A LINE ON 1948

HELEN, FRANCIS, AND ADRIENNE LINE - 77 PATRICIAN WAY - PASADENA 2, CALIFORNIA

Dear Friends: In this 15th annual Christmas letter of ours we hasten to tell you that, though we have a new address, WE ACTUALLY HAVEN'T MOVED AT ALL. You see, our home is exactly on the line between Los Angeles and Pasadena. We used to let the City of the Angels deliver our mail. But Pasadena, the Crown City, gives better postal service. So now, though still in the same house at exactly the same spot by the Eagle Rock, we have become full-fledged Pasadenans.

Although we have exchanged our angels wings for a crown, our seasons greetings to you are the same. From both the Pasadena and the Los Angeles sides of our house we send wishes for all that is finest during the coming year.

P.S. If you DO forget the new address, the old one will still reach us.

Sincerely,
THE LINES.

CHRONOLOGY OF 1948

JANUARY- In the Rose Bowl football game on New Years Day, we watched alma mater University of Michigan defeat Southern California, 49 to 0. Adrienne cheered more loudly than anyone else.

FEB.-MARCH- A regular lecture trip east, with a dip into the deep South to thrill at Mobile's Azalia Fete, the Natchez Pilgrimage, La. Strawberry Festival, etc.

APRIL- All home together and glad of it. Helen's specialty is entertaining on short notice and we have lots of friends in, groups both large and small. Our home is our greatest joy.

MAY- We celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary and Helen observed her ?th birthday. 20 years! Wheu! But then, we were just kids when we were married.

JUNE- We started editing of SHEEP, STARS, AND SOLITUDE into a 35-minute sound film for distribution to schools and churches. We call this version "MORNING STAR".

JULY- As a belated anniversary trip, the three of us motored to Mexico City and points south, doing what filming we could between tropical deluges. In Mexico City we stayed with the grand Gonzales family, where 40 students from the U.S.A. were staying. Eleven were from the U. of Mich. They adopted Adrienne and let her sit at the Spanish-speaking table for meals. Our trip took us to Acapulco, Paricutin, and Guadalajara,

AUGUST- More anniversaries! My folks had their Golden Wedding Day, celebrating at our home. Win and Grace flew from Mich. in their plane for the occasion.

SEPTEMBER- A trip to Canada, to begin filming the story of the Columbia River. This time we just did the headwaters up near the Columbia Icefields and Jasper Park. Canoeing in wild rapids, waterfalls higher than Empire State Bldg., bear, moose, beaver. Lots of excitement.

OCTOBER- This fall Adrienne entered 7th Grade at McKinley Jr. High School. This is Pasadena's most cosmopolitan school, with a score of nationalities represented. In addition to the regular subjects, Adrienne takes cooking, sewing, dancing, and social science. For us, it is like going to school all over again as she tells us her activities each night.

The YOUTHEATRE at the Meth. Church, one of Helen's principal autumn activities, entertains a thousand youngsters regularly with plays, movies, drama workshop.

NOVEMBER- Adrienne's birthday was celebrated early, with six of her girl friends accompanying us on a trip to San Diego by streamline train. There was a birthday party "aboard" and a thrilling day at the Zoo.

Another lecture trip east. In N.Y. I arranged for Julien Bryan of Internatl. Film Foundation to distribute "MORNING STAR" nationally. In Wash. D.C. the State Dept. previewed it and want to voice it in 8 foreign languages for world distribution..... The "Geographic" editors are still processing pictures for our sheep article, with publication still a number of months away.

DECEMBER- All home for a grand Christmas.

LOOKING AHEAD

On Jan. 1st we will film the Rose Parade, to show in Pasadena Civic Audit. Jan. 6.

In late Jan. and Feb., a lecture trip (by air both ways) to Hawaii, with film showings on nearly all the islands and a chance to meet many of our old friends again.

In March we will have been in this lecture business exactly ten years. We crave new pastures. So following my spring trip east in March, we will bid the lecture field goodbye, to experiment with sound-film production, television, and other exciting avenues for the use of film. Also there's a book to be finished.

HAPPY NEW YEAR. AND PLEASE DO WRITE.