

HARD-BOUND

Tonight Al & Jane gave me
a beautiful hard-bound
book filled with photos &
literature titled Carver Country.
Thumbing thru it I'm torn
between feelings of curiosity
& sadness. Jealousy really.
I knew Ray at Chico State
& liked him & want
to know more about
his life & writing,
how he carried himself
so far, while childish
part of me chokes
on sour grapes.

well-being of her
remaining 26 students.
How will she explain
this tragedy to
them Monday morning —
dispel the madness ...

SCRUTINY

Rushing to meet
friends for dinner,
finished a construction
in time to take
a shower & shave.
Couldn't wait to get
home to look at it.
See if it was
really as good
as I thought.
Usually it takes me
several days of scrutiny
to separate wishful
thinking from hard
earned success.

PAT'S DILEMMA

My wife, Pat, who
teaches 1st grade, is
in a dilemma.
Michael, one of her
students, died Friday.
His mother shot him
& his sister
& herself to death.
Pat is extremely
worried about the

GORDON'S BLUE SHOES

This morning at Cordova
range Gordon said I feel
like I got a hangover,
even tho I didn't drink
last night, & he showed
us his new white jogging
shoes he forgot to change
yesterday before he did
some painting for his wife.
Now they're stained an
uneven blue. We felt a
little sorry for him until
he proceeded to plunk
five consecutive shots
into the X ring with his
model 14 revolver,
cutting one hole the size
of an odd shaped nickel.