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School, Photography, War, Mediocre, Numbers, Banking, California, Keys, Hunting, Intellectual, Shapes, Sister, Graduates, Ignorance, Father, Competition, Book, Fashion, Editors, Vision I continue to be a photographer; I have enjoyed fishing and hunting with a close friend; and have owned two ranches, first in northern California and then in the state of Washington.

~Douglass North

To predict the future we would have to know today what we will learn tomorrow which will shape our future actions

~Douglass North

My record at the University of California as an undergraduate was mediocre to say the best.

~Douglass North

My early work and publications centered around expanding on the analysis of life insurance in my dissertation and its relationship to investment banking.

~Douglass North

It was not until I got my first job, at the University of Washington in Seattle, and began playing chess with Don Gordon, a brilliant young theorist, that I learned economic theory.

~Douglass North

Our family life was certainly not intellectual.

~Douglass North

My brother and sister are both older than I am and were born before my father went off to World War I.

~Douglass North

In 1972 I married again, to Elisabeth Case; she continues to be wife, companion, critic and editor: a partner in the projects and programs that we undertake.

~Douglass North

What the war did was give me the opportunity of three years of continuous reading, and it was in the course of reading that I became convinced that I should become an economist.

~Douglass North

I learned to fly an airplane, and had my own airplane during the 1960s. ~Douglass North

I had hoped to go to law school, but the war started, and because of the strong feeling that I did not want to kill anybody, I joined the Merchant Marine when I graduated from Berkeley.

~Douglass North

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