

TIMELINE (#11B)

1956 HOPPS NOTES

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the summer of 1956, I worked at General Conveyors Corp. See Timeline (#11A). I often visited the Hopps Family (Bob, Mary, Craig, Barbara and Gary) who lived in Royal Oak, Michigan. These and other 1956 visits were reflected in the letters I wrote to my parents at the time. The following excerpts were taken from those letters (written on the indicated dates).

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS

5/22/56, Tuesday

I went to Vermont St and ate lunch there. Barbara is back from the hospital and doesn't have that ridge on her arm anymore. Craig is going in the hospital June 16 to have that tendon removed from his middle finger and put in his thumb. Gary is going to be 2 years old pretty soon (the bad age for their kids).

6/21/56, Thursday

Tuesday after work I went by Mary's awhile. Gary got bit on the face (near his eye) by a dog but he is alright now. Wednesday I went by Mary's for breakfast and rode to work with Bob because Mary wanted to use the car to go to the hospital about Barbara and Craig. She picked me up after work and drove me home and took the car again.

Thursday night, Bob invited me over for dinner. After dinner we put up a new set of swings, slide, etc. and the small swimming pool. After that, Bob, Craig, and I went to the driving range and hit some balls and played miniature golf.

7/1/56, Sunday

Went by Mania's a couple of times last week. They took Craig in the hospital for that operation on his thumb but he came down with the mumps and he was out of the hospital in less than 24 hours after he went in.

7/8/56, Sunday

Made a couple trips by Hopps today but they are at the hospital with Craig and his operation. I haven't seen them since Craig went in on Friday. Bushia told me to say "hello" to you when I write - so "Hello" from Bushia.

7/16/56, Monday

Friday after work I went by Mary's again and had supper (fish and corn on the cob). Sat around awhile, made some popcorn, Bob and I played cribbage (I beat him 2 out of 3 games).

8/27/56, Monday

Bob, Mary, and I (maybe I'll invite Sharon Davis) are going out to dinner (filet mignon and all) September 15. That's the day before I go back to school and it will be our last get-together. It's been a real good summer and I'm sorry it's almost over.

9/20/56, Thursday

Last Saturday I picked up Sharon Davis in Grosse Pointe at 7:00pm. We left there and met Bob & Mary at Lilli's Restaurant (Woodward - 2 blocks north of E. Grand Blvd) at 7:45. We had filet mignon, and Bob & Mary had a drink. After that we went (in Bob's car) to the Fox to see "Bus Stop" with Marilyn Monroe (not too good) and "A Kiss Before Dying" (which was better). Finally drove Sharon back to Grosse Pointe and got home at 2:45am.

10/19/56, Friday

I went to Royal Oak [from Ann Arbor] to see Bob & Mary. Sophie & Elaine were there and a little while later Bob's mother & father came over. It seems they were celebrating Craig's birthday that Sunday. Barbara not only has a cast on her leg but a couple of stitches on her forehead (she ran into a banister). It seems business is better than ever at General Conveyors (good - maybe more money next year). I stayed there awhile, ate dinner, and left at 3:00pm so I could get back to Ann Arbor at 4:30.
