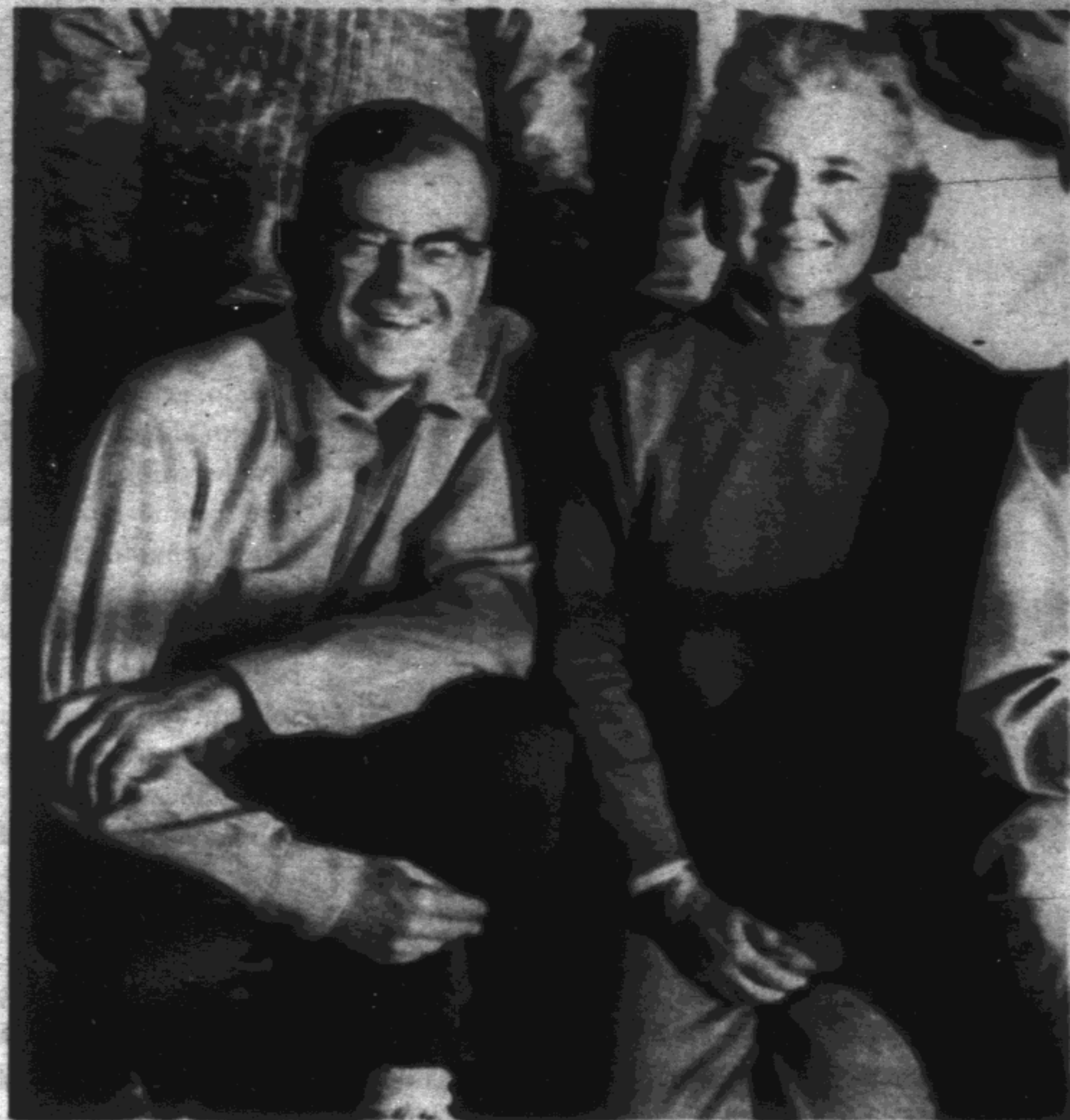


Elmer Rasmuson -Alaskan



A family portrait—Edward and Jenny Rasmuson, Elmer at age two, and his sister, Evangeline.

world outside his home. He aimed for the best, and got it—Harvard College, on a scholarship. He showed his more cosmopolitan classmates that he could keep up with

Elmer Rasmuson was born 59 years ago in the native village of Yakutat, son of missionary school teachers who emigrated here from Scandinavia. The family moved to Skagway where Elmer grew up. Alaskan born and bred, Elmer was curious about the

them—that he could top them. He graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1930, and took a Master of Arts degree at Harvard in 1935.

His original profession was accounting, and he pursued it in New York, Texas, and of course, Alaska. Even before he received his M.A., he was chief accountant for an investment group in the East. Later he joined the country's largest accounting firm, and within four years was that company's youngest principal.

Breaking into big business was a risk. But Elmer took it and won. He was ready to put his talents on the line for Alaska, and in 1943

he did just that. Came back home and took over a little country bank. Today, of course, the National Bank of Alaska is the biggest system of banks in the state.

A BELIEF IN ALASKAN YOUTH

While he was building his future and Alaska's, he kept working in other ways for the people of his state. His interest in children has been a long one—and for Alaska kids, a good one. He's been everything from trustee of youth camps to President of the Alaska Council of Boy Scouts and a member of the Advisory Board of Girl Scouts. He's been a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska for nineteen years and President of the Board for twelve. He served on the



Elmer was awarded the Order of Vasa by Swedish Consul General Per Anger, shown here with Mrs. Rasmuson, and Elmer's son, Edward, and daughter, Judy. The presentation was a high point of Elmer's private and public life.



The Rasmusons enjoy a private moment. Shown here with Elmer and his wife, Mary Louise; eldest daughter, Lile and her husband, John Gibbons.



Elmer has hunted game in Alaska since childhood and holds the "Grand Slam" in Mountain Sheep. A favorite companion on trips to the duck flats is his golden retriever, Rocky.