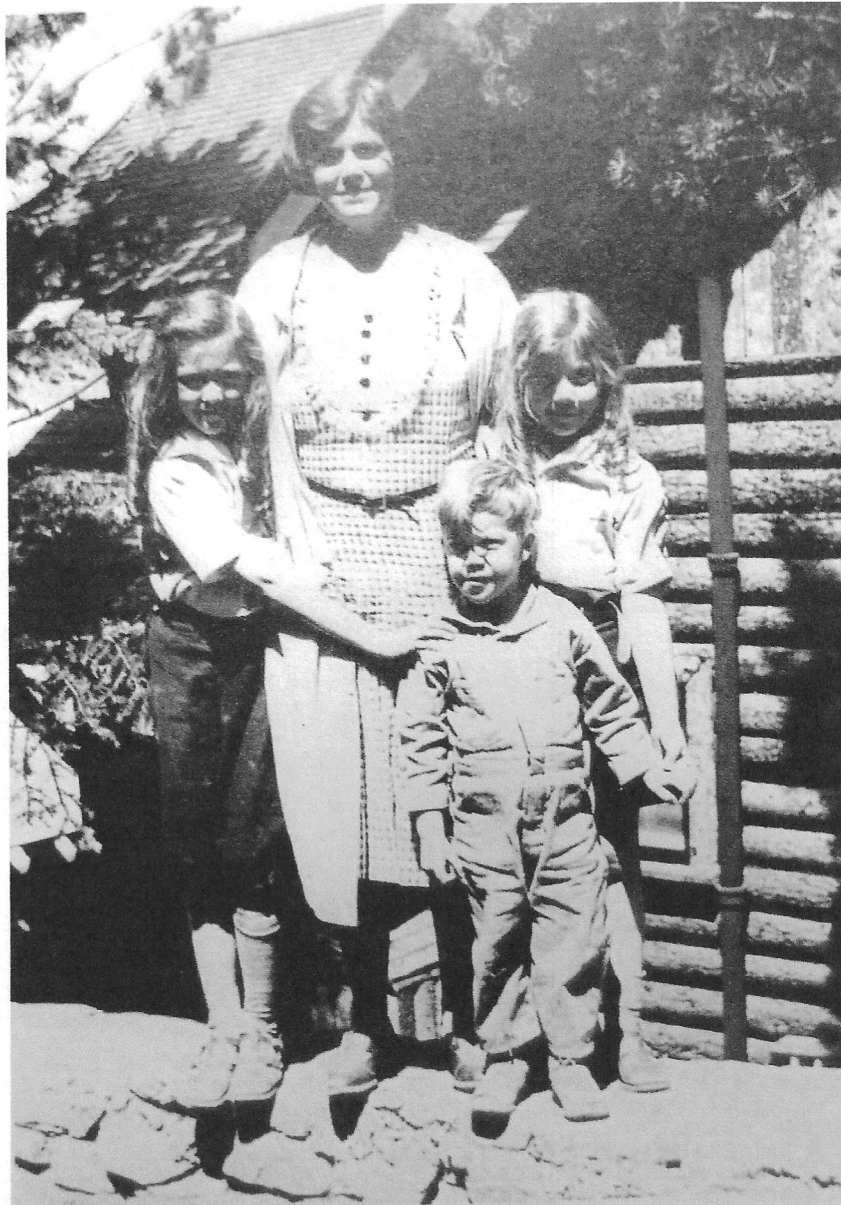


**J. C. Hall married Elizabeth Ann Dilday on March 25, 1921.**

**Elizabeth Ann (Jimmie) was born on July 8, 1922**

**Barbara Louise Hall was born October 21, 1923**

**Donald Joyce Hall was born July 9, 1928**



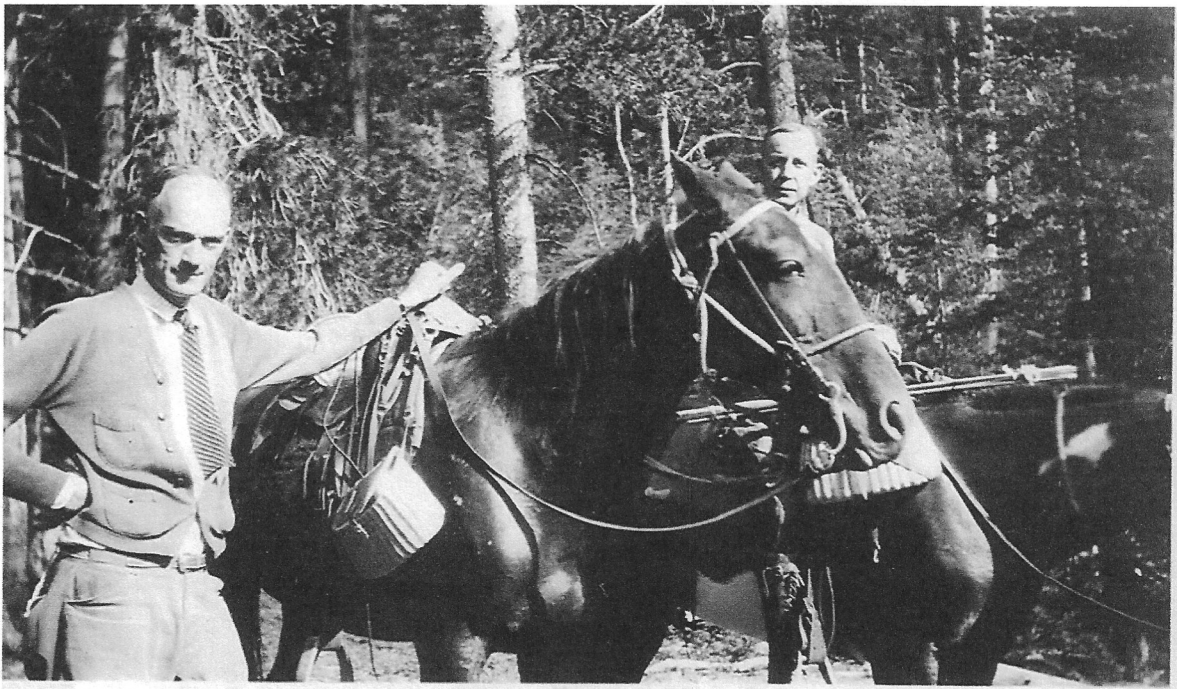
**S**ummers in the Midwest proved to be their usual hot temperatures and full of humidity. The Halls felt the need for a vacation house near water where it would be cool. Going to Colorado to escape the weather seemed a logical solution. After checking with several realtors with no results, the Halls placed an ad in the Denver Post looking for a place to rent. A man sent a picture of a Swiss chalet-style house built on a rocky bluff overlooking Grand Lake. They planned to rent it for two weeks but liked it so much they stayed seven. After renting for seven summers, they purchased the home in 1929.



**T**he Halls would pack up the car, children and chickens and head west. It would take three or four days to get to Grand Lake. The entire family enjoyed the lake – boating and fishing. Much of their time was spent up the East Inlet on horseback and fishing the stream.



**R**ollie visited them and taught his brother how to trout fish. In fact, he returned for twenty-five summers to fish with Mr. Hall until he was no longer able to take the punishment of climbing over the rocks. These daily trips up the east fork of the Colorado River gave Rollie and J. C. an understanding and closeness that could not have been achieved any other way. One evening in late September they stayed out too late and got lost trying to find their way back to the house. It became dark quickly in the mountains when the sun went down. Luckily, they had their German shepherd named Del Masco with them. They tied a fish line to him and kept yelling, "Go home Masco, Go home." It took an hour for Del Masco to find their way back home.



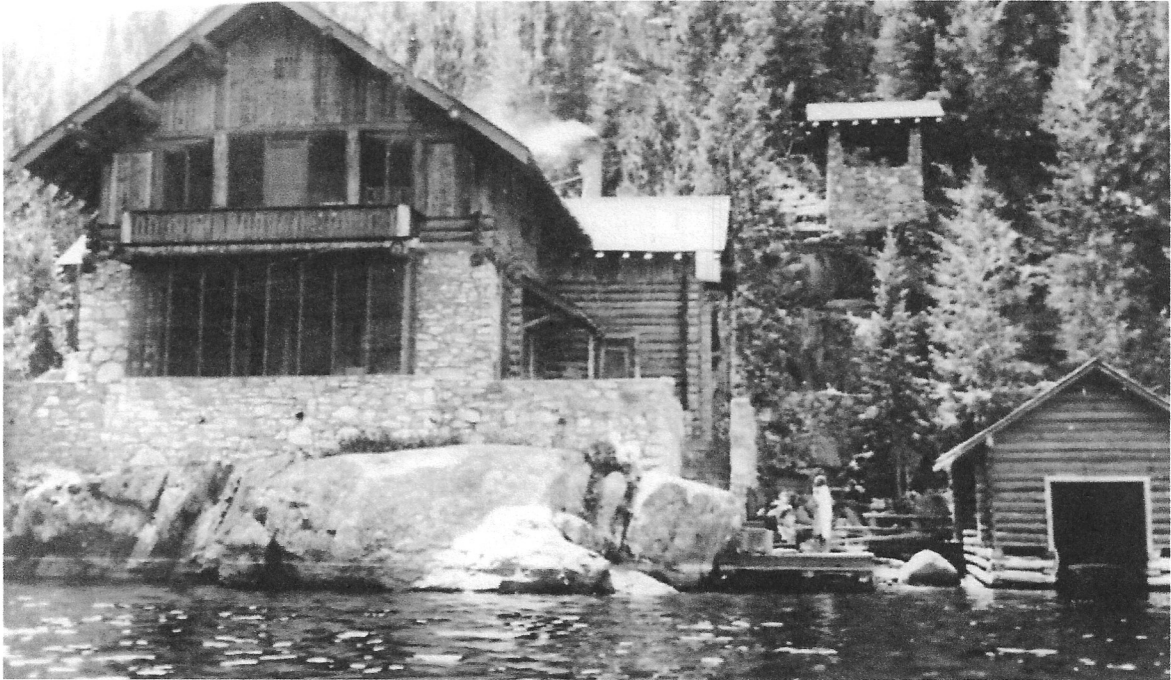
**D**uring one of the visits to the mountains, Del Masco met with a terrible accident. He would walk in front of Elizabeth (Mrs. Hall), who fed him every day. It was dark and he heard a noise in the brush. Wanting to protect Elizabeth, he attacked what was later found to be a porcupine. He was shot full of quills. In spite of the family spending the night removing the quills, Del Masco died the next day on the vet's examining table in Estes Park.



**T**he Hallmark plant was not printing cards in the summertime but the artists were at work. Important mail and artwork would arrive each day. And occasionally Mr. Hall's secretary would come for short stays. This way he could take more extended vacations and still conduct business. The proposed card art would be shipped out to Mr. Hall from time to time and he would give the OK for each card to go into production. His daughter Jimmie Hall remembers racing by car to get Granby to get letters on the train.



**Hall family in Grand Lake**



**Hall cabin in the 1930s**



**Water skiing on Grand Lake**

**D**onald met his wife Adele Coryell in Grand Lake. It all started with a seasick dog. In 1934, six year old Donald Hall and his father went for a boat ride, bringing along the family dog. The dog lost his sea legs and they stopped at the nearest dock to let the dog run on the grass. The dock belonged to the Coryell family of Lincoln, Nebraska. Mrs. Coryell and her three year old daughter Adele came to the dock and a friendship began. Both families spent several weeks at the lake each summer.



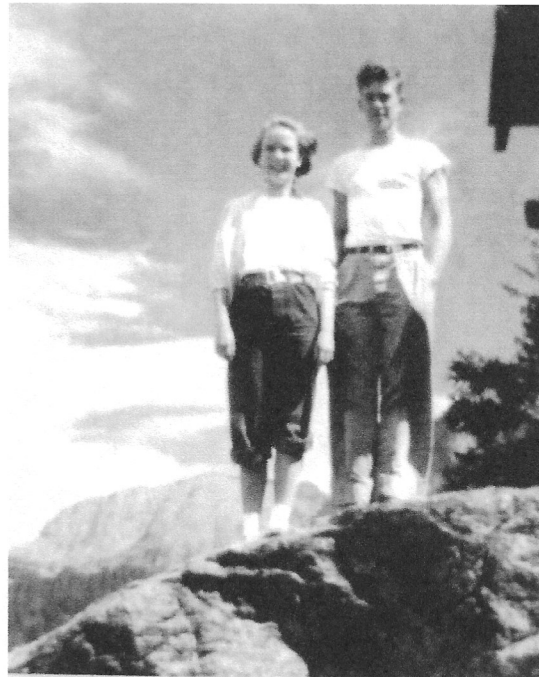
**Adele, Don and Helen Peak**

**Days were filled with beach play, boating, water skiing, hiking, card games and some fiercely competitive badminton. Evenings often included cookouts and campfire sing-a-longs.**



**T**he summer friendship continued and Donnie and Adele grabbed any chance at time alone together. They would spend long hours at the boathouse, washing the Halls' Chris-Craft speedboat and after an evening of family activities, Don was always quick to offer Adele a boat ride back to her family's cabin. They would hold hands under the stars as Don drove the boat across the black lake. Adele attended the University of Nebraska and Don went into the army after graduating from Dartmouth College. While he was stationed in Japan the correspondence between the two escalated. Don Hall completed his service in Japan in August of 1953. The Halls and Coryells were vacationing in Grand Lake at the time. The Halls invited Adele to go to California to meet Don.

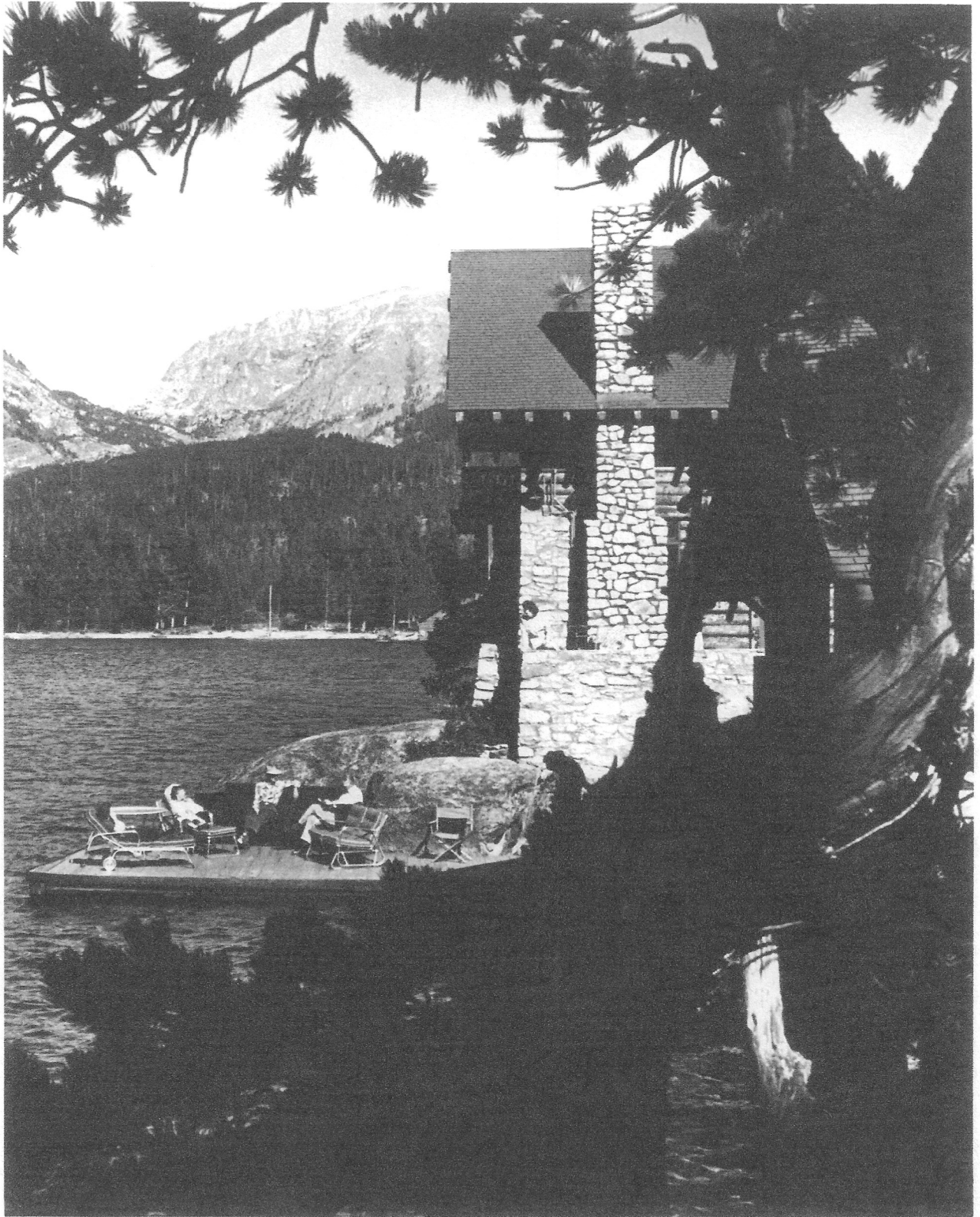
**Two months later Don and Adele were married.**



**S**arah Churchill visited J. C. and Elizabeth Hall frequently.

One summer she spent a week at the Grand Lake cabin. It would be much harder living than Sarah was used to in England or the Riviera. The Halls met her at the airport in Denver and proceeded to the lake. There was no road to the house, so they had to go by boat. As they were crossing, a friend who had just won a sailing regatta approached in his sailboat. Sarah was introduced to him and his family and he invited her to sail to the Hall home. Sarah was delighted, even though she was wearing a heavy suit. She needed no help getting into the sailboat which settled into a fairly still breeze. But within minutes an extremely rough mountain squall came up and caught the mainsail, flipping the boat over and dumping its passengers into the ice cold water. The Hall boat came as close as they could to everyone while still avoiding the sails and riggings. Sarah had the longest distance to swim to the boat. She made it with ease, even with one of the youngest children under her arm. Sarah had a Churchillian temper, but she climbed aboard, shivering and laughing. She thought it was a great initiation to her stay at Grand Lake.







**In 1962 the Hall's gave the Grand Lake home to the Faculty Club of Denver University as a retreat location. In 1969 the home was returned to the Hall family where it is now being used by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of J.C. and Elizabeth Hall.**

