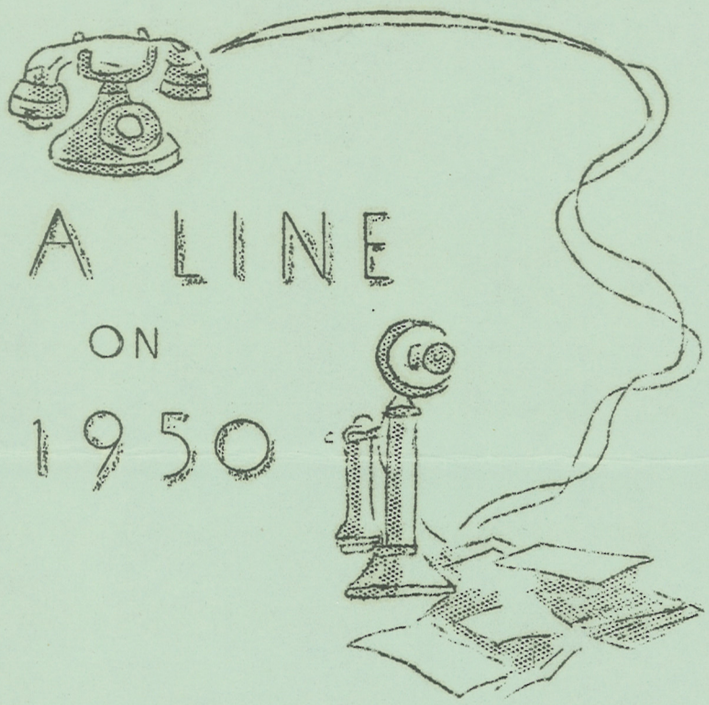


January 2, 1951

Dear Friends:

1950! It has been our busiest and happiest year in a decade.

FOR TRAVEL, there were new regions of the Columbia River Country to be explored. Of our four trips along the river during spring and summer, Adrienne joined us on three. Never have we enjoyed film-making more than on the Columbia.

Then, in a new midget station wagon, and with Adrienne's friend Judy along, we started out in late summer making SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WEST. Imagine two grown-ups and two teen-agers piled into a tiny station-wagon and roaming the Rockies, the deserts, and the forests of our West. In fact, the antics of the teen-agers, plus ludicrous situations developing in a tiny car, provided humor nearly every mile. We shall spend the spring and summer completing this opus, which will be our new lecture film for fall.

FOR REAL WORK, there was the editing of 12,000 feet of film this year. That was virtually slave labor. Plus personally booking our biggest season of lectures.

FOR EXCITEMENT, there was a 12,000 mile lecture trip back east, with an old-fashioned blizzard providing ten glorious days of battling snow and ice to meet engagements. Francis succeeded in making them all (though in two cases the audiences couldn't get there). He found partial states of emergency declared in Cincinnati, Huntington, West Va., Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Akron.

FOR HOME INTEREST, Adrienne is now 14, and a freshman at Eagle Rock High School. Need more be said? Helen is having a meaningful experience in educational and film work among young people of the First Methodist Church. And the informal gatherings over which Helen presides here at the Rock are among the greatest experiences of our lives.

FOR BELATED NEWS, there was finally the publication, in April of 1950, of our sheep article in the National Geographic Magazine.

FOR THRILLS, there was the Rose Bowl game just yesterday in which Francis' alma mater, Michigan, defeated California.

FOR ANTICIPATION, there is a 15-date lecture trip to the Hawaiian Islands coming up for Helen and Francis in March.

1951? It is hard to say Happy New Year with destruction loose in the world. The phrase was never so trite as now. Last summer, at Hanford Washington, we filmed the development of the atomic bomb and other safeguards for America in case of war. Strength of that kind is needed.....But here in the shadow of the great Eagle Rock is enough of quiet, and lack of materialism, to keep us reminded that a Force really exists which is vastly stronger than atomic power. Our deepest prayer, and the goal for which we will work in any ways we can, even though small, is that during 1951 that Force may prevail.

P.S. This is our 17th annual New Years letter. We'd love to have a reply. Either address below will reach us. They are both for the same house, for the Lines live right on the line.

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