

ORAL HISTORY TRANSCRIPTION MRS. GEORGE SHAFER, FIRST LADY
1929 – 1932

THIS IS ROBERT CARLSON. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INTERVIEW I RECORDED WITH MRS. GEORGE SHAFER AT HER APARTMENT HOME IN BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA. THE INTERVIEW WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 1976, AND IT BEGAN AT ABOUT 9:30 S.M. THE FIRST HALF HOUR OR SO OF THIS INTERVIEW IS DEVOTED TO MRS SHAFER'S RECOLLECITONS OF HER CHILDHOOD AND THEIR RANCH AND MCKENZIE COUNTY. THE REMAINDER OF THE INTERVIEW CONCERNS HER RECOLLECTIONS OF THE OLD GOVERNORS' MANSION IN BISMARCK.

(TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: THERE WAS A RATHER LONG BLANK ON TAPE AFTER ABOVE INTRODUCTION, AND TAPE STARTED OUT ABRUPTLY AS FOLLOWS.)

R. CARLSON: YES.

MRS. SHAFER: WE SPENT ONE WINTER BY ACCIDENT HERE. WE HAD PLANNED TO GO EAST - MY PEOPLE CAME FROM OHIO - WE'D PLANNED TO GO EAST TO GO TO SCHOOL, FOR MCKENZIE COUNTY WAS AN UNORGANIZED COUNTY. THERE WERE NO SCHOOLS, NO SHERIFF, NO ANYTHING. WE JUST LIVED THERE. AND IN OCTOBER WE GOT SNOWED IN - THREE FEET OF SNOW. MY FOLKS COULDN'T - FATHER COULDN'T SHIP HIS CATTLE - HE HAD BOUGHT MY UNCLE'S RANCH OUT UP THERE - AND WE COULDN'T GET TO WILLISTON TO THE RAILROAD SO WE STAYED ON THE RANCH ALL WINTER, THE FIRST YEAR WE WERE HERE; SO THAT WAS - WELL, WE CHILDREN THOUGHT IT WAS FINE, YOU KNOW. NO SCHOOL AND GOOD SKATING PLACE AND WE HAD TWO SCANDINAVIAN BOYS - THEY'D COME OUT TO TAKE HOMESTEADS NEAR US - IVE KNOCCEM (SP.?) AND HELMER WALSTEAD - THEY MADE SKIIS FOR US AND TAUGHT US TO SKI; AND WE REALLY HAD A WONDERFUL WINTER; BUT WE GOT ONE SURPRISE - MOTHER HAD SCHOOL EVERY MORNING FOR US.
R. CARLSON: OH, YOU HAD YOUR OWN INSTRUCTOR. YOU DIDN'T GET AWAY ENTIRELY?

MRS. SHAFER: WE COULDN'T GET AWAY WITH EVERYTHING. BUT NOW I'LL LET YOU TALK AND TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW, AND I'LL SEE IF I KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT, AND IF I DO, I'LL BE HAPPY TO TELL YOU.

R. CARLSON: WHAT WAS YOUR MAIDEN NAME, MRS. SHAFER?

NOTE: PAGES 2-6 OF TRANSCRIPTION MISSING!

MRS. SHAFER: KELLOGGô FRANCES KELLOGG. WE CAME FROM WYOMING, AND MY FATHERô GRANDFATHERô WENT OUT TO WYOMING TO CAMPAIGN FOR FRANCIS WARREN FOR THE SENATE WHEN WYOMING WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNION. HE WAS ELECTED, AND GRANDFATHER LIKED WYOMING SO WELL, THAT HE TOOKô I THINK IT WAS A TREE CLAIM AT THAT TIMEô NOT A HOMESTEAD, A TREE CLAIM; AND THEN MY FATHER WAS A CIVIL ENGINEER AND HE WORKED FOR THE BURLINGTON RAILROAD, AND HE GOT SENT OUT IN THAT COUNTRY, SO WE LOCATED IN WYOMING; AND THAôS WHERE I WAS BORN AND WE LIVED UNTIL I WAS ELEVEN YEARS OLD, BETWEEN THERE AND OHIO. FATHER WAS GONE A LOT, AND WHEN HE WAS GONE FROM THE WYOMING RANCH PLACE, WE WENT TO OHIO AND WENT TO SCHOOL, SO I WAS KIND OF A TRAMPô IôD BEEN RAISEDô

R. CARLSON: WHAT WAS YOU DADôS FIRST NAME?

MRS. SHAFER: FRANZ SIEGEL (?). HE WAS NAMED FOR A GERMAN GENERALô FRANZ SIEGELô FRANZ SIEGEL KELLOGG, YES.

R. CARLSON: FRASER, LEMPKE AND HAGEN.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, FRASER, LEMPKE AND HAGENô IS THAT IT? YES, I GUESS YOUôRE RIGHT. WELL, ANYWAY, SWENBORG JOHNSON OF GRAND FORKS WAS ELECTED ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND NESTOS, GOVERNOR; AND HE ASKED GEORGE TO COME DOWN AS HIS ASSISTANT; AND AT THAT TIME THE JUDGEô DISTRICT JUDGEô DEAR ME, NOW IôVE FORGOTTEN HIS NAME, BUTô IN WILLISTONô AS I SAID, HE HAD BEEN DEFEATED TOO ALONG IN THE LEAGUE SWEEP IN ô16. HE ASKED GEORGE TO COME TO WILLISTON AND GO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HIM, WHICH WAS VERY NICE, AND HE HAD DECIDED TO DO THAT, BUT HE GOT A LETTER FROM SWENBORG JOHNSON ASKING HIM TO COME DOWN HERE AS THE FIRST ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, SO HE WENT TO WILLISTON AND TALKED WITHô OH, DEAR, IôM AFRAID I CANôT REMEMBER HIS NAMEô ITôLL COME, I THINKô THIS JUDGEô FISK; AND SEE WHAT HE THINKS ABOUT IT, SO HE ADVISED GEORGE TO COME DOWN HERE. HE SAID, ôYOUôLL GET EXPERIENCE FASTER HERE, AND MORE OF IT, AND THE PLACE WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOUôRE THROUGH.ö WELL, THEN, OF COURSE, HE WAS ELECTED ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN SWENBORG JOHNSON WAS ELECTED TO THE SUPREME COURT IN THE NEXT ELECTIONô THAT WAS ô18, I THINK, ô17 OR ô18. ANYWAY, GEORGE WAS ELECTED ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND HE SERVED SIX YEARS, AND THAT HE ENJOYED, OF COURSE. THAT WAS HIS LINE OF BUSINESS, AND HE ENJOYED THAT, AND HE ENJOYED THE GOVERNORôS OFFICE TOO.

R. CARLSON: THATôS KIND OF AN EXTRAORDINARY STORY TO GET THE NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR AND TO BECOME GOVERNORô WELL, REALLY RELATIVELY QUICKER, WITHOUT MOVING UP THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE AND SO FORTH.

R. CARLSON: DID HE ACTIVELY SEEK THE NOMINATION, OR WAS IT SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE

MRS. SHAFER: NO, HE DIDN'T. I GUESS THEY JUST THOUGHT HE COULD WIN; AND HE WAS. GEORGE WAS A GOOD STUDENT. AND I'M SURE ANYONE WHO KNEW HIM WOULD TELL YOU HE WAS A VERY ABLE MAN.

R. CARLSON: NOW, YOU MOVED INTO THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION IN '28?

MRS. SHAFER: '27. YES, '28, I THINK.

R. CARLSON: I HAVE IT HERE TOO.

MRS. SHAFER: JANUARY, '29.

R. CARLSON: YES, THAT'S RIGHT. HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ELECTED IN '28, SO HE WOULD HAVE TAKEN OFFICE IN '29. THAT'S RIGHT; WHAT WAS I THINKING OF? WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION WHEN YOU FIRST SAW THE PLACE?

MRS. SHAFER: I LIKED IT VERY MUCH, EXCEPT I DIDN'T LIKE THE SLEEPING PORCH ON THE FRONT. I THOUGHT THAT SPOILED IT. IT DETRACTED FROM THE. IT WAS A VERY PLEASANT PLACE, BEAUTIFUL WOODWORK IN IT, AND IT WAS KIND OF RUN DOWN. I THINK I HAVE A LITTLE. OH, HERE. I SAY WE LOVED THE OLD MANSION THE LARGE ROOMS WITH THEIR CEILINGS AND LOVELY SOFT WALLPAPER, THE LIVING ROOMS, THE FINE WOODWORK, AND THE BRONZE CHANDELIERS, THE LARGE KITCHEN AND PANTRY. GRACE SORLIE DID MUCH IN THE WAY OF REPAIR AND REDECORATING, BUT THE TIMES LIMITED HER TO THE FIRST FLOOR. WE WERE GOING THROUGH A DEPRESSION THEN. YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT DEPRESSIONS, DO YOU?

R. CARLSON: WELL, I NEVER LIVED THROUGH ONE.

MRS. SHAFER: YOU'VE READ ABOUT THEM?

R. CARLSON: YES.

MRS. SHAFER: SO THE BATHTUB STOOD ON THREE LEGS. WE HAD ONE BATHROOM. THE FLOOR HAD GIVEN WAY IN A SIZEABLE SPOT AT THE SIDE OF THE OLD FASHIONED TOILET THAT HAD A HIGH FLUSH BOX AND A LONG PULL CHAIN.

R. CARLSON: OH, ONE OF THOSE.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, ONE OF THOSE OLD ONES; BUT GRACE HAVING TAKEN CARE OF THE FIRST FLOOR MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION TO BEGIN REPAIR ON THE SECOND FLOOR, AND CONSEQUENTLY WE HAD A NEW BATHROOM. BUT THEY FOUND THE KITCHEN PLUMBING IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE, SO THEY REPAIRED THAT TOO FOR US; BUT I THINK THAT'S ALL THE REPAIR WE HAD DONE.

LANGERS, I THINK, DID IT OVER AGAIN WHEN THEY MOVED IN. THEY CAME OVER THE DAY AFTER ELECTION AND INVITED US TO MOVE OUT.

R. CARLSON: OH?

MRS. SHAFER: NOVEMBER; BUT FORTUNATELY, YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES YOU GET A BREAK, AND I HAD JUST READ IN THE MINNEAPOLIS PAPER THAT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT WAS HAVING A NEW YEAR'S DINNER IN ALBANY IN THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION, SO WHEN THE MAN CAME TO ASK TO TELL ME THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ME MOVE OUT SO LANGERS COULD REDECORATE THE MANSION, I ASKED THEM NATURALLY, I SAID, "WELL, WHO'S MOVING US OUT?" WELL, THEY THOUGHT WE SHOULD DO IT; IT WAS CUSTOMARY. I SAID, "IS THAT SO?" "WHO HAS SET THAT PRECEDENT?" MADDOCKS DIDN'T GET OUT UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY, AND THAT'S ALL RIGHT; IT ISN'T ALWAYS EASY TO MOVE RIGHT OUT WHEN WE MOVED IN SO, WELL, MRS. LANGER HAD SAID THEY ALWAYS DID THAT SHE CAME FROM NEW YORK. VERY FORTUNATELY, I STILL HAD THE MINNEAPOLIS PAPER, SO I SAID, "THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE SHE WAS THERE. I'LL GIVE YOU A PAPER THAT WILL PERHAPS BRING HER UP TO DATE, AND I SAID, "WITH THIS PAPER, YOU CAN TELL HER THAT WHEN MR. SHAFER'S TERM OF OFFICE IS UP, WE'LL BE OUT." I WAS A LITTLE MAD BY THAT TIME, BECAUSE MY HUSBAND HAD BEEN QUITE ILL WITH THE FLU, AND I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE JUST PACKING UP AND MOVING OUT THE DAY AFTER ELECTION TO SUIT THE LANGERS.

R. CARLSON: WALTER MADDOCK HAD LIVED IN THE HOUSE?

MRS. SHAFER: YES. YOU SEE GOVERNOR SORLIE PASSED AWAY, AND MADDOCK FINISHED HIS TERM.

R. CARLSON: I DIDN'T KNOW IF MADDOCK ACTUALLY MOVED IN FOR A SHORT PERIOD OR

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THEY DID. THEY MOVED IN AND LIVED THERE. IT WASN'T VERY LONG, WAS IT, FROM AUGUST TO

R. CARLSON: IT WAS ONLY A FEW MONTHS, I THINK.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, IT WAS ONLY A FEW MONTH.

R. CARLSON: A VERY SHORT PERIOD, YES. I'VE GOT SOME PICTURES HERE OF THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION THAT I'D LIKE TO GO THROUGH WITH YOU. YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT'S CHANGED. JUST STAY THERE AND I'LL HAND THEM TO YOU.

MRS. SHAFER: ALL RIGHT.

R. CARLSON: NOW, THESE ARE OLD ONES; THESE, I'M SURE PROBABLY THESE ARE

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THIS IS THE DINING ROOM ONE; AND THIS IS WHAT IS MISSING, THIS UPPER PART; AND THAT TABLE, LET ME SEE, IS THIS THE FRONT OR--?

R. CARLSON: I THINK THAT'S TAKEN STANDING IN THAT FRONT PARLOR, LOOKING INTO THE DINING ROOM.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THIS IS THE DINING ROOM. IS THIS LOOKING INTO THE DINING ROOM:

R. CARLSON: I THINK SO.

MRS. SHAFER: I CAN'T EITHER, FOR SURE.

R. CARLSON: DID YOU HAVE THESE? IT SHOWS DRAPERIES HERE UP BETWEEN THE?

MRS. SHAFER: NO, THERE WERE NO DRAPERIES WHEN WE MOVED IN. AND THEN TOO I'VE SEEN PICTURES WITH, YOU KNOW, WITH WOOD ACROSS HERE? SPINDLES AND THINGS? SO, NO? I DON'T? THIS CHAIR I NEVER HAVE SEEN. THIS CHAIR WAS THERE, BUT I THINK IT WAS IN THE ATTIC, AND, OF COURSE, THE GRAND PIANO THAT WAS THERE WHEN? IT WAS A GRAND PIANO? I WONDER WHERE IT IS?

R. CARLSON: I THINK IT'S AT THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN DEVILS LAKE. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE HOPE TO GET BACK.

MRS. SHAFER: I SHOULD HOPE SO. THAT WAS A BEAUTIFUL PIANO. YOU'VE SEEN IT, HAVE YOU?

R. CARLSON: I'VE SEEN PICTURES OF IT.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, IT'S A GRAND PIANO. THAT CHAIR I RECOGNIZE, BUT THIS WAS NOT? NOW, THIS WAS THE BAY WINDOW.

R. CARLSON: DID YOU HAVE THE GRAND PIANO IN THE BAY WINDOW AREA THERE?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, WE DID.

R. CARLSON: AND THAT'S THE DINING ROOM.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THAT'S THE DINING ROOM; AND NOW THIS IS GONE?

R. CARLSON: ABOVE THE FIREPLACE THERE?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THAT WAS A VERY PRETTY? OF COURSE, IT WAS OLD FASHIONED, BUT IT WAS VERY LOVELY. THE WOODWORK WAS SO NICE IN THAT OLD BUILDING.

R. CARLSON: WAS THAT GONE WHEN YOU MOVED IN? THAT THING ABOVE THE FIREPLACE?

MRS. SHAFER: NO, IT WAS THERE WHEN WE MOVED OUT.

R. CARLSON: OH, IT WAS?

MRS. SHAFER: OH, YES; AND I THINK IT WAS THERE WHEN MOSES WAS THERE; IT SEEMS TO ME IT WAS, BECAUSE I WAS THERE QUITE OFTEN WHEN THEY WERE THERE; AND THAT TABLE WAS THERE, BUT THE CHAIRS WERE NOT. OH, AND THERE'S THE OLD DESK, I RECOGNIZE THAT; THAT WAS THERE. THIS WASN'T AND THIS WAS NOT. OH, THIS IS THE FRONT PARLOR, ISN'T IT?

R. CARLSON: HERE YOU CAN SEE A SORT OF INDIAN RUG OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

MRS. SHAFER: YES.

R. CARLSON: WHAT KIND OF RUGS DID YOU HAVE ON THE FLOOR?

MRS. SHAFER: MRS. SORLIE GOT TWO AMERICAN ORIENTALS, RED. THEY WERE DARK RED; AND THEN WHEN WE MOVED IN, YOU KNOW, MAYBE YOU KNOW THE STORY OF THE RUGS FROM THE MANSION?

R. CARLSON: NO.

MRS. SHAFER: WELL, FRASERS TRADED THE VERY LOVELY ORIENTAL RUGS THAT WERE IN THE MANSION TO WEBBS FOR AXMINSTER RUGS; AND I KNOW ONE OF THEM I SAW QUITE A NUMBER OF TIMES. THEY TRADED THEM IN TO THE WEBB STORE. ONE OF THEM WAS VERY LOVELY. I KNOW THE WOMAN WHO GOT IT. SHE GOT IT. WELL, IT WAS WEBB'S DAUGHTER, MRS. CORWIN, JESSIE CORWIN. HER HUSBAND WAS OF THE CORWIN-CHURCHILL PEOPLE, AND, BUT ANYWAY I DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE TWO RUGS WERE, BUT THE ONE IN THE DINING ROOM WAS A BLUE AND GREEN AXMINSTER RUG, AND IT WASN'T VERY ATTRACTIVE, SO, MR. DAVIS WAS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, AND I DRAGGED HIM DOWN TO SEE IT, AND TALKED TO HIM ABOUT IT. IT WASN'T VERY GOOD LOOKING IN THE DINING ROOM, ESPECIALLY WITH ALL THE OTHER RUGS RED; AND I SAID, "DO YOU SUPPOSE I COULD BEG YOU INTO GETTING ME A NEW RUG FOR THE DINING ROOM?" WELL, I HAD THREE SESSIONS WITH HIM. THEY SHOULD HAVE HIM NOW! HE DIDN'T BUY ANYTHING THAT WASN'T NECESSARY. HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN, A VERY ABLE MAN. MAYBE YOU NOW JOHN DAVIS OR, HE WAS GOVERNOR, YOU KNOW?

R. CARLSON: I'VE SEEN HIM AND PROBABLY SHAKEN HANDS, BUT, AS A KID, BUT

MRS. SHAFER: WELL, I DON'T RECOGNIZE THIS RUG AT ALL, PERHAPS THIS IS ONE THAT,

R. CARLSON: THIS IS FROM THE JOHN BURKE PERIOD.

MRS. SHAFER: YES. WELL, THEN, THAT WAS ONE OF THE GOOD RUGS.

R. CARLSON: YES.

MRS. SHAFER: THAT PERHAPS IS THE ONE I NEVER SAW, MRS. BURKE WOULD KNOW IT, I KNOW SHE TOLD ABOUT, THEY HAD ONE VERY, ONE SMALL RUG, SHE SAID, THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE STATE THAT WAS IN THE HALLWAY, SO WHEN WE WERE IN THE GOVERNOR'S HOUSE, SHE CAME OVER TO SEE IF IT WAS THERE, AND IT WASN'T. WHAT HAD BECOME OF IT, I DON'T KNOW, BUT,

R. CARLSON: YES, THOSE THINGS KIND OF,

MRS. SHAFER: KIND OF DISAPPEAR.

R. CARLSON: YES.

MRS. SHAFER: THEY SHOULD HAVE SOME,

R. CARLSON: HERE, AN OLD EXTERIOR,

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THAT'S THE WAY, NOW, THAT'S THE WAY THE HOUSE SHOULD LOOK.

R. CARLSON: THAT'S WHAT I THINK TOO.

MRS. SHAFER: I THINK EVEN THAT LOOKS BETTER THAN THE ONE WE HAVE OVER HERE.

R. CARLSON: NOW, THAT'S THE WAY IT LOOKED WHEN YOU MOVED IN, I SUPPOSE? IT WAS WHITE, I IMAGINE?

MRS. SHAFER: YES. WELL, YOU NOW, THAT SPOILED IT.

R. CARLSON: YES, IT DID. THEY REMOVED ALL THAT DECORATION.

MRS. SHAFER: IT SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ALLOWED.

R. CARLSON: DID YOU HAVE A GARDEN ON THE GROUNDS ANYWHERE? A FLOWER GARDEN OR ANYTHING?

MRS. SHAFER: NO, WE DIDN'T. OH, WE HAD, BACK HERE, YES; WE HAD A FLOWER GARDEN IN THE BACK, BUT NOT IN FRONT; BUT I UNDERSTAND FRASERS PLANTED POTATOES IN THE BOULEVARD.

R. CARLSON: OH, I HADN'T HEARD ABOUT THAT.

MRS. SHAFER: HAVE YOU HEARD THAT STORY?

R. CARLSON: NO. IS IT A TRUE ONE?

MRS. SHAFER: WELL PEOPLE HERE IN BISMARCK TOLD ME. IT WAS DURING THE WAR AND PEOPLE WERE PLANTING, AND THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID; AND I TELL YOU I THINK IT IS, BECAUSE WHEN WE FIRST CAME INTO THE OFFICE. WE'D BEEN HERE SIX YEARS. AND PEOPLE WOULD CALL UP AND ASK ME IF I WAS MRS. FRASER, AND I WOULD SAY, "NO, I'M NOT MRS. FRASER; I'M MRS. SHAFER," AND ONE OR TWO PEOPLE WHO BECAME VERY GOOD FRIENDS SAID, "YOU KNOW, WE HAD SOME FARMERS IN THIS PLACE WE DIDN'T CARE TOO MUCH FOR AND WE WERE TAKING YOU WITH A GRAIN OF SALT," AND HE SORT OF APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING BEEN NICER. SO I JUST WONDERED ABOUT IT. THAT'S ALL THAT WAS EVER SAID AND I WOULDN'T WANT IT TO GO ON. BECAUSE I THINK MRS. FRASER WAS A VERY NICE PERSON. I NEVER MET EITHER ONE OF THEM, SO I DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT THEM.

R. CARLSON: I SUPPOSE DURING THE WAR WAS THOUGH THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE GOVERNOR TO SET, BECAUSE THEY WANTED PEOPLE TO GROW.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, I THINK THAT'S WHY, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE, YOU KNOW. THEY KIND OF LOOK UP TO THEIR LEADERS FOR THOSE THINGS. THIS UP HERE IS GONE TOO, ISN'T IT?

R. CARLSON: YES.

MRS. SHAFER: OH, WHAT IS IT? GRILL WORK.

R. CARLSON: I THINK THERE'S SOME KIND OF A WROUGHT IRON FENCE HERE TOO. WAS THAT GONE WHEN YOU CAME?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THAT WAS GONE; AND THERE WAS A FENCE BACK HERE. YES, THOSE WERE GONE WHEN WE CAME.

R. CARLSON: WHAT USE DID YOU MAKE OF THE CARRIAGE HOUSE OR THE GARAGE. THAT LITTLE BUILDING BEHIND THE MANSION?

MRS. SHAFER: WE WOULDN'T MAKE MUCH USE OF IT, BECAUSE, OF COURSE, THE GOVERNOR WAS FURNISHED A CARETAKER, AND WE HAD HAD A BOY LIVE WITH US FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE WAS A NEIGHBOR BOY AND WAS A PUPIL OF MINE WHEN I TAUGHT SCHOOL IN SHAFER. HIS FATHER WAS SHERIFF WHEN MR. SHAFER WAS STATE'S ATTORNEY OUT THERE; AND HIS MOTHER WAS ILL A GOOD DEAL OF THE TIME. THE CHILDREN AD KIND OF A HARD TIME, AND WALDO USED TO COME OVER. A LITTLE FELLOW ABOUT SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS OLD. TO PLAY WITH MY GEORGE BOY. MY GEORGE WAS A BABY THEN. BUT HE CAME ABOUT SUPPERTIME, AND SO MR. SHAFER USED TO SAY TO HIM, "WELL, WALDO, HOW ABOUT EATING SUPPER WITH US?" HE'D SAY, "I'LL GO AND SEE IF MOM WILL SAY IT'S ALL RIGHT," AND COME BACK AND SAY, "SHE SAYS I CAN." HE SORT OF LIVED BACK AND FORTH ALL THE TIME, AND HE WAS A VERY NICE YOUNGSTER. SO WHEN WE CAME DOWN HERE. HE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL THEN. WE HAD TAKEN HIM IN WATFORD. HE STAYED WITH US WHILE MR. SHAFER CAME DOWN HERE AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, BECAUSE HE CAME DOWN IN THE FALL, IN NOVEMBER, AND NEXT YEAR WAS ELECTION YEAR; AND WE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER WE WOULD BE HERE OR THERE, AND WE, THE FAMILY, JUST DECIDED WE'D STAY IN WATFORD UNTIL WE KNEW, SO WALDO WAS WITH US THAT WINTER, AND HE WAS A SOPHOMORE, I THINK, IN HIGH SCHOOL. WELL, WHEN HE FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL, HE WANTED TO GO ON TO COLLEGE, AND MR. SHAFER ASKED THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE HIM THE CARETAKER. HE GOT \$100.00 A MONTH, AND, OF COURSE, HE LIVED WITH US. HE MADE ENOUGH MONEY. HE WENT ON AND BECAME A VERY SUCCESSFUL LUTHERAN MINISTER. HAD A BIG CHURCH IN SAN FRANCISCO; AND HE JUST PASSED AWAY LAST MAY WITH A HEART ATTACK. THE 29TH OF MAY. A VERY FINE YOUNG MAN. WELL, OF COURSE, HE HAD A ROOM IN THE HOUSE. HE'D BEEN WITH OUR FAMILY SO LONG, AND WE DIDN'T CARE TO KEEP UP THE CARRIAGE HOUSE. SO WE DIDN'T USE THAT EXCEPT THE CHILDREN USED IT. THEY HAD A MOVIE MACHINE, AND THEY HAD IT FOR A MOVIE HOUSE, A NEIGHBORHOOD MOVIE HOUSE.

R. CARLSON: OH, WELL, THAT'S INTERESTING.

MRS. SHAFER: YES.

R. CARLSON: BUT NO ONE AT ALL LIVED THERE?

MRS. SHAFER: NO ONE LIVED THERE.

R. CARLSON: DID YOU HAVE A DRIVER. A CHAUFFEUR?

MRS. SHAFER: THIS WALDO, THIS BOY, THIS CARETAKER WAS OUR DRIVER. HE TOOK CARE OF THE YARD, AND OF COURSE, THEY SENT HIM HELP FROM THE PENITENTIARY. WE HAD TRUSTIES THAT WORKED BOTH IN THE YARD AND WAXING FLOORS AND IN THE HOUSE. SO THAT WAS WHERE WE GOT OUR HELP; BUT WE PAID FOR OUR OWN HELP. THE STATE DIDN'T PAY FOR OUR MAID.

WE FURNISHED OUR OWN CAR AND THE GASOLINE THAT WE RAN IT WITH, ON \$4800.00 A YEAR, SO YOU KNOW WE WEREN'T LIVING VERY LUXURIOUSLY.

R. CARLSON: OH, YOU HAD A LIVE-IN MAID DURING THE WHOLE TIME YOU WERE THERE?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, I HAD A MAID, BUT WE PAID THAT OUT OF OUR OWN SALARY.

R. CARLSON: YES, SURE. WHAT WAS HER NAME?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, I HAD TWO OR THREE. LET'S SEE; I HAD A GIRL BY THE NAME OF ALICE CHOSEN, AND SHE WAS WITH US TWO YEARS; AND THEN I HAD A MARGARET OH, DEAR, WHAT WAS HER LAST NAME NOW? OH, JUST RIGHT NOW I CAN'T THINK OF IT AND THEN AT THE LAST WE HAD ROSE NAVERTIL FROM GLEN ULLIN.

R. CARLSON: NOW, HERE'S A VERY OLD PICTURE. THIS IS FROM IT DATES FROM ABOUT 1897.

MRS. SHAFER: YES. THIS IS FROM THE BRIGGS YOU SEE THIS HAS ALL BEEN THAT WAS GONE WHEN WE MOVED IN.

R. CARLSON: IT WAS?

MRS. SHAFER: OH, YES.

R. CARLSON: HOW ABOUT THIS PIECE ABOVE THE FIREPLACE?

MRS. SHAFER: NO, THAT WAS THERE.

R. CARLSON: IT WAS?

MRS. SHAFER: AND THAT'S MRS. SORLIE HAD NEW CHANDELIERS. THESE WERE NOT THE ONES WE HAD; BUT THE FIREPLACE WAS THERE; AND I THINK THIS STAND IS OVER HERE IN THE GOVERNORS MANSION IN FACT, I KNOW IT IS; I SAW IT. I'M SURE THEY TOOK A FEW PIECES. THERE'S A LOVE SEAT OVER THERE TOO; I THINK MRS. DAVIS HAD IT RECOVERED. I ALWAYS WILL REMEMBER WE HAD OUR DESK HERE. ONE DAY I WAS WRITING SOME LETTERS AND I KIND OF FELT THAT SOMEONE HAD COME TO THE DOOR, AND I LOOKED UP, AND THERE STOOD A GREAT BIG OLD INDIAN JUST WALKED IN. HE HAD A LETTER HE WANTED SAID ANYTHING I COULD DO TO HELP HIM BUT HE WAS A NICE INDIAN BUT I DIDN'T HELP HIM, BECAUSE I THOUGHT IF I DID, HE'D TELL HIS BROTHERS ABOUT IT, AND THEY'D ALL BE BACK; AND, OF COURSE, MY BROTHER MY FAMILY RANCHED UP NEAR THE BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION LEASED GRAING LAND ON IT SO THEY WERE USED TO THE INDIANS PRETTY WELL.

R. CARLSON: SO HE JUST WALKED IN AND WANTED YOU TO HELP HIM WRITE A LETTER?

MRS. SHAFER: NO, HE HAD A LETTER WRITEN, RECOMMENDING HIM, AND IF I COULD GIVE HIM SOME MONEY, OR SOMETHING, IT WOULD BE VERY NICE, BECAUSE HE WAS A NICE INDIAN; AND I TOLD HIM I WAS AWFULLY SORRY, BUT I DIDNØT HAVE ANY MONEY THAT DAY. I WONDER WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE? OH, GOVERNORSØMANSIONØ

R. CARLSON: THATØS, I THINK, TAKENØ A PICTURE TAKEN AT THE FUNERAL OF GOVERNOR BRIGGS.

MRS. SHAFER: OH, YES; THATØS WAY BACK.

R. CARLSON: DID THAT KIND OF THING HAPPEN VERY OFTEN? THE GOVERNORS MANSION NOW, YOU KNOW, IS BACK FROM THE STREET QUITE A WAYS; BUT YOURS WAS JUST LIKE ANY OTHER HOUSE IN THAT AREA ALMOST.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, IT WAS. NO P;EOPLE DIDNØT WANDER INØ I DONØT THINK OF ANYONE ELSE WHO EVER DID. ONCE IN A WHILE SOMEONE WOULD COME TO SEE MR. SHAFER, YOU KNOW, INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE OFFICE, BUT I CANØT RECALL ANYONEØ

R. CARLSON: MARION BURKE REMEMBERED SOME PEOPLE PICNICKING ON THE FRONT LAWN.

MRS. SHAFER: YES.

R. CARLSON: AND WANTED TO EAT IN THE GOVERNORSØMANSION GROUNDS!

MRS. SHAFER: NOW, THIS WASNØT HEREØ NONE OF THIS WOODWORK UP HERE; AND YOU KNOW THATØS REALLY LOVELY.

R. CARLSON: THATØS TOO BAD, THAT IT WAS TAKEN OUT.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THATØS TOO BAD, BECAUSE THAT WAS SO DISTINCTIVE.

R. CARLSON: I SUPPOSE IT WAS REGARDED AS OLD FASHIONED AT SOME PERIOD, AND THEY TOOK IT OUT.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, AND OUT IT WENT. THEY SHOULD HAVE HAD SOMEONE WHO WAS INTERESTED IN HISTORY AND THE PRESERVATION OF THINGSØ THEY SHOULD HAVEØ TO TAKE CARE OF THE MANSION AND THE GOVERNORSØTHINGS. I WONDER NOWØ WHEN WE LEFT, MR. SHAFER HAD SOMEONE SENT DOWN FROM THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATIONØ AND TOOK AN INVENTORY OF EVERYTHING LEFT IN THE MANSIONØ THAT BELONGED TO THE MANSION. WE TOOK SOME OF OUR OWN THINGSØ I TOOK MY OWN SILVER. THEY HAD PARTIAL, THAT IS, THEY HAD QUITE A BIT OF SILVER, BUT NOT ENOUGH WHEN WE ENTERTAINED. AND THEN SOME OF MY PIECESØ I TOOK MY LOVESEAT OVER THERE, AND A FEW THINGS THAT I DIDNØT WANT TO LEAVE IN THE HOUSE WHEN WE RENTED IT.

R. CARLSON: WHAT PATTERN WAS THE SILVER THAT WAS FURNISHED AT THE GOVERNORSØMANSION?

MRS. SHAFER: OH, DEAR; I KNOW TOO. YOU KNOW, I'D JUST HAVE TO LOOK THAT UP. I'LL DO THAT. I SHOULD KNOW IT, BUT I CAN'T I TELL YOU ONE THING THAT DOESN'T IMPROVE WITH AGE, AND THAT'S YOUR MEMORY.

R. CARLSON: WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. I FORGET A LOT OF THINGS TOO.

MRS. SHAFER: WELL, WE CAN'T EXPECT THE MIND TO HOLD EVERYTHING.

R. CARLSON: HOW ABOUT THE CHINA? DO YOU HAPPEN TO REMEMBER WHAT PATTERN THAT WAS?

MRS. SHAFER: WELL, IT WAS A HIT AND MISS PATTERN. I THINK THEY HAD SEVERAL PATTTTERNS. THEY DID HAVE PART OF ONE SET. I TOOK MY OWN DISHES, AND PUT WHAT WAS THERE OF THE GOVERNORS'S DISHES UP IN THE TOP OF THE PANTRY SHELF, BECAUSE THERE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE ENOUGH OF ANY ONE PATTERN TO, YOU KNOW, TO USE IF YOU USED MORE THAN TWELVE. SAT MORE THAN TWELVE PEOPLE.

R. CARLSON: I SEE. NOW, THESE ARE SOME P;ICTURES THAT WERE TAKEN WHEN LANGER WAS GOVERNOR. I THINK THE FIRST TERM.

MRS. SHAFER: OH, YES.

R. CARLSON: NOW, HERE YOU CAN SEE THE RUGS. WERE THOSE THE SAME RUGS YOU HAD?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THESE ARE THE ONES I HAD, BUT THESE ARE NOT.

MRS. LANGER CHANGED THE CHANDELIERS.

R. CARLSON: OH, SHE DID?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, AND THERE'S A PART OF THE PIANO. I WONDER IF SHE BROUGHT SOME OF HER OWN THINGS? SHE HAD BEAUTIFUL THINGS.

MRS. LANGER DID. I THINK. I WONDER IF THAT'S STILL THERE. I GUESS.

R. CARLSON: DID YOU BRING MANY OF YOUR OWN THINGS?

MRS. SHAFER: NOT MANY, NO. I HAD MY LOVESEAT AND MY GOOD CHAIR AND MY LAMPS, OF COURSE. NOW, THIS WAS TAKEN DURING THE LANGER ADMINISTRATION; AND NOW THERE WAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL TOP TO THIS.

R. CARLSON: THAT'S THE DINING ROOM?

MRS. SHAFER: THAT'S THE DINING ROOM, YES; AND THAT'S GONE AND THAT'S RATHER TOO BAD BECAUSE IT BELONGS THERE; AND I DON'T KNOW. IT HAD A COUPLE OF SHELVES ON THIS SIDE, AND THEN A VERY NICE MIRROR IN THE CENTER, AND, OF COURSE, THE WOODWORK MATCHED THE FIREPLACE; AND I WONDER IF THAT ISN'T MRS. LANGER'S FURNITURE? IT ISN'T THE FURNITURE THAT WAS THERE WHEN WE WERE THERE.

R. CARLSON: THAT SHOWS UP. LOOKS ALMOST LIKE A ROUND TABLE, DOESN'T IT?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, IT IS; AND THE ONE THAT WAS THERE WHEN WE WERE THERE WAS A SQUARE TABLE, AND IT WAS A MAPLE TABLE; AND THE CHAIRS WERE OAK, AS I REMEMBER THEM. THERE WERE SOME BROKEN UP MAPLE CHAIRS IN THE ATTIC I DON'T KNOW WHAT BECAME OF THEM. THAT OLD DISK WAS THERE, AND THERE'S THE PIANO IN THE BAY WINDOW.

R. CARLSON: DID YOU HAVE THOSE KINDS OF DRAPES OR DID YOU HAVE VENETIAN BLINDS?

MRS. SHAFER: NO, I THINK THESE ARE THIS KIND. I THINK PERHAPS MRS. LANGER GOT NEW ONES I DON'T KNOW AND THAT'S THE UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. I THINK THAT'S MRS. LANGER'S BED; IN FACT, I KNOW IT IS, BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN THEIR HOME AND SEEN HER FURNITURE; AND THERE WAS NOTHING LIKE THAT IN THE MANSION.

R. CARLSON: OH, YES THAT'S WALLPAPER, ISN'T IT?

MRS. SHAFER: I THINK IT IS; YES, IT IS. MRS. SORLIE HAD VERY LOVELY WALLPAPER ON THE WALL. I LIKED HER PAPER.

R. CARLSON: YOU DIDN'T CHANGE THE WALLPAPER?

MRS. SHAFER: NO, WE DIDN'T CHANGE IT. SHE HAD JUST HAD IT DONE, YOU SEE; AND SHE HAD THE DOWNSTAIRS SHE HAD IT PAPERED AND I THINK THEY HAD SOME WORK DONE IN THE KITCHEN TOO. THE GOVERNORS' HOUSE WAS PRETTY BADLY RUN DOWN WHEN THEY MOVED IN. THE FLOORS WERE QUITE BAD WHEN WE MOVED IN, BUT THEY DID FIX THOSE FOR US.

R. CARLSON: NOW, THERE'S THE LITTLE ROOM. THIS IS THE DOOR GOING OUT ONTO THAT PORCH.

MRS. SHAFER: ONTO THE FRONT PORCH, YES.

R. CARLSON: DID YOU USE THAT ROOM FOR ANYTHING? HERE IT'S APPARENTLY USED AS A BEDROOM.

MRS. SHAFER: YES; OUR DAUGHTER WAS A LITTLE GIRL THEN SHE WAS SIX YEARS OLD AND SHE SLEPT IN THERE. THAT WAS NEAR US SO WE COULD NOW THIS ROOM I DON'T OH, THIS IS THE BACK BEDROOM THE NORTHWEST BEDROOM, ISN'T IT?

R. CARLSON: NO, I THINK THAT'S THE BEDROOM RIGHT ABOVE THE DINING ROOM.

MRS. SHAFER: OH, YES, IT IS NO IS IT?

R. CARLSON: I THINK SO, BECAUSE THERE'S A WINDOW HERE AND A WINDOW TO THE SOUTH; AND YOU USED THAT BEDROOM TOO, I SUPPOSE?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, WE DID. WE HAD THREE BOYS AND A DAUGHTER. I THINK THAT'S THE NORTH

R. CARLSON: RIGHT. WAS THAT THE SAME WALLPAPER? IT'S PRETTY DISTINCTIVE WALLPAPER.

MRS. SHAFER: NO, THEY HAD THE WHOLE HOUSE REDONE WHEN LANGERS MOVED IN.

R. CARLSON: OH, REPAPERED AND EVERYTHING?

MRS. SHAFER: NEW LIGHT FIXTURES. YOU SEE, THEY DIDN'T HAVE JAY DAVIS TO

R. CARLSON: NOW, I THINK IT WAS MARION BURKE THAT MENTIONED THAT THERE USED TO BE FIREPLACES IN THESE TWO ROOMS.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THERE WERE. THERE WERE FIREPLACES IN THE SOUTHWEST BEDROOM AND THE NORTHEAST BEDROOM, THE ONE RIGHT AT THE HEAD OF THE STAIRS; AND WHEN WE WERE THER, MRS. SORLIE HAD THE ONE IN THE NORTHEAST BEDROOM TAKEN OUT, AND THE ONE IN THE OTHER BEDROOM WAS STILL THERE WHEN WE MOVED OUT THE ONE IN THE SOUTHWEST ROOM.

R. CARLSON: MRS. SORLIE HAD THE ONE IN THE NORTHEAST CLOSED UP?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, I DON'T KNOW WHY. A FIREPLACE IS A DELIGHTFUL THING.

R. CARLSON: BUT THIS ONE IN THE SOUTHWEST BEDROOM WAS STILL YOU COULD STILL HAVE USED IT WHEN YOU LEFT?

MRS. SHAFER: WELL, WE NEVER DID USE IT.

R. CARLSON: BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN?

MRS. SHAFER: IT WAS THERE. WE NEVER DID HAPPEN TO USE IT. THAT LITTLE DESK. THESE ARE NICE PICTURES OF THE INTERIOR OF THE OLD MANSION.

R. CARLSON: WELL, THAT'S SOME NEW INFORMATION ON THAT FIREPLACE. I HADN'T KNOWN THAT BEFORE. IN FACT, FOR A WHILE I WONDERED IF THERE HAD EVEN BEEN ANY FIREPLACES THERE.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THERE WERE THERE WERE TWO OF THEM. I NEVER WAS IN THE MANSION UNTIL SORLIES MOVED IN, BECAUSE GOVERNOR NESTOS WAS A BACHELOR HE HAD A HOUSEKEEPER AND HE DIDN'T ENTERTAIN AND, OF COURSE, HE WAS JUST THERE ONE TERM, SO

R. CARLSON: WAS THE HOUSE DIFFICULT TO HEAT WHEN YOU

MRS. SHAFER: NOT WHEN WE WERE THERE. NO THAT STORY I DON'T KNOW PERHAPS THE FURNACE WASN'T WORKING WELL WHEN THE BRUNSDALES WERE THERE, BECAUSE MRS. BRUNSDALE SAID HER FEET WERE COLD AND SHE HAD TO WEAR OVERSHOES BUT WE LIVED THERE WELL, I SAT AT A COMMITTEE MEETING ONE NIGHT I SAID, I LIVED THERE FOUR YEARS AND MY FEET WERE NEVER COLD. THEN I THOUGHT, OH DEAR, I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT BECAUSE I THINK A VERY GREAT DEAL OF CARRIE BRUNSDALE, AND I KNOW HER CIRCULATION WASN'T AS GOOD AS MINE; BUT NO ONE EVER COMPLAINED ABOUT THE COLDNESS OF THE FLOORS; BUT, OF COURSE,

FURNACES GET SO THEY DON'T WORK SO WELL EITHER, AND THE TEMPERATURES ARE DIFFERENT IN DIFFERENT TIMES.

R. CARLSON: WAS THE FURNACE STILL A COAL FURNACE WHEN YOU LIVED THERE?

MRS. SHAFER: YES IT WAS STILL A COAL FURNACE.

R. CARLSON: THE BOY THAT STAYED WITH YOU, I SUPPOSE, TOOK CARE OF THAT?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, HE WAS A WONDERFUL BOY. HE WAS VERY HELPFUL, VERY GOOD WITH THE CHILDREN, AND GOOD TO HELP THEM WITH THEIR SCHOOL WORK; AND, OF COURSE, HE FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL IN BISMARCK; GRADUATED FROM DECORAH; AND THEN WENT TO LUTHERAN SEMINARY IN ST. PAUL AND BECAME A - GOT HIS MINISTERIAL TRAINING AND WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. WE WERE A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED - HE THOUGHT HE WOULD BE A DOCTOR, AND WE THOUGHT HE WOULD BE A WONDERFUL DOCTOR. HE WAS A FINE STUDENT AND SEEMED TO KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF SICK PEOPLE. I KNOW MY - CHARLES - SON HAD - WELL, DR. BRANDT WAS FEARFUL THAT HE WOULD HAVE A MASTOID, AND HE HAD US IRRIGATE HIS EAR ALL ONE NIGHT, AND WALDO SAT UP AND HELPED. HE TOOK PART OF THE NIGHT, TAKING CARE OF HIM. WHENEVER THE CHILDREN WERE SICK, HE WAS SO GOOD ABOUT HELPING WITH THEM. AND REVEREND RINDAHL GOT INTERESTED IN HIM - HE WENT TO THAT CHURCH, OF COURSE - AND TALKED HIM INTO GOING INTO THE MINISTRY; AND, OF COURSE, OUR EXPERIENCE WITH POOR MINISTERS - IT SEEMED LIKE THEY WERE HAVING QUITE A STRUGGLE; AND HE HAD QUITE A STRUGGLE. WE SORT OF DIDN'T LIKE TO SEE HIM GET INTO A POSITION WHERE HE WOULD HAVE ANOTHER ONE - BUT HE WAS A VERY TRUSTFUL MINISTER AND A GOOD BUSINESSMAN; AND SO I GUESS PROBABLY, AFTER ALL, IT WAS FOR HIM TO CHOOSE, NOT US.

R. CARLSON: YOU HAD THREE BOYS THEN A GIRL THERE, PLUS A MAID, AND YOURSELVES TO FIND PLACES TO SLEEP FOR ALL OF THEM?

MRS. SHAFER: YES.

R. CARLSON: NOW, THOSE TWO LITTLE BEDROOMS OVER IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER -

MRS. SHAFER: THAT HALLWAY, YES; WELL, WALDO HAD ONE, AND THE MAID HAD THE OTHER ONE, AND THEN, OF COURSE, THERE WERE THREE OTHER BEDROOMS - NO, THERE WERE FOUR OTHER BEDROOMS. MY DAUGHTER HAD THE LITTLE BEDROOM, AND THE BOYS HAD THE NORTHEAST BEDROOM - GEORGE AND RICHARD - AND WHERE DID CHARLES SLEEP - MAYBE HE SAT UP, ALL NIGHT - I DON'T KNOW - I THINK WE PUT AN EXTRA BED IN ONE OF THE - IN THAT NORTHEAST BEDROOM. OH, THERE WERE DOUBLE BEDS IN THERE.

R. CARLSON: YOU DIDN'T HAVE A GUEST ROOM THEN RESERVED?

MRS. SHAFER: WE HAD GUESTS. THE SOUTHWEST ONE RESERVED. YES AND WE DID HAVE I HAD MY MOTHER SHE HAD A HEART ATTACK AND WAS IN BED A MONTH WITH ME. MR. SHAFER'S MOTHER WAS ILL SHE DIDN'T COME DOWN HERE BUT MY OWN MOTHER WAS WITH US QUITE A WHILE.

R. CARLSON: DID NAY FOREIGN DIGNITARIES OR POLITICIANS FROM WASHINGTON, YOU KNOW, FAMOUS PEOPLE, EVER COME AND STAY AT THE MANSION WHILE YOU WERE THERE?

MRS. SHAFER: NO, THEY DIDN'T. WE NEVER HAD ANYONE. WE ENTERTAINED PEOPLE WHO COME TO DINNERS, BUT I'D HAVE TO FIND MY RECORD OF THAT; WE DID VERY LITTLE ENTERTAINING. TIMES WERE VERY HARD; AND, OF COURSE, WE PAID FOR OUR OWN ENTERTAINING. WE DID ENTERTAIN THE LEGISLATORS AT DINNER ALL OF THEM WHICH WAS QUITE AN UNDERTAKING.

R. CARLSON: IN THE HOUSE?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, AT THE HOUSE. WE HAD THEM IN GROUPS, AND STATE OFFICIALS, OF COURSE; AND THEN, I WAS JUST TRYING TO THINK I CAN'T THINK OF ANY OF COURSE, WE HAD THE RECEPTIONS FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT WHEN HE WAS OUT TO LAY THE CORNERSTONE THAT LANGER TOOK OUT CURTIS AND HE STAYED AT THE PRINCE HOTEL BUT THE ENTERTAINING WAS AT A MINIMUM DURING OUR REIGN.

R. CARLSON: WAS THERE A PARTICULAR TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN YOU WOULD INVITE LEGISLATORS OVER?

MRS. SHAFER: DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WE ALWAYS ENTERTAINED ALL OF THEM AT A DINNER AT NIGHT; AND, OF COURSE, THE STATE OFFICIALS; AND I JUST CAN'T THINK RIGHT OFF I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE, I JUST CAN'T

R. CARLSON: HOW ABOUT WOMEN'S CLUBS OR THINGS LIKE THAT? WOULD YOU NOW I THINK GRACE LINK OCCASIONALLY GIVES PEOPLE TOURS OF THIS GOVERNOR'S MANSION. SHE HAS AN OPEN HOUSE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. DID YOU DO THAT?

MRS. SHAFER: WE DIDN'T HAVE ALL THOSE THINGS; NO, WE COULDN'T AFFORD THAT. WE PAID FOR IT. WE JUST COULDN'T ON THAT SALARY, AND, OF COURSE, WHEN WE MOVED TO BISMARCK, THE BANKS HAD CLOSED AND WE LOST THE MONEY WE HAD LAID UP, A LITTLE OVER FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, IN BANKS; SO WE WERE NOT WE WERE LIVING ON THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY; AND, OF COURSE, WE HAD A FEW OTHER LITTLE INVESTMENTS THAT BROUGHT US BUT NOTHING THAT WAS OUR MAIN INVESTMENT; AND THE WAY MR. SHAFER HAPPENED TO HAVE HIS MONEY IN THOSE BANKS MOSTLY WAS BECAUSE HE WAS THEIR LAWYER: AND HE KNEW THE BANKS WERE GOING TO CLOSE, BUT HE SAID, I KNOW IT AND THE PATRONS DON'T. I WOULDN'T WANT TO GO IN AND TAKE MY MONEY OUT. OF COURSE, WE DIDN'T HAVE IT ALL IN 15

ONE BANKô WE HAD IT IN TWO OR THREE. ADAM HANNA HAD A CHAIN OF BANKS, AND HE SAID, IF THEY TAKE A LOSS, IôLL HAVE TO TAKE MINE ALONG WITH THEM; AND, OF COURSE, IT WAS KIND OF TOUGH, BUT WE WERE KIND OF PROUD OF HIM.

R. CARLSON: WELL, IT WAS CERTAINLY A NOBLE THING TO DO.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, IT WAS.

R. CARLSON: LET ME LOOK AT THIS HEREô I KNOW THERE ARE SOME OTHER THINGS I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT. WERE THERE ANY WOMENôS CLUBS OR THINGS LIKE THAT THAT YOU BELONGED TO?

MRS. SHAFER: OH, YES. I BELONGED TO PEO, CURRENT EVENTS, LEGION AUXILIARY, THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND CIRCLES AND REBECCA LODGEô IN FACT, THE REBECCA LODGE IN SHAFER WAS NAMED FOR ME. THAT WAS BEFORE I WAS A GOVERNORôS WIFE. THAT WAS WHEN SHAFER WAS VERY YOUNG, AND THEY ORGANIZED AND I WAS THE FIRST PRESIDING OFFICERô WHATEVER THEY CALLED THEMô AND THEY NAMED THE LODGE FOR ME, SO, LETôS SEE, WHAT ELSE I BELONGED TOô EVERYTHING IN TOWN WHILE I WAS THE GOVERNORôS WIFEô I CANôTô EXCEPT THE MUSIC CLUB; I COULDNôT MAKE THAT.

R. CARLSON: DID YOU EVER HAVE ANY PRAYER BREAKFASTS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

MRS. SHAFER: NO, WE DIDNôT HAVE PRAYER BREAKFASTS AT THAT TIME.

R. CARLSON: WAS THERE A FLAGPOLE OUTSIDE THE MANSION THEN LIKE THERE IS NOW?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, IT WAS OUT ALMOST I SUPPOSE STRAIGHT WEST OF THE KITCHEN WINDOW. IT WAS IN THE BACK, IN THE YARD, IN THE SIDE YARD.

R. CARLSON: OH.

MRS. SHAFER: NO! IôLL TAKE IT ALL BACK! IT WAS ON THE EAST, I BELIEVE, ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE HOUSE.

R. CARLSON: YES, THATôS WHERE IT IS NOW.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, I THINK ITôS IN THE SAME PLACE.

R. CARLSON: WOULD A TRUSTY COME AND RAISE THAT THEN?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, PUT IT UP IN THE MORNING. NOT ALWAYS, IF THE WEATHER WASNôT GOOD. WE DIDNôT ALWAYSô WE USUALLY JUST PUT IT UP ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

R. CARLSON: DID THE TRUSTIES COME EVERY DAY? EVERY WEEK DAY?

MRS. SHAFER: OH, NO. JUST WHENô IF WE WANTED THE FLOORS CLEANED WELL AND WAXED OR IF WE WANTED SOME YARD WORK DONEô THEN THEYôD SEND IN ONE OR TWOô SPECIAL YARD WORK DONE. THEY MOWED THE LAWN. THEYôD SEND A TRUSTY IN, BUT THEY NEVER SENT MORE THAN ONE AT A TIME, AND THEY DID DO THE WAXING OF THE FLOORS AND CLEANED THE RUGS; AND, OF COURSE, WALDO SUPERVISED

THEM WHEN THEY WERE; THEY WERE IN HIS CARE WHILE THEY WERE AT THE HOUSE. YOU KNOW, WE HAD SOME NICE BOYS WHO CAME IT JUST MADE YOU FEEL SICK TO SEE THEY HAD GOTTEN IN TROUBLE AND WERE IN THE PENITENTIARY. I REMEMBER ONE BOY I LIKED SO MUCH AND FELT SO SORRY FOR, AND HE SAID, "YOU KNOW, MRS. SHAFER, IT'S TOO BAD WE CAN'T LEARN OUR LESSONS BEFORE INSTEAD OF AFTER."

R. CARLSON: YES, I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE I CAN IMAGINE IF I'D GO HOME TO MY WIFE AND SAY, "SOMEBODY FROM THE PENITENTIARY WILL COME TODAY AND CLEAN THE FLOOR,"

MRS. SHAFER: OH, OF COURSE, WE ALWAYS HAD WALDO THERE, AND THEY ALWAYS SENT SOMEONE, YOU KNOW, SOMEONE WHO HADN'T COMMITTED ANYTHING VERY SERIOUS, ALTHOUGH I DO BELIEVE THAT THE LANGERS HAD SOME MONEY TAKEN OUT OF A DRESSER DRAWER AT THE MANSION. THERE'S A STORY FLOATING ABOUT THAT I SUPPOSE IT'S TRUE. I TRY TO BE CAREFUL AND NOT REPORT RUMORS, BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW IF THEY'RE TRUE OR NOT, AND IT ISN'T FAIR TO PEOPLE TO REPORT THINGS ABOUT THEM

R. CARLSON: DID YOU TAKE SUMMER VACATIONS? ANYWHERE WHEN YOU WERE AT THE MANSION?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, I WENT TO TEXAS AND A BEAUTIFUL VACATION TRIP TO EUROPE AS A GUEST OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

R. CARLSON: OH, THIS WAS WHILE YOU WERE

MRS. SHAFER: WHILE I WAS IN THE GOVERNOR'S HOUSE; AND, LET'S SEE, THAT WAS IN 1930, I THINK. IT WAS A CAMPAIGN YEAR ANYWAY, AND THE CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY TOOK A NUMBER OF GOVERNOR'S WIVES ON AN ADVERTISING TOUR OF COURSE, THAT'S WHAT IT WAS TOOK US TO EUROPE. TO TELL ABOUT MY TRIP THAT'S WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR. THIS IS THE CORNERSTONE LAYING.

R. CARLSON: WELL, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'VE WRITTEN THAT ALL UP LIKE THAT; THAT'S

MRS. SHAFER: WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE THIS AND READ IT?

R. CARLSON: I WOULD. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A COPY OF IT, AND THEN I COULD RETURN IT TO YOU IF THAT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT.

MRS. SHAFER: WELL, THAT WOULD BE BETTER PROBABLY THAN TRYING TO RECORD IT. LET'S SEE, YOU ASKED ME ABOUT, OH, DEAR, WHAT DID YOU ASK ME ABOUT?

R. CARLSON: IF YOU TOOK VACATIONS WHILE YOU WERE IN THE MANSION YOU KNOW AS GOVERNOR DURING THE SUMMER.

MRS. SHAFER: OH, YES; AND, OF COURSE, MY CHILDRENô MY THREE BOYSô ALWAYS WENT TO MY BROTHERôS RANCH OUT IN MCKENZIE COUNTY. IF I DIDNôT TAKE THEM, MY BROTHER AND HIS WIFE CAME DOWN AND GOT THEM AND KEPT THEM ALL SUMMER, SO THATôS WHERE THEYô

R. CARLSON: THEY GOT A LITTLE FRESH MCKENZIE COUNTY AIR THEN IN THE SUMMER?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, AND THEY LEARNED TO DO SOME USEFUL WORK, WHICH WASô OH, THIS WAS A VERY LOVELY EULOGY THAT JAY BRYANT WROTE FOR MY HUSBAND. I THINK IôLL PUT THIS WITH IT SO YOUôLLô

R. CARLSON: FINE, FINE. YES, THAT WOULD BE VERY GOOD. DID YOU EVER FEEL THAT YOU DIDNôT HAVE ENOUGH PRIVACY HEREô WAS THIS QUITE A CHANGE FOR YOU TO BECOME A GOVERNORôS WIFE?

MRS. SHAFER: WELL, YOU KNOW, I WAS SO BUSY I DIDNôT THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT IT; AND, OF COURSE, WE HAD LIVED IN BISMARCK SIX YEARS. MY FRIENDS WERE MADE HERE AND I HAD A KIND OF A PATTERN OF LIFE, OF LIVING, AND SO IT GAVE ME A GOOD FOUNDATION, AND THEN I HAD MRS. JOHN BURKE TO ADVISE ME; AND I NEVER COULD PAY MY DEBT TO HERô THE GOOD ADVICE SHE GAVE ME, THE GOOD HELP, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT CAME TO GETTING READY FOR THE LAYING OF THE FIRST CORNERSTONE. I THINK THIS IS THE ONLY CAPITOL THATôS HAD TWO CORNERSTONES.

R. CARLSON: DID YOU DO YOUR OWN GROCERY SHOPPING, ETC.?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, I DID. I DID MY OWN GROCERY SHOPPING. I HAD VERY EFFICIENT HELP, VERY GOOD HELP DURING THAT TIME. I LIKE TO DO MY OWN SHOPPING, AND I DID A LOT OF MY OWN COOKING AND BAKING TOO, BECAUSE I LIKED TO DO IT; AND, OF COURSE, THE KEEPING OF THE HOUSE AND THE COOKING WAS ENOUGH FOR A MAID.

R. CARLSON: DID ANY STORES GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO TRY TO GET BUSINESS OUT OF THE GOVERNORôS WIFE, OR, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, WOULD THEY--?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, SOME OF THEM DIDô THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD LIKE TOô BUT I STAYED WITH THE STORES THAT I HAD BEEN DEALING WITH. I TOLD THEM THAT I FELT THEY HAD BEEN GOOD TO ME FOR SIX YEARS, AND IT WOULDNôT BE VERY NICE TO DESERT THE, SO, YOU KNOW, IôVE GOTTEN TO TALKING ABOUT OTHER THINGS AND IôVE FORGOTTEN WHAT IôM LOOKING FOR.

R. CARLSON: OH, I THINK YOU WERE LOOKING FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF YOUR TRIP TO EUROPE ORô

MRS. SHAFER: OH, YES. THAT WAS A DELIGHTFUL THING AND I ALMOST THREW IT AWAY. I THREW IT IN THE WASTE BASKET. YOU KNOW, IT WAS CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY; AND, OF COURSE, WE GOT LOTS OF LITERATURE ADVERTISING THE GOVERNOR'S FAMILY DOES AND I THOUGHT, OH, DEAR, I CAN'T AFFORD A TRIP TO EUROPE, WHY DO I LOOK AT THIS? AND THEN WHEN I LOOKED DOWN, I THUGHT MAYBE I'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK AT IT, AND WHEN I OPENED IT UP IT WAS AN INVITATION FOR A THREE WEEKS TOUR OF EUROPE, AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY; AND JUST AS I DID THAT, MRS. BRANDT DR. BRANDT'S WIFE CAME OVER THEY HAD BEEN NEIGHBORS OF OURS FOR SIX YEARS CAME IN FROM ACROSS THE STREET, AND I SAID, "EVELYN BRANDT, WOULD YOU READ THIS LETTER AND SEE IF IT SAYS WHAT I THINK IT SAYS!" SHE READ IT AND SAID, "WHAT DID YOU THINK IT SAID?" I SAID, "I THOUGHT IT SAID I WAS INVITED TO TAKE A TRIP TO EUROPE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY," AND SHE SAID, "THAT'S WHAT I THINK TOO AND IT MUST BE SO," BUT WE HAD A MARVELOUS TRIP. THEY TOOK THE GOVERNOR'S WIVES FROM MINNESOTA AND MONTANA AND IOWA A WUITE A GROUP OF MIDWESTERN IT WAS AN ADVERTISING STUNT, OF COURSE. WE WERE TO BE THE HOSTESSES AND THAT WAS NICE BECAUSE WE GOT QUITE A FEW PRIVILEGES THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD OTHERWISE. WE HAD QUITE AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE IN HEIDELBURG. WE GOT IN QUITE EARLY WE TRAVELED BY BUS IN THESE VARIOUS PLACES, OR COUNTRIES, ALL THE TIME IN EUROPE IN FACT; AND SO OUR DRIVER SAID, "WE'LL UNLOAD THE BAGGAGE, AND THEN WE'LL TAKE A LITTLE SIGHT-SEEING TOUR, BECAUSE WE'RE EARLY," SO I HAD A YOUNG LADY ASSIGNED TO ME WHO WAS A TEACHER WHO ROOMED WITH ME WHO WAS A GERMAN TEACHER FROM DETROIT AND WE ROOMED TOGETHER. WE WENT IN AND UNPACKED OUR HANDBAG AND POWDERED OUR FACES A LITTLE BIT, AND STARTED OUT ON THE NEXT TOUR, AND WHEN WE CAME BACK TO OUR ROOM, EVERY ATOM OF LUGGAGE AND OUR THINGS WE'D HUNG IN THE CLOSET WERE GONE YOU JUST CAN'T IMAGINE HOW FRIGHTENED WE WERE. HERE WE WERE, THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HOME, AND OUR LUGGAGE HAD DISAPPEARED, SO WE LOOKED AT EACH OTHER AND WE OHED AND AWED ABOUT IT, YOU KNOW, AS WOMEN DO; AND FINALLY WE KIND OF SIMMERED DOWN AND CALLED THE OFFICE AND TOLD THEM WHAT HAD HAPPENED, AND TWO MEN CAME UP THERE, NICELY DRESSED, IN A UNIFORM THEY WERE HOTEL PEOPLE AND THEY SAID THEY WERE SO SORRY, THEY WERE SO SORRY, THEY WERE SO SORRY! AND I THOUGHT, I WISH THEY'D GET OVER BEING SORRY, AND TELL ME WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO MY CLOTHES; AND THEY SAID THEY DIDN'T REALIZE THAT I WAS THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE, AND THEY AHD PUT US IN A VERY ORDINARY ROOM WELL IT WAS A LOVELY ROOM WE HAD TWIN BEDS AND A BATH AND THERE COULDN'T BE A THING WRONG WITH IT

SO THEY TOOK US BY THE ARM AND TOOK US TO ANOTHER ROOM, WHERE WE HAD EACH OUR OWN BEDROOM AND PARLOR AND EACH A BATH, AND A BIG BOUQUET OF ROSES. I KIND OF SOFT-PEDALED WHO I WAS AFTER THAT, BECAUSE IT WAS ALMOST EMBARRASSING; AND ANYWAY I WAS AFRAID I MIGHT REALLY LOSE MY CLOTHES.

R. CARLSON: DID YOUR HUSBAND HAVE MANY POLITICAL MEETINGS IN THE HOUSE?

MRS. SHAFER: NO. ONCE IN A WHILE SOME OF HIS GOOD FRIENDS WOULD COME IN, AND, OF COURSE, THEY NATURALLY TALKED; BUT HE DIDN'T HIS AFFAIRS WERE ALL PRACTICALLY CARRIED ON EITHER AT THE OFFICE OR IN SOME PUBLIC PLACE.

R. CARLSON: WAS THERE A PARTICULAR HOTEL DOWNTOWN WHERE THE REGULAR REPUBLICANS WOULD GATHER?

MRS. SHAFER: I THINK THE GREAT NORTHERN PROBABLY WAS THE CENTER FOR I SEEM TO FIND EVERYTHING EXCEPT MY TRIP TO EUROPE. I HAVE TWO OR THREE MRS. KOPSENG WANTS A COPY OF THIS MY HUSBAND WAS THE FIRST NATIVE-BORN SON TO BECOME GOVERNOR OF NORTH DAKOTA; AND I GUESS GOVERNOR LINK PROBABLY IS THE SECOND; I DON'T KNOW; AND HE WAS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST MEN EVER ELECTED GOVERNOR.

R. CARLSON: WHY DIDN'T YOUR HUSBAND DECIDE TO SEEK REELECTION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE?

MRS. SHAFER: HE'D HAD ONLY ONE TERM, AND I GUESS ALL GOVERNORS KIND OF LIKE TO FEEL THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY ENOUGH TO DESERVE REELECTION. I DON'T KNOW HE NEVER SAID ANYTHING PARTICULARLY ABOUT IT.

R. CARLSON: BUT I MEAN IN '02 WHY DIDN'T HE RUN AGAIN?

MRS. SHAFER: IN '02? WELL, HE HAD HAD THE OFFICE FOUR YEARS, AND I THINK HE DIDN'T CARE TO CONTINUE IN THE GOVERNOR'S, SO HE RAN FOR THE SENATE, AND, OF COURSE, WAS DEFEATED BY NYE. HE CAME OUT FOR HOOVER, AND THEY TOLD HIM IT WOULD PROBABLY DEFEAT HIM, BUT HE MR. SHAFER MADE UP HIS MIND WHAT WAS RIGHT AND STAYED BY IT REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES TO HIMSELF. WE MET SOME VERY INTERESTING PEOPLE AT THE GOVERNORS CONFERENCE IN VIRGINIA, AND AMONG THEM WAS DOUGLAS MCARTHUR. MR. SHAFER HAD SEEN HIM THE WAR DEPARTMENT DECIDED TO CLOSE SOME FORTS, YOU KNOW; AND FORT LINCOLN WAS ONE OF THEM, SO SENATOR NYE WENT TO SEE MR. MCARTHUR; BUT, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, SENATOR NYE WAS A PACIFIST AND HE WAS AGAINST WAR AND SO ON, SO HE DIDN'T GET ON TOO WELL WITH HIM, NATURALLY; AND SO BISMARCK ASKED GEORGE IF HE WOULD GO

DOWN AND SEE WHAT HE COULD DO, SO HE HAD MET HIM AND TALKED WITH DOUGLAS MCARTHUR ON ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS; AND WAS ABLE TO PERSUADE HIM TO LEAVE FORT LINCOLN HERE; SO WHEN HE FOUND WE WERE DOWN THERE AT A GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE, HE HAD HIS AIDE CALL AND INVITED US OVER TO HIS OFFICE; AND I THINK I HAVE NEVER MET ANYONE WHO WAS AS IMPRESSIVE AS DOUGLAS MCARTHUR— YET SO KIND, AND SO KIND OF SIMPLE— HIS MANNERISMS MADE ME FEEL— I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MY EXPERIENCE AS WIFE OF A GOVERNOR. AND, OF COURSE, WE MET THE HOOVERS, AND THEY WERE VERY DELIGHTFUL PEOPLE TOO, BOTH PRESIDENT AND MRS. HOOVER. THEN THERE WAS A GOVERNOR FROM MAINE— GOVERNOR TUDOR GARDNER— THAT WAS A VERY INTERESTING PERSON. HE WAS SENT IN WHEN ITALY SURRENDERED— HE WAS THE MAN WHO WAS SENT IN, YOU KNOW, AT NIGHT ON A BOAT TO ARRANGE THE SURRENDER OF ITALY. HE WAS A VERY ABLE AND INTERESTING MAN, AND THEN I HAD ANOTHER INTERESTING EXPERIENCE. I MET GOVERNOR PINCHEL OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND IT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE AS A CHILD IN OUR PLEASANT VALLEY HOME IN WYOMING, HE SPENT SIX WEEKS WITH US AS A YOUNG FOREST RANGER WHILE HE WAS WORKING IN THE FORESTRY SERVICE THERE— SO THAT WAS QUITE AN EXPERIENCE AND QUITE AN UNEXPECTED PLEASURE. OF COURSE, HE WAS— HE VISITED THE KELLOGG HOME IN WYOMING. THEN, OF COURSE, GOVERNOR AND MRS. WINNOW OF NEW HAMPSHIRE— THEY WERE VERY ATTRACTIVE PEOPLE; AND HE WENT TO THE COURT OF ST. JAMES UNDER FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT; BUT HIS HEALTH BECAME BAD AND HE COMMITTED SUICIDE, WHICH WAS A SAD THING. OF COURSE, PRESIDENT HOOVER HAD THE DINNER FOR THE GOVERNORS— THAT WAS AT THE RICHMOND, VIRGINIA CONFERENCE— AND THE PEOPLE WERE SEATED ACCORDING TO THEIR ACCEPTANCE IN THE UNION. YOU WERE SEATED ACCORDING TO THE DATE YOUR STATE WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE UNION, AND I SAT— GOVERNOR CARLTON OF FLORIDA WAS MY PARTNER— AND I SAT BETWEEN HIM— AT THE END OF THE LINE, I GUESS— I MUST HAVE BEEN, NO I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN— ANYWAY I SAT NEXT TO FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, WHO WAS RUNNING FOR THE PRESIDENCY, AT THAT TIME; SO I HAD A FEW WORDS WITH HIM.

R. CARLSON: EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN'T EXACTLY AGREE ON MOST THINGS?

MRS. SHAFER: WE DIDN'T DISCUSS THINGS VERY MUCH. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'VE DONE WITH MY TRIP. I GUESS I

R. CARLSON: I WANTED TO ASK YOU ANOTHER THING WHILE YOU'RE LOOKING THERE, IF I DON'T INTERRUPT YOU TOO MUCH. HOW DID THE CHILDREN GET ALONG IN SCHOOL? I WOULD THINK THAT MAYBE BEING A SON OR DAUGHTER OF A GOVERNOR, THAT OTHER KIDS WOULD EITHER EXPECT CERTAIN THINGS OF YOU, OR THE TEACHERS WOULD EXPECT CERTAIN THINGS, OR--

MRS. SHAFER: I DON'T THINK IT MADE ANY DIFFERENCE TO THEM. THEY'D BEEN GOING TO SCHOOL. YOU SEE, OUR OLDEST CHILDREN WERE IN JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL AND OUR DAUGHTER WAS STARTING SCHOOL. SHE WAS IN THE SECOND GRADE. AND CHARLES WAS DOWN IN THE GRADES. I DON'T THINK IT MADE ANY DIFFERENCE. THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO FEEL ANY DIFFERENT. THEY JUST HAD ONE EXPERIENCE. A LADY, ONE OF THE NEIGHBOR LADIES. WAS TELLING ME THE BOYS WERE TEASING MY SECOND SON, RICHARD. HE PASSED AWAY IN '70 WITH A HEART ATTACK. TEASING HIM ABOUT A PATCH ON HIS JEANS AND HE WAS THE GOVERNOR'S SON. SHE SAID, YOU KNOW, HE HAD SUCH A GOOD ANSWER FOR THEM FOR A CHOLD. HE SAID, 'WELL, SURE. DO YOU THINK JUST BECAUSE MY DAD IS GOVERNOR, MY MOTHER IS GOING TO LET ME RUN AROUND WITH HOLES IN THE KNEES OF MY JEANS?'
R. CARLSON: THAT IS GOOD.

MRS. SHAFER: YOU SEE, ONE OF THE NEIGHBOR WOMEN HAPPENED TO HEAR IT AND TOLD ME ABOUT IT; BUT I DON'T. OF COURSE, THE CHILDREN WERE INVOLVED IN MANY HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES; I DON'T THINK IT MADE ANY DIFFERENCE AND I DON'T THINK IT AFFECTED THEM. THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE ANY PRIVILEGES THE OTHERS DIDN'T HAVE.

R. CARLSON: WELL, YOU'D BEEN LIVING IN BISMARCK TOO, SO THEY HAD THEIR FRIENDS. IT WASN'T AS IF THEY'D MOVED IN FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THEY WERE MADE BEFORE THEIR FATHER WAS GOVERNOR.

R. CARLSON: WHERE DID YOU LIVE IN BISMARCK BEFORE YOU LIVED IN THE MANSION?

MRS. SHAFER: JUST ACROSS THE STREE ON AVENUE B, AND THERE'S THE BRANDT HOUSE ON THE CORNER DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION, THEN RUES HOME, AND THEN THE NEXT ONE WAS OURS. A WHITE HOUSE WITH BLUE SHUTTERS.

R. CARLSON: OH, SO YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GO VERY FAR?

MRS. SHAFER: WE JUST MOVED ACROSS THE STREET. YOU ASKED ME ABOUT PEOPLE WE ENTERTAINED, AND, OF COURSE, THEY WERE HOME STATE PEOPLE. HERE I FIND I HAVE A LIST OF THEM. THERE WAS L. L. TWICHELL, OF COURSE; AND FRANK HYLANDS; AND LIEUT. GOVERNOR CARR, AND THE FREEMANS; MARK TRAYNOR; MR. HOLLAND; FRANK WENSTROM; AND THESE ARE OTHERS OF COURSE. THEN WE HAD OUR LOCAL FRIENDS THAT WE ALWAYS ENTERTAINED.

R. CARLSON: WAS THERE A LITTLE TABLE IN THE KITCHEN TOO? WOULD YOU EAT IN THE KITCHEN EVER, OR DID YOU ALWAYS EAT IN THE DINING ROOM?

MRS. SHAFER: OH, NO. WE ATE IN THE KITCHEN MOST OF THE TIME, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THE CHILDREN HAD TO GET UP. MY OLDEST BOY WAS IN BAND AND HE HAD TO BE AT BAND PRACTICE AT 7:00; SO HE WENT DOWN AND ATE BEAKFAST IN THE KITCHEN; AND, OH, SOMETIMES WE ATE IN THE DINING ROOM. IT WAS KIND OF AN INFORMAL AFFAIR. WE WERE SORT OF INFORMAL PEOPLE.

R. CARLSON: YOU DIDN'T DRESS FOR DINNER AND THOSE THINGS UNLESS THERE WERE GUESTS?

MRS. SHAFER: WE WENT TO DINNER WITH WHAT WE HAD ON. I'VE BEEN QUITE INTERESTED IN THE THINGS THAT WERE PUT IN THE CORNERSTONE. OF COURSE, AS YOU KNOW, LANGER TOOK IT OUT, FIRST, IT WAS ILLEGALLY LAID, AND THEN THEY CHANGED THE STORY TO THAT IT WAS CRACKED; WELL, THEY DID FIND SOME VERY INTERESTING THINGS IN THE CORNERSTONE AND PERHAPS YOU HAVE THOSE LISTED SOMEWHERE.

R. CARLSON: I SUPPOSE THEY ARE, BUT I DON'T KNOW.

MRS. SHAFER: WELL, THERE'S A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM PRINCE BISMARCK OF BISMARCK, OF COURSE; AND A TICKET TO A BARREL OF WATER, THEY USED TO BUY WATER BY THE BARREL HERE, I'M TOLD, AND THEN THERE WERE CONGRATULATORY NOTES FROM EVERY COUNTRY IN EUROPE, THAT WAS QUITE SOMETHING. NOW, THAT WAS THE FIRST, NOT THE, THAT WAS WAY BACK.

R. CARLSON: THAT WAS THE OLD CAPITOL.

MRS. SHAFER: THAT WAS THE OLD CAPITOL CORNERSTONE; AND THEN, OF COURSE, THE NAMES OF J. P. JACKSON AND C. B. LITTLE OF BISMARCK AND BURLEIGH SPAULDING OF FARGO WERE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE NOW LIVING WHO WERE IN THE BOX, AND THEY WERE ALL WELL PRESERVED; AND I HOPE THOSE THINGS ALL GOT BACK AFTER MR. LANGER OPENED IT UP AND PUT HIS FAMILY PICTURES IN AND SOME OF HIS OWN MEMORABLES.

R. CARLSON: WAS THAT ACTUALLY DONE? HE PUT IN SOME OF HIS OWN,

MRS. SHAFER: YES. I TRY TO KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, I JUST TELL YOU BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN HISTORY BEING TRUTHFUL, AND SOMETIMES I WONDER ABOUT OUR HISTORY.

R. CARLSON: SO DO I. SOMETIMES WE MAKE EVERYBODY SOUND LIKE THEY WERE SAINTS, WHEN THEY WEREN'T.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, WHEN YOU KNOW VERY WELL THEY WEREN'T.

R. CARLSON: WHO DID THE LAUNDRY FOR YOU? WAS THERE A MACHINE IN THE BUILDING?

MRS. SHAFER: THE MAID AND I DID IT. THE GIRL WHO WORKED FOR US.

R. CARLSON: WAS THERE A LAUNDRY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, THERE WAS. THERE WAS A LAUNDRY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT. IT WASN'T TOO PARTICULARLY GOOD, OF COURSE, THAT'S AN OLD BUILDING, BUT IT WAS WELL BUILT, THAT WAS A VERY GOOD BUILDING. WE HAD A SMALL LAUNDRY ROOM. I DON'T KNOW JUST WHEN IT WAS IN. IT WAS IN WHEN WE WERE THERE; IT WAS IN WHEN THE SORLIES WERE THERE, I THINK; BUT WHETHER MRS. SORLIE HAD IT PUT IN OR NOT, I DON'T KNOW. OH, I FOUND MY TRIP, FINALLY! IT WAS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE KIND OF, WELL, I THINK I TOLD YOU ABOUT ALMOST THROWING IT AWAY. OF COURSE, AFTER I RECOVERED THE UNOPENED LETTER FROM THE WASTE BASKET, AND DISCOVERED WHAT IT WAS, I WAS QUITE DELIGHTED, AND I BEGAN TO WONDER IF I SHOULD GO. IT WAS A CAMPAIGN YEAR. WE LEFT JUNE 1ST AND SAILED FROM QUEBEC, AND WE SAILED ON A VERY INTERESTING OLD BOAT, WE SAILED UP THE HUDSON, AND IT WAS THE BOAT THAT THE KAISER HAD BUILT FOR HE AND HIS WIFE TO TAKE A WORLD CRUISE AFTER HE HAD CONQUERED THE WORLD; AND IT WAS BEAUTIFULLY BUILT AND BEAUTIFULLY FINISHED; AND A VERY COMFORTABLE BOAT, BUT THEY SAID NOT A VERY PRACTICAL BOAT COMMERCIALY, BECAUSE IT CARRIED ONLY SEVEN HUNDRED PASSENGERS; AND I GUESS THERE ISN'T ANY, BUT WE DID HAVE QUITE AN EXPERIENCE. WE LEFT THE 1ST OF JUNE, SAILED UP TO QUEBEC AND LAY IN THE HARBOR ALL EVENING, OR ALL NIGHT, BECAUSE OF ICEBERGS; AND THE NEXT MORNING WE SAILED OUT INTO THEM. THEY WERE BEAUTIFUL TO SEE; THEY GLISTENED SO BRIGHTLY IN THE SUN; AND, BUT IT WAS KIND OF TERRIFYING ALL NIGHT TO LISTEN TO THE FOG HORN RESOUNDING OFF OF THEM; AND WE HAD AN INTERESTING LITTLE EXPERIENCE WITH THIS BOAT. IT HAD, OF COURSE, BEEN BUILT BEFORE PLUMBING WAS TOO EXTENSIVE ON BOATS APPARENTLY, AND OUR WASHBOWLS CONSISTED, OUR WASHING FACILITIES, CONSISTED OF AN OLD FASHIONED WASHBOWL AND PITCHER; AND THEN YOU LIFTED UP THE LID, THE BOWL WAS ATTACHED TO THE TOP OF A WASH STAND, AND, OF COURSE, THE WATER WAS BROUGHT IN THE STEWARDS IN A PITCHER, AND WE POURED IT IN, BUT WHEN WE EMPTIED IT, WE TIPPED THE BOWL UP, IT WAS FASTENED TO THE TOP OF THE TABLE, THAT WAS HINGED, AND EMPTIED IT INTO A PAIL UNDER THE TABLE, THE STAND; AND SO ABOUT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, SOME WOMAN BEGAN SCREAMING, 'WE'VE BEEN HIT BY AN ICEBERG AND THE BOAT IS SINKING! THE BOAT'S SINKING! THERE'S A FOOT OF WATER, THEY HAD TOLD US, IN THE BOAT! I CAN FEEL IT!' AND, OF COURSE, WE WERE QUITE FRIGHTENED, FOR THEY HAD TOLD US NOT TO CLOSE OUR STATEROOM DOORS, TO JUST DRAW THE CURTAINS; AND, OF COURSE, WHEN SHE STARTED SCREAMING, I WAKENED UP, TERRIBLY FRIGHTENED; AND THEN I THOUGHT, OH, NO! IF WE'D HIT AN ICEBERG, WE'D CERTAINLY HAVE FELT THE JAR OF IT, THE IMPACT OF IT, SO THAT CAN'T BE; IT MUST BE SOMETHING ELSE; AND, OF COURSE, BY THAT TIME

MAIDS AND STEWARDS WERE THERE AND MOST OF US WERE AROUND IN OUR PAJAMAS OR BATHROBES; AND THE FLOOR ALL AROUND HER STATEROOM WAS WET ALRIGHT, BUT THERE WASNØT A FOOT OF WATER, SO WHEN THEY FINALLY DISCOVERED THEY HAD FORGOTTEN TO EMPTY THE SLOPJAR UNDER HER WASH STAND, AND, OF COURSE, IT HAS RUN OVER AND RUN OUT OVER THE CARPETØ BUT IT CAUSED QUITE A BIT OF COMMOTION!

R. CARLSON: SHE THOUGHT THE SHIP WAS GOING DOWN.

MRS. SHAFER: WE THOUGHT THE SHIPØ BUT, THEN, AS SOON AS I GOT MYSELF COLLECTED, I THOUGHT, NO, IT HASNØT HIT AN ICEBERGØ THAT CANØT POSSIBLY BE IT, BECAUSE THAT WOULD HAVE AWAKENED US ALLØ THE IMPACT. THEN, OF COURSE, I SAW THE FIRST BASTILE DAY PARADE IN PARIS, THAT THEY HAD HAD AFTER THE WAR; AND THAT WAS REALLY SOMETHING TO SEE. OUR COURIER HAD GOTTEN US A PLACE UP IN THE IEFFEL TOWER, AND WE SPENT ALL DAY UP THERE, WATCHING THE PARADE; AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO GORGEIOUS A ONE. THE HORSES WERE PERFECTLY BEAUTIFUL; THE COSTUMESØ THE MEN FROM MOROCCOØ YOU JUST CANØT IMAGINE THE SPLENDOR OF IT ALL; AND WHEN WE LEFT IN THE MORNING, THE YOUNG MAN AT THE DESK SAID, ØIØLL GIVE YOU EACH A CARD WITH YOUR HOTEL ADDRESS ON IT; BECAUSE YOUØLL BECOME LOST TO EACH OTHER; ANDYOU JUST GIVE THIS TO A TAXI DRIVER, AND THEYØLL BRING YOU HOME.Ø WELL, WE PUT THEM IN OUR PURSES, BUT WE THOUGHT: GET LOST TO EACH OTHERØ THATØS SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN. WELL A LOT OF US DID, BUT FORTUNATELY MRS. WOOTIN AND I WHO WERE TOGETHERØ SHE WAS A LADY FROM IOWAØ WE FOUND OUR WAY BACK ALL RIGHT; WE DIDNØT HAVE TO HAVE HELP; WE CALLED A TAXI AND HAD OUR CARD SO WE COULD TELL THEM WHERE WE WERE GOING, BUT ANYWAY, WHEN WE GOT BACK, THE PEOPLEØ MR. AND MRS. COLLETTE, WHO HAD A ROOM NEXT TO US, AND WERE FRIENDS OF MRS. WOOTINØ WHEN HE HEARD US COME IN, HE CAME AND RAOOED AT THE DOORAND SAID, ØDID YOU FOLKS SEE ANYTHING OF MY WIFE?Ø SHE HAD GOTTEN LOST, BUT SHE CAME IN AFTER A WHILE. IT WAS QUITE A WONDERFUL THING TO SEE.

R. CARLSON: I WOULD THINK SO. I HAVE ANOTHER THING HERE IØD LIKE TO ASK YOU: DO YOU KNOW WHERE ANY OF THE INAUGURAL GOWNS ARE OF THE GOVERNORSØWIVES?

MRS. SHAFER: WELL, I KNOW WHERE WHATØS LEFT OF MINE IS. MINE HAD AN ACCORDION PLEATED SKIRT, AND IT JUST ROTTED OUT AND I THREW IT AWAY; BUT I HAVE THE TOP; AND I WOULD HAVE ANOTHER ONE MADEØ I WOULD HAVE TO HAVE IT MADEØ ACCORDION PLEATED. NO, I DONØT. I PRESUME THAT THE PEOPLEØ THEY COULD BE FOUND, IØM SURE.

I CAN'T RECALL MANY OF THEM. I THINK MRS. BRUNSDALE HAD A VERY NICE ONE, I KNOW; AND MRS. DAVIS. I THINK MARY LANGER LIVES IN FARGO PERHAPS YOU KNOW HOW TO REACH HER PERHAPS SHE WOULD KNOW ABOUT HER MOTHER; AND I IMAGINE MRS. BURKE WOULD HAVE A VERY LOVELY ONE; AND, KNOWING MARION, I RATHER THINK SHE WOULD PRESERVE IT.

R. CARLSON: YES, I'VE TALKED TO MARION. I DON'T THINK SHE HAS IT; I THINK SHE'S GIVEN IT TO A NIECE OF HERS, A MRS. LUCAS, I BELIEVE. BUT YOU STILL HAVE YOURS? WE'RE TRYING TO RUN DOWN AND KIND OF FIND OUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT IS LEFT AND WHAT HAS BEEN MADE OVER

MRS. SHAFER: WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN IT? (SHOWED CLIPPING OR SOMETHING.)

R. CARLSON: YES, WHY DON'T YOU DESCRIBE THAT FOR ME. I CAN MAKE A COPY OF THAT TOO; AND I CAN MAKE A COPY OF THAT TODAY AND DROP IT OFF AT YOUR HOUSE BEFORE ABOUT 5:00 O'CLOCK TONIGHT. THAT WAS QUITE A CEREMONY THOUGH, I SUPPOSE.

MRS. SHAFER: YES, IT WAS. THE NICE THING ABOUT IT THERE WERE TWO OR THREE PEOPLE AT THE CEREMONY THAT HAD BEEN HAD ATTENDED THE FIRST CORNERSTONE LAYING; AND I THINK IT'S TOO BAD THEY DON'T GET MENTIONED SOMETIMES IN THE ARTICLES THAT PEOPLE WRITE AND SPEAK ABOUT, AND I HAVE ANOTHER GRIEVANCE, AND THAT IS THE FACT THAT OUR CAPITOL COMMISSION AND THE ARCHITECT WHO REALLY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR VERY LOVELY CAPITOL AND EVERYONE ADMITS NOW THAT IT IS GET PRACTICALLY NO RECOGNITION AT ALL. I READ THESE DIFFERENT ARTICLES ABOUT THE CAPITOL BEING BUILT AND SOMETIMES THEY MENTION THE COMMISSION BUT THOSE MEN I KNOW THE WORK THAT GEORGE BANKS AND FRED CONKLIN AND ANGUS FRASER PUT INTO THAT STUDY, AND THEY TOOK A LOT OF THEIR TIME AND ENERGY AND EFFORT TO STUDY CAPITOLS AND THEIR USABILITY AND THEIR APPEARANCE AND I THINK IT'S TOO BAD THAT SOME COMMENTATOR OR SOME NEWS MAN DOESN'T DISCOVER IT AND GIVE THEM A LITTLE MORE CREDIT THAN THEY GET. THEY TELL ABOUT LANGER BUILDING THE CAPITOL WELL, HE DIDN'T BUILD THE CAPITOL; HE FINISHED IT. IT WASN'T FINISHED, OF COURSE; BUT THEY DIDN'T WAIT FROM 1930 TO '33 FOR HIME TO BUILD THE CAPITOL, SO THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN A LITTLE GRIEVANCE ON MY PART THEY DESERVE A LITTLE MORE RECOGNITION THAN THEY GET.

R. CARLSON: YES. THAT REMINDS ME OF ANOTHER THING THAT I HAVEN'T ALKED ABOUT THAT I CERTAINLY SHOULD ASK YOU: DID YOU HAPPEN TO WATCH THE CAPITOL BURNô THE OLD CAPITOL?

MRS. SHAFER: YES, WE DID. YES, THEY CALLED US. MR. SHAFER WAS IN MINNEAPOLIS AT THE TIME; HE CAME HOMEô WAS IT THE NEXT DAY, I THINKô BUT HE HAD GONE TO MINNESOTA ON BUSINESS, AND HE WAS GONE, AND, OF COURSE, THEY CALLED US FROM THE CAPITOLô CALLED THE GOVERNORSøHOUSE, AND SAID THE CAPITOL WAS ON FIR; AND WOULD I GET AHOLD OF MR. BRYANT AND HAVE HIM COME UPô THE OFFICE KNEW THAT GEORGE WAS GONEô AND ALSO SEND WALDO UPô SO I CALLED MRS. BRYANT AND TOLD HER THE CAPITOLí í í .

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