

Elvie Aurelia Bailey Renshaw



Elvie—1912

The Year 1932—Leap Year

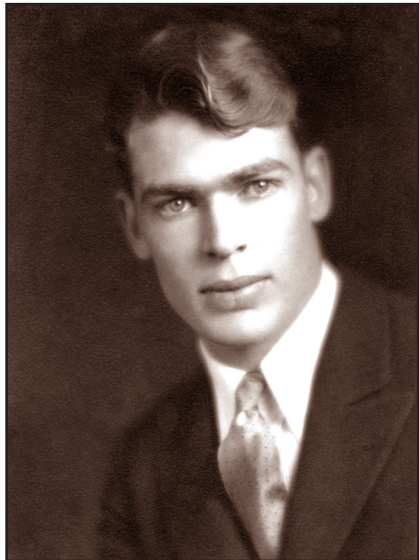
Trust

Build a little fence of Trust, Around today; Fill the space with loving work,
And therein stay. Look not through the sheltering bars Upon Tomorrow;
God will help thee bear what comes, of joy or sorrow.

—Mary F. Butts

January 1, 1932, Friday, Happy New Year!

Some way to start the New Year, sick in bed most of day. Daddy and I both went to bed sick, he had a bad cold and I an awful headache last night. When I got up Sue was washing, yes, washing on New Year's day, and me sick with awful cramps, but I hung up the clothes, Al carried them up to the lines. I went to bed with hot water bottle after. We had soup for dinner and plum pudding for dessert. We enjoyed nice dinner yesterday. Aunt Ida, [Eliza Davies Strong] Ruth and



Lewis Marsh fell and broke his foot on January 2nd



Miriam Chandler Marsh

kiddies and Lorene and Annie came. Lloyd and Rex took Donna and Elaine to a show uptown tonight. We stayed home with kiddies while Sue and Al went to Highland show.

January 2, Saturday

Daddy's cold was worse this morning, he stayed in bed most of day. I didn't feel very well, but worked hard anyway. The lady who was coming at 11 a.m. didn't come for facial. Sue and girls went to practice for Junior program. Miss Wizwall came to see about Excelcis. Miriam came to pay tithing. She told us Lewis was hurt yesterday while on their hike. He fell twenty feet. Broke his foot and hurt his back. Norman Sadler and Bishop enjoyed talking over pranks of youth. Donna and I enjoyed it, too.

January 3, Sunday

Daddy was too sick to go to Sunday School. We all enjoyed Br. Sconberg's talk this morning in the nine o'clock teachers and officers meeting. It's the fifth year he has spoken in Garvanza Ward on the first Sunday of the New Year. Sue and the Junior Girls spent the afternoon practicing for program tonight. I went to Sunday School union meeting. Br. Gentry took Norman Sadler, Florence Gibson, and me. The Junior program was lovely. The girls looked so sweet and did their part so well. Donna wore Janet's glee club dress. They were all in white when they sang. Br. Reese brought Elaine home. Sr. Eva Udall brought Sue and kiddies, and stage things

home. Br. Gunn brought Al and the lamp home. Donna and Rex walked home. He helped her with school work, how much???

January 4, Monday

Daddy feels much better this morning, but didn't go to work. Al took Donna to school in the Ford. Received a letter from Mother Renshaw today. She is visiting with Babe [Ralph Stanley Renshaw] up in the mountains at *Cleator, Arizona,



Cleator, Arizona, in 2012

where he is working for Jack. Beautiful sunny day. Daddy took a little walk. Tonight Donna went to the library for school work. Daddy took her and called for her. Bishop had officers and teachers meeting here tonight. Dee Sharp wouldn't speak when he was called on. He and wife both got up and went home. Sorry for her. I put mustard plaster on Daddy's chest tonight.

What happened to Cleator, Arizona?

*Cleator is a ghost town in Yavapai County, Arizona. Cleator was established in 1864 as a placer gold mining site under the name Turkey Creek Mining District. A post office was established at Turkey Creek in July 1869 but closed within three months.

Turkey Creek was renamed Cleator in 1925 after James P. Cleator took possession of the town from Levrett P. Nellis. He then named the post office after himself. The post office closed July 15, 1954.

Cleator's population fell in the 1920s as mining in the area declined and the town was put up for sale by James Cleator in April 1949. It then had about 60 residents. James P. Cleator's son Thomas bought the town and lived there until his death in 1996. He kept the small bar open most of the years he lived there. After his death everything was inherited by his sister Eleanor and her son. The bar is still open and a favorite stop along the dusty road for recreational ATV drivers and weekend tourists. Several original buildings remain and are occupied. —Wikipedia

January 5, Tuesday

Daddy went to work today. He feels so much better after having the mustard plaster last nite. I just can't find time to write to my dear little sister, Violet. She's on my mind all the time, but I've been just swamped with coupon facials. Annie came up to help out today. She gave two facials, and just when she'd talked 'em into buying, Beth Gentry came and claimed them as her customers. Sue was surely mad because Annie gave 'em up to her. Oh! Oh! Daddy and I went over to Annie's for a while tonight, took some Excelcis out, also. Donna was disappointed cause we had a late supper, she couldn't go to library, went to bed early.

January 6, Wednesday

My lucky day! Sold \$9.50. Lorene came up this morning and gave a facial to help out. Her lady said maybe she'd take the "Dawn Set." She is going to her house next Wednesday to give another facial. I surely hope she buys the set. My first lady bought \$5.50, next one \$2.00, then I went to Relief Society. Took Shirley, came home, gave a facial at 3 p.m. She bought \$2.00, they all took the \$2.00 skin food. Went to Mutual at night. Took Donna to library first. She walked over after. Sue's Junior Girls enjoyed a party in their class tonight. Sue and Helen treated them.

January 7, Thursday

Oh, dear, I just can't get time to write to Violet and Grama Renshaw. My life is just one facial after another. Am so worried over Donna's foot. Hope Dr. Watkins can tell us what to do. We are taking her tomorrow night to his office. I went over to Mrs. Carter's at 1725 North Ave 55 to deliver the order I took for \$2.50, powder, on the 5th of December. She took the special \$3.00 cream with Dawn powder free. Blanche, Aunt Clara, [Clara Ann Bishop Strong]Helen and her baby, and Blanche's baby came up to spend the day with us. Lorene and Annie came, also. We had Excelcis pep meeting tonight, a Mr. Smith came out and gave us a talk on salesmanship. Gave another mustard plaster to Daddy tonight.

January 8, Friday

Annie came over to give two facials this morning. The ladies didn't come. She has been disappointed twice like that before, that I know of. We ate lunch, then went to get a finger wave, Annie and I, from Mrs. Thompson on Pasadena Avenue, near Annie's. Sue and I did the washing this morning, my part is to hang 'em out. Jack Rich came while Annie was here. He told us we were both swell looking, oh! oh! (same ole Jack). Daddy took Donna to Dr. Watkins tonight, he cut her foot open. Rex met Donna at the doctor's office. We all went to the Highland show, and Chili Ville after. I had a 7 p.m. facial first.

January 9, Saturday

I do hope Donna's feet will get along alright now. The doctor has cut the

Family mentioned in January and their relationship to Elvie Bailey Renshaw.



The Strong Family
William, Virginia, Clara
Leo, Blanche Lewis

Elvie's maternal grandfather was James T. Strong. He and William Hill Strong were brothers. William married Clara Ann Bishop (Aunt Clara). William and Clara had twelve children.

Elvie mentions one of their children, Blanche on January 7, 1932, Blanche married Oscar Hoglund, Oscar was a brother to Albin Hoglund who was married to Susie Bailey. (Elvie's sister)

Helen was Blanche's daughter. Both Helen and Blanche had babies around the same time. Blanche had a daughter named Prejetta Gaye Hoglund in Jan. 1930. Helen had a girl September 1931 named Dorothy Elaine McKendrick.

Free Facials, No Sales

January 7 through January 14, "We have facials booked two weeks ahead, everything going out, nothing coming in! Annie came in time for the eleven o'clock facial, but the lady didn't show up. That's always her luck. I had the ten o'clock appointment, no sale. Annie took the 12:30 facial, no sale."



Annie Bailey Anderson

sore open and taken the pus out. Must have been caused by wearing a pair of shoes that did not fit right. Although we were not aware of the fact at the time. Daddy took her to South Gate this morning to get a permanent. She wore her house slippers. I paid \$4.00 on her wave, and Daddy paid the \$2.50. I went down with Daddy to call for her, hair looks lovely. We bought groceries in South Gate. Ate in Smith's cafe. Saw the Bright family, and Bishop Perry and wife. Sue worked on books all afternoon trying to find a \$6.00 mistake. Lou and Al worked at night trying to find it. Sue and Elaine walked uptown tonight. Donna did homework. I looked over Sunday School lesson.

Jan. 10, Sunday

Donna's hair is a cute raggedy Ann bob, very becoming. I'm glad it is short, won't be so much trouble to her now. Enjoyed giving Sunday School lesson today. Class was very good. After dinner I rode out to Huntington Park with Daddy in Ford. Charles drove the Hup. He sold it for \$25. I'm



Present day photo of Hupmobile

surely glad it's off our hands. At night we took Sr. Marsh and Ruthie with us to L.A. Stake home to see "The Vision." Bill Salt was the conductor. It was lovely, swell voices. Stopped in Marshes' after, and enjoyed a nice lunch. Rex was disappointed cause we couldn't locate him before we left. We tried to find him.

Jan. 11, Monday

I was swamped with facials today all day; one lady didn't keep her appointment, so I almost finished up my ironing before next appointment. I didn't make one sale; folks just don't have money now days. I know how that goes myself. I surely hope

Donna's foot will be alright now. She wore her house slipper to school today. Sr. and Br. Udall took me to the library tonight to look up my genealogy. Br. Egan, Myrtle, and Sr. Woods went with us. Found two books of Strong's; wonder if they belong to us?



Photo found on the web from the Los Angeles Snow Storm in January 1932. The largest snowfall measured in Los Angeles was two inches on Jan. 15, 1932, www.dailybreeze.com

January 12, Tuesday

Was raining this morning when we got up. Sr. Higginbotham came this morning at 9:00 to audit the ward books. I'm surely glad the book work is about over, for a year anyway. Charles went down to get our license for the Ford. Ruth called, wanted Lou to bring some Excelcis to her in the morning. I feel bad cause I know he hurt her feelings when he said no. He'd be willing to take it to the plant to Clarence, she wouldn't have that. It puts him out three miles to go over to Ruth's. Sue and Al went to a show tonight.



January 13, Wednesday

Daddy wrote letters last night!! We are kept busy every day with the coupon facials, one of my appointments didn't come yesterday, so I wrote to Violet. Rained most of night. Surely has turned cold. Sue met Elaine after school and they went uptown, took Shirley, also. Bought both a new coat, Elaine a cute sport dress. It is for her graduation gift. Donna's feet are better. She wore her old sandals today. I sold a three dollar order, \$1.20 for me. Didn't go to Mutual. Daddy doesn't feel well, can't get rid of that old cold. Al took the folks in the Ford.



Ladies Journal —Fashions of 1932

January 14, Thursday

We have facials booked two weeks ahead, "everything going out, nothing coming in!" Annie came in time for the eleven o'clock facial, but the lady didn't show up. That's always her luck. I had the ten o'clock appointment, no sale. Annie took the 12:30 facial, no sale. Daddy is having awful time to clear up his cold, feels a little better today. Clarence brought Ruth up for her Excelcis today. She is surely hurt at Lou, so sorry. I dressed Donna's feet again tonight, looks lots better. Mr. Smith came out to Excelcis meeting again tonight.

January 15, Friday

Real snow storm! Was awakened this morning about 5:30 a.m. kiddies all excited because it was snowing nice big flaky snowflakes, and the ground, trees, and house tops covered with a white blanket, surely was a wonderful sight for California, a red letter day. The excitement Christmas morning wasn't in it, with this morning. All of the kids out

before daylight, grownups, also. About half an inch of snow over everything. I enjoyed the bed and looked out the window. Cold all day, busy with facials all day, also. Lorene came up and helped out. Rex took Donna to a show uptown; Daddy let them use the car. Elaine and Inez went to Highland with Elaine's school boy friend, Daddy brought Inez over here. We walked uptown to get quinine for Daddy's cold. Stopped in to see the new market. Charles took Sue down to the new market, they bought a car load of groceries.

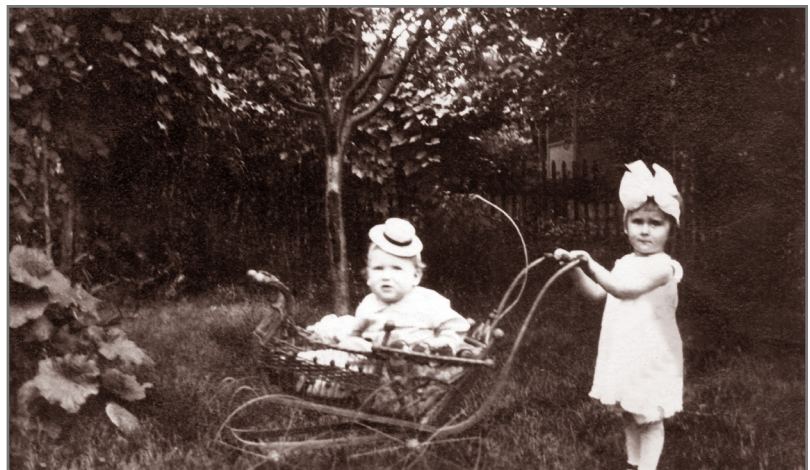
January 16, Saturday

Daddy took his car down to Vermont to have the fender fixed again, \$3.00. It was surely a treat not to have any facials today. Al and Sue walked to Highland Park tonight. We went over to Chandlers to get the coat with fringe on, for play. No one but Lewie and Ruthie were there. Went to White's Art Shop and bought Elaine a book for graduation gift.

Also bought a few groceries. Charles and Mary came over. Lorene went to Gleaner banquet.

January 17, Sunday

Br. Charlie Morris and Br. Keller visited our Sunday School class this morning, the children were just dears. Sue and her Junior Girls gave their program down at the stake house in the union meeting, for the Junior teachers of the stake. They tell me my daughter laughed or giggled in the play, awful! We took Bill and Annie and Beverly for a ride out to see Clara and her husband. Nell and family came while we were there, Em and Art weren't home, left a note under their door. Ate a bite at Annie's and went to church. Florence Gibson was elected Gleaner vice president last night. Elaine sat up tonight tinting her book green and gold, school colors, Donna and I gave her for graduation gift.



Elaine Hoglund and Donna Renshaw circa 1918.

January 18, Monday

We washed today, a beautiful day. Lorene came up in time to take the ten o'clock appointment. We were busy with facials all day. I gave two in the girls room, wrote up an order for \$7.00 to one lady, and a \$3.00 order for another lady. Lorene sold about \$5.00, good day. Block teachers meeting tonite. John Marsh brought Florence up for Excelcis this afternoon. Surely am disappointed in my Christmas pen, like the rest of the world, it's only working part time.

January 19, Tuesday

Our ad came out in the Highland Park paper today for new girls. We thought the phone would keep us busy all day and only one lady phoned, ha, ha! Mr. Smith is coming out tomorrow to talk to the recruits, oh yeah? I sold \$4.50 today. Lorene was working here, also. We had our Sunday School board meeting here tonight. Served cakes and hot chocolate.

January 20, Wednesday

Lorene and I each gave a facial, then Sue and I went to Relief Society. We wanted to go to the luncheon, but it was all over when we got there. Enjoyed the lesson though. I invited some of the ladies to Florence's shower, the rest of them tonight at Mutual. Mr. Smith was coming out today, but only one person phoned about the ad, so he didn't come. Lorene went to Mary's program at school this evening. Florence and Ernie came over after Mutual to talk to Bishop. She is only having one bridesmaid now, Elaine, Donna is maid of honor.

January 21, Thursday

Glad my pen is working better now. Lorene and I were busy most of day with facials. Two of the ladies didn't come, so I got a good start with my ironing while Lorene worked with excelcis. Sue went uptown to get us something for Florence's shower. Donna's foot had more pus in it again tonight, I'm surely worried over it. Mr. Smith came out again tonight, gave us a fine talk on the skin. Oh, I wish Donna's foot would heal up.



Elaine Hoglund Graduates



Louis & Elvie Renshaw 1924



*Elvie holding her niece Shirley Hoglund.
On January 24 Shirley started
Kindergarten.*

January 22, Friday—Elaine's graduation from Luther Burbank!

Lorene took care of the facials so I could get some cleaning done. Did the girls bedroom and my own. We all went to Elaine's graduation exercises and enjoyed the program. Elaine and I walked home, bought some fish. Took Donna and Rex to stake house dance, but we went to a show. Very good one.

January 23, Saturday Daddy's Birthday—Bless his ole heart!

Mr. Smith came out this morning to talk to the recruits. We had seven here, I think. I helped Daddy clean the car, we called for Donna at Primary. Went uptown and bought her dress for the wedding. Lovely blue taffeta with silver thread trim, and a touch of dainty pink. Bought long white kid gloves, also. Ate dinner uptown. Dressed Donna's sore feet. Daddy and I went up to Highland Park this evening. Bought him some underwear and overalls, and candy for birthday. Janetta Cobabe has a baby boy.

January 24, Sunday

Haven't found my Sunday School booklet yet. Little Mary let me take hers to give my Sunday School lesson. Daddy took me over to invite Sr. Sharp and Sr. Gunn to Florence's shower. Sharp's new home is lovely. Went to stake conference this afternoon. Took Sr. Marsh and Ruthie home and ate lunch with them, went tonite to conference, they didn't go. Brought Annie, Beverly, Lorene, Donna and Rex home tonight. Ray had to take street car.

January 25, Monday

Washed today. Annie and Lorene spent most of the day here. Lorene waited all day long for the ladies to come for coupon facials, only one showed up at 3:30 p.m. Annie gave facials to the two new recruits. I had to walk the floor with a very cross baby while its mother had a facial. Elaine started Franklin High and Shirley started kindergarten. Egan girls came to practice songs tonite. Took Egan girls home, Br. and Sr. Hill were there. Sue and Elaine



Florence posing while Ernie takes a photo. (See his shadow.)

went to see Mrs. Fleming about making Elaine's dress for wedding. I gave the girls \$1.00 to make my cakes for the shower, cheap at that.

January 26, Tuesday

We gave Florence her shower tonight. Had a nice big crowd. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Donna and Elaine took care of the games, very fine. Lorene and Annie made lovely coconut cakes and Sue made a chocolate cake, swell. Daddy went down for Florence and her mother. Ernie called for them after shower. Elaine helped us decorate the umbrella.

January 27, Wednesday

Dorothy Herman came for her \$6.50 order this evening, \$2.60 for me! Mr. Smith brought us some Excelcis out. Glad to get my sun tan powder. Gave a facial this a.m., sold a \$3.00 order. Went to Relief Society, walked over to deliver an order on San Marcos Street, just off Avenue 50 on way home. The lady wasn't home, so had the walk for nothing. Went to Mutual. Donna played for Egan sisters to sing, then Daddy brought her home to do homework, poor kid is tired out. Had to get to bed early. Al went to work at 4 p.m. going to work all night.



Florence Marsh and Ernie Oates — Out for a drive to Mount Baldy

January 28, Thursday

I sold a "Dawn Set" to a lady I gave a coupon facial to two weeks ago. She came here this morning for it, her name is Zimmerman. I slept late this a.m., sick most of night, but feel better today. A lady told Lorene to come this afternoon and when she got there she wouldn't have the facial, didn't even let Lorene talk about it. Al worked again tonight all night. Mr. Smith came out to our Excelcis meeting tonight.

January 29, Friday

Hill's moved on our street today, North Avenue 54. Al is all in from working nights. He got home this morning about 11 a.m. I gave two facials today, made 35¢. Lorene didn't make a sale on her lady. Charles started up his little old store again yesterday. He is in it alone this time. Surely hope he'll make a go of it. Daddy took me this evening to deliver an order. Ernie came for Donna and Elaine. They've gone to Marshes' to practice the wedding march. I am going to get up early to do my ironing. Lorene and Annie did Sue's.

January 30, Saturday

I think this has been the most unhappy day I've known for years. Everything went wrong for me. First thing, after going through the long tiresome punishment of

having a permanent wave, only to find out there was no curl in my hair. It was an awful shock to me, also to the operator and Mr. Keeley. The finger wave looks nice, hope it'll last over Sunday. I don't think they left it in the steam long enough. Then three ladies turned me down on Excelcis orders. Daddy and I took Donna to a birthday party in South Gate, we went to show and called for her after.

January 31, Sunday

Was raining when we left for Sunday School. I surely love my little class. I wonder why they didn't let me teach little children when I wanted to before. It's my work and I love it. But they put me in the Mutual and Primary presidency, where I was no good. Lillian Stead and Egan girls came over to practice songs. Daddy and I went to Marshes' in rain. Brought Sr. Marsh and Ruthie up to church, took them home after. Visited for a while. Daddy fixed Donna's and Sue's pianos today. Hair looked nice, but had to wear hair net. Pearl Holmgren has a baby boy. Mr. Smith, Excelcis man, was speaker in church. Very good.

February 1, Monday

Another wet day. Sue went uptown, bought Elaine's long white kid gloves, and goods for a slip for Donna and a wedding present for Florence and Ernie. I fixed some little cuffs on Donna's blue taffeta silk dress. Took the silk from the big bow on back of her dress. Tonight we took Sue and Sr. Gledhill out to see a lady who is having trouble with her skin. Br. Egan showed Daddy how to fix his tire. More rain.

February 2, Tuesday

I marked Lou's and Al's garments while Sue made slips for Donna and Elaine. Donna is limping again this morning, just makes me sick, can't seem to get her feet well, worry, worry! I talked to Mr. Keele this morning. He told me to come back tomorrow



Florence—19 years old



*Ernest Oates and his mother
Lorena Mahoney Oates.*

at 4 p.m. and he would give me a test curl to see if my hair would take the permanent. He also said he'd do the work this time. Bought Florence's wedding present in Highland Park at furniture store, tied and dyed velvet pillow and scarf. More pus in Donna's foot tonight.

February 3, Wednesday

Sorry to miss Relief Society today, but too much work, sewing, and one thing or another, getting ready for the wedding. Sue put another ad in the evening paper, phone almost sent us crazy last evening and today. Mr. Smith came out to talk to girls, only one came. Elaine and I went to Kelley Keele's at 4 p.m. She had finger wave. Mr. Keele gave me test curl, came out fine. Joe gave me another permanent, okay this time. Lou, Sr. Marsh, and I decorated for wedding. Mr. Keele gave Donna her wave this afternoon, 5:50 p.m.



Florence Marsh 16 years old



February 4, Thursday—Florence and Ernie's Wedding Day

Lorene and Harold Sadler helped us clean up the house for wedding reception. Sue and I did a big washing first. Sr. Marsh sent some lovely flowers out; house looked lovely, beautiful wedding cake on dining table. Joe, girl at Keeles, combed my hair for me. Florence made such a darling bride. Elaine and Donna were beautiful, also. They received some lovely gifts. I helped unwrap them. Sr. Pack, Sr. Reese

helped, also. Florence started cutting the wedding cake about ten o'clock. While her mother finished cutting cake, she and Ernie made a swell get a way out back door. Boy friends were upset, ha! Ha! The wedding was in The Wee Kirk O' the Heather in Forest Lawn. Donna was maid of honor, Elaine, bridesmaid. P.S. Ernie and Sr. Marsh ate lunch with us today, Lorene and Harold ate, also.



Mr. and Mrs. John D. Marsh

*request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Florence Orzella

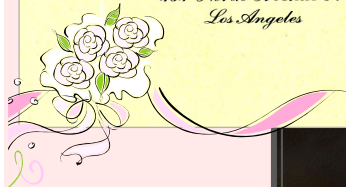
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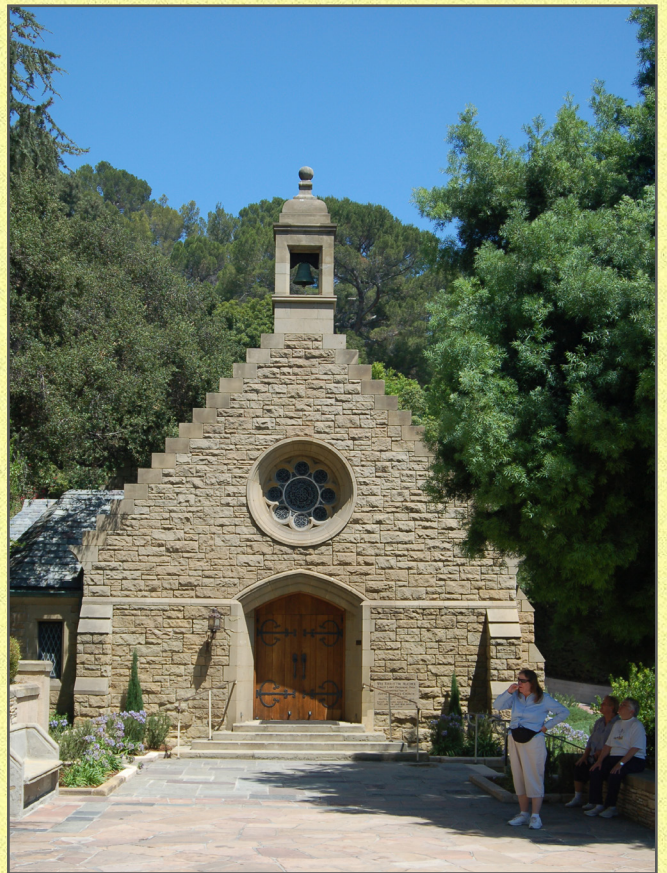
Mr. Ernest Oates

*on Thursday, the fourth of February
Nineteen hundred and thirty-two
at eight p. m.*

*Wee Kirk O' the Heather
Glendale, California*

*Reception
immediately after the ceremony
434 North Avenue 54
Los Angeles*





Linda Barbaro, Mary Tibbets, and Joan Gardner in front of Wee Kirk o' the Heather in July 2012. Kathy Calkins taking the photo. (The four were on family photo/history trip to Southern California.)

Wee Kirk o' the Heather chapel at Forest Lawn where Florence Marsh and Ernie Oates were married.

February 4, 1932



Vintage picture that belonged to Florence Oates, representative of how it looked in 1932

Photo taken July 2012 →





Written on photo:
"Florence dear, With all
my love, Ernest"

Florence Marsh

Florence and Ernie Oates Married February 4, 1932

Sealed in the Mesa, Arizona Temple February 8, 1932

February 5, Friday

We cleaned up the house. Sue went uptown, Lorene came up and did Sue's ironing. I did my own. Annie cooked the cinnamon apples, then Charles took her to deliver an order. Donna and Elaine went to a party with Rex and Albert over to Alice Brown's in Alhambra, took our car. We had the Strong's genealogy meeting here tonight. Ruth didn't come, Home Gardens reunion. Flowers still beautiful.

February 6, Saturday

House looks lovely with all the wedding flowers. Lou and I took Sue to Excelcis meeting on Vermont. We stopped in garage on way to have fender fixed again. Came back to Highland Park and bought groceries at new market. Al went downtown to meet Sue after meeting. We saw Mrs. Wass in Highland Park. We still have the wedding gifts all over in the girls room. Stayed home in evening.

February 7, Sunday

President Richards was our speaker in the nine o'clock meeting, was a wonderful meeting. We took Myrtle Egan, Florence Gibson, Lucille Evans, and Donna to Sunday School union meeting. We took a load of wedding gifts down to Marshes' after Lewie took half the things in his car. Sr. Marsh came up with Lewie to get them. She made waffles for us when we got down there. I forgot to bring Lou's overalls in from line, they were damp. Oh, dear! It was raining when we got home from church Donna gave a retold story in church tonight, fine! (On Abe Lincoln).



Abe Lincoln

February 8, Monday

Rained most of night. We had a water pipe break out in our back lawn today, made a very beautiful fountain in the rain. Tried to get a plumber, but couldn't. Mr. Canning came over with his wife, so he fixed it up for the time being. We'll have to have the plumber later. Rained all day and how! Shirley didn't go to kindergarten. Sue went to Kelley Keele for permanent wave. Al got laid off work tonight from Cooper Lumber Company Surely sorry. He had officer's meeting here tonight. Still raining. Another wonderful report card for Donna, all A's. I'm so proud of my child. Sue's permanent looks lovely.

HUNTINGTON PARK HIGH SCHOOL

6020 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, CA.

Donna Lillian Renshaw

Report Card:

- English: A
- History: A
- Geometry: A
- Chemistry: A
- French: A



February 9, Tuesday

Donna wear her little suede shoes yesterday and today. Daddy cut slits in them, now they don't hurt her sore feet. Rained all night again. We've had a cold wet winter so far. The Japanese and Chinese war is terrible, wonder how long it will last? Poor little Bette went to put the cat out, and sent her knee through the glass in side door this a.m. before school. Sue and Bette went uptown to change Bette's shoes. I cooked a baked fish dinner. Real good!



Old postcard photo depicting the Shanghai War

Shanghai Incident

News traveled slowly in 1932. Elvie mentions on February 9th about the Japanese and Chinese War.

January 28 Incident (Shanghai Incident)—Shanghai War of 1932 —January 28 to March 3, 1932 was a short war between the armies of the Republic of China and the Empire of Japan, before hostilities of the Second Sino-Japanese War commenced in 1937



Donna Renshaw

February 10, Wednesday—Annie's Birthday!

(Can't give her a thing until I sell something.) I gave a facial this morning, sold silver lipstick and rouge, 30¢ for me. If I can only sell a few more, I'll soon have Annie's gift. Went to Relief Society sewing club. We held our Excelcis meeting this afternoon after Relief Society. Mr. Smith had us each get up in turn and each give a demonstration of our salesmanship, lots of fun! Daddy and I waited on Workman and Main for Donna

From Donna Renshaw's life story:

I had great times at Huntington Park and had many wonderful teachers. One of my favorite teachers was Mr. Brewster, my chemistry teacher. He delighted in burning me up in class by firing me with questions that he knew I knew nothing about. He got a big kick out of it at my expense."

tonight until we found out the bus didn't pass the Highland Park school after 7 p.m., so we went after her, in meantime her girlfriend brought her up, so we missed each other on way. She had to take Street car to get up to Mutual. We all got there in time to hear closing song. Just another mistake. It was Donna's advisory party after school.



Annie & Elvie Bailey 1910

February 11, Thursday

Sister Muir is very sick, has to get a trained nurse. Lorene was asked to go and help her, but she got so bad they must get a nurse. Daddy and I went over to Lorene's this evening, Charles helped him put new handle and lock in Ford. Lorene went to a shower on Billy Holmgren's girl. Charles took them over in our Ford. Opal Mattice is Billy's fiancé's name.

February 12, Friday

We washed this morning. I ironed dresses that I washed yesterday for the girls to wear at the stake house dance tonight. It's the leap year dance. Donna is taking Rex; Elaine is all thrilled over her partner, Red (Vero)? Lloyd and Inis went together. I gave a facial at 1 p.m. (\$1.00 box of powder sale). Rex brought Donna a beautiful box of roses, real dark red for a Valentine's gift. She has been sick all day at school. I worry over her going to dance tonight.



Rex brought Donna a beautiful box of red roses for Valentine's day

On February 12th Elvie mentions, Inis Bernice Egan. Inis was a dear friend to Donna and Rex. In 1934 Inis married Robert H. Stanton. They had children and later divorced. On April 12, 1990 Inis married Apostle Howard William Hunter who later became the President of the Church.

February 13, Saturday

Donna didn't go to Primary this a.m., not feeling very well. Elaine went to dentist at 10 a.m., Dr. Reese. I had her kitchen work to do. Daddy and I went to Lincoln auto show. We took Al and Sue down town to their Vermont Street car (Excelcis). Auto show was in Biltmore hotel, surely swell. Went to show in L.A. show house, had dinner in Highland Park. Went to Highland show (some day of real treats). Was my valentine present. Rex took Donna to Highland show tonight.

February 14, Sunday

We were surprised this morning in Sunday School by seeing Hector Sadler. He was sent to England on a mission from Garvanza Ward. Left here 4 years ago, but didn't come back to L.A. when mission was over. He stopped up in San Francisco. Norman went up to visit him, and he came back



Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles

with him. He spoke in Sunday School and church at nite. We ate dinner at Marshes', lovely dinner. Took a ride in rain out to visit a beautiful ranch (lovely summer home), the manager took us through canyon home. Could have picked oranges, but it was too wet. George Budd was speaker in church tonight. He illustrated his talk with beautiful slide pictures. Enjoyed eats at Marshes' after church.

February 15, Monday

Sue and Al wrote to Vinna Cannon this morning. I wrote a little note on Sue's letter. Donna's Valentine roses are still beautiful. I mended Louis work pants and darned socks. Gave a facial and did part of my ironing. Donna treated me to Highland show. Sue and Elaine went, also. Wonderful picture, "Over the Hill." Daddy stayed with kiddies. Sadler



Elvie wrote that OVER THE HILL was a "wonderful picture."

boys came, Norman and Hector. Bishop went to Worthens. Josephine Worthern is thinking of joining another church.

February 16, Tuesday

I'm so sorry to hear my Seagull girl, Josephine Worthern, is thinking of joining another church. Bill's boss called this morning and said to tell him not to come to work tonight, starting days tomorrow. He'll surely be happy to hear that. I darned and mended most of day. We surely are having some wet, cold winter. Blanche called us up tonight, ten o'clock, and said her mother, Aunt Clara, [Clara Ann Bishop Strong] had just passed away in Las Vegas. They feel awful. Sorry she didn't get back to Salt Lake.

February 17, Wednesday

Beautiful sunny day, the foothills around us are white with snow, makes me think of my own dear Utah. Blanche, Loretta, and Leo are leaving Friday. Will meet



Clara Ann Bishop Strong



Clara Ann Strong with her five living daughters about 1930
Clara Virginia 33 years old, Blanche Mae 30 years old,
Harriet Eliza 26 years old, Loretta Maud 19 years old,
and Chloe Lapriel 15 years old



California 1918 - William & Clara Strong visit son Leo and children Jack and Betty

Clara was married to William Hill Strong, who was a brother of James T. Strong who was Elvie's grandfather.

LaPriel and husband in Vegas, and all go to Salt Lake together. Lorene and Annie went down to Blanche's today. Br. Egan took Bishop around to see about a job.



William Hill Strong

February 18, Thursday

I dressed Donna's feet again, they look fine now, I feel better about them. Aunt Clara's funeral will be held Sunday, from 10th Ward. It is Uncle Will's birthday, strange? Wish I could be there to go to funeral; she was so nice to me when I was a child. I'll always love her for it. Sue and Al went to Blanches. Gas man came and adjusted our gas, rained this evening. Nice letter from Violet. Wrote to Hattie and Violet. Elaine and Donna made some fudge, good. Norman, Elaine's boy friend, came and helped eat it.

"Uncle Will" that Elvie mentions on February 18th is Clara's husband who died in 1919. Clara's funeral was held on February 21st, William Hill Strong's birthday.

February 19, Friday

A beautiful sunny day, we've surely enjoyed it after the rain. Washed, and cleaned my bedroom and the girls room. Sr. Marsh was knocked down by an auto this afternoon on way to work in front of hospital. She is in the hospital now. Rex says they don't think she's hurt very bad. He took Donna over to visit Florence and Ernie tonight. Br. Wilmore came block teaching tonight. Br. and Sr. Hill came over, also. Elaine took a bath, and washed her hair, went to bed. Harold Sadler came to get recommend for temple. Maybe he's going to Salt Lake. Aunt Clara's folks left tonight.

February 20, Saturday

Surely glad my pen is working okay again. Hope Violet has found hers. Heard yesterday that there is a new baby on the way in the Lou Fife family. Beautiful day surely is a treat after so much rain. I worked hard all morning, was through by one o'clock. Sue and Al went to Excelcis meeting. Daddy and I bought the groceries and went to Highland show tonight. Elaine took kiddies uptown to meet their folks at 5 p.m. They bought Bette and Shirley shoes. Rex and Donna went to Highland show.



Florence Marsh in her garden. In February 1932 she was hit by a car while walking to work.

February 21, Sunday

Our little Sunday School class was just grand this morning. I surely enjoy working in this class. Sue went to Mutual union meeting and Daddy and I went to see Sr. Marsh in hospital. John and Ruth were there. Lewie and wife came. We took some violets; they brought some lovely yellow jonquils. Sr. Marsh had pain, not feeling so well. Took ride to South Gate, called on Ruth Cartwright and Hilda and Bob Wilson. Bishop Perry is in Salt Lake. Donna was going to stay home from church tonight to get homework, but she came in just as church started.

February 22, Monday

Didn't sleep very well, so they all had to buy their lunches. I stayed in bed, awful headache and cramps. Al had a funeral at Forest Lawn, a Mrs. Lawerson, auto accident. She leaves five children, husband was hurt, also. I don't know them, they never came out to church. I took care of Beth Gentry's little girl, Jo Ann, sweet little dear. Beth played for Inis Egan and Rad Robinson to sing at funeral. Br. Reese was speaker. He took Sue and Al in his car, also Beth and Inis. Block teachers report meeting tonight. Sue, Elaine, Bette, and Shirley went to Highland show. Sr. Marsh has a cut on her head, a slight concussion. I wrote to mother and Violet.

February 23, Tuesday

I called Joe at Kelly Keeles beauty parlor, and she told me to come down and she'd give me a steam oil treatment. I enjoyed it very much, hair is lots softer now. I have pretty wave, also, didn't cost me anything. Vella Waddoups, a missionary girl, and her husband called on Sue this p.m. They are visiting from Utah. Did ironing this afternoon. Sue went with us to see Sr. Marsh tonight. She feels better, but looks bad. Brought Sue home, called for Florence Gibson, Lucille Evans, and Harriet Robinson and went to Sunday School board meeting at Br. Kellers.

February 24, Wednesday

I gave a facial at ten o'clock this morning, sold \$4.25, \$1.70 for me. Hope I can get enough to buy Donna a skirt for school soon. Sue and I walked to Relief Society. We met Sr. Snow, Sr. Hill, and Lillian Stead on the way, all went together. Alice Pack was there with her baby. She invited us to dinner next Sunday, some mob to ask to dinner.



← This photo was taken earlier than 1932. It is not the new model T Ford that is mentioned in February 1932. Donna was taller in 1932. However Rex and Donna surely had the same look of happiness in 1932 as they did in this photo.

Mr. Smith came out to our Excelcis meeting this afternoon. I rode to Mutual in Br. Gunn's car with Bill and Al. Daddy didn't go. Rex called for Donna and Elaine in his model T Ford he bought today, getting up in the world? (High seats.) Sr. Caldwell gave me a part to give in her Mutual class next Wednesday.

February 25, Thursday

Washed this a.m., another lovely day. Daddy gave me \$2.00 to help me buy Donna a school skirt. Letter from Violet, poor kid's surely homesick and blue. I met Donna uptown, 7th and Broadway, bought her a black school skirt, \$2.95. At night we went to hospital to see Sr. Marsh. She looks lots better. Sr. Egan was operated on this morning, is very sick, was on the table three hours, eight pound tumor. Rex brought Donna home from hospital in his new Ford, some buggy!



Elvie and Violet in 1927

In 1932 Violet was married and living in Cedar City, which was a very long way from her dear Bailey sisters

ironing, and darned and mended, was to give three facials today but no one came, two of them called and told us they couldn't come. Sue went uptown, bought new oil cloth table



This photo was taken January 28, 1935. —Showing Santa Anita Apartments at 25 North Santa Anita, in Pasadena. The shop at the far right is Lamanda Frock Shop. Perhaps this is where Elvie, on February 27, 1932, bought two dresses at the Frock Shoppe for \$1 each. The same day Lou and Elvie went to a 15¢ show on Broadway.

February 26, Friday

Bill is cut to four days a week now, \$16.00. Mrs. Kenner died, Al has charge of her will. I was busy most of day, cleaned bedrooms, mine, and the girls, did

February 28, Sunday

Br. Gledhill couldn't get his car started after Sunday School, so Daddy pushed him all the way home with our car. The Robinson family was in Gledhill's car. We went from there to Lankershim, out to Alice and Paul Pack's to dinner. Sr. Pack and Lloyd were there, also. Bishop ate at Annie's, he had meeting, couldn't go with us. Enjoyed lovely dinner and visit. Helen is in Utah, but Wess was there. Came home in time for church. Lloyd brought girls, we brought Sr. Pack. Vella Waddoups was speaker. Donna played for her to sing, "Love at home."

cover for kitchen table and two nice night gowns for herself. Bill and Al went out looking for work. Al was turned down on the rail way job. Doctor wouldn't pass him. Rex took Donna to show, Elaine went with a boy from school, Sterling?

February 27, Saturday

Lorene and Charles and Mary came over to Annie's while we were there last night, nice visit. We took Sue and Al to their Excelcis banquet out to Wilkinson's home in Walnut Park. Enjoyed a 15¢ show on Broadway, lunch first. Daddy bought me two dresses at the Frock Shoppe, \$1.00 each. Called in hospital to see Sr. Marsh. Stopped in Ernie's for gas, gave us Christmas gift, ha! ha! cleaning stuff. Florence was there, Rex, also. Ruthie spent day with Donna. Doile Holiday brought Sr. Marsh some lovely flowers. John and Lou went up to see Sr. Egan, very sick. Sr. Marsh going home tomorrow. I made Donna and Elaine a toasted cheese sandwich tonight. Donna felt bad cause we left her alone all day. Sorry.

February 29, Monday

Al bought some gasoline and cleaned the front room floors, they hired an electric floor polisher, looks fine now, used a can of wax. Another letter from Violet "bless her heart." Enjoyed baked dinner, vegetables in roast, gravy. Listened to Blue Monday Jamboree, bed.

March 1, Tuesday

I took care of Beth Gentry's little Joe Ann while folks went to Sr. Kenner's funeral. Tonight Sue, Lou, and I went to see Sr. Egan in the general hospital. Called on Sr. Marsh after.

March 2, Wednesday

Wore my new blue \$1.00 dress to Relief Society. Excelcis Company is changing their selling plans. We can't give any more facials. The lady must give her own facial. Had a lovely time at the Junior Girls party tonight. They entertained their mothers. Each mother told of her romance, lots of fun. Some of the girls wore their mother's wedding dresses (Sr. Bingham, Sr. Hill, and Sr. Snow). They served French apple pie and whipped cream, good. Donna gave a lovely talk, invited us to join a mothers and daughters club. I was so proud of her. Sr. Pack was voted honorary mother of the club. Lucille Evans gave the welcome address, fine. All such sweet girls. Al got rid of his old car. Lou cleaned out garage and is going to keep our car in it now. This change in Excelcis is really a big change. Don't think I'll last long in it!

March 3, Thursday

I surely enjoyed the old time pictures last nite. Bishop Mortenson and wife came over this evening to plan with Al for a high council party, they are the entertainment committee. Daddy and I went over to visit with Annie and Bill this evening. Elaine and Norman went to the Highland show.

March 4, Friday

I ironed, and cleaned bedrooms. Sue and Al went out trying to sell Excelcis, they borrowed Charlie's car, Lorene and Annie went along, also. I think one clay pack was the "big days sale." Wish Al could get work in a good mill at his old line. Donna looked lovely tonight in her blue and silver taffeta. Rex took her to the Victory Ball dance, at stake house. Lorene sold the clay pack.

March 5, Saturday

We had a new water tank put in our kitchen this p.m. (automatic). Glad to get rid of the noise and leak from the old one. Daddy worked on his car most of day, at Marshes' garage. At night we ate in Shafer's and went to Highland show. Rex took Donna and Elaine to show tonight. Sue and Elaine went uptown this afternoon, bought Easter things for Elaine, pretty green sweater and a skirt of tan. Al starts work Monday.

March 6, Sunday

Donna and Vera took our Sunday School class while we enjoyed fast meeting. After dinner Daddy and I went for a nice ride out to Sam's cabin, a beautiful spot in the mountains. He gave

a picnic for some of his friends at Ford plant. We enjoyed nice program while there. It was about 12 miles past Van Nuys. Donna went to Sunday School union meeting. We had fine meeting tonight.



President McCune, Br. Sims, and the Bishop from the 8th Ward in Salt Lake City were our speakers. Our Bishop's face was swollen, bad tooth.

The Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906 required companies to label products that contained narcotics. The common remedy for toothache seemed to be extraction. Teeth problems are mentioned in Elvie's diary often. This month is no exception. (See the 6th, 7th and 12th of March)



Aunt Dell

March 7, Monday

Aunt Dell [Alice Adella McKnight Bailey] called up this morning. Told Sue that Elizabeth Paul is married, and Melba Paul has been very sick, almost died. Aunt Julia had to rush down to California to take care of her. Ruth and kiddies went back to Chicago. Al started work at Patten and Davis this morning. Surely hope he can stay on there. Excelcis business is on the rocks, I'm afraid?! Al had his tooth extracted tonight. Awful looking face, swollen. Officer's meeting tonight. Daddy wrote to Grama. Letter from Violet, surely hope she can come this summer. Sue had Mrs. Eccles and her daughter to lunch. Lorene and Annie came, also. Eva Udall took me to Mrs. Valentine's this p.m. to plan for Relief Society luncheon.

March 8, Tuesday

I gave a facial to a 70 year old lady, sweet old dear, but no sale. I can't make any more money at Excelcis, just haven't got the heart the way things are now. Al is having a merry time with the Kenner family since their mother left her will naming him as executor; they are having a hard time to wait for the pay up. Such is life. Poor little Shirley has been sick all day. Bette was sick with cold last week, now Shirley has it, only she is lots worse. Rex took Donna to Lankershim Mutual tonight. He is going to help them learn the "Green and Gold" waltz. Nora came for Excelcis. Elaine and Bette went to show tonight. I cooked potatoes for luncheon tomorrow.

March 9, Wednesday

Eva Udall came for me 9:30 this am. She, Sr. Valentine, and I did the shopping for our luncheon. Sr. Peterson and Sr. Stedelman helped us prepare and serve. We enjoyed our work together, 90¢ each, cold lunch. Excelcis meeting after church. Rode to Mutual with Rex and Donna, surely tired tonight. Everyone said our lunch was lovely. Sr. Gledhill

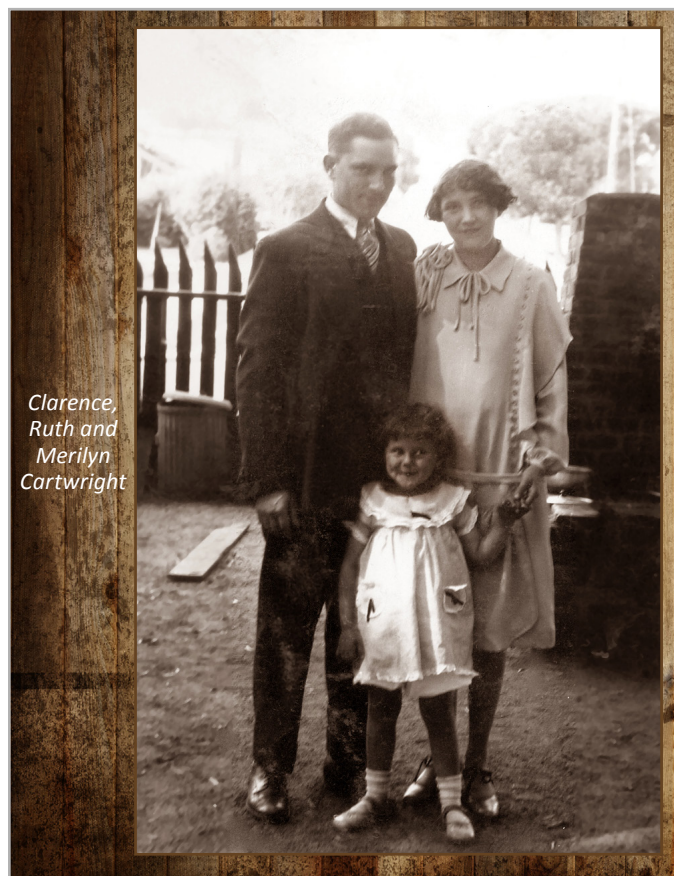
was the first to bring back her page for Al's scrapbook. At our luncheon today we served fruit cocktail, potato salad, sandwiches, cream cheese, and minced ham and pickle, sponge cake with whipped cream and apricots (egg on toast). Sr. Anna Egan came home from hospital yesterday.

March 10, Thursday

My head doesn't feel right today, blood pressure must be too high. We washed this morning. Lady didn't come for the ten o'clock facial (glad). I finished writing the letter Daddy started to his mother last Monday. Wrote to Violet, also. Went to Stake house tonight in Eva Udall's car. She called for me about 7 p.m. Br. and Sr. Chandler and Sr. Wood went, too. Br. Summerhayes is a wonderful Genealogy teacher. Surely glad I went; rest of our family stayed home and went to bed early. First model B 1932 Ford, sent out today.



Ford 1932



Clarence,
Ruth and
Marilyn
Cartwright

March 11, Friday

Ruth called this a.m., said Clarence didn't report for work last night. He was to start at 11 p.m. They called at 1 a.m. to see why he didn't come. Then the Ford plant called her again this morning to tell her he hadn't shown up yet. She was nearly crazy, called police and hospitals. Al called Br. Gunn and he tried to locate Clarence. About 11 a.m. he came, had had quite an experience. Got out to fix his tire, someone hit him on the head. He passed out; they threw him in the back

seat and drove until they ran out of gas. He came to in the morning, had to walk to get gas before he could drive home. Called the police when he got home. We took Sue and Al to the Relief Society banquet at the Stake house. Had nice time, enjoyed program after. Rex took Donna to Highland show. Al took Elaine and school friend to have coupon picture taken. Sold \$1.25 at 10 a.m. facial, (50¢ for me). Oh, the garlic with my ten o'clock facial, and a baby, too.

March 12, Saturday

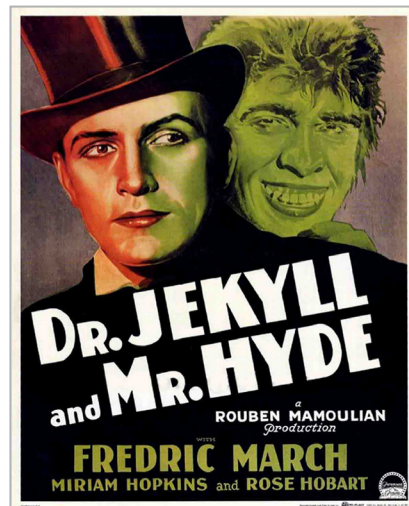
Al went to work this a.m., but came back, no work. I did kitchen work. Sue bought new scrubbing brush, I made good use of same. Donna is still working in Primary music, getting ready for conference. While I ironed, Daddy enjoyed his nap and then we took Donna down town, bought her new white sport shoes, and her first "mesh" stockings. Went to L.A. show, ate at home with Al. Sue and Elaine went to show. Lorene, Mary, and Charles came. Moss boy came for Al about 10:30 p.m. He married them. Annie had a very bad tooth extracted. She was in the chair over two hours.

March 13, Sunday

Sr. Jensen from stake board visited our Sunday School class this a.m. Gave us a lovely compliment. After Sunday School we took the Anderson family to Venice, to dinner at Whites. Rex took Donna and Beverly in his car. We had a lovely time, nice ride, visited air field and dairy farm. Went to church with them and enjoyed a nice lunch after. Oh, the good buttermilk! Brought some home for Al. I surely enjoyed this day. Saw Ralph Martin at Mar Vista Ward tonite.

March 14, Monday

Sue did breakfast dishes and mopped kitchen floor, while I was writing in diary. Oh! oh! Sue and Al went uptown, I darned socks, for the family, sure keeps me busy darning now there are so many of us. Then I finished my ironing. Sue bought Bette a pretty little green organdy Easter dress, and Shirley a yellow silk crepe dress, darling. Daddy went to the Highland show to see "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." I didn't want to see it. Lorene, Charles, and Mary came over. Charles had some Easter candy to show us, \$1.50 a box.



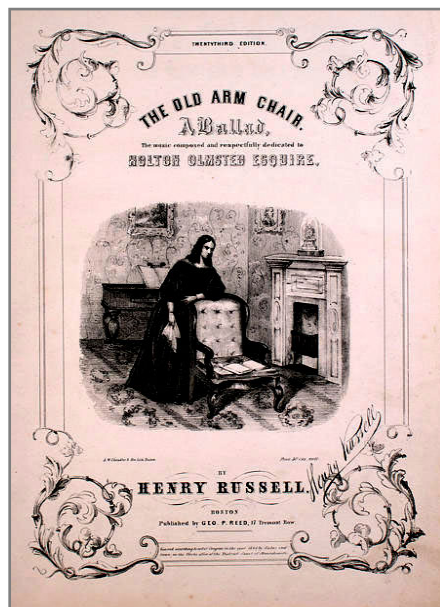
March 15, Tuesday

Sue and Al have been busy most of day typing and sending out letters to the saints for their ward maintenance. I washed and ironed Elaine's and Donna's white silk dresses. Ruth and Clarence came in this afternoon for few minutes. They had the neighbor's car without a top. I hope, it didn't rain on them going home. Clarence got quite a bump on his head last

Friday. Daddy came home sick tonight, went to bed without his supper. Girls made my candy to sell at Mutual tomorrow nite. Inis Egan came to practice songs with the girls.

March 16, Wednesday

I didn't rest so well last night, so after hanging out the washing this morning I went back to bed with hot water bottle. Got up at 12 noon and went to Relief Society. Enjoyed the ice cream and cake, also the lovely program. Sue gave a talk on the first Relief Society, was fine. Sr. Meyers gave us a reading in German, Sr. Van Nessen gave a reading in Dutch, Sr. Clancy sang "The Old Arm Chair," and told us about her first coming to America from England, all good. Sr. Nordstrom gave a comical reading. Br. and Sr. Seguin brought me home. Sr. Stewart, Sr. Lilywhite, and Sr. Nielsen from the stake came out to our celebration. I was on the program committee with Sr. Craddock and Sr. Treu. Daddy felt better so went



"The Old Arm Chair" a ballad about the tender ties to our Mothers.

Henry Russell composed the song. His most popular songs were Woodman! Spare That Tree! (1837), The Ivy Green (1838), The Old Arm Chair (1840), Our Native Song (1841), A Life by de Galley Fire (1848) and Cheer, Boys, Cheer! (1850). ("The Old Arm Chair" was sung by Sister Clancy in Relief Society March 16, 1932.)

March 17, Thursday

Donna received her scholarship pin today. I'm so proud of my daughter. This pin means "life membership", she has worked hard for it, bless her heart! Tonight at the South Gate High School was the scholarship banquet. Donna wore her blue taffeta. Sue rode down to South Gate with us to call for her. We enjoyed one of those good ice cream cones. We stopped in Br. Magnuson's to ask him, for Br. Udall, if he would speak in genealogy meeting next Wednesday.

March 18, Friday

I cleaned our bedrooms, then went on Yellow Street car to Huntington Park High school. It was the senior tea day. We had a meeting first with all the mothers to discuss the graduation clothes. Then the girls came in and escorted us

to the tea, where we enjoyed a nice program and tea and cake. (We didn't drink our tea) Donna's picture was in the school paper twice today, one of them was awful. They were in for high point member in scholarship, and for being a seal bearer. She won a gold pin for that. Daddy called for us. We picked Uncle Al and Bill up. Rex took Donna to a show tonite. We went over to give Mary birthday greetings, 25¢. Lorene sent candy and cake home with us. Sue and Al went to Excelcis meeting.



March 19, Saturday

Daddy worked on his car most of day. Fixed a place to put the trunk that came off Al's car, on his. Painted up the trunk and stand, looks swell. Sue, Elaine, and Al went to a show uptown. Bette and Shirley went to Highland show in afternoon. Rex and Donna stayed home at night with kids while Daddy and I went to York show.

March 20, Sunday

Donna didn't go to Sunday School this morning, not feeling very well. Sue went to Mutual union meeting this afternoon. Elaine and Donna made taffy. Daddy and I went for ride, took Br. and Sr. Marsh and Ruthie with us. Rode out past the Wisteria vines, lovely. Ate at Marshes and went to church. Uncle Bill was conducting the meeting and called Joseph Reese, "Joseph Smith." We all had a good laugh at his expense, didn't know he'd said Smith. Took Marshes home. Steve Muir took Elaine to Belvedere meeting.



Wisteria

March 21, Monday

After washing, we went uptown, Sue, Elaine, Donna, and I. Bette and Shirley walked over to Mary's. I bought Donna's Easter outfit, white flannel skirt, a dainty pink sweater with white trim, and a little white brush wool rolled tam. Sue bought Elaine a white flannel skirt and tam, and white shoes. Beverly and Annie were on same car coming home. Beverly has a new coral silk suit for Easter. Block teacher report meeting here tonight. Elaine and I tried to guess who the



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STETSON HATS

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A Stetson hat was expensive, about \$10. However, a good hat would last for years and it was an important part of a man's wardrobe

hats belonged to. We had more fun! Ed Robinson came for Donna. They practiced for Easter program. She is playing for their quartet.

March 22, Tuesday

I gave facial this afternoon and did my ironing. Mr. Wilkinson told Sue, over phone, Mr. Smith is out of Excelcis now?! Elaine had ends of hair permanented at Kelly Keele's. On my facial this a.m. I made 15¢ and lady left a 15¢ tip (30¢). Walked down to Highland Park with Sue and Elaine. I went to the post office for a money order to send payment on Ford. Met Annie and Beverly in Kress Store. I bought Easter booklet and hankies for Dolores. I hope the little dear is feeling better now. Sue and Elaine came in Kress. They bought socks and booklet for Dolores. Donna started writing her life story tonight. Sue did, also. I enjoyed radio.

Below is the first paragraph of Donna's story that she started writing March 22, 1932:

I arrived in this busy world on a very rainy, miserable day at 5:30 p.m. at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 1, 1915. I surprised my folks by being twins! Don, my twin brother, weighed 3 and 3/4 lbs. and I weighed 3 and 3/8 lbs. We were tiny and red with lots of black hair. We very nearly escaped being incubator offspring."

March 25, Wednesday

I was voted in a block teacher today. Sue made my white flannel coat into a short jacket. I took it to cleaners. She also made me a white silk skirt out of Donna's silk dress and one and a half yards of silk. I bought it to remodel Donna's dress, but changed my mind when I found my flannel dress wouldn't make a skirt. Went to Relief Society. Elaine took Bette to Kelly Keele's barber shop. Had her curls cut off. She looks real cute, but so different. I had a fine time at Gold and Green ball in Garvanza tonight. Bette and Shirley went to show. Br. Magnuson gave a fine talk in genealogy meeting. Ice cream and cake after, good.

March 24, Thursday

I slept late, 9 a.m. Daddy went to work, so he was the only one in our family to get up early. He very kindly told me to rest this morning, as I was tired from dancing last night. I sewed clasps on my white silk skirt, also on Donna's and Elaine's white flannel skirts. Fixed their hems, too. Mended and darned all afternoon. Sue and Al went to Highland Park. Donna cleaned and pressed her black skirt. Tonight Donna and Elaine went to show with Sunday School class. Inis and Myrtle came over to practice song first.

March 25, Friday

No more Pasadena Avenue after today. They have changed it to North Figueroa Boulevard. Annandale Boulevard is now North Figueroa, also. Surely will be strange for a while. Elaine went to Highland Park with me to buy my yellow sweater and cap. We met Annie and Lorene down there. I bought my things at Ivers. Stopped in cleaners on way home and got my white flannel jacket. Inis and Myrtle came to practice this evening. Rex took Donna to a show after. Norman came to visit Elaine.

March 26, Saturday

Daddy and I drove Miriam Marsh to the library downtown, she was on her way to work. I went shopping while Daddy went on spring street to buy a goose for the meter. [Donna typed a note here saying, "What does this mean Mother?"] I bought gloves for Donna and myself, washable, two ties for Daddy, one of 'em a bowtie, a white slip for Donna and me, and some chocolate eggs for Donna and Daddy. I met Sr. Marsh and Ruthie in town. Daddy and I went to L.A. show, saw Joe E. Brown for first time, hope it's last time! Ate dinner at our old favorite place on 7th street. Sue and Al went to banquet at stake house, Lorene and Charles, Annie and Bill went, also. Elaine and Donna colored and painted eggs.



Joseph Evans Brown (July 28, 1891 – July 6, 1973) was an American actor and comedian, remembered for his amiable screen persona, comic timing, and enormous smile. He was one of the most popular American Comedians in the 1930s and 1940s with successful films like *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Earthworm*, *Tractors*, and *Alibi Ike*. In his later career Brown starred in *Some Like It Hot* as Osgood Fielding III, in which he speaks the famous punchline "Well, nobody's perfect."

March 27, Sunday— Easter

Daddy bought me a beautiful Easter lily. We dolled up in our new duds, and went to Sunday School. Rad Robinson came over to practice with Donna before Sunday School. She rode to Sunday School with Ed and Rad. I walked alone. Enjoyed nice program. They dismissed early, 11:30 a.m.



Daddy went to work at Fords, but came back. No material. Rex came, Donna and Elaine took pictures. Elaine went for walk. Donna and Rex took a long ride. Daddy and I enjoyed nap. Bill and Charles came over with box of candy for Sue. We took Marshes for nice ride after church. John treated to sandwiches and ice cream in Pasadena. It was at the "Old Shoe," a cute place.



Owen James Bailey

March 28, Monday

Sue and I worked hard all day, big washing; she did up her bed room and office curtains. At night Elaine and Norman went to Highland show, Sue and Al left about 20 minutes after they had gone. Went to show too, it was their lucky night. They won two shopping bags of groceries; both Sue and Al had lucky numbers. Rex

came for Excelcis. I enjoyed radio. It's my darling brother's birthday, "bless his heart." Elaine got her coupon picture this afternoon, very good of her. Letter from Violet, surely wish I had money to send her, poor girl, wish she was here.

March 29, Tuesday

We had Excelcis meeting ten o'clock this morning. Talked about "two for one sale." Lorene and I went uptown after. I bought a birthday dress for Violet, it just fits Lorene, hope it will fit Violet as well. We bought it in the "Frock shop" (no dress over a dollar). Did ironing after I got home. Went to Sunday School board meeting down to Marshes'. Took Florence Gibson, Harriet Robinson, and Lucille Evans. Sr. Marsh served ice cream and cookies, good! Rex took Donna to Elysian Park Mutual, and to a show after.

March 30, Wednesday

Al went down to post office to mail my birthday gift to Violet this morning. Darned socks and went to Relief Society. Sue and Al went to Relief

Society, also. Elaine met her folks in Highland Park, bought her some school shoes. We went to Mutual, Donna stayed home to study for a chemistry test. She has worked hard, but has made a splendid record in school. Pierre Athens has his own beauty shop in the MayFair hotel. I talked to him on phone.

March 31, Thursday

I walked about 20 blocks today, didn't sell a penny's worth of Excelcis. The lady on South Avenue 55 (way down by the foot of the hills) wouldn't take her \$2.00 order because she says the doctor says she has a cancer, started growing on her face and she mustn't use any kind of cosmetics while he is treating her. The lady on Hub Street wasn't home. Sr. Pack, and Sr. Muir, and Steve were visiting with Sue and Al when I got back. I was so tired had to lie down. Daddy lost all of his money at work today, \$25 or \$50, I guess. Upset us a lot. I took a long walk.



April 1, Friday—Violet's Birthday!

Hope she received the package okay. I did the cleaning in bedrooms. Sue and Al went uptown and stayed to Excelcis meeting this evening, so ate dinner in town. Charles took Al in his car to pay some of their bills, Sue went on North Broadway with Al, in Charles car. Al took car back, then they went uptown on street car. Donna and Elaine went to sport dance at stake house with Rex and Billy Quinn. They went over to meet Mrs. Quinn first. She was worried because she didn't know who Billy was going out with. Like all mothers, eh? Wonder of Wonders! An honest man lives. He was waiting to give Daddy his wallet this morning at work. Happy days are here again.



Violet in 1927

April 2, Saturday

Daddy and I went to the Ford Auto show (new V8) is a swell looking car. We took Donna, Elaine, Bette and Shirley to town with us. They went to a show on Broadway. Auto show

was in Shrine Auditorium. Enjoyed program at opening of new food market. They took some moving pictures, also. It was just a block away from the auto show. Ann Hardy was in the picture, some of Hal Roach's kiddies were there, too. Went to a show on Broadway, Fox Palace, saw Leonard Strong and Eunice Pringle on the stage in a one act play, "Some Baby." Was a good comedy, surely was surprised to see Leonard though. Screen picture was good, also. Robert Montgomery in "Lovers Courageous." Enjoyed dinner in Highland Park at Shafer's. Home and bed.

April 5, Sunday

We couldn't go in to fast meeting, they didn't send someone in to take our class. Br. Watkins says he won't forget again, we'll see. Went to Sunday School union meeting, took Harriet R., Helen C., Myrtle Egan and Donna. Lots of beautiful flowers in the chapel. Was a wedding there last night. We brought Sr. Marsh and Ruthie home with us. Myrtle went with Br. Watkins. The other girls went to visit a friend out that way. Br. Norberg was speaker in church. He upset Bishop by saying it was okay to swim at beach on Sunday. Lots of discussion over it. We took Marshes home after church. P.S. At our nine o'clock meeting, Br. Simms was the speaker, very good.



Florence & John Marsh, Sarah Renshaw, Lou & Elvie Renshaw



April 5, 1932
Bishop Al Hoglund was upset about Brother Norberg saying it was okay to swim at the beach on Sunday

Florence & Rex Marsh at the beach, on a Saturday



Eunice Pringle



Leonard Strong — Elvie's cousin



On April 2nd the Renshaw's went to a show on Broadway at Fox Palace. They saw Leonard strong and Eunice Pringle on stage in a one act play. The show also included a screen picture, "Lovers Courageous."

April 4, Monday

I wish Bette felt better. She has bad case of canker. We washed this a.m. Last night we made plans for our trip with Marshes next Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Gibby came to talk with Sue and Al about Excelcis. I wrote all the names and addresses of my customers, but can't see how I can call on them without an auto? It was ward officers meeting here tonight. They planned a turkey dinner for a week from Friday. Daddy and I took walk to Highland Park. My weight is 135 lbs. with winter coat on. Guess I am getting fat, 135 lbs., haven't weighed that for years. Louis and the Marshes have been telling me I'm putting on weight, so Daddy insisted I get weighed last night; he was so sure of it. Violet was tickled with her birthday dress, so I'm happy, too. Lovely spring days!



April 5, Tuesday

I did my ironing and darned sox. Al borrowed Charles car and took Sue, Annie, and myself out, trying to sell Excelcis to our old customers this afternoon. It was time wasted, no one was home. I'd like to sell some of this 2 for 1 sale, before I quit. Daddy worked one and a half hours overtime; Donna and Bill had to come home on street car. Sue made a tan school skirt for Elaine this a.m. Poor Bette is almost sick with canker. Al was a guest at the Kiwanis club, to a luncheon, Lawyer Myers took him.

Penny Scales

The first coin operated scale was brought to the US from Germany in 1885. A few years later, in 1889, the National Scale Company manufactured the first coin operated scale in the United States. It was huge, weighing more than 200 pounds, but it was one of the first automatic vending machines. Drop in a penny, and you got to see your weight. During the 1920's and 1930's the Peerless Scale Company coin operated a scale on almost every corner. In the 1920's and 1930's, weighing yourself was a novelty, and since people always had a penny, even in the middle of the depression, they could always afford to weigh themselves. Back then owning a scale was a great business. In a good location, a scale collecting one penny at a time could earn \$50 to \$100 a month. Even in a poor location, a scale could bring in \$5 a month. Since a scale cost only \$50, the profit margin was pretty good. The popularity of penny scales reached its pinnacle in the mid-1930s, when there were over 750,000 scales all across the country. As the novelty of the scale diminished, new gimmicks were designed to revitalize interest. Some scales were designed to give a small ticket with a person's weight printed on it (so that people could hide their weight from viewers and husbands). Then, fortunes were added to the tickets and before long pictures of movie stars were used to encourage patrons to collect tickets and complete a set. The movie stars paid the scale companies to feature their pictures in order to promote their names. In the 1940s, improvements in mechanical scale technology made small inexpensive personal bathroom scales readily available, and the popularity of the penny scales began to decline.

April 6, Wednesday

Went to early block teachers meeting. Lorene gives the lessons, lovely. Enjoyed Relief Society, I bore my testimony. We had Excelcis meeting after Relief Society. Donna and Elaine tied in the short story contest tonight, had to draw to see who gave story at stake house. Donna won. I gave a facial tonight, sold \$6.75, but sorry to miss Mutual. Glad the girls tied, Daddy stayed home with me.

April 7, Thursday

Al helped Charles work on his car all day. I called on three of my customers in Highland Park, but no one has any money now days. Too bad they can't take advantage of our 2 for 1 sale. I went to library for a book. Sue went uptown to get Excelcis. This evening Beth Gentry called on phone, she and Sue had words, upset the family. Daddy and I went to see Nora in the General hospital, she's going home Saturday. Rex took Donna to Highland show, we called in Annie's. We couldn't find Br. Porter in hospital last night. Sr. Pack and Lloyd took Sue to the stake house, to the Mutual contest, public speaking. Lloyd came in second.



Rex Marsh, Donna Renshaw, Lloyd Pack, Al Stead
Marion Christensen, Elaine Hoglund,
Beverly Andersen & Raymond Clayton (Lloyd & Elaine were in the speech contest).

April 8, Friday

Donna and her Dad went to work and school in Rex's little Ford this morning. He is having his valves ground at Marshes' garage today. Lorene, Annie, and Al went out trying to sell Excelcis. Sue and I had long talk. I called Ruth to ask about Br. Porter, she said they had his funeral Wednesday the sixth, shipped body to Idaho. Jack Rich came, I took him over to see Charlie's shop, and have a talk with Charles. Enjoyed recital

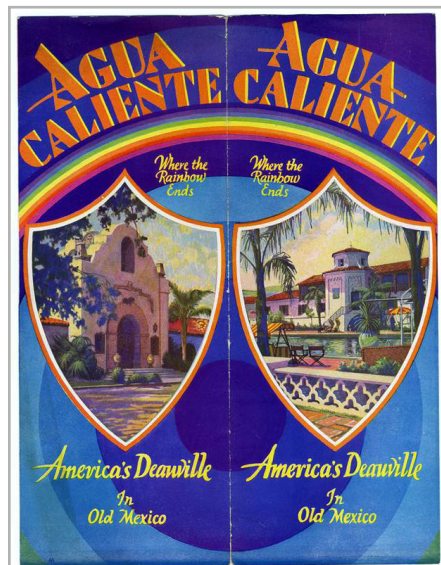
at Huntington Park High tonight, all played well. We went to Chili-Ville and had something to eat after recital, called for Bette and Shirley at Annie's, I got the kiddies in bed and did supper dishes while Daddy and Donna took Rex home, 11:30 p.m. So sorry Sue and Al had to take Elaine on street car tonight. Elaine won second place in short story telling contest at stake house.

April 9, Saturday

Washed my hair this a.m. and Elaine curled it for me. They tell us Diana Strong is going to be married soon, and that she has a beautiful ring, I hope she'll be happy always. Went to Marshes' this afternoon to prepare for our picnic tomorrow. Louis, John, and I did it while Sr. Marsh was working at hospital (fried chicken and rabbit, cooked potatoes for salad). At night we took Sue and the Marshes to stake house, to see the "Mock Trial." I enjoyed it, we saw Al Barker there. Ruthie Marsh slept here with kids. Rex took Elaine and Donna to a show tonight.

April 10, Sunday

We left for Marshes four o'clock this morning. Rex and Donna, went with us. Ate breakfast in San Diego. Looked up the L.D.S. church and went to Sunday School. Balboa Park was lovely, so many beautiful flowers now. Went to Tijuana, Mexico. Rex had never been in Mexico before. Agua Caliente is very pretty. Went through two other little Mexican towns. We ate our dinner in Mexico under a shade tree in the hills by a huge rock. The mountains are full of rocks in that country. Had to part with two dozen oranges before we could go back in the U.S.A., but we were all glad to get back in Uncle Sam's land. Enjoyed the nice beach



April 11, Monday

Daddy took Ruthie home this a.m. on his way to work. We held our first Excelcis class this morning at 9:30 with Mr. Gibby instructing us. Bill is out of work this week. Annie



*Diana Strong—Elvie's cousin
Oldest child of Alvin and Ida Strong*

in San Diego when we got back there. The officer who took our oranges was very nice, gave us an ice cold drink of water, and invited us to eat our oranges, ha! ha! We arrived home about 10:30 p.m. Tired and dirty. Ruthie slept here again. We surely enjoyed our lunch in the mountains, chicken and rabbit was delicious.

and Lorene ate lunch with us. I think the Renshaw family feels just a bit cross today, or this evening. Daddy and Donna went to bed real early. We'll all feel better after we get rested from our long trip to Mexico. Ruthie took Sue's slip this a.m. by mistake.

April 12, Tuesday

John Marsh came for Excelcis this a.m. We washed. I've not felt very well today. Worked on my story yesterday and today awhile. Hope we'll have a nice time Friday at the banquet. We had our training class at 9 pm. Mr. Gibby is a splendid teacher. Billy Quinn came over to meet Elaine's folks, she made some fudge before he came.

April 13, Wednesday

Training class 9 a.m. We enjoyed it a lot. It's fun demonstrating when it isn't your turn to do the demonstrating!!! Didn't go to Relief Society, it was sewing day. I worked on my story for the program Friday night. Went to Mutual at night.

April 14, Thursday

Did my ironing this p.m. Finished it this evening while Daddy and Al and Elaine went to Highland show to see "Frankenstein"

I didn't want to see it. Mr. Gibby came out this afternoon at three o'clock, we will finish our training tomorrow morning. He has given us some very good instructions.



April 15, Friday

Something went wrong with the toilet box this a.m. Sue took the lid off to see if she could fix it, and the water shot up to the ceiling, just like a hose. I had an awful time trying to find the tap outside to shut the water off in the house. I ran next door to the neighbor who used to live here, but she didn't know where it was. I got it off, but Sue was wet through. It couldn't have come on a worse day for us, we had a turkey to cook, and Mr. Gibby's training class was coming at 9 a.m. I had a finger wave and walked to banquet with Annie and Bill. Daddy and I took the Garrison sisters home tonight We all enjoyed the dinner. Daddy carved a turkey. Folks seemed to enjoy story I told about them tonight at program. Mary and Ray ate with our kids here.

April 16, Saturday

Got up about 8:45. Lou helped me clean the bedrooms. Al worked this a.m., so Sue cleaned front rooms. Donna and Elaine helped wait on tables last nite. Ruthie Marsh stayed up here with our kiddies while we went to turkey banquet. Daddy and I went to York show tonight. Billy Quinn came

over to visit Elaine. Rex took Donna to a show. Sue and Al went uptown to show early so they could get home to kiddies.

April 17, Sunday

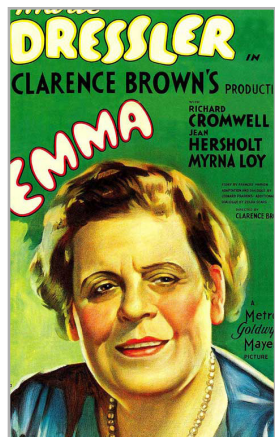
Fern Ellsworth Grill and baby daughter, came home and ate dinner with us after Sunday School. Sue had to go to Mutual union meeting. Lou went to Marshes' garage and had something adjusted on his car. I took a nap after Fern left. Donna walked over to Aunt Annie's. Elaine went to Lucille Evans. Rex called for Donna, and I sent him to Annie's. Daddy and I went to Home Gardens Ward church tonight. Folks seemed glad to see us. Bishop Perry has been very sick, is still in bed. We called to see him before church. Donna played for Beth in Garvanza.



Dolores Fife

April 18, Monday

Rex took me over to Mrs. Brown's in Alhambra. I demonstrated the facial the new way, she gave herself the facial. She bought \$4.50 from me and paid cash, gave me an order for \$1.50 next week. I called Rex at garage when I was through, he brought me home (nice boy). Went out this afternoon, couldn't sell a thing, was all in when I got home, too much walking! Block teachers meeting tonight. Daddy and I went over to Annie's, she treated to good ginger cake. Daddy bought ice cream, Bill was to a meeting. Sue, Elaine, and Donna went to a Junior meeting at Crawley's.



April 19, Tuesday

Big washing, darned sox after. Annie came for Excelcis; she ate lunch with Sue and me. Al has worked all this week, so far so good. Tonight Daddy took Donna and Elaine down to Highland show. I went with him to park the car, then we went to the show, saw "Emma" with Marie Dressler. Surely good show. Marsh family was there also, Rex sat back of us. Donna went and sat with him, he'd been up to house for her. We

took them home. Rex brought Elaine and Donna home. Daddy and I enjoyed malted milk.

April 20, Wednesday

I got part of ironing done before I went to Relief Society. Enjoyed listening to the stories read by the sisters who wrote them, Craddock, Wood, Snow, Treu and Sr. Gledhill. They were all good, we voted on the best one, Sr. Wood's got the prize. I thought Sr. Craddock's was best. At



April 25, Monday—Dolores' birthday!

I surely hope she is happy with things we sent. Looked like rain this morning, so we didn't wash. I did some feather stitching in pink

night we went to see "Bobby Comes Home", presented by Baste's School of Music, it was very good, but too long for me. It was a benefit program for Sunday School.

April 21, Thursday

Sue, Annie, and I went uptown this afternoon. We bought three little dresses to send Dolores for her birthday next Monday the 25th. Annie took them home to send. Lorene is sending one, also. Rex, Albert, and Marion came to take Donna over to the community playgrounds to watch the boys play ball.

April 22, Friday

Sr. Marsh was operated on this morning. Sr. Snow and I went block teaching for the first time together. Got started 10 a.m. Enjoyed our visits, Sr. Snow is good company, I know I'll like working with her. We called on

four families that had been visited this month already, oh! oh! Something wrong! At nite Rex took Donna, Albert, and Marian to the Men's dance at the beach, "Crystal Pier" We took Sue and Al to the "old time" dance at stake house, nice time.

April 23, Saturday

Sue changed my special cream for the new pink "Lois-Fair" cream. Louis and Bill went to Excelcis office this morning to get an order for Sue, and the sheets, slips, and blankets for Annie that she got for her credit coupons from Excelcis. Lorene got some pillow slips, also. Kiddies went to Highland show. Donna bought herself some hose in Kress, after Primary. Rex and Billy Quinn took the girls to a show at night. Sue and Al went uptown to show. Daddy and I went to the hospital to see Sr. Marsh. John went to town with us after, to a show at R.K.O. on Hill Street, he treated to a malted milk after show.

April 24, Sunday

We had a very small Sunday School on account of conference. John, Rex, and Ruthie ate dinner with us. Sue made strawberry ice cream before she left for conference. Daddy had the job of chopping ice, and freezing ice cream before Sunday School John, Louis and I went to see Sr. Marsh in hospital after dinner. Ruthie stayed with kiddies this evening while we went to stake conference. Rex drove our car. Elaine, John, Donna, Daddy, and I went. Br. Evans brought Sue and Al home from conference.

and blue, and some crocheting on the little nighties Annie is sending to Lucille Fife. Lucille has asked her to make all her baby clothes for the expected arrival, some job, eh? Sue, Elaine, and Donna went to Junior practice over to Crawley's, we took them over, called for Beverly, also. Brought them home after, Lucille Snow came home with them. I sold Sr. Saguine and Mr. Canning some Excelcis tonight, charged them the retail price, oh! oh! Got away with it, too!

April 26, Tuesday—Lorene's Birthday!

Cold again today, have to have the fire on again. Sue went uptown to get some Excelcis. I walked to Highland Park to buy a birthday gift for Lorene. I hadn't given Sue or Annie anything, so I bought something for the three. Lorene and Annie silk hose and Sue a percolator. Am tired of her little old coffee pot, the figco boils all over. Mel Renshaw was here when I got home, he is looking for work. Sue made some strawberry ice cream and Al froze it tonight. We took it over to Lorene's, Annie made chocolate cupcakes. Enjoyed our family party. Rex and Mel were there, also. Mel has a garage rented near us.

April 27, Wednesday

Too damp and rainy to wash, very cold for this time of year. Daddy didn't work, so he went with Mel around looking for work. Al was off today, the boss said he'd give him five days work a week, sounds better. I went to Relief Society. Sue and Al went uptown, took our car, they looked at cars. Mel stayed home tonight with kiddies, rest of us went to Mutual.

April 28, Thursday

Looked like rain this a.m., but we washed anyway. Glad we did, it was nice and sunny all afternoon. Elaine stayed out of school, she and her mother went uptown and bought her birthday gifts, lovely white outfit, hat, coat, and purse and sweater, and some mesh hose. They brought Shirley three sweet little dresses and Bette two darling sweaters. Sue bought Shirley a sweater last week. Mel was out all afternoon with Charlie; he ate dinner with them tonight. Daddy and I went down to see how Sr. Marsh was feeling, getting better slowly. Donna made out her list for graduation things, "Bless her heart," surely hope she'll have a nice graduation.

April 29, Friday

I ironed most of the day, surely was a big one! Washed Donna's and my own sweaters and caps. I was tired out this evening. Went over to Bill and Annie's, Mel wanted to ask Bill to go around the town with him tomorrow as

Lou is working. They were on their way to Luther Burbank, open nite. Came back home, Mel took Al out to Hollywood to deliver some Excelcis to Miss Wizwall. Rex and Donna went to Highland show. We went for little ride.

April 30, Saturday

Donna was excused from Primary. We went uptown, bought her graduation dress, very pretty green silk crepe trimmed in green net. We also bought her two school dresses, bought one for Elaine, for her birthday Tuesday. Junior Girls were here to practice their dance when we got home. Daddy worked half a day. Mel and Bill were out together most of the day. I fixed Daddy and Mel a French fried cheese sandwich and some figco and fruit this evening before they left for Arizona. Yes, my husband invited me to go along just as he was leaving the house. Well, I didn't care to disappoint him, so here I am. Hope they'll have a nice trip. Gave the kiddies a bath tonight. Rex took Donna and Elaine out. Sue and Al ate dinner over to Mrs. Johnson's. Daddy took them over before he left.



Lorene Bailey Clayton

May 1, Sunday

I went to early nine o'clock meeting. We walked to Sunday School and part way home when Lloyd Pack picked us up. Al was speaker in early meeting. Sr. Pack and Lloyd ate dinner with us. Bishop took our Sunday School crowd to Sunday School convention in Mel's car. Rex took Donna. Sr. Pack left on six o'clock bus, to live with her daughter for a while in Nevada. She sold her home. Lloyd is living with Alice and Paul. Feel sorry for Sr. Pack. I know she is blue.



May 2, Monday

I paid the insurance on Donna and me for the month of May. Wish Daddy's was paid. Nice wash day. Rex took Donna down to Huntington Park School this morning. The Junior Girls came here to practice tonight. Daddy came home eleven o'clock tonight from Arizona. I was happy he arrived safe and sound. Mel stayed in Phoenix to visit with the folks a few days.

May 3, Tuesday—Elaine's Birthday!

Sue was busy most of day preparing for Elaine's birthday dinner. I helped a little, but it was little. I did my ironing. Sue cut her thumb, I dressed it for her. Daddy and I went to vote when he came home. We voted at Monte Vista School. The dinner table looked lovely. There were seven girls, Donna, Elaine, Beverly, Lucille, Marian, Inis and Vera. I helped make the corsages this afternoon, red white and blue flowers. The girls played Bunco after dinner, surely was a good dinner. Nice time was had by all. We gave Elaine a print school dress.



Elaine Hoglund



1929 Essex

May 4, Wednesday

Sue and Al went uptown in Mel's car, and bought an Essex car, it's very good looking (1929) green. Surely hope they'll have better luck with this one. They brought Annie and I home from Relief Society to Excelcis meeting. We took Elva Spainhour home, also. She and Florence and Sr. Marsh came to Relief today. I went to general meeting in Br. Gunn's car. Daddy took Donna to high school to practice. Rex called for her, and brought her to the dance in Garvanza. I had a lovely time at Mutual dance, lots of good dances.

May 5, Thursday

Annie came up this a.m. to make some more baby clothes for Lucille Fife. Sue did most of sewing, Annie did Sue's ironing. I took Daddy's suit to cleaners, and Donna's books back to the library. Bought some silk hose and a mother's day card for Grama Renshaw. Our neighbor, Mrs. Perrie, is very sick, had to have a trained nurse. At night we went to Huntington Park High School Glee Club concert. It was a very good program. Donna sang in the combined glee clubs. We took Vera Chandler with us. It was open nite at Franklin High. Sue, Elaine, and Al went there.

May 6, Friday

I did a little cleaning, and wrote something from my ward reading to read to the folks at our meeting tonight. They seemed to enjoy it. It was Ruth's and my turn to serve. We held the Strong's genealogy meeting at her house and served strawberry short cake. They were all there but Thelma, Frank, and Bill Scott. Donna served at M Men banquet. Lloyd Pack was elected secretary.

May 7, Saturday

Primary had a picnic this morning so Donna didn't stay. She, Elaine, and Sue went over to Anna Lee's to get a finger wave. Donna went first, Sue and Elaine went together. Al called for them all after he got through cleaning his car. Junior Girls came to practice tango and song for their banquet next Saturday nite. Jane Crawley came to help out. Louis worked today all day. Sue and family went to a show in Eagle Rock. Rex and Donna went to Highland show. Daddy and I stayed home this evening. I haven't been out all day, don't feel right about it, either. Didn't go out last Saturday nite, darn it!

May 8, Sunday—Mother's Day!

A beautiful day. We had a lovely program in Sunday School. It is ward conference, also. We had a nine o'clock meeting. President Cannon and Norberg and several stake workers were out. They stayed to Sunday School. Florence, Ernie, and Rex all gave short talks. They were fine. Inis and Myrtle sang, Rad Robinson sang two numbers, lovely flowers were given to the Mothers. Brother Watkins took me out of my class to sit with the mothers. We ate nice chicken dinner at Marshes'. Took them for a ride after. Bought cake and strawberries, came here to eat, all went to church conference. Took Marshes home after church. Enjoyed conference, best ward conference we've had I think. Lots of stake workers out at night, also. Good speakers.



Donna & Elvie Renshaw
Great Salt Lake in 1926



Elvie & Donna Renshaw 1929

May 9, Monday

We missed President Richards yesterday, but he sent a nice letter saying he was sorry he couldn't be with us. He was in Salt Lake. Another dark day, wonder what's the matter with our weather??? Glad it was nice yesterday. Sue dressed a Spanish doll for her Junior program and banquet next Saturday. Her thumb was too sore to wash. Daddy started work at 7 a.m. Donna couldn't ride with him. Guess she'll have to ride the street car now, 20¢ one way! Al had his car fixed at Marshes' garage today. He took it down on his way to work, and John took Al and Donna to work and school in Al's car. Junior Girls came tonight to practice song and tango.

May 10, Tuesday

Br. Ross drove Al's car this morning to Air Way Laundry for the Relief Society outing. Sue, Sr. Treu, and I went in it. Br. Reese and Br. Shoeman took their cars, also. We had plenty of cars, Eva Udall left hers at church. There were twenty-six ladies I think. Br. Reese went all the way through with us, good sport!

I wrote to Lydia when I got home. Sue went to Highland Park shopping. Sunday School board meeting at Robinson's tonight. Enjoyed the meeting, also pie and ice cream. Donna stayed home to study for test.

May 11, Wednesday

Al's day off, he took Donna to Huntington Park High School this morning. Sue, Shirley and I rode down with them, surely enjoyed the morning ride. Went to Relief Society luncheon, and quilted all afternoon. Venna Cannon has an infection in her nose, poor woman surely has suffered, it was first in her thumb and now in her nose. Sue and I went over with the Bishop and Ernie Oates to administer to her before we went to luncheon. Went to Mutual tonight. Daddy had to visit the judge in Compton after work today for crossing an intersection this a.m. 6:30. He goes back to court on May 24?!!

May 12, Thursday

Donna got up at 5:30 this a.m. went to school with her Daddy. Got there about 6:20 and couldn't get in the building until seven o'clock, but she thinks she would rather go that early, than ride the bus and street car. Tonight we went to a stork shower on Jane Sadler. Daddy took some of the girls up the canyon and waited for us. He stayed outside and talked to Br. Cobabe. We had a lovely time. Lorene, Annie, and I went. Sue was too tired. She's been uptown to get the punch. We gave two dozen diapers between the four of us.

May 13, Friday

Annie came up yesterday and helped hem the diapers, she did most of them. I had a big ironing today. Elaine came in my room while I ironed; I helped her make up the speech she is giving at the Junior Girl's banquet tomorrow night. We took Lorene, Annie, Charles, and Mary to stake house to see "The Passion Play" in pictures. I was disappointed a little, but did enjoy pictures of Southern Utah. Charles brought his ward

books home, he'd had them audited. Passion Play was so different from my version of the life of Christ.

May 14, Saturday

Busy day getting ready for banquet tonight. Daddy took Donna down town to participate in a typing test, given by the L.A. schools, at 10 o'clock this morning. I did kitchen work. Elaine's cold is a little better today. Rex drove our car tonight, took Lorene, Sr. Hanson, Grace and Donna and me to banquet. Daddy took Marshes out in Mel's car. They went to show. Garvanza had the best program. Everyone said so. Our tables looked beautiful. Elaine was a lovely little toast mistress, she gave her retold story very well, also. The whole Stake sang the Junior song I wrote. Our ward represented Spain, girls looked so pretty. Sue made the decorations for our table. Elaine and Lucille made adorable place cards. It was all so lovely.

May 15, Sunday

Went to Sunday School, Elaine didn't go. She got dinner ready. After dinner Elaine decided she was going to learn how to drive their car, so nothing left for her Dad, but to teach her how. Donna went along and Al taught them both to drive. Oh! for the excitement. Donna had to take our car out after that, her Dad went with her, they came back and I went for a ride with them, didn't take her long to get on to driving a car. "Happy days" for the girls, but oh me! Well, I knew it would have to come sometime. She drove Rex, Daddy, and I to church. Elaine drove her folks. Al bought doughnuts after church. Lloyd Pack came home with them, Paul came after him, ate doughnuts and drank figco and kaffee hag.

May 16, Monday

We washed Mrs. Pierre's washing today, also. Donna drove the Ford home from school this p.m. Took Raymond a \$1.00 bill for his birthday this evening. Sue gave him \$1.00 too. Lorene treated us to ice cream and cakes, also some swell divinity. Ray is 17 today. Uncle Bill came over to Clayton's. Wrote an appreciation card for Junior Girls to give Jane Crawley at party Wednesday night.



Figco was a drink made from dried figs. Kaffee Hag was made from coffee beans with the caffeine removed



Vintage postcard from a "Passion Play"



*Cousins—
Donna
Renshaw,
Dolores Fife,
Raymond
Clayton
November 10,
1929 in Los
Angeles.
(Ray turned
17 years old
on May 16,
1932)*

May 17, Tuesday

Mel came from Arizona this morning 7:15. I was in bed, went back after Louis and Donna left at 6 a.m. I got his breakfast, he left for Salt Lake about 9:30. He was in such a hurry to get home, he couldn't wait another day to see Louie tonight. Sr. Snow and I went block teaching this morning. Did my ironing this p.m. Donna drove part way home tonight after school. Went to a stork shower on Elva Spainhour tonight at Elva's home. Florence Oates gave it for her. Nice time.

May 18, Wednesday

Washed Donna's black school skirt also let the hem down. We talked over the stunt they've asked our ward to give at the Relief Society party a week Friday. They want me to take part in it, Lorene, too. No music for Mutual, Beth went swimming with scouts, Daddy had to go home and bring Donna down to play as singing was most of the program tonight. She was tired and wanted to rest. Bishop Golf talked to elder's. Junior's had party for Jane Crawley after Mutual, here. Girls had nice time at party.

May 19, Thursday

I went over to Annie's about 12:30 noon, did a feather stitch on three little petticoats for Lucille Fife's baby layette. Brought two home to crochet on. Got home at 6 p.m. I surely thought dinner would be ready. Nothing started, Sue uptown and didn't get home until after 10 p.m. Pearl and Herm Hollenback called at night, on way to Salt Lake from Santa Barbara. They stayed overnight. I slept with Donna and Elaine. Herm slept with Lou. Pearl and kiddies slept at Annie's.

May 20, Friday

Al went to work but there was no work, so he came home again. I got breakfast for Herm, then he went over to Annie's. They left for Salt Lake on the 6 p.m. bus this evening, going to stop over and see Otto and Violet in Cedar. Donna, Rex, Lloyd, and Elaine went to Highland show. Daddy and I visited with Annie and Bill and enjoyed some ice cream. I finished crocheting another little petticoat while at Annie's tonight.

May 21, Saturday

Daddy took me to Mrs. Browning's, but she wasn't home. Mrs. Bowen says she thinks they'll take the new cream special, though. She's going to let me know. I came home for Donna, and we went uptown and bought her a white crepe sport outfit, and hat and purse, also. They are her birthday presents, but we



Mel Renshaw & Elvie
(Louis' brother)

got them early for a school function. Donna and Rex went to a wedding in Venice tonight, Gunnar Nielson. [See Gunnar Nielson's story on next page.] We met Sue and kids uptown. Daddy and I went to Highland Park tonight, met Mr. and Mrs. Wass.

May 22, Sunday

Daddy and I walked home from Sunday School, lovely day. Took Annie, Br. and Sr. Marsh, and Ruthie for nice long ride after dinner up to Arrowhead. I surely enjoyed it. [This is about 160 miles round trip.] Got home about 8:15 p.m. Took Annie home, then Marshes. Sr. Marsh prepared a nice lunch for us. Rex drove Sue's car up to Camp Baldy, took Elaine, Bob M., Donna and Sue, they got home in time for church. Was Bishop's meeting today at stake house, Bill went, also. Happy Day!

May 23 Monday

Did Mrs. Pierre's washing again today, was tired out, didn't get through until 1 p.m. It surely has been hot today. It was block teacher's report meeting here tonight. Daddy and I took the kiddies over to Annie's this evening. I finished the other three little petticoats and took them to Annie. I think Sue took in a show tonight.

May 24, Tuesday

Did big ironing and went over to Sr. Stead's to practice for the Relief Society program, some stunt! I'm a Danish skier, Lorene is a Swedish sea captain. Real hot today. Eva Udall brought me home in her car. Sue and Donna went to practice for Indian program, Mutual. Daddy and I walked to Safeway, bought things for Donna's sandwiches tomorrow. To bed early.



Feather stitch

May 25, Wednesday

I got up at five o'clock, made 2 dozen sandwiches for Donna to take this morning. They are having a class picnic at Balboa Beach. She went to school in bathing suit, and pajamas (beach pajamas) "Happy Days." I wrote to Violet, would surely love to see her and Dolores and Otto. Practiced for our stunt after Relief Society. Grama Renshaw surprised us with a visit this afternoon. She's been in L.A. since Monday. She came from Arizona to work out at Catalina Island this summer. Mrs. MacRae died and her lawyer asked Mother to run the hotel until they get things settled up. Louis and his mother went to a show tonight, she is leaving for Catalina in morning. I went to the Mutual dance, Junior Girls gave their Spanish program at intermission. Al took me to Mrs. Browning's, sold \$3.00 special.



Clara Mae and Donna Renshaw
wearing beach pajama's

Gunnar Nielson

Gunnar was born 6th of April in Odense, Denmark. His father was Harold Holger Nielson and his mother was Anna Hansine Bencke. He was the oldest of eleven children, eight boys and three girls. When he was five years old his father decided to come to America, learn the language, save money, and then send for his family. In 1909 the family sailed for America on the ship Canada. They were thirty days on the ocean. While crossing the North Sea a fierce storm came up. Gunnar with the rest of the family was on deck. Before they could get below a huge wave broke over the ship and Gunnar [age 5] would have been washed overboard if a missionary had not grabbed him by his coat and pulled him back. The ship landed in Portland, Maine. They then took a train to New York and continued by train to Brigham City, Utah.



Taken 1911 or 1912 in Brigham City, Utah. Left to right Esther, Harold, Gunnar, Anne holding Lee, and Ernest in front.

It was very hard for the family for the first few years. The children who were old enough worked on farms picking fruit, thinning sugar beets and any other work that was available. The father was a mason by trade and helped build many homes in that community. When winter came it was hard for the father to support his growing family. He found work in a sugar factory in the small town of Garland. This town was twenty miles north of Brigham City. It was while living here that Gunnar became acquainted with Lyman Felstead. They remained fast friends the rest of their lives.

In 1922 the family moved to Salt Lake City. They were happy there as they found many Danish friends. When Gunnar was in his early twenties he went to San Francisco. He found a good job there and stayed until he went to live with his parents in North Hollywood, California. California was a good move for the family as the father could work year round.

He was fortunate to obtain work on the large Grauman's Theatre on 3rd and Broadway in downtown Los Angeles. He did the fine finishing work. He worked there making good money for nearly a year. While living at home Gunnar attended the North Hollywood Ward. He had a strong desire to go on a mission. In 1927 he was called to fill a two year mission in Denmark. Some time before his call he had been told by Patriarch Thomas that he would go to his native country on a mission. He was excited to go and was a very successful missionary. The people loved him. He in turn loved them. When it came time for him to be released he asked to stay longer. Being born in Denmark he could speak the language better than the other missionaries therefore when any of the apostles came to visit the mission he translated for them. The members gave him many beautiful gifts. Some were very expensive. He was released in June 1929. Before coming home he was thrilled to be able to visit many other countries in Europe.

His family and friends gave him a welcome home party. His mother told me that she missed him and when she found him he was in the garden very sad and wished he was back in Denmark. These were the years of the great depression. His Uncle Karl Fischer offered him a job working as a salesman for his dairy company located in Venice. While living close to his work he attended the Mar Vista Ward. Mar Vista was the ward I was living in and that is where we met. I liked him



Venice Lee, also known as Marjorie Lee.

from the first date. He had such a great personality and was very religious. We went together for about two years. We were married in Karl and Mary Fischer's home in Mar Vista. It was a beautiful wedding the 21st of May 1932. Many friends and relatives came. Karl and Mary Fischer had so much good food there people talked about it as being the best Danish food they had ever eaten.

The next day we left for a two week honeymoon in Utah and Wyoming. We were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple the 24th of May 1932.

Upon returning home I continued to work for the Security First National Bank in Santa Monica and Gunnar went back to his job with

his uncle. Our first child, Diana Lee, was born on the 5th of May 1933. Two and a half years later John David was born on the 8th of January 1936.

Gunnar had a strong premonition that he was not going to live long. He said he did not want to die in a hospital. He wanted to go with his boots on. He asked me to let his mother take care of his children if I had to go to work. He was afraid that they would not be taken care of properly. How strange it seemed to me to have him dwell on the future as if he was not going to be with us. He even suggested that his friend of so many years, Lyman Felstead, would make me a good husband and be a perfect father for his children. One day he said, "John will never remember me, Diana might for a short time." The days just before his death were very different in many respects. We would always go to North Hollywood and visit this mother on his day off which was every Monday. He asked the company if he could work for two weeks and then have two days off. That was very unusual as he so looked forward to his day off. He said, "I want to stay all day with mother instead of a few hours." We were in the car ready to go home when he turned off the motor and went in the house and kissed his mother goodbye again. It was the last time he was to see her. The next day he would not let me out of his sight. He was killed in an automobile accident the next morning.

I did marry his best friend Lyman Felstead. I did go to work and his mother did take care of his children. Lyman was such a good husband and father. He is gone now and we miss him. How the grandchildren loved him and I am sure that he and Gunnar have had a great reunion.

I want to add something that is very sacred and special to me. About fifteen years ago Lyman and I were living in Woodland Hills, California. One morning just as it was getting light I opened my eyes and saw standing in the doorway Gunnar. He said no words, just looked at us. He was there a very short time then vanished. I knew Lyman was awake as he had turned over quickly. I said, "Did you see who was in the doorway?" He said "Yes, I saw him too." I am so grateful that we both had this experience.

The Prophet Joseph Smith has said "The spirits of the just are not far from us, [they] know and understand our thoughts, feelings and emotions."

Written 29 June 1988 by Marjorie Lee,
Gunnar's wife
[Found on Family Search.]

May 26, Thursday

Donna is so stiff and sore from her day at beach yesterday. She went to bed when she got home from school for two hours, so she could rest before going to her program at Glendale tonight. She and Sue made good looking squaws alright. I sat up and waited for her to come home, so I could help her get that red powder off her sore sunburned face. She was "Minnehaha!" Sr. Wilmar made Donna's costume, cute.

Minnehaha is a fictional Native American woman documented in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's 1855 epic poem *The Song of Hiawatha*.

May 27, Friday

I slept until 7:30 this a.m. Donna was so worn out, I insisted on her staying home from school and resting up. Eva Udall came for me at 10:10. We went through our part on the program once, for practice, when we got to stake house. Enjoyed banquet, was lovely. It surely upset me when Sue told me about our dear little Dolores breaking her collar bone, poor little kiddie. Am glad our program is over, they told us it was good. I was the champion skier for Denmark. We took Donna over to Aldama home coming. She sang three numbers in a double trio. Hurried home, and went to stake Garden dance with Rex, Elaine, and Billy, in our Ford. P.S. Donna got a wet finger wave this morning. Sr. Peterson had her long hair cut and waved.

May 28, Saturday

Anna Lea gave me a wet finger wave this morning (25¢). I dried it a little at Annie's oven. Walked home, and finished my housework. Hope my dear little Dolores is feeling better. Tonight I went to Mar Vista with Sue, Rex, and Donna. Enjoyed program. We came home as soon as Sue and Donna got through their part. They surely made good Indian squaws. I sat with Sr. White and Rex. Donna was Minnehaha, and Ed Robinson was Hiawatha. It was a Mutual road show.

May 29, Sunday

Last night Lou went to show with Al and kiddies while we went to Mar Vista Ward. Donna and Marion Christensen gave their talks in Sunday School this morning, very fine. Donna's talk was on the Resurrection. Our class work was cut 15 minutes so Br. Haddock could have a singing practice, was good. We all enjoyed it. Sue and family went out for ride, took some flowers to Inez's grave. I crocheted on Lucille's baby dress, went to church.



Gene and Inez Judd standing, Kenneth and Norman Judd in front

Al Hoglund's sister Inez died May, 1930

May 30, Monday—Memorial Day

We left about 8:45 this morning for lovely morning ride. Didn't know just where, when we started out. Rex and Donna went with us, Rex drove. We landed up at Lake Arrowhead. Beautiful up there, but quite cool. Came back to San Bernardino and ate dinner. Walked around, looked at the three show houses, but didn't go. Donna drove us about 20 miles out of San Bernardino. She and Rex went to show in Highland Park this afternoon. We went at night. Donna went to bed early tonight. She was tired out, Rex had to play ball.

May 31, Tuesday

Another big washing this morning, did Mrs. Pierre's again, makes the fourth one we've done, poor woman, I surely wish she'd get well. Sue and I both went uptown, but not together, she had to go to bank first. She let me have \$7.00, I bought Donna a little plush jacket, tan, and some underwear for her birthday tomorrow. Inez Egan came over to practice song with girls tonight. Elaine made some taffy tonight, was good.





Donna Renshaw

June 1, Wednesday—My Darling’s Birthday!

Feel better than I did 17 years ago today, thank you. Finished most of ironing before going to Relief Society.

Sue and I went uptown on business this a.m. I asked her to stop in town and bring me one of those big cakes, 65¢, for Donna’s birthday. She brought a cherry cake, delicious. Daddy called Rex and invited him to dinner. Sue made chocolate ice cream. It was lovely, also. We had squash and string beans for vegetables as that was what Donna



asked for. Rex took her to a show at nite. They saw “The Man Who Played God.” Annie, Beverly, Lorene and Mary came, just after Donna and Rex left. They brought a beautiful set, necklace,

earrings, and bracelet. It’s a graduation gift, also, lovely. Sue and Elaine gave Donna a dollar bill. Grama gave her a dollar bill, too. She wore the new

dress and jacket we gave her to the show. Daddy organized his first choir on Donna’s birthday.

June 2, Thursday

I went back to bed after putting up lunches. Didn’t sleep very well, lots of pain this time. Sue took Shirley uptown this morning, bought her a little white flannel coat. Came home in time for Shirley to go to school this afternoon, went back to town and stayed until after 6 p.m., lots of shopping for trip to Salt Lake. Rex drove our car and took Donna and I to school play at Huntington Park High. Saw “The Thirteenth Chair,” very good.



June 3, Friday

It rained about two hours this morning. I’ve never seen it rain here in June before. We’ve only had about three hot days so far. Sue and I went to a program at Monte Vista School this afternoon. Bette was Mistress Mary, and Shirley was one of the little children that lived in the old woman’s shoe, was a very cute program. Stayed home tonight. Went to bed early.

June 4, Saturday—Bill buys a car! The Andersen’s first auto.

Daddy helped with work this a.m., he vacuumed front rooms. Sue made herself two dresses, she’s getting her things ready for the trip back home. I took the little dress and petticoat



Donna Renshaw

that I crocheted on to Annie’s. Bill and Br. Gunn came with a Graham Page auto, for Annie to see. Was a dandy car, but she didn’t think they could pay for it, so he took it back and brought home a Chevrolet, they now own their first car. Donna and Elaine made a strawberry short cake.

June 5, Sunday

Bill drove his car to Sunday School. I’m surely glad they have a car at last. Elaine didn’t go to Sunday School so we enjoyed dinner as soon as we got home. Was Sunday School union meeting today. We brought Sr. Marsh home, it was her birthday today. Rex brought Donna home from his house, she had to practice and do homework, he came back home. We ate lunch with them and took them to church. Picked up Sr. Cannon and Helen, and Lillian Fleming and brought them to church. Very fine meeting. Br. Goddard was our speaker.

June 6, Monday

We did Mrs. Pierre's washing again, she surely has had a long spell of sickness and looks bad. I talked to her today. We went to the funeral of a little six year old boy, he was killed when a big log rolled on him, he came to my Sunday school class twice. I took some flowers from our Sunday School class. Florence Gibson and I bought them. Bishop spoke fine. Went to cemetery with Sue and Al and Br. Duke. Little boy's name was Curtis Simmons, I feel so sorry for his poor folks.

June 7, Tuesday

I walked to the post office (it has moved to its new home, South Avenue 59 now). I mailed all of Donna's graduation announcements. Did my ironing when I got home, was a big one. I was all in when I got through. Oh, these last few days of school, our daughter is some busy little lady, lots of fun, going places and doing things, with no little worry mixed in over the final tests, chemistry today. Elaine went to L.A. Stake dance with Steve Muir.

June 8, Wednesday

Another beautiful day, such a treat to have summer here at last Sue received an announcement from Uncle John, Elsie Salt was married last February, hope she'll find happiness this time. I went to sewing meeting at Relief Society for about two and a half hours. Sue went for finger wave. I fixed a lunch for Sue to take on bus. Annie and Lorene came over to say "goodbye." Louis cleaned up as soon as he got home from work. We took Sue and Shirley to the union bus, no place to park, so let them out and came back home. I ran in station to say bye bye to Ruth, but she wasn't there yet. I went to genealogy meeting at night. Ruth and kiddies are going on same bus with Sue.

June 9, Thursday

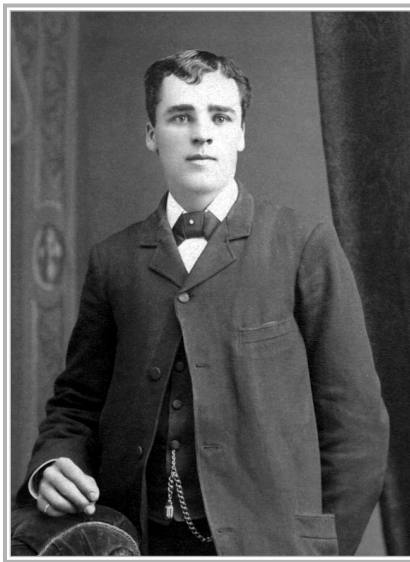
It surely is quiet around here today. Bette took her lunch. I wrote to Violet and Grama R. Went over to Annie's and helped to embroider little flowers on the baby dresses for Lucille Fife. Jack Rich came for me at 3:45, Elaine sent him, Sue left \$10.00 with me, for him. I went with him to call on an insurance prospect. Jack told me about Frank Rich and Janet, sorry. Venna Cannon is sick again, Helen called and asked us to pray for her. Daddy brought some apricots home from work and we made marmalade.



Curtis Simmons, image from Family Search.

June 10, Friday

We slept over this morning. Daddy had to jump and run, Uncle Bill was outside waiting for him. Donna couldn't go with them, so she decided to miss the first two periods. We went uptown 8:30 a.m. and bought her graduation shoes, left them to be tinted buff. Also bought a pair of white shoes for sport outfit. She went on to school. I waited around town to see the ex-soldiers parade on their march to the capital at Washington. I got too tired waiting, so came home without seeing parade. Tonight we took Donna down to the Junior and Senior Prom. They held it in the L.A. Stake house. Rex rode down and back with us. Donna couldn't take Rex, as the school didn't allow any outsiders. She slept at Childes' home tonight, with her girlfriends.



John Albert Strong "Uncle John" is Elvie's mother, Mary Elizabeth's brother. His daughter Elsie married William C. Salt in 1914. They had two children in 1915 and 1916. They later divorced. In February 1932, Elsie married Anthony Nelson Austin. That marriage is mentioned on June 8th.

June 11, Saturday

Elaine had kitchen work all done when the family got up this a.m. She left about 8 a.m. for town to buy shoes. Daddy helped me to vacuum rugs. Didn't rest very well last two nights, bothered with asthma. I opened the flour sack Thursday, no one here to do it for me. Enjoyed ourselves tonight at the Sunday School picnic up at Oak Wilde. Took Sr. Marsh up and home after.

June 12, Sunday

I got up early, cooked leg of lamb, made pineapple ice cream. Bishop froze it, that's the hard work. They wouldn't have any ice cream if I had to freeze it. I prepared vegetables. The children were wonderful in Sunday School class today. I love them so. Florence Gibson is visiting in Salt Lake City, we surely missed her. Lloyd Pack came in the afternoon. Rex brought his mother and Ruthie up about 6:30. We ate ice cream. We took Sr. Marsh, and Ruthie and Rex to Baccalaureate service in the Huntington Park High School. It was a lovely program and address.



Georgene Clark

June 15, Monday

Had some picnic trying to get through the washing alone it won't be as hard next week. I know how to work Sue's washer now. I went to bank to take Al's tithing, and to post office to send a \$10.00 money order to Sue for Al. Donna spilt acid on her blue coat in chemistry, big hole in sleeve. Well, she's through with chemistry now and I am glad of it. Her friend, Georgene Clark, sent her a nice little compact with Elaine, for graduation gift. Donna, Bette, and Elaine went to York show tonight. Al treated to show. Daddy and I called for them.

June 14, Tuesday

I did the ironing; Elaine finished hers when she came from school. We got a letter from Sue at last. She had some trip on the bus. Something went wrong and they had to send back to L.A. for another bus. They were about eight hours late getting into Salt Lake. We had Sunday School local board meeting here tonight. I served fruit Jell-Well and cakes to Sunday School board members.

June 15, Wednesday

I went uptown at 11 a.m. and bought set of pictures for Sunday School lessons, from Bible Institute. I bought velvet to make a sash for Donna's graduation dress, buff to match her shoes. I went to Excelcis office for Lorene's and Sr. Marsh's orders. Big day for Donna. She went with the class to Catalina Island. Grama gave her a very pretty ring for graduation gift. We sent Grama's birthday gift out with Donna, necklace and bath salts. I was too tired to go to genealogy meeting tonight. Rex went to school for Donna at 7:30 p.m. Louis went to choir practice tonite.

June 16, Thursday

Donna went to Franklin High with Elaine this morning, getting year book signed and visiting friends and teachers, more fun! She had to be down at Huntington Park School to rehearse for graduation. Anna Lee gave her a finger wave at 5 p.m. Daddy took her over to get said wave, she got tired of waiting for him to call for her, so she stayed all night with Beverly. Bill called me to tell me she was in bed.

June 17, Friday—Graduation Day

No red ink, but it's a red letter day just the same. Elaine got a wet finger wave this a.m. She and Donna walked home together, they cleaned their room up very fine, got rid of a lot of junk. I gave Donna a facial. Rex came about 6:30. Donna looked lovely; he took Donna and Elaine in our car. Daddy took Annie and Lorene and me in Bill's car. The graduation

GRADUATION DRESS REQUIREMENTS, 1932

The dress must be afternoon style.
The dress must be ankle length.
The sleeves may be anything except sleeveless or full length.
There are to be no sunbacks.
The color may range from pastel to the more vivid shades.
There are to be no white dresses.
The material may be of any silk crepe. This does not limit it to flat crepe.
There are to be no chiffons, georgettes, or any material that is not silk.
The cost of each dress must not exceed fifteen dollars.
White corsages are to be worn, the cost of which must not exceed fifty cents each.
Any shoes that are appropriate to wear with the above type of dress is permissible.
Gloves and hats are not to be worn.

This is a copy of a note that all the female graduates of Huntington Park High received in 1932. Elvie saved the note with her keepsakes.



*Donna Renshaw in 1931
with flowers from Rex Marsh*



class was a beautiful sight, about 400 of them, looked like a lovely flower garden, my flower the sweetest, just like a mother, eh? Our Donna graduated with high honors, we were very proud of her. Daddy treated Rex and Donna to eats after graduation at Chili-Ville.



June 18, Saturday

Saturday's work as usual, Donna went to Primary. I'm having a picnic taking care of Al's money and the Excelcis, also. This afternoon Donna, Bette and Elaine went to the Highland show. Daddy and I went at night, good show. Lloyd and Rex took Donna and Elaine out, uptown to show at nite. Little two year old Booth boy died, his brother Maysheer, and little sister Betty are in our Sunday School class.

June 19, Sunday

Annie looked sweet in her new dress this morning. I'm happy they have a car now. I made vanilla ice cream today. Daddy said it was the best yet. After dinner, Daddy and I took a ride to Huntington Park. We looked at houses for rent in Walnut Park, South Gate, and Huntington Park. Rex and Lloyd came to take the girls for ride, but Elaine wouldn't go. She went with her Dad and Clayton family. Donna went with boys. We all went to church.

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Program

"A Grecian Festival on Western Soil"

NUTCRACKER SUITE *P. Tschaikowsky*

- (a) MARCH
- (b) DANSE CHINOISE
- (c) DANSE ARABE

"ANDANTE" from SYMPHONY No. 5 *P. Tschaikowsky*
High School Orchestra

PROCESSIONAL, Hero's March *Mendelssohn*
High School Orchestra

INVOCATION
Rev. Walter A. Pegg, First Baptist Church
Huntington Park

"INVICTUS" *Huhn*
Dick Kane, Albert Roney
Harry Christensen, Leonard Askham
Accompanist, Elwin Myrick

"THE OLYMPIADS IN REVIEW" *Foy Draper*

"THE GREEK IDEAL IN MODERN LIFE" *Margaret Faye Keen*

"RAKOCZY MARCH" (Hungarian Rhapsodie No. 15) *Franz Liszt*
Elwin Myrick

"THE OLYMPIADS PAVE THE WAY TO PEACE"
Arthur Joseph St. Martin

"THE WESTERN WORLD AWAITS THE TENTH OYMPIAD"
Edna Archer Smith

"LET ALL MY LIFE BE MUSIC" *Spross*
Senior Girls Glee
Accompanist, Genevieve Drake

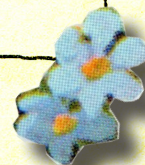
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RECESSIONAL, "Spirit of the Hour" (Grand March) *W. A. Wallace*





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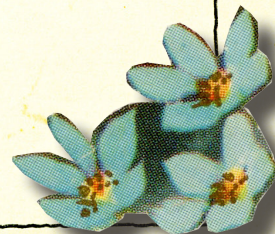
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June 20, Monday

I washed a big washing, it surely was a hot day. Girls did housework. Donna had some Primary children come to practice for the operetta. I went to the little Booth boy's funeral at Kresse's parlor at 2 p.m. I took some flowers and a card from our little Primary class in Sunday School. Bill bought two new tires tonight. Daddy and I took some Excelcis down to Marshes'. Donna and Elaine went to the library tonight. We'll have reading all day tomorrow.

June 21, Tuesday

Started ironing about 6:30 this morning. Elaine finished hers when I got through. Donna and I left at eleven o'clock with a gentleman from Woodbury's business college. He took us through the college, and to lunch. Wish we had money to send Donna there, \$24.00 a month. We took Donna over to visit Alice Brown in Alhambra. Alice's friend, Helen, brought her home. Miss Wiswal came for Excelcis. She stayed so long I began to think she wasn't going home.

June 22, Wednesday—Grama's Birthday

Donna took her gift to Island last week. I went block teaching alone this morning. Sr. Snow is still in bed, but feeling better. Al took the kids over to Brookside Park to swim. He also took me the last two places I visited, I was glad, as I was tired. I went to Relief Society, Al went, also. Very good, genealogical meeting tonight. Al treated Bette and I to ice cream sodas after meeting, choir practice wasn't over. Annie is sick in bed with bad back. I sent Sue \$10.00 dollar money order that we owed her, also sent payment on car.



Al took the kids to swim at Brookside Park

June 23, Thursday

I started cleaning kitchen walls at 6:30 this morning, called Donna, Elaine, and Bette about 8:30, told them I'd give them 25¢ each, and Bette a dime, if they'd help me finish kitchen woodwork and bathroom woodwork. After a lot of monkey

Woodbury Business College

Begun by one man in one room in a storefront in the historic center of Los Angeles, Woodbury University was founded 127 years ago. Woodbury Business College (as it was initially named) was founded by entrepreneur and education pioneer F.C. Woodbury, who came from a family of educators. In 1884, Los Angeles was a rapidly growing town with a population of approximately 35,000. New business enterprises were starting and community leaders looked forward to expansion and growth. Woodbury was established to service this growing business population. For the first 103 years, the university was located in central Los Angeles. Woodbury moved to its present 22.5 -acre residential campus in Burbank in September 1987. -Wikipedia

business they got started at real work. We had curtains back up, everything nice and clean about 4 p.m., but I was surely all in, ached all over. Sr. Udall came to take me to genealogy stake meeting, but I was too tired. Donna prepared dinner. Daddy took me over to take Sr. Wilmar her slippers.

June 24, Friday

Louis, Charles, and Bill administered to Annie last night. We called in on way from Wilmar's. Anna Lee gave me a wet finger wave 11:45, it almost dried coming home. I did the back porch woodwork this morning, surely was a job, so dirty, then I did the wood work in hall, there are six doors in that hall, some job, and me so stiff, I could hardly get up and down. It's a good thing Louis gave my legs an alcohol rub last nite, or I'd never been able to move this morning. Annie is feeling a little better, I called in on way home. Beverly made me a nice raspberry jam sandwich. Rex took Donna to a show. Elaine and her girlfriend went to a movie, also.

June 25, Saturday

Work was light today, surely glad, as I'm tired out from housecleaning. This is my unlucky day. I tried all afternoon to balance Al's last week's account, \$4.00 short, and I don't know where it is. I surely hope I'll locate it soon. I've been taking care of Al's money and Excelcis since Sue went away. I'll be sick if I can't find it. Al is surely sweet about it, says not to worry over it, but I can't help it. Daddy and I went to Highland show tonight, good show.

June 26, Sunday

Our Sunday School class received a nice letter of appreciation for the flowers we sent to the little Booth boy's funeral, Maysheer Booth brought it this morning. Br. Watkins visited our class today. Florence gave the lesson. Girls brought Marion Christensen home to dinner. My apricot ice cream was swell, they all said it was the best yet. A Mr. James A. Walton, a candidate for congress was our speaker in church tonight. He gave us a wonderful talk and demonstration on the evils of tobacco. Marshes brought me home in Ernie's car. I walked to church. Daddy went visiting this afternoon, didn't go to church.

June 27, Monday

Annie is feeling a little better, Louis visited with her while we were in church last night. She has a bad back. I washed and girls did housework and went to library. Marion Christensen came over, she drew Elaine's profile today. It's not as good as the one she drew of Donna yesterday, that girl is an artist alright. Block teachers report meeting here tonight. Girls had fun putting up their lunch and planning for big day tomorrow. Alice Brown left for Washington this morning. Donna went to see her off.



June 28, Tuesday

Lots of pain in the night, stayed in bed until nine o'clock this morning. Bette did most of the housework today. I had to sit so I darned sox and read "Rowen Rides the Rumble," cute story. Donna, Elaine, and Marion Christensen got up at five o'clock this a.m., so they could ride down with Daddy and Uncle Bill to work. They left thirty minutes early so Daddy could take them over to Terminal Island, where they spent the day on the beach. They were some red hot looking babies when he brought them home tonight. Oh, what won't we of this age do for a suntan? Rex took Donna to See "Tarzan" Elaine and her Daddy went, also. We held choir practice here at house, Sr. Udall and Rex came. Oh, oh! so discouraging for Daddy.



Elaine Hoglund and Donna Renshaw at the beach

June 29, Wednesday

The girls and I did ironing. Bette did her share, too. I took Al's money to bank. Otto arrived today, the L.A. railway sent for him to be a witness. Rex saw him in town, and took him over to Annie's, we haven't seen him yet. He has been busy with the company and the trial. I went to the Primary operetta, it was very good, kiddies looked so sweet. Donna was all in tonight. Daddy went to church after work to help with stage. Rex helped, also. It's Donna's first experience at giving children's shows.

June 30, Thursday

I washed the bedding on Donna's bed, and our bed, also. Was going to wash Sue's, but was so tired when mine was out, that I just couldn't change water, and start over. Girls took turns helping me shake blankets. I was almost too tired to sleep tonight. I went to bed early.

July 1, Friday

I washed Sue's bedding, girls helped all they could. Al and I went to a genealogy social at Br. and Sr. Chandler's tonight. Br. Summerhays spoke, very fine. We enjoyed the ice cream and cake after meeting. Rex took Donna and Elaine to the Garden dance at stake house. After the dance, 1 a.m. Al, Elaine, and Bette left for Cedar City to bring Sue and Shirley back home. Otto came over to see them off. Hope they have lovely trip.

July 2, Saturday

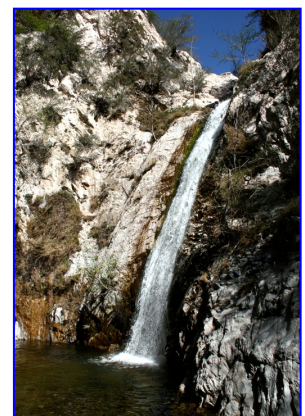
Donna took a cake to the Primary party, given for the kiddies that were in the operetta. I talked all morning to Mrs. Fargillis, she came over and told me all her troubles, I feel sorry for her, but can't tell anyone, as she asked me to never tell anyone. Br. and Sr. Marsh treated us to a show uptown tonight, we enjoyed sandwich after show in swell place.

July 3, Sunday

I made apricot ice cream again today, Daddy had the job of freezing it, he didn't go to Sunday School, he asked Br. Stead to take his place this Sunday, so that we could go to Cedar with Al, but we decided not to go. Marsh family came over to dinner, and Otto came, also. Uncle Frank is in L.A. He came to Sunday School this a.m. surely glad to see him. A lady came to have two babies named and blessed. Louis and Otto took them over to Bill's, so he could do it. We took Marshes for a ride, and to church. Eva Arbon and mother came to church, they just got in L.A. Louis invited them to sleep here tonight, and they did.

July 4, Monday

Donna and Rex left for canyon with Bill, Otto, Beverly, and Glen at six this morning. They went to Oak Wilde and hiked to Switzers. I got up at 8 a.m. and Daddy and I cooked breakfast for Eva Arbon and her mother. They left about 10:30 and went to the beach with John Marsh. Sr. Marsh had to work. Daddy went over for Annie, we had lunch here and went to Highland show. Folks were home from hike when we got home from show. Ate lunch at Annie's. Daddy and I rode to Lincoln Park at nite, to see the fireworks. We called to take Sr. Marsh, but she and Ruthie had left for the park. It was too crowded to see them. The fireworks were beautiful. Don and Elva Spainhour have a baby boy, fine way to celebrate the 4th of July!



Switzer Falls at the headwaters of the Arroyo Sece (creek), in the San Gabriel Mountains, Southern California.

July 5, Tuesday

I took a bath at 6:30 this morning, soon as Daddy left for work. I was just going to start washing at 7 a.m. when Sue, Al and kids came from Cedar. They left there yesterday at 4 p.m. After breakfast we both did washing. Sue brought the dearest pictures of Mother and Dad in their wedding clothes, and other pictures for "Book of Remembrance." Violet and Dolores came on the union bus, arriving in L.A. at 1 p.m. Charles went in Bill's car for her. They both look fine. Otto was in court so couldn't meet them. I settled money with Sue this p.m. glad! Donna's real sick, I'm worried about her. Daddy and I took Elaine and Bette to Annie's tonight.



Mary Elizabeth Strong and James Bailey Wedding Portrait
(Elvie mentions that Sue brought this photo back from a trip to Utah on July 5, 1932.)

July 6, Wednesday

Surely glad I put that salts pack on Donna's throat last night, she was real sick when I got home from Annie's, high fever. She is much better this morning, my prayers were answered again. Sue went to bank with Bishop's tithing. Elaine, Violet, and Beverly went up to the Hall of Records, to hear the trial that Otto is star witness at. I was sorry Donna was sick, she wanted to go with them, in fact, she was the one to get them all excited about hearing it. Rex came to visit her tonight. She was in bed. Jane and Harold Sadler have a baby girl. Lorene brought Mary and Dolores over tonight while Charles went to priesthood. Violet, Otto, Annie, and Bill went to a show uptown.

July 7, Thursday—Uncle Bill's birthday!

Hope he has a happy day. Donna is feeling fine today, am so glad. I did the housework up. Well, Otto made \$10.00 a day while he was acting as witness for L.A. railway. They paid expenses, also. Too bad they don't need him a few more weeks!! I bought my first 3¢ stamps today at post office, mailed Daddy's letter to Grama, tax on everything these days. I visited with Violet and Annie this afternoon. Took my darning over and almost finished it. Daddy called for me after work. Highland show tonite.



July 8, Friday

Am glad that Jane and Harold Sadler have their baby girl, it was born on the 6th of July. Don and Elva Spainhour celebrated the 4th of July by giving to the world a baby

boy. They came very near being twins. We are all happy about them. Bishop went down to administer to Elva last nite. We cleaned through the house today, won't be so hard tomorrow. Sue went uptown. It costs 3¢ to send a letter now. I bought the new Olympic stamps yesterday. Ruth came back from Salt Lake today, brought Wayne with her. Elaine invited him (over phone) to go to the Leap Year dance next Friday nite.

July 9, Saturday

Donna went to Anna Lee for a finger wave and haircut at 8:30 a.m. Am glad she had her hair cut shorter, looks cute, and I hope the wave will stay better now. I went up to Highland Park with Daddy to buy him some white trousers and a straw hat. At 10 a.m. we met the family and went to the beach for a swim and lunch, while Violet and Otto are here to celebrate with us. Came home early. Daddy and Uncle Al went to conference. Sue and I went to show with Bette and Shirley. Donna and Elaine took a walk in Highland Park. P.S. We called in Ruth's to see Wayne, on way home from the beach. Girls drew school savings out of bank to buy bathing suits.

July 10, Sunday

No Sunday School this a.m. on account of stake conference. We went to Home Gardens Sunday School for a visit. Wayne came over with Ruth, girls were glad to see him. We invited him to go to conference with us, but Ruth was going to take him to the beach. We had fried chicken dinner in town. Elaine was with us. The dinner surely tasted good. Heard the afternoon session in the recreation hall over the amplifiers. Took a walk with Daddy between sessions, enjoyed malted milk. Had front seats in evening session. It was a very good meeting. Apostle Rudger Clawson was our visitor from Salt Lake. Brought Beverly, Elise, and Charlie home from conference tonight, also one of Sr. Marsh's lady friends. Sr. Martha Cannon died this morning.



Rudger Clawson (1857-1943) was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, the third child of Hiram B. Clawson and his second polygamous wife, Margaret Gay Judd. Born just ten years after the Saints arrived in the Salt Lake Valley, Clawson's eighty-six years spanned almost equal periods in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.
-Wikipedia

July 11, Monday

No soap powder so didn't wash. Elaine and Donna went up about 8:30 and bought bathing suits, with their school savings. Can't wait to go swimming now. Ruth brought Wayne over to visit while she went to hospital. After lunch Elaine and Donna took him for a walk over to Annie's and Lorene's. Tonight took ward report for Bill to sign, but they were out to a show. Charles invited us over to his house to help him eat some ice cream, Lorene had gone to her Gleaner party at Snow's. Otto left for Cedar on six o'clock bus tonite. He came over to say bye, bye. When Bill brought his car over, we called him in to sign the report. He got excited over tithing he'd paid.

July 12, Tuesday

It looked almost like rain this morning, but just a heavy fog. We washed, cause it doesn't rain in July in our country. I went with Sue and Al to Dr. Martha Cannon's funeral. Al conducted, Apostle Clawson and Bishop Cannon spoke. Rad Robinson and Sr. Mary Bowler sang solos. Lovely. Donna and Louis went to choir practice tonite. Violet and Dolores came to dinner this evening at my invitation. Al took us for nice long ride after, Bette ate at Annie's.

July 13, Wednesday

Lillian called on phone just after Louis left for work at 6:15 a.m. She and Babe [Ralph Stanley Renshaw] arrived from Arizona two hours before, they are going to visit Mother at Island and then Babe is going to Salt Lake. They came out to dinner just as Louis came from work. Sue made pineapple ice cream. I prepared dinner. We took them for a ride. Daddy called to see Fred, his boss, who was in an



Sarah Renshaw & Lillian Keller. Lillian & Babe arrived July 13th to go visit their mother on Catalina Island

accident Sunday. He was too sick to have company. We took Lillian and Babe out to Long Beach. Enjoyed a few dances, went through the beautiful new auditorium, ate cream puffs and came home.

July 14, Thursday

Finished reading my book in bed, after I got Louis and Al off to work, good book, "A White Bird Flying." Annie and Violet called here this a.m. on way to town. I hope Violet can find the dress she wants this time. Sue went uptown with them, she's going to turn back her Excelcis, I guess, went

to talk it over. Rex came to take girls to beach. He waited while they finished some ironing. They stopped in South Gate for Wayne. I hope they'll enjoy the day. I put up their lunch and finished Sue's ironing. This evening we went to stake house to hear Br. Summerhays and a minister, a Mr. West, debate on "Is Mormonism of divine origin," was very interesting. Hope I can go tomorrow nite, also. Al took Heber Robinson, Raymond, Donna, Elaine, Sue, and me. It wasn't crowded coming back. Rex and Wayne came for Donna and Elaine. Daddy missed a good debate.

July 15, Friday

Sue and I went to Wayne Gardner's mother's funeral at 10 a.m. Br. White spoke, fine. It was way out on Venice Boulevard. Stopped in town on way home, bought Donna and myself an 84¢ voile dress at May Co. Ate lunch there, too. Sue bought Elaine a voile dress and cute blouse, and nice pink eyelet embroidered dress. Donna is going to change her dress tomorrow, she doesn't like it. Elaine and Donna took Wayne and Rex to leap year dance at stake house tonite. Al took us to stake house tonite to hear the debate continued. I was disappointed. Mr. West got too radical.

July 16, Saturday

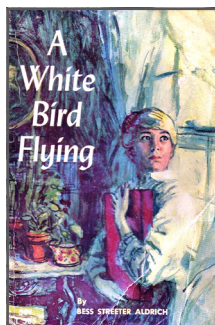
Donna, Elaine, and Sue went uptown this morning to change the girl's dresses. Donna didn't like hers and Elaine's was too small, last time I buy a dress for anyone, when they are not there to try it on. Sue came home, girls went to a show. Wayne and Rex came in evening and took them to a show in Pasadena. We took Marshes out to Long Beach, enjoyed a ride with Florence and Ruthie around Rainbow Pier. Sue and Al and kiddies went out to Long Beach tonight to call on Vera Donelson. We stopped in to see her, also.



Rainbow Pier in Long Beach.

July 17, Sunday

Br. and Sr. White came over to dinner after Sunday School. Dixie and Alvin went to Annie's. We enjoyed their visit, they came back after church and ate some watermelon. Louis took Sue, Sr. White, and me up to see Jane and Harold's baby before church. It's a darling. Dear old man caused a little disturbance in church. He walked up on the stand while the sacrament was being passed, wanted to talk to the Bishop. Our choir sang in church for first time, very fine. P.S. Violet looked so pretty today.



July 18, Monday

After we finished the washing, Sue and Elaine went over to Highland Park shopping. They brought Donna and me some delicious cherries. I brought the clothes in and took a nap. Ruth C. and Helen Holden came for Excelcis, but I was asleep, so didn't know they were here. Daddy cut the lawn after work, it surely needed it. Sue

and Al went to Highland show tonight. We stayed home with kiddies, enjoyed radio. Elaine and Donna are going tomorrow to see if they can "land a job"?!



July 19, Tuesday

The girls came home disappointed because they didn't find work. They

put their application in several stores, too many looking for work now days. I'm not sorry Donna didn't find a job.

I would like her to have a good rest this summer. I finished my ironing about 9:30. Sue made a chocolate cake and cleaned house. Sr. Arbon and Eva came here to dinner this evening. Al took us for a nice ride. We drove through Broadway Street and enjoyed a trip, walking, through the miniature Mexican city. Very interesting, little old Mexico. Donna, Elaine, and Daddy went to choir practice tonite.

July 20, Wednesday

Sr. Snow and I went block teaching, Daddy wasn't working, so he kindly took us around. We enjoyed it very much. Sue took her three girls uptown to a show. This afternoon we took Violet and Dolores for a ride up to Oak Wilde. Bought some fruit to eat. Sue and Al went to genealogy meeting tonight. Donna and Elaine went to Highland show. Donna gave Bette her first piano lesson yesterday. She's been practicing today. Daddy and I rode to Marshes' garage to pay our bill tonight.

July 21, Thursday

I went with Donna to Dr. Reese, he looked her teeth over and said it would cost 17 or 18 dollars to fix 'em up. Well, we've just got to have them fixed. I was glad he didn't have to extract the bad one. He filled it, says it might last a few years. Met Annie, Violet, and Beverly uptown. I treated Violet to lunch and show at Tower. Bought goods for Donna and myself a blouse. Bought Beverly a knit tam for her birthday gift. Violet came home to dinner with me. Dolores was here, also. Ruth Cartwright came in evening. She took Violet home with her.

July 22, Friday

Daddy dressed up this a.m., he took John and Jim Marsh out riding to Olympic City. I made a voile blouse for Donna and me. We did the week's cleaning today. Sue and Louis went shopping for our Strong's picnic tomorrow. Donna went to dentist. She and Elaine had a finger wave this morning. Lorene was baking bread today, so Donna walked all the way over to her house to enjoy a hot scone with catsup on it!!

July 23, Saturday

I had a finger wave from Anna Lee this morning. Daddy took me over. We left about 1:30 for Griffith Park, took the Clayton family in our car. Al took Raymond and Heber Robinson in his car. It was Utah Pioneer Day, and we held our Strong's genealogy reunion, also. Fifty of us sat down to eat. Wonderful turn out of our relatives down here. We all enjoyed it very much. Sr. Cannon called and said she had some fish for us. Daddy and I went after it. She gave us five lovely big fish. Sue and Al took kids to a show tonight. Donna, Elaine, Rex, and Wayne made candy.

July 24, Sunday

After Sunday School we went to Marshes' to dinner. We took Sr. Marsh and Ruthie home from Sunday School Surely enjoyed the good apple pie and ice cream. Daddy took us down to stake house to general union meeting. Pres. LaSwern, from Arizona temple, spoke, fine. Donna and Ruth did dishes. They stayed home. Came over here about 6 p.m. Ate pineapple ice cream. I went to church and sang in the choir, by request. Sr. Arbon and Eva spoke in church tonite. Bishop reorganized the Mutual tonite. Sr. Saxelbee president of young ladies, Florence Oates, counselor, Fred Reiche, president of Young Men. Daddy bought me some good popcorn tonight, lots of butter on it. Rex and Wayne went to Tijuana. Heber Robinson walked home tonite with Donna and Elaine after church.



Bette Hoglund
(Donna Renshaw gave Bette her first piano lesson on July 20th)



July 25, Monday

Didn't wash today, Sue wasn't feeling well, she went uptown shopping, ha! ha! Ruth left her kiddies here while she went to the General Hospital. Mary and Glen came over, also. Donna and Elaine had Vera C., Lucille E., Marion C., and Elaine's girlfriend, Maxine, over for the afternoon. They served punch, cakes, and candy. They are trying to start a club. (Oh dear!) They can't decide what kind to have! Daddy and I met Lillian and Jack uptown at 7 p.m. Jack treated to Orpheum show. Daddy treated to ice cream after. Donna had a date with Rex so couldn't go to show with us. Jack and Lillian came from Catalina Island today; they are leaving for Arizona tomorrow.

July 26, Tuesday

We did the washing today. Wayne's girl called him yesterday and broke their engagement, and his heart, also, I'm told. Hope it's not that bad. I suffered with cramps today. Went to bed in afternoon. The Andersen family and Violet and Dolores came this evening to talk over the beach picnic tomorrow nite. I can't go.

July 27, Wednesday—Beverly's birthday!

15 years old, bless her heart. I spent most of the day in bed, lots of pain, and very little sleep last night. Al took his kiddies over to Annie's, Donna didn't feel well, so stayed with me. Mr. Wilkinson came out to talk Excelcis with Sue and Al. Tonight the folks went to Santa Monica beach on a weenie bake, to celebrate Beverly's birthday. Ruth and Wayne went, also. Daddy and I stayed home, he bought me some nice buttered popcorn. P.S. Sue gave Beverly a pretty little mesh purse, we gave her a white net tam.

July 28, Thursday

Ruth didn't get in touch with Mrs. Banard, so she and her granddaughter, Isabel, didn't go last night. I felt better this a.m., did ironing. Sue made Donna and Elaine a pink voile dress out of some goods she'd bought for herself. It was real sweet of her. The Ford Company called Daddy to work about 9:30 this morning. Glad he got another day this week. Went to Sunday School board meeting at Robinson's tonight. We were all set apart in our different offices. Br. Charlie Morris set Donna and I apart. Br. Gunn set Daddy apart. Daddy set Lucille Evans and Fred Reiche apart. We bought popcorn after and treated the Andersens, Bill and Annie were in bed. Violet and Beverly were just going to bed.

July 29, Friday—Rex's Birthday

I'm very sorry to write that asthma kept me awake most of the night and has bothered me a lot all day, first time the white of an egg wouldn't clear it up. Has been hot all day, too. Sue and Elaine went uptown, bought new shoes for both, white for Elaine, black for Sue. Bette and Shirley took Donna and Elaine's dresses to be hemstitched. Donna and I gave them each a nickel. Tonite Sue and Al went to Excelcis meeting and banquet. Bette had bad earache, but I finally got it stopped and she went to sleep. Donna went to Rex's birthday dinner, he took her to a show after, she gave him bill fold and key rack. I gave him a birthday kiss. Elaine went to dance with



Annie & Bill Andersen with Beverly and Glen in 1928

Maxine, Job's daughter's dance. Daddy cut his hand at work. Doctor dressed it.



July 30, Saturday—big Olympic Games open with Parade

Asthma still with me, wonder what ever started it this time. Haven't had it like this since I left Utah. I find it very hard to work today, can't get my breath if I move around much. I would rather suffer pain than asthma. Oh, dear me! Bill brought his family and Violet and Dolores over this evening. Al took Glen and Dolores to Kress and bought them some molding clay like Bette's and Shirley's. They were at the Highland show. Sue and Al, Elaine, Donna, Rex, and Wayne went to Sunday School class weenie bake at beach tonite. I helped Louis dress his sore hand after work, he worked all day.

July 31, Sunday

Folks went to Mutual convention all day. I had Sunday School class alone. Donna and Elaine wore the matching dresses Sue made. Wayne and Rex came to dinner. We went for a ride in our Ford after. We visited the Mexican town, China town, rode through Elysian Park, and spent about two hours in the Zoo at Griffith Park. I enjoyed it all very much. Daddy didn't go with us, he took a nap. Very fine meeting tonite, Pres. Richards and two ladies from General Mutual Board spoke. We took Marshes home after church.

August 1, Monday

Sr. Marsh left for her vacation over to Catalina Island this morning. We washed this morning. I'm happy because I feel so much better, yet I'm not feeling just right. Glad to be alive, anyway. This is a beautiful world to live in. We enjoyed company for a waffle lunch today. Lorene, Annie, Violet, Charlie, and Sr. Treu. Charlie brought them over in Bill's car. We fed waffles to all the kiddies, too. Dolores and I ate graham crackers and hot chocolate instead. Hoglund family went to Highland show tonite. Rex came to hear the "Blue Monday Jamboree" with Donna. Daddy brought some cling stone peaches (2 crates) home, he bought them for 12¢ a crate at the Plant. We took one over to Annie and Lorene tonite.

August 2, Tuesday

Busy all day! Sue met Annie and Violet, and Venna Cannon and Sr. Robinson uptown. Sr. Robinson went with her to buy a new sacrament cloth; the others went to see a doctor about getting rid of some superfluous fat. Sr. Cannon took them. I did my ironing and molded butter and oleo, cleaned



Rex Marsh
(In 1932 Rex turned 17 years old)

house, too. This evening I put up a crate of peaches, four quarts in preserves and two quarts fresh. Daddy and Donna went to choir. Donna and Elaine went to club over to Vera Chandler this afternoon. Bette and Shirley went to Annie's, Glen came over early this a.m.

August 3, Wednesday

I put Louis' lunch up last nite, so didn't have to get up at 5:30 as usual. Sue and Al have decided to stay in Excelcis now; they went to the office for some today. Glad Al didn't work, 'cause he took us, Lorene, Annie, Violet, Sue and me out to Covina. We enjoyed a lovely lunch and visit with Fern, Fawn, and their mother. Fern has a sweet little home out there. Fawn Ellsworth was married a few months ago, in May I think. Dolores ate with us tonite. This evening after dinner, Daddy and I went for a ride, looked at houses that we'd read about in Highland Park News.

August 4, Thursday

Sue treated Donna, Elaine, and me to a show uptown at Loew's State. We saw Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell in "The First Year," cute picture. The Oriental stage revue was good, also. We had to wait a long time for a seat. Sue and Elaine sat together. I sat alone, Donna did, also. Sue and Elaine got home about 30 minutes before us. Glen came home with Bette and Shirley. He stayed here to dinner. Donna went to visit Vera Chandler this evening, came back and asked to stay all night. Elaine went to library this evening, brought home five books. Girls are no good now until books are read.



Donna Renshaw and Vera Chandler



Los Angeles Public Library—A favorite place for the Hoglund and Renshaw families. Built in 1926

August 5, Friday

Donna stayed all night with Vera, they came over here about 12:30. We had most of the cleaning done when they got here. I have a mean cold in my head. Went to bed after I finished my work to see if I could feel more like going to our picnic this afternoon. Sue fixed most of the dinner. I

United States in 1932

13 million Americans unemployed.

More than 24.5% of the population are unemployed.

Tens of thousands people, load up all belongings & live in cars going from place to place looking for work.

Hooverville's or shanty towns appear around the country built by homeless people using wood from crates, cardboard, scraps of metal, or whatever materials were available to them.

43,000 marchers including 17,000 World War I Vets (Bonus Army) march to Washington D.C. and set up campgrounds demanding early payments of cash bonuses to help survive the Great Depression.

Troops under the orders of General Douglas MacArthur advanced with bayonets and sabers drawn under a shower of bricks and rocks, but no shots were fired. In less than four hours, the troops cleared the Bonus Army's campground using tear gas.

Comptroller of the Currency (or OCC) announces temporary halt by banks of foreclosures.

The Revenue Act of 1932 raised United States tax rates across the board, with the rate on top incomes rising from 25 percent to 63 percent.

The first federal gasoline tax part of the Revenue Act of 1932 taxes apply of 1 cent per gallon.

The Emergency Relief and Construction Act enacted July 21, 1932 was the United States' first major-relief legislation to fund public works hoping to put millions back to work, enabled under Herbert Hoover and later adopted and expanded by Franklin D. Roosevelt as part of his New Deal.

Government and Companies implement wage cuts up to 30% for those lucky enough to be in employment.

Government and Companies cut working hours for those in employment hoping to provide more jobs for those who are unemployed.

Due to Malnutrition and poor health Tuberculosis becomes widespread throughout the US.

The Communist Party of America organizes a "March on Hunger" in Detroit.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt wins a landslide presidential election on November 8th.

The United States forced tens of thousands of Mexicans out of the country during the recession years.

cleaned the corn. Charles took Bette and Shirley over to Park (Brookside) on his second load in Bill's car. Sr. Treu and her three grandchildren, Charlie, Elise, and Josephine from Salt Lake, went with us. Sr. Treu made the apple pies. Oh, they were good! Rex took Donna and Elaine home from Park and to the Highland show. Elaine's new boyfriend Paul called her on the phone today - thrills!!

August 6, Saturday

Louis made hot cakes for breakfast, not for me, but the rest of the family enjoyed them. I try to be careful what I eat, so I can keep on my feet. Mr. Howland from Woodbury's came

to see Donna. If we can get the money somehow for the first months interest, he says he will place her in an office for half a day and she can pay her own way through school. Hope we can get it. I was so sorry to hear of Pres. [LeGrand] Richards grief, his oldest son (16) [LeGrand Ashton Richards] was killed at the beach riding a surf board. Rex and Wayne took Donna and Elaine to a movie tonite.

August 7, Sunday

Jane and Elva had their babies blessed today. Bishop asked for a donation from the Sunday School to buy flowers for Pres. Richards son's funeral tomorrow. Took in over \$6.00 (fine). After dinner Louis took Violet and me and the kids to visit the zoo at Griffith Park. Violet and Dolores ate dinner here. The children surely enjoyed it. Sue went with Elaine, Donna, Wayne, and Rex for ride out to see Lloyd at the nursery. Tonight in church, Daddy was voted in as first counselor to Fred Reiche in the Mutual.



August 8, Monday

We washed this morning. Br. and Sr. Marsh came up, he drove us in Sue's car, to the stake house to Pres. Richards son's funeral. It was so sad, a 16 year old lad, the house was full, and such a wonderful lot of flowers, too. It took us over an hour to get to the cemetery, Forest Lawn. The procession was over two blocks long. Pres. Heber J. Grant spoke at the funeral. Br. and Sr. Marsh ate with us when we got home at 3 p.m. Ruth and Wayne came up, she ate, also. Daddy and I went over to Annie's and Bill's. Glen was running their picture show. I turned Donna's insurance policy in this morning so we can pay her



Interior of the Orpheum Theater
(Built in 1911 in Los Angeles,
California)

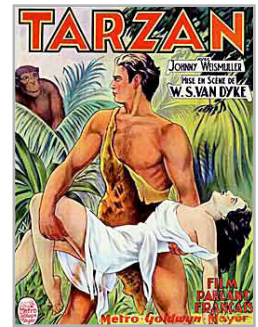
first month in business school. She's had it 16 years. We took out a new policy for her.

August 9, Tuesday

I was ironing at six this morning. I molded butter and oleo together, cleaned up three front rooms and kitchen while Sue prepared dinner for our company. Charles came over about eight o'clock and froze the ice cream for us. Sr. Marsh came at twelve noon. Fern, Fawn, and Sr. Ellsworth a few minutes after. Fern went after Lorene and Violet. Annie went with her to get them. We were so sorry to hear that Sr. Treu had company and couldn't come. We all missed her. Lorene brought a lovely caramel cake. It was choir practice tonite. I stayed home and read to Bette and Shirley.

August 10, Wednesday

I walked over to post office and sent \$7.22 money order, for one of Louis' insurance policies. I hope we can pay the other one next pay day, then they'll be paid up until October I went to sewing meeting at Relief Society. They treated us to a nice lunch. Donna and Elaine came over and embroidered a dish towel. When Donna finished her dish towel, she embroidered a little bib to take to Ruth's stork shower at Magnuson's tonight. She also took a little night gown. Rex took her down to Ruth's; he and Wayne went to a show. I went to South Park with Excelcis crowd in Mrs. Johnson's car. We enjoyed the picnic, also lecture by Mrs. Fairbanks. Tonight I went to York show to see "Tarzan" with Annie, Violet, and Sr. Treu and kiddies. Mutual meeting here.



August 11, Thursday

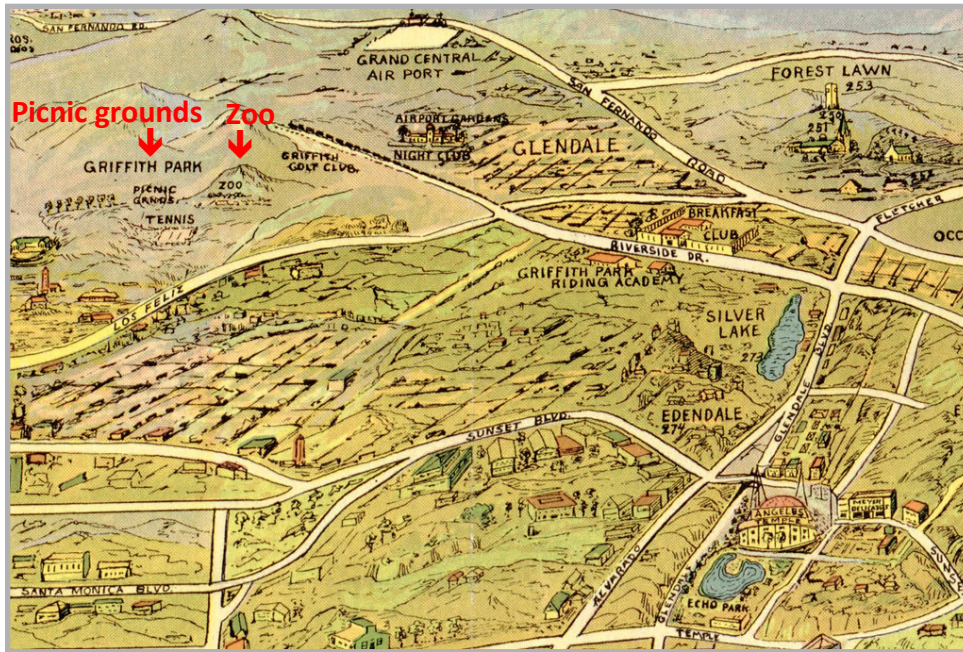
Daddy took me over to get a finger wave at 9:30 this a.m. from Anna Lee. Sue took Anna Egan uptown to lunch and a show. Glen came over this morning. Girls got all excited and wanted to go to beach for swim. So Donna called her Daddy up at Marshes' garage. Told him they'd pay for the gas if he'd take them. Br. Marsh went with us. He filled the car with gas. We went to Alameda Bay. Took Marion C., Lucille E., Elaine and Donna. We ate dinner at Marshes when we came back, cob corn and lamb chops, good! Sr. Marsh and Ruthie were uptown.

August 12, Friday

I did the cleaning. We took Br. and Sr. Marsh uptown. They treated us to a fried chicken dinner at home after the show. We treated to the show, "Orpheum." We enjoyed the show and dinner very much. Did a little shopping in Kress while we were downtown. Bought Shirley a little birthday gift, beads and toy dogs. Louis froze some ice cream for Sue this morning. The folks all came over this afternoon and ate ice cream and cake. We missed out on that. Rex and Donna went swimming with Al, Elaine, and Lucille at Griffith Park pool tonite.

August 13 Saturday

We got up 5:30 this a.m., called for Marshes, went over to Griffith Park and ate breakfast. Daddy cooked it. Sr. Marsh, Ruthie, Donna, John, and I took a hike over to the zoo. Rex helped Daddy cook. Oh! that breakfast did smell and taste good when we got back. Rex and Donna left right after we ate. He had to be back to work at eight, and she had a finger wave at 8:30. We spent about two hours enjoying the animals, mostly the monkeys. Came home, went up for Violet first, got dressed up in our best, went back for Marshes and went to a show uptown. Ate dinner at Marshes' when we got back. Took Violet home to Annie's. Took care of Sue's kiddies while Sue and Al went to a show tonight. Donna spent most of day at Annie's today. Her neck hurts from a bad dive last night.



Griffith Park in Los Angeles

On August 13th the Renshaw and Marsh families enjoyed breakfast and the zoo at Griffith Park.

August 14, Sunday

Sunday School class alone again, Florence Gibson is sick with flu. Donna, Elaine, and Rex went to Home Gardens Sunday School and to dinner at Ruth's after. Wayne invited them. Sr. Pack and Lloyd came here to dinner. They have moved out by Alice and Paul and Helen and Wess. This afternoon Al took us for a ride and over to see Gladys Burnett. Bishopric and speaker sat down in front in church, so the choir could sit on stand. Last of Olympic Games, and I didn't get to see any of them!

August 15, Monday

Charles came over this morning and froze two freezers of ice cream for us. Vinna Cannon came to lunch, Elaine, Lucille, Marion and our girls ate lunch with us, also. The ladies of the ward came about two o'clock and surprised Vinna. We had a very happy time together. Gave her a handkerchief shower. Ruth came over to our party, she and family ate dinner at Annie's tonite. Wayne ate here. We enjoyed "Blue Monday Jamboree" on radio tonight.

August 16, Tuesday

Big washing this morning. I ironed, after I'd rested awhile (seven tableclothes, fourteen napkins, and four pillow slips). Was tired then, so will have to do the rest tomorrow. Donna and Vera and, Marion went swimming. Lewis Marsh took them to Griffith Park. Elaine and Lucille went uptown and had some stamp pictures taken. Choir practice tonite. Al took me and the kids over to Annie's. Sue went teaching with him. Louis called for me after choir practice. Sr. Muir and Steve came for Excelcis. Elaine ate dinner over to Evans and went to L.A. stake dance with Lucille tonite.

August 17, Wednesday

I started my ironing at six o'clock. Marion C. called for girls about 10 a.m. Elaine went with her, Donna went over later. They are having a dinner over to Lucille's house, cooking it themselves, and are staying all nite. Having a slumber party, the four girls. I went to lunch at Sr. Treu's in honor of Violet. Al and Bill ate with us, also. Sue took Sr. Treu a lovely bouquet of flowers. We enjoyed our afternoon so much, and the dinner was lovely, also. She fed children and all, and sent a big piece of coconut cream pie home with me for Louis. Al and Sue took all the kiddies to a show uptown after lunch. Sue and Al took me down to Mrs. Browning's this evening with Excelcis order. I made \$1.07. Mrs. Browning is sick in bed, she thinks she'll have to be operated on. Daddy and I took a walk in evening. We passed

Evan's house and saw the girls having fun. P.S. Beverly drove me home from Treu's.

August 18, Thursday

Another hot day! I went to drug store, looked in city directory for

Mrs. Sam Dick. There is only one, I surely hope it will be Della Strong Dick and hope I can locate the street okay. Sue rented a typewriter, Donna has been typing for her all day. This evening Sue and Al went to visit Pres. Richards and wife. Elaine made a date while I was out to store. Boy she came home from dance with, "Rao?" Surely had us worried, we all three stayed up until she came home.



August 19, Friday

The last three days have been very hot. Glad they had nice cool weather for the Olympic games. Donna typed some Gen. letters for me today. Bette and Shirley slept at Mary's tonite. Well, we all feel better this morning, Elaine is with us safe and sound again. They had some little trouble with the car and made them late last night. Elaine made us some hot biscuits for our lunch today, they tasted good. Jack Rich visited us this afternoon. I'm so glad he's religious now. I hope Della knows he has joined our church, it will make her so happy. Daddy took some boys up to the camp at the Father's and Sons outing today and stayed there over nite. Sue, Al, Elaine, and Wayne and I went to Highland show. Donna and Rex went to Gleaner party at Stead's. Rao called Elaine to see if her folks had forgiven him for keeping her out so late??

August 20, Saturday

I didn't rest very well last nite. No more hot biscuits for me, bothered with asthma along with cramps. I answered Hattie's letter. Al received a letter with his check stating after this pay he'd have a dollar a day cut, awful. In evening we went for a ride with Sue and Al. Donna, Rex, Wayne, and Elaine went for a ride with Bob (Rao).

August 21, Sunday

It was Mutual union meeting for Sue and Louis this afternoon. Donna went along; she gave a book report in the Junior class for Sue on "A White Bird Flying." Sue gave the lesson for Sr. Sessions. Elaine and I stayed home and rested. Al took Bette, Dolores, and Shirley to visit the zoo. This evening Daddy and I brought Sr. Marsh and Mable and Ruthie up to church, took them home after, also.



*Sue Hoglund, Violet & Otto Fife, Beverly Andersen,
Elvie and Lou Renshaw, Dolores Fife in front*

August 22, Monday

I was tired after hanging out the clothes in the hot sun. Sr. Treu came over. Elaine made hot biscuits, I didn't eat any. They looked so darn good, too, but I'm afraid of asthma. Sue went uptown for Excelcis. It was Mutual board meeting at Egan's tonight. Sue and Daddy went. Donna, Elaine, I, and the kiddies enjoyed the "Blue Monday Jamboree." Donna's insurance check came today, \$86.42.

August 23, Tuesday

Sue went to bank with me to cash the insurance check. I hope we can get Donna started in business college now. Saw Sr. Stead in post office, she was mailing some things to Albert at San Diego. I sent Daddy's insurance \$7.22, then walked to Annie's. I took Violet uptown to a show. Saw Jackie Cooper in "Champ", surely good. Beverly and Glen brought Dolores over here. Violet came home with me.

Louis and I took her over to Egan's this evening. She ate dinner with them. I gave Violet 50¢, wish I could give her \$50. Sue and I enjoyed a root beer float in Highland Park today. Choir practice tonite.

August 24, Wednesday

Al's day off, he took us uptown to a show, Lowes State. Surely had a car full. Hoglund family, Violet and Dolores, Donna and me. 9 of us. After the show Sue and Al bought Violet and Dolores each a pair of shoes, nice eh? I called Mr. Howland of Woodbury's college. He said he'd come and talk to us this evening, but he didn't come. Elaine and Bob McConnell made some fudge. Daddy and Donna and I took Violet and Dolores home to Annie's at 10 p.m. Violet is going back to Cedar Friday, Oh, how I hate them to go.

August 25, Thursday

Mr. Howland came out this morning, took Donna down to school for a typing test. Elaine went to Christel Meyer for a finger wave. Donna took about 6 speed tests and they want her to start school next Monday. She is going to work her way through school in an office, after the first month. Tonight I went with Daddy over to Florence Oates. They made plans for the Opening Mutual program.

August 26, Friday

We went over to Annie's about noon. Donna went this morning for finger wave from Anna Lee, then she came back to do some typing for Violet, Strong's genealogy. Daddy went uptown for some tires (retread). He is having them all retread. Our car now registers 2400 miles. He helped to buy some things for lunch, then all ate at Annie's, so we could be with Violet and Dolores. Charles and Lou ate with us. We took both cars, Charles drove Bill's, down to the station. Sr. Treu and Josephine went with us. She was afraid John wouldn't get them down to the station in time for Josephine to get the bus, as he was working. We got there just as they were getting on the bus. Sue, Lorene, Annie, Glen, and I went to station. Donna and Elaine did the dishes. Daddy drove our car alongside the bus for two or three miles. We all wrote bus letters to Violet. These partings make me sick. Rex and Donna went to stake dance tonight. I went up to Beth Gentry's with Daddy tonite, they went over some new choir music.



August 27, Saturday

Daddy took Donna and me uptown. He went to a show while we shopped. I bought DonWna a cute brown jumper and two puffed sleeved blouses, and two pair hose, some brown shoes and silk slippers. Getting her clothes ready to start business college Monday. We ate dinner at the Windsor in Highland Park tonite. Rex took Donna uptown to a show. Daddy and I went to Highland show. Al gets \$1.00 pay cut! Wonder what time Violet arrived in Cedar today. We miss them so!

August 28, Sunday

Big change in the weather, real cool yesterday and today. Donna looked nice in her new jumper and white blouse today. Lucille Evans looked sweet, also. She had a dark red jumper. Donna wore her red blouse last nite. Went to South Gate this afternoon, took a music book to Hilda and the diapers Sue hemmed to Ruth. We called to see Br. Rigg's sister, Clareese, about Mutual program. We saw her new baby boy. We enjoyed peach ice cream at Carl Haws's. We took Sr. Marsh and Ruthie along. Came back for church. Our choir is doing fine. Took Marshes home after church. Sr. Gledhill says she is going to move out of our ward.

August 29, Monday

Donna's first day at Woodbury's college. She left home this a.m. at seven o'clock with \$25, we gave \$5 last Friday. After washing I went block teaching alone. Sr. Snow isn't well, asthma. Elaine and Sue went uptown and bought a brown

jumper dress like Donna's. The girl from the music store called to tell us that Daddy didn't endorse his check. Elaine almost lost her jumper in town, a lady had it. Block teachers meeting here tonight. Daddy and I went over to Annie's to take my report.

August 30, Tuesday

I ironed this a.m. Sue and Elaine went uptown in Mrs. Johnson's car. Garvanza Ward is going to print a bulletin; the material must be in by tomorrow night. It fell my lot to edit for the press. Donna is doing the typing, after school. I worked on it all afternoon while Elaine ironed. Donna and I worked late tonite after choir practice. Daddy helped some. I helped Bette to learn the sacrament gem for Sunday.

August 31, Wednesday

I had finger wave his morning, stopped in Annie's, read Violet's letter. She said the bridge was washed out, they had to go by train from Las Vegas. Glad she got home safe anyway. Bishop gave the priests and teachers a party after their meeting here tonite. He and Sue made pineapple ice cream. They went down to Ruth's and brought Wayne up, Rex took him back. We finished the Ward Bulletin today. Paul Bailey took it to print. I'm so sorry I didn't mention the missionaries in the bulletin, it's a shame! Sr. Marsh, Ruthie, and Florence came for Excelcis, ate ice cream with us. Horrors! The front of my tooth broke off while I was eating lunch, now I can't smile!

The gems originated in 1910 with this explanation from the Juvenile Instructor.

Some time ago a resolution was passed by the General Board recommending to the schools that immediately prior to the administration of the sacrament the school recite in concert a short appropriate verse or text designed to concentrate the minds of the children upon the sacred ordinances to be administered; and further, that immediately after the administration of the sacrament, some adult person in the school be called upon by the presiding officer to express a brief sacrament thought which should also serve to impress upon the children the opportunities and blessings resulting from the sacred ordinance.

We hope that both of these exercises will be made brief and interesting, and in order to accomplish this result, we feel that it is necessary that careful preparation should be given to them. It will not be amiss to advise the person beforehand who is to be called upon to give a sacrament thought after the administration of the ordinance, in order that he or she may, under the Spirit of the Lord, give in a few words, an idea that will tend to bring about a keener appreciation of the sacrament. This exercise should never occupy to exceed three minutes.

Believing that the schools generally would appreciate more definite suggestions as to material to be chosen for sacrament gems and that general uniformity in this exercise might bring good results, we have thought it wise to adopt the plan of recommending through the columns of the Juvenile each month a sacrament gem to be used by all the schools of the Church during that month, this gem to be learned thoroughly by the pupils and recited in concert immediately preceding the administration of the sacrament.

For the month of January we suggest the following verse from a well-known hymn. The verse may have been used in some Sunday School, but probably not appropriate selection could be made from our standard works which has not been used by some of our people.

While of these emblems we partake,
In Jesus' name and for His sake,
Let us remember and be sure
Our hearts and hands are clean and pure.



Shirley & Bette Hoglund
(August 30th Elvie helped Bette to memorize
the sacrament gem for Church.)

The sacrament gem was used for many years starting in 1910. Kathy Marsh Calkins remembers giving it when she was a child.

September 1, Thursday

Sue made Elaine a silk blouse this morning. I mended and darned. Donna stopped in Janet's after school, she had a social for her girlfriends. I got started on my life's story, but I didn't get very far. I stopped to draw the old home. Junior Girls had a theater party tonight at Highland show and refreshments at Helen Holden's after. Donna went over after show. Too much home work to go to show. I read a story to Bette and Shirley, Daddy went out on Mutual business.

September 2, Friday

I was awake most of the night with asthma, wonder why it had to come back after all these years? How I hate it! This afternoon Daddy and I tried to find Mrs. Sam Dick (Della Strong). She turned out to be the wrong woman. Went to town so Daddy could sign his name on the check he gave the Music Co. We took in a picture show while in town, then went over to the stake Mutual party. I was awfully sick with a headache and sick stomach, so spent most of the time on the couch up stairs. It was a very nice party with eats after. Sue and Al went, also. The party was carried out in the Hawaiian idea. They hung a lei around everyone's neck. It was the Strong's genealogical meeting tonight at Blanche's. Annie helped serve. Lorene and Annie, and Bill and Charles went.

September 3, Saturday

Slept well tonight, thank goodness. Louis left on the ten o'clock boat for Catalina Island. He is going to visit with his mother for a day or two. Ruth and family brought Wayne up for a visit, he is leaving for home tomorrow. In the evening Donna, Rex, Elaine, and Wayne took our car and went to the beach. Sue and Al went to a show. I stayed home with the kiddies. I'm used to going somewhere on Saturdays, so miss my Daddy. Sue and Al took me over on Avenue 42 to look at an apartment house this afternoon.

September 4, Sunday

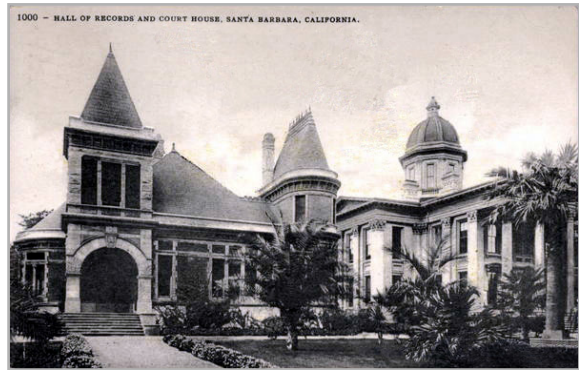
Donna, Bette, and I walked to Sunday School. Arma Hill took our class while we went to fast meeting. Donna bore a lovely testimony. I was so proud of her. I also bore my testimony. Wayne came home to dinner. Rex took Sr. Marsh, Donna, Wayne, and me to Sunday School union meeting, while we were in class he took Wayne to Ruth's, so he could pack his clothes. Donna went with them. After union meeting we came home for Elaine, then went to the U.P. bus station to see Wayne off. Felt sorry for Ruth, she doesn't look well. Br. Magnuson spoke fine in church tonight. Sr. Magnuson came out with him. Daddy came home tonight, came in church late.



Donna Renshaw

September 5, Monday—Labor Day

Donna and Rex planned a little trip in the canyons, had their lunch up and everything when Daddy talked them into going for a ride with us to Santa Barbara. We had a lovely time, took some pictures, by the "Hall of Records" in Santa Barbara, a beautiful edifice. We bought some fruit and helped the kids eat their lunch. Arrived home about 6 p.m. Washed up, ate a bite, and went to Highland show. The Hogle family couldn't decide where to go today, so stayed home, enjoyed ice cream and chicken dinner, and went to a show in the afternoon.



*Hall of Records in Santa Barbara, dedicated 1929
In June of 1925 a 6.3 magnitude earthquake damaged the small
Greek-Revival Santa Barbara Courthouse and Hall of Records
beyond use. Construction on the new courthouse began in 1925.
The new building was dedicated on August 14, 1929*

September 6, Tuesday

Since Donna went back to school and took her pen, I have an awful time trying to write with the old things I find around here. I have a time to write well with a good pen, ha! ha! Hot day, we washed, Bette made us some ice orange juice, sweet child! Tonight Daddy, Elaine, and Donna went to choir. I stayed home with kiddies. Sue took walk. Al went to Kemsley's. Br. Kemsley died Saturday evening at six o'clock. He had been sick for two years, a stroke.

September 7, Wednesday

Br. Kemsley was buried today. I ironed for 3 ½ hours, then looked through Donna's clothes to see what I could take over to the Stark family, a poor little woman whose husband died and left her with five children to raise. Elaine and I made up a nice big bundle of her's and Donna's dresses that they have out grown. This evening I rode out to Oak Wilde with Daddy to make arrangements for his choir party next Saturday night. Donna went home after school with Gail, then to Aunt Annie's. We all ate at Annie's tonight. Sue and Al took Sr. Chandler and Vera out to San Bernardino. Br. Chandler had been hurt in an auto accident. He was with a Mr. Smith, in his car. Mr. Smith isn't expected to live. Ruth brought Sue some goods this afternoon, to make baby nighties for her. She told me that Nellie Fellows ran away and got married. Also said Mr. Fellows died Sunday 4th. Nellie has been married ten days.

September 8, Thursday

Mr. Smith died before the folks got out to San Bernardino. Br. Chandler will be alright in a few days, a few broken ribs. They got home last night about 12 o'clock. Mrs. Smith came here to call her husband's sister, the baby cried so hard it woke us all up. Vera C. came over this morning. Paul and Alice came in evening. Mary Clayton came home with kiddies. She's going to sleep here tonite.

September 9, Friday

Vera Chandler slept here last night. She was all alone so girls asked her over, her mother stayed out to Mr. Chandler's brothers, so she could be at the inquest this morning. Today is the last Friday we will have all the cleaning done on Friday. Next week is school; the girls will have to help a little on Saturday as it's too big a job for me. Elaine and I and Bette and Shirley went to the Arroyo theatre tonite. Sue and Al took us. Good show. Donna and Rex went to Arroyo, also. Daddy went to see about choir picnic. P.S. Sue is busy with Excelcis business.



Vera Chandler

September 10, Saturday

Vera slept here again last night. Lewie and Miriam are on their vacation somewhere, they don't know about their father's accident. Daddy went over to Alhambra this a.m. and bought the things for the choir picnic. Ed Robinson works over there. Sue and Al went to Mr. Smith's funeral this afternoon, took Vera along. I called to answer an ad, but it was taken. Daddy

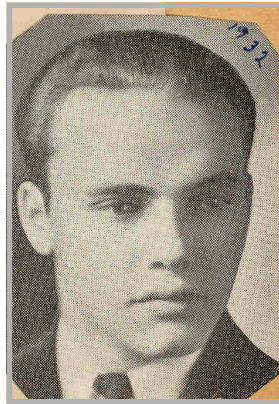
took me over to Mrs. Starks, I have her some clothes Donna and Elaine have out grown. We stopped at Aldama and 61 Avenue to look at house for rent, big place, twelve rooms, I think. Took Sue over to see it, also. Tonight the choir members enjoyed a party up at Oak Wilde. Weiner bake, we danced, also. Nice time.

September 11, Sunday

My Sunday School class was just lovely today, they are the dearest kiddies. Sue, Al, kiddies, and I went over to go through the big house again, so Bette and Shirley could see it. They felt so bad when we didn't take them yesterday. I sat out in the car this afternoon and enjoyed seeing "the rest of the world go by" while Louis enjoyed his Sunday nap. The pictures we took Labor Day are all



Elvie Aurelia



Wayne Strong, Newspaper photo for his mission call

good. Missionary conference tonight, fine meeting. Raymond spoke a few minutes, very fine, Blaine Schaeffer spoke, also. Br. David Cannon was speaker of the evening, surely enjoyed him, too. We rode down to Marshes' after church and took them for a nice ride. Had some good apple cider.

September 12, Monday

Well, the kids are all back in school again. We'll have winter with us before we realize what it's all about. Donna started work this afternoon, she's going to work a few weeks in the afternoons and go to school in the mornings. She is working for Sheriff Traeger's Exploitation Department. Wayne sent Donna, Elaine, and Rex letters. He

has his mission call to South Africa, is leaving next month. Landlord came for rent, says he'll let us know later if he can drop the rent for us.

September 13, Tuesday

Asthma kept me awake most of night. I'm surely no good after a night of asthma. After the work I had to go to bed for two hours. Sue did

kitchen work for a change. I cleaned front rooms. Did my ironing this afternoon then went back to bed again. Sr. Petersen and Lillian came here tonight. They thought choir practice was held here. I'm glad Donna lost her job, I didn't think much of her boss. The job didn't last because they wanted someone to take shorthand, and she can't do that yet.



September 14, Wednesday

Fred Reiche came last nite and fixed the radio. If Donna knew her shorthand they could find work for her a lot sooner, but she hasn't taken it yet, only been in college two weeks. I didn't feel very well today. Went back to bed after I got the lunches all up and folks off. Al and Louis administered to me last night and I slept fine all night, no asthma, but cramps have been bad all day. After dinner this evening I went with Daddy to look at a house he wants to move into. Oh, dear, I don't know what to do?! Nice little place, only \$20, clean, but old fashioned. Mutual opening program tonight. Riggs girls from Home Gardens sang. Daddy conducted program. I didn't eat the ice cream cones. Al cut two fingers at work today.

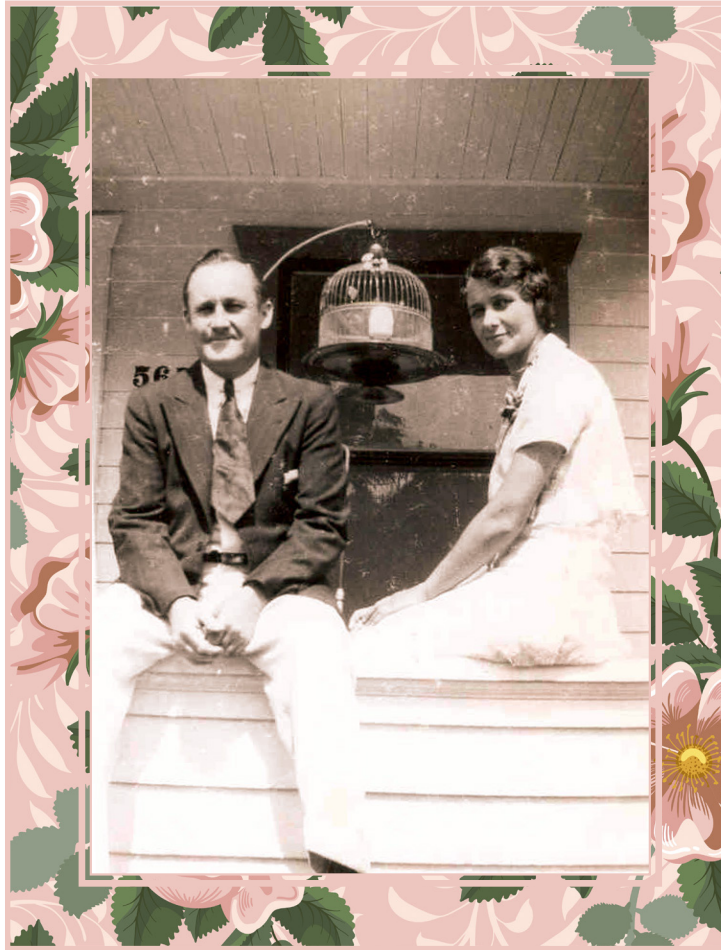
September 15, Thursday

Louis left for work at 2 a.m. this morning, some extra job they wanted done, he came home about noon and slept all afternoon. I walked over to the house we looked at last night and paid \$5.00 on it, so guess it's all settled now. We'll be moving to 5653 Stoll Drive next week. Sue says she'll have to find a cheaper house although her landlord dropped the rent to \$35. Crystal M. gave Donna wet wave this evening. Tonight we went over to our new house and called in Annie's.

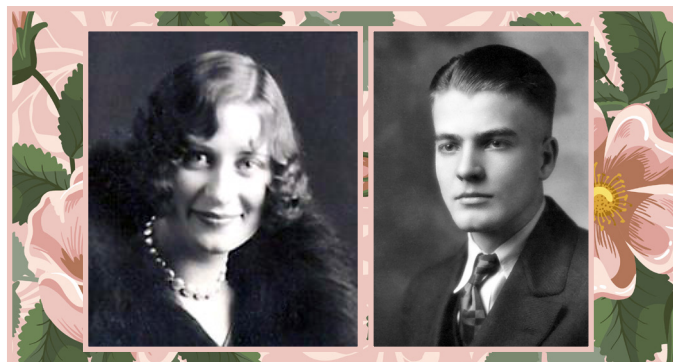
September 16, Friday—Our Wedding Anniversary today!

We've been married 18 years, yes, we still love each other. Sue has been cleaning out drawers and burning things, getting ready to move, if she finds a place. I hope she will find a nice place, cheap. We took her to look at a few houses. She almost decided on one, but when Al went back at night with her to see it, it was rented.

It was on York Boulevard. Al had ward officers meeting here tonight. Louis was excused a little early and we went down to Home Gardens Mutual dance. Daddy wanted to hear the music to see if it would be o.k. for our dances. We didn't stay long, enjoyed doughnuts and popcorn. Received notice today from Aunt Ida and Uncle Alvin that Diana was married today in Salt Lake Temple, on our wedding anniversary.



Louis & Elvie Renshaw—On the porch in their new home at 5653 Stoll Drive. In 1932 Lou & Elvie celebrated their 18th wedding Anniversary



Diana Strong and Alma Arthur Selander were married September 16, 1932

September 17, Saturday

Went uptown this morning, looked at ranges. Went all over, finally went back to warehouse and paid \$5 on a new one (\$17). Ate lunch at Annie's. Bill, Annie, and Beverly rode back to town while we got the range. Annie let us

take \$2. We put it in the garage at the new place. Sue and Al looked for houses most of the day. Tonight we went to Highland Show, saw two very good pictures.

September 18, Sunday

Br. Haddock gave us our singing practice in Sunday School. Ruth called up to tell us Sally Reed's husband was killed at work. Sue and Lou went to Mutual union meeting. Donna and Elaine made some good chocolate caramels. We took Marshes home from church. Br. Marsh treated to ice cream. P.S. Al's fingers are so sore, he cut them at work last Wednesday. They hurt so bad he couldn't go to the opening program of Mutual last week.

September 19, Monday

We had darn big washing.

I was surely tired when it was in and folded down. Sue hasn't found a house yet, but she is getting things ready to move anyway. Al and Sue went out looking at houses after work. Went to bed early.

September 20, Tuesday

Did my ironing. Miss Peterson came for her rent tonight and left us the keys. Daddy went to choir practice. I was so tired I went to bed about 9:30. Sr. Marsh came for Excelcis, left Ruthie here while she went to choir. Lou and Bill connected our new range up tonight after choir.

September 21, Wednesday

Went over to our new house this morning and unpacked all my dishes and washed them, got them put away in cupboards. Gas man came to turn on our gas. I was so tired tonight I couldn't go to Mutual. Sr. Cannon called and asked us to pray for Bob. Sue decided to take house next door to Sr. Udall's on Meridian Street.

September 22, Thursday

I hung some of my curtains last night. Washed and made over some today. Sue gave me some curtains for the bathroom and kitchen. Tonight Daddy and I washed our pictures and hung them, also washed all the pots and pans, and hung most of our clothes, so tired! We laid the rugs down tonight, too.

September 23, Friday

We had our washing done before 8 a.m. Charles took Sue to town to see about having her gas and lights turned on at other house. I made my new drapes for the dining room, went over and put them up, look cute. Annie helped Sue wash dishes today. Charles, Bill, and Lou helped her move some things tonight. Rugs, range, and etcetera. We are moving all the furniture tomorrow.

September 24, Saturday

Charles and Louis connected Sue's gas range last night. Elaine went over early this morning to be there when gas man came to turn on the gas. Van men came to move us at 9 a.m. Went to Marshes first for our piano. It took just one hour and a half to move us, we paid \$1.50 an hour. When our things were unloaded, they started on Sue's, went to Annie's for the dresser. Sue had a much larger load. Donna and I helped Sue pack. I did her ironing and mine early this morning. Louis helped the men move her things. When Al came home from work at noon, the house was empty. He was glad, so was I, because his hand is still sore from the cuts. He helped them unload. They had been gone only a few minutes when he came. Donna went over to help also in the house. I cleaned the empty house up. We had our new home nice and straight about two hours after we came over. We all took a bath and Daddy and I went over on York for groceries, called in Sue's for our butter. Annie was helping her, they were awfully upset and tired out. Rex ate dinner with us this evening, our first meal in the little house. Donna and Rex bought us some chocolates and nuts, they took a walk.

September 25, Sunday

Went to Sunday School Enjoyed our little home all afternoon, rested up from the hard week's work. Good night meeting, Br. and Sr. Sims both spoke. We brought Sr. and Br. Marsh over to see our house. They ate a bite with us. Marion and Albert came, but didn't stay to eat. Donna and Rex took them home. We took Marshes home.

September 26, Monday— Sue's Birthday

I do like my nice little sunny kitchen, in fact I'm happy over the whole house. Feel very much at home here. I also like the little old gentleman who lives in the back of us, very sociable and jolly. He's nearly 80 years old, too. I made a curtain for the front door and one for the slide window in dining room. Polished the piano and chairs in front room, and Donna's bedroom furniture, and dining table and one chair. Walked to Highland market. We went up to Sue's this evening

to wish her happy birthday. She and family out riding, but we waited outside, with Elaine until they came. Lorene and Mary were with them they'd been over to our house. Lorene made Sue a lovely cake, and gave her a very pretty foot stool that Charles made. She'll have to wait until pay day for mine. Annie, Bill, and family called on us this evening. Sue let us take her landlady's heater.

September 27, Tuesday

I finished my furniture polishing job and made over two of my old felt hats. Went Relief Society block teaching alone. Sr. Snow is feeling better, but not well enough to walk far. I felt fine when started, but walking so far on my poor sore foot, it made me almost sick with the pain. Donna went to Lorene's after school to type, she brought Mary home to dinner with her. When Rex came, they took Mary home before going to choir. Daddy worked until six o'clock so was late getting home.

September 28, Wednesday

Last night Bill and Charles came while folks were at choir. Annie has bad toe and wanted to take Louis's nail clippers. Beth walked out on our choir leader [*Louis Renshaw*] last night. Donna had to play for choir practice. Oh, hum! The alarm clock was one hour slow. Daddy was late for work. It takes no time at all to do up the work here, everything is so clean. I went through some old clothes bags I brought from Salt Lake eight years ago. Found two pair of curtains that are not so bad, so washed them, I think I'll use one for this long French door in the dining room. I hemmed the chicken feed sacks, and soaked them in Purex overnight to bleach.

They'll make good dish towels. Donna and I went to Mutual in Rex's car. Daddy worked over time and was too tired to go. Bishop brought me home. He took Sr. Reese, Lorene, and Raymond, also.

September 29, Thursday

The Mutual had to meet upstairs last night. They are renovating the building and we couldn't get in downstairs. We had only three classrooms, so the M men went over to Br. Hjorth's house, and the Gleaners to Lillian Stead's. The priesthood and adult classes met together. I washed and ironed today. At 3:30 we had a thunder storm. I was really nervous for the first time out here, it was awful and the rain just came down. Went to Sue's tonight, Donna had to type. I went to the genealogical meeting at Udall's. Al and Sue took me over, Louie called for me. Sue brought a note to Donna telling her to report for work tomorrow morning at the Chemical Company on College Street. I'm sure it will be for few days, anyway.



Beth Gentry mentioned in 1932 as having disputes with Sue and Lou.



Sue and Al Hoglund, Al holding Bette. (Sue celebrated her 41st birthday in 1932)

September 30, Friday

I left for the stake house this morning at nine o'clock. It was our Relief Society block teacher's conference and union meeting in the afternoon. The stake board treated us all to a nice lunch. I met Sr. Stead at "W" car line, we went together, met Sr. Myer, and Sr. Hansen on 1st Street. Annie has a bad toe like I had once. She took Sr. Lilly White's place in conference today. I came home with Sr. Stead, Sr. Wood, and Sr. Caldwell.

October 1, Saturday

We took Donna down to her new job on College Street at the Pacific Chemical Company. She worked from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Daddy bought me a new table lamp on the way home, \$2.00. We are thinking of changing it, it is a very pretty thing, but just a little large for our room. I did the cleaning when we got home. Daddy fixed light out in the garage. Tonight we went to the Arroyo show. Donna went to show with ?? yes, Rex.

October 2, Sunday

President Richards spoke in our early 9 a.m. meeting, very good. He stayed for fast meeting. Our second bulletin came out today. Sr. Craddock was responsible for this one. Florence Gibson was out of town, I had the class alone. Arma Hill took care of them while I went to fast meeting. We went to Sunday School union meeting, took Myrtle Egan. Donna stayed home to do school work. I gave out the gifts to Sunday School kiddies who hadn't missed for three months. Florence sent them with Harriet, Halloween horns. Daddy wrote to mother today, he conducted in Mutual conjoint tonight. Sr. Marsh and Rex spoke. Lillian Peterson sang, Heber R., Harriet R. and Doris Putnam spoke.

October 3, Monday—My Father's Birthday

I wrote him a letter this morning. Left about 8:30 for Sue's, she had a lot of the clothes ready for me to hang. It looked like rain all morning, but sun came out in afternoon, clothes all dried. Donna went to night school after work. Rex brought her home. She's blue again, cause the job is finished. Dear child, I'd give anything to be able to pay her way through college so she wouldn't have that worry. Daddy went up to Al's to officer's meeting tonight. Hoglund's came in a few minutes tonight while Lou fixed Al's finger, was awful cut. This afternoon we

changed our table lamp for a smaller one, looks much better. Ruth and family came to call on us a few minutes. Wanda and Carl have a baby boy. Carman Butler has a nine pound boy. Wayne sent the girls his missionary farewell program.

October 4, Tuesday

I called Mrs. Bright up yesterday while up to Sue's. She is coming out to visit me next week, says she'll bring Mrs. Cottrell, also. I was busy all day, a little washing, and big ironing. I feather stitched another one of Ruth's baby nighties. She took two of them home yesterday. Ruth says Owen and Lydia are moving into Aunt Clara's house, they are buying it. I hope they'll be happy there. Donna had too much school work and was too tired to go to choir. Rex came, and went to choir alone. I feel just awful about Beth [Gentry] getting her feelings hurt. She went to choir to play and Daddy had asked Sr. Saxelby. He had a talk with Bishop after choir. They went to administer to Br. Udall, too.

October 5, Wednesday

We held our first Relief Society meeting of this season. Block teachers meeting first. Lorene gave the lesson lovely. Sr. Wood gave her lesson in the meeting following. It was a beautiful lesson, also. Bishop came with Sue. We had a wonderful spirit there. We are studying the Doctrine and Covenants. Our Mutual class nominated me in as chairman

of the activity committee. I don't like it, but couldn't get out of it. Sr. Egan and Sr. Hill are on the committee with me. Bishopric kept Louis a long time after Mutual. They want him to continue on in the choir with Beth??? I hope he will. Gale slept with Donna.

October 6, Thursday

Gale and Donna ate a good big breakfast, too bad they can't always eat together, maybe Donna would get fat?? Went block teaching this morning with Sr. Stead. Enjoyed her very much. She walked to post office with me after. I sent money order for our car, paid Our first gas and light bill for this house. Finished the red silk blouse I started this morning for Donna, made it out of my old red silk dress. Sue cut it out last Monday. Daddy and I walked over to Annie's for his clipper. No one was home but we went in anyway. I had to rest my foot, hurt so bad. The missionaries were in our neighborhood tonight. Br. and Sr. Day, and Crystal Myer.



Al Hoglund and Owen A. Bailey
(Owen celebrated his 66th birthday in 1932)

October 7, Friday

A man from Dearden's furniture store came this morning to collect. Our bill has been paid in full a year ago next month. He asked to see our bill of sale. I hunted through all of the receipts, but couldn't find it. He said he'd come again in the morning. Was I upset? I found it after he left, in our insurance policies. Donna was sent on a job this afternoon close to the school. She can walk to it.



Dearden Furniture Store

Daddy took me to Genealogical meeting at Udall's tonight. Sue's diamond ring was so tight, it broke and cut her finger, Charles and Lou took it off with pliers. Rex and Donna went to Highland show.

October 8, Saturday— Bette's Birthday

Housework was a snap today. I did it so well yesterday. Donna had a finger wave from Crystal this morning. Daddy took her over in the car. Vera Chandler came home with her and ate lunch with us. My foot was so sore I had to soak it about 45 minutes. Daddy and I went to Bible institute for Sunday School pictures for my class. Donna went over to Sue's to type. We shopped in Ivers this afternoon, bought work shirts and sox for Daddy. In Woolworths we bought us each a pair of house slippers (30¢) and a pretty paper basket. We gave Bette for her birthday scissors, needles, sewing thread, and a pink comb. She brought some cake over to us. Block teachers came this evening. Br. Van Essen and Fred Reiche. Rex and Donna went to York Show. Marshes called in the car they are thinking of buying.



Ramona Strong, Mildred "Micky" Bailey, Bette & Shirley Hoglund in Salt Lake City taken in August 1930

October 9, Sunday

It rained while we were going to Sunday School and when we came home. Was nice when we went to church, so we walked. Louis went at 5:30 to a correlation meeting. I rode as far as Steads' with Rex and Donna, then walked from there. Rex went in to phone his mother. Pres. McCune didn't come tonight, but we had a nice meeting. Br. McAllister and the Bishop spoke. I'm so happy cause Lorene and family have a radio, little "Peter Pan." Raymond is buying it.

October 10, Monday

I washed out a few things. Went uptown, bought one dozen pillow cases, \$1.00 on sale at May Company, also bought

a pair to embroider for Diana and a congratulation card to send with them. Tonight at the stake house Sue gave the project lesson in one of the leadership classes. We rode over to visit Lorene and family tonight. I stayed with Lorene while Lou and Charles took my washing up to Sue's. Mary has a bad sore on her mouth, couldn't go to school. Donna went to night school. Rex called for her. Ruth's children slept at Annie's tonight. Ruth went to hospital.

October 11, Tuesday

Louis called Sue this morning and told her I was too sick to wash. I went back to bed after Donna left. Got up about 11 a.m. Did my ironing sitting up on the stool. Clarence and kiddies came this afternoon and told me about the new baby boy (7 1/4 pounds). I'm surely happy that he is here, and Ruth is doing nicely. Daddy went to choir, Donna had too much school work. Sue and Al came tonight, brought a note to Donna from the college, telling her to report to work tomorrow morning. No organist for the choir so Daddy came home. *!&\$? [Beth still mad?]

October 12, Wednesday

Sue and I washed today. It was a lovely drying day. Al worked all day until late at night on his car. Sue received a card from Ogden saying that Ruth Booth Kitchens has a baby girl, October 8. I went to Relief Society this afternoon, took Eva's teachers report also, she was too tired to go, she is going to move this week. Clarence brought the ribbons to fix the baby nighties. I found them in the door when I came home. It was my first Mutual night as the chairman of activities. Sr. Hill read a lovely story from the Era, then we played bean game. Sr. Reese won the can of beans. Nice time. Took Sue, Elaine, and Sr. Reese home. Lots of fruit on hand. Daddy and I both bought apples today. He bought bananas, also.

October 13, Thursday

Little diary, it seems no time since I started writing for 1932, in just two more months I'll be starting a new diary, "1933." The years go by without me accomplishing much good in the world, oh dear! I took some apples over to Annie, she's going to make Louis a pie. Worked for a while on the pillow slips I'm embroidering for Diana. Received a letter from Violet. Went to see Ruth and baby tonight, held baby, it's a darling. Took nighties over to her. Rex brought Donna home from night school. Rex, Donna, and Daddy all enjoyed a dish of hot vegetable soup about ten o'clock. Daddy and I ate early 5 p.m., he was hungry again.

October 14, Friday

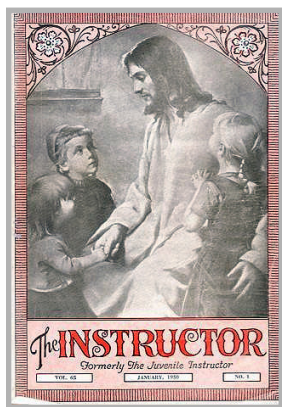
I spent most of the morning talking to my neighbors, something new for me. It's the first time the one on our right has spoken (to me) but she is very nice, I like her. She took me through her house and invited us to use the telephone any time. I talked religion with the old gentleman, Mr. Fox, for a long time. He has some ideas, is a smart old gent, but not smart enough to see the truth in Mormonism. Annie brought our apple pies over today, surely good. We took her to Highland Park, then home. Went to Udall's genealogical meeting tonight. Rex went on picnic with scouts tonight. Donna did her school work.

October 15, Saturday

Donna went over to Sue's to type. Lou was going to help Udall's move, but they had enough help. Br. Cababa and Harold Sadler helped them. Al has been working on his car since last Wednesday. Couldn't get it to run after he put it together. Didn't get to bed until 2 a.m. this morning. Louis helped him today, but they finally took it to Mr. Ross to fix. Elaine went down to Sr. Cannon's to get Donna's and her hats that Vinna made for them, \$1.50 each. Lou took Sue and Al for groceries. I rode over to Ross's tonight and sat out in the car while Louis helped Mr. Ross work on Al's car. I cooked beef loaf and molded butter before going to bed. 12:40, tired! Donna and Rex went to a show.

October 16, Sunday

Donna wore her black lace dress and her little black Moline hat Vinna made this morning to Sunday School. She looked real nice. Elaine looked sweet in her new hat, too. We went to Mutual union meeting. Florence Gibson and I are going to send for the Sunday School instructor between us. She gave me her 5¢ today. Took Sue and Lorene over to see Ruth and baby after union meeting. Fine meeting tonight. Br. Sims was our speaker. Al's car is okay now.



October 17, Monday

We had a strong wind all day, the sun shone beautifully, too. Our clothes were dry in no time. Sue went up to the Excelcis Company for an order. They are going to turn their business over to the new manager soon. I feel sorry for him. I finished Diana's pillow slips. Daddy called for me. We stopped at bakery and called in Annie's. This evening Bill brought them all over here. I put some Revelation on Annie's sore callus, her foot is swollen and hurt so bad she couldn't wash today. Must have hurt awfully!! Donna finished her job today; Rex brought her home from night school.

October 18, Tuesday

Ruth said she was going home Monday, yesterday. I surely hope she'll be careful and not over do. She should stay in bed a week longer anyway. [When Elvie had a baby she stayed

in the hospital for two weeks. That was the medical advice of the day. Elvie's ideas lined up with her experience but the medical ideas were changing as the years went by. Ruth's hospital stay was about eight days.] We have another beautiful sunny morning. I stayed home all day. Washed, ironed, cleaned up the dust the wind blew in the house while I was away yesterday. Cleaned in the yard, and fixed my black silk dress over so I can wear it again. Daddy worked over an hour and a half tonight. Annie visited with me while folks were in choir and Bill went teaching. I fixed her foot again. They took the Excelcis back to the company today. Donna forgot to buy the bread and things for lunch after choir, Rex went home with my money in his pocket. I haven't a cent!

October 19, Wednesday

Another beautiful day, sun shone all day. I enjoyed Sr. Snow's lesson in Relief Society. We had stake visitors, Sr. Stewart and Sr. Cass. Daddy worked until 8:30 tonight. Rex took Donna and I to Mutual. The ladies sewed little circles for a pillow in Mutual. We are giving it to the Relief Society when it is finished. Rex brought us home.

October 20, Thursday

I took Donna's jacket over to the cleaners this morning. Sr. Craddock and Sr. Treu called on me this a.m. Sr. Craddock wanted to tell me she'd have her news for the bulletin in a few days. I wrote to Violet and Mother, walked to post office to mail a package to Diana (embroidered pillow slips). Donna went to night school. Mrs. Spurrel had seven teeth out this morning. She's not very well today. Daddy worked over time again.

October 21, Friday

I cleaned through house and went to the store. Lloyd is sick and can't go to the college dance with Elaine. It upset all the plans. Donna had awful time trying to find someone to go in his place, but couldn't. Inis and boyfriend went instead. Mrs. Petersen and daughter came tonight for the rent. They are going to think about letting us take the wall out and make one big room of it. Donna was called to Spurrell's phone for first time. It was Elaine.

October 22, Saturday

Daddy and I called on Annie this morning while we were out getting our weeks groceries. We went down to Marshes' garage this afternoon to fix his brakes. Donna made fudge with raisins in. Tonight we went to the stake house to see the pageant, "Scouts of America." It was lovely, Br. Levi Edgar Young, wrote it, and he came from Salt Lake to see it, he spoke to us. Br. Young is a professor at the University of Utah. Br. Reese is back home from Salt Lake. He was gone three months. Bill is half sick with cold. Annie cooked fried onions for him. Ha, ha!



Levi Edgar Young, was one of the seven presidents of the Seventy until his death in 1963.

October 23, Sunday

I'm glad we didn't have Sunday School this a.m. We all went to stake conference, it was a wonderful conference. We stayed for all three meetings. Enjoyed the stake Primary dinner. Donna played the pipe organ from 5 p.m. until six o'clock (50¢ an hour). She played very well, I was thrilled. We took Sr. Marsh and Ruthie. John came on street car for night meeting. We took them home. I guess three meetings in one day too much for Daddy. He is cross!! Saw Maude Bain at conference. She said her sister Lizzie died four weeks ago, sorry.

October 24, Monday

I fixed my laundry this morning at 5:30. Daddy took it over to Sue's on his way to work. It's another lovely sunny day. Nice to be alive! Wind blew and the clothes were dry soon after they were hung out. Sue went up to get some Excelcis for the last time. Mr. Wilkinson said she could have it this once. I walked home from Sue's, Shirley and Bette walked three blocks with me. Rex called at the school for Donna tonight, they went to stake house to hear Oscar Kirkham. Miss Peterson wrote Daddy saying, it is okay to remove the wall. Rex invited us to a midnight show tomorrow nite?!

October 25, Tuesday

I wonder how Lucille Evans is? Heard she was very sick Saturday and Sunday. Hope she is better now. Br. Egan came home this a.m. at six o'clock. I visited with my neighbor for about two hours this morning. Heard her life story, (Mrs. Burrell). She's had an awful time of it. Went to choir tonight with Daddy, helped decorate the hall for Mutual Halloween dance tomorrow nite. Went to midnight show with Rex and Donna. Saw Harold Lloyd in "Movie Crazy." Good! Brother Marsh



took Sue and Al. They got tickets from the Standard Oil Company. In bed at 2 a.m.

October 26, Wednesday

I went back to bed after Donna left, stayed until 10:30. Went to Relief Society, stayed after and trimmed the table for Halloween dance tonite. It was announced in Relief Society that President Joseph McMurrin had passed away. At dance Sr. Egan and Sr. Hill helped me serve ice water. We had a nice crowd, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Br. Egan kissed me, oh, oh! Donna cooked dinner tonight while I watered the lawn.

October 27, Thursday

I worked on the ward bulletin this afternoon. My little old neighbor, Mr. Fox, visited me for a while. He surely is a dear old gentleman. He is passed 80 years of age. Donna went to night school again, Rex brought her home. He took me to the Highland Market, I fixed them something to eat. They held Pres. McMurrin's funeral at two o'clock today at the stake house. I'd like to have gone. Donna was sent out on a job.

October 28, Friday

Louis came home about 1:45 his afternoon, and started taking down the chimney up on the roof. Surely made a mess. He carried the brick to the backyard. I wonder where we are going to put them all. Donna came home tonight about 6:30. She was sent out to Mr. Golway sales service. She worked for him a week before, he called and asked for her. Tonight we went to genealogical meeting at Udall's, took Br. and Sr. Stead and Sr. Richardson. Donna and Rex went to stake house dance.

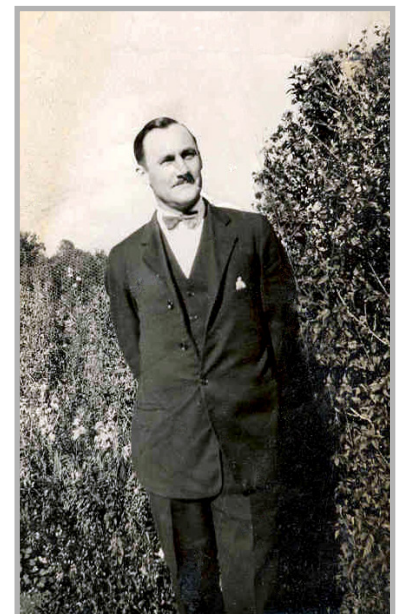
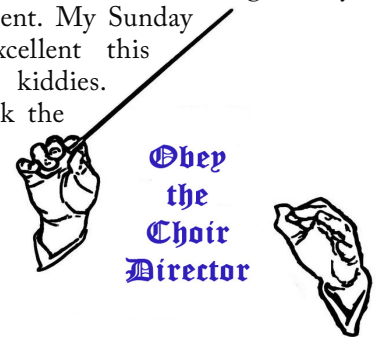
October 29, Saturday

Louis started on the chimney, inside, this morning. Had it all down in about two hours. Had a hard job trying to get light from the new floor plugs, but found out after some trying times, that it was caused by a burnt out fuse. Donna got a finger wave from Crystal. Daddy took her up to Sue's for the typewriter. She typed the ward bulletin and some school work. It was an awful job sawing the wall off, but we are surely tickled with our house now, that the mess is cleaned up and things in order. Daddy worked hard all day. Some old drunk entertained us at the Safeway Store tonite, ha, ha!

October 30, Sunday

Oh, our house looks so much better with the wall out, will be swell when finished. The old neighbor, Mr. Fox, came in again today. He is the cutest little old thing. He says it's a wonderful improvement. My Sunday School class was excellent this morning, the dearest kiddies.

This afternoon we took the washing up to Sue's. [Gentry] called while we were there, she is mad because the choir was going to sing and she hasn't been released yet. Threatened to make a lot of trouble for the bishop. Choir didn't sing. President Richards gave a wonderful address in Gen. meeting tonight. Bishopric with Pres. Richards and Beth and Lou and Bryan held a conference after meeting, but it did no good. Daddy won't work with her. My heart aches tonight. Lorene heard from Lydia. She and Owen have moved into Aunt Clara's old home, they are buying it. Adam Earl died, sorry to hear that.



Choir director, Louis Renshaw

October 31, Monday

Louis took me over to Sue's to do my washing this morning. He came back and finished putting the wood work, or plaster up. Came for me about 12:30. We ate lunch, Daddy finished his job and I did my ironing. This evening we went for gas and to the store. Called to talk to Bishop about the choir. Had flat tire on way home. Daddy had to walk home for his keys, couldn't get into the trunk. Rex brought Donna from night school, he lets us read his letters from Wayne, every Monday night he has one.

November 1, Tuesday

We do like our house so much better with the wall out. Daddy made a fine job of it. He put up the pilasters yesterday. Br. Paul Bailey came last night for the bulletin news. I washed a few things out this morning and ironed them. My neighbor, Mrs. Roose, came over for a little visit. I have nice neighbors. Lillian Stead came this evening. Bishop went to choir and talked to the members. He has discontinued the choir indefinitely. He wants Louis to start up a young folks chorus. I walked to the market tonite and sat in our car and waited for Daddy to come out of choir. We took a little ride after, stopped in Annie's. She says Dolores has been awfully sick.

November 2, Wednesday

We enjoyed a very fine meeting in Relief Society today. Bishop is able to come most every Wednesday as he has that day off. Sr. Marsh was there, also. She has changed her hours. Sr. Treu went home sick. Looks like she is coming down with the flu, I hope not. Mrs. Peterson came this evening to see how the house looked with the wall out. She said, "It vas svell." We read "Added Upon" in our adult class in Mutual. Went to party after Mutual at Chandlers M Men and Gleaner Girl.

November 3, Thursday

Lovely sunny days now, it's hard to imagine the beautiful snow Violet is writing about, ten inches. I walked over to Annie's. Sr. Treu is feeling much better. We visited with her for a while. She felt better after Bill and Charles administered to her last nite. Annie and I walked up to Lorene's she treated us to dates and nuts. I looked in phone book for Strong names. Daddy bought a new tire tonite, he was paid today. I cooked dinner for Rex and Donna tonite after she came from night school.

November 4, Friday

Mrs. Spurrell came over this morning for first time. I took her through the house, she thinks taking the wall out made a big improvement, so do we. I walked to the post office and mailed money



Wayne Strong on his mission
A rickshaw ride in Durban

orders, one to Riverside for our car, other to Salt Lake for the Instructor. Tonight we took Annie and Bill down to Blanche's to the Strong Genealogy meeting. Sue and Al took Lorene. Ellen and Nora served pineapple salad and cookies, a nice meeting.

November 5, Saturday

Daddy took me to the Famous Store in Los Angeles town. I bought three sofa pillows on sale, 29¢ each, and they are nice, too. On way home from town we stopped in Annie's, took some car patch to Bill. Gale Bates came to practice a piano duet with Donna. She ate lunch with us. We took her home. We went to the Highland show at night, not so good, couldn't afford it, either. Rex took Donna to the show, also.

November 6, Sunday

Went to early nine o'clock meeting. Bishop gave us a good talking to. Bulletin came out today. At our union meeting today the Church History classes of the stake had a lovely display of covered wagons, log cabins, pioneer dolls and etc. The kiddies were all dressed in pioneer attire and they sang, "Come, Come Ye Saints." Brought Sr. Marsh home with us. Dr. Watkins, a Methodist minister, talked to us in church on the trial of Christ. Donna and Gale played a piano duet, fine. After church we took Sr. Marsh over to Steads, she put hot pack of salts on Albert. He is a sick boy, has been in bed since last Tuesday. Sr. Marsh says he has bronchial pneumonia.

November 7, Monday

Al came this morning to tell me Sue, Bette, and Shirley are all sick, something they ate. I'm glad I can rest today, didn't feel very well, either. Louis took my washing over this a.m. He went down to work, but they sent 'em all home, shut the plant down. He made a brick walk at the side of our house to please the old lady Peterson. Tonight he went to Bishop's officers and teachers meeting. I wrote to Violet. Have a pain in right shoulder tonite. Rex brought Donna home from night school.

November 8, Tuesday

Daddy put up his own lunch this a.m., so I didn't get up until 6:30, surely enjoyed that hour longer in the nice warm bed. I washed over to Sue's, walked home. While there called up fourteen Strong's, but haven't found Della yet. We ate dinner early and went to vote, me for Hoover, and Daddy for Roosevelt. Hoover hasn't a chance, I know. Donna did the dishes while we were voting. Mr. Fox came and heard the returns of the election until 10:30. Franklin D. Roosevelt is our next President, hope for the best! It was a landslide!



Elvie voted for Hoover.



Lou voted for Roosevelt

November 9, Wednesday

I didn't sleep very well last nite, was bothered with asthma, the first I've felt in this house. I was afraid I was in for a sick spell this morning when I got up. I shook and felt so weak and sick, but after going to bed for an hour I felt a lot better and was able to do the work. Lillian Stead went block teaching with me. We left 9:30. She gave the topic, lovely. Albert is lots better today. I ate lunch at Relief Society and helped them sew for awhile. Came home and did my ironing. We had to give up our nice room again in Mutual to the scouts. Miriam Marsh read "Added Upon," but there was so much noise we couldn't enjoy it very much.

November 10, Thursday

I washed and ironed. Rex started working for Ernie Oates tonight. We visited with Annie until time to call at Woodbury's for Donna tonight. Annie has her house cleaning all done, she was hanging the last of her curtains. Lorene and Mary have been sick in bed two days. Mary was able to go to school today. Lorene feels a little better. Donna was all in when we brought her home tonight. She worries me, I gave her an alcohol rub.

November 11, Friday

Donna felt lots better this morning. I guess the alcohol rub I gave her last night, helped. Daddy came home from work with a head cold. Harold Sadler called to see about the check refund. Br. Stead and I went to Genealogical meeting, Daddy took us and called for us after, he visited Lorene and Charles. Rex and Donna went to a party over to Chandler's for Emerson Crawley and his wife. The M Men and Gleaner girls gave them an electric waffle iron at party.

November 12, Saturday

Daddy took a bad chill last night. I had an awful time to get him warm. I walked to Highland Park today, bought things for his cold. Oh, such warm days, like summer, but nights and early mornings are cold. Sue and Al brought me home from the Safeway store. I was surely glad didn't have to carry all my groceries. Rex and Donna went to Highland show.

November 15, Sunday

Sr. Jensen from the stake board, came to visit our class today. Florence Gibson gave the lesson. I was sorry the kiddies weren't as good as the last time she came. I think it was because we had to assign them their parts for the conference on the 27th of this month. They behaved well while she talked to them, I'm happy to say. Daddy spent most of the day in bed. Al brought us home from Sunday School. Br. Clayton and Heber R. were our speakers in the missionary meeting tonight. We knew Br. Clayton from

Home Gardens Ward. He lives in Adams Ward. It was a wonderful meeting. Sue and Al came after church for my washing. Bill brought Donna and I home from church. Rex has worked all day for Ernie Oates, and is Donna lost tonight. Bill took us for a ride, Louis went in his bathrobe.

November 14, Monday

Another beautiful day. Washed over to Sue's, walked both ways. Sue was upset over Br. Hill telling Beth something Daddy had told him. Oh, dear. I made a big kettle of soup. Daddy came home sick. I made a mustard plaster for him. Br. Cameron came to go out with Daddy to sell the Era, but he spent the evening here instead. I feel sick with pain in my lungs and throat, oh, oh!

November 15, Tuesday

I feel a little better this morning. Daddy was too sick to call for my washing last nite, so I couldn't iron. Later - pain in chest and throat, bad by 1 p.m. taking chills, couldn't get warm. Plenty sick when folks came home. Daddy mixed mustard plaster for me. Sue stayed with me while Donna and Daddy went to singing practice. Annie and Bill called, they took fruit cake out to Nell's. Bill and Louis administered to me when Bill came home from Em's. P.S. They held the first chorus practice tonight.



The Renshaw family took turns being sick in November of 1932



November 16, Wednesday

Bad night, chills, and pain, and fever. Sr. Treu and Annie came about noon. Annie went to my neighbors and called Lorene. She came and worked all afternoon putting hot Epsom salts packs on my chest and throat. Annie and Sr. Treu had to go to their Relief Society. Al bought me some castor oil. Louis took Lorene home. Bill brought her and Annie back at night, they worked until twelve o'clock midnight, with the

hot packs. Daddy had to take care of his Mutual dance. He took them home after. Donna and Rex came home from dance early. Br. and Sr. Hill called to talk to me?!

November 17, Thursday

Too much pain for sleep, got the flu. Lorene called this morning, more hot packs, bless her heart. Felt lots better when she left, she did a little washing for me, also. Annie came in afternoon. My sisters are surely good to me, she fixed dinner for the folks. They've been living all week on the soup I made Monday, feel lots better.

November 18, Friday

Slept much better last night, surely tired of the bed. Charles swabbed my throat this morning. Annie came in afternoon, my neighbor, Mrs. Spurell, brought me a cup of hot vegetable

soup, surely tasted good, first I've eaten since last Monday night. I got up for short time this evening. Donna and Rex went to a show.

November 19, Saturday

I dressed this morning, but oh, so weak. Daddy did all the housework. Mr. Fox came over, talked religion. Donna worked until 1 p.m. Sue and Al called. We have 65¢ to get our dinner tomorrow and today. Oh, oh! Daddy made me the "Ten Commandments" for our Sunday School conference program next week. I'm very hoarse tonight, chest and throat still sore. Garvanza won the basketball game tonight.

November 20, Sunday

Going to Sunday School was about too much for me. I was sick and weak when we got home, spent the rest of the day on the couch. Donna worked this morning until one o'clock, she earned \$1.50 and is going to spend it on a picture of herself for Rex's Christmas gift. Daddy went to Mutual union meeting. I wasn't well enough to go to church, Donna and her Daddy went. It was Relief Society conference. Lorene spoke in conference.

November 21, Monday

I can't seem to get my strength back. Received a nice letter from Dad today, I answered it, also. He says Violet wrote him that she's been sick and is afraid she's developing asthma. Oh, dear, I hope not, poor kid. This evening we took my washing over to Sue's. Went in Annie's on way home. Bill is going to let Daddy use his car tomorrow. Our car must go in the garage tomorrow, bad knock in it. Rex brought Donna home from night school.

November 22, Tuesday

We didn't wash, I hope I'll be able to tomorrow. Louis went to work, but they sent him and several others home for a week, or until next Monday. I wonder, oh, I do wonder what we'll do for our Christmas this year?? Daddy went to Marshes' garage and helped work on his car all day. Only cost him \$2.00, they are surely good to him. We sent our

insurance to Salt Lake today. Tonight Donna had too much school work to go to singing practice, so Daddy went alone.

November 23, Wednesday

I washed a few things out, and walked over to the library, got three stunt books, to see if I can find something for our ladies class, to entertain them in our activity period. Went to Relief Society. Sue said she'd washed our clothes this a.m. Daddy knew she was going to, but he said she wasn't, so I didn't go to help. They didn't think I was well enough yet. My folks are so good to me. We only had six ladies in our Mutual class. Guess they are getting ready for Thanksgiving tomorrow. Donna had a shampoo, finger wave, and a manicure after school tonight, 50¢. She has heavy cold. Rex took her home early from Mutual.

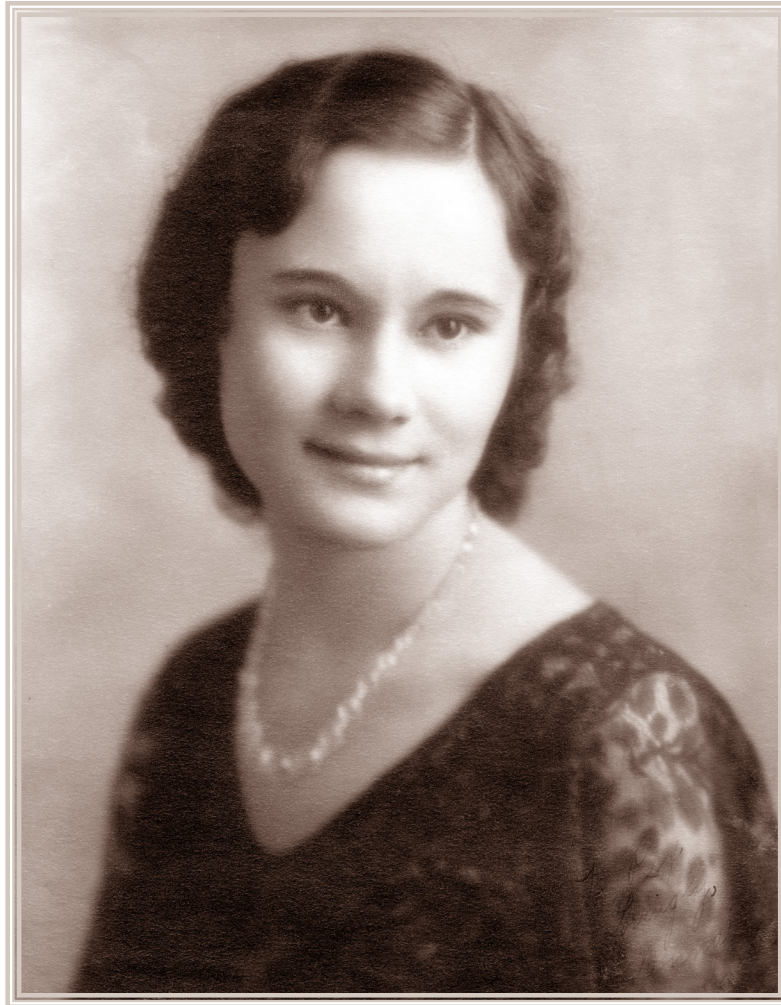
November 24, Thursday

Donna took a chill in the night. I got in bed to keep her warm. Neither one of us could sleep well. She had a bad throat and pains in back and legs. She was sick this morning. I had to work with the hot Epsom salts packs, she's got the flu now. It has surely upset our Thanksgiving plans. Daddy and I went to Marshes' to a lovely dinner. Rex brought me back as soon as dinner was over. Donna felt much better this afternoon. She ate a turkey sandwich. Daddy and I took Marshes to the York show in evening. Rex stayed home with Donna. Jennie, Dee, and Helen and Wes sat in front of us. When we

got home Donna was feeling lots worse, I was so sorry I left her. I'm so worried about her. She had a temperature 103 degrees. Sr. Marsh sent some pills up with Daddy and some drops for her nose. I slept with her so she wouldn't get uncovered if she started sweating.

November 25, Friday

Donna surely did sweat, just before daylight her fever broke, and she went to sleep. She felt lots better this morning. I'm so happy. Raymond spent the day reading to her. Lillian Stead worked this morning in her place. Sue called in on way from town, showed us Bette and Shirley's Christmas



Donna Lillian Renshaw 17 years old. In the right hand corner it says, "To Rex, Lovingly, Donna." (On November 20th Donna earned \$1.50 and decided to spend it on a photo for Rex Marsh for Christmas.)

dresses, darling. Daddy took her home, he painted our new woodwork that he put in when he took the wall out. Charles gave him the paint. Rex came tonight and read to Donna (nice boy). Daddy went with Bishop tonight to help him dress Br. Haight, his funeral is tomorrow.

November 26, Saturday

Donna is feeling better. Vera Chandler worked in her place today. Daddy took some of the folks to Br. Haight's funeral, Br. Egan and Inis. Daddy and Br. Egan were pallbearers. Tonight I made the "Ark of the Covenant" for our Sunday School conference tomorrow morning. Daddy went to Mutual meeting and basketball game after. Rex brought lovely roses to Donna.

November 27, Sunday

Our conference started this morning at nine o'clock. Donna didn't go to the early meeting. Daddy came home for her in time for Sunday School. Br. Fox moved out today, we'll miss the old dear. Donna helped me get the bulletin news ready. We went to Treu's and Stead's, for Relief Society and missionary news, then up to Sue's, but she'd sent the typewriter back, So Donna will take it to school tomorrow and type it there. The conference tonight was nice, also, the other classes took part. We brought Marshes to church and took them home. Called in gas station to see Rex. Took him some doughnuts. The Primary and kindergarten classes took part on the conference program this morning. They did very well, cute things.

November 28, Monday

Expected to help Mrs. Petersen clean up the little house, but she didn't come. I washed the soiled things in the house and ironed them, hung the bedding and pillows in the sun all afternoon. Ruth and Clarence called in this evening, baby surely is growing, little darling. Br. Paul Bailey came twice this evening for bulletin, but Donna wasn't home with it. She worked late in the college. Rex called for her, they went to Highland show to see "Smiling Through," last show nine o'clock.



Elaine Hoglund, Rex Marsh,
Donna Renshaw

(Photo taken in healthier times than November 1932. Rex came to read to Donna when she was sick and brought her roses the next day. That must have helped her feel better because two days later they went to see a movie.)

November 29, Tuesday

I walked over to Sue's, hung out washing, and walked home. Mrs. Petersen came about 11:20. We started to clean up the little house at twelve o'clock, finished at four o'clock. We worked hard and fast, but it looks nice now. She paid me, 35¢ an hour. I earned \$2.10 (two hours yesterday, four hours today). Br. Haddock came out to Bishop's house to practice hymns with Daddy's chorus. Rex and Donna took the bulletin news to Br. Bailey tonight after practice. P.S. Sr. Peterson enjoyed bowl of hot soup I made this morning.

November 30, Wednesday

We had a special sewing meeting in Relief Society today to get ready for the bazaar next Wed. I walked to the library after, my one book was due. I brought home three more game books, hope I can find something good in them for my Mutual class. I don't like this job of entertaining the ladies for forty minutes every Wednesday night. I'm no good for the job. We played the "movie quiz" game tonite.

December 1, Thursday

The ad for the little house in the rear came out in the community paper this morning. Two men came early this morning just after Donna left. They brought a woman back about 15 min. later. She decided to take it for herself and little daughter, who is ill. They paid a \$1.00 deposit, said they'd be back soon. Hope I won't be sorry I let them have it. The gas man turned the gas and lights on before noon. The woman came with all her belongings and asked for the key. I couldn't let her in without the rent, it was awful. I gave her back her deposit. It surely upset me. A young couple came tonight and paid \$10 deposit, going to move in tomorrow. We went to the Sunday School social tonight at Hjorth's. Played hearts. Sue and I won the prizes. Rex brought Donna over after night school, enjoyed ice cream and cake.

December 2, Friday

Our young folks moved in about noon, she gave me the rest of the rent. Hope we'll all be happy. Miss Peterson and her mother came tonight, she gave me \$3.00 for renting the house, and 45¢ refund on the ad. Nice people. Donna is thinking hard about a permanent, wave. Called Anna Lee.

December 3, Saturday

Donna walked over to Anna Lee's at eight o'clock this morning, but she couldn't take her, so she went up to Lorene's and made an appointment with the National for ten o'clock today. I surely hope she'll be happy with this permanent. Mr. Fox called to see if his check had come here. I walked to Highland Park for 45¢ refund on the ad for the rent of the little house in rear. Donna worked over to Chandler's this afternoon getting ready for the Gleaner show tonight. I tore things out of the paper for their candle



stunt. The girls put on a very good show, they have \$10.00 to send the boys for Christmas (Frank and Elmer) who are on missions. Al brought me home.

December 4, Sunday

We went to Sunday School union meeting, also had early nine o'clock meeting this a.m. Dr. Petty spoke. Nice meeting tonight, the chorus sang a number, it was fine. Dr. Hales spoke tonight. Took the washing over to Sue's. Al let me take \$10.00. I'm going to look at some sale coats at May Company. Hope I can find one Donna likes.

December 5, Monday— My Birthday

Sue gave me embroidered dish towels, swell. Donna and I left about 7:20 this morning for the May Company coat sale. We bought a nice sport coat for Donna, \$6.00, and a sport dress, \$3.00, and tam and scarf, \$1.00. They are all nice. Dress, tam, and scarf are bright red, coat is light brown. Louis went to officer's meeting at Bishop's. Rex took Donna to the show. Lorene made me a lovely coconut cake, she and Mary visited with me while folks were in the meeting. Annie and Bill, Sue and Al came over after meeting, Charles came, also. Daddy brought some fruit. I treated to cake and fruit. Donna came home with news that the college won't let her attend school any longer unless we pay \$24.00.

December 6, Tuesday

Daddy took Donna and I to Woodbury's college this morning. I talked to Mrs. Ware. Told her all I thought about the college and their promises to find work so Donna could pay her way through school. It's awful, but we had to take her out of school. So sorry we sent her there, they didn't live up to their promises. Went to Sue's to wash after. Mrs. Hymes came over to talk to me again. I feel so sorry for her. This afternoon we went to Austin's studio and Donna had her picture taken, hope they are good. Tonight Daddy went over to help the Relief Society fix up for their bazaar tomorrow. Al, Bill, and Charles went, also.

December 7, Wednesday

Dear Sr. Treu gave me a little box of homemade candy for my birthday, bless her heart. I went over to help prepare the dinner for the bazaar. We worked all day from 10:30 'til 9:30. Sue had charge of the kitchen. Lots of dish washing and work, but we had fun, too. The dinner was served cafeteria style. Sr. Chandler and I served the pie and cake, swell job! We had some lovely pastries for sale. Donna helped Annie add their bill of fares. I bought an apron to give Grama, hope she'll like it. After dinner Daddy took his chorus to the stake house to practice with Br. Haddock for conference next.

December 8, Thursday

I'm glad Donna is home, she needs the rest, only I don't get through the work as early, we talk too much. I went to Kress Store and bought a few Christmas cards, can't send as many this year. I received a nice letter from Uncle Frank, so sweet of him to write me. Daddy went to Mutual meeting tonight. Rex took Donna for auto ride, they invited me along, but I stayed home.



Donna and Elvie Renshaw 1932
Elvie celebrated her 40th birthday December 5th

December 9, Friday

We enjoyed our first rain of the season today, it came down hard a few times. Between showers, Donna went uptown to get her proofs. The four of them are all good, we can't decide which to have finished up. Br. Brewer called to sell me Christmas cards or dolls, but I couldn't buy anything. Daddy worked an hour overtime tonight. Rex and Donna went to Lincoln High dance didn't stay long, came back and went to York show.

December 10, Saturday

Donna and I walked over to show the proof's to Annie and Lorene. Annie and family were uptown. I took a book back to Sr. Treu, Donna showed them the proofs. Went over to Lorene's, seems everyone likes a different picture. Sue and Al came to take Lorene to Sears and Roebuck in Pasadena to look at kiddies watches. I went along, Donna stayed with Raymond. They

didn't buy the watches, too big for Mary and Bette. Al brought me home. We all went to the basketball game tonight, Garvanza lost to Alhambra.

December 11, Sunday

Rained most of the night and all day. It was surely cold in Sunday School. Janitor locked the basement and went home, we couldn't turn on the heat, it was awful! Very small Sunday School, some of the classes doubled up. We took our class in the kindergarten room. Myrtle Egan led us in singing. I told story. Rex and Florence ate dinner with us. Rex went to work after and Florence to practice a Mutual play. Donna made candy this afternoon. We enjoyed a wonderful meeting tonight. Br. Summerhayes was our speaker.

December 12, Monday

It rained all day. Donna and I enjoyed the nice warm house. Elaine came about 2:30. She'd been to Dr. Reese to have a tooth extracted. She stayed here all night, Donna was tickled to have a bed partner on such a cold night. We enjoyed a fine radio program.

December 13, Tuesday

Louis didn't work today. We took our washing over to Sue's too late to wash today. Went to Sr. Nelson's to get a typewriter for Sue. Donna took care of Shirley while Sue went uptown. Read my letter from Violet to Lorene and Annie. Annie was making doll clothes for Dolores. We took Lorene down to Charles' shop. They are making curtains for their house. Daddy and Donna went to chorus practice. Annie gave me pair of light tan shoes, too narrow for her.

December 14, Wednesday

Today was a rainy day, we didn't wash. Sue brought Shirley over. Donna stayed home with her. I went to Relief Society. It rained when I was coming home, but not bad. Al worked on the doll house for Bette and Shirley all day. Sue, Lorene, and four Gleaner girls visited our class in Mutual tonight. We enjoyed some instructor jokes, and a Christmas reading.

December 15, Thursday

We washed today, I walked to and from Sue's. It's a nice long walk. Louis was home when I got here. He took Sr. Stead and me block teaching. It was a big help, as I was tired and so was she. We both washed this morning. Surely lovely after the rains. I'm enjoying the shoes Annie gave me, they're large, but feel fine.

December 16, Friday

I washed silk underwear and sox and etcetera. Donna ironed most of the things that we washed at Sue's yesterday. She went to Highland Park shopping for her Sunday School party tonight. We made chili when she got home. Sue and Annie



made chili for the party, also. Donna had charge of the games and eats, she was some busy lady today. Daddy and I went to Franklin High Christmas program, it was fine.

December 17, Saturday

Daddy went uptown, tried to get money loan, but couldn't make it. We won't have much of a Christmas this year the way things look. Well, we are glad we are well, after all that's what counts. The Safeway let us have some groceries until pay day (Tuesday). Donna went uptown this afternoon with Rex. She's to help him decide which proof to have finished up. I received a nice Christmas card from Hattie today.

December 18, Sunday

We gave each of our Sunday School kiddies a Christmas card with a little red cord tied in it, we had a big class today, but I enjoyed giving the lesson. They were so good. The vegetable man brought our Christmas tree this morning, 55¢. It's a cute tree, but too much money for the size of it. I trimmed it while Donna and Louis were in Mutual union meeting. It looks very pretty. Donna and I went to church. Bill brought us home, they came in to see our tree. Daddy didn't go to church tonight, he took us over though. He'd been twice today.

December 19, Monday

Donna and I started out for Sue's to do washing this morning, met Glen, he wanted to see our Christmas tree, so we came back with him. We started out again and met Mary on her way to see our tree. The kids both walked over to Sue's with us. They came back here with me after. Donna stayed over

to Sue's to do some typing for the special Christmas bulletin. She and Elaine went uptown to take their silver slippers to have them dyed black. I went to a market in Highland Park, also to post office to mail a few Christmas cards. Donna, Heber, Keith, and I all met on Avenue 56. The boys walked home with us, to see the Christmas tree (they said). Anyway, they enjoyed a nice visit with Donna. Daddy took me to Sue's for our washing.

December 20, Tuesday

Donna and I walked to cleaners to take her pink taffeta dress, and her jacket. Glen came over, a little later Bette and Shirley came. Donna played for the kiddies to sing Christmas songs while I ironed. I surely enjoyed hearing them sing. Donna did most of the ironing, I darned sox and mended my dress. Donna and Louis went to chorus practice. I figured out the bills we owe this payday. Oh! oh! Christmas!!!

December 21, Wednesday

Donna and I went uptown this morning. Oh, the crowds were awful, last minute shoppers like ourselves. We got Donna's pictures, they are very good. Didn't buy much, silk hose and etcetera. Had Donna's shoes fixed, and her dance slippers re-silvered. We received gifts from Grama and Aunt Lillian and a card from Grama telling us she is coming over for Christmas. We are happy over that, haven't seen her for a long time. She's been working at Catalina all this time.

December 22, Thursday

Vera Chandler came this morning to visit Donna. In the afternoon Donna and I went shopping in Highland Park. Bought gloves, shirt and tie, and a few other little things. Went to post office to mail Donna's Christmas cards. Tonight Daddy and I went to the Yosemite show house to see "Smiling Through." Very good show.

December 23 Friday

I went uptown alone this a.m. bought a hat (tan) and silk scarf for Louis's Christmas gift to me. I bought a little



*Sarah Moore Renshaw
Grama Renshaw came from Catalina Island to spend Christmas, but she was ill most of her visit.*

bridge lamp for Donna to give her Daddy and me. It rained all the while I was uptown. It came down hard when I was coming home. After dinner Daddy took me to town to get the lamp, they wouldn't deliver it. We bought some very nice nuts at the big central market.

December 24, Saturday

Had all the cleaning to do today, but Donna helped. Louis worked, he went to the boat to meet his mother after work, 6 p.m. We were happy to see her again, but sorry she has such a bad cold. She went to bed sick tonight. Rex gave Donna a very beautiful dresser set in green (12 pieces). He also gave both of us a picture of himself, very nice. Beverly, Grace H., and Lillian P. came here to wait for the time to go caroling. I was so sorry Grama was sick. The Marshes gave Daddy and I a lovely "Friendship" motto in a frame, they gave Donna lovely silk hose and some handkerchiefs. I started to pop popcorn for the carolers, but gave up the job, too much noise when Grama felt so bad. It was about 4 a.m. when the carolers came here. They sang better than any year, I think. All came in.

**December 25, Sunday—
Merry Christmas!**

Grama felt too sick to go to our Sunday School Christmas program. We went, and enjoyed it very much. Came home for Mother after Sunday School, all went to Christmas dinner down to Marshes. It was a lovely dinner. I enjoyed it even better than the Thanksgiving dinner cause Donna was well and with us I guess. Nearly everyone took a nap after, some of us didn't get to bed until after four o'clock this morning. I waited up for the carolers last night. We all went to church tonight brought Mother home first. She was too sick and wanted to go to bed. She was in the bed all day at Marshes. I'm so sorry she has to be sick at this time. I'll say we had a wonderful Christmas day, if only Grama had been well. Donna slept with Ruthie. Elder Gammon visited Garvanza today.



*Edith Strong, Elder Gammon in airplane
Elder Gammon visited Garvanza Ward on Christmas Day*

December 26, Monday

Louis went to the garage this morning to have his fender fixed. He ate lunch with Marshes. Donna was there also. She slept there last night. Grama and I ate alone. She is a little better, but not much. Daddy brought Sr. Marsh and Ruthie up in the afternoon. Sue, Al, and Elaine called. Grama was on the couch most of the day. In the evening Daddy took us Christmas calling. Mother wasn't well enough to go. We called on Annie, Lorene, and Sr. Treu. The Reeces and Sue and Al were out. At quarter to 7 p.m. we went to the garage for John. He treated us all to the show at the Highland theater. We saw Marie Dressler in "Prosperity." Oh, it was a good show. I'm so sorry Mother was too sick to go along. Well, we've had a nice Christmas. The Marshes came over for a bite of lunch after the show. Donna and Rex went to show, also.



Rex Marsh

Perhaps this is the photo that Rex gave to Donna Renshaw

December 27, Tuesday

Annie and Bill called in this morning. She'd been to Dr. Watkins to see about a sore throat she had caused from a bristle from her tooth brush. Grama isn't as well today. She's been in bed all day. I washed a few things today. Donna went over to Annie's and Lorene's today. She slept with Beverly tonite. Rex called, we sent him over. We took washing over to Sue's, it was block teachers report meeting.

Inis Egan was there, also. She told me about her Christmas gift from Bob (diamond ring). He's going to change it for something else. Called in Annie's.

December 28, Wednesday

Mother feels better today. She sat up in big chair most of the day. I'll surely be happy when she is well. It was a darn shame she had to be sick for Christmas. We do enjoy the little bridge lamp Donna gave us. It is a good reading lamp. Louis went to work one hour later this morning, so was later getting home tonight. Donna went up to Elaine's and stayed with her all night. We had a strong wind all day. Enjoyed radio tonight.

December 29, Thursday

Mrs. Spurell invited me in to see her Christmas things this morning. I was busy cleaning up the yard of the bark and leaves and etcetera the wind blew yesterday. Grama and I had a fine time yesterday worrying about a man who was visiting the Hayes'. They went out and left him alone, we thought, for over two hours. Well, he finally came out with some woman. All that excitement for nothing. Sue washed this morning, but didn't let me know anything about it. Donna was up there, she and Elaine did up the housework. Grama feels better, but not well yet. Donna slept with Elaine again tonight.

December 30, Friday

Donna came home early to have her hair washed so she could have her hair waved at Crystal's. I did the cleaning. Vera Chandler came home with Donna. They walked to Highland Park. Donna got in bed with us tonight, she couldn't sleep because Grama snored, ha, ha! I got out and slept with Grama, but she never knew it, cause Donna was back in bed with her in the morning when she awoke.

December 31, Saturday

Daddy, Grama, and I went to town this morning. Grama wanted to see a man at the bank. We ate lunch at Booth's Bros, it was lovely. Went to a picture show after lunch, it was very good, also. Stopped in Marshes' garage on way home. John and Jim gave us some apples and oranges. We brought a big box of vegetables up to Sr. Treu for the Relief Society, some fruit, too. Bought a leg of lamb at R & C store, and some groceries at Safeway. In the evening we went uptown with Marshes. Went to the Los Angeles show house and ate a bite of lunch in the café before coming outside. Walked up and down Broadway with the crowd while the old year went out, and the new one came in. Grama didn't go along as she didn't feel well enough. Rex and Donna went to the stake house Dance and to a luncheon up to Elaine's after the dance. Daddy and I stopped in to wish them "Happy New Year." I helped Sue with the dishes. Donna slept with Elaine tonight.

And so, I bring this little diary to a close, with thanksgiving for living this, another year.



ALL TO MYSELF

All to myself I find the way
Back to each golden yesterday
Faring in fancy until I stand
Clasping your ready, friendly hand.
The picture seems half true, half dream,
And I keep it's color and its gleam,
All to myself.

All to myself, I hum again
Fragment of some old time refrain
Something that comes at fancy's choice
And I hear the cadence of your voice.
Sometimes 'tis dim, sometimes 'tis clear,
But I keep the music that I hear
All to myself.

All to myself I hold and know
All of the days of long ago
Wonderful days when you and I
Owned all the sunshine in the sky.
The days come back, as the old days will,
And I keep their tingle and their thrill
All to myself.

All to myself! My friend, do you
Count all the memories softly, too?
Summer and Autumn, Winter, Spring,
The hopes we cherished, and everything?
They course my veins as a draught divine,
And I keep them wholly, solely mine,
All to myself.

All to myself, I think of you,
Think of the things we used to do,
Think of the things we used to say
Think of each happy bygone day.
Sometimes I sigh, and sometimes I smile,
But I keep each olden, golden while,
All to myself.

—Wilber B. Nesbit.

This Poem was pasted in the back of Elvie's 1932 Diary Book



Elvie finished her fourth diary with determination to keep on writing. And that is just what she did for many years!