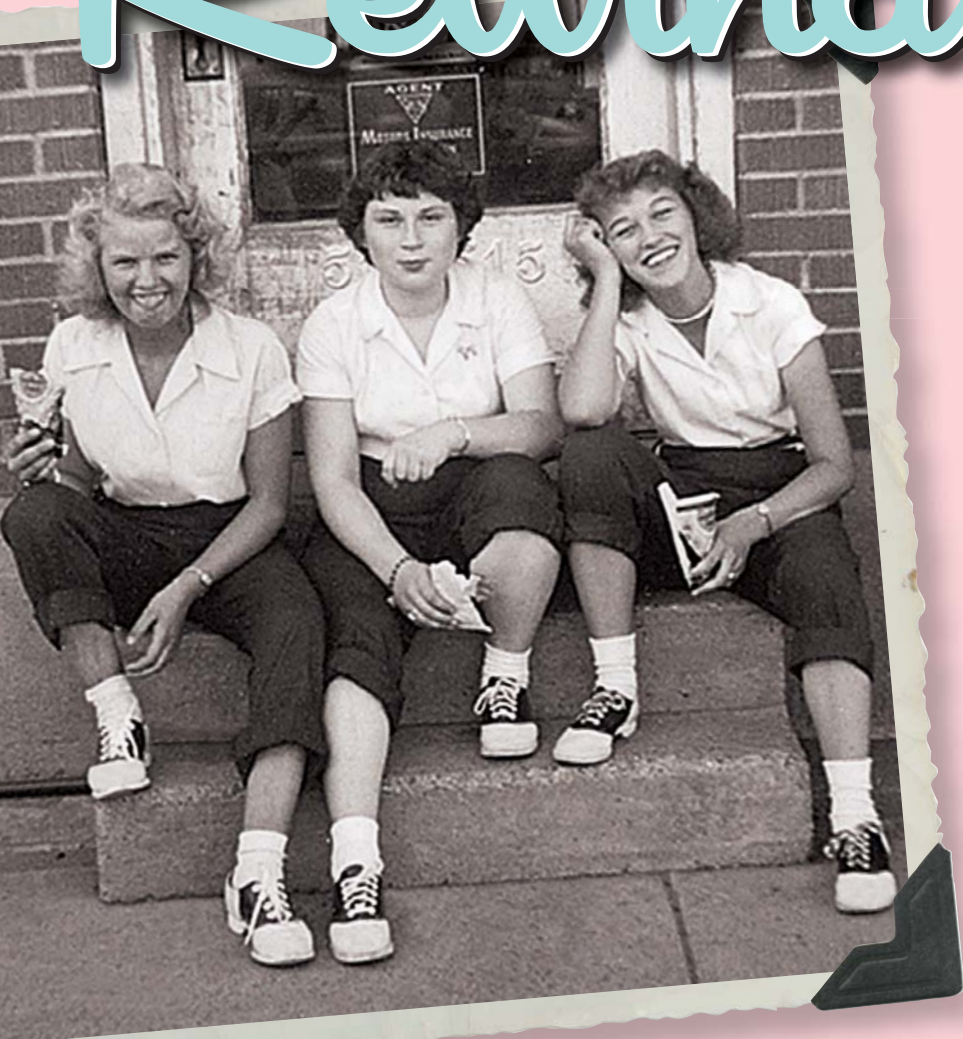


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#### ON THE COVER: HANGING AROUND

It was a typical afternoon during our high school days, in 1953, when this photograph was taken as we were wandering around Lemmon, South Dakota looking for something interesting to do," says Ramona Larson of Hettinger, North Dakota. "I'm between my friends Bert Nelson (left) and Rosella Lillehaug. All of us had on pedal pushers, saddle shoes, bobby socks and white button-front shirts. Oh, to be that young again would be so wonderful!"

### ▼ PARTY GIRLS.

"Shan 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.



### ▲ HAVING SOME LAUGHS.

Celebrating a happy New Year's Eve 1957 somewhere in New York are (sitting, from left) Ruth Warren Losey, Homer and Dorothy Scott, (standing, from left) Meryl and Evelyn Baumer, and Virginia Tuttle.



### WEIGH-IN TIME. ►

"I was so delighted to have a girl, as you can see during a routine checkup of our infant daughter, Beth, in 1959," relates Barbara Beers of Vestal, New York. "Our son was 8 at the time. Our family doctor was Ray Peterson of Binghamton, who delivered Beth. After an earlier threat of miscarriage, Dr. Peterson had said, 'Oh, no. We're going to hang on to this baby!'"





### **BIRTHDAY SUITS. ▶**

"My sons, Bill and Tom, were 2 years apart, but their birthdays were so close that we celebrated them together," writes

Evelyn Blackburn of Canton, Ohio. "A friend always gave them clothes for their birthdays. One time they argued over who got what, so after that, she gave them the same outfits."



### **◀ DOUBLE THE FUN.**

"A 1957 birthday party was held at our parents house near Comstock, Michigan for the DeKlein twins, Linda and Gayle, and another birthday girl, our neighbor Kathy Anders," says Linda DeKlein. "Among the gifts was a fabric kit to make pot holders."



### **POISED TO PARTY. ▶**

"My two daughters, Kathy and Tammi, were 2 and 4 when I took this picture in the fall of 1959," says Marie Johnson of Plentywood, Montana. "They were excited to be going to a birthday party. Today, they're beautiful young women with children of their own."





## tribe of partygoers

Headdresses from Chief Paints were the toppers when Nancy Collette of Portersville, Pennsylvania was at a 1955 birthday party for neighbor Rick Henry. They are the two middle kids in the front. “Birthdays were more formal occasions then,” Nancy recalls. “Mom made me wear a dress.”



## *no finer diner*

“In 1952, my mother, Dorothy Blackburn (far right), worked at Ted and Marie’s Diner in Covington, Tennessee,” explains Brenda McCaleb (on the stool, left) of Nashville. “Ted and Marie (behind the counter) lived in the back of the diner with their daughter Eva Lynn (on the stool, right). We were both 4 years old and got along very well, so my mother would bring me into work so Eva and I could play together.”

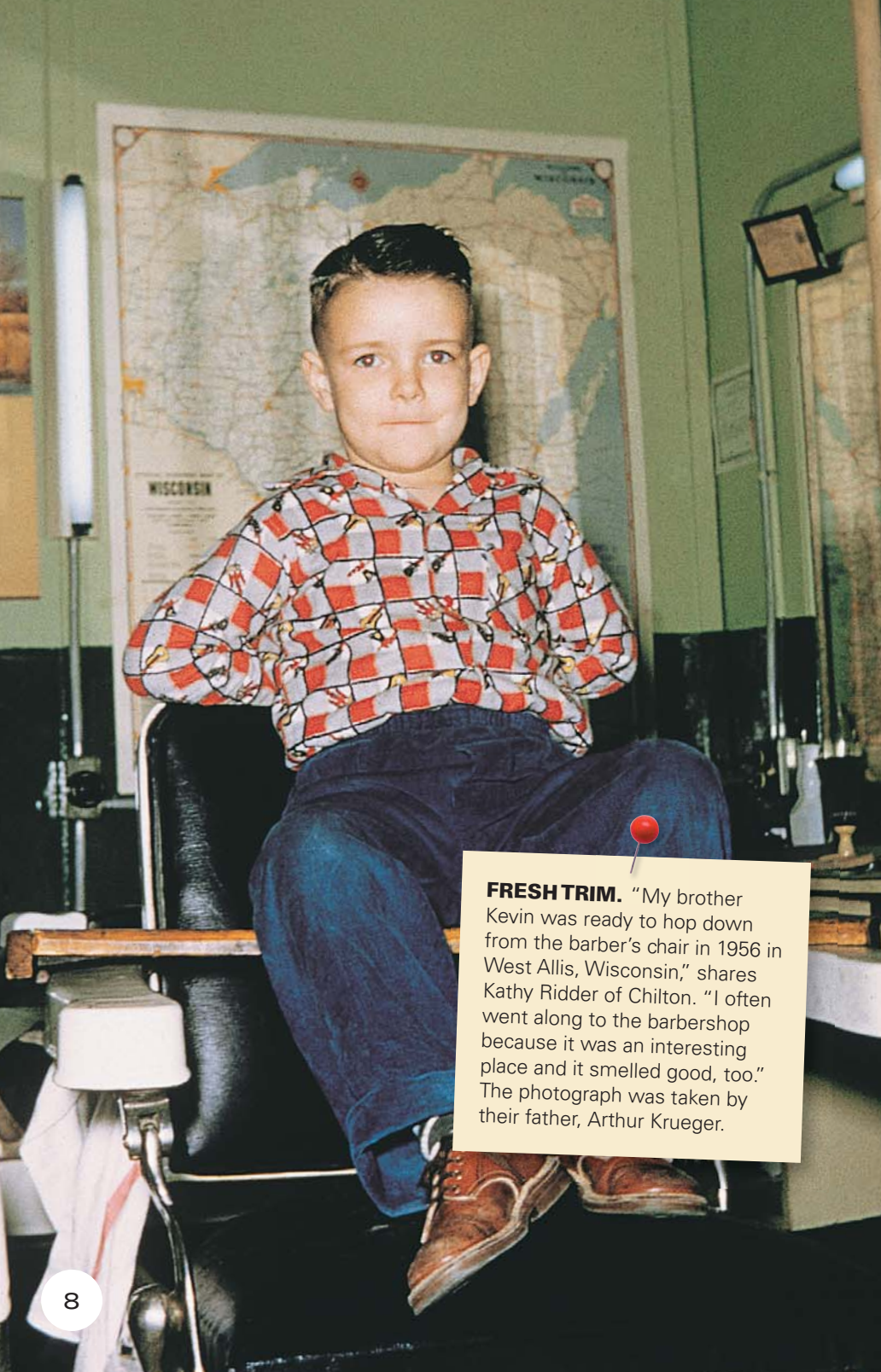




▲ **BOX LUNCH.** “We were fishing on Pelican Lake in Minnesota and had lunch on this rock nearby,” says Maxine Scheschy of Carter Lake, Iowa. “That’s my husband, Rudy, and daughter, Judy. She always had to have a doll with her.”

▼ **IS THAT A CUSTOMER?** Don and Marcia Hartkoon and their friend Dan Swets didn’t have to wait long for a patron on this summer day in ‘59. Their mom, Marge, not only made the Kool-Aid for the youngsters to sell, she was their first customer. “The kids had fun selling things,” Marge of South Holland, Illinois recalls.





**FRESH TRIM.** "My brother Kevin was ready to hop down from the barber's chair in 1956 in West Allis, Wisconsin," shares Kathy Ridder of Chilton. "I often went along to the barbershop because it was an interesting place and it smelled good, too." The photograph was taken by their father, Arthur Krueger.





◀ **THE MARKLEY BROTHERS.** David, 7, and Frank, 6, were having some breakfast as their dad, Franklin, took this 1955 shot, relates Gladys Markley of North Canton, Ohio. At that time, many cereal bowls, like those shown here, were made of sturdy metal.

**HATS OFF, DAD!** ▶

“This is our son, Dave, in June of 1959 when he was almost 2,” writes Betty Pettit of State College, Pennsylvania. “Dave is eating breakfast while wearing his dad’s hat. To this day, Dave can usually be seen wearing a hat, but now they are his own.”



◀ **HAVING HER CAKE.**

Valerie Timm Adams was ready to cut the Easter cake in 1952. “I was 3 at the time,” notes Valerie of Spokane, Washington. “This slide was taken in our home in Harrington. I think my grandmother made the cake. She was always such a creative baker.”





### ◀ **FARMIN' LEGACY.**

Kathleen Capuano from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin sent in this slide of her brother, Louis, on his third birthday, in 1956. The farm set has been passed down to his son, Marshall.

### **THREE "DAVY'S":** ▶

"Growing up in the '50s, our sons, Don, 5, Jim, 7, and Rob, 3, enjoyed watching Walt Disney's Davy Crockett television program and the coonskin caps," writes Mary MacLean of Palm Coast, Florida. "The slide was taken in front of our house in Bergenfield, New Jersey. The boys were on their way to the playground."



◀ **WHAT A SETUP.** "My brothers Arthur and Dobbie were able to set up their trains in what were the maid's quarters of the house we lived in Winchester, Massachusetts in the 1950s," writes Norma Hissong from Olympia, Washington. "But with eight kids, eventually, the room ultimately had to be turned into another bedroom."





## I'll catch you!

“My older brother Carl was waiting at the bottom of the slide for me and my baby brother, Kelly, on this day in 1958 when Dad snapped the photo,” writes Cathy Jones of Rowlett, Texas. “Our father, John Wilkerson, took us exploring around Dallas almost every Sunday afternoon, and we often stopped at the park.”





*family circles*

Creating their own version of a three-ring circus with their Hula-hoops were the Burghauser children (from left), Joseph, Linda and Carol. It was Carol, now living in Baltimore, Maryland, who submitted this slide from 1958.

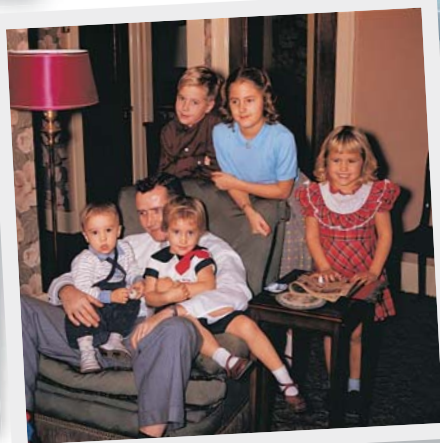


### ◀ **HAPPY HOMEMAKER.**

"With all the appliances these days, not many kids perform the dish-washing chores our daughter, Linda, is 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."

### **HANDSOME FAMILY.** ▶

Dad had his hands full in this photo of the Romer children submitted by Carol Hallgren of Lorain, Ohio. "My parents had taken us to see our great-aunt in Norwalk on Christmas day in 1955. I found this photo in a box of old slides after my dad passed away."



### ◀ **MUSICIANS IN THE MAKING.**

"I took this picture on a June day in 1958," explains Hazel Magner of Omaha, Nebraska. "My sons, Roger (left) and Jerry, were proudly demonstrating their instruments for their grandmother."





◀ **GORGEOUS GRADS.** “These were the girls I hung out with in high school in Chamblee, Georgia,” writes Vickie Bettis Strickland. “I’m the fourth from the right, and the formal gowns and roses were a graduation tradition.”

**MARITAL SNAPSHOT.** ▶

“This is one of the slides that my brother Harold Johnson took during the ‘50s,” relates Marian Bielke of Edina, Minnesota. “He also took slides at our brother Lloyd’s summer home at Hull Lake in Brainard. Lloyd was the co-inventor of the Johnson closed-faced fishing spinning reel.”



◀ **BOYFRIEND REPELLENT.**

“I had a sore throat the day of my senior prom in 1956,” writes Beverly Flankey of Cook, Minnesota. “The plan was to stay out all night, but when I came home to change clothes, my Mom applied Vicks to my neck and pinned one of Dad’s wool socks around it. Thinking back, it was probably to ward off my boyfriend, and now husband, Bucky!”







## *always a bridesmaid*

When Jim and Marian Thompson were married in Cleveland, Ohio in 1953, they had this traditional photo of the wedding party taken. What you don't see are the shenanigans that ensued just after, when the groom and groomsmen turned the table on the photographer and posed with the bride's and her attendants' veils and bouquets.



## fashionable friends

“The five of us were practically inseparable,” says Joan Sink Cerullo (standing, center) of Beach Haven, Pennsylvania. “This photo was taken before church on Easter, around 1958. Standing with me, from left, are Mary Ellen Kishbaugh Morehead, Dixie Ungemach Dawson, Betty Lou Samsel Pataki and Sally Samsel Knely. In front are Betty Lou and Sally’s nieces, Holly and Diane.”

### CHEERS FOR FASHION. ▶

"My cousin Kathy Weston-Cohen and I were wearing our quilted skirts and Capezio skimmer shoes at my parent's house in Beatrice, Nebraska," writes Sue Weston-O'Neil. "It was Thanksgiving in 1954, and we were truly in style. You could only buy Capezio shoes out of Chicago."



### ◀ COFFEE KLATCH.

These ladies sure were having a good time! But Joanne Shumaker of Swanton, Ohio confesses to knowing nothing about them. The photo was one of hundreds in a box she bought at a garage sale. On the slide is written, "sewing club 1959."

### THREE OF A KIND. ▶

"My wife, Jean, bought all three of these jackets 'off the rack'," brags Sven Casperson of Kent, Washington. "The photo was taken on Easter 1951 in Weymouth, Massachusetts. With me are our sons Paul, 7, and Don, 4."





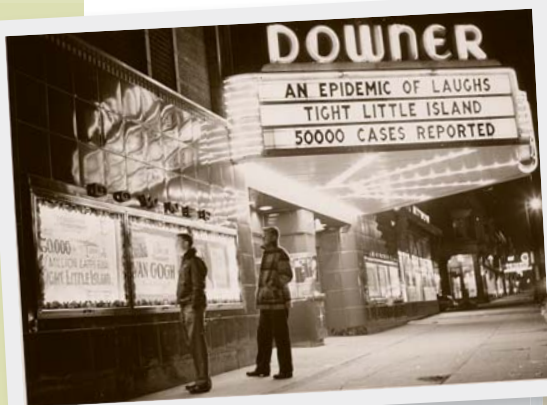


### ◀ SCARE-TASTIC DEBUT.

"One day in 1955, I was listening to the radio and there were auditions being held for the movie, *The Creature Walks Among Us*," says James Jackson Jr. of Miami Shores, Florida. "I was hired at \$200 a week as a double for actors Rex Reason and Gregg Palmer."

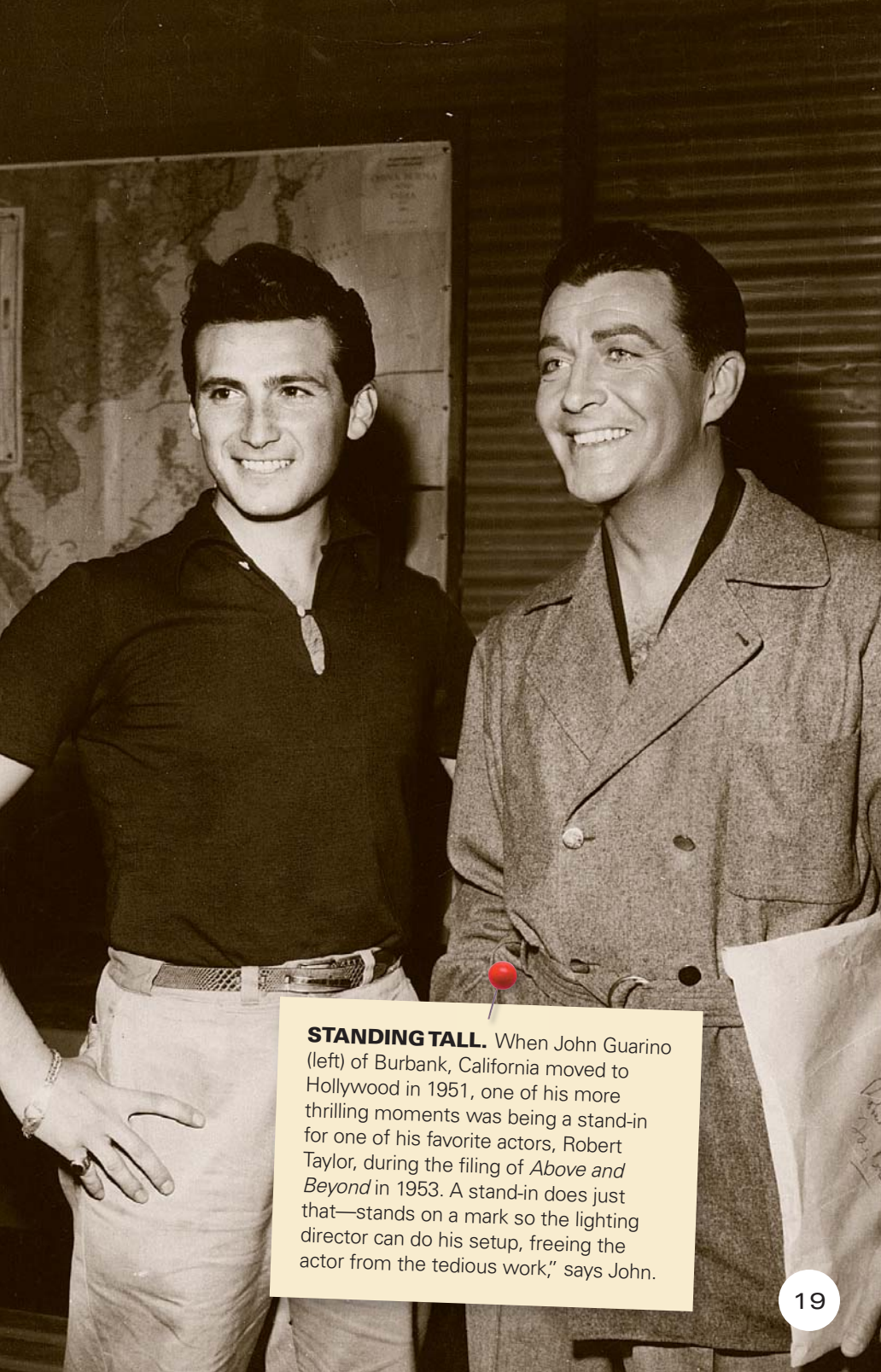
### MILITARY BASKETBALL. ▶

"When I was in high school, the basketball coaches tried to get me on the team because I was six-foot-eight, but my family needed me on the farm," writes Theodore Kuhns of Las Animas, Colorado. "I finally got to play for the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt when I joined the Navy in the '50s."



### ◀ WHAT'S PLAYING?

Bill Weekes (right) and high school classmate John Chere checked out posters at the Downer Theater in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The 1951 photo was taken by another classmate, Jim Price. All three graduated in 1952.



**STANDING TALL.** When John Guarino (left) of Burbank, California moved to Hollywood in 1951, one of his more thrilling moments was being a stand-in for one of his favorite actors, Robert Taylor, during the filming of *Above and Beyond* in 1953. A stand-in does just that—stands on a mark so the lighting director can do his setup, freeing the actor from the tedious work,” says John.



**ALL IN THE FAMILY.** “It’s hard to believe I come from a family of eight boys and 12 girls,” writes Marlin Swanson of Bakersfield, California. “Eleven of my 12 sisters played basketball, and when my younger brother Richard contracted polio, we decided to create a women’s basketball team to raise money for my brother’s treatment.”



**THOSE YANKS!** “In July 1953, when I was 19 and my bother, Lester, was 17, we traveled from our home in northern Wisconsin to Chicago to see our first big league game,” recalls Frank Peterson of Fort Madison, Iowa. “We went to Comiskey Park, where the White Sox were playing a double header against the Yankees.”





**HOLD THE LINE.** “During WWII, this lot on Van Wart Avenue in White Plains, New York, where we played football and softball, was used for victory gardens,” writes George Edmunson of Keller, Texas. “In this December 1951 photo, I’m in the center of the back row. Richie Garifano was the only one of us to play high school football.”



**PLAY BALL!** Patricia Brown participated in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League during the 1950 and '51 seasons. Here she is on the Chicago Collens (standing third from left). “We played mostly in minor league stadiums,” recalls Patricia of Winthrop, Massachusetts. “But the most exciting time was when we played a game in Yankee Stadium.”



▲ **SCHOOL'S OUT!** "In 1956, I was a senior at the University of Wisconsin," relates Nancy Hewitt Magnusson of Claremont, California. "I did my student teaching in Evansville, Wisconsin. This slide is of my kindergarten class on a wintry morning."

**M-I-C... ▶**

"Some people may think 'Disneymania' is a recent phenomenon notes Barry Daniels (right) of Saco, Maine. "But it was in 1951 when my Aunt Camilla bought me and my twin brother, Bruce, these Disney character outfits."



◀ **SNOW BY THE TRUCKLOAD.** "We had a big blizzard in 1959 when my husband, Ron, and I lived in Kekoskee, Wisconsin," writes Holly Schroeder from North Fond du Lac. "Ron's father, Fred, owned a flower shop. That's him and Ron shoveling off the driveway of the shop and putting the snow in Fred's truck."





## belly-floppers

Mae Spangler was taking on quite a load on this sunny winter day in 1955. John Spangler of Hanover, Pennsylvania took this slide of his wife and daughters, Sandy (top) and Janice, near East Greenville, where they lived at the time. “We went out of town to a rural area to go sledding,” remembers John.





## handy man

“Here I am in the throes of trying to reassemble our 1950 Montgomery Ward wringer-washing machine,” explains Bob Lownds of Nowalk, Connecticut. “The drive shaft had corroded, so I sent for a new one. Believe it or not, I repaired the washer, and it lasted for many more years.”

## PRIDE AND JOY. ▶

"I ordered this '55 Buick as an Army man in Okinawa," recalls Olin Bullock of Florence, South Carolina. "After rotating to the U.S., I flew to the factory in Flint, Michigan and drove the Buick to my Atlanta home."



## ◀ STUDEBAKERS FOREVER.

"When Laura and I were married in 1957, I was driving a 1953 Studebaker Starlite coupe. We drove this classic car on our honeymoon but traded it in 1959," recalls Roger Riepenhoff of Wheelersburg, Ohio. "That first Studebaker was always on our minds, so when I found a similar one in 1990, I bought it and restored it to its original condition."



## A BIRD TO BRAG ABOUT. ▶

Carolyn Langowski of Minocqua, Wisconsin recalls that she and her husband were the envy of the neighborhood in their 1959 Thunderbird.

That "T-Bird" served them well for 10 years, Carolyn reports.





▶ **BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO.**

"My wife, Barbara, and I enjoyed riding this 1929 Schwinn tandem bike, which I bought from Hanke's bike shop on Oakland Avenue in Milwaukee, Wisconsin," relates Henry Althoen of Milwaukee. "The bike steered from the back, as well as the front. When I rode it alone on the backseat, it was fun to watch the folks on our block stare in amazement."

▶ **GREAT BIKE.**

"My Schwinn bicycle was state-of-the-art in 1956, when I was 13 and we lived on the east side of Aurora, Illinois," writes Jim Dohren from Downers Grove. "The bike had three-speed Sturmey-Archer gears. My current mountain bike reminds me of it."



▼ **THE FOUR WHEELERS.** Steve Sforzini of Auburn, Alabama shares this 1950s Van Nuys, California slide of his Uncle Bob and Aunt Kay's four sons (from the left), Donald, Richard, Robert and Lewis Sforzini.







**GIMME AN "A"!** "I was a cheerleader in 1957 for the girls' basketball team at Ascension High School in Worcester, Massachusetts," says Joehannah Anderson of Shrewsbury. "We practiced a lot, and I think we were pretty good. We even had our own little mascot—a doll dressed in a matching uniform."



aloha

“After a 6-week vacation in 1954 on Oahu, Hawaii, the Tully family was loaded down with both leis and memories,” writes Ron Tully of Santa Maria, California. “My mother, Cleora, older brother, Tom, with our dad, Bob, were at the Honolulu airport reluctantly heading back home to Seattle, Washington.”



### BOY AND HIS DOG. ▶

We were living on a 100-acre farm near Kingston, New York in 1957 when I took this slide of our son, Ernie Lee, then 7 years old," writes Ernest Meinecke of Huntsville, Alabama. "He was fishing in a creek that ran through the farm. His dog, 'Cindy', is with him as she usually was."



### ◀ HAPPY CAMPERS.

"My daughter Janice (right) and her friend Carol Lee Bauman are in the pajamas bidding good night to their sisters, Sandy and Meg, in the Bauman backyard in the summer of 1959," relates John Spangler of Hanover, Pennsylvania.



### MAKING A SPLASH. ▶

"We were playing king of the raft at Gun Lake, just over 10 miles west of Hastings, Michigan, in 1953," says Larry Heyns of Coloma, Michigan. "In this photograph, I'm the boy on the left and my sister Marcia is wearing the red cap."





### CHRISTMAS JOY. ►

"The *Heidi* book and bride dolls held by our daughter Joan are still at our house in Grand Rapids, Michigan, writes Martina Heyboer. "The Erector set behind daughter Patty was the pride and joy of our son Jimmy. He shared it with his three boys when they were small, and he still has it."



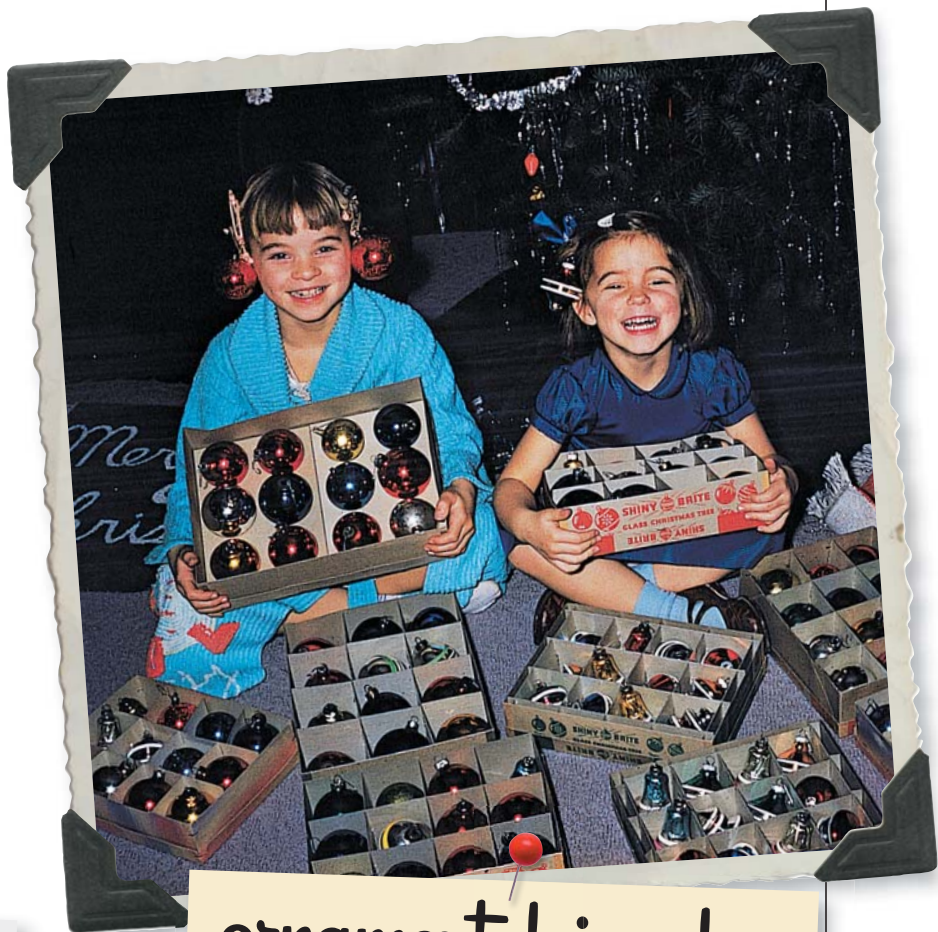
### ◀ HAPPY CAMPERS.

"Our children were holding their gifts from Santa when this photo was taken on Christmas in 1957 at our home in Lockport, New York," says Carl Johns of Lockport. "Carlene was 2, Daniel was 5, and Marie was 7." It looks like Daniel is ready to play both cowboy and Indian.

### HAPPY HALF DOZEN. ►

"The Christmas of 1952 was a happy and fun time for our family," Holly Schroeder remembers. "The three oldest of our children, Jeff, Cheryl and Randy, all got new bikes. The others, Ricky, Scott and Tim got their share, too. Everyone was pleased with Santa that year."





## ornamental jewelry

Sandy, 8, and her sister, Janice, 4, decided to dress up for Christmas 1954 by decorating themselves, along with the tree, in this slide shared by their father, John Spangler, from Hanover, Pennsylvania. “The slide was taken at our home in East Greenville,” notes John. “The girls were having a good time helping us decorate.”



#### ◀ QUICK-DRAW KIDS.

"My sons, Ken and Bob, were 2 and 3 when they modeled their cowboy outfits in 1953," says Leslie Hunt from Berlin, Wisconsin. "My father, Leslie 'Bud' Webster, took the picture at his North St. Paul, Minnesota home, where we all lived at the time."

#### THE LOLLIPOP GANG. ▶

"Posing at our new home in Pittsford, New York were our daughters (from left) Patricia, Denise and Christine," explains William Pellegrino of Poolesville, Maryland. "The picture was taken in 1956."



#### ◀ MAKING A SPLASH.

"There wasn't much water left in our not-so-little wading pool when my dad, Earl Browne, took this slide in 1958," writes Patty Browne from Anchorage, Alaska. "The pool was in our backyard in the Indian Hills subdivision in Madison, Wisconsin."





### GRAND MARSHAL CASSIDY. ▶

"Hopalong Cassidy was one of my favorite cowboys," says Joan Stewart from Chula Vista, California. "He was the grand marshal of the Tournament of Roses Parade on Jan. 1, 1952. After New Year's Eve we, we headed for Pasadena so we could get good seats for the parade."



### ◀ SCOOTER GO-ROUND.

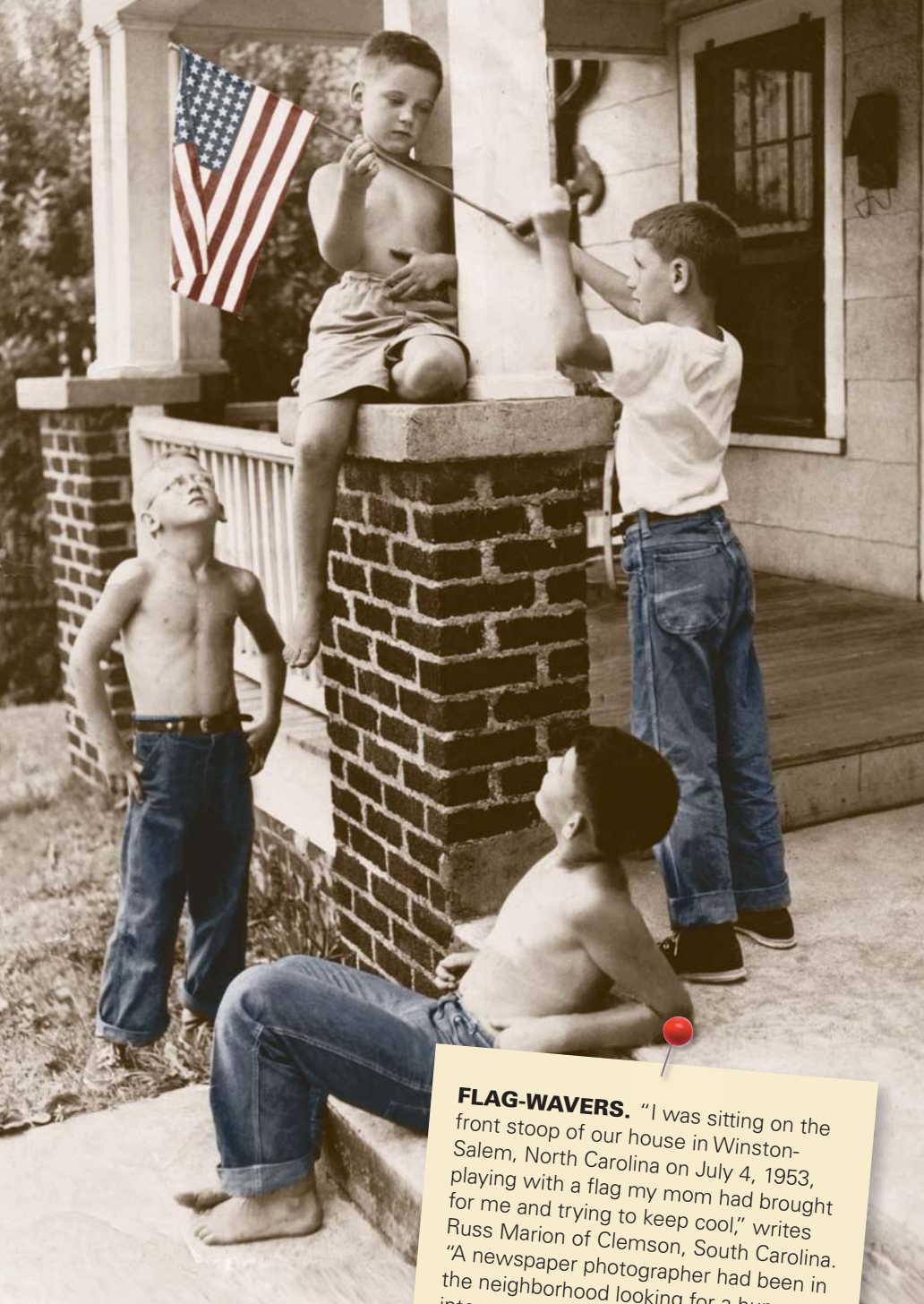
"I was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina in 1958 when we drove to Columbia one weekend for the state fair," says Al Briggs of Austin, Texas. "Our daughter Pam was 6 when we took this picture of her on a carnival ride."



### STRIKE UP THE BAND. ▶

"My husband, Will, directed a junior high school band in Fort Smith, Arkansas," says May Dyer of Tulsa, Oklahoma. "On this day in 1952, the band had just arrived at the bi-state festival and was warming up."





**FLAG-WAVERS.** "I was sitting on the front stoop of our house in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on July 4, 1953, playing with a flag my mom had brought for me and trying to keep cool," writes Russ Marion of Clemson, South Carolina. "A newspaper photographer had been in the neighborhood looking for a human-interest picture. He talked to my mom and then assembled us for a shot."







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