

## INTRODUCTION TO NEW MEXICO PORTFOLIO

I met William Clift for the first time when he came to see me five years ago in Santa Fe, and brought with him a portfolio of photographs of Boston's Old City Hall. He had been commissioned to photograph this Victorian landmark of an era gone by as part of an effort to save it from demolition. I was instantly impressed by his perceptive attention to architectural details, which he had skillfully used to produce a document of great beauty and persuasive force. The photographs I saw of bare rooms, unlighted corridors, curving balustrades, attic windows, cornices and facades evoked a tingling expectation that by looking more closely I would see forgotten occupants of those dim offices flicker before my eyes; that by listening attentively I would hear the faint echoes of footsteps still reverberating down empty halls and stairways. Is it conceivable that William Clift, who can arouse such nostalgia in another, did not himself experience similar sensations as he wandered through the vacant haunted building? Such convincing rendering of emotions in pictorial form is the ultimate of artistic ~~achievement~~. Clift's are the most revealing architectural photographs I have ever seen. And Old City Hall still stands.

William Clift recently applied his considerable talents to the New Mexico scene with the same consummate skill he displayed in the Boston project. This portfolio epitomizes his latest work. Though the theme is vastly different from

Vasilii

limpets. (66)

Something about  
glacier -  
checks deposit ~~you~~ Doctor  
cast off -  
clothes put on  
doctors names &  
functions

Layout of Russian station

number of Russians at station -

English Dr's departure

function of glacier

~~explain Lindblad Explorer~~

Palmer station - where you stayed

Russian film - about boy scouts

140 sum.  
20 wint

Parmelee  
on glacier  
returning to  
classes.

Plans at Palmer - how long to be based  
there; then where

2 steel + concrete buildings (2 for fire protection)

~~Endurance at Palmer~~ at Palmer

algae is an

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evening

De Haven airplane  
antarctic

Boris Imerekov  
Vasilii Vozonov

is Frank callous? dumb?

Sikorski

Nickolay N. Ovchinnikov

Palmer description -  
Liquor prohibition (exc. to entertain)

~~glacier doctor~~

Russian lunch - stew

Lief Popov -  
marine biologist

Supper. borscht + soups  
w bread

Who went on 1st walk.