

14 First Flight Was a Big Deal. A 9-year-old's 1941 plane ride turned out to be national news.

15 Hello, Dolly! Ever have a homemade dollhouse? Several fortunate readers did and shared the details.

16 Mr. Television. Fond memories of Uncle Miltie.

18 No Popcorn for Them. Going to the movies with Gramps was a fruitful experience for this kid.

22 This Collection Was Smokin'. Gathering airplane cards in the '40s meant getting your Wings.

26 There Was a Cord in His Future. In 1937, he got a deal on one of the fanciest cars in the country.

27 Stocking Stuffers. Here's how a passel of puppies was prepared for picture-taking back in 1948.

30 It's Springtime! Readers recollect the season.

32 Go Ahead, Touch That Dial. If those great old radio programs ever come back, he has the radios.

34 Captain of His Fate. A 16-year-old decided to go to the 1939 New York World's Fair—by sailboat!

53 Popsicles and Mail Pouch. Saturdays in the '30s meant sharing a cold treat with her grandfather.

54 "T" for Trouble. Teenage adventures on wheels.

55 Help Find Amelia. Join the search for Amelia Earhart, the famous aviatrix who was lost in 1937.

56 From Songs to Psalms. The renowned Texas Rangerettes went from stage to sanctuary in 1938.

57 Oh, Baby, What a Cookie. Wish that you had the Baby Ruth cookie recipe? Well, wish no more.

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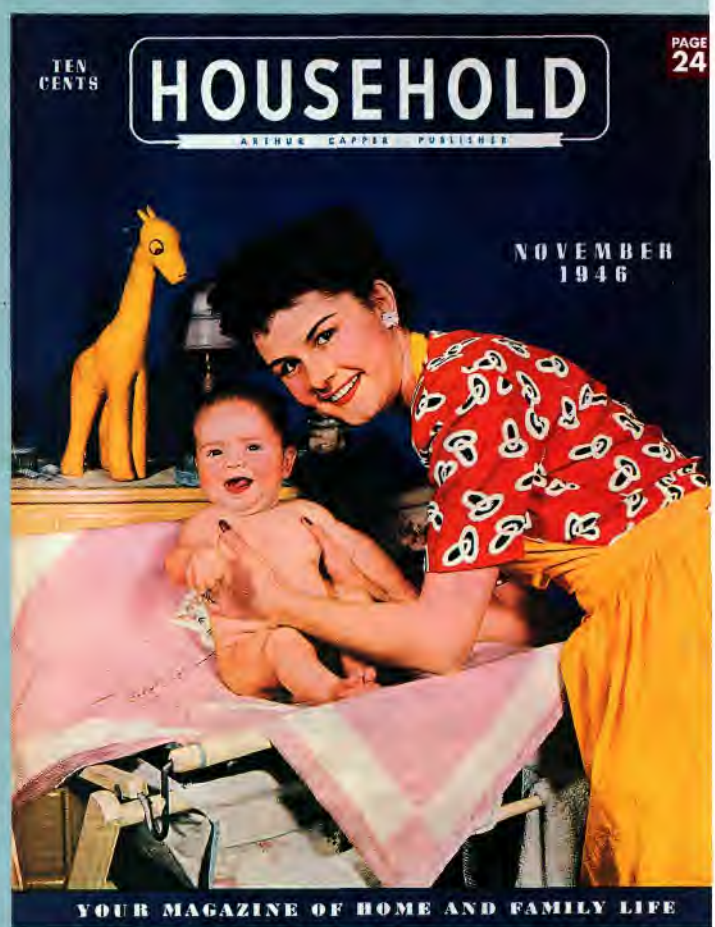



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THERE WAS one empty chair at the Krueger breakfast table on this morning in 1947. That's because Dad was snapping the photo with his brand-new 4x5 Speed Graphic camera

Don Krueger of Delafield, Wisconsin shared this classic morning scene taken when the family lived in nearby Wauwatosa. (That's Don on the left—too busy digging into his bowl to look at the camera!)

Don, who was 17 at the time, admits he liked to pour chocolate milk on his cereal as a youth. He especially liked Wheaties and still recalls the boxes that pictured Jack Armstrong, "The All-American Boy". (Perhaps the energy Don got from breakfast came in handy for playing on his high school golf team.)

In the good old days, it seems more families made time to sit down to breakfast before starting a busy day at school or work.

We hope you'll make time to sit down and relax with this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*. Loaded with interesting reader photos and memories, it's a great way to start any day!

On Our Cover

COUNTY CHAMPIONS. Hazel Barnhart Teach (at left in center row) and her teammates from Plattsburg High School were the 1920-21 champs of Clark County, Ohio.

This engaging photo, hand-colored by Melissa Burghart, was sent to us by Hazel's daughter, Georgia Morgan of Springfield, Ohio. Georgia notes that her mother, now 94, enjoys *Reminisce* magazine. Well, we enjoyed your photo, Hazel!



The Krueger family at breakfast in 1947. Left to right are Don, Niel, Marianne, Lyle and Mom Florence.

In This Memorable Issue

15 Mom, the Aviatrix. There weren't many women pilots in the '30s, which made his mother a wonder.

18 Baseball in Motor City. Workers at Dodge Brothers in the '20s went from assembly line to base paths.

19 Easter Bunnies by the Bunch. Easter Sunday 1932 was more than finding hidden eggs for this girl.

20 Maine Motor Trip Mainly Fun. Five young men on their first road trip found friendly folks along the way.

21 Don't Stop the Presses. They read the paper for the news, then put it to work for spring housecleaning.

22 Here Comes Oklahoma! In the Dust Bowl, the the color of the dust told you where it came from.

26 It Took a Heap o' Poetry. Caddying for poet Edgar Guest gave this teenager a love for language.

32 Gift of Respect. A lesson from a kindly old man.

34 Tune in Next Week. Remember great radio premiums from the '30s and '40s? She mailed them to you!

37 Keep an Eye on the Ball. This unlucky gym teacher should've also said to keep an eye on the *bat*.

38 Sprung from School. Freedom of recess in the '20s.

41 Will He Ever Be Surprised! No...this dad was *shocked* when eager youngsters "fixed" his work truck.

43 QUARANTINED! That sign appeared often in '37.

45 Home, Sweet Shack. After they got rid of the sheep, a cabin became a memorable first home in 1948.

50 This Job Was Fun. Working at Dad's drugstore in 1939 had its rewards, like sundaes and comic books.

53 Flinging Fliers in Flight. It was a big deal to fly in 1922, and this kid not only did it, he got paid, too.

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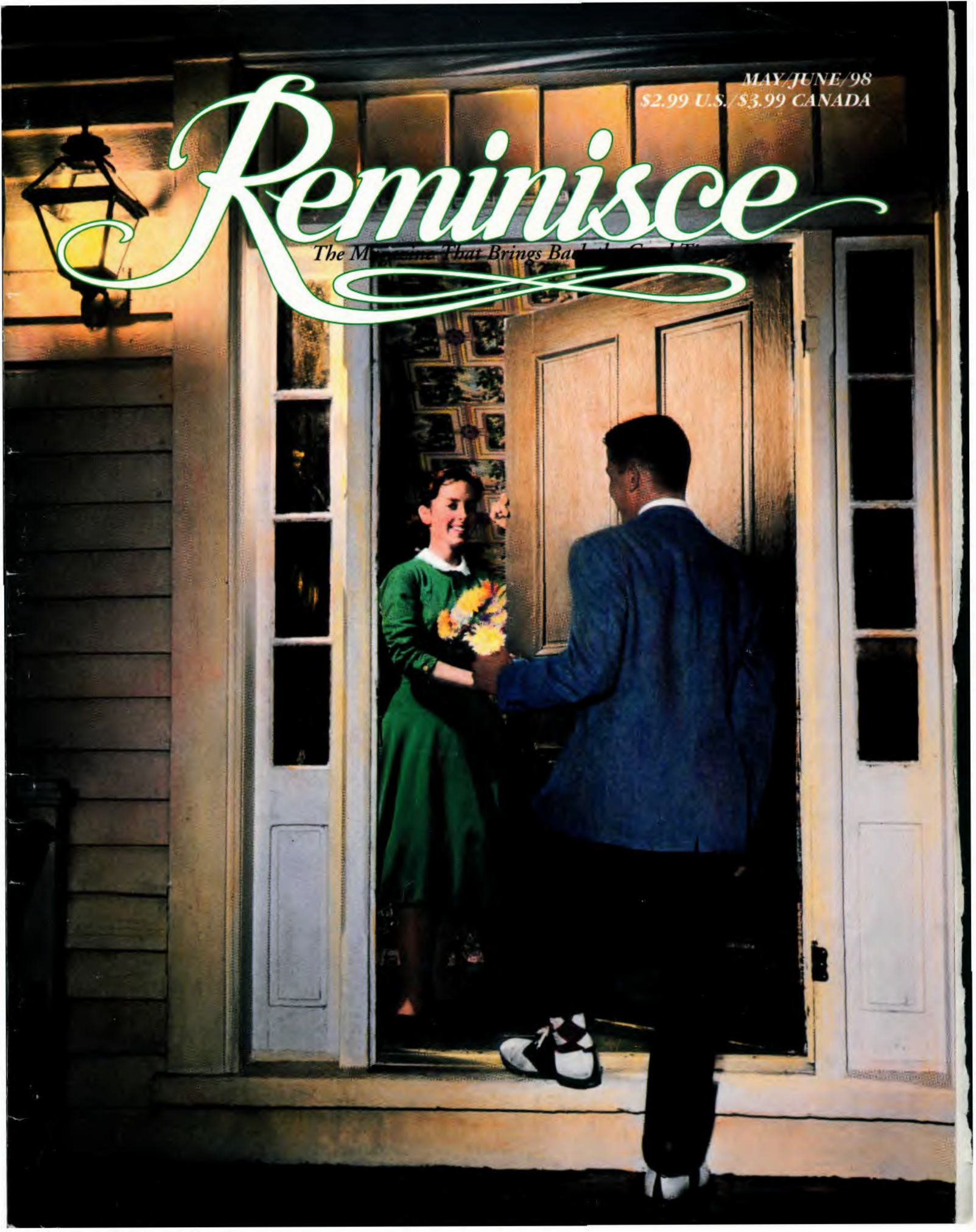
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WE COUNTED 30 people aboard this mammoth vehicle. Although you can't see them, it probably took a few stout horses to pull such a load.

This fine old photograph was sent in by Mary Matthews of Dallas, Texas. Mary wonders if any *Reminisce* readers know any facts about the coach or where the photo might have been taken.

"My cousin, Lucille Chitterdan Wallace, is wearing the white dress and leaning forward at the rear of the coach," says Mary. "I'm not sure when the photo was taken, but it was probably somewhere around 1900 to 1915."

Lucille later married Rains Wallace, who's standing up front near the driver and wearing a straw hat. Mary notes that the couple traveled a great deal, so if this was one of their courtship outings, they had plenty of chaperones!

Cherished pictures like Mary's preserve an enchanting era we'll likely never see again. If *you* have a sharp black-and-white 8 x 10 photo that captures the good old days, please check the guidelines on page 59 and send it in.

Now let's join the folks on this colossal coach for a long, slow tour down memory lane.

On Our Cover

AHH...spring means romance is in the air, when a young man's fancy turns to saving enough money for flowers and a Saturday night out with his best girl. And how 'bout that fresh flattop? No need to tell a boy to "get a haircut" in those days!

This charming scene is from the SuperStock collection and was hand-colored by Marcy Merrill.





In This Memorable Issue

14 Crime-Buster Kids. *Gangbusters* fans ferreted out a fugitive and then found themselves famous.

15 Nuptial News. A wedding mystery is solved.

16 Well, Gosh. A double date with Jimmy Stewart.

17 Big Blow of 1912. When a tornado whirled through Indiana, their kitchen wall went with it.

18 Look, Up in the Sky! No, it wasn't Superman back in 1910...it was thrilling Halley's Comet.

22 True Fish Story. A son learns never to doubt his dad, especially when it comes to the art of fishing.

23 First Car Phone. At least in Knoxville, that is.

26 Waterproof Prom Dress. Making do in WWII.

27 Happy Camper. For this reader, Camp Fire Girls summer camp was the place for fun in the '40s.

30 Giant Batboy? Not him—the baseball team.

31 Puppy Love. This little doggy made certain his young master would never leave home without him.

32 What's So Funny? Comic books, what else? Check out these from the early days of funnies.

34 Simple Games. When kids amused themselves!

51 Summer Sundays. They were swell in the '30s.

56 Come on Down! A trip to Miami Beach in 1944 was a welcome thrill for this frozen Minnesotan.

58 Oh, You Kid! Readers recall the Roaring '20s.

62 Train Travel Was the Best. Do you remember comfortable Pullman cars and dinner in the diner?

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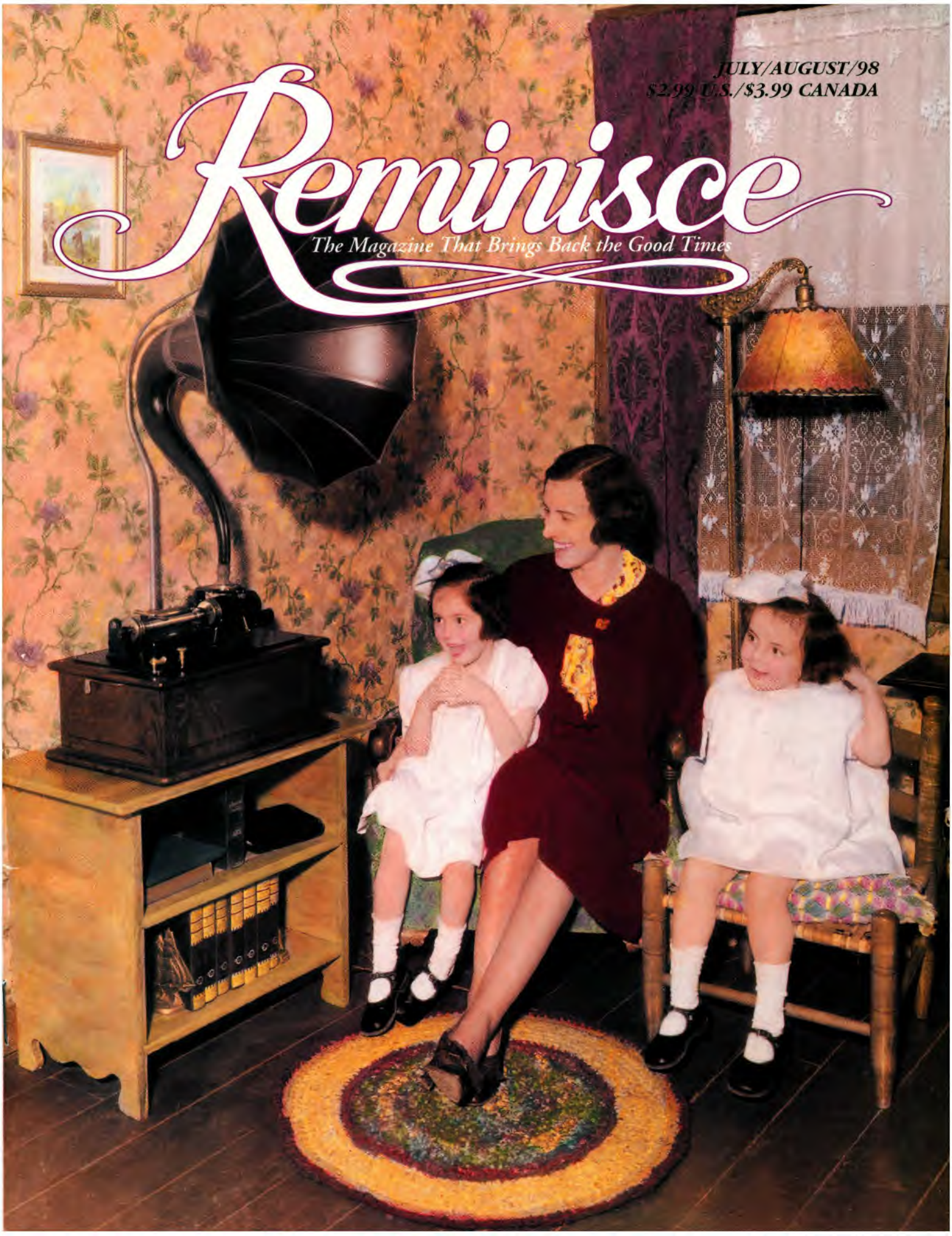
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IT WAS love at first *sound* when Hastie and Willie Lowther met in September of 1957 at the Walker Memorial Baptist Church in Harlem.

"Willie was a deacon and an usher, and I sang in the Young Adults Choir," Hastie shares. "After a concert, Willie walked over and told me how much he enjoyed the singing."

It turned out that Hastie and Willie came to New York from adjoining counties in North Carolina. They dated, became engaged and were married June 8, 1959, as the photo at right shows.

Relatives and friends prepared all the food for the reception. The cake was ordered from a bakery but didn't arrive until the very end of the reception. "The deliveryman got lost!" Hastie laughs.

But Hastie and Willie never lost their way on life's road to happiness. That's the couple today at left; they still live in New York, New York.



Would you like to share a happy time from *your* scrapbook of memories? We're looking for sharp black-and-white 8 x 10 photos. Please check the guidelines first on page 56.

Now, let's grab a glass of punch and a piece of cake, if there's any left, and enjoy another trip down memory lane.

On Our Cover

EASY LISTENING. The books sat unopened while Mother and the girls enjoyed a musical cylinder played on one of Tom Edison's wonderful inventions. This delightful Brown Brothers photo was hand-colored by Marcy Merrill.





In This Memorable Issue

14 All You Need Is Love. A simple shack in Kansas was all this happy family required in 1951.

15 Coming in Crystal Clear. An oatmeal-box crystal set in the '20s stirred family's interest in radio.

16 He Ain't Heavy... A part in the popular 1938 movie *Boys Town* changed "Pee Wee's" life forever.

22 Capping a Career. Caps for nurses are gone but not forgotten by this RN, who still treasures hers.

26 Triple Your Pleasure. Join the Sinclair Triplets as they sing their way through the '30s and '40s.

27 Dad Egged 'Em on. Father knew best when his two young sons secretly started puffing stogies.

30 The Well-Worn Path. Readers recall the "good old days" and a walk to the little house out back.

31 Toot, Toot! Here Comes Dad! The family knew when their engineer dad was chugging home.

32 Gearjamming at Glacier. Driving those famous red buses in Glacier Park in the '40s was fun.

34 Ford Suited Family to a T. A Model T caused friction until Mama learned the upside of ownership.

52 When Markets Went Super. The local A&P opened in 1929, and he was on the ground floor.

53 Knucks Down and No Steelies. In the game of marbles, they played for keeps—but at what cost?

54 Automotive Innovator. In 1928, her grandfather fashioned a creative way of hauling new cars.

55 Grandpa's Lessons. A granddaughter learned that life is precious and enjoyed time with Grandpa.





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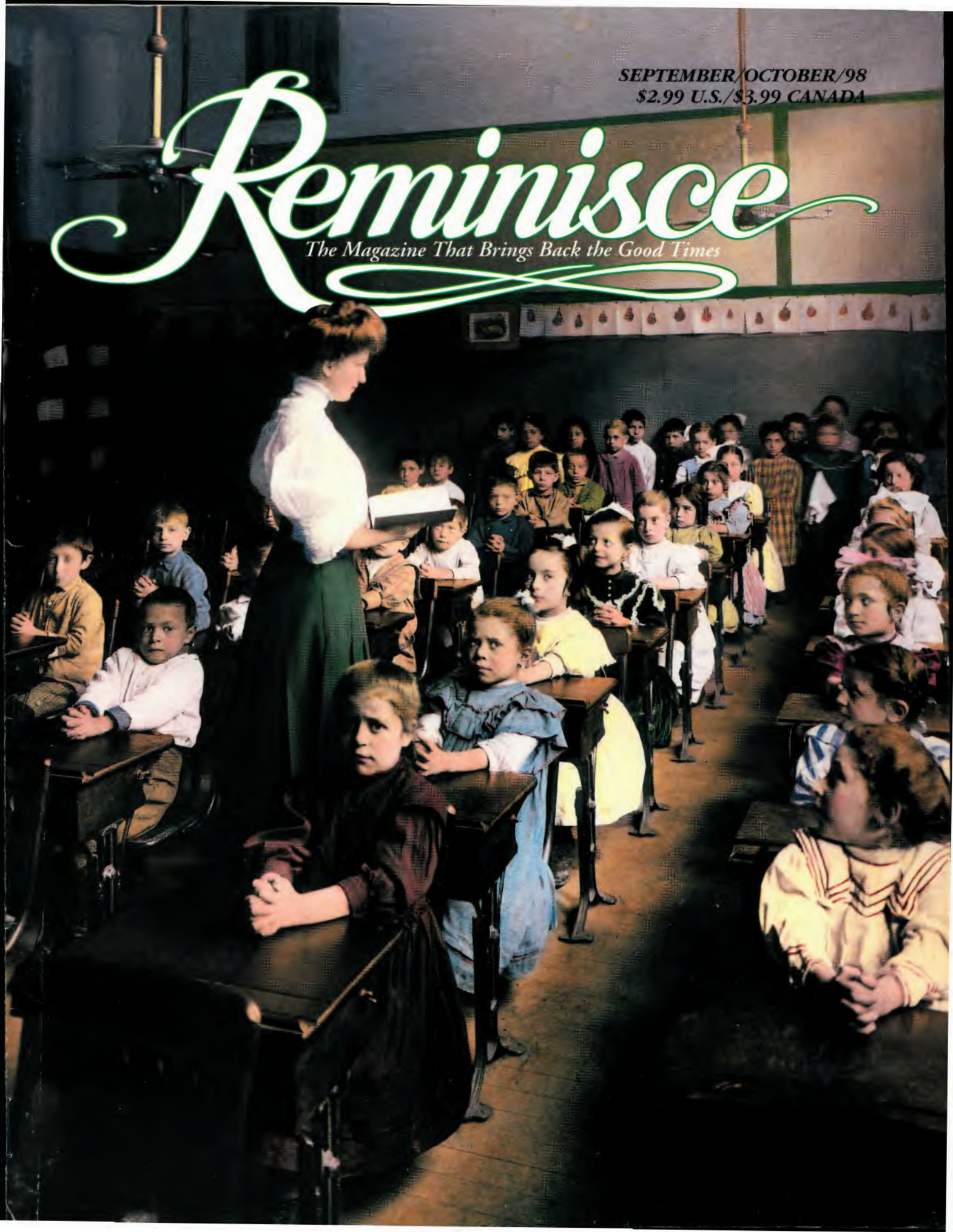

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BOTH men and women were welcome at Rice's Barber and Beauty Shop, located on Lee Street in Charleston, West Virginia. This photo from 1936 captured a typical day at the shop owned by Harry and Clara Rice.

Their daughter, Jane Rice Dumont of Kensington, Maryland, shared the picture. You can see her peeking out from behind the curtain on the left, with her brothers, Rod and Harry Jr.

Mom's in the white uniform in the next stall, getting ready to make a customer beautiful, and Dad's way in the back, on the right, wearing a white shirt and bow tie. The family lived behind the store.

Dad's barbering skills came in extra handy on this day, Jane notes. "The photo was taken with a 4-by-5 camera and a gunpowder flash unit. The photographer was paid with a haircut!"

If *you* have a sharp black-and-white 8 x 10 photo showing a slice of life from the good old days, please check the Contributor Guidelines on page 53 and consider sending it in.

Now, take a seat, relax and "let your hair down" as we take another relaxing trip down Memory Lane.

On Our Cover

CLASS IN SESSION. Some of the kids in this scene don't look too enthused about those "dear old Golden Rule days". But surely they made some great memories, and *Reminisce* is the place to find them. The vintage photo comes from Brown Brothers and was hand-colored by Marcy Merrill.



In This Memorable Issue

15 The Martians Are Coming! Famed Halloween scare of 1938 made barely a ripple for them.

16 Party Never Ended. A party invitation from 1911 lives on as a wonderful memory of a happy time.

17 Treasure in a Barn. The discovery of a rare truck in a barn turned two men into classic collectible stars.

18 The Shadow Knew. And so did this writer for one of the most popular radio programs of the '40s.

22 They Remember Ernie. Ernie Pyle, WWII correspondent, is recalled by his nephew and a friend.

26 Fashion Fads Failed Him. "Hip" Hopalong Cassidy sweater and army pants might've been hot in his mind, but they cooled relationships.

27 Big Blow of '38. When a hurricane hit the East Coast, her daring dad took risks to get some great photos of this memorable meteorological event.

32 Exciting Developments. Black-and-white photos ruled the '40s, but this man had a colorful hobby.

34 Pneumatic Nuisance. A kid with a scientific bent learns the hard way that air hoses aren't for noses.

43 Poor Little Rich Kid. He admits he was a rich kid—and he sure did have fun with his mini *real* car.

52 Buggy About Beetles. Didn't everyone own a VW "Bug"? Relive the ride with these car photos.

54 Big Bands Live on. The bands of the '40s still swung in the '50s when he captured them on film.

55 Her First Cookbook. In 1933, a book designed just for little cooks got her going on all burners.

58 And They're Off! Greyhound racing is nothing new. This family went to the dogs in the 1920s.

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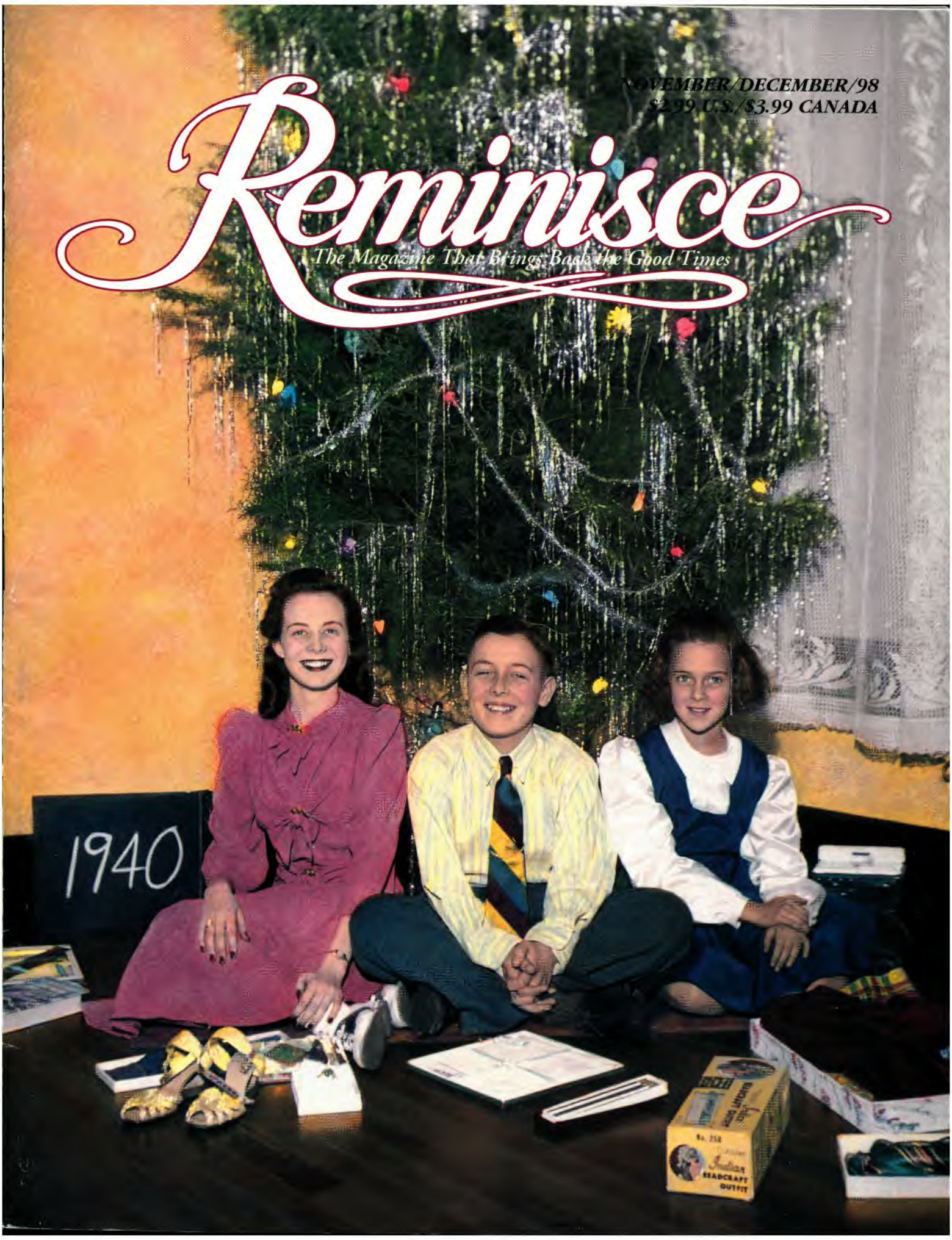

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HOP IN—let's take a long leisurely drive down memory lane!

Leading the way is this great old photograph sent to *Reminisce* by Jean Hovenden of Elmwood, Illinois.

"This picture of my father- and mother-in-law, George Hovenden and Florence Keyser, was taken in 1908, a year before they were married," writes Jean.

You can almost hear the *chug-chug* of that old engine!

This scene is just the beginning of an issue brimming with photos and real-life stories from folks all over.

So why not come along for the ride? When it comes to driving home memories…the more the merrier!

On Our Cover

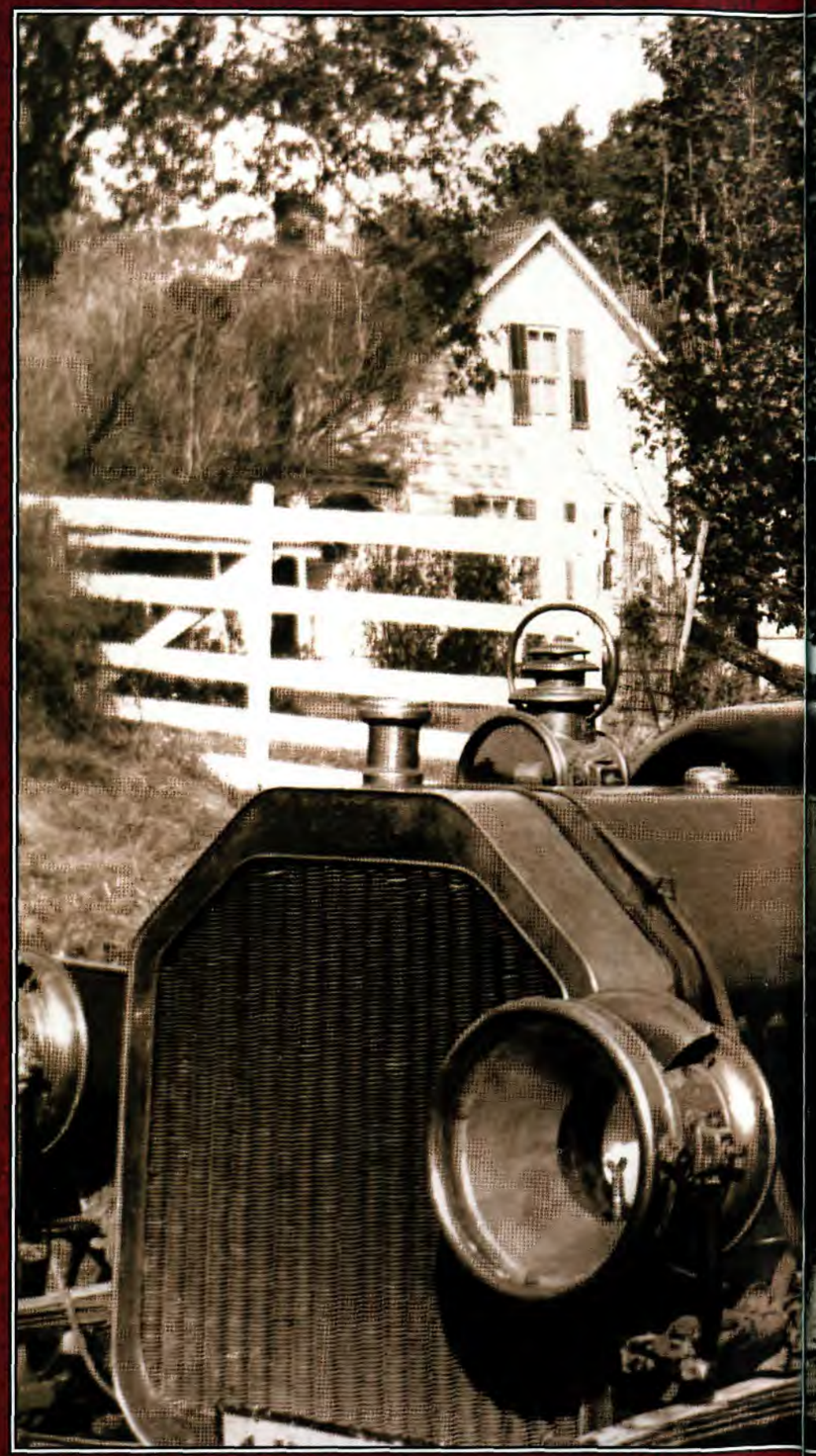
BEST CHRISTMAS. "This photo from 1940 is my favorite," says Margaret Street of Pleasant Grove, Alabama. "It was a good year, as we weren't 'children' any longer, and the war hadn't started.

"I'm the youngest (right), sitting with my brother, Henry, and sister, Elsie.

"Every Christmas, a relative would take our picture and give us a copy as a memento. This custom began in 1932 and ended in 1945, when my brother went into the Navy.

"We're still a close family, although we live in different cities now. As we look back, this was one of the best years of our lives."

Cover photo hand-tinted by Marcy Merrill





In This Memorable Issue

14 Grab Your Partners! It's time for *The National Barn Dance*, which entertained millions by radio.

16 What a Birthday. His party had everything from homemade ice cream to a cow chip throwing contest.

17 Prematurely Plucked. A Thanksgiving turkey was ready for the pan when it decided to fly the coop.

18 Dr. Denton Darling. A 1934 photo of this 4-year-old became a treasured keepsake for a loving father.

22 Henry! Henry Aldrich! The star of this popular early radio show was just as much fun in person.

26 Serious Snow. The blizzard of 1947 brought a flurry of commotion—and memories frozen in time!

32 Spinning Memories. Give her some room, 'cause she's tops in collecting and spinning tops.

38 Kansas Canteen. With her sons off to war, this mother was most proud to help on the home front.

41 Hosiery Woes. Female readers compare notes on how they coped with the WWII nylon shortage.

43 Receiver Remembered. Before Super Bowls, the star of the Green Bay Packers was Don Hutson.

51 Back on Track. A train set he got for Christmas in the '50s came chugging back home decades later.

54 Dad Was a Bad Boy. The kids went nuts, but Dad was left with shucks during this 1930's Christmas.

55 More Precious Than Myrrh. It took years of saving in the Depression to buy his Christmas present.

58 Tales of Happy Trails. Readers share memories of the "King of the Cowboys"—Roy Rogers.

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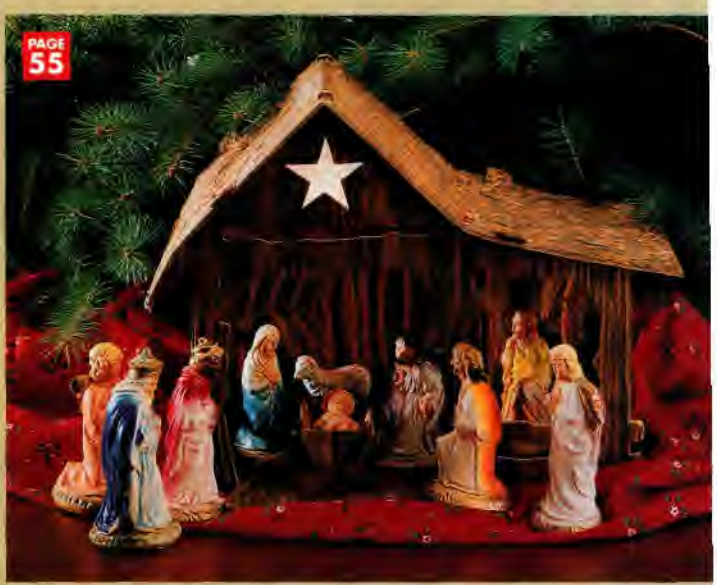

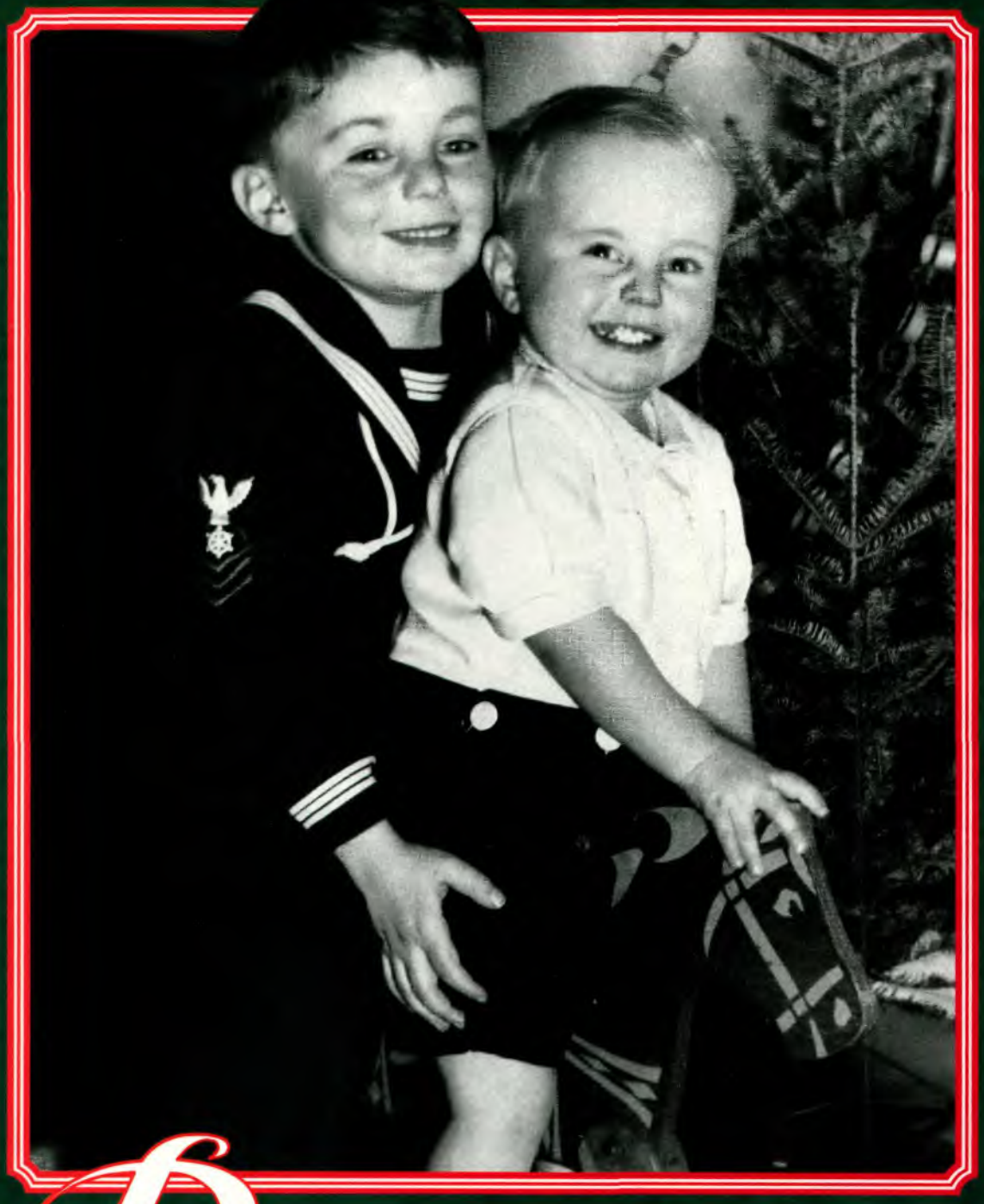

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THINK your electric train setup was something? Take a look at this magnificent layout! It was crafted by George Reynolds for his sons in 1929 at their home in Milton, Pennsylvania.

"My father had started building the Christmas train layout in our dining room the day after Easter," explains James Reynolds, now of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. He was 2 at the time and is sitting in awe of the spectacle next to his brother, Andrew.

"The photo was taken by our neighbor, Mr. Ishiguro," James says.

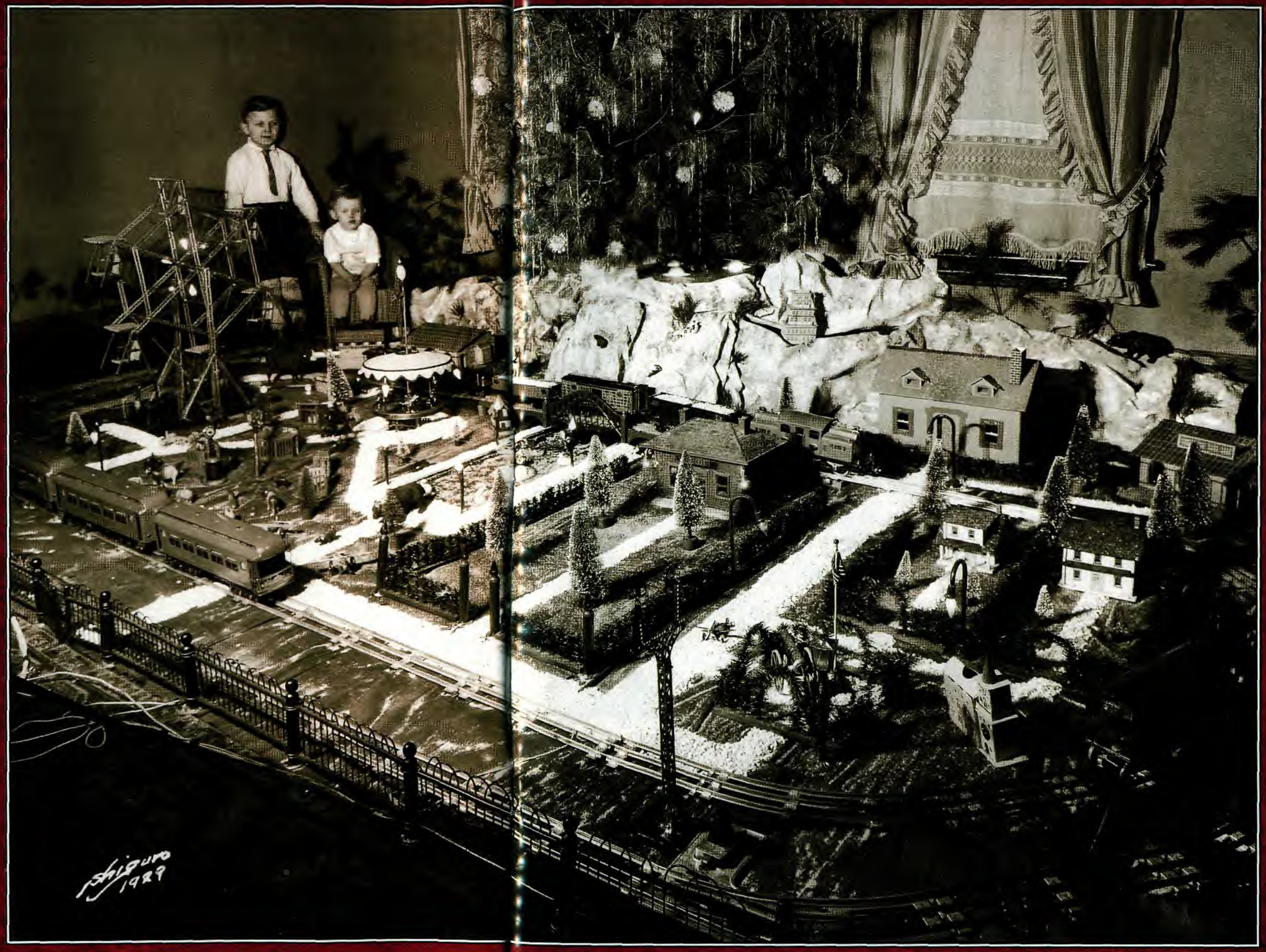
"Dad was an electrician and also built the Ferris wheel seen at left. It was run by a small electric motor. The two Lionel trains were standard gauge…oh, how I wish I had them today.

"My brother and I got to enjoy the setup for 10 years. The trains were later given to neighbors after World War II. Andrew and I had moved out of state to rear our own families."

Thanks, James. Sharing memories and cherished photos keeps *Reminisce EXTRA* running right on track. All aboard!

On Our Cover

"I TOOK this picture at Christmastime in 1944," writes George Biringer of Bella Vista, Arkansas. "We lived in Forest Park, Illinois then. I shot a lot of film and turned our pantry into a darkroom for developing. Our sons Roger (in his sailor suit) and Robert gladly posed on their hobby horse—and they made the paper chains on the tree."



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15 The Game Is Afoot! Two boys and a dog set out to make their fortune huntin' possum back in the '30s.

16 Tough Trip in a "T". Just when you thought things couldn't get any worse on this 1932 journey, they did.

18 Doin' the Turkey Trot. Thinking like a turkey helped her lure these dumb clucks in out of the rain.

19 She Remembers Pearl Harbor. Mother saw no reason to leave Hawaii...until December 7, 1941.

20 It Was Her Night. Reciting her favorite Christmas poem at school in 1944 made the holiday special.

21 Warm and Friendly "Monster". The fire-breathing coal eater in the cellar was actually a good friend.

22 Frankie and Franklin. Three high schoolers set out to see their heartthrob in the '40s—and got a bonus.

26 Spot, the Christmas Pony. A surprise from Santa.

27 Do Not Open 'Til December 25. A roomful of presents was no match for this curious 3-year-old.

32 Memorable Holidays. Special tales from readers.

34 Radio Rancher. Bobby Benson thrilled kids in '30s.

37 A Very Chocolate Christmas. In 1943, these children were convinced Santa lived in a candy factory.

38 Tough Hide, Soft Heart. A college kid without a lunch found "food for thought" in a surprising gesture.

39 Billy Express. Goat cart photos were all the rage.

43 Mickey's Back. After tossing toy, Mom made good.

44 Mystery Doll. Anonymous gift was unforgettable.

51 Tell It Again. Grampa's best World War I yarns.

53 Leaping Lizards! A young schoolteacher surprised a sleeping soldier in a rather unscholarly manner.

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THE QUALITY of their music wasn't all that great, admits Doris Buechler of Belleville, Illinois. "But we were loud!"

That's Doris strumming the guitar at far right as the "Traveling Rangerettes" tried to draw customers to the Eidman Sales Co. tent. This was in the summer of 1939 at the St. Clair (Illinois) County Fair.

"We traveled to small towns and played for homecomings and country dances," Doris relates. "Once we played at a talent contest at a local high school and won second place.

"We even played 21 consecutive Saturday nights at a dance hall in a town 7 miles south of Belleville," Doris says. "Our group stayed together for 3 years, until World War II began and gasoline was rationed.

"I have two fond memories—the music and being the office girl," Doris recalls. "Oh, and by the way, all five of us are still living in Belleville!"

You may not still live in your hometown, but if you kept a sharp black-and-white photo from those days, check out the guidelines on page 33 and send it in. But don't get agitated if you can't find anything. Readers like Doris have shared enough photos and memories in this issue to spin you clean back to the past!

On Our Cover

PICTURE PERFECT. "I was 3 when this photo was taken in 1921," writes Doris Tonry from Elyria, Ohio. "Mother made the dress, and my grandmother knitted the sweater and cap for my doll, 'Johnnie Boy'. I still have him." The photo was hand-tinted by Marcy Merrill.



In This Memorable Issue

14 Dinner Date Disaster. No bones about it, her family's sense of humor left her without much of an appetite.

16 Doing the Right Thing. Mama always paid her way.

17 Takeout, Alaska-Style. Meat was mighty tough!

19 Washtub to Bathtub. Bather came full circle.

22 Happily Ever After. Following a disastrous wedding in 1937, life could only improve...and get safer.

23 Queen of the Ice. She "dressed" skater Sonja Henie.

26 Interview with the Waltz King. A boy reporter reveals the source of Wayne King's famous sound.

27 A Real Deal. Free retriever was worth the price.

32 Family of Troupers. Dad worked with Annie Oakley...then his talented daughters also got in on the act.

34 Mardi Gras. Colorful '50s photos capture the fun.

37 We Loved Winter! Growing up near Lake Superior in the '30s and '40s meant lots of snow and ice skating.

43 Who Needed Lessons? Player pianos did the work.

44 Seeing Double. Readers share their photos of twins.

51 Business Starts Early. When you live next door to the family dairy, milk bottles are your alarm clock.

53 Name Game. First Pat became Mike, then Little Mike became Big Mike, then...well, it got complicated.

58 Her Own Radio Show. Once this determined gal tuned in on her dream, success came in waves.

61 A Scary Move. They chose a state and house *unseen*!





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IT'S 1917, and these soda jerks are ready to slake the thirst or satisfy the sweet tooth of customers at the Bexar Drugstore in San Antonio, Texas… and wearing *ties*, no less!

Olivia Bitzkie of Houston shared this cherished family photo, and we're mighty glad she did.

"My uncle, Edward Hanson (right), worked part-time as a soda jerk while attending business college," Olivia explains. "He went into the Army during the First World War but eventually used his business degree in a career with the Postal Service."

Soda fountains in drugstores are nearly a relic of the past, with their root beer dispensers, bowls of fruit and bottles of flavors for ice cream and phosphates, as seen on the counter. One thing hasn't changed, though —young people on the phone!

"Note the fashionably dressed young lady with the beautiful large hat in the background talking on a 'candlestick' phone," Olivia points out.

Yes, we love ringing up the old-fashioned ways here at *Reminisce*, and you won't have to ask "Central" for the number—just turn the page and enjoy.

On Our Cover

LADIES in distress around 1923 found themselves in a fix with their Essex, but certainly no gentleman would have allowed this situation to occur without offering some roadside assistance. This photo, which likely was posed, comes from the Brown Brothers collection and was hand-tinted by Marcy Merrill.





In This Memorable Issue

12 In Black and White. Maybe those old television shows weren't colorful, but the memories are.

14 Irish Lass Makes Good. Entertainer Carmel Quinn brought luck o' the Irish with her to America.

16 Memorable Mackinaw. Father's old coat still keeps her warm—and her childhood memories alive.

17 City Cousin. Walter brought excitement to the farm.

18 Harmonicas and Onions. Music is nice, but sometimes a body needs stronger substance than that.

26 Great-Grandma the Saint. Her good deeds included being pallbearer to the meanest man in town.

27 Recycling's Nothing New. Grandma was a baker's wife, so she knew what to do with flour sacks.

32 Her Job Was Shopping. When GIs needed gifts sent from over there, she was their "Girl Friday".

34 Wagon Hauled Memories. An old bakery wagon provided sweet times for these girls in 1927.

40 Red Cross Reminiscing. From bundling bandages to delivering doughnuts, these volunteers served.

41 Knuckles Down for Easter. He'd get that basket of blessed food home—after a game of marbles.

42 Footballer and the Fridge. One of the "Seven Blocks of Granite" showed how he earned his name.

52 We Were Never Hungry. Some of the food we ate during the Depression still tastes pretty good today.

55 Easter Recollections. After church, it was time for Easter egg hunts and baskets with chocolate bunnies.

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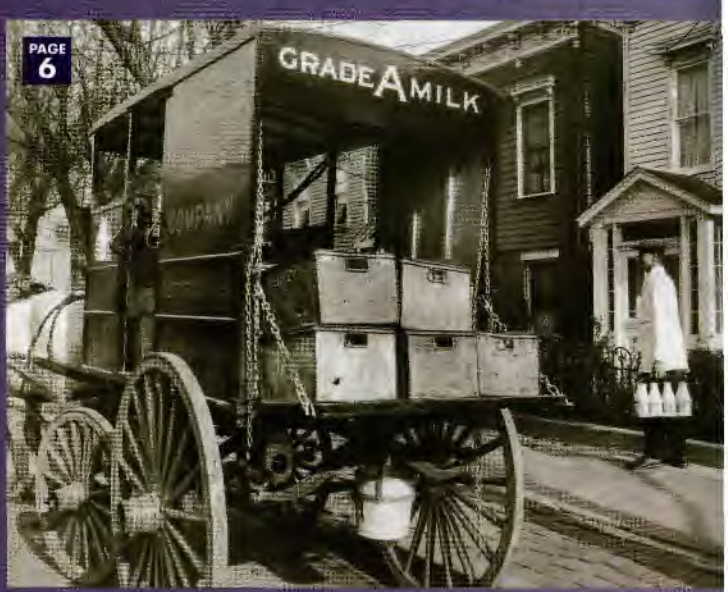



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BELIEVE IT or not, glass actually withstood a ride on the rugged-looking truck in this 1922 photo!

"The delivery truck belonged to the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. in Denver, Colorado," explains Carol Hadduck of McPherson, Kansas.

"My grandfather, Alvah Hughes, was a glass cutter and glazier. He's in back of the truck wearing a white cap, helping push a crate. My husband and I have no idea what make the truck is. Maybe a reader will know.

"Grandpa was my pal. He'd take me to see early departures of the Burlington Zephyr train, and we'd follow neighborhood fire trucks, then watch the fires from a safe distance.

"I also marched part of the distance with him in Labor Day parades, and often on Saturday evenings, we'd head to the soda shop for a vanilla cone with chocolate sprinkles.

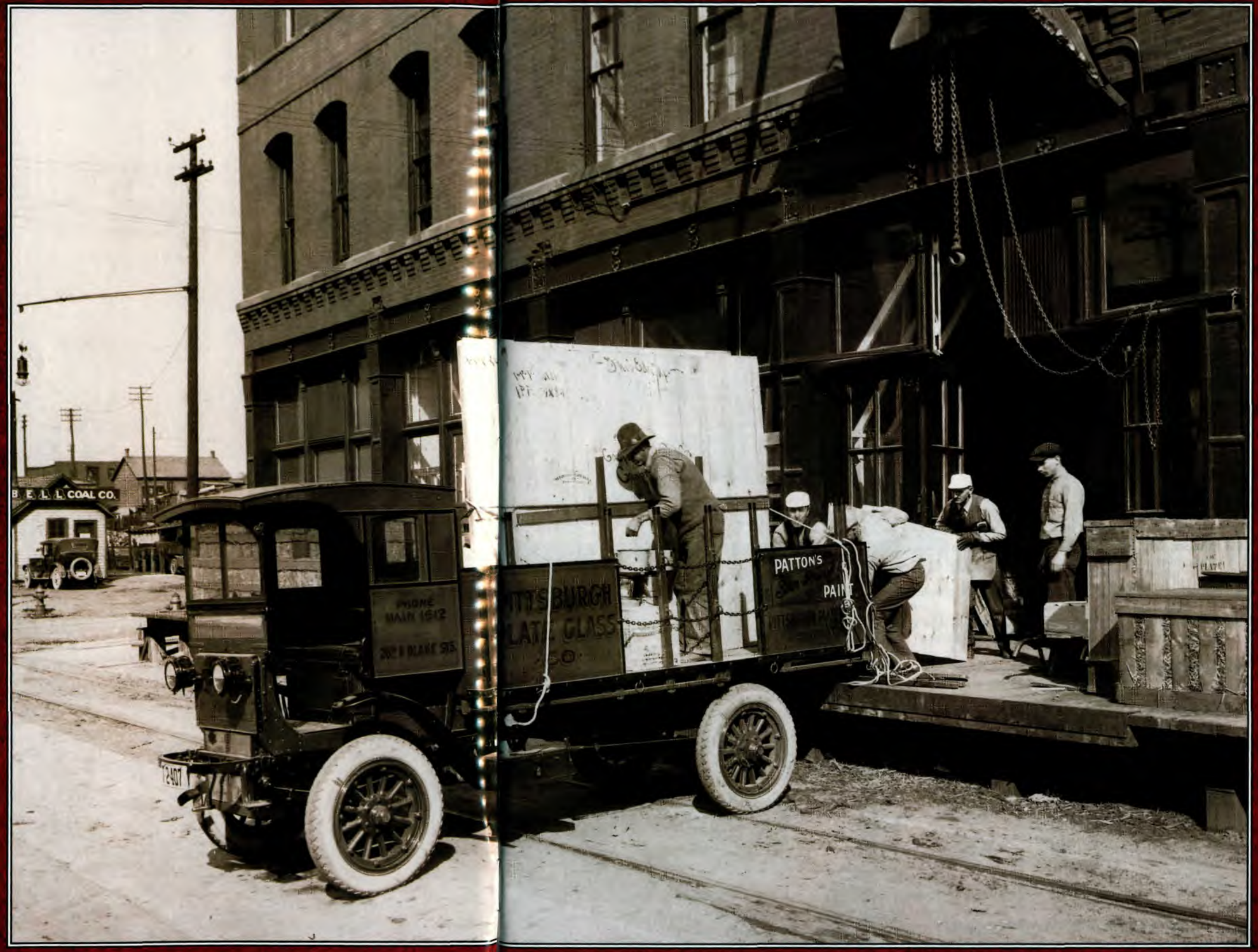
"Sometimes he took me to work, and I saw the large tilt table where he cut glass. We had many pretty mirrors at home, all cut and polished by Grandfather.

"We enjoy *Reminisce* and have sent gift subscriptions to friends. Thanks for a delightful, wholesome magazine we can be proud to have in our home."

Thank *you*, Carol, for a shining contribution. We like to think of *Reminisce EXTRA* as a highly polished mirror that reflects the past of readers like you!

On Our Cover

MOVIE STARS. "My brother, Jackie Lucas, worked for Mack Sennett Studios and made eight two-reeler movies," shares Patricia Lucas-Kane of Las Vegas, Nevada. "Here he is with a mastiff named 'Teddy' in about 1923, filming *Mud Pies and Puddles*. Teddy earned $350 a week. I don't know what my brother made."



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13 Chickmate. Dad performed a miracle for his girl.

14 Spring Has Sprung! Readers share warm memories.

18 "Double-Barreled" Champ. When this marble shooter went "knuckles down", he did it with both hands.

20 Hooray for Hats! In the '30s, when every woman wore a hat, this spunky teenager had fun selling them.

22 Favorite Cowboy. There was no doubt who his hero was when this lad shook the hand of Gene Autry.

23 Swing Low. A little girl showed off her swinging ability to friends...and earned a snootful of pain.

26 Enlightening Art. A store-window lampshade decorator found true love on the other side of the glass.

32 Man in the Tower. Steam train fan gets invited up.

34 Oh, You Beautiful... Every girl had her favorite doll. Enjoy photos from readers who recall theirs.

37 What, No TV? These kids were so busy that they couldn't have watched television if there *was* one.

44 Homemade Dresses. Need a new frock? See Mom.

53 Eileen, My Eileen. Today she's still seeking the origin of the favorite Irish tune that led to her name.

56 Happy Reunion. Sisters found their favorite couple.

57 When Music Was Cranky. It took a little effort, but that old crank Victrola played some sweet music.

59 Timely Lesson. Three gold watches helped teach a boy in the 1930s that good things happen in time.

65 Get a Horse! Stay clear when Mama's at the wheel.

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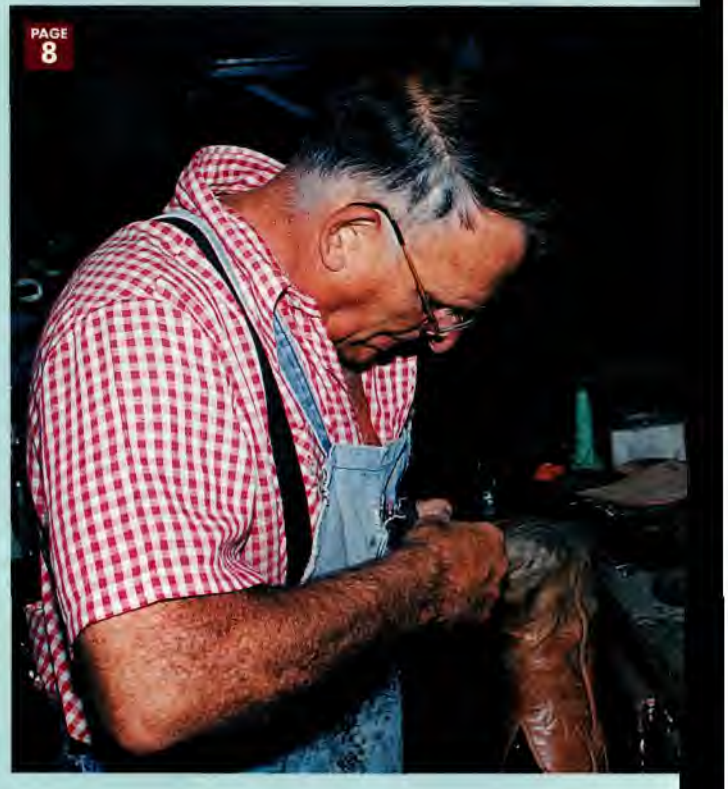

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YOU MIGHT THINK these dancers led a glamorous, exciting life, but that wasn't always the case.

This 1918 photo is a cherished family keepsake shared by Virginia Daniels of Koloa, Hawaii. Her mother is seventh from the right.

"During the days of vaudeville, my mother, Meta Hey Whitfield, was a 'pony' (dancer) on the Orpheum Circuit, traveling the United States and Canada. After her stint in the chorus line, she teamed up with a partner as the 'Frances Sisters'," Virginia writes.

"Later, she married Banks Whitfield, a bass singer in the 'Newsboys Quartet'.

"Vaudevillians often stayed at small-town hotels. One such hotel where Mother stayed had but one bathroom, which was shared by all.

"Traveling with the troupe were Foliea's Monkeys, and the trainer bathed them each evening in the communal tub. Every night, Mother raced to the bathroom to get there before the monkeys and avoid cleaning the dirty ring of hair left on the tub by her fellow performers!"

As they say, maybe showbiz isn't all it's cracked up to be!

One thing's certain—you won't need to rush through this issue of *Reminisce*. There are plenty of clean memories and cherished photos lined up on every page.

On Our Cover

JUKE JOINTS were good places for an inexpensive date and dance in the '40s—at a nickel a play, a soldier and his girl could dance the night away. The photo is from the Corbis/Bettmann collection.



In This Memorable Issue

5 Bad Dog. Dad's hound ate Mom's dress...guess who was in the doghouse.

12 "Border Blaster". Memories of radio station XER are loud and clear.

14 Come to the Wildwood. Visit the Little Brown Church in the Vale.

17 There She Is... Contestant recalls a 1950s Mrs. America competition.

22 Soldier in NYC. His first trip to the Big Apple made giant memories.

27 Moved West. They drove to California with two cats, a dog and a parrot.

32 Practical Garment. We can't picture Mom or Grandma without an apron.

35 Canine Catcher. Baseball dog could catch, but he couldn't hit a curve.

38 Clip-Clop. Slow down and ride back to peaceful horse-and-buggy days.

40 Village Smithy. In the 1920s, this girl's hero was the local blacksmith.

41 Decoration Day. Spring custom of decorating graves stirs memories.

43 Depression Doughnuts. They survived the times on triangular treats.

58 My Dad. Daughter remembers jack-of-all-trades dad on Father's Day.

59 Picture Day. Teachers loved it, but kids were relieved it was just 1 day.

65 One Beautiful Moment. A homecoming scene in 1943 lives forever.

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TOURISTS were obviously pretty tough back in 1910, when this photo was taken on the dusty streets of Manitou Springs, Colorado.

"My mother, Mamie Carey, is the third rider from the right in this group," says Ruth Matheny of Ormond Beach, Florida. "The men and women were preparing to ascend Pikes Peak on burros. On her right is her brother, my Uncle Bill.

"I'd never thought of my mother as adventurous until I saw this photograph, taken so far from her Chicago home," says Ruth. "She had also visited Niagara Falls early in the century."

Mamie, Bill and the other "dudes" were in for a long ride. It's over 20 miles to the summit of 14,110-foot-high Pikes Peak—and, like the streets of Manitou Springs then, the road to the top was not (and still isn't) paved.

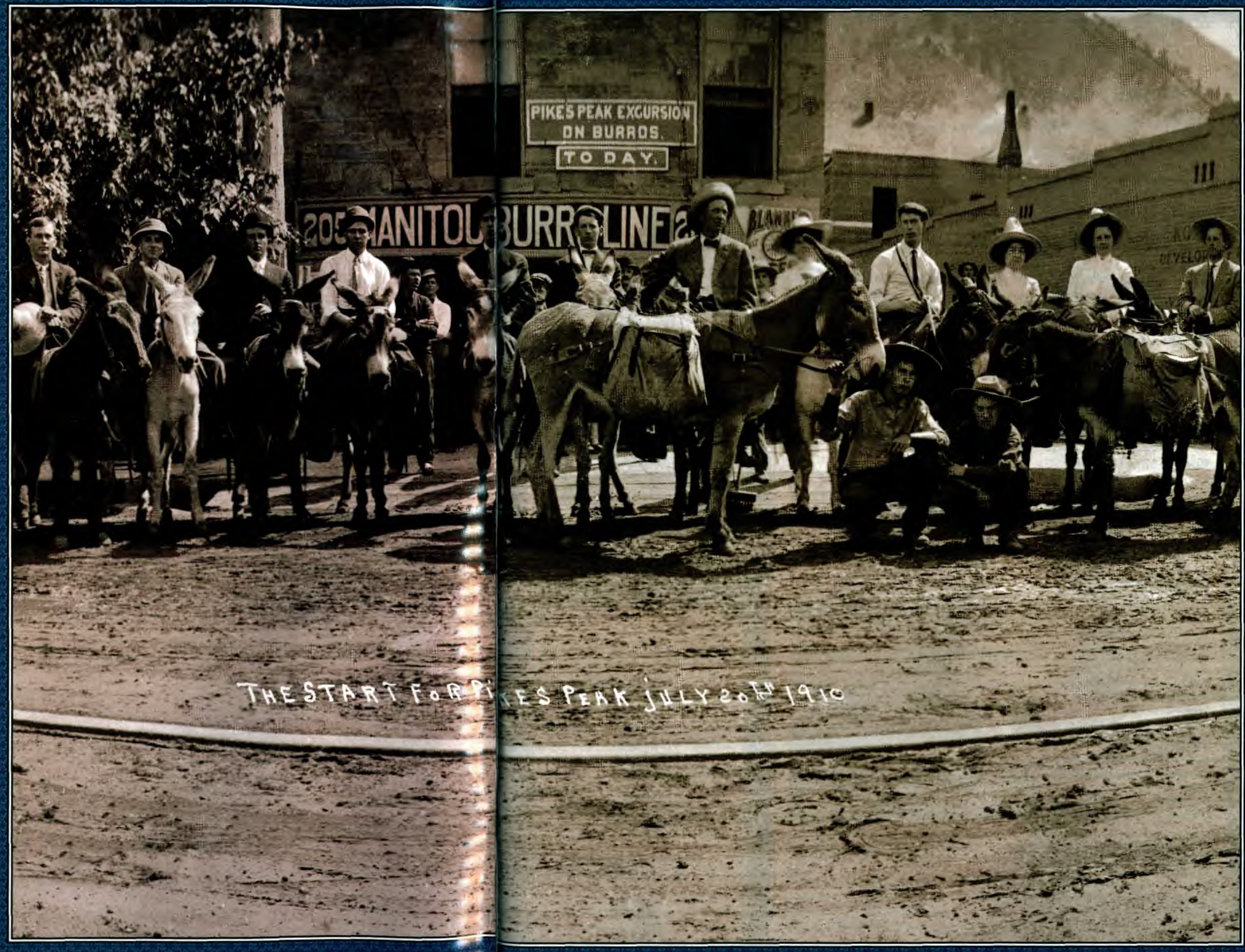
Most of the group seemed appropriately topped for the trip with sombreros. Some gents, however, opted to go more formal in derbies.

Tourists these days don't need all the gear these burro riders required. Oh, you can ride a horse or even walk to the top of Pikes Peak, but most ride in the comfort of air-conditioned cars, or take the cog train to the peak.

We'd bet Mamie enjoyed richer memories after her burro ride... wouldn't you?

On Our Cover

TICKETS, PLEASE. Uniformed conductors were important people back when streetcars, or trolleys, were the main source of transportation for many. This nostalgic photo is from the H. Armstrong Roberts collection and was hand-tinted by Marcy Merrill.





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HOW MANY of you recall the nervous excitement of a first piano recital? This wonderful photo of just such an event was sent by Mary MacIntyre of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

"It was taken in May of 1936 at the New Century Club in Chester, Pennsylvania," relates Mary. She was 11 years old at the time and is fourth from the left in the second row.

"Our beloved teacher, Miss Elvira DeBerardinis (affectionately known to her pupils as 'Miss De'), is in the third row, wearing a black dress.

"The bouquets at the front of the platform were sent by some of the parents and presented to their children after the performance," Mary explains.

And does Mary remember what she performed that day? Of course. "The piece I played was *Country Gardens* by Grainger."

For many, a piano recital at Mary's age was the first big event in which they faced the public. Although that public was mostly family and friends, it's an experience never forgotten.

Thanks to readers like Mary, we're able to keep the pages of *Reminisce* and *Reminisce EXTRA* filled with unforgettable memories...and never have to miss a note of the past!

On Our Cover

TIMELESS BEAUTY. There's no better way to preserve memories than with a precious photo from years ago. This one was shared by Virginia Shores of Blasdell, New York. "This photo of my mother, Mary Holling, and me was taken in 1923, when I was 2."



In This Memorable Issue

5 Moose Alert! A trip to Yellowstone was livened up by a mad moose.

12 Oh, No, School's Out. Can you believe it, she was sad when it ended.

13 Mother's Carnation. It's been over 60 years, but this flower lives on.

14 Good Morning! Grab your silly hat, we're going for breakfast at Sardi's.

16 Bus Ride Blues. When school's out for the summer, that ride home is *long*.

20 Smart Pet. Could boys' dog really understand what they were saying?

26 Here She Comes! When Aunt Mabel came to visit, it got interesting.

27 Depression Light Show. Ford's coke ovens provided free family fun.

32 One Lucky Kid. High school grad sees World's Fair, thanks to comedy star.

35 How Mom Met Dad. In 1949, a WWII veteran kept this operator busy.

37 Outdoor Weddings. In the '40s, Dad married couples at a garden gate.

40 Blast of the Past. He blew his hometown mill whistle for its last toot.

43 Her Ozark Garden. A girl found contemplative fun while gardening.

65 County Fair Mystery. What's inside this box? Why it could be…

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Welcome to The Good Old Days!

NOTHING SAYS summer like a sweet ripe watermelon, does it?

Well, Roy Breneman's family *banked* on this fact in the 1920s, when this photo was taken on the family farm outside Dalton, Wisconsin. (Roy is the lad on the far left.)

"We sold the melons to local stores and also house-to-house, and I remember hoeing those long rows of melons," says Roy, who still lives in Dalton.

"Whenever there was a band concert in nearby Markesan, my father, Walter (far right), and I sold melons right from that wagon. If we were peddling melons farther from home, we used an old Studebaker to haul them.

"A photographer came out to the farm to take this picture," Roy explains. "My mother, Mae, is next to me, then my brother, Claude, and my sister, Florence, ready to sample that sweet melon.

"We raised about 3 acres of melons, using seeds my father got from South Dakota," relates Roy. "I also became a farmer and raised melons. I remember one Labor Day when we picked 80 bushels of cantaloupes!"

Now that's a lot of sweet eatin', and you'll find a lot of sweet memories in this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*. The best part is, there are no seeds inside, so go ahead and devour the entire issue!

On Our Cover

KID 'N' KITTENS. Al Maschio took this photo in 1940 while working on a ranch near Belle Fourche, South Dakota. His daughter, Veronica Skerker of West Hartford, Connecticut, shared the photo and notes that the girl was the daughter of the ranch owners. The photo was hand-tinted by Marcy Merrill.



In This Memorable Issue

12 About That Kraut... Dad waited for it to "ripen", but oh, that odor!

14 Name Game. It took 6 weeks to name her, but that wasn't the final word.

16 Ukes Aren't Flukes. Reader's a one-man band when it comes to ukuleles.

19 Accidental Glider. This airplane dropped some RPMs...quite literally.

23 Check the Trunk. Dad's Henry J was no match for a mad pachyderm.

26 Large and Loving. Aunt Clara was *big*, and every pound was full of love.

27 Picking Was the Berries! A blueberry-picking trip was a '40s highlight.

34 Family Business Is Cool. For years, they've kept Pittsburgh on (flavored) ice.

37 Postwar Ocean Cruise. A bride joins her soldier husband after WWII.

38 Bullheads Are Biting. A night fishing with Dad was as good as it got.

43 Reunited on Radio. This soldier was surprised during a 1944 broadcast.

44 They Flat Made It. This '20s trip to the Ozarks was hard on tires, and Dad.

53 Hot Dog, It's Coney Island. She grew up in a vacationland in the '30s.

65 Patriotic . During the war, this town's favorite colors were red, white and blue.

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SUNDAY BEST. That's what the kids who attended Sunday school at the Monon (Indiana) Baptist Church wore when this photograph was taken sometime around 1935.

"Those are my twin brothers, John and Jim, on the far right, halfway up, wearing the white shirts and matching striped bow ties," says Richard Smith of Crown Point, Indiana.

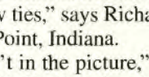
"I wasn't in the picture," explains Richard. "My brothers lived on a farm with our grandparents, and I lived in a different town.

"It wasn't unusual for families to be temporarily separated during the Depression. Times were tough, and kids, and even whole families, sometimes moved back to the farm with their grandparents until things got better and jobs became available."

Kids often enjoyed those days, though. Most who came through the Depression said they didn't know they were poor. They had food, a home and at least one good outfit for Sunday school—especially when the class picture was going to be taken.

If you have a sharp black-and-white 8x10 photo that tells a tale from the good old days, check out the Contributor Guidelines on page 56 and consider sending it in.

With contributions from so many readers, each issue is like a gathering of friends sharing a special piece of their past. That's what makes *Reminiscing* so much fun.



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BUSY SIGNAL. Homework could wait when a bobby-soxer got a phone call in the '40s, as this photo from Superstock shows. (We'll just bet the radio was playing, too.)





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12 Local Hot Spot. The country store in his tiny Texas town was big stuff.

13 Potato Roast. Cool nights in Upper Michigan were warmed by hot spuds.

14 The King Lives... If only in the memory of this fan and her cracked Elvis.

15 OUCH! Mom's cure hurt more than the cause. Yikes–here comes the iodine!

17 Hysterics. That was the country's reaction to radio's *War of the Worlds*.

18 Halloween Horror. The 1950 flick wasn't as scary as the dark trip home.

22 Merry-Go-Grandpa. This lucky kid's grandfather owned a carousel!

26 Little Dab Did Him. Tot learned that chewing gum and hair do not mix.

27 The Door Is Where? His '57 Isetta had two cylinders but only one door.

39 Out West. Colorful slides from 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition.

55 Land of the Free. Fleeing Hitler's Germany in 1940, a family finds freedom.

65 Thinking Back. Her rural upbringing was filled with small wonders.

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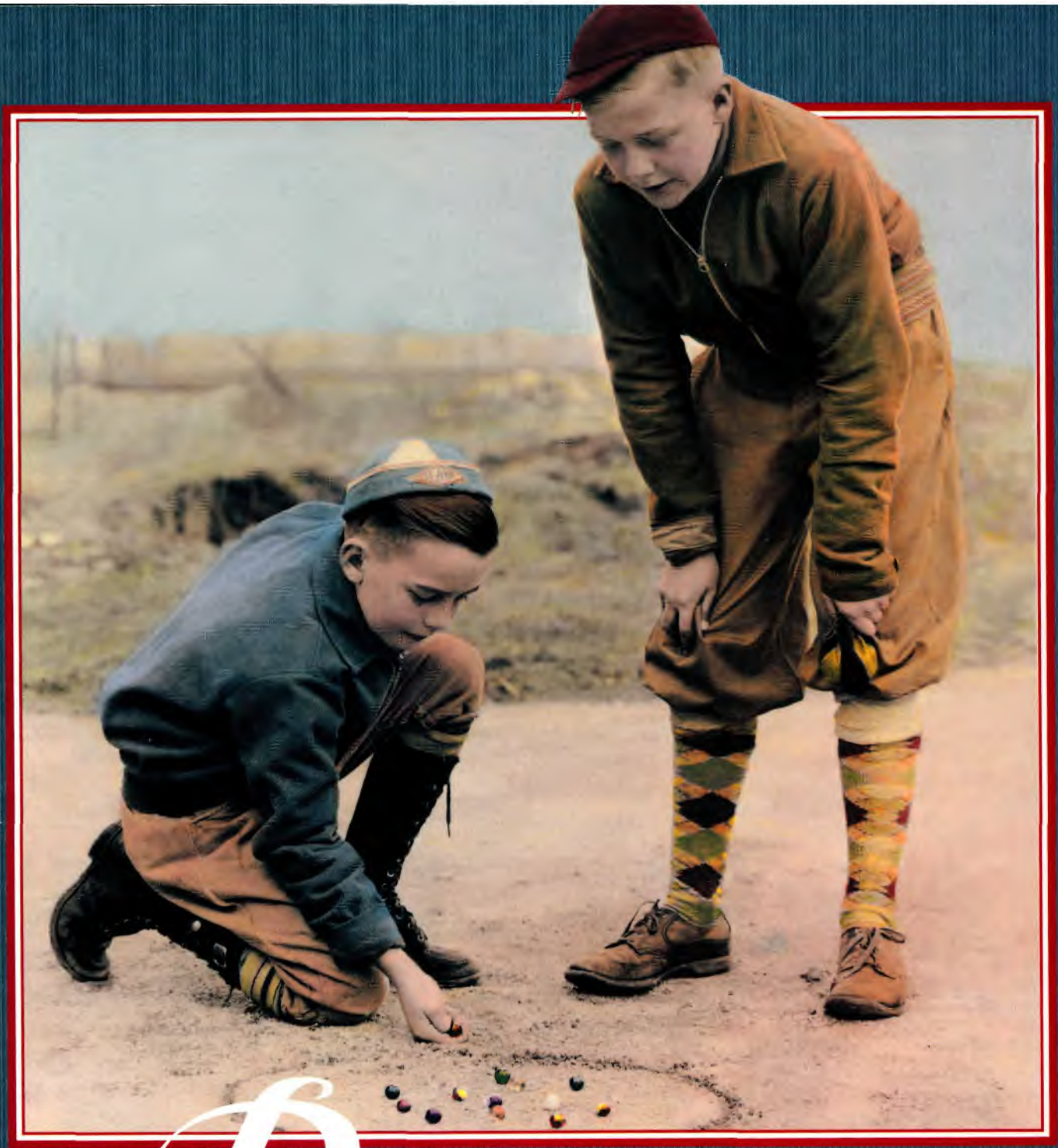

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SATURDAYS in the '20s were exciting for Susan Pond of Newbury Park, California. Those were the days she got to go to work with her dad, Charlie Sypult (center).

"I loved to ride in that truck while Dad explained to me what we were going to do," says Susan. "I was so glad I didn't have any brothers. I felt just like 'one of the guys'."

Susan's dad and his brothers operated Sypult Brothers General Hauling in Fairmont, West Virginia. That's Jack on the left and Pete at the scale house door.

"First we went to the 'tipple', the dark building in the back," Susan explains of her exciting Saturdays. "Dad would pull his truck under one of the chutes, pull on a rope and the coal would pour out."

The Sypult Brothers hauled dirt for construction jobs and moved furniture, but mostly they delivered coal.

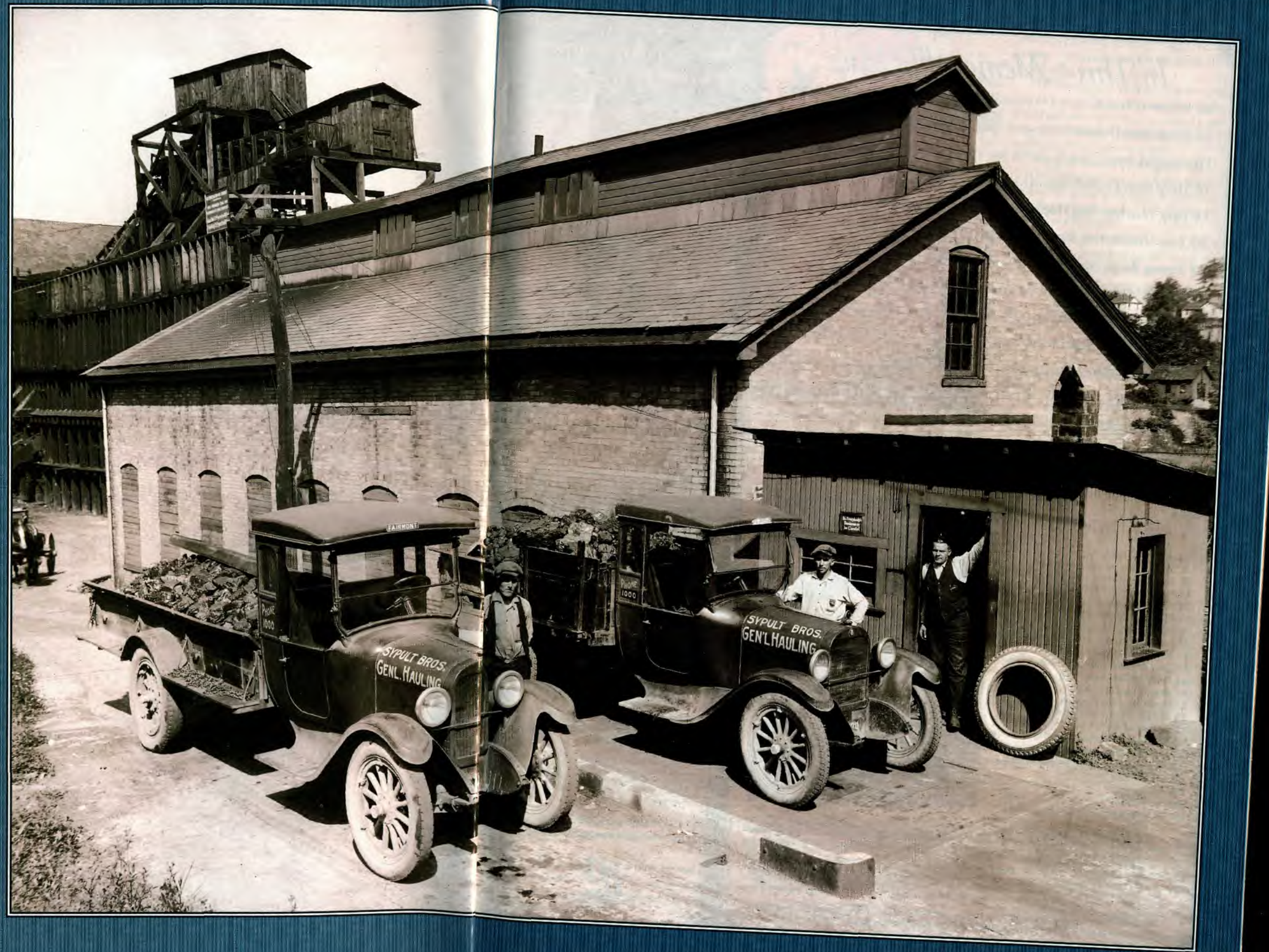
"Off we'd go to deliver coal to the bins in the customers' basements," Susan recalls. "I even had my own shovel. I felt so important!"

There were five Sypult brothers, Susan says, and they were well known in the area. In fact, when one of Susan's friends came home from Sunday school after learning about the 12 disciples, she asked her father how many he could name.

"Well," her friend's father said, "there's Pete, Charlie, Jack, Ernie and Albert. I know there are more, but I can't remember their names."

On Our Cover

KNUCKLES DOWN. Just because kids were back in school didn't mean they couldn't try to add to their marble collection with a quick game of mibs during recess. This photo of marble players, from J.C. Allen and Son, was hand-colored by Marcy Merrill.



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13 What a Treat. Only Christmas topped Halloween as his favorite day.

15 Chocolate Dreams. The whole family wanted to win a giant Tootsie Roll.

16 Cast in Iron. Grandma's old stove cooked up lots of warm memories.

18 They Don't Build 'Em... His first car, a 1940 Merc, might still be running.

19 Tiny Teacher, Big Heart. In the '30s, she taught more than the three R's.

20 Fun Under the Roof. Kids had plenty to do with an attic to explore.

22 Young Boss. When most boys were delivering groceries, he owned the store!

27 Pickin' for a Flick. To see a movie, he needed some cotton-pickin' luck.

32 American, But Italian. Grandpa reminded the family of their heritage.

34 Tootsie Toy Treasures. Toy cars from the '30s and '40s still entertain.

38 "Happy" *Was* Happy. Her father lived up to his smiling nickname.

44 Off to the Fair. The '39 World's Fair provided a peek into the future.

53 Working City. For two girls, a job in Chicago was a Depression dream.

58 She Was a Breck Girl. The Breck girls were real...here's one to prove it.

65 Greasy Kids' Stuff. Stickball could become slickball when well-oiled.

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12 We Loved a Mystery. Remembering the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew.

16 Reminiscing in Color. Crayolas have created vibrant memories since 1903.

18 Reet Pleats and Drape Shapes. Zoot suits were hep when this cat wailed.

23 When Pop Popped His Cork. Fleeting Christmas present was a corker.

26 She *Had* a Secret. But it was revealed in 1955 on TV's *I've Got a Secret.*

27 Cast Thy Peaches... Donation for the poor became a Thanksgiving gift.

32 Flour Sack Saver. This "bag lady" is proud of her unique collection.

35 Happy Hanukkah. Handmade gift made Christmas 1927 a memorable one.

38 Cookin' with Love. Family cookstove provided years of warm memories.

51 Snoopy Sisters Surprised. Peeking for presents resulted in pouting.

53 Fun on the Trolley. Life is good when your dad is a streetcar conductor.

58 Appealing Apples. Autumn was a busy time for apple growers in the '50s.

65 Christmas Rocker. Old rocking chair becomes precious family heirloom.

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ON A MEMORABLE night some 70 years ago, clowns, queens and caballeros stopped their New Year's Eve revelry long enough to pose for a photo. Today we can thank Charles Grizzle of Spokane, Washington for sending this fascinating scene our way!

Charles' mother, Angeline Huck, is seated third from left. Her sister, Ethel, is on Angeline's right.

"The party took place somewhere in Chicago in the 1920s," Charles relates. "I don't have any details about the bash, other than the fact that they danced all evening long. My mother and Aunt Ethel fondly recalled the night for decades thereafter."

Now that's just the sort of fond recollection you'll find on every page in *Reminisce*, along with many more great old cherished photos sent by thoughtful readers like Charles.

The New Year is always exciting, bringing as it does hope for a brighter tomorrow. Yet it's also a good time to think about those bright days that have passed, and to relive them with friends and family.

No, old acquaintances should not "be forgot", so ring in another good old New Year with *Reminisce*, and together we'll celebrate auld lang syne.

On Our Cover

THE PONY with a traveling photographer outside her Little Falls, New York school was just too much for Mildred Ruby Dunckel to resist. "It was 1922, and Mother told me to stay away," admits Mildred, now of Monument, Colorado. "But as you can see, I didn't always mind!"

The darling photo was hand-tinted by Marcy Merrill.





In This Memorable Issue

12 Stoke Up the Furnace. Rekindling days of coal.

14 Last Milk Wagon. It was a sad day for man and beast when the milkman had to start driving a truck.

15 Holy Snowball! When the big kids started picking on the little ones, divine intervention was called for.

16 Sunday Funnies. Readers recall 'em in living color.

22 Paddleball Pundit. Come meet "Bouncin' Dan".

26 Remember the *Swing Club*? These hepcats dug the jumpin' jive at a popular radio show in 1937.

32 Collection's Cookin'! Hundreds of old cookstoves.

34 Join the Club. Club Aluminum parties of the '30.

35 Dad Was Drafted. A son recollects the home front.

39 What's in a Name? Betty learned *exactly* what.

40 Gaga Over Goo-Goos. You'll smile at these readers' baby photos—each one cuter than the next!

51 Sounds of the Silents. Playing piano for the silent movies meant competing with nut crackers.

54 Is It Really You? His Franklin got a makeover.

55 Chicken Coop on Wheels. Dad's new 1935 Packard seemed the perfect place for this boy's pet.

58 Fruitful Southern Winters. Their memories of winter are warm…even when the weather is, too.

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EVERY DAY was washday at the Maytag plant in Chicago in 1935, where a multi-man assembly line turned out tub after tub of the labor-saving machines.

This photo, shared by Larry Fast of Salem, Oregon, was found at a garage sale. "The lady who sold it to me said her grandmother worked there," he informs.

Henry Ford is credited with creating the modern assembly line, and Maytag must have agreed this was a good idea. It no doubt worked great because, just like cars, these Maytags had wheels and could be moved to the next assembly station with ease.

Many a housewife praised the day her very own Maytag arrived. As *Reminisce* readers know, washday in the good old days was not much fun. Water had to be heated, often on a wood stove, and dumped into a copper boiler, and the clothes had to be scrubbed on a washboard.

These Maytags are electric. But even before electricity came to the country, farm wives used Maytags powered by gasoline engines. Whatever the power, it was better than "armstrong".

Yes, life was a lot harder years ago. But, as the fond memories and cherished photos in each issue of *Reminisce* prove, it was also a lot simpler, and often, more fun.

If you have a sharp 8x10 black-and-white photo of a scene from yesteryear, why not send it in? Please check the Contributor Guidelines on page 56 first.

Now that we have that all cleaned up, let's fold ourselves into a comfortable chair and press on through another memorable issue.

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SNOW FUN. Winter offers plenty of amusements like sledding, snowball fights, snowman-making and skiing. The girl in this photo from J.C. Allen and Son, hand-colored by Marcy Merrill, was having a good time on the slopes. Get a load of the size of those skis and ski pole. You had to be strong to go skiing in the good old days.





In This Memorable Issue

11 Cold Noses for Royalty. Hot water bottle saved the day for rose princess.

14 Shuffling Back. Readers share memories of their favorite card games.

16 He Loved Lucy. And she loved him, as kid gets backstage on famed show.

18 Christmas Tree Lighting. The holiday ended in a blaze of glory in this town.

26 Cheap Thrills. Four-for-a-nickel model airplanes flew high in the 1940s.

27 Avocado Avocation. A Hollywood fruit stand in the '20s was a big hit.

32 For Just One Box Top. No decoding needed to enjoy these radio premiums.

38 Who Knew Houdini? She did, because she was the famous man's niece.

39 In the Pink. "Borrowed" pink blouse became a hot item of discussion.

40 Not Just for Summer. Ice cream made a wonderful treat in winter, too.

42 Out with the Old. Make some noise as we recall New Year's celebrations.

52 From the Heart. Celebrating Valentine's often made for a red-letter day.

58 Ask My Father. Permission to marry was a very formal matter in 1907.

65 Crazy for Kresge's. Going downtown in the '30s meant going to Kresge's.

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MILK SHAKES for 20¢? Now those really were the good old days!

"My father, Floyd Hollingsworth (on the left), and his partner, Claude Manning, posed at the soda fountain of their drugstore, Heights Pharmacy, in Waco, Texas in 1946," explains Linda Miller of Waco.

"The fountain was the gathering place for retirees who wanted a cup of coffee in the morning and for those who enjoyed a cold drink in the afternoon," Linda continues. "It was also *the* place for ice cream lovers.

"Heights was one of the more modern pharmacies at the time, with fluorescent lights and air-conditioning," Linda relates. "They carried a full line of prescription drugs and were the first in Waco to stock penicillin tablets.

"They also had a gift section, cosmetics, magazines and tobacco. Yes, they had Prince Albert in the can, as callers on April 1 liked to check on," Linda jokes.

"I learned to cashier standing on a Coke crate. I eventually became a registered pharmacist and married one, too," Linda concludes.

If you have a sharp black and white 5x7 or 8x10 photo you'd like to share, read the Contributor Guidelines on page 65 and consider sending it in.

Meanwhile, grab a milk shake and enjoy this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*. It's just what the doctor ordered.

On Our Cover

JALOPY LOVES. A fella would've been wise to use removable paint when he wrote his girl's name on his hot rod, as this lad is doing in a photo from SuperStock. You just never know when things will change.



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12 Thank You, Sonja Henie. Famous skater's inspiration led to frozen fame.

13 Furnace Gave Them a Hard Time. Depression fuel source was not so hot.

18 Box of Duds. Secondhand clothes were just fine with them in the 1930s.

19 Playhouse Was Hot Spot. Old bakery oven made swell house for kids' fun.

26 No Sibling Rivalry Here. Sisters are still best of friends after 7 decades.

27 They Sang for Their Supper. Family band played through the Depression.

31 Good Old Shopping Days. Wisconsin department store is 100 years old!

32 Ninety-Year-Old Troupers. Grandparents' puppets bring joy to family.

33 Go East, Young Man. Cowboy dreams end in noisome warmth of the barn.

36 Presto, It's Dad! Her magician father's glass tricks were clearly wonderful.

37 Spark Plug on Ice. Chicago skaters got laughs with comic horse in 1936.

40 Taken to Another Dimension. The stereoscope gave depth to early fun.

42 Heirloom with a Vision. Grandma's stereoscope was a treasured gift.

51 Boys on the Bum. Riding the rails in the '20s took two kids a little too far.

58 A Winter to Remember. Readers recall how they survived early snows.

64 Ruffled Mama's Feathers. This feathered guest had no desire to leave.

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AS A WISE MAN once said, "I don't care if you eat 'em or throw 'em, just as long as you buy my tomatoes."

As you can see, there were plenty for sale on this produce wagon in 1914. The proud owner of the farm and wagon was Henry Smalle, standing in the center.

"My father, Adrian DeJaeger, is seated on top of the wagon," says Edward DeJaeger of Farmington, New York, who shared the photo. "He was 14 at the time and had just come to this country from Belgium.

"My mother, Selina, had also emigrated from Belgium, but in 1910. She is now 94 years old.

"Back then, Dad's family lived near the Smalle farm, and it was customary to let the children hire out to earn some money," Edward explains. "The farm was located at Cold Water, New York, which is near Rochester.

"Also pictured are Henry's wife, their four children and the hired man, who is holding the horses."

By the looks of all those tomatoes, as well as the cauliflower and other vegetables, 1914 was a good year on the Smalle farm. Here at *Reminisce*, every year is a good year, filled with fruitful memories and delectable pictures sent in by our loyal readers.

If you've harvested any sharp 5x7 or 8x10 black and white photos from your family tree that show scenes from days gone by, check out the Contributor Guidelines on page 56 and consider sending it in.

Now grab a tomato and the salt shaker, and let's chew our way through another tasty issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

TAKE A BOW. Little Mike Stehling put on a show in front of the family TV in 1955, relates sister Tara Houghton from Dorothy, New Jersey, who shared the picture. At the time, Mike was 2 and the family lived in Fredericksburg, Texas. His dad, Jack, snapped the slide.



In This Memorable Issue

12 Crowd Scene Was Big Moment. Two kids got parts in *Ben-Hur* in 1925.

16 Lindbergh Kidnapping Hit Home. Family was stopped by the police.

18 Second Birthday Bash. Vintage color pictures illustrate fun in the '40s.

22 Grandma Was Wise. Her way with words educated her granddaughter.

26 Easter Parading. Readers share their favorite Eastertime recollections.

33 Don't Play with Your Food. Unless it's to show benefits of eating right.

38 Rise and Grunt. Radio exercise show in the '20s and '30s made folks fit.

40 Generations of Service. For over 70 years, family's grocery store thrived.

42 Howard Johnson's Pie Baker. Grandmother made pies for famous chain.

55 Bat Boy for the Babe. Kid gets thrill of a lifetime at first All-Star Game.

58 Polio Was Feared. Readers recall the dreaded disease of the '40s and '50s.

64 "Big Daddy" the Best. Grandpa was this boy's best friend in the 1930s.

65 Mom the Sprinter. His mother could outrun him, but she never told a soul.

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THESE HAPPY FOLKS could be said to have been *telegraphing* their enjoyment, as they attended the annual banquet of Western Union employees at La Plaza Hotel in Tampa, Florida.

"My grandmother, Susie Kelly, worked at Western Union for 20 years," relates Mike Couper from Largo, Florida, who shared the photo. "That's her standing fourth from left. She was 19 when this photo was taken at the Western Union St. Patrick's Day banquet in 1921.

"I lived with my grandmother from the time I was 3 until I was 12 because my parents' work required them to travel," Mike continues. "She liked working at Western Union and even supervised four brothers and three sisters when they came to work there. She worked in the bookkeeping department.

"Grandmother told me she was a 'flapper' in her younger days and did the Charleston," Mike recalls. "I have lots of good memories of her. She was like a mother to me."

Lots of good memories are what you'll find in this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*, which thousands of folks read because they just can't wait for their next issue of *Reminisce*.

Mike is one of those. "I wish I could get *Reminisce* every 2 weeks!" he said.

Read a little slower, Mike. It takes us a while to put together each issue, because each one is so fully packed with great memories and fun photos.

In fact, if you have a good old sharp 5x7 or 8x10 photo *you'd* like to share, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 57 and consider sending it in.

In the meantime, let's get those wires humming and see what great messages, and memories, this issue is sending.

On Our Cover

SIX FOR THE ROAD. "These are the girls I traveled with for 5 years in the '30s while we were on the road selling magazines," shares Dorothy Stiles Williston (standing on the right) of Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The photo was taken in Cincinnati in 1931 and hand-tinted by Marcy Merrill.





In This Memorable Issue

12 A Handle on the Past. Work in the old days often meant grabbing a handle.

14 Baby by Boat. The stork had to cross some water to deliver this island baby.

15 Ice Floe Escapade. Two schoolboys took a cold, unauthorized float in 1940.

16 The Mild Ones. Memorable motorcycles meant much to mobile readers.

19 New York or Bust. New York City in 1909 was a deflating experience.

22 Liberace Was All Wet. Umbrella thief comes clean over 1934 incident.

23 Underground Gatherings. Storms in the '30s sent families to the cellar.

26 Heartbreaking Sales. A Lucky Heart products salesman couldn't luck out.

27 Bombs Away! When they "bombed" Chicago in the '40s, it was a *fun* day.

36 Softball Memories. North Toledo ball field was softball heaven in the '40s.

40 Daffy for Daffodils. Washington valley has blossomed for over 60 years.

43 Rachmaninoff Remembered. Meeting the great man in 1937 still thrills.

50 Playing Dress-Up. Kids had lots of fun parading around like grown-ups.

52 Dad Could Deliver. His father hauled freight by horse and truck in the 1900s.

56 Terrible Tom. Forget elephants, this turkey never forgot a toothpaste bath.

65 Famous Frock. Not many could claim they'd worn the First Lady's dress.

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TEA FOR TEN. "This tea party was for my future sister-in-law, Darlene Jones Crouch (second from left), who now lives in Newport News, Virginia," shares Suzanne Jones of Granbury, Texas. "It was her eighth birthday, May 4, 1948.

"Her little friends were asked to wear dress-up clothes and bring their dolls. Each girl was given a wrist corsage made from a paper doily, ribbons and paper flowers," Suzanne relates.

"The cake was angel food. There was a maypole in the center of the eight candles, with ribbons leading to the party favors. It was all lovingly prepared by Darlene's mother, and now my mother-in-law, Maudetha Jones.

"The girls were delighted with being served from the silver tea service seen on the counter at left and using the demitasse cups of 'fine china'. It was the best birthday party ever, Darlene remembers.

"I am now the proud owner of the tea service," Suzanne adds, "and my newly married daughter, Lacey Henson, received the china as a very special wedding gift from her grandmother."

Stories about such unique occasions and precious family heirlooms are what make *Reminisce* special

If you have a sharp, black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 cherished photo of your family or some other scene from the fondly remembered past, read the Contributor Guidelines on page 61 and consider sending it in.

Now, let's cut that cake, pour a spot of tea and sit down to enjoy another memory-filled issue of *Reminisce*!

On Our Cover

ME AND MOM. "I was 10 months old and my mother, Essie, 21, when this photo was taken in Muskogee, Oklahoma in 1929," relates Virginia Markle of Port Richey, Florida. "I think Mother looked like a typical flapper of the time and was very beautiful. She's now 92 and lives in Lancaster, California."



In This Memorable Issue

12 Love Was Silent. Dad may not have said he loved her, but she knew he did.

13 First Water Bed? Boy Scout project in 1928 ended up as a watery bunk.

14 Back to the Brickyard. Indy 500 race was slower in 1919 but exciting.

16 Battle of the Bulge. Grandma shared corset's secret with granddaughters.

17 Gunwale-Side Service. Her dad's '50s "diner" floated on Puget Sound.

18 Moxie House. Never mind glass houses, this family had a bottle to live in.

22 Hi, Mom! When television came to Omaha in the '50s, she got her own show.

26 High-Water Mark. Flood in Fort Worth, Texas in '49 left family homeless.

27 May Basket! A May Day tradition in the '30s and '40s made great memories.

33 Enlightening Experience. Grandpa wouldn't admit he liked electricity.

38 West on a Hog. With Dad's coat made into saddlebags, the boys rode West.

40 Matchless Collection. Matchbook collection offers striking memories.

56 Fun at the Fair. Let's go to the fair with readers who remember the fun there.

58 All Tressed Up. Are today's hairstyles so far out? Let's look back a few years.

65 Rural Girl. For her, growing up on a farm makes reminiscing a true joy.

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THERE WAS no such thing as casual dress back in the '20s, when this group of ladies from the League of Women Voters posed for their picture in Philadelphia.

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920, just 6 months before the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

That means these ladies were at the forefront of the battle for women's rights and were obviously serious about their cause.

"I am thrilled by the hats, elegant dresses, purses, and especially the long beads and the many ways the ladies had them arranged," says Mary Lou Boyd of Haworth, New Jersey, who shared the photo.

"The various expressions on each face almost tell what kind of personality each lady has," Helen continues.

"The tallest lady, in the back with the big hat, is Helen Forbes of Haworth. She was a neighbor of ours."

It's always fun to look through the old family album and see what folks were wearing and looked like in the past. Just think, someone will be doing the same thing with the album *you* have going now.

We like to think that our readers get just as much pleasure from paging through each issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*. In fact, *RX* was created for those nostalgia fans who just couldn't get enough of that wonderful stuff in *Reminisce*.

You can share the pleasure if you have a sharp old 5x7 or 8x10 photo you think your fellow *Reminisce* readers would like to see. Check the Contributor Guidelines on page 57 and consider sending it in.

Now, get ready to cast your ballot for another memorable term on Memory Lane.

On Our Cover

SWEETLY SWINGING. "Fred Dodge was the editor and publisher of the *Hanford Sentinel* in Hanford, California from 1896 to 1914," shares Frances Russell of Burbank. "When his daughter, Florence, my future mother-in-law, was a child, she often played in the backroom of the newspaper office." The photo of the two, which was hand-tinted by Marcy Merrill, was taken in Hanford around 1905.



In This Memorable Issue

12 Sang Across Atlantic. Cruise passengers were perked up by 7-year-olds.

13 Golden Memories. Dad's prospecting in 1933 paid off in a big nugget.

14 Circus Memories. There was plenty to see without going under the big top.

16 Philly Pugilists. Boys' club taught members to take care of themselves.

17 Small Books Were Big. Little Blue Books gave value in the Depression.

21 Poetic Justice. Ogden Nash tried poetry to get back his stolen goods in '64.

27 Movie Man. He brought B-movies to makeshift theaters in small towns.

32 Away at Camp. Only this was a POW camp, and her family lived there.

36 Who Loves You? Readers' memories show that Grandma and Grandpa do.

38 Special Schwinn. A '40s bike he distributed papers with still delivers.

40 Let's All Go to the Fair! The 1964 New York World's Fair, that is.

42 Scooter Days. They had a month of fun on a Cushman scooter in 1953.

43 Spared by Baby Face. In 1930, a 9-year-old rode with the notorious robber.

52 Backyard Jamboree. Dad was hesitant about having 20 Scouts around.

53 Rural Education. A city boy learned lasting lessons working on a farm in '40.

61 Neighborhood Playground. Games by the streetlight kept kids happy.

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EVEN BACK when cars were not that common, not every street was dusty dirt or sticky mud.

"This picture of a crew paving a street in Miami, Oklahoma was taken in 1920," explains Dorotha Bredeson of Oklahoma City. "My father, Stephen Megee (see arrow), is holding what appears to be a hoe.

"The picture was taken the summer after my parents were married. I hadn't been born yet. My father died in 1940, when I was 12, so I don't know much about this time in his life. I have several old pictures that my mom, Ruth, had. But this is the one I like best."

Cherished old photos have a way of bringing back memories of friends and relatives. Often, as is the case with Dorotha's photo, they can give us a glimpse into a past we never knew and show us people as they were before we met them.

That's a wonderful experience, and one you can have over and over again while looking through a favorite photo album, or by reading *Reminisce* and *Reminisce EXTRA*.

While you're going through the photos that have been handed down in your family, why not pick out some your fellow readers might enjoy?

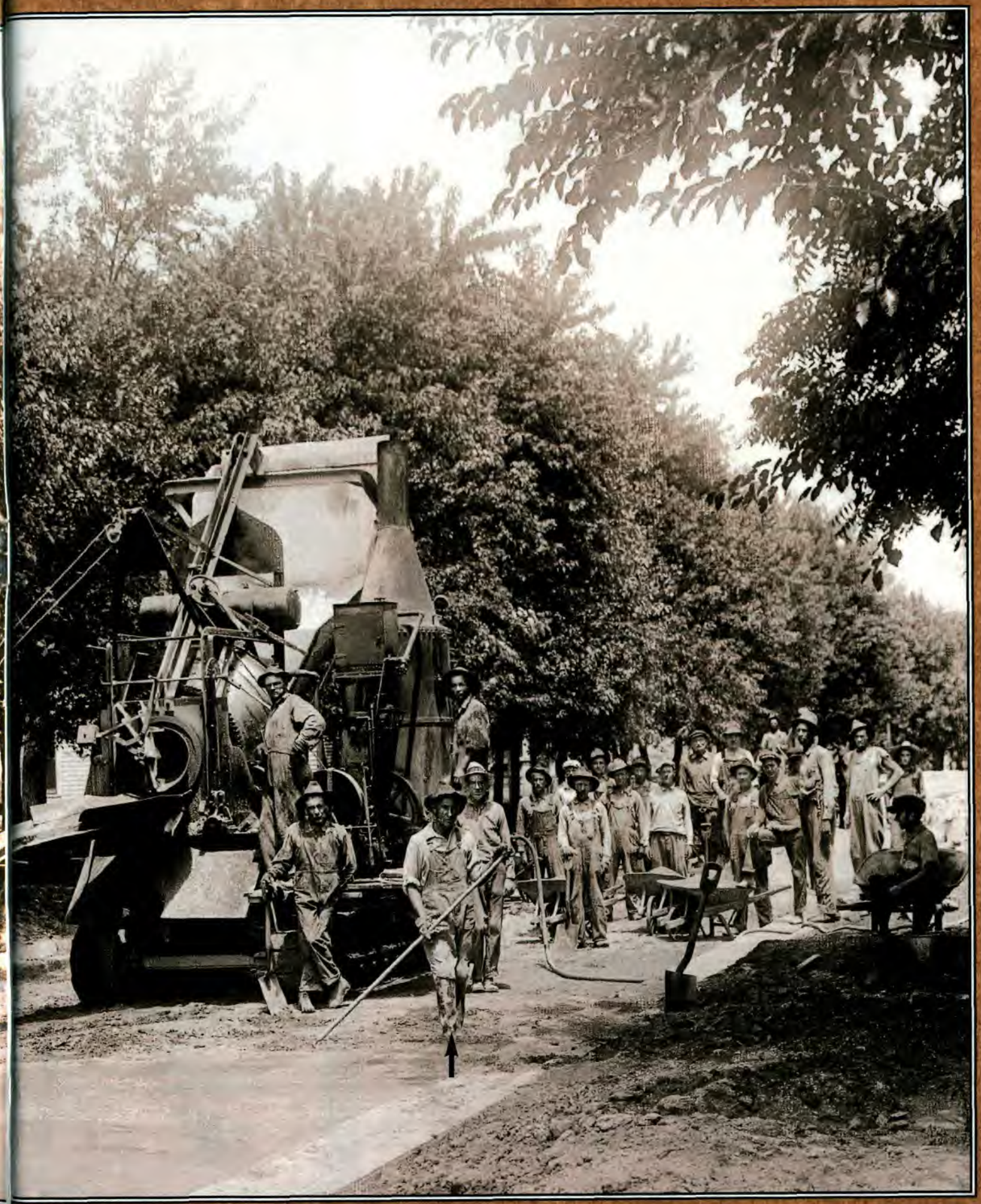
We're always looking for sharp, old 5x7 or 8x10 photos for these pages. If you have one you think *Reminisce* readers would like to see, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 56 and consider sending it in.

Well, now that we've paved the way and the concrete is dry, let's take a drive down Memory Lane.

On Our Cover

SUNDAY BEST. "These suits and tams were our Sunday best," notes Edward Moschioni (seated, next to brother Leo) of Glendale, Arizona. "Mom had the suits custom-made by a tailor who had recently arrived from Italy. We had the photo taken in 1931 at a studio in Chicago. It was then sent to relatives in Italy."





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12 Seedy Summers. Growing up with Grandpa's watermelons was sweet fun.

14 She Was All Wet. They practiced months for Minneapolis Aqua Follies.

16 Trash vs. Treasure. In the '40s, local dumps were playgrounds for this pair.

18 Deep Subject. Dad figured their new outhouse would last for 100 years.

23 Rocky Mountain Fever. A brief 1953 stay in Denver left fond memories.

31 C'mon In. The water was always fine at the local pool on a summer day.

32 Here Comes the Trolley. Horse-drawn or electric, trolleys were fun.

38 They're Off! In Soap Box Derby racers or homemade carts, it was all fun.

40 Happy Campers. Twenty years of fun with tents, and lots of fried pies.

43 Gee, a Jeepster. In the summer of 1948, she told folks about *the* car.

48 One Scoop Or Two? Relax with a cone or dish of your favorite flavor.

51 Alone But Not Lonely. This Lone Scout learned about his imagination.

53 It's No Joke. This farmer's daughter's story is as wholesome as the girl.

59 Mystery Trunk. Its contents were common, but Grandfather was special.

65 Tracking the Trout. They walked and rode the rails to fish back in 1959.

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WEATHER PERMITTING, learning the social graces, such as dancing, could be taken outside onto the school yard. And who needed electricity when a hand-cranked phonograph was available?

"Vera Weeks Kelly, my aunt by marriage, is on the far left," writes Camilla Holverson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. "I think the picture was taken somewhere in Wisconsin in the early 1900s."

There weren't enough boys to go around for this session, and the little fellow on the far right looks like he'd rather be playing baseball.

This is the time of year when school-day memories are made. These boys probably weren't all that enthusiastic about learning to dance. But we'd guess that years later, they looked back on these times as some of the best of their lives.

That's why cherished photos, such as Camilla's, and the fond memories you'll find in this issue of *Reminisce* are such treasures. They take us back to a time we like to remember, and can share through these pages.

Why not share some of your photographic memories? If you have a sharp black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 cherished photo, read the Contributor Guidelines on page 57 and consider sending it in.

Now, grab a partner and let's dance our way through another memorable issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

"THAT'S ME in our 1913 Studebaker," shares Robert Hollenbeck of Columbia, Maryland. "I was 3 years old when the photo was taken in 1915 by Grover Cleveland—no, not the President—my mother's cousin."



In This Memorable Issue

12 Metallic Memories. The old tintype photos made a lasting impression.

13 Mush! Driving in the Yukon meant you froze your gears and your tires.

14 Well Dressed. A special frock from the '50s gave pleasure years later.

16 Their Slogan Paid Off. In 1950, a $25,000 prize was *real* money.

18 Peas of Resistance. Those peas disappeared like she had a hollow leg.

22 Hello, Hollywood. Midwest miss finds bliss in L.A. department store.

26 Cape Cod Caper. Here's the story behind the '57 hit by singer Patti Page.

37 Coffee Break. Picture this 1939 "Folger's girl" with cans of cheap java.

40 Wedding Album. Readers share special bridal photos and memories.

44 Going Home. These houses were homes, filled with people and love.

46 Boo! Don't be scared—it's just some readers' fun Halloween recollections.

53 It's Party Time! A Tupperware party, that is. Bring along your leftovers.

65 A Hot Commodity. There's nothing like a hot bath, but where's the tub?

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IN THE DAYS before modern lighting, stores like these were undoubtedly dark inside, but at least shoppers had plenty of bright light when they visited the outdoor displays.

We're not sure what the rest of the awning on the store in this 1900 street scene said, but the words "Cow Butter" certainly caught our attention.

Thanks go to *Reminisce* reader Les Morgan of Montesano, Washington, who shared the photo.

"This picture was made from an original 6-1/2x8-1/2 glass negative," Les says. "The photographer was Steve Weinger, a banker in our little town of Montesano in western Washington. His wife, Berta, is on the left, wearing a cape.

"I think the photo was taken in Melbourne, a town on the other side of the Chehalis River."

Les, who worked as a portrait photographer for 40 years, developed the photo from one of the many glass plate negatives he acquired from the Weinger estate.

Photos are a great way to remember the good old days, and that's why we like them here at *Reminisce*.

If you have any sharp black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 photos to share, read the Contributor Guidelines on page 57 and consider sending them in.

Now, let's start exposing the pages of this issue of *Reminisce* and see what develops.

On Our Cover

WINDOW WISHING. The kids in this 1940s photo from H. Armstrong Roberts were no doubt getting some ideas for their Christmas wish list to give to Santa.



In This Memorable Issue

12 Quarantined! Leave it to *Reminiscers* to find a silver lining in sickness.

14 Good Vibrations. Beds with Magic Fingers once lulled millions to sleep.

16 Thanks for the Memories. Readers fondly recall past Thanksgivings.

22 Fill 'Er Up! Remember when attendants filled the tank *and* gave you a gift?

26 Stellar Holiday. Christmas on Mt. Wilson was memorable for little girl.

27 Hats Off, Kid! This 3-year-old started a hat fashion fad back in the '50s.

32 Home Front Battles. Rationing and shortages were a way of life in '40s.

37 Daddy's Home! Korean War veteran had a special welcome waiting.

38 On the Farm. Housewarming at their "new" home was almost too hot.

39 Dad's Tree Lot. Kindness kept customers coming back each Christmas.

56 Thoughts of Grandpa. The car and watch are gone, but memories remain.

65 Worked for Scale. Her job at a fish cannery in the '40s reeled in the antics.

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DECORATING the house for the Fourth of July was the patriotic thing to do in 1915, as this photo shared by Lorna Young Fanjoy of Auburn, Maine shows.

"My Aunt Nellie (far left) and Uncle Will Young (far right) lived in Chicago, where he had a moving business," Lorna relates. "They made trips to Maine in the summer to visit our family.

"Will and Nellie operated a store in Market Hall in Chicago before he started the moving and storage business. Uncle Will, my grandfather's brother, was a member of the Lions Club and Odd Fellows and a director of the People's Savings and Loan.

"Aunt Nellie, who was born in England, would sit for hours and write poems," says Lorna. "They loved visiting Maine and kept in close contact with the family through letters and pictures like this one."

Cherished photos like Lorna's and fond family memories are the stuff of which *Reminisce* is made. Folks from all over the country open up their family photo albums—and their hearts—to share with fellow readers those stories from the good old days.

If you have a sharp, black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 cherished photo of your family or some other scene from the past, read the Contributor Guidelines on page 57 and consider sending it in.

Then relax awhile on your front porch and enjoy this memory-filled issue of *Reminisce*. Lemonade, anyone?

On Our Cover

SIMPLY SWEET. The photo of this lovely lady, Edith Moore Allen, is from J.C. Allen and Son. Edith was married to J.C.'s son, Chester, and was the mother of John Allen, who now heads up the family's stock photo company. The 1927 photo was hand-tinted by Marcy Merrill.

In This Memorable Issue

12 Brown Bombers. July 4. Firecracker. Cow pie. Grandpa. Get the picture?

13 Living Room USO. During WWII, servicemen found warmth in home.

14 Got the Creeps. Scary '57 film sent drive-in employee to early retirement.

17 Girls on the Diamond? Yes, they played like girls, just as they planned.

18 Grandma's Medicine. Hospital healing helped by homemade "potions".

27 Pondering Porches. In the '40s, front porches were second living rooms.

38 Hello, Tarzan! Swimmers went ape when the vine-swinger showed up.

39 Captain Video Fan. For 50 years, this fan has been a true Video Ranger.

40 Jewel Tea Man. Door-to-door memories of yesteryear's home shopping.

53 It's the Berries! Blackberry picking in the '30s was worth all the trouble.

56 Hit the Road. Summer vacations by car made lots of motoring memories.

58 Roundup of Stars. Movie stars flocked to California rodeo in the 1930s.

64 In Hot Water. Good deed during heat wave got dishwashers to come clean.

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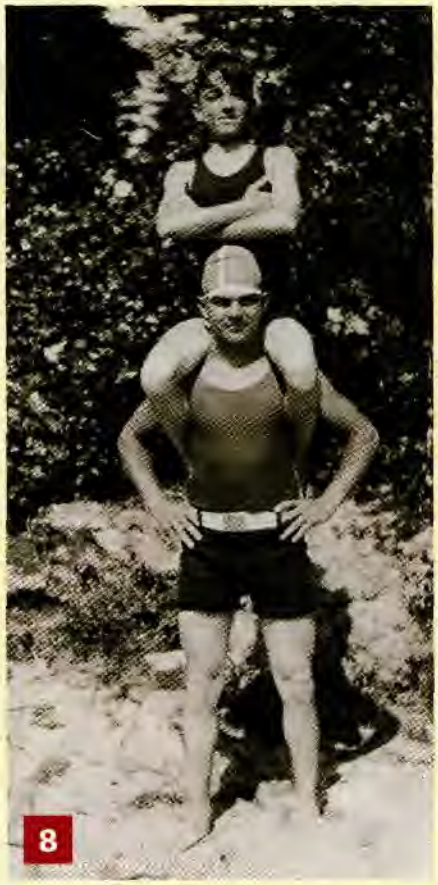

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"In 1951, I was a partner in this used car dealership at 1280-82 Dorchester Ave. in Boston," explains Ed (who's on the right), now of Sugar Land, Texas. "The other owner was Arnold Rothstein (left). The salesman, Al Waterman, is between us.

"The Packard in the front row was for sale at $135. Any car on the lot could be bought for $5 down and weekly payments that we financed.

"We also gave a warranty with each car. If it broke down within 90 days, we'd exchange it for another car on our lot."

Try getting a Packard for that price, or a warranty like that today!

And did Ed and his crew take trades? You bet. The sign on the jalopy in the back of the lot says, "We trade anything. We even traded this!"

Reminisce readers love old cars… and photos of old cars…or old photos of just about anything.

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Now, how about taking a test drive through this issue of *Reminisce*?

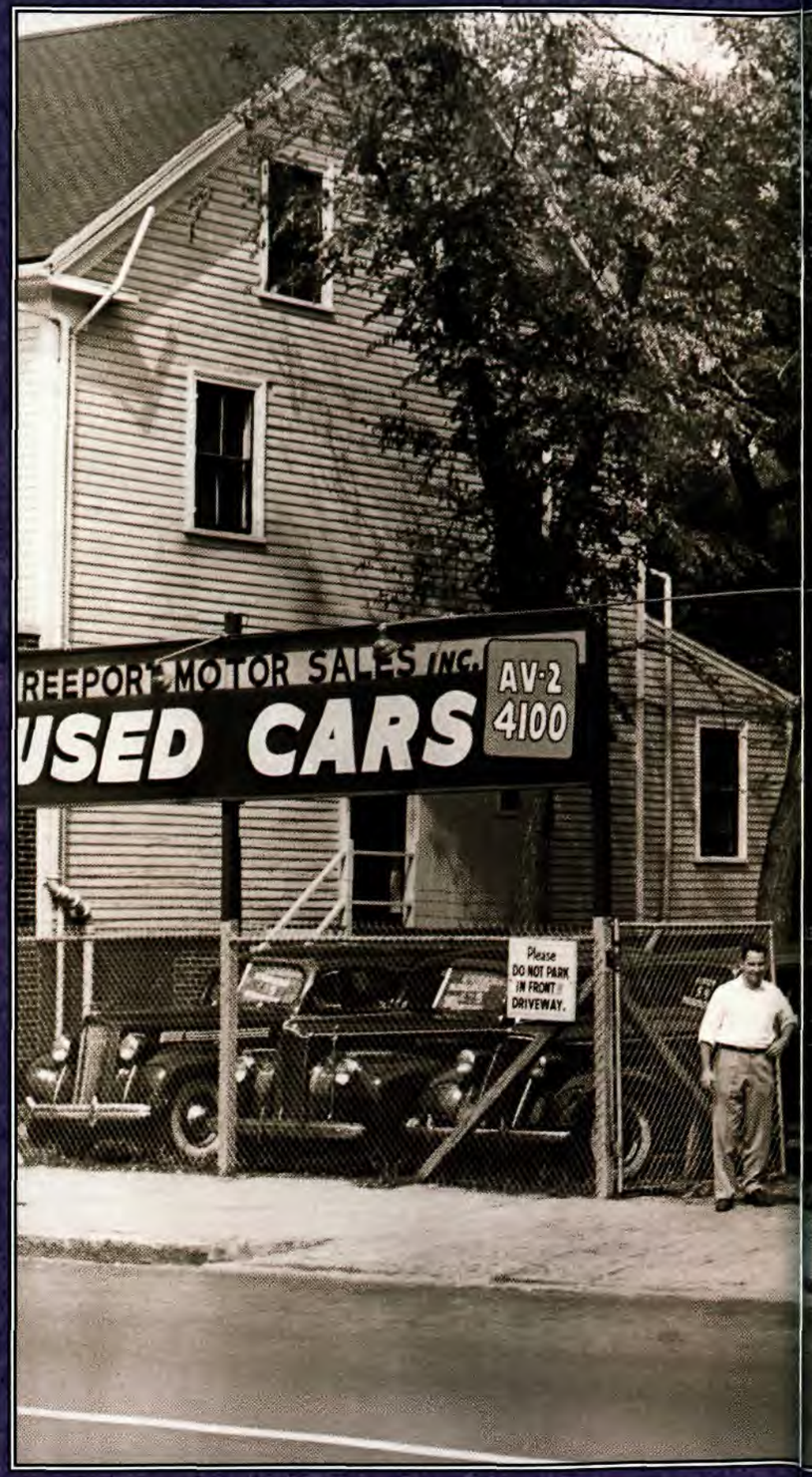


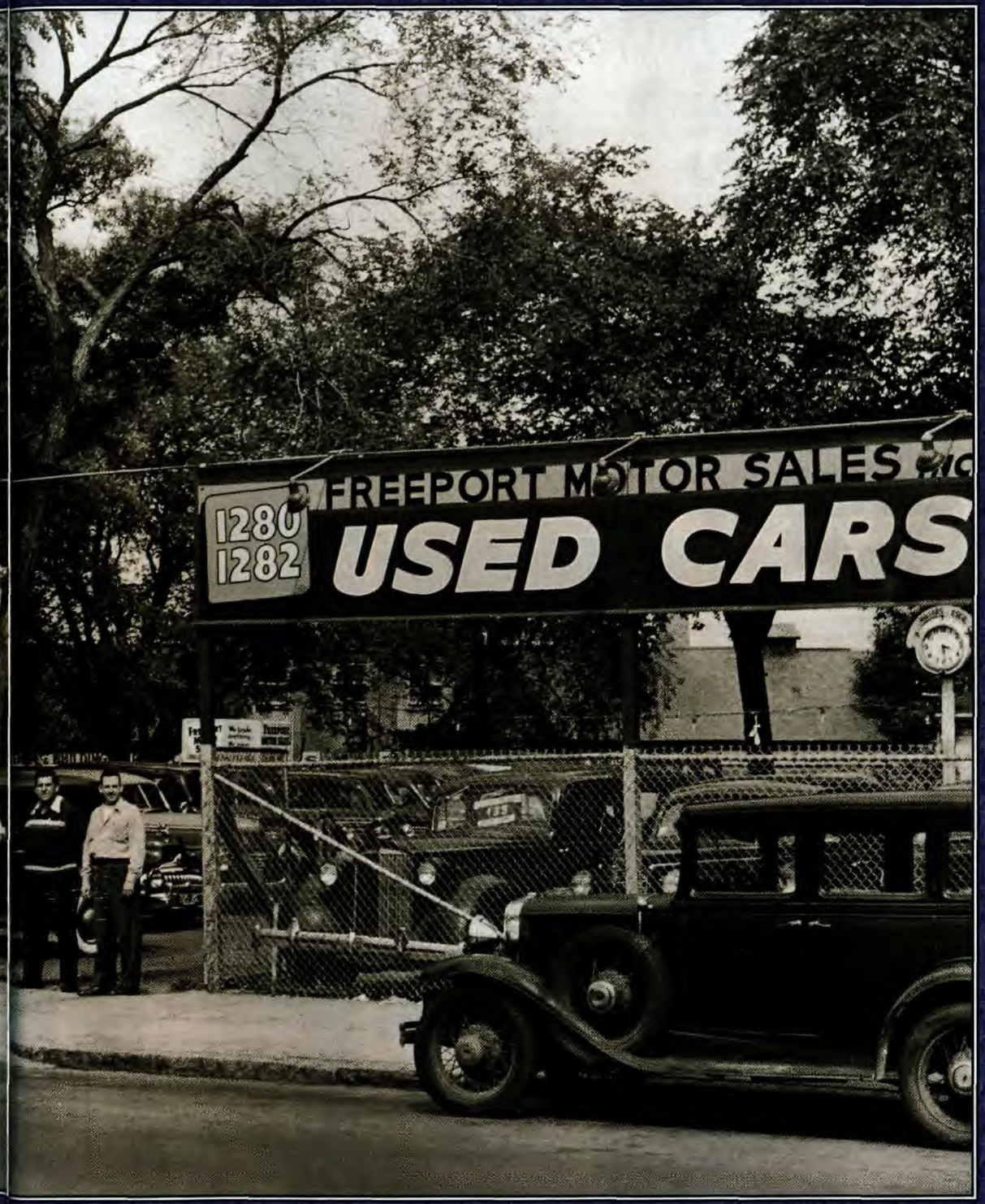
On Our Cover

BLOOMER BIKER. "My grandmother, Lillian Roth Block, was born in Chicago in 1876," tells Marilyn Taylor Detling of Willoughby, Ohio.

"I was told that at age 6, she was caught riding a bicycle down the center of the streetcar tracks, wearing her bloomers. Heaven forbid! I also know she once won a beauty contest at a local Masons' picnic and received a gold watch on a chain."

The photo of this lovely lady was hand-tinted by Marcy Merrill.





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17 Sweet Memories. A kid who never forgot the dessert he never got to taste.

18 Gas-Powered Piano. Careless gas line crew in 1946 tickled the ivories.

27 Tilted TV. The days of early television sometimes left viewers askew.

32 Whole-Grain Autos. Cars for kids came in cereal boxes in the 1950s.

37 Knitting for Victory. Schoolboys did their part during World War II.

39 Life in Fordville. This family lived in a village created by Henry Ford.

40 Catch It! Here's something that's contagious and *fun* to catch—laughter.

44 Baby, It's Cold Outside. These winter memories will warm your heart.

53 Home Ice Advantage. Rink in their yard had family skating in the '60s.

58 Past Pictured. Photographs from long ago come to life in this collection.

62 Happy Campers. Family loved sleeping out, even with snow on the beds.

65 Sunny Grandma. Though confined to a wheelchair, she made the best of life.

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THERE wasn't much chance of getting lost in The Grove, as the center of Pitman, New Jersey is known.

"I was fortunate to be born and raised in this small town," notes Jean MacGeorge of Glassboro, New Jersey. "The centerpiece of the town is known as The Grove.

"It is a circle, with 12 avenues radiating from the center, like the hub of a wheel," Jean explains. "In the center was an auditorium. It's still used for religious services in the summer and can be seen in the center of this photo, which was taken of First Avenue in about 1900.

"The photo also shows some of the summer cottages that my and my friends' grandparents owned in The Grove.

"Charles Pitman, a Methodist minister, founded the town. The community has been guided by a religious pride that exists even today. He would be proud that the town bearing his name remains 'dry' and quiet over 100 years later."

This quiet street in The Grove looks like it contains a lot of memories, just like the memory lane that *Reminisce* takes you down each issue.

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Now, ready for a walk?

On Our Cover

FOUNTAIN FUN. "I was 4 years old, in 1949, when my dad took this photo of me at a drugstore soda fountain on McDonough Boulevard in Atlanta, Georgia," relates Tahni Palmer from Tyrone.

"Dad sent the picture to my grandma, who crocheted the yellow dress. She told Mother it contained 8,000 yards of thread. There was so much material, I could hold it out like a fan."



In This Memorable Issue

12 Easter Every Day. Finding the eggs on the family farm was a daily hunt.

13 Good-Bye Forever. How could they miss her if she didn't run away?

14 Roll 'Em! Skate back to the '50s, when the Roller Derby was a top sport.

16 Go Fly a Kite. She couldn't think of a better way to spend a spring day.

17 Their Own Easter Parade. A new dress in 1939 made Easter memorable.

18 Timeless Memories. His old school clock from the '40s warms his heart.

27 First Ringo Star. Lad was best at game played in Dad's store in the '30s.

38 Washday Woes. Readers remember the drudgery before automatics.

40 Bands Play on. Colorful cigar bands tell stories of stogies of the past.

45 Follies Fun. She grew up with the Ziegfeld Follies and "Roger" the chimp.

46 Handy Candy. It doesn't get much better than growing up in a candy store.

53 High-End Hats. Her mother's Park Avenue shop catered to the gentry.

58 Camping All Year. Logging camp life in the '20s was a boy's dream.

62 Family Fun. The entertainment was free on Saturday nights at the dump.

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PACKED with packers was this American Fruit Growers packinghouse in Fullerton, California in 1923.

"That's my father, Arthur 'Dutch' Hersey, holding onto the rafter in the middle of the photo," writes Dorothy Krambo from Tujunga, California. "He was a box maker, and in those days, produce boxes were made of wood, one at a time, by hand.

"My father's sister, brother and cousin also worked in the packinghouse then," Dorothy continues. "After the Crash in 1929, my grandmother and grandfather went to work there, too—she as a packer and he as a night watchman.

"Through the Depression, my father continued to work as a box maker, when there *was* work. The small photo (at lower right) shows him in 1937 at the American Fruit Growers packinghouse in Vernon, California.

"By this time, machines were used to make boxes. The wood came precut in what were called 'shooks'. Making boxes was a more desirable job with a machine.

"During World War II, Dad went into business for himself. He bought a box-making machine and continued in the business until he retired in 1972 at age 66. My father is now 95, and I think he would still be working, if it weren't for those '*cardboard* boxes'."

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Now, ready to pack in another issue?





On Our Cover

CLEANING UP. "My mother, Marie Flanigan, used Chipso for dishes all the time in our Detroit, Michigan home and was asked to pose for this picture in 1934," says Patricia Conway, Naples, Florida."The ad appeared in magazines in the South, so we never saw the photo published, but the photographer sent Mother a copy."

In This Memorable Issue

12 Think About It. Behind-the-scenes peek at TV's popular *Concentration.*

14 What a Kick! Being a Rockette during WWII was hard work...and fun.

16 She Made Do. Grandma knew how to stretch a buck before recycling.

18 Slinky Still Popular. After 55 years, that spring thing still amuses us.

26 Spice Guy. His collection of old spice tins recalls days of corner grocery.

40 Covered Memories. Readers recall covered bridges that they crossed.

43 Gown Dances Again. After 40 years, dress had another dance to go to.

46 Tasty Pastry. For over 40 years, Brooklyn bakery gave sweet memories.

53 Fun on the Party Line. "Rubbering in" on conversations was common.

56 Extended Curriculum. Eighth graders got caring lessons on growing up.

62 Wagon West! Station wagon held 14 boys ready for an adventure in 1936.

65 Dad's Bridges. Her dad could build real bridges, and those to your heart.

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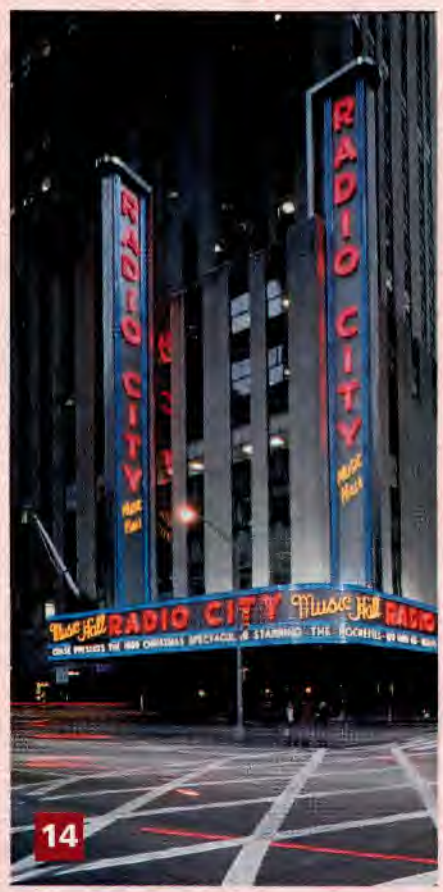

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HONESTY really paid off for Lillian White Holmes. It helped her get a job at Lilgett's Drugstore in Portland, Maine. That's Lillian on the left in the white uniform. She thinks the photo was taken around 1949.

"There was an ad in the paper for a job as soda jerk at Lilgett's," says Lillian, now of New Braunfels, Texas. "My mother answered the ad in my name. It was 1934, and I was still in high school.

"I confessed to the store manager, Mr. Curtis, that my mother had answered the ad. He later said he hired me because I was honest.

"I started out part time and worked there for 19 years, eventually becoming manager of the fountain. When I retired in 1953, my new husband and I traveled all over the country for more than a year."

One thing a customer couldn't complain about when this photo was taken was lack of service. Not counting Lillian, there appears to be a waitress for every customer at the counter.

"My sister, Edna (not shown), also worked there," Lillian adds. "She did the cooking and helped at the fountain. We served all 'homemade' food."

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Now, grab a phosphate, hot fudge sundae, ice cream soda or just a cup of joe while we serve up this month's "special"…lots of honest memories, homemade by readers like you!

On Our Cover

DAY-TRIPPERS. This photo of my grandparents, Emilie and Hermann Lackewandt, and my mother, Emma (right), was taken about 1910 atop Mt. Tamalpais in Mill Valley, California," says Carlma Houweling of San Rafael.

"The trip to the top, on what was billed as 'The Crookedest Railroad in the World', was popular. I barely remember the railroad, as it was abandoned when I was a small child."





In This Memorable Issue

12 Fun with Freebies. Free samples flowed to this kid's house in the '30s.

13 Putt-Putt Putterer. He built two motor scooters, with 50 years between.

14 If You Plan to Motor West. Memories of old Route 66 are a kick.

16 Sun and Sand. Readers remember hot times they had at the beach.

18 Get the Swatter! Before air-conditioning, there were screen doors and flies.

27 Happy Feet. In the '40s, Dad used hairpins to make a long walk short.

30 Good Night. When we asked for nighty-night rituals, you woke us up.

33 Look Out Below! In 1929, aviatrix decided to jump out of a plane.

40 How Charming. Remember those gumball charms? She has 5,000!

42 Sharp Memories. Boys and girls were thrilled with first pocketknife.

43 Buddy Lee Lives. That little Lee jeans guy is nothing new. He's 81!

44 Page by Page. Many of our readers are longtime magazine fans.

53 On the Road. Grandma knew where to find treasures on the backroads.

56 Trunkful of Excitement. A problem pachyderm in the vegetable patch.

57 Greatest Memories on Earth. Readers recall days under the big top.

65 Tough Boughs. Her family tree was the strong old catalpa in the yard.

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THE ONLY moving parts in this orchard of apple pickers were the arms, legs and hands of the men and boys.

"This picture depicts apple picking the *old* way," explains Ralph Canby of Pasadena, Maryland. "It was taken around 1905 at the J.N. Thatcher Homestead Orchard.

"The trees are the York variety and were about 40 years old and grew to 30 feet. Pickers dumped the apples on a grading table. Undersized and damaged apples were taken out, and the good ones were put in barrels that held 3 bushels. The barrels in the picture say 'York Imperial'.

"The barrels were then taken by horse-drawn wagon to a railroad station in Martinsburg, West Virginia and shipped by rail to Baltimore. From there, the apples were loaded on a ship bound for England.

"My father, Elisha Canby, is fourth from the right in the first row of men standing, holding three apples. He became foreman of the orchard and worked there for 40 years."

Ralph's photo has a crisp old-time flavor to it. If *you* have a sharp black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 you'd like to share, check the guidelines on page 59 and consider sending it in.

In the meantime, why not run down to the root cellar and grab a crisp juicy apple, or pour yourself a glass of cider? Then get ready to pick a bushel of ripe memories from this issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

CHEEK TO CHEEK. Well, actually, it was more cheek to forehead as Eugenia "Red" White and her childhood friend Charles "Bobo" Webb took the floor at the 1950 homecoming dance at South Georgia College in Douglas, Georgia. Eugenia went on to marry Wayne Foster, who shared the photo. They've been married 47 years and are now retired in Blakely, Georgia.



In This Memorable Issue

11 Good Neighbor. Lady next door was a kind woman and a child's friend.

12 Pigtailed Pitcher. Diamond darling advised Casey, then met Mickey.

14 Fore! Golf may be a good walk spoiled, but caddying had its moments.

16 Notable Nostrums. Years ago, families kept books of home remedies.

18 Earned Her Pay. General store clerk worked hard for just $20 a month.

26 No Credit. It used to be when kids wanted something, they saved up for it.

27 Pistol-Packin' Mama. This female deputy sheriff was a first in 1930.

30 Box Top Bonanza. Prized memories of radio and cereal premiums.

33 Fish Story. His Uncle Mike was a good guy, always angling for some fun.

37 Spotted Sputnik. They saw the beginning of the space race in 1957.

38 Little Bit of Home. Special Services ladies did their duty in Germany.

42 Ho, Ho, Ho. Green Giant doll returned to keep this former kid happy.

44 Love Hurts. Trying to impress the girls became painful for a show-off.

46 The Land Provided. Canadian family of 10 fed themselves in the '30s.

56 Three R's Are Back. Summer's over. It's time for some school memories.

63 Tricks 'n' Treats. Front-porch ghosts and goblins abound on Halloween.

65 Bus Builder. Dad got the school bus contract. Now all he needed was a bus!

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LEWIS CORSON was wearing a different sort of uniform when he got out of the service after World War II.

"When I returned, I was hired as a doorman by the Paramount Theatre in Lynn, Massachusetts," Lewis recalls. "I had worked there as an usher in high school.

"The picture was taken in 1946, as I recall," Lewis continues. "On the bill at the time was a movie starring Alan Ladd and Veronica Lake. A ticket was 25¢.

"The reason for the picture was a promotion, some kind of giveaway the theater was having that day. Notice all the ladies in fur coats, and most of them are wearing hats."

Lewis didn't end up making a career out of the theater. He was recalled into the Army for the Korean War. After that, he made the Army a career and retired with 33 years of service.

If you have a sharp black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 photo you'd like to take out of retirement and share, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 59 and consider sending it in.

Now, why don't you retire to your favorite chair, put up your feet and enjoy another trip down Memory Lane with this issue of *Reminisce*? You can take in a movie later.

On Our Cover

IT REALLY WAS the night before Christmas, in 1949, to be exact, when this photo was taken of Ruth and Carl Harrison and their children, Carleen, Sharon, Jim and Allyn.

Ruth, of Lewisville, Texas, recalls that a more formal picture taken earlier, with the kids all dressed up, didn't turn out. So they were awakened, and this photo in their jammies turned out to be what Ruth says was the family's best-ever Christmas picture.





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10 Winter's Coming. Getting ready for winter in the '30s kept them warm.
11 Edible Edifice. Christmas cookie house became a boy's dream home.
12 Montana Christmas. Coyotes provided the caroling on winter nights.
14 Working Wartime Wife. He went to war, she went to work—at his job.
18 TV Is Life. These kids lived the '50s just like a TV show later portrayed.
30 Merry Christmases. Readers remember those happy holidays of the past.
32 Illuminating. In her folks' store, they even repaired Christmas tree lights.
39 Farmall Ambulance. Baby's coming. Snow's falling. Get the tractor!
40 Happy Hams. After WWII, the Hormel Girls promoted pork products.
42 Someone Heard. Would her prayers for a Christmas doll be answered?
44 They Motored West. The Depression drove lots of folks to California.
46 In the Chips. Dad's homemade potato chips turned into tasty business.
53 Snow in Texas? It happened in 1927, and was he ever happy about it!
56 Depression Pickers. Dad's orchard provided work for Dust Bowlers.
63 Westinghouse Wonder. She proved that women could do a man's job.
65 Memorable Mentor. Second-grade teacher gave a lifetime of lessons.

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Welcome to The Good Old Days!

CAN YOU DIG IT? Well, if you're talking about snow this deep, probably not without the help of some serious equipment.

Washington County, Wisconsin is the scene of this wintertime photo, probably taken in the 1930s. The picture comes from the Washington County Historical Society, through the collection of Mike Schuetz.

We all remember the stories that Grandpa or Dad told us every winter, saying this year's snow was nothing compared to the snow he had to deal with back when *he* was a kid.

Why, the snow was *so* deep, he had to walk out of the second-story window in order to dig a tunnel to the front door!

If nothing else, this photo proves it *did* snow in the good old days, and sometimes a lot.

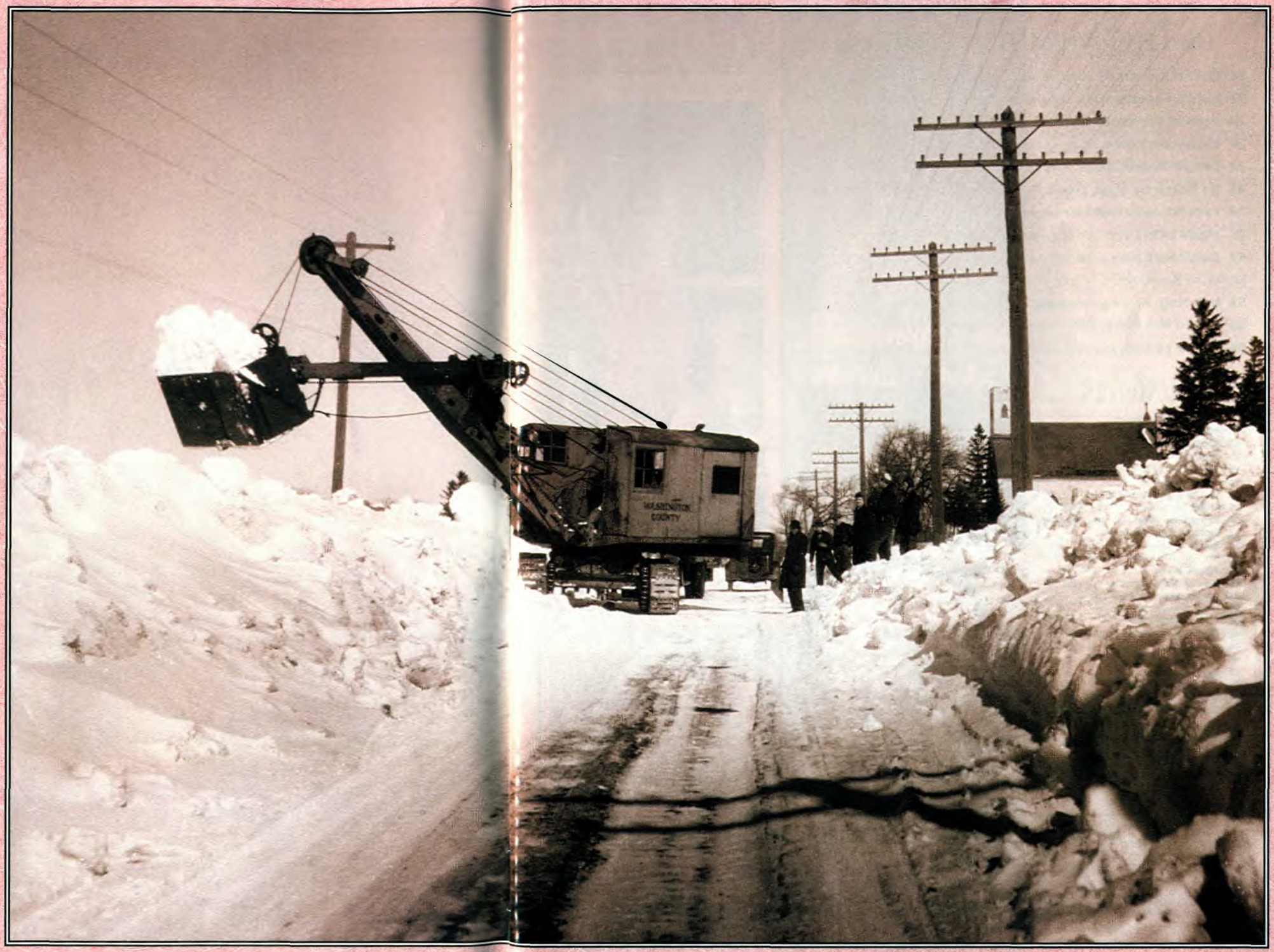
But more likely, those memories of bigger storms and deeper snow are the result of less sophisticated snow removal equipment. This shovel, for example, was a big enough deal to draw quite a crowd as it finished clearing Highway 55.

We'll clear the way to print your memorable photo of the past, if you send a sharp black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10.

First check the Contributor Guidelines on page 57, then put away that shovel, come in out of the cold and enjoy another heartwarming issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*.

On Our Cover

FIRST FORMAL. "When my mother-in-law, Helga Orum Madlock Blust, went to work at Busch's Dry Goods store in Los Angeles, her employer made this dress for her. It was her first formal," says Nova Madlock of Mission Viejo, California. "The year was 1915, and Helga was 15."



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14 Coal Minors. Kids helped scavenge at the coal mine in the Depression.

22 Ford's Forests. Where did all those woodies come from? The woods!

23 Polecat Perfume. Farm boy's skunk-skinning site led to a hide-tanning.

26 Mountain Home. Winters were special in their little high-country town.

32 Letters from Camp. Sweethearts stayed in touch, though miles apart.

33 Be Home by Next Week. The curfew had expired on this long date.

34 Park It! Parallel parking's no problem with this handy guide from 1953.

45 Made with Love. Doll brings back memories of her wedding...and Mom.

47 Don't Fret. Steel guitar playing led Alabama boy to country music fame.

50 Wish Book. Relive the good old prices found in a Sears catalog from 1950.

53 Hot Hog. Keeping a pig behind the kitchen stove was *not* a good idea.

59 Loved Her Baby. Mom carried a favorite poem with her for 56 years.

65 Home Ec Fun. High school home economics skills stir up memories.

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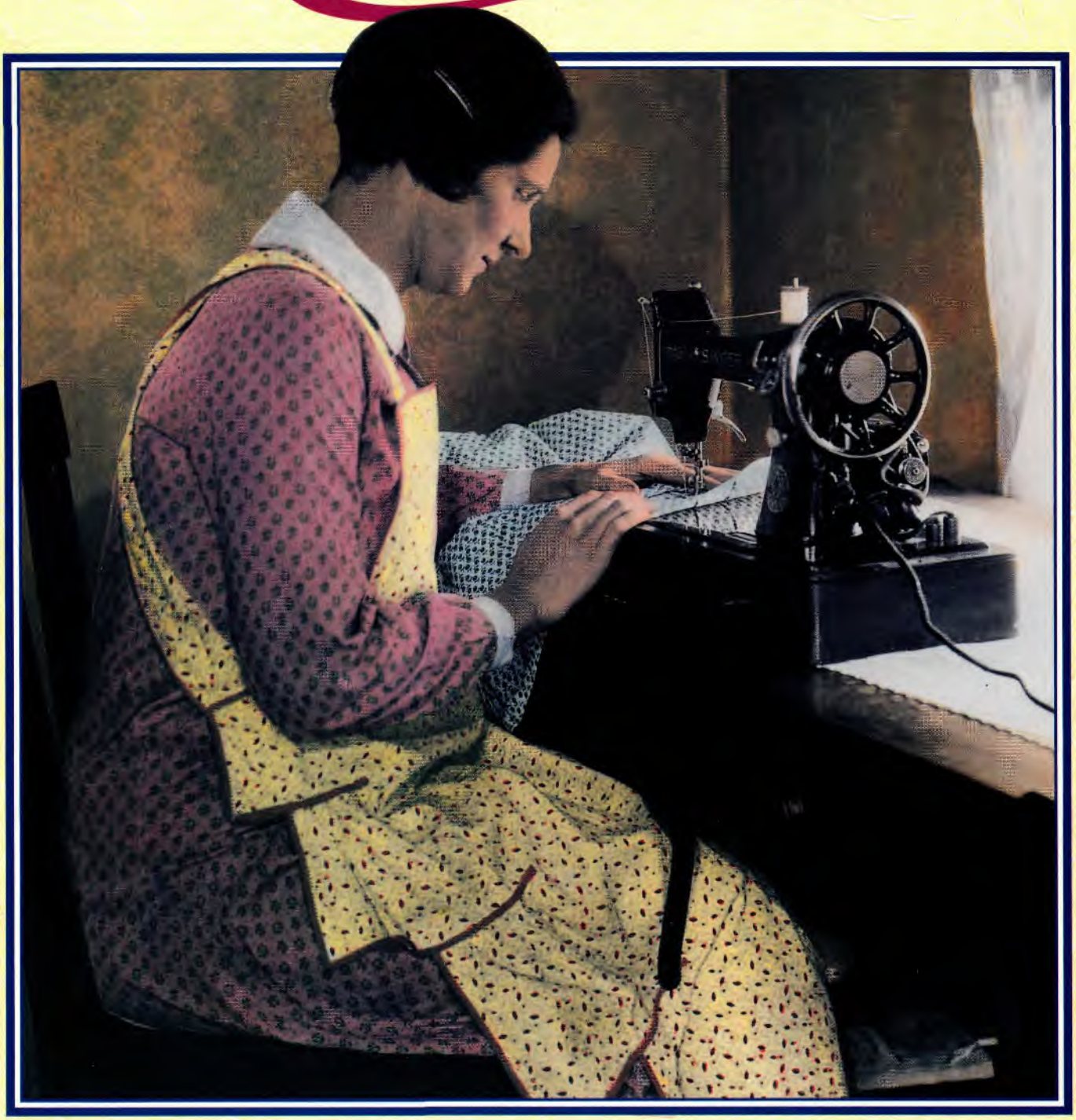

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WHAT'S THE LAST thing anyone ever did at a slumber party? Slumber, of course.

Much as they are today, slumber parties in the good old days were merely excuses for good friends to get together. Party goers would laugh, gossip and have their picture taken in fancy sleepwear.

"This is a picture of my sister-in-law Mary Yurkzites (back row, second from right) and her friends at a slumber party near Chicago around 1924," relates Casey Prunchunas of Chatsworth, California.

"The girls started the slumber parties when they were around 19 or 20, and they continued until they started to get married," Casey says. "My wife, Anne, was too young at the time to remember the names of her sister's friends.

"Anne does remember that Mary worked for the William Wrigley Company in Chicago and always brought home chewing gum…Anne says she preferred bubble gum."

You just can't please some kids, even with free gum.

But we aim to please in *Reminisce*—we feature a huge selection of great memories and photos, and you're sure to find some to suit your taste.

Meantime, if you have a sharp black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 photo you'd like to share, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 55 and consider sending it in.

Now, before you slumber off, get comfortable in your robe and jammies and "enjoy the party" in this issue.

On Our Cover

SEW WHAT? Why, clothes for her four little girls! This J.C. Allen and Son photo from 1928, hand-tinted by Marcy Merrill, shows Mrs. Chalmer Miller of Moran, Indiana at her early electric sewing machine.



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11 Malted Memories. Horlick's malted milk is still the only one for him.

14 Bunnies and Eggs. Easter memories blossom as readers recall the fun.

18 Painful Painting. It's best not to laugh when Dad's painting project fails.

26 Get a Horse! A couple of horse tales of the days when folks hoofed it.

27 Beat It. The carpet, that is. Springtime meant the whole house got cleaned.

30 Where Were You? Readers remember where they were the day FDR died.

33 The Old Wish Book. Page through the past in a vintage Sears catalog.

38 Mobile Home. During WWII, this family lived in a very small trailer.

40 A Boy and His Toys. In 1924, young lad's car collection was a fleet.

42 Let Us Pray. Some happenings in church were more humorous than pious.

46 Emergency! In the '50s, her TV repairman father even made house calls.

54 Perry Who? He was there when Perry Como's star was beginning to rise.

58 Don't Get Stuck. Before roads were paved, spring was muddin' season.

63 See You in Court! Spirited boccie games filled Sunday afternoons.

65 Dog's Best Friend. Mangy stray was lucky to find a boy with a big heart.

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THAT COWCATCHER on the front of trolley 55 looks like it really could catch a cow, should one wander onto the tracks.

"The motorman is my uncle, Thomas Dailey, and the young man on the running board is his son, my cousin, Thomas Dailey Jr.," says Yula Mills of New Port Richey, Florida.

"This trolley ran from Rochester to Brockport, New York. The picture was taken in 1908 and sent to the elder Thomas' mother, my grandmother. I hadn't been born yet, but I remember this picture always being in the family. It was mounted on a board."

So many of our memories are contained in cherished family photos. The time, the place and the people might be gone, but a photo lives on. And with it is the recollection of those days that are never really lost if they stay a part of our memory.

Every issue of *Reminisce* has a trolley car full of precious photos, such as Yula's, from the family albums of our readers.

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Now, climb aboard…we're about to flip the seats on the *Reminisce* trolley for another trip back to the good old days.

On Our Cover

GREAT CRATE. "We lived about 2 miles from my grandparents," writes Grace Frizane of Mt. Prospect, Illinois. "In the winter of 1944, my father nailed an orange crate to my little sled so Mother, Ruth Wahlstrom, could pull me for our weekly visits. I certainly do look warm and happy."



In This Memorable Issue

10 Last Voyage. The music and fun on this cruise ship ended Dec. 7, 1941.

12 Delivering Dirt. When Grandma came to visit, she brought her own soil.

13 For Auld Lang Syne. Readers remember ringing in New Years past.

14 How Cold Was It? Why aren't today's winters quite like the cold old days?

26 Quiet Man. Norwegian uncle didn't say much, but he left fond memories.

27 Unique Experience. She was the only woman at a German POW camp.

30 Feeling Better? Health care in the good old days was not all that healthy.

40 Radiators Recalled. Nothing beat the heat from an old-fashioned radiator.

42 Fond Furniture. Many memories were written at Grandma's old desk.

44 Happy Birthday! The anniversary of a birth is always reason to celebrate.

46 Savoring the Samovar. Heirloom from Russia brews pots of memories.

53 Kitchen Chaos. Readers remember the times it was best to eat out.

57 Open House. Rare photos from 1918 offer a glimpse of home interior.

65 Traffic Jam. When it snowed in the 1930s, sleds ruled the city streets.

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HISTORIC HEIGHTS. The Civil War had been over for only about 40 years when this group of sightseers posed atop Little Round Top in the early 1900s. Little Round Top was a strategic position during the Battle of Gettysburg.

"Those are my parents, Joel and Sallie Geiman Roop, on the left," relates Elizabeth Roop Channell of Westminster, Maryland. "They and two of my father's sisters, Rachel and Margaret, had traveled to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania from Westminster by horse and buggy."

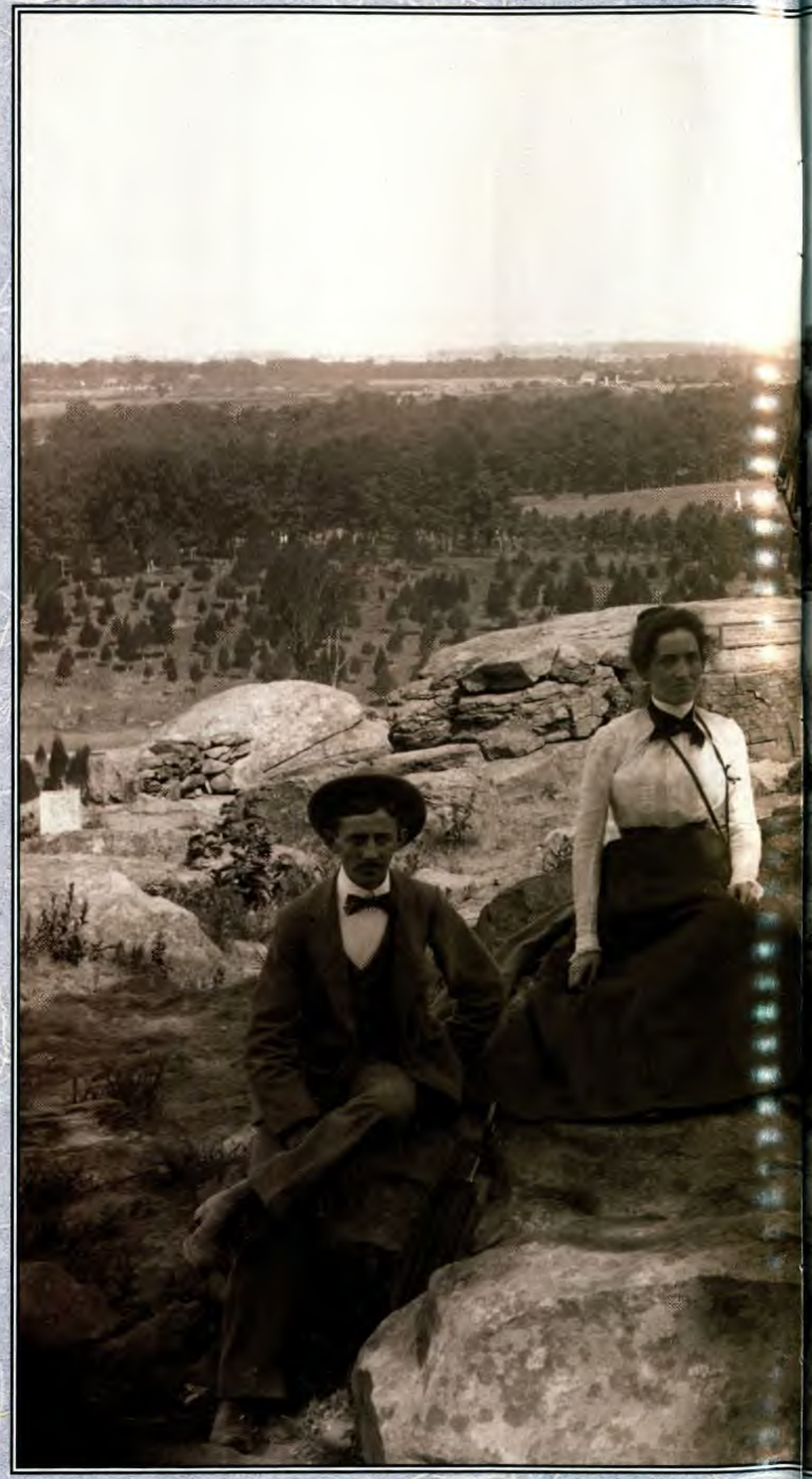
Little Round Top was obviously a popular spot for tourists as well as a historic site. The plaque on the rock in the background, with the statue of the officer, says, "Visitors forbidden on this rock. See tablet on front of rock."

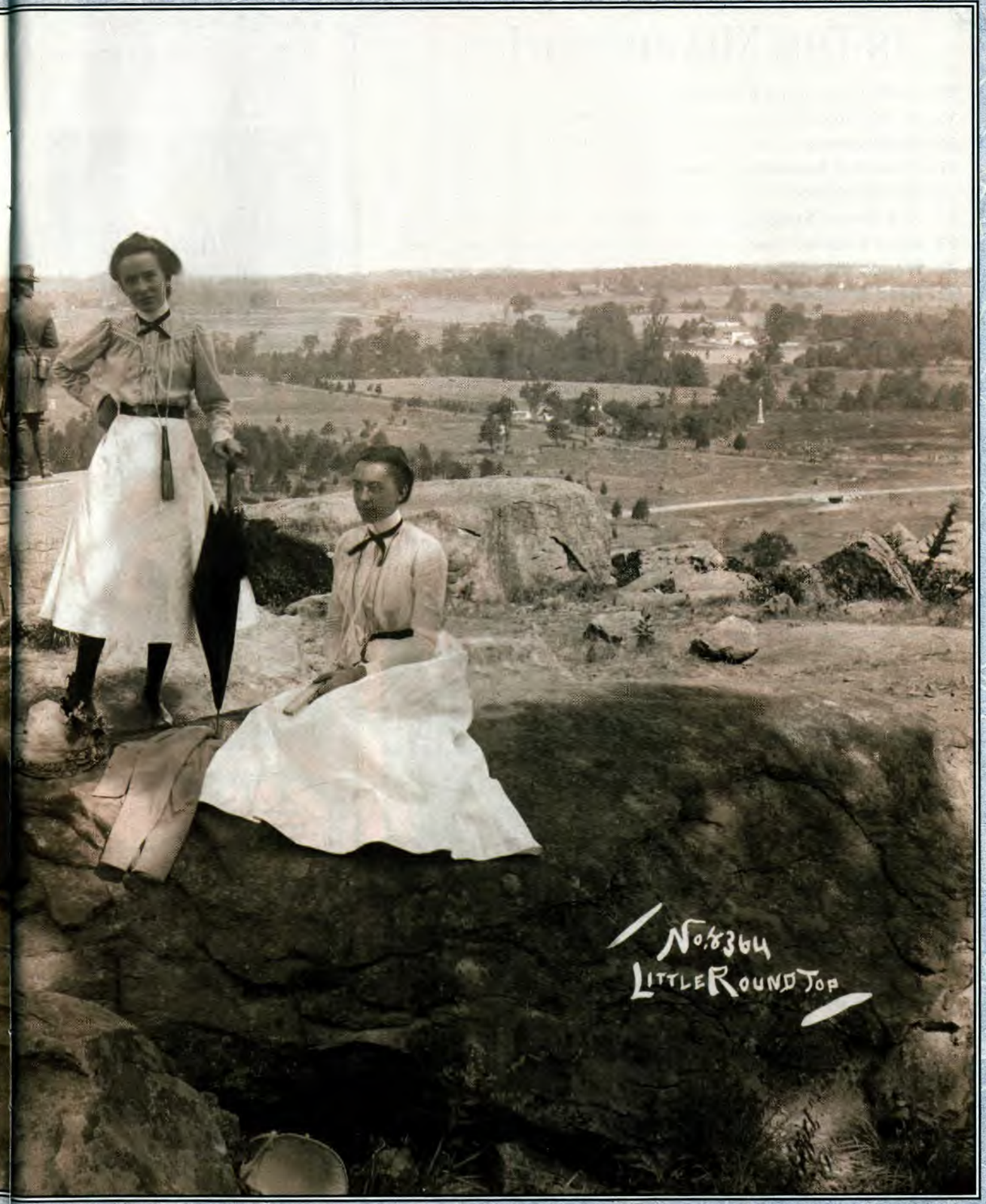
Throughout the countryside in the background can be seen white obelisks and other monuments marking portions of the battlefield.

It must have been a warm day when Elizabeth's parents and aunts were there. They're carrying parasols, and each lady has a fan hanging on a cord from her neck.

If you have a sharp black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 photo of a memorable moment from the past, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 56 and consider sending it in.

Now, how about climbing to the top of this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA* and seeing the sights?





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GO FLY A KITE—what else would a kid do on a blustery April day? This lad, in a photo from H. Armstrong Roberts, is flying a kite, the likes of which is not seen much in these days of plastic and nylon. It's made of paper with a wooden frame.

In This Memorable Issue

12 Guilt Trip. Playing hooky at the 1939 World's Fair made her nervous.
13 Belfry Boys. Trespassing up their church spire led to a steeple chase.
15 Gruff Gramps. Under that tough exterior beat the heart of a pussycat.
18 Downhill Racer. His homemade racer was last, but he was a winner.
19 Easter Miracle. Tough times were softened by her mom's handiwork.
22 Red-Faced Sunday. Dinner with the preacher was unforgettable.
23 Privy Primer. There's more than one way to walk the path out back.
27 French Truckette. Say one thing for their Citroën—nobody else had one.
32 Read All About It. Paper peddler went door-to-door for her new bike.
33 Porky in a Pickup. Walking pincushion disrupted their cozy camp.
39 Locomotive Fan. Those new diesels couldn't replace the steam engines.
40 Spring Has Sprung. Celebrate the season with readers' memories.
43 Ode to Photos. Precious old pictures are enough to make one rhyme.
47 Snow Buster. Young school bus driver was a hero in '37 snowstorm.
50 Order! Pull up a stool and enjoy the flavor of the old-fashioned diners.
53 They Cooked. Early TV "stars" filled time spoofing cooking show.
65 Caboose Caper. Last car train ride was fun for everyone but Mom.

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THERE WAS nothing like a political rally to bring folks out years ago. Back then, you got to see who you were voting for face-to-face.

"I salvaged this picture from a fire," says Melvin Church, Booneville, Mississippi. "It shows a political rally at the Booneville courthouse square in August of either 1934 or 1935.

"You can see how important a political rally was then by the size of the crowd," Melvin continues. "And note all the men in white shirts, their Sunday best."

It was also an opportunity for vendors to hawk their wares. Melvin points out the melons for sale on the right side of the picture. And under the big tree, which has some campaign posters tacked on the trunk, there is a table loaded with boxes of candy bars.

Besides the crowd, the event apparently attracted the media, too. It looks like the man on the roof at upper right is holding a camera.

The roof is on a Ford dealership, and the company is well represented at the rally with some Model T's and A's. The car at lower right, however, appears to be a 1932 Chevrolet. Democracy in action.

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Now, before you vote on your favorite *Reminisce* memory in this issue, be sure to read through all the candidates.

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MATCHING OUTFITS. Shan (left) and Pam Briggs were dressed alike for church on this spring day in 1958, says their father, A.E. Briggs, of Austin, Texas. The family lived in Atlanta, Georgia at the time.





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12 Buggy with an Engine. Ever see an all-wicker car? If so, tell us about it.

13 Movies for One. This drive-in had a screen for each car, all 118 of them.

14 Marvelous Mothers. Doting mom and special stepmom lovingly recalled.

16 Here's to Hankies. Throw away those tissues and use a fine hankie.

26 Dress for Less. All four sisters wore the same dress for school banquet.

27 Petal Power. Her dad started a tradition, "reading" lucky lilac petals.

30 Fast Food. Harvey Girls provided quick, efficient service with a smile.

44 Wagon West. Many have honeymooned in Yellowstone, but in a wagon?

53 Gushing Over Oil. Life was good for a kid in an East Texas oil field.

63 Decoration Day. Taking care of loved ones' graves was an annual ritual.

65 Quarantined! A little isolation, even with scarlet fever, wasn't all bad.

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Welcome to The Good Old Days!

IT WAS standing room only on locomotive 3410 when the entire shop workforce from the Santa Fe Railroad in Topeka, Kansas turned out for a photo during World War II.

"That's my father, John Colvin (circled), on top of the engine," says Linda Colvin Funk of Nortonville, Kansas. "He worked for the Santa Fe from 1942 to 1965 as a machinist.

"There were eight children in our family, and Daddy's job with the railroad gave us a comfortable life," Linda continues. "But just before Christmas 1958, there was a possibility of a strike. Momma warned us that Christmas might be a little slim that year.

"I had saved $2.37 from my job of digging dandelions from a neighbor's yard, so I could still go shopping for my parents.

"I bought Momma a black plaster-of-Paris fish with three golden bubbles rising from its mouth that I thought would be nice for the bathroom. For Daddy, I bought a set of handkerchiefs with his initials.

"I walked home because I didn't have enough money left for the bus. When I walked into the house, Daddy was asking for silence so he could listen to the news.

"And what good news it was! A settlement was made and there would be no strike. Christmas was still days away, but for my parents, the news they heard that evening was a joyful gift."

If you have a sharp black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 photo of a memorable moment from the past, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 56 and consider sending it in.

Now then...all aboard for another ride down Memory Lane.

On Our Cover

BONNETED BABY. Olive Bonner Johnson was only 3 months old when she posed for her first portrait photo in Oil City, Pennsylvania in 1903, relates BonnieLee Walrath of Taft, California. BonnieLee and Olive were friends in California, and BonnieLee has saved many of Olive's cherished photos.



In This Memorable Issue

12 Ode to Ivory. This homage to the famous white bar will float your soap.

14 It Tolls for Thee. When the farm bell rang, it was always for a reason.

18 Say "Cheese". These girls didn't need to be told to smile for their portrait.

22 All-Purpose Apron. There wasn't much she couldn't do with her apron.

23 My Dad, the Mailman. Rural mail carriers were main source of news.

26 Washday Blues. Clothesline told the tale of the kids' laundry lesson.

30 June Brides. Readers' cherished photos showcase weddings from the past.

32 Snakes Alive! Readers remember recoiling after encounters with snakes.

40 Drawn to Memories. His cartoons have been amusing since the '40s.

42 Lake Fun. Merry old Ontario memories of Grandpa's cottage in the '50s.

47 Whoa, Nellie! Grandpa's old workhorse could run when she wanted.

53 Salvation Soup. Hospital staff was stumped by kid's unusual request.

59 Life with Grandpa. Sidewalks of New York were fun with her "Papa".

65 Down in the Dump. They had to play their "recycled" Victrola by hand.

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Oh, for the days when fresh fruit and vegetables were sold out in the open, where you could thump and squeeze them, instead of in air-conditioned stores.

"My grandfather, G.M. Lemmon, opened his first store, a grocery and auto tire store, in Wooster, Ohio," says Dick Lemmon of North Canton. "In 1926, he moved to Canton, where he opened this store and outdoor produce stand at 12th and Oxford.

"That's my grandfather wearing a tie on the right and my great-grandfather standing on the steps. My father, Paul, is wearing knickers and has his back to the camera.

"Grandfather also had a restaurant, Lemmon's Cottage, across the street. He kept that after my father bought the grocery business in 1945. Dad built a new store about a block away and ran that until 1954, when he sold it. I bought the business back in 1958 and ran it until 1990."

You don't see many businesses anymore that have been run for three generations, but it's sure nice to remember those days…and shopping at a store where the owner was always on hand.

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Now, enjoy the rest of *Reminisce*, where you'll find freshly produced stories and photos to satisfy your hunger for nostalgia.

On Our Cover

CHARMING TOT. "My late husband was a photographer and had a studio on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles," writes Virginia Smith from Caldwell, Idaho. "He took this photo of our son, David, on his Taylor-Tot stroller at our home in Los Angeles in 1946, when he was 2. 'Little David' is now a grandfather," adds Virginia.





In This Memorable Issue

12 M-I-C-K-E-Y. She was glued to the set when that famous mouse was on.

13 TV Quiz. Test your TV knowledge with this fun quiz about kids' shows.

26 Cool Job. Readers fondly remember visits by the friendly iceman.

38 Don't Go in the Water. He swam in the Black Lagoon with the Creature.

40 Three-Ring Fun. It was a great day when the circus came to town.

41 Loved Lizzie. Of all the cars he owned, none was as fun as his Model T.

42 Five-and-Dime. Memories about Woolworth's are priceless for readers.

46 Camp Mom. Whining about not going to camp gave their mother ideas.

47 Vacation U-Turn. The pull of the old vacation spot was just too much.

53 Brotherly Love. A small thing like a baseball mitt makes big memories.

54 Tanks for the Memory. Grandma's dip in the horse tank is family lore.

61 The Gleaners. Free spuds put this family between rocks and a hard place.

63 Fish Story. There's no better way to relax than to wet a line with a pal.

65 Porch Pranks. Their front porch swing was a place for fun and romance.

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Welcome to The Good Old Days!

THESE CCC GUYS sure learned how to line up at Camp Blackhawk in Oakville, Iowa.

"I was at Camp Blackhawk from July 7, 1939 to June 12, 1941, when I found a job," says Clifford Miller of Toledo, Washington. He's third from the right in the cooking crew, wearing white in the second row.

"Our pay was $30 a month," Clifford recalls. "I got $8 and $22 went home. My father died in June of 1938, so I helped my mother as much as I could.

"When we weren't in camp, we helped farmers by cutting brush from the creeks and drainage ditches. We also repaired bridges and built new ones. I received a proficiency certificate in bridge building.

"My best friend, Keith Noe, is second from my right. The camp commander, Lt. George Kimsey, is in the first row, seated in front of the man to my right.

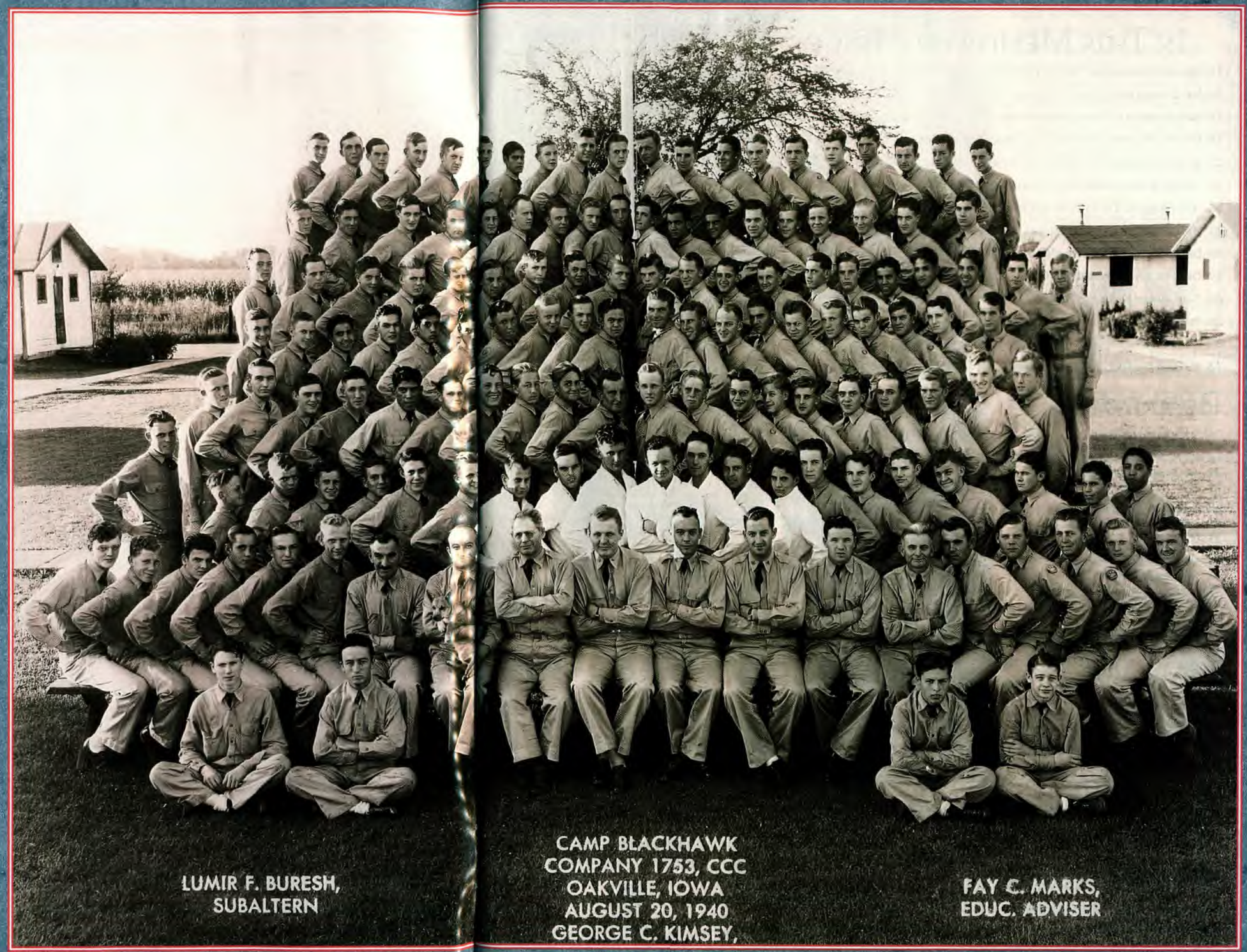
"We lived at the camp but could go home on weekends. I lived about 70 miles away and would hitchhike."

If you'd like to join our "staff" and want to send in a sharp black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 photo for these two pages, check the guidelines on page 56.

Now, grab your hammers and saws and let's build another bridge to the past at Camp *Reminisce EXTRA*.

On Our Cover

BEACHWEAR in the good old days might have been heavy when wet, if anyone ever went into the water with all those clothes. But, as this photo shared by Dorothy Palmer of Reading, Pennsylvania shows, no one had to worry about sunburn. The happy quartet was snapped on the famous Boardwalk at Atlantic City, New Jersey.



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12 Warm Memories. Readers recall sizzling summers with cool stories.

14 Ice Cream Here! Good Humor boy pedaled through summer of 1938.

18 Bait Business. Young entrepreneurs wriggled their way into some cash.

19 Circle of Love. Taking a trip to Granny's was not only for the kids.

22 Golden Days. The best summer ever was on his Uncle Frank's farm.

23 Chaos in the Coop. There was more to raising chickens than met the eye.

32 Hair-Trigger. Comments on her curls could lead to a knuckle sandwich.

33 Hair-Raising. Dad's tonsorial talents left their mark on his customers.

36 Dairy Dreams. Dancing 'til dawn is not a good idea for some day jobs.

37 Onions and Fireworks. Onions don't make this former "topper" cry.

40 God Bless Kate. Kate Smith sang herself into the hearts of America.

50 Pop a Cap. Nothing hit the spot like a bottle of homemade root beer.

53 Casual Club. The ladies in this '40s group kept meetings informal.

65 Picture Perfect. When sidewalk photographers snapped sharp shoppers.

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A lot of people walked during the Great Depression. Some because they liked to, and many more because that was their only transportation. So when Garden City, Kansas held a women's "walkathon" in the fall of 1932, with a top prize of $25, there was no shortage of participants.

"My father didn't own a car, so we walked most everywhere," writes Beth Smith Window of Longview, Washington.

"I decided to enter the walkathon with my sister Freda and friend Lena Marie Trissle. I was 16 then and am in the front row, fourth from left. At 14, Freda was the youngest participant. She's at far right in the front row, and Lena, 17, is next to her.

"The lady on the far left in the front row was in her 70s. She made the pouch hanging from her belt to rest her hand in while she walked.

"We walked the 6.2-mile course the night before to check it out. It must have helped because I came in fifth and won $3. Not bad, considering I borrowed the jodhpurs. I didn't own a pair of slacks, and I even borrowed the shoes because I didn't own a pair with low heels. Can you imagine walking that far in borrowed shoes?

"I used the winnings to buy my first 'store-bought' dress. I guess walking 12.4 miles in 2 days was worth it."

If *you* have a winning black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 photo you'd like to share on this page, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 55 and consider sending it in.

And for now, kick off your shoes, borrowed or not, sit back and relax as we walk you through another memorable issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

BACK TO SCHOOL. These two boys, in a photo from D. Corson/H. Armstrong Roberts, seem to be taking their time, which means they were probably *going* to school rather than coming home. They wouldn't have believed it at the time, but those school days will produce some great memories.



In This Memorable Issue

12 All in the Family. Basketball-playing sisters never lost a game.

14 Salute Her! In '51, she earned $15 a day to stay atop a 40-foot flagpole.

18 Mink Farm Was No Mint. Dad discovered this was a tough business.

26 Duck and Cover. Color school photos show air raid drills and hot lunches.

31 Cloth Companion. Love was sewn into her grandma's sock dolls.

32 BOO! Halloween memories from the good old days are frighteningly fun.

37 No Vacancy. Veterans and their spouses hunted for housing after WWII.

40 Moral Ground. He learned right from wrong at his hometown church.

42 Kellogg's Kid. Boy's ad idea appeared countrywide on Corn Flakes box.

45 Jalopy Joy. Seven guys and their $8 Model T had fun before WWII.

46 Helpful Hints. From bedbugs to lard, this 80-year-old booklet covers it.

53 Sweet Sales. Offering coconuts to tourists kept Florida boys busy in 1940.

54 Jeep Journey. With $40 and a surplus Jeep, they saw the country in '48.

61 Faintly Famous. Incident at the fair got her picture in the newspaper.

65 Mom's Daring 'Do. She helped Mom cut her hair; both had to face Dad.

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"YOU'RE NEVER too young to learn" is not just a saying for Marilyn Blake Vander Geest of Marshall, Michigan.

"This picture, taken in 1936, shows my second-grade class at Myra Bradwell School on the south side of Chicago," explains Marilyn. "I'm fourth from the right in the back row. It was a pilot experimental program, and we all learned to type.

"My family moved to Michigan after second grade, but I still kept in touch with some of my classmates by typing letters on my mother's Royal typewriter. I still correspond with one of them.

"When I got to high school, I was able to pass up the typing class because of what I'd learned in second grade. I eventually became an elementary school secretary, a job I held for 25 years.

"My boss once showed this photograph to the school board to assure them that it was possible for students to learn to type at a young age. I'm living proof."

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But for now, rest your typing fingers and use them to start paging through this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*. Just be sure to go slower than the quick brown fox that jumped over the lazy dog's back.

On Our Cover

INSEPARABLE SIBLINGS. "My mother, Blanche Carson Easter (right), and her sister, Edna, lived less than a quarter mile from each other all their 90-plus years," writes Fred Easter of Twelve Mile, Indiana. "They were photographed in 1908, when Edna was 7 and my mother was 5."





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11 No RSVP. Famous guests made Scouts' banquet an unexpected success.

14 One Room, Three R's. One-room schools left a desk full of memories.

22 Field of Dreams. Trip to the '43 World Series was a dream come true.

26 Skyscraper Scare. Delivery boy stuck in the world's tallest building.

27 For Whom the Bell Tolls. Dad was in charge of ringing and tolling.

32 Hot Seat. A boy and a magneto made for one electrifying experience.

33 Scientific Sonnet. Ode to telegraphy wasn't Shakespeare, but it was neat.

36 Dental Disasters. Years ago, all trips to the dentist were not painless.

42 California, Here They Come. Family took a memorable trip in 1923.

50 Clean Your Plate. Tricking picky eaters provides delicious memories.

53 Fish Farm. When the floodwaters receded, their fields held a new crop.

65 Annual Event. Memories filled the wagon on rides to town with Daddy.

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Welcome to The Good Old Days!

Our links to the outside world in the good old days were limited to the radio and telephone, if you could afford them, and to the indispensable newspaper.

"My husband, Harold Young, was a newsboy for the *Racine Journal-Times* in Racine, Wisconsin," writes Ruth Young from Citrus Heights, California. "That's him in the front row, second from the right, wearing coveralls.

"The photograph was taken in 1932, when Harold was 8," Ruth notes. "In those days, the papers were delivered on foot and he had to carry two heavy canvas bags. During winter, the ground Harold had to walk was often covered with deep snow.

"After the papers were delivered, Harold had to go around his route again to collect for the week. His profit was a penny a paper, which was enough for the movies. Harold loved going to the movies. It was hard work for a young boy, but it built character and gave him a good work ethic."

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Now, since this issue of *Reminisce* has been delivered to your doorstep (or, more likely, your mailbox), it's time to kick off your shoes, put up your feet and "Read all about it!"

On Our Cover

BEDTIME STORIES were the way the Fenno family ended the day back in 1953. Howard Fenno of Wichita, Kansas sent in this photo of his wife, Esther, reading a Christmas story to daughter Debra, 9 months, and son Gail, 3, in the bedroom of their Lafayette, Indiana home. Kind of makes you sleepy just looking at it.



In This Memorable Issue

12 Remember Pearl Harbor. Readers tell of the day that began WWII.

14 Wartime Holiday. Christmas 1941 was memorable and melancholy.

18 Edible Heirloom. A can of pumpkin followed this family for years.

27 Stocking Full of "Junk". Visions of junky toys danced in his head.

30 Is It Permanent? That first perm was both exciting and frightening.

34 Season's Greetings! Stories of Yuletides past are special memories.

38 Christmas Baby. Boy born on Army base in '44 was morale booster.

39 On Track. After 50 years, he learned the truth about his electric train.

45 Clearly Clever. This smart kid made "hay" when the sun didn't shine.

51 Not Like Mother's. No one could imitate Mom's sweet Christmas treats.

53 The Healer. Family doctor made people better with more than medicine.

54 Wurlitzer Whiz. This lover of theater organs installed one in his house!

59 Frugal Christmas. Budget-conscious newlyweds made do with $1.10.

65 Lamp of Knowledge. Kerosene lamps and tissue paper don't mix.

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There's an old joke that goes, "Head for the roundhouse, Nellie, he can't corner you there." While these ladies were not railroaders, they were the wives of railroading men and members of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Ladies Auxiliary in Hannibal, Missouri.

"My great-grandmother, Mabel Irene Schaffer (third row, far left), played piano for the auxiliary," relates Melinda Stiles of Salmon, Idaho. "She taught herself when she was 7 and was still playing piano at age 89, when she broke her hip and had to go live in a senior center.

"She then played piano in the recreation room while the other residents exercised," Melinda recalls. "She said she refused to sit around 'like all those old people'.

"I never saw her angry or heard her complain. She was the happiest adult I knew when I was a child. She often said, 'Never felt better or had less.' She had a joyous spirit and taught me to appreciate the small things in life."

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Now, light your lanterns to signal the engineer. It's time to get up some steam so you can highball it through another issue of *Reminisce*...the magazine that's always on track when it comes to memories.

On Our Cover

CHORUS GIRL. "My aunt, Henrietta Munson, left home at an early age and became a vaudeville chorus girl on the Orpheum and other circuits using the stage name of Dot Kingston," writes Dorothy Fraser of Springfield, Oregon.

"After her vaudeville days, Henrietta went to Hollywood and worked at the Pig and Whistle as a waitress, hoping to be discovered. This was not to be, but she had her memories and a good sense of humor.

"I'm told her striking looks attracted attention everywhere she went."



In This Memorable Issue

12 In 25 Words or Less. This family cornered the contest market in the '50s.

15 Coat of Many Odors. Mom loved her fur coat, in spite of its redolence.

22 Get a Horse! A 1907 letter to the editor shows road rage is nothing new.

26 Mountain Memories. Growing up at about 9,000 feet was unique.

32 Stoke of Luck. It was a warm day the winter Dad bought a coal stoker.

39 Easy Reader. Check it out. The local library was located in her house.

43 Soaring Soles. His mail-order jumping shoes were not very elevating.

46 Lots o' Potlucks. Neighborhood gatherings meant great food, fun times.

51 Diner Dining. Working at Mom's diner made a banquet of memories.

54 Canadian Cold. A trip from England to Canada in 1919 was very cool.

61 Have a Heart. Valentine's Days from the past are recalled by readers.

62 Winter Remembered. Readers share chilling accounts of cold and snow.

65 We Want Mom. This was a mother-in-law who everyone wanted to see.

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ENTERTAINMENT was more personal in the good old days and often involved family and friends performing with various organizations.

This American-Armenian cultural group was photographed in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1938, according to Carl Varadian of Seminole, Florida and Dr. Darrell Tanelian of Dallas, Texas, who shared the photo.

Carl's mother, Anna (at far right), was the leader of the group. Darrell's mother, Rose Kashishian Tanelian, is the girl kneeling on the right.

In the early part of the 20th century, many Armenians immigrated to the United States. "My mother grew up a refugee in Greece and came to the United States via Havana, Cuba," Carl relates "She and her best friend married two Armenian men, who were also best friends, in a double ceremony.

"This group was organized in 1935 to help celebrate South Milwaukee's centennial," Carl explains. "They promoted Armenian culture by presenting concerts, plays and dance recitals in southeast Wisconsin.

"My mother's leadership inspired many in the group to careers in music," Carl notes. "Rose Kashishian's sister, Ruth, became a violinist with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra as well as a violin and music teacher.

"This tradition of cultural sharing and enrichment by Armenians continues to this day throughout Wisconsin and the United States."

If you have a sharp 5x7 or 8x10 black-and-white photo that proudly shows your family's ethnic heritage or background, or any other subject, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 56 and consider sending it in.

Now, get ready to dance and sing your way through another celebration of the traditions and memories that are shared in every issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

BISCUIT BOY. "My nephew, Paul Potts, was helping my mother, Mary Potts, make biscuits at her home in Slayden, Tennessee when this photo was taken around 1966," relates Martha Waynick from Indianapolis, Indiana. Bet those biscuits were delicious!

In This Memorable Issue

12 Outdoor Classroom. Rural teacher learned a lesson in a snowstorm.

18 On Thin Ice. Late skater found her Mom's discipline was cold but fair.

19 Snow Warriors. Snow in Brooklyn meant forts and snowball fights.

23 F in Hooky. His decision to skip school was not well thought-out.

27 Hi-Yo, Cheerios! Cereal boxes take him from the Yukon to the Wild West.

31 Dates of Infamy. They laugh now, but those first dates weren't funny.

32 Hard Water. If you wanted ice in the good old days, you got out the saw.

40 See the USA. Colorful old postcards chronicle the wonders of states.

65 Barrel of Fun. Cleaning the herring barrel staves came before skiing.

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The Boy Scout motto of "Be Prepared" was obviously a fitting one for the Belford, New Jersey Fire Department on this day during a World War II scrap drive.

It appears the boys of Troop 27, and their adult supervisors, were using the local fire engine to haul their scrap metal and old newspapers to the collection point.

"I have been a photo buff since I was a boy," notes Jack Lentz of Middletown, New Jersey. "I was also in the Boy Scouts. I took this photo in the early '40s of the Scouts and some fire company volunteers collecting material for the war effort."

At least there were some firefighters along in case the engine had to be put into service. Note the hats hanging above the hoses.

Jack called attention to the cardboard box in the center of his extra-sharp photo. The Philip Carey company was obviously proud of its "all asbestos insulated air duct". These days, asbestos is an unpopular word.

"Belford is an old fishing town and one of the communities that make up Middletown Township," Jack relates. "I spent my childhood and young adult life there. After I returned from serving in Korea, I established my auto body shop there, at Campbell's Junction, named for the old trolley junction. I'm still there."

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Now, we know you're just burning to know what's in this issue, so turn on the lights and siren and let's put out that fire.

On Our Cover

THEIR EASTER BEST. "We boys were all 'cleaned up' for Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Westernport, Maryland on Easter Sunday 1946," says Richard Haywood (center) of Laurel, Maryland. "My younger brother, David, is on the right and my cousin, Tim McGreevy, on the left."



In This Memorable Issue

12 Tree-Tappin' Time. Maple syrup was the sweet reward for hard work.

18 Mule Memories. A boy finds that mules are nicer than some people.

22 The Creek's Rising! Running water can sometimes be a bad thing.

26 Fun 'n' Games. Simple parlor games of the past got the party humming.

32 Duck and Cover. Cold War fears sent some folks to backyard shelters.

35 See You in the Funny Papers. Sunday funnies led them to romance.

42 Easter Memories. Bonnets, bunnies and dressing up for church services.

45 Nifty Nickelodeon. Old music-maker plays for a new generation.

46 Call for Philip Morris! He met the man who made that phrase famous.

51 Pigs' Feet Poacher. Mom found who walked off with the family dish.

52 "Jungleball" Champs. Hawaiian girls' ball team took on all comers.

65 Mad for Mercurochrome. If it hurt, there was only one cure for her.

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GREEN EYESHADES, typewriters, scissors and paste pots. Ashtrays. Oh, how the newsrooms of yesterday differ from those of today.

This photo from 1952 shows the newsroom at *The Newark Evening News* in Newark, New Jersey, which was on Market Street then.

"Pictured is only a fraction of the large staff, including yours truly," reports Doug McClelland of Neptune, New Jersey. "I'm standing in the back, turned to the camera, wearing a white shirt and bow tie and looking like Jimmy Olson, cub reporter.

"I was fresh out of high school and employed as an office boy. In a few months, though, thanks to a clearly stated ambition, a number of gratis articles and, I hope, some ability, I became the arts editor for the paper, which was considered one of the nation's finest. Sadly, and I am blameless, the paper no longer exists."

Happily, Doug continued in his profession and become the editor of *Record World* magazine in New York. After that, he moved to the Jersey shore and went on to write a dozen books about film.

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The memories never stop!





On Our Cover

WAVE RIDER. "I was one of the first girls to enlist in the WAVES in World War II," relates Helen Smith Long of DeLand, Florida. "After basic training at Indiana University, I was sent to the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida. The first thing I did was go out and buy a horse to ride on my days off.

"One day, someone from the Navy's publicity department asked if they could photograph me and my horse for recruiting purposes, and this is one of the pictures they gave me. What a delightful memory!"

In This Memorable Issue

12 Great Grandpa. Grandfather made brooms and swept in for fun visits.

15 Rack 'Em. Chalk one up for basement fun on the homemade pool table.

23 Little Engineers. Schoolkids' dirt dam brought out the authorities.

26 And They're Off! Dad's warning was: Do not ride this horse. Uh-huh.

31 You're Hired. Readers' good and bad memories of their first real jobs.

37 Set Good Example. Her grandparents preferred the simple life.

40 Oh, You Beautiful Doll. Some dolls from the past are still with us.

46 Chicken Tales. Readers remember roosters that caused a ruckus.

53 Home Cookin'. All the local soldiers came to Mom's Restaurant for pie.

60 Tips from the Past. Booklet from 1948 has penny-pinching ideas.

65 Get a Haircut. The barber's kid is the last one to get his ears lowered.

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Welcome to The Good Old Days!

The boys with the badges were being honored on this sunny day in June 1950. "We were proud to be presented with certificates of merit on the steps of the Brockton (Massachusetts) City Hall," writes David Swift of Halifax. "I'm in the back row at far left.

"We were members of the School Safety Patrol but were known as 'patrol boys'. I was the captain of the sixth-grade patrol at Lincoln School, which gave me the choice assignments.

"I got out of school early and took the crosswalk across from the Highland Market, while assigning my underlings to the 'Siberian' crossings. As captain, I was the envy of all the girls, whatever that meant in the sixth grade."

Small duties such as being a member of the Safety Patrol were good ways for kids to learn responsibility in the good old days. Given the job of making sure your classmates got home safely was no small matter.

School day memories, and great photos such as David's, are only a few of the stops along Memory Lane found in each issue of *Reminisce*. Our readers are like David's patrol boys—always on hand and willing to lead you across every nostalgic intersection.

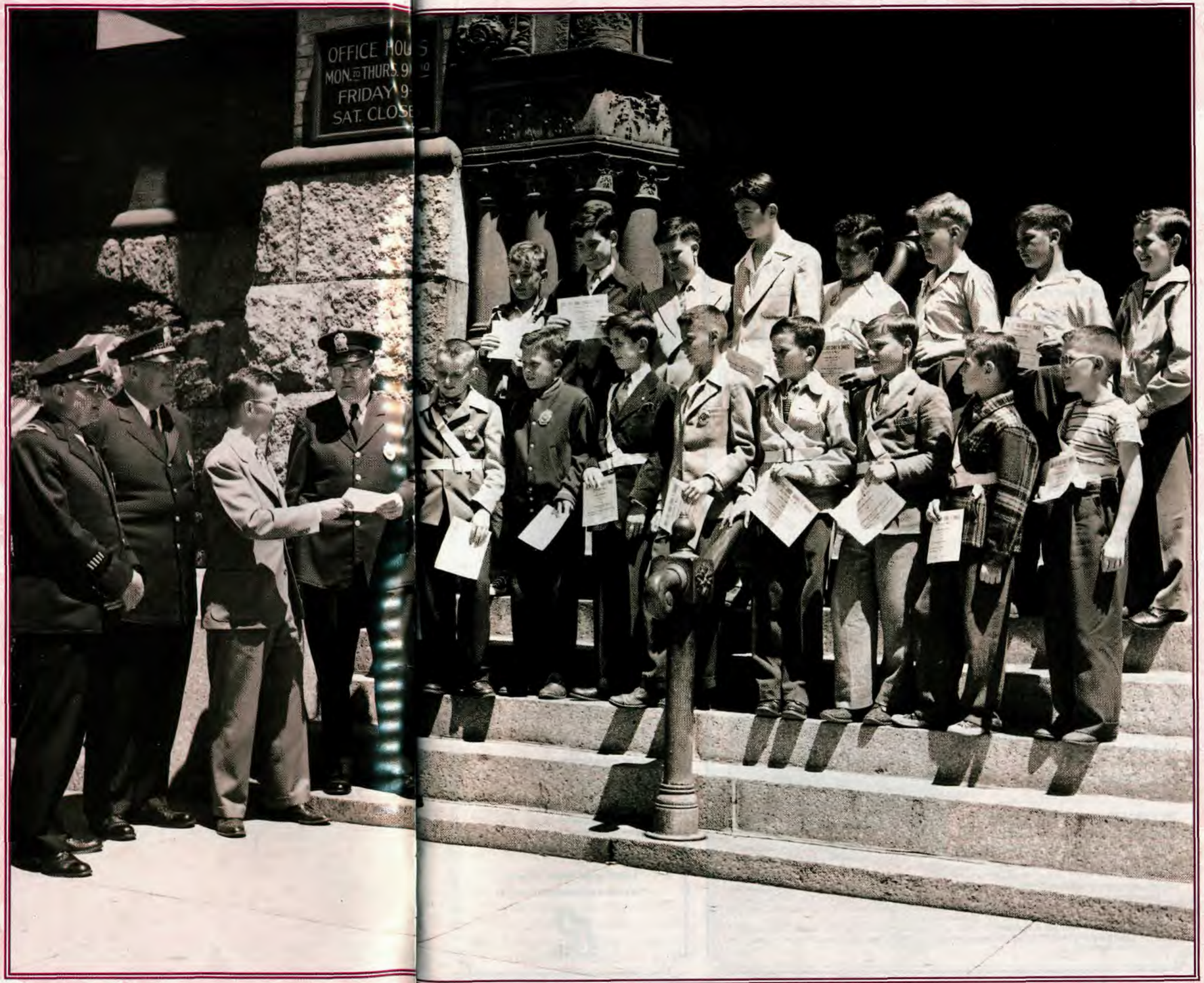
If you have a special black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 photo you'd like to share with *Reminisce* readers, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 55 and consider sending it in.

Now, if you're set to take that walk back to the past, we have just the route for you to take. Every crossing is being guarded for your safety. Be sure to look both ways.

On Our Cover

BOWL BROTHERS. "My husband, Frank, was 3 and his brother, Charles, 6, when this photo with their mother, Fannie Hampe Miller, was taken in 1918 in Houston, Texas," writes Faye Miller of Ruston, Louisiana.

The boys' haircuts and the fish bowl they're holding bring back memories of boys getting haircuts from their dads using a bowl as a trimming guide.



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13 Calf Carrier Cowed. A lesson in how *not* to handle a newborn calf.

14 Goin' to the Chapel. California wedding chapel was a popular stop.

22 My Dad, the Fireman. She was proud of her father's service to his town.

26 Fond First Communion. Kind nun made his special day memorable.

27 Iron Horse Fan. A boy tried to cheer up his ailing hero, Lou Gehrig.

30 Sign Here, Please. Puns, prose and poetry filled old autograph books.

38 Room Service. In a crowded house, two sisters created their sanctuary.

42 Dad's Ice Cream Parlor. Brooklyn shop was home for this teenager.

47 Grin and Bear It. Yellowstone bear added excitement to their picnic.

53 Mom's Marigold. Her mother taught her to appreciate all flowers.

58 Alabama Bound. Memorable reunion as family celebrity came home.

63 Ups and Downs. Sisters teamed up to drive the family's '46 Dodge.

65 Diary of Wood. Old oak tree carries dates carved since the 1930s.

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IMAGINE the sound of 23 accordions playing at once!

Barbara Peth Nicholas of Orlando, Florida is second from right in the front row at this performance in 1951. You can see that the sheet music on the Grinnell Brothers organ is for *The Sheik*.

"The director was Dusty Owens (far right)," Barbara relates. "I had such a crush on him that I chose 'dusty rose' as the color of my dress.

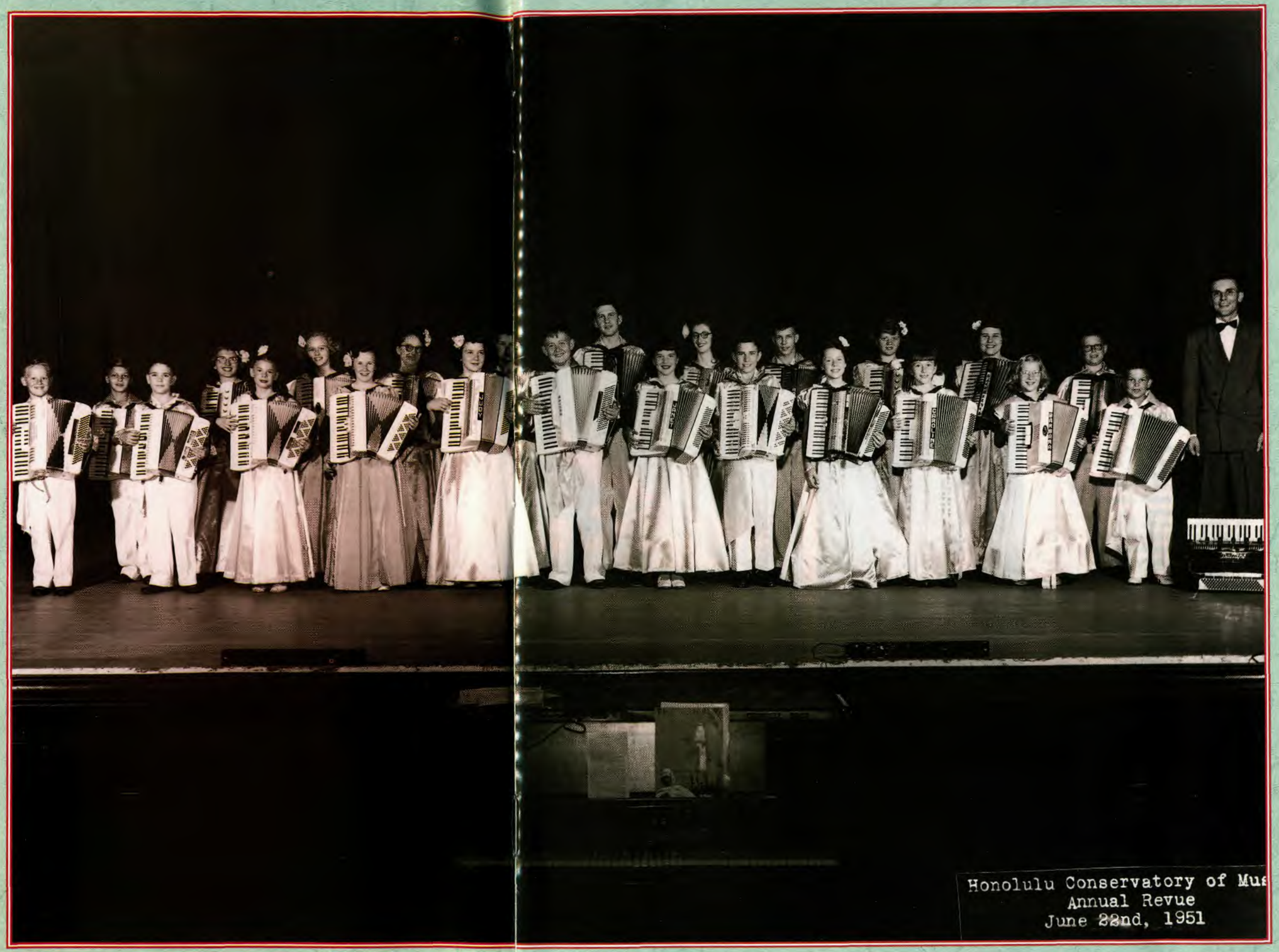
"The studio was called the Honolulu Conservatory of Music, but it was in Flint, Michigan, 12 miles from my home in Clio. Every week I took a Greyhound bus to Flint, walked five blocks to the studio, then climbed the stairs to the third floor. After the lesson, I did it all over again, all the while carrying my big accordion in its case! Still, I have many fond memories of those days."

If you have a sharp 5x7 or 8x10 black-and-white photo that depicts a special memory, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 50 and send it in.

Now, as the soothing strains of *Lady of Spain* waft through your mind, sit back and enjoy another chorus of memories from *Reminisce EXTRA*.

On Our Cover

PICNIC OF PLENTY. This charming photo from the SuperStock collection captures the fun we had on picnics in the good old days. What memories!



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13 Postal Pooch. Kids loved the mailman's friendly canine companion.

15 Dream Bike. He couldn't hope for a Schwinn Black Phantom, could he?

18 Small Is Good. There was nothing like growing up in a small town.

19 One for the Gapper. This kid could stop an engine with his bare hand.

23 Chair Sitter. There was money to be made in that favorite leather chair.

26 Movie Magic. Time flies for young film fan at the local movie house.

32 SNAKE! Readers recall alarming encounters with slippery serpents.

37 Like Mother, Like Daughters. Love of show business was inherited.

38 Driving Doyen. Only one person knew that Mom was a secret driver.

39 What a Pane! Get this kid near a window and you'll need a putty knife.

42 Warm Fuzzy Memory. Boy raised a pet lamb during the Depression.

46 Loving Legacy. She tried to emulate grandparents' patience and love.

56 Hershey Bar Boy. Chocoholic painfully discovers his maximum intake.

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"OUR OUTFIT left Umnak, Alaska in 1945 and was sent to a camp near Fresno, California, where we were to be assigned to other units waiting to be sent to the Pacific," relates Edward Sidorski of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania.

"To keep us out of mischief, we were sent on long hikes. One day we were trucked to Yosemite National Park, where we hiked for 6 or 7 miles. When we came out of the Wawona Tunnel, we saw a man on a tall ladder taking photographs.

"When the man saw us, he asked the officer in charge if he could take our picture. So we lined up and he did. I'm third to the left of the lieutenant squatting in front. Several of us wanted copies of the photo, so we gave the man $3 each and he later sent us a print.

"I didn't find out until a couple of years later that the photographer was the famous Ansel Adams. He was being assisted by his wife. On the back of my photo it says, 'From Virginia and Ansel Adams, Operating Best's Studio, Inc., Yosemite National Park, California.'

"It was while we were in California that President Truman ordered the release of the atom bomb over Japan that ended the war and saved my life and that of many other soldiers."

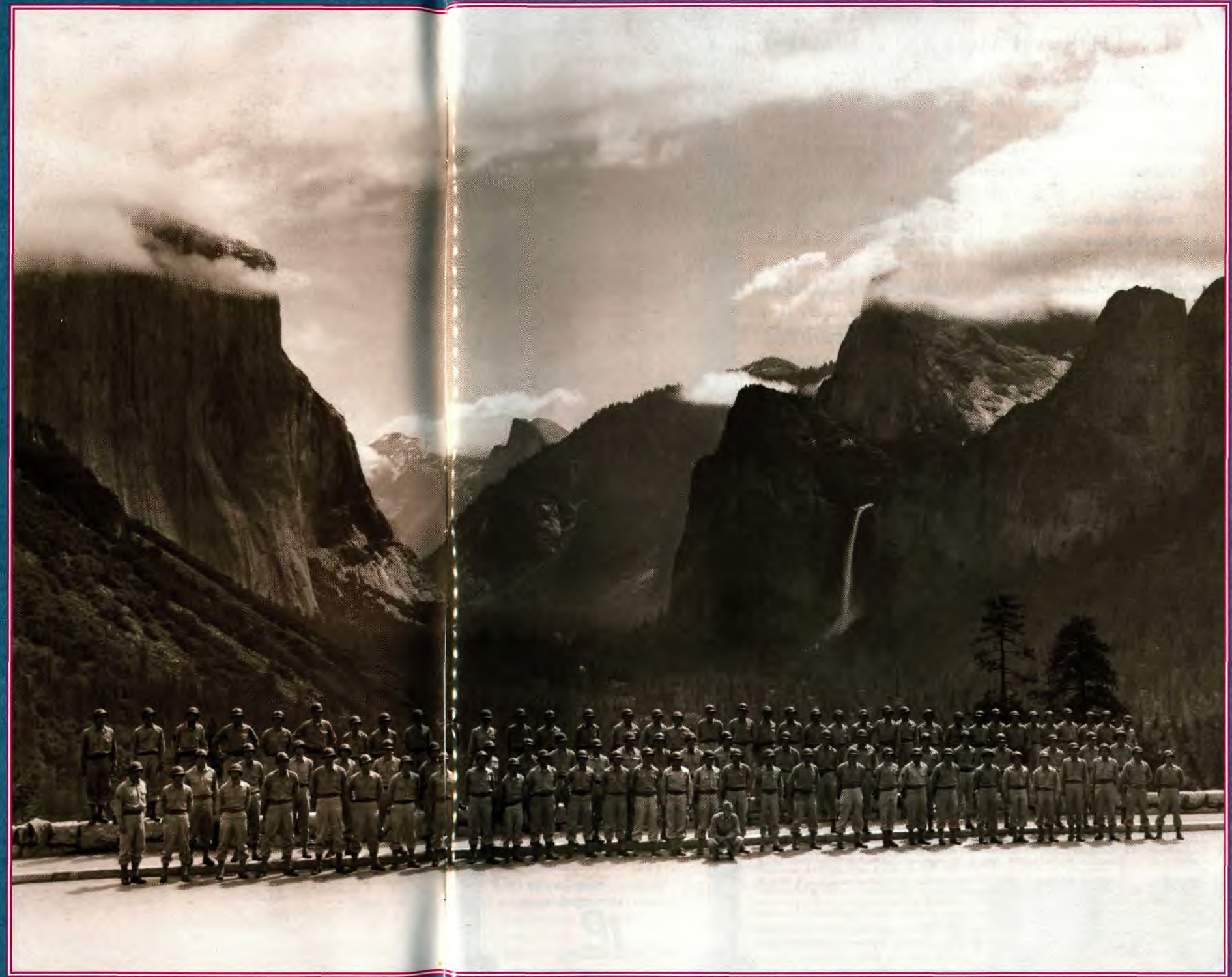
Ansel Adams was known for his scenic photography, so with the exception of the people in Edward's photo, it's a good example of Adams' work in the West, especially in Yosemite. On the right is Bridal Veil Falls, down the valley is Half Dome and on the left is El Capitan.

We usually don't get photos by such famous photographers as Ansel Adams. But don't let that stop you from sending your favorite black-and-white 5x7 or 8x10 photo for consideration on these pages. Be sure to first check the Contributor Guidelines on page 63.

Now, let's get ready for a hike through this issue of *Reminisce*. Forward, march!

On Our Cover

SMILING SISTERS. "Just about every weekend in the summer, we'd go to our grandparents' home in Canastota, New York, where this picture was taken in 1941," says Dolores Jones Young of Peoria, Arizona. "I was 7 then and my sister, Beverly, was 4."



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12 Public Television. They had to leave the house to watch TV in 1948.

13 Hot Time. Little girl learned about fire and pitchforks from her uncle.

14 Java Jive. Readers take a break to relive their coffee-flavored memories.

18 Pearls of Wisdom. Mother's pearl necklace is a precious family heirloom.

22 Bronx Boy. Rooftops in the Bronx provided an elevated neighborhood.

26 Cozy Cabins. Tourist cabins provided a traveler's needs before motels.

27 Family Car. No minivan? No problem for this family of 12 in 1937.

30 On the Boardwalk. Family ran Atlantic City bathhouse for 100 years.

32 Sandy Memories. City kids headed for the beach when summer came.

33 Hot Times. It took imagination to beat the heat before air-conditioning.

38 Million-Dollar Baby. Yes, they really met at a 5-and-10-cent store.

42 Made in Milwaukee. Harley riders fondly recall their days on two wheels.

51 Perfect Picnic. The annual American Legion picnic was a big event.

54 Grandpa's Turkey. He knew the secret of Grandpa and Terrible Tom.

58 Adirondack Resort. Working at Grandma's resort in the '30s was fun.

65 Hot Yule. Small town gave ill boy a summer Christmas to remember.

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Scouting outing. "In 1934, my dad, R.B. Whyte, invited Boy Scout Troop 22 to spend the weekend at our cabin on Paddock Lake, west of our home in Kenosha, Wisconsin," relates Don Whyte of Birchwood.

"I don't recall how all of us traveled the 17 miles to the lake, but I know at times there were a dozen or more kids in Dad's seven-passenger 1929 Nash. Dad is in the dark sweater on the right in front of the Nash. The other car is a DeSoto Airflow, I believe

"I'm the kid with no shirt just left of the tree. My brother, Dode, is at the left side of the table with his chin in his hand. Our scoutmaster, Leo Konrad, is standing third from left.

"There was only a small kerosene stove in the cabin, so the cooking was done outside on the stone fireplace (far right). The copper boiler on top was used to make Dad's favorite meal for the gang—layers of corn on the cob, potatoes, wieners and sauerkraut, all covered with water.

"You'll notice the only boy with any part of a Boy Scout uniform was Ray Kaufman on the far right. Few of us could afford uniforms, and those who could didn't wear them for fear of ruining them during our games of hide-and-seek and Annie over.

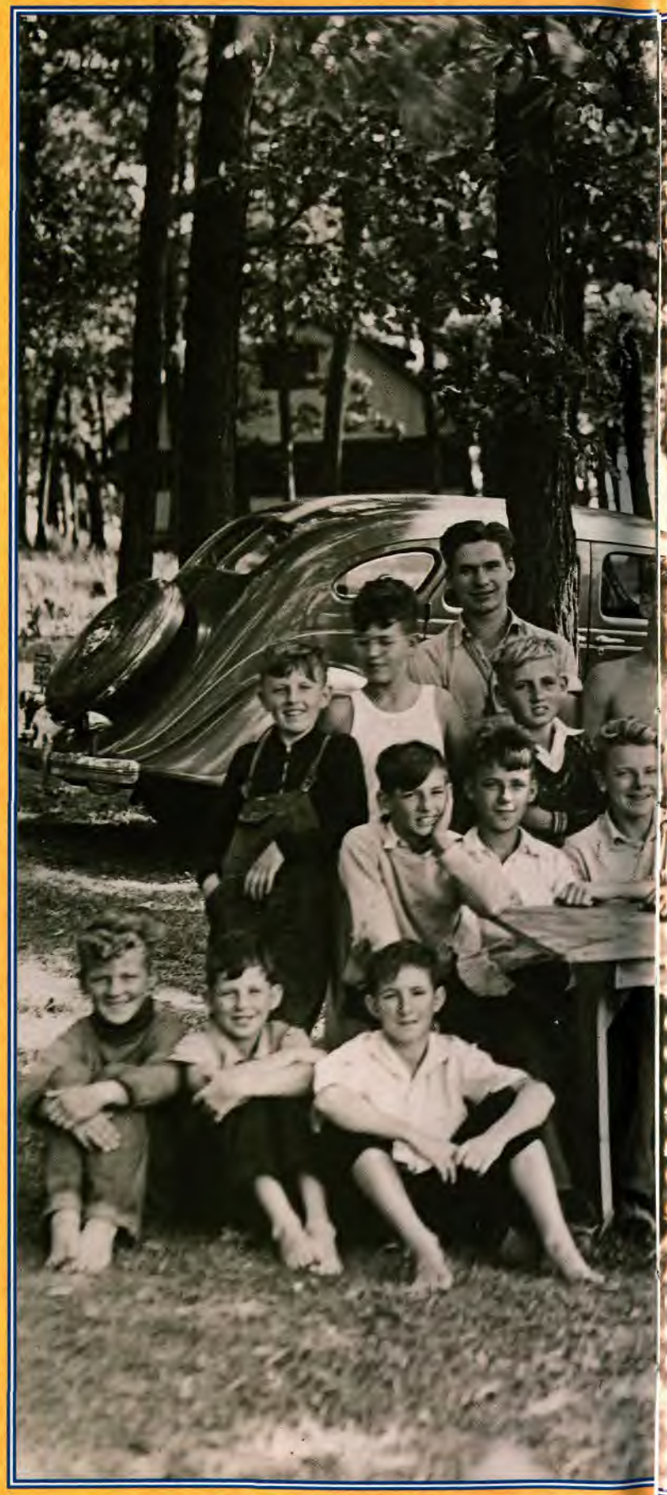
"There were some great campfire stories, and at night, even though there were lots of beds in the cabin, several of us boys spent the night on the porch floor."

If you have a sharp 5x7 or 8x10 black-and-white photo that shows the good times you and your family had, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 42 and consider sending it in.

Well, the corn, spuds, wieners and kraut are about done, so get out those mess kits and dig in to another delicious issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*.

On Our Cover

BAREFOOT DAYS. "Our sons, Bruce (left) and Daniel, had only one toy tractor to play with back in 1956, so we titled this picture 'Partnership'," write LaDean and James Loften of Albany, Wisconsin. "We think it's as cute as that famous Reiman photo, 'You Been Farming Long?' "





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12 Boys Day Out. This fishing trip would be special—Mom wasn't along.

14 Read All About It. Newspaper from 1938 provides glimpse into past.

18 Foamy and Fun. Making root beer at home was sometimes explosive.

19 Cool Job. You could say the iceman's son was a chip off the old block.

26 Feathered Friend. Easter duck turned pet often quacked up its owners.

30 Head, Heart, Hands and Health. Memories of 4-H in its 100th year.

33 Threshing Time. It was hot, hard work...but the food sure was great.

36 Cozy Cottages. Even in the Depression, this family took a vacation.

38 Wonderland. What's better than going to Coney Island? Living there.

39 Economics Lesson. For a time, metal slugs were money for these kids.

40 Camping Capers. If nothing went wrong, it wouldn't be camping.

50 Lettuce Alone. What happened to the extra garden produce? Ask Dad.

57 Pony Boys and Girls. Kids and ponies fit like boots and saddles.

59 Fun at the Ford. Ford museum guides decided to exhibit their skills.

63 Wild Blue Yonder. Blue jay mom teaches kid to leave her babies alone.

65 It's in the Bag. Grandma made a special surprise for her on each visit.

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This prize-winning photo brings back the thrill of hoping to win raffle prizes at the fair.

"My mother-in-law, Ruby Hypes, won a Ford (seen on the right and in inset with Ruby) at the 1936 Montgomery County Fair in Dayton, Ohio," writes Elmer Miller of Cumming, Georgia. "She and her husband, Clayton, had attended the fair with a group of relatives.

"One of the group stood in line to buy the raffle tickets, then handed them out randomly to the rest," Elmer continues. "Ruby was lucky enough to get the ticket for the 1936 blue Ford. They enjoyed the car for many years before retiring to Michigan, then to Georgia."

A car worth $650.96 must have been a really big deal back in 1936, at the height of the Depression. Most folks would have been happy with one of the baskets of groceries lined up in front. They were valued at $5 each, and four a day were given away.

There were other practical prizes: furniture, a washing machine, bathroom sink, radio and even a lawn mower, push-type, of course, plus what appears to be a 1936 Chevrolet.

If you have a great old 5x7 or 8x10 black-and-white photo that you think is a winner, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 42 and consider sending it in.

Now, how about a walk through this issue of *Reminisce*? Step right up. It's as exciting as a trip to the county fair with just as many exciting attractions.

You'll always be a winner when you read *Reminisce*.

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HOMEWORK. These studious pupils couldn't wait to get home before they cracked open their new textbooks and decided to do some studying on the schoolhouse steps! Sometimes school wasn't all bad, and one thing that's always good about school days is the memories.





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13 Feel the Burn. Sloan's Liniment memories are as strong as its odor.

14 Back to School. Readers fondly remember their days with the three R's.

18 Citizen Hearst. Newspaper mogul was a great guy in this boy's eyes.

22 Fun at the Fair. County fairs ended the summer with memorable flair.

26 Terrible Trousers. Hand-me-downs were turned into fancy pants.

30 Playing House. Backyard playhouses provided pleasure for many kids.

32 Bolled Over. The best part of cotton picking season was when it ended.

43 Struck Out. Boy learned early that life ain't fair when you're a Cubs fan.

44 The Sweet Life. Making sorghum syrup was a tasty autumn ritual.

46 Winning Ways. Contest entrants remember their prize-winning thrills.

53 Payback Time. Indians got the best of it making Davy Crockett film.

54 BOO! The tricks and treats of Halloweens past provided some scary fun.

59 BB Boy. Mom's egg money went for a BB gun that landed kid in Dutch.

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Welcome to the Good Old Days!

IT WAS OVER, over there, when this boatload of doughboys paused for a photo on the docks of New York City in the fall of 1919.

"This picture is of the 138th Machine Gun Co., just disembarked from the *USS Kroonland*, writes Sandra Litchet of Wichita, Kansas. "My dad, Harvey Calendine (circled at far right), is the only man wearing glasses. He was anxious to get back to his home in Chesterhill, Ohio.

"After training at Camp Sherman, Ohio, the company was shipped to France and fought battles in the Meuse-Argonne," Sandra continues. "Dad's brother died in France from the flu.

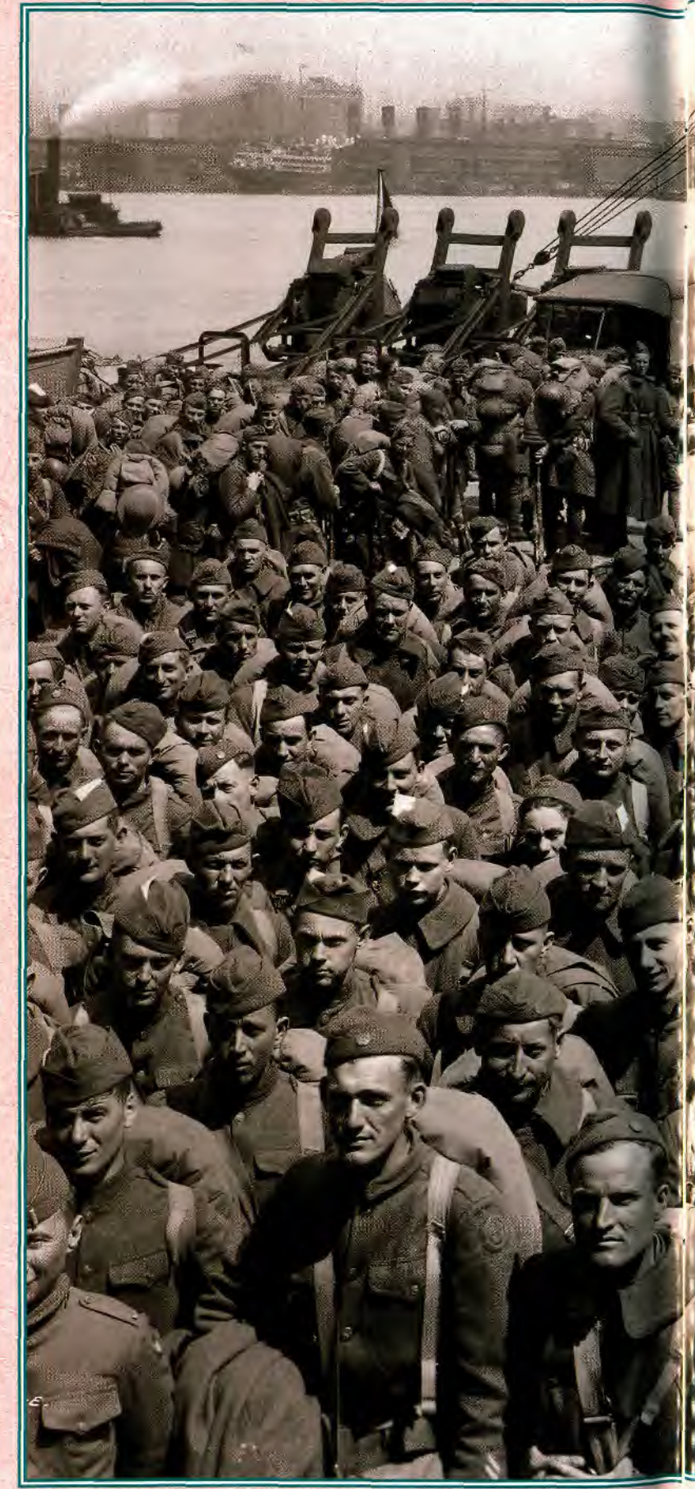
"Dad said he and the other men were thrilled to see the Statue of Liberty and greeted her with a big cheer.

"Dad was a carpenter and a gardener. His tomatoes were prize-winners every year at the Morgan County Fair. I think he was the finest cook who walked the face of the earth."

If you have a sharp 5x7 or 8x12 black-and-white photo of a memorable event in your or your family's life that you'd like to share, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 59 and consider sending it in.

These doughboys were mighty happy to get off the ship and get back safely from the war. They could now go home, settle down and resume the lives they had left.

Now it's time for you to board the good ship *Reminisce EXTRA* and set sail for another voyage down Memory Lane, where you can read about the lives your fellow readers lived back in the good old days.





On Our Cover

JUKE JOYS. Kids used to hang out at the malt shop after school or on Saturday night, like this couple in a photo from the SuperStock collection. The jukebox stayed hot as the kids fed it their nickels, and later quarters, trying to wear out the latest platters. Wearing bobby socks, poodle skirts, ponytails and butch haircuts, they rocked around the clock and made some great memories.

In This Memorable Issue

12 Lumber Lore. Wisconsin lumber town lives on only in his memory.

15 Homemade Toys. The toys his father built in the '20s inspired him.

23 They Bombed. Homemade bombardiers' first target also was their last.

26 I Dare You. Local daredevil club performed a prank that lit up the town.

33 *Shhhhh.* This librarian's caring act came through loud and clear.

40 Open House. Texas folks left their doors open, and they set out grub.

42 Bicycle Buffet. These kids earned their meal by biking between courses.

46 Good Skates. Readers remember the fun times on roller skates.

50 Doing Lunch. At the school cafeteria, the food was, at least, memorable.

53 FBI Flunk-Out. Background check ended his career even before it began.

56 Corny Times. Handpicking corn wasn't fun, but the hard work paid off.

65 Marryin' James. He discovered a way to wed plenty of pretty girls.

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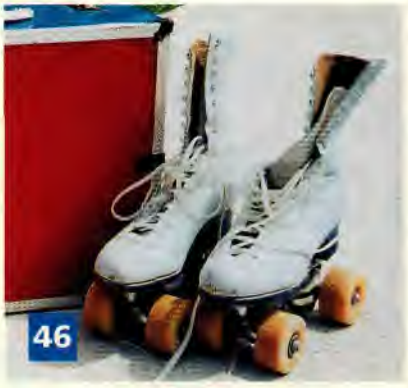



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The snow wasn't deep enough for the sleigh on this day, when little Edwin Wendt and his grandparents were getting ready to take a ride in the buggy instead.

"This picture was taken in 1906, when my father was a year old," says Helen Wendt Smith of Cohasset, Minnesota. "He was raised by his grandparents August and Anna Wendt. They're in front of their house in Aitkin, Minnesota.

"I believe August Wendt was a wheelwright. I have a photograph of a man who looks just like him, working on a wheel in a workshop."

Buggies, not to mention wheelwrights, aren't seen much these days. But *Reminisce* isn't about these days—it's about those good old days when buggies, wheelwrights, blacksmiths, coopers and cobblers were still found in shops in and just outside of town.

It's about those days when distances were measured by how far a horse could travel, and later by how many blowouts you had on the old tin lizzie.

But *Reminisce* is also about more "modern" times, such as the day electricity came to your house, or when your first TV arrived.

In other words, *Reminisce* has something for everyone—good memories and cherished photos, such as the one Helen was kind enough to share.

If you have a great old 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo *you'd* like to share with your million or so friends at *Reminisce*, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 42 and consider sending it in.

Now it's time to hitch old dobbin to the sleigh and get ready to trot through another memorable issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

MY TURN. It looks like Mom will finally be able to open her presents. Judging from the number of the toys and wrappings strewn under the tree, the kids have probably fallen asleep on the couch, so now the folks can have their Christmas. The vintage photo is from the Everett Collection.



In This Memorable Issue

12 Not Such a Sweet Deal. Making sugarcane syrup had its own reward.

13 Used Cars. Dad's and his friend's "bargain" cars were often overpriced.

18 Tree of Knowledge. Lesson learned from Christmas tree that wasn't.

26 Gumdropped. Mom's candy-covered tree created contention for kids.

27 Young Santa. Gift made by hand and love proved to be the best ever.

30 Where Were You? Everyone remembers where they were Nov. 22, 1963.

38 Cards from Home. During WWII, holiday cards had a military theme.

40 Memory Surplus. Readers recall creative ways during wartime rationing.

41 Shoes to Dye for. Shoe-shine boy ended up with his own hide tanned.

45 Deja vu Doll. Christmas doll became the gift that just kept on giving.

46 Christmas Miracle. A soldier's 34-year-old letter is returned to sender.

53 Photographic Fun. For over 60 years, he had fun snapping shutters.

54 Many Blessings. There has always been plenty to be thankful for.

61 Tropical Noel. Christmas shopping in the Canal Zone began in August.

62 Moving Memories. It was a big deal when the family made a move.

64 Great Gramma. Staying with Grandma to help her out helped sisters.

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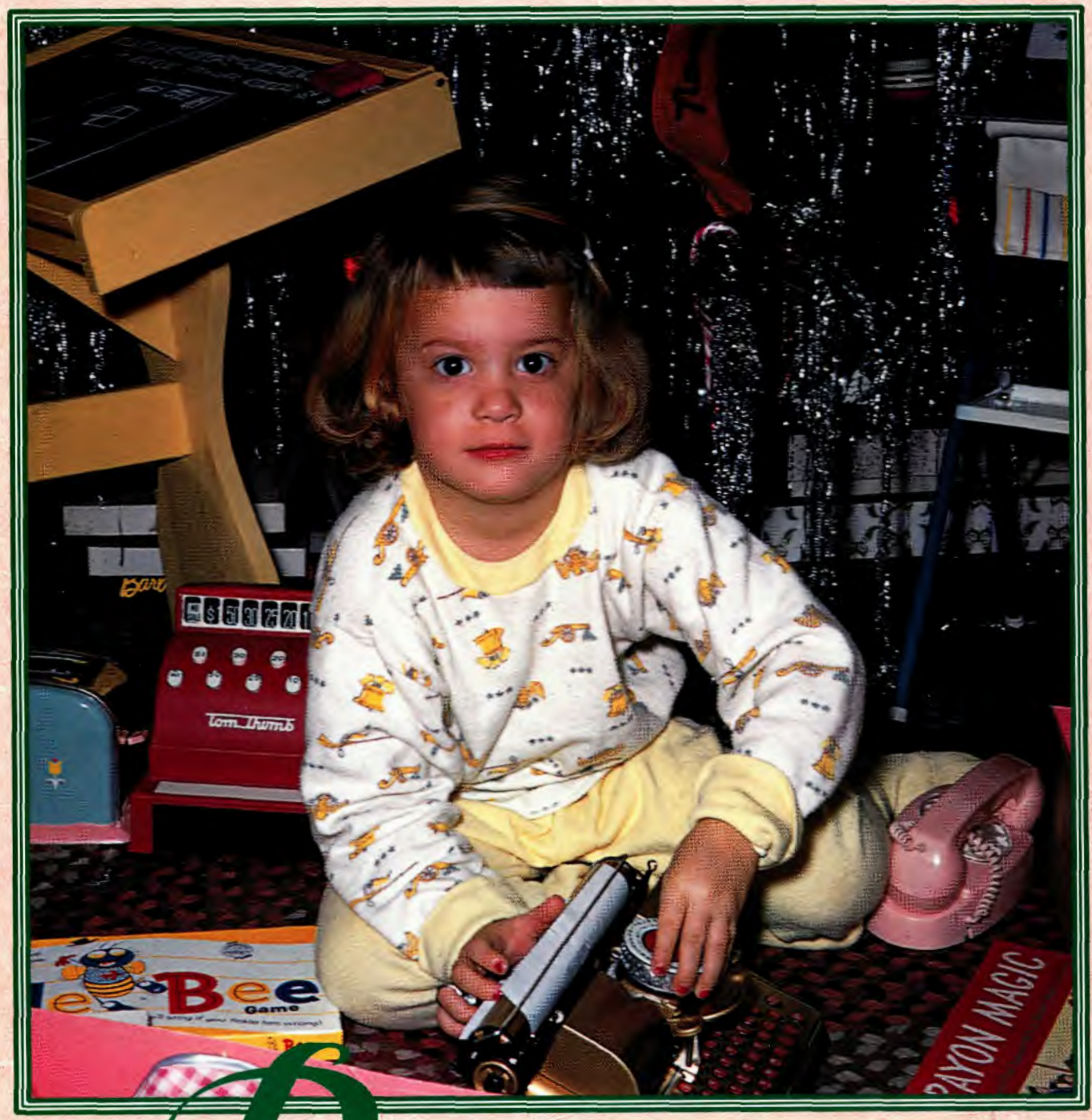

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"THERE'S ONE QUESTION that I've always had about this picture," writes Marjorie Taylor of Yakima, Washington. "Where did the women eat?

"My husband, Darl Taylor (closest to the camera), says he doesn't remember where the women ate at this big family dinner in 1939 in Ellensburg, Washington," adds Marjorie.

"Although his relatives always had big holiday dinners, Darl thinks this one was for the 90th birthday of George Thomas (checkered shirt), a relative of Darl's Aunt Dorothy.

"Whatever the occasion, it was important enough for Darl's mom, Ethel (right of the mantel clock), to convince him and his dad, Guy (far left), to wear ties.

"Everyone brought something to these big dinners. There was chicken, turkey on Thanksgiving, ham or roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, salads and vegetables, and pies.

"Most popular was the huckleberry pie that Darl's mom made from berries the family picked every summer. Darl is now 80, and remembers only one year he hasn't picked huckleberries, and that was because of one of the four hip replacements he's had. I quit about 5 years ago.

"When he was little, Darl and his mom stayed back at the tent the family set up on berry-picking trips while the others hiked up the mountain. His mom would have a meal ready when they returned.

"I always kid Darl about how he took me berry picking before we were married to see if I was a capable picker. I could only pick one berry at a time, but I had fast fingers and I passed the test."

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Meanwhile, we've filled this issue with a tempting selection of homespun memories...so fill your plate and enjoy!



On Our Cover

LOTS OF LOOT. Little Gloria Scaglione (now Kostyrka) was thrilled by all the toys Santa brought to her home in Massapequa on Long Island, New York in 1964. "I was enjoying all the cool gifts of the era," notes Gloria, now of Dunwoody, Georgia. The toy desk, typewriter, cash register and toaster provided fun and even some knowledge.

In This Memorable Issue

12 It's Christmas! What would the season be without readers' memories?

18 Boston Rodeos? Yep, and the three ladies attending met Gene Autry.

23 Home Away from Home. Foster home Christmas was memorable.

27 Tin Ear. Even if she had a bucket, this girl couldn't carry a tune in it.

28 Stay Out of the Gutter. Readers recall having a ball at the local lanes.

38 Big Band Brothers. Her brothers, Bob and Ray Eberle, were big-time.

40 Homemade. This family's annual Christmas card was a major event.

45 Mom's Piano. For generations, the old spinet made memorable music.

53 Hold the Phone. Prankster uncle had some fun when phones were new.

56 Scary Hair. Bad haircuts and dandy 'dos make for some hairy memories.

64 Warm and Fuzzy. Christmas memories warm as her flannel nightgown.

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If you couldn't find it at Louis Haddad's candy-and-notions store, you probably didn't need it. And judging by this photo, you probably *could* find it.

"My dad owned this store at 51st Street and Loomis Avenue in Chicago," writes Eleanor Haddad of Des Plaines. "It was near St. John of God Church.

"The boy pictured with my dad was one of the many young fellows who frequented the store. They especially liked the used-comic-book stand, where they could make a trade—two of their comic books for one of Dad's."

A close examination of the photo shows that one of those comic books was a copy of *Action Comics* with Superman on the cover. How'd you like to have that comic book today?

"Note that a roll of film was developed for 29¢," Eleanor adds. The sign shows the charge included six or eight prints.

Eleanor speculates that the photo was taken during World War II, based on the headline on the copies of the Chicago *Daily Times*.

The partial headline under the one on the paper seems to say something about Chamberlain. Neville Chamberlain was Britain's prime minister until 1940. The photo thus might be from that year or from 1939.

No matter the date, there are plenty of fun things to look at in this photo that many readers will recall seeing in their own corner drugstore, candy store or smoke shop.

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Now let's make like the man from Krypton and fly through time, through another super issue of *Reminisce*.

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SIDECAR SISTERS. "This is my sister, Evelyn, and me with our bicycle and sidecar in 1932," writes Doris Lange of Burlington, Wisconsin. "The photo was taken in Racine. That's me in the sidecar. Evelyn was 6 and I was 5. Mom made all our clothes, including the coats we're wearing."



In This Memorable Issue

14 Button, Button. Oh, the hours we whiled away with button boxes.

18 Clinker Memories. The coal-eater in the basement had quite an appetite.

22 Bed Soirees. They treated their roll-away bed more like a carnival ride.

26 Leapin' Lizards! Even the pet chameleon "helped" Mom bake cakes.

30 Two Left Feet. Dance lessons could lead to some fantastic light-tripping.

34 Before 911. The cops responded to four girls and a blown fuse in 1951.

38 Worth 1,000 Words. He drew what he saw, even before he could write.

45 Bootee Booty. Every baby in the neighborhood wore Grandma's bootees.

46 Sweet Work. Taffy pulling was work, but fun and with a sweet reward.

65 Human Sled. His brother got a taste of winter on a memorable sled ride.

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"THESE PHOTOGRAPHS were passed on to me by my mother, who is 92," relates George Edmondson of Keller, Texas.

"They are of Elijah Bloomer, who was born in 1829. He was the brother of my great-grandmother, my mother's grandmother, Mary Louise Bloomer.

"Elijah is pictured on the porch of the house he owned in Binghamton, New York. The number on the front door seems to be 54, but I don't know the street.

"The portrait of Elijah was taken at the George N. Cobb Photographic Art Studio on Court Street in Binghamton."

As this wonderful photo shows, porches were an important part of houses back in the good old days.

Why, where would one sit on a nice evening but on the front porch? How would you greet your neighbors out for a stroll and learn the news of the neighborhood if you didn't spend some time on the front porch?

Nowadays, people are more likely to be out back, behind the house, where nothing much happens. Nope, there's no place like a front porch to watch the world go by.

If you have a great old 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photograph that you'd like to share with your million or so "neighbors" at *Reminisce*, take a peek at the Contributor Guidelines on page 56 and consider sending it in.

And for now, we hope you enjoy this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*, made possible by the pictures and memories from readers like you.

On Our Cover

A NICE PLACE TO POSE. This lovely young lady is dressed for a winter's day and is ready to relax in front of a friendly fire. Julia Fuller of Moline, Illinois, who shared the photo, doesn't know who the lady is or when and where the photo was taken. But it's a nice picture, made even better with hand coloring by Marcy Merrill.



In This Memorable Issue

12 Pet Coat. Mom's tea-party guest was just another furry pet to this kid.

18 Mom's Doll. Oh, for a baby girl so Mom could get rid of her prize doll.

32 REA All the Way. Grandpa was a loyal employee of Railway Express.

39 Valentine Rash. Valentine's Day 1956 left this third-grader in a fever.

45 Hats Galore! Even after she passed away, Mom lived through her hats.

47 What Goes Up... Smokestack climb recalled as the dumbest stunt yet.

53 Dad the Cook. Great chefs aren't born, they're made—accidentally.

55 Custom Car. A little from here, a little from there and there's a skeeter.

58 It Was Home. Maybe it was only a shack, but it was a loving home to her.

59 Hard Times. The Depression was tough, but folks then were tougher.

60 Dependable. Kids have been wearing same diaper for almost 40 years!

65 Cookie Taster. Dad was gone, but lived on in their memories and cookies.

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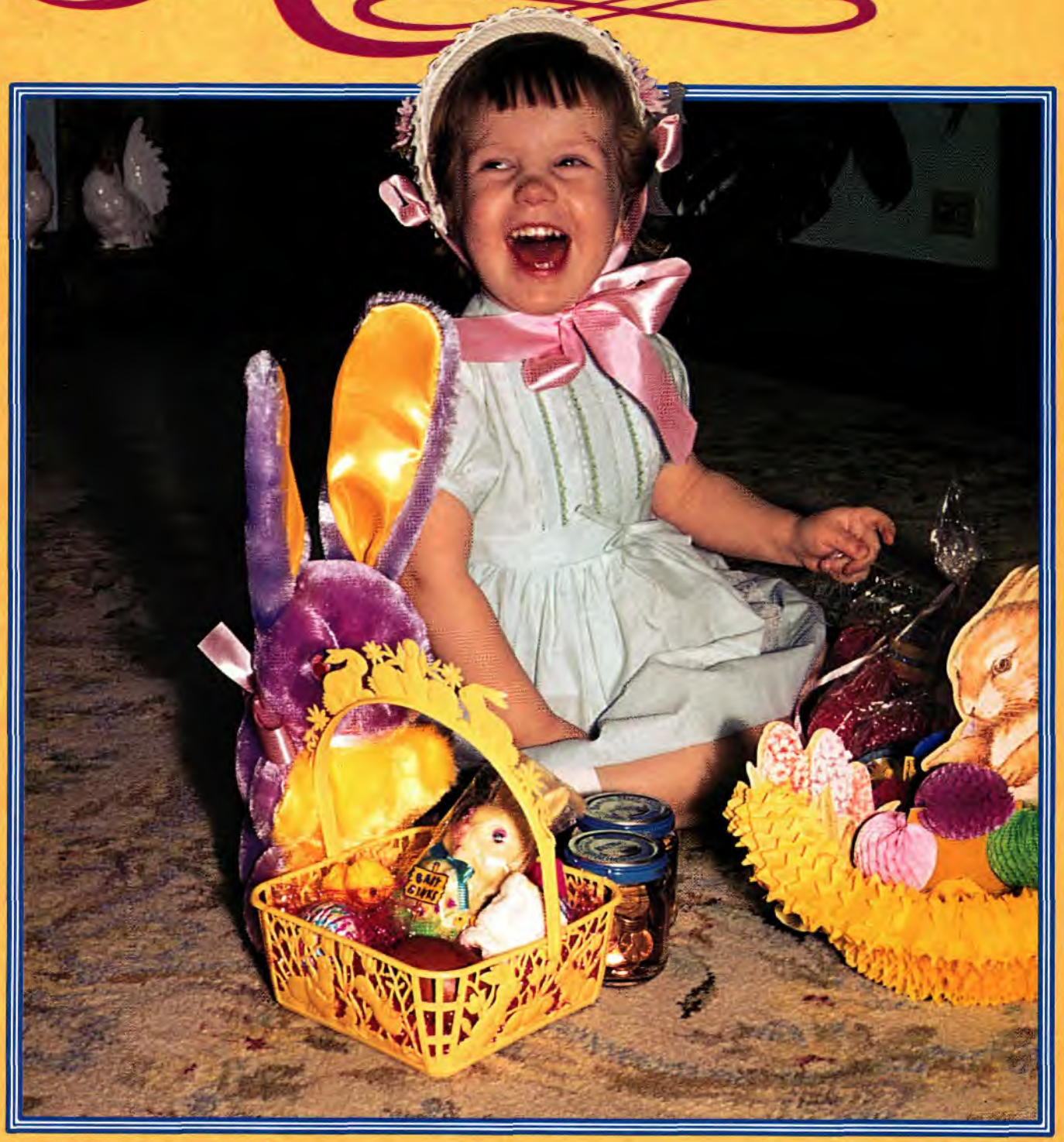

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It may be politically correct these days to call them "wait-persons" or "wait-staff". But when this photo was taken around 1930, these gals were waitresses and proud of it.

"This picture belonged to my sister, Myrtle Connelly Edwards," writes Doris Hinnegan, Feasterville, Pennsylvania. "She is in the center of the seven girls standing behind the ladies in the dark dresses.

"Myrtle was 17 at the time and a waitress at, I believe, Stouffer's Restaurant on Chestnut Street in downtown Philadelphia."

Back then, most people who dealt with or served the public wore uniforms…bus drivers, streetcar and railroad conductors, mailmen, gas station attendants and even the man who drove the bakery truck through the neighborhood.

Remember the meter man? He not only wore a uniform; he walked into our unlocked houses, called out, "Meter man!" and then went into the basement and read the electric meter. Imagine trying that today.

If you have a great old 5x7 or 8x10 black-and-white photo showing a scene from yesteryear that you'd like to share, take a look at the Contributor Guidelines on page 55 and consider sending it in.

Now, have a seat and we'll dish up another delicious serving of nostalgia. No tipping necessary.

On Our Cover

HAPPY EASTER! Is there any doubt that little Roxie Kump was happy on Easter Sunday 1965? "She was thrilled with her Easter gifts," writes her mother, Joan, of Aspers, Pennsylvania. Besides all the candy and that stuffed bunny, those jars appear to be full of pennies. It's never too early to start saving!



In This Memorable Issue

12 Which Twin Has the Toni? Real twins tell the tale of their Toni days.
18 Grandma's House. Grandma was something to see with hammer and saw.
22 Colorful Cowpokes. Cowboy coloring books helped pass rainy days.
27 Holey Cars. Dad's battles with rusty cars in the 1960s were lost causes.
30 It's Love! Well, maybe not, but that first crush is never to be forgotten.
32 Golden Memories. Their first home was a cabin at an Alaskan gold mine.
38 Blue Monday. The good old days? Remember washing clothes by hand?
42 Head for the Hills! Readers' memories flood back when recalling rains.
45 Buried Treasure. He dug up plenty of memories in his old backyard.
46 Open Wide. This kid and his dentist fought a long battle of the braces.
52 Hold the Mayo. Immigrant found the flavor of America with one meal.
54 Snowy Ceremony. Even a Minnesota blizzard didn't stop this wedding.
61 An Answer to Their Prayers. Penance was easier and faster in groups.
62 Action! The kids provided most of the entertainment at Saturday matinees.

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When Adolph Werner (he's on the far left) was in the apprenticeship program at Allis-Chalmers in West Allis, Wisconsin in 1936, he and his fellow high school graduates were earning 13¢ an hour.

"After 3 years, we ended up as journeyman draftsmen making $120 a month," says Adolph, now of Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

"We all dressed pretty much alike, with ties and long-sleeved shirts. And there was no air-conditioning.

"Our instructor was Dick Greiner. He's standing two tables down in my row. We studied logarithms, calculus, and the drawings and inkings sent in from the engineering department," Adolph continues. "We used slide rules, too."

For those whose number-crunching history goes back only to electronic calculators, slide rules are manually operated. Two of them are plainly visible on the desk at the lower right.

Those open cases on the drafting tables contain drafting tools like compasses and dividers. They also hold pens used to ink pencil drawings into finished works.

"One day a week, we attended Milwaukee Vocational School to learn pattern making and foundry practices," Adolph explains. "Each of us hoped to make our way to a future position with the company.

"I worked for Allis-Chalmers for 42 years and retired as chief draftsman," he notes. "The company folded in the mid-'80s, but many of us are still around and get together once a year for a reunion."

If you have a great old 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo you'd like to share with fellow *Reminisce* readers, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 57 and consider sending it in.

Now, let's fire up those slide rules and figure out how much fun you're going to have reading the rest of this issue.

On Our Cover

FASHION PLATE. "My grandmother Maxine Coffman Smith was always stylish," writes Cindi Kiser of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. "Here she is with my Grandfather Leo outside their home in the Crown Heights section of Oklahoma City in 1953 or '54. Grandmother worked for Neiman Marcus and was always well dressed, even when she moved to a retirement home. And, believe me, *we* were required to dress up whenever we visited her!"



In This Memorable Issue

12 Easter Dresses. Aunt made sure nieces were in fashion every spring.
13 Federal Firefly. Dad blamed the Democrats for the WPA school play.
19 The Egg and Them. City girls needed help in the chicken business.
23 Pen Pals Forever. Keeping in touch by mail for more than 70 years.
26 Whole Lot o' Quakin'. His family was shook up by '33 earthquake.
27 They Played for "Pops". High school band intimidated by Paul Whiteman.
31 Read All About It! Paperboys, and papergirls, fondly recall routes.
40 Spring Has Sprung. Readers' memories of past springs are evergreen.
43 Use It Up... Grandma made sure nothing went to waste in the 1930s.
45 Collared. When this baby got crabby, she was cached in a horse collar.
47 Real Track Meets. These kids stayed in shape picking up loose coal.
50 Quite a Character. Her Aunt "Puddy" was a loving and lovable lady.
53 Table-Clearing Tips. Girls learned while they earned at the family meal.
59 Rural School. Nothing fancy, just good fun and the occasional lesson.
65 Rabbit Egg. Dad's love hatched a surprise that remains a fond memory.

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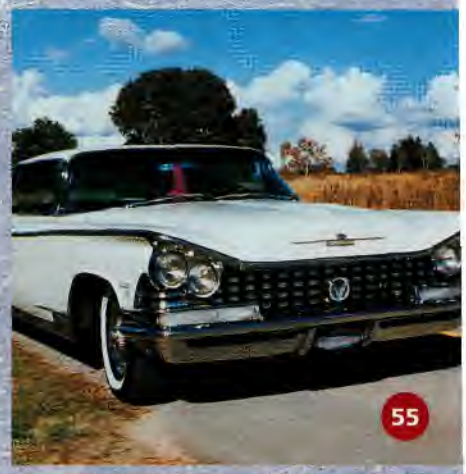



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REMINISCE READER Bill Anderson sure remembers this job well.

"I was fired," he says, "because I didn't charge a customer for the onions he ordered with the fried liver!

"I worked at the Coffee Pot in Lincoln Park, Michigan for about 3 weeks," relates Bill, now of Flat Rock. "In this picture, I'm wearing the tie and standing behind the counter."

The photo was taken in June 1944, and we assume that since then, Bill has learned the meaning of "à la carte".

Bill adds that he recalls a few of the customers and thinks the others behind the counter were the owners.

Looking back, who among us hasn't had a memorable experience from that first real job? Oh, what lessons were learned during those days when we started that journey into the wonderful world of work.

Bill's short-lived on-the-job training aside, there must be some pleasant memories for readers who had a sandwich and soup, a sundae or a soda at a lunch counter like the Coffee Pot.

Just look how the lights from the embossed tin ceiling shine down on boxes of cornflakes, sweet rolls in the glass container, and the shiny chrome pumps, out of which came those delicious syrups that flavored a couple scoops of ice cream.

Say…do you have a tasty and memorable 5x7 or 8x10 black-and-white photo you think would whet the appetite of your fellow readers? If so, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 43 and consider sending it in.

In the meantime, your order of memories is ready. Just start turning the pages.

On Our Cover

MEMORIES OF MOM. "One of the best memories I have of my mom, Sally Elkins, was the two of us having this photo taken in Charleston, West Virginia," writes Audra Basham from Daleville, Virginia. "This was in 1929, when I was 4, and my mother was a true 'flapper'. The curls and waves in her hair were made with an old-fashioned curling iron heated with a gas flame. I was wearing a new dress, with bloomers to match."



In This Memorable Issue

12 Cowboy Philosophy. Kid got sage advice from a sagebrush veteran.
13 Dad Was the Best. She loved her father, and the feeling was mutual.
18 Din in the Den. Cub Scouts den mother remembers mostly good times.
26 Flunked Fishing. Dad's brand-new pole went to sleep with the fish.
27 Angelic Neighbor. Help was just across the pasture for these five kids.
30 Memories of Mom. Mother's Day brings back some wonderful times.
33 Wagon Masters. Two boys and their wagons started a small business.
39 Mother the Doctor. Mom's medications included "monkey blood".
42 Sacks of Uses. No matter what came in it, an empty sack was useful.
45 Pot of Gold. Mom's old black kettle cooked up a lot of memories.
46 Incoming! Apple queen was not just pretty, but could pitch the fruit.
53 Fresh-Air Fan. Why buy convertibles when you have a good sharp saw?
54 Spring Flings. Oh, the fun and the fear of those high school proms.
61 Window Pains. These country-school kids were stuck with a good view.
63 One Over Easy. Mom's egg recipe ended Dad's argument over money.
65 It's Spring! There's nothing like springtime in the hills of Kentucky.

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Graduation from eighth grade isn't the big deal today that it was in 1928. That's when Ruth Anna Buchanan Turner and her class got their certificates from their Boone County, Nebraska school.

Ruth, shown standing at far right, now lives in Fair Oaks, California.

"I went on to graduate from high school in St. Edward, Nebraska in 1932 and then went to work," writes Ruth. "I retired from the California Department of Fish and Game in 1973 after 30 years."

Whew…30 years is a *long* time. Few people stay at jobs for that amount of time anymore, even assuming the places they work for stay in business that long.

There's another thing that's different today from Ruth's school days. Take a look at those kids.

That's what they are, kids. But they're dressed like ladies and gentlemen. The girls are wearing dresses, and most have hats. The boys are wearing suits and ties. It's a class photo you're not likely to see anymore. In fact, does anyone even take class photos like this nowadays?

But that's the beauty of *Reminisce* and *Reminisce EXTRA*. We bring you these great photos and fond memories that help take you and your fellow readers back to the good old days, just as it says at the top of this page.

Change is inevitable and can be good or bad. But we like to think of mostly the good things from the past here at *Reminisce*.

If you have a great old 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo from the past you'd like to share, check out the Contributor Guidelines on page 57 and consider sending it in.

In the meantime, let's graduate from the front of this great issue and begin studying the many uplifting stories and photos that lie ahead.

On Our Cover

CHERISHED PHOTO. "This picture was one of my grandmother Dorothy Loretta Smith Lyman's most prized possessions," writes Kris Gonzales of San Bruno, California. "It is of her and her father, Royal Smith, taken in July 1916 in Denver. Her father died shortly after the picture was taken. My grandmother always adored the father she hardly knew."



In This Memorable Issue

12 **Sober and Funny.** His mom didn't have to drink to have a good time.

14 **I Remember Papa.** Great stories about Dad, in time for Father's Day.

18 **Pop the Cop.** Going on patrol with Dad the policeman. Life was good.

19 **Watch This.** Dad's dog was quite a performer—when he wanted to be.

23 **Beetle Brigade.** While WWII raged, residents of Queens fought the bugs.

26 **Summer at the Lake.** Trip to the country was highlight for city girl.

27 **They Went Thataway.** Cowboys made their escape from schoolmarm.

36 **Alaska in Overdrive.** With his new '56 Ford pickup, he headed north.

38 **Their Feathered Friends.** Readers recall happy hours with pet birds.

44 **Good Scouts.** For many, Scouting years prepared them for the future.

46 **It's in the Genes.** She got her penchant for pranks from her mother.

51 **Mother Hen.** Mom loved to raise chickens, and relatives loved to eat them.

53 **Memorable Wedding.** Police car and rug cleaner's truck made the day.

56 **She Did It All.** From raising kids to frying catfish, Grandma was a lulu.

59 **Pedal Power.** Fun on two wheels creates a chain of biking memories.

65 **Mom's Song.** Given the gift of music, he repaid his mother in song.

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DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE is where these folks gathered for a baptism one summer day back in the late 1920s.

"I inherited this old picture," writes Billie Harvey of Central, South Carolina. "And on the back, it notes, 'Clairfield baptizing near the trestle in Clairfield, Tennessee'."

Clairfield is in the northeast corner of Tennessee. The minister, apparently the man in the water who's wearing a suit, was Billy Moyers. The only other person identified is Bessie Teague, who is the second woman from the left about to be baptized.

It was a big event when someone was baptized and admitted to the congregation of the church, as can be seen from the crowd on the riverbank. There are more cars in the background, on the other side of what looks like a cornfield, and most of the folks attending appear to be wearing their church clothes.

It would be a day to remember for the young ladies standing with the minister. They probably got a full-immersion baptism, followed by a good old country dinner.

Church was a big part of the lives of country folks who worked hard all week and enjoyed a day off to reflect on the events of their world.

If you have a memorable 5x7 or 8x10 black-and-white photo you think reflects the good old days, check out the Contributor Guidelines on page 61 and consider sending it in.

Now, it's time to step into the water and join the congregation of readers who came together to bring you this issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

DOUBLE THE SERVICE. "My father, John Eberly (left), and his friend John Thompson were both hard at work at this full-service gas station in Denver, Colorado in 1949," writes Lorraine Echter of Arvada. "Besides filling the tank, they had to wash the windshield and check the oil, tires and battery. Dad remembers having to stuff cardboard in his hat because it was too large."





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13 **Famous Family Photo.** The story behind the unauthorized picture.
14 **Blackberry Bunch.** The fruits of their labor were profitable and edible.
18 **GI Wife.** No problem was too great to spend some time with her GI.
27 **Kettle's On.** Be careful what you brew back in the Prohibition Ozarks.
30 **The Great Outdoors.** Camping had its moments—some of them good.
32 **Speed Camping.** Pulling a camper with his '55 T-Bird was slow going.
33 **Who's "Lassie"?** When trouble came, "Laddie" the Airedale was on hand.
38 **Bear Scare.** Armed with a starter's pistol, he faced a 500-pound bear.
42 **She Was a Swinger.** Swinging on Grandpa's gate was forbidden fun.
45 **Portable Headlights.** Driving the old Model T at night was a challenge.
46 **Icy Treat.** It was a hot walk, but the reward was a cool sweet snow cone.
51 **Cool Space.** The cold room in their Tudor home held summer treats.
52 **Keller's Jungle Killers.** Dad the animal trainer brought his work home.
54 **Kid's Dream.** What could be better? Her dad was the local ice cream man.
55 **She Was First.** Memories of the first ice cream lady in Phoenix in 1937.
62 **Swimming to Manhattan.** The East River was wider than planned.
65 **Fourth Fun.** Leftovers are not exciting, unless they're leftover fireworks.

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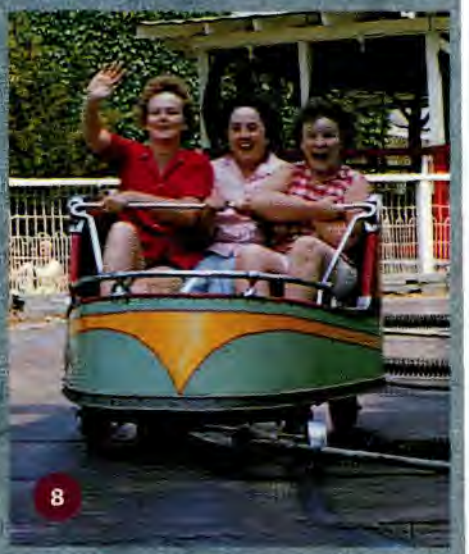



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The memories of summer camp stay with us all our lives, as Jeanne Price of Naples, Florida knows. That's Jeanne, seated far left, at Camp Okahahwis in Goshen Pass, Virginia in 1936.

"I went to the camp for four summers," recalls Jeanne. "There were about six cabins. It was a girls' camp, and you were assigned to a cabin according to age.

"The cabins were all screens. Our clothes were kept in our trunks in the middle of the cabin. There were no closets or lockers.

"Besides horseback riding and tennis, we also went swimming. The camp was on the Maury River as it ran through Goshen Pass. The river was narrow and fast through the pass, and we'd ride it about three-quarters of a mile, coming back bruised but happy.

"I lived in Baltimore at the time, and there were lots of girls from Baltimore and Richmond at the camp. It was well known in the area.

"I am still in contact with one of my friends from those days, Ann Landon. She is standing sixth from the left. The counselor (they're dressed in white) behind her is her aunt, also named Ann Landon."

It's good to know there are still summer camps today where kids can gain a lifetime of memories riding horses or a river rapids, as Jeanne did. There's nothing like summer when you're a kid.

If you have a great old 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that brings back some good memories of your childhood, or later years, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 57 and consider sending it in.

Now how about taking a ride through this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*, where there will be more great memories and photographs to enjoy?

We promise you won't get wet or bruised...but you will have fun.

On Our Cover

HAPPY HOMEMAKER. "What with all the modern appliances these days, not many kids perform the dish-washing chores our daughter, Linda, is pictured doing here in 1952," writes Olga Wolfe of Albany, Wisconsin. "At the time, we were living at Lajes Air Force Base on Terceira Island in the Azores, where my husband, Howard, was stationed."





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12 Remembering Penney's. Twenty years of work and fun at the store.

14 Urban Life. Kids in apartments and tenements have fond memories, too.

18 Bomber Girl. How many little girls had their names painted on a B-17?

26 At the Shore. Only Christmas compared to the vacation with Grandpa.

32 Here Comes the Bride. The ritual starts with bridal showers and fun.

40 The Old Lamplighter. His knowledge of streetlamps is illuminating.

42 Hook, Line and Sinker. Memories of cane poles and casting rods.

47 Field of Memories. A box seat at Ebbets Field and free candy—wow!

50 Hollow Victory. Watermelon-loving cousins left only the rind behind.

53 She Was Toast. Narcissistic prankster painfully finds she's not so hot.

56 Thou Shalt Not... Shoplifting sisters learn what a guilty conscience is.

59 One More Day. Vets recall last days before reporting for duty in WWII.

65 Cheery over Cherries? This cherry tree of crime bore bitter fruit.

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ONE-STOP SHOPPING was friendly and convenient at the corner store in the good old days, especially at the one pictured, at 2824 Chatham Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio.

"This is my great-grandmother's all-purpose store," Kathy Wymore of Citrus Heights, California relates. "It served as a grocery, hardware, feed and notions store.

"In this photo from around 1927 are my Uncle Frank and my great-grandmother Katherine Juhasz on the far left, next to her Durant sedan. Then there is a neighborhood boy, two customers, the clerk and the butcher.

"My mother, Katherine Szekeress, is on the running board of the Dodge delivery truck, along with my great-grandfather Andrew.

"Mother was known as a fast eater. Family legend has it that she acquired the trait from sneaking down to the store at night and gobbling from the deli.

"Her brother, Frank, could do no wrong in my great-grandmother's eyes, even when he mixed the beans, peas and rice in the display bins."

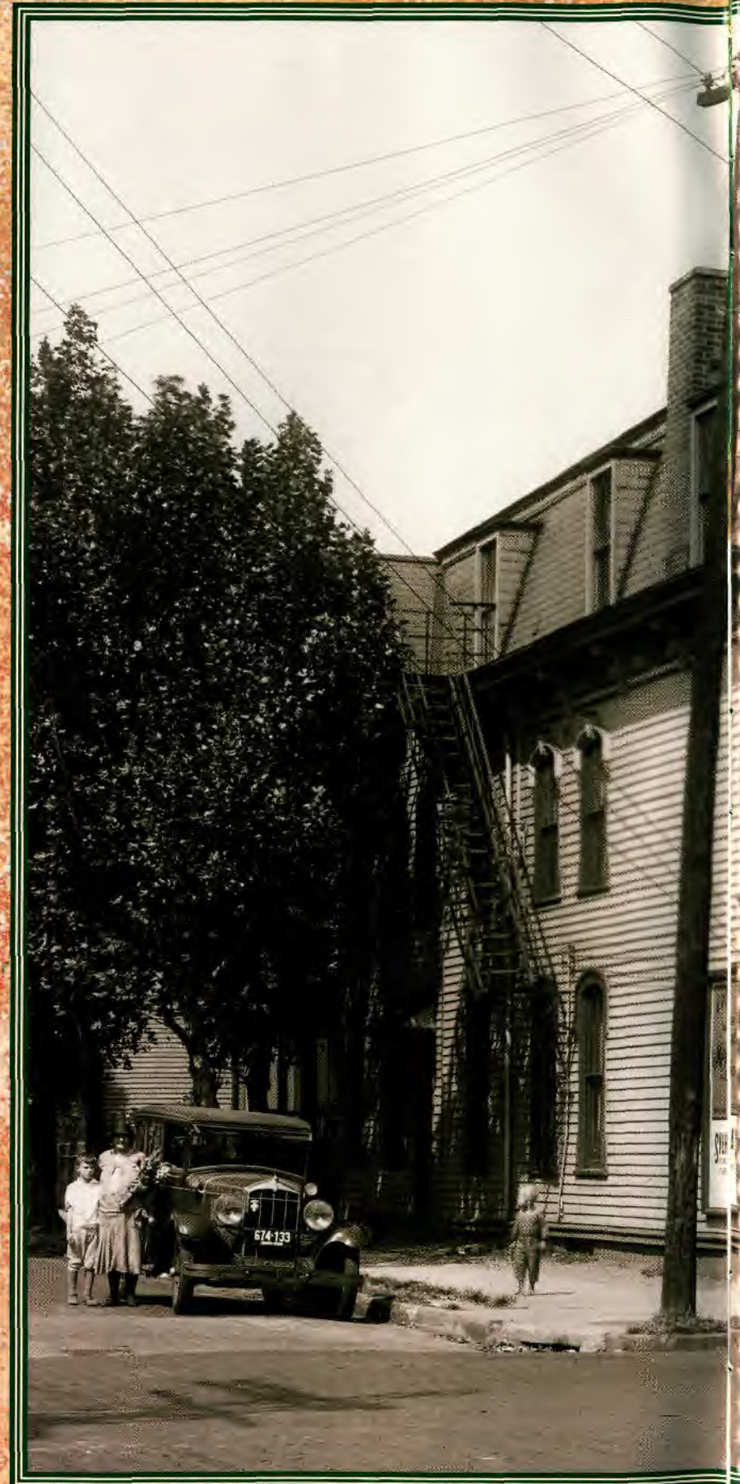
There's an idea: If you're mixing up some old photos from the family album and think *Reminisce* readers would like to see them, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 43 and consider sending them in.

We're looking for sharp 5x7 or 8x10 black-and-white photos that show what a slice of life was like from the good old days.

Now, let's take a shopping trip through that great general store of memories—this issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

PATROL BOY. This smiling lad looks ready to nab any crosswalk scofflaws. Notice the safety patrolman badge on his belt. And that streamlined light on the handlebars has a lever on the top. Could it be a siren? The photo comes from Penny Paper Co.





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5 **Hitting the Books.** Mamma made sure schooling came before work.
12 **Battle of the Bang Boards.** Corn huskers could really throw the cobs.
14 **Goobers and Pop.** Magic mix was just right for teens' loafing time.
18 **Cow Story.** Getting out of school was easy until the fib got too big.
22 **Human Fuel Injection.** The manual approach to clearing the pipes.
26 **Gift of Love.** Trying to work for secret present was the best gift of all.
27 **Slippery Slide.** Modified fire escape had no need for this much speed.
30 **Tricks Were Treats.** Halloween was a time for pranksters to get busy.
39 **Windmill Wonder.** Brave trapeze act on the farm impresses the girl.
42 **Quiz Biz.** Family helped contestant pay consequences for truth untold.
45 **Double Trouble.** Family cupboard endures generations of twins.
46 **Gas Rationing.** What citizens had to do in wartime to do without.
52 **Sweetening the Pot.** Congregation turned apple butter into gold.
59 **Hoover Ham.** Salesman got sale and wife when he put on the charm.
61 **Couldn't Bear It.** Furry find awaited Mom in rush to new bathroom.
62 **Boomerang Business.** Owner took back dried-up dry cleaning venture.
65 **Fruit for the Labor.** Family made peach of a deal to get trailer fixed.

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Freshman year brought new surroundings and new ways of learning to Thelma Nasser of Wickenburg, Arizona. She's in the front row, second from the right, at the entrance of St. Anthony's Hospital in Terre Haute, Indiana.

"It was a small Catholic hospital, endowed by Herman Hulman of the Indy 500 family," writes Thelma. "Much of the tableware, coffeepots, cream pitchers and so forth were etched 'HHH'. Grandson Tony Hulman Jr. was the benefactor of the Indy 500; his daughter, Mary, was the one who always said, 'Gentlemen, start your engines.'"

This 1937 photo of the capping service for freshmen from the class of 1939 shows part of "a tough 3-year course", says Thelma, who explains that certain requirements had to be fulfilled before you received your cap. "We lived under rigid rules in the nurses' home, which was run by the nuns.

"Note the hem length—it had to be 10 inches from the floor. Our blue capes were turned back to show the brilliant red lining.

"Students could not be married. One senior secretly took a chance, was found out and then promptly ousted.

"It was akin to an Army hitch, but I wouldn't take a farm for the training I received there."

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Meanwhile, get your thinking cap on and learn about the lives of the readers featured in this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*.

On Our Cover

WRAPPED WITH BOWS. "This studio portrait taken in Burlington, Iowa in July 1929 shows my three older sisters—Joan, 9, Mary Ann, 3, and Wilma, 6. Their beautiful dresses and hair bows were handmade by our mother without the benefit of a sewing machine," relates Howard Schmidt of Rockford, Illinois. "My sisters recall Mother curling their hair with a curling iron heated over a kerosene lamp. They then walked at least 2 miles downtown to the studio, being cautioned along the way not to do *anything* to get their dresses or shoes mussed up."



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5 **Beauty Is Only Jar-Deep.** One taste was enough to learn hard lesson.
12 **Pair Takes Vaudeville by Storm.** But a storm is what closed the act.
13 **Volume Control.** Mom limited diet of TV to save voracious reader.
14 **Talking with Truman.** Tough question tossed back at two buddies.
15 **Geometry Problems.** When other angles failed, girl resorted to studying.
18 **Horn of Plenty.** Boys' noisy invention created a headache for sitter.
26 **San Francisco Treat.** High schoolers helped open Golden Gate Bridge.
27 **Life Lessons.** Mrs. Jones' best teachings didn't come from textbooks.
32 **Medicinal Purposes.** Being sick was no fun, but pampering helped.
35 **Teen Got His Nickel's Worth.** Five-cent bet had some mustard on it.
37 **Saturdays with Granny.** The fun was begun when chores were done.
39 **"Starvation Bed".** Quick notion helps curiosity triumph over jealousy.
45 **Whisker Work.** Grandpa's daily shaving ritual was a sight to behold.
46 **Up on the Roof.** Young inventor hammers home a time-saving idea.
51 **Raking in the Fun.** Autumn leaf piles brought good times with Dad.
53 **The Great Candy Caper.** Mom put pinch on after loot was in the bag.
56 **Rich Experiences.** Growing up with wisdom, self-worth, imagination.
61 **Reluctant Recruit.** Houseboy hijacked by military gets quick rescue.
62 **Getting Treats Was Tricky.** Candy came only after the performance.
63 **Great-Aunts Were Truly Great.** Summer visits yielded family stories.

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The prestigious Hotel Utah is depicted in this photograph that's shared by Ruth Addington from Glendale, California. "I picked up the photo from a lot sale many years ago in Glendale," she explains.

Written on the photograph is "Charity Ball, Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City", and a date of Nov. 14, 1912, along with what may be a company name: Wiggins and Frost, 317 Templeton Building, Salt Lake.

A grand party, possibly similar to the one in the photograph, was held for 500 of Utah's notables when the $2 million hotel opened on June 9, 1911. By 1918, another 100 rooms were added to the hotel at South Temple and Main Streets.

During the Great Depression, management cut room rates from $3.50 to $2.50 for singles and from $5 to $3.50 for doubles.

Prosperous times followed, but even $15 million in renovations and additions in the early 1970s could not prevent the hotel's closing in 1987. The facility was converted to offices and community meeting halls by the owner, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and reopened in 1993.

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Now, savor the luxurious memories of the readers featured in this issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

DOLL FACE. "This is a picture of my cousin Darla Faye Lampton Barrow sitting in front of my family's aluminum Christmas tree in 1962," writes Jim Crawford of Newburgh, Indiana. "She is holding her new Christmas doll at my parents' home in Newburgh."

The first all-aluminum Christmas tree was offered by Aluminum Specialty Company of Manitowoc, Wisconsin in 1959, and the idea really took off. Imitators entered the market, and trees were soon offered not only in the original silver color but in gold, green, blue, a blue-and-green combination, silver with blue tips, and even pink.

Almost as fast as the trees' popularity soared, public interest in them started to fade. By 1968, most makers had removed aluminum trees from their catalogs.



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12 Brightening a Corner. Children's hymn was sign of kindness to come.
14 Memorable Bounty. Readers share their feast of Thanksgiving stories.
18 Ringing in the Holidays. Sparkling surprise was too good to wait for.
22 Bond of Beads. Thoughtful tree trimming brings Mom home again.
26 Party Favorite. Davis house was the place to seek for catered affairs.
30 Savings Plan. Patient stockpiling of S&H stamps brought big rewards.
35 Mystery Solved. Preholiday snooping uncovered Nancy Drew book.
42 Mad Menagerie. "Wild" animals kept life interesting at Dad's pet shop.
46 Twists and Turns. Taffy pullers forgot one thing in latest brainstorm.
50 Watch What You Eat. Epiphany cake slices had surprises baked inside.
54 Stories of Christmas Past. Heartfelt memories come gift-wrapped.
61 Brrr-isk Treat Turns to Trouble. Boys' quick thinking saves the day.
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These women really had some brass…musical instruments, that is. The Musical Maids, an all-girl dance band, became very popular in Fresno, California back in the late 1920s and early '30s.

That was news to Janis Rohl, whose mother, Fern McPherson Dexheimer, is the smiling trumpet player pictured fourth from the right.

"Mom would talk about her trumpet playing fondly, but other than New Year's Eve, I don't believe I ever heard her play," recalls Janis, who lives in Fortuna, California. "It was not until I ran across this photo that I even heard of the Musical Maids."

According to Fern's brother, Noble McPherson, their mother, Iola Jackson, purchased the trumpet for Fern while she was at Roosevelt High School on Tulare Street in Fresno, where she played in the school band.

"After graduating in 1932, Mom became extremely talented with the trumpet, becoming well known around town," says Janis. "She was sought after by the local churches to do solo trumpeting at the Easter sunrise services. Mom later passed the trumpet on to me, as I was the only one of her children who attempted to play an instrument in school."

The Musical Maids pictured are (from left) bandleader Iva Anderson, Alice Stiegletz, Phyllis Farris, Virginia Turner, Marie Melitano, Muriel Maul, Fern, Rosana Huffman, Barbara Shumard and Jean Carroll.

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For now, put on some of your favorite music as you dance through a melody of memories in this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*.

On Our Cover

STILL JUST KIDS. These two relatives of Marian Bielke from Minneapolis, Minnesota appear as eager to open Christmas presents as any of the children. Marian said she believes the two women are distant relatives but could not identify them. She said the slide was taken by her late brother Harold Johnson sometime in the 1950s, adding, "He and his wife, Clarice, traveled a lot and he always had his camera out, taking photos."



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12 Turkey Tots. Kids' Thanksgiving cooking deserved an A for effort.
14 The Art of Romance. Sketcher's creative courting "enveloped" her.
18 Plan Comes to Light. Mom and Dad conspire to brighten holiday.
23 Backwoods Chase. Coon hunts were family events in rough times.
26 Imposter Exposed! Unwitting 4-year-old unbeards Santa pretender.
27 Sock Scheme. Plan to get loads of stocking stuffers had a hole in it.
32 Waste Not, Want Not. Recycling was just part of life in olden days.
33 Patience Has Its Rewards. One girl seemed forgotten at gift party.
34 Angel on High. Role in Christmas play was thrill until she took wing.
37 Worry and a Watch. Special gift was secondary to mother's health.
40 Manipulating the Funny Bone. Chiropractor's signs gave a tickle.
45 Henhouse Raiders. Cherishing Aunt Mary's egg-gathering lessons.
50 Homemade Holiday. Cookies, cakes and family-fashioned trimming.
53 Honesty Was Best Policy. Kuehnl's customers paid on honor system.
56 Cold Hard Cash. Dad braved winter chill to bulk up Christmas fund.
59 Broken Dreams. Fishing rod wasn't all that it was cracked up to be.
62 Fellowship in Philly. GIs work through travel blues with good deed.
64 Errand Boy's Enigma. Giving Mom Evening in Paris wasn't so easy.

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Take one look at this photo of Bud's Hot House restaurant, which was at 810 Fourth Avenue in San Diego, California, and you can almost smell the fresh popcorn popping and the red hots sizzling.

One of the cooks behind the counter is Gayle Kring, now of Madison, Indiana. He's second from the right, standing next to the owner of the place, Bud Gallagher, originally from Denver, Colorado.

"While awaiting discharge from the Navy, I was sent to Camp Elliott, about 20 miles east of San Diego," says Gayle, who served in the Atlantic and Mediterranean on the destroyer *USS Macomb*. "We were allowed to work in town as civilians so long as we met muster at Camp Elliott. So, I got a job at Bud's."

Gayle said he didn't write down the last name of Lew, from Illinois, who took the photo on Nov. 6, 1945. Same goes for the remaining men pictured, with whom he shared barracks at Camp Elliott and who also worked at Bud's. Standing, from left, are Al from South Carolina, Bill of New Jersey and "Slim" from Texas.

"As to the fast-food restaurants we see today, this little place was way ahead of its time," Gayle said. "We served tamales, hot dogs and popcorn in 2 minutes or less."

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In the meantime, your order of tasty memories is hot off the grill, and they're just waiting to be gobbled up.

On Our Cover

WHAT A GOOD BOY. "This picture of my brother Daniel Walls was taken in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania in 1938, when he was 7 or 8 months old," writes Marybeth Morris of Danville. "My mom bought him this outfit and had his photo taken for Christmas. She was thrilled at how well he posed and behaved. Mother is now 92, and Daniel lives in Catawissa."



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12 Cornering the Market. Corner store was a neighborhood necessity.
15 Pants Were Polar-ized. Crashing through the ice brought stiff lesson.
18 Don't Go in the Basement! Cellar dweller was just waiting to strike.
22 Worst Winters Ever. Readers recollect snowstorms and subzero days.
30 "Dutch" Treat. Cub reporter gets chance to interview Ronald Reagan.
32 Successful Sales. The incomparable Soupy Sales had huge following.
35 Words of Support. Poem helps break down some language barriers.
37 Candid Camera. Blunt opinion about being in the Army gets airplay.
37 Good for the Sole. New shoes from a soldier made a shy girl proud.
38 Rolling with Laughter. Roll-away beds could be blessing and curse.
39 Wake-Up Calls. Kids meet the morning with sounds from the kitchen.
40 All Aboard! Catalog provided ticket to paradise for train enthusiasts.
45 Colossal Clan. Family of 17 children sticks together through the years.
47 Poultry Peculiarity. Mom had unusual step when making chicken soup.
54 Dear Diary. Days in the life of Dad discovered in pages from the past.
55 Maiden Voyage. Man sails across Atlantic to find girl of his dreams.
61 Cod Liver Oiled. Kids were bribed to take cure until cash was pinched.
64 Cupid's Correspondence. Love was in the cards on Valentine's Day.

Real-life memories are more interesting than fiction.



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These kindergartners didn't have fancy mats to sit on back in the good old days, but a clean floor did just fine when gathering for music time.

"This photograph was taken in 1927 at Milwaukee State Teachers College, which is now Mitchell Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee," writes Henry Althoen of Milwaukee. "The picture is of the kindergarten class in the training school at the college.

"My mother, Adele Weidner Althoen, is second from the left in the photo and was a student teacher at the time."

Seems it was just as difficult to keep all of the students' attention as it can be today. Some of the eyes are on the piano-playing teacher, some are on Adele, and some can't help taking a peek at the photographer.

Henry's mother graduated the year the photograph was taken, which was also the first year the school was called Milwaukee State Teachers College. It was the successor to the Milwaukee State Normal School and eventually merged with the local University of Wisconsin Extension Center in 1956 to form the current university.

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For now, your class assignment is to read through the pages of *Reminisce EXTRA* and learn about the readers in this month's issue. You want to be ready for a pop quiz, don't you?

On Our Cover

HOLD ON TIGHT! What's more fun than racing down a snowy slippery slope on your favorite Flexible Flyer sled? How about doubling the fun with a co-pilot behind you? These two smiling eager kids, who sure look like they are brother and sister, are bundled up and ready to fly in this wonderful photograph provided by the folks at Superstock.



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12 Depression Dilemma. Would that bargain bolt of ugly cloth ever end?
18 Selling Style and Beauty. Avon was a door-to-door tour de force.
23 Tom Mix Treasure. Mail-order turtle's shell carried cowboy's brand.
27 Capturing Elegance. Mom pictured a gown and staircase for photo.
32 Birthday Bonanzas. Readers recall unusual celebrations from past.
40 Slick on Skates. On-the-ice athletes excelled in hockey, speed skating.
41 Tough Sledding. Snow sleds a little hard to come by in Waco, Texas.
45 One Size Fits All. Parents were a bit off the mark in choice of skates.
46 A Close Shave. Boys were happy to escape a haircut with their lives.
50 A Baker's Dozen? Measuring quandary produced 21 loaves of bread.
53 Oilcloth Days. Only drawback to versatile covering was strong odor.
56 Paging Through History. Washington, D.C. page saw storied events.
61 Military Misfires. Woman Marine, Army private tell of their foibles.
62 On Guard. Officers messed with the wrong private one frozen night.
65 Polar Putting. Father-and-son golfers laugh through sudden snow.

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The tables are set, and these ladies are just waiting to serve the customers' needs in this photo of a dining room that appears to be from the early 1900s.

Vases of fresh flowers, pitchers and raised bowls that are filled, perhaps, with something tasty adorn each of the tables.

"This was among our late parents' photos," writes Lennys Joyner from Auburn, Washington, "and we have no idea who these ladies are, or where or when the photo was taken.

"The scene seems reminiscent of the Harvey Girls. We are hoping, by chance, that someone might be able to identify these ladies."

Fred Harvey began recruiting his Harvey Girls for the series of restaurants he established on the Santa Fe railroad lines. Many women responded from 1883 to 1968. The uniforms do, indeed, resemble something a Harvey Girl would wear.

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For now, we have the finery set out for guests who choose to sample our delectable dishes of memories in this welcoming issue of *Reminisce*.



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WARTIME ROMANCE. Ol' Uncle Sam may have needed this sailor man soon, but his favorite gal had him in the meantime for a springtime stroll in this classic 1940s photograph from Retrofile.com.

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12 Reaped What They Sewed. Company benefited from sisters' talent.
14 Flying with Peter Pan. TV "spectacular" was an annual family event.
15 Counterfeit Crockett. Kids gave Goldie's store frontiersman a grilling.
18 Greeted by Lady Liberty. Hungarian immigrant relates her voyage.
22 All That Glitters... Memories of Glimmerstone mansion still shining.
26 Hope and Glory. Comedian gave clever cowpoke a splash of fame.
30 The Rawleigh Man's Here! Dad was proud to sell well-known line.
32 Riding High. Readers share stories of seeing country via Greyhound.
38 Meter Minder. Reader for gas company took some interesting paths.
42 Love and War. Military personnel find romance during World War II.
45 Stitch in Time. Thread of talent developed with toy sewing machine.
53 Getting Bugged Was Pesky. Little girl rued the day she traded hats.
61 Kids Get an Eyeful. Mama gives rowdy kids a real splash in the face.

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Welcome to the Good Old Days!

Hats were certainly in vogue in the good old days, and never more so than in the spring of 1940, when these Nu Sigma Delta Sorority women, all in their 20s, met at Frank Palumbo's restaurant on Catherine Street in South Philadelphia.

Pictured are (front row, from left) Margaret Brennan, Teresa McCuen, Gertrude Granahan, Elizabeth Mitchell, (back row, from left) Rose Gormley, Marie Granahan, Helen Hetherington and Catherine Nolan.

"The occasion was a wedding shower for Helen, the first of the group to marry," relates Dennis Kitchin of Littleton, Colorado, whose mother is Rose Gormley. "The neighborhood sorority was founded in West Philadelphia in 1933 and met regularly at the homes of members."

Dennis adds that the group held fund-raising events such as card parties and raffles and went on river cruises, out-of-state road trips, excursions to the New Jersey shore, state-park picnics and visits to amusement parks and historic sites.

"The group remained lifelong friends and collectively had 26 children," notes Dennis. "Two of the sorority survive today and live with their children in Maryland: Margaret Brennan Murtha, 88, and Helen Hetherington Penn, 87. In keeping with sorority tradition, they stay in touch."

If you have a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you would like to share with our readers, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 57 and consider sending it in.

In the meantime, we call to order this meeting of the readers of *Reminisce EXTRA*.

On Our Cover

RELUCTANT MODELS. "Dressing up was not a priority for us, but when our parents wanted a picture, we'd grin and bear it," writes Norman Smith of Tampa, Florida, whose friend Jim is on the left in this photo from the summer of 1941 in Blakely, Georgia.

"The Radio Flyer wagon we're sitting in was a gift I'd received about three Christmases back," Norman continued. "My back hubcap is missing because Jim and I gave the wagon a real workout, hauling each other, the dog and anything else we could get in it.

"Sometimes, when Mom opened the kitchen windows, the aroma of freshly baked apple pie or gingerbread cookies would fill the air. Playing came to a halt, and off to the kitchen we went."



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Remember the days when the crystal-clear voices from well-dressed children's choirs resonated through most churches?

That was the case in 1937 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, where this photograph was taken. That was also the year that little Barbara Ann Howell, now Barbara Schubart, was asked by the minister to join the Junior Choir.

"I was thrilled because even at age 6, I loved to sing," remarks Barbara, who is in the middle of the bottom row of girls. Her sister, Jane Howell McIntosh, is in the second row from the top, second from the left.

"Our minister, Mr. Crosby, taught us the hymn *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*," Barbara continues. "It was a few years later that I realized Jesus didn't actually rain, He *reigned*! That and many other mission hymns were some of my favorites.

"We just loved our vestments, which were made by the ladies of the church. In 1936 or 1937, our church had a terrible fire. All of our vestments, kept in basement closets, suffered smoke damage. Despite many washings, they smelled of smoke for years. Even today, every time I sense that kind of smoke odor, I think of the happy times I had singing at St. Paul's Church."

Those times began a lifelong love of singing for Barbara in choral societies and choirs. She says she would love to hear from any St. Paul's choir members who recognize themselves in the picture. She can be reached by mail at B-3 Marina Point, Lake Monticello VA 22963, or by E-mail at *1rabbit@mailstation.com*.

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On Our Cover

FLIGHTS OF FANCY. Lorraine Kasik Marik, a stewardess out of Chicago back in the late 1940s, treated her American Airlines passengers like she'd treat guests in her home, including serving meals on china. Lorraine, now living in Riverside, Illinois, tells about the strict rules, rough rides, a close call and all types of passengers, including celebrities. Fly on over to page 36 for her incredible stories.





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22 **Room for Rompers.** Children's TV show was full of fun and wisdom.

26 **Chickening Out.** City gal wanted chicken to be undressed for dinner.

30 **Automat-ion.** Fast-food pioneer relied on patrons paying the slots.

36 **Taking Flight.** Early days of airlines required stewardess to do it all.

43 **Secret Service.** Military policemen really had to keep their guard up.

46 **Running Tradition.** The chase was half the fun of May Day gifting.

51 **Boys Spotted Out.** Lateness of the hour brought to light by father.

53 **No-Passing Zone.** You can take the racehorse out of the race, but...

54 **Go West, Young Man.** Cycling on a rough-running Harley.

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Homer Nix (behind counter) was very proud of his Carbarn Café made out of a streetcar, says his daughter, Louise Pless, of Stephenville, Texas.

"Before opening the cafe, Dad drove a streetcar, as did my two uncles, Mike and Wheeler Nix, who helped out in the cafe.

"Uncle Mike is on the far right, next to a customer I cannot identify, and my mother, Ida, is seated at left."

The unique cafe, pictured in 1921, was located in Oak Cliff, annexed in 1903, just across the Trinity River in Dallas.

"Dad served hamburgers and lunches for the streetcar operators in Oak Cliff, where the streetcars made the turnaround and were stored after midnight," says Louise.

Signs at left in the photo advertised Arrow collars ("Follow the Arrow and you follow the style"), Prince Hamlet cigars for 10¢, musician David Schooler at the Majestic and a shoe proprietor called Volks.

On the right, a baby photographer, Granville M. Dean, advertises, "We Make Bare Facts Interesting."

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But for now...take a respite from the day's chores to enjoy what's on the menu in this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*.

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NICE NAB! Dreams of being a big-league baseball player were conjured up by boys of summer like the lad in this photo from H. Armstrong Roberts, hand-colored by Marcy Merrill.

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18 Babe Comes Up Big. Autograph seeker saved by slugger.

19 Unofficial Voice of the Reds. Relaying the action to Dad was an important job.

22 That's Him? Sisters agreed baby brother wasn't pick of the litter.

27 Getting Cold Feet. A scary walk down the aisle for the ring bearer.

32 Those Crazy Yo-yos. Hours of fun on the end of a string.

40 Depression Was Tough. Boy watched people cope from his porch perch.

41 Diamond in the Rough. Baseball field rose from old farmland.

42 Fire in His Belly. Visits with fireman dad.

45 Imagination Soared. Every kid was a copilot.

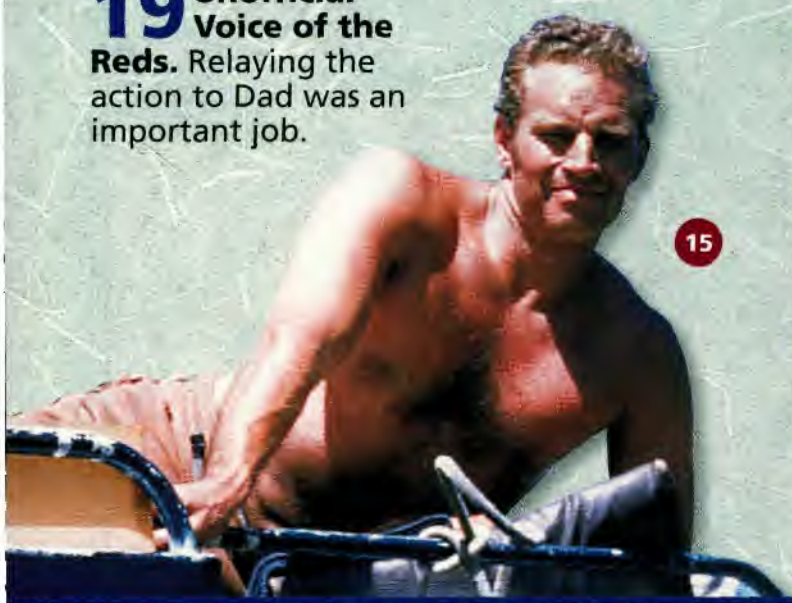
56 Spinning Wheels. Kids could roll out the fun with old tires.

59 Poop-Deck Rascals. Trips from Panama Canal were never boring.

63 Summer Stock. Grandfather's idea led to teens' outlet.

65 Three's a Crowd. Fire-escape playtime disrupted by a "visitor."





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Presentation apparently wasn't everything back when the proprietors of this butcher shop displayed their wares in 1915.

Certainly, there was nothing fancy about the meat display on the left, although discriminating shoppers sure could see, up close, just what kind of product they were getting.

"My Uncle Samuel Schreffler is on the far right in his butcher shop in Cleveland, Ohio," explains Ruby Schreffler Heim of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Ruby could not identify the other people in this classic photograph but wondered what the well-dressed lady and young girl were doing in the shop that day.

"Note the sawdust on the floor," Ruby continues. "That was used to absorb the grease from the meat."

Today's shoppers, accustomed to having most food items prepackaged, probably would cringe at the sight of meat carcasses in a store. Looks like the meat locker is at far right—what a job, transporting unsold items at the end of the day!

If *you* have a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you'd like to share with our readers, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 43 and consider sending it in. In the meantime, there are plenty of grade A, juicy memories to choose from in this issue of *Reminisce*.

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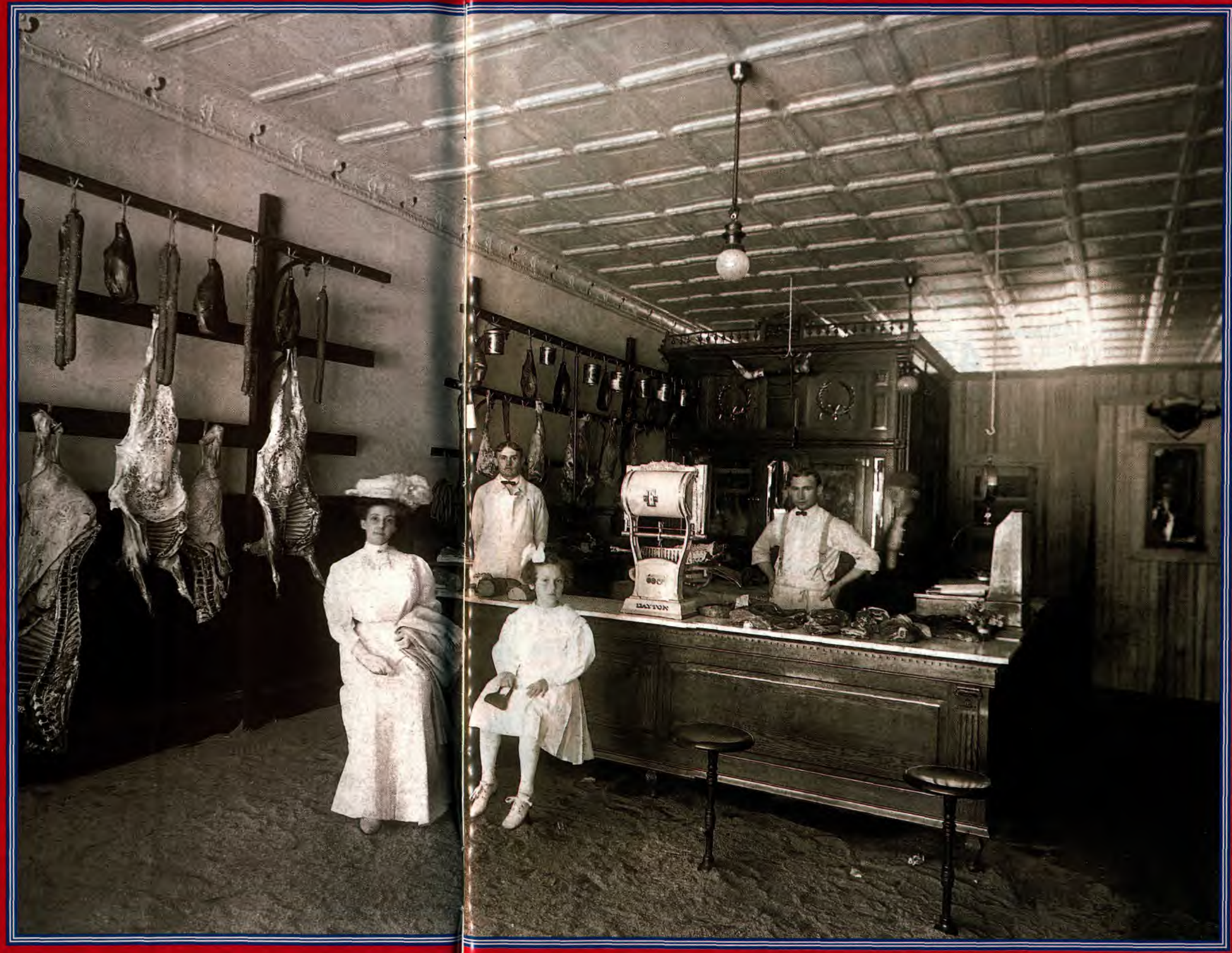
IT'S A BARGAIN! At 1 cent per glass, the lemonade at this little girl's curbside stand is the best deal in town for someone parched from the summer heat. We're wondering how much of the profits for the young entrepreneur in this Everett Collection photo was eaten up on a trip to the malt shop.



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22 **Convertible Woes.** Rain pours from a sunny sky.

30 **Leader.** Guiding Scouts was a noble job.

32 **Root Beer Stand.** "Curb girls" popularized "The Barrel."

37 **Avoiding KP.** Two crafty GIs were experts.

40 **Eleanor's Visit.** Momma welcomed First Lady.

42 **Circus Setup.** Kids pitched in for Ringling Bros.

46 **Soldier Home.** Mom saved a treat.

51 **Frosting Fiasco.** Jaw needed de-icing after bite of this cake.

53 **Ant Farms.** The idea arose from boyhood memories.

54 **I'll Be Dog-Goned.** Family welcomes a surprise visitor.

55 **This Is My Stop.** Running-board dog got lost.

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63 **Fishin'.** Buddies made memories.

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James (left) and John Tanis, holding flags at the front of the barge, were among the campers headed for a boatload of fun in this picture from the summer of 1936.

"We lived in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, and John attended a YMCA camp that was held across the Delaware River in Easton, Pennsylvania," explains James, now of Audubon, Pennsylvania.

"One day, I asked John which of his friends he was going to invite on the barge cruise. 'Well,' said John, 'I was thinking I'd ask you.' I thought he was kidding, for sure. I was *so* excited.

"Uncle Tom, who is mentioned on the sign, was the camp leader and idolized by the campers. We climbed aboard at the junction of the Lehigh and Delaware Canals in Easton.

"When the sky darkened, the candles in the Japanese lanterns hung around the sides of the barge were lit by the leaders. After the old mule on the tow path pulled us for an hour or so, we had an all-out picnic. It was a magical night."

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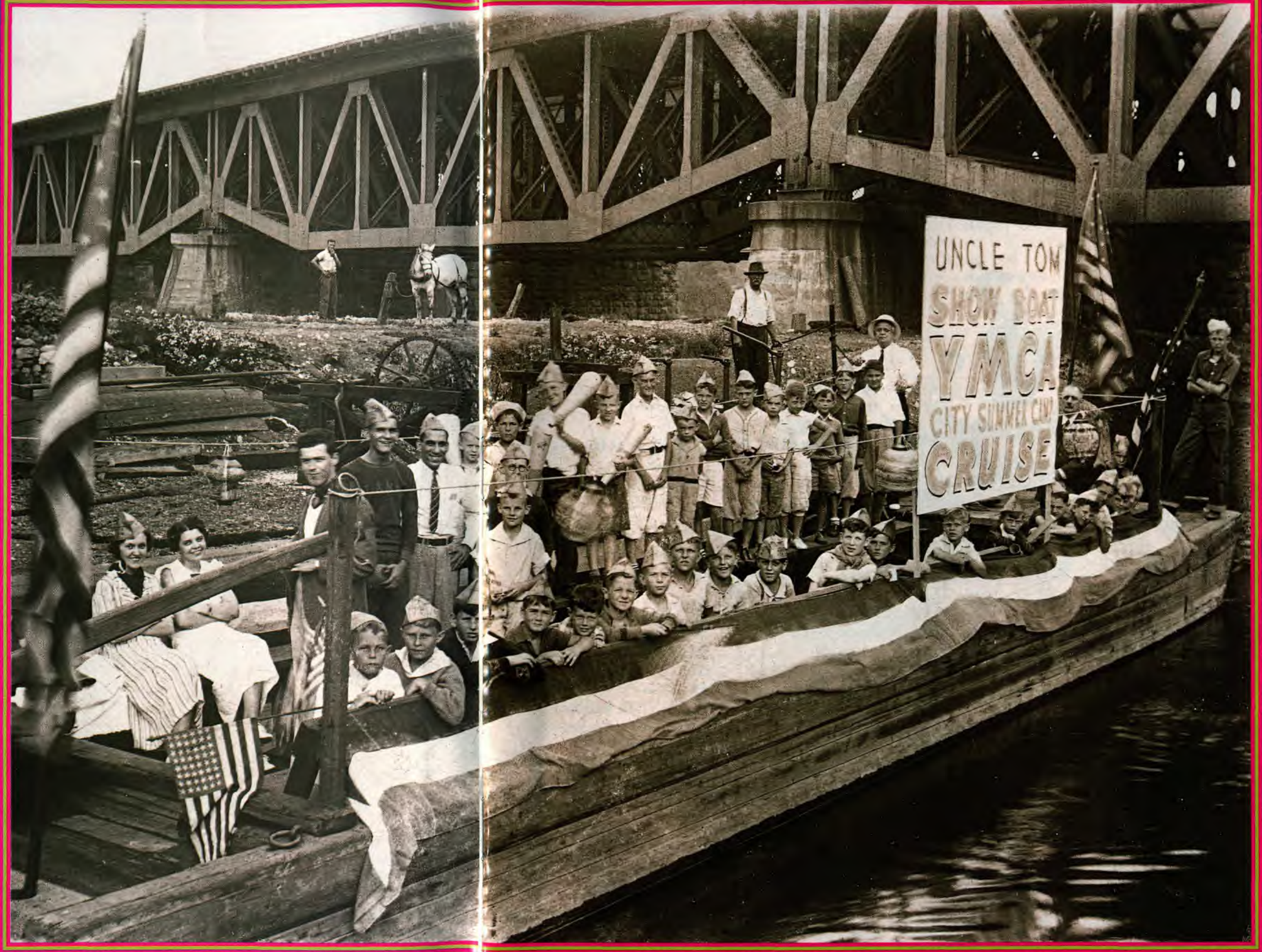
For now, join your fellow *Reminisce EXTRA* readers on a long lazy cruise through the good ol' summertime.

On Our Cover

BEACH AT THE BOARDWALK. Rosemarie O'Donnell made a 1966 fashion statement while posing with her son Christopher, 3, in Atlantic City, New Jersey. In the background of the picture, shared by husband Richard O'Donnell of Bethesda, Maryland, are the stately Marlboro-Blenheim (left) and Traymore hotels, both of which are now gone.



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Welcome to the Good Old Days!

This great old house certainly was up to Ivy League standards, with lush leaves hugging the second-story brickwork.

Robert Clifton of Wayne, Pennsylvania sent us this picture taken around 1895 by his grandfather, whose name he shares. Robert says that his grandmother Dorinda McReynolds Clifton (in upper left window) was in fragile health at the time.

"The picture was taken in front of the house that was owned by my great-great-aunt, Anna McReynolds Williams, in Harrisburg," Robert relates. "She's the woman standing in the doorway. In the lower left window is the family maid, whose name I don't know.

"The children in front of the house are (from the left) my father, Robert Knox Clifton; his cousin, Dick McGowan; my Aunt Eleanor Clifton; and my Aunt Jessie Clifton."

Robert adds that "Aunt Annie," a widow at the time, eventually moved to Philadelphia to be close to his family. Her financial aid allowed Eleanor and Jessie to attend and graduate from Bryn Mawr College.

IF YOU HAVE a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you'd like to share with our readers, take a look at the Contributor Guidelines on page 42 and consider sending it in.

In the meantime, find a cool spot in the place *you* call home and drift back in time amidst the pages of *Reminisce*.

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ALL ABOARD! This little girl looks like she's in good hands for a fun train trip she won't forget in an undated photo from Retrofile.com. For some great first-person train stories, turn to "Backtrackin'" on page 33.



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Welcome to the Good Old Days!

Talk about gathering 'round the cookstove! These people in Hamilton, Missouri packed the sidewalks and street outside of this J.C. Penney Company store in 1927 to hear who was going to take home a brand-new stove—for free.

"J.C. Penney had an annual drawing for a cookstove on its anniversary," writes Helen Snyder of Benton City, Washington. "We don't know who won the stove.

"Mr. Penney, who lived in nearby Kidder, provided Hamilton with its first store."

Helen's 92-year-old sister, Gladys Jackson of Sacramento, California, gave her this photo and the memories. Their brother, Glen Gentry, is the 9-year-old boy with a V-neck sweater standing on a car and facing the camera (see arrow).

"The picture stays in Gladys' memory because that night, Glen came down with the dreaded disease polio," notes Helen. "It affected his right hand and arm, although it did not hinder him from becoming a great guitar, fiddle and banjo player and singer. He performed at dances with our dad, William A. Gentry, and Gladys."

IF YOU HAVE a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you would like to share with readers, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 36 and consider sending it in.

Meanwhile, come on and browse around our departments as you shop for your favorite memories in this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*.

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FRIGHT NIGHT. Remember those plastic Halloween masks that made your face all sweaty? This slide from Halloween night 1967 was shared by Brenda Ross of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Her daughter Denise (left), age 4, was trick-or-treating with cousins Matt, 4, and Jimmy, 2, in Wallingford, Connecticut.



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12 **A Loud Hello** took this naive bride by surprise.

13 **Shivarees.** No one was safe from rabble-rousers.

14 **Rationing.** Ingenuity born from shortages.

15 **Grocery** and neighborhood were like family.

18 **Immigrating** to America delayed by illness.

22 ***Frankenstein*** monster guarded brothers' bedroom.

32 **Family Visits.** Small-town grandparents were grand to city kids.

36 **Candy Money.** Kids' product line had no overhead.

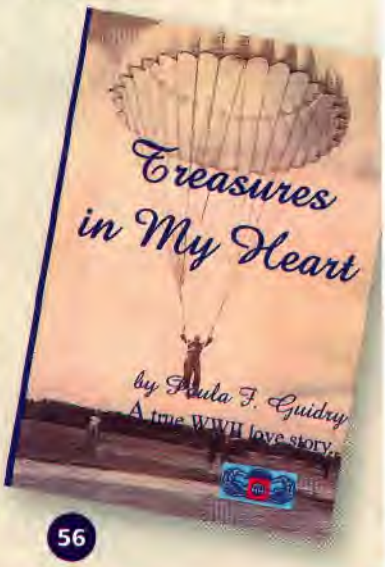
40 **Hurricane** hit family's town with water hazard.

41 **Well-Armed.** Bully got his lesson from farm girl.

53 **Lye Soap** mix brewed up all sorts of daydreams.

56 **Love Letters.** Soldier penned 333 notes of love.

61 **Bing Crosby** just a regular guy to these GIs.



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Just imagining all of the music made by these pianos and organs from the G.A. Stanton store in Shenandoah, Iowa will surely put a song in your heart.

And when you purchased a piano or organ from G.A. Stanton, you weren't just buying a musical instrument; you were also getting a piece of exquisite furniture to grace your living room or parlor.

"I don't know how long G.A. Stanton lived in Shenandoah because it seems he moved around a lot," writes John Tait of Concord, California, who shared this 1910 photo of his great-grandfather's store. "He might have had a music store in Mt. Carroll, Illinois before or after this one. He also had one in or around Spirit Lake, Iowa and perhaps one in Mt. Grove, Missouri."

Pictured are (from front to back) George, Chet, G.A. and Edwin. The three boys were among eight Stanton siblings, the eldest being John's grandmother.

From the signs on the wall and boxes in an exterior photo of the store, it appears Mr. Stanton's merchandise included pianos from the Harvard and Wheelock companies and organs from the Farrand Organ Co. in Detroit, Michigan. John mentioned that Singer sewing machines were also sold there.

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For now, sit back and enjoy the melody of memories we've composed for this issue of *Reminisce*. They're sure to put a song in your heart.

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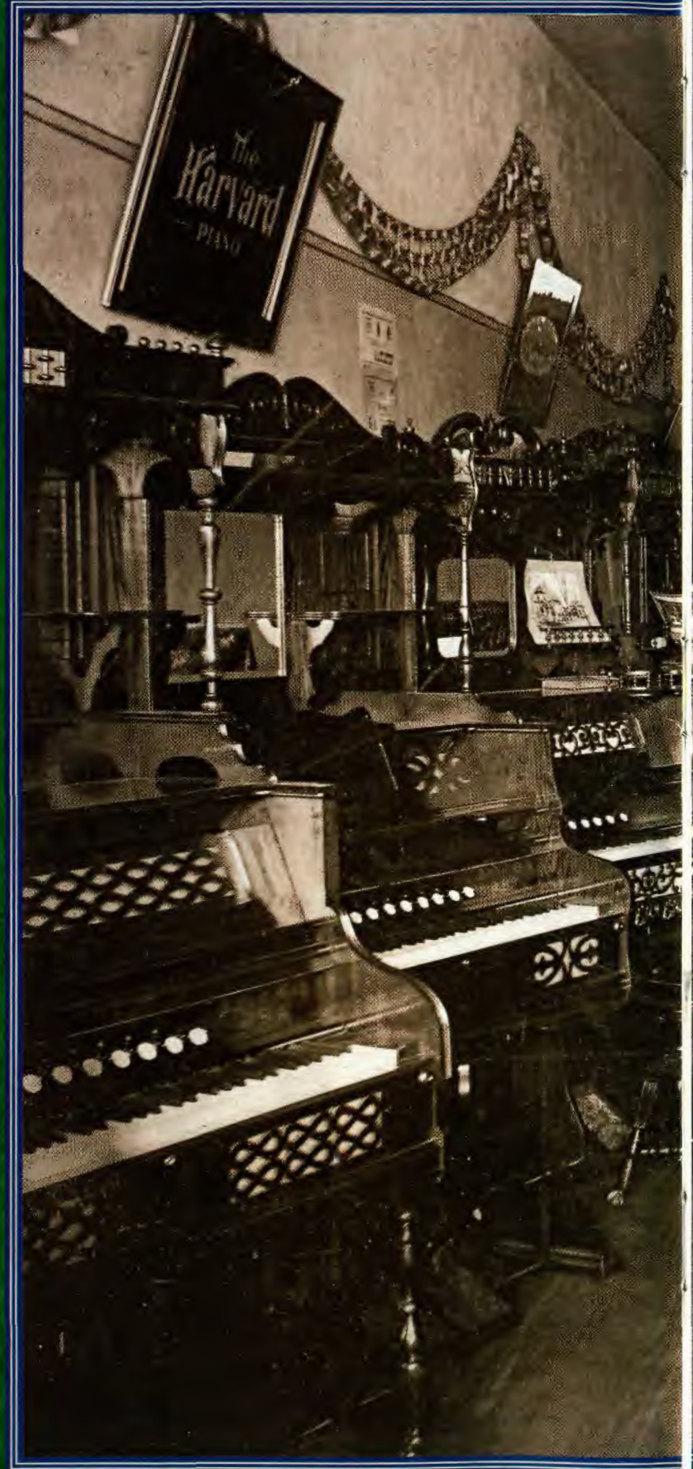
HOMECOMING. Absence truly makes the heart grow fonder, and one of the best things about Christmas is the arrival of family and friends, like those in this cheery photograph from Classicstock.com.





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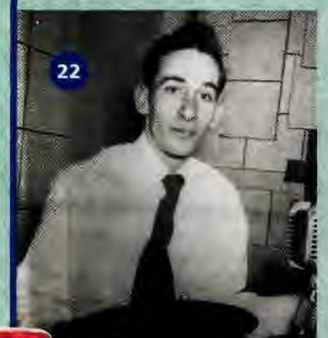
26 **Scents-ible.** Fun Facts on Evening in Paris.
30 **Newlyweds.** Of life, love, foibles and fun.
36 **Auction Trip** with Dad became a Christmas Eve treat.
37 **Orphanage** was a warm holiday haven.
38 **Holiday Spirit** overtakes creative GIs.
39 **Rations Poem** impresses FDR.
40 **Lone Ranger** was a big cereal seller.
45 **Telegram** from Santa brings nice future payoff.
54 **Scrappy Gifts** came from an old science project.
64 **Soup Bones** were a grocer's unforgettable kindness.
65 **Tree Trouble.** Where was Santa to put gifts?







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Gift of Memories

AS ALWAYS, we've decorated the November/December issue with sparkling holiday stories shared by readers. And for those who subscribe to both magazines, you'll find more Christmas memories in the December *Reminisce EXTRA*.

Reflecting on past holidays is bittersweet at times. As the years go by, beloved family and friends no longer gather at our table. This is when warm memories of yesteryear can truly fill the heart.

Reminiscing is a lasting joy—paying tribute to those no longer with us, we can share traditions and make new memories for the younger folks.

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Does Anyone REMEMBER?

DOES ANYONE remember Fizzies? Popular about 1960 to '63, they were tablets that resembled Alka-Seltzer tablets.

When dropped into a glass of cold water, a Fizzie would turn the water into soda. Fizzies came in orange, lemon-lime, grape and root beer flavors and produced a drink less carbonated than bottled soft drinks.

They were handy at home, but I used to take them to work at my office. I miss them. *—Jaye Bloomer*
Canoga Park, California

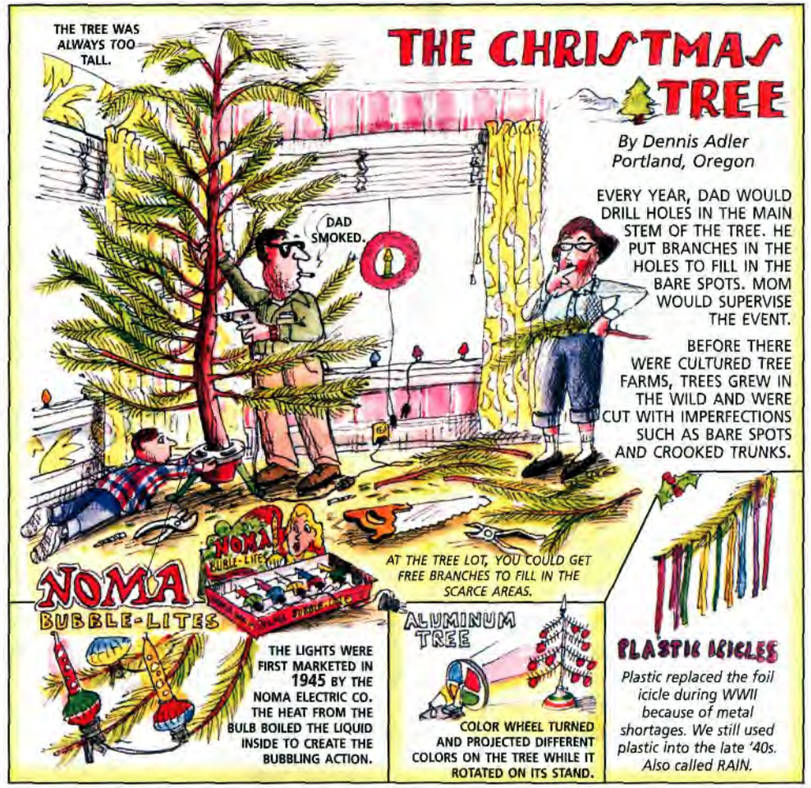
MY MOTHER, Alice Bamberth Beehn, tells of her family's own electric-light energy source called a Delco Light Plant on their farm outside of Fingal, North Dakota.

As she recalls, "A firm in Valley City came out and installed it and instructed our father how to operate the system.

"There was a long line of 16 glass batteries along the north wall of the basement that needed to be charged quite often with a small engine outside of the house.

"A single 32-volt light bulb hung from a cord in each room of the house. It was not the brightest light, but back then (in the 1920s), it must have seemed like the sun was right in the house.

"To my knowledge, Father was the only one permitted to operate the plant. We were one of the few rural families to have such a luxury then."
—Hugo Bamberth, La Porte, Indiana



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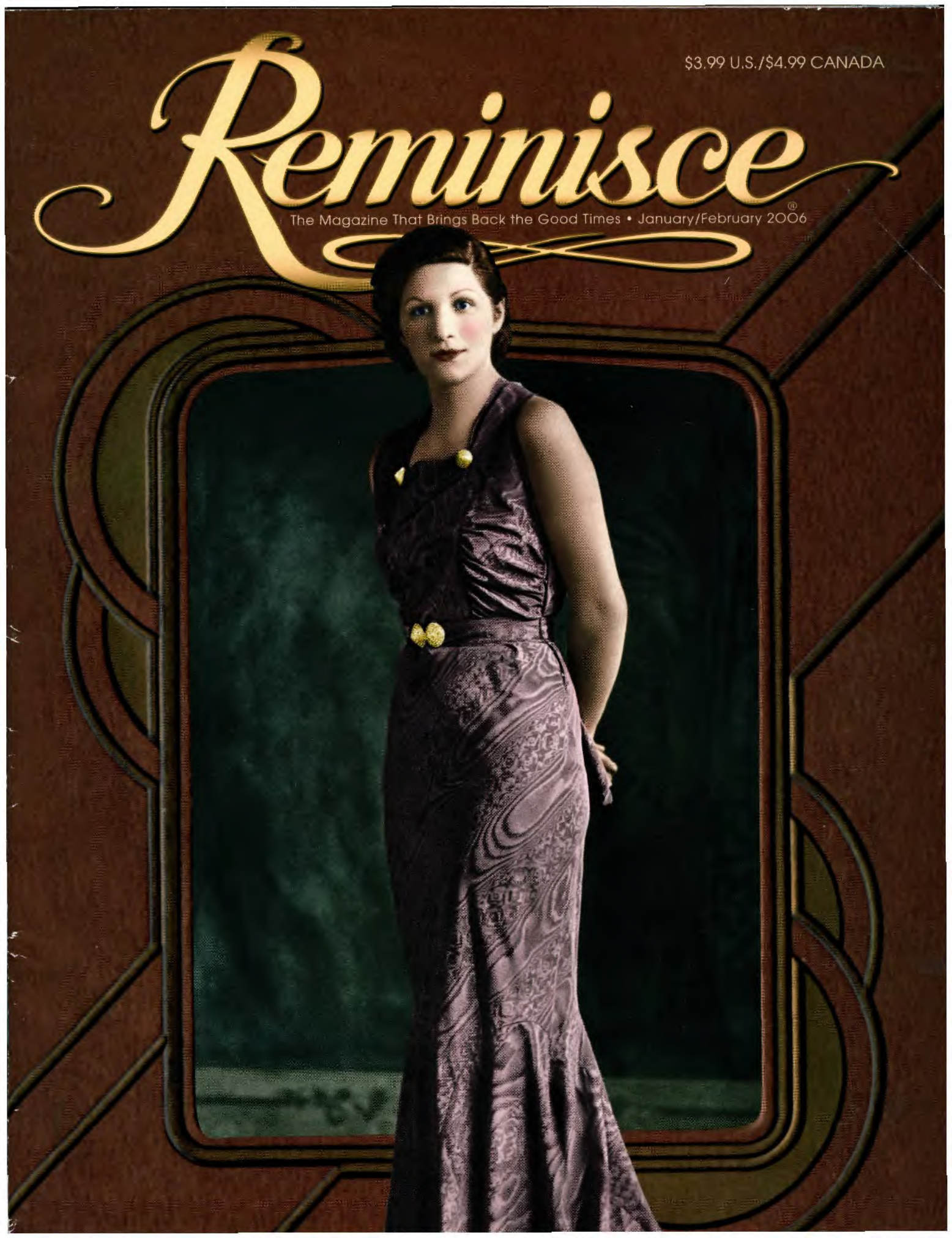

Welcome to the Good Old Days!

With spiked shoes and muscular features, this competitive fire-wagon-pulling team looks like a group to be reckoned with.

On the back of this great old picture, shared by Loraine Buchwald of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is written, "F.G. Pierce Champion Running Team of Iowa, 1899, 1900 and 1901."

"My husband's grandfather Theodore Buchwald and one of his two brothers, Fred or Robert, are pictured here," notes Loraine, "but I don't know which of the men they are."

Loraine does know that these men from Marshalltown, Iowa "were barred from running as a team after the 1901 race because no other team could begin to equal them." The team established a time record that went unbroken for 20 years.

The family legacy continued with her father-in-law, Carl Buchwald, a Marshalltown fireman, and her grandson, Greg Buchwald, a fireman and paramedic in Dallas, Texas.

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HOLLYWOOD STYLE. "This picture of my mother, Christine Arcari, was taken at her sister Mary's wedding in 1932, when Mom was 22," relates Norma Penta from Newburyport, Massachusetts. "My mother's favorite movie stars were Joan Crawford and Norma Shearer, whose clothes she would copy and make for herself. This is one of the gowns she made. She looked like a star herself."









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13 **Elvis Encounter.** Star power dazzles young mom.

16 **Unsinkable Pop.** Her father used high jinks as a way of life.

17 **Birds-and-Bees** talk by Gramps was a bit lacking.

19 **Well-Used Water.** No wasting this natural resource.

27 **Pond Hockey.** A game for only the stouthearted.

31 **The City Life.** Readers recall growing up urban.

36 **Cinerama.** Film process was quite a spectacle.

45 **Button Jar** holds a lifetime of family memories.

52 **Dance-Hall** tickets had a charm all their own.

63 **Popular Names.** What do you think were tops?

65 **New Teacher.** Rural teaching, living was a whole new world.

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Does Anyone REMEMBER?

AGES AGO, my older brother sent for plans to "build your own jet engine" in order to propel a bicycle.



When the engine plans arrived, he decided they were too complicated, and Mother sent the plans back for a refund.

Some years later, I wanted a try at it and sent for the plans, but the letter was returned after being forwarded to several Midwestern cities.

I've often wondered if somebody out there actually made the thing work. For sure, a pulse jet of this size would have made enough noise to raise the dead! *—James Shiells*
Edgewood, Maryland

THE Cadet Nurse Corps was the ROTC of nursing during World War II.

The war had created a severe shortage of nurses, so U.S. Representative Francis Payne Bolton first proposed the program to train nurses for civilian and military duty.

Many senior students volunteered to care for the returning wounded in military and veterans' hospitals, and earlier graduates joined the military.

The corps was disbanded after WWII, but 125,000 graduates of the program supplied the nation with professional nurses for the next 40 years.
—Marjorie Patak
Wood-Ridge, New Jersey



By Dennis Adler
Portland, Oregon

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Welcome to the Good Old Days!

Winning World War II on the home front meant keeping the boys in the service healthy and happy. USO centers like this one in Fall River, Massachusetts, which was near a large naval base in Newport, Rhode Island, accomplished that purpose.

Eileen O'Grady from Petersham, Massachusetts found this great photo while cleaning out an aunt's house, noting, "I was just a kid of 7 or 8 years old when this was taken, in about 1942, but I remember those times well."

Eileen's Aunt Catherine Sullivan is at the stove, just to the left of the coffeepots, making pancakes. None of the other ladies could be identified, "but they're all involved in the war effort by keeping the sailors happy and well fed.

"I think the picture speaks a lot about the era. Notice the lady on the far left in the lovely black dress, hat and apron and holding the box of Sunnyfield pancake mix. It was probably Sunday morning, and she'd been to church. I love all of the ladies' aprons, the old-fashioned pottery and coffeepots and the smile of the lady handing a plate of pancakes to a hungry sailor."

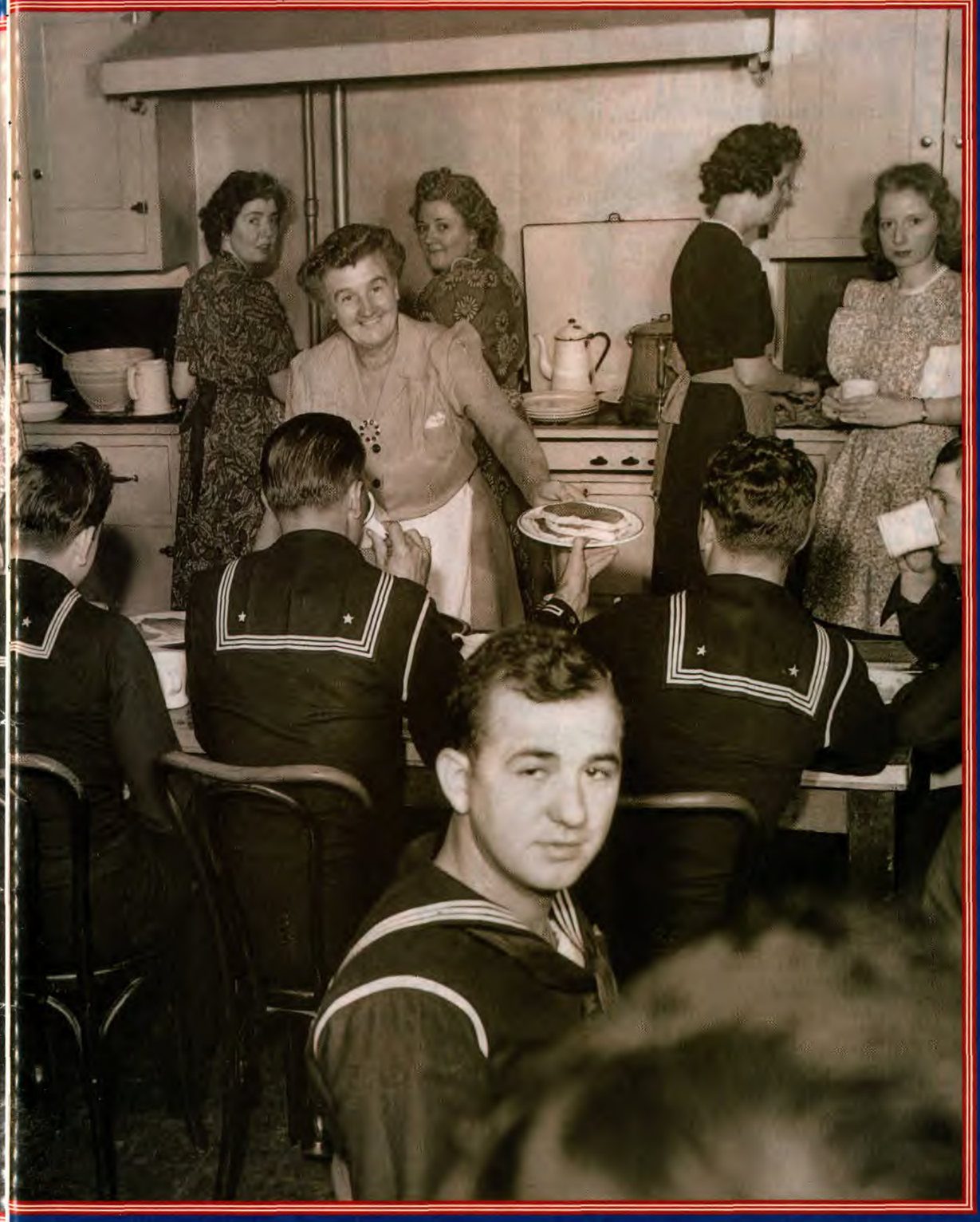
IF YOU HAVE a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you would like to share with our readers, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 39 and consider sending it in.

Then consider setting yourself down over a tall stack of flapjacks while gobbling up some delicious memories in this issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

A BIG BOW put the finishing touch on this cute spring outfit worn in 1957 by Carol Mancino, the cousin of *Reminisce* reader Karen Laszlo of Freehold, New York. Read about the old-time drugstore Carol was visiting and the enticing candy counter behind her in "Short Memories" on page 24.





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23 **Patent Leathers.** Fashion-conscious teen found walking had its limits.

27 **Earthquake!** Neighbors pulled together after big one in '33.

30 **A Drive to Pass.** Readers recall agony of road exams.

32 **Life Along the Rails** was interesting for young girls.

38 **Holding a Hot Tip.** Newspaperman kept promise to President.

45 **Italian "Nonna"** was not your average grandmother.

50 **Sap into Syrup.** Parents were adept at making variety of maple products.



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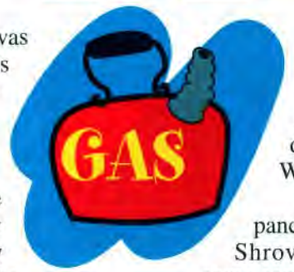

IN 1949 and 1950, work was done to convert my dad's 1949 Mercury sedan to burn propane gas, which sold for 9¢ a gallon.

The propane tank was installed in the back of the trunk and had a capacity of 19 to 20 gallons. If, by chance, you overfilled the tank, you ran the risk of causing the tank to explode.

The Mercury's flat-head V-8 engine averaged 21 miles per gallon. The road tax for propane was $8 a year.

New regulations created a road tax of 16¢ a gallon on propane, so in 1953, Dad traded his car in for a different Mercury. Regular gasoline could be purchased for 15¢ a gallon.

—Vern Lewis, Shubert, Nebraska

IN THE 1930s, in Newfoundland, we would eat pancakes every Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday and Lent.

I didn't care much for pancakes, but I ate them on Shrove Tuesday because some contained money.

At the time, our 5- and 10-cent pieces were small. Mother would put a few coins in her pancakes. Only she knew which ones, probably to make sure we didn't swallow the coins.

There was no chance of that, as we ate them *very* carefully.

I don't know where the custom came from, but it sure made for a fun meal. *—Margaret Batten Thurlow, Pinellas Park, Florida*

By Dennis Adler, Portland, Oregon

Shoe Store Fluoroscopes

1940s-1950s

The fluoroscope used X-rays that showed how your foot fit within the shoe.

Shoe store fluoroscopes were outlawed in most states in the late '50s due to health risks.

We used to wiggle our toes for the fun of it.

VIEW PORTS

Both customer and salesperson had to lean over the cabinet of the fluoroscope to look through the view ports.

The machine would cast a light-green glow.

This is what you would see.

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: Irish proverb: You can't plow a field by turning it over in your mind.

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Welcome to the Good Old Days!

Is this early-1900s traffic congestion? No, just a gathering of the S.E. Business Men's Association on Michigan Avenue in Roseland, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

The men were ready to roll down the cobblestone street for an association outing on a sunny Tuesday, June 28, 1910.

"My brother-in-law, later to become Dr. Richard Waalkes, is sitting in a Ford Model T somewhere in this picture," notes Franklin Diekman of Surprise, Arizona. "His office was a block and a half off of Michigan at 125 E. 111th St." According to addresses in the photo, the picture was taken between 111th and 112th Streets.

Many of the pennants being flown from the cars display the association name, and others look to read "Calumet Motor Club."

Franklin says the use of the name Calumet was popular and represented the Native Americans who had settled the area. "At the time the picture was taken, Roseland was strictly Dutch," he added.

Speaking of automobiles, the fine light-colored one in the front row appears to be a rare Halladay made by the Streator (Illinois) Motor Car Company.

IF YOU HAVE a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you would like to share with our readers, check out the Contributor Guidelines on page 43 and consider sending it in.

For now, put on your driving cap, clean your windshield and get ready to motor down memory lane in this latest issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

BOOSTING MORALE was one of the aims of festive dances like this one at the USO in Carpinteria, California in 1943. That's Pvt. "Andy" Anderson in the middle dancing with Barbara Bates Greenlee, whose story can be found on page 24.



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13 **Enchantment Within.** Musical powder box sustains its magic.

16 **"The Men's Club."** Were membership rules perks or punishment?

21 **Secret Strapless.** Prom gown had versatility.

22 **Small-Town Operators.** When switchboard specialists ruled the roost.

23 **Life with a Brother** could be dangerous, mischievous and downright fun.

26 **Oxford Orphanage.** Masons' generosity created pleasant setting.

27 **Snuff Samplers.** How could adults stand the stuff?

30 **Sandwich Spread.** Readers serve up their favorite concoctions between the bread.

39 **The Wooden Sidewalk.** Hazards were plenty, especially for a high-heeled flapper.

45 **Well-Traveled Swing.** Grandpa's handiwork enjoyed by many.

54 **Memories of Mom.** Stories of what made these mothers special.

65 **Some Nice Dough.** Bakery had its hidden dividends.



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IN 1940, one of the daily chores for my husband, Bert (right), after the cows were milked, was to run milk through this separator. Those machines, which separated the milk and cream, are long gone now.

When Bert and I were married, in 1937, the country was just coming out of the Great Depression, and jobs were scarce. Bert was able to get a job at a dairy farm near Woodstock, Illinois.

—Lin Engstrom, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

FOR ME, B.C. means before computers. I remember things like carbon paper, mimeograph machines, stencils, Ko-Rec-Type and huge calculators.

During World War II food rationing, I remember turning in an empty toothpaste tube in order to purchase a new one.

I remember window boxes, not for flowers but for food storage or making Jell-O during winter months.

I remember a lovely custom of honoring mothers on Mother's Day. Ladies wore pink carnations and gentlemen wore red carnations if their mothers were alive. If the mother was deceased, the carnation was white.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to honor mothers in the same way today?

—Josephine Yohe, Lake Carmel, New York



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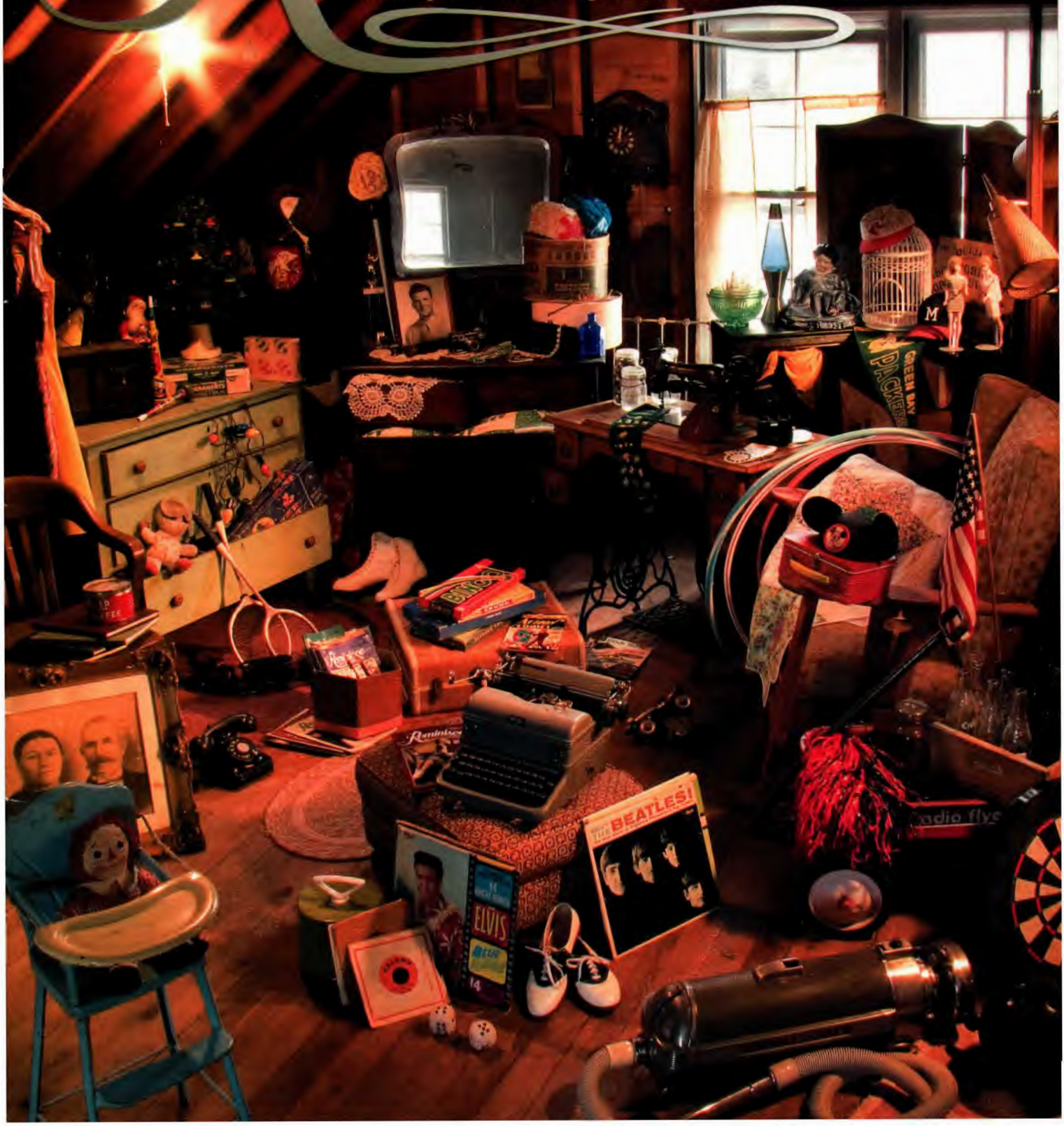

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12 **Porch View.** Family gathered for fun and to watch the world go by.

14 **Depression Days.** When resourcefulness was born of necessity.

19 **Radio Flyer** carried a wagonload of responsibilities.

24 **Lash LaRue** included wisecracks with his cracks of the whip.

27 **Precious Pet.** She could tell everything to her donkey, "Skeeter."

30 **Lake Living in 1911.** Tenting near Uncle Henry's Kamp Kumfort.

36 **Swattin' Flies.** Grandpa was a master at pest control.

36 **Dish Out Color.** Favorite cup hidden amidst pastel tableware.

45 **Rationing** brought out ingenuity in everyone.

52 **Fabulous Fifties.** Readers recall the fun they had.

57 **Father's Singing** lives on in precious recordings.

65 **Hard-Earned Ice Cream.** Kids started the cranking for homemade treat.

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The Spice of Life
We've created so many "departments" through the years that we don't have space to run them all in each issue; they're mingled in *Reminisce* and *Reminisce* EXTRA throughout the year. For this anniversary issue, however, we attempted to *squeeeeeeeze* in a sampling of every subject. Whew! This edition is stuffed with a super variety of memories. Enjoy!

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Hair today, gone tomorrow? This group of whiskered men sporting facial embellishments of all shapes and sizes was from the area around Lodgepole, Nebraska.

"For many years, a Whisker Club was formed for the Old Settler's Picnic held on Labor Day in Lodgepole," writes Carolyn Hargens Holmberg of Spencer. "Most of the men from the area would join, and a fine was assessed upon those who did not have a beard, goatee, mustache or sideburns."

Carolyn's dad, Harold Hargens, the second man in the front row, was the club's winner that year for his black beard. The photo is from 1937, when he was 20 years old. Harold's father, Byron, is the big man in bib overalls, fifth from the left in the first row of men who are standing.

"My mother's brother, Forest 'Babe' Battershell, is in the lower left corner," Carolyn adds. "Dad and Uncle Babe worked for the Union Pacific Railroad at the time."

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As for enjoying this issue of *Reminisce*, you don't need whiskers to join the club.

On Our Cover

HELPING UNCLE SAM. "This photo of my older brother, Don, was taken in 1942 by *The Des Moines Register* and *Des Moines Tribune* newspapers to publicize the war effort contributed by newspaper carriers," says Gene Chiodo of Effingham, Illinois. "At age 15, Don was also the branch manager for newspaper delivery. He and I both carried morning and evening papers, and we knew customers were eager to get the latest war news." Marcy Merrill of North Cove, Washington brought color to this great WWII-era picture for us.

Features



13 **What's the Buzz?** Boys got a surprise on beehive hunt.

16 **Cooking a Goose.** A heated battle between boy and gander.

17 **Off to School.** Little girl felt she was ready.

23 **Library Fine.** Banished to the books after study hall incident.

27 **Cranked the Heat.** Brother was boiling mad when sisters locked him up.

31 **Train Hopping** was his best shortcut to school.

32 **Feelin' Groovy.** Sixties girls' club had style.

38 **Naptime Conspiracy.** Mom and Dad knew how to set the mood.

39 **Picnic Train.** Families rode the rails to church gatherings.

45 ***The Virginian.*** TV show spoke to teen: "Go West, young woman."

52 **Popsicle Prizes.** Red polka dots meant a lot.

63 **Taking the Helm.** Lessons from boat captain paid off.

65 **Feed-Sack Flair.** "Uncool" material turned into dress for state fair.





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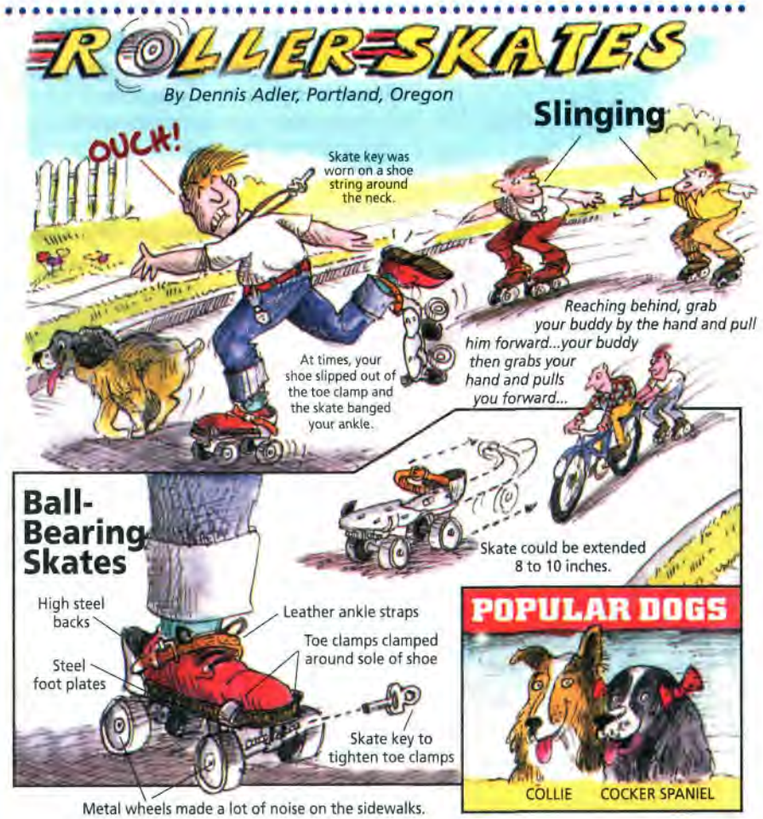
IN THE late 1940s and early 1950s, many taverns and supper clubs had the Automatic Hostess, a jukebox with no records inside.

To hear some music, a patron dropped in a coin and made his or her request through a microphone, which was connected to a switchboard and a phone line located in a music studio. The studio had over a thousand records to choose from, categorized in large, slotted bins. I worked in one of these studios three 4-hour nights a week, serving various locations in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

There were two turntables assigned to each establishment. Once in a while, it would happen that two or three records of the same title, especially the newest hits, were played at the same time for different establishments. That's why it was necessary to have four of everything.

Occasionally, on a Saturday morning, the bartender who was cleaning up or stocking coolers would call in on the jukebox microphone to let us know if any lights in the machine were burned out. If the tavern was close to the studio, I'd go and change the bulbs.

The Automatic Hostess came to an end with the coming of the Seeburg 100 selector jukebox with the records right in it. —*Chris Wiegand*
Ripon, Wisconsin



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Welcome To the Good Old Days!

Bob Nolte of The Villages, Florida wonders how many people remember the Henry & Bill Confectionery, which his family ran seven days a week from 1945 to 1973 in Ozone Park, New York.

That's Bill and his sister, Margie, at the store counter in either 1947 or '48, just before Valentine's Day. Also pictured here are their parents, Margaret and Henry (at left), and their uncle Bill Schnitzbauer, a store co-owner.

In 1952, Uncle Bill left the family business to become a Trappist monk at the Mepkin Plantation in Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

"We lived upstairs from the store and made our own ice cream and candy," Bob relates. "Margie now lives in Barnegat, New Jersey, and my mom, who turned 97 on New Year's Eve, lives with my wife, Anne, and me in Florida."

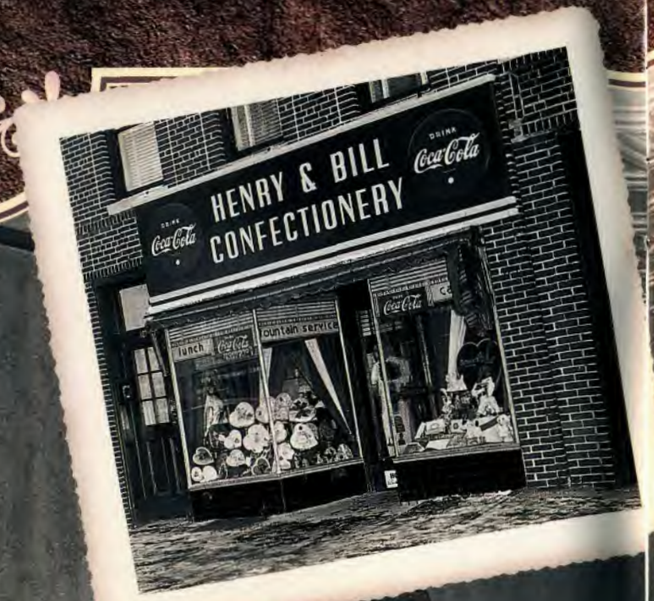
Bob hopes to hear from anyone who remembers the confectionery or the family.

IF YOU HAVE a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 or other large-size, black-and-white photo that you would like to share, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 43.

Meanwhile, remember the days of soda fountains, monster sundaes and chattering at the ice cream counter as you while away the hours inside the pages of this refreshing issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

FRED AND GINGER? "This 1960 slide shows my mom and dad, Wanda and Howard Isherwood, at my brother's dance studio in Sunnyside, Washington," relates Maxine McCandless of Spokane. "They were both 52 years old. They are gone now and are greatly missed, as there was an inner and outer beauty about our wonderful parents."





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12 **Cupid's Cards.** Readers recall valentines through the years.

13 **V-Mail**, in this case, stood for Valentine Mail.

14 **Red Corvette** was dad's vehicle to adventure.

16 **Dy-Dee Baby Scourge.** Doll that wet seemed like a good idea at the time.

21 **Dance Parties** at the Websters' house created festive nights.

22 **School-Yard Fun.** Kids knew how to find their own fun.

23 **Capitol Idea.** Little girl found federal building a fine place to explore.

27 **Tommy Sands** truly was a "singin' idol."

30 **New Orleans** holds special memories for readers.

38 **Beach Landing.** Pilot brings plane down into welcoming arms.

45 **Power of the Penny.** In the 1930s, pennies fueled a boy's leisure activities.







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Candle-Powered Defroster

BEFORE AUTOMOBILES were equipped with heaters and defrosters, there was the Clear Vision Sleet Remover (right), made by H.S. Kilgore and Co. of Charlemont, Massachusetts.

The product was intended to melt the sleet from the inside surface of your windshield as you drove. It consisted of a candle mounted in a nickel-plated holder with a reflector to direct the candle heat. It was stuck to the windshield with a suction cup, something that worked well at one time, since most windshields were flat and vertical prior to the early 1930s.

The sleet remover sold for 75¢ each or $7.50 a dozen. Additional candles were 3¢ each or 35¢ a dozen, and new cups sold for 10¢ each. Not bad for a romantic ride by candlelight as the candle melted ice, snow and sleet from your windshield. *—John Avery Jefferson, North Carolina*

Cat with a Tale

DURING THE Great Depression, smiling cat faces like this one (left) were carved on the fence posts of homes where those in need had found kindness and compassion.



Travelers who followed the smiling-cat mark knew that they could find generosity at a particular home. My mama had "visitors" come to our back door, and she would share what she could.

—Clair Sims, Freeman, Virginia



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Welcome To the Good Old Days!

A sure sign of spring on California's Santa Catalina Island was the arrival of the Chicago Cubs, seen here being greeted by islanders in this great picture from 1940.

The Wrigley family of chewing-gum fame owned the island off California's southwestern coast, and Mr. Wrigley, who also owned the Cubs, would bring the team to Catalina for spring training.

"When this photo was taken, my dad, Benjamin Kemplin, was working on the island temporarily to install new carpets in the St. Catherine Hotel, the largest on the island," relates Richard Kemplin of Poway. "Dad's the man in the white shirt on the roof at upper left.

"Two years later, the hotel was out of service for the duration of World War II, being used to house U.S. Coast Guard trainees."

IF YOU HAVE a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you would like to share with our readers, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 43 and consider sending it in.

Meanwhile, if you're planning on taking in some spring-training games, make sure to take *Reminisce* with you for some between-innings reading.

On Our Cover

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH. A soda fountain was always a favorite stop for a teenager looking for a cool, tasty treat, as this girl was in this 1947 photograph from SuperStock. We're betting that boys or girlfriends of this cute teen weren't far behind.



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12 **Lifetime of Care.** Friendship endured between a boy and his baby-sitter.

13 **"Fearsome Five."** Quickly arriving children stuck together.

14 **Lennon Sisters** never let fame affect their values.

21 **Cookstove** was the center of activity in this 1930s household.

22 **Fashion Model** loved her job at Chicago's Marshall Field's.

32 **Long-Lost Doll** was found one fateful day.

37 **Row Houses.** Close proximity made families rein in noise.

38 **Mom's Wedding Dress.** Keepsake illustrates parents' early finery.

39 **"Beauty Operator."** Aunt ran her business with friendship.

42 **Dad's Gadgets.** Thingamajigs just couldn't be ignored.

45 **"Dogtags" for Kids.** ID medallions were part of life on the home front.

54 **Financial Records** in notebooks tell a lot about this family's life.

56 **Superman Suit.** Budding superhero wanted to believe.

57 **"Wonder" the Dog** was all that and more.

63 **Parlor Protocol.** Proper etiquette was observed.



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Does Anyone Remember?

MY MOTHER, Carrie Stelzer, grew up in Jenera, Ohio and once wrote about making Easter nests. The first step was taking a basket and gathering differently colored mosses from the woods.

Arriving home, and having accumulated a pile of red bricks, Mom and two of her brothers would begin to construct their nests for the Easter bunny to fill.

On the porch, bricks were placed against the house and then used to build the sides and top of the nest. The bricks were covered with moss, which was also used to line the nest. If there was enough moss, it was laid out as a path from the "front door" of the nest to the porch steps.

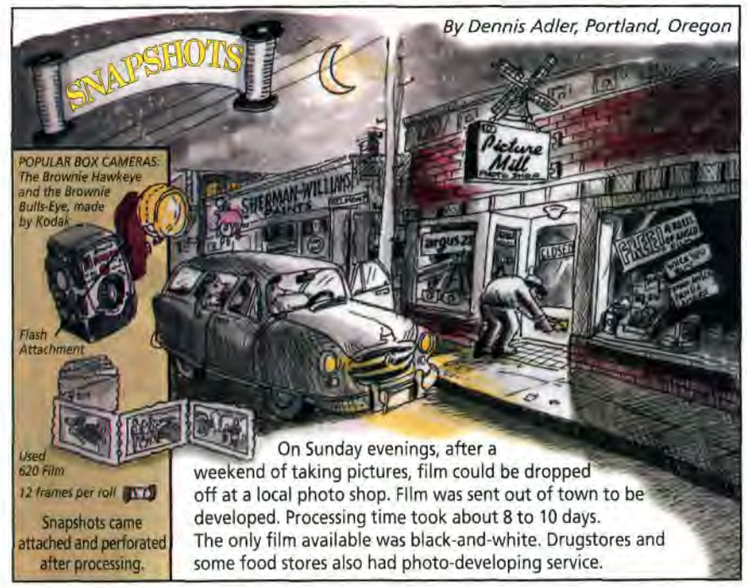
"On Easter morning," my mother wrote, "what a thrill to see the many pretty, colored eggs in the nest and perhaps some strung along the path. We'd enjoy our nests and eggs and then go to the neighbors to see how they'd made their nests.

"...Our neighbors across the street had only one little boy, so they spent a lot of time on his nest...that boy had several bunny figurines along the path of his nest. There were also beautiful ceramic eggs that had flowers hand-painted on their sides, and I had several of those that were given to me on several Easters."

My mother, who is gone now, wondered at the time whether children in Jenera still made Easter nests. *—Merle Stelzer, Celina, Ohio*

FROM LIFE on the farm, Ed and Helen Zaugg from West Bend, Iowa remember...

- Putting fresh straw in the hens' nests for cleaner eggs and less breakage
- When most families had a summer kitchen for canning and baking so the house wouldn't get so hot
- Burying a crock jar out in the fruit grove to keep butter in
- Plucking the geese every 6 weeks for feathers to fill bed mattresses and pillows
- Filling lamps with kerosene and washing the lamp chimneys each evening before dark
- Grocery purchases that were mostly of sugar, flour, salt and coffee.



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We're hoping you'll get a real "lift" from this 1949 photograph of eight Fords up on hydraulic racks and ready for inspection.

The scene is the spacious, tidy service garage at Kemmerling Ford, located in Cleveland, Ohio.

"My father, Anthony Palazzi, the second man from the right, is standing next to Burt Kemmerling," relates Fran Segulin, who lives in Macedonia. "This was Dad's first job after he served in the military in World War II. He worked at Kemmerling for about 10 years, becoming one of its top mechanics."

In fact, Fran says, her dad took so much pride in his work that several customers would ask for him specifically to work on their cars.

"Dad drove many types and models of cars over the years," adds Fran, "but his pride and joy was a 1936 Ford Roadster convertible. He built it from the ground up with car parts from the junkyard and any that were discarded at work."

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For now, enjoy the benefits of our long hours of tooling and tinkering to get this issue of *Reminisce* running like a champ.

On Our Cover

FROST BITE. "My dad, an avid photographer, took this photo of my cousin Ginger (right) and me in the summer of 1958," recalls Lori Zagorski from Rockford, Illinois. "We were enjoying Popsicles from the ice cream truck that had just gone by my house in Rockford. Ginger and I spent a lot of time together as kids, so this photo brings back many pleasant memories."



Features

12 **Roller Coaster** was the mountain a boy had to climb toward manhood.

14 **Mini Motorcar.** Makeshift go-cart gave them some fast wheels.

14 **Dirt-Track Debut** was like racing bumper cars.

16 **Rural Carrier** delivered more than the mail.

21 **Getting Some Gold.** Grandson learned the ways of panning.

22 **Lamas Legacy.** Son recalls lesson taught by famous father.

23 **Sweet Williams** from her sweet Mel.

32 **Barnyard Bonus.** Girls had all they needed to enjoy big adventures.

38 **Life on the Farm** gave brothers a strong foundation.

39 **Tater Tot.** "Walking" the taters was an important job.

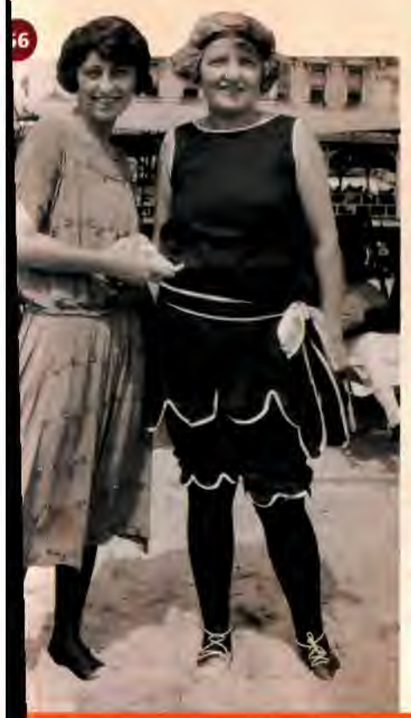
45 **Tarry Awhile** on Tarrytown, New York's Orchard Street.

62 **Friday Nights** were grandfathers' time to reminisce.

65 **Out-of-Towners.** Sunday drives into the country were good for the soul.







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REMEMBER "white pennies"? Minted during the Second World War, they were made of zinc-coated steel instead of copper so that the latter could go into the war effort. Their greenish-colored metal turned somewhat white with use.

White pennies were already becoming unusual when I was a small child, in the early 1950s. When told that they were not being made anymore, I began to save them. I had accumulated five when I thought, *They're only pennies!* and spent them.

Now, after many decades of living, I realize that their monetary value was the smaller of my losses.

—Nancy Weinstein
Seattle, Washington

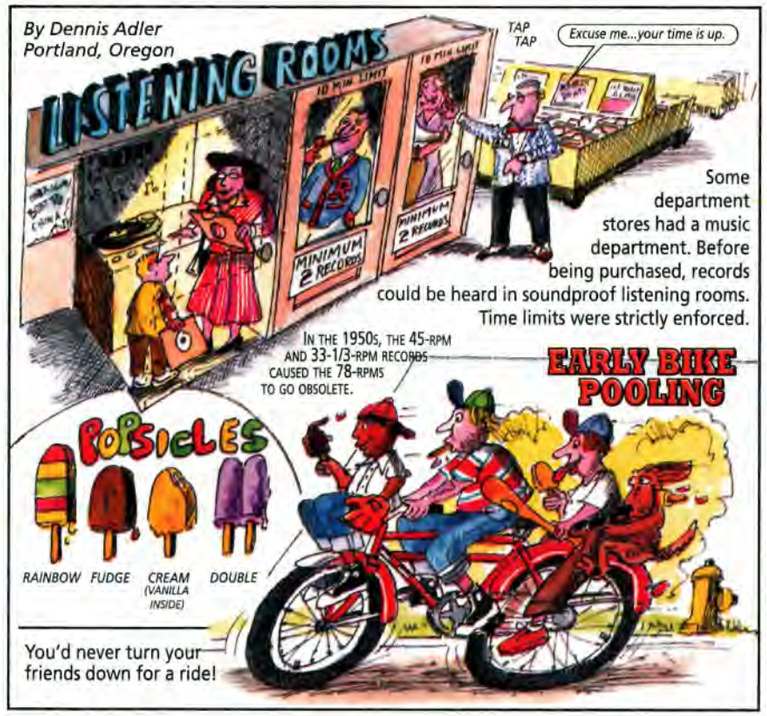
I RECALL my sixth-grade class and my Girl Scout troop as being very patriotic through various activities during World War II.

Each sixth grader devoted time each day to knit 6-inch squares from yarn. These were given to the Red Cross, where they were combined to make afghans for the boys overseas.

Each class also had an air-raid warden, and I was ours. Wardens had to take a first-aid course, learning to keep a patient warm and how to take a pulse, put on a sling and apply all kinds of bandages.

On Saturdays, dressed in my Girl Scout uniform (above), I'd take the bus from South Glens Falls, New York over the Hudson River to Glens Falls to sell war stamps, now called savings bonds, at a booth near the entrance to the F.W. Woolworth store. The stamp book was then turned in at the post office for a war bond.

—Celia Butterfield
Rutland, Vermont



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A moment in wartime was captured in this nostalgic 1942 photograph, taken in the 300 West block of Eighth Street at South Broadway in Los Angeles, California.

The picture comes from the Joseph Blackstock Collection and is shared by Joseph's son, Forrest Blackstock of Kingman, Arizona.

Signs of the time are many. Along the right side of the picture is a marquee promoting a wartime newsreel and a sign with an arrow pointing to an air-raid shelter. In the foreground are several men in military garb.

Commercial establishments on the right side of the street include the Lankershim Hotel, the Pig 'n' Whistle restaurant, Los Angeles Furniture, the Schwabacher-Frey Company and Crosby Jewelers.

At left, by the jam-packed sidewalk, are the Mayflower Restaurant, with its "tested quality donuts" and Maxwell House coffee. If you look closely, behind the streetlamp in front of the Leed's sign is a traffic light with moving stop-and-go signs.

IF YOU HAVE a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you would like to share with our readers, check out the Contributor Guidelines on page 43 and consider sending it in.

Meanwhile, step back in time as we feature much from the 1940s, including a special DVD offer, in this issue of *Reminisce*.

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HOME BARBERING by Dad was not to this boy's liking, but his sister seemed to be enjoying it in this fun image from SuperStock.

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12 **Small-Town Baseball** meant shared equipment and gunnysack bases.

13 **First Haircut.** Barbering this kid was like clipping a greased pig.

14 **1940s, B.C.** That would be "Before Cooling."

16 **Poppy's Place** was *the* store for hardware on Staten Island.

21 **Victory Garden** was just waiting for her government seeds.

27 **World's Fair** in New York was more than boy could have dreamed.

30 **Mountain Faces.** Girl's father was a Mt. Rushmore carver.



32 **Naked Tarzans.** Playing their hero, boys felt it was only natural.

38 **Carousel Rides** resulted from "lucky" discoveries.

42 **Firecracker Mischief.** Bridal shower got a bit of excitement.

45 **Poetic Proposal.** Help came from an unexpected source.

46 **Calling the Moon Shot.** Broadcast was heard in the wilderness.

54 **Popsicle Pete.** Da helped cool off the neighborhood.

56 **Long Island Cabi** was a peaceful summer respite.

57 **Water-Skiing Rookie** found his "sea legs."

63 **Porch Paradise.** Gathering place had curb appeal.

65 **Generous Dad** made sure to have "extra" for many wandering folks.



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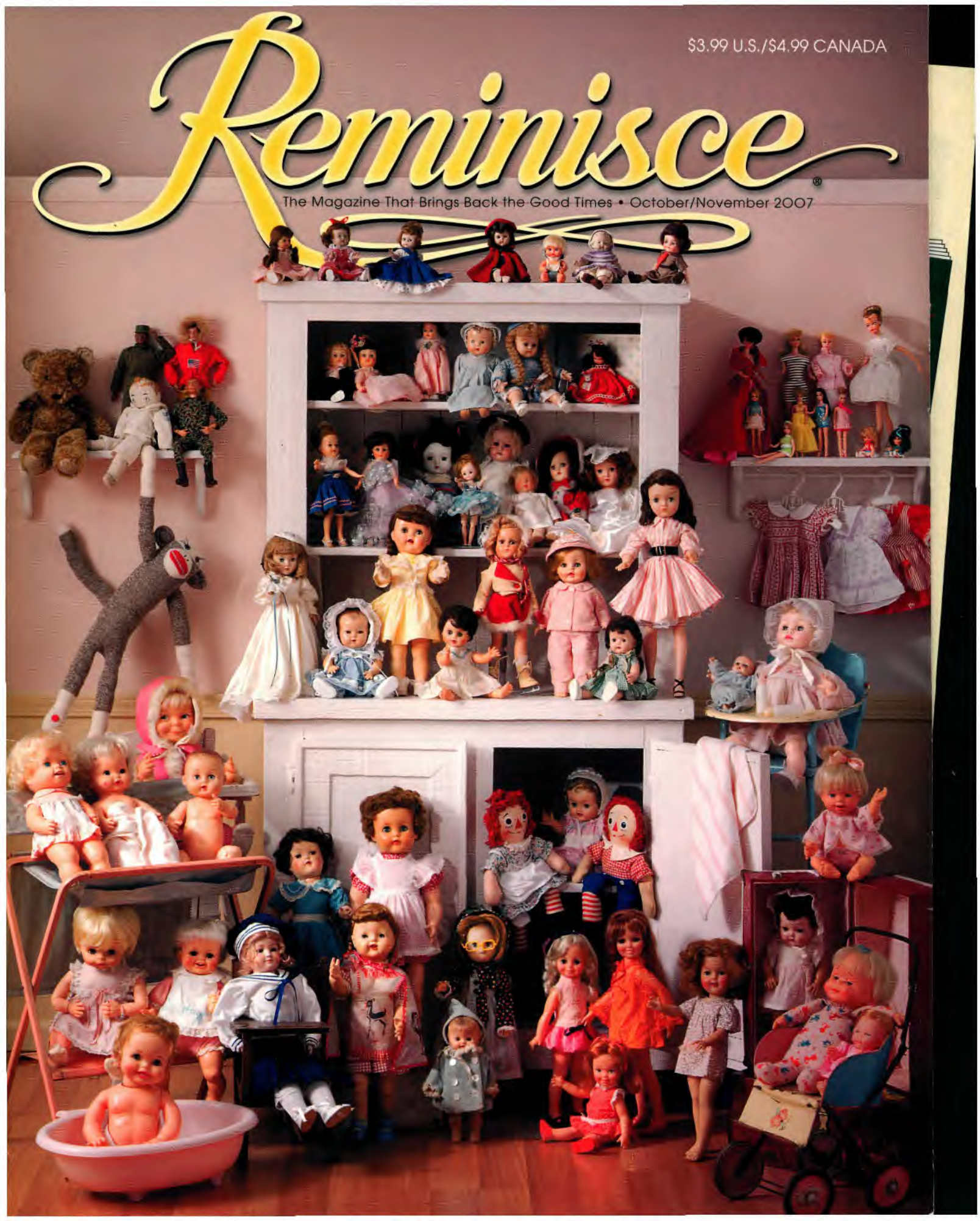
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PUTTING HER STAMP on the lives of Boys Club stamp collectors and readers in Boston, Massachusetts was Miss Angela Howlett (standing by Reading Honor Roll). The boys are (sitting, from left) George Kiritsis, William Daniels, Junius Coleman, Joseph Pecci, Archie Khachadoorian, Joseph Walsh, Richard Circeo, (standing, from left) Philatelic Society president John Collias, Bob Creed, James McKenna and Bob Daley.

A table full of stamps was being shared, in 1946, during this joint meeting of the Stamp Club and the Philatelic Society at The Salvation Army South End Boys Club in Boston, Massachusetts. The stamp clubs were the inspiration of Boys Club librarian Angela Howlett, pictured behind the boys.

"Miss Howlett was a wonderful storyteller, making characters of popular storybooks come alive with her voice inflections and dramatic gestures," relates Richard Circeo (seated, far right), Williamsburg, Virginia. "She also had an ongoing original story, composed as she went along, involving witches, dragons and heroes."

In the spring, Richard notes, Miss Howlett would lead a group of boys on excursions by trolley car to the museums along The Fenway and to historic homes of Boston, with everyone bringing a picnic lunch from home.

"Incidentally, the stuffed bird high on the display case was donated to the Boys Club library by my brother Louis," says Richard. "He got it from the Boston Museum of Natural History, which was located on Dartmouth Street near Copley Square. It closed years later, and the building was converted into a large Bonwit Teller, an upscale ladies' clothing store."

Richard has a great deal of admiration for The Salvation Army's longtime support of the Boys Club. "It was a wonderful asset to the South End community and a haven for inner-city kids to participate in multiple activities. The club is still in existence, now as the Boys & Girls Club.

"I also owe a deep debt of gratitude to Miss Howlett, who had such a positive influence on my entire youth. Afterward, we became lifelong friends."

Between medical-school semesters, in the summers of 1958 and '59, Richard followed in Miss Howlett's footsteps by taking charge of the Boys Club day camp, leading trips to parks, beaches, zoos and museums.

IF YOU HAVE a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you would like to share with our readers, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 43 and consider sending it in. For now, enjoy the stories of fellow readers as you immerse yourself in this issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

WE'RE ALL DOLLED UP this month after asking readers to share their memories and photos of cherished dolls (see pages 30-33). As you can see, many dolls from the past graciously agreed to pose for our cover photo shoot. Can you pick out your favorite from childhood?



Features



13 **Fall on the Farm.** Autumn colors put families into hurry-up mode.

16 **Host of Horror.** John Zacherle was as spooky (and funny) as the movies.

21 **Morning Timetable** held up until Mom was sick in bed.

26 **Sweet Dreams.** Girls' goal was 500 premium points for Mallo Cups.

30 **Oh, What a Doll!** Readers share stories of their favorite childhood "friends."

45 **Dad's Ring** was family's barometer for prosperity.

56 **Trouble in Transit.** Delays along train route left mothers and babies stranded.

57 **Cordial Beginning.** Get-well note led to bigger things.

65 **Equal Helpings** of love were given out at Grandma's house.





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Showing their patriotism and resolve to get the job done, women took up the vast majority of trainee positions at the National Cash Register Repair School in Dayton, Ohio, shown at right.

"During World War II, I worked as a chief clerk at the facility," Ann Miller Spinnato of Centerville, Ohio says of this 1940s photo. "Many women were hired and trained while the men went to war.

"NCR also did some top-secret work for the war effort that involved Waves," Ann notes. "It was a real thrill to see the Waves march from NCR's Sugar Camp, once a training center for the company's sales force, to Building 18."

The top-secret project involved the "Bombe," a machine that broke the German Enigma code used for communication between German U-boats and commanders in Europe.

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For now, we hope the memories in this issue of *Reminisce* ring up a total that equals pure enjoyment.

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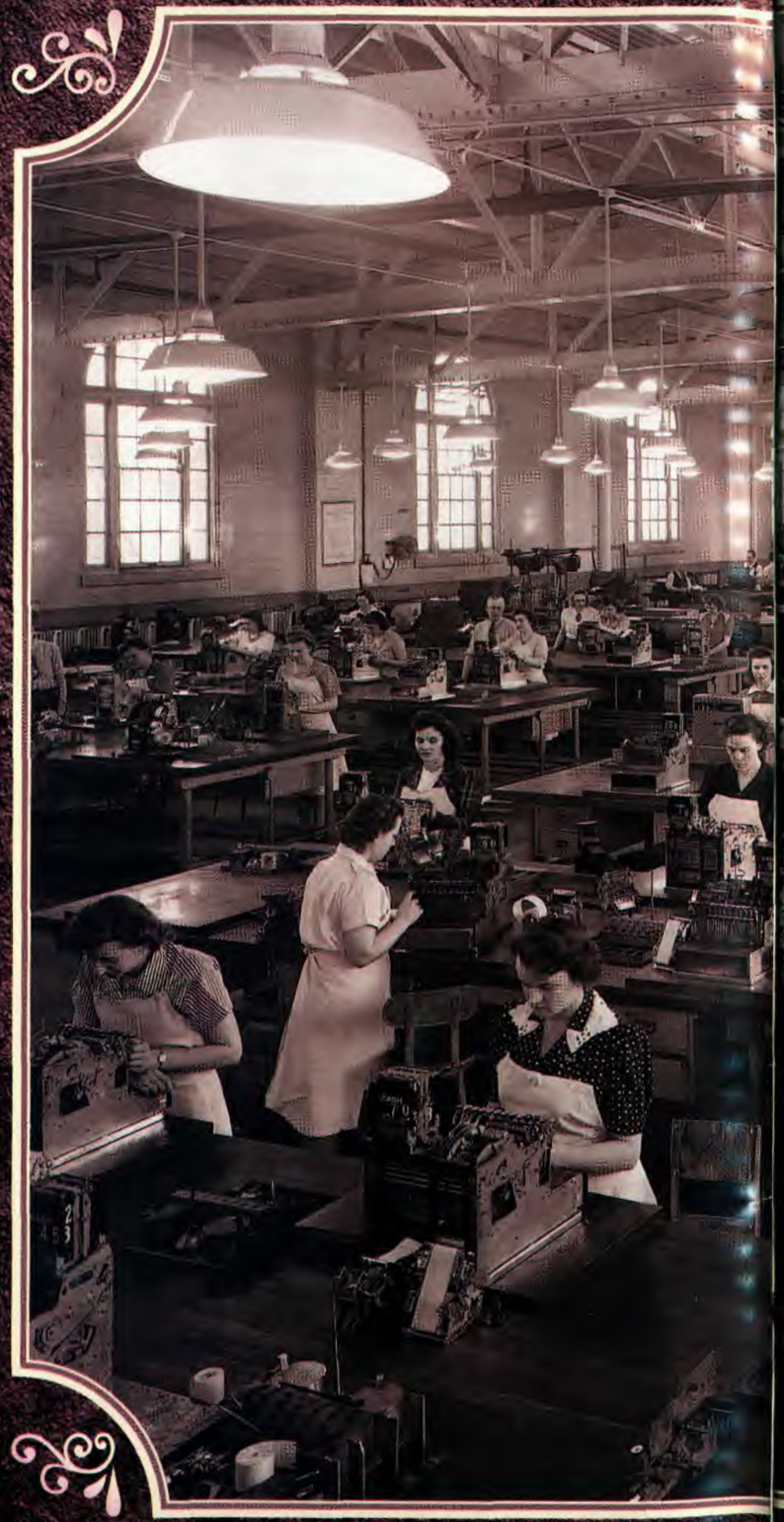
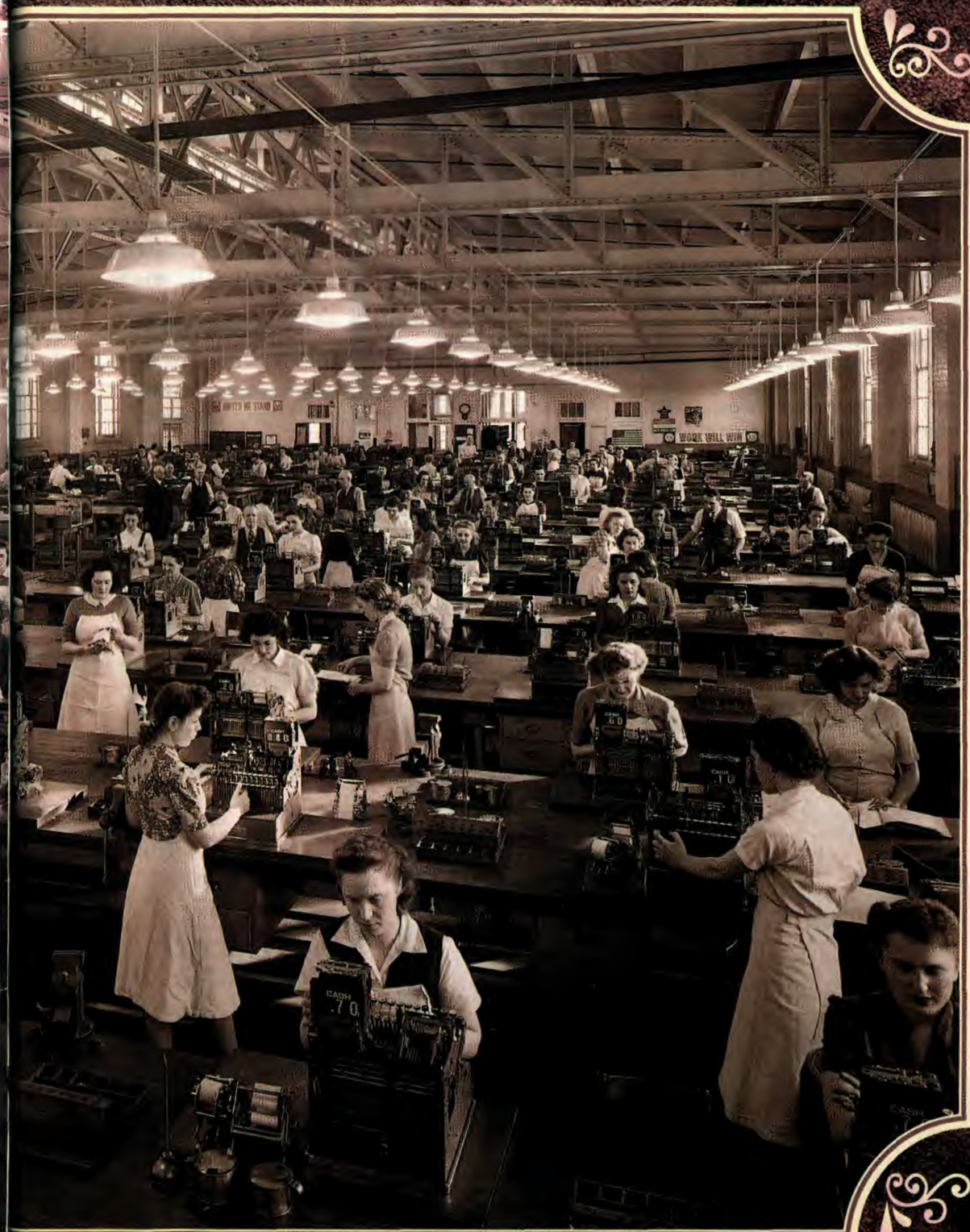
NOT QUITE SURE. "Allen Garrett of Waukesha, Wisconsin seems a bit nervous about his visit with Santa Claus in this photo, taken in 1946 at Milwaukee's Boston Store," writes Carol Garrett of Pewaukee, now Allen's wife. "Maybe a *Reminisce* reader knows who this Santa was."





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Does Anyone REMEMBER?



A FEW years ago, in my Iowa hometown, I acquired an old Airline Movie-Dial radio (right) identical to one my father purchased new in 1936 and sold in 1941.

It has what appears to be a small TV screen, about 3 by 5 inches, with a vertical red line down the center. Behind the screen, there is a small projector with a round film drum geared to the tuning knob.

The station frequency, call letters and city name are displayed on the screen, and it is tuned in when the words are behind the red line.

When I got it home and checked the plug. I was surprised to find a red spot on it. On our model, Dad had put a red spot on one side of the plug because the radio always worked better plugged in a certain way due to the polarity relation shared by the DC power, the outside antenna and the ground.

The *very same radio* had come home after 60 years! *—Darrell Roegler*
Auburndale, Florida

WHEN I WAS a little girl growing up, in New York City, in the '30s and '40s, we had what was referred to as a dumbwaiter behind the kitchen door in our Manhattan apartment.

Before we had a refrigerator, the iceman brought ice and sent it up to us via the dumbwaiter, an open-ended box that was raised and lowered with a pulley system. The garbage was sent down the same route.

When I was 13, the dumbwaiter was also a source of romance for me, with my 14-year-old boyfriend and I sending notes up and down to one another. *—Lenore Shankman*
Stratford, Connecticut

The Christmas Window

By Dennis Adler, Portland, Oregon

Every year at Christmas, one of the major department stores would present an animated holiday display in the window.



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The stately exterior of the Practical Bible Training School, shown in 1922, created a beautiful, peaceful setting for students, faculty and visitors. Take note of the rather formal dress of most of the people in the picture.

The Bible-centered institution, now called Davis College after its founder, Rev. John Adelbert Davis, is located on 22 acres in suburban Johnson City, New York.

The site was once home to the White City Amusement Park, a place of such drunkenness and crime that a jail was erected in the park. The jail is still there today.

Davis, who had started his school in a room over a store in Lestershire (now Johnson City), bought the park in 1910 and moved his students there the following year.

"The picture is one of my favorites of the old main building," says Corey Adams from King Ferry, New York. Corey, as a student at Davis, has enjoyed studying the 107-year history of the school.

IF YOU HAVE a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you'd like to share with our readers, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 43 and consider sending it in.

In the meantime, get studious and learn about the readers who have contributed their own history lessons in this issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

GROCERY RUN. It looks like this lady, in need of some key recipe ingredients, was back from a quick trip to the supermarket. The nostalgic image of a modern 1950s kitchen, colorized by *Reminisce* art director Cheryl Michalek, comes from the folks at robertstock.com.



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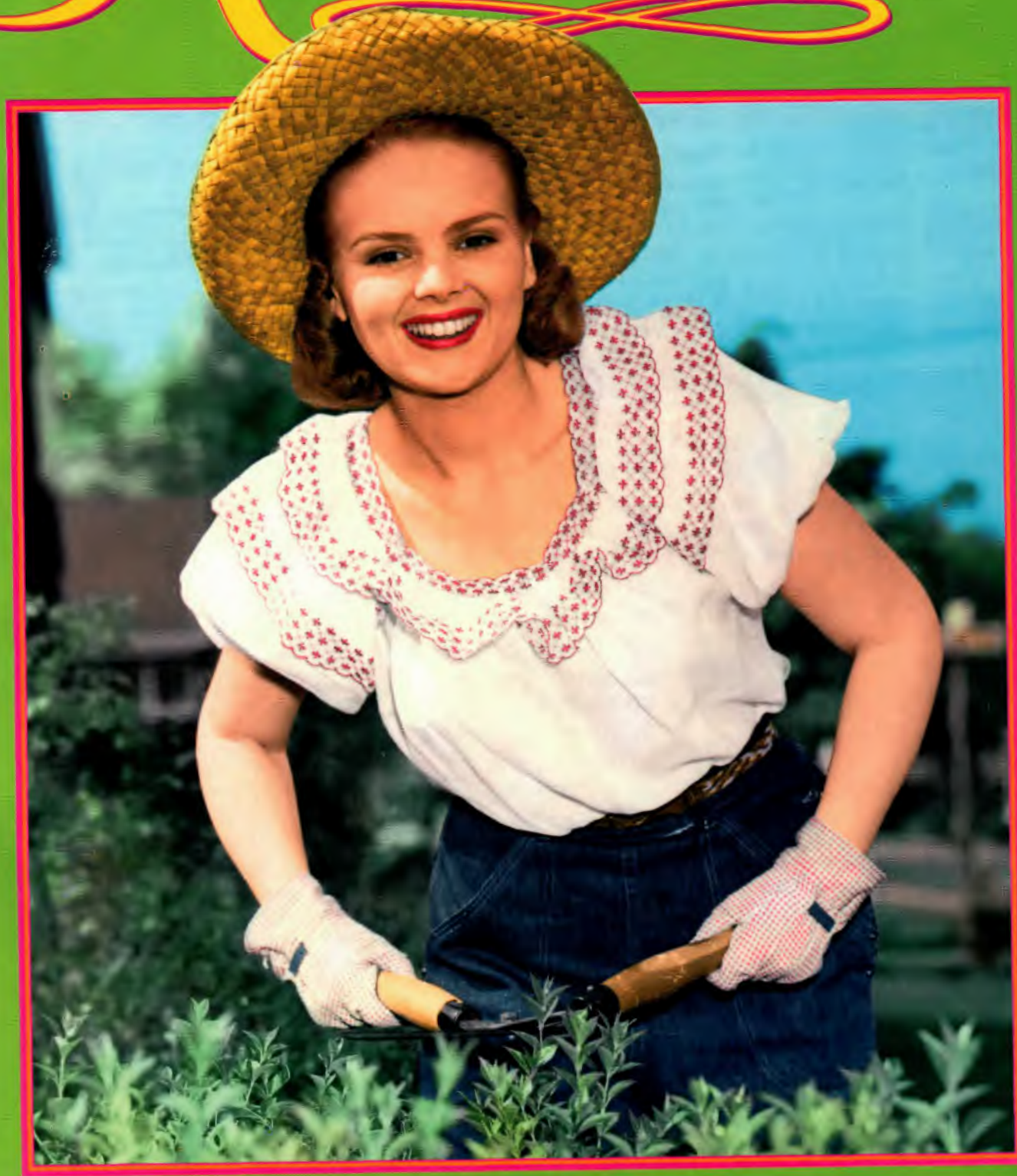

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Big smiles were mixed with a smattering of somewhat embarrassed looks on the fresh, young faces of these 1956-57 first graders in Jacksonville, Florida.

"More than 50 years have passed since the curly-headed girl on the far left was in first grade at Spring Park Elementary School. That little girl with the Toni-in-the-box curls is me, sitting next to my classmate Gayle," notes Cathy Bardon Knight, who now lives farther south in Green Cove Springs. "It's hard to believe that these kids with the smiling faces are now pushing 60!"

The woman sitting on the left was her teacher, Anita Horton. Cathy thinks the woman standing must have been an aide.

"I would walk down our street and through the woods to and from school with my sisters, now Mary Champney and Patti Lambert," says Cathy. "We are the daughters of Buddy and Barbara Bardon.

"Our mother was a crossing guard where our street ended and the woods began. We three girls felt very special having Mom there to be sure that all of the neighborhood children crossed the street safely."

And children continue walking to Spring Park Elementary School, which still stands at 2250 Spring Park Road.

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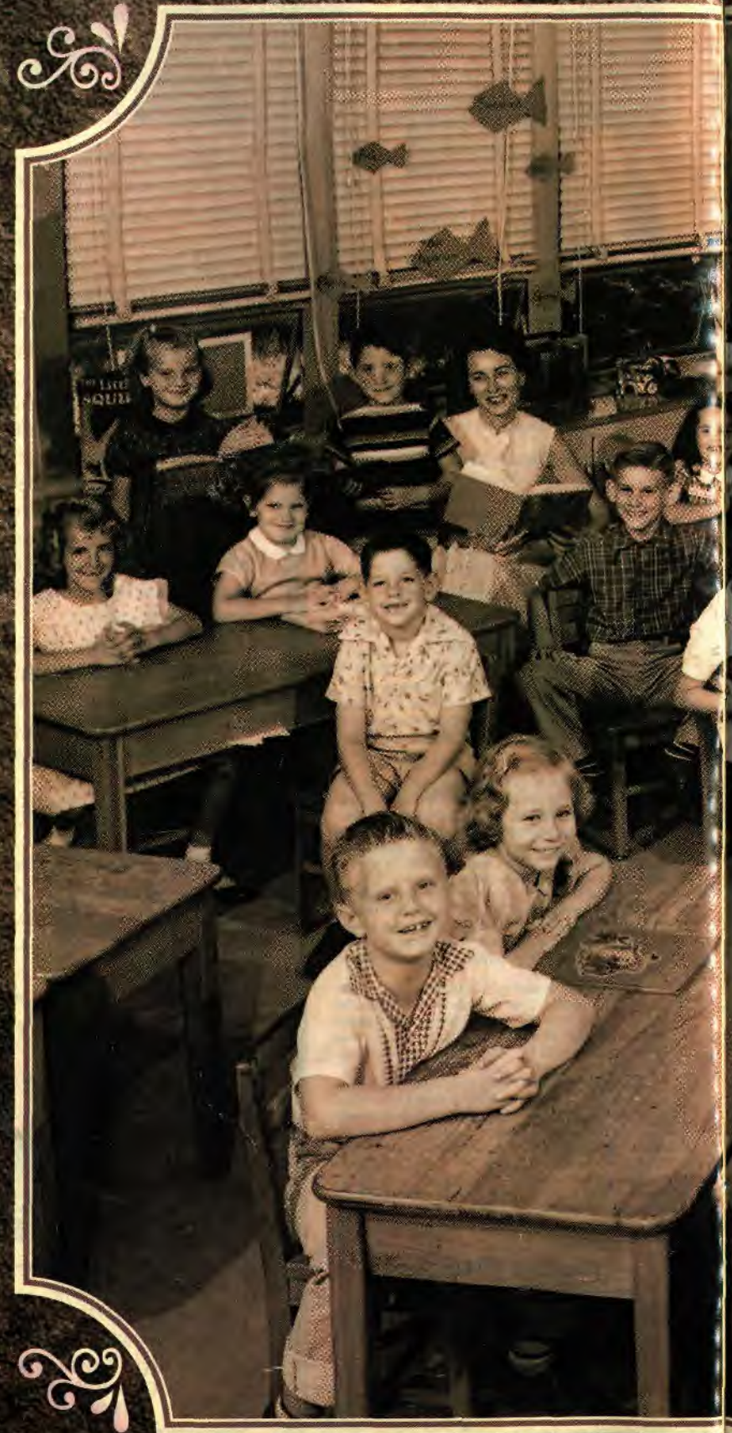
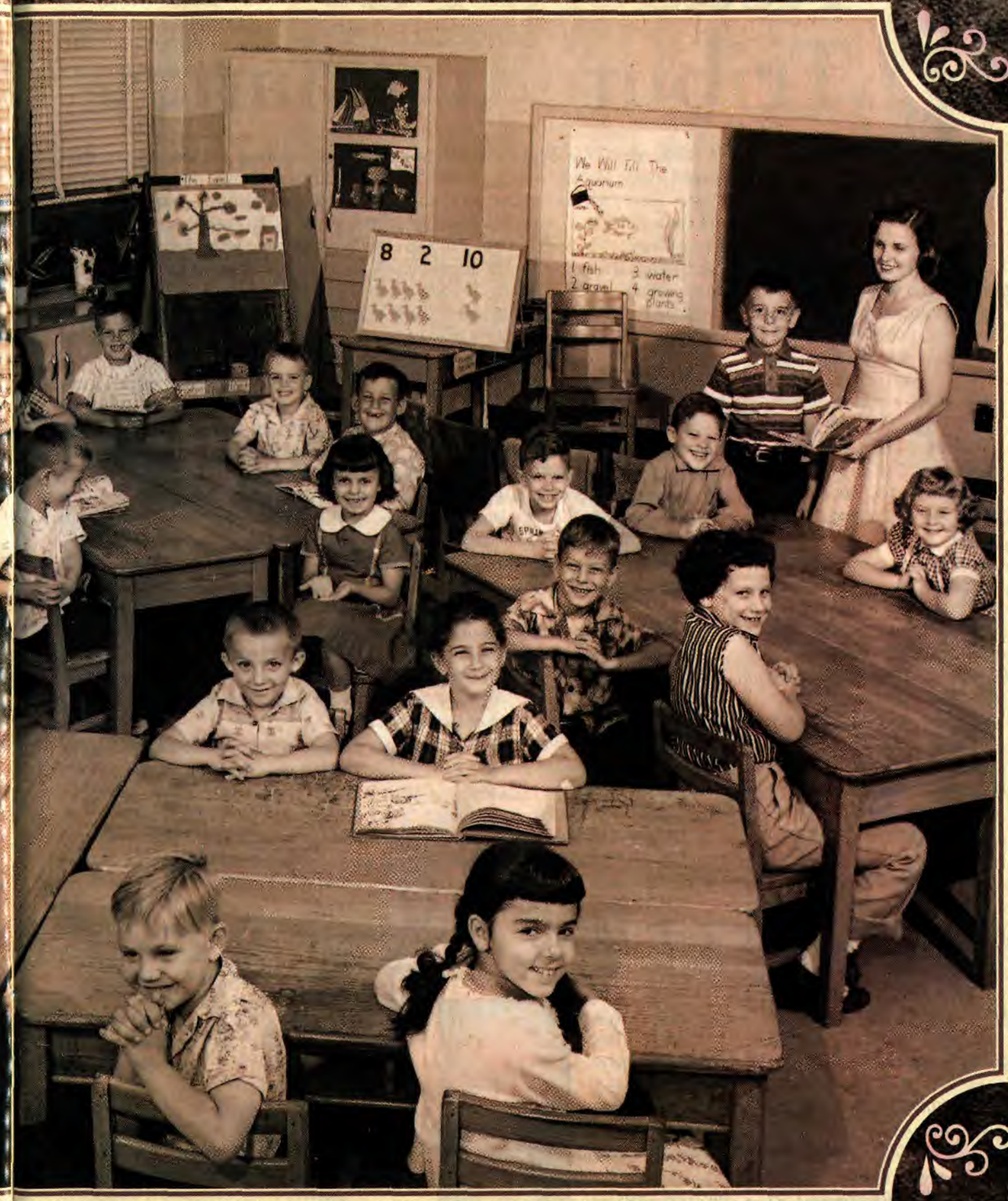
For now, make good use of those reading skills acquired in class way back then to enjoy this issue of *Reminisce*. Aren't you glad you don't have to settle for reading about Dick and Jane anymore?

On Our Cover

KEEPING THINGS TRIM. The young woman in this vintage photograph from SuperStock was determined to keep order around her yard and garden, but those plans can sometimes get plowed under. Check out the garden-variety memories of planting pleasures and predicaments we've cultivated on pages 30 to 32.





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16 **Life in the Bronx.** Kids made the most of their urban world.

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Within a year's time, from spring and summer of 1933 to 1934, all of these fellow churchgoers in Lorain, Ohio became new mothers.

"Pictured on July 31, 1934, are members of the ladies' Sunday Bible studies class at the Delaware Avenue United Methodist Church," relates Kim Zimmerman from Maryland Heights, Missouri. "I don't know the other women, but my mother is second from the right in the front, holding me."

After growing up in Lorain, Kim moved several counties to the southeast to attend Kent State University. She later did some acting and dancing and also worked on television shows at NBC in Cleveland, interviewing interesting folks who came to town for a local show called *Dinner Hour*.

Kim adds that she was married to her husband, Hugh, in the Delaware Avenue church 21 years after the picture was taken, "and our first child was baptized there a year after that."

The church actually has an Erie Avenue address in Lorain but is just around the corner from its namesake, Delaware Avenue. It continues to serve the community.

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For now, may we recommend the wholesome, entertaining stories you get from every *Reminisce* magazine?

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GRAND OLD LADY. "Tin Lizzie," better known as the Ford Model T, like this one in an image from photographer Darrell Gulin, was first introduced 100 years ago. We're celebrating with great reader memories, starting on page 14.



Features

12 **Smoke Signal.** Lighting up a homemade smoke brought trouble on the run.

14 **Model T Turns 100.** Readers share the trials and the joys of owning a "Tin Lizzie."

21 **Special Delivery.** A handwritten kindness came from a surprise source at camp.

22 **Tales by Twos.** Twins tell stories of life as look-alikes.

26 **Harley-Davidson** riders love their touring.

30 **Tying the Knot.** Weddings came in all shapes, sizes and colors.

32 **Way to Go, "Rosie"!** Female war worker recalls her humble start at a shipyard.

37 **"Red" the Army Dog** almost didn't catch his troop ship home.

42 **Living with "Matilda"** the '24 Chevy was an adventure when Mom hit the gas.

45 **Gentleman "G-Man."** Garbage was dad's business, and he was the best in town.

50 **CCC Trainee** turned out not to be a natural in the kitchen.

61 **Grandma Thelma** was a one-of-a-kind granny.

63 **Woolworth** held aisles, counters, booths and bins full of fun.

64 **Trusty Piano** was a fine companion for her symphony of life.

65 **Deer Friend.** His first real hunting experience was a rescue.





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Welcome to the Good Old Days!

Threshing was a job for many back in the early 1900s, when this picture was taken on the Drake family farm, in Colman, South Dakota. Much of this same crew would go from farm to farm in the area around Trent.

"It's most likely lunchtime, as the crew was always fed huge meals three times a day," says Dortha Drake of Colman, whose father, William Augustus Drake, is the mustached man at the steering wheel of the tractor. "The crew also had two breaks for coffee time. It was a huge undertaking to feed the men. Also, the teams of horses needed a rest.

"I assume the person who took the photo lined them up this way to suit his camera.

"The shack, used for cooking, also had bunk beds and was wheeled along with the crew, as were a water wagon and a fuel supply, since the farms were far apart and the machine engine was not one for speed...perhaps 4 mph. The machines would stay in our yard in the off-season.

"I did grumble about the clothes that got so black, as I was the only one to do that washing. I sometimes helped the cooks as well."

Dortha eventually married a man who was also a farmer and stayed in Moody County. "My mother died when I was young, and my husband didn't have a mother growing up, either," she relates. "So I had no one to teach me how to be a farm wife, but you learn quickly."

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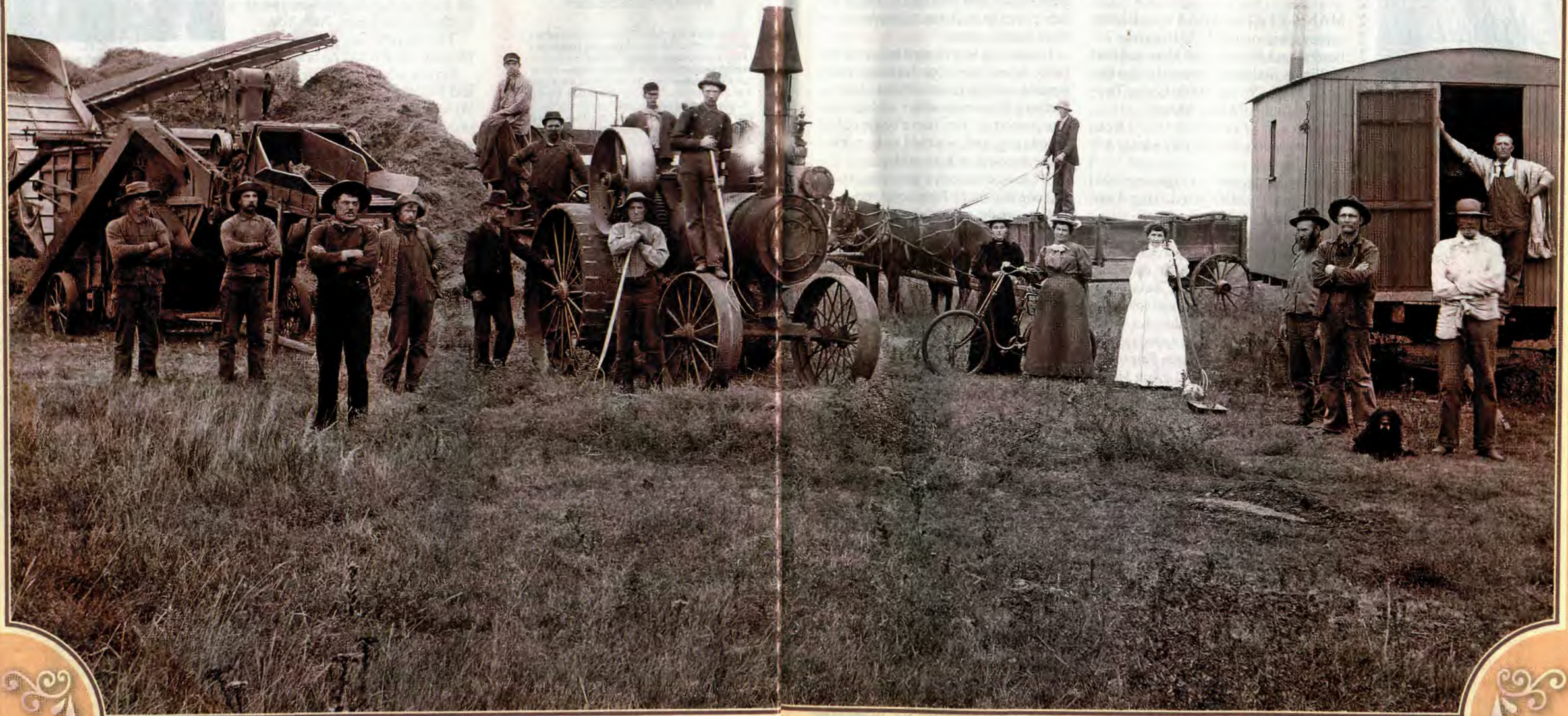
On Our Cover

SEEING THE USA in their...well, whatever automobile this couple might have been touring in. Gas-station attendants, like the one in this ASP/Camerique/Classicstock photo colorized by Marcy Merrill, were always glad to help with maps and directions.

Take note of the Signal gas pumps. Many readers may recall Signal Oil and Gas's radio sponsorship of *Tarzan*, in the 1930s, and the crime drama *The Whistler*, in the '40s and '50s.



Features

12 **Wedding Customs** provided for a shiv-aree and a big gift.

13 **Big Guest List.** A couple takes vows amid civic event.

14 **Country in City.** Square dancing in Central Park.

16 **Chimney Topper.** Foreign object was a troublesome brother.

18 **Tennessee Summers.** Decade of the '50s was a great time to be a kid.

19 **Apple Grove** was a land of adventure.

20 **Sailor's Warning.** Wife didn't catch nautical meaning.

20 **Something Fishy.** Young boy stored his catch proudly.

21 **Farmer's Field** of dreams held a moment of glory.

22 **Homecoming** for soldier coincided with V-J Day.

23 **Free Swimming!** Kids made full use of municipal pool.

30 **Trailer Travelers** took the amenities of home with them.

37 **Weekend Away** at the ocean was built on love, not money.

39 **Summer Scorcher.** Was it hot enough to fry an egg?

42 **Best of Times.** Growing up in LA was carefree in the 1940s and '50s.

47 **Summer Cottage** was a world away for Detroit family.

50 **Remember Dixie Cups?** Lids were great for trading.

51 **Pop Goes the Jar.** Recalling the days of canning with Grandma.

54 **Rolling Along** with mishaps was part of skating fun.

56 **Subway Summer.** Young girl enjoyed variety of riders.

57 **Long Island Home.** Friends and kin were all welcome.

61 **Steered to Class.** Students went on a crafty cattle drive.

63 **Threshing Shock!** Mom had to think fast to feed crew.

64 **Bleeding Heart** flower held a story.





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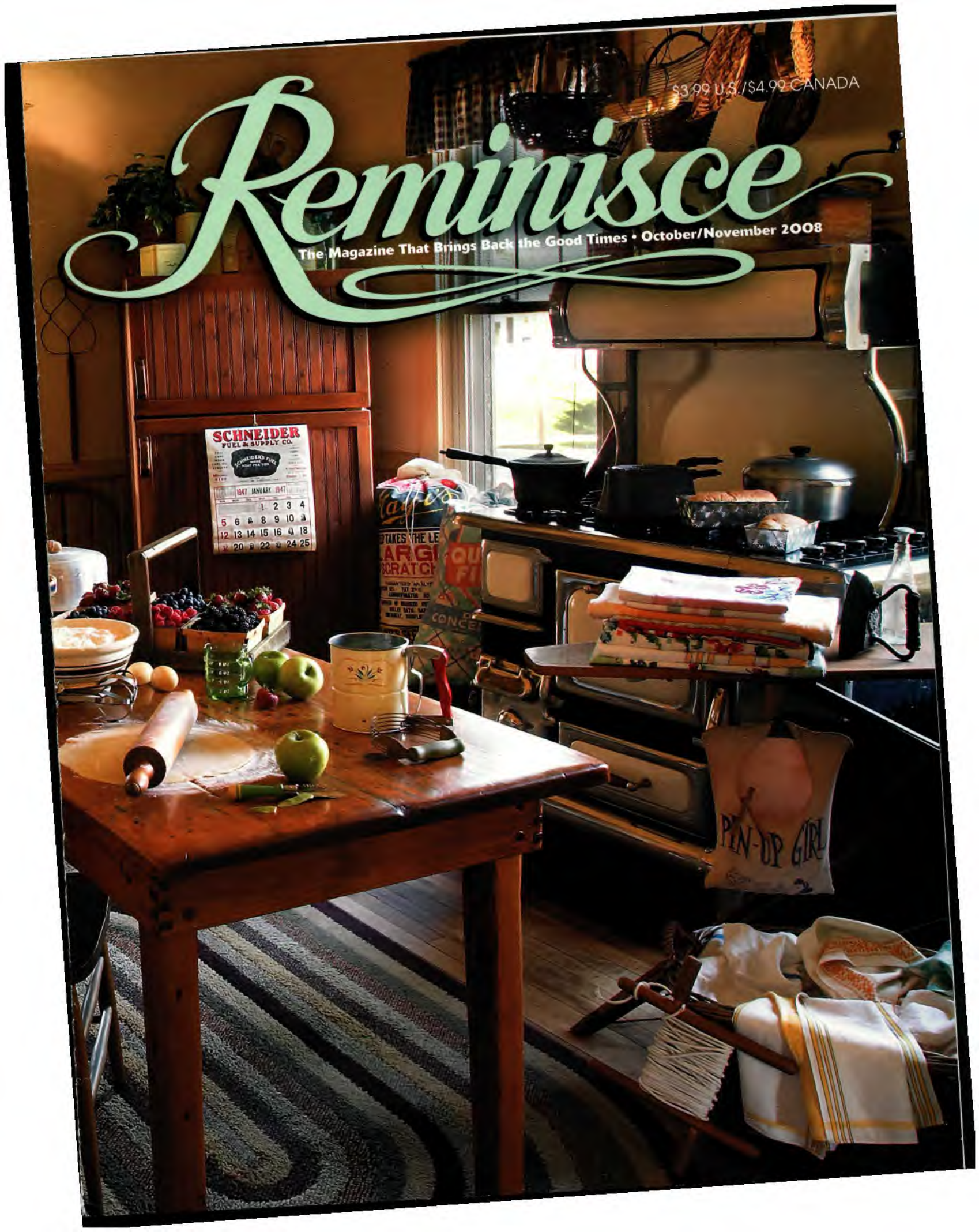
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Welcome to the Good Old Days!

With her children around her, Emma Van Valin sat down at the piano to play, appropriately enough, *Mother o' Mine*, in a picture taken in 1909 Pender, Nebraska.

"My mother, Merle Edna Ream, is on the far left, sitting on the arm of the chair holding her brother, Jim," relates Lois Ream Goodwill of Nevada City, California. "Her sisters were (from left) Florence Palmer, Harriett Glissman and Margie Hagen. The sweet expressions on all of their faces portray a loving family that worked together through adversity."

Lois adds that the picture on the middle of the piano is her Aunt Margie's son, Bob, the only grandchild at the time.

"My mother was the oldest of the five children. When she was 13 and baby Florence was only 2, their father contracted pneumonia and died after shoveling the church walk without his coat on.

"Grandma was left to support her brood. She refused to accept charity, taking a job delivering mail by horse and buggy. She was also a midwife and later bought a loom to make rag rugs."

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In the meantime, have a visit with *Reminisce* as your settle into your own parlor.

On Our Cover

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN. One look at this photo, conceptualized by our clever art director, Cheryl Michalek, should bring back fond memories and mouth-watering scents from your grandma's or mother's baking days. Check out the full picture on pages 46 and 47, and watch for details on getting a related puzzle in future issues.



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12 **Off to School.** A premium was put on education, despite obstacles.

14 **Just Peachy.** Kindhearted mother always seemed to be in a giving mood.

15 **Light of Heart.** Mom's sense of humor somehow made her family's life easier.

16 **Aromatherapy.** Certain scents bring back a flood of memories.

22 **The Golden Parachute.** Mom was a sewing wizard with this bright-yellow monstrosity.

23 **Montana Horse Rides.** Natural beauty beckoned a girl and her horse in Depression years.

32 **Still Stepping.** Dancer performs for over 6 decades.

44 **Shorthand Teacher** gave students solid workplace skills.

46 **Grandma's Kitchen.** Lose yourself in this room of cooking nostalgia.

60 **Presidential Honor** included a devil in the details for this 5-year-old.

62 **Tricks & Treats.** Readers share their Halloween stories.

67 **Rural Route.** Mail carrier was a valuable link for Oklahoma farm communities.

69 **Crosley Crises.** Little car was a lot of fun...when it was running right.

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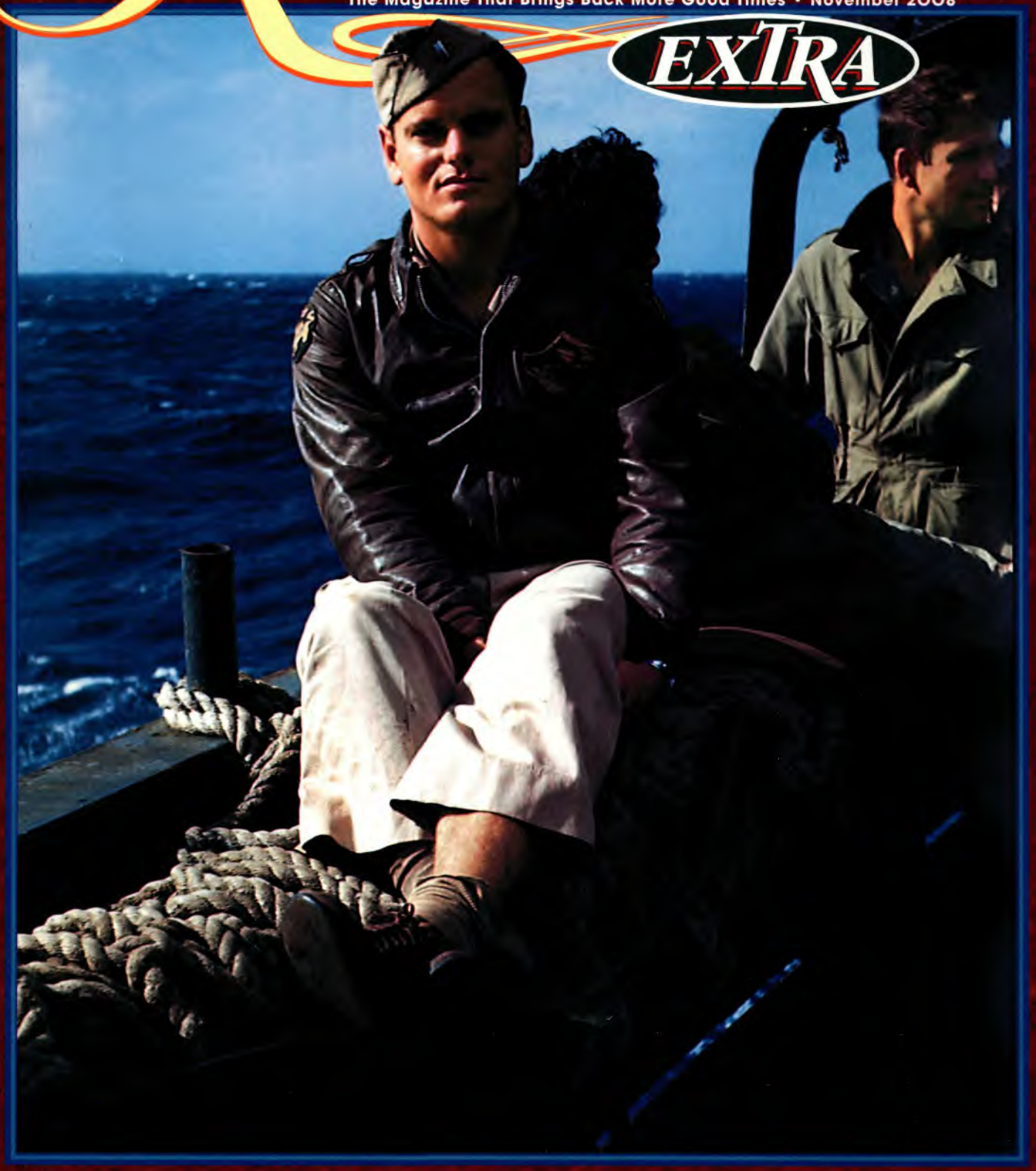

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The Neisner Bros. Inc. "5¢ to $1.00" store, in Detroit, Michigan, went all out to celebrate its 25th anniversary with its Bargain Carnival, in 1936.

Employees wore large commemorative badges, and a sidewalk band was ready to play some festive numbers.

"My dad, Arthur Pearson, was standing just behind and between the kneeling and sitting band members by the drum set," notes Jeanette Hall from Grand Rapids, Michigan. "Dad worked for Neisner's until 1939. He then became assistant manager for another dime-store chain, D&C, in Muskegon Heights and moved up to manager of a D&C store in Grand Rapids. Of course, all of us kids worked in the Grand Rapids store at one time or another. Dad worked there until he retired, reluctantly, at the age of 70."

Check out the large neon sign attached to the R.B. Clothing Company store next door. At the bottom of the sign is the manufacturing retailer's slogan, "Maker to Wearer."

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For now, consider this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA* your variety store of nostalgia.

On Our Cover

HEADED HOME. Deck accommodations aboard the *SS Alderamin* weren't luxurious, but Lieutenant Fred Poats (pictured) didn't care, as long as the ship kept heading east. Fred had spent a long World War II tour in China, an adventure that held him in good stead for a future in agricultural engineering. The late-1945 picture is from the Jeffrey L. Ethell collection.





Features



12 **Word of God.** Renegade aunt and lawyer turned preacher were outspoken.

13 **Shopping Magic.** Trip to St. Louis was an adventure.

16 **Big-Band Night.** Tommy Dorsey showed Navy a swinging time.

18 **I Spy a Spy.** Some surprised kids made a pony-cart escape.

21 **Time Travels.** Clever girls stepped out while keeping mom in the past.



22 **Fawning Over Her.** Pet deer was just part of the family.

26 **Snow Frontier.** Stubborn dad became a winter pathfinder.

32 **Junior WAACs** started as "Hobby Helpers."

50 **Surprise Menu.** Fringe benefits came from dad being ship's cook.



62 **Snapshot Salute.** Wac wife crossed an ocean for a photo op.

63 **Divided,** they still conquered on split-up basketball court.

65 **Couple's Kindness** left a strong impression on little-boy visitor.

65 **Whiffle Biscuits.** Dad's creativity in the kitchen eased a tough time.

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12 **Wish List.** Kids were dreaming of a white Christmas.

14 **The Way Home** for a sore skater was made easier by a noble gesture.

16 **Home Projects.** It always seemed like a good idea at the time.

21 **Wood-Shop Worries.** How was a boy to finish his birdhouse before school?

30 **Warm Holidays.** Memories of Christmas center around family time.

31 **Texas Yuletide.** Holidays on a ranch had their own traditions.

37 **Branching Out.** Grandparents' artificial-tree roots extend through the family.



38 **Calendar Keeper.** Father displayed financials for all to see.

42 **Crushing Pennies** on railroad tracks was great until kids got caught.

45 **Charmed Kiss.** Candy from a clever boy became a good-luck piece.

47 **Santa's House Call** was almost too much for a brother and sister.

50 **Gifts of Food** to a pastor weren't always quite identifiable.

54 **Naughty or Nice?** Coal provided some heat one Christmas Day.

56 **Fruitcake Faux Pas** turned out just right after all.

57 **Full Schedule.** Food, family fun and caroling made for a festive day.

63 **Tree Topper.** Boyfriend pulled off a fabulous surprise.

65 **Saving Christmas.** Help arrived just in the nick of time.



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Getting the boys back from "over there" after World War II was an immense undertaking. The *USS Lew Wallace*, shown here with its decks crowded with military personnel, was converted into a Liberty ship just for that purpose.

The October 1946 picture is shared by Lester Eckert of Millstadt, Illinois. He is one of the GIs (see arrow) happy to have arrived in Seattle, Washington.

"The crossing from Japan, where we of the 27th Infantry Division had built the Yokota Airbase in Tachikawa, was quite an experience," remembers Lester. "We bounced on the ocean like a cork in a water bucket."

Many aircraft carriers and other large ships were pressed into, as Lester puts it, "the get-us-home mode.

"About 2 days from Seattle, we were awakened in the middle of the night by a dead silence," Lester relates. "Due to the unusually rough seas, as our small ship rode to the crest of great waves, the propeller would sometimes clear the water. This caused a vibration that eventually caused the propeller shaft to snap.

"Feeling a return to power and control after some time was the highlight of the return trip."

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For now, sit back and enjoy a pleasure cruise through stories of times gone by in this issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

PUPPY LOVE. This happy boy, in a photo from SuperStock colorized by Marcy Merrill, seems to have gotten just what he wanted for Christmas. Turn the pages to enjoy many more merry memories.

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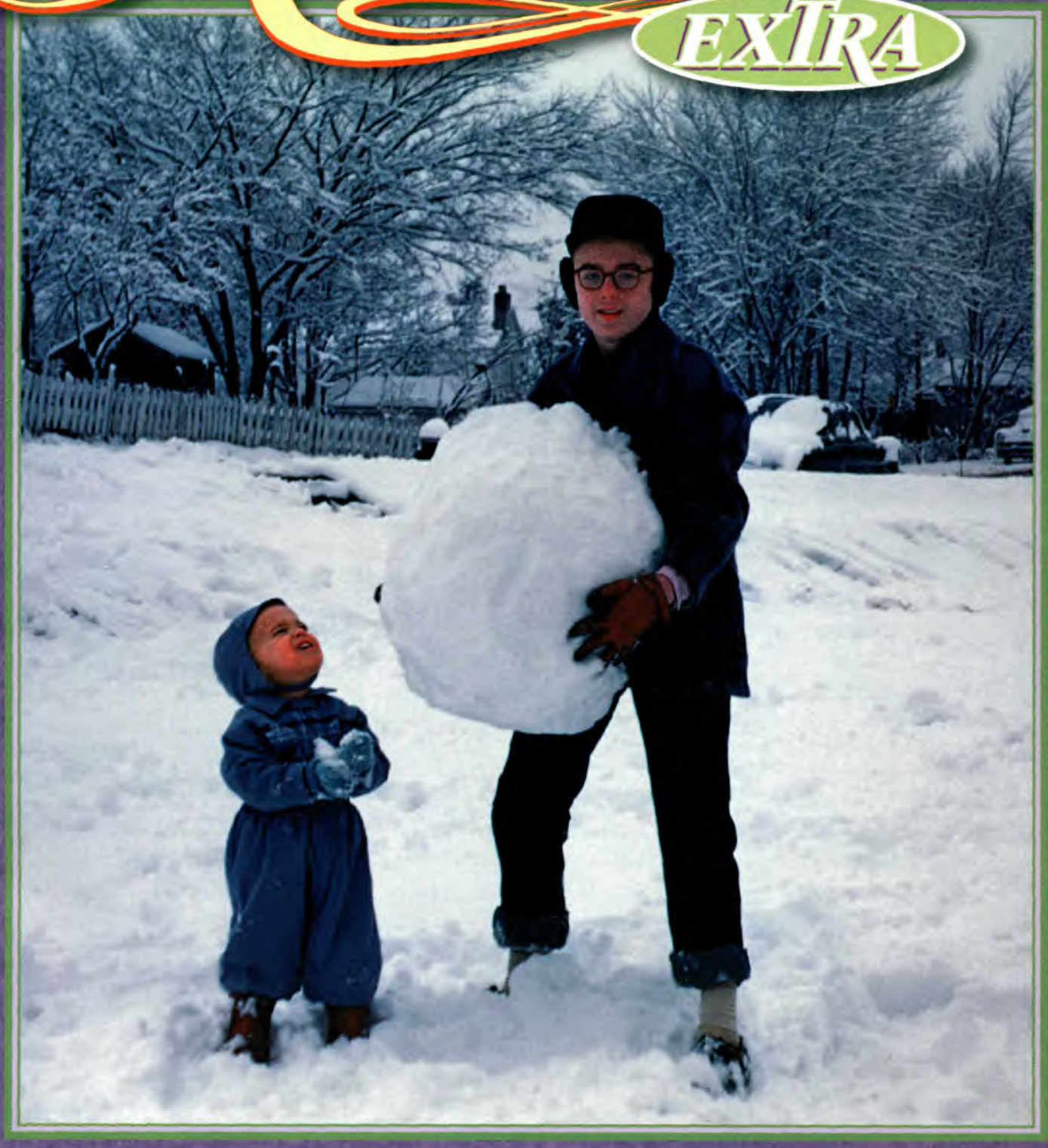

Welcome to the Good Old Days!

By his expression, the birthday boy sitting right behind his cake seems to be more embarrassed than happy in this photo, from the winter of 1949.

The picture is shared by Sharon Ullery Kendell from Christiansburg, Ohio. She tells us that to earn extra college money, her aunt Evalyn Ullery Rusk, on the left, started up this preschool in the St. Paris home of her friend Annabelle Lewis, pictured on the right.

"They soon had so many children enrolled that the classes were moved across the street to the basement of the First Baptist Church," Sharon explains. "I've wondered how many germs I shared that day, as I was running a fever and there was much discussion about whether I should attend the photo session."

The children pictured, from left, were Cindy Huffman, a girl with the last name of Coburn, Bobby Wilshire, Nancy Faulkner, Sharon Ullery, Dick Richardson, Judy Lewis, Tommy Dye, Mike Hill, David Sizemore, Jay North, Kenny Smith and Janet Schwarm.

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For now, your only homework is to sit back and enjoy the history lessons in this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*.

On Our Cover

LOOK OUT BELOW! The little fella in this photo from PBNJ Productions and Robertstock.com was in danger of being crushed by his big brother's big snowball. For more wintry memories, take a look at our stories of snowstorms past on page 62.

Features



12 **Cabin in the Woods.** Home was a family's rustic version of a mother-in-law suite.

13 **Hungarian Dog's** assortment of tricks went too far one day.

14 **The Watkins Man.** Tasks and trades could come as part of the sale.

18 **A Touch of Mink.** With an exotic fur business, her friend's family simply had to be rich.





22 **The Nose Knows?** For farm boys, that wasn't always the case.

26 **Clang! Clang!** Streetcar was the transport choice of many in hard times.

32 **Treadle Machine** held a lot more than sewing accessories.

39 **Party Favors.** When you shared a party line, there was etiquette involved.

45 **Velvet Suit** was a symbol of a mother's faith in the future.

50 **Wedding Silver.** Mom's handed-down silverware set sparkles with memories.

65 **Comfort Food.** Dash of respect was served at each drifter's meal.

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Grab a stool at Joe's Diner as we enjoy photos of a great old eatery sent in by Judith Brandt of Sea Isle City, New Jersey.

"In 1938, my grandfather Joe Meandro opened his 'lunch wagon' diner on Landis Avenue in Vineland, New Jersey, where I grew up," says Judith.

"This was home cooking at its best, and people came from all over the county for Joe's specialties, like homemade ravioli, baccala (codfish stew) with polenta, pasta fagioli (bean soup) and clam chowder.

"Standing behind the counter, from left to right, is a counterman; my grandmother Mary; my grandfather Joe; and my Uncle Pete.

"The Landis Theatre opened next door to the diner around that time, and one of my fondest memories is Saturdays when my sister and I would have lunch at the diner and then take in a matinee."

Wow—that does sound like a great way to spend the afternoon.

You can bet many locals enjoyed the homey ambiance of Joe's. The clock in the diner shows that when this photo was taken, it was almost 5 o'clock, so perhaps the businessman seated with his newspaper had stopped in after work for a bite or something "to go." The chalkboard behind him lists orders available for take-out: Fried oysters, clam chowder, spaghetti sauce, soups and stews. Something for everyone!

IF YOU HAVE a special 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you would like to share with our readers on these two pages, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 45 and consider sending it in.

Meanwhile, thoughts of all the goodies at Joe's Diner probably has your taste buds hopping—so go get a snack, then enjoy the full menu of memories in this issue of *Reminisce*.

On Our Cover

February reminds us of pretty valentine cards and love letters delivered by a friendly postman, who often understood a girl's anticipation. This charming vintage photo is from the Classicstock collection (American Stock Photography/Camerique, Inc.)

Features

12 **Gypsy Wedding** was a kaleidoscope of color, wild dances and curious customs.

16 **Playing in the Sand.** Boys had their fun at the final beach running of the Daytona 500.

18 **Sweet in Secret.** Dad tried to keep his affection under wraps.

20 **Helpful Harold.** Some of his best intentions could backfire.

22 **"Trailer City."** Close quarters were a paperboy's dream.

30 **Mouse in the House.** *The Mickey Mouse Club* captivated a generation.

40 **Lost in the '50s.** Love of the decade fills a kitchen.

44 **The Pie Man.** His delivery of kindness changed a mother's wary outlook.

56 **"Mrs. Brady."** Florence Henderson looks back on her days before the "Bunch."

62 **Vintage Valentines** are flavored with the charm of 1940s artwork for kids.

68 **Candy-Coated Crush** came by way of a nosy girl's meddling.







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Small-town high school basketball heated up the long winters in northern Illinois, as evidenced by this picture of the DeKalb Township High School cheering section, taken on February 6, 1951.

John George of Pleasant Hill, California was good enough to share this photo with us, an image he took while a student at DeKalb.

"The scene is a game between two archrivals, the DeKalb Barbs and the Sycamore Spartans," explains John. "Earlier in the 1950-51 season, Sycamore had defeated the Barbs in DeKalb by a score of 31-29.

"Tension was high for this game, and many DeKalb basketball fans made the 5-mile trip to the Spartans' gymnasium in Sycamore. DeKalb prevailed in this game, 49-45, and revenge was sweet!"

John notes that the cheerleaders, from left, are Barbara Ballard (back to camera), Dette Meineke, Sharon Wilcox, Norma McLean, Susan Stefani and Faith Ebbesen.

The ballplayers whom John could identify, from left, are Jack Vogeler, Bob Cortelyou, David Hoppe, Jack Boardman, Ron Massier and Don Cook. The one at far right is unidentified.

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For now, root, root, root for the spirit of nostalgia in this issue of *Reminisce EXTRA*.

On Our Cover

DOUBLE the cuteness could also mean double the trouble for the parents of these two little cuties, twins Mary Lou (left) and Ann Lee DeGroot (see page 12).

Features

12 **Terrible Twos?** These twins weren't so bad, just a bit quirky.

14 **Flying "A"** put a boy in the spotlight when it hovered over his school.

16 **Slumber Parties** of the '50s were always subject to party-crashing.

21 **Basics of Thrift.** Kids got plenty of lessons in being frugal.

22 **Inspiring Aunt** remained cheerful in chair-bound life.

23 **Wheelchair Wonder.** Steadfast grandmother never let limits get in her way.

26 **Usher at the Poli** recalls golden days and nights at a great theater.

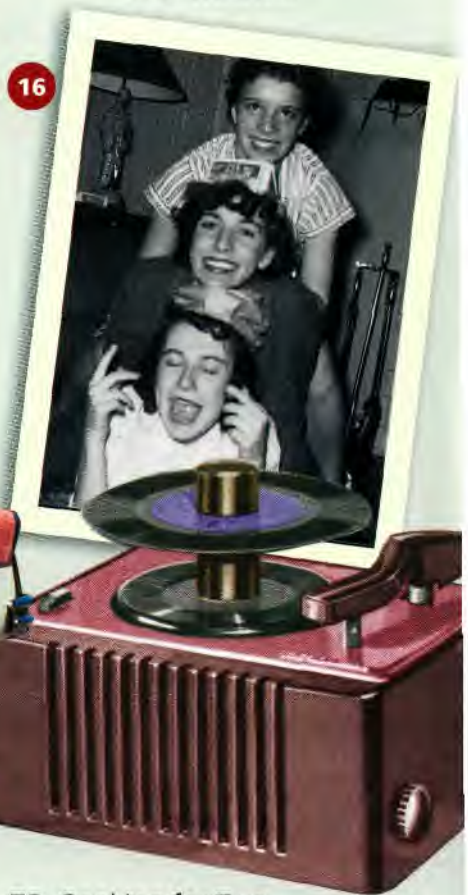
38 **A Subway Start.** Boarding a train put them on the right track to matrimony.

45 **Pupils' Prose.** Autograph book sayings are shared from two different generations.

50 **Meat Merchant.** Father grew his business with charisma and variety.

63 **Folding Postcard** featured signs of the times.

64 **Mirror, Mirror**...on the dresser, tell me which one of us is the fresher.



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President Franklin Delano Roosevelt did not live to see the end of World War II, and when he was honored, the uncle of Betty Chatham, Puxico, Missouri, had a close view of the President's funeral cortege.

"My uncle Henry Hammack was chosen to be an honor guard for the procession," Betty notes of the April 1945 picture. "He's the fifth soldier to the left of the center traffic light."

The cortege looks to be turning at the U.S. Treasury building, from 15th Street NW onto Pennsylvania Avenue NW, to roll past the White House. That part of Pennsylvania Avenue is no longer open to public vehicles.

"Uncle Henry was 34 years old when he was drafted," Betty says. "That was older than most draftees, but he was unmarried and had no dependents.

"Henry, assigned to the Medical Corps, was eventually stationed in the Aleutian Islands. I remember he came home with several native carvings made from walrus tusk ivory.

"He never mentioned how he was chosen to be an honor guard. After his discharge, Uncle Henry married a Tennessee lady with whom he had corresponded during the war."

Betty says that her uncle was quite a guy, noting, "Before the war, he was a musician. He never had a music lesson but could play any stringed instrument."

IF YOU HAVE a special 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you would like to share with our readers on these two pages, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 43 and think about sending it in.

Meanwhile, we'd be honored if you would spend some time enjoying the procession of great memories in this issue of *Reminisce*.

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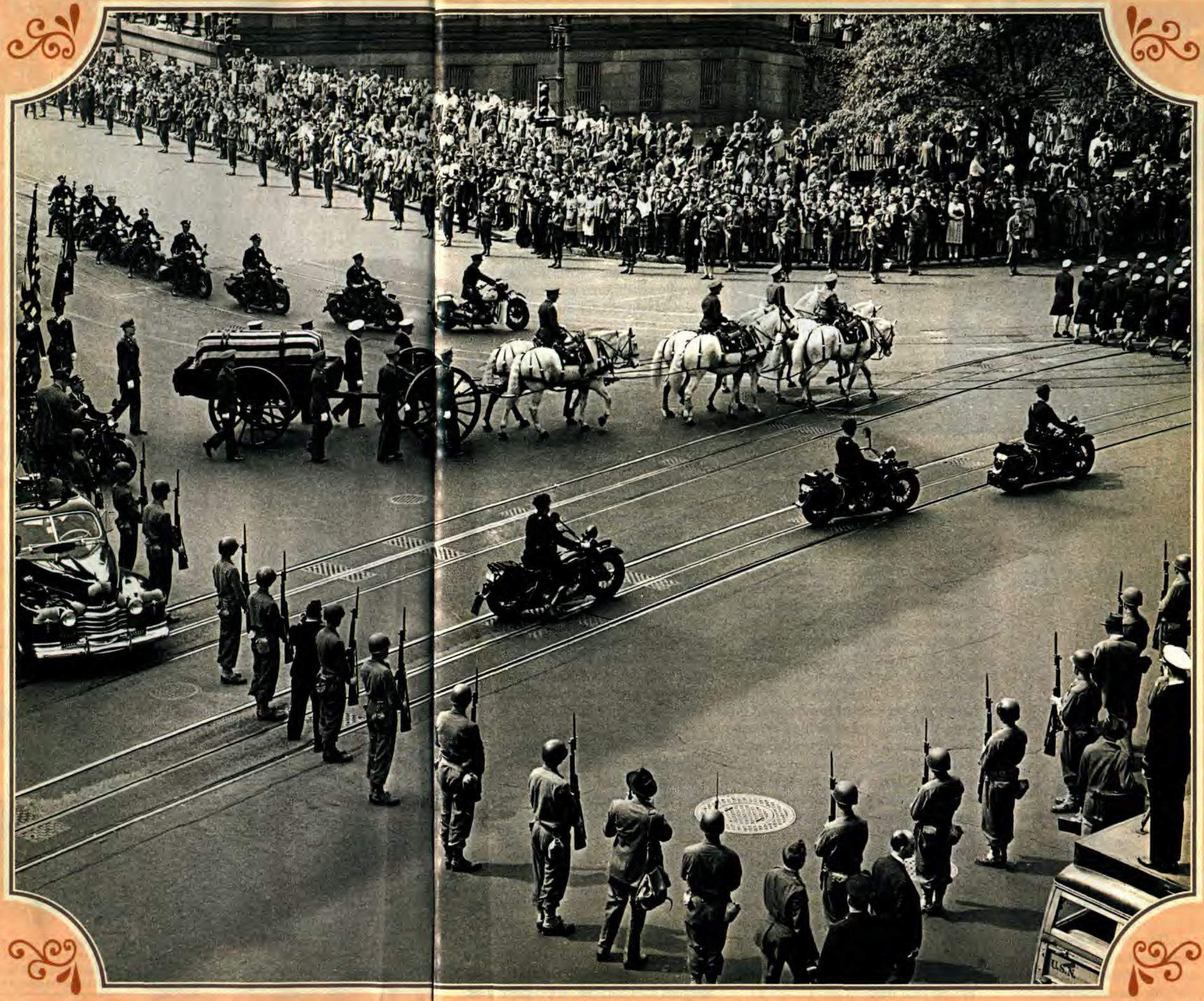
HARE SCARE? "When I was 3 or 4 years old, around 1950, I was very shy, and that may explain my dubious expression as I sat on the Easter Bunny's lap at Petersen Department Store, in Davenport, Iowa," says Karen Palmer Wiest of Belton, Texas. "On the other hand, my sister, Sharon, looks quite happy. It seems head scarves were the thing in those years."



A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: A good name, like goodwill, is obtained by many actions and lost by just one.

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12 **Neighborly Fun.** The Jewish family next door kept things interesting.

14 **The Music Men.** Sherman brothers' songs spiced up Disney productions.

16 **Meeting Truman.** Chance meeting with the former President left a teacher awed.

18 **Egging Them On.** Dad's Easter egg hunts brought out the ruffian in boys.

26 **Ties That Bind.** Tight family strung together many uses for string.

27 **The Kite Light.** Father's flashlight idea took flight.

37 **Snapping the Stars.** Enlistment had its perks for Air Force photographer.

39 **Vanity Diversion.** While being fitted, daughter explored mom's makeup table.

42 **Fickle Frat Car.** Packard worked sporadically, when it was in the mood.

52 **Springing to Mind** are memories from our readers of past springtimes.

56 **Hello, Weather Girl?** Yes, I'm here, broadcasting from my bathroom.

64 **Special Grannie** demonstrated her kindness through boarding house hospitality.

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Welcome to the Good Old Days!

A doll was a girl's best friend for these young ladies from the third-grade class at Public School No. 37, in Baltimore, Maryland.

To show it, the girls posed for this 1948 photograph. But wait! Who's the girl holding the plump fellow, second from the right in the row below the top row?

"All of the girls had baby dolls except my sister, Betty Miskimon Hixon, who is holding her Humphrey Pennyworth doll," notes Bill Miskimon from Bel Air, Maryland.

Readers who know their classic Sunday funnies will likely remember Mr. Pennyworth.

"In the 1940s, *Joe Palooka* was a very popular comic strip," Bill explains. "Around this time frame, Humphrey Pennyworth became a lovable character in the strip and was well liked by the public. His doll was advertised in the papers, and my dad sent away for one for my sister. She really liked that doll!"

The rather eccentric Humphrey went on to appear in his own comic books, in the late '40s and early '50s.

IF YOU HAVE a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you would like to share with our readers, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 45 and consider sending it in.

Meanwhile, see if you can find a doll from your own childhood in this picture. Then schedule a bit of playtime for yourself—right now is good—and have fun with your issue of *Reminisce*.

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SANTA CLAUS CAME TO TOWN. This bright-eyed boy and his mother were ready to investigate presents left by the jolly old elf in this picture of a 1960s Christmas morning from PBNJ Productions and Robertstock.com.





Features

12 **Sales Receipt.** Children in store got a surprise at Christmas.

14 **Bob Hope.** His daughter recalls the natural comic and the sometimes unnatural golfer.

18 **Holiday Rush.** Against the odds, couple tried to meet on first postwar Christmas.

20 **Santa Works Here.** With volume so high, he found temporary space.

22 **Heaven-Sent.** Angels in farmers' clothing make a visit.

26 **Festive Frogs** weren't your average trimmings.

30 **"Best Boy."** Gifts would go to the best-behaved students, but would the teacher notice him?

32 **On Second Glance,** much-wanted bicycle had a minor flaw.

34 **Uncle Bob** made Christmas at his bungalow a magic time.

54 **Italian Feasting!** Grandparents presented a real Christmas dinner.

56 **Hallmark Moment?** Production of one family Christmas card was a fiasco.

59 **Mental Snapshots** of past holidays include lint-covered candy and Dad's cracking of nuts.

60 **Reminiscing.** Staff from your favorite magazine gets in on the Christmas storytelling.



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Look what I got!

All-Time Favorite Gifts

Welcome to the Good Old Days!

This excited tyke couldn't contain himself as he gave a hug to his new Jet-Flow Drive Station Wagon pedal car, a Christmas gift for 1952.

"My husband, Preston Reeves, was 18 months old when he received this pedal car," explains Ginger Crick Reeves of Pinson, Alabama. "As you can tell by the picture of him in his new pajamas, slippers and robe—also Christmas gifts—his pedal car was the most exciting thing he had ever seen."

Ginger notes that Preston has fond memories of riding his new wheels through the red iron-ore dust covering his family's driveway in "The Magic City," Birmingham, known for its iron reserves and prominent steel industry.

"As a child, he loved cars and trucks—real ones included," says Ginger. "His father, a Birmingham police officer, took him for many memorable rides in his patrol car, No. 56."

The pedal car, bought from the Sears Christmas Wish Book, was given away after a few years. But Preston was a lucky boy: He also received a new tricycle, a big firetruck and a cowboy outfit with guns, holsters, a hat and boots. His favorite toy the next year was a metal service station.

"My husband has always enjoyed working on his own cars as a 'shade-tree mechanic' in his spare time," adds Ginger, "and he's passed that on to our son."

IF YOU HAVE a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 black-and-white photo that you would like to share with our readers, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 57 and consider sending it in.

For now, as you enjoy fellow readers' memories in this holiday issue of *Reminisce*, think back on the best Christmas wishes you were granted.

Order a print of this photo. See page 3.



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7 **Make-Do Christmas.** War rationing did not limit family's holiday spirit.

12 **Evening in Paris** holiday set would never sell. Or would it?

18 **The Ladder.** Father hoped that he'd provided steps to happiness.

19 **Chimney Delivery.** Grandparents had a special place for getting Santa's attention.

20 **Santa Stand-In.** Absent dad made sure kids would get special visit.

26 **Texas Twins.** Sharing gifts could pose a problem now and then.

32 **Grandma's Prayers.** Large family was her top priority, especially in wartime.

35 **Billie the Brownie.** No. 1 elf kept radio listeners apprised of Santa's journey.

42 **X-Ray Tech Tales.** The opportunities for mischief were many.

54 **Hanukkah Cuisine** featured a favorite fried delicacy.

59 **Christmas Angels.** First holiday with new parents was a special one.

61 **The Promise.** Sailor said he'd be home by Christmas, but...

64 **Special Wrapping.** Grandpa taught her how to package the best gift of all.





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Home for Christmas

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Welcome to the Good Old Days!

Only dry weather was needed for Paul L. Prough Jr. to try out the shiny bicycle he received for Christmas of 1958. The Prough family lived in a house near the American Legion Country Club outside Mount Union, Pennsylvania, having moved from an apartment over Paul Sr.'s office three years before.

"I appear to be deep in thought as I examine one of my Christmas gifts," says Paul Jr., who still lives in Mount Union. "Perhaps I was trying to figure out how Santa got the bike down the chimney!"

A gasoline-powered Comet Sabre 44 model airplane was another great gift for Paul, who recalls wonderful holiday seasons in Mount Union, where his grandparents William and Maggie Prough lived on West Milford Street.

"My dad dearly loved his family," Paul notes. "His other passions were his chiropractic profession, model trains, building Christmas decorations and photography.

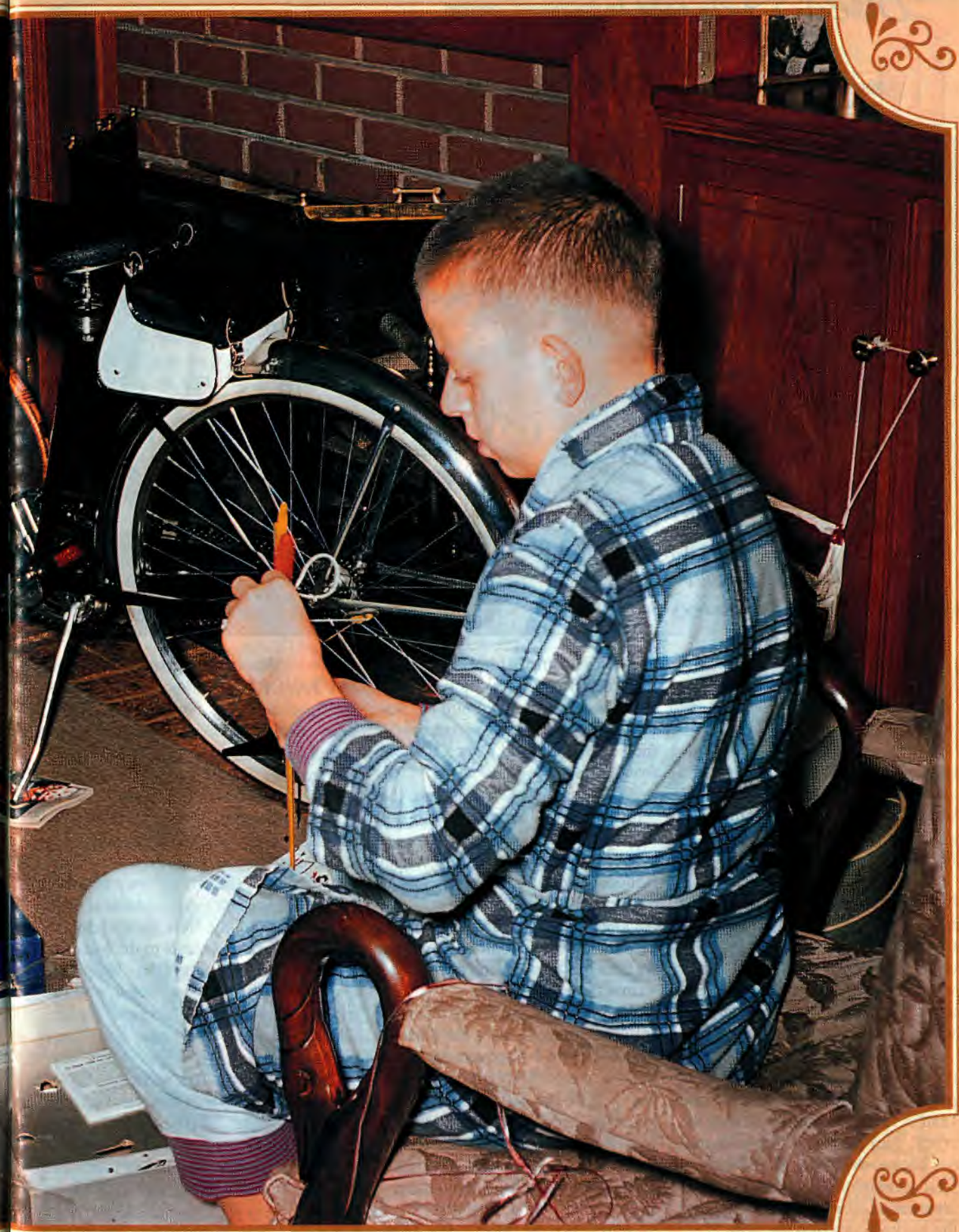
"Despite my being forced to pose in 99 percent of Dad's pictures, his fondness for photography inspired me to make it my career."

Barely showing in the basket behind the bike is the top of a *Boys' Life* magazine. It sure was a boy's life on this Christmas for Paul.

IF YOU HAVE a memorable 8x10 or 5x7 photo that you would like to share with our readers, check the Contributor Guidelines on page 51 and consider sending it in.

For now, conjure up your own spirit of Christmas past while enjoying the holiday memories and photos from fellow readers in this holiday issue of *Reminisce*.





A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: It's hard to climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets.

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: There's plenty of room at the top; there's just no room to sit down.

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8 **Sears Shopping** was a feast for the eyes, ears and taste buds.

9 **Light Disposition.** Surviving the Depression sometimes meant keeping your sense of humor.

17 **Holiday Traditions** of 1930s left indelible mark on two girls.

30 **Gotcha Gifts.** Giving of gag items kept things lively ... yes, indeed.

36 **Anticipation.** Would Santa's financial woes be too great to deliver the goods in 1927?

37 **Gentle Prayer** by Robert Louis Stevenson so beautifully captures the true spirit of Christmas.

40 **Change of Heart.** Charitable notion came upon two girls—and they followed through.



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49 **Miracle of the Ring.** Lost gem left a former sailor disconsolate.

52 **Merrymaking** went a bit too far for well-meaning surrogate Santa.

58 **Pressure Was On** when water pressure was low on a farm in desperate need Christmas morn.

60 **Hanukkah Stories** tell of readers' favorite treats and traditions.

62 **Bighearted Sailor.** Brother in the Navy had a boatload of love in his heart for family at home.

64 **Special Wish.** All she wanted for Christmas was to have her brother back from the war.

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25 Viva Las Vegas. Lady Luck was on their side when they found love and planned to marry.

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Chilly Work



Cutting lake ice was how one Minnesota family made a business out of supplying its town with early refrigeration.



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Small-town girl, Hollywood starlet, symbol of hope for overseas soldiers.
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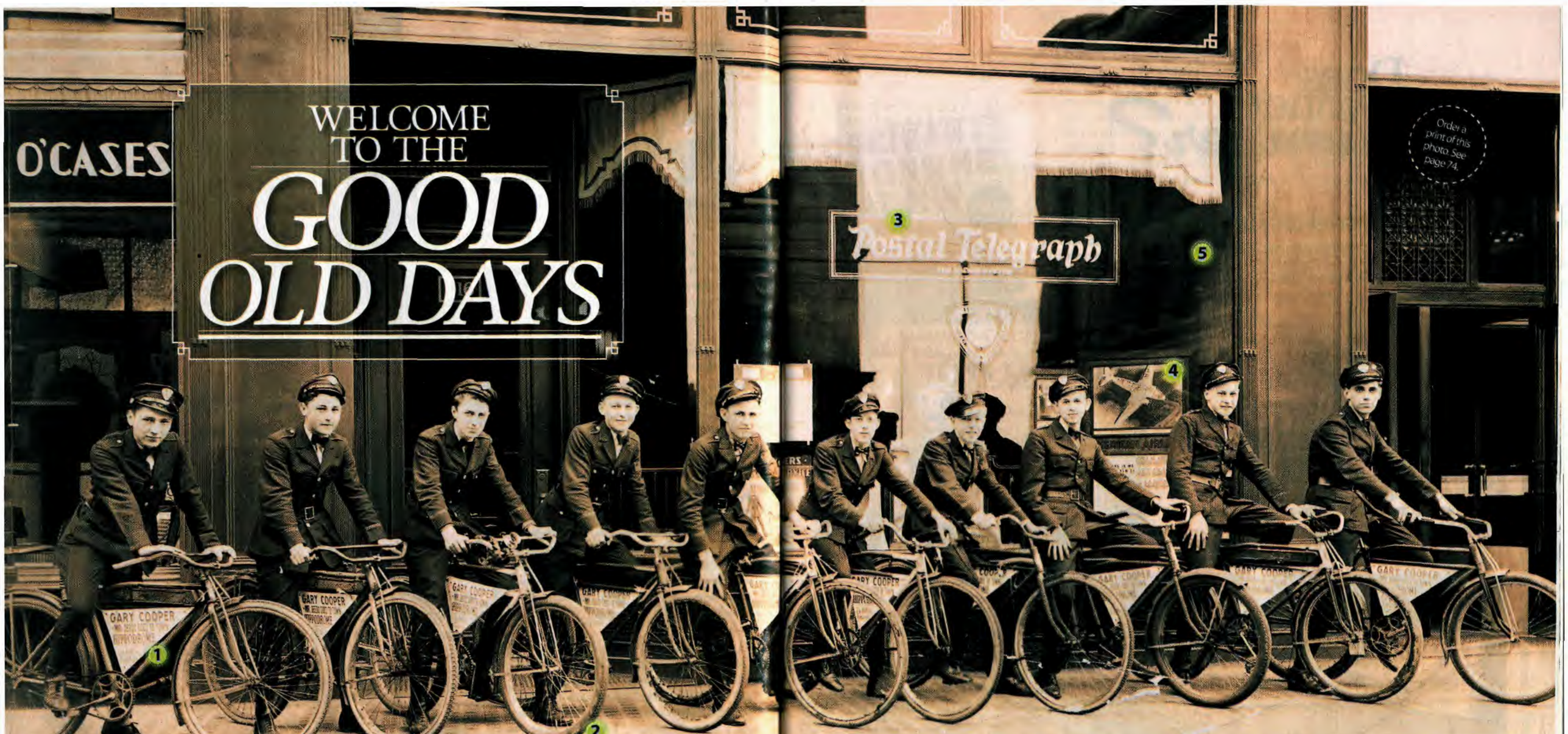

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GREEN MACHINES

THESE MESSENGER BOYS LEFT NO CARBON FOOTPRINT

Back in the days before email, text messaging and overnight FedEx deliveries, smartly uniformed delivery boys—like the ones shown here in downtown Cleveland, Ohio—relied on fleets of sturdy bicycles and pedal power to deliver telegrams and other communications. In fact, accounts of bike messengers date back to the 1870s in Paris.

"These boys worked for the Postal Telegraph Co., where my father worked as an office manager until about 1938 or 1939," writes Bob Gazso of North Olmsted. "The photograph was taken in 1936. The office also had a marching band that took part in local parades."

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MR. DEEDS MAKES DEBUT

These bikes carry signs promoting the film *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town* at the Hippodrome, one of Cleveland's grand old picture palaces. The legendary Frank Capra directed the 1936 comedy starring Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur.

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RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

The first bicycle tires were wooden ones reinforced with iron bands. Solid rubber tires followed, which evolved into air-filled tires by the early 1890s. Arnold, Schwinn & Co. introduced fatter balloon tires with inner tubes in 1933.

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DAVID TAKES ON GOLIATH

Irish immigrant John Mackay, who made a fortune from the fabled Comstock Lode silver find in Nevada during the 1850s, founded the Postal Telegraph Co. in the 1880s to compete against the giant Western Union Telegraph Co.

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COME FLY WITH ME

In 1936, American Airlines (note poster in window) revolutionized air travel with the Douglas DC-3. The roomier and more comfortable plane helped boost business from 474,000 passengers in 1932 to 1.2 million in 1938.

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MORE WINDOW SHOPPING

Big plate glass windows were prohibitively priced until the 1860s, when water and steam power made it easier to grind and polish the glass. By 1900, American plate glass was good enough to compete with Europe's.

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Raising chicks above the family furniture store was a great diversion for the kids.

24 Memories of Pisanki



Polish egg decorating is a family tradition of artistry with wax, passed from mother to daughter.

26 Bringing the Stars Out



Longtime broadcaster was host to Art Linkletter, Tommy Dorsey and other stars of the past.

32 The GI's Girl Back Home



As the U.S. Army's poster girl, Margie Stewart, a small-town girl turned starlet, made soldiers swoon.

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Dolly Misekow, here at age 2 in 1936, is the pisanki egg decorator featured on page 24. More Easter stories can be found on page 6.

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Margie Stewart Johnson, an Indiana girl next door who became a surrogate sweetheart for World War II GIs, is pictured in a publicity photograph from the 1943 movie *Bombardier.* Turn to page 32 to read about Margie, the Army's official pinup girl, who was so popular that she was sent on a European tour to visit soldiers and promote the sale of war bonds.

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WELCOME TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Reassuring comforts of home awaited servicemen and women returning to Marysville, Pennsylvania, from World War II—even during their homecoming parade. Organizers for the 1946 celebration decked out this flatbed truck with cozy homespun touches, including a sofa, curtains and a table set for dinner.

"My father, James H. Roberts, is at the table on the float," says James W. "Jim" Roberts of Marysville. "He was instrumental in organizing these sorts of things. Sitting at the table are (clockwise from front left) Dalus Ashenfelder, Ed Straw (face obscured), Charles Arter, my dad, Ed Crandall (in Navy whites) and Bob Bitting. My uncle Ned Ember is at the piano."

On the back of the float are (from left) Navy man Walt Snyder, Kate Holland (holding a child, name unknown), Nellie Bell and Jim's sister Betty Eichelberger. Betty's husband, Herb, is driving his flatbed truck, which is probably a late-1930s Ford.

"I'm the 18-year-old at the wheel behind the float, driving Dad's 1909 Sears motor buggy," says Jim. "My mother, Stacia, was riding along with me. Betty's daughter is now enjoying the car in Arizona."

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Living With Lady Liberty



Army brat grew up in the heart of New York Harbor on what is now known as Liberty Island.

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Stars Aligned at the Grove



Rubbing shoulders with celebrities, one couple had a night to remember at Hollywood's top hot spot.

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Special Section: Summer at the Movies



Nothing beats the heat like a blockbuster! Our readers share their favorite moviegoing memories, Universal Pictures celebrates its first century and we swing through a dozen of Johnny Weissmuller's Tarzan movies.

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On the edge: These bathing beauties posed for the paper during a pool dedication in Columbus Grove, Ohio. See "Pictures From the Past," page 12.





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ON THE COVER

Debbie Reynolds once said, "The two hardest things I ever did in my life were childbirth and *Singin' in the Rain*." She'd doubtless agree that it was worth the effort on both counts. It's tough to overstate the greatness of the magical movie that opened on March 27, 1952. This summer, devotees of the musical masterpiece can get their hands on Warner Home Video's *Singin' in the Rain* 60th Anniversary Ultimate Collector's Edition. This $85 limited edition includes the remastered film on Blu-ray and DVD discs, plus a third disc with four hours of bonus content. Each numbered set also comes with a 48-page hardcover book, reproductions of the theatrical posters and even a full-size umbrella. It's colossal!

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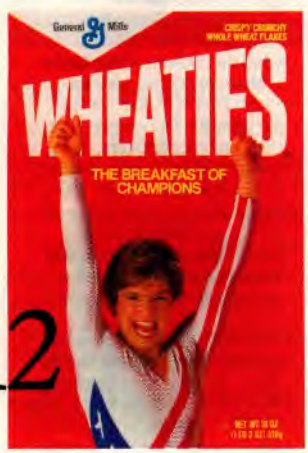

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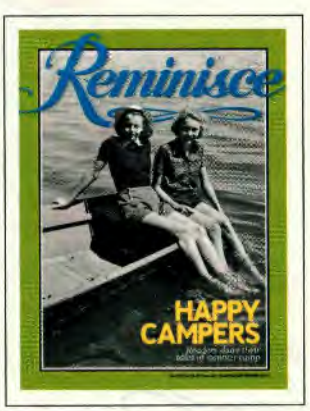

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Two young ladies cool off at a YWCA summer camp in Winona Lake, Indiana, in 1940. Image: Leland J. Prater/Corbis

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Few events on a kid's fall calendar were as hotly anticipated as claiming the Halloween pumpkin. Image: H. Armstrong Roberts/ClassicStock.com



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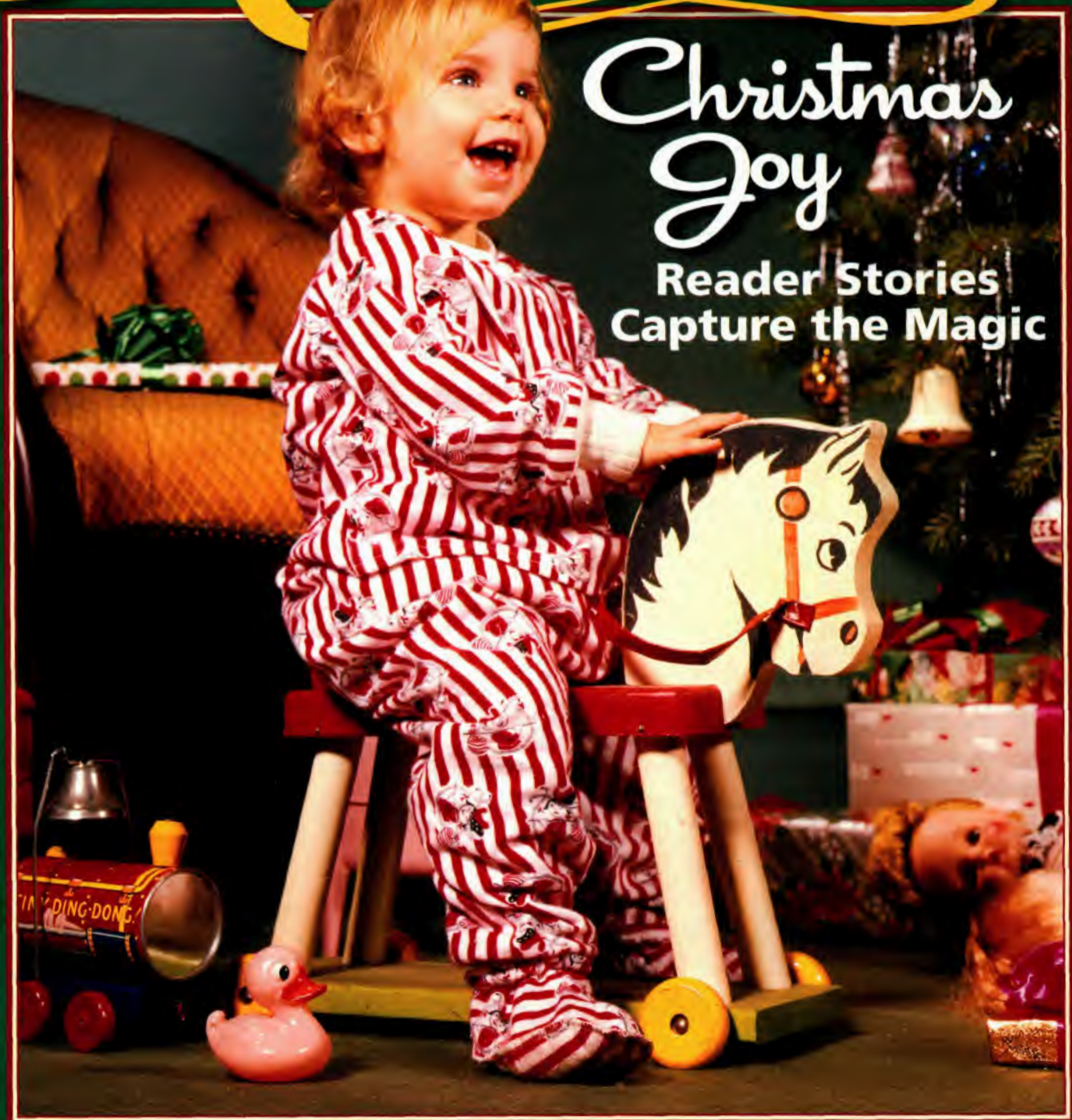

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Reader Stories Capture the Magic

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24 Look, It Snowed! Childhood play was at its best on a snow day.

25 December Fireworks? Rockets' red glare matched neighbor lady's.

28 Toys and Joys. Our Facebook fans recall their favorite items from holidays past.

32 Gather 'Round Our Tree. Art director Cheryl Michalek rings some bells with a collection of old-time playthings.

34 Hide and Peek. In the game of concealing gifts, it's hider versus hunter.

36 Stories of Cheer. Readers tell tales of shopping, Christmas plays and anticipating gifts.

39 Train Jumping. This WAVE took a leap of faith when she really wanted to get home.



The Jimmy Hawkins Co.

40 Bob Hope Christmas shows were great, but Raymond Burr gave a most memorable gift.

42 Breakdown Blues. With a bad car and worse roads, would they ever get home for the holidays?

48 Season's Greetings. We deliver a bundle of vintage Christmas cards.

55 Cookie Cache. Mom knew it was time to find a better hiding place.



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ON THE COVER... Joyful laughter and happy hearts abound on Christmas morning as depicted in this photo from H. Armstrong Roberts/Classicstock.com. Inset photo of James Stewart is used courtesy of The Jimmy Hawkins Co.



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When our first issue was printed—the old-fashioned way, on paper—we never imagined it would lead to a loyal following of more than 1 million subscribers. Since then, we've published many hardcover *Reminisce* books, a compact disc and a DVD set. We have a popular website and Facebook page, and the magazine itself is now available the modern paperless way—via the Nook. We're so grateful to be celebrating two decades of "bringing back the good times," and it's all thanks to you. We never could have done it without faithful readers who appreciate the timeless value of a memory.





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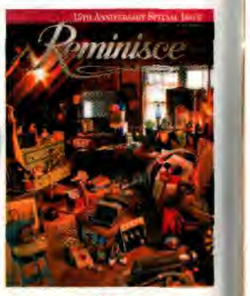

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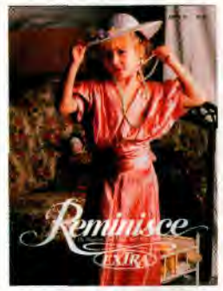
ENTERTAINMENT. The many products our readers enjoy (left).





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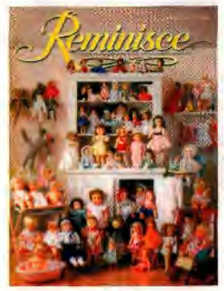

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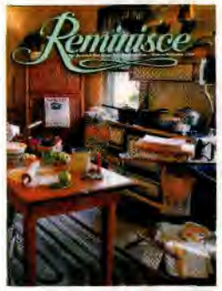

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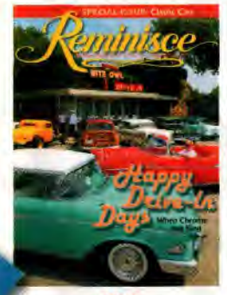

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1991 *Reminisce* premieres in January. Subscriptions reach 1 million by November.

1992 First *Reminisce* book, *We Had Everything But Money*, offered to readers.

1993 *Reminisce Extra* debuts in February.

1995 Subscriptions reach 2.1 million by January.

1999 *Reminisce* goes digital and launches its website.

2006 First *Reminisce* e-newsletter sent out to subscribers in November.

2006 *Reminisce* introduces first of three boxed jigsaw puzzles.

2007 Three-disc DVD set, *Reminisce Through the Decades: The 1940s,* becomes available in August.

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2010 *Reminisce* appears on Facebook in spring. Today, it's "liked" by more than 13,000 friends.

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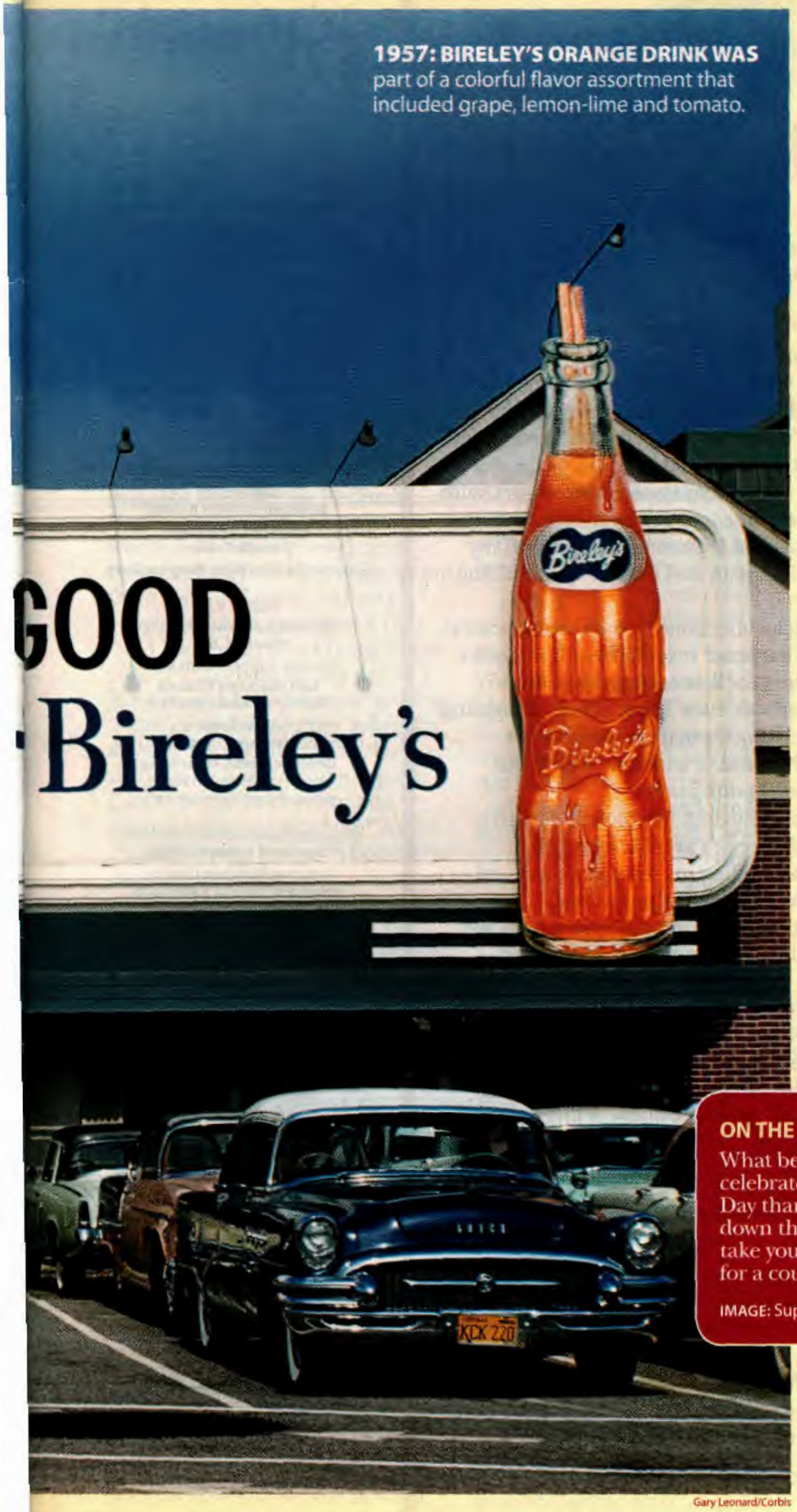

1957: BIRELEY'S ORANGE DRINK WAS part of a colorful flavor assortment that included grape, lemon-lime and tomato.

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What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than to put down the top and take your sweetie for a country drive?

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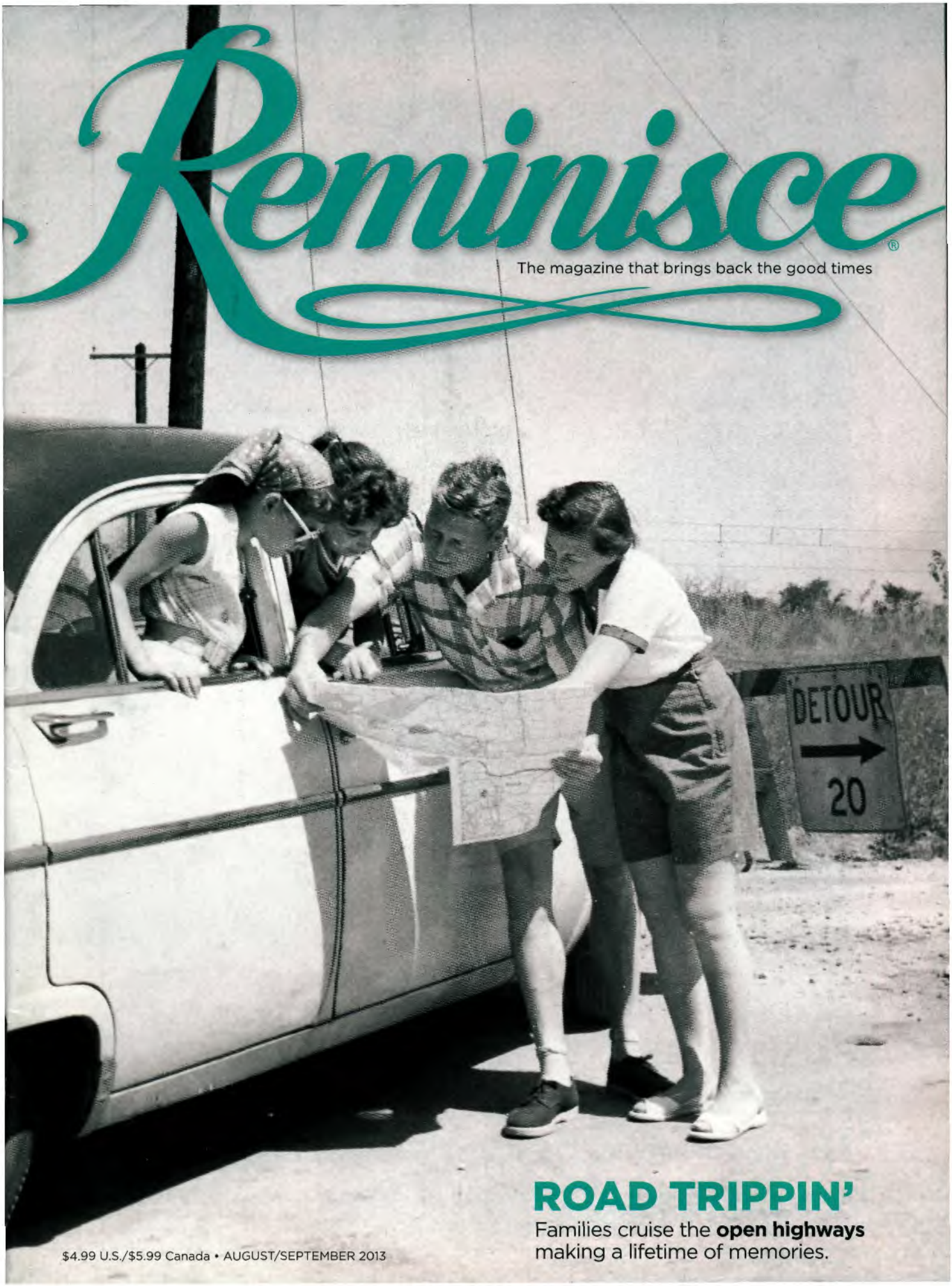

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READY, SET, GO! "Soap Box Derbies were the drag races of the 1940s, without the powerful engines, of course," writes George Robertson of Dyersburg, Tennessee. "At the bottom of the wooden ramp, there was a little bump that launched some of us into the air, but we were still able to stay in our lanes. The kids in this photo—including me, No. 7—are now in their 70s."

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A road detour won't stop this intrepid family from reaching their destination.
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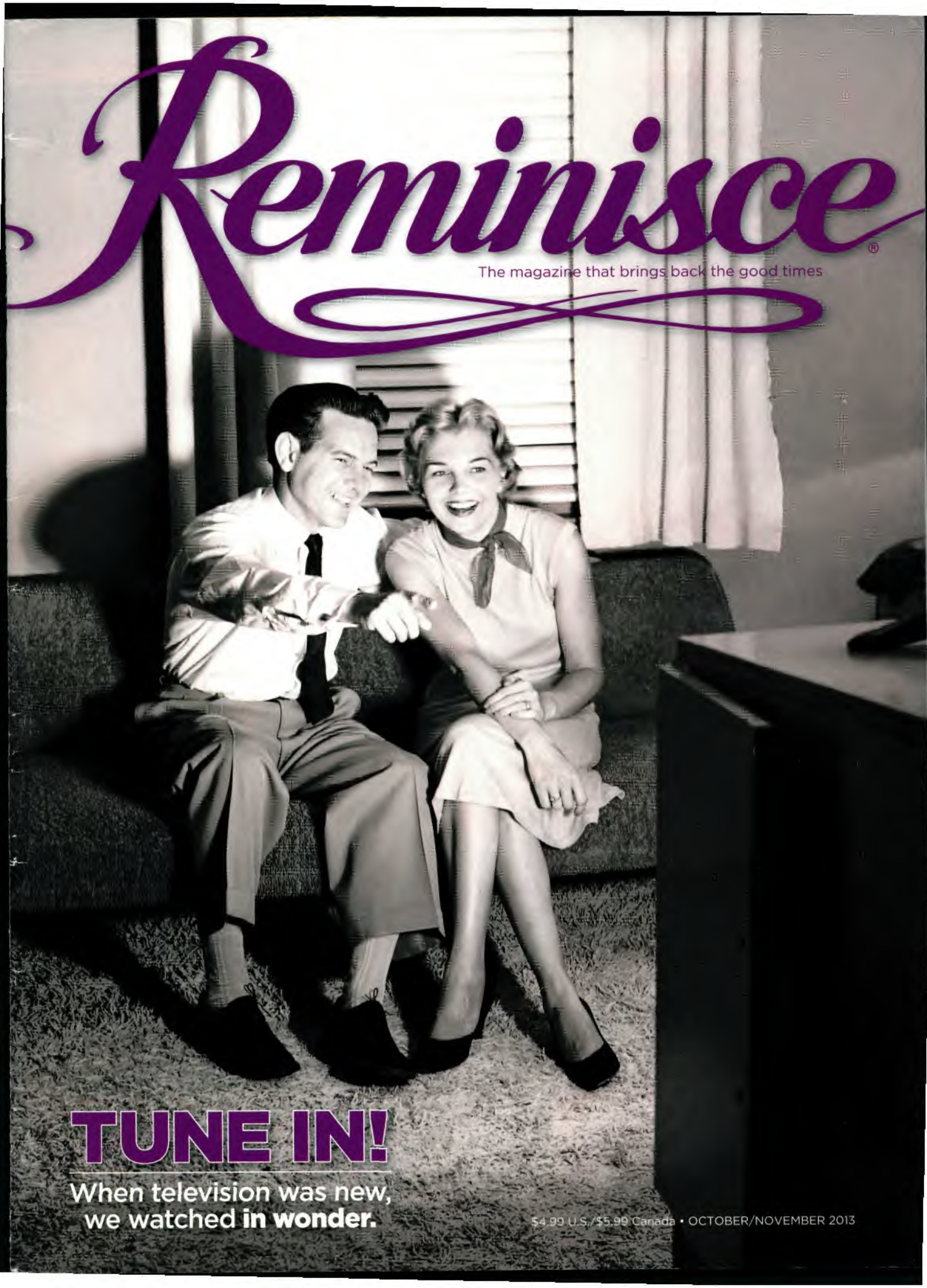

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Cozy on the couch, this couple laughs it up at the latest variety show on television.

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Tramping into snowy woodlands to find and fell the perfect family Christmas tree is one of the holiday season's old-time joys.

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Five-year-old Toni Morris looks cute as a bunny in her flop-eared topper at an Easter bonnet parade in the 1970s.
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With her dog by her side, an adorable little girl stops to smile for the camera in this fall photo taken in the 1950s.
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The tiki craze of the 1950s inspired these folks to escape the daily grind by bringing paradise into their own home.

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What to buy? That's the question these intrepid Christmas shoppers must answer as they gaze into store windows, delighting in the opulence of the holiday season.

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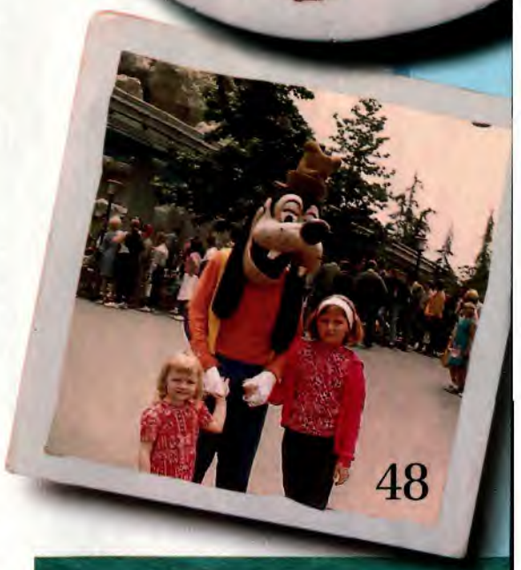



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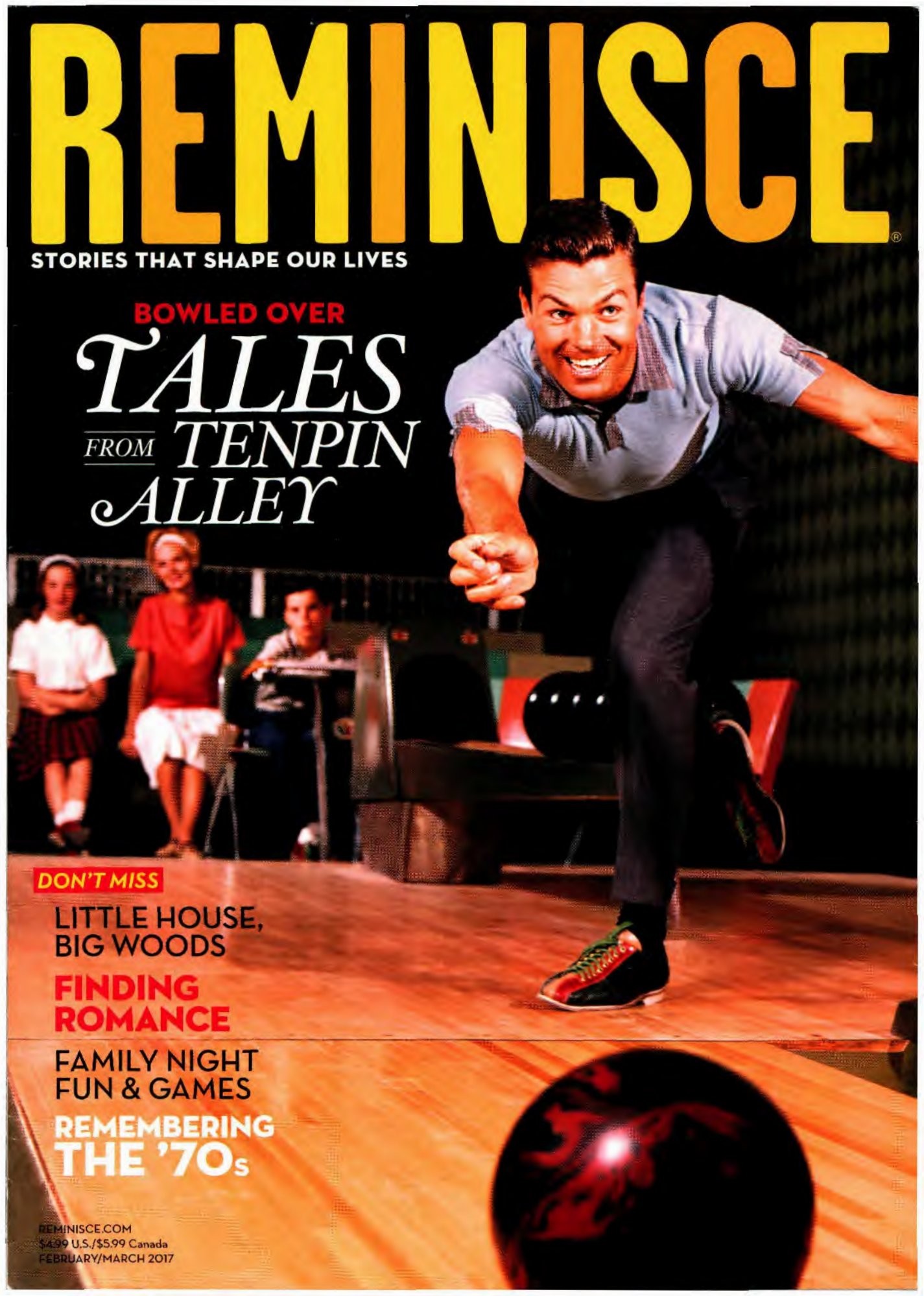

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