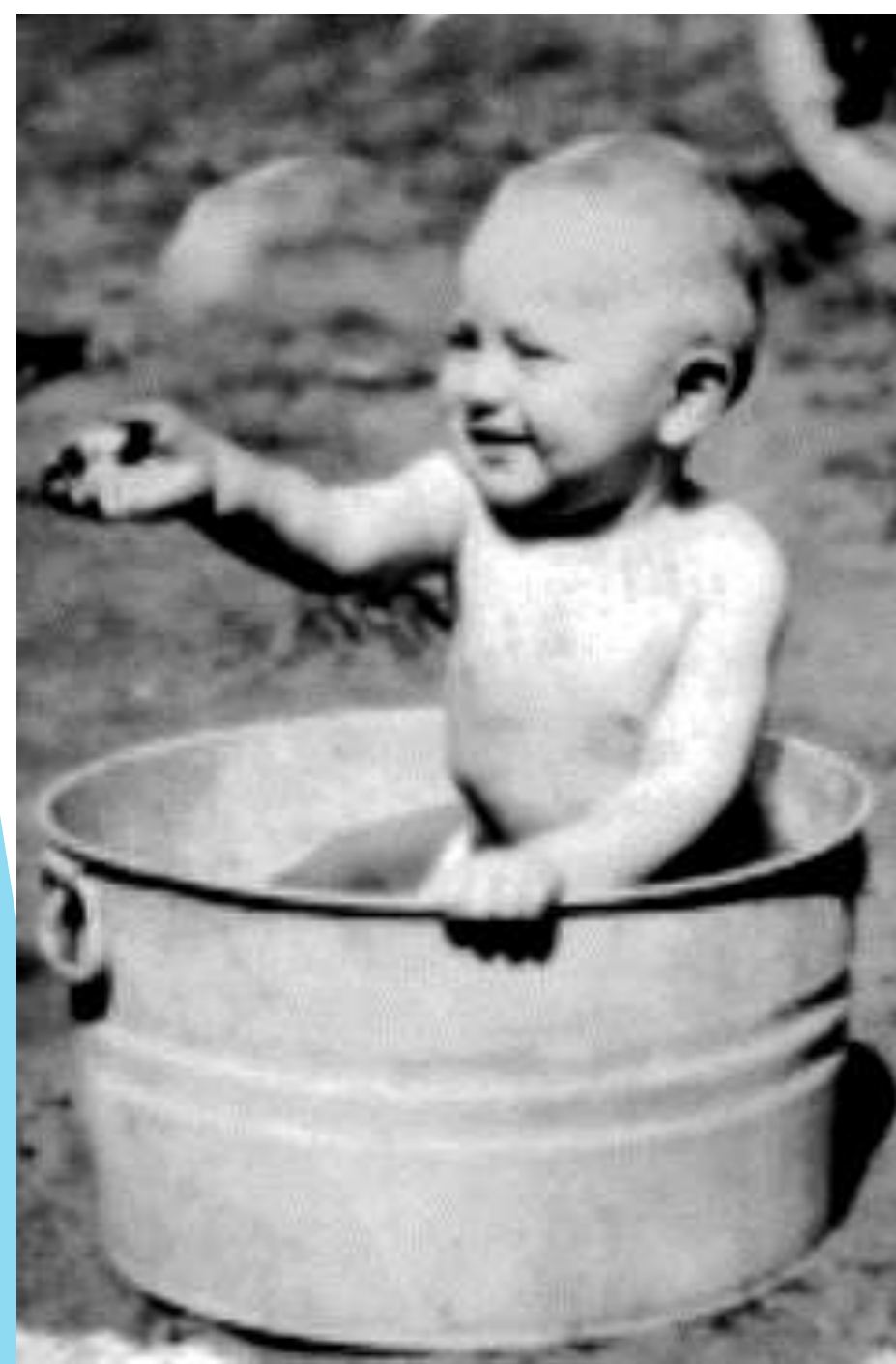


FUN TIMES  
WITH KEN IN  
HIS FIRST 90  
YEARS



**It's cold in here. Quick,  
hand me my blankie.**



**NO! I  
will not  
stand up!**

Digging  
clams at  
Long  
Beach,  
Wash.



When I was 4 years old I lived in a small town in Washington. There was an old logging locomotive in the town's park with the number 1090 painted on its side. Can you guess the name of the Town?

Hint: The number on  
the locomotive tells the  
town's name—1090—  
TEN-NINE-OH. Get  
it?

Tenino, Washington



**Bet I can  
beat you to  
the next  
light!**

**I'm a good  
swimmer, I  
think.**





*Dandy  
Dude  
Dayton  
with  
sister,  
Arlene*

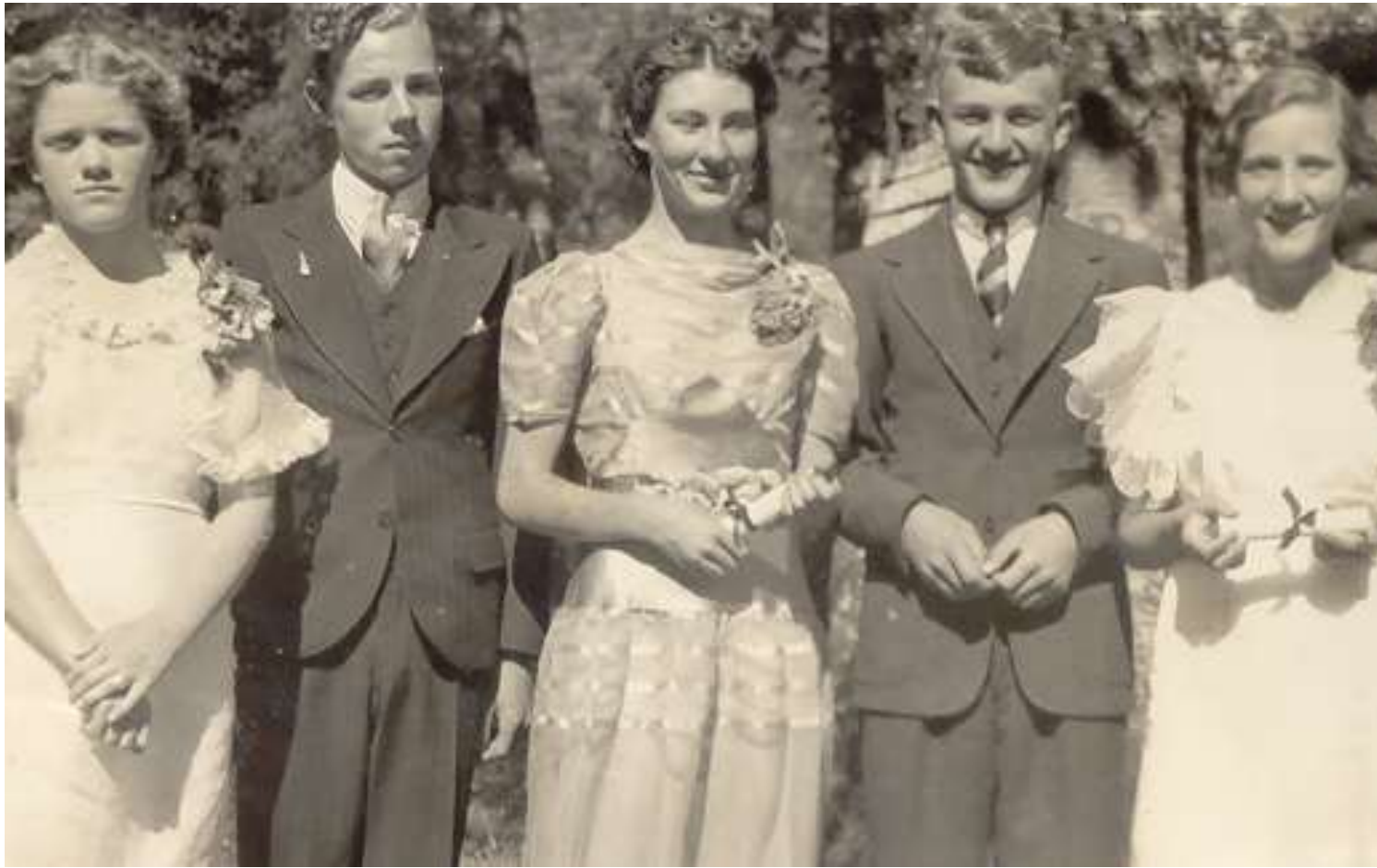


First day of  
school with  
big  
brother,  
Bev





**A shy-looking  
3<sup>rd</sup> grader,  
but don't let  
looks fool  
you—I tended  
to be a  
prankster.**



8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class,  
Rose Lodge, OR, 1938



**In high school I  
played the part  
of The Right  
Honorable Sir  
Joseph Porter,  
KCB, in the  
musical, HMS  
Pinafore**



*Cue, Olga, Dayton, Arlene,  
Rose Lodge, OR, 1939*

# My junior year in high school



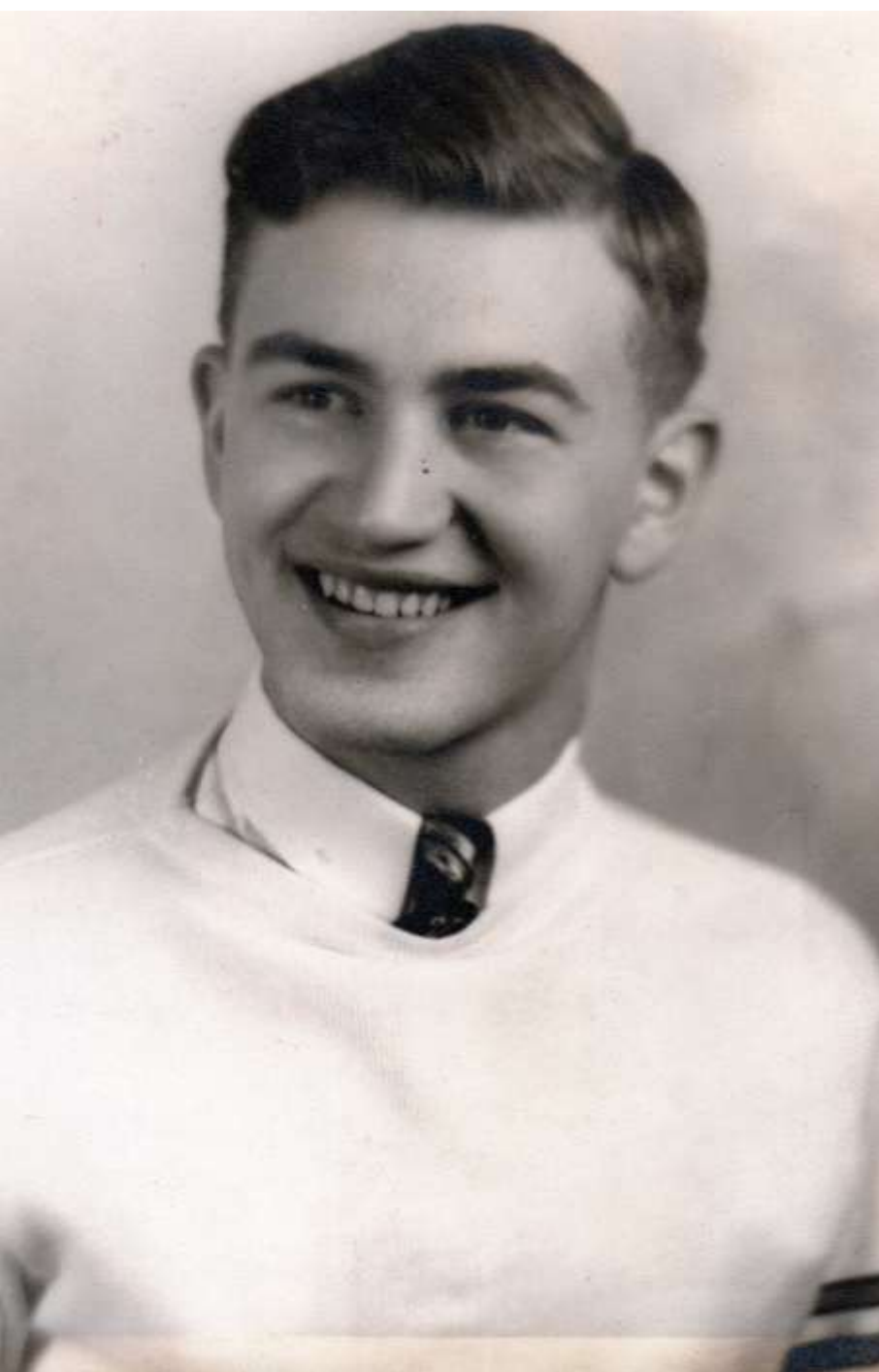


At the end of my junior year I took this ship to Sitka, Alaska to work for the summer.





**My first paying band job. The Roy Martin Band played for Saturday night dances at Gleneden Beach, OR during my senior year in high school.**



**High  
School  
graduation  
picture.**

Arlene and I  
in Albany just  
before I left  
for the US  
Merchant  
Marine.





**I served as a cook aboard this merchant vessel for almost 9 months while we sailed around the world, finally docking in the USA at New York City.**



**While in the US Coast Guard I played tenor sax with the Navy Dance Band in Gainesville, Georgia.**



As a senior electronics technician I spent almost a year in charge of a Radar Beacon Station at Guantaamo Bay, Cuba.

**On duty in  
Guantanamo,  
Cuba, 1945**





**The Gitmo Dance Band. I started with them on sax then switched to piano.**





**Aunt Agnes, Arlene and new husband John Block, me & Dad the folk's walnut ranch in Hillsboro, 1946.**

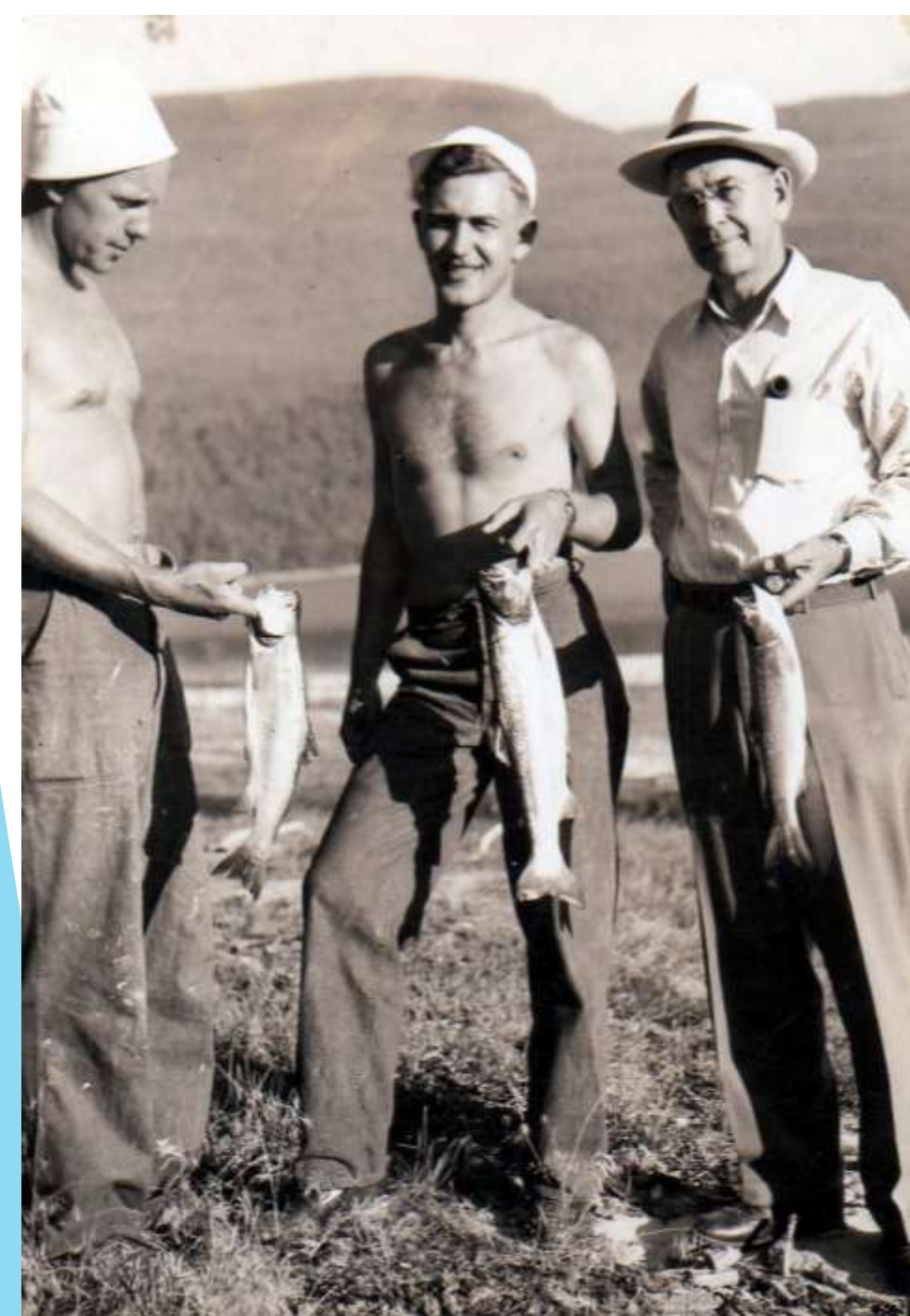
After spending several years in the military, my long-time, high school buddy, Fred Robison, and I were ready for some vacation time.



Dad and Mom offered to take us to Banff, B.C., for some fishing. We readily accepted.



We did go fishing a time or two, but we also dated these two girls from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.



Actually,  
fishing was  
pretty good  
in Canada.

In the fall of 1946 I attended Lewis & Clark College as a Music Major. I met my wife-to-be, Alta June (A.J.) Myles, while there.





I joined a fraternity, Delta Tau Rho. We made important decisions at the Three Star Tavern.



AJ graduated from L & C in 1948 with a degree in biology.

**AJ and I were  
married in  
Portland,  
June, 1948.**







The Wedding Party



I got a part-time job with CH2M while I was attending OSC.

I played  
with the  
George  
Timmons  
Quintet  
while at  
OSC.





I graduated  
OSC in June,  
1950 with a  
BS degree in  
Civil  
Engineering.



**I applied for a full-time position with CH2M. Here are the founders—Jim Howland, Holly Cornell, Fred Merryfield & Burke Hayes**



We moved to  
Roseburg, OR  
where I  
started my  
career as an  
engineer with  
CH2M



Our first son, Steve, was born in Roseburg.



**I joined the Bill Black Band and we were the “regulars” at the Roseburg Country Club for a couple of years.**





Our 2<sup>nd</sup> child, a daughter,  
Lyn, was born in Corvallis.



**AJ, Lyn & Steve and our  
Oldsmobile Rocket 88,  
1956.**

Mark &  
Clay were  
also born in  
Corvallis.  
Here are all  
four of our  
children.



**We captured a wild owl one day. He was very docile and a fun pet for one day. We released him that night.**





**Jerry Larson  
asked me to be  
the pianist in  
his new quartet.  
We played 3  
nights a week  
at a club in  
Albany.**



**Christmas, 1958. Why am I the only one smiling???**



**Grandpa Bob's last run as  
engineer on the Empire  
Builder's streamliner.**



**Fun in the surf at Big Stump Beach, 1962.**





**Harry Teel, Dale King and I spent many weekends building this cabin near the Metolius River in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon.**

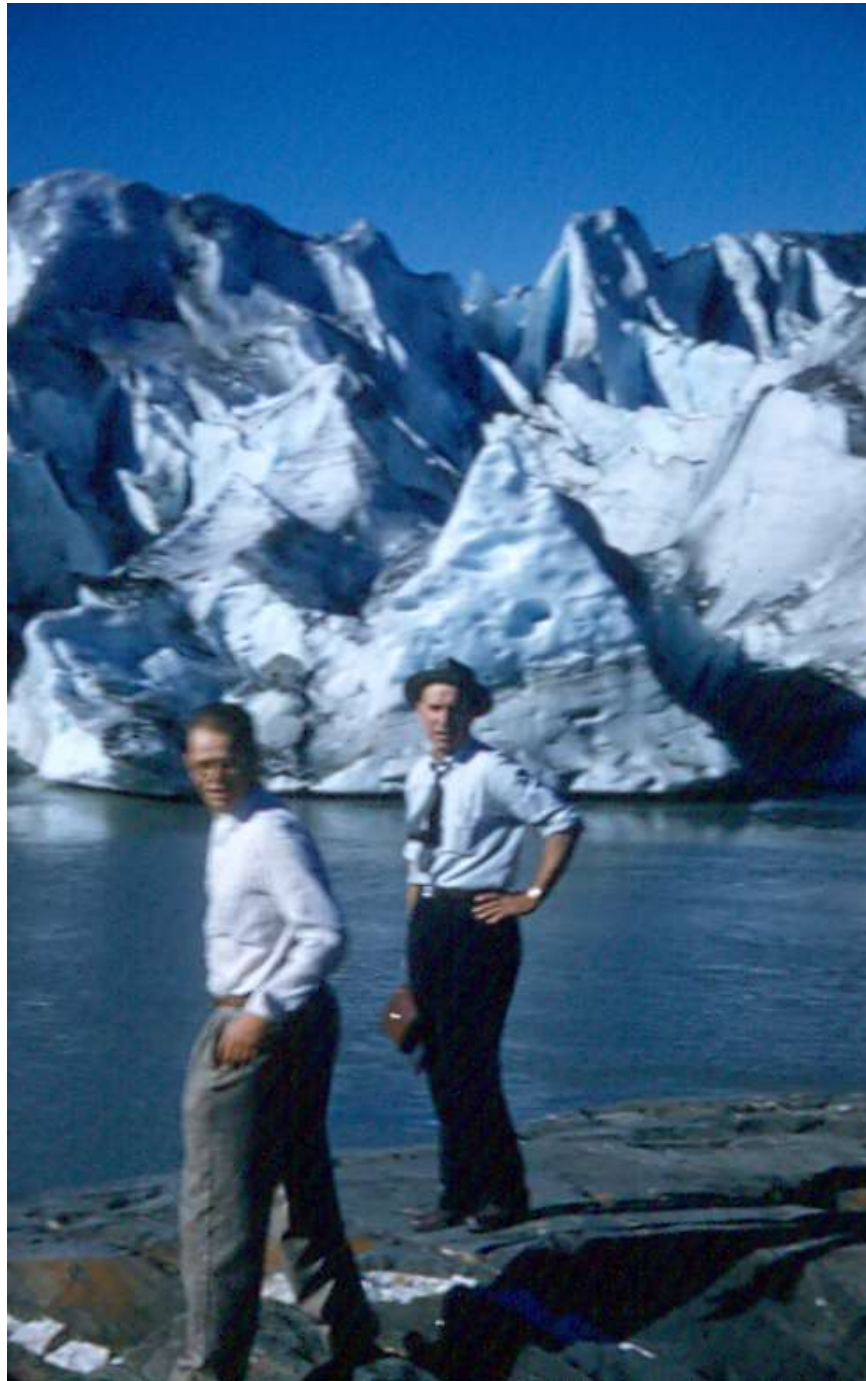


**The kids loved to go to the cabin,  
especially in the winter.**



Once a year the guys would have a “stag” weekend at the cabin, playing poker, golf, and looking for deer.

Archcie Rice and Mayor of Juneau at Mendenhall Glacier. I worked on the Juneau water project for 4 years and spent a lot of time there.



# Fishing was good!





**At our favorite weekend  
retreat, Big Stump Beach**



**Steve joined the Boy Scouts so I became a scout leader, and took the troop for a winter camp-out---a frigid experience.**



**Deer hunting in eastern Oregon with Mom, Dad, Bev and cousin Harry.**





I grew a  
beard for  
Oregon's  
Centennial  
Celebration,  
1958



**Clay watching a chipmunk  
at Crater Lake.**

In 1966, CH2M selected me to be Manager of Engineering Services for the Corvallis Office.

## Engineer Firm Picks Manager





# Fishing the Metolius River, 1968



Hawaiian Trip, 1969

# Clay with his surfboard instructor





**Lyn taking the sun**



# Lunch at the Polynesian Cultural Center





**Our turn in the boat**

The  
Bluetones  
played at  
the  
Corvallis  
Elks on  
Saturday  
nights.





**In 1970 I shot a 7-point trophy elk in the Desolation Unit near John Day, OR.**



**In July, 1971, Steve and I moved to Denver. He drove his bug, I drove a company car.**



**CH2M asked me to open a new branch in Denver. I'm busy in my new office.**



**I met Julie, a divorced mother with three children in the late summer of 1971.**



**We were  
married a  
year later in  
Aurora,  
Colorado.**



**We spent the first night of our honeymoon camping in the Shoshone Indian Reservation in Wyoming.**





*Aahh---  
Life is Good!*



**We rented a Victorian era home for 3 years. It had ghosts! Several of them!**



**We fixed up the house to make it very livable. We think the ghosts approved. They didn't bother us as much after we made the improvements.**



**Christmas, 1973 with 5 of our kids and Justin, our first grandchild.**



**Julie playing my grand piano.**



**After 3 years we bade the  
ghosts goodbye and  
bought our first home.**



**The office staff surprised me with a party for my 25 years with CH2M. The caption on the cake reads:**

**"To the TOP BANANA from the rest of the bunch."**

**Julie and I  
had this  
portrait  
taken just  
before  
moving to  
Atlanta.**







**My next CH2M assignment was to take over the newly acquired office in Atlanta, Georgia. We bought this fixer-upper home in the Buckhead district then went on a 10-day vacation to three islands in the West Indies.**

**First we visited friends working on the project in Trinidad, then we spent a few days in Barbados and finally a long week-end in San Juan, Puerto Rico.**



**Snorkeling in Tobago, a small island in the Trinidad group.**

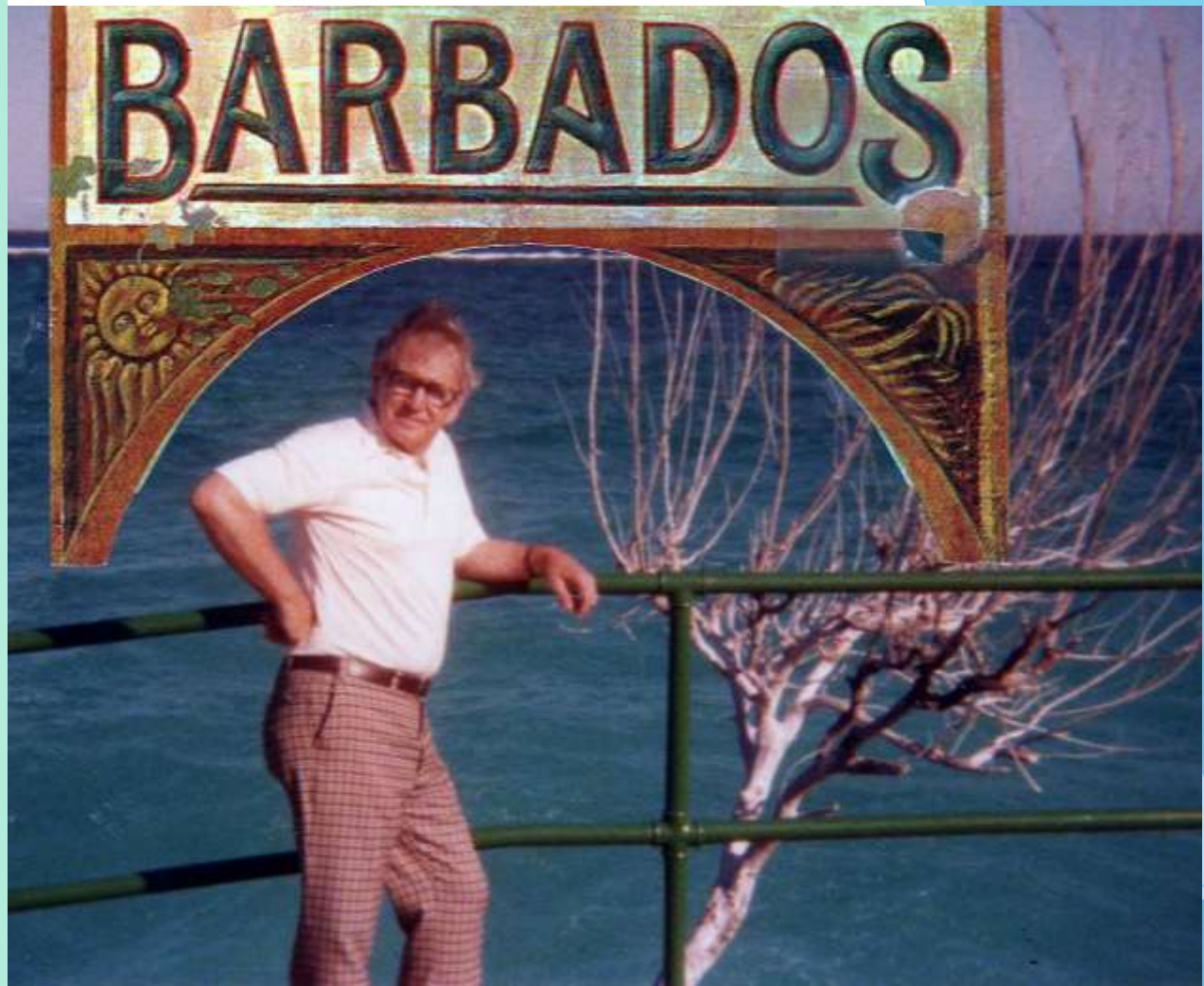


**The guy caught this huge Barracuda right where we were swimming. Two German models make the photo more appealing.**



**Snuggling at the Trinidad Hilton  
with Fran Nordquist**

**A great island  
for sight-  
seeing, but  
they drive on  
the wrong  
side of the  
road!**





**The Jolly Roger was a super fun party boat. Their Rum Punch ignited the dancers.**

**In San Juan  
Julie was  
brave  
enough to  
go for a sail  
in this “cat”  
sailboat.**



**Back home  
Julie  
painted the  
exterior  
trim on our  
house.  
Heights  
don't  
bother her!**







**In Plains, GA we gassed up at Billy Carter's station. He was gone, but Bobby Joe Carter, Jimmy's cousin helped us.**

**CH2M asked us to move to Egypt for two years. The Atlanta office gave Julie and I a going-away party complete with a belly-dancer.**





The home  
office of  
CH2M wished  
us a  
humorous  
goodbye to  
Atlanta.

**We stopped  
in Rome on  
our way to  
Egypt so  
Julie could  
throw coins  
into the  
Trevi  
Fountain.**





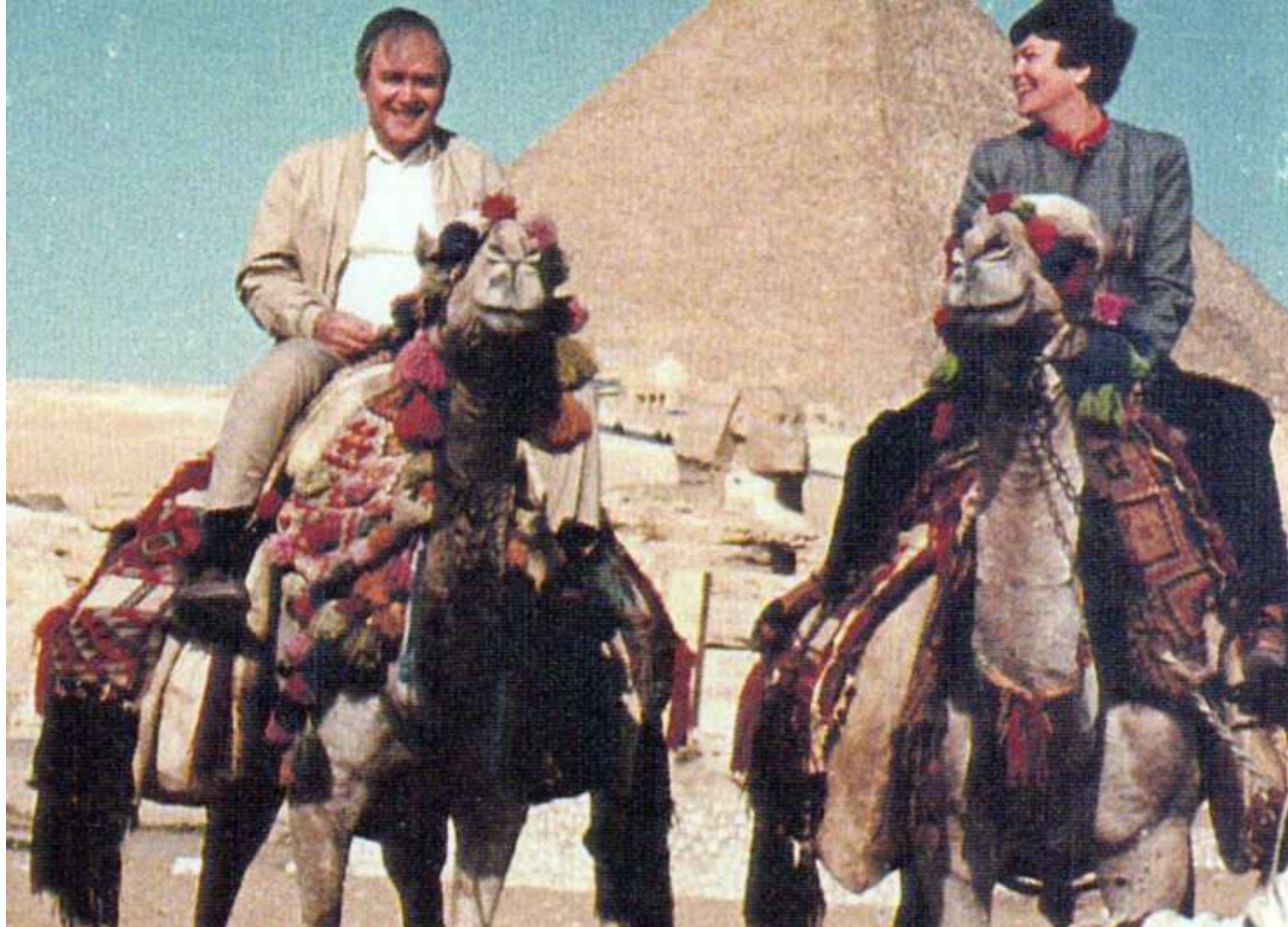
**We spent the night in Cairo on the banks of the Nile with the Cairo Hilton in the background.**



**Sidewalk  
butcher shop in  
Alexandria—  
camel, sheep or  
water buffalo.  
Julie shopped  
here.**



**A farm in the desert irrigated from the Nile. I'm on the usual mode of transportation.**



**We took these flea-bitten steeds for a leisurely ride around the pyramids of Giza.**





In Upper Egypt we saw many old temples such as this one near Aswan Dam.

# Carvings on a wall.





**Our 1<sup>st</sup> vacation away from Egypt was to the Limassol, Cyprus area. There were lots of old Roman structures.**



**Vacationing in Limassol, Cyprus, Julie appreciated being able to wear a bathing suit. This much bare skin was unacceptable in Egypt.**



**Our friend, Dinos Tapicos showed us around the capital city, Nicosia, Cyprus.**

**A lace-maker  
in Lefkara,  
Cyprus. We  
bought a  
large  
tablecloth  
from her.**



On a business trip to Vienna, Julie came with me so we could spend a few days touring this wonderful city.





**Client, Don Lindquist, his wife, Hildy and sister, Whitney introduced us to the Austrian “Spring Wine.” OH, so good!**





**I just had to have a picture of me beside the Johann Strauss memorial.**

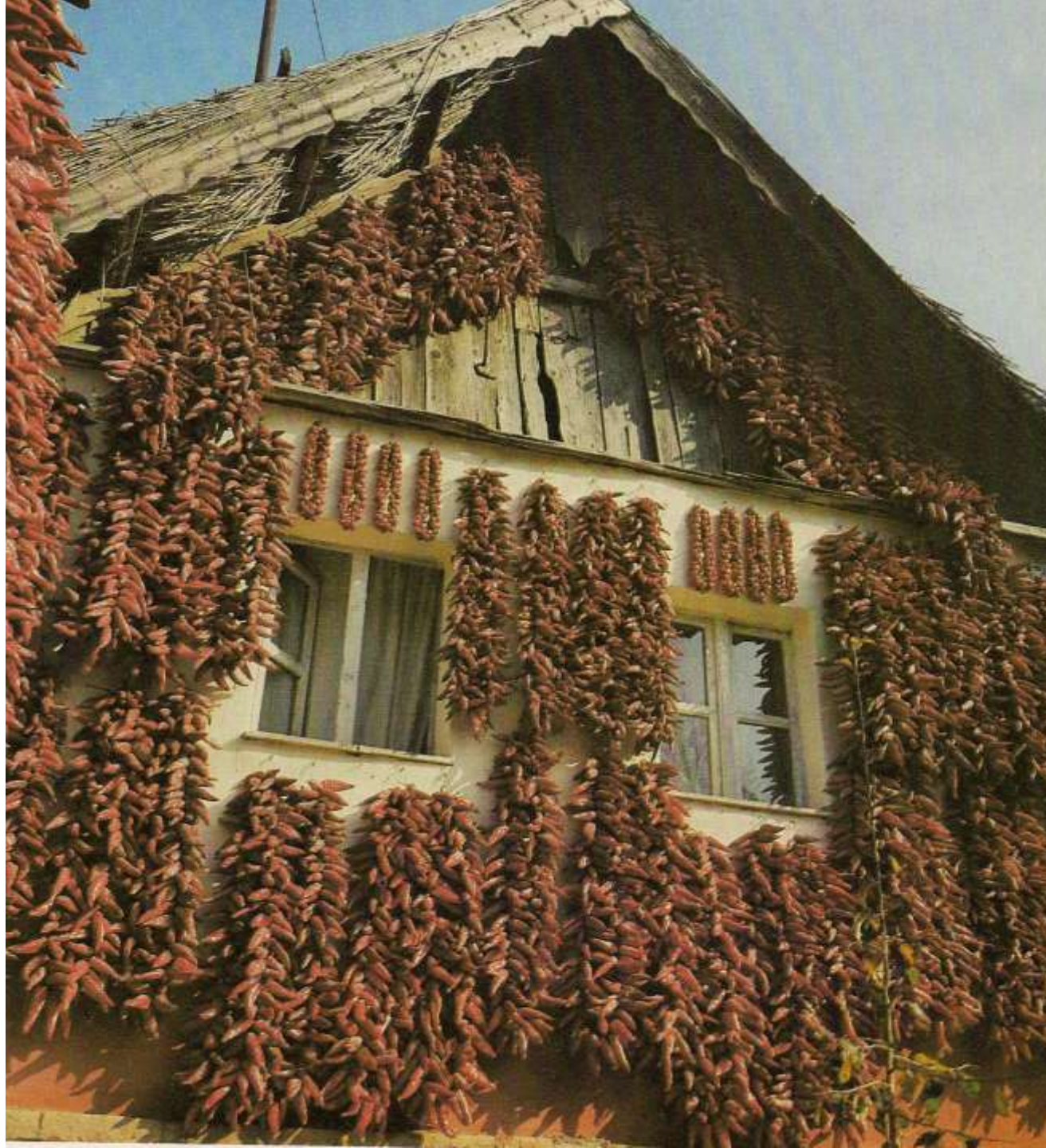


**Julie seems to attract musicians like flies, including me.**



**In Vienna we took the train to Communist-controlled, Budapest. The Hungarian border guards, carrying machine guns, were mean looking and scary.**

**Hungarian  
paprika  
peppers  
were  
strung out  
to dry all  
over this  
house.**





**Our cute guide, Clara, told us about the statues in the square at the city center.**



**Next stop, Istanbul, Turkey.  
Guide, Mohammed Bey, took us  
to the Sultan Ahmed mosque.**



**Julie, imitated the Turkish guard at the entrance to the Topkapi Palace. He didn't move, but his eyes were on her!**



**At a Turkish nightclub the 3 musicians and 2 singers got Julie up on the stage.**





**Finally, my turn with the ladies and the male singer.**



**We're saying GOODBYE to Egypt, moving on to our next project in Jordan.**



**Visiting cousins in Oslo  
while vacationing in Norway.**

Wearing my Egyptian-made,  
Nasser-suit for a day trip on a  
Norwegian fjord.





We took two vacation trips to Greece while living in Egypt.

The first one was to Athens and Delphi; the second was to four of the Greek Islands; Rhodes, Cos, Symi and San Torini.



**Athens---Cheryl & Julie took their eyes off this structure long enough for me to take their picture.**



**We bought a replica of this ancient Greek pot and had it shipped home. It's on a shelf in our office.**



**The Greek  
dancer got a  
bit cozy with  
me.**





**Delphi---In Greek mythology, this stone, the “Omphalos” or Navel Stone, marks Delphi as the center of the earth.**



**Terraced olive orchard on this steep hillside near Delphi.**



**Cheryl danced with the locals in a Delphi nightclub. The Greeks dance at every opportunity.**



**In Rhodes, this is the location of the Greek sporting event that ultimately became the Olympic Summer Games throughout the world.**



**We climbed to the top of the hill in the background to see the Acropolis of Rhodes.**



**The ruins of the Acropolis, a much revered temple of worship.**



**Our guide gave a lecture about the history of the Acropolis that was so moving we felt we had heard a sermon.**



**As predictable, the singer came off stage to kiss Julie.**





**This beach in Rhodes was good for getting a tan. Topless bathers were common in the Greek Islands.**



**We flew from Rhodes to Cos in this funny little 9-passenger plane.**



The 2500 year-old olive tree where Hippocrates declared the doctors' Creed, the *Hippocratic Oath*, that is followed today.



**Julie delivering her oratory to an audience of one, me, in a Cos Amphitheater.**



**Perched on the rim of a volcanic caldera, San Torini is a geologic marvel as well as a picturesque attraction.**



**Julie thanked  
our guide for  
the flowers he  
picked for her.**



**Our island tour concluded, we boarded this ferry for the day-long sail back to Athens, stopping at many other islands on the way.**



**We were two tired tourists,  
ready to return home to  
Alexandria.**



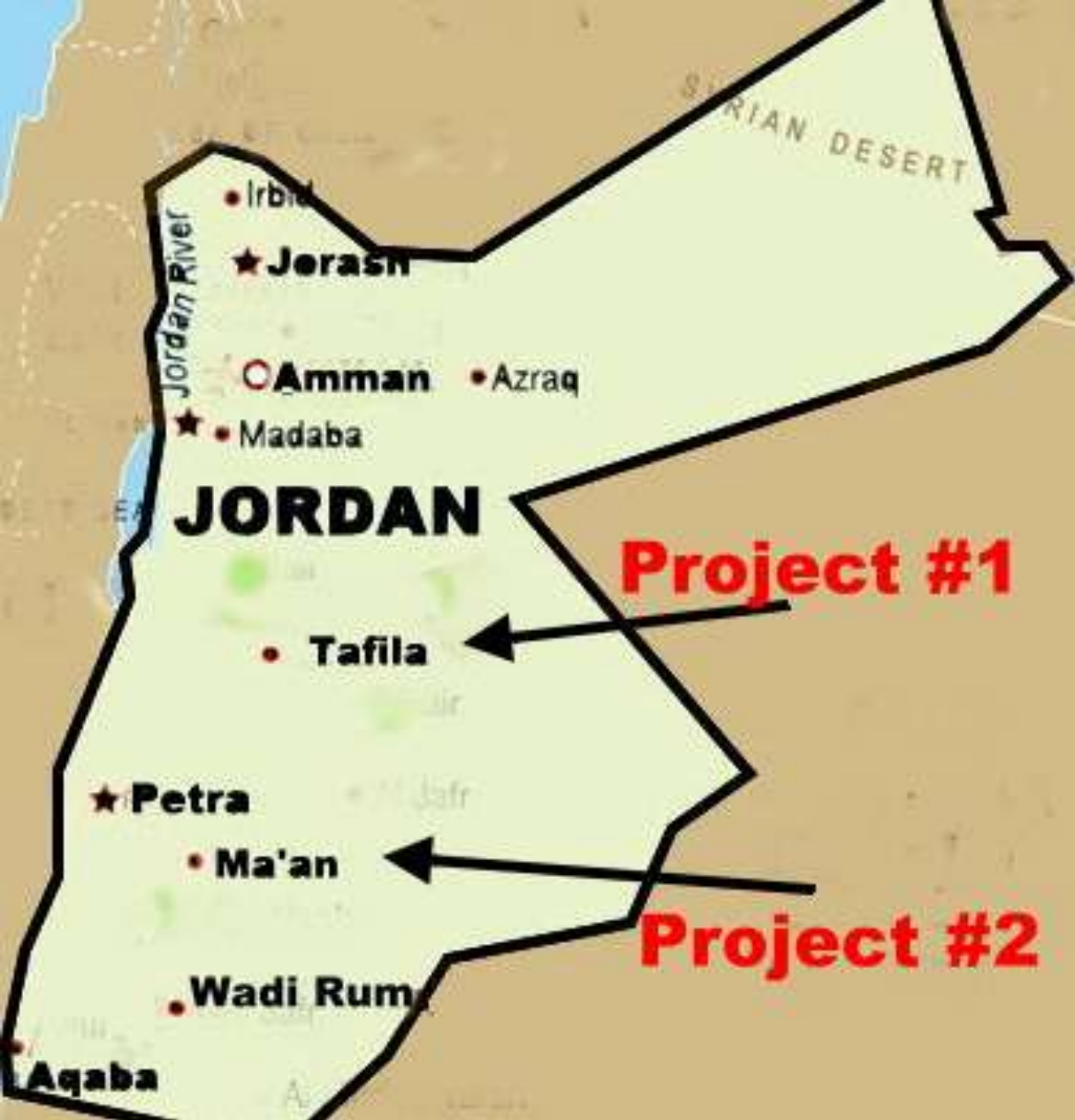


Here's the team for a project in Hurghada, on the Red Sea. Don't get excited about the motel's name—"Hor" is an Egyptian God.



**My next assignment was in Amman, Jordan. That's King Hussein and Queen Noor of Jordan.**





Our job was to study, design and supervise the construction of 2 sewerage systems.



**I was welcomed to Jordan with the traditional cup of Bedouin Coffee.**



**The sewage plant site at Ma'an was flat. That's Ali Hattar, our Jordanian mechanical engineer.**



**The produce in the Jordan Valley was delicious and plentiful.**



**This castle, built by the Crusaders in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, was used by the British army as an outpost during World War I.**



**Cheryl and me at the Dead Sea. It's easy to float but difficult to hold your legs under the very bouyant water.**





**We rode horses  
down the mile-  
long siq (in  
Arabic means  
“crack-in-rock”)  
to the fabulous  
ancient city of  
Petra.**



**Exploring the desert, the road disappeared; we had to follow the pylons spaced about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile apart.**



**Jerash, the oldest city in Jordan, had an unbelievable drainage system beneath this paved roadway.**



**This is Aqaba, on the Red Sea. Lawrence of Arabia captured this town from the Germans during World War I. Israel in the distance.**



**With my project work done we said goodbye to our Jordanian partner, and to the beautiful villa, our home for the last 8 months.**



**Italy**



**Spain**



**Portugal**

**On our way home to Corvallis we spent several days in Venice, Malaga, Spain and the Portuguese Coast.**

**Ciao**



**HELLO, Venice**



**Waiting for a water taxi.**





**Main canal through the city center.**



**Julie was enthralled with the glass shop in Murano. She had several pieces shipped home.**



**In Spain we visited several castles, most of which were not as well preserved as this one.**



**The storks  
seemed to prefer  
the electric towers  
for nesting places.  
We saw MANY of  
these.**



**The aqueducts are no longer in use, but they're good tourist attractions.**



**Cork tree orchards dot the landscape in central Spain. The bark is peeled every 9 years and made into wine corks.**



**We stayed at this resort on the Mediterranean Coast, the Costa del Sol or “Sunny Coast.”**



**Sampling sherry at a Portuguese vineyard. Barrels of sherry, muscatel and port aging in the sun are common sights in Portugal.**





**At the coast we watched this fisherman weaving a fish net.**



**For lunch Cheryl and I had lobster; we liked it so well we had lobster again for dinner.**



**With hand motions this fisherman wanted his picture taken with Julie. So what's new?**



**Bye bye, Portugal. We liked what we saw, but we're anxious to get home to Corvallis.**



**In Philomath we built the house Julie had planned while we lived in Jordan.**



**The house had big living and dining rooms, perfect for entertaining.**



**The grandkids spent many hours in the indoor hot tub.**



**The basement party room was great for impromptu music sessions.**





**Family Picnic, 1989**



**Julie's Reed family gathering on the boat at Lake Chelan, Washington.**



**“Batman,” grandson  
Simon, showing off for the  
crowd at a family picnic.**



**At Halloween, Cheryl went to work as a “Bag of Leaves,” I dressed as a hip musician.**



**Julie  
didn't  
mind  
Me!**



**CH2M asked me to submit a proposal for work in Bangladesh. Glad we didn't get this job!**



**At my CH2M retirement party in 1990, I was wheeled into the main room to be roasted, well done!**



**In 1992 CH2M asked me to come out of retirement for a short project in Cyprus.**





**Julie with a lace-maker in Platres, a mountain village in Cyprus. We bought a large tablecloth from this lady.**



**In Branson  
with the  
Barbers, we  
took a jazz  
cruise on the  
Branson  
Belle.**





**Cabo San Lucas.  
The skipper of  
our fishing boat  
is holding up the  
Rooster fish I  
caught.**

**We spent a week full of fun with Lyn &  
Fran Brown on the southern tip of Baja  
California, Mexico.**



**We built this smaller house in Corvallis and in 1995 we moved here.**



**Welcome to our new home.**



**We  
celebrated  
our 25th  
wedding  
anniversary  
Sept 15,  
1997.**



**The "Bielman Boys," Steve, Mark, Clay & I, played music for the party.**





**Scott & Debbie hosted us at their time-share in Hawaii.**



**We held several piano concerts in our home. Rachael McCabe and Craig Sheppard were two of the guest artists.**



**Ready to receive guests for the concert. We usually had an audience of about 50 people who liked classical piano.**



**Clay, Mark & I playing a gig at the Big Dog Saloon.**



**For over 20 years we played  
at Schreiner's Iris Gardens  
every Memorial Day.**



**I travelled back & forth to Dubai for about 2 years. This guy was the hotel's doorman. He was as nice as he was tall.**



**Camel racing was a popular sport in Dubai.**



**This is one of the camel jockeys and his trainer. The young boys are purchased from India and trained. They are treated very well.**





**When my work was done I said, “Salam ah Lakum” (Goodbye) to Salem El Mofty, my boss.**



**In 2007 we moved into this smaller house in Stoneybrook.**



**Vacationing in Kona, HI, Cheryl got buried by her nephew, Brian, while we laughed and offered suggestions.**

**At the CH2M Retirees' Retreat in Sun Valley, ID, I was asked to play during the cocktail hour. No pay, just free drinks—OK by me.**





**My band played for the Corvallis Senior Center dances for many years.**



**Celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I managed a few steps of dancing before my legs gave out.**



**During a trip to  
Branson, MO with  
Steve & MJ we  
saw our favorite  
comedian, Yakov  
Smirnoff.**



**I was surprised and pleased when Pete Peters presented me a plaque for leading the band so many years.**



Saluting Ken Bielman

# Our Music Man



...And Those Who  
Make the Music!



**Here's the  
Plaque. It's on  
the wall in our  
office.**



Steve  
Vocals

Ken  
Keyboards

Clay  
Drums

Mark  
Bass

**Background music by the Bielmans,  
recorded at home, 1986 to 2002.**

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**THE END**

