"To the Silver Top of the Rockies"

Dear Delph -

Greetings: A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the "Lone Wolf"

This is to bring you up to date on the movements of the "Rebel Engineer" as Hinderliter calls me.

Well, the North Platte interstate suit will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on March 5th, 11 years after it was commenced. Is there any magic in 11 years? You remember it took 10 years for the Gavarni River suit.

The special master made his report in late September, 273 pages. You may have seen a copy of it, and you undoubtedly know that the contentions of the U.S. (the 8th Circuit court theory in a new dress and with some additional fields) did not get to "first base." Of course we will have to wait and see what the "headmen" at Washington do with it.

I closed my office in April of 1943, on account of the war, and I took a job as Engineering
consultant with the Bureau of Reclamation (under Deblé) on Project Planning, Reports, etc.

On Sep 23 - 44 I resigned - could not take it any longer. There were several reasons: one was the awful waste of money, spending $3 for $1 worth of work.

I am now working from the 4100 Zenoia St. address - chiefly consulting work in Nebraska. Much suited land has resulted from the operation of the Sutherland Canal and reservoir near North Platte and from the Operation of the Tri County Canal below North Platte - 2000 second. full capacity.

I am working with an attorney at North Platte on these matters I represent the land owners-farmers.

I have also assisted on the preparation of the Nebraska Brief in the Intrastate Suit.

That red headed boy (Ralph Jr) is forecasting weather for the American Air Lines, Ft Worth, Texas. He is now 6 ft 4 inches tall.

Was that sweet music to your ear when Arizona finally ratified the Colorado River Compact?

Again my best wishes to you and the others.

The Lone Wolf.
Dear Mr. & Mrs. Carpenter:

New Year's Greeting from the Meekes, who are now residents of Arizona. Your Christmas Greeting were relayed by Uncle Sam from the old Denver address.

We moved from Denver late in August. Detoured via Fort Worth to see Ralph Jr. (now a meteorologist for the American Air Lines) and his family.

Mrs. Meeker's health required a change and she selected Arizona; likes it here and is improving unbelievably.

Two days after I hit here I went to work for the Bureau of Reclamation (paid from Arizona funds) on Colorado River matters; the Central Arizona Project, a 1,200,000 acre-foot diversion from the Colorado River for the Salt River Valley. The state of Arizona is pressing for this diversion, which will require a pump lift of 1,000 feet and a 235 mile canal to the Phoenix area. The project is now being set up in an engineering report which may be the basis for federal financing.
To bring you up to date on my activities
3 years ago I closed my Denver office but
continued consulting work from 4100 Zenobia,
when not working for the Bureau of Reclamation.
The finish of the North Platte litigation saw me
in Washington at the U.S. Supreme Court, final
arguments. So, I saw the 9 old men in action.
The Willard Hotel limited stay to 5 days and I
made it back to Denver.

After closing my office I also worked for
the Bureau of Recl. in Denver on engineering
reports, but quit after 15 months, when Debel
got mean and nasty.

Phoenix has had 4 inches of rain this year
less than 1 inch since we hit here Sep 1.

We like it here and expect to locate in or
near Phoenix, when the housing situation improves.

Kind regards to you.

From the Melker

To the Silver Fox of the Rockies,
from the Lone Wolf ; also the Water Bug