



1934

Elvie Renshaw's

Diary

## Cast of Characters in Elvie's 1934 Diary

**Elvie Renshaw:** married to **Louis Renshaw** or "**Daddy**" as she calls him in the diary.

**Donna Renshaw:** their daughter.

**Sarah Renshaw:** Lou's mother.

**Lorene:** a sister living in Los Angeles, California; married to **Charles Clayton**; children, **Raymond** and **Mary**.

**Sue:** a sister living in Los Angeles, California; married to **Al Hoglund** who is the Bishop of Garvanza Ward. Their children are **Elaine**, **Bette**, and **Shirley**.

**Annie:** a sister living in Los Angeles, California; married to **Bill Andersen**. Their children are **Beverly**, **Glen**, and **Dale**.

**Owen James Bailey:** a brother living in Salt Lake City, Utah; married to **Lydia Hoglund** (Al's sister). Their children are **Mildred**, **Bobbie**, and **Billie**.

**Violet:** a sister living in Cedar City, Utah; married to **Otto Fife**; daughter **Dolores**.

**The Marsh family:** parents **John** and **Florence**, children **Lewis**, **Rex**, **Florence**, **Ruthie**. Lewis is married to **Miriam**. Garvanza Ward members and friends of the Renshaw family



## Los Angeles Times

### January 1, Monday—1934

1934 is here, and with it a lot of unhappiness for hundreds of people in the flood district. Our rain of yesterday and today caused a lot of trouble. Dozens of bridges torn out, homes washed away, hundreds of autos tumbled into swirling flood waters. The sad part is the lives lost, 23 known dead already. It surely is awful. I've been listening all day to radio reports of the flood. The most damage was done in Glendale, La Crescenta, and Montrose. Pasadena held their Rose parade in the rain. Mrs. and Mr. Haight got home at 8:30 this morning, they couldn't get home last night because of the flood. Rex, Louie, and Miriam waited for Donna from 6 a.m. until they came. The four of them went up to Big Pines in all the rain. I worried all day long. Oh!, I was glad when they came home. We went to Marshes' in the evening just after the kids got there. Louis and I rode around to see the damage done in Glendale this afternoon. It was awful. Treva Scott ruled as Queen of the forty-fifth annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses. A six mile procession, 75 gorgeous floats, in the rain.



Treva Scott

### January 2, Tuesday

I untrimmed the Christmas tree this morning and changed the front rooms around, left the radio in the dining room. Rex came and ate lunch with us, Lima beans. We rode over to Pasadena so he could ride back with us, but they wouldn't fix his car, so he didn't leave it. In the evening we took our laundry over to Sue's. They had a house full of company, the ward people came to the tithing settlement. They are finding more bodies every hour in the flood district. It is awful, and so near home, too. We have been blessed through it all, out here in Highland Park from quakes, fires, and now floods. Br. Paul Bailey called for the bulletin news yesterday.

### The Great Flood of 1934

In November 1933, wildfires raged through the nearby San Gabriel Mountains above the communities of La Crescenta, La Cañada and Montrose. During the last week of December of that year, a series of winter storms pounded the mountainside with 12 inches of rain. On New Year's Eve, more heavy rains led to sporadic flooding.

Around midnight, hillsides in at least three mountain locations collapsed sending millions of tons of mud and debris into the Crescenta Valley neighborhoods below.

More than 400 homes were destroyed in La Cañada, La Crescenta, Montrose and Tujunga. Scores of people were killed, and hundreds were left homeless. Entire families were wiped out. The mudslides that began in the mountains above La Cañada and La Crescenta carved a path of destruction all the way to the Verdugo Wash and beyond.

Some Montrose residents sought shelter from flooding at American Legion Post 288, which was destroyed, killing 12.

Parts of Foothill Boulevard were buried under 12 feet of mud, boulders and debris. The mud was deep enough to bury cars completely on Montrose Avenue. Miles of Honolulu Boulevard were inundated by several feet of sand and silt.

Two notable victims of the flood were silent-era identical-twin child actors Winston and Weston Doty, who died at the age of 20.

Following the disaster, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the County of Los Angeles built a flood control system of catch basins and concrete storm drains, designed to prevent a repeat of the 1934 disaster.

The flood was commemorated in Woody Guthrie's song "Los Angeles New Year's Flood." To honor the victims of that New Year's calamity and to mark its 75th anniversary a small monument was dedicated January 1, 2004, at Rosemont and Fairway Avenues, in Montrose, near where the American Legion Hall had stood.

—Wikipedia



Rose Parade in the rain.

### January 3, Wednesday

I intended to wash, but my neighbor was using my lines, so I turned off the tank and washed my hair instead. I went down to help the Relief Society quilt on a very lovely hand embroidered quilt, for some club members. Sr. Stead called in here on her way to see Sr. Booth. This evening Louis took me to Mutual but he wouldn't stay. Bill brought me home. Donna and Rex came in for a few minutes after Mutual. The reports from the flood are terrible. Ernie Vandergrift

worked yesterday and today in the flood district clearing debris away. Sr. Robinson's daughter, Wilmia, was operated on tonight at the General Hospital for appendicitis. While I was in Relief Society, Louis cut our radio cabinet down, made a table cabinet out of it. We never play the records anyway. I like it better this way.

### January 4, Thursday

They sent Louis, and the men from his gang, in the flood district to work today. Rex worked up there today, also. I cooked a nice dinner for Louis and Donna, at noon. Louis didn't come until evening as he had to work. Donna came about one o'clock, so we ate. I had some time keeping it warm that long. It is Glen's birthday. We went over this evening. I gave him 16¢, Donna gave him 10¢. Elaine and Ernie came over to visit Donna and Rex and they all came over to Andersens'. The boys played a game of pool on Glen's little Christmas table, then the girls played one. Donna bought us each our new diary, which I am now writing in. Wish I had a good pen. Sue and I washed this morning.

### January 5, Friday

Louis didn't leave for work until 11:30 this morning, he is working this afternoon instead of morning. The ad for rent, of the little rear house, came out this morning. We had folks going through it all day, but no one rented it. Too small. Louis is going back to Brookside Park to work tomorrow. He has been up in the flood district for two days. I did my ironing this p.m. will be glad to get back to washing on Mondays again.

### January 6, Saturday

Ah, my husband got a promotion, getting up in the world?? They put him and Pat Wilson in charge of fifteen men each. It will mean more responsibility, but will they get more money, we wonder?? Sure ought to. Our USA President would say yes, but the politicians in this town are a bad lot, me thinks. I met Anna Egan in Boy's Market, she told me how to make a vegetable meat loaf. I'm going to try it tomorrow. This evening we rode over to Annie's. She is going to try the loaf, also. I gave her half of my parsley for it. We also gave her some carrots. When we got home we found a note from Donna, she is sleeping home tonight. She and Rex have gone to the York show. Louis went to bed in Donna's bed. She will sleep with me.

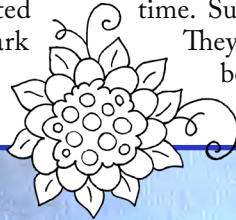
### January 7, Sunday

Donna didn't rest very well; it seems she can't get a good night's sleep at home anymore. She's not

used to sleeping with anyone, and when she's in her own bed she can't keep warm cause she has a heated room at Haight's. Her own bed is too soft now. Br. Arthur Sconberg [*Arthur Henry Sconberg lived in Los Angeles in 1934*] was our speaker at the officers and teachers meeting this morning. He has talked to us for the past six or seven years on the first Sunday of the New Year. He gave a splendid talk; I wish I had a copy of it to read over and over. We are fortunate indeed, to have men like Br. Sconberg address us. Donna and Rex ate dinner with us. We enjoyed my French apple pie, and vegetable meat loaf. It was a hurry and rush to Sunday School union meeting on time. Myrtle Egan, Donna and Rex rode with us. We went to Haight's after, for Donna's key, but they were out. Louis told Br. Terry he was going to resign from Sunday School. Our night meeting was very fine. Conjoint always is. Elaine and Ernie brought Louis some rye bread, nice! We enjoyed our English Coronets [*radio program*] after church. Poor Napoleon Bonaparte is in exile for the first time. Louis took laundry to Sue's.

### January 8, Monday

Lorene asked me yesterday to give the block teachers lesson next Wednesday. Oh, how I dislike that job. Louis worked all day, to make up for the rainy days. Sue and I washed today, it's the first time we've washed on Monday for a long time. Sue and Al brought our laundry over this evening. They were on their way up to Lorene's to work on the books. We enjoyed our paper and the radio this evening.



Cover of 1934 Relief Society Magazine.

### January 9, Tuesday

Sr. Stead and I went block teaching this morning; it was a very lovely day. Everyone was home, but Sr. Booth. I'm glad she is well enough to be out anyway. She has been sick a long time. We called on a neighbor friend of Sr. Stead's, a very sweet old lady whose husband has been sick for six years, he had a stroke. I feel so sorry for her; she is such a dear, with him, too. They are not members of our church. Louis had dinner already when I got back from teaching, surely tasted good. Lorene and Charles came in this evening to bring me the Relief Society magazine. I had borrowed one from Sue, so didn't need it. I studied my lesson this evening.

### January 10, Wednesday

I got through my Relief Society lesson alright. It wasn't half as bad as I expected. My prayers were answered and I'm glad I had that fine opportunity. I gained more than any of the other sisters did, cause I had to dig in and study.

The topic was “Self Effort,” and that’s what it takes, for me to give a lesson to the adults. It’s different in my Sunday School class, I love to give those kiddies the lesson. Sr. Wood gave a wonderful lesson in our meeting after the teacher’s meeting. Rex brought me home from Relief Society. I cashed our check at bank. Rex ate dinner with us, and then he went down to see Donna. Louis took me to Mutual, but he wouldn’t go in. Bill brought me home after. He is going to have a top for our radio milled out for us, \$1.05. P.S. I bore my testimony in Relief Society.

### January 11, Thursday

Rex brought Donna’s uniform this morning. I washed and went up town to meet her. We bought a shower gift for Florence Oates stork shower tomorrow night at Crawley’s home. It is a little dress, and shawl blanket, a pretty pink blanket with wool fringe on. Rex ate dinner with us tonight. We had vegetable soup and banana cream pie. Annie, Bill, and Glen came to visit us this evening. Bill brought the top to our radio, he got it from his mill. Donna and Rex went to the show. We heard from Violet today. She told us some very sad news. Audrey Fife has had a stroke, her right side is paralyzed. It is so pitiful. I feel so sorry for her folks; they’ve had such hard luck. I wrote to Miss Peterson tonite. We got a letter from her today.

### January 12, Friday

Our radio is looking better each day, as Louis gets a little more finished on it. It is going to be a cute little table cabinet radio. I’ll have a nice place for books in the bottom. Louis cut the Victrola top off Wednesday. We never used the records anyway. Bill gave Louis a fancy molding to trim around the front of our radio. Louis got his \$5 check from the flood district today. He bought our new 1934 car license this afternoon. I hope Miss Peterson gets her money o.k. I didn’t get a money order this time. Our neighbor, the bearded gardener, came over to show us how to prune our rose bushes. Louis will do it tomorrow he says. I had a lovely time at Florence’s stork shower over to Crawley’s home. We played different table games. I got the prize, but gave it to Audrey Treu as we found she had one point

## LESSON DEPARTMENT

### Teachers’ Topic SELF EFFORT



Individual soul growth and development depend upon the law of self effort. All men have received the great gift of free agency through which they merit rewards for service or punishment for disobedience.

“For behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things, for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward.

“Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness:

“For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And in as much as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward.

“But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned.”— Doctrine and Covenants 58:26 – 29.

References—Doctrine and Covenants 6:3; 6:13.

Man is God’s masterpiece of creation, and he should realize what a wonderful soul he possesses, and that there is need for its salvation. Man should also realize that the greatest achievements are made when he sees and feels his own possibilities, and that growth and development come only by self effort. Sorrow and disappointment awaits the individual who expects to get something for nothing. We must pay nature’s price. Zoroaster said: “Nature abhors and is ruthless toward those who will not help themselves.” It is only through persistent effort that we build character, place ourselves beyond the destruct-

tive tendencies of Life, and gain salvation. Mastery bring to the human intelligence the greatest job and satisfaction, for it is not what we have, but what we do and what we are that is important.

Could salvation come to man unless he had the inherent power to choose for himself?

2 Nephi 2:15. Doctrine and Covenants 29:34–35

Explain why not.

The Lord requires of all men that they do all in their power to bring to pass their own salvation, and he has done, and does for man all things which are beyond the power of man to do. Why is this so?

Explain the justice of God in granting to all men according to their works. See Matt. 7:24 –27; 2 Cor. 5: 10; Romans 2:3; Rev. 2:26.

Discuss the proverb “there is no excellence without labor,” also, “What is worth doing is worth doing well.”

Lowell has written:

“No man is born into the work whose work

Is not born with him, there is always work,

And tools withal, for those who will; And blessed are the horny hands of toil.”

The Savior said: “Do not be deceived, the Kingdom of God will not come by observation. The Kingdom of heaven is within you.”

The great goal of existence, we have learned, is to become perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect. This requires constant labor, both now and hereafter, until this perfection comes, and then we will be prepared to go forth in the greater work of creation which will endure forever.

*This is the lesson that Elvie taught on January 10, 1934. The lessons were published in the Relief Society Magazine three months before they were to be given. This is from the November 1933 Relief Society magazine.*

higher. I was so happy that Donna could come to Florence’s shower, but I forgot to kiss her good night and feel badly about it. We took Sr. Stead and Lillian over and home from shower, also took Irene Gilmore home. Louis went to a democratic meeting and program while I went to shower.

### January 13, Saturday

We did have a large crowd over to Crawley's home last night, and all had a good time. Florence got so many lovely things. She'll have very few things to buy for this baby. We had rice, raisins, and cream, and raisin bread toast for our dinner yesterday. It was cheap, and we enjoyed it, too. Rex came over this afternoon and visited an hour with me while Louis had his nap. This said "nap" is a regular thing every afternoon, when he isn't at work. Florence invited Rex and Ruthie to have dinner with them this evening. They took Ruthie to a basketball game at Lincoln tonight and Rex came up for us. We came home with Florence and Ernie. Rex took Ruthie home. Our ward lost the game, sorry.

### January 14, Sunday

Our Primary class in Sunday School is mostly all new children promoted from the kindergarten. We sent ten of our children up to the Church History class. Donna and Rex came here to dinner. I made two French apple pies this a.m. We enjoyed one for dinner. Rex bought more cream in the evening for the other pie. Florence and Ernie came over and helped us eat it. We all enjoyed the concluding episode of Napoleon Bonaparte in the English Coronets. Br. Peterson brought his chorus of young girls and boys from Mar Vista Ward, out to sing and speak to us in church tonite. We enjoyed them. Our young Mutual people served hot chocolate and cakes to them after, upstairs. We took Sr. Stead home sick, bad back. Bishop and Sue went to Lankershim Ward tonight. The missionaries asked him to speak. Sr. Pack treated them to a lunch after church.

### January 15, Monday

Sue and I washed. We had them all dry and in the house by 12:30. Louis came over for me, we ate some toast and applesauce. I made the applesauce for Bette and Shirley, it was still hot when they came at noon, and they surely did enjoy it. We brought our laundry home. I put the bird out in the sun this afternoon and stayed out to watch him, so no cats could get him. He had a wonderful time, sang and sang. Louis slept in the swing. He finished his job on the radio after his nap. It is all done, but the staining. I like it lots better now. Rex called on us tonight after his elder's meeting at Chandler's about 10 p.m. They served lemon pie over there. Sue, Annie, and Lorene each had to make one. Even the pie didn't make Louis want to go. We got a letter from Mother; she's been sick, and a letter from our landlady.

### January 16, Tuesday

Louis took me to the News Herald this afternoon. I put the ad for rent of the little house in the paper. They will run it for three weeks, 99¢. I wrote to Miss Peterson and sent \$11.00, she will credit me with \$12.00. We sent \$6.00

last week. I met Mrs. Williams up in front of the News Herald, she is a real estate lady. Her husband belonged to our church, he died. She thinks she can rent the little house. I wonder?? I did my ironing after lunch. I called in to see how Sr. Stead was, her back is still very bad, she was in bed all day yesterday. We took her home sick last Sunday after church. After dinner this evening Louis and I walked over to Andersens'. Annie treated us each to a delicious little tuna pie. I played a game of (house) horse shoe with Annie, and one with Beverly.

### January 17, Wednesday

I got up and fixed a lunch for Louis to take with him, he is going to work all day. Wrote a letter to Mother and one to Violet. Took a bath and went to Relief Society. Later I called in to see how Sr. Stead was feeling on my way home from Relief Society. Her back is a lot better. I also called up Donna on the phone while I was in Steads'. She said Mr. Haight gave her a box of dates for me. Nice of him, she'll bring them home to me tomorrow. I'm going to meet her uptown in the morning. I am enjoying the swing, Dickie bird is enjoying his sun bath, it is 4:20 p.m. Sr. Stead gave me another shopping bag today, nice. Mr. McGinnis, of the Oral Arts Association, gave an interesting talk in Mutual on "Moods of the Drama." Donna and Rex came in.

### January 18, Thursday

Donna brought the dates in to us last night. Mr. Haight sent them. Oh, they are grand, best I ever tasted. Three pounds of "Sunripe" dates, lovely. I washed this morning, and met Donna uptown at 7th and Broadway. She bought her Daddy his birthday gift from her, a nice blue shirt, \$2.00, and four pair of sox, \$1.00. We enjoyed a nice sandwich at Owl drug store, and some delicious chocolate mints from there, also. We came home early as Donna was expecting Vera to come over and visit with her this afternoon. Rex came up in time to eat dinner with us. Fred Reiche came over this evening to see if Vera was here. No one knew where she was, but she didn't come here. Rex treated us all to the York show tonight. Good show. Donna bought some Excelcis face powder from Aunt Lorene this evening.



*Audrey Fife & Donna Renshaw in 1930 at Cedar Breaks. Audrey died on Jan. 16, 1934. Donna received a letter from Aunt Violet on January 19, telling of Audrey's death.*

### January 19, Friday

The rent ad, for the little house came out in the Highland News again this morning, only a few people came to see through, even though it has dropped to \$10.00, too small. I went uptown this afternoon, after Louis got here to take care of the renting folks. I changed the shirt Donna bought Louis for one half size smaller. It was my fault she got it too large, anyway. Rex came over this evening and ate dinner with us. He said he was out to see Donna today. She got a letter from Aunt Violet telling about Audrey Fife passing away. I feel so sorry

for her poor folks. It must be terrible to lose a sweet daughter like Audrey. Tonight Louis and I walked over to tell Annie and Bill about Audrey. Bill drove us home. We listened to Leonard's new radio play, over to Annie's tonight. I don't like it. It's about dead soldiers and war.

### January 20, Saturday

Bill gave us the design for the front of our radio last night. I helped Louis arrange it on the radio this afternoon. It surely has improved the appearance of our radio. It's quite pretty now, and cute, too. Beverly drove Annie and Glen over to visit us for a few minutes this afternoon. Bill was uptown looking at suits. I treated them to some of the dates Mr. Haight sent up. Boy, they were lovely, delicious dates. We finished them up this evening. Al called for Louis to go to stake conference with him. Sue came with him to see if I'd like to go to the Highland Show. I told her no thanks, out of funds! I enjoyed staying home, reading, writing, and listening to the radio, also took my bath.

### January 21, Sunday

It was a beautiful Sabbath morning. We all enjoyed our ride to conference. The Stead family went with us. Sr. Stead's back is worse today, but she just couldn't miss conference. I hunted up a coat from the Relief Society room. Sr. Lillywhite and the janitor helped me; we couldn't find a pillow, so we used a soft coat to make a pillow for her back. Louis and I ate dinner at a little restaurant near the stake house. Br. and Sr. Chandler, and Alice and her little boy ate there, also. Dinner not good. We found out who our new stake president was in the afternoon session (David H. Cannon, it's just the way I wanted it, Chas. H. Norberg, first counselor, and Wilfred G. Edling, second counselor). All fine men. We didn't stay for the last session. The Stead's did. We brought Lorene and Charles and Mohn M. home. Lorene fixed a nice little lunch for us. Surely tasted good after our disappointment in dinner. Sue and Al came later. They brought Sr. Stead home; she decided she was too ill to stay. Donna and Rex came also, they decided not to stay, and she wanted to kiss me goodnite, bless her heart. They were out riding when we left. We all enjoyed the New Coronets serial. It is "Mary, Queen of Scott." We heard it at Lorene's.



*Lou and Elvie Renshaw, 1934*



*The Stead family—Simeon, Lillian, Albert, Mary with Harold in front in 1924. The Steads are mentioned often in Elvie's diary. During January of 1934 Mary suffered with lumbago (lower back pain).*

### January 22, Monday

Louis went over to tell Sue I wasn't able to wash today. Too bad, it's a lovely day, too. A birthday gift and card came from Mother for Louis today. Colgate's Shaving set, very nice. This evening Sue and Al came over on their way to the stake house. They brought a lovely butter scotch pie; Sue made it for Louis, for his birthday tomorrow. She also brought our washing home; she did the washing alone today. I'm happy it is done. Lots of people look through the little house, but no luck at renting.

### January 23, Tuesday—Daddy's birthday

The little lady that wanted the little house in the rear came again this a.m. She said she'd be back, the other young couple that wants it came, but they didn't pay, said they'd be back. Well, we can't wait on them. A nice lady about 70 years old has rented it, Mrs. Vernon. She moves in tomorrow, sorry, but the others have waited just too long. Louis and I went to Highland Park this evening and bought him a birthday gift, sox, arm bands, and suspenders. Donna sent him a nice card; she bought him a dress shirt and sox, four pair. Mother sent him a nice Colgate Shaving Set. We both enjoyed the pie Sue made him. Rex called in, but wouldn't stay to dinner. Donna and Rex came tonight, we bought some ice cream. I popped some corn. We ate some chocolate kisses, too. Sue and Al came to wish Louis a happy birthday. A letter from Violet today telling all about Audrey Fife's funeral, sad. Sue received a card from Ellen, telling about Alma's oldest girl, Lois dying. There is only two of that family left now, it's so sad. Lois was married, too. I'm worried cause Donna has a bad cold and I can't be there to take care of her. I wish she'd stay home a few days, but oh-no.

### January 24, Wednesday

Sr. Stead sent a note with Harold [Mary's 12 year old son] this morning telling me she was sick in bed and wanted me to come over. I stayed with her until Lillian [her daughter] came home in the evening. Sr. Kelson was there yesterday, is going again tomorrow. I kept hot Epsom salt packs on her back for one hour in the a.m., then again one hour in the p.m. she felt a lot better when I left. She's been sick since Sunday, never should have gone out to stake conference. Louis and I went to Mutual. I called Donna up from church, she feels miserable, is sick with bad cold. I do worry over her, if I was only where I could do something for her. Mrs. Vernon moved into the little house.

### January 25, Thursday

Sr. Treu and Annie came just as I was finishing my washing. They came outside while I hung them out. Louis worked two hours this morning, then he dressed up and went to look for a new job, and what's more, he found it. He has been given a chance at the General Hospital, starts in the morning. He is so disgusted with the way they run this C.W.A. work. The boss gets no more money than the laborer, and all the worry. I do hope he has got steady work now. He has tried to get work in that place for such a long time. I invited Sr.



Los Angeles General Hospital  
Built in 1933.

Treu and Annie to lunch; they went down to see Florence and came back. Donna came and is feeling a little better now. I called her up, but she had just left. Louis was going after her. Donna and I enjoyed our company, Annie and Sr. Treu, very much. Tonight, we, Rex, Donna, Louis, and I went to York, to see Marie Dressler and Lionel Barrymore in "Her Sweetheart," good show. We also saw "Myrt and Marge." Annie and Sr. Treu came today to arrange for the Relief Society bulletin news.



### January 26, Friday

Louis started his work at the Hospital this morning, wonder what the C.W.A. will think when he doesn't show up this morning? I have a headache, it pained most of the night. I had an awful time doing my cleaning today cause my head hurt so badly. It is Al's birthday. Rex came over and ate dinner with us this evening. I bought some popcorn, and we went over to Al's to celebrate his birthday. No one was home so we took our corn and butter over to Andersens'. Annie, Beverly, and Sr. Treu had gone to the York show, but Bill and Glen were home. I popped the corn. Rex and Glen played a game of miniature pool. We enjoyed ourselves celebrating the Bishop's birthday.

### January 27, Saturday

I got up before daylight, this morning, first time in a long time. Louis took his lunch to work which is the reason for my early hour. He likes his job; we only hope he can get on the county pay roll for good. The boss gave him charge of thirteen men the first day, he had them again today. He has to work Sundays though, we don't like that part. We found out that Sue and Al were over to Monte Vista School exhibit, last night. They went home early, sorry now that we didn't go back. The Andersen family came over to visit with us this evening. Glen ate with us while Bill and Annie took Beverly back home so she could go to the basketball game

with Carl and family. Donna came to sleep. She and Rex came just as the Andersen family was leaving. Mrs. Middleton called to see me this morning. Mrs. Vernon came in while she was here. They had a nice chat.

### January 28, Sunday

Donna and I walked to Sunday School. Lovely day. Louis worked at the hospital. Donna had to go back to Haight's this afternoon. She took the typewriter with her and typed the bulletin news for me. I was alone, so Br. and Sr. Hill took me up to their home for

dinner, very nice. I came home after helping with dishes, as I expected Florence Gibson to come, to try Donna's dress on. She wanted to borrow it for the play Wednesday night. Florence, Ernie, Ruthie, and Sr. Marsh called in this evening. We took Sr. Marsh and Ruthie to church. After church they came home with us to hear the Coronets. We took them down home.

### January 29, Monday

I surely like my new neighbor in the little rear house, Mrs. Vernon. She and I washed. Louis came for me about noon, we ate lunch over there. Br. Vennott came over to Sue's; his wife is sick, too bad. Rex called in tonight on his way to the block teachers meeting at the Bishop's, he said Donna wanted me to call her up tomorrow. Mrs. Vernon came in to visit with us this evening. She knows a lot of Salt Lake people, she lived there years ago, about the time I was born. I received a letter from \*Frances Helman, she asked me to compose a song for their Strong's reunion, oh, dear! Br. Bailey came for the bulletin news this evening.

\*"Frances Helman was a Strong. She was the daughter of Thomas Mardis Strong and Cordelia Jean Everwine, Frances' full name was Frances Everwine Strong. She was an outstanding genealogist and the Family History Library in Blairsville, PA, is named after her. Frances would certainly have been organizing a Strong reunion in Pennsylvania and asking your grandmother to participate. As far as I know Frances only had one child, Edwin Helman b. 7 Apr 1925. I believe most of her notes, etcetera are now residing in the library in Blairsville."-Jo Cunningham (via Family Search and email)

### January 30, Tuesday

Sr. Stead came over to visit me this morning before I was dressed. I was glad to see her well enough to go out for a walk. Louis went over to Brookside Park for his last check from the C.W.A. work (I hope). We are so anxious for him to get on steady at the General Hospital. He took his car down to the garage and George put new brakes in it, we surely needed them, had no brakes. Shirley [Hoglund] came over after school. She went to a Primary meeting. We took Shirley home this evening after shopping in Boy's Market. I took the soap for our washing over to Sue. I called Donna up from Stead's. She wants me to meet her uptown tomorrow,



she is having her day off tomorrow. Helen Holden came over tonight to tell us that Ruth [*Cartwright*] called and said that Iva Jacobson died, after giving birth to a baby, so sad.

### January 31, Wednesday

Our neighbors, the La Barge family, are moving away from us. Nice people, but too many washings left out on my lines. It was my own fault; I told them they were welcome to use them. Mrs. Vernon told me she'd have to move if we had clothes on the lines all the time, as it is depressing to her when she looks out. I don't blame her. I won't be so generous next time. I washed before going uptown to meet Donna. Rex met her, also. She had her day off today. Haight's are going out tomorrow. We went to a pen shop and she bought a lovely pen to give Raymond for his graduation gift, with his name on it. She bought a pretty blue taffeta blouse; we came home in Rex's car. Went to Mutual show, "The Whole Town's Talking." It was a big success. The house was full. Surely good.

### February 1, Thursday

I left his a.m. a few minutes to eleven o'clock, for Home Gardens Ward chapel. Iva Jacobson was buried from there today. Services started at one o'clock. They were lovely. Iva looked beautiful. The house was crowded and oh, so many flowers. Clarence [*Cartwright*] is learning the mortuary business under Mr. Rice; he helped with Iva's funeral. I didn't see Ruth, but Clarence said she was there. President Leo J. Muir and Supt. William G. Wooley, and Veda E. Savage, president of the Y.L.M.I.A. stake board, all spoke. Also, Bishop Perry, Br. Magnuson and Bishop Dye. Boy, it's a long ride from Home Gardens on bus and street cars. This evening I went over to Franklin High School to see Raymond graduate. The class looked lovely in their uniform blue sweaters. Louis moved the scenery from church house. Sue and Al brought me home. The commencement program was lovely.

### February 2, Friday

Mrs. Downs came over to visit with me this morning. They are cleaning the house next door to rent it again. She said maybe she'd move in?? Is sorry she ever left it, is sorry for a lot of things. She told me all her troubles. Some folks do have a time getting along in this world. I'm surely glad there is love and harmony in our home. They gave Louis the waxing job at the hospital today. He hopes they give it to him for keeps. Louis took Lorene, Annie and I to Blanches tonight to the Strong meeting. Al took Bill, and Helen Hoglund, [*Helen Ana Hoglund, daughter of Oscar and Blanche Hoglund*] she lives in Garvanza now. Bill was surely surprised when Annie walked in with us. He thought she was too ill to go, but she felt better when we called to get the pies, so we brought her along. Aunt Lizzie [*Louise Elizabeth Underwood Strong*] and Alma's two children were there, Bertha and Paul. [*Bertha and Paul lost their mother in 1929 and their father in 1933*] They live with Thelma. [*Their aunt Thelma Naomi Strong Upham.*] They just got back from Lois' funeral. [*Twenty year old sister to Bertha*

*and Paul*] Aunt Lizzie looks bad, poor dear. [*She has buried her husband, daughter-in-law, son and a grand child in the last five years.*] Annie felt better after putting a plaster on. She had lumbago in her back. Her French lemon cream pies were delicious.

### Lumbago

Low back pain or **lumbago** is a common disorder involving the muscles and bones of the back. It affects about 40% of people at some point in their lives. Low back pain may be classified by duration as acute (pain lasting less than 6 weeks), sub-chronic (6 to 12 weeks), or chronic (more than 12 weeks). The condition may be further classified by the underlying cause as either mechanical, non-mechanical, or referred pain.

### February 3, Saturday

Mrs. Vernon calls in to visit with me most every day. I like her. Louis was very tired when he came home from work this evening, so I walked to Boy's Market while he enjoyed a nap. We rode over to Annie's for a few minutes this evening. Annie is suffering with lumbago in her back. Mrs. Vernon cooked sauerkraut today gave us enough for our dinner. She cooked it with pig knuckles. I enjoyed it. In fact it's the first time I ever liked sauerkraut. Rex brought Donna home to sleep tonite.

### February 4, Sunday

I don't like Louis working on Sundays, but we can't help that. Donna and I walked to Sunday School. My blood pressure was high, felt like I was going to pass out when we stood to sing the opening song. I felt better later, went to Sunday School union meeting. Br. Gunn came for me. Donna walked over to visit with Annie and Lorene and families. She felt sick on the way over, and wasn't well in church, but had to play for Brother Leo Coombs to sing, also for the congregation singing. Mrs. Vernon went to church with us. After church I talked Donna into staying home and resting tomorrow. I went in to Sandra's and called Haight's to let them know. Louis went with me. I talked to Mr. Haight. I made French lemon cream pies this morning. Surely good. Annie is still sick.



Lorene & Raymond Clayton in 1915. In 1934 Raymond graduates from high school with honors.

### February 5, Monday

Donna feels better; she slept until I came back from doing my washing at Sue's. We did Annie's washing today, also. I took the clothes over to her place to hang. Sr. Treu helped me hang them. Annie is in bed with lumbago, she was sick in bed yesterday, too. I came home for my heating pad. Donna went back to Annie's with me. I put hot Epsom salt packs on her back and kept them hot with the pad. Donna read a book. I ironed most of Annie's clothes. Beverly finished the ironing when she came. We had Rex's car today, he took ours to work with him to grease it. Sue gave us a coconut cream pie tonight when we went for the laundry. Rex came for Donna tonight after his work. He took her down to Haight's. She

says she feels okay. I hope so. P.S. We went back to Annie's this evening, she feels fine. Donna ate dinner at Sue's.

### February 6, Tuesday

Mrs. Vernon came in this a.m., visited about two hours. Louis dressed up and went to the hospital for his check. He also changed out alarm clock for one that will work, I hope. Louis brought things for lunch and some cream for our pie Sue gave us, good. Sr. Stead and Sr. Shuman called on us for a few minutes this evening. I ironed after they left. Louis and I decided to go to the Highland Show this evening. Sue and Al came, and after they went Florence Oates came, so we enjoyed our company instead. Ernie is working until twelve o'clock, five nights a week. It is lonesome for Florence. I wonder how Annie's back is, and how my girl feels tonight?

### February 7, Wednesday

The clock Louis brought home yesterday, stopped in the night, it's worse than the one we had. He took it back to the man who sold it to him. Sr. Hill kinked her neck in Relief Society, it caused a lot of pain. We had to move into the parlor for our lesson, the men on the roof made so much noise while roofing the building. Sr. Wood was too ill to come and give her lesson, so Vinna Cannon gave it, fine, too. I paid my dues today. Sr. Stead and I have been parted as teachers, sorry, cause I liked going with her. I am going with Viola Niles, she's nice, too. Annie feels better. Sr. Craddock brought her to Relief Society. Br. Crawley asked me to be one of the judges in the M Men and Gleaner Girl debate. Girls won. We had ice cream and cake after. A letter from Mother, they are still enjoying spring weather.

### February 8, Thursday

After washing, I met Donna and Rex uptown at 11:30. I was coming home with them in Rex's car, but I hadn't bought the blue silk for Donna's taffeta dress yet, so I sent them along home. I went from 8th to 4th trying in every store to get the exact shade, but I couldn't, so took the nearest I could buy. Donna fixed lunch for Rex and herself. They went for a long ride this afternoon. Louis and I ate dinner at 5 p.m. The kids came about seven, they'd eaten dinner. We all went out this evening. Rex and Donna to a show. Louis and I to Sr. Pack's house warming party. We had lots of fun. She surely has a darling new home. We took Br. and Sr. Evans and Sr. Burnett. We brought Florence Oates and Sr. Craddock back. The Evans' too. We enjoyed sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, and fruit salad, and cake at Packs'. Took it with us.

### February 9, Friday

We did have a nice time at Packs last night. Gladys Spurrel moved back into the house next door to me. I wouldn't be surprised to see her mother leave Mr. Downs and move in with her, also. In fact she said as much to me. I heard the other night that Marion Christenson [*Friend of Donna's*] was married. She wrote to Lucille Evans and told her she was married. I wonder? She likes to talk. I do worry over Violet's condition. She said in Donna's letter she had leakage of the heart, her kidneys are bad, too. Annie, Bill and Beverly came this evening. I popped some corn. Glen had gone to the show with Jimmy Craddock.

### February 10, Saturday

I did the marketing again this Saturday while Louis was working. A very nice lady gave me a ride to Stoll Drive, from Boy's Market. I was glad, cause I had a heavy load to carry. This evening we went over to Annie's. I gave her two vegetable bowls for her birthday. She treated us to cakes. Annie and I went to the market to buy a roast for me. I also bought some little cakes at the bakery. Donna came home to sleep about 1 a.m. She was tired out from the big turkey dinner Haight's had served to 12 friends. Oh, the dishes, it's awful, and I can't help her any.

### February 11, Sunday

Donna and I walked to Sunday School. Rex ate dinner with us then he had to go to work. Elaine and Ernie came over to bring some rye bread to us. They didn't stay long. I read paper and Donna took a nap and made some good fudge. Ruth and Clarence brought the kiddies in for a visit. They stayed until after Louis got home this evening. The children all have colds, the baby felt miserable, so they left early, didn't want to keep them out in the night air. Florence Oates came home from church with us, stayed until 11 o'clock; she went with us to take the clothes to Sue's. Rex came for Donna about 9:30, after eating, they left about 11, also.



A Vintage Valentine  
Elvie bought Valentines to send to loved ones.

### February 12, Monday

Sue and I washed; Louis came for me about 11:30. Sr. Treu and Annie called in this afternoon. Sr. Treu brought Louis the apple pie she'd promised him a few weeks ago. It was delicious. We rode them to Highland Park. I bought some Valentines to send to Dolores, also sent one to Grama and Donna. We took Annie, Sr. Treu and Sr. Robinson down to Robinson's house; they are getting a quilt ready for sewing day. I wrote a letter to Violet. This evening Louis and I went to the Highland Show. We met Beverly,

Elise, and Erma, going in, so we all sat upstairs together. It was a long show, but not very good. Louis said it was three hours and 30¢ wasted, ha, ha!

### February 13, Tuesday

Sr. Viola Niles and I went block teaching this morning for the first time together. Louis took us around in our car, so we got through early and enjoyed it, also. We had five new families this time, but three of them were not at home. Louis had to leave us at the last two places cause he had to be at the hospital by noon for his check. We were near home, at Rosses', so we didn't mind walking home from there. Rex and Florence called in to see us; he was taking her to the store for groceries. She has only one more month to wait for her baby now. She'll make a sweet little mother. We gave Rex the dollar we'd put up on the piano and forgotten all about. Louis owed it to him for greasing the car. Went over to Annie's tonight, Em and Art were there.

### February 14, Wednesday

I walked to Relief Society about 1:30 p.m. They were quilting on Eva Snow's quilt, it is very pretty, she's going to be married this month, nice girl. I hope she'll be very happy. I didn't stay long at Relief Society today, they had lots of workers. Sr. Stead and I walked home together; I went in her house and called Donna on the phone. She is not going to have tomorrow off, but Friday instead. I'm going to meet her uptown Friday morning. I gave part of the lesson in Gen. class tonight. My topic was "every marriage should be eternal." Louis and I stayed to the M Men and Gleaner Girl dance after Mutual. Had a nice time. Louis took money at the door. I forgot to mention that yesterday Louis and I went to see a lady about taking care of her houses for our rent free. Mrs. Vernon told us about her. She says she'll let us know later.

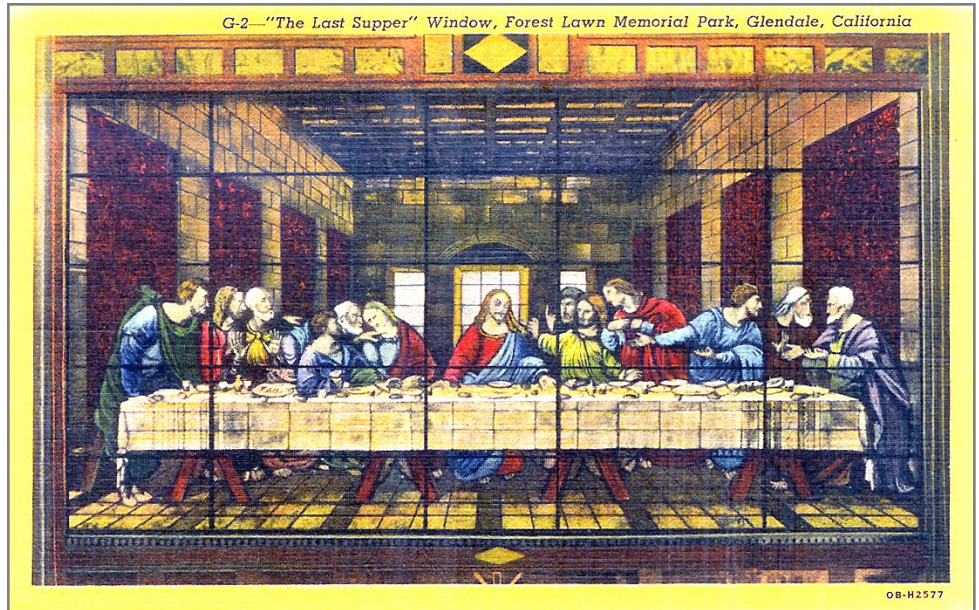
### February 15, Thursday

I washed and got the clothes all outside when it started raining. I brought them back in, and hung them all in the kitchen on a line I'd put up. I turned the oven on, and the bird and I moved out in the front rooms. The clothes dried in no time, good idea; glad I didn't leave them out in the rain. Mrs. Vernon gave me some hot cabbage and potatoes for lunch, surely good. It seemed strange not having Donna home today. She's taking her day off tomorrow instead. The Haight's wanted today out.

### February 16, Friday

I didn't feel very well, but I'd promised to meet Donna uptown, so I went. She bought a book for Vera Chandler's birthday gift from Rex and herself. They went over to the

party tonight. It was an announcement party; Vera has a lovely diamond ring now. I helped Donna pick out her Easter suit. It is a pretty light gray; she paid a small deposit to hold it, \$2.00. She wanted to buy it before the Easter things go up sky high like they always do near Easter. She bought some nice silk hose for me, and toothpaste, too. After we got out of the show, Rex met us, and brought us home. He ate dinner with us. Donna treated me to the show today; she's so generous with her little earnings, "bless her heart." The Andersen family came over tonight. Beverly brought the hat she'd made in school, and gave it to me, was my old one, cute!



Vintage postcard of the stained glass window of "The Last Supper" at Forest Lawn.

### The Last Supper at Forest Lawn

This reproduction of Leonardo da Vinci's famous masterpiece in Milan, Italy was created in jewel-like glass by Rosa Caselli Moretti last of this family possessing the secret of this magnificent stained glass since the twelfth century. The twice life-size figure of Judas broke five times in the furnace. After seven years of hard work this masterpiece was dedicated at Forest Lawn in 1931 to be a perpetual inspiration to all mankind.

### February 17, Saturday

I had my cleaning day today. Sue took her Primary class out to the Forest Lawn mausoleum, to see the magnificent stained glass window of "The Last Supper." They invited me to go along, so I did, and I am very glad, as it's a wonderful sight. Al gave a very interesting lecture on the window, and each apostle. There was twenty-one in our party, everyone else there enjoyed Al's lecture. Bill took his car, Lorene, Annie, Beverly, and Elise. Br. Nordstrom took his family, and Sr. Gunn took her car full. This evening Louis and I bought groceries and went window shopping in Highland Park, bought candy and came home. Donna came home to sleep about 1 a.m. We met Lorene, Charlie, and Mary in Highland Park tonight. They were going to the show. Mrs. Downs has moved back, next door to me.

**February 18, Sunday**

Donna and I had walked almost to Sunday School when we met Rex this morning. He took us the rest of the way. Br. Thompson came in our class, Max was good, I wish his dad would come in more often. Florence Gibson is going to move out of our ward. I'm sorry to lose her as my partner in Sunday School class. Sr. Marsh took Donna and I down to her house to dinner, we enjoyed it very much. Rex took his mother to union meeting, it was Mutual union, and Donna went along. They came right back and brought me home so I could cook dinner for Louis. We all went to church this evening. Elaine and Ernie came over after Donna and Rex tonight; they fixed a lunch for them at Elaine's. Rex took our laundry over for us.

**February 19, Monday**

Sue and I washed this a.m., but it was a cloudy dark day, the clothes didn't get dry. It started to rain late this p.m. I dried mine in my kitchen. Elaine was home sick today. Sue had a bad cold and shouldn't have washed. Louis cleaned garage and yard up nicely. Rex and his mother came up this morning over to Sue's for his book; he left it there last night. Strange thing happened, I got an electric shock when I'd hang the wet clothes on our lines today. Sue felt it a few weeks ago, on a damp day. It was damp and cold outside tonight, but we stayed by the nice warm fire and enjoyed the radio and paper.

**February 20, Tuesday**

Louis went to hospital for his paycheck. He brought Rex home with him. I fixed us some lunch and did my ironing after lunch. Rex washed the dishes. Louis sent our Beneficial insurance to Salt Lake today, \$14.44. Rex got Sue's typewriter so Florence could type a few copies of the song, "Carry On" for Louis to use in Mutual tomorrow night. Tonight Louis and I went to the Highland Show to see "Dinner at Eight." Very good show. As we were coming out, we saw Annie and family, they'd seen it, too. Louis has a cold and feels miserable, poor dear.

**Dinner at Eight**

Affluent Millicent and Oliver Jordan throw a dinner for a handful of wealthy and/or well-born acquaintances, each of whom has much to reveal.



**February 21, Wednesday**

I washed my kitchen curtains and windows this morning. Eleven windows in this kitchen, some job!, but I do love the light sunny room. I then hurried off to Relief Society. Bought the bird some seed, it's the first we've had to buy him since Mrs. Middleton gave him to us. He surely doesn't cost us much. I ironed and hung the curtains when I got home from Relief Society. They look nice and clean, but I'll never be able to wash and use them again. They'll never stand it. I had an awful time getting them back up this time. I felt too tired to go to Mutual, but I went anyway. I surely am tired tonight. Vera told me about the little Haight baby falling. Poor Donna is sick about it. Baby wasn't hurt much in her fall. Donna was hurt the most, ha, ha! She fell off the Bathinette while Donna was getting a diaper.



*Bathinette used for bathing baby and changing diapers*



*Donna Renshaw and Rex Marsh*

## February 22, Thursday

Florence Oates came over this morning to tell me that Donna called and said she'd not be home today. Mrs. Haight wants the day out. Donna will have tomorrow. Rex came after his school, expecting to find Donna here. He stayed to eat dinner with us, and then he took me to a cottage meeting at Sr. Mable Gates parent's home. I've forgotten the name. I had promised Sr. Stead, so we went down to tell them Rex was taking me over. I was glad to have him go. We enjoyed the meeting. It rained all evening and all night.

## February 23, Friday

I made fruit Jell-O and molded my butter, and cooked vegetable soup this morning. Donna came about noon. Beth Gentry came for me about 12:30. She took Annie, Lorene, Sr. Treu and me to the Relief Society union meeting. I went in the Social Service to substitute for Vinna Cannon. Beth stopped in Sears Roebuck on our way going to buy some quilt pieces, but they didn't have what she wanted, she bought some good fruited gum drops and treated us. It looked like it would rain all day, but didn't. Rex and Donna ate lunch here. Tonight they went to the M Men and Gleaner Girl carnival dance at the Hollywood Stake house. Elaine wore Donna's "kid" costume, Donna wore her Indian costume. Rex and Ernie dressed up as a country boy, and a tramp. Florence Oates spent the evening with us.

## February 24, Saturday

I did all the cleaning this morning as I didn't get any done yesterday. Al came over this afternoon with the paper to show me the awful news about our friends in South Gate. They were on their way home from the temple in Arizona, when the bus turned over killing five women and a baby girl, a little daughter of Pearl and Glen Haws. The dead are Afton Riggs of Huntington Park, Sr. McArthur, Genevieve Scaddlock, Sarah Crawford, and little Rea La Van Haws of South Gate, Mabel Gowers of Lynwood. The paper said 25 were in serious condition. We know most of them. It surely is an awful tragedy. I feel so bad about it.

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### LAST RITES SET IN BUS CRASH Funeral Services to Be Held Sunday for

Mrs. E. Canning McArthur  
Funeral services for one of the victims of the L.D.S. church bus accident last Friday night near Aguila, Ariz., Mrs. Elizabeth Canning McArthur, 48, former resident of Midvale, will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Midvale Second L.D.S. Ward chapel, Bishop Henry Beckstead will be in charge. The accident occurred during a driving rain. A highway detour warning light failed and the bus left the road and overturned, killing six, and injuring the other 25 passengers. All were returning from Mesa, Ariz., where they had been doing ordinance work in the L.D.S. temple, to their homes near West Gate, a suburb of Los Angeles. The bus, which was demolished, had been owned for more than a year by the genealogical society of Los Angeles Stake. A coroner's jury found the bus accident to be "an accident uncontrollably caused, due to weather conditions." It was considered probable Tuesday that George Albert Smith, of the council of the twelve apostles of the church, and Sylvester Q. Cannon, presiding bishop, who are both in Los Angeles, may attend funeral services for other victims of the bus accident in Los Angeles. Mrs. McArthur was born at Midvale, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Hannah Canning. She was married in 1900 to John Lester Williams of West Jordan, who died in 1904, leaving a daughter. She later married C. D. McArthur of Meridian, Miss., who survives her, with a son, Percy D. McArthur, and a daughter, Mrs. Melva Williams Morris, of Southgate. Also surviving are six brothers and sisters: Charles A., C. Clyde and F. Dewey Canning, Midvale; P. J. Canning, Smoot, Wyo.; Mrs. Harry H. Monroe, Salt Lake, and Mrs. Mabelle M. Smith, San Francisco. At the time of her death Mrs. McArthur was an officer in the Los Angeles Stake Primary association and her ward Sunday School. Friends may call from Saturday night until the time of the funeral at the home of Charles A. Canning, Midvale. Burial will take place in Midvale cemetery.

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Bishop Perry and his wife, and Br. Magnusson and his wife were in the accident also, but not seriously injured. Several are very seriously injured. Donna came home about 9 p.m. I was still up. She slept home.

## February 25, Sunday

We all feel awful about the accident in the Home Gardens Ward, it has upset the whole church, the papers are full of the tragedy. Br. Hill rode Donna and I in his car to Sunday School. Florence Gibson said she is moving next week, this is her last day in our Sunday School. I'll surely miss her. Vera Chandler visited in our class, she's going to take my class on the 11th of March (Sunday School Convention). We brought Beverly home to dinner. She made some swell fudge for us. Rex has a new job for a few weeks until Ernie starts up. He worked today. Br. Bailey came for the bulletin this a.m. Donna typed the song I composed for the Strong's in the East. We enjoyed church tonight, had a very fine speaker, Frank Barton. Donna gave her short talk in Sunday School, it was splendid. Keith Burnett also gave a talk, good.

## February 26, Monday

Sue and I washed, we didn't hang them all out, it started to rain. I went over to Snows to quilt on Eva's quilt. We had a swell luncheon. Sr. Treu and Beth fixed it. Sue couldn't go cause Shirley was sick. Louis took Mrs. Vernon down to welfare to see about help, poor old dear, she hasn't any money for food or rent. I wonder what Miss Peterson will say, oh, dear. We gave her some food, she ate breakfast with Louis this a.m. Went over to Annie's this evening for a while. Rex called in to see us tonight after his block teachers meeting at the Bishop's. Louis was in bed. I had my hair up in curlers, the first time in years, and he would come.

## February 27, Tuesday

I did my ironing early this a.m. We called for Annie and Sr. Treu at 10 a.m. Went to Kress and bought dishes to match for Eva's shower tonight. We took Annie and Sr. Treu over to see Sr. Palmer, but she was out, so we rode them to car line. Mrs. Vernon

also rode with us as far as town. We went to South Gate, called on Ruth, she asked us to dinner. We went to see Hilda Wilson, Wanda Haws, and Sr. Perry. We heard all about the accident, it was awful. Sr. Perry is the only one back, the others who can travel will get in tonight on the train. Sr. Perry was in bed, from nervous shock. They say there is little hope for Clarissa Hausley and her Aunt Clarissa Alger. Pearl Haws and Jesse Ellsworth are in bad condition, too. We heard some news, the Fellows girl, that went on a mission, is married to Br. Kurr, who lost his wife, Beth Wilson, while we lived in the ward, and they have a baby. It was born yesterday. Erma and Kirk are married and living with his folks. We went back in the evening and ate dinner with Ruth and kiddies. Called at Hights on our way home and brought Donna up to the shower at Sue's for Eva Snow. We had a lovely time. Rex took Donna home again.

### February 28, Wednesday

I wrote a letter to Miss Peterson, sent our rent, and told her Mrs. Vernon didn't have any to send. Oh, dear, she'll be upset. Sr. Evans and I walked to Relief Society together. Vinna Cannon gave the lesson, it was very interesting. They held funerals for three of the bus victims in the Huntington Park Stake house at ten o'clock this morning, Sr. McArthur, Mable Gowers, and Afton Riggs. The other three were buried in Arizona in their home towns. We went to Mutual tonight. Sr. Marsh told Lou she heard they were going to lay men off. (In Louis's gang tomorrow, I hope not!)

### March 1, Thursday

Mrs. Middleton came to visit Mrs. Vernon again this morning. She has got to move cause her daughter has sold their home. Poor dear is all upset. I'm so happy Louis still has his job, hope he can keep it. Donna came home, we enjoyed a nice visit. Rex came later and they went for a ride. I did my mending. Tonight Donna and Rex went swimming with Lewie and Miriam, they came back to eat waffles at Miriam's after.

### March 2, Friday

I aired my bedding in the sun, cleaned beds and springs, and scrubbed floors. I was surely tired when evening came. I am worried about Violet, she has not written to any of us for such a long time. I do hope nothing is wrong with any of them. She was not very well when she last wrote.

### March 3, Saturday

I was bothered with asthma last night. I worked too hard

yesterday cleaning my bedrooms and got some dust from the springs when I used the blower on them, so I paid for it last night and today. We received a letter from Miss Peterson, she wants Louis to paint both houses and patch the shingles on the roof of our house, she'll furnish paint and etc. She will give him 50¢ an hour. We can get out of debt that way, very fine. He can do it on his days off. Mrs. Vernon got an invoice from the county saying they'd pay her rent for this month. I am to send it to Miss Peterson now. They say she'll get her pension soon. I bought the Saturday Post from Glen. Winnie Wright called on me this morning while waiting for her children to get out of Primary.

### March 4, Sunday

Donna and I enjoyed the talk Br. Norberg gave in our nine o'clock meeting this morning. I missed Florence Gibson very much today in our Sunday School class. Fast day we have extra-long class period, the children were all restless and I was worn out when it was over. Donna and I ate dinner alone. Rex was working until one o'clock. They went for a ride in the afternoon. Elmer Hansen came home from his Denmark mission. We were disappointed cause he didn't come out to church at night. Grace said he was too tired. President Muir of the L.A. Stake was our speaker, very fine. We had a splendid musical program, also. Lewis and Miriam Marsh came over after church. We enjoyed ice cream and cakes, also Coronets. Louis treated, nice! Rex treated to grape juice.



*Miriam & Lewis Marsh on their wedding day.  
Lewis is Rex Marsh's brother. They enjoyed a double date  
on March first with Rex and Donna.*

### March 5, Monday

Sue and I washed this morning. Louis took me over, and waited to bring me home. We enjoyed a nice lunch at Sue's (baked ham and potato salad). Sue let us take a light fixture to put up over our dresser, so we can have a good light to see to dress by at night. Louis fixed it up for us this evening. Br. and Sr. Marsh and Florence Oates called on us this afternoon. They stayed about an hour. I had to ascend to the roof today while my husband explained why he won't patch up the shingles as Miss Peterson wants him to, they're too curled up for a patch job. Says he! He wants to put on a new roof of shingles on the south side. Tonight we visited with Lorene and family until 10 p.m. Enjoyed a nice piece of cake. Lorene and Charles are talking of moving over on York Boulevard upstairs over Charles shop. Br. Vinnott came to see Louis this afternoon. He is having trouble with his wife, I feel so sorry for him.

### March 6, Tuesday

I washed a few clothes, and ironed the things I washed at Sue's yesterday. Louis went over to Sue's to freeze some ice cream for her. She is entertaining the Primary teachers. I received a letter from Mrs. Fife telling us that Violet has been sick in bed for three weeks, too sick to write to us. I knew there was something wrong; she doesn't keep us waiting that long for mail. She is pregnant. [*Yvonne Fife was born October 3, 1934.*] Her kidneys and heart are in bad condition, and her blood pressure is too high. I surely have the blues over her. Only God can help her through this awful ordeal now. I pray that He will. We took the letter over to the girls to read. I left my purse at Annie's, so went after it and spent the evening at Annie's.

### March 7, Wednesday

Eva Snow and Gordon Royal were married by our Bishop Al today. I gave part of the Theology lesson in Relief Society. I wrote a letter to Violet before going to Relief. Mrs. Vernon told me that Mrs. Middleton has moved from her daughters home, and that Mr. and Mrs. LaBarge have separated, she is stepping out with her old sweetheart. It was a shock to me, I thought them so happy. We met John [*Marsh*] as we were going into Mutual tonight. He was all smiles as he told us about Florence's [*Florence Oates, John's daughter*] baby boy. He was born about five o'clock this evening. They are Grandpa and Grama now. We are all ticked about it. Ernie is surely happy, too. We all enjoyed ourselves at Elmer Hanson's homecoming party, after Mutual.

### March 8, Thursday

The proud new Daddy came over this morning and asked me to please fill in the announcement cards they want to send to their friends, telling of the new "baby boy." Florence had them addressed. I asked Donna to write them when she got here and she did. Rex came over for her this p.m. and they went down to the hospital to see the new baby. The Marsh family are surely tickled with the arrival of little Ernest Donald Oates. He is their first grandchild. We all enjoyed a nice fish dinner today. Rex and Donna went to the show this evening. And Louis and I took a nice ride.

### March 9, Friday

Ernie brought two night gowns for me to launder for Florence. He said he expected his mother from Arizona Sunday. I wrote letter to Frances and Hattie, sent them the "Jubilee Song" that Frances asked me to compose for their Strong's reunion on the 21st of June. This evening Louis and I went to General Hospital to see Sr. LaNeer; she surely seemed tickled to see me. I'm so glad I went now. We called in to see Br. Peterson, also. I think he is in a bad condition. Sr. Peterson was there.

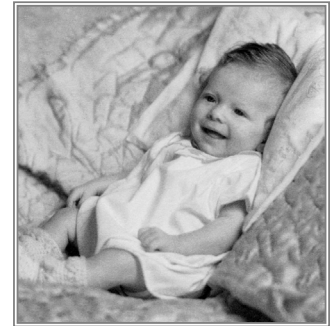


*Florence Marsh, Ernie Oates and John Marsh  
Proud Grandparents*

We offered to bring her home, but Sr. Wright was going to meet her and take her home. It is the first time I was ever in the new hospital; it is a very beautiful place. Annie and Bill came in to visit with us tonight. Beverly and her girlfriends were having a candy pull. It was a birthday party for one of her friends.

### March 10, Saturday

I made Jell-O this morning. It set good in the cool morning, but the afternoon got too warm, so it went back to water. I had to buy ice, so it would set again. It has been hot this p.m. I did the cleaning and darned sox. Louis didn't have a job last summer during the hot weather, only a few days each month for the county. So we couldn't afford any ice. Hope I'll be able to use my ice box this summer. Florence's boy is three days old today. Louis and I went for a nice ride this evening. Donna slept home tonight.



*Ernest Donald Oates*

### March 11, Sunday

I met the rest of the Sunday School people in front of our church at nine o'clock this morning. I rode with the Bishop, he feels punk today, bad cold, looks like he has the flu. We had a wonderful Sunday School convention; there were twelve members of the General Board down from Salt Lake. David O. McKay was in charge. I enjoyed my dinner at the Huntington Park Stake house, also. They had a wonderful turnout of Sunday School officers, 100% both stakes. Donna and Rex ate chicken dinner at Lorene's and took Ray for a ride after. Harold Stead led the singing in our Sunday School this a.m. The young boys took charge of Garvanza Sunday School. Elmer Hansen gave a fine talk in meeting tonight. Sr. Marsh came over after church with Ruth and Donna.

### March 12, Monday

Sue and I washed this morning, and went over to Hill's this afternoon to Inis Egan's kitchen shower. Sr. Bingham and Sr. Hill gave it for Inis. We all had a nice time. Inis read the poem I wrote for her. When she found all the gifts the ladies had given her, she opened them. It was a cute idea to have her hunt for her gifts. Mother Renshaw sent us the Salt Lake paper clipping, of the death of Ed Vincent, killed in a traffic accident. I was so sorry to hear about it. His wife was hurt, and a friend, Kathryn Snyder, was killed, also. Salt Lake feels an earthquake, our paper says. Louis built a roof over our back porch today. I'm going to enjoy it.

### March 13, Tuesday

Louis finished the back porch roof this morning, it is so much nicer now, not so much hot sun. I washed a few things and went block teaching with Sr. Niles. Louis took us in the car, fine! I went along with him to get his paycheck at the hospital. We enjoyed our ride, stopped in Annie's no mail from Violet. Bought apple pie, hot cross buns, and came home to lunch. I ironed this afternoon. Louis made a screen for one of the living room windows. Ernie Oates took us this evening to see Florence and the baby. The baby is darling. We came back to his house and helped him get 900 letters addressed and folded, ready for the mail. There was ten of us working, Sr. Oates, Herbert, Ernie, Rex, Myrtle, Wanda, Ed, Lillian, and Louis and me. We got through at 11 p.m. Ate new bread, and hot chocolate.

### March 14, Wednesday

I finished my ironing this morning. Didn't feel well, but went to Relief Society anniversary party, anyway. I didn't join in the games, but enjoyed looking on. I bought a sympathy card to send to our relatives in Strongstown, Pennsylvania, their mother died, her name was Nancy Carney. [*Nancy Margaret Strong Corney, living children at her death were Bertha Graham and Merritt Carney*] The folks in Salt Lake felt an earthquake shock Monday or Tuesday. We read about it in the papers. Beverly got a letter from Lydia. She was real thrilled about their shake up. Louis and I went to Mutual. Donna and Rex came over after Mutual, Louis treated to ice cream, it's the second time I've had it today.

### March 15, Thursday

I had a poor night's rest, cramps, and a touch of asthma. I washed and ironed my blue wool dress this morning, it looks nice. I met Donna uptown this afternoon. She had a permanent wave this morning, looks cute with her short hair again. We went shopping, bought a pretty yellow silk hat, and a taffeta blouse, yellow, also, to go with her Easter suit. I took her suit coat uptown with me so she could match things up. We both came home tired and with headaches. Louis had two more screens made for our windows. We went over to Sue's this evening. Rex worked until after nine o'clock, then he took Donna home.

### March 16, Friday

I am still bothered with asthma, it doesn't usually stay with me so long. I had a time trying to do my work, that awful asthma can surely get me down. Mrs. Balzer bothered me again; I couldn't get away from her, poor old dear. I



### March 12, 1934 Hansel Valley, Utah earthquake; magnitude 6.6

Vehicle straddling one of four Hansel Valley, Utah, fault scarps. Dr. Frederick J. Pack, geologist at the University of Utah, took his family with him to study the epicentral area in Hansel Valley, seven miles north of the Great Salt Lake. According to the Pack Family scrapbook (Special Collections, U of U Marriott Library), Dr. Pack's son, Eugene, decided to stage a photo of his car straddling the fissure where there was a drop of about 12 inches. He is behind the wheel in this photo and his mother, Sadie Pack, stands next to the vehicle. Another brother, Alvin, refused to join them as he feared another aftershock. Rumblyings could be heard in the Earth beneath them the whole time.

wonder if she thinks I enjoy listening to her family troubles. Mrs. Vernon went over to do some washing for Mrs. Middleton, two dear little ladies. Both past 70, Mrs. Vernon 70, Mrs. Middleton, 78. I'll never live to see 70 if my blood pressure keeps going up. [*Elvie died about six months shy of her 88th birthday.*] We went over to Sue's tonight to the party given in honor of the Gentry's who are moving out to Banning, California to be near his work. Had a nice time. I didn't eat anything, gave Louis my ice cream, brought my cake home for his lunch. The Relief Society sent Beth a lovely bouquet of flowers at the party. We played table games, lots of fun.

### March 17, Saturday

I slept well after I did get to bed, glad De

Sharp told me to take some aspirin. It helped a lot. It's foggy again this morning. I thought the stake Relief Society party was to begin at two o'clock, but it was one, so Sr. Stead and Audrey Tacy came for me. I was to meet them at Steads'. Am glad they didn't go without me cause it surely was a nice party and luncheon. We had a good time; it was given in honor of Sr. Stewart and her old board. They gave her a lovely quilt, and her board members a book each. Bette and Shirley [*Hoglund*] gave Mary [*Clayton*] a little birthday party this afternoon, it's her birthday tomorrow I cooked roast and made pudding for tomorrow. Sister Snow went in Audrey's car with us, also. Donna slept home.

### March 18, Sunday

Donna left before me this a.m. She went early to practice the songs with Lillian [*Stead*]. Br. Terry asked me and Sr. Wright to take charge of the Mother's Day program. I asked him to give someone else a chance. We had the worry last time in the Christmas program. Bill helped me keep order in my Sunday School class while I fixed up the roll. Florence and baby came home from hospital today. [*Ten day hospital stay.*] Donna and I went in to see them. I wanted to go over and wish Mary a happy birthday, so Donna insisted she drive me over in Daddy's car. We stopped at Annie's and walked up the hill to Lorene's. I was afraid to have her drive up and down that awful hill. Louis and I took Clayton's home from church, heard the Coronets, and ate birthday cake. Sr. Marsh and Ruthie came in tonight to wait for Rex, they'd been to see Florence. Jack Rich and family came to church.



### March 19, Monday

Sue and I washed. I ironed mine when I got home. Louis cleaned the yard and painted the new screens, the ones he made for our windows and the back porch roof, he made, also. I got a letter from Otto, Violet is a little better, but not well enough to sit up and write us. I do worry over that girl. Mrs. Vernon was thrilled with the letter she got today, proving her age. I hope she gets her pension soon, poor dear. Al came over this evening to get Lou to help him fix his car. After dinner this evening we took the letter over to let the girls read it. Sue was over to Lorene's. Charles was busy making a pretty red plush footstool for Lorene to take to Inis's shower tomorrow night.

### March 20, Tuesday

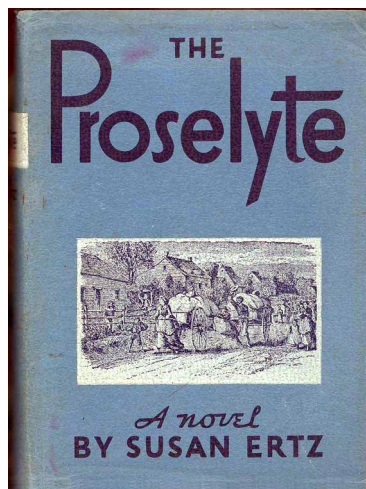
We took Mrs. Vernon over town to get her county food order, and got our paycheck on our way going. Brought Mrs. Vernon home, and went to Boys Market for our own supplies. Louis took our shoes to have the heels fixed on new again. About 3, we left for Grandma's Bakery to get the seven cakes Sue had paid for, for Inis Egan's shower tonight. We brought Charlie home with us, also brought two cakes from Myrtle Egan, she was going to town. We enjoyed a lovely ride out to Whittier, 22 miles, it is a pretty clean town. I surely like it. Louis talked about the work on the houses for an hour with Hildur. I sat out in the car. Mrs. Peterson came out and talked to me, gave us some oranges. We stopped in Marshes' on our way home to call Donna up. Went to Hights for Donna from Marshes'. Had a nice time at Inis' shower at Sue's. Rex brought Donna and me home.

### March 21, Wednesday

Mel Renshaw surprised me this morning. He had brought a load of furniture from Salt Lake for his boss, is going back tomorrow and said he'd take some oranges to Violet for me, I'm so glad. I went late to Relief Society, but was in time to do a little sewing on the quilt. I went for their bulletin news. I called in to Florence's on my way home, was sorry to find her sick in bed with a painful boil. Her doctor is bringing another doctor this afternoon, they told her it is a boil, but it sounds to me like an abscess. I didn't say so to her though. The baby is doing fine and is darling. Louis went down to find Mel at the Utah California Trucking Company, but they'd sent him to unload at Meads, so Lou went there and waited for him to finish.

### March 22, Thursday

Louis cooked breakfast this morning for Mel and himself. I didn't get up, it was 5 a.m. Louis took him down to his truck and had to be back to work before 7 a.m. Mel has four dozen nice big oranges to take to violet for me. I'm so happy he can take them. I received a letter from Lydia today, it's the first one for over a year. Red letter day! I was surely glad to get it, we do love Lydia. Donna came about 11:30. I love Thursday, it's her day home. Hope she will come home to stay soon. She brought a book



she wants me to read, "The Proselyte." She started it for me, read until Rex got here. I read more in the evening after they'd left for the show. They went to see Florence, she is feeling better. The doctor lanced it today, it was an abscess near the rectum.

### March 23, Friday

Am glad I did my work on the bulletin yesterday. The man is shingling our house today and oh, for the noise. I couldn't think in it. I wrote to Violet, guess Mel will get the oranges to her sometime today. Mrs. Vernon brought a nice bowl of stew for lunch, enough for Louis' dinner, too. She's so nice. It started raining this afternoon, it would! The day our house was being shingled. I answered Ellen's card, I wonder where Clarence and Ruth are moving, and why? I also wrote to Violet. Enjoyed my book, "The Proselyte." Donna must take it back to Hights Sunday, so I'll have to hurry as it's a big book.

### March 24, Saturday

Well, our house looks swell with its new Easter top on. The man finished shingling it this morning. Bill brought Annie, Beverly, and Glen, and Mary over this evening, and then he and Glen went to the show. Annie and Beverly want to see "Carolina" next Monday night. Thus the family was divided in their taste for shows. I'd like to see "Carolina," too. We all went over to see the new home Lorene is moving into next week. They were busy cleaning it up. Charles was calcimining [*Calcimine: A white or tinted liquid containing zinc oxide, water, glue, and coloring matter, used as a wash for walls and ceilings. Calcimining: To cover or wash with calcimine.*] and Lorene was washing woodwork. Before I went to bed I finished cooking the chicken and made rice pudding.



### March 25, Sunday

They haven't found a teacher to help me in the Sunday School class, yet. Br. Keller and Br. Turner came in to help out today. They sat in the class and it helps keep the children quiet anyway. Donna and I ate our chicken dinner alone, we expected Beverly, but she didn't come. She wasn't to Sunday School either. We went over to Sue's to type the bulletin, called in Florence's on way over. Baby is surely cute. Jack Rich and his wife came to our ward again tonight. Jack opened our meeting with prayer. We took Marshes home from church, enjoyed the Coronets and apple pie while there. I finished my book, read it in church, first time I ever did that. Oh, oh! It was a good story.

### March 26, Monday

Sue and I washed, then I came home and washed a few things. Sue went uptown to buy Violet a birthday gift. She also bought a little yellow dress for Dolores, for Easter, a night gown for Violet. I took them over to Annie's with me this evening, so we could send them all together. Louis started painting our house this morning. Elaine made Bette's Easter dress today, cute, yellow, too. I trimmed off our violets and gave them a good soaking. I went to the show tonight with Annie, Beverly, and Elise, to the Highland, we saw "Carolina," good picture. Bill brought me home.

### March 27, Tuesday

After ironing I went to Highland Park and bought lavender goods to make an apron for Violet. Louis took me to the Avenue, and then he went to the hospital for his check. I walked to Annie's, we made two aprons for Violet. They were pretty. Annie's was blue. We sent cute little Easter things to Dolores, also. I sent some yellow sox to go with her dress from Sue. We took the things up to show Lorene, Beverly, Glen. Lorene was washing and having an awful time. Her washer wasn't working right and Mary was sick in bed with fever. She sent a nice night gown, and Easter things. Annie did most of the sewing on our aprons. I did a little handwork. I mailed box to Violet, Bill took me. The hospital sent for Louis to come to work tonight. He was so tired from painting all day, sorry for him. Mrs. Stead came to tell him.

### March 28, Wednesday

I ironed this a.m. and went to Relief Society. Sr. Nordstrom gave the lesson, on a minute's notice. Sr. Cannon was too ill to come and give it. Idell surely gave it fine, anyway. I walked home with Sr. Oates, we shopped at Safeway. I went in to see Florence and the baby, both are fine. Called Donna while there. Louis had an awful time trying to sleep today, our neighbors, the Rooses, are so noisy, especially her. I'll be glad when he's off this night work. I rode to Mutual with Louis, and then he had to go to work. Erma Treu rode us home to Beverly's, and then Beverly got her pajamas and we walked to our house. She slept with me. I didn't sleep well last night alone.

### March 29, Thursday

Beverly and I ate breakfast then she started for home, after making my bed and helping with dishes, she would! I soaked my feet to soften a corn. Went uptown to meet Donna. I bought some white shoes and a collar and cuff set in white for me before meeting Donna. We tired ourselves out trying to find the shoes Donna wanted, but found them at last, they are very pretty, blonde. We then got her purse and gloves to match, also hose. I got a white straw hat after I met Donna, hope I'll like it, it seems extreme to me. I bought a white purse, too. Rex ate dinner with us, and then Louis went to work and Rex took Donna and I for a nice long ride. We called at Andersens'; they were just going for a ride. Bill came for me after their ride, and I slept with Beverly.

### March 30, Friday

I didn't rest very well last night at Annie's. Too much noise with the street cars and autos at their house. I washed my hair when I got home. Can't do much cleaning while Louis is trying to sleep, hate night work! Mrs. Middleton had another stroke last night. Her daughter came for Mrs. Vernon this morning. Louis painted some after he got up, our house has nearly got its first coat now. Hills are going to move back in the same house they lived in, on Aldama Street. Lorene and family are moving today and tomorrow, on York Boulevard. Louis took me over to Mrs. Middleton's. He got a haircut in Highland Park, while I visited with Mrs. Vernon and Middleton. Mrs. Middleton feels lots better this afternoon; she can move her arm around now. Beverly slept with me tonight, after she came from show.

### March 31 Saturday

We are enjoying the nice quiet; the Roose family is visiting a friend in Ontario. Beverly helped me with the dishes and bed before going home. Bill came for her. Br. Udall is out of work, Sr. Stead told me he was selling rabbits to try and get a little money. Louis took me over to his house, but they weren't home. We told their neighbor to have Br. Udall bring a three pound rabbit to us. Sue and Al went over for some, too, so they brought Norman over to our house with the rabbits for us (two nice ones). Louis started to work two hours earlier tonight, at six o'clock. Gets home at 3 a.m. I went to Highland Park to buy Easter candies then Sue and Al took me to a show with them. I wanted to see Janet Gaynor in "Paddy," they'd seen it, so we went to different shows on the same street, Eagle Rock. P.S. Annie and family came here five times to find me and take me for a ride, sorry!

### April 1, Sunday—Easter Sunday, Violet's Birthday, April Fool's Day (all in one).



Violet Bailey Fife

Bishop came in my Sunday School class all concerned about the "special notice" in our bulletin. Hope he doesn't have my church cut off. Donna and Rex brought baby Marion Haight out to Sunday School. She is a darling, no wonder Donna loves her so. We enjoyed her, too. They took her home in time for a six o'clock feeding. Kress store gave beautiful Easter baskets to our Sunday School children. The Church History class came in with our class. The girls looked pretty in their new Easter things, it seemed to be a "suit" Easter. We surely enjoyed our fried rabbit. Louis and I went for a nice ride after Donna and Rex left. I was surprised to learn that Mr. Hancock died and was buried last week.

On March 4, Elvie misses her companion teacher, Sr. Gibson who just moved away. March 25 Elvie mentions she still has no help in her Sunday School class. Perhaps in the bulletin on April 1, the "special notice" was something Elvie wrote, about desperately needing help with her class?

### April 2, Monday

Another lovely day. I do love our pretty country this time of year, the hills are all a beautiful green. Sue and I washed. Louis painted all day long. Annie and family came in the evening, they invited us to ride out to see Bill's sister, Clara, with them. We enjoyed the ride, it was nice of them to ask us. Em and Art Bird were out to Clara's, too. We called in Sue's on our way home for my laundry, but there were in bed, or out. Annie and Bill are thinking of moving down in the Arroyo Seco in a nice house. I wonder if they will???



Louis is painting.

### April 3, Tuesday

Louis painted the green trim on the house, its dark green. I can't make up my mind if I'm satisfied with it yet. Mrs. Vernon went out to Santa Monica this morning, looking for her trunk with some papers in. She is still sleeping over to Mrs. Middleton's, but is anxious to get back to her little house. Harold Stead brought us a note telling Louis not to go to work until morning, and am I glad! The night work is over, for a while anyway. Harold came with a second note saying his mother was sick in bed and wanted me to come down and put hot packs on her. I worked on her from 8:30 until 10:15. She has lumbago.

### April 4, Wednesday

Went to Steads and put hot packs on her again. I worked until 11:45 a.m. She insisted that I leave then and go to the teachers meeting at twelve noon. We had a fine meeting, both in the teachers meeting, and Relief Society after. Florence brought her baby to Relief Society. Mrs. Oates came, too. Lorene and I called in to see Sr. Stead after, she feels better. The presidency of the Relief Society was there, also. They had the contest public speaking and the one act play in Mutual tonight. We enjoyed them very much. Donna and Rex came in tonight. I wrote to Blanche, a card, and letter to Hilda Peterson. Grace Hill gave me a number to call Ruth, but I couldn't get her.

### April 5, Thursday

I called in Steads'. Sr. Stead is much better. She was able to get dressed. I hope she'll keep well this time. I tried to get Ruth on the phone, but she was out. Sr. Stead took the number and said she'd try later on for me. I had to

leave as I was to meet Donna uptown. We bought wedding gifts for Donna and Rex to give Inis and Bob, wedding on tenth, and Naomi and Leslie. Their reception is on the eleventh, they were married in the Salt Lake Temple. We had Naomi's sent out to Haddock's, and Inis's to our house as we didn't know Sue's house number, and Inis's wedding will be there. Donna and Rex went to the stake house to see the contest plays tonight.



### April 6, Friday

I didn't feel very well today, but had to work anyway. I cleaned through the house, and made a minute tapioca cream pudding. I had to make a double amount, enough for 22 people. I put pineapple, cherries, and bananas in it. We held the Strong's meeting at my house tonight. Ruth made the ice box cookies, they were good. Thelma's lady friend brought them out, and they got lost, didn't get here until nine o'clock. She had Aunt Lizzie, [Louise Elizabeth Underwood Strong] Ellen [Aunt Lizzie's daughter Ellen Alice Strong Scott] and her girl, Pearl, and Alma's girl, Bertha. [Bertha Pearl Strong] There were 22 of us. We had a nice meeting. Ruth sang the song I composed; I had to help her out, ha, ha! Me!! We are all excited about the reunion in Salt Lake. It will be held June 11. Blanche is planning on us all going.

### April 7, Saturday

Glad I didn't have much work to do today as I wasn't feeling very well. I visited with my neighbor, Mrs. Downs, and Vernon, in my backyard. I wrote to Violet and started one to Mother Renshaw. Mrs. Vernon came in and no more writing. I hope Mrs. Roose didn't feel hurt because I didn't go to their church program this morning. "Curly, the cowboy," was on the program. They thought I'd be as thrilled as they were, but alas, the radio has forever spoiled cowboys for me. After our marketing this evening we enjoyed the paper and radio. I cooked the roast.

### April 8, Sunday

Donna slept at Marshes' last night. Sr. Turner helped me keep order in my Sunday School class this morning. She is going to help me from now on. [*The "special notice" in the bulletin must have worked.*] Donna and I ate dinner alone. Rex and Louis are working. Br. Keller called and took us to union meeting. Br. Haddock told Donna her wedding gift came and they thought it was a beauty. Naomi and her husband will be home Tuesday, they think. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple. We took Inis and Bob's gift, from Donna and Rex, over to Sue's tonight. Rex worked until 10 p.m. Donna took our car out this afternoon alone, she went to Annie's, and Lorene's. Yes, I was worried nearly crazy. Louis rode home from Lorene's with her.

### April 9, Monday

Louis took the car to Ernie's garage for the grease job he promised him. He had the wheels packed, also. Ernie wanted some shelves and etcetera, so Louis did the work for him this afternoon, after he brought Sr. Niles and me home from our Relief Society teaching. Sue and I washed this morning. There was no painting done on our house today, will have to make up for it tomorrow. Violet sent the little dress back to Sue. I do hope she won't be too long in sending Dody [*Nickname for Dolores Fife*] another, cause she was so disappointed this one didn't fit. This evening we went to Sue's for our laundry. Annie and family came, and Inis, Bob, Myrtle, and Ed. Ernie Vandergrift was there, too. Big wedding heart up, wedding tomorrow night.

#### Dolores' daughter, Nadine Broderick explains the nickname:

"The only people who called mom Dody were family members, so she rarely wrote that name on any correspondence. But on birthday cards, etcetera to and from family she spelled it "Dody." Mom told me that there was a child, a cousin or close friend, who couldn't pronounce "Dolores", and instead called her "Dolody." That evolved into "Dody" and the nickname stuck!"

### April 10, Tuesday

I washed a few things and ironed them, also some of the ironing of yesterday's laundry. Louis started painting the front porch white, last coat, it looks nice. I took a nap this afternoon. Annie and family came over this evening to take me to Sue's. Annie and I served ice cream and cookies at Inis and Bob's wedding. We went in the dining room and saw the Bishop marry them. He gave a lovely talk before he married them. They both looked nice. Inis made her own dress; it was a honey dew shade. She carried a beautiful bouquet of the same shade of rose buds and ribbon. Annie and I did the dishes after serving. Beverly, Glen, Bill, and Louis watched the ceremony from front porch. The young people all went to the bride and groom's home after. Tonight Mrs. Vernon cooked dinner and brought us some.

### April 11, Wednesday

Donna came home this a.m. about 11:30. She had the day off today instead of tomorrow on account of Naomi Haddock's wedding reception this evening. She was invited to act as hostess. Naomi wanted her to be there early, about 7:30. Donna and I walked to Relief Society, she should have rested at home cause she wasn't well, but she would go and be sorry. We called in to see Sr. Stead, she is back in bed again with her back, it's strange it doesn't get well with all the treatment she's had. Rex was late in coming for Donna; she got nervous and went to Florence's to call him. Louis was going to take her if he hadn't left home yet. He came as soon as she left here, so I didn't get to kiss her goodnight as he went down for her. I enjoyed popcorn tonight. Louis and I enjoyed a nice ride. We didn't go to Mutual, cause it was too late after Donna left, we rode past the house where they were holding the reception.

### April 12, Thursday

I wrote letters to Mother Renshaw, my dear Dad, and Lydia. It was a lovely day, not too hot. Louis did some more painting when he got home, our house looks better all the time. I walked to Highland Park to buy stamps, and mail my letters this afternoon. We stayed home this evening, enjoyed radio and paper. I read a cute story in the Saturday Evening Post. Louis tuned in on the story of the "Mountain Meadow Massacre." It was surely interesting, but so awful, and what a stain on Utah. And they didn't blame it on to the Mormons, people are learning at last.

### April 13, Friday

I composed a song for us California Strong's to sing at the Salt Lake reunion, if we go, in June. I hope they'll like it. I do wish they wouldn't ask me to do such things. My gold tooth came out this afternoon while I was trying out said song for Mrs. Vernon. Imagine my embarrassment! Ha, ha, ha! Only five of them left on the top now, thank goodness they are in the front. Mrs. Vernon didn't even notice I'd nearly swallowed my tooth. We enjoyed our home this evening. Mrs. Vernon came in for a while.



### April 14, Saturday

I felt fine today, it was nice and cool, so I enjoyed doing my cleaning. When Louis came this afternoon we went shopping at Boy's Market. After dinner this evening we went over to Annie's to take the glasses I'd borrowed, back. They were out, but we found the key and took them in the house. From there we went to Lorene's and visited with them for an hour or so. We did a little shopping in Kress before going to Lorene's. Bought razor blades, shoe laces, and candy. Donna and Rex came in this evening, she slept at home tonight.

### April 15, Sunday

It was cool and cloudy all day; it was raining a little when we came out of Sunday School, but didn't last long. Mrs. Turner helped me with the children this a.m. Bishop sent Sr. Taylor in, but she went back to her class when she found that Sr. Turner was helping. Sr. Stead didn't come to Sunday School, but Lillian says she is getting better. Rex came to dinner, but he didn't feel very well, had an upset stomach. Miss Peterson and her mother called to see how the house looked while we were in Sunday School. Mrs. Vernon said they were pleased. It was the first time Mrs. Vernon had seen the Petersons. We all went to church.

### April 16, Monday

The house looks swell today. Louis painted the porch floor in front of the house, and the garage doors, also. Sue and I washed. It was a poor drying day. I went back at five o'clock and brought them in. Sue and Bette went uptown to buy Bette shoes. Mrs. Vernon made an upside down cake for our dinner this evening. She baked it in our oven and ate dinner over here with us. We enjoyed her company and the cake, it was surely grand, the best I ever tasted. We ate it hot. Annie and family called in to see us tonight. Louis had just got into bed about 8:30. Rex came after his teaching, 10:30 p.m.

### April 17, Tuesday

Louis finished painting the north side of the house today, it looks fine. He also gave the front porch floor a second coat after he'd had a nap. He didn't feel like working today. I think he indulged in too much upside down cake yesterday. But he put in a good day at that. I worked all day, washed a few things in the morning and ironed. This evening we took the Andersen family for a nice long ride out past Monrovia and Covina. We enjoyed some hot buttered popcorn, good! I bought Glen a paper of funnies, to the delight of his heart. We left for our ride early, before the sun was down, 5:30, got back about eight. Annie had forgotten she had to make three packages of Jell-O for the dinner tomorrow night. Louis took her to the market for the Jell-O.

### April 18, Wednesday

Well, Louis is back on the job again. His two days' vacation over for another week, how fast they do go anyway! We held our big ward dinner this evening. It was a big success. They sold out of everything. I had a hard time saving chicken pies for Donna and Rex. Sr. Treu put them away for me. The kids couldn't get there until 8 p.m. the dinner alone took in around \$80. We enjoyed the dance after, only I was almost too tired after serving upstairs from 5 to 9 p.m. The folks who bought their dinner there went in the dance free, others who came to the dance paid 25¢ each. They took in 7 or 8 dollars at the dance. We fed over 250 people. Louis and I won the prize waltz, a box of candy, smart! "Life begins at 40," oh yeah! Was fun anyway.

### April 19, Thursday

I've felt tired all day, "The morning after the night before?" I went uptown and bought me two slips, 69¢ each. They were on special and are nice. I also bought some silk to fix my old print dress with, but when I got it out in the light, I was disappointed, it doesn't match the yellow at all, and it looked perfect in the store. It's a very pretty gold. I'll have to buy some more goods and make a dress someday!!! I also bought pink voile to fix my pink voile dress longer. I was disappointed all around, my slips were too short, and large at the top, but I can fix them up nice, anyway. Went for a nice long ride with Donna and Rex, he paid on his car. I sat in the new style cars. Florence and Rex ate dinner with us. The baby is getting so cute, he smiles so sweet.

### April 20, Friday

I was determined to fix my dress, so I could get some wear out of it, so I went uptown again today and bought some dark blue silk to match the background of the print. It's better with the dress, glad I didn't get the right yellow yesterday. I like the dark blue best now. I worked all afternoon on the dress, but didn't get it finished, had to wash and iron it and the new silk first anyway. Louis went over to Pasadena to a junior political meeting. They didn't have enough people out to hold the meeting, so he came back to Annie's for me. Heber Robinson and Sterling J. were there. They have interests in it. Beverly went with her girlfriend and mother, to a play at Franklin High.

### April 21, Saturday

I sewed all morning on my dress; it looks nice now, like a new dress. I'm glad I could fix it up to wear, it was always a favorite dress to Louis, he picked it out for me. I surely had to hurry through the cleaning to be all through when Louis got home at 4:20. After dinner we went shopping for our groceries and down to Highland Park to look around.



1934 Fashions from the Sears Roebuck Catalog.  
Elvie often remodeled her clothing.

We bought some candy and came home. Enjoyed paper and radio. Donna came home to sleep; it was late as she had to wait for the Haight's to get home. Mrs. Haight's mother went back home to Salt Lake today. Donna will miss her.

## Oh, I Had Such a Pretty Dream, Mamma

J. S. Lewis

1. Oh, I had such a pret - ty dream, mam - ma, Such pleas - ant and beau - ti - ful  
 2. A dear lit - tle stream full of lil - ies Crept o - ver the green moss - y  
 3. And as it flowed on toward the o - cean, Thro' shad - ows and pret - ty sun -  
 4. I saw there a beau - ti - ful an - gel, With crown all be - spang - gled with

### April 22, Sunday

I went to Sunday School early this morning expecting to have a local board meeting before Sunday School. Imagine my embarrassment when Br. Terry told me they'd held it last Sunday morning. Well, I understood it was this morning. Sister Turner gave the lesson in our class this morning, and she was all through when I got the roll fixed up, ha, ha! That's the way it was with me when I first started teaching. Thirty-five minutes to go and out of material. I tried to teach them the words to the song they are to sing on our "Mother's Day" program, "Oh, I Had Such a Pretty Dream." Louis and I went over for Mary Bowler. She sang lovely in church tonight. We took her and her mother home after church. Donna walked to Lorene's. We called for her, and Rex came also, he worked today.

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 stones, And just where I lay, its thin spark - ling spray Sang  
 beams, Each note grew more deep, And I sleep, And was  
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my time. Louis painted all day today, nine hours. I spent the afternoon over to Annie's helping to get Dolores's birthday dress made, and mailed. Annie made the dress, I did a little hand embroidering on it. Sue made a darling little dress to send her, also. Lorene sent silk panties. I sent a little necklace. Beverly went down to Kress and got it for me. Erma went along so Beverly could take the car. Bill brought me home, he also took Lorene home. We mailed the package first. De and Jen Sharp came this evening to bring the bulletin news. Raymond and Rex called in this evening for about an hour after the teacher's meeting at the Bishop's.

### April 23, Monday

I did my own washing at home today, it's the first time I haven't washed with Sue for over two years. She was so nice, said if I didn't want to come over she'd do it alone, but I can't let her do that. I guess I'll be able to make it okay if I take

### April 24, Tuesday

We got a letter from Miss Peterson yesterday afternoon. She has quit her job, is ill. I guess she'll want to move in here!! Louis painted until time to go for his check. Br. Vennott woke us up before seven o'clock, he wanted Lou to get in touch with Brother Pickett about work. I feel sorry for Mrs. Vernon. She hasn't got her money yet and Miss Peterson is pressing her for her rent. What a life! She brought me some good stew for dinner. I ate alone as Louis was working for Ernie Oates, building some kind of box for him. He ate lunch with Ernie. This must be my lucky day. Bill brought a pan of hot biscuits this evening and some oatmeal cookies, nice. Br. Vennott called this evening, said he didn't need Br. Pickett. I'm glad Louis didn't locate him now. The pension lady called to see Mrs. Vernon. I wrote to Miss Peterson. Went to Annie's at night.

### April 25, Wednesday

I gave Beverly the yellow gold silk I bought last week. She's going to make a hat with it. She came over last night for it. I went to Relief Society. Bought some material to make a collar and cuff set for Lorene. It's her birthday tomorrow. I came home from Relief Society and finished remodeling my slips. They fit nice, now. Louis made a drawer for Ernie Oates when he got home from work. I went to Mutual, he took me down but came back home. Sr. Marsh asked me to go in the adult class tonight instead of the Gen. class. She had the adult stake worker out and only a few people out to hear him. So Annie and I both joined them. Nice class. I walked home from Mutual with Mrs. Sorenson.

### April 26, Thursday—Lorene's Birthday

I made Lorene's collar and cuff set this morning. Donna came about 11:30. I ran out of lace and we walked down to Kress to get more, so I would finish Lorene's gift. I didn't get any work done on the bulletin. Donna started it, Rex worked on it, too, but still we didn't feel like doing it. Donna took the typewriter down to Haight's with her tonight. She is going to do it all this time, and I'm going to enjoy the rest from it. Raymond is writing the M Men article. The family all assembled at Lorene's tonight. We enjoyed the cool air on her front porch upstairs. She treated to cake and candy. Little Mary [*Clayton*] knows every word of the song I wrote to take to the reunion.

### April 27, Friday

The Roose family has gone to Long Beach for a few days again. I'll enjoy the nice quiet mornings, we all will, they are so noisy after 5:30 a.m. Sometimes he wakes us up at 3 a.m. the poor man coughs so awful. I did a lot of darning and mending this afternoon. Mrs. Downs is taking care of Roose's chicken and etcetera this time. I'm glad. Miss Peterson answered my letter, she asked us to please stay in her house. She is going to move into the Mt. Pleasant Street home. The other folks will have to move out. Mrs. Vernon spent the evening with us. John and Florence Marsh came to call about 9:30 p.m.



### April 28, Saturday

I composed two forms to send to Hattie, she wrote asking me to fix up the invitation they are to send out to all the Strong's inviting them to the Salt Lake reunion on the eleventh of June. I do hope one of them will please her okay I washed my hair; Mrs. Vernon gave my scalp a good massage out in the sun while it was drying. I enjoyed it very much. After curling my hair, I did the cleaning. Al came this evening and asked us to go to conference with he and Sue. We went in our car. Al couldn't drive, he was suffering with pain in his eye. He got a piece of emery in it at work and had to go to the doctor and have it taken out. Raymond went with us to conference. I heard that Steve Muir got married before leaving for his mission without telling his folks. He got as far as Salt Lake before they found out. May not go on the mission now.

### April 29, Sunday

Sue and Al came for me this a.m., but I rode to conference with Rex and Donna. Sr. Marsh and Ruthie went down with Florence. They took the baby, and he was so good. Lorene and Charles went with Sue and Al. I ate dinner at the stake home, the Primary board cooked it, was good. Donna and Rex didn't attend the afternoon session but went for an airplane ride, it was Donna's first airplane ride and she was so thrilled. I'm surely glad I didn't know what they were up to. They told me when they came back to the evening session. It is a true saying alright, "What you don't know can't hurt you." I didn't feel so well this afternoon, would like to have gone home, but was glad I stayed for night meeting. I felt better later. Ernie and Florence brought me home. Heard last night that Myrtle Egan's boyfriend is home from his mission. She is in Idaho with him. I wonder who'll win? He or Ed?? [*Myrtle married Ed Robinson in 1935.*] So sorry Louis had to work today.

### April 30, Monday

I did a big washing at home today. It was a lovely day, not too hot. Louis painted on the little rear house and garage all day. Mrs. Vernon went over to town to get her county food order, and see about her pension. I do hope she gets it soon. I enjoyed a nice nap this afternoon. After dinner this evening we went over to Lorene's. Raymond and Lorene helped me arrange the invitation to send back to Hattie. We have three of them. I hope one will be what she wants. Lorene typed them for me. It is the invitation for the Strong's reunion in June. I got Ray's bulletin news for the M Men. We took the bulletin to Br. Bailey on our way home.

### May 1, Tuesday—"May Day"

I enjoyed a nice ride with Louis to the hospital while he got his check. It rained a little while we were out, but not enough to dampen things up. He painted the green trim on the little house today, it looks so cute now. I'll be glad when he is through with this job, so he can enjoy his days off without working every minute. I didn't feel so well this a.m., but ironed in the afternoon. Got a card from Violet, she is a little better. This evening we went over to Annie's and read Violet's letter, it is the first she's written to any of us for about four months. She has been awful sick. I'm so glad she feels better.

### May 2, Wednesday

Went to Relief Society and enjoyed both meetings, the teachers first, Lorene gave it, lovely, and Sr. Wood gave the second one, it was grand, too. I made chili today. Louis took me down to Mutual, but he wouldn't stay. Sr. Marsh was sick, so didn't come, she called up the hall and I answered. I was very much surprised when Elaine came to Mutual with a diamond ring on. Our little Elaine engaged. [*Elaine Hoglund engaged to Ernie Vandergrift.*] It's her birthday tomorrow, 18 years old. The ring is beautiful. I do hope she'll not get married before a year or so, bless her heart.

### May 3, Thursday—Elaine's Birthday

With my daughter taking airplane rides, and Elaine, my beloved niece, getting an engagement ring, no wonder my hair turns gray!!! Heber Robinson and Sterling J. came over this morning. [*Heber was Donna's age. He appears so often in this diary that it is safe to say he was happy to spend time with Donna Renshaw.*] Heber came for his magazine, his mother loaned it to me for the "Mother Day" article we wanted for our bulletin. The boys offered to take me downtown in Sterling's Ford. I had to meet Donna at 11:30. They were nice to take me. We stopped in the station for gas. Rex was surprised to see me there. Donna bought me a lovely pink silk crepe suit, bless her dear heart. It is my Mother's Day gift. She also bought a nice handmade hankie for Elaine's gift. We took it over this evening when Rex came, and wished her happy birthday. Miss Peterson and mother came this evening, they are pleased with the paint job. Sue had Ernie's mother and father over to Elaine's birthday dinner at 6 p.m. Donna and Rex went over again at night. Brought cake to us.

### May 4, Friday

I hope Rex feels better today. He wasn't at all well yesterday. I think he had a fever, he didn't eat hardly anything, either. Louis had good news last night. He has been given Saturday and Sunday off instead of Monday and Tuesday. Now he can attend Sunday School. Sue walked over this morning; she got an air-mail letter from Lydia saying that Dad is ill, he has infection in his foot and is suffering awfully. He hasn't been able to put it to the floor for twelve days. He dropped a sledge hammer on his foot. I'm so sorry about it. I do hope he is better now. The girls all wrote him a letter. I wrote a few days ago and will write again. We went to Lorene's this evening, it was open night at Mary's school, she wanted me to go. We took a ride to Marshes'. Rex is better, but not well, he came home from work.

### May 5, Saturday

Louis worked all morning cleaning up the yard; it surely looks nice around here now, house painted and etcetera. I did most

of the cleaning yesterday so was through early. Mrs. Vernon helped Louis with the yard a little. This afternoon we went over to Annie's. Bill worked all morning and part of afternoon cleaning a yard up for his landlady, he was all in when he came home. Beverly wanted us to come to dinner tomorrow, so Annie invited us. We said if we could bring something. I bought peas, and things to make ice cream. We, Beverly, Louis, and I shelled the peas. Beverly made some butterscotch candy. I didn't eat any because my head hurt too badly. Sue and family came in evening. Helen Hoglund came, also. Annie and Sue's families went to show. P.S. We took Mrs. Vernon for a ride tonight when we went to dump some weeds out in the hills. She didn't get her money yet. We had to buy a few things for her to eat.

### May 6, Sunday

Mrs. Vernon and I sent a card to Dad yesterday. Donna came home to sleep last night. My neighbors made so much noise this a.m. that I got up at 6:30. Well, it was a good chance to look over my Sunday School lesson again. It was surely nice to have Louis home on Sunday again. We all went down to the 9 a.m. meeting was disappointed because Br. Sims couldn't be there, but the Bishop gave a very fine talk anyway. Went over to Annie's after Sunday School and enjoyed dinner with them. It was one good dinner. Rex worked all day. Br. Gunn called to take me to Sunday School union meeting. Glen got back this p.m. from his two day Scout trip. Donna spent the afternoon at Jen Sharp's typing for Gleaner banquet. After church tonight we met in the parlor with the Gleaner girls to practice the songs Jen composed for the banquet. I changed one of our songs in the Sunday School [*song*] book to a "Mother-day song" for Lillian Stead. She is helping Lillian Peterson and Wilmia Robinson learn it for our Mother's Day program next Sunday.



Elaine Hoglund

### May 7, Monday

Mrs. Vernon had to go downtown to see why her money didn't come as promised. She had no car fare, so I let her take the last cent I had. The poor dear, I surely hope she gets some help soon. I did a big washing. Elmer Hansen is back in the ward. He quit his job at the beach. Goldie has her divorce from Charlie now. John Marsh came over to see if his wife was here. Ruthie came over a little later with the baby. We all went down to Florence's. She is not feeling very well. I'll be glad when she comes back home where she won't have to work so hard. Br. Donkersgoed came for the money for our tickets tonight. Rex and his father are planning on a job on a boat. Br. Marsh as the cook, and Rex his helper. I wonder??? Some woman owns the boat. It's going to England, will be gone a year or more. [*This didn't happen.*]



### May 9, Wednesday

It's the first time I've missed getting my teaching done before report meeting in a long time. The credit was due to Sr. Stead. She always saw to it that we got it done in time. Sr. Niles waits for me and oh, it has been hot the past week. I dread that walk in the sun. I went to sewing meeting, we started embroidering the blocks for our pioneer quilt. I brought a block home to finish. Jen Sharp drew all the pictures for the blocks. I enjoyed the lunch at Relief Society today, also. This evening we went to the missionaries program and dance, given by the elders. The famous Meglin Kiddies of Pasadena were there. Harriet Robinson was crowned "May Queen" by Bishop. I had a nice time. Donna and Rex came in, too. Bob Stanton called up the hall. I talked to him, he said Inis was quite sick. Myrtle Egan is back from Idaho.



#### Meglin Kiddies

Meglin Kiddies was a well-known troupe of acting, music and dance performers, consisting of children up to the age of 16. (AKA: The Meglin Professional Children's School, The Meglin Dance Studio, Meglin's Dance School and Meglin's Wondrous Hollywood Kiddies.)

The troupe was started by Ethel Meglin in 1928. Meglin was a Ziegfeld girl in feature films. Director/actor and Slapstick Keystone King Mack Sennett was supportive of the formation of the troupe's studio. Sennett donated a Meglin Kiddie studio building sign and assisted in securing an operations location on his lot. . .

One of the most successful child stars of all time, Shirley Temple, was once a Meglin Kiddie dancer. Producers from Educational Studios recruited her from the Meglin Kiddie studio. "Charles Lamont, a director from Educational Studios visited the "Meglin Kiddies" and chose Shirley, hiding under the piano, for a part in a movie that the studio was about to make."

Superstar Judy Garland was a Meglin Kiddie also. Garland's mother, Mrs. Gumm, played the piano at the Meglin Kiddie studio to help pay for Garland's singing and dancing lessons there. The film debut of Judy Garland was in Meglin Kiddie short films. Garland also performed with the Meglin Kiddies over the radio, and live at theaters such as: Shrine Auditorium, . . . Loew's State Theater in Los Angeles, California.

In the 1950s, the Meglin Kiddies had a television show. Ethel Meglin retired in 1962, along with the studio and dance troupe.  
—Wikipedia

### May 10, Thursday

The morning started out hot. Donna came about 11:30. I washed her hair. Crystal came about noon and gave her a

wave. Her husband called for her. Donna found it too hot drying her hair in the sun on the back lawn. Rex came in the afternoon and took her for a nice long ride, they went to the beaches. We ate dinner about six o'clock and it was still hot outside and in. Louis went to a political meeting. Donna and I went to Sue's to practice for the Gleaner Girl banquet stunt. Rex waited for us and took us to the nine o'clock show at the York after. Two good pictures, "Death Takes a Holiday" and "This Side of Heaven." Mrs. Vernon paid for half of the ice today. She wants to put a few things in ice box.

### May 11, Friday

I did my cleaning this morning before it got too hot to work. I took care of Florence Oates's baby today while she went uptown with Ernie's mother. He is a darling, not a bit of trouble and I surely enjoyed having him. Annie and family came over this evening, they brought a letter from Lydia telling more about Dad's trouble. He surely has suffered with his foot and still is, poor dear. I know he has a lot of mental suffering too. Oh, dear! We all went over to Lorene's in Bill's car. I brought Lorene's new dress home with me. It needs a little remodeling and I told her I'd do it for her.

### May 12, Saturday

Louis went uptown to pay his car taxes and came home with a new tire instead. That Salt Lake trip is about all he can think about now. Ha, ha! He went in and had his taxes postponed until July. We are having hot weather now days, unusual for this time of year. This evening we took Lorene, Helen McKendrick, Donna, and Jen Sharp to the stake house to the Hollywood Gleaner Girls election banquet. It was a very nice banquet, the stunts and program were good, too, but we were disappointed cause our girl, Doris Putman, didn't win. We wanted her to make it so badly. She was so sweet about it, though. Donna came home with Rex and we brought Sr. Huffman. They brought her daughter home. P.S. I went up to Highland Park this afternoon, bought ribbon velvet for Lorene's dress, we took the dress to her later.

### May 13, Sunday—Mother's Day

I wore my lovely new pink silk dress, that Donna bought me, to Sunday School. I have such a sweet daughter and I do love her so. We didn't have any class work this morning. It was all turned over to a Mother's Day program. Harriet Robinson, Br. Turner, and Donna arranged the program. It went over very fine and was a lovely program. Sr. Marsh invited us to dinner after Sunday School. We took them for a ride to Ruth's after dinner (to Maywood). I took Donna's Chinese costume to Ruth, for Mary Judd. Found Uncle Will Bailey over at church tonight, he's going to drive to Salt Lake next week. We brought Sr. Marsh and Ruthie home from church, enjoyed Coronets, and a luncheon. Real nice time today. Annie wore her new dress to Sunday School, very pretty. Rex and Donna are making plans for Salt Lake now. I'd like to have him along. Beverly had on her new suit, today.

### May 14, Monday

I went to bed with a headache and got up with it, also. It's been with me all day. I did a big washing and took a nap. Got a letter from Dad, he is still suffering with his foot,

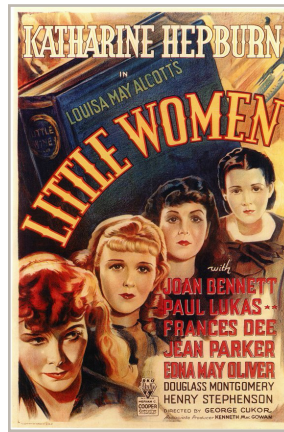
but it is getting better. I was surely glad to hear from him. Oh, dear, now Dad wants me to write something for the Strong's program. A pun or take off on the Strong's's??? I've already composed two songs, me oh, me. Louis went over to the Bishop's to a meeting. I didn't feel like going, so let him take Dad's letter over for the girls to read. Bishop started a building fund for our new meeting house. Louis donated one cent, all he had, ha, ha! Sr. Marsh came home with him and waited for Rex, he'd been out block teaching. Mrs. Vernon visited with me while Louis was out tonight. I walked to Sr. Niles to see about teaching.

### May 15, Tuesday

I got most of my ironing done before I had to meet Sr. Niles this morning. We met at Sr. Stead's and started our block teaching from there. I was surely tired when I got home about 12:15. We had to walk, and it was so hot. Mrs. Vernon fixed a nice lunch for me, it tasted so good, and she's such a nice little lady. I finished the ironing this afternoon and took a nap before Louis got home. Everyone is happy to know that Mr. Gettle of Beverly Hills, and Little June Robles of Tucson, Arizona, are free, and found safe. They have caught three of the kidnappers in the Gettle case. They were found the same day, yesterday, him in La Crescenta Valley, and her in the desert dugout, near Tucson. She was buried in a corrugated iron box, 8 feet long and 2 feet square and is alive. We rode over to Annie's tonight; she and Bill were at Em and Art's. It was their wedding anniversary. They had a party. We visited with Beverly, and then to Lorene's.

### May 16, Wednesday— Raymond's Birthday

It's Raymond birthday, 19 years old. I surely wish I had a nice gift for him. We had a very nice meeting in Relief Society as usual. Sr. Sessions, the stake Relief Society president, and her first counselor visited with us. I went in Ivers store after meeting, and bought two nice linen initial handkerchiefs for Donna. She asked me to buy something for her to give Ray as she couldn't get away to do it. Rex took us over to his house after Mutual, to wish him a happy birthday. We got there before he did, but waited for him. He got out of Mutual before we had a chance to speak to him, he would. Donna and Rex spent the rest of the evening at Florence's; she gave a little party for the young folks. Herbert Oates, Lucille Evans, Afton Knighton, and other boy at station, Elaine, Ernie, Donna, and Rex. Louis painted our back porch and steps tonight after work. Frank Nelsen home from mission.



### May 17, Thursday

I don't like not being able to use my back porch, will be glad when the paint job is over with, it's all wet. Frank Nelson spoke to us a few minutes in Mutual last nite. He looks about the same. He got here 1 a.m. yesterday. He went to Norway. I answered Dad's letter. I arrived at Annie's just as Donna was going in. Annie helped me remodel my pink voile dress. We made it longer and put sleeves in it. Rex called for Donna, Louis came for me. Tonight Louis and I went to Highland Park show to see "Little Women." I enjoyed it very much. Donna and Rex did the dishes and went over to Elaine's.

### May 18, Friday

I did my cleaning; it wasn't as hot today, so I enjoyed working. We rode over to Annie's this evening. Charles came and said that Al wanted Bill to go and administer to Sr. Dalton. She is suffering awfully with pains in her head. Bill asked Louis to go with him. Charles has a cold and feels punk. Annie, Beverly, and I rode down with them. Bill took us for a nice ride after they came out of Dalton's. We saw the big navy airplane that was wrecked on Riverside Drive. Got out of the car to look it over. I didn't know they were so immense.

### May 19, Saturday

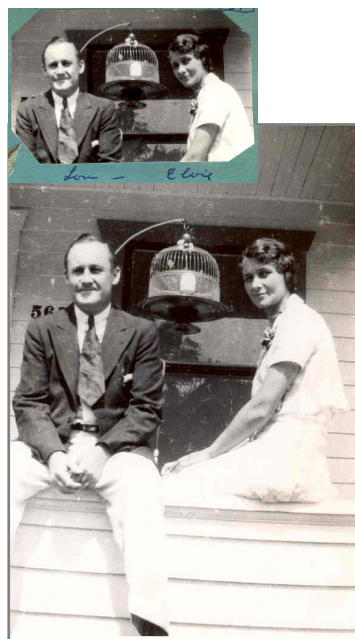
Louis gave our back porch its last coat of paint this morning. It looks nice. But oh, how we do miss not being able to use our back door. He painted the little fence and the bench green, it looks so nice around our place now. We heard today that the Peterson family have moved back into L.A., in their Mt. Pleasant Street home. I'm glad I'll not have to write any more letters to her and send the rent and etcetera. We spent the evening at home, news came over the radio that there was an awful fire in Chicago. The stock yard was burning down about 12 blocks of homes and etcetera. What a shame. I got my dinner partly cooked for tomorrow.

### May 20, Sunday

Donna took two pictures of Louis and me this a.m. before we left for Sunday School. We sat in our front porch and our bird was in the picture, also. It was such a lovely morning we decided to walk to Sunday School. We got about two blocks from home when Liza Richardson came along with her car, after her stopping, and

### Kidnap Recoveries

On May 14, after much searching and scant communication from the abductors, Arizona governor B.B. Moeur received a postcard at his office describing June Robles' location in the desert outside Tucson. The postcard bore a Chicago postmark. A team that included Carlos Robles, Pima County Attorney Clarence Houston and several Highway Patrolmen, searched the area for two hours until discovering a small metal box, sunk three feet into the ground and disguised with some shrubbery. June was inside, alive and in surprisingly good health. She had been chained in the iron box in the desert for 19 days. Interestingly, another high-profile kidnapped person was recovered that day. William F. Gettle, an oil millionaire from Beverly Hills had been missing since Wednesday, May 9, was found in the Los Angeles home of his kidnapper.



Donna took this photo of Lou and Elvie on May 20.

opening the car door, and giving us such a sweet invitation, we didn't have the heart to tell her we wanted to walk. I had my class alone, Sr. Turner was sick. Rex worked all day. This afternoon Louis and I rode over to Mt. Pleasant Street to pay Miss Peterson some rent. They just got moved back into their home, took us through it. Louis hung their mirror for them. We left Donna at Lorene's. I called in Shaffer's to see Ralph. The poor boy has been nine weeks off his feet. Sr. Shaffer is sick with nervous trouble. I feel sorry for her, I'm glad I called on her. We had a quartet, Lou, Rex, Donna, and me, tonite, sang my songs.

### May 21, Monday

I was surely tired today after washing. I slept for two and a half hours and intended resting for thirty minutes. Mrs. Vernon was very happy over receiving another check from the county this month, but the poor dear surely is in need of it. Miss Peterson came to see Mrs. Vernon and get some rent today. Louis got a nice letter from his mother saying she'd be delighted to have us stay with her when we got to Salt Lake. Annie, Beverly, and Elise came over this evening. Annie felt so bad cause her dress went to pieces when she washed it today, too bad. Beverly and Elise did my dishes while I visited with Annie. I gave them cake and pineapple, sweet girls. Sue, Al, and the kiddies came tonight. She wanted part of Donna's French costume. Raymond and Rex called in tonight after they'd finished block teaching.

### May 22, Tuesday

It was a lovely day, not as warm as we've had it in the past few days. I did my ironing, and embroidery on the quilt block Sr. Treu gave me to work on for the Relief Society pioneer quilt. It is the Nauvoo Temple, and it is some job. I also have the Kirtland Temple to work, another hard one. Mrs. Vernon cooked a good dinner for us this evening, string beans, with beef and potatoes, it did taste good. She is surely nice to us when she has anything to do with. She has been paying half on the ice lately, cause she keeps a few things in our ice box. We saw Sue and Al over in Boy's Market this evening. Mrs. Vernon and I enjoyed the swing this evening after dinner while Louis cut the back lawn and watered it. She came in and visited until about 9:30.

### May 23, Wednesday

I worked on the quilt block, "Nauvoo Temple," before going to Relief Society. I'll surely be glad when I've finished this block, it's a hard one. Vinna Cannon gave the lesson, we always enjoy her lessons. Sr. Robinson was ill today, we all missed her. I surely am enjoying my vacation from the bulletin. I wish they'd find someone else to take care of it in the fall. The Primary held their May festival program

tonight. It was lovely, beautiful to see, the stage was dressed so pretty, as Grama's old fashioned garden, and the children all looked darling in their paper costumes. Donna wanted to go, but had to stay at Haight's. I went alone. Louis and Rex stored gas for our trip in our garage.

### May 24, Thursday

I finished my Nauvoo Temple quilt block today, it is very pretty. Al stopped by and said he's been looking at churches. The banker in Highland Park has two on his hands that the people couldn't pay for; he sent a card asking Al to come and look them over. I wonder if we'll ever have our own meeting house? Al was going in Florence's to call Sr. Higginbotham about said churches. Sue met Donna uptown today at noon; she helped her select goods for a dress. Elaine is going to make Donna's yellow straw hat over for her and Donna bought a white straw hat from Elaine, too. She has two new hats now. I visited Florence and baby this morning. Rex ate dinner here. Donna brought some of her clothes home today. She's moving back now, I'm so glad. The Andersen family visited us this evening. We rode over to Sue's, not home. The Beneficial Insurance Company sent us the loan blanks. We filled them out and sent them back. Hope we get it in time for our trip.

### May 25, Friday

A change in the weather, not so hot. I hope it will stay like this for a few weeks. I cleaned house all day, hung Donna's clothes out in the sun and washed her closet and room good. I was surely tired when I got through with dinner this evening. We rode over to Annie's. Lorene and Charles were there. Mary was at a party somewhere near, and they were waiting for time to go after her. We bought some apricots at Boy's Market before going to Annie's, so we enjoyed them while visiting there. We met the Porter boy in front of Boy's. He used to be our neighbor when we lived on Aldama Street with Sue. He lived on Ford Street. He remembered us first.

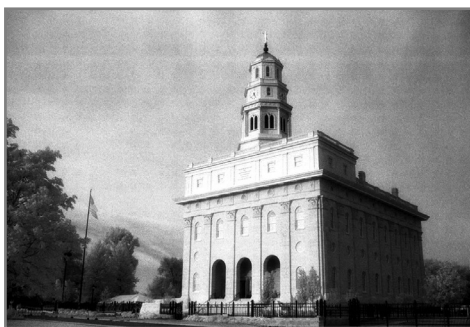
### May 26, Saturday

I washed and ironed a few things today. Donna's white crepe dress and etcetera. I guess I'll wear it now that she won't. It is too large for her now anyway, the ironing spread it out to my size. Louis took a car full of Bee Hive girls up to the stake picnic in Griffith

Park. We decided not to go to the Mutual outing this time, it was too cold today to be comfortable over there. He went back for them about 4:30. Ruthie Marsh came down ahead with Sr. Moslie, and she came over to ask Louis to go up after the others as they wanted to come home. Ruthie also came here to ride up with him this evening. Louis went to Udall's and bought two rabbits for our dinner tomorrow.



*Kirtland Temple*



*Nauvoo Temple*

## May 27, Sunday

Our neighborhood is all upset this day, we had another wild party last night, it kept us all awake. Mr. Roose called the cops, but they didn't do any good. I'm glad Sr. Turner came this morning, cause I didn't feel well enough to handle the class alone. Br. Turner visited our class, the kiddies were very good. We enjoyed our rabbit dinner, and also enjoyed little Marion Haight. She surely is a darling baby. It's Donna's last week at Haight's. We're all glad of that. Louis was fixing a cover to go on Rex's car over the rumble seat. Mrs. Roose was trying to sleep, so she came out and bawled him out for hammering. They had it hot and heavy for a few minutes. It surely upset me, Donna and I were doing the dinner dishes when they had it out. A few minutes before Mrs. Roose had been over and told Sandray's to shut off their radio and Mr. Sandray had a round with her. The old girl is on the war path. Rex took Donna and baby and me for a nice ride this afternoon. *[Mrs. Roose is fine with making noise in the night.]*

## May 28, Monday

Mrs. Sandray was so upset it almost made her sick, when Mr. Sandray had the quarrel with Mrs. Roose yesterday. She came in last night to tell us about it. Mrs. Roose was on the war path for sure. Louis took Mrs. Vernon to look at a house yesterday. She had good news yesterday, also. Mrs. Agnew came to tell her she'd get her pension o.k. I'm so glad for her. I did half of my washing and put the rest to soak. I did some embroidering on the quilt block Sr. Treu gave me to work. I finished the Nauvoo temple last week, now I'm working on the Kirtland temple. Oh, dear! I haven't got started on that write up on the Strongs that Dad asked me to do for the program. It worries me so. I have so much on my mind right now, should write to Violet, too. Sr. Marsh and Ruthie brought Florence's baby over this afternoon. John and Florence visited us this evening, they were all invited to dinner at Florence's. Tonight Louis and I went over to Charles. He sewed an isinglass window in the back cover for Rex's car. Rex brought Donna's soiled uniform tonight, late.

## May 29, Tuesday

I finished the other half of my washing, and ironed the things I washed yesterday. Was surely tired when I'd finished, took a nap. Sue and Al came this evening. They wanted to borrow my syringe, Elaine is sick. They came while we were eating, my dish water got cold, so I turned the gas on it again. Then Mrs. Vernon, Annie, and Bill came just as I was going to do the dishes. They left about 10 p.m. water cold again, so I left them in the sink. Rex came for Donna's clean uniform. I gave him the shirt I'd mended and ironed for him, Donna brought



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

it from Haight's. Mr. Haight didn't want it. Rex said Donna was serving dinner tonight in a new black uniform with white cap and apron. Bless her heart! *[It was hard on the Renshaw's to have Donna dress like a maid for this job. It was demeaning that their near perfect daughter was required to wear a maid uniform. There are no photos of Donna in her uniform.]*

## May 30, Wednesday—Decoration Day

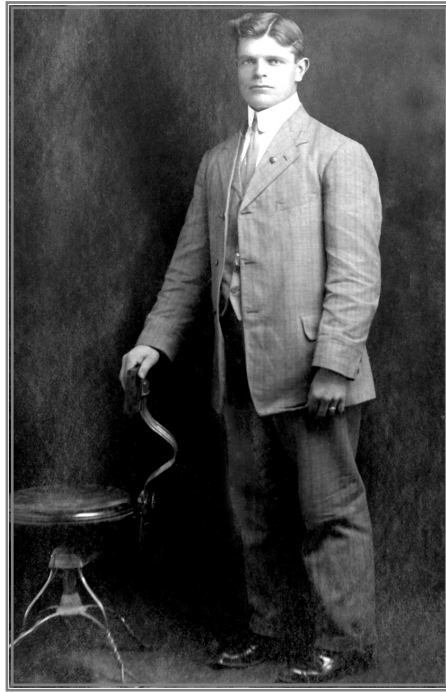
I washed Donna's white uniform and ironed it, for the last time, I hope. I worked all day, the holiday didn't mean a thing to me. Louis worked at the hospital, too. I'd sure love to put flowers on Mother's and Mildred's, and my little babies graves today. *[All the graves were far away in Salt Lake.]* How I love them. Sue and Al, and Annie and Bill, went to Inez's *[Inez Hoglund Judd]* grave in Forest Lawn. Blanche and Oscar *[Hoglund]* came while they were there. Gene and Norman *[Judd, Inez's sons]* were with them. Annie says they are both six foot or over, fine big boys. Sue gave Annie silk enough to make a dress, it's a pretty green. She was there for a few minutes this evening. Sue and Al and kiddies came, also. Elaine is better today. Rex and Donna came up to go to Mutual dance; it was a homecoming party for Frank Nelson, too. Louis treated us to ice cream tonight, we two. I finished my Kirtland temple today.

## May 31, Thursday

Louis talked to his boss again yesterday about his trip. He can have from the sixth to the eighteenth off, so I guess we leave next Wednesday, sixth of June. I'm surely glad the embroidering is done on the quilt blocks, Sr. Treu gave me to work. I've embroidered three of them now; first I did a deer, then the Nauvoo Temple, and last the Kirtland temple. The temples were hard to do. I cooked some lamb stew first thing this morning. Met Donna uptown at noon. She had Betty Haight with her. I walked down from the library Fifth and Grand. I'd been looking for jokes to put in that write up Dad asked me to compose for the reunion. We had the worst scare I've ever had in my life today. Donna thought she swallowed a pin. We went across the street to a Dr. Cook, he said for her to eat lots of bread and it would pass through o.k. I was nearly crazy, but felt better after he talked to us. She had two pins in her mouth while she was trying on a dress and only one after she got her dress on. She thought she could feel it sticking in her throat. We met Rex at May Company. He bought a bead purse for Donna's birthday. All came home. Rex took Donna to doctor in Highland Park, he couldn't see anything in her throat so we'll just have to wait and see what comes. Rex bought a lovely white purse for me, too.

### June 1, Friday—Donna's Birthday

She feels fine!! I hope the pin is not in her. Rex brought his Uncle Sam Green up this morning to see Florence and the baby. I went over to Sr. Snows to help quilt. Sr. Treu was surely pleased with the temples. They all raved about how beautifully they were worked, and I began to think they were okay myself. Donna went to Elaine's to type the songs I composed for the Strong's reunion. Their typewriter needed cleaning, she couldn't make it work, so she went to Lillian Stead's to use hers, but she had loaned it to Doris Putman. Louis took her over to Putmans'. She brought the typewriter home with her and did the work. Elaine finished Donna's dress today. Sue did lots of the finishing; too, it looks real nice. Donna wore the little dress we gave her. Rex gave her a lovely box of chocolates and a white beaded bag. Aunt Lorene gave her the little mayonnaise set I gave her at her (Lorene) shower, nice, eh?! Tonight we all went to Thelma's at Seal Beach to the Strong's meeting. We took Donna and Rex. Bill took Sue and Lorene. We practiced our reunion songs. Nice time. Blanche and Oscar didn't go.



Sam Green

Did Donna swallow a pin?

Probably not.

### June 2, Saturday

It was Donna's first Saturday home for eight months. I do enjoy having her home again. We haven't seen anything of the pin yet, but Donna feels fine. Sue and Al came over to tell us Lydia wrote to say that Billy has scarlet fever. Owen is living away from home and she is alone with the three kiddies. I feel so sorry for her; do hope the other children will not take it. Now we can't visit with them and they can't go to the reunion, it's a darn shame. Annie and Bill came over this evening for a while. Mrs. Vernon spent the evening with us. She helped Louis shell peas for me. Donna went uptown with Rex to buy some clothes.

### June 3, Sunday

Donna and I walked to the early nine o'clock meeting, both Louis and Rex worked today. Bishop was our speaker. He talked about our building fund. I had my Sunday School class alone again, and it was fast day, the longest class period we have. I asked Br. Terry to excuse me from union meeting; I had to work on that reading Dad asked me to write. Donna went to union meeting, though. Ruth called up at Stead's, wanted me to call her, I did, she wanted to know if they were expecting her to come out and sing in conjoint tonight. She didn't want to use the gas if she could get out of it. Clarence has been out of work so long. I told her not to come. They have decided to go to Salt Lake with us, leaving at the same time we do. Br. Norberg was our speaker tonight in church. Very fine meeting. Frank Nelson sang two songs. Elmer Hansen spoke a few minutes.

### June 4, Monday

I cleaned Donna's silk blouse and dress, also my dress. Washed when I got the cleaning done. That cleaning gas is surely tough on hands. I finished my write up on the Strong's today. Donna typed it. Boy, and am I glad it's finished at last. I surely don't like that kind of job, it is the second time I've had to write on that order, and it's a job finding good jokes to use. Ed and Heber and Sterling came over this afternoon. Ed and Heber want her to play for them to sing at the elder's meeting over to Chandler's tonight. They came this evening to practice and took her over with them. Annie and Bill and kids came, they had a card from Violet. Rex came after Donna had left. He waited about an hour, and then went home. I thought Rex went home, but he called over to Chandler's and brought Donna home. I received a card from Dad today, said they want a Bailey reunion while we are home, also. Miss Peterson and her mother came this evening, also.

### June 5, Tuesday

We had a good rain in the night, and it was raining hard when we got up this morning. My clothes are getting a second washing, it was such a cool damp day yesterday, and they didn't dry. I'm glad my lawn and flowers are getting a nice soaking, they need it. There was another awful murder yesterday, it seems like the papers tell of a new one every day. This one is so sad, Louis Payne killed his mother and brother, and he went crazy. He'd always been thoughtful and kind to his family. It's a shame. It is Sr. Marsh's birthday today; the family ate dinner over to Florence's. Louis and Rex worked on Rex's car getting it ready for our trip. We plan on leaving L.A. about 8 p.m. tomorrow. Charles helped fix a cover for back seat, Mary is riding there. Block teachers came tonight. Mrs. Vernon spent the evening with Donna and me. I am going to take a bath and go to bed.

### June 6, Wednesday

We left Los Angeles this evening at 8:20. Three cars started out from L.A. Ruth, Clarence, Leonard and kiddies, Lorene, Mary, Sue Shirley, Annie, Rex, Donna, Louis and me. Our battery went dead on us about 6 or 7 miles out of Barstow, had to run into Barstow without lights. Arrived there at 11:30. Bought a new battery there, \$6.60, met all the others in Barstow.

### June 7, Thursday

Arrived in Las Vegas at 5 a.m. Mary got carsick just before we landed in Vegas, she was sick all the rest of the way. Arrived in St. George at 9:30, and in Cedar, at 12:20 noon. Stayed with Violet about 5 hours. Ruth and Clarence left Violets about 3 hours before we did. I gave Mary an enema and took one myself. Annie and Ruth also had one, ha, ha! We ate a bite before starting out for Salt Lake. Left Violet with the promise

to stop on our way back for a day, anyway. Left Cedar City at 4:40 p.m. Was too tired to come into Salt Lake and Mary was so sick. We stopped in auto camp at Fillmore, 8 p.m. Bed surely looks good. The people who run the auto know Br. and Sr. Saguine well. It's his hometown. She is a sister-in-law to Paul Bailey.

### June 8, Friday

Had a fine nights rest. Mary felt better this morning. We left Fillmore at 5:15 a.m. Surely enjoyed the ride into Salt Lake after a good night's rest. We have all changed seats, but Rex, Lou and Sue. First in the car then in the other. We arrived in Salt Lake about 9 a.m. We all stopped at Grama's [Renshaw] first, her house surely looked good to us. Everything was so nice and clean. She invited Lorene to stay here with us, if she didn't have a place to go. Nice of her. Louis took the girls over to Ida's after leaving Donna, Rex, and me here at Grama's. Dad came a few minutes after they left. I was surely glad to see him, dear old Dad [Owen Albert Bailey]. He went over to Ida's [Ida Rich Strong] and saw the rest of them. Elsie [Elise Daisy Garratt Bailey] came down and took Lorene up to her house, poor little Mary was so sick and weak after her car sickness. After eating a nice lunch about 11 a.m. we cleaned up and went to see Margaret [Margaret Ann Jones Renshaw] and kids. Saw Babe and Mel [Renshaw] "on the spot." Babe took us over to his house to see Winnie and the kiddies, five sweet boys. They sang for us. We went up to Lydia's, [Bailey] couldn't go in cause Billy [Owen and Lydia's son] had the scarlet fever, just went around to the window to see him. Surely sorry they have to stay in and we can't get in to visit. I called on Mrs. Barker and Donelson. Mrs. Donelson is sick in bed. Went to Ida's, saw all the folks there, they were all in Ida D's house. Donna and Rex went calling together. They're having a wonderful time. Tonight we went to the Lake. Crowd was large to see contest dance, but had a nice time after. Babe and Winnie [Renshaw] came out. We took Annie, Sue, and Grama. Met Edna and George [Donelson, friends] there, also.



Theophilus James Green

### June 9, Saturday

Gramma and I talked all morning. Donna and Rex went out to Woods Cross to see his Uncle and Grandpa; [Theophilus James Green] they invited them to eat dinner tonight. It's my mother's birthday; we all went up to the cemetery. Dad took Lorene and Mary and Bonnie [Bonnie Jean Bailey]. We took Sue and Annie and Grama. Went over to Diana's [Strong] house, Beth [Elizabeth Strong] was there but Diana was out. She has a lovely home. Gordon [Strong] took Sue and Annie and Ida. We followed them. Louis took Grama and me up to Park City. Maude [Maude Elizabeth Mills Petersen] was out on a

fishing trip. Don took us over to them. We enjoyed a fish dinner over on the Weber River. Andrew gave us some big fish to bring home. Don and Rose have a family of five fine children. Coming home we got stalled in Parley's Canyon, gas wouldn't feed. Man helped us, got to station. Louis fixed it okay. We didn't get home until one o'clock this morning from Park City.



Elvie, Donna & Maude at Maude's home in Park City circa 1925.

### June 10, Sunday

Left Grama's this morning at 8:30. Donna and Rex went up to get Beth and her boyfriend, they all went to conference. We couldn't get in the Assembly Hall, they were holding the broadcast in the Tabernacle, so we couldn't get in there. Met Mrs. Heaps and Ruth, Uncle Frank [Bailey], Uncle Will [Bailey], Esther, Hazel, and her son. Margaret and Mel came along and we four went in the Tabernacle 11 a.m. to see the Primary conference. It was given by the children, it was very good, lasted one hour. Came home, had fish dinner, went up to Dad's, ate ice cream and cake. All went to Owen's, first I'd seen him, he looks fine. Went to Ida D's, met the California folks, went to Ida Rich's to practice the song for the reunion. Came back home. Mel and Margaret were here. All went to Magna, saw Margy and family. Mel treated us all to swell dinner at 9 p.m. in Chinks.

### June 11, Monday

Did up dishes and beds. Wrote poetry in Mary's and Bonnie's albums. Rest around most of the day. I pressed Donna's and my clothes. Louis and Rex went out visiting to Woods Cross, and called to see Mike Covey. Grama's Relief Society teachers called in to see her. We left home a few minutes to eight tonight for the Strong's Reunion in the Tenth Ward. Had a wonderful time greeting my dear relatives. We enjoyed a fine program, our songs went over fine. Donna gave her reading very well. It went over big, and I was so proud of her. We



Owen A Bailey & second wife Elsie Daisy Garratt Strong Bailey

enjoyed refreshments in the recreation hall after program, and they had a wonderful time dancing. Our Strong reunion was a big success. I love those folks, glad I belong to them.

### June 12, Tuesday

Called for Annie and Sue this morning. Went to town, shopped in Auerbach's store, bought a shirt and tie for Dad from us girls for "Father's Day," Sunday. Candy in Kress, Louis treated to ice cream, also. Went up to Elsie's. Enjoyed a very lovely lunch. Donna and Rex went to see Mel and Babe's families; they came over to Elsie's for lunch after. Louis went calling on his Renshaw relatives while we visited with Elsie. We brought Annie and Sue down to Mother's. [Sarah Renshaw, Lou's mother] I ironed a few things that Mother washed for us this morning. Louis took the others to the park at 4:30 p.m. I went over with Donna and Rex about 6 p.m. We had a lovely time with the Bailey's, about 60 of us sat down to eat. Left Park about 8:15 p.m. Hurried to meet Edna and George uptown. Had a lovely time at Covey's Coconut Grove tonight with Edna and George and party.



Coconut Grove—Largest ballroom in America in early 1900.

### June 13, Wednesday

Donna and Rex left his morning at 11:30 with Doris and Wayne Davies, for a mountain trip up to some lake. Grama, Louis and I went uptown. We had dinner at the Chinks place about 1:30, then Grama took us to the Victory Show House. We saw two good pictures. Came home about 3:30 and enjoyed a nap. It surely was hot uptown, but nice and cool in the house. We called in to see Mrs. Keller, she didn't know anything about Lillian [Lillian Renshaw Keller, Lou's sister] coming until after the 15th or 16th. We expected her yesterday or today. She told us she'd leave on the 10th. Donna and Rex went with Beth [Elizabeth Strong] and Dick [Richard Wilbur Johnston] up to dance at the Old Mill in Cottonwood Canyon tonight. We went for a ride with Aunt Ida and Uncle Alvin, [Ida & Alvin Strong] lovely ride. She made ice cream when we got back, surely good. Sue and Shirley were out with Bert Hoglund. [Berthal Oliver Hoglund] Lorene went out to Garfield. The kids had a Dutch lunch after the dance at Beth's home.



Beth Strong & Dick Johnston before the dance June 13, 1934



Rex Marsh & Dick Johnston

### June 14, Thursday

Donna and Rex went to a show and dinner uptown. We took Grama calling. Took pictures of Mrs. Barker and Donelson, also Aunt Ida and Beth. Called on Hattie and Ern. [Ernest Speirs & Harriet Strong] Pearl Willie and Aunt Ruby, home, took a nap. Started packing 5 p.m. Went up to say goodbye to Owen and family. Sorry we couldn't see more of them. That ole scarlet fever! Mel, Margaret, Babe, and Winnie [all Renshaw family members] came up to spend the evening. Louis' cousin, Steve Royals, came, also. He gave Louis a second hand tire. Dewetta [Dewetta Manila Peake] and Cliff [Clifford Jesse Zimmerman] came with Annie to see us, down to Grama's. Rex and Donna went out to Lagoon with Beth and Dick this evening. They got home about eleven o'clock. Grama treated us to ice cream and cakes, we left her house at 12:20. Called at Ida's for girls. Dad, Elsie, Bonnie [Bailey] and Garry [Strong] had waited there to say goodbye. Aunt Ida made a lovely coconut cake for us to take on trip. Had a wonderful visit in dear ole Salt Lake, everyone was grand to us. We rode all night.

### June 15, Friday

Ate breakfast in Beaver City, arrived in Cedar City at 9 a.m. Surely tired after riding all night. [An eight hour and forty minutes trip; with 2013 autos and roads the trip takes three hours thirty minutes] Washed and went to bed. Slept until about 3 p.m. Otto took Louis and Rex up in the mountains fishing, they didn't get any sleep until they got up there at the ranch. Girls bought things for a nice dinner. Mrs. Fife had it ready for us when we woke up. Lucille Fife called this afternoon. Florence [Fife] invited us all over this evening, she made some lovely ice cream. It sure was grand. She said we could have two beds. Arthur [Florence's husband] and Rolland [Florence's son] were both away. It was strange without Audrey, too. [Audrey Fife died earlier this year] Sue Annie, Donna and I stayed at Florence's. Her sister, Winnie and little boy, were visiting her, also. Sue and I slept together and Annie and Donna. Sue and I sat up until midnight talking to Florence and her sister about Audrey. Surely sad. I washed ice cream dishes.

### June 16, Saturday

Enjoyed a good night's sleep. Florence had a lovely breakfast ready for us when we got up. We did dishes and made beds, went over to [Otto and Violet] Fife's. Violet looks fine today. Lorene, Annie, Donna, and I walked downtown. Bought things to eat for dinner and candy. I couldn't help, only had a dime. Prepared string beans when we got home. Boys

came home about 4:30 p.m. They brought about forty-two fish. We all enjoyed a fish dinner. Rex took some out to take home to his Mother, he caught eleven himself. Otto caught the rest. Louis spent his time hunting. We waited until eight o'clock this evening for Mr. Fife to come home from the farm, he wanted to see Louis, but we had to leave without him seeing Louis as it was getting late and we were all anxious to get on our way. Poor little sister Violet, how we all hated to leave her and Dolores there. Oh, dear! We surely enjoyed our two day visit with Violet and family. I helped Mrs. Fife peel apricots. We took a picture of us girls and the kiddies.

### June 17, Sunday

We arrived in Las Vegas between one and two a.m. The boys were too tired to drive on without resting. They slept on court house lawn until about 3:40. All slept on lawn but me, I slept in car. Las Vegas is surely a wide open town. We saw young folks walking the streets all night long. What a life! Ate breakfast in



Las Vegas Courthouse, built 1933.

Rex. It started okay. Arrived in Los Angeles tired and dirty about 1:06 p.m. Bill and Beverly had a lovely dinner all ready. Donna, Rex and I stayed to eat. Louis was too tired. He took Lorene and Sue home. Mrs. Vernon gave him dinner. After bathing, we slept all afternoon. Rex and Donna went to church. John came up with Rex, told us about Gladys Oates's husband getting killed, so sorry. [Ira McDay Bradshaw died in 1934, Gladys is Ernie Oates' sister. Ira and Gladys had just been married one year.]

### June 18, Monday

I felt light headed and turned around when I got up this morning. It takes some time to adjust oneself after a long auto trip. I did a big washing. Donna hung them out and



Rex with the eleven fish he caught June 16, 1934. Why the serious look? He had been up for over twenty-four hours.

cleaned up the house. Rex came this afternoon for a few minutes. He had to go back to work this evening. He took me over to Boy's Market and back. Our bird seems glad we are back. Mrs. Vernon took very good care of him and everything. Annie, Bill, and Glen, came over this evening. Beverly had homework. Donna went over to Elaine's to plan Vera's party for next Friday night. They decided to have it at our home. I wonder if we'll have enough room?? We are all still tired from trip. Louis brought Donna home about 9:30. Br. and Sr. Hill came over this evening to see how we enjoyed our trip.

### June 19, Tuesday

Lovely day, sun bright at 6 a.m. Harriet Robinson's boyfriend has been and gone again. She says she is going to marry him this fall. Nice girl, I hope she'll be very happy. Florence Oates come over with the baby, he is a darling. They buried Gladys Oates's husband Sunday in Arizona. Florence and Ernie

got home this a.m. at four o'clock. I do feel sorry for Gladys; her husband was killed in an auto accident last week. Mrs. Marsh and Ruthie took care of the baby for them. Louis took Florence to the post office, I went along. We did our shopping in Boy's Market on our way back. I bought a birthday card for Grama, we sent it with a dollar bill, Louis wrote a letter in it, also. Miss Peterson and mother came this evening; they dug up their oleander and took it home. Beverly walked over this evening. We took her back in the Ford. Went up to pay our rent on way back. Donna went to plan party with Elaine. Louis treated to ice cream at Annie's tonight.

### June 20, Wednesday

Donna made chili today. I didn't feel very well. Glad I did the ironing yesterday. It was cool and cloudy all day. Donna went to Highland Park this afternoon. I took a nap. Beverly, Elise, and Josephine walked over this evening. Bill wanted Louis to come over and give his car a push, he couldn't get it started, had locked. Louis took the girls back over and helped Bill get his car in the garage. Louis is going down to George's with Bill's car in the morning to have it fixed. We all rode down to Ernie's station tonight to take a bowl of chili for Rex, he had to work until 10 p.m. Elaine and Ernie came over tonight to talk about the party for Vera and Fred. Bill came to talk to Louis about his car, Louis was in bed. We enjoyed watermelon before going to bed.



### June 21, Thursday

Heber Robinson came over this a.m. to practice over his songs with Donna. Elaine and Donna met uptown at noon to buy Vera and Fred's gift. They bought a lovely pink crystal console set, big bowl and candle holders, also bought a cute little bride and groom with minster. This, they used to decorate the package with. Elaine came over this evening to make plans for the party tomorrow night. She fixed the bride and groom up, under a little orange blossom bower. Surely looks cute. Lucille Evans graduated from Franklin High School tonight. The class was upset cause one of the girls couldn't be with them, she was taken to the hospital with infantile paralysis. It has been awful in Los Angeles the past month, is a good thing the schools are closed now. I surely hope they get control of it soon. Lots of it in the hospital where Louis works.

#### Infantile Paralysis

**POLIOMYELITIS:** an acute infectious virus disease caused by the poliovirus, characterized by fever, motor paralysis, and atrophy of skeletal muscles often with permanent disability and deformity, and marked by inflammation of nerve cells in the ventral horns of the spinal cord—called also infantile paralysis, polio.

### June 22, Friday

Donna helped me change the bedding and then she went to Florence's to borrow card tables and chairs. I cleaned through the house, it has been warm all day. Elaine and Donna made three big upside down cakes over to Elaine's house after she got out of school at noon. Louis and I took the dining room table out so we could have room for the card tables this evening. And now for the strangest story, the "guests of honor," Vera [*Vera Margaret Chandler*] and Fred, [*Frederick Budd Reiche*] didn't show up to their own party. [*Family Search shows them married on June 2, 1934 in Salt Lake.*] Donna and Elaine waited until after nine o'clock for them, they sent Raymond over to Chandler's to see why they hadn't come. Sr. Chandler said they'd gone out to dinner, she didn't think they knew about the party. Ha, ha! Well the party went along fine after that, they played "horse racing game." Vera and Fred came in time for refreshments; they felt badly about it but were tickled with their lovely gift from the crowd. Beverly wasn't going to stay to party, but we made her. Sue and Al, and Annie and Bill came in after the farewell party at the stake house for Br. Kast, who is leaving for a mission. Louis did some work for Ernie Oates tonite. We didn't think Vera C. would forget the date of her own party, ha, ha! Good joke.

### June 23, Saturday

Martin Roose woke me up this a.m. blowing some kind of horn. I thought for a second, I was back in Cedar City, it sounded so much like a little lamb. They are moving Monday, hope our next neighbors won't get out so early in the morning. Louis and Donna slept late; I did some washing while they slept. Florence Oates went to a stork shower on one of her old neighbors this afternoon. Donna took care of her baby while she was gone; he is a sweet little dear. We all enjoyed him. Donna cut her thumb while Louis and I were

shopping at Boy's Market. She was slicing potatoes and onions for Louis' dinner and was using my new slicer. Rex came this evening, they figured up their accounts, ha, ha! We are all paying up for our trip now, and all these showers ahead. Sr. Chandler and Alice came this evening. Alice invited me to a shower on Vera next Tuesday afternoon.

### June 24, Sunday

Our Sunday School class has been without a teacher while I was away in Utah. Sr. Turner was quarantined in on account of coming in contact with infantile paralysis. They called on someone to take our class each Sunday without any idea about the lesson work. I took them through two lessons today. Louis read in the paper of a typewriter sale, he took Donna and I out to look at some. I stayed in the car while they looked them over. He bought a Royal for \$21.00. Donna is surely tickled over it. We do hope she'll be able to find a good job after she gets up on her typing again. Louis used some of our insurance loan to buy it with. We stopped in Ernie's station for gas. John was there, he asked us to take him home, said he had good pie for us. Sr. Marsh fixed a lunch. We took them to church and home after, listened to the Coronets at Marshes', Rex gave us more potatoes. Donna and I are invited to another shower on Vera, the Gleaner girls are giving it.



Restored 1934 Royal Typewriter on eBay for \$149.99 in 2013, Renshaw's bought a new Royal for \$21.00 in 1934.

### June 25, Monday

I'm having some job tracing my pencil written trip in ink from June 6 to June 13 [*in Elvie's diary*]. I washed and Donna fixed us lunch. I had a gas pain in my stomach, drank hot water, but didn't get relief until I'd taken soda. Donna and I walked to Highland Park to buy Vera a shower present. She couldn't decide what to buy for us to take to Gleaner shower, but I got a wooden bowl and mincer, or cutter, to take to the shower Alice is giving for her tomorrow. Donna typed most of the day on her new typewriter. The Roose family moved

out today to Sierra Madre. I hope they'll be happy in their new home. We are happy to have quiet and peace. Al's car is being repaired, so Louis took him out in our car tonight to try and collect money for the dinner Wednesday evening. I suffered awful pain in head, and sick stomach all evening. Mrs. Vernon and I sat in swing this evening. The moonlight was very bright and lovely. Mr. Sandra was burning junk out of Roose's house.

### June 26, Tuesday

Went to bed sick last night, but woke up feeling fine this morning. Donna brought Florence's baby up this morning while she went to the beauty parlor. I ironed Louis's shirts, and left the rest for Donna to do. Florence and I left at one o'clock, in her car. I held the baby. *[Infant car seats were not invented yet.]* We called for Sr. Reiche, but her daughter was going to take her. We then called for Sue, and Sr. Reece. It was a lovely ride out to Alice Packs. We got there about 1:35 and were the first to arrive. Sr. Chandler, Vera, and Miriam came next. We had a very nice party out on the lawn, under a big walnut tree, lots of fun. Vera got some lovely gifts at this shower, too. Paul's *[Pack]* folks were all there, nice party. Heber and Ed Robinson were here when I got home this evening, Myrtle Egan was here, also. She drove her Dad's car over. The boys came to practice songs. Louis had the job today of moving monkeys in the hospital. We all went to bed early.



*Ernie Oates, Florence and Ernest Oates first born child. Perhaps this is one of the photos they showed Elvie June 28.*



*Louis had to move monkeys in the hospital, a job he didn't enjoy*

### June 27, Wednesday

I miss not going to Relief Society, but am glad of the vacation, too. I washed Louis's clothes, he had a job yesterday he didn't like, moving some monkey cages around in the hospital. They use the monkeys to experiment on, for infantile paralysis. Maybe Louis will be on the county payroll soon, he had some cards to fill out the other day. He'll get a \$20.00 raise I guess, and we can use it!! I went this evening at 5:30 to help serve the big ward dinner. I didn't have much work this time, but the other poor Relief Society ladies surely looked all in before the night was over. Some of them started at 9 a.m. We served a lovely dinner and had a dance after; the Mutual took care of the dance. Sr. Pack and her three boys, with wives, came out; it was like old times to have them with us. Donna was not well, so didn't stay for the dance. She and Rex took care of Florence's baby.

### June 28, Thursday

Donna and I slept late. Poor Daddy had to get up and go to work. Didn't do much housework today. We walked over to Boy's Market before eating breakfast this morning. Sue and Al were there shopping, too. Annie, Beverly, and Glen called in about 11:30. They'd taken Al down to George's garage to get Al's car. Rex came up this afternoon, he took Donna and I to Highland Park shopping. We bought Vera's shower present, pail and brush. Louis and Rex put another horn on our car; it used to be on Rex's car. Florence and Ruthie came over. They brought pictures of the baby for us to see, cute little darling. Tonight Louis took Florence and me over to Sue's to the shower the Gleaner girls gave Vera Chandler. It was a lovely warm night, some games were played outside. Vera got lots of lovely gifts. Ernie brought me home when he called for Florence. Rex brought his mother to the shower. Donna went with him to get her.

### June 29, Friday

We didn't do our Friday cleaning as usual. Florence borrowed our vacuum. I washed Donna's hair; she went over to have Elaine put it up in her curlers for her. Ruthie stayed with Florence last night and today. Al brought Donna home, he wanted something for his car, it has been causing him trouble again, stops on him, and he just got it back from George's garage. After dinner this evening Donna and I walked over to Chandler's, she wanted to see Vera's shower gifts and say goodbye to her. They are leaving for Salt Lake tomorrow evening. Fred came and he and Vera went out to look at houses. We looked her gifts over, and then walked over to Lorene's and visited with Raymond, Lorene, and Mary. Charles was in the shop. He came up before we left.

### June 30, Saturday

Had all the weeks cleaning to do today and neither one of us felt like working. Louis bought white paint and finished up the paint job. I'm surely glad it's done. Miss Peterson came; he settled up with her, we are out of her debt now, thank goodness. She gave us two dollars to buy paint for Donna's bedroom. I'll be glad to have it painted cause we haven't a big rug for her room. Raymond came over this p.m. I left him and Donna to visit while I rode to town with Louis to get a tire he'd had retreaded. He left another one to be fixed. This evening Rex and Donna went uptown to a show, they had to call on the "little glass jar," ho, hum! Louis and I did our shopping at Boy's Market. We bought a chicken to stew; I cooked it, and some peas and apricots.

### July 1, Sunday

We didn't go to the nine o'clock meeting this morning, wasn't sure they were holding one. There was a misunderstanding about it anyway. Bishop didn't go, but Br. Gunn and Billie took charge, several folks came to it. Al forgot to announce they wouldn't hold them in the summer months. Rex called for Donna. I rode to Sunday School with them and walked home with Louis. Miss Jensen, of the Sunday School Stake board, visited our class. Sr. Turner wasn't there and she was to give the lesson, but I got along o.k. Miss Jensen told a story. The kiddies were very good. Florence came this p.m. to type her talk on the slogan; she is going to introduce the new Mutual slogan for next year. [*Slogan for LDS church in 1934-1935 "By my actions, I will prove my allegiance to the Church."*] Annie, Beverly, and Glen came later; we went over to their place, after Louis bought things to make pineapple ice cream. We surely did enjoy it. Donna went to Marshes' with Rex.

### July 2, Monday

I washed this morning. Heber Robinson came about one o'clock to go over some songs with Donna, Some boy! Sterling J. came for Heber;

I made them a toasted cheese sandwich. They left about three o'clock. I went over in the next yard and trained the Climbing Jew [Wandering Jew]



Wandering Jew

to grow up over our wire fence, it looks very pretty now. Donna brought Florence's baby up for a few minutes, he surely is sweet. Annie and family came this evening; they wanted us to make plans to go with them over to Fern Dale for breakfast on the fourth. Both Louis and Rex have to work, so I guess we are out of it. The block teachers came this evening, also. Rex was here too, we had a nice visit altogether. Donna and Rex tried to study.

### July 3, Tuesday

I started the ironing and Donna finished it while I went over to Sue's to help quilt. Al and Annie came for me. Elaine, Sue, Annie, and I quilted. The quilt is for Sue. She has a

very lovely silk one to be quilted for Elaine, later. She got a card from Violet. I'll be so happy when the dear girl is over this sickness. [*Annie was pregnant. Dale was born December 30, 1934*] I feel that the Lord will help her through. He has blessed her so much already. Laverne and family have been staying at Fife's, I wonder where they all sleep??? Annie and family came this evening if Donna and I would go over to Fern Dale for breakfast with them in the morning. They are going to call for us at 6 a.m.

### July 4, Wednesday

The Andersen's came for us about 6:10. We left before Louis went to work. The Heglund family was in the park when we got there. We all enjoyed our breakfast and a walk through lovely Fern Dell. I think it is the most beautiful little spot I've been in. Came home around 8:30. Donna and I went to Boy's Market, bought Lima beans and ham for dinner. Donna visited in Florence's for an hour. She brought the baby up. I enjoyed a nice nap this afternoon. Donna and Rex went to Santa Ana for a ride this evening, they went to a show while there. Louis and I went to York show, saw "Twenty Million Sweethearts," and "The Black Cat." Had hot popcorn after. Nice holiday. P.S. I went with Annie, Lorene and Sr. Robinson this afternoon to help dress Sr. Palmer at the undertaker's parlor. We couldn't do it cause the coroner's must hold an inquest tomorrow.



### July 5, Thursday

The Relief Society sisters dressed Sr. Palmer this a.m. Br. Schumann and Heber Robinson came this morning to practice songs for the funeral. It was the first funeral Donna ever played for. I think it was the first time Heber ever sang for a funeral, also. They did very well. Donna was surely nervous. Rex was a pall bearer, he took Donna and me to the cemetery. We rode to the funeral parlor with Al and Sue. Donna and Rex went down to Haight's after they brought me home. Donna was longing to see their baby again. [*After working for the Haight's for many months she missed their children*] They came home in time to eat dinner with Louis and me. We all went over to Sue's this evening. Enjoyed ourselves singing songs with the Saxelby girls, and the Stead family. Sue treated to homemade ice cream and cake.

### July 6, Friday

We did the Friday cleaning. I enjoyed a nap this afternoon. Donna went down to Florence's, but she was out. Beverly drove over this evening with Annie. She and Donna walked down to Florence's and brought the baby back. Florence and Ernie went to a show in Highland Park. It is Florence's birthday

tomorrow. Ernie gave her a lovely wrist watch and took her to the show tonight, cause he has to work late tomorrow night. Annie and Beverly spent the evening with us. Mrs. Sandra took us through the house Mrs. Roose moved out of. Louis and I went to bed about 9:30. Donna got the baby to sleep and waited up for Florence and Ernie to come.

### July 7, Saturday

It's Bill Andersen's and Florence Oates's birthdays. I fixed breakfast for my family and called them about eight o'clock. We ate together for a change. It doesn't happen very often at breakfast. I washed some sheets, and a few things. Louis went over in the next yard, in the shade, and cleaned his car up nice. It looks swell after a good polishing. Bill got us out of bed this a.m. he came to get our vacuum cleaner. Louis did our marketing alone today. We are having real warm weather again. About 5:30 this evening Louis and I rode to see Br. and Sr. Marsh. We went to tell them, "Bon Voyage," but we were too late they'd been gone about an hour. It is her vacation and they are going to Utah. They plan to go through the Logan temple while there. Ruthie and Uncle Jim went, also.



### July 8, Sunday

I had my Sunday School class alone again this a.m. Sr. Turner hasn't been out for several weeks, just once in about a month. We held our Sunday School local board meeting this a.m. 9:15. Rex worked today. Mrs. Vernon and I enjoyed the swing and shade while Louis and Donna napped. Bette brought the little bathtub over to see if our bird will use it for his bath. We put it in, but he didn't notice it much. I surely hope he'll like it. We took Bette home, Sue gave us some ice cream surely good. Hills were over to Sue's. Elaine showed us her "hope chest" things. Called to see Sr. Niles on way to church. We are going teaching tomorrow. We went over to Andersen's after church and had root beer and cake, coconut cake. Rex couldn't get the two cars started tonight, so Louis had to push him down to Ernie's garage. His folks took his car on the trip.

### July 8, Monday

Ha, ha! Just thinking how the Bishop announced we'd sing the closing song, in church last night, for the opening song. Then Br. Matice announced we'd have the opening prayer at the end of the meeting. He called Louis the "songster" instead of the chorister. It was the missionary meeting. Br. Bowels, the Hollywood Patriarch, was our speaker. I washed this a.m. Donna and I went to Highland Park. We bought Vera and Fred's wedding gift, bookends and water set. Sr. Niles and I went block teaching this afternoon; it is a hot day for so much walking. Beverly drove Annie and Glen over this evening for a few minutes. Tonight Louis tried to catch Dickie. It surely scared the little fellow; he won't have a thing to do with us now. Rex came in after his teaching.

### July 10, Tuesday

I went up to Highland Park shopping this a.m. while Donna ironed. Boy, and it's been hot today. Glen, Bette, and Shirley called in to see us, they were on their way over to Glen's. Beverly drove her mother, Sr. Treu, Elise, and Josephine over here. I wrapped Annie's and Sr. Treu's wedding gift for Vera and Fred. Then they took them over to Chandler's, took Donna's and mine, too. I finished the ironing. Louis wouldn't go to the wedding reception. Rex took Donna and me in our car. We enjoyed ourselves, the ice cream was very good. We all sat out on the back lawn and enjoyed music and refreshments. The wedding cake was beautiful and tasted grand, also. Vera and Fred looked lovely, very fine couple. They are living in Mrs. Crawley's little home. Louis slept out in the swing until we got home from the reception. Got check \$3.20. No more until the twentieth of July, oh, oh!

### July 11, Wednesday

Louis and I had a lot of fun this a.m. before he left for work. The sun made a shadow of a perfect face on our wall, caused by a stack of things I had on the wash tray to mend. It was so good I had to get Donna out of bed to see it. I walked in the hot sun to the Relief Society meeting, ate lunch with them, hot dogs, and came back without doing one stitch of sewing.

I intended on doing some quilting for Sue on Elaine's silk quilt, but by the time I'd carried home my groceries, I was all in from the hot sun. Donna spent most of the day with Florence and baby. Rex came up to dinner this evening about 6:30. Louis and I ate at five o'clock. Donna waited for Rex, he and Raymond went teaching. We rode over to visit Annie and family. Sr. Treu showed us the pioneer quilt, very pretty. Annie and Glen rode to Lorene's with us, nice evening. Rex called at Lorene's for Donna, Bill and Beverly came for Annie and Glen. We came home alone.



Jacque Mercer, Miss America in 1949, advertises for hope chests

### July 12, Thursday

Donna went down this morning to help Florence iron. Al called for me about 9:30. We got Annie and Grace

Hill and went over to quilt on Elaine's lovely silk quilt. Sue has been working on it three days now. Grace and Sr. Woods helped her yesterday. It's a lot of work, but it is going to be beautiful. We all enjoyed lunch over there. Elaine got it ready for us. She and I did the dishes after. Al brought us home at five o'clock. There is still another days work on it for three or four. Rex and Donna did our evening dishes. I was tired out from quilting. Went to bed early. Florence gave Donna a house dress for helping her today. We received letter from Violet and Grama Renshaw. Lillian is in Salt Lake. The doctor wants Violet to go up in the mountains for a change.

### July 13, Friday

Donna wrote a letter to the Examiner to apply for a job. We read the ad in the paper this a.m. Annie and Beverly called for us, we went over to Sue's. Donna and Beverly didn't quilt, but the rest of us finished quilting Elaine's lovely green and peach silk quilt. She put it on the bed after we got it off the frames and it is beautiful. I'd love Donna to have one like it! Beverly brought us home about 4:30. After dinner, we rode to Ernie's to get boot for tire. Donna got Marshes' key from Rex. We went over to his house. Donna did his ironing. I scrubbed the kitchen floor and did dishes. Louis came home. Rex brought us home after work about 11 p.m. tired.

### July 14, Saturday

Louis took Mrs. Vernon to look at a house she thinks she'll move into. Donna and I did the cleaning. Al let us take \$5.00 to buy our groceries. Wonder when we'll get our pay check? Rex came this evening. He had a telegram from his folks asking for \$25 in a hurry. Bishop let him take it. Rex couldn't wait for Ernie to make up his mind. Louis and I took a walk over to Annie's with Florence's baby in the buggy tonite. She and Ernie went to dinner at Lewie's. Donna and Rex went to a show. Rex is surely worried about his folks and car. I hope it is nothing serious.

### July 15, Sunday

I put up a lunch to take to conference this morning. The four of us rode down in our car. We had no visitors from Salt Lake, but it was a very fine meeting anyway. We enjoyed our lunch in the park near the stake house. After resting we took a nice long ride, saw beautiful home on Beverly Boulevard, rode through a lovely cool canyon and out to the beach. Didn't go back to conference. It's the first time I've missed two sessions since we came to California. I let Louis have his way about it, Donna and Rex went with us. Got home about five o'clock this evening. Rex and Donna went over to visit Fred and Vera in their little home tonight. Andersen family came, we had a nice visit.

### July 16, Monday

Donna went uptown to keep her eleven o'clock appointment, but came home disappointed. Mr. Swartz didn't have any work for her, he turned nice girls away without interviewing any of them. Some business, after notifying them to be there. I did a big washing and took a nap. Mrs. Vernon is still talking of moving. Louis and I walked to Boy's Market this evening, bought a very good watermelon and enjoyed it before going to bed. Donna and Rex went to a surprise party

over to Egan's, on Bob. Inis gave it. Myrtle's boyfriend, from Idaho, is here, her missionary.

### July 17, Tuesday

Got most of the ironing done before giving up and going to the bed. Florence came over for Donna. They went around changing Elva's stork shower from Friday afternoon to Thursday evening. Three of the girls had to work Friday afternoon. Heber Robinson came to practice his songs this afternoon, he brought a lot of music that Rad [*Heber's older brother*] gave him before he left for New York. They tried some of it over. Raymond came later, he says he is leaving town tomorrow, going to C.C.C. camp for six months or so. He wants to get money enough to go to college next year. Poor boy, I wish I was rich enough to see him through. Louis and I took Mrs. Vernon down to her old rooming house to get a box of her things. She is going to move tomorrow. We saw the house she is going to move into when we took her box there this evening. Nice place. Louis took Donna over to Saxelby's to practice piano duet.

### The Civilian Conservation Corps

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a public work relief program that operated from 1933 to 1942 in the United States for unemployed, unmarried men from relief families, ages 18–25 as part of Roosevelt's New Deal. Robert Fechner was the head of the agency. A part of the New Deal of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who provided unskilled manual labor jobs related to the conservation and development of natural resources in rural lands owned by federal, state and local governments. The CCC was designed to provide jobs for young men, to relieve families who had difficulty finding jobs during the Great Depression in the United States while at the same time implementing a general natural resource conservation program in every state and territory. Maximum enrollment at any one time was 300,000; in nine years 3 million young men participated in the CCC, which provided them with shelter, clothing, and food, together with a small wage of \$30 a month (\$25 of which had to be sent home to their families). -*Wikipedia*

### July 18, Wednesday

Donna did the work up and walked over to Elaine's to see if they can buy Elva's stork shower gift together. Bette and Shirley walked back with her. I feel better today, but weak. Mrs. Vernon moved today to 4404 Homer Street. Louis took her things down after his work this evening. I hope she'll be happy in the new place. I'm going to miss her, I know. I rode down with Rex and Donna to his house while he got cleaned up, he came to our place to dinner, from work, this evening. Louis went over to tell the Peterson's that Mrs. Vernon had moved out. Miss Peterson is going down to see her tomorrow morning. Poor old dear, I know she can't pay her anything. Oh, hum, well, she's moved anyway.

### July 19, Thursday

Sue went uptown this morning to buy the shower gift. Donna went down to help Florence with her upside down cakes. She helped her all day. Miss Peterson came this morning and cleaned the little house ready for new tenants, she worked hard all day. Rex came up to eat dinner with us. Annie and Beverly came over in the evening. Beverly wants to see

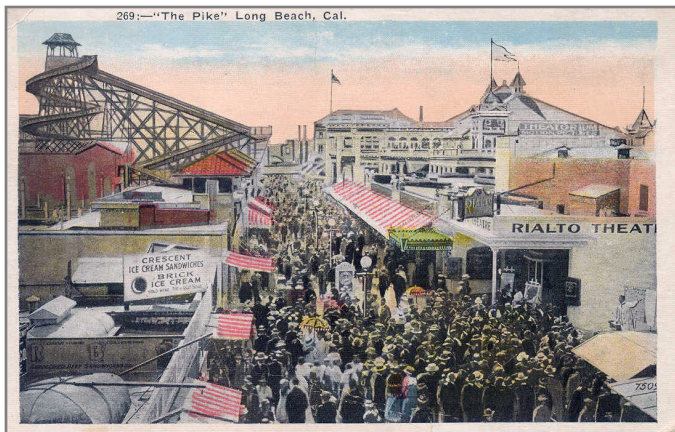
through the house next door, we all went in, and came out covered with fleas. No more going in there for us. The Roose's dog had left a lot of fleas, I guess, and I'll say it's a dirty place. Wonder how people can live like that? Annie came back later and we took her home. Bill went to a meeting. Donna went to Elva's stork shower at Florence's. Rex stayed here.

### July 20, Friday

Donna went to Florence's this a.m. to help her do the dishes they left from the party last night. I took care of the baby this afternoon while they went down to Marshes' to clean the house up nice for the folks coming home. Helen Holden came this afternoon; she wants Donna to give a "retold story" Wednesday night on the program. Heber Robinson came to sing, but Donna was out. This evening Louis and I ate alone. Rex took Donna out to dinner at Pop's. Ernie, Florence, Sterling, and Douglas all went to Pop's place to dine and show after. Louis and I took the Andersen family up to Switzer's camp, on the new road, for a ride. We didn't go down to the camp though. Annie bought watermelon at Boy's Market, after we got back, ate some at her home. We brought three watermelons home from store; two of them were 5¢ each. Bill and Louis ate a broken melon before going home. Surely good.

### July 21, Saturday

Miss Peterson painted chairs, bed, and table in little house yesterday. She washed and ironed the drapes, it is a cute little doll house to look at, but not very convenient to live in. I washed Donna's hair and put it up in little curls. I also put Florence's hair up in curls. We had the baby here while Florence went down to get Sr. Oates. She came up here with Florence while I fixed her hair. Hills left for Utah today. Louis and I rode over to say goodbye and good luck. They are going for two weeks. Sue and Al came this evening to ask us if we'd like to go for a ride with them. They took us out to Long Beach. It's the first time we've been out there for a year, I guess. I enjoyed some good hot popcorn. We walked along the pike. Enjoyed the beach and ride very much.



*The Pike in Long Beach*

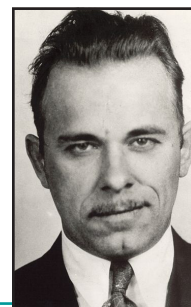
### July 22, Sunday

Louis had his car lubricated at Ernie's station this a.m. Rex did the job. Donna and I walked to Sunday School. Florence Gibson came to Sunday School, but didn't visit our class. Marshes got in about three o'clock this morning. They've

had a lovely trip, gone two weeks. Utah, Idaho, Montana, and other states, visited Yellowstone Park. They were through the Logan Temple and were sealed together, lovely. Florence had them over to her house to dinner; they came up here and ate cold watermelon in the afternoon. John was tired out from his long hours of driving, he took a nap while here. We took them to church this evening. Sr. Robinson invited me to go with them to a party on Sr. Peterson; she's in bed with a broken leg. We are going Tuesday afternoon. I am to take sandwiches. Marshes came home to eat with us after church. We took them home after.

### July 23, Monday

I got a late start at washing; it seemed I'd never get the wash out. Donna was in bed most of the day with cramps. Mrs. Vernon came, she is surely mad at Miss Peterson for the way she treated her cause she moved. Mrs. Downs invited her to lunch. The Petersons came and took the bed out of the little house; they put in a davenport in its place, looks better now. Our young neighbors wanted the house, but she wouldn't let them have it. So glad! Tonight Louis took Mrs. Sandra down to see if Mrs. Vernon would come up tomorrow morning and stay with Lawrence while they go to work, he is sick in bed. She is coming. Louis cooked his own supper tonight. He got mad at his loving wife cause she thought he wouldn't care to eat sour potatoes so she put them in the garbage. Oh, dear! No payday yet. The law got Dillinger last night; he was shot while coming out of a theater. Good thing done.



**John Herbert Dillinger** (June 22, 1903 – July 22, 1934) was an American bank robber in the Depression-era United States. His gang robbed two dozen banks and four police stations. Dillinger escaped from jail twice. Dillinger was also charged with, but never convicted of, the murder of an East Chicago, Indiana, police officer who shot Dillinger in his bullet proof vest during a shoot-out, prompting him to return fire. It was Dillinger's only homicide charge.

In 1933–34, seen in retrospect as the heyday of the Depression-era outlaw, Dillinger was the most notorious of all, standing out even among more violent criminals such as Baby Face Nelson, Pretty Boy Floyd, and Bonnie and Clyde. (Decades later, the first major book about '30s gangsters was titled *The Dillinger Days*.) Media reports in his time were spiced with exaggerated accounts of Dillinger's bravado and daring and his colorful personality. The government demanded federal action, and J. Edgar Hoover developed a more sophisticated Federal Bureau of Investigation as a weapon against organized crime and used Dillinger and his gang as his campaign platform to launch the FBI.

After evading police in four states for almost a year, Dillinger was wounded and returned to his father's home to recover. He returned to Chicago in July 1934 and met his end at the hands of police and federal agents who were informed of his whereabouts by Ana Cumpănaș (the owner of the brothel where Dillinger sought refuge at the time). On July 22, the police and Division of Investigation closed in on the Biograph Theater. Federal agents, led by Melvin Purvis and Samuel P. Cowley, moved to arrest Dillinger as he left the theater. He pulled a weapon and attempted to flee but was shot three times (four, according to some historians) and killed. -Wikipedia

### July 24, Tuesday

Mrs. Sandra wouldn't go to work this a.m. Lawrence was worse she thought. He had a hemorrhage from his nose. Mrs. Vernon got up at 5 a.m. and walked over to Sandra's, they gave her breakfast, and a dollar, so I guess she's happy, anyway. She came over here and wrote a note to Miss Peterson, also left a pan and globe that belongs to the little house, oh, yes, and "that picture." Some picture for such a fuss. I had to hurry to get my sandwiches and myself ready before Sr. Craddock came at 11:30. Donna helped me. We had a nice visit with Sr. Peterson and family. Sr. Hansen and Elmer were there, also. Six of us went in Maud's car. Sue, Annie, Sr. Robinson, and Sr. Burnett. Lorene made a lovely cake and couldn't go to eat any, because her clothes line broke down with all the wet clothes on, and she had to wash them over. Awful! By hand, too. Sr. Treu had friends come from Utah just as she was ready to leave, so couldn't go. Sr. Peterson has been in bed about three weeks with her broke ankle and she'll be there that much longer they say. She was surely tickled with her surprise party, so was Brother Peterson. We got paid for two weeks work today, so went over to give Al his money this evening. Sue made ice cream for the party, surely good.

### July 25, Wednesday

I forgot to mention yesterday that we all called in to see Sr. Snow, on our way home from Peterson's. She has been sick in bed, too. It was a real hot day again. Miss Peterson has been down every day since Mrs. Vernon left. I'm glad she is taking care of the renting this time. I got the ironing done up early and put Donna's hair up in curls. Tonight we all went over to the building fund program, sponsored by Helen and George Holden; it was a very fine entertainment, some fine artists there. Donna gave her story well; it was a pioneer story, "A Desert Conquest." The program was in commemoration of Pioneer day, twenty-fourth of July, also. Br. Ray L. Haddock gave a splendid talk on the pioneers. Alice Pack asked Donna to go out to her home to sleep tonight. Paul is in Utah. Donna was going there to lunch tomorrow, anyway. Louis and I are alone again.

### July 26, Thursday

Miss Peterson came early. She was expecting a tenant. I went down to Florence's to tell her not to call for Donna as she was already out there. I gave her the money Alice gave me, for Florence to get her pictures at Whites, on her way out to Alice's. Another hot day. Vera Reiche came in for a few minutes this evening. Louis and I rode over to Annie's. She gave us coffee cake she'd baked that day. We sat out on the front porch, ate some ice cream bars. Sr. Treu and Charlie were there, too.

### July 27, Friday

We did our cleaning this morning. Beverly, Josephine, and Elise came over to get Donna to write or type a letter to Al Pearce; they are planning on going to hear the gang next Wednesday. I may go along. Tonight we all went over to Beverly's to wish her a "Happy Birthday." I gave 50¢ to her, wish it had been \$50.00. Sue gave her some print goods for a

dress. Annie made ice cream and treated us to birthday cake and ice cream. Boy, it was good. We all sat out on the lawn. Rex and Donna took Beverly and her friends for a ride up to see the fires in the hills. We could see it from Annie's place, too. Awful! The poor C.C.C. boys are fighting it now. It is getting into the Arroyo Seco Canyon now.

### July 28, Saturday

Donna got up early this morning to bake Rex's birthday cake before the awful heat came. Louis wanted me to go for a ride this morning, so we left about 9 a.m. Went to Maywood to see Ruth and family. Oh yes, we stopped in Sears and Roebuck on our way and bought a white dress shirt for Donna to give him (Rex). She bought him a Grayco tie in Highland Park to go with it. Ruth invited us to a duck dinner with her and Clarence tomorrow. We



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had to promise we'd come before we could leave her. Lillian Stead was here with Donna when we got home. She ate some lunch with us. Florence and Ernie came over to call on us this evening. We walked back to their house later and enjoyed some cold punch, good!

### July 29, Sunday

It was surely hot in Sunday School. Br. Terry asked Goldie Morris to help me with my class next Sunday. She said she'd be glad to. I'll be glad of some help, also. Donna went down to Marshes' to dinner. Sr. Marsh invited us, too. It was Rex's birthday dinner. Louis and I left about 2:30 this afternoon for Ruth's. We ate dinner about 3:30, and did enjoy it so much. Ruth prepared a lovely dinner duck and dressing and etcetera. We took them all for a ride out to the county farm, it is a beautiful place. I had no idea it was so nice. Clarence had a week's work there last week. We left the kiddies home tonight and went to church over in Home Gardens Ward. The folks seemed real glad to see us; all made us feel so welcome. Listened to the Coronets after church in Ruth's. She made a toasted cheese sandwich for us. We've had a real pleasant day.

### July 30, Monday

I guess I caught cold yesterday in the heat. My head was all stopped up this morning, but I did a big washing anyway. Heber Robinson came over to practice songs. Sterling Jones came later. Annie and Beverly and Glen came, also. They wanted to know if we were going to Brookside Park this evening. Donna and Florence arranged for us to take lunch together with the Marshes. Mrs. Sandra sent us in a nice dish of Italian noodles, fixed with liver and tomatoes and etcetera. It was very good, but I didn't eat much on account of my cold. Louis ate most of it, and then he wasn't hungry enough to enjoy his dinner in the park. We ate about 7:30 after the folks came out of the water. Had a nice time. Robinsons, Claytons, Hoglunds, Andersens, Marshes, Oateses, Renshaws, and Sharps. We all had a nice time.

## July 31 Tuesday

I felt miserable today, but ironed and cleaned anyhow, Donna helped, too. Marie Dressler, "Grand Old Trouper," was buried today in Forest Lawn. They sent a truck load of flowers to the hospital from her funeral. Louis brought a few home to us. They sent twelve truckloads to other places in Los Angeles. She was a dear old lady and loved by all, my favorite actress has gone now. This evening Annie and Beverly came over for a few minutes. I gave Annie some figs, from next door, and the oleomargarine Ruth sent to her. Louis drove Donna over to Vera's. She is helping the M Men and Gleaner girls plan their election banquet. Rex brought her home, he studied until nine o'clock. A cold on a very hot day is awful, I know! Louis wrote to his mother tonite.

## August 1, Wednesday

Our summer is going so fast. Glad we don't have to worry about snow and ice anyway. Everyday my cold makes me feel worse. I decided not to go with the girls to see "Al Pearce and his Gang." My cold is on my lungs now and I surely feel the bunk. The girls didn't have to wait long in the hot sun, like I thought they would. Cal Pearce, Al's brother, took them in the back way and they enjoyed the gang rehearsing, and a front seat, also, and are they thrilled! Five of them went. Florence Oates, Beverly, Josephine, Elise, and Donna. One wonderful day for them. Tonight Louis and Donna went to choir practice at the stake house. My lungs are bothering me tonight.

## August 2, Thursday

Not feeling very well today, got breakfast for Donna and me, but that's about all I did do. Sr. Stead saw Louis last night in ice cream place; he told her I was sick, so she came over to see me today. Mrs. Vernon came while she was here, too. I was so glad her check came this morning. I know she was badly in need of it. She wouldn't stay to lunch cause she wanted to get away from here before Miss Peterson came. Sr. Stead stayed to eat lunch with Donna and me. I started to feel worse about three. My cold is in my lungs and asthma started working on me. I suffered all evening. Donna prepared dinner for herself and Daddy. Oh, dear, I've had a bad time. Mrs. Sandra brought me some asthma smokes tonight, and I got relief right away.



Marie Dressler (November 9, 1868 – July 28, 1934) was a Canadian-American stage and screen actress and early silent film and Depression-era film star. She won the Academy Award for Best Actress in 1930–31 for *Min and Bill* and played the titular role in the first full-length screen comedy, 1914's *Tillie's Punctured Romance*, opposite Charles Chaplin and Mabel Normand.



Al Pearce and his Gang

August 15, 1959—ATROPINE CIGARETTES IN  
ASTHMA AND EMPHYSEMA  
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Before the advent of adrenaline as the main agent for immediate relief from an acute attack many asthmatics relied on burning powder made from leaves of stramonium, belladonna, and/or hyoscyamus and inhaling the smoke. This was said to bring relief in some cases. This remedy is no longer in official use, although in Germany, for instance, "asthma cigarettes" consisting of powdered stramonium leaves can be bought in every chemist shop, and it may be assumed that they are widely used without medical prescription. Current textbooks of pharmacology hardly mention atropine and hyoscyamine, the active principles in these powders, in the treatment of asthma.

## August 3, Friday

I suffered with asthma and cold on my lungs all night, was too ill to stay up this morning, so got back in bed. Donna did all the cleaning. I just seemed to get worse, but was so thankful for the asthma smokes Mrs. Sandra brought as I'd get relief for a while anyway. Tonight Louis went for Lorene. She came and put packs on my chest for about three hours. Bishop gave me a lovely blessing. Bill helped. I felt better after being administered to. Lorene, Sue, and Annie made their plans for the Strong's Genealogy picnic in South Park tomorrow, also for the Mutual weenie bake at the beach tomorrow night. They are going from the Strong's picnic to the weenie bake. I'll miss all the fun, but am too sick to care. Rex took Donna to the show tonight.

## August 4, Saturday

I felt better this morning, but got no sleep until about 4:30 this a.m. My breathing was easy, but my poor ole back ached so I couldn't get to sleep. I got up about noon, surely felt weak and shaky. Annie, and Lorene and families called to see how I was, on their way to the picnic. Sue and Al called for Donna about 2:15. She's going to meet Rex at the beach tonight, after the Strong's picnic is over. Mrs. Peterson came to try and rent the little house, she stayed all day. Miss Peterson came for her this evening, no luck yet. They come down every day. Mrs. Downs came over to ask about me. I'm so happy to breath freely, haven't had a bad attack since twelve o'clock last night. Am hungry, haven't eaten since Thursday lunch, only tomato juice. Louis took my Sunday School lesson book over to Br. Terry's, but he was out, he went to Br. Keller's, and he was out too, so he brought it back.

## August 5, Sunday

I didn't get any sleep until it started to get daylight. I had a bad headache. I was kept awake last night with backache, well; I guess anything is better than asthma, anyway. Donna and Rex didn't get home from the Mutual weenie bake, so I had nothing to



do but worry, with headaches, and etcetera. I got up to get ready for Sunday School, but was too weak from my sickness. My dear husband surely got upset cause I even thought of such a thing. He took my book and pictures over to Br. Terry. Donna stayed home and made me feel more comfortable by changing my bed sheets and etcetera. I went to bed for most of the day. Donna and Louis got their own dinner. I had some more tomato juice and ate some Jell-O. Jenny and Dee Sharp came for Donna, took her to Egan's to practice songs with Myrtle. They sang two songs tonight in church. Donna had to play own accompaniment. Louis stayed home with me tonight. We enjoyed radio. I surely hate to miss church on Sunday.



*Dale, Hazel, and Volney Anderson circa 1920  
Dale passed away in 1931.*

### **August 6, Monday**

Sr. Stead called this morning about 8:45 to see how I was feeling; both Donna and I were in bed. I feel better, had a good night's rest, the first for a week. I'm shaky and weak, but glad to get out of bed. Donna typed a letter for Uncle Al, and mailed an answer to Raymond's letter. Mrs. Peterson spent the day at the little house, but no one came to rent it. She thinks I look awfully bad. Just minutes after Mrs. Peterson and her daughter left, a man came to look at the house. Miss Peterson came back while he was in the house, so she rented it to him. I'm surely glad it's rented at last. Now the Petersons won't have to be here all day. The man's name is Hickethier, some name? [*German surname.*] Lorene and Charles and Mary came over this evening. Donna went with Rex down to Diesel Engineering School. Bill's mill went on strike or the men did; now he's out of work.

### **August 7, Tuesday**

Donna washed about half of the washing this a.m. We put the rest to soak. I cleaned up the house, but am still a bit shaky from my illness. I washed Donna's hair this afternoon. Sr. Chandler and Sr. Myer called in this morning to see how I was feeling. They were out block teaching. Bette and Shirley came over and ate lunch with us. Sue and Elaine went uptown bought Elaine's wedding dress and a pink and a blue dress for Bette and Shirley to wear at the wedding. The pink one is for Bette, I think. We went over to Sue's this evening, saw a lot of Elaine's new things, very nice. Elaine is making most of her things, she is a very smart little lady. Annie and family came while we were there. Bill is still out of work. We all have the blues, not enough money to pay bills. Sr. Woods came to Sue's tonight, too. I brought some work home to crochet on for Sue, tablecloth and napkins.

### **August 8, Wednesday**

I got up early and did the other half of the washing, surely felt weak while I was at it. Donna made a coconut cake for Sr. Marsh to give to the ward dinner, it turned out just lovely. Annie and Beverly came while she was making her cake. Annie wanted to get some aprons for her and Sr. Treu to use over

at the hall today. It's the first dinner I haven't helped the Relief Society with in a long time, being sick last week got me out of it. I'm glad of the rest. Well, we got paid today and will make it go as fast as it will. Oh, hum! We enjoyed our dinner very much. I think it tasted better than any of the church dinners we've had yet. Maybe it was because I didn't have to work hard at this one. The baked ham was exquisite, though. Louis and I didn't dance tonight. We watched from upstairs. I called Hazel Anderson up today; we made plans for a beach picnic.

### **August 9, Thursday**

Bill is still out on strike, he brought Sr. Treu and Annie over for a few minutes. I gave Annie a bag of figs from the tree next door. Donna and I walked over to Sue's this afternoon to see which edge of crocheting she liked best. Aunt Dell, Hazel, Lorene, and Annie came while we were over there. They have changed our beach party tomorrow to a park picnic a week from Saturday at Brookside Park. I'm glad, too. We won't have so far to go. Bill and Annie came over to visit us this evening. Donna and Rex went to a show. Beverly went to a slumber party at Robinson's and Glen had a scout meeting. P.S. Rex ate dinner with us and took a nap after, while Donna and I did dishes. Donna learned how to crochet while Rex was enjoying his nap.

### **August 10, Friday**

I didn't feel so well and decided not to do our cleaning until tomorrow. Donna did some more crocheting today. She is doing very nicely for a beginner. It will be a big help to me when she learns, with all this crocheting on hand now. We have three big tablecloths, and twenty-four napkins, a tablecloth and eight napkins for Sue, Elaine, and Donna. Sue bought goods for Donna's today. I am to do the crocheting on all, that's why I'm anxious for Donna to learn. Donna went to Highland Park this afternoon to pay the light and gas bill. She bought another crochet hook, so we can work at the same time. Florence left her baby with Donna while she and Ernie went to stake dance tonight. Bill, Annie, and Beverly came over this evening. Sr. Saxelby came to practice the duet with Donna.

### **August 11, Saturday**

I'm not feeling well, but Donna helped do the work up. Louis worked all day for Mr. Sandra next door, getting the house Roose' moved out of ready to rent again. He covered the walls with plaster board and earned \$10.00 for the job. He was tired when he got home, but we are surely glad of the extra money. We won't have to borrow before payday now if we are careful. Oh, that will be a blessing to us, when we don't have to pay it all out on debts. Louis has the idea he wants to move into the house next door when it is cleaned up. I don't, he likes the yard much better, but the house isn't as nice as this one we are in. Oh, dear! Well maybe they won't let it go for \$16 when it is cleaned up. I guess we'll

move, if they let it go for \$16. Donna and Rex went out to the beach with Lewie and Miriam tonight. Louis and I took a ride; he paid rent and got a haircut first.



Shirley Hoglund

### August 12, Sunday—Shirley's Birthday

It was ward conference and Shirley's birthday today. Goldie Morris helped me with the Sunday School class. We had to miss the conference meeting. I was sorry about that, but our little class was so good, I love them so much. We enjoyed the nine o'clock meeting before Sunday School. President Cannon and President Norberg and ten or twelve high council and stake workers came to our early meeting, and stayed to the conference after. Sr. Mamie Stark sang two numbers in our conference this morning. Donna ate dinner at Marshes'. At four o'clock Louis and I went over to wish Shirley a happy birthday and give her a few pennies. Sue treated us to homemade ice cream and cupcakes. Bette made the cakes. Andersens and Claytons came, also. Marshes came, too. We waited to take the Marshes home after church, heard Coronets in Br. Hill's car; it was the last of "Mary Queen of Scots." Ate chicken at Marshes'.

### August 13, Monday

Donna and I did our washing this morning. Bette and Shirley came over to spend the day. We ate lunch, then they

cut paper dolls out, they brought their own doll book and had a wonderful time. Donna and I crocheted all afternoon. Florence brought the baby up for a while. Sue and Al came for a few minutes this evening. Louis worked in the house next door after work, until about nine o'clock. Ernie and Florence invited us to come down tonight. He ran up to tell us. We enjoyed some of Florence's French apple pie, also looked over their house plans. Rex came after teaching. Donna showed him how to crochet; he did one side of napkin while at Florence's. P.S. Johnny Wilson and his girl have moved to Highland Park. He is living with her family, they came to church yesterday.

### August 14, Tuesday

Donna and I ironed this morning. Sr. Niles and I went block teaching this afternoon. It wasn't as hot walking around today as it was last month. We had one less to call on, too. Mrs. Sorenson has moved away from our district now. We didn't have any cups; Donna broke the last one yesterday, so I went to Kress and bought three cheap ones, so Louis could have one for his coffee in the morning. He doesn't like to drink from the hand painted one that Sr. Budd gave him. Louis took me to Highland Park after work today. Lorene and Charles came over this evening. They brought a dark green suit to me. It is too small for Lorene; a lady gave it to Charles. It's a nice winter suit, too bad it won't fit Lorene as I have one.

### August 15, Wednesday

I washed Donna's blue and yellow silk blouses in Lux, and ironed them today. Donna broke one of the cups we bought yesterday. Oh, well, we got to use it once anyway, ha, ha! She has broken two cups this week now, something new for her; it's the first one she has broken in years I think. Shirley came over rode her bike here. She brought Florence's baby up this afternoon. Florence came for him and he was asleep. She ate lunch with us. Mary came this evening. I showed her how to crochet the blanket stitch, she was surely quick to get on to it. Donna tinted some hose, "light brown," it said on the Rit Dye package, but they look more orange, too bad. Donna typed my poems today. I started on Sue's big tablecloth, the napkins are finished. We went over to Annie's tonight to take them some figs. She told us about her condition [*Expecting a baby*] and asked me to do some crocheting on the baby clothes. Bless her heart.

### August 16, Thursday

I washed my bedroom and bathroom curtains this morning. Florence came up to invite Donna to go to the beach with her and Ruthie and Peggy, the nurse. They left about ten o'clock. I took care of the baby, he surely is cute. Elaine came over; she'd been to see Florence and finding her out came here. She ate lunch with me and played with this baby until after his two o'clock feeding. I got the curtains ironed and back up. Laura Johnson came about four o'clock. She'd been to Florence's, too. Florence and Donna came at 4:30, they'd been out to Long Beach and had a nice time. Donna and Rex went to Marshes' for ice cream tonight, it is Lewie's birthday. Annie and family come over. Louis treated to a quart of ice cream. I didn't eat any.

### August 17, Friday

Donna and I sewed this a.m. before starting our cleaning. Glen came over on his way to Bette's, and his way back again. Donna did Florence's dishes and came home so full of pain she had to go to bed. I'm sorry she is like me in that respect. Tonight we all rode over to Annie's to take some unbleached muslin for her to make Dolores's bloomers with. Al and Sue and the kiddies came while we were there. Al had been to see Sr. Wilson. She is very sick with tuberculosis. I feel so sorry for her and her family.



*Kenneth Judd, Bette Hoglund, Glen Andersen —1923  
Glen and Bette often played together. Because Glen was older  
he would be the one to walk to and from Bette's house.*

### August 18, Saturday

Donna made a cake this morning. I made lemon filling and frosting. It was a lovely cake, baked just right. Raymond came over about noon. We were glad to see him; he has been away in the C.C.C. camp for a month and is home for the weekend. Called for Lorene and Mary at 1:40. All went to Brookside Park. Hoglunds and Andersens were there. Hazel [*Hazel Lillian Bailey Anderson*] and Esther [*Esther Faust Bailey*] and children came about an hour after we got there. We had a nice visit together. George [*George P. Anderson*] came in evening. We enjoyed our dinner very much, Spanish steak and ice cream and etcetera. The kiddies and Al went in swimming early. Esther and George went in the evening. Al brought Ray and Donna home at 6:30. Raymond was going to the Hollywood Bowl. Donna had a date with Rex. We left the park about nine o'clock. Marshes came up tonight for Donna. Rex was working at another station late; he had a tiff with Ernie and quit his job.

### August 19, Sunday

Sr. Taylor helped me out in the Sunday School class this a.m. Goldie wasn't there. We don't need three teachers, but the Bishop asked Sr. Taylor, and Br. Terry asked Goldie! Charlie came home to see his children, that's why Goldie didn't come, sad case. We had to buy our dinner before we could eat today, chops and etcetera. Was too tired when we got home from the park last night to shop. Rex and Donna ate with us. Louis and I took a nap this afternoon. Donna and Rex went for a ride. Glen came over on his way to and from Bette's. It was raining when we came out of Sunday School, in August, too! They have fixed the house next door real nice inside, new paper, paint and all. We went in today. Meeting seemed a little long and dry tonight, but was good anyway. Rex and

Donna took Marshes home tonight. P.S. A beach party was planned this a.m. after Sunday School to get money for new song books. It is to be next Wednesday night.

### August 20, Monday

I got up early and put Louis's lunch up, for a change. Ernie Oates came over to ride down with Louis this morning. I did the washing this morning. Donna couldn't help cause her thumb was too sore. She cut her wart off and got infection in it. Bette and Shirley came over this afternoon. Bette helped Donna work on her dish towel; she is a good little sewer. Mary came for her second lesson in crocheting; she's good at it, too. I taught Bette how to crochet, also. Shirley cut paper dolls. Heber Robinson came for his vocal lesson, ha, ha! Rex came this afternoon about four, while Heber was still here. It was our at home day, I guess. Sr. Marsh and Ruthie came up from Florence's about 5 p.m. Vera Reiche came, too. The Marshes ate an egg dinner with us. Our block teachers came tonight. Rex went block teaching, also. His folks left early with him.

### August 21, Tuesday

Donna ironed while I cleaned house. I finished up the shirts. I went out next door and picked a pan of figs. I am making an unbleached muslin tablecloth for us. Florence came up to ask Donna if she'd take care of the baby while she went uptown. Donna did some of her ironing while she was there; she ironed for about two hours. The baby is getting so cute. He's a darling. Rex came about four o'clock this afternoon; he took Donna and the baby over to Pasadena to make a payment on his car. I walked to Highland Park to get more [*embroidery*] floss for my tablecloth. Annie and Bill came over tonight. Bill says the strike is settled and he expects to be called back to work soon. I hope so. Louis treated them to ice cream. The three of them ate a quart. I'm afraid to eat it at night. Rex and Donna spent the evening at the Bishop's.

### August 22, Wednesday

I tinted Donna's hose again this morning. They are not just the shade we want, but what to do about it? Beverly drove her mother and Elise and Josephine over this a.m. It is Josephine's birthday. I was writing to Violet, Annie wrote some, and Beverly wrote a line or two in my letter. Donna played some of the songs Heber brought over, the girls sang them. About 1:30 Bill and Annie called for me, they took me to the post office to send my Salt Lake insurance and mail Violet's letter. I sent her some stamped cards. We bought a bloomer and dress pattern for Dolores. Also had Donna's heels fixed on two pair of shoes. Went over to Primary "Homecoming" party. Helen Holden came over to get Donna to play for the games at the party. We ate Jell-O and cream and cake, 10¢ each. Cream was too rich for me. We had a big turnout at our ward beach party. Fourteen cars, all full. Marshes went with us. Had a lovely time. It was for the new song books in our ward.

### August 23, Thursday

We didn't get home from the beach party until one o'clock this morning. Poor Daddy was the only one in our family that had to get up early. I went over to Annie's this afternoon

to help make Dolores's bloomers, but she had them made almost, so I crocheted on Sue's tablecloth. I had to buy three yards more elastic. Bill took me to the Fifteenth Cent Store and home. Mary came over to Annie's for another lesson in crocheting on Sue's tablecloth. She is doing fine. Rex and Donna went down to Haight's this afternoon and brought the two children back to visit us. They ate dinner before going back with the kiddies. We went over to Peterson's to pay rent tonight, called in Annie's. Helen Hoglund and her daughter came; we took her and her little girl to her sister-in-laws, Dot. [Dorothy Russell Dollar McKendrick] Donna slept with Elaine tonight. Donna and Rex went to a show tonight. Lillian [Lou's sister Lillian Keller] and girls came from Salt Lake about 9:15 tonight. They drove in their car.



Louise, Lillian and Shirley Keller, circa 1929.

### August 24, Friday

Josephine, Elise's cousin, is going back to Salt Lake today. Louis drove over to Sue's last night after Lillian came, to tell Donna the folks were here, that she was to sleep with Elaine. I didn't do much today, but visit with Lillian. Donna and Shirley [Lillian's daughter, Lillian Shirley Keller] went over to Vera's to work on Gleaner banquet cards. Shirley drove her over. Donna took her typewriter. This evening after dinner we took Lillian and the girls to Fern Dell in Griffith Park. The girls enjoyed the playground. Donna stayed home to do the dishes, sweet of her. Shirley's boyfriend, Ralph Bird, and his friend, Ralph Robinson, came all the way in from Venice on the street car to see her. Lillian treated to ice cream and cakes. Rex and Donna took them home. Of course Shirley went, too.



Doris & Garry Strong, Bonnie Jean Bailey  
Doris & Garry's father died in the 1918 flu epidemic.  
Their mother, Elsie married Owen, Elvie's father.  
Owen & Elise had one child, Bonnie Jean.

### August 25, Saturday

Louis and Lillian met Jack at the bus station this morning at 5:30 a.m. They all came back here to breakfast. It was good to see Jack again. Jack and Lillian took Louise uptown with them. Shirley stayed with me. I enjoyed her music while I worked. She's a sweet little lady. We walked over to Elaine's to get Donna about 11 a.m. I wanted her to make a cake before we went uptown. While she was making the cake I walked to Highland Park to get her some hose. Shirley helped her make the frosting. We met Lillian and Jack about 2:35, all went to Los Angeles show house, and saw two good pictures, Jack's treat. Jack bought corn on the cob and lamb chops. We came home and I cooked dinner. Louis bought a nice big rump roast for tomorrow, and some vegetables. We all spent the evening home, enjoying music and conversation. Donna and Shirley slept down to Florence's. Rex worked late. Poor Jack was surely tired from riding all night Friday.

### August 26, Sunday

Lillian helped me prepare the string beans for dinner and get breakfast for us. We all went to Sunday School. I let Goldie Morris go back in her own class, she wanted to, and we don't need three teachers in our class. Sr. Taylor helps me now. We enjoyed a good dinner; our roast was lovely and tender. Lillian did her packing while I took care of the dinner and dishes. Donna helped me. Jack bought some fruit and candy, we enjoyed it on front porch and lawn while visiting. You just can't stop those folks from spending, too generous. Louis helped Jack pack his car. We left about 3:45 to get the folks started on their way to Arizona. Shirley rode in our car with Donna as far as Alhambra. We left them on the Valley Boulevard headed for Arizona. Went over to Sue's after we got back from seeing the folks off. Donna drove our car home. I came with her. Rex drove Sr. Marsh and me back in our car. Donna drove Rex's car with Ruthie in it. We enjoyed their visit very much, the Keller's, it was too short thought. I wish Grama Renshaw could have been with us these few happy days. We all went to church tonight.

### August 27, Monday

Some washing! Tablecloths, and napkins and etcetera. I couldn't finish all of it, so had to leave some for tomorrow. I read a letter from Elsie [Bailey, Owen A. Bailey's second wife] yesterday. She says Doris [Doris Strong from Elsie's first marriage] is getting married in the Salt Lake Temple Tuesday, tomorrow, to Wayne Davies. Bless her heart. I do hope she'll be very happy. Donna went over to Vera's to help type programs and etcetera. She was there all day. I received a letter from Violet today; she is a little more cheerful. Otto has a few days' work, and Dolores is a little better. This evening Louis and I went over to Annie's. Bill was over to the block teachers meeting at Bishop's. Annie had the blues, poor dear; I do wish Bill could find work. Rex came over here after the meeting. I wish he'd find a job, too.

### August 28, Tuesday

I finished the rest of the washing and started on the ironing. We surely had big ironing, 5 tablecloths and 22 napkins in it. I expected Donna to help me out with it, but Rex came about one o'clock, he'd been out to the Douglas Airfield with Uncle Bill trying to get a job. Donna fixed him a little lunch, as soon as he'd gone, Heber Robinson came and he stayed until after Louis got home this evening, so I didn't get much help. She did get in on the tail end of it just before dinner. This evening Donna and Rex went to the stake house to a Mutual meeting. We went over to Annie's, took them a pan of figs. They were not home, but Louis took the figs in anyway. We shopped at Boy's and came home. Charles and Mary came over. She has bad head cold. Lorene went to stake house. It's Doris Strong's wedding day. I hope she'll be very happy. Louis and I voted this a.m. He had two hours off to vote.

### August 29, Wednesday

The votes are not all counted yet, but so far Upton Sinclair is a way in the lead of the others, for Governor of California.

**Upton Beall Sinclair, Jr.** (September 20, 1878 – November 25, 1968) was an American author who wrote close to one hundred books in many genres. He achieved popularity in the first half of the twentieth century, acquiring particular fame for his classic muckraking novel, *The Jungle* (1906). It exposed conditions in the U.S. meat packing industry, causing a public uproar that contributed in part to the passage a few months later of the 1906 Pure Food and Drug Act and the Meat Inspection Act. In 1919, he published *The Brass Check*, a muckraking exposé of American journalism that publicized the issue of yellow journalism and the limitations of the "free press" in the United States. Four years after the initial publication of *The Brass Check*, the first code of ethics for journalists was created. *Time* magazine called him "a man with every gift except humor and silence." In 1943, he won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Sinclair also ran unsuccessfully for Congress as a Socialist, and was the Democratic Party nominee for Governor of California in 1934, though his highly progressive campaign was defeated rather soundly. *-Wikipedia*

Donna went over to the Hall this morning to help prepare the Gleaner and M Men banquet for tonight. We wrote a letter to Doris before she left and she mailed it. Louis took me over to the Hall about 7:25 tonight. The tables looked beautiful, with their little churches for place cards, and the tall red candles and etc. The girls have worked real hard on this banquet. Sue and Lorene have worked hard, too. The dinner was lovely. Baked potatoes, chicken legs, cabbage salad, cooked carrots, hot rolls and ice cream and cake. I helped serve the dinner. Donna was elected President of Gleaners, Afton Knighton, Vice President, Wanda Egan, Secretary. They all danced after the banquet, had a very good orchestra.

### August 30, Thursday

We sort of rested up this morning after our banquet last night. Donna brought Florence's baby up while she finished her washing. We kept him here while she went to see Elva Spainour, in the hospital. Elva has a baby boy. I called Ruth up this morning. She said Clarence is working nights at the

"County Poor Farm." I'm glad he has work again. She said his sister is here from Salt Lake, so many they can't come to dinner until the sixteenth of September. They were coming last Sunday, but I had to call them and tell them that Lillian and family were here. Tonight Louis, Rex, and Donna went to the stake chorus practice. I went to the Hollywood Bowl with Miriam, Lewie, Florence, and Ernie. My first time there, I was thrilled. Lewis treated. P.S. Mary came for another lesson in crocheting. Started her on one of Elaine's napkins. She is doing fine work.

### August 31, Friday

Lewis Marsh bought a ticket for Ruthie, but she wasn't home, so that's why I got to go to the Bowl last night. It was nice of them to take me. We did our cleaning. Donna and I walked to Highland Park, did some shopping. They are having a big sale in Kizer's store. Mr. Kizer died a few days ago. I guess his people are selling out. We enjoyed looking, but had no money for jewelry. I went over to Elaine's to see what edge she wanted me to crochet on her napkins and tablecloth. We planned our dinner for the park tomorrow. Annie and Bill came. We all went over to Charles and Lorene's to plan. The Hills went over with us; they came to Sue's just as we were leaving, so we took them along. Louis and I went in the shop to look at a rug. Donna and Rex went to the Highland Show tonight. We may buy a little rug from Charles on payday.

### September 1, Saturday

Louis fixed the door on the little house this morning, screen door. He then cut the sides of our kitchen table off and fixed them, so I can have them up or down. I like it much better this way. We can have so much more room now. Donna made a lemon cake. I prepared our picnic dinner and we went over to eat dinner with the ward people at six o'clock this evening. We had a nice big turn out and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. We played games after dinner and had a little program. We took Mable and her boyfriend down to Marshes' after the party. He rode to Main Street, after he left her, to get his car. We called in the station so Donna could see "her honey" Rex, he worked until after 11 p.m. P.S. Picnic was in Brookside Park.



Donna Renshaw misses "her honey."

### September 2, Sunday

We held our Sunday School class in the kitchen this morning. Br. Gunn had to teach two classes, so he had to have a larger room and we traded with him. It was fast day, and the long time to stay in our class room, but the children were just grand today, sweet things! I had them all alone

today, too. The Andersen family came over to eat dinner with us. We enjoyed their visit very much, too. It was a hot day; they left about 4:30. Sr. Marsh, Rex, and Ruthie, came up. They looked through the house next door. They would like to move in it, but I don't think John will move up here. Louis went early to Mutual meeting with Sr. Marsh. I went over with Donna and Rex. We had a nice meeting. Louis and I went for a little ride after church.

### September 3, Monday—Labor Day

I'll say it was. I did a big washing! Louis had to work until 3 p.m. and Rex worked from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Annie and Bill came over for a few minutes this afternoon. Just as they were leaving June Brown Hays came next door to look at the house. She was surprised to see us. She stayed so long in the house I thought she was renting it, but I guess not, the sign is still up. Rex and his mother brought John up to see through the house. He doesn't like it, so that's out. They are taking care of Florence's baby for two days while Florence and Ernie are up at Arrowhead. It is hot today, the bird took his bath twice while I was writing here, that's why the blots. *[Water spots on Elvie's original diary]* Tonight we took a ride, called in Marshes' and visited with them. Took Donna over to the station to see Rex. He coaxed us to leave Donna at the station as he was going to close up in an hour. We left her, she slept with Ruthie.

### September 4, Tuesday

Rex brought Donna home about nine o'clock this morning; she started the ironing while I cleaned the rooms a little. They left before noon for town. They wanted to get in the show before one o'clock. Rex took me over to Boy's Market before they went to town. I finished the ironing and took a nap. Beverly ran in for a minute, to bring my pan back. Annie was out in the car, but didn't feel good so stayed in the car. Tonight Louis went to the stake with the Bishop, it was a meeting for all ward choristers and those who want to be choristers, or will be. Donna took her typewriter down to Marshes' to work on the Mutual opening program with the Mutual workers. I crocheted on Elaine's napkins. Went to bed early, not feeling well.



*Sample of a crocheted edge on tablecloth.*

### September 5, Wednesday

I darned sox and mended clothes most of the day. Donna typed for Sr. Marsh, songs for the opening on Mutual. She also embroidered on her dresser scarf. Heber Robinson came over for a few minutes this afternoon, he has to work Friday, so can't sing for the M Men Hi Jinks, so he didn't practice any. This evening Louis and I rode over to Annie's. She gave me some of her cleansing cream. Donna stayed home to sew. Rex came up. Bill is still out on the strike, it's

been over a month now. June Brown Hays came to day to ask about the house next door. She wanted to know what kind of people the Sandra's are for neighbors. I told her fine. Maybe they'll move in. Mrs. Sandra came to ask us about June tonight.

### September 6, Thursday

Bill brought Annie and Sr. Treu and Glen over this morning. They came to find out if Donna was going uptown with Beverly and Elise to hear Al Pearce's gang today, but Donna is too busy with typing and etcetera, also broke. Al came for me about 10:15. We called for Br. and Sr. Stead and went to Br. Nelson's funeral at Brown's parlors, down on the other side of town. I didn't know him, but he is a member of our church. He was killed by an auto. Al took charge of the services. Br. Gunn opened with prayer, Bill closed. Mamie Stark sang at the funeral. It surely was grand singing. Al had to go back to work, I came home with him. Bill went to cemetery to dedicate the grave. Br. and Sr. Stead stopped in town to celebrate his "day off." Louis and I went over to Annie's tonight. Bill out of work about six weeks now.

### September 7, Friday

Donna went down to help Florence with her work. She stayed all day and Florence gave her \$1.25. It was nice of her, now Donna can buy Laura's shower present. I did my cleaning. June Hays brought some of her things over. I'm glad she is going to live next door; it'll be nice to have Mormon neighbors again. I haven't had any for over ten years. Bishop called in to tell Rex to go see Sr. Treu about a job, her son-in-law told her to send him out to see him. Donna and Rex went down to Marshes' tonight. We didn't get our pay today, won't get it until next week now. Will have to see the Bishop tomorrow, Oh, hum!

### September 8, Saturday

The Hays family moved in this a.m. Louis helped them connect their range. The tile man worked on their sink all day. Miss Peterson came this morning to get rent. Mr. Hickethier had left for his work, and we haven't got our pay yet, so she was out of luck. Mr. Peterson has had another stroke, poor old man. Louis cut our back lawn and cleaned the yard up nice. We went over to Bishop's this afternoon for money, until we get our check. Annie and Bill came over this evening. They are feeling blue; I do wish Bill could find a job. We invited them over to dinner tomorrow. I made a cream pudding and cooked a pot roast this evening. Donna and Rex went to a show. Charlie brought our rose rug over tonight. I burnt my thumb with steam while cooking pot roast.

### September 9, Sunday

Annie and family came home to eat dinner with us after Sunday School. Donna went to Marshes' to eat. Annie brought string beans and peas. She also gave us a homemade coffee cake. It was Sunday School union meeting, the first of the season, so we had to leave as soon as dishes were done. Beverly washed them all, because my thumb had a painful blister along the top. We took Sr. Marsh home

from union meeting, and then called in Annie's. Clara and Draper [*Sargent, Bill's sister*] were visiting them. We took June Hays and Bobby to church with us tonight, also brought them home. I had awful headache, so went to bed as soon as I got home.

### September 10, Monday

Louis didn't have to work today. I enjoyed piano music and songs from Donna and her Daddy while I worked. I left the dishes for Donna, my thumb was too sore to put in hot water, for the same reason I did not wash clothes today. They gave Louis this day off cause he had to work Labor Day. Donna and I went to Highland Park to buy a shower present for Laura. We got a pink blanket and bib. Louis and I went to Marshes' to take them for a ride this afternoon. Donna stayed home to type songs for Mutual. Sr. Marsh was busy making Mutual emblems. We stayed there and helped her finish them; it was too late for our ride. Donna and I rode with Florence over to Robinson's to Laura's stork shower. We had a nice time. Rex started his new job this morning.

### September 11, Tuesday

I washed this morning. Donna went uptown to look for work, but no luck yet. Rex brought her home from town and ate dinner with us. They got it ready while I finished hanging clothes out. I was surely tired after my washing today and poor ole thumb hurt so much, from being in soap suds so long.



Example of a clothes line bag.

Rex left after lunch; he had to be on the job at 2 p.m. I cut a clothes line bag out of muslin for Donna to make up. Florence and baby visited us for a while this afternoon. He surely is a darling. He is going to have a brother or sister in April sometime, isn't that nice? Dickie enjoyed a nice fly around our kitchen tonight. He got out while I was playing with him.

We all three went to pay the rent, then over to the Hall. Donna and

Louis went to help the Mutual practice tonight. I sat out in the car and talked to John [*Marsh*].

### September 12, Wednesday

I ironed most of the day. Donna didn't feel well. Rex took her for a ride this morning. We ate lunch and he left for his work. Louis took me down to pay the light and gas when he got home this afternoon. We went over to the York Bakery and bought our groceries at store next door. Louis and Donna went to the Hall early, to get ready for the program tonight. I walked over when I got ready, about 7:40. We had a nice big turnout at our opening social in Mutual to night. The program was good and we all enjoyed the dance after. Good music. Hawaiian orchestra. Jennie Sharp went to a show and came over to dance after!! Sr. Bingham told me tonight about her mother's passing. They had her funeral last Wednesday in Utah. Sr. Bingham was there when she died.

### September 13, Thursday

Donna brought Florence's ironing up this morning and did it here. I finished the last two pieces while she got ready to go down to Kress store, to talk to Mr. Goodsell about working there. Rex came while she was out so I sent him to Kress for her. After we ate lunch Rex took Donna away over on Western Avenue to answer an ad in the paper for a typist, about 50 girls went to answer it, also. Oh well, just one of those things. She doesn't need it as badly as some girls do. Rex had to leave for work when they got back; he starts at 3 p.m. now. Tonight Heber and Ed Robinson came to practice songs. We enjoyed a lovely musical evening. Sterling Jones came later, also the Andersens came over. Uncle Bill brought Donna a glass of jelly; they gave us a big sack of onions. I gave them some string beans and corn and bacon, cooked. We cooked string beans, bacon and corn together. Florence Oates told us how, we liked it, too.

### September 14, Friday

Oh, I wish Bill could find a job, and Annie would go see the doctor about her condition. [*Annie was over eight months pregnant. Dale Owen Andersen was born December 30, 1934*] They worry me, and I can't help them out, either. I did the cleaning today, oh, yes, Donna helped. Rex has today and tomorrow off, he came up this afternoon. Tonight Louis and I went over to Annie's. Sue and kids were there when we got there. Lorene, Charles, and Mary came, so we had a family reunion. Donna and Rex went to the Highland Show tonight.

### September 15, Saturday

Donna made a cake this morning, she borrowed Florence's big cake tins, and the cake came out just lovely. I frosted it this evening, coconut. Rex came up this a.m. He and Donna went to the beach, Long Beach. They bought Louis and I a hamburger sandwich before they left. Donna went shopping for her Daddy; he had her buy me two nice pair of silk hose for our wedding anniversary gift. He wrote a sweet little card. It all made me so happy. We've been married twenty years today. I wore one pair of my nice silk hose today that he gave me yesterday for a gift. Donna went to Marshes' to dinner, and then to Mutual union meeting after. Rex had to work this evening. Ruth and family [*Cartwright*] came up to our house for dinner. We enjoyed a nice visit with them. They took the kiddies over to Lorene's to visit with Mary tonight while we all went to church. Heber Robinson came up this evening to practice his songs for church tonight. He sang two numbers and they sounded very good. I'm very happy cause my head isn't aching tonight. I enjoyed new coronet series. P.S. Norma Bingham has an engagement ring from Frank Nelson.



Louis and Elvie celebrated their Twentieth Anniversary today.

### September 17, Monday

I have my head cold still, so thought it would be best not to wash today. I rode out to Van Nuys with Donna and Rex. Donna drove; she wanted to get her driver's license. We were disappointed to learn they only issue them on Saturdays. We came back and ate lunch. Rex bought some nice big tamales and milk on York Boulevard. We had to hurry the lunch as Rex had to leave for work. Donna brought Florence's washing up here to iron, after bringing them in from the lines. Br. and Sr. Marsh and Ruthie, visited with us for a while this afternoon. They ate dinner with Florence and Ernie. Shirley came over to see us, she stayed to eat dinner. We took her to Shermaster with us while Donna asked him about work at the bakery. We called in to see Mrs. Vernon tonight.

### September 18, Tuesday

Donna and I got up early this morning. I started my washing and Donna started Florence's ironing. Bill brought Sr. Hill over to practice with Donna about nine o'clock this morning. Br. Gunn and Bill came back for them at ten o'clock. They went to the funeral and sang a duet and Sr. Hill sang two solos. Donna enjoyed playing the pipe organ for 30 minutes before time for the service at eleven o'clock. They didn't know the lady who was being buried; she is a member of our church. Donna made a cake for Florence after she got home this afternoon. She also helped her to do her work. Ed and Myrtle, Bob and Inis are going to Florence's to dinner tonight. Donna stayed home and worked tonight. Louis and I went over to Sue's tonight. The Andersens were there. Bill is helping Al paint their kitchen.

### September 19, Wednesday

Sue's front room looks swell with new rug, curtains and drapes. It was a happy surprise to find Donna had dampened down my clothes when I got home last night. I just got started at my ironing this morning when Donna wanted her hair put up in curls, so I stopped and fixed her hair. It was getting hot early, so I decided I'd better to go Highland Park early before the sun got too hot for me. I did some shopping in Kress. I bought Louis some suspenders, as he asked me to, and he stopped in after work, and bought some, also. Well, he took his back and got a double boiler, which we were in need of very much. Donna finished Florence's ironing this morning, and did some of ours. Boy, our weather has been hot lately! I've been fighting asthma for about a week and have managed to keep the upper hand so far. We all went to Mutual. June told me that Vern Proctor and the youngest Braby girl are getting married this fall in the temple.

### September 20, Thursday

Donna met Arma Hill at Franklin High this morning. Arma introduced her to one of the teachers who gave Donna a note to a man in the Times Building. She is going down in the morning to talk to him about a typing position. Nice of Arma to speak for her. I wrote letter to Violet and Grama Renshaw. It was hot, but not as bad as yesterday. Rex came up this afternoon. He took me to the store for my groceries, Donna did the driving. Rex bought a brick of ice cream for our dinner, nice. Bill, Annie, and Beverly came over this

evening. Bill says the strike is settled, he hopes to be called back to work soon, I hope so. This is the second time they've supposed to have settled that strike. Rex left for a short time, when to Johnny Utvich's for an M Men meeting. Louis and I rode over to Annie's to get some oleomargarine.

### September 21, Friday

Donna went downtown early this morning to interview the Times man. He says he'll call her if any work comes up. She put her application in several other places while she was downtown. She went to the City Hall, and the Community Chest, and other places. I put Donna's hair up in curls when she got home, cause she and Rex went to the stake dance tonight. Hazel Anderson called to see if we had made plans to go over to Brookside Park tomorrow for dinner. I had forgotten all about the date we made a month ago, and told her I thought the others had, too, so she thought it best to call the picnic off. I hope she isn't hurt. Aunt Ray [*Rachel Whittaker Bailey*] is here from Salt Lake. Mrs. Vernon walked all the way over to our house this evening. We had just finished our dinner, but she ate alone. I made a nice lamb stew. We took her home.

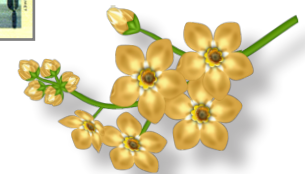
### September 22, Saturday

Donna made a chocolate cake this morning. We made a boiled or Seven minute frosting for it. It surely looks swell. June [*June Leona Brown*] came over and asked if Bobby could stay with us tonight while she and Harold [*Harold Francis Hays*] went to a dance. Said she surely hated to go alone, but they didn't know anyone to take along. Donna said she and Rex would take care of Bobby if Louis and I wanted to go with the Hays. She was tickled at the idea and Harold said if we'd go he'd pay the way, and we could go in our car. Rex and Donna took Bobby to a show much to his delight. We didn't get our Saturday groceries order as usual, cause we didn't get our pay on time, as usual. Annie and Bill came over for a while this evening. We enjoyed ourselves at the Civic Auditorium.

Our first time there dancing. It was the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Sue gave the Andersens money for the show tonight, the kids all went.



Pasadena Civic Auditorium  
Built in 1931, opened in 1932.

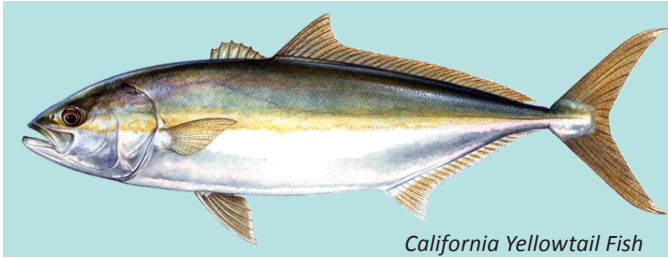


### September 23, Sunday

I didn't get up until about eight o'clock this a.m., as I had nothing to prepare for dinner. We intended buying some things on our way home from Sunday School. Ernie Oates brought a big yellow tail fish up that Lewie Marsh had caught yesterday. It was the largest I'd ever seen of its kind. Florence didn't feel like cooking it, so I said we'd cook it, and they'd come up to dinner. Ernie brought peas, tomatoes, and rolls. Well, they furnished the dinner. Louis stayed home from Sunday School and cooked the fish, baked it. Donna left Sunday School early, brought Florence's baby home with



her in our car. She fixed the scalloped potatoes. The dinner was almost ready when I got home. We enjoyed our dinner and company. Took June and Bobby to church and home. P.S. Glen gave a fine talk in Sunday School.



California Yellowtail Fish

### September 24, Monday

And have we got fish? The Oateses' wouldn't take any home with them, so result is we have half the big baked fish and a plate full of fish to fry. Maybe we'll be able to swim tomorrow. Lewis caught seven big ones. Marshes, Chandlers, Annie, Lorene, Sue and us all enjoyed fish yesterday. I got up this a.m. to make Louis fish sandwiches for his lunch. I did my washing, but it was a poor drying day. Looked like rain, but didn't, and they got dry enough anyway. Donna prepared lunch for us. We both crocheted on Elaine's dinner set this afternoon. Enjoyed fried fish and baked potatoes for dinner. Gave some fried fish to June. We've been eating fish since Sunday, and still have some of the baked fish left. Louis and I went over to pay Miss Peterson some rent. Called in Sue's, her house looks swell, new rugs, curtains, and overstuffed, and etcetera.

### September 25, Tuesday

I cleaned the rooms this a.m. while Donna ironed, then I finished up the last few pieces. We had to borrow Florence's iron as our cord is on the bunk again. Mr. Hickethier has changed jobs. He is on day work now and has to go to town to work. I surely hope he won't decide to move now. Shirley came over this afternoon to tell us that her mother fell on the back steps and hurt her ankle. Sr. Evans was over there putting hot packs on it. Donna took me to Boy's Market in our car after Louis got home. This evening we rode over to see how Sue's ankle was. The doctor came while we were there (Dr. Watkins). He said it is sprained, she'll have to be in bed a week, anyway, too bad, but it's a good thing the house cleaning is finished. The Sharps came to Sue's while we were there. Dee wanted Sue to go with him to help in a skit for Mutual tomorrow night. He took Donna when he found out Sue couldn't go.

### September 26, Wednesday

Donna and I had intended going uptown this morning, but Rex came and wanted to take her over to Pasadena for her driver's license, so I must go along to sign my name. She couldn't get her license anyway cause Louis has got to sign, too. They gave her vision and written tests, so all that she has to take now is the driving test Saturday when Louis can go along. We bought a few things in Highland Park for lunch; saw Elaine and Lucille on the Avenue. Elaine says her mother's ankle feels better; Annie was over there with her.

*Below Rex Marsh sitting on wall, maybe this was the job where they didn't have clay today? Perhaps a tile manufacturing plant?*



Rex left as soon as lunch was over, he had to go to work, he thought, but they had no clay, so he came up to take Donna to Mutual. Saw Mrs. Vernon on the Avenue. Dee asked me to talk on the slogan next Wednesday in Mutual. Donna Dee, Myrtle and Ed took part in a little demonstration in Mutual tonight.

### September 27, Thursday

We are surely enjoying grand weather now, not so hot, hope it'll last a long time. Donna and I went uptown this morning. We bought gifts for both of Elaine's showers. We got an oven proof pie dish with a stand for it, and a little straw shopping basket in a fancy weave. I'm going to put groceries in the basket. We'll give the pie plate and stand at the Gleaner shower next Tuesday. I also bought ten yards of curtain goods in Kress, for my kitchen windows. We have 9½ windows in this kitchen, they are short though. Donna and I walked about fifteen blocks to KFI to see Al Pearce and his gang. We got there just as they were starting the program. It was my first visit to the Radio Play house, enjoyed it. Louis took June, Bobby, and me over to the big sale in Pasadena at Sears and Roebuck Company. I bought new floor duster. June bought curtains. The sale of Turkish towel at Sears for 10¢ that I went to see was the bunk, too thin. The paper said strong and heavy. Oh yeah! We also called in Sue's while we were there. Sue was up and hobbling around on her foot.

KFI is an AM radio station in Los Angeles, California. It received its license to operate on March 31, 1922 and began operating on April 16, 1922 as one of the United States' first high-powered, "clear-channel" stations.

### September 28, Friday

Annie and Sr. Treu came over in Bill's car this morning to see if I'd like to go to the Relief Society stake party with them in John's car. I told them I'd love to go, so Bill was coming to call for me at 1 p.m. and take me to Treu's. A few minutes to twelve o'clock, I was very much surprised and pleased to have a visit from Mrs. Jones, from Magna, Utah (Margie Smith's mother). She is here on a visit; a lady friend brought her out to our house. Donna made a hurry up trip to Boy's Market, the second time, as she'd been for some Lima beans and ham this morning. I was surely glad she was home to help me with the lunch. They didn't stay to see Louis, but want us to go out some evening next week so she can see Louis. We went to the stake house to the Mutual convention tonight. Br. Robinson from General board taught dancing.

### September 29, Saturday

After breakfast Donna and her Daddy went over to Pasadena, to take her driver's test. I went last Wednesday night and signed my name so I didn't have to go today. She got her license okay and is thrilled. Rex left his car here last night and took our car home with him. Donna wants to use his car for her drivers test, as she is more used to driving it. She backed out of the garage this a.m. for the first time. Took a little paint off the house, but that was about all the damage. It removed the paint from house to Rex's car. She drove around a little after they got back, some Gleaner work she had to see about. Florence and baby came up this afternoon. Donna and Florence went to the store. Florence bought most of the dinner. Louis and I cooked it. Ernie came up to eat after work, but we'd eaten and saved his cause he was so late. June invited me to go to the show with her and Bobby tonight, I had company, so didn't go. Bill started his new job this morning. He has been out of work for eight weeks or more. Louis took some folks to the Mutual convention tonight, Sr. Marsh and others.

### September 30, Sunday

I didn't feel very well, but it was too late to ask anyone to take my Sunday School class, so I prayed that the pain would leave, and I'd be able to give the lesson. I had to walk to Sunday School. Louis and Donna went to Mutual convention at stake house. My prayer was answered, I was able to walk to and from Sunday School Sister Jenson from the stake board visited our class. She took half the class and I took the other half. She wants us to divide our class into groups each Sunday. I like it better, too. We'll try is next Sunday. It was dime Sunday last Sunday. We still have some to collect. Florence and I walked home from Sunday School. She ate lunch with me. Ernie is working. Herbert and Sterling took Ernie's car to Arizona. I enjoyed a nice rest this afternoon. Florence and baby went home after lunch. Folks came about four o'clock. Johnny Utvitch called to see Donna and Rex, he stayed until church time. Took June to church and home. Enjoyed the Coronets.

### October 1, Monday

Not well enough to wash, but did starch and iron some curtains for Donna's room. Sr. Stead visited with me for about two hours. She came to see if I wanted her to go block teaching with me. It worries her cause Sr. Niles and I didn't get our teaching done. It's the first time I ever missed. It is so hard to get hold of Sr. Niles. I surely enjoyed Sr. Stead as a partner; we always got out on time. Donna went over to see Sue this a.m. about the Gleaner

shower for Elaine. This afternoon she went to Lorene's to make candy for said shower. She also ordered her pies for shower. I was hanging Donna's curtains this evening, 4:30, when Sue and Al came. John, Florence, and Ruthie came just as Sue was leaving. They didn't stay long. Donna ate dinner at Lorene's. Rex went over for Donna tonight. The Marshes took Florence home to eat dinner with them tonight. Block teachers came tonight. Annie and Bill called but sat in car.

### October 2, Tuesday

June invited me to come over and use her washer today, it was real sweet of her, but I couldn't impose like that, so washed by hand, as usual. She said I could use it each time that I didn't feel so well, nice? Donna went down to Florence's to iron this morning. I cleaned Louis's ties and pressed them, also ironed four shirts for him. Heber Robinson came this afternoon to practice his songs. Ernie's sister, Gladys, came back with Herbert and Sterling. She's staying with Florence and Ernie. Rex came early. He and Donna went to Pasadena to pay on his car. They bought the things for dinner, Rex would pay for half. Louis had potatoes and onions frying when they got home. It was okay cause they bought vegetables for salad. Donna drove our car over to Chandler's to Elaine shower. June and I rode with Beverly, Donna was in a hurry. I met Mrs. Vandergrift tonight. She is young looking, and very nice. [Mary Vandergrift was 46 years old, Sue was 43 and Elvie was almost 42]. June and I came home with Florence in Rex's car. He took his mother home in our car. Elaine got lots of lovely gifts. We all had a lovely time, too, at the Gleaner shower! Bobby Hays slept with Louis tonight. He went with Rex and Lou to Elysian Park Mutual.

### October 3, Wednesday

It's my father's birthday and I didn't even write to him, "bless his heart." This life of mine is so full of busy things to do, I just don't remember, poor excuse! I'm going to write him a card right now. Later - Donna did Florence's ironing this morning, she did some of it yesterday, also. I gave a short talk on our Mutual slogan tonight in Mutual. Donna gave the story of "Ruth" in her Gleaner class. After Mutual we had a party for the ward people. Played the game building a church. It was played something like you play cootie. We had a nice time, lots of folks came out. The tickets were 25¢ each; the money was for ward maintenance. Bob Stanton held the lucky ticket, he won the watch. Donna played for some of us to dance.



Naomi & Ruth

Donna told the story of Ruth in Mutual October 3, 1934.

### October 4, Thursday

Donna dyed my two pair of white shoes and her white pumps, black. They look real nice, like new. Rex had his shoes dyed all black, too, but the shoe maker did his. Donna had an awful time getting the black off her hands. We took care of Florence's baby while she and Gladys went uptown to lunch and a show. He surely is a darling child. Florence ate dinner here this evening when she came for the baby. We were through, but Donna fixed it for her. Gladys went out to dinner and Ernie works late. Tonight Louis and I rode to Mrs. Leathams at 148 ½ West 59th Street to see Margie's mother, Mrs. Jones. She's going back next Saturday to Utah.

### October 5, Friday

Donna did the cleaning this morning while I made ten curtains for our kitchen windows. It took me most of the day. This kitchen is like a sun porch, we surely enjoy it in the winter time when the days are gloomy. Donna and Rex went over to Pasadena this afternoon shopping. She bought a shower gift to take to Elaine's shower that Lucille Evans is giving at Lucca's next Tuesday the ninth. It's a salad set. Tonight Lucille Evans, Johnny Utvich, Rex and Donna went over to Alhambra Mutual to announce our M Men dance next Wednesday. They enjoyed a dance after Mutual over there. I went to the Strong's meeting down to Blanche's. It was Annie's and Blanche's turn to entertain. Al took Anne and Bill and Sue and me. We had a nice time. Clarence Cartwright is out of work again. I saw Helen's new baby. She is back home with her three children, is leaving her husband again. I feel so sorry for her and Blanche. I got a card from Mrs. Fife. Violet has a baby girl, born on Dad's birthday, third of October.

### October 6, Saturday

We are all so tickled over Violet's baby arriving and everything is okay. The little darling was born on Dad's birthday. I washed woodwork in kitchen this morning. Donna pressed our new curtains and we hung them up, looks nice. It takes 11 ½ yards to curtain this kitchen. Donna and I cleaned windows, some job, ten of them. Mr. Hickethier, our boy neighbor in little house, moved today. I was so sorry to see him go, now we have all the trouble of the Peterson's down here trying to rent it again. Louis went over the hospital and got his pay this morning. They



*Yvonne and Dolores  
Yvonne was born on October 3, 1934.  
Mrs. Fife sent a card telling of the  
birth. The card arrived October 5.*



*J. Reuben Clark, Pres. Heber J. Grant,  
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docked him for Labor Day, awful. Pay small as it is! This evening we went over to pay our rent, bought our groceries and did a little shopping in Kress store, bought Louis a shirt, and two vegetable bowls for house. Donna, Rex, Lucille, and Johnny went to dance in Pasadena. We visited Annie and family tonight. Raymond called to see us, first time he's been in from camp for a month.

### October 7, Sunday

Donna and Louis missed a very wonderful meeting this morning. Patriarch George Bowles was our speaker, it was very faith promoting, he told of visions he's received concerning his missionary work. He has served in several foreign missions. We heard today that David O. McKay is in President Ivan's place, second counselor to President Grant. Everyone will be happy, cause he is loved so. President Ivans died a few weeks ago. Fern Ellsworth came to our Sunday School this morning. We were all tickled to see her again, her little girl is surely cute, curls just like Fern. Donna ate dinner at Marshes'. Louis took us to Sunday School union meeting. Johnny Wilson had our Sunday School alone this morning. Br. Terry is in Utah, Br. Keller working. We enjoyed meeting tonight. President Muir of L.A. Stake, was our speaker. Lillian Peterson and Lillian Stead sang two duets in church tonight, good. We took Marshes home after church, heard Coronets until something went wrong and they stopped. Ate apple pie. Rex and Donna took Raymond to his bus tonight at 10 pm. Ray is brown, surely looks fine.

### October 8, Monday

John and Florence called this morning; I was in the midst of washing. Donna was still in bed, but she wasn't feeling good. They said they were going to take a ride around Griffith Park, it was a beautiful morning for a drive. This afternoon Donna and Myrtle Egan went uptown to buy the gift for the Sunday School to give Harriet Robinson at their party tonight, it was a pretty table lamp. When Louis came from work we went to Highland Park to pay gas and light bill. Called in to see Sr. Niles about teaching. I got a card from Dad; he is surely tickled about Violet's new baby. We are all happy and relieved to know she is here. It was my Bette's birthday today and I forgot until Sue told me, over at the party tonight, that she had some birthday cake for us. Louis didn't go to the party. We had a lot of fun, anyway.

### October 9, Tuesday

I wrote a card to Violet first thing this morning. I went to Highland Park to buy ribbon to tie Donna's shower gift, it was some big package. The box was a little large; the salad set itself was not so small. She had to carry it over to Aunt Sue's to get the car. I felt a little anxious all day; it was her first time to drive alone in town. Well, they got along fine, had a wonderful time, ate so much, and didn't want dinner tonight. Surely thrilled. They drove over here to let me know they were home safe this evening, and show me Elaine's shower gifts, she got some lovely things. Rex was anxious, too, he came up early to see if she got back okay. They each brought a small box of the cutest little French pastries home. Sr. Niles and I went block teaching this morning. It surely was hot walking about noon. Louis, Donna, Rex and I went over to the hall to help decorate for the M Men's dance tomorrow night. Lucille Evans gave Elaine the shower today at Lucca's restaurant. Donna drove Uncle Al's car down. She brought six home in the car.

### October 11, Thursday

Violet's baby is nine days old today. I'd surely love to see them. I wrote her a card this morning. Well, Grama Renshaw sold the old Sixth East home and bought a hotel business on East Second South, the Cumberland Hotel. She moved in about three weeks ago. I do hope she will be happy there, and make lots of money, too. I washed my dining and living room curtains, they fell to pieces in the water. I can't use them. Louis took me to Highland Park when he got home from work. I bought 13 yards of curtain net. It was only 10¢ a yard, but I think it will make up to look nice. I washed the woodwork in the front rooms. Donna ironed until Rex came for us to go down to the hall to help take down the decoration from last night's dance, and washed the punch glasses. Rex ate dinner with us, he bought two quarts of milk for our dinner, and he went to practice basketball at Alhambra after dinner. Louis took Donna and I over to Lorene's. Annie and family came, too. Lorene, Annie and I made plans for Elaine's shower on nineteenth of October.



*Lucca's Restaurant at 1636 N Cahuenga Blvd, Los Angeles, CA. This was the location of Elaine's bridal shower that was given by Lucille Evans.*

### October 10, Wednesday

I had a very busy morning trying to get through in time for the teachers meeting in Relief Society at 12:30. I washed Donna's hair and put it up in curls. Florence brought the baby over while she went to get her hair fixed, he is such a darling, has two teeth now. Donna fixed us toasted tuna sandwiches. Florence took me to the church in her car; nice of her cause I was late anyway. Sr. Maude Marsh came with her songs, prepared to lead our singing. She was asked by the Bishop to be the Relief Society chorister, and they had Sr. Priestly there to lead us. I felt sorry for her. It's a shame things have to happen like that. Lorene and I walked as far as Ash Street together. We made some plans for our shower, for Elaine. Tonight after Mutual, we had a lovely time at the dance. I danced most of them. Louis bought me a pretty corsage. We took Lillian Peterson home. June and Harold went to our dance.

### Cumberland Hotel

In November 2013 Mary Tibbets and Kathy Calkins went to the Salt Lake County recorders office to try and find more information about the Cumberland Hotel. The workers in the office were sort of helpful, but mostly not helpful. We were blessed to be there at the same time as Korral Broschinsky. Her business card reads: Preservation Documentation Resource. She was invaluable in helping us find the full address and block where the hotel was located. The address no longer exists because the buildings on the block have changed. In 1934 the Cumberland Hotel was located at 307 East 200 South. The legal description of where the hotel was located is: Lot 1 Block 50 Plat B.



*Sarah Renshaw, a very independent lady*

SALT LAKE CITY DIRECTORY—1918.	
Rennie Mina F, comp Paragon Ptg Co, b 253 5th av.	Retter Peter, clnr U L & T Co, No Temple.
Reno John, emp, rms 7 Phipps ct.	Retting Fred O, b 532 S 2d West
Renshaw Barnard, clk Auerbach's, rms 121 S 1st West.	" Fred W, clk Utah Copper Co, r West.
" Clarence G, slsmn Walker's, b 564 W 6th So.	Reuben, see Ruben.
" Clyde H, sten, r 666 S West Temple.	" Frank, shoemkr, 170 W So same.
" Earl J, steno D & R G, r 1130 Princeton av.	" Wm, slsmn, r 209 Alexandria
" Mrs Eliz M T, clk Schramm-Johnson, rms 25 W 1st No.	Reuckert Geo, clk U P & L Co, r So.
" Ernest R, insur K-O'B, r 742 S 8th West.	Reudter Carl E, eng, r 1321 Jord
" Mrs Helen, rms 354 E So Temple.	Reusser, see also Reiser and R
" Horace W, tmstr, r 655 Elder ct.	" Herbt A, m b 1314 11th East
" John, firmn, r 620 6th East.	" Randolph, messr O S L, b 1314
" Louis T, carp D & R G, r 359 Strong ct.	" Rudolph L, jan Templeton Bld
" Margt, clk Auerbach's, b 620 6th East.	11th East.
" Melvin J, m b 620 6th East.	Reutenback Wm, emp U L & T
" Ralph, chfr, b 620 6th East.	6th East.
" Ruby C, steno Anderson-Taylor Co, b 564 W 6th So.	Reuter John G, photog, r 833 S 1
" Mrs Ruth, hairdrsr Marinello Shop, r 666 S West Temple.	Reutzel Fred A, mgr Barron G
" Mrs Sarah, r 620 6th East.	r 505 Covey Apts.
" Timothy, wchmn S L Mtrs, r 564 W 6th So.	Revelator Mining Co, 163 S Main
Rensselaer F V, lab D & R G.	Revere Albt K, mach B & G Ry,
Renstrom Chas A, barber J B Hall, r rear 142 Hawthorne av.	Revill John R, clk O S L, r 931 F av.
	Rex Ada G (wid Saml J), tchr, r

1918 Salt Lake directory shows Sarah, husband John and son, Melvin and wife Margaret and son Ralph (who went by Babe) living in the 626 Sixth East Ave home. Later Sarah sold the home to buy the hotel.

1934 City directory show sons John and Ralph with their wives, Margaret and Winnie living in three separate homes.

Renshaw Clarence G clk r564 W 6th So
" Clyde H (Ruth) clk U O R Co h562 Elizabeth
" E Geo musn r101 N West Temple
" Earl (Myrtle) musn h568 W 6th So
" Ethel M Mrs h101 N West Temple
" John (Margt) h357 S 1st West apt 2
" Horace (Lola) lab h568 W 6th So
" Nora ironer Am Linen h48 1/2 W 3d So apt 29
" Ralph S (Winifred) driver h476 Quince
" Ruth maid 177 13th East r do
" Sarah (wid John) h225 W 5th So apt 2
" Timothy O (Eliz) h564 W 6th So
" Wm (Nora) h48 1/2 W 3d So apt 29

Renshaw Betty Ann r101 N West Temple
" Clarence T r564 W 6th So
" Clyde H (Ruth) clk U O R Co h562 Elizabeth
" E Geo musn r101 N West Temple
" Earl (Myrtle) sten h568 W 6th So
" Ethel Mrs h101 N West Temple
" Horace (Lola) lab h568 W 6th So
" John M (Margt) trucking h355 S 1st West apt 2
" Nora emp Am Linen Co
" Sarah (wid John) mgr Cumberland Hotel & Apts h307 E 2d So apt 13
" Timothy O (Eliz) h564 W 6th So
Rensman Wilhelm h429 Hammer rd

1935 directory shows Sarah living at the Cumberland Hotel as manager. While Sarah traveled in 1930—1933 she probably rented out her home on Sixth East. During the three years of travel she often visited her son Louis & family in Los Angeles and daughter Lillian & family in Phoenix. Sarah also spent summers working at the Mac Rae Hotel on Catalina Island.



The Cumberland Hotel was near the location of this building on the corner of 300 East and 200 South in downtown Salt Lake City..

## October 12, Friday

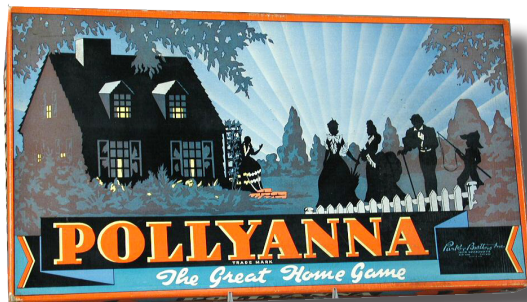
I started in on my curtains this morning at seven o'clock. Got them made and hung up by 2:30. I was surely tired. I had to tint my dining room drapes, too. I was nervous cause Sue was expecting me over to quilt on Elaine's quilt. I went over as soon as I could, but of course I was too late for the nice lunch she'd prepared for the ladies, but Donna fixed me a nice lunch here. I had to buy another 1½ yards of net, Donna went to Highland Park for it. She made some good veal stew for our dinner this evening, and drove our car over to get me. I went back after dinner to help finish up the quilt. Sr. Bingham, Hill, and Annie came, also. The quilt is very pretty, pink on one side and blue on the other. Donna drove me over and Beverly brought me home. Marshes called in tonight, they'd been to Franklin High to hear about the Townsend Plan, the old age pension. Donna slept at Marshes' with Ruthie. Rex drove our car down cause his folks had his car. He and Donna have planned on going for a hike in the canyon tomorrow.

## October 13, Saturday

Rex drove our car up from Marshes' this morning, and Donna drove his car. Rex fixed their lunch while Donna got ready for their trip to the canyon. Louis and I were still in bed when they left, about 8:30. We had a young couple move into the little house in the rear last night. Miss Peterson has been quite sick again. She was in bed all last week. She looks bad, she and her mother came over yesterday to tell me they'd rented the little house. I did the cleaning today. Louis polished his Ford. It looks swell. Donna and Rex came in about five o'clock. They had a wonderful time, surely enjoyed their lunch and hike. He went home to get cleaned up and brought Ruthie back with him; they took her to the show with them. We took John and Florence for a nice long ride. I surely enjoyed this ride, twenty miles an hour. They invited us to dinner tomorrow. We received a nice letter from the bride, Doris Strong Davies. June has two new rugs, Louis helped move their piano to lay one, and they are pretty.

## October 14, Sunday

It was a pleasure this morning not to have a dinner to prepare before going to Sunday School. I did cook my roast though, but the morning was cool and the oven felt good. Johnny Wilson and Thelma Lucher were married yesterday, by Bishop Hoglund. I wish them happiness. After Sunday School we all went to a lovely dinner at Marshes'. Florence and Ernie, and Uncle Jim Marsh ate there, too. Most of us enjoyed a nice nap after. Donna, Florence, Rex and Ruthie played the game "Pollyanna" on the front room floor. Mel Renshaw called to see us while we were at Marshes'. June talked to him,



he brought another load of furniture down here. We went to church, Donna played for Sr. Madsen to sing two numbers.

She has a lovely voice. Took Marshes home. Dickie is getting so cute, he came out of his cage on Louis' head yesterday and Friday. I wrote cards to Blanche, Ruth, and Ellen, inviting them to Elaine's shower, Friday the nineteenth.

### October 15, Monday

It looked like it might rain all day yesterday, but the sun was bright this morning, so I washed. I didn't have a big washing, so got through early. Donna had me put her hair up in curls, and then I went down to Florence's to call Hazel. She was out, talked to her son. Aunt Ray was staying with Esther. I called them and talked to Aunt Ray, Esther was out. She is planning on going back to Salt Lake Friday morning, the day we want them to come to Elaine's shower. I hope she'll stay over and come. We'd love to have Aunt Ray. She says she has been here six weeks, it doesn't seem that long. Donna had a Gleaner meeting here tonight. Louis was late for dinner, he went to warehouse to see Mel.

### October 16, Tuesday

Donna met Sr. Pitcher this morning at eight o'clock, she is going to introduce Donna to her boss to see if she can help her get work in the Grant Store. Donna came home with another promise to "call her" if they find an opening. She started ironing down to Florence's. I called Hazel again this morning. She says she'll try and talk her mother into staying over for Elaine's shower. I finished up the three aprons Donna and I started on yesterday. Donna is going to give Elaine one for her shower. Mel Renshaw came up to see us this evening about seven o'clock. I'd prepared dinner last night and tonight thinking he'd come in time to eat, but he didn't. Annie came over while Bill went teaching. She and Donna sat with me over at June's. I stayed with Bobby while June went to a Primary music meeting at Sr. Gunn's.

### October 17, Wednesday

I was surely surprised when I came over home last night to find Mel was not in bed with Louis. He had gone back to his room in town. I thought he'd stay all night or I'd have said good night to him. He is going back to Salt Lake today. He said Grama's new hotel is very nice. I surely hope she will make money, and be happy in her new business. We've had a lot of rain today. Florence was kind to Donna and me. She took us to the Relief Society sewing meeting in her car, we didn't have to be in the rain. We enjoyed the lovely lunch, and book report. President Cannon's home, too. It was surely raining. I went to Mutual with Rex and Donna. Louis is "off the church" again. It is nice to have Br. Reese back with us. He came home last week. Erma Reese has gone East on a business trip, New York and etcetera. Donna slept at Marshes'.

### October 18, Thursday

Rain and more rain, I surely feel sorry for those poor Montrose people, their nice

homes being flooded out again, and their lives in danger if this heavy rain keeps up. Glad we live in the Highlands. Rex brought Donna home about 9:30. They took me over to Sue's to borrow some dishes and salad forks for our luncheon tomorrow. Rex and I went in Boy's Market on our way home. Enjoyed a flood while we were there, couldn't get back to the car. Donna was in the car and had quite a time getting it started so she could cross the river in the street and get us. Well, we all got home safe, so I can now say I enjoyed it. It cleared up this evening and Charles and Rex went to Arcadia to get some things for June. Lorene and I went shopping in Kress and Boy's. Louis took us around in the car. I made chili today. Annie and family came over this evening. Tomorrow we give a shower for Elaine (Lorene, Annie and me).

### October 19, Friday

Had a very busy morning cleaning. Charles brought the five little tables and went over to freeze some ice cream for our party. Was glad Rex came up this a.m. We made use of him. He helped Donna whip her Seven Minute icing, and took her over to Lorene's with a note Sue had sent Shirley over with before school. Sue couldn't get the big freezer she was expecting to use, so had to borrow Lorene's and have two freezers made. Rex was kind enough to freeze one for us, so sorry he didn't even get a dish full to eat. Donna drove Uncle Al's car over to get Annie and Sr. Treu, they made fifty little tuna pies here. Sr. Treu surely worked hard, a wonderful help. Fern Ellsworth was our first guest to arrive. She came in the kitchen and would help, the ole dear. All the folks had arrived by one-thirty, so we started to serve (24 of us ate). They all seemed to enjoy our lunch. Nora [*Nora Strong McKay*] brought her baby, cute little boy. [*Bruce McKay*] Ruth [*Ruth Cartwright*] brought Thelma [*Thelma Strong Upham*] and Ellen [*Ellen Strong Scott*]. Blanche [*Blanche Strong Hoglund*] brought Helen [*Helen Ana Hoglund*] and

Babe [*Elsie Lavina Hoglund*]. Hazel [*Hazel Lillian Bailey Anderson*] brought Aunt Ray [*Rachel W Whittaker*], Esther [*Esther Faust Bailey*], and little girl Joy, and Aunt Dell's [*Alice Adella McKnight Bailey*] sister, Wildie [*Awilda Josephine McKnight*]. Beth Gentry came. We played a game called "Bride," something like you play lotto. Elaine opened gifts, very lovely. Most of the folks at party went over to Sue's after, to see Elaine's other things. We served all the kiddies after the party, they came from school. Beverly and Elise, too. Bishop and Bill ate here, also, and Florence came up to see the gifts, and ate, too. June and Bobby treated me to a show tonight, very good, but I was so tired from today.

### October 20, Saturday

Ed Robinson brought a beautiful bouquet of flowers from his mother, to me last night. I think she thought our shower was in the evening, bless her heart. I had some job cleaning house this morning. First Rex came and took Donna for another



canyon trip and hike. They had to fix their lunch first. Then Charles came for the tables. Mrs. Downs came over to talk after he left. Louis got back from George's before the work was finished. He got up at six o'clock and took his friends to work, and then put a top dressing on his car. George is going to paint parts of our car, where it is starting to rust. Mrs. Peterson came to see the folks in rear house about rent. I feel so sorry for her. Hilda, her mother is very seriously sick with heart trouble. She's been in bed a week now, has a nurse, they thought she would die Friday morning. We couldn't buy our weeks groceries order today, our party broke us. It was dark when the kids got home, and I was worried, so was Louis. They had gone to Marshes' while Rex got cleaned up. They went to M Men party over at Bishop's tonight. We went for a ride and to Annie's.

### October 21, Sunday

Louis took us over to Sunday School, but he went down to George's garage and put another top dressing on his car. He called for me after Sunday School Donna drove Rex's car and took Sr. Marsh and Ruthie home from Sunday School She ate dinner with them and took Sr. Marsh and others to Mutual union meeting. Rex worked. Louis and I ate alone; we enjoyed our lemon pie and whipped cream. Sr. Treu made me a pie shell last Friday. I made a vegetable beef loaf, it tasted good for a change. After dinner we took a nice ride, called to see if Mrs. Cerney would like to go, but she was just leaving to go with her daughter for a few days. She looks fine. Bobby, her grandson, is a fine looking man now, a six foot, curly-headed blonde. We went alone, and enjoyed ourselves looking over the flood district in Montrose. They couldn't give me a home in that part of our country. I do feel sorry for those poor folks though. Dr. Robert L. Gordon was our speaker in church tonight. He wanted to tell us how to vote, but didn't dare! Gave a nice talk, anyway. Bishop said just the right thing after Br. Gordon finished his talk. It seems some of our church people don't want Upton Sinclair for Governor, ha ha.

### October 22, Monday

Our neighbors have brought a little dog in our yard, he has started digging holes in the grass already. The Petersons won't like that. I'm afraid we won't, either. He carries things in our yard, rags, bones, and etcetera. Cute little fellow, though. Donna and June went uptown; June bought things for Thelma's shower. Thelma Lutcher and Johnny Wilson were married October 13 by Bishop Hoglund, June is giving her a shower, Monday the twenty-ninth. I washed this morning. A letter, from the Federal Bank, came for Donna while she was uptown. She has had her application in that bank for over a year. The letter said to come in at her earliest convenience. Rex took her back to town about 4:30, but it was too late to interview the man. They told her to come back again in the morning. June brought her curtains over this evening. I got two made up, but had to leave for stake house with Louis, for some dancing instructions. Donna went to a Gleaner song practice at Stead's house. We hurt Lorene's feeling last night over her hat. I feel so badly about it, wouldn't hurt her for worlds, but I did. She went home feeling so bad.



*Elaine Hoglund, Rex Marsh, Donna Renshaw*



*Cousins Elaine and Donna at the beach a few years earlier. Elaine is a year younger than Donna.*

### October 23, Tuesday

Donna left for town this morning about eight o'clock. I finished June's curtains and went over to Sue's at 9:30. Sue had given Donna a dollar to help her do her cleaning today, so I went to take her place while she went to the bank to be interviewed. I cleaned the bathroom, kitchen, and two back porches. Donna came about eleven o'clock, she was very disappointed cause they didn't have any work for her. Someone with "inside pull" got the job as usual. This afternoon Donna drove Sue around in their car. She went to get her hair waved, also had Bette's and Shirley's hair waved. They shopped in Highland Park, too. Louis and I went to pay rent. Miss Peterson is very ill with heart trouble. They were upset about the dog and no rent paid. We called in Lorene's, she has a new coat coming out tomorrow, black. Louis stayed to talk with Charles and Bill. Donna drove me over to Hills to our Sunday School board meeting, made plans for our "trip around the world."

### October 24, Wednesday—Elaine's Wedding Day!

Big Red letter day! I worked on June's curtains and drapes until I barely had time to get ready for the wedding. June loaned me her dress and coat and insisted on Donna wearing her little black velvet dinner jacket, with Donna's black lace dress, looked sweet. June pressed our dresses. Mr. and Mrs. Hays came to stay a few days with June. Donna drove Sue's car to the Rosslyn Hotel this afternoon, to take Mrs. Evans. She helped place the place cards and fix flowers and candles. Got home in time to make it to the wedding by the skin of her teeth. I was surely worried when it got so late and she wasn't home. It was a big hurry at the last minute for all of us. Rex had to be an usher, they left before we did. We called for Lorene and Mary. Raymond was just arriving from the camp. The marriage ceremony was beautiful. It was hard on Al, but he did it well. Lucille Evans was a lovely maid of honor in beautiful green lace. Elaine looked gorgeous, just a beautiful big doll. Her dress was white satin, princess model, with beautiful lace yoke, and deep fitted lace cuffs, wedding veil of tulle, a cap adorned with orange blossoms. She was a beautiful bride. We went to the Rosslyn after the marriage, enjoyed a lovely wedding supper. Glen and Mary stayed at Sue's to look after gifts. We all went to Sue's after wedding supper. P.S. We called for Charles and Ray before going to the hotel for supper.

### October 25, Thursday

Well, our Elaine is Mrs. Vandergrift now, the big event is over. Al looked so blue yesterday, I hope he feels better today. I asked Donna to type letter to Violet and Lydia telling them all about it this morning. She made a very interesting account of the affair. I don't think they'll have many questions to ask after reading the letter. I did my ironing while she typed. When Louis came from work Donna drove me over to Sue's. Elaine and Ernie were over there waiting for us and we didn't



*Al Hoglund married Elaine & Ernie Vandergrift*

know it. She read Donna's letter. We enjoyed looking over Elaine and Ernie's wedding gifts again, there were some new ones we hadn't seen. Rex and Donna went to a basketball game tonight. Louis and I rode over to visit awhile with the Andersens. They enjoyed the letter, also. Lorene had a new black hat and coat for the wedding, looked nice.

### October 26, Friday

We did the cleaning, didn't feel one bit like working, but had to do it anyway. Florence brought the baby up for a visit. He surely is growing fine, she said she was going to see Alice Pack's new baby girl this afternoon. June's mother-in-law helped her get her new curtains and drapes up today. They went back to their home this evening. We went over to see how the curtains and drapes looked, swell! Rex ate dinner with us. Donna and I walked to Boy's Market for groceries for dinner. We all stayed home this evening and enjoyed the radio. Rex has a miserable cold.



*Lucille Evans and Elaine Hoglund Vandergrift  
Lucille was Elaine's maid of honor.*

### October 27, Saturday

Louis fixed a double socket floor plug in June's house this morning. He also bought some black enamel paint from Lewis Marsh and started painting the Ford. It looks nice, will be swell when he gets through with it. We can't use our car to go to conference tomorrow. Louis took me over to see if Al and Sue had room for Donna and me to go down with them in the morning. Louis is going to work on his car. Donna typed most of the day on a one act play the Gleaner girls are going to put on in our ward. June thinks Bobby is coming down with measles, his eyes are getting red and he has some little red spots on his neck. Rex doesn't have to work tomorrow, so I guess Donna will go to conference with him and his folks. Louis, Donna, and Rex went to the basketball game at Lincoln High tonight. I didn't want to go. Ruth and family called by for a minute tonight after the folks had gone.



## October 28, Sunday

I made some sandwiches this morning to take to conference. Sue and Al came for me about 8:50. We rode over to Lorene's. Br. Vennott took Lorene and Charles. The Bleek family were waiting for the Street car, so Al took Sr. Bleek and her son. Br. Vennott took the daughter. The morning session was very fine; surely a big crowd out. Apostle Hinckley had charge of our conference. He spoke well. Rex took Donna home to dinner after the first meeting, they didn't come back, so I was left with all the sandwiches. Sue and Al had their lunch; I ate with them in their car. Enjoyed the second session very much, too. Florence Oates brought me home in her car after. I didn't stay for the evening session. Sue and family went to eat dinner with and Ernie this evening. Louis finished painting his car today; it looks swell, like new. We took a walk over to Annie's after eating this evening. They were out, so we walked down to Highland Park and window shopped. Enjoyed Coronets tonight. Rex and Donna home, also.



Apostle Alonzo A.  
Hinckley

### Apostle Hinckley

Alonzo Arza  
Hinckley (April 23,  
1870 – December  
22, 1936) was a  
member of the  
Quorum of the  
Twelve Apostles  
of The Church of  
Jesus Christ of  
Latter-day Saints  
(LDS Church) from  
October 11, 1934  
until his death.

## October 29, Monday

I sewed most of the day, made an apron for Donna to give Thelma and a clothes pin apron, or bag for me to give her. Donna went down to help Florence this afternoon. She embroidered my clothes pin bag before going to Florence's. June worked hard all day getting ready for the shower, she looked tired. Lorene came here and waited until I was ready to go over to the shower at June's. We had a nice time, played the "Bride" game, and ate pumpkin pie and drank apple cider. Thelma got some nice things, she seemed real pleased with everything, is a sweet girl. Rex took care of Ernie, [*baby Ernie*] for Florence, over to our house. I helped June with the dishes after folks had left. Donna helped with the games and etcetera. It was a shower for Thelma Lutchter Wilson.

## October 30, Tuesday

I washed, but couldn't finish it all cause my back pained too badly. I put Donna's hair up in curls before she went to work at Florence's. The clothes didn't get dry, it was rather damp out. Heber came this afternoon, late, to practice a song. Myrtle and Inis came, too. Ed brought them and took Heber back. Donna was tired from her days work at Florence's, was very nervous after the folks left, too much for her, I guess. Florence gave a Halloween dinner tonight for Myrtle, Ed, Bob, Inis, Donna, Rex, and Laura and her husband. Br. and Sr. Marsh came up to Florence's to make meat pies for her dinner. Donna did the housework. Louis and I went to a Halloween party over to Saxelby's

tonight. We had a lot of fun, played games, sang songs, and ate mince pie, candy, apples, and hot chocolate. Steads, Andersens, Claytons, Hoglunds, were there, too. Winnie Wright, also.

## October 31 Wednesday

I finished my washing today and cleaned through the rooms. Donna went down to help Florence with her work. I went to Relief Society this afternoon. Sr. Hill gave her first Social Service lesson today, she did very well. Sr. Vinna Cannon gave the first part of the lesson. I met Donna in Kress Store after the meeting and went with her to buy a cute dress, \$2.95. She also bought some Indian slippers, in Kress to wear tonight at the Mutual Halloween dance. Rex took her down to his house to dinner this evening. Louis and I were just ready to leave for the stake house, for another dancing lesson for Mutual, when Ernie came and told us they called it off on account of Halloween. Florence gave Donna \$5.00 for helping her. It started raining tonight, too bad for the young folks who look forward to a lot of fun on Halloween. Louis and I took a little ride, enjoyed hot popcorn. Br. Marsh sat in car and talked to us for a while on the Avenue. June took care of Florence's baby tonight when they went to the dance.

## November 1, Thursday

Winter will be well on its way in the East. Southern California is enjoying lovely summer days still. We have some roses in bloom in our garden and some dear violets. Our chrysanthemums are prettier this fall than ever. I do truly love this country. I went over to Robinson's this morning to help quilt on one of Harriet's quilt. This is the last one now; she has four lovely quilts all finished. It was a big star we quilted today. She is to be married this month. We enjoyed the nice lunch Sr. Robinson prepared. Donna rode over with Beverly to get Annie about 4:30. I stayed to help finish the quilt. Donna got our dinner ready. Louis came for me about 5:30. Tonight we visited the Andersens. Donna drove us over there and took Beverly back to a Gleaner meeting she was having at our house. She called back for us. Louis treated to candy tonight. Gleaners made plans for Harriet's shower next Tuesday night.



Roses, violets and  
chrysanthemums were still  
blooming in Elvie's yard. She  
doesn't miss the cold weather  
and snow in Utah.

### November 2, Friday

I spent the morning fixing Donna's new dress, the skirt was too large. It is the little dress she bought with money earned from working for Florence. Donna was sick most of the day. Rex made his last payment on his car this afternoon, he has his pink slip now. Donna went over to Pasadena with him to get pink slip. I patched underwear and darned sox most of the day. This evening Donna went over to Egan's to practice song with girls. She and Rex went to a show after. Louis and I enjoyed radio political talks. I darned sox. We also heard a very good program, play, and etcetera.

### November 3, Saturday

Donna is very anxious to earn some money, she drove our car down to see Br. Shermaster this morning, but no one was home. She went to the bakery, but he wasn't there either. She visited around a little before coming home. I did all the cleaning today. Put Donna's hair up in curls this afternoon. Louis cut lawns and painted his car wheels. Miss Buch, our neighbor, backed her car into our car and knocked it off the blocks Louis had it propped upon while he painted the wheels. She felt so bad, there wasn't much damage done. Louis fixed it in a few minutes. Some of the paint got split, so she bought a small can for him. There was only one wheel off at the time she backed into it. Good thing. I cooked roast tonight and made pumpkin pudding. Donna practiced duet with Inis and Myrtle. Rex went to basketball game.

### November 4, Sunday

Br. Haddock was the speaker in our 9 a.m. meeting, he surely gave a fine talk. Sr. Taylor didn't come to Sunday School, but June Hays helped me with the class. She is going to help from now on, Br. Terry asked her to. I gave 50¢ to Sunday School for "Trip Around the World," each organization is standing its own expense, so all the proceeds will go to the ward. We took a car full to Sunday School union meeting this afternoon. The Church History department gave a stake demonstration; all the children were dressed as Pioneers or Indians. They sat up in the choir seats. Br. Haddock led them in singing, "Come, Come, Ye Saints." Mary was a pioneer, Bette, an Indian. She wore Donna's Indian costume. I was sorry I couldn't hear Mary give her talk. We had to separate for our class work. Sr. Stead said she gave it very well, but I knew she would. Donna and Rex stayed to their chorus practice after union meeting. We had a very good meeting tonight. Patriarch George Bowles was our speaker. Lorene came in to get my Relief magazine after church. Donna played for Myrtle and Inis to sing a duet in church tonight.

### November 5, Monday

In my dreams last night I was living back in Strong's Court, in Salt Lake City. I was trying to sweep leaves from the front porch and lawn, some job! Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Donelson were both talking to me; it seemed so natural, the trees were all bare. Oh, I'm glad it was only a dream. My lawn and trees are so green and flowers lovely, too. I washed this morning; Donna hung all the clothes

out. Sr. Stead sent Harold up with a note asking me if I'd go with her tomorrow to visit the Inglewood Relief Society. She wants to invite them to our ward "Around the World" trip. She used to live in Inglewood Ward. I said I'd be glad to go. June's in-laws came to stay overnight, she is tired out from a big washing. It is the Marshes' wedding anniversary today. They went with us to the stake home tonight to practice old time dancing for our Mutual.

### November 6, Tuesday

I cleaned through the house this morning. Sr. Stead came up with a note to Donna from Lillian, about the ice cream cups for Harriet's shower tonight. I never remember so much excitement over an election before. Louis voted before going to work. I voted this morning, too. We both voted for Upton Sinclair and his epic plan. Sr. Stead and I left at 12:30 for Inglewood Ward. We enjoyed their Relief Society very much. I bore my testimony. Sr. Stead told them all about our "Trip around the World," next Friday night and invited them all. We visited her sister Alice after meeting, one of the sisters drove us to her house. We also went to see another sister in her neighborhood. Donna and Rex met me at the car tonight, she had dinner all ready. I was hungry, tasted good. We had a wonderful time at Harriet's shower tonight. I'm so sorry cause it looks like Sinclair won't be elected governor.

### November 7, Wednesday

I got the ironing almost finished when I had to leave for Relief Society. Donna finished for me. June walked down to the hall with me. We had our block teachers meeting first. Lorene gave the lesson. Sr. Wood gave the lesson in Relief Society. Both were very fine meetings. Bishop came just as we were having our testimony meeting; he talked for a few minutes. Walked home with June, Sr. Stead, and Lorene. I feel worried over Annie, she didn't look to well today, and her ankle is badly swollen again. Donna got a letter from Violet today. Gee, I'd like to see her baby and them all. We went to Mutual. Sr. Craddock gave the lesson in our class, was fine. June asked me to go uptown with her in the morning.



*Elvie dreams of Strong's Court in Salt Lake City.*

### November 8, Thursday

June and I went uptown this morning. We bought things in the Bible book store for our Sunday School class. She spent a lot of money on books and etcetera, one book \$1.50, she also bought a book of marches for the Primary organization. I bought a sweater, bonnet, and little booties to send to Violet's baby. June brought over a darling little knit cape she is going to send it along with my things, surely sweet of her. Donna made her first pie today while I was uptown. It was a gorgeous looking pie and tasted even better. Florence came up to watch her make it. Little Ernie is surely growing fast, has four teeth now, too. Louis and I rode over to Annie's tonight, then to Lorene's, showed Violet's letter, and things we are sending. Lorene treated us to a hot cup of chocolate malt. Br. and Sr. Romick were there, also.

### November 9, Friday

June brought a letter over this morning to send with the darling baby cape she is giving Violet. I put Donna's hair up in curls and cleaned the bedrooms. Got my sox all darned up for a change. Walked over to Sue's to show her the things I'm sending Violet's baby. She said she was going to send a dress Shirley had out grown. I had room for it in the box, but sue says it has to be cleaned first. I hope she'll send it soon as Dolores is very much in need of clothes, the little dear. Helen Holden took us over to Gunn's to see how they were coming with Hawaii. She took Sr. Hill, Sue, and me. I was going to stay if they needed me, but the fruit wasn't there, so nothing for me to do. We had a lovely time on our "Trip Around the World" tonight. Every country was very good. Br. Stead made a swell King in England. We all sang the song I wrote while there. I surely enjoyed their plum pudding. I was so full when I'd been to the eight countries, I could hardly walk. Rex took us in his car. Donna slept at Marshes' tonight. Louis and I got out of Rex's car about six blocks from home, so we could walk and help digest some of the food we'd eaten.

### November 10, Saturday

Donna and Rex went for a hike this morning; they took their car as far as they could, then hiked. They fixed their lunch here last night after our "Trip Around the World" party. We surely had a good time last night. Louis went down to work at Ernie's gas station today. He is making some shelves, or something, for Ernie. He didn't get home until ten o'clock tonight. I had to make two trips to Boy's Market to get our groceries tonight. The kids came home tired from their long hike, but they got cleaned up and went to the basketball game anyway. I visited with June for a little while tonight. Goldie and Charlie Morris have gone back together. A few weeks ago. I'm very glad to hear they have decided to live together, for their dear little children's sakes.

### November 11, Sunday

June gave the lesson for the first time in our little class this morning. I am surely glad she is helping us out, she's going to be good, I think. Louis and I ate dinner alone. Donna went to Marshes' with Rex. They had to go to the Mutual union meeting this afternoon. We had a real good dinner. I was sorry the kids didn't eat home here. Louis slept all afternoon cause he is working all night tonight, had to be on the job at 11 p.m. I read the paper and took a nap. We went over to Sue's this evening to get the box I left over there, and some wood that Al got for church, so I had to warm up the dinner, a sandwich wouldn't do this time. I slept in Donna's bed. Charlie was out to church with Goldie tonight. Rex had to change a tire before he got home tonight. **It was Armistice day today. Sixteen years ago today the Armistice was signed. I'll never forget that happy day.**

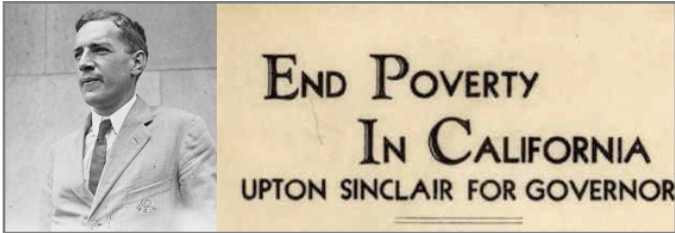
The image shows the front page of the Los Angeles Times newspaper from Monday, November 11, 1918. The masthead includes the newspaper's name, "Los Angeles Times," and the date. The main headline is "PEACE" in large, bold, block letters. Below this, a sub-headline reads "WORLD WAR ENDS AS GERMANY SIGNS ARMISTICE!". The text of the article begins with "WASHINGTON, Nov. 11th, (Monday)--The world war will end this morning at 6 o'clock, Washington time, 11 o'clock Paris time. The armistice was signed by the German representatives at midnight. This announcement was made by the State Department at 2:50 o'clock this morning." The article continues with details of the armistice terms, such as the immediate retirement of German forces and the disarmament of German ships. The page is framed by a thin border.

Elvie remembers Armistice Day in 1918.

### November 12, Monday

I did a big washing, but they didn't get dry. The fog did not lift all day. Louis went down to finish up the job he was working on at Ernie's station. Donna rode as far as Marshes'; she went over to see Br. Shermaster about work at the bakery. I wrapped the package we are sending to Violet's baby, also one to Louise Keller, little china doll and bracelet. I am sending Lillian's belt home, she left

it here this summer. John Utvich came, again, to say he couldn't get the boys to practice their song tonight. Rex was glad cause he wanted to take Donna to a show. Governor Merriam is the "big shot" in the papers today. Armistice program. Oh hum! Surely sorry my man didn't make it. We can't look for better times now. Sr. Marsh sent us a steaming hot carrot pudding home this evening with Donna and Louis. Boy, it was good. I love plum pudding of any kind. She is some friend, "Bless her heart."



### November 13, Tuesday

I ironed the clothes as I took them from the lines this morning; they were just perfect for ironing. I was through in half the usual time. My Relief Society Magazine for November came this a.m. surely is strange they keep sending it. I only paid for six months and started it March. Well, it is okay by me if they send it all year. I don't like this night work of Louis', but glad he has work, anyway, it will be only a few nights more. Donna took me in our car, to Highland Park. We bought Christmas cards to send to Wayne, and went to post office to mail Violet's package for baby. She left me at Steads where I met Sr. Niles, we went teaching. We got through in a hurry today, only three families, Steads, Hays and Goodsells. So many have moved out of our district lately. Florence is moving soon, too. She wasn't home when we called. We visited at Annie's tonight until it was time for Louis to leave for work. Lorene and family were there, also. Annie made a dress for Sr. Treu today. Donna went to practice the Gleaner play at Afton Knighton's tonight. Rex went block teaching. I mailed Christmas card to Wayne in South Africa from Strong's of California.

### November 14, Wednesday

Harriet Robinson's Wedding Day. We are enjoying nice cold nights and mornings now. I guess they are getting the ice in the East. Our days are warm still. Louis went to bed as soon as he got home this morning 7:20. I guess he was too tired for breakfast. Donna went down to help Florence get ready for moving. She is going to move next Friday. I went to the sewing meeting at Relief Society. We quilted a very pretty quilt. It was orchid on one side and peach on the other. I'd surely like one like it. Louis called for me this afternoon, but missed me, so I had to walk. I went to Boy's Market, too. Sr. Robinson couldn't be with us today. We all missed her. She is in Arizona going through the temple with Harriet and her husband. I rode to Mutual with Donna and Rex. Louis wouldn't go. Enjoyed Sr. Craddock's lesson very much. Sr. Marsh looks bad tonight. I wish she didn't have to work so hard. Rode home with Uncle Bill.



Frank Finley Merriam (December 22, 1865 – April 25, 1955) was an American politician who served as the 28th governor of California from June 2, 1934 until January 2, 1939. Assuming the governorship at the height of the Great Depression following the death of Governor

James Rolph, Merriam famously defeated former Socialist Party member and Democratic candidate for Governor Upton Sinclair in the 1934 general elections. Merriam also served as the Iowa State Auditor 1900-1903, and served in the California and Iowa State Legislatures.

#### 1934 General Election

In the aftermath of the Longshore Strike, Merriam was highly praised by the conservative San Francisco press for his perceived victory over the longshore strikers. During the strike, state Republicans nominated the Acting Governor as its party nominee for the general elections that November. Merriam, however, had threatened not to deploy the California National Guard to San Francisco if the party would not nominate him.

Running against Merriam in the 1934 elections was former Socialist Party member Upton Sinclair, who had surprisingly won the nomination of the Democratic Party for Governor. A third-party candidate, Raymond L. Haight of the Commonwealth-Progressive Party, also challenged Merriam.

During the campaign, Sinclair promoted the EPIC project, a socialist work program to ensure universal employment for all Californians, complete with the state control of factories, the opening of farm cooperatives and the creation of a cabinet-level California Authority for Production agency to oversee state employment.

The Commonwealth Party's Haight relied on centrists from the Democrats who believed that Sinclair had driven the party too far to the left.

Merriam's campaign rallied state conservatives into the so-called "Stop Sinclair" movement. Among supporters were MGM studio head Louis B. Mayer, media tycoon William Randolph Hearst, and Los Angeles Times publisher Harry Chandler. During the campaign, Mayer turned multiple studio lots in Los Angeles into propaganda machines, churning out fake newsreels to be played before feature-length films in the state. One notable newsreel included Soviets arriving in California to vote for Sinclair. Also during the campaign, Merriam frequented football games and public events, and on one occasion, attended a hospital talking to deaf mutes through an interpreter. Many such events were quickly publicized by the conservative newspaper press.

The end result of the 1934 general elections saw Merriam defeating Sinclair with 48 percent of the vote, opposed to Sinclair's 37 percent. Haight garnered 13 percent. After the election, Merriam announced that the result was "rebuke to socialism and communism."

The 1934 general election is generally remembered as one of the most hotly contested elections in California history. It has also been cited by political historians as one of the first modern elections, due to the various uses of popular media and rhetoric to both popularize and demonize candidates.

-Wikipedia

### November 15, Thursday

Big sale in Broadway store today, no money, no go! Annie and Sr. Treu went to the sale. Sr. Treu bought a new winter coat, and hat, dress, shoes and purse. She got some money from her homes in Salt Lake. It's the last she'll get from there as she had lost both homes now. It's a shame, too. Annie bought the daisy flannel for our little expected Andersen. Donna helped Florence all day again. I took care of little Ernie, he surely is a hand full now, can't leave him a minute alone. He pulls himself up on his feet and pulls things over on him, he can crawl all over, and it doesn't take him long to get where he is going, either. Louis worked at this waxing job today, and back tonight at 11 p.m. to the elevator job. He'll be through tomorrow until Monday, on days again, I guess. Annie and Bill came over tonight. Donna made some taffy; we had a job pulling it. Started raining about 5 p.m. Kept it up all evening.

### November 16, Friday

Florence and Ernie are moving today down in the Arroyo Seco somewhere. I had little Ernie again. Donna helped Florence all day. I think the folks in the little house in the rear have moved. We never see them anymore. Wonder if the Peterson's know? I darned sox and mended a few things, but can't do very much when that Ernie baby is around; he is so active now and cute, too. Florence and Donna came about 5 p.m., tired and dirty from the moving job. Florence took the baby home. This evening Louis and I took Mrs. Peterson home, she came to get the rent from the little house. I surely felt sorry for her, she found the key in the door and the people gone. They had left the place in awful condition. The kitchen curtain had caught fire and burned some of the window frame. It's a wonder we didn't have a big fire here. We all shopped at Boy's Market before taking her home, called in Annie's. Donna and Rex went ice skating tonight for the first time.

### November 17, Saturday

Louis and I started cleaning up the little house this morning. It was surely dirty for only being lived in one month. It was nice and clean when they took it. We got through about 1 p.m. Annie and Beverly came over to bring back our clippers, and didn't either one have



Vintage postcard from 1911.  
Pulling Taffy

them, ha, ha! Louis helped me clean our house up after we finished the little one. Donna worked over to Florence's all day. I was very tired tonight, Louis did the shopping. I didn't feel very well. Donna and Rex went to a basketball game.

### November 18, Sunday

Louis took charge of the Sunday School music this morning. Lillian was away. Sr. Taylor gave the lesson in our class. She did well, but was through in a short time. I had to review to take the rest of the time up. Rex ate dinner here. He and Donna spent the day at Ebell Hall, practicing for the M Men show, next Wednesday night. We took the Marshes for a nice ride up the new road past Switzer's camp. Went back to Marshes' in the evening, and ate some lunch before going to church. Rex and Donna had to buy something to eat tonight. I felt badly

cause we didn't cook a roast. We had salmon cakes for dinner and ate them all. Florence and Ernie took Marshes home from church. We enjoyed the Coronets tonight.

### November 19, Monday

It was damp and cloudy all day, looked like it would rain any minute, but it didn't. I spent most of the day mending clothes. Donna went to Kress Store to get me some sewing machine oil. She also brought the things for our dinner this evening. We had a very lovely dinner and Donna got it all ready. Meat pie, Jell-O salad, and jelly tarts. Rex came over, after passing his M Men bills around the neighborhood, two other M Men helped him distribute, he ate dinner with us. The M Men are giving a program or show Wednesday night, that's why the bills. Willard Mack, the famed actor and playwright, passed away today in his Beverly Hills home. I remember him so well in Salt Lake theaters. He was a wonderful actor,

but drink got the best of him. He had four wives in his day. Their pictures are in the paper today. Maude Leone, Marjorie Rambeau, Pauline Fredrick and Beatrice Banyard. I went to York show tonight. I saw "House of Rothschild," very good. Louis took Segunines and Egans to stake house tonight. I should have gone, but it was my only chance to see the show I've been waiting for so long, Louis took me over to York and Donna and Rex called for me after show.



### November 20, Tuesday

It was a lovely sunny morning. I washed and had a big washing. I did some things that the people left dirty in the little house. I told Mrs. Peterson I'd wash and iron them. Donna hung the clothes out; she has a head cold today. June went over to Alhambra this a.m. to her permanent wave. I was so all in this afternoon I had to go to bed for a while, but felt much better after a nice nap. Donna brought all the clothes in, we had to use June's lines, too. Bob Stanton came over this evening to practice his songs. Donna has been very busy with M Men practicing music lately. Tonight she went over to the hall to go through the program with them all. Louis took her over and stayed. I was busy all evening, did dishes, molded butter, and dampened clothes down. I started feather stitching the little night gowns for Annie. Donna made Panoche candy to sell tomorrow night at M Men Show.

### November 21, Wednesday

June put four sheets through her washer for me this morning. Two of them belong to the little house, nice neighbor. Donna went over to help June do her housework today, she gave her a dollar. I ironed Elaine's tablecloth and napkins. I washed them yesterday. Sorry I didn't get them finished in time for her wedding but there surely was a lot of crocheting on that set. Lorene did the embroidering work. I went to Relief Society, Florence Oates gave the lesson and her mother gave a book review on "The Scarlet Letter," very good. We all went to the M Men show tonight, they had a big turnout, it was a big success as far as the money goes. Well, the boys put on a good show alright, but the last number was too long. It was an old man who came out to put on a magician act for them. He was too slow. Rex got laid off from his work today.

### November 22, Thursday

I finished up my ironing this morning. I had a big ironing this week cause I had the things from the little house in the rear, too. Rex and Donna went over to Pasadena to see about transferring his car, that is the ownership over to him. They ate dinner here. This evening Louis and I went over to pay our rent. Miss Peterson gave us \$2.75 back for cleaning up the little house. We called in to visit Lorene on way over. They were scraping their kitchen walls. We called in Annie and family on way home. I'll be glad when Annie feels better. Donna and Rex did our evening dishes and stayed home all evening. She sewed on some Relief Society work. Florence and Ernie came over tonight.

### November 23, Friday

I went uptown this morning and spent the money Miss Peterson gave us for cleaning the little house. I bought eight bath towels and believe me, we need them. I also bought two little dresses for Dolores. I ran across a big sale, two for 50¢. They were nice little dresses, too, well made and fast color. Donna went over to Florence's on the red street car this morning. She worked for her all day. After dinner this evening Myrtle and Inis came to practice their song. Bob brought them. They are going to sing for the elder's conference next Sunday afternoon at the stake house. Bishop and family also came tonight. He wants Donna to do some typing for him. I tried the dresses on Shirley, they

are just about right, so I guess they'll fit Dody okay. We also fit the jumper dress on Shirley. I'm going to make it over for Dolores. June gave it to me. Our big "Mid City" drug store opened up in Highland Park today. Donna and Rex walked down to see it tonight.



*"Donna made her first covered pies this morning."*

### November 24, Saturday

Donna made her first covered pies this morning, two mince and one apple, also an apricot jam turnover. They all look lovely, the pie crust is grand. Louis went downtown to the Beneficial Life Insurance office to talk about our policy this morning. I guess we will have to give up one of the policies. We can't afford to keep them both, it is a shame, too, but \$16.00 a week doesn't go very far. We bought most of our groceries last night, so walked down to Highland Park to see the new drug store tonight. Saw Bill and Glen in the drug store, Annie was in the car, Bill said she didn't feel very good. I'll be happy when she is over her sickness [*pregnancy*]. Bill was going down to help Charlie paper his kitchen. Donna and Rex went to visit Inis and Bob tonight. Bette has a perfect record of attendance at Primary for the past three years. She graduates tomorrow night. I got a nice letter from Dad.

### November 25, Sunday

Just one month from today will be Christmas. I was very much upset this morning when Br. Terry told me he was going to put June in the Church History class, just when I find a good teacher to help me, he takes her away. I am glad Florence Gibson is coming back to help me though. Oh, dear, Br. Terry did what I was afraid of, he asked me to be chairman of the Sunday School Christmas program, now more worry. Louis worked today, so he can have Thanksgiving Day off. Donna and Rex rode to the stake house today with Lewie Marsh. It is elder's convention, Donna played for Inis and Myrtle to sing at stake house. Annie and Beverly came over this afternoon. Beverly brought some of her cake, Devil's Food, it was very good. I gave them a piece of Donna's mince pie. Donna brought Lewie in for some pie after meeting. We all went to the Primary conference. It was very good. I surely enjoyed the darling kiddies. Bette graduated from Primary tonight.

### November 26, Monday

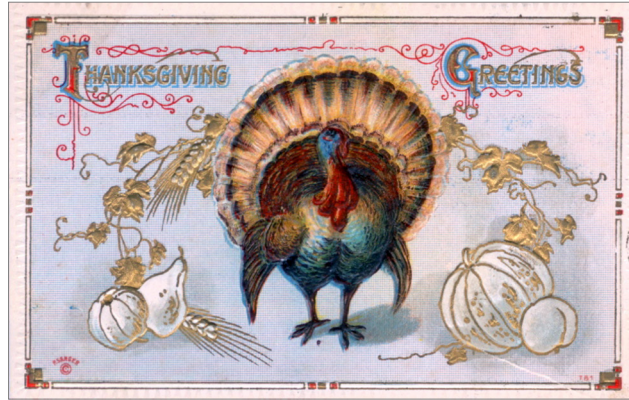
Donna got up at six o'clock this morning to ride to work with her Daddy so she could bring the car back and use it to go downtown today. We don't want her to ride the street cars while the strike is on. Lots of people were hurt yesterday and Saturday on the street cars. We don't want to ride while the strike is on, anyway. Even if it was safe. Donna brought Rex home with her this a.m. I fixed some toast and hot chocolate for us all. He went to town with her cause she is not used to heavy traffic driving. I washed, it was a lovely sunny day, brought everything in dry. I walked to the market and took the key of the little house to the real estate lady, hope she'll bring someone nice for the place. We didn't enjoy our last neighbors at all. Louis took me over to the post office when he came from work. I sent money order for one of our insurance policies. We intended dropping the other one, but Bishop gave the money for it. Tonight we went to a shower Lillian and Francis gave for Lucille Hanson, at Hanson's. Louis took Sue, Donna, and me over. He left the car so Donna drove Sr. Treu, Lorene, and Francis home. We had a nice time. I won the prize for drawing a picture blindfolded.

### November 27, Tuesday

I walked to the post office this morning to send another money order for the other insurance policy. I then went to Annie's. Sue was already washing woodwork, Lorene came later. Annie washed the curtains. We got almost through the house, all but back porch and a little in back bedroom. Sr. Treu invited us all over to lunch, bless her ole heart. It surely tasted good. She made nice apple dumplings, too. Louis called for us about 4:30; he waited for Lorene and me to finish the kitchen floor. Donna went over to help June do her house work this morning. She and Rex went down to Ocean Park to visit Elaine and Ernie this afternoon. They stayed to eat dinner and spend the evening with them. Some Gleaner girls came here tonight to practice for their play. Louis took them home. Ed came for Myrtle. Sr. Hanson's girls are surely lovely. We had such a nice time with them last night.

### November 28, Wednesday

We had a special sewing day at Relief Society today. Annie didn't feel like coming, so I took the minutes for her. Lorene helped Sr. Treu prepare the lunch. We put out a very pretty quilt. I surely wish I could buy some of these pretty quilts that I've helped make this past year. We do need some new bedding so bad. Donna went over to help June this morning. She is giving a big dinner tomorrow. The Mutual gave a Thanksgiving dance, but we didn't go,



couldn't afford it this time. Br. Udall brought the two rabbits this evening and we took them down to Marshes'. The folks were busy preparing for our big dinner tomorrow. I cracked some walnuts for the salad. Louis chopped onions and cried, yes, he did. Br. Marsh cooked a turkey for Herbert to take to the beach, also a pumpkin pie. Surely looked good.

### November 29, Thursday—Thanksgiving Day

Today was lovely and sunny. Louis cut the front lawn and polished his auto. I picked a very pretty bouquet of flowers for our house, it is about the last of my flowers, and they have been grand. June had all of her in-laws to dinner. I went over to look at her table. It was beautiful. Lovely glass wear and silver, the gold fruit horn of plenty was their center decoration. Her mother-in-law made it and the gold nut favors, too. June used our dining room chairs. Donna typed her talk on the slogan; Rex came and took her down to his house early. Louis and I arrived at Marshes' just in time for dinner, about 1:30. We had to wait a little while for Ernie and Doug to come from the station. "What a dinner," everything, even ice cream! The turkey was sure a big fellow, 24 pounds dressed; the rabbit tasted delicious, also, everything was grand. Marsh dinners always are. Sr. Marsh had to go back to work for a few hours after, too bad. We did up the dishes and played games. All went to show at night. Saw "One Night of Love," lovely picture. Ate more when we got back home at 12 p.m. Wonderful day.



### November 30, Friday

It's a good thing we don't have Thanksgiving Day every day. It takes a day to get over the effects of such rich foods. I went uptown with Donna and Rex this morning at eight o'clock, to get some things Violet sent for. She asked Annie to get them, but she doesn't know how Annie feels. She'll surely be surprised when she hears about the new arrival. Rex went to Shell Oil to apply for a job; we surely had a long wait for him. Donna and I walked several blocks to a gas station, to be relieved. Then Rex had a long wait on us while we shopped. Donna bought a blouse tunic. I sent Violet's things from Broadway store. The ad for the little house came out in the paper this morning, so I was very anxious to get back home in case anyone came to look through. Lots of folks came this afternoon, but none wanted it. Donna went over to Florence's to work after we got back from town. She ate dinner at Marshes' tonight. Annie and Beverly called in this evening.

### December 1, Saturday

I washed Donna's hair and put it up in curls. She went over to work for Florence today, Louis drove her over. Louis cut back lawns and cleaned garage up. I cleaned through house. Mrs. Peterson come down to the little house this a.m., stayed all day, but had no luck in renting it. We took her home in the evening. Then went over to Florence's for Donna, Rex was there, too, so he brought her home. We met Herbert's Arizona girl, Miss Openshaw. She seems like a real sweet girl. It was the first time I've been in Florence's new place, it is nice. I fixed round steak and dressing tonight for tomorrow. We bought a mince pie from Mrs. Putman, very good. Going to have plum pudding tomorrow. Louis helped me fix my Sunday School Christmas cutouts tonight, surely cute. Donna and Rex went to a show.

### December 2, Sunday

June went in the Church History class for her first time this a.m. Sr. Taylor and I had our class, kiddies were grand today. We also all went to the nine o'clock meeting. Br. Reese spoke, very fine. All went to Sunday School union meeting this afternoon. It was so cold in our big room in Sunday School this morning, I felt sorry for the children. We go there every fast Sunday for such a long time. I surely hate that cold place in the winter time, but it's nice in the warm weather. Rex got a call to work at a gas station this afternoon, so Donna drove his car to the stake house to Gleaner practice, she took Beverly with her. Donna gave her talk on the slogan tonight. [*Slogan for LDS church in 1934-1935 "By my actions, I will prove my allegiance to the Church."*] She surely gave it well, and it was a splendid talk, too. Br. Cumming, our speaker, commented on how fine it was. P.S. Little house is rented, found a note in door.

### December 3, Monday

I guess Sue Bloom rented the little house yesterday while we were out, we found a note in the door last night saying, "house is rented." I did part of the washing this morning and went over to Sr. Treu's to quilt. Some of the sisters are quilting at Sr. Hanson's today, also. They are so busy finishing up last minute work for their bazaar next Wednesday. I have a set to crochet around yet for them. Donna went up to Grants Store this morning, Rex took her, they gave her five hours work, and it's her first experience as a clerk. She was tired when she got home, but happy. I hope she can earn a little money for her Christmas. Louis called for me at Treu's, we took Lorene home. Louis had my diamond reset in a lovely yellow gold

W. T. Grant or Grants was a United States-based chain of mass-merchandise stores founded by William Thomas Grant that operated from 1906 until 1976. The stores were generally of the variety store format located in downtowns. In 1906 the first "W. T. Grant Co. 25 Cent Store" opened in Lynn, Massachusetts. Modest profit, coupled with a fast turnover of inventory, caused the stores to grow to almost \$100 million annual sales by 1936, the same year that William Thomas Grant started the W. T. Grant Foundation. By the time Grant died in 1972 at age 96, his chain of W. T. Grant Stores had grown to almost 1,200. However good times soon ended, W. T. Grant's bankruptcy in 1976 was the then-second biggest in US history. —Wikipedia

ring for my birthday gift. Br. Hill had it down at his store, he brought it over tonight. I love it. Donna and Rex picked out the setting. We visited with June for a while tonight.

### December 4, Tuesday

June came in this morning and paid Donna \$1.50 for helping her last week. She is a generous little soul, we all like her so much. Donna got four hours' work at Grants Store today. It was sure nice of Sr. Pitcher to help get her on there. It seems you must have an inside pull now days to get any work at all. I finished crocheting the buffet set for Relief Society tonight. It has been windy all evening and our yard is full of eucalyptus bark and leaves, after Louis cleaned it so nice Saturday. This evening I went with Louis to get Sr. Madsen. We all went over to Bishop's to a chorus practice, they had a very good practice, lots came. Sue gave me two of Shirley's taffeta dresses, outgrown, to send to Dolores, and a white wool coat. Our new neighbors moved into the little house in the rear this afternoon. I talked to him; he seems like a nice fellow!

### December 5, Wednesday—My Birthday, The Relief Society Bazaar, too!

The wind is still blowing, yard looks like a sight with all the eucalyptus leaves and bark around. I wish someone would cut those trees down. When the wind blows it looks like they'd fall over on our house, they bend so slow, and are so tall. I worked most of the day getting things ready to send Dolores. I washed two taffeta dresses of Shirley's and a sweater, they surely were dirty, but came out looking grand. I did a big ironing

too, and made a little jumper skirt out of a big one of June's. I'd like to see Violet and Dolores when they open the box. Oh, how I'd love to see and hold the baby. Sue brought Shirley over; she has an awful boil on her leg and can't go to school. I helped her write a letter to Dolores. We couldn't send the things today cause the sweater didn't dry in time. Donna worked at Grants Store again today. We all had dinner at the Bazaar; I helped serve after I ate. Surely was a good dinner. Lorene gave me a pretty apron for my birthday; she let me pick it out, too. I surely am happy with my ring, I love it.



Violet and Elvie, 1927



### December 6, Thursday

I am so thrilled cause we are sending Dody something to wear, bless her heart, she surely needs them so much. We sent two little new print dresses, two pretty taffeta dresses, and the sweater and white wool coat (Shirley's) also a little flannel jumper dress that I made from a big one June gave me. I took the box to the post office about noon, so it's on its way now. When I got back June called me to say Florence had left the baby for me to take care of, I kept him until Florence came about six o'clock. She brought me a nice hand towel, now we have nice new towels; we surely needed them, too. Donna worked eight hours at Grants Store today. The Gleaner girls came here to practice their play tonight. They ended up postponing the play until February, and had a wonderful time planning a party for Christmas Eve. Bill, Annie, and Beverly came over tonight; Annie brought little outing flannel petticoats for me to crochet on.



### December 9, Sunday

We took the sand table to Sunday School this morning. The kiddies seemed tickled with it. Louis fixed everything in place for me while I was in the prayer meeting. It is the birthplace of the Christ child, with all the wise men, shepherds, and etcetera, of course Mary, Joseph and the baby. We stayed with the kindergarten class today so we could practice Christmas songs. Donna didn't go to Sunday School today, so June played the first part, and then she had to go to her class. Sr. Saxelby came in and played the rest of the time. I rode over to Br. Haddock's with Louis this afternoon, he asked him to speak Sunday, December 23 in the night meeting. That's the night of the musical program. Brother Haddock said he'd come. We then went to Mary Bowlers; she is going to sing that night, also. I called Mildred Anderson's; her little boys are going to sing on our Sunday School Christmas program. Mary Bowler sang two songs in church tonight, she and her mother came over to our house after, to practice with Donna.

### December 7, Friday

We haven't seen Rex for two nights, missed him, he is working part time, three nights a week, I think. He came up on the street car this afternoon. He had a pass that some fellow had given him, and he was riding all over town on it. He'd been to see Donna, in Grants Store, twice, too. They went to a show after she got off work at 4 p.m. Bobby was home from school today with a sick upset stomach and had to stay in bed. I went over and read to him while June and Harold went up to Highland Park shopping, she had to call on Sr. Booth, too. We held our Strong's meeting at Lorene's tonight. Louis took me over, but he wouldn't come into the meeting. We had a nice time, but there were only a few that came. Ellen and Ruth, Blanche and Oscar, Sue, Al, and me. Annie and Bill didn't come. I'll be so glad when Annie is over with her sickness. I can't help being concerned about her, she looks so very miserable at times lately.

### December 8, Saturday

Louis made my little sand table for me this morning. I'm going to take it to Sunday School tomorrow, so we can have the little Christmas, or Christ child, exhibition, for the children to see. Rex came up this morning and took Donna down to work. I was glad, cause it was raining, and she has a cold in her throat. She worked in Grants Store a week, got her first pay tonight, \$13.02. I'm so happy that she will have some money for Christmas. I wish she could work steady, and get some of the things she is so in need of. The Andersen family came over this evening for a while, Annie feels better, I'm so glad. Louis and I took a nice ride tonight after going to the market. Rex and Donna stayed home, she was tired after her eight hours work. We went over to pay our rent last night before going to the meeting. I thought it was the \$10 payment, but I paid \$10 last time, so I got \$2 back, happy days!

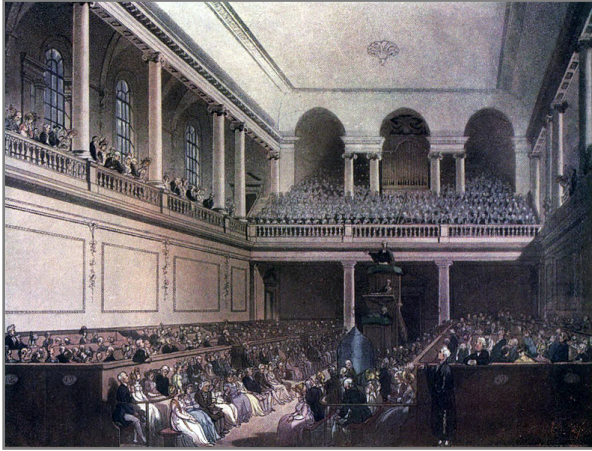
### December 10, Monday

It was nice and sunny until noon, and then the clouds covered up our sun. My clothes got almost dry. I finished drying heavy pieces in the kitchen. Sr. Stead and I went block teaching. It was nice to go with her again. Sr. Niles is visiting her mother in Utah. I'm so thankful that Donna was able to get work this year, so she could have a little Christmas money, only wish it could be steady. Two big policemen rang my bell this morning. I surely had a scare when I answered the door and saw them. I thought Louis or Donna had been in an awful accident. I don't like Donna riding the street cars now the strike is on, so of course I thought of that, then Louis drives so fast I always worry about him. But they just came to see about some eucalyptus trees that our landlady wants to force the city to cut down. Myrtle and Lillian came over tonight to plan our Christmas program for Sunday School Annie stayed here while Bill went to meeting at Bishop's. Donna took the car tonight, she went to the Bishop's to talk to Sr. Marsh, and to Lucille Evans, too, to practice playing for their reading. Donna bought some cute little announcements for Annie to have sent when the blessed event happens. We are all anxious for it to happen, too. Rex left for Washington this morning.

### December 11, Tuesday

We surely have a change in the weather, it was so warm last evening we didn't need any gas, it kept warm all night long. I guess we are in for more rain; it has been cloudy all day and always gets warmer before it rains. I darned sox and ironed. June went uptown this a.m. Bobby came here for his lunch, she brought his lunch over and I fixed it, so it was nice and warm when he came. Donna went to Marshes' from work tonight and ate dinner there. Louis took me down about seven o'clock this evening. They were ready waiting for me.

Sr. Marsh, Ruthie, Donna and I all went to the L.A. Junior College in Rex's car. We had good seats up near the singers Mr. Peterson conducted the "Messiah," it was wonderful. I guess Rex is on his way back from Washington with his truck load of Christmas trees now. Louis couldn't go with us tonight cause of his chorus practice. Heber Robinson was in the Messiah chorus. We brought Rex's car home and it had to stand out in front all night. Has rained a little tonight.



*The chapel of the London's Foundling Hospital, the venue for regular charity performances of Messiah from 1750.*

### **December 12, Wednesday**

It started raining in the night. Donna took Rex's car back to Marshes' this morning. It was raining quite hard when she left. Br. Marsh took her to the Broadway Bridge and waited until the street car came along, so she didn't get wet. She only got four hours' work, cause the rain spoiled business. Rex came back from Washington with the truck load of trees this afternoon. He came up and took Donna to Mutual tonight. I didn't go to Relief Society, it was raining too hard, and I wasn't feeling very well, anyway. I spent most of the day mending things. I wish this rain had waited until after Christmas, for the sake of the poor folks who are trying to earn a little Christmas money. I am surely happy that Louis has inside work; the weather doesn't make any difference in his work now. We took Marshes home from Mutual. It was raining hard. Louis treated me to a malted milk on our way home. I got a letter from Violet; she is tickled with the things we sent. Our neighbors in rear have gone away for a few days.

### **December 13, Thursday**

Donna didn't leave for work until 9:40 this morning. It was raining and had rained all night. I was going uptown, but too wet for me without rubbers and a raincoat. June took our garbage can out, and brought it back, too. Surely a sweet neighbor. Donna only got three hours' work today; it rained all day so people didn't shop as usual on the sale day. I'm tired of so much rain, things are surely wet in this ole town now. Br. Paul Bailey brought some of his Boy Scouts over tonight to practice singing. They are on the program in the Mutual conjoint meeting the first Sunday in January, next year, 1935, not far away, now. Br. Bailey didn't stay for the practice. Bill brought Glen and he took some of the boys home after. Ed and Heber Robinson came late, after 10 p.m., Ed had to practice his numbers for tomorrow night, he is going to sing

at the Pasadena Ward M Men and Gleaner Girl Banquet. I put Donna's hair up in curls after they left. P.S. The alarm didn't ring and Louis slept until 6:40 this morning. He surely had to get out in a hurry, the ladies waiting too, in the rain.

### **December 14, Friday**

Rained all night again, and all morning, but cleared up in the afternoon. And believe me; I was happy to see the sunshine again. Rex came up this a.m.; he took me over to Highland Park to get some crochet cotton so I could work on Annie's baby clothes. He took Donna down to her job, too. She didn't leave until about ten o'clock because of the rain. Too bad it had to rain so much this week and spoil a good payday. But we are glad of the little she has made anyway. I addressed all my Christmas cards this morning. I'm not sending many this year, can't! Donna worked about five hours, Rex brought her home, he stayed in town, went to a show, so he could wait for her. She had to hurry and get ready for the banquet over in Pasadena, the M Men and Gleaner girls of that ward gave it. Ed Robinson and Myrtle came here early, so Ed could go over his songs again. The four of them left together.

### **December 15, Saturday**

Oh glorious sunshine, how wonderful you make us feel after our week of wet weather. Everything is washed so clean and bright. Donna started work at 9:30 this morning. She got eight hours work today. I had a nice warm dinner ready when she got home tonight. Rex brought her, I'm glad she didn't have to stand up on the crowded street car cause she was so tired. We haven't bought one thing for Christmas yet. The rain kept me in all week anyway. I do hope it'll be nice weather the next week, so Donna will have a nice big payday and all the poor men who have outside work, too. I had an awful time doing my work today, surely felt the bunk. Annie and Bill came over this evening; we took them for a nice ride. I'll surely be happy when Annie is over her sickness and feels natural again. Donna and Rex went to a show tonight. Glen and Beverly went to a show tonight, also.



### **December 16, Sunday**

We practiced our classes, for the Christmas program all through the class period this morning. I had some kindergarten children in with my Primary kiddies, while Myrtle and Doris took some of the little tots through their parts in the pageant. Sr. Taylor helped me. Lillian Stead practiced some of our children through their song. I'll be glad when this program is over. Donna and Beverly ate dinner down to Marshes', then Donna drove Rex's car to the stake house, the Gleaner girls chorus sang in Mutual union meeting this afternoon. Rex had to work so Donna took Beverly and Sr. Marsh. Oh, I mixed my butter up this afternoon, first time I ever did such a thing on Sunday. Donna took Sr. Marsh and Ruthie home after church in Rex's car, she then took the car over to the station where Rex works, but he insisted on her driving it

home, he didn't want her coming on the street car at night. Louis went to meet her at car line. Rex came up for his car tonight after work, 12 p.m., dear boy!

### December 17, Monday

I left with Donna this morning about 8:20. We got downtown before the stores were open. She did a little shopping before she had to start work in Grants. She bought bath towels for Sr. Marsh and stationary for Ruthie and Christmas cards. After she went to work I bought Christmas gifts for Louis from Donna, I have to do her shopping cause she is working. Bought two pair of silk bloomers to send Dolores and some silk hose for Violet, some hankies for Otto. This evening we went over to Lorene's, called for Annie on our way. Lorene is going to mail the Christmas box to Violet tomorrow and I wanted my things to go also, Donna had a Gleaner and M Men meeting here tonight. They made plans for Christmas Eve party.

### December 18, Tuesday

I washed this morning. Rex fixed Bill's car. He came over here after and took me to the post office to mail Grama's Christmas package. He also took me to Boy's Market. I couldn't talk him into staying to have dinner with us. Glen came over and ate lunch with me; he helped me to do the dishes. Beverly was over to Sue's working, cleaning and ironing. She earned her Christmas money that way. Louis and Rex went over to the chorus practice at the Bishop's. Donna stayed home and addressed her Christmas cards, she was tired out from her hard day's work at Grants today. Miss West is not as nice a boss as Miss Cross was and that makes it bad, too. Bill Annie, and Glen came over this evening. I went shopping in Highland Park with them. Annie bought things for baby and slip for Dody. It is the cutest little bias slip, just like the big ones.

### December 19, Wednesday

I didn't get quite through my ironing before had to leave for Relief Society today. I read the minutes and marked the roll in meeting, also took minutes of meeting. Annie had it all ready to fill in, was easy for me. Gee, I'll be glad when Annie is over her sickness. Sue got a letter from Violet, baby Yvonne is very sick, she caught Dolores' cold. Poor Violet, she surely does have her troubles. Lorene, Sr. Hansen, and I went to the post office after meeting to mail Christmas cards and buy stamps. Oh, it was crowded, they had all windows open, busy at work. I went shopping with Lorene and finished my ironing before dinner. We all went over to the Sunday School and Primary Christmas party for the kiddies. I helped with the kiddies. Sr. Evans asked me to. Santa Claus came and everything. The children had a wonderful time, lots of noise. Nice program, too.

### December 20, Thursday

Rex came up this morning to take Donna to work, so Beverly and I rode downtown with them. We did Beverly's

shopping first. Met Rex in Grants Store and he went with us to buy Beverly's shoes and my dress and hat. The two of them talked me into buying a lovely black velvet and taffeta combined dress. I guess it's the nicest dress I've ever had, I surely do like it. Louis and Donna like it, too. My hat is black and pretty, also. Donna paid for my things with hard work at Grants, that hurts me, but she wants it that way, bless her heart. Rex insisted on me taking a dollar, cause the dress cost a dollar more than I was going to pay. I couldn't get away from it without hurting him. He said it is his Christmas gift to me, sweet boy! Lorene stayed with Annie. Glen went to town with Jimmy Craddock and his mother. The Boy Scouts came over for their chorus practice tonight.

Bill, Annie, and Beverly came for Glen. We went over to see June's tree after boys left, pretty! Note: my dress was \$6.00, hat \$2.00.

### December 21, Friday

I fixed my green suit skirt longer, and put new buttons on the coat, now it is wearable, after a good sponging and pressing. I cleaned through the bedrooms. Glen and Mary called into see me. Mary wanted Dickie to take his bath while she was here. But he wouldn't oblige her, little scamp. Mary surely loves birds, I wish I could buy her one for Christmas. Rex took me to Boy's Market, but he would not stay and eat dinner with Louis and me. I wish he wouldn't be like that, I don't like it. Louis did the dishes this evening while Rex and I went downtown to meet Donna after work, 6:30. We rode Harold Hays downtown with us. His car had a flat tire, I'm afraid he was late for work. It hurt me so bad to see Donna, she had been working most of the day in pain, cramps, she looked so tired, but would shop cause it was her only chance. I bought her a pretty black dress; she bought a black hat, cute. Rex bought her a beautiful black silk evening wrap. She bought him a nice rust color slip on sweater. Sr. Saxelby, Myrtle and Lillian were here waiting for Donna tonight to practice their trio. Ed practiced his solo, too.



Elvie Renshaw & Mary Clayton

### December 22, Saturday

I washed, yes, on Saturday, that doesn't happen very often in our home, and I do hate to wash on a Saturday, too, but Monday is Christmas Eve and I expect to be busy all day. I surely hate Donna to go to work not feeling well today, on her feet for eight hours. It's a shame, but then she would go. Louis took her to work, he came right back home cause he said, "I was afraid I'd be tempted to borrow some money somehow, and do some Christmas shopping of my own." The poor man did so want to buy a nice winter coat for Donna and me. I don't want the worry of paying off any loan on our car just now. [They didn't want to use the car as collateral for a loan.] Rex called for Donna after work, they did some shopping. She bought shoes, gloves, and purse. Annie and family called in tonight. Louis and I bought our candy, nuts, and fruit for the holidays this evening. Rex broke his axle Saturday, so he took our car home Saturday night. We all walked to Sunday School.

## December 23, Sunday

Anne Madsen called for her music this morning. I was so disappointed when we got her card yesterday saying she couldn't sing on our program. She had to sing in Wilshire Ward for a man who is trying to place her in a position that she is very anxious to have. I was a little disappointed in our program this morning, it wasn't as good as the one we gave last year, but I'm surely glad it's over, anyway. Donna brought Raymond home to dinner. Rex walked home with them and he had the key of our car in his pocket, so he went back to get Louis. I had to walk home to tell Rex to take the key back. He went to work this afternoon and didn't stay to dinner. Louis and I went out and bought our Christmas tree. It is a very pretty little bushy pine; we trimmed it after dinner, looks lovely. Louis went for Mary Bowler this evening, she practiced with Donna, and then we all went to church. Mrs. Bowler and I went in the Gen. meeting. Mary went with Donna and Louis to practice with the chorus. Louis's program was a big success. They sang splendidly. Br. Haddock gave a very fine talk, too. We brought the Marshes home to hear the Coronets. It was the end of "The American Caravan." We all had some lunch, and then we took Mary Bowler and her mother home after church. I'm happy his program was so lovely.

## December 24, Monday

I cleaned through the house and ironed. Donna worked at Grants eight hours, her last day. I walked to Highland Park for some last minute shopping. Al picked me up on the way home. I went to town with him to buy Sue's Christmas present. He got her an electric mixer, cost about \$23, surely grand. It's a Hamilton Beach, the best made. The Andersens and the Hoglunds were over this evening. Sue and Al had a turkey given them this afternoon after we'd bought our big turkey for our community dinner tomorrow. I said I'd cook it and Sue will cook the other one. Sr. Tacy gave it to them. I got our turkey dressed ready for the oven tomorrow. I went caroling for the first time tonight, too cold for me. The Gleaners and M Men had a party at Marshes' tonight before caroling.

## December 25, Tuesday—Christmas Day

Caroling is fine, but I'll take my nice warm bed and sleep. It was a task to



get up this morning. Donna and Louis slept on in bliss, but I had to get the turkey in the oven so we could eat early, cause Louis had to go to work this afternoon. We all ate over at Sue's, seventeen of us to dinner. Rex had to work, but he had some dinner when he came in the evening. We all enjoyed the day together, dinner was grand, turkeys so tender, and we had ice cream, too. Florence

and Ernie and baby called and feasted on our turkey. Br. and Sr. Evans called; Lucille is in Salt Lake with her boyfriend and her grandmother, having a wonderful time. Jack Rich, wife, and daughter came and stayed all evening. They enjoyed our turkey, too. We had a lovely day, and didn't leave the house at all. Louis came for me after work at 11:30 p.m. He had a turkey sandwich, also. A very happy Christmas. Donna and Rex went to a show. I missed Violet, Dad, Owen and families, hope they were happy, too.

## December 26, Wednesday

Well, Annie didn't eat her dinner in the hospital as the doctor thought she might. We'll be glad when she is over her sickness though. We surely had a wonderful day yesterday. I hope everyone was as happy. I did a crazy stunt today. I can hardly believe it myself. We changed Christmas trees, yes sir! Rex and I spent most of the day untrimming our tree and trimming the one he brought. The tree we had up was the prettiest of its kind we've ever had. The one we brought is a silver tip fir, they cost over twice as much as the other and are much more beautiful. It is such a sturdy tree and just perfect any way you turn it. The branches look like they all have been measured and placed just so. The man gave it to Rex as he



Al bought a mixer for Sue for Christmas.



Silver Tip Trees

didn't sell it for Christmas. Everyone who came in today admired the lovely tree and asked about it. Bette and Shirley came over today. Sue is working on the ward books; the big job is on for a week now. Rex ate dinner with us, and then he left for work. Donna took Rex to work and brought his car back so she could use it tonight. The Scouts came to practice their songs tonight; after they left we took Annie and Glen over to Lorene's. Donna to Beverly and Aunt Sue and kids over. Bill took Br. Scott home from our house.

### December 27, Thursday

Donna went to the station for Rex last night at midnight, think of it! He brought her back. She planned with Lorene and Sue last night for the Gleaner program in church next month. The paper and radio said rain today, but I washed anyway, cause the sun was shining and I thought maybe we could beat the rain. I got most of them dry before it started. The heavy pieces I put in the bath tub until the rain is over. June came over all upset she'd got a sheet caught in her ringer and couldn't get it out, or make the washer go. I don't know any more about it than she, but went over to see if I could help. The lights were out all over the house so it was easy to fix after we put a new fuse in the box, no wonder we couldn't get it to working. Ha, ha! Louis took his car full of young folks down to the stake choir practice tonight. They let June, Bobby, and me out at the show and called for us after. Louis went to work at 11 p.m.

### December 28, Friday

I slept late this morning, that is, I stayed in bed so things would be quiet for Louis to sleep, he got in bed about 7 a.m. I slept with Donna last night. We surely did enjoy Donna's meat pie last evening. She's a good cook alright. I wrote a letter to Grama and Lillian. We got a letter from Grama saying that Winnie has a baby girl, that makes five boys and a girl, I'll bet they are tickled. Donna made two coconut cream pies today, surely look good. My iron cord wouldn't work, so I borrowed June's iron and cord. Louis fixed mine, so it's okay, I hope. Annie and Beverly called in this afternoon. The doctor says Annie's blood pressure is too high, and he tried to start action, he says he'll force labor if she doesn't get started by Monday. Gee, I'll be glad when she is over it all. Donna, Rex, Louis, and I went out to the beach



Janet Anderson in 1929.  
Donna's dear friend.

tonight to visit Elaine and Ernie. We had a nice time. Elaine served hot chocolate and devil's food cake. Was very good. They have a cute little doll house. Janet Anderson called on Donna today. She's the same sweet girl.

### December 29, Saturday

I did the cleaning. Louis went over to see how Annie was feeling. Donna went uptown, she met Myrtle and Lillian. They bought some music for their trio for the Gleaner program next month. Our Christmas tree is surely beautiful; I wish we could keep it for every year. It is a California silver tip fir tree. Bill is surely nervous over Annie. He asked Louis to go to the hospital with them, poor fellow, I feel sorry for him. We called in the evening to see Annie. I guess she'll be leaving for the hospital soon. She has no pain, but other symptoms. Beverly and Glen went to the York

show tonight. I surely do admire Beverly; she's been so very good to Annie during all these miserable months. We took June and Bobby over to see Christmas Tree Lane and Hollywood Boulevard. It was beautiful. We saw Hollywood Boulevard last nite, too, coming from Elaine's. Donna and Rex went to a show tonite.

### December 30, Sunday— Hurrah, our Baby Boy came to town about noon today!!!

Bill took Annie to the French hospital at eight o'clock this morning. I could hardly keep my mind on my Sunday School lesson. Br. Keller came in and took my 10-year-old children to the Church History class. I surely hated to see some of them go, especially Bobby Dalton, he has been with me so long and is such a dear. We must progress in this life. We brought Beverly and Glen home to dinner with us. Bill came with the good news while we were eating, so he ate, also. Donna went

over to help Beverly fill out the announcement cards this afternoon. They held our Relief Society conference tonight in church. I was sorry to miss it, but Louis was anxious to visit Home Gardens Ward. Rex had to work, so Donna went with us. We visited Ruth, she and Clarence went to church with us. The people gave us a royal welcome. We all went over to Bishop's Perry's home after church. It seemed so good to see Henry Himely again after his long German mission. The Bishop told us that Beth and Henry are going to be married next week. I was sick all evening, had to vomit on the way home.



Dale Owen Andersen  
finally arrived on December 30, 1934.

## December 31, Monday

The last day to write in you, my little diary of 1934. At the close of this year, I can say things have been better for us, than at the close of last year, 1933. I hope I can write the same at the close of 1935. Time will tell??? Rex came this morning and took Donna for a ride. I feel much better today, but I was surely sick last night and yesterday afternoon. It was awful out visiting and feeling so sick, but they didn't know. I'll be glad when Louis is through this night work again. Every holiday means night work for him on the elevator, relieving some regular operator. Well, he's having his "ups and downs," anyway. I dislike this whispering in the day time, trying to keep quiet. Donna went for a little ride with Sue and Al tonight. I went over to June's after Louis left for work. We popped corn and enjoyed the radio until the New Year came in, then Donna called us over to a nice lunch she had prepared. Rex had to work until 12 p.m., but he hurried over after and the four of us enjoyed a midnight lunch. Rex stayed all night; he slept in Louis's bed. He had to be to work at 6 a.m. New Year's Day. Louis got in about 7 a.m. June felt sick and dizzy when she left last night, too much candy and etcetera cause we had no drinks!!!



*Elvie and Donna Renshaw*



*Donna and Elvie Renshaw—1927*



*Louis and his Hub—1929*