

Elvie Renshaw's  
1936 Diary



*Janet Eileen Marsh born August 14, 1936.*

## Cast of Characters in Elvie's 1936 Diary

**Elvie Renshaw:** married to **Louis Renshaw**, **Donna Renshaw:** their daughter.

**Rex Marsh** and **Donna Renshaw Marsh**

In August their first daughter **Janet Eileen Marsh** is born.

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

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

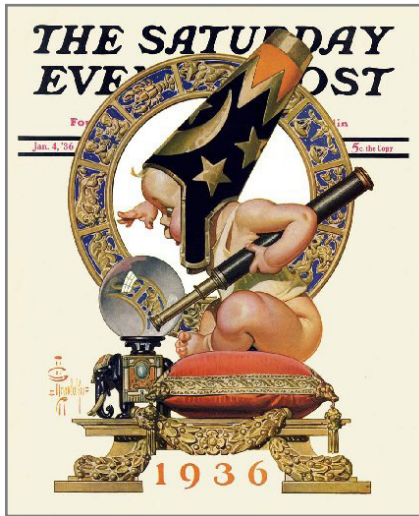
**Sue:** a sister living in Los Angeles, California; married to **Al Hoglund** who is the Bishop of Garvanza Ward. Their children are **Elaine**, **Bette**, and **Shirley**.

**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**; daughters **Dolores** and **Yvonne**. Dolores attends school in Los Angeles, Violet lives there part of the year.

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



**January 1, 1936,  
Wednesday—New Year's Day**

Welcome, 1936! I wonder what you'll bring?? Violet and children ate dinner with Andersens; they took them to see the Rose Tournament floats this evening in the park. Louis and I enjoyed a nice turkey and chicken dinner at the Highland Park café, 65¢ each, it was very good. We called to see Rex and Donna, but they were out. They ate in the same café that we did, a short time after us. They went to the Rose Parade this a.m. Louis and I enjoyed a nice ride out past the horse racing place, I've never seen so many cars parked in my life. We stopped to see the floats on our way back. They were very beautiful. Ate a little lunch when we got home and untrimmed the tree. Rex and Donna called, and then they went to Clayton's to thank Lorene and Charles for the lovely foot stool he'd made for them. Vera and Fred called, looking for Donna and Rex. Annie and Beverly brought Violet and children home. Bill and Glen had gone to a show.

**January 2, Thursday**

Mrs. Wright, our new neighbor, moved into the little rear house today, her son works in the Highland Park post office. I ironed; Violet went to get her hair waved. She didn't like the wave Sammy gave her last week, so she (Sammy) did it over again. We made a date roll tonight. Rex chopped the walnuts. Donna and Violet pitted the dates. I rolled the graham crackers. Violet mixed and made the roll.

**January 3, Friday**

I had a shampoo and finger wave at the new Beauty Shoppe at 5404 North Figueroa Street (Townway). I finished the ironing



Annie, Beverly, Bill and Glen, 1923



1936 Tournament of Roses Pictorial

**January 6, Monday**

I didn't wash today because wasn't feeling well. I had an awful dream last night, Boy! I'm glad it was only a dream. Violet and kiddies took a walk to Boy's Market; they brought home the groceries for dinner. Yvonne got hold of my ink bottle and got it all over her dress and sweater. I was writing to Grama Renshaw, the little scamp is into everything. Donna and Rex had Vera and Fred to dinner in their little home. It was a lovely warm day.

this afternoon. Tonight we went to Strong's meeting at Ruth's, Louis stayed home with the children; Rex drove our car and took Sue, Violet, Donna and me. Annie and Bill took Beverly out to Clara's [Bill's sister]. She was invited to stay the weekend there, but Clara was sick in bed so they brought Beverly back with them. Ruth and I served date roll, hot chocolate and candy and nuts.

**January 4, Saturday—  
Glen's Birthday**

We had excitement today, first Bobby [Hays] lost his dog that Clara [June Brown's sister] gave him for Christmas, and then our neighbor, Mrs. Williams, called the police to another neighbor, Mrs. Thompson, more fun! Louis worked over at Peterson's this morning, spreading fertilizer (On the lawn and gardens). Shirley played here with Dolores all afternoon. Violet got a letter from Otto, no check yet. Beverly came and took Violet and the children over to her house; we called for them this evening. Glen treated to cake and fudge.

**January 5, Sunday**

This is, I think, the seventh year that Brother Sconberg has given a very splendid talk in our 9 a.m. officers and teachers meeting on the first Sunday of the New Year. I used my new roaster [pan] for the first time. Donna and Rex came home to dinner. Br. Keller called for June and me to go to Sunday School union meeting. Donna drove Violet and Yvonne over to Annie's in our Ford. I stayed home from church tonight while Violet went. Br. Ray Haddock spoke. I was glad Violet could hear such a good speaker. Sue and Al called for Shirley after church. They took Violet for a ride.

### January 7, Tuesday

We used June's lines today, so got all the clothes dry. Donna hung them all out; the poor little dear didn't feel so well today. Ah, dear, that awful sickness ahead. Helen Parkinson Reed and small son called on Violet today. Rex came for Donna after work. Louis went to pay our rent, and then to Stead's to practice singing with Donna and girls. Rex went to basketball. Annie and baby visited with us while Bill went to a Mutual meeting at Paul Bailey's. Louis brought me home some hot buttered popcorn. We all enjoyed it.

### January 8, Wednesday

I went to Relief Society after doing half the ironing. Violet and Yvonne went over to take care of Dale so Annie could take her minutes. I was happy to see that Sr. Woods was well enough to come out and give her lesson again. We had a lovely meeting, most of us bore testimonies. Violet ate dinner at Annie's. Dolores ate with Shirley. Louis and I ate alone for a change. I bought oranges and left them at the market, got them tonight. Louis and George Holden have been given charge of the Mutual dances and other activities.

### January 9, Thursday

I made a big pot of vegetable and meat stew and finished ironing. I mailed letter to mother [*Sarah Renshaw*] and Lillian [*Keller*]. Violet made a chocolate Jiffy Lou pudding. We had to dry Yvonne's washing in the house today. It rained some. Helen Reed took Violet to a show tonight. The baby slept until 10:30. I had to rock her until Violet got here at 12 p.m. She surely has a good pair of lungs ("oh, for crying out loud"). I'm glad Violet got out to a show anyway.



### January 10, Friday

Violet went over to Sue's and stayed for dinner. I cleaned the bedrooms. Al brought Violet and the children home tonight. She left the buggy at Sue's. Sue has invited all of her sisters to a show uptown tomorrow, nice, eh?! Tonight Louis and I went to see Will Rogers in "Old Kentucky" at the Highland theater. We enjoyed it very much. Violet and Donna visited while Rex and Raymond went block teaching.

### January 11, Saturday

Shirley brought the buggy over this a.m., and then went to Primary. Mary and Dolores had left a few minutes before. Violet and I hurried through the work, so we'd be ready to go uptown with Sue and the girls. Beverly came back here to take care of Yvonne. Dolores went to the Highland theater with Shirley, Bette, and Mary. Al had to go to the stake house to have his books audited, so he took us to town in his car. He also called for us after the show. Sue treated us all to the R.K.C Theater, we enjoyed it very much. She took us to the May Company after the show and treated to ice cream. I had a delicious milk chocolate sundae. It was nice of sister, Sue, "bless her old heart."

### January 12, Sunday

Our Sunday School officers went to the L.A. Stake house this morning. Bro. Gunn took charge of our Sunday School. Violet had dinner ready when we got home from Sunday School. We had to leave at 1:15 for the L.A. Stake house to attend our Sunday School convention. We had an interesting session from two until 4:20. Br. Picket, Br. Kitchen, and Sr. Marsh went down with Louis and I. We took Sr. Marsh home last, and ate sandwiches and ice cream before going to church. John, Florence, Miriam, and Lewis went to a Townsend debate tonight. Violet went over to Lorene's this afternoon, Charles brought them home, and Lorene stayed here with Violet while we were in church.

### January 13, Monday

We were glad June didn't wash cause we surely needed her lines. We had such a big washing. Violet and kiddies went over to Annie's and stayed to eat dinner. Elaine and Ernie came this afternoon, she and Donna made plans for their luncheon tomorrow, and they have invited Violet and her sisters over to Donna's house for lunch, in honor of Aunt Violet. Glad I'm a sister!

### January 14, Tuesday

I ironed while Violet bathed Yvonne and got her washing out. We had to wake her up at 12:15, so we could go to Donna's for lunch. We called for Annie, so Dale could ride in his buggy, too. Sue and Lorene were there when we got there. Elaine and Donna had prepared a very delicious luncheon, the table looked beautiful. They gave the party in honor of Aunt Violet who is here visiting. We had a lovely time together. Louis ate his dinner alone cause Violet and I were too full for food. Dolores ate over at Shirley's. Louis went to Mutual meeting at Paul Bailey's. George Holden called to tell him he couldn't get the music they wanted for their dance January 22. Sue and Al took Violet and Dolores for a ride to Hollywood Stake house tonight. I got Yvonne undressed and to sleep.

### January 15, Wednesday

Violet took Yvonne over to Annie's this morning; she took care of Dale while Annie went to Relief Society. It was sewing day, they had a 25¢ luncheon, and the money went to the building fund. I wrote a letter to Mary Robinson and sent her the \$5.00 from our Genealogy Society of Strong's. I got over to Relief Society in time to eat. I didn't stay to sew, I had to get home and let Dolores in. Beverly brought Violet and the baby home this afternoon. I walked to Mutual tonight. Louis went early. I waited after Mutual tonight while Louis and others were set apart, for Mutual work, by the Bishopric.



Susie Bailey, circa 1912

### January 16, Thursday

I washed and dyed Yvonne's little pink sweater, cap and coat (a scarlet red). The color is very even. Annie left Dale here while she went to Relief Society union meeting. The two babies kept us on the go, but they had a wonderful time. Beverly came after school, she and Violet went

uptown to a show, Beverly's treat. They went to the Towner. Glen came to get Dale after school; he visited with me for an hour before leaving. Violet and I had a nice long visit tonight, laughing and talking until Louis "broke up the party" at eleven o'clock, because he couldn't get any sleep. Poor Daddy!

### January 17, Friday

I cleaned through house, scrubbed the bedroom floors and front and back porches. Rex brought Donna over this evening, he went for Raymond, they were going block teaching, but decided to go to a show instead, so they came back and took Donna with them. I guess I worked too hard today, am awfully tired.

### January 18, Saturday

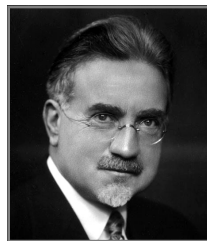
Louis helped Jimmy fix a light plug for June; he ate lunch at Sandra's house. The girls called for Dolores to take her to Primary (Mary and Shirley). Dolores went over to Shirley's after Primary. Violet went over to Sue's this afternoon. Sue bought her some can milk and vegetables for the baby, it was nice of her.

### January 19, Sunday

I took care of Yvonne and Dolores while Violet went to conference at the stake house. I had a busy morning with housework, the baby's bath, and her washing. I also got dinner ready and gave Dolores her bath. Louis went to conference with Sue and Al. Violet went with June and Harold and Beverly. Louis came back in Harold's car with Violet to dinner. Bette and Shirley came over this p.m., they stayed with our kiddies while we went to the General Hospital with Louis, he took us up to the 17th floor and around the building. We couldn't see Eva Udall, they wouldn't let us in. Louis took Annie, Beverly, Sr. Stead, and me to conference tonight. It was a very good session. Dr. Widtsoe and his wife spoke. Sr. Marsh gave a lovely closing prayer. We brought Sr. Marsh, Ruthie, and Tillie Mosley home tonight. The Steads went home with Myers. Sue and Al took Violet and kids for a ride tonight.

### January 20, Monday

We had a beautiful wash day, got the first lines full, and dry and the second ones, also. Donna and Violet walked to the little store and bought things for lunch. I enjoyed the lunch. Violet took the children over to Annie's for a walk. Annie and Beverly were uptown buying Beverly a coat, so Violet went on down to see Lorene, she stayed there for dinner. Raymond walked home with them tonight. Louis went to see George Holden about balloons for the Mutual dance. We got there just in time, as they were just leaving for the picture show. We called in Annie's on our way home. Sue and children were there, they had baby Ann, too. Elaine and Ernie had gone to a show. Violet got a letter from Otto; he's coming for her, maybe.



### John A. (Andreas) Widtsoe

John A. Widtsoe was a prominent Educator in the state of Utah and Elder in the Church, even before being called to serve in the Council of the Twelve. The resident of Logan, Cache County, Utah, was the son of John A. Widtsoe and Anna C. Gaatden, and was born Jan. 31, 1872, on the island of Frøya, Trondhjem amt, Norway.

He was baptized April 3, 1884 by Elder Anthon L. Skanchy, and in 1884 he emigrated to Utah, together with his mother and younger brother, and located in Logan, Cache county. From the time he first became connected with the Church, he took an active part in its affairs, and was always a zealous worker in whatever capacity he has been called to serve.

Brother Widtsoe was from early youth possessed of a keen desire for knowledge, and at an early age he became a student in the Brigham Young College at Logan, from which school he graduated in 1891. He then entered Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., and in 1894 graduated with the highest honors. During 1894-98 he gave instructions as professor of chemistry in the Agricultural College, Logan.

Aug. 5, 1898, he was ordained to the office of a seventy and set apart to do missionary work in connection with his studies in Europe. He entered the University of Goettingen, Germany, and after applying himself diligently to his studies he graduated from that institution, with the degrees of A. M. Ph.D. in 1899. Elder Widtsoe also made trips to Denmark, Norway, Switzerland and France in the interests of his studies while abroad.

On his return to Utah, in 1900, he was made director of the experiment station of the State Agricultural College, Logan. His special branch of study was chemistry, and he earned a splendid record in that field. A number of his experiments and researches attracted the attention of many scientific men at some of the leading institutions of learning.

... In a Church capacity Dr. Widtsoe acted as secretary of a priests quorum, counselor in the presidency of an elders quorum, stake secretary of elders, member of a stake Sunday School board, president of local Y.M. M.I.A., teacher, officer and superintendent of ward Sunday Schools and teacher and president of a Seventies quorum. For many years he acted as a member of the General Board of Y.M. M.I.A. Dr. Widtsoe ranked as one of Utah's foremost educators, and was one of the best informed elders in the Church on doctrine and Church organization.

On June 1, 1898 Elder Widtsoe married Leah Eudora Dunford (daughter of Alma Dunford and Susa Young), who was born Feb. 24, 1874, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and is a grand-daughter of President Brigham Young. Seven children were born to them, namely, Anna G., John Andreas, Karl Marcel, Mark Adriel, Helen, Mary and Leah Eudora.

Elder Widtsoe was called as President of the British Mission from 1927 to 1928. He was named one of the directors of the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1921,

At the age of forty-nine, Elder Widtsoe was Ordained an Apostle and set apart as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve on March 17, 1921 by President Heber J. Grant. He served with honor and distinction in that body bringing his academic and intellectual credentials along with a great spiritual depth and theological understanding.

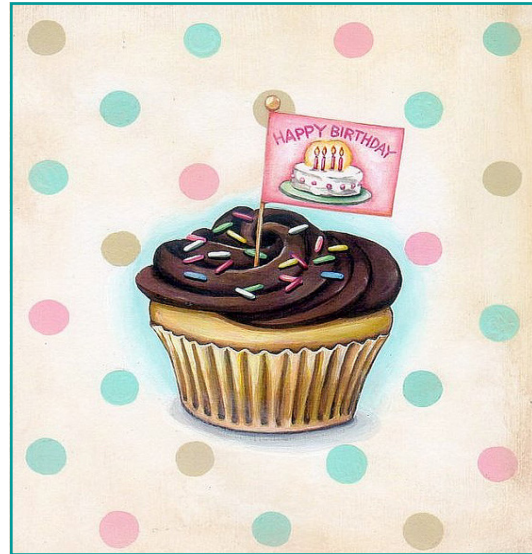
In 1939 Elder Widtsoe compiled and wrote Priesthood and Church Government under the direction of the First Presidency. This work was a compilation of statements and policies concerning the operating organization of the Church and the functioning of the priesthood therein. For over a generation it was the most authoritative work available to the public and most priesthood bearers had a copy in their homes. It remains one of the all-time best sellers in the field of LDS publishing.

Elder Widtsoe died November 20, 1952 at Salt Lake City, Utah. He was eighty years of age.

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## January 21, Tuesday

Dolores didn't go to school this a.m., she coughed a lot in the night and had a touch of croup, so we kept her home. I got half of the ironing done before Viola Niles came to go block teaching. We have a new district, a lot farther to walk, but enjoy visiting cause our people are so nice. It has been a beautiful day. Violet wrote to Otto, and took Yvonne for a walk to Highland Park. Donna came over after she'd had her hair waved. I talked her into staying here for dinner this evening. Rex was coming to fix something on his car after work. Donna bought some groceries from Boy's Market to help with dinner. Tonight Rex went to basketball practice. Louis took Donna, Wanda, and me over to Alhambra. Wanda made the announcement for our dance. We left ten complimentary tickets with them. Had an awful time finding Boyle Heights and they don't hold Mutual on Tuesday, anyway. Daddy treated to buttered popcorn, he had a milk shake while we waited in the car, ha, ha, ha!



## January 22, Wednesday

I cleaned through the house this a.m. Annie brought Dale over for Violet to tend; I decided I'd better finish my ironing this afternoon, so I didn't go to Relief Society. Violet had an awful time trying to keep Dale away from me, she had to take both kiddies out on the back lawn while I ironed, he surely cried for me to take him. Sue came over after meeting; she brought two cute little dresses for Yvonne that she'd bought in Ivers Store. Annie met Glen in Highland Park and bought him some shoes for his graduation, and then she came for Dale. Beverly came for them in the car. Violet went back with them to get some **pabulum** for our baby. Beverly took me to Boy's Market first and Aunt Sue home, too. Louis and I went to the dance tonight, Leap Year dance. George Holden and Louis had charge. We had a large crowd and very good time. Donna and Miriam Marsh joined Relief Society today.

## January 23, Thursday—My Sweetheart's Birthday

Violet went to Boy's Market this morning, she made a coconut cake for Louis's birthday this afternoon. I took Yvonne with me to meet Dolores. We had a long hike as Dody had decided to walk home with some other kids. I had to carry the baby most of the way, but I was determined to see where she was going, anyway. Now I understand why she's so late getting home from school sometimes. I turned my ankle over while carrying the baby on our walk. It was very painful at first, but got better. I cooked a nice dinner for Louis. The Andersens came and we gave them each a cupcake for their dinner. Rex and Donna came this evening; they brought a nice white arrow shirt and beautiful tie, and a box of See's chocolates for Daddy's birthday, nice, eh?! Sue and family came tonight, she treated us to ice cream, and we cut the birthday cake. I bathed my ankle in hot Epsom salts tonight. Louis bound it up tight. It is painful.

### Pabulum

Pabulum is a processed cereal for infants originally marketed by the Mead Johnson Company in 1931. The trademarked name is a contracted form of the Latin word *pabulum*, which means "foodstuff." The name had long been used in botany and medicine to refer to nutrition or substances of which the nutritive elements are passively absorbed.

The word can also refer to something that is bland, mushy, unappetizing, or infantile.

Pabulum was developed by Canadian pediatricians Frederick Tisdall, Theodore Drake, and Alan Brown, in collaboration with nutrition laboratory technician Ruth Herbert (all of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto), along with Mead Johnson chemist Harry H. Engel. The cereal marked a breakthrough in nutritional science: it helped prevent rickets, a crippling childhood disease, by ensuring that children had sufficient vitamin D in their diet.

Although neither Pabulum nor its biscuit predecessor was the first food designed and sold specifically for babies, it was the first baby



food to come precooked and thoroughly dried. The ease of preparation made Pabulum successful in an era when infant malnutrition was still a major problem in industrialized countries.

Pabulum Mixed Cereal was made from a mixture of ground and precooked wheat (farina), oatmeal, yellow corn meal, bone meal, dried brewer's yeast, and powdered alfalfa leaf, fortified with reduced iron – providing an assortment of minerals and vitamins A, B1, B2, D, and E. Pabulum is palatable and easily digested without causing side effects like diarrhea or constipation. It is also unlikely to cause allergic reactions, as it does not contain eggs, lactose or nuts of any kind (although it does contain wheat and corn, either of which can be allergenic for some individuals).

For a period of 25 years, the Hospital for Sick Children and the Toronto Pediatric Foundation received a royalty on every package of Pabulum sold. In 2005, the Pabulum brand was acquired by the H. J. Heinz Company.   
—Wikipedia

### January 24, Friday

I cleaned through the house. It was a little more trouble today on account of my ankle. Louis had it bound up nice and tight, so that helped a lot. I was glad the pain left, so I could get some sleep last night. Annie and Beverly brought Dale in this evening just before dinner time, he wanted to stay with me, cute thing, and he likes me. June and Harold went to a dance tonight. Beverly stayed with Bobby and slept there all night. Annie visited us while Bill and Glen were block teaching. John, Florence, and Ruthie called to see us tonight, also. We listed to a lecture on the Townsend plan.

#### THE TOWNSEND PLAN

There were many non-standard economic theories and schemes abroad in the land during the Great Depression. Many of these schemes involved old-age pensions, since this was an area of acute need and a population for which there was a good deal of sympathy. By far the most influential of these alternative pension schemes was the Old Age Revolving Pension Plan, or Townsend Plan, for short.

The basic idea of the Townsend Plan was that the government would provide a pension of \$200 per month to every citizen age 60 and older. The pensions would be funded by a 2% national sales tax (more precisely, a "transactions tax"). The Plan provided that a 2% tax would be levied "on the gross value of each business, commercial, and/or financial transaction," to be paid by the seller....

-<http://www.ssa.gov/history/townsendproblems.html>

### January 25, Saturday

Violet took Dolores over to get her hair cut this morning before Primary. Mary called for Dody and I sent her to the barber shop to find her. I received a notice from the bank. And I left everything and rushed to the bank before it closed. I had just ten minutes to make it in, I had forgotten to pay on the washer this time. Violet got a letter from Otto, he hasn't got his money yet, it's over two months due now. Mary came home from Primary with Dody. I gave them some lunch, and then they went over to Mary's. Violet wrote to Otto, and then took a walk with Yvonne over to Elaine's. Beverly is tending baby Ann while Elaine and Ernie go uptown to celebrate with Bishop and family on his birthday. Louis got his car license and paid tax today, he worked over to Peterson's this morning, also. Donna visited with us tonight while Rex went to the basketball game, we enjoyed music. Violet gave Dody a bath, we put an Epsom salt pack on her throat after she got to sleep, and she coughed croupy.

### January 26, Sunday

I prepared some steak and dressing, and got the vegetable ready for our dinner before going to church. We had nine o'clock local board meeting. I started things by suggesting that the adult class march back into the big hall for dismissal, and that we dismiss our class from upstairs, it brought up a lot of discussion and etcetera. But they decided to try it out. Everyone was well pleased with the experiment, so I guess

it'll be a regular thing from now on. It isn't so nice for me, but the Sunday School is a lot better anyway. Lillian and Jack came out in time to eat dinner with us, they arrived in L.A. today. After dinner we four went in Jack's new car for a nice ride through Hollywood and out to the beach. Enjoyed sandwich and ice cream at Ocean Park. Louis drove Jack's car. It is a lovely tan roadster. We called to see Donna and Rex, but they were over here. Lillian and Jack went to church to see the folks, but didn't stay for meeting. Louis made announcement about the big \$100.00 ward fund dinner in church tonight.



Donna Renshaw & Lillian Keller, 1931.

### January 27, Monday

We enjoyed another lovely wash day, the clothes all got dry. Donna came over and helped; she hung most of them out and brought them all in from the lines. My ankle has hurt me quite a lot today. I'll be glad when it is strong again; it swells when I stand on my foot very long. Violet went uptown with Sue this afternoon. Sue bought Beverly a nice satin slip for her graduation gift; she is giving Glen some drawing paper for his gift. He is graduating from Junior High. I'd love to give them both something nice, too. Sue treated Violet to a picture show today, also. I'm so thrilled cause Raymond is going to take my place on the ward bulletin, he'll be good, it was such a worry to me. Beverly came for Violet tonight; she treated her to the York show. Louis went to Sharps, but they were out. Beth Gentry is very ill; I surely hope she gets well soon. Our story, "Mary Marlin," is surely interesting.

### January 28, Tuesday

Violet got the baby's clothes out on the lines and it started to rain about 30 minutes later, so she had to bring them all in again. The rain didn't last long, but it was cloudy most of the day. We did the ironing today, Violet ironed some of her things, too. We enjoyed a lot of company tonight.

Donna came while Rex went to basketball practice. Charles brought Lorene and Mary over while he and Ray went to the teacher's meeting at Bishop's. Charles told Louis about a job at the delicatessen store down on the Avenue. He went down and did it and earned a dollar which he gave to me, nice, eh?! It took just an hour to do it. Beverly brought Sue and kiddies and Annie and Dale over, too. So we had a party with all the fun and etcetera, minus the refreshments.

### January 29, Wednesday

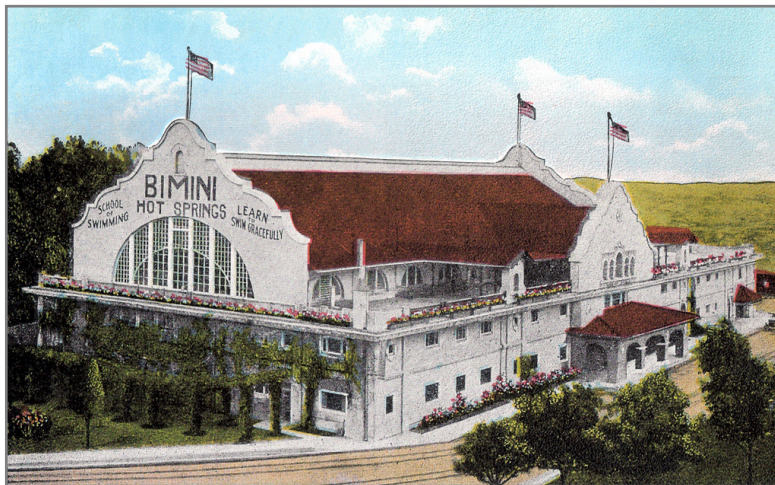
I didn't sleep very well, was in a lot of pain. It was raining when Dody left for school and kept it up most of the day. June asked Harold to take Violet and Yvonne over to Annie's. She intended walking over, but it was raining, so he took her. I couldn't go to Relief Society, wasn't well enough to go out in the rain. I went to bed for a few hours, Dolores stayed over to Shirley's after school. Beverly called in to leave some things she'd brought from school; she was on her way to have a permanent wave from Sammy. She's so happy cause she's graduating with an all "A" card. Fine! Annie came for Beverly's things after Relief Society, Maude Craddock brought her. We enjoyed the one act play after Mutual tonight, "In the Money." I composed a song for the Bishopric to sing at dinner program.

### January 30, Thursday

I tried to take things easy today, didn't feel so very well. Violet loaned me money to pay my light bill. We walked to Highland Park with the children. Violet bought two little dresses in Woolworth's store for Yvonne, 20¢ each, they were cute, too. We met Donna; Violet went with her to buy some hose for us to give Beverly for a graduation gift. Donna took them over to Beverly this evening. Rex came to Highland Park for Donna. We sent 25¢ a piece to Glen, he graduates from Burbank tomorrow. I took care of the children outside of the stores while Violet and Donna shopped. Bette came over to take care of the baby tonight while Violet and I went to the Franklin High to see Beverly graduate. Louis and Br. Hill went out to sell tickets for the church fund dinner. We enjoyed the graduation exercise very much. Beverly looked real sweet. Rex stayed here with the children until we got home.

### January 31, Friday

I did the cleaning through the house; we had to wake Yvonne up to get over to Luther Burbank School in time to see Glen graduate. Donna took care of Dale and Yvonne at Annie's. I enjoyed the program very much. Glen was the first boy to come on the stage, he looked so tall and handsome, sweet kid. It was raining when we came out of the school, so I hurried over to Annie's and took her clothes in from lines. Beverly brought us all home in their car, Lorene, Sue, Violet and me. Violet went to the library with Beverly after we got the children home; she came home with three books to read. Donna rode around with Beverly to bring us all home. I feel miserable with a cold tonight. June brought Yvonne's clothes in from the rain, she's a lovely neighbor.



Bimini swimming pool

### February 1, Saturday

Louis took Dolores and Bobby down to Primary, it was raining quite hard when they left, he brought them home after. Louis went to Bimini swimming pool this afternoon with Donna and Rex and the Sunday School class Rex teaches. There was a nice party of ward folks, about 35 of them. Louis had a wonderful time, but he was surely all in when he got home tonight. The big kids were too much for him, ha, ha! I worked all afternoon getting pictures ready for my Sunday School class to color tomorrow. June came



Hectograph

The hectograph or gelatin duplicator or jellygraph is a printing process which involves transfer of an original, prepared with special inks, to a pan of gelatin or a gelatin pad pulled tight on a metal frame. The hectograph was invented in Russia in 1869 by Mikhail Alisov.

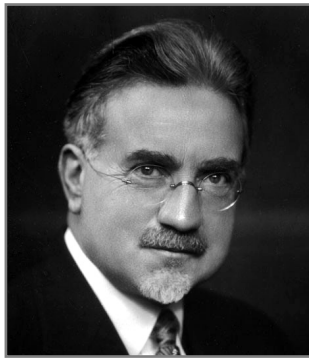
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### February 2, Sunday

It rained hard most of the night and was raining when I got up this morning. We had our nine o'clock teacher and officer's meeting. Br. Gunn gave a very fine talk. It rained



until about noon, Dolores ate dinner with Shirley. Br. Keller called to take June and me to Sunday School union meeting. Andersen's took Violet and Yvonne out for a ride. Louis slept all afternoon. He is almost sick from too much hard play in the pool yesterday. He went swimming with Rex's Sunday School class. He is surely stiff and sore. Bette took care of Violet's children tonight while we went to church to hear Dr. John A. Widtsoe, a member of the Council of the Twelve. It was a very wonderful meeting. Sr. Widtsoe spoke, also. Josephine S. Howells sang, also Br. Compora. Rex's Sunday School class sat on the front rows in church. So sorry Bette had to miss, the dear child.



*Apostle Widtsoe*



*Leah Eudora Dunford,  
wife of Apostle Widtsoe.*

### **February 3, Monday**

It was a treat to wake up and see the lovely old sun shining; everything is so pretty and clean after the nice washing. We got the washing all dry, Donna came over and helped. This afternoon the sky clouded up and it looked like more rain, but didn't. Beverly brought Annie, Dale, and Sue over this afternoon. She took a picture of the two babies. It seems strange to have Beverly out of school. I do hope she'll be able to find work, so she can be happy. And buy a few of the things she wants. Rex called for Donna and the laundry. I guess I must have caught a cold in my back. It has hurt all afternoon and tonight. Rex went teaching tonight, Donna stayed with us. Violet went out to mail a letter to Otto, she brought some marshmallows back. Br. Hill and Louis went out visiting folks tonight to sell ticket for the birthday dinner. Louis ate his first lunch in the hospital dining room today.

### **February 4, Tuesday**

The sun was shining beautifully again this morning. I ironed, and then Violet did some of her things. Violet had her coat on, and children's, they were just leaving to walk over and visit with Lorene when Elaine and Lucille, and her sister, Elaine, and their babies came. They visited about an hour and a half. Violet thought it was too late, and too cold to go to Lorene's then, so we went to Boy's Market for our dinner order instead. Tonight Louis went over to the correlation meeting at the Bishop's. Ernie called here to see if Rex was going to basketball practice, but Rex wasn't here. Louis visited over to Sue's for a while; the correlation meeting is next Tuesday night instead of tonight. Bill and family were over at Sue's, they brought Louis home, and he rode over with Ernie. They are talking of sending Louis over

to unit two (the old hospital building) to work, he'll have to work Saturday and Sunday, then. We won't like that.

### **February 5, Wednesday**

Louis is enjoying his nice cooked dinners at the hospital now days. I'm surely glad they have given him an item number at last. Dolores had an upset stomach this a.m., so Violet kept her in bed; she hated to miss her school. I think she had too many marshmallows yesterday. I went to Relief Society teacher meeting at 12:30. Lorene always gives the lesson so beautifully. We had a very fine meeting after, in the general meeting. Sr. Craddock gave the lesson for Sr. Wood. We had a wonderful spirit and several bore their testimonies after the lesson. Sr. Robinson called on me to open the meeting with prayer and June to close. Donna and Elaine bought goods to make baby quilts today. I enjoyed Mutual tonight, also popcorn and ride after. Miss Peterson is upset cause Mrs. Wright is going to move, lived here one month.

### **February 6, Thursday**

Another lovely day. I spent most of the day darning and mending. Violet took the children over to visit with Lorene this afternoon. They stayed there to eat dinner this evening.

### **February 7, Friday**

I went over to Sandra's this morning and phoned to the Townway Beauty shop and made appointments for a finger wave for both Violet and myself. I gave Violet and myself a shampoo. June took care of Yvonne while we went for our waves. Violet got through first so she came home to the baby. I went over to the hall about 3:20 and helped John and Jim [*Marsb*] in the kitchen. Rex came after work, he and Br. Hill froze all the ice cream. Beverly came over to our house this evening and stayed with Violet's children while we went to the dinner. It was the Bishop's birthday dinner, \$1.00 per plate; money goes to the building fund. We surely enjoyed the dinner and the program. Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. Br. and Sr. White came and both talked on the program. I think it was the nicest party we've had in our ward.

### **February 8, Saturday**

Al woke us up this a.m., he wanted Louis to take him to work, and then take his car over to Kelly Car Company, and have them fix it as he needed it this afternoon for a funeral. They couldn't get it repaired in time for Al to take to the funeral so Louis took him in his car. It was a funeral for an elderly lady in our ward, I don't know her. Dolores went to Primary this a.m. and to the dentist and Highland show this afternoon with Shirley. Louis went over to work at Peterson's this morning when he came back from taking Al's car to be fixed. They told him they didn't want any children living here in the house with us, they don't like it because Violet and the kiddies have been here so long. It surely upset us all, Violet and I had to cry about it. I feel so sorry for her; she's been so worried anyway. Sue and Al took Violet and children for a ride tonight, she bought baby some food.

### February 9, Sunday

I had a large Sunday School class this a.m., so did Sr. Bishop. We need more help. Sue and Al called this afternoon to take Violet and children for a ride with them out to the hospital on Washington Boulevard and 8th Avenue. Bill took Louis and me in his car. They went to administer to Br. Jepson, [*Janues Wright Jepson*] who is very ill with the black flu. Annie and Bill took us to their house for Jell-O and cream, and raisin cake after. Nell and Henry were there when we got back. We saw Rex and Donna pass Annie's house on their way to our place so we walked home with them. Donna went down to church and brought Sr. Bond back here to practice her songs for church tonight. We had a wonderful meeting tonight. Br. Haddock was our speaker. We got \$94.38 from dinner Friday night. Rex and Donna came home from church. We had a bite to eat. Louis took them home and brought their laundry back. Sue asked Violet to come over to stay with them until Otto sends or comes for her. She's leaving us tomorrow.

### February 10, Monday

Donna went to the doctor Saturday, she says she's in a very good condition. I'm so happy to know it. [*Probably the first visit to the doctor for her pregnancy.*] Rex used Bill's car to take her to the doctor, we let Al use ours for the funeral, and we'd promised to let Rex and Donna use it, so Louis asked Bill to let them use his car. We washed this morning, the clothes got partly dry when it started to rain. The three of us ran out and brought them all back in. We had clothes drying all over the place. Donna went down to the May Company sale this afternoon, and bought three dozen diapers all made up. Just think! My little girl buying baby clothes. Donna bought our lunch and prepared it, Violet and I enjoyed it. Mrs. Wright moved from the little rear house today, she only lived there a little over a month. Louis moved Violet and her baby over to Sue's this afternoon after work. He had a load: bed, highchair, rocking chair, nursery chair, and buggy. It seems so lonely around here without them. We took Donna's laundry home tonight. Donna and Rex went to the basketball game. Married men versus single men of Garvanza. We called in Lorene's; she'd gone to a show with Annie.

### February 11, Tuesday

It surely seems strange around here without Violet and the baby, almost like a funeral to me. I had the same feeling when Donna got married, oh dear! It was raining when Dolores left for school, it rained most of the night. I darned sox this morning while my radio program was on. "The Story of Mary Marlin." After that I did the ironing and

cleaned up the house. This evening we took a letter from Otto over to Violet. He has a job with the road commission of Cedar and is going to move back to Cedar. He says he'll come down for Violet soon. We were talking it over when we all heard an awful crash. I saw some big cement posts fly through the air. I thought for a second it was people from the car on the road above. It was raining hard, the boy tried to make the turn and struck the cement post, he was almost half over the wall about 16 or 18 feet high. We had a lot of excitement. The police wouldn't let any cars past until they had moved the hanging one. We ate dinner at Sue's. Donna and the two Elaine's quilted a baby quilt over at Sue's today for Donna. They intend to make one for all. Bro. Jepson died this evening.

### February 12, Wednesday

Still raining, I'm so sorry about Bro. Jepson dying; he leaves that sweet little wife and four little children. It was the black flu. Mrs. Wright moved out yesterday. Miss Peterson came to fix the house in order this a.m. A young man from Boy's Market came to look at it, I sent him over to Peterson's. He came back in a few minutes for the key. He was moved in, in about an hours' time. He is a Mr. Rosenblum, I thought so, that nose was a giveaway for sure. I don't think it has stopped raining all day, at times it looked like a flood. I went to Sandra's to call up and see if Dody got to Sue's okay. Donna answered, she's been quilting on her baby quilt. Ernie took Dolores to the dentist. When Louis got home from work we went over to Sue's for Donna, and took her home. It has rained hard all day. Paul Bailey decided to postpone the Valentine dance tonight until next week. Louis and I rode over to tell George Holden, and then we went to the hall, but no one came while we were there.



### February 13, Thursday

Our rain is still with us. Dolores slept with Violet over at Sue's last night. We thought they were going to hold the dance when we took her over, but I'm glad they postponed it. Bishop called this morning on his way to work to tell me he'd take me to Bro. Jepson's funeral. I worked on our Sunday School scrapbook this a.m. Dolores and I walked over to Sue's after school, it rained hard part of the way. Al was almost ready. We called for Grace Hill and Sr. Bingham and June. Sue was sick with a bad cold. We stopped for the flowers Sue had ordered. The funeral services were very lovely. I do feel so sorry for poor Sr. Jepson [*Zilpha Johnson*] and her four small children. [*Zilpha did remarry two years after Janues death.*] I guess she's going to move back to Utah. They took him back to his home in Hurricane, Utah for burial.

### February 14, Friday

It was Louis's day off, he wanted to take a ride so I hurried through the work. We went to the florist and bought a nice bouquet of red and white stocks and took them over to Donna's for a Valentine for her and Rex. I did her dishes while she got ready to go with us. Louis wiped them. She was going to have lunch with Inis, so we went for Inis and found out she had expected Donna yesterday, not today. Donna got her out of bed. We took Donna with us up in the mountains past Switzer's camp. It was a lovely ride, but no snow, rained most of the way. We came back and went down to Fuller's paint to get a box Rex has put away to pack their things in when they move over there, the box was too large, so we left it there. Donna ate dinner with us about 3 p.m. We took Dolores out in the rain tonight to send her Valentines. Lorene made pretty little Valentine cookie hearts for all of us. Rex and Donna went to dinner at Lewis and Miriam's tonight.



### February 15, Saturday

It seems strange to have Louis working today. I got my cleaning all done before Violet brought the baby over; she went to the Highland show with the kiddies, Bette, Shirley and Dolores. Al came over this afternoon, and I had a talk with him about a man who did a shameful thing, in the snow last week, to little Shirley. Rex came over tonight and invited us over to help eat up some ice cream he'd made; he didn't have to ask twice. It was chocolate and delicious. They had the Marshes to their house to dinner, but they had left for the show. We enjoyed some of the fried rabbit, it was cooked just grand.

### February 16, Sunday

I was thankful the rain quit so we could walk to Sunday School. The sun even came out for a few minutes. Dolores felt very much upset cause she had her raincoat and shoes on. I'm so sorry Louis had to give up his Saturday and Sundays off again. His days off now are Thursday and Fridays. Dolores ate dinner at Sue's. Rex and Lewie went in the mountains for a hike in the snow, after Sunday School. Donna and I ate our dinner here alone. Annie, Beverly and Dale came to visit us this afternoon. Donna went through some of her things she'd had in the dresser drawers, and threw half of them away. Annie's toe is infected again. I surely wish she'd have a foot specialist take care of it. We had a very fine meeting tonight, a young man, Bro. Alder, gave such a splendid talk. We had a trio sing, too. All from Inglewood Ward. Sr. Niles can't go block teaching anymore, she is expecting a blessed event. Sr. Robinson says she'll go with me Tuesday at one o'clock.

### February 17, Monday

Louis says this morning, "better get up and wash, it's going to be a lovely day." Well, I'm glad we got the washing done anyway, but we saw very little sunshine. It felt like it would

rain any minute. I got some dust from the rug when Donna was sweeping, and it gave me a hard attack of asthma. After relief came I was worn out and felt half sick all evening. June took Bobby to the doctor for a light treatment this afternoon. I brought her clothes in that were dry enough. After dinner this evening Louis and I went over to help Donna pack her dishes. Louis went for a haircut while Donna and I enjoyed a play on the radio. Something went wrong with a tube just at the exciting moment, so we'll never know how it turned out. Wallace Berry was the actor. Rex had gone to play in the high school band, his music lesson. We called over to Sue's for Dolores tonight, brought most of Donna's dishes with us. Louis has them all put away in the garage.

### February 18, Tuesday

Wedding bells for Walter Kelson and bride today. The elders of Garvanza are giving a reception in their honor, over at Chandler's home tonight. I sent a yellow glass luncheon set over this evening with Louis. Sr. Robinson didn't come to go block teaching. It looked too much like rain, so I stayed home and got pictures ready for my Sunday School class to color. June loaned me her hectograph again. I guess Sue will really think I'm trying to get rid of little Dody, sending her over there so often. Oh, dear, it isn't anything like that; I can't let her come home to an empty house, and she wants to be with Violet anyway. Louis went to Donna's from work and brought a load of her things (radio, cedar chest, and etcetera) it seems nice to have them coming home to stay. I hope they like it here. Louis got things pretty well in order before we went to bed, he wouldn't let us have any rest until things were put away. Dolores slept at Sue's, got to get her a cot. Donna and Rex have moved back home.

### February 19, Wednesday

Donna went back to bed after getting Rex off to work, and then I got up and worked on Sunday School pictures while she and Louis slept. I made 25 more hectograph copies for my Sunday School kiddies to color. It was damp and rained off and on all morning. Louis took me around on my district to do my block teaching this morning. It has rained so much the past two weeks; I haven't been able to get it done. Donna put some of her things away. We have things in order now. Louis met Rex at Marshes' this evening, they brought a day bed Sr. Marsh is loaning us for Dody to sleep on. June and I went to Relief Society. Annie went to the chiropodist yesterday, and had her toe taken care of. Louis has three days off this week. Donna and Louis went to Mutual, Rex went for his music lesson, and then to a Fuller meeting. The Mutual gave their Valentine dance tonight after Mutual, we didn't go.

### February 20, Thursday

Miriam Marsh came home from Mutual with Donna last nite about ten o'clock, they went down to Fuller Paint Company to meet Rex and Lewie and bring them home. I got most of the ironing done today. Helen Holden came for Donna about 1:30 this afternoon. They went to a luncheon at Florence Oates's. It was the married Gleaner club. Dolores and I went to Boy's Market for the dinner order. Donna and Rex took a walk tonight and brought some popcorn and candy home.

### February 21, Friday

I finished the ironing. Donna went to the market and made a meat pie after she got home. I made pudding. Louis's friend, Mr. Cooper, came for him this a.m. He is helping him build a house on his days off. Hattie and Mary Gilde are visiting Blanche this week. Blanche is going to have the Strong's at her house Thursday night, next week. Rex and Raymond went block teaching tonight. Donna and I rode over to Annie's for a visit. I helped June make sandwiches, for a shower she is giving her cousin tonight. I went over this morning and vacuumed her front room rugs and cleaned up the rooms. Sr. Bishop called his evening to ask me to take care of her Sunday School class Sunday, she's going away.

### February 22, Saturday

I walked to Primary with Dolores and then to the bank to pay on my washer, just think what a sap I've turned out to be. George Washington's birthday and me trying to get in the bank. The cleaning wasn't at all bad today with Donna to help. Dolores went to a show this afternoon with Violet and Shirley. Rex took his Sunday School class roller skating this afternoon. Donna and I went to Highland Park to buy a stork shower gift to take to Marshes' tomorrow, for Zelda Pitcher. Sr. Marsh is giving a luncheon shower in her honor. Rex took Donna and me to a show in Pasadena. We didn't get home until after midnight. Louis took care of Dolores. He feels bad cause the new tire he bought in Salt Lake this fall has a break in it.



George Washington was born on February 22, 1723.

### February 23, Sunday

I didn't rest very well last night, cramps, and had pains in my head. We started out for our nine o'clock Sunday School board meeting, Rex and I. Bishop picked us up and took us over. Donna started dinner and brought Dolores over in time for Sunday School. I had both classes today, they worked on pictures for scrapbook. Donna came up and helped me with the children. I was surely glad to have her as I felt so punk and had so many with the two classes. Dolores ate at Sue's today. Rex and Donna did dishes and took a nap. I worked on Sunday School work. Rex worked on his Sunday School roll when he got up. I had such severe pains in my head, and painful cramps, I decided to stay home from church. The other folks went. Nephi Anderson's son, a missionary, from Salt Lake, was one of the speakers.

### February 24, Monday

I wasn't well enough to do the washing this morning. Little Yvonne has a rash all over her body. She's been feeling miserable for a few days. I thought it was a tooth rash, but

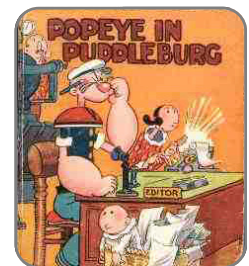
it looks like the measles to me today. June said Dolores could stay in her house after school while we were down to Marshes'. Sr. Marsh had a very lovely lunch, chicken salad, hot rolls, etcetera and ice cream and cake. We had a lovely time even if the "Guest of Honor" couldn't be with us. Zelda went to the hospital this morning. Sr. Hansen and her daughter, Elaine, were there to the luncheon. Elaine called the hospital in the afternoon, but the baby hadn't come yet. We had our party just the same, Sr. Hansen opened the gifts, so we could see them, and she got lovely gifts. Miriam wouldn't open hers, oh, oh! Louis went over to do a little job for Miss Peterson. Rex went to band practice. June came over, Bobby is sick with a heavy cold. Charles helped Lou do job. Donna made "apricot delight" for our dinner tonight, it was delicious.

### February 25, Tuesday

The sun was shining beautifully this morning; we enjoyed washing on such a lovely day. We used June's lines, too. The doctor told Violet that Yvonne's rash is measles. I'm glad it's just a light case, and oh, I do hope Dolores won't get them; she was with the baby all day Saturday and Sunday. Miriam Marsh and two of her Junior Girls came over to practice their song for Mutual work this afternoon. Donna dampened all the clothes tonight. We are both tired. Louis and Rex went over to Fred Reiche's tonight, he fixed the radio for Rex, and they put the works back in the cabinet when they got home. We listened to Leonard Strong broadcast over K.S.L. Salt Lake City.

### February 26, Wednesday

Donna started the ironing while I did the work this morning. She rested awhile while I ironed. I left about 12:30 for Annie's, so she could go to Boy's Market for the groceries for dinner. I surely do enjoy having Donna home to plan good meals and etcetera. Little Dale hasn't been feeling very good lately; it's his teeth I guess, do hope it isn't the measles working on the little dear. He was with Yvonne when she was coming down with them. I miss not going to Mutual, but someone has to stay home with Dolores, I read her Christmas book, Popeye in Puddleburg, through for her. After Dolores went to bed I enjoyed the radio program over K.S.L. Salt Lake City.



### February 27, Thursday

Donna and I walked over to see how little Yvonne was feeling. Elaine and baby came, we all ate lunch there. Yvonne is just fine; the doctor says there is no danger of the children being near her now. I know Dody will be delighted to hear it. Louis is suffering with a heavy cold. He didn't want to go to the Strong's Meeting, so we left Dolores in his care. We had a very nice meeting at Blanche's. It was good to see Hattie again; she leaves for home in the morning. She was only here one week. Oscar was ill in bed, his back is bad again. The men folks spent most of time in the bedroom with Oscar. Rex took Donna and Annie and me in our car.

### February 28, Friday

Glen came over on his way to Franklin High School this morning. He said Annie wanted me to come over and stay with the baby while she took dressing off. Dale felt better today, he is so cute. Sr. Treu came in and visited with me while she ate her lunch, she worked for Mrs. Frick today, and she always eats her lunch at Annie's and brings it with her, when she works at Frick's. Donna has a breaking out on her body and feels miserable; it keeps her scratching until she nearly goes crazy with it. Rex called Dr. Robinson and he said she hasn't enough calcium, she must take some calcium tablets, and Rex brought them home. Lewie and Miriam and Rex and Donna went to a show tonight. I worked on Sunday School scrapbooks. Gave Dody a bath.

### February 29, Saturday

Mary called to walk to Primary with Dolores. I cleaned the bedrooms then went to Highland Park to pay my light bill, did the rest of the work when I got back. Donna is half sick with the awful itch, she has an eruption on her body, and the doctor says it's caused from lack of calcium. She is taking tablets to make calcium. I surely do enjoy having someone do the marketing and plan meals. Donna and Rex bought the Saturday grocery order, a job I hate. Rex went over to Sharp's to a deacons party tonight, he was back in a few minutes, the party had been called off because Joe Sharp was sick. Donna and Rex took a walk; I worked on Sunday School scrapbooks. Dody spent the day with Shirley. Al took them for a ride, he brought Dolores back tonight. Bobby Hays and his father were baptized in our church today.



Erma May Jackson, 24 years old, 1928.  
Same year she married Karl Treu.

### March 1, Sunday

President David H. Cannon was our speaker in the nine o'clock meeting today, we had a very good meeting. Our Sunday School children colored pictures the last half of the class period. They all seemed well pleased with the scrapbooks I'd made for them. June was all upset this morning. Bobby was crying in pain with his stomach. She was worried cause she thought he'd taken more cold by being baptized yesterday. She had to stay home from Sunday School. Harold went and was confirmed a member of our church in fast meeting. Al went over to June's and confirmed Bobby a member this afternoon. Br. Keller called for Rex, June and me. We went to union meeting. This evening we all walked to church, it was a real summer evening. Sr. Gordon brought her ladies chorus out; they sang three numbers which we enjoyed. Marshes took Rex, Donna, and Ray down for ice cream tonight. The little Ross boy, who has had so much sickness, died this morning with the flu, poor little dear. [Family Search shows a Robert Rudolff Ross who died in Los Angeles on this date. He was only four years old. His parents: Norman L. Ross and Stella T. Hall.]



### March 2, Monday

We had a very lovely summer day to wash. Louis had his day off from the hospital, he went over and worked until noon on Mrs. Cooper's house, and then he came home, with some ice cream, in time to eat lunch with us. I was glad Louis came to empty the washer, he went to town this afternoon to have his eyes tested for new glasses. About three o'clock this afternoon I rode over to Pasadena with Louis to get his tire, the Firestone people had fixed for him. We called in Annie's on our way home and found her sick with a heavy chest cold. I made her get in bed and I put a mustard plaster on her. I stayed there and took care of baby Dale and fixed dinner for Bill and Glen, so Annie could stay in bed. Louis came for me after his Mutual meeting at Marshes'.

### March 3, Tuesday

I called in Sr. Treu's [Erma May Jackson] on my way over to Annie's, to tell her I couldn't help quilt, cause I had to help Annie. Annie was feeling much better. I washed the baby clothes and did her dishes, and went to the store for her. Annie was very anxious that I go over to Treu's and help quilt, she felt well enough to stay alone, so after I went to the bank to pay on her washer, I walked over to Treu's. I got there in time to eat lunch with the ladies, surely enjoyed it, too. We quilted all afternoon, I left about five o'clock. Louis picked me up, he'd been over to Annie's for me. Donna had a nice dinner ready for me; she's been over to Sue's today to take a letter to Violet from Otto. Otto sent Violet \$70.00, back pay. Dolores and I enjoyed a Salt Lake radio program tonight. Donna and Louis went to choir practice, Rex went ice skating.

### March 4, Wednesday

Glen came in this morning to tell me that Annie didn't feel well enough to go to Relief Society, so I was to take the minutes for her. Violet and Yvonne called in on their way to Annie's. Violet paid me \$15.00 for Dolores' care. I turned it over to Donna for what I owed her. We'll have a pay day in a few days. We had to run a whole month on a half month's pay this time, won't be so hard next month. I enjoyed Lorene's lesson in the teacher's meeting and also Br. Woods lesson. Br. Compora came for Donna so she left and came home to practice his music. The Relief Society sisters all went to Cresse's to the little Ross boy's funeral. We dismissed early to be there at 3 p.m. Donna played for Ann Madsen and Br. Compora to sing. Bishop and Br. Reese spoke very fine. We all went to mutual tonight. It was hobby night. Dolores slept at Sue's. Br. Gunn gave a talk on guns, and Br. Burnett talked on gardening.

### March 5, Thursday

I didn't have to get Dody off to school this a.m., she slept with her mother at Sue's. Donna went over to Sue's to take care of Yvonne

today. Violet and Sue went shopping. Violet bought new shoes and a gray suit for herself and a sweet little white bonnet for Yvonne. I went over to Treu's to help finish the quilt we started Tuesday. We enjoyed a nice lunch Sr. Treu prepared. I was the last one to work on the quilt. I stayed to finish it, cause Donna got my dinner ready. Rex and Donna went to a church fund dinner at Price's home. Lewie and Miriam went too; they all went in Lewie's car. Annie, Bill, and baby Dale called to visit us tonight, the baby surely is sweet.



Left to right: Florence Marsh, Donna & Sarah Renshaw, John Marsh and Elvie Renshaw at the beach, circa 1930. March 5, 1936 John celebrated his 54th birthday.

### March 6, Friday

Donna and I got busy today and cleaned all through the house. I put my hair up in curls then fixed Donna's hair in little curls. June came over to see if I'd put her hair up, so I did it while I was in the [hair] business. Violet and baby came for Dolores, they walked over to Lorene's. Donna and I took the car when Louis got home this afternoon and went to Boy's Market. Louis walked down to cash his check; we didn't know he wanted to go to Boy's, so went without him. He was fixing some Sunday School work for June when we left. George Holden called in this evening to say he'd call for us to go to the dance tonight. Donna and Rex took our car, they took a box of candy and nuts to Br. Marsh for a birthday gift, they also gave a box to their friend, Mrs. ??? who worked at Fuller. It's her birthday today, was John's yesterday. We had a nice time at "Glendale dance," ate at Jack's place after the dance. We got our first pay by the month today. Dody slept with Violet tonight.

### March 7, Saturday

Donna and I walked to Highland Park to the bank. I banked \$20.00; it is something new for us to be able to bank any of our pay. We are enjoying our raise and also the children sharing expenses. Donna banked \$25.00; they have a big hospital and doctor bill in store for them. I paid my light and gas bill, and Donna got her deposit back. I paid \$5.00 on Dolores' dentist bill, too. Mary came home from Primary with Dody and ate lunch with her, and then they went over to Mary's. Donna and Rex went to the doctors on the street car. Louis left his car at Mr. Boon's station for a grease job while he was at work. I called in Steads to see how Harold was. Br. and Sr. Stead were at the hospital with him. Lillian and Albert talked to me. Harold was operated on today for an

abscess of the abdomen. He is very ill in the French Hospital. We went to Peterson's to pay rent, brought Dolores back from Lorene's. I cooked chicken and gave Dody her bath. Beverly brought pictures of the little kiddies to show me. She took them a few weeks ago when Violet was here.

### March 8, Sunday

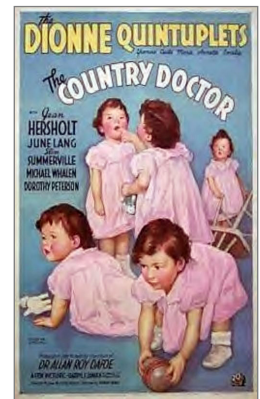
Rex drove Donna and me to Sunday School and Dody, too. Louis walked, he led the singing for Lillian today, Harold was a little better she said. Dolores went over to eat dinner with Shirley, as usual. Donna and Rex walked home, Louis and I rode. The folks all took naps after dinner. I was happy to see Br. and Sr. Turner out to Sunday School with their kiddies. We had a nice meeting tonight. Lillian and Victor Rogers came over after church, so she could practice with Donna, Louis and Rex, for the Townsend program. I prepared a little lunch, but they wouldn't eat cause Victor is on a raw eggs diet. Louis and I went for a nice little ride; Donna got Dolores off to bed and did the dishes, nice, eh! Paid Sue \$5.00 on our bill.



A Swagger coat.

### March 9, Monday

Donna and I left for town about 9:40 this morning. She bought three yards of pretty grey wool material, to make a swagger coat, \$1.95 a yard, in Walker's store. We went to the Health Cafeteria, where we met Sr. Marsh and ate lunch. I treated us lunch and Donna treated us to the show, we saw "The Country Doctor," starring the five little Dionne quintuplets, at the Lowes State. It was a very good picture, the babies are surely darling. This evening I walked over to Sue's with Dolores. Donna and Rex walked over to see Inis about singing at a funeral with Myrtle tomorrow morning. I don't know the lady who died, it's someone in our ward who didn't come to church. Louis painted the hood of our car this p.m., he worked over at Peterson's this a.m. Al brought Dody and me home. He felt punk tonight, he'd had another tooth extracted, and the doctor pulled the wrong tooth the other day.



### March 10, Tuesday

Inis and Myrtle came this morning to practice the funeral songs with Donna. Br. Reese came for them at ten o'clock. I do not know the lady, but she's a Mormon, and Al took charge. This makes the sixth funeral he has had lately, one a week. I did the washing. Donna got home in time to fix a nice lunch for me. I feel rather miserable with head cold. Susie Baily brought her Daddy today, to see if Dolores could go to the Bible school with her this afternoon. We let her go and she was thrilled, they brought her back. Now she wants to go all the time, every Tuesday. The folks went to choir practice tonight.

### March 11, Wednesday

I did the ironing this morning while Donna made the soup for dinner and did the housework up. We both went to Relief Society luncheon and enjoyed it very much. Sue was one of the ladies to help serve this month. I quilted all afternoon on a quilt for Sr. Treu. Donna helped do the dishes from luncheon. We couldn't finish the quilt this afternoon, so finished it tonight, while Mutual was in session. We called for Dolores after Mutual. Donna and Rex went over to Florence and Ernie's after Mutual. Myrtle was upset cause Heber refused, after he'd promised, to give blood for a transfusion to Sr. Shupe, who is very ill in the hospital. Myrtle took Br. Shupe all the way over to Pasadena to find Heber at his singing practice. Too bad!

### March 12, Thursday

I spent most of the day sewing, mending and darning clothes. I walked to the bank to take our cards in and called in the Franklin Beauty shop to make an appointment for Donna to have a finger wave from Sammy tomorrow. Also made an appointment for a wave for myself from the Townway Beauty shop. Violet and Bette were getting their hair dry under the dryers, and Shirley was getting a wave when I called in. Dolores and I stayed home alone tonight while the folks went to sing on the program at the Townsend meeting, it was a social, they treated to ice cream. Rex, Louis, and Lillian Stead sang three numbers, Ed Robinson sang two numbers, Donna played for them.

### March 13, Friday

I shampooed Donna's and my hair this morning. We both went to Highland Park for our finger waves. I went to the Townway for mine, and Sammy gave Donna hers at the Franklin Beauty shop. She got through first and called for me. I had rubber heels put on my slippers while I waited. We went in Hall's Store and Donna bought a pretty green print smock, she tried on a pretty wraparound dress also, she and Rex went back this evening and bought it, too. Louis, Dolores, and I rode over to Annie's, after our dinner, to take the potato au gratin in time for their dinner. I made too much for us. Bob stayed here this evening while June got her hair waved. Louis took me to the Glassell show, we saw two good pictures, and enjoyed the game of Screeno. Raymond was here visiting with Rex and Donna when we got home.

### March 14, Saturday

Donna tried a new kind of cake this morning; it surely looks and smells delicious. It had

apricots in the cake and frosting. I did the house cleaning while Donna did the baking, and put up a picnic lunch. Rex took his Sunday School class to Victory Park. Donna was going to meet them, but somehow she got lost and couldn't find them; she walked until she was worn out. Uncle Al and Aunt Sue brought her home. Violet took Dody to Highland Park tonight and bought her some white shoes for Easter. We enjoyed the baby here. Louis and I rode over to Sue's with them, Lou called Br. Haddock, we went to Highland Park, I bought a house dress for a dollar. Donna and Rex went to a show.

### March 15, Sunday

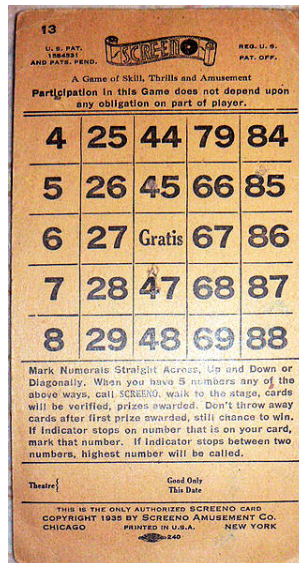
Rex drove us to Sunday School, Louis walked later. After dinner, Louis drove some of the Mutual workers to a union meeting; he didn't get home until time for church this evening. He stopped in Marshes' for lunch after the meeting. Donna, Rex, and I enjoyed naps this afternoon until Vera and Fred came. Louis brought some music, for his choir, from the stake house. Br. Haddock sent the key down with his daughter, Ruth, so he could get in the music room to find it. After church tonight we called for Dolores, she's been with Shirley all day. Violet went to church and wore her new grey coat; she looks real nice in it.

### March 16, Monday

Donna and I washed today. Louis went over to Sue's to see about fixing her taps, so she can use her siphon. He worked on his car a few hours, also. After lunch, he took us out to do my block teaching, Donna went with me. Her first time to go block teaching. When we finished, we picked Annie and Dale up, and all went over to Sue's to visit for a while with George Vincent and his wife, and Viola, their daughter, who brought them out to Sue's in her car. They are visiting in L.A. for a short time. Lorene was there, too. Tonight, Rex and Donna and I went over to Glendale to the Y.M.C.A. to a band concert. Rex played [*trumpet*] in it. We enjoyed it very much. Louis took care of Dolores. Rex has to work over in the Hollywood store tomorrow.

### March 17, Tuesday

I spent most of the day darning and patching. I fixed Rex's trousers so he can wear them to work instead of his best ones. He had to wear them this morning cause his new job calls for better clothes than he wore in the warehouse. Donna got up at 5:30 this a.m. to get Rex off to work. If he keeps the job in Hollywood I guess he'll have to buy a car. Donna spent the morning in the kitchen preparing a special St. Patrick dinner. She baked some nice cookies with a little green shamrock for atmosphere. June let us have the green food coloring. We had green pineapple salad, also. The choir members came to practice at our house tonight. The Ebell club had a big banquet in the hall, so they couldn't go there. We treated to Shamrock candy and mints.



### SCREENO

Screeno (a portmanteau of "screen bingo") was a form of bingo played in American movie theaters during the Great Depression of the 1930s. To bolster attendance on slow weeknights, the neighborhood movie houses would feature the game in which audience members would have a chance to win cash prizes. The story is that many a theater was saved from bankruptcy by the advent of Screeno (sometimes spelled in caps: SCREENO) The game was played between the two main features.

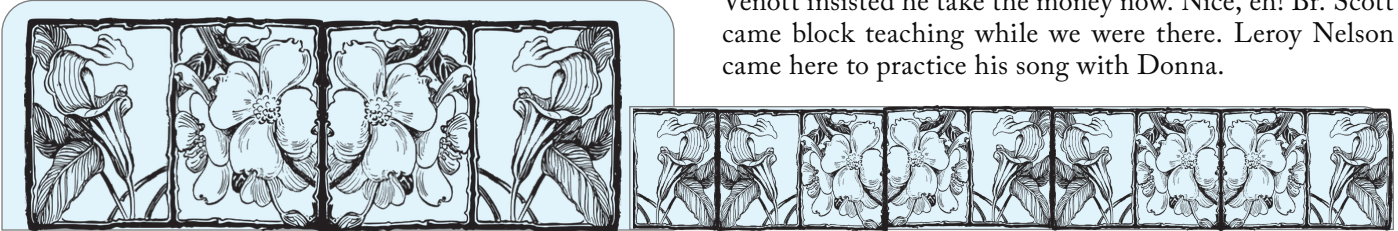
A number dial and a giant spinning needle were projected on the movie screen. Patrons were provided with toothpicks to punch out the winning numbers on their cards. Apparently, on most nights patrons paid a modest fee for their cards, but one night a week was designated as "Bank Night" in which the audience would get free Screeno cards with their movie tickets.—*Wikipedia*

### March 18, Wednesday

Donna did most of the ironing this morning. I darned and made a rice pudding. We both went to the Relief Society birthday party and had a nice time; they had some very clever games. We went to Mutual "Building Fund" dance tonight, had a really nice time. Donna and Rex stayed home, they didn't want to go, so they took care of Dolores. President Cannon wants Br. Hill to be "something or other." But they won't tell us yet. They both feel awful about it cause they have got to move from Garvanza. We all feel bad about it. I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Ralph [*Jacob Ralph Bailey*] being so ill, he was operated on for a growth and they found a very big cancer and couldn't do anything for him.

### March 19, Thursday

Donna went over to Miriam's this a.m., she's going to cut her coat for her. Annie brought Dale over for me to take care of while she went to Relief Society union meeting. He was very good, cute thing. He didn't seem to mind at all being left today. It was the married Gleaner's club today. Florence called for Donna and Miriam. Tonight Louis and I rode over to tell Miss Peterson that the boy had moved from the little house. We stopped in Lorene's on our way back. Br. and Sr. Venott were there. Br. Venott gave Louis a dollar bill he said he owed him. Louis had forgotten all about it. He had given it to him three years ago when Br. Venott was out of work and food. It was not a loan, but Br. Venott insisted he take the money now. Nice, eh! Br. Scott came block teaching while we were there. Leroy Nelson came here to practice his song with Donna.



Bailey family standing left to right: Francis Tracy, Owen Albert, Jacob Ralph, William Esau  
Sitting left to right Samuel Charles, Eliza Ann Ingram, Francis William, Mary Harriet  
(Uncle Ralph used his middle name. He is Elvie's father's brother.)



### March 20, Friday

Miriam Marsh came over this afternoon and helped Donna make her coat. Donna did most of the sewing, Miriam just told her how. I fixed lunch for the three of us. I felt miserable all day, had the cramps. Louie called for Miriam after work, he had to go block teaching, so he brought Miriam back again tonight, and they almost finished the coat. Louis took Dolores and me over to Sue's. I was longing to see Yvonne, bless her little old heart. We went to Lorene's from there, expecting to leave Dolores all night with Mary, but they were all out. We called in Annie's on our way back. Miss Peterson is coming tomorrow to clean up the little house. I didn't want her to see Dolores cause she told us she didn't want children living here, too bad!

### March 21, Saturday

I didn't rest so well last night, the painful cramps kept me awake. Miss Peterson brought her brother over this morning, he's here on a visit from Chicago. They didn't stay very long, so she didn't do much cleaning to the little house. The lady who is going to move in came just after Petersons left. Donna went uptown to meet Rex at the Health Cafeteria this afternoon. I told Dolores not to come here from Primary cause I didn't know how long Miss Peterson was going to be here. Sue and Bette came over this afternoon to try on some of Donna's clothes for a Mutual play Bette is in. Louis and I went over to Sue's tonight for Dolores; we were surprised to find Otto there. He'd arrived about an hour before; he says he is taking Violet and Yvonne back with him Monday. He came with Mr. and Mrs. McArthur of Vegas.

### March 22, Sunday

I didn't have to wake Dolores and help her dress this morning, she was so excited about her daddy being over to Shirley's, and that he was going to walk to Sunday School with her and Shirley. She left here in plenty of time to go over there and walk with them. Donna, Rex, and I walked to Sunday School, there was a strong wind blowing, it was a bad dust storm in some parts. Louis stayed home to clean his car. I had a very fine class today. June and Ruth had an awful time of it, they say. Louis and I ate alone, children went to Marshes' for dinner. We went over to Sue's after dinner and took Violet and Otto for a ride. We called at Babe Hognlund Sullivan's, and at Ruth Cartwright's, but they were both out. Otto and Louis sang a duet in church tonite, and Otto sang a solo, also. We all visited over at Hognlund's after church. Br. Hill spoke in church tonight, they are moving next week. Otto treated to ice cream. Uncle Frank sent us all a little health book, nice, eh!

### March 23, Monday

We didn't wash cause I wanted to pack Violet's things she had over here, and take them to her. She thought they'd be leaving about noon, but they didn't get away until 3:30. Sue cooked a nice dinner for them, Donna ate, but I was too full, had just eaten. Elaine and Ernie came while we were there. Louis worked over to Peterson's this morning. I had to leave before the McArthur's came for Violet and Otto. I had to pay on my washer before the bank closed, it was due the 21st. Glen went over to Sue's to see the folks, but he got there just too late. Louis and I took him over, and then back home again. Donna did the shopping at Boy's Market. We brought her and Dody home. Donna made a vegetable loaf for dinner, it was good. I gave Violet a dozen nice tall water glasses, pink, to take back, but darn it all, I forgot to pack her cake pans. I wonder what she'll do? We took the bed back to Johnny's girlfriend tonight in Glendale. We visited with Lorene and Raymond after coming back.

### March 24, Tuesday

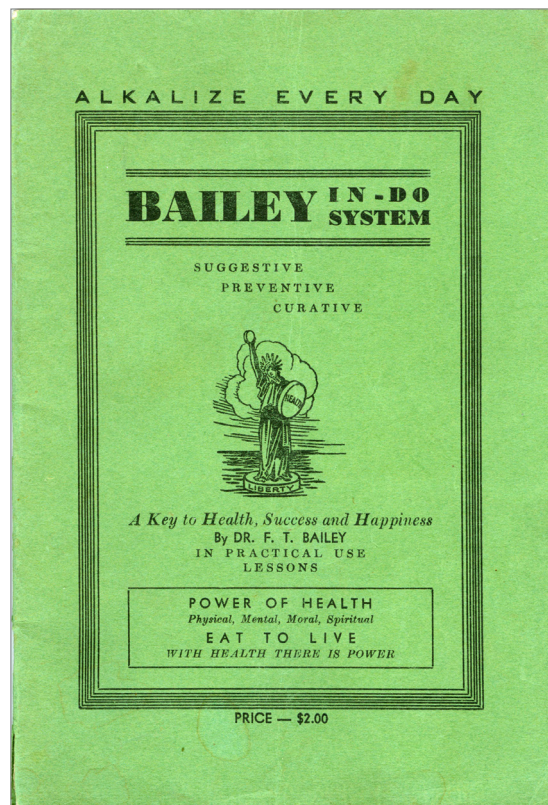
I was surely sorry we didn't wash yesterday; it rained most of the day. It started in when we got the clothes all out. Harold brought Dolores from school in his car. Mr. Bailey took her with his little Susie, to Bible school this afternoon. I was very disappointed that it was raining so hard today, when I want to go to the cooking school to help the Relief Society win the silver set. Donna went to Inis's for lunch. I insisted on Dody wearing her rain things to Bible school, the sun came out later and was she mad at me! Cause she had to wear them. The folks went to choir practice tonight. Rex brought me home some popcorn.

### March 25, Wednesday

Donna and I finished the ironing before going to Relief Society today. Annie and Sr. Treu called on their way to meeting. Annie wanted to be sure I'd be there to take care of Dale while she took her minutes. Sr. Worsely gave a very fine lesson. Sr. Bessie Hanson sang a song that Rudyard Kipling composed. We studied Kipling today. Dolores went over to Shirley's from school. Sue brought both children so they could see the little play that Bette was in. "The Return of Letty." The girls took their parts well. Bette was Letty. Dody was thrilled at being out after nine o'clock on a school night. We took Arma Hill home after the show. She said they are partly moved into their new home and ward.

### March 26, Thursday

Donna and I went uptown this afternoon. She bought a pretty little gray straw hat with little



*This is the cover of the book that Uncle Frank wrote and self published about health in 1935.*

bunch of violet's in front. We shopped around for buttons for her coat, but didn't find what she wanted. I bought two vegetable graters at the health cafeteria. One was for the lady who rides to work with Louis, Mrs. Almas. I bought a hectograph refill and a pan to set it in. Louis came to Boy's, to pick me up. Donna went home on street car and sent him down. We were both tired. We had to stand all the way home. Louis took June and me to the French hospital to see Harold Stead tonight. Br. Stead rode down with us. Sr. Stead is sick in bed with bad back. I took Harold half of my beautiful roses and a pretty get well card. Louis brought a dozen beautiful rose buds home from the hospital today.

### March 27, Friday

We cleaned through the house this morning, and then Donna got her goods out and cut out a smock. Boy, but what we two know about reading patterns would make you wonder! I got out the sewing machine to start on the smock when June came and invited me to go uptown to eat dinner at Clifton's with her and her friend, Cora, from Salt Lake, Bobby went, also. We had a very lovely time. Harold took us to town in his car, and then he went on to work. June treated to dinner. Cora had tickets to see the broadcast at Radio Playhouse. Dick Powell was master of ceremonies. We enjoyed it very much. Cora then insisted on treating us to the show, we saw "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine." I treated to ice cream and pie after. We've sure had one big night out. Lovely time. I wonder why my pen drops ink lately. Dolores stayed with Donna tonight. Rex went block teaching.

### March 28, Saturday

Donna went to Boy's Market this a.m., I walked down a ways to help her carry the things home. She made an upside-down cake. Mary called to take Dody to Primary. Then came here after Primary and ate lunch. Dolores went over to Mary's for the afternoon. Annie, Bill, and Dale Owen, came to call on us this afternoon. Bill wanted a little soldering job done, so Louis heated the iron and did it for him. All five of us went to Highland Park to the poultry store, to buy some chicken for stew tomorrow. We got three small ones. Louis stayed in town to shop while Rex took Donna and me to Boy's Market to get our grocery order. Rex and Donna went to a show tonight. I cooked the chicken and gave Dody her bath. Louis and I had a bath before going to bed, too. We bought some oranges from Sr. Stead today; she couldn't eat them because they were blood oranges, ha, ha!

### March 29, Sunday—Garvanza Ward Conference

Our first session of the conference started at 9 a.m. We had a fine meeting. Br. Edling of the Hollywood Stake presided. We are all interested in the Glendale Ward conference today, also, as our beloved Leonard Hill was installed as Bishop of the Glendale Ward. We'll surely miss their family in our ward. Donna and Rex got dinner ready today while Louis and I talked to Sr. Moffet and her daughter. We took Sr. Moffet to meet her daughter after conference; they met at an apartment on Avenue 51. Annie and Beverly brought Dale over this afternoon, he's so darn cute. We enjoyed Louis's choir in the conference session today, it was very fine. President David Cannon came to our evening session. Br. Edling came again, and a lot of the stake officers. We had a splendid meeting. Br. Haddock was one of our speakers.

### March 30, Monday

I got a good early start at the washing this morning, but it took the clothes most of the day to get dry. It felt like it would start raining any minute. We enjoyed a down pour of rain this evening. I'm so thankful the washing got dry first. Annie left Dale with us while she went to see the doctor about her toe; it has been bothering her again. Donna and I went to Highland Park this afternoon, we left Dolores and Dale home with Louis. Donna bought a pretty little blue wraparound dress in silk. We bought things for dinner and a surprise for Dody, in Kress, a cute little lady and dog pin. It started raining this evening. Louis took Annie and Dale home. They left the buggy here. Donna made a vegetable loaf for our dinner.



Master of Ceremonies  
Dick Powell



### March 31, Tuesday

I started the ironing this morning, but Donna finished shedid most of it. I spent most of the day darning and mending clothes. Elaine and her darling baby Ann called on us for a while. Donna walked to Boy's Market with her when she left. Florence Oates brought her two little kiddies over this evening for a visit. Donna walked down to Blair's with her, she wanted to call on them and let them see the children. Annie, Bill, and Dale, came to call tonight. I did most of the machine sewing on Donna's blue smock today.

### April 1, Wednesday

Donna and I spent the morning sewing on Donna's blue smock. At 12:20 we went to Relief Society to hear Lorene give the lesson on "prayer" to the block teachers. It was very interesting. Sr. Wood gave a very fine lesson in the second meeting, too. Dale got restless, so I took him out in his buggy. I walked all the way home to find Dolores, but she'd gone home with

Shirley, thinking I'd be in meeting. Shirley had to practice for the Primary "May festival," so Dody came down to the hall with her, and we brought her home from there, much to her disgust. Lorene said Dolores could stay all night with Mary, so we could all go to the dance after Mutual. Br. Burnett brought us home for Dody's night clothes, and then he took Lorene and Dody home. We had a lot of fun after Mutual tonight, in the parlor, at the hall, old time music and dances. Donna looked sweet in her new blue smock. I fixed Violet's skirt this evening so Sue could take it to her. We went over after the dance; they are leaving at 3 a.m. tomorrow.

### April 2, Thursday

Sue and family left at 3 a.m. today for Salt Lake Conference. I started the hand sewing on Donna's coat first thing this morning; I spent most of the day on it, I'm surely glad it is finished now. Donna took it to the cleaners, so they can press it good for her. I also sent Dolores's spring coat to be cleaned. Beverly, Annie, and Dale came to see us this afternoon. I was happy when Beverly showed me her car license; she'd just got it today at Pasadena. Donna sewed clasps on her new blue silk dress. She also made a very good split pea soup, for our dinner, and an apricot delight for dessert. Beverly took June and Bobby, and her folks and Dody, to town while June got some tickets for a broadcast tomorrow night. June and the Andersens are going to it. Dolores and I took a walk tonight. I traced a Sunday School picture before going to bed.

### April 3, Friday

I didn't get much sleep last night. I had an awful pain in my head and was bothered with asthma, too. I didn't even get dressed all day, was up and down, and just couldn't stay on my feet I felt too sick. Elaine left little Ann here with Donna while she and Ernie went to the hospital to see his sister, Elizabeth. Ann is getting so darn cute, but she missed her mother and cried a long time. Donna was tired out when she finally got the baby to sleep. The Andersens left baby Dale here this evening while they went with June and Bob to see the "First Nighters" broadcast. Dale, was very good, he's used to us now. It rained most of the day. Donna and Rex went out for a little ride in the rain tonight.



### First Nighters

The First Nighter Program was a long-running radio anthology comedy-drama series broadcast from 1930 to 1953. The host was Mr. First Nighter (Charles P. Hughes, Macdonald Carey, Bret Morrison, Marvin Miller, Don Briggs and Rye Billsbury [later known as Michael Rye]).

The show's opening recreated the aural atmosphere of a Broadway opening. Before each week's drama began, Mr. First Nighter was first heard walking on Broadway, emerging from the noise of people and street traffic into the crowded lobby of "the Little Theater Off Times Square" and then taking his seat in the third row center, where he gave the whispered introduction:

The house lights have dimmed, and the curtain is about to go up on tonight's production.

Romantic comedies were the specialty of the series, and the principal roles were played by the teams of Don Ameche and June Meredith (1930–36), Ameche and Betty Lou Gerson (1935–36), Les Tremayne and Barbara Luddy (1936–43) and Olan Soule and Luddy (1943 and after). Joseph T. Ainley produced and directed the series. The announcers were Larry Keating and Vincent Pelletier. Music was provided by "The Famous First Nighter Orchestra," under the direction of Eric Sagerquist (1930–44), Caesar Petrillo (1945–46) and Frank Worth (1947–53).

The most popular episode may have been the annual Christmas episode, "Little Town of Bethlehem," which was first performed in 1937 and every year afterwards at the request of the listening audience.

Performing before a studio audience, the actors wore formal attire, with Luddy in a gown and Tremayne clad in evening clothes and top hat. Commercial breaks were signaled with the usher's cry "Smoking downstairs and in the outer lobby only, please!", with the action resuming with a buzzer and the usher's curtain call...

The show was hosted by The Campana Company and solely featured commercials for their products. Due largely in part to this exposure, their Italian Balm became the best-selling hand lotion in the United States in the 1930s.

—Wikipedia

### April 4, Saturday

Rex took Louis to work this morning so he and Donna could have the car to go see the doctor this afternoon. Rex got off work at one o'clock today. We had a very busy morning getting the house cleaned up. After lunch Dolores went over to Mary's with her, she stayed there until Donna and Rex called for her tonight. This evening Louis and I rode over on Whittier Boulevard to see some cars with Rex and Donna. Rex needs a car badly, but how to get it??? Bob Stanton works over there, that's why we went so far to look. I worked for several hours on my Sunday School pictures and scrapbooks tonight. Donna and Rex bought the grocery order, boy! I enjoy that.

### April 5, Sunday

Louis drove us to Sunday School this morning, and then he went over to Glendale to visit Bishop Hill's new ward. He had a nice visit with the Hill's, he ate dinner with them, also. Arma came to our Sunday School and visited with the Egan's all day. Br. Keller called for June and me for Sunday School union meeting. We had a very interesting class and brought a lot of material home to help us in our teaching. Raymond came home to dinner with Donna and Rex and visited all day. Dolores stayed home for a change. She missed Shirley a lot, as they were always together on Sundays. Al and Sue and kiddies are enjoying conference in Salt Lake, and snow, too, we hear. We had a nice meeting tonight. Dr. Sheranian gave a very fine talk. Br. and Sr. Imsen and Mrs. Jones came over after church to practice singing for Wednesday night (a trio, Louis, Rex and Br. Imsen). Vera and Fred came in for a short visit tonight. Elaine and baby visited with Donna this afternoon.

### April 6, Monday

We have surely enjoyed a lovely spring day, everything is so beautiful and clean looking, after our rains of last week. One enjoys wash day in weather like this. Louis went over to Peterson's to work his four hours out in their yard. Donna went uptown this afternoon to meet Rex. He has got Monday's instead of Saturdays off now. They went to a show after doing a little shopping. She bought four little gowns for baby Marsh to be. Louis and I went to the hospital this afternoon to get

his pay check. We called for Florence [Marsh] on our way; she got her check, too. After eating this evening, we went over to pay the rent, and then took a nice long ride, called in to see Dale's new bed, no one home, but Bill and Br. Gunn. Bought popcorn, came home. Annie, Beverly, Glen, and Dale came just after we got here. Inis and Bob came tonight to see Donna and Rex. Louis wrote a letter to his mother, we sent \$15.00 of the \$25 we owe her.

### April 7, Tuesday

I started the ironing early this a.m. Donna finished it. Sr. Shaffer brought Ralph over about eleven o'clock so he could have a practice with Donna on his violin. He's playing Sunday morning on our Easter program. This afternoon Donna and I walked to Highland Park and shopped. I bought shoes and dress; dark blue dress with white dots, Donna banked some money. This evening Louis and I rode over to Lorene's to see how Dolores was behaving. She's having a wonderful time with Mary and didn't want to come home, so we left her. Myrtle and Ed came to night so he could practice his Easter song.

### April 8, Wednesday

I cleaned up the house while Donna made some divinity. She made some darling little bird nests out of it, with some coconut and three little colored jelly bean eggs. They are surely cute for Easter. We met the ladies at nine o'clock over at the church hall. Sr. Schumann, Sr. Van Essen, Sr. Mier, we planned our Relief Society luncheon, and then bought the food at Boy's Market. We had lots of fun preparing it. For dessert we served a decorated Easter cupcake, and glass of punch. It was a cold lunch, with nice big salad and hot rolls. Donna and I walked home together. She went over to help Elaine prepare a dinner for her folks who are expected home today. The adult class had a hobby show in Mutual tonight, some very lovely things on display. We had a program, too. I was asked to read some of my poems. Donna played a song that Sr. Peterson had composed, Rex Lou, and Imsen sang trio. Bishop and Sr. Hill came to Mutual. She and Al got home at 2 p.m., they drove all night last night. We took Bette and Shirley home from Mutual. Our luncheon cost us 88¢ apiece. [Total cost for Relief Society luncheon furnished was \$3.52]



Mauma Mollie. She died in the 1850s at the home of the white Florida family she served. A family member described her as nursing "nearly all of the children in the family," and that they loved her as a "second mother."

### Mammy Negress

A mammy is a Southern United States archetype for a black woman who, often enslaved, worked for a white family nursing the family's children. The word "mammy" is a variant on the word "mother" . . .

. . . The role of the mammy in plantation households grew out of the roles of African American slaves on the plantation. African American servants played vital roles in the plantation household. The majority of these duties generally were related to caring for the children of the family, thus relieving the mistress of the house of all the drudgery work that is associated with child care. When the children had grown up and were able to take care of themselves properly, the mammy's main role was to help the mistress with household tasks. As her years of service with the family increased, the mammy's sphere of influence increased as well. She was next to the mistress in authority and had the ability to give orders to everybody in the house.

The mammy was often considered to be part of the family as much as its blood members were considered. Although she was considered of a lower status, she was still included in the inner circle. She has often been referred to as a "unique type of foster motherhood." Aside from just tending to the needs of the children, the mammy was also responsible for teaching the proper etiquettes to them, such as addressing the elders on the plantation as "aunt" or "uncle", as well as what was best to say on a particular occasion and what was not. The mammy was able to discipline their children whenever they performed something undesirable and was able to retain their respect towards her, even after the children had grown to adults. —Wikipedia

### April 9, Thursday

Sue and Al were too tired to come out to Mutual last night. The two kiddies came, but they both looked all in. Donna was tired out from her day helping yesterday, so she didn't go for her finger wave. I got mine and made another appointment for her for Saturday morning. I took her sandwiches over to Sue's. The Gleaners had their party in Sycamore Grove (Married Gleaners). Donna was going to walk down with Elaine and baby Ann, but she didn't feel well enough to walk, so while I was over at Sue's, she got dressed and went to the park on the bus. Louis took some of Miriam Marsh's Junior Girls to the stake house to practice for their program Saturday nite. Our ward is giving a "Southern Tableau" [a scene that typically shows an event in history or literature and that is created on a stage by a group of people who are dressed in costumes and who do not speak or move.] Louis is to be the colonel; Beverly is to be the old "mammy" Negress. Rex brought his boss's lovely new car home tonight and took Donna and me for a nice, long ride.

### April 10, Friday

We got a good early start with the cleaning, was finished about ten o'clock. Went to Highland Park and sent Easter cards and stamps to Violet and Yvonne. I bought a dark blue straw hat, on Monte Vista Street, in a little shoppe. Louis had the bug to look at cars again, so he took Donna and I with him over to Eagle Rock while he looked. We called in Lorene's for Dody, but she wanted to stay until tomorrow. Our child doesn't seem to want to come home, I can't blame her, there's no one here to play with. I rode over to Bob's with Louis tonight, he asked him to sing Sunday night in church, but Bob has no Easter music. The program Louis had coming phoned they can't come, on account of illness. We called in Annie's on way home, was very happy to learn that Bill starts work tomorrow where Al works. The Andersen family helped Sue house clean today.

### April 11, Saturday

Beverly came for the vacuum this a.m. Donna and I were still in bed. I shampooed Donna's hair this morning

and she left for a finger wave at the Townway. I washed Dody's hair and gave her a bath this afternoon. Tonight Louis took Ruth Kitchens and her niece, Ruth, Sr. Marsh, and Ruthie and me to the stake house to the Junior Girls program and social. We had a nice time, enjoyed the program and ice cream and cake. Louis was the old southern colonel, Beverly was the old Negress Mammy, both looked fine. Rex and Donna took Dolores with them to the York show tonight.

### April 12, Sunday— Easter Sunday

We had a very beautiful day for the "Easter morning" services. I didn't hear all of the program in our Sunday School this morning as Uncle Bill came for me to go over to Kress Store and help fix some Easter bags for the Sunday School kiddies. Br. Goodsell [*manager of the Kress Store*] had enough candy eggs, and little chicks and bunnies leftover for us to give each child a nice big bag. We made nests of green grass, he had there, and filled them with Easter goodies. We sacked about 150. Beverly, Donna Knighton, Picket girls, and Uncle Bill helped. Dody looked pretty in her new yellow dress and ribbon. After dinner Dody went over to play with Shirley. Louis, Rex, Donna, and I went for a nice long ride. We bought a lug of oranges while out. Marshes were here when we got back. They visited until time for church. Nephi Anderson's boy gave a lecture on our church history, he and his companion had colored slide pictures, it was very interesting. Sr. Bishop and I treated our class to homemade candy, divinity bird nets with tiny eggs. We fixed two Easter baskets for Dolores.

### April 13, Monday

We got a good early start at washing. Louis emptied the washer for me after. Donna enjoyed a nice nap for almost three hours. I rested for a while, and then Donna drove the car and went Relief Society teaching with me. I think Dolores got too much Easter candy, she didn't feel so good tonight, and so I put her to bed early. We had a late dinner caused by waiting for Rex. I got Dody's shoes from the shoemaker's today, it's the second pair of half soles she's had on them in less than two months. Life is just a "hop, skip, and a jump" to her. She surely looked sweet yesterday in her little yellow dress and ribbon, and with her white shoes and yellow sox.

### April 14, Tuesday

Donna started the ironing this morning. I cleaned up the house and then I finished up the ironing, she did most of it. Rex came home this afternoon, he got the afternoon off, and so they went for a walk. Dolores went to Bible school after school. Inis brought some music for Donna to look over for Bob, he came over tonight to practice, but the music wasn't in his key, so Donna is going to transpose the song over tomorrow, it'll be a big job to write it all over again. Rex went over to the hall tonight, he and Raymond and Lewie are going to be the stage crew for the play tomorrow night. Dolores's eyes do not look just right tonight to me, she says she feels fine, but just the same I gave her some soda and sent her to bed a little earlier than usual.



*Dolores Fife. circa 1932*

### April 15, Wednesday

Dolores had a restless night and she felt sick this morning, so I kept her home from school. She has a little breaking out on her face this afternoon and her temperature went up to 104. I'm so worried, and Violet so far away. I think she's coming down with the measles. June says the school teacher told her that one third of the kiddies in her room are out with measles. Bobby's sick and Lawrence, too. I went to Relief Society, Donna stayed with Dody. I'd never have gone to meeting if I'd know she was going to fever up like this. I gave her an enema this afternoon, Annie and Beverly called in this evening on their way to Mutual play, "He and She." Bob and Inis came over to practice his songs before going over to the hall. Dody has been in bed all day. Beverly suffered all day with a stiff neck.



### April 16, Thursday

I got very little sleep last night. Dolores had a very restless night, her face is a sight today. She has surely felt miserable today, but I think she is better cause her temperature is down a little, it's 103 this afternoon. She has kept me on the go all day. Bobby is a very sick boy, too. Poor June is worried so. Dolores has two little lumps come back of her one ear; they have gone down some tonight. Oh, dear, what a worry, she is to me, with Violet and Otto so far away. Jack Marsh [*Perhaps John Alexander Marsh, who went by Jack and was a cousin to Rex*] came over to practice his violin this p.m. Louis and I went over to the Bishop's to pay him \$5.00 on our account. Donna sat with Dolores while we were away. Annie called in Sue's while I was there; Beverly is still suffering with a stiff neck. Rex and Uncle Bill administered to Dolores tonight.

### April 17, Friday

Poor little Dolores had another restless night. I was up and down. About three o'clock her fever seemed to break, and she was able to sleep after that. She surely gave us a scare about midnight. She woke up calling, "Mama." Donna got to her first, but she was so delirious she fought at her and it took me a minute to get her to recognize me. I felt so bad I had to cry. I sat by her bedside for a long time in the dark, cause her eyes can't stand the light. The little dear said, "You can go to bed now, I'm okay." June came over this morning for the bedpan, she says Bobby feels better. I'm so glad of that. Our block teachers came tonight, Br. Nelson and his son Leroy. Rex went over to Alhambra Ward to take stage scenery back. They painted it a little where they'd rubbed it off. Sue brought Dody some oranges and grapefruit this afternoon, she told her stories while Donna and I got the cleaning done. Lorene came this p.m. She took my letter to mail to Violet and somehow lost it, so she wrote another one, ha, ha!

### April 18, Saturday

I feel so happy today. Dolores is feeling so well this morning, she slept all night through, and so did I. The measles are starting to fade now. I'm surely happy, and know she'll be okay soon. Donna went to Highland Park this morning; she paid on my washer for me, and banked some money for herself. Mary called in after Primary with some paper dolls for Dody to play with. The measles itch poor Dody something awful. The Andersens called by to see how Dolores was. Little Dale can't understand why he cannot come in the house. Donna and I went for grocery order this afternoon at Boy's Market. This evening Louis went to the stake conference with Al. They had a chance to vote on a name for our new stake, and vote for the man they wanted to be president of new stake. Donna and Rex went to the Highland show. We made a new Jell-O whip salad.

### April 19, Sunday—Hollywood Stake Divided!

Dolores slept fine all night and feels good today. It seems strange for us all to be home on a Sunday morning. Rex, Donna and I went to the afternoon session of conference in Hollywood Stake house. I guess it'll be our last conference there, as the stake was divided this afternoon. We now live in the new "Pasadena Stake." We were all happy to learn that President David Cannon would be president of the new stake. Rulon H. Cheney will be his first counselor

## Measles (Rubeola)

Rubeola, or "red" measles, is a highly contagious respiratory disease spread by coughing, sneezing, or simply being in close contact with someone who is infected with it, even when the rash is not visible. Measles tends to be more severe in adults than in children, with a higher fever, more prominent rash, and more complications.

Symptoms start with a fever, cough, runny nose, red irritated eyes, sore throat with tiny white spots inside the mouth and last 2-4 days before the signature itchy red rash appears on the body around the fourth or fifth day, beginning on the head and moving down the body.

After coming in contact with someone infected with measles, the incubation period from initial exposure to onset of the rash is between seven and 18 days, with an average of 14 days. The period leading up to the appearance of the rash is characterized by a rising fever that peaks at 103-105 degrees F.

Complications of measles can include bronchitis, ear infections, pneumonia, encephalitis and death. Some studies have demonstrated that vitamin A reduces the risk of death and complications and that children with vitamin A deficiency, especially in underdeveloped countries, are at increased risk for measles complications. Receiving serum immune globulin 6 days after exposure to measles can mediate the severity of measles.

In 1960, three years before the first measles vaccine was licensed in the U.S., there were 380 deaths from measles recorded. Today, [2014] deaths from measles are rare in the U.S. (an average of 1 per year). Globally 95 percent of deaths from measles occur in developing countries, where measles is one of the leading causes of death among young children.

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and Dr. LeRoy Buckmiller his second counselor. Wilford G. Edling is the new president of the Hollywood Stake, with Preston D. Richards first counselor, and \_\_\_ Pettie as his second counselor. It was a very wonderful conference. I was sorry I couldn't attend all sessions. Louis stayed home with Dolores while we went to conference. The measles are going away now. Tonight Louis and I took a walk over to Sue's; they were not home, so we strolled along the Avenue and enjoyed hot popcorn.

### April 20, Monday

We got our washing out early, but it was a cloudy day and damp, so the clothes didn't dry until this afternoon. Louis went over to work at Peterson's this morning. Rex had this afternoon off, he and Donna went up to see Florence. Dolores felt so fine today, I let her get up and dressed. Annie, Beverly, and Dale called to see how we were. I wrote cards to Violet and Dad. The Marsh family came over to show us the new auto truck they bought today. John has lots of work ahead, he says, so he needs a truck. It's a brand new Chevrolet. Ray came to go teaching with Rex, but he wasn't home. I've been bothered with asthma lately, I guess it's this cold I have. Rex and Donna ate dinner with Florence and Ernie. She told Donna she was expecting a baby in July, she surely has surprised everyone this time.

### April 21, Tuesday

Donna and I finished the ironing this morning. I mended some of Dolores's clothes and a few other things. Dolores got up and dressed today, she felt fine. I let her go outside this afternoon in the sunshine. She rode over to Boy's Market with Donna and me, but she stayed in the car. Rex called Donna at Mr. Sandra's, he told her he was working late, to help his boss trim the windows tonight. We enjoyed an early dinner. Lillian Stead came over this evening to talk to Louis about music for Sunday night. John, Florence, and Ruth rode over in their new truck.

### April 22, Wednesday

I slept very little last night, asthma until about three o'clock, and then my nerves started jumping, "what a night." I stayed in bed until almost noon. Donna did the work; she baked apples, and took care of Dolores's breakfast. Donna bought our strawberries and took them to the Relief Society building fund, "nonsensical" party. I wasn't well enough to walk down. Sue and Sr. Wanker called for me at Donna's

request. I enjoyed the party, had my fortune told for a nickel. Donna won a crepe paper doll made of a sucker, it was real cute. Dolores was delighted when she gave it to her. Beverly and Annie brought me home from the party. I felt miserable all evening with this cold on my chest and asthma. The folks went to Mutual. Louis brought George and Helen over, he's told them I was suffering with asthma and Helen wanted me to try a tablet the doctor gave her, so I took half of one before going to bed. Louis rubbed my back good with Vicks.

#### April 23, Thursday

I had a very good night's rest. I guess Helen's tablet helped, it was nice of her to bring it over. I worked on Sunday School scrapbooks most of the afternoon. Donna did some typing for me. Jack Marsh came to practice on his violin with Donna this afternoon. My lungs hurt so much tonight that I made a mustard plaster for my back and chest. Donna put the one on my back for me. I felt much better after the plasters got busy; I kept them on about 30 minutes. Gosh, I'm having an awful time to write my thoughts tonight.

#### April 24, Friday

Donna and I took Dolores with us uptown this morning. We went to the pen shop in 6th and Spring Street where Donna bought a fountain pen for Rex to give to Helen Velentine, she won it in a Sunday School contest. We then bought Dolores some silk shorts, little bracelet and ring, and pajamas, for her birthday. A package came from Violet and it was two pair pajamas, real cute, so Dody will have a pajama birthday. I got a letter from Sr. Bishop, Louis took me over to her house this evening, so I could let her have our instructor to study her Sunday School lesson. She lives in South Pasadena. The Marsh family called on us tonight to get the pink slip to Rex's car. Raymond came on his way from school to tell Rex he couldn't go teaching tonight. Rex and Donna went shopping at Boy's Market, brought us candy home.

#### April 25, Saturday

I did all the cleaning today while Donna made Dolores's birthday cake, she also made some cupcakes for Dody to treat her relatives to. Dolores wanted a lemon cake, so that's what she got. I decorated it with little pink flowers and candles. Mary called to

take her to Primary. This afternoon Dolores treated Mary and Shirley to the Highland show, I also gave them each a nickel to spend too, so they were all happy. The Claytons gave her sox, book, bracelet and necklace. Hoglunds gave her lovely satin slip, Andersens gave her money, Donna gave silk shorts, I gave pajamas. Violet and Otto sent two pair of pajamas. She lighted the candles at dinner tonight, and we all made a wish. I think she had a "happy birthday."

Donna and I had an awful time trying to decide what to buy for dinner tonight, it ended up that she went to bed and left me to it. Hoglunds and Andersens came over. Annie and Dale visited a while. Bill, Beverly, and Glen when to a show. Audrey Treu came home to visit for 24 hours. She's not so well, cause her asthma is worse out here.

#### April 26, Sunday

I don't seem to be sleeping very well lately, just seem to stay awake for hours in the night. Oh, dear, I wonder what's the matter with me now??? We had our local board meeting at nine o'clock this morning. Louis and I ate alone today at dinner. Dolores went to Shirley's, Rex and Donna to Marshes'. After dinner we went over to Lorene's to wish her a "happy birthday." Louis picked some of our roses, they are lovely now. I took them and some of Dolores's birthday cake to Lorene. We stayed at Lorene's until time for church. Hoglunds and Andersens came, too. Sue gave Lorene a lovely satin slip, Lorene treated to candy and fruit. We took Lorene and Charles to church and home after. Dody stayed with Mary. Ray rode to church with us and home with Al after. It was the M Men's conference tonight. They had a fine meeting. I enjoyed fish sandwich and Jell-O at Lorene's tonight.

#### April 27, Monday

We washed, but it was a damp cool day, some of the clothes were still damp when we brought them in this evening. Louis went over to Peterson's this morning to beat the rug for the old lady, he also tacked it down for her and did a few other little jobs, and she paid him \$1.25. Rex had his afternoon off today, he and Donna started to take me and Dolores to town, to the Board of Health, to get a permit for Dolores to go back to school. We called in the school first and the principal said she'd permit Dody back to school in the morning,



Charles & Lorene Clayton,  
Bill, Glen & Annie Andersen  
Raymond & Mary Clayton, in front.

and then the nurse could check her over Wednesday. I was surely glad Dolores and I went in school before going to town, it was Donna's suggestion. We called to see her school teacher, too. Rex and Donna kindly took us with them for a nice long ride, out to see Alice Pack. Tonight the folks went to a Mutual meeting down to Marshes'. Lorene visited with Dody and me while Charles went teaching. Rex and Alfred Price went block teaching tonight.

### April 28, Tuesday

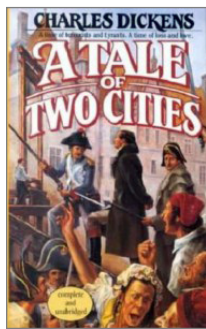
Myrtle Robinson had a 9 pound baby girl [*Sandra Lee Robinson*] Sunday at 11 p.m., April 26. I started the ironing and Donna finished it while I put the blanket stitch around her little baby quilt. Annie and Dale came to visit with me this afternoon. She's been to the bank to pay on her washer. Donna took a nap, she didn't feel so well today, she shouldn't have ironed so long. I tried to do more, but she insisted. Dolores started back to school this morning. She went to Bible school this afternoon. My blood pressure has bothered me lately, I'm about 13 days past my time, and I wonder what now?? Donna went over to the block teachers meeting at the Bishop's tonight; she's playing for LeRoy Nelson to sing.

### April 29, Wednesday

Donna had a backache today, so I prevailed upon her to rest and not walk to Relief Society. I went down to take care of Dale. Sr. Wanker gave the lesson very well. I believe she is going to be our regular social service teacher now. Dolores went over to Shirley's after school and stayed to eat dinner. Donna made a chocolate cake this afternoon, and I told her to rest. I wrote to Violet this afternoon. Al brought Dolores home on his way to the dance. Everet Van Essen came over excited tonight, the orchestra hadn't come. The awful part of it, the orchestra never did show up. The M Men had to rush around and find one at a beer parlor somewhere. But they say they had a good time after all. The music got started at about 10:30. Louis and I stayed with Bobby while June and Harold went to the dance. Gwen Sorensen was crowned Queen at the dance tonight.

### April 30, Thursday

I worked hard all day, washed all the dishes in the dining room cabinet, Donna dried them. She was trying to read "A Tale of Two Cities" and dry dishes, too. I also cleaned out one of the kitchen cupboards, and gave the base board and floor a good scrubbing, also back porch. Shirley came over after school, she and Dolores colored some of their Sunday School pictures. Bette called for Shirley; Donna rode them home



in our Ford while I got the groceries. Dolores and I took a nice long walk after dinner this evening, over to Annie's, and then down to Highland Park over the Avenue 59 hill. I helped her with her spelling when we got back. Louis went to see Ann Madsen about singing Sunday night. Donna and Rex went to cash check at Boy's Market.

### May 1, Friday

I cleaned through the house today after walking to Highland Park to do a little shopping, and bank some money for Donna. She made a cake this morning to take over to the party at the Bishop's house tonight. George and Helen are giving the party for the cast that played in "He and She." It was our Strong's meeting tonight at Ellen Scott's in Compton. I told Sue I'd go with them, but Louis wanted me to go with him to the party. George invited us because Louis took charge of the program between the acts. Donna and I and Dody rode over to Sue's this afternoon, something is wrong with the Bishop's car, so he can't use it tonight. We drove Annie's and made arrangements for Bill to take Sue and Al with them to Strong's meeting. Lorene isn't well enough to go; Charles is taking her to the doctor tonight to see about the burning hurt in her side. We played "Pit" tonight, everyone seemed to have a good time, I didn't feel so well.



Pit is a fast-paced card game for three to seven players, designed to simulate open outcry bidding for commodities. The game was developed for Parker Brothers and first sold in 1904. This popular version of the game was developed by Edgar Cayce, who would also become famous for his psychic predictions.

The inspirations were the Chicago Board of Trade (known as 'The Pit') and the US Corn Exchange and it was likely based on the very successful game Gavitt's Stock Exchange, invented in 1903 by Harry E. Gavitt of Topeka, Kansas (and reprinted in 2004 in an authentic "heirloom" edition by Out of the Box Publishing).

### May 2, Saturday

Oh, dear, what's the trouble with me?? I suffered with cramps again most of the night, but nothing happens. I'm 17 days past due now. I was going to go with Dolores to be baptized, but was too ill to go, so Donna took her. They walked over to the Bishop's and he took them to the stake house. Al brought Dody home, and then she went back with him, to stay all night. She's going to the show with Bette and Shirley tonight. Sue is going to stake Gleaner banquet tonight. Al is going to the L.A. Stake Conference, I think he said. Donna got out in town and met Rex; she is going to buy a shower gift for Miriam and something to give Myrtle's baby. I didn't feel very well tonight. Louis and I went to bed early.



### May 3, Sunday

Our officers and teachers meeting at 9 a.m. today was very interesting. Bishop gave us a splendid talk on tithing. Oh, I'd give anything if my sweetheart Lou could only see tithing like I do. President Cannon talked in our fast meeting, but I couldn't hear him on account of my Sunday School class upstairs. I'm sorry I always have to miss the fast meeting. The children seemed to enjoy coloring their pictures, but it's a hard job on me. Donna stayed home from Sunday School. Alfred Price played for her in Sunday School. It was surely a treat to have dinner all ready when we got home from Sunday School. We all went over to Sue's this afternoon to wish Elaine a "happy birthday." Sue treated to ice cream and cake. We took Annie over to get Lorene's washing after church. Donna went to a stork shower on Miriam Marsh at Chandler's this afternoon. Vera and Florence Gibson gave it.



Elaine, Al & Susie Hoglund, 1916, the year Elaine was born.

### May 4, Monday

We enjoyed another lovely day, had the washing out real early. Louis went over to take Lorene down to Dr. Watkins this a.m. She had an x-ray taken to try and find out what is wrong with her stomach. She had to go to his office three times today for treatments and x-rays. The first picture showed ulcers, another showed that the stomach and bowels have dropped down. I'm so sorry for her, no wonder she feels so nervous and ill. Louis took Donna down to see her doctor this morning. This afternoon we all went for a nice ride. Donna, Dolores, our neighbor, Mrs. Lytle, me, and Louis. We called at work for Rex, in Hollywood, and brought him home. I read all the funny papers to Dody tonight. Donna and Rex went to Boy's Market, bought things for tomorrow.

### May 5, Tuesday

Donna spent all morning in the kitchen, preparing dinner. She made Jell-O salad, and a pudding, and a nice meat and vegetable stew. I did most of the ironing, she insisted on finishing up the shirts. Sr. Chandler and Miriam came to see if I'd give a poem on Mother's day program in Miriam's place. Dr. Watkins wanted her to give it, and she doesn't feel well enough. Well, I didn't want to, so it ended up by Donna saying she'd do it, sweet kid. Louis got half day off to vote, so he went over to Peterson's and did his work there. Donna and Rex went to the hall tonight to practice for the big wedding tomorrow night.

### May 6, Wednesday

Another lovely spring day, the flowers are beautiful in most everyone's yard. We have so many roses out now, and they are just grand. Donna and I stopped in the bank on our way to

Relief Society. Dr. Watkins was in the bank, too, he and Donna talked over the Mother's Day program for Sunday. I sent Mother a nice card and box of See's candy. We met Sue and helped her carry some mints to the hall for party tonight. It is Br. and Sr. Van Essen's silver wedding anniversary. They gave \$25.00 to the ward to pay for refreshments for a ward party, a silver offering, not less than 25¢ from each person, was collected for our building fund. We held it tonight after Mutual and had a lovely time. We had a mock wedding, was real cute, too. After eating, we danced to piano and harmonica.

### May 7, Thursday

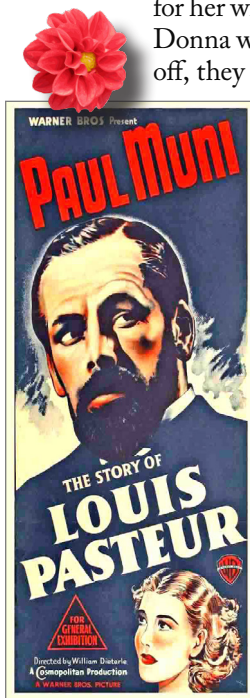
I spent most of the day mending and darning. I made a stomach band for Donna to see if it would relieve her backaches. We got a letter from Hildur, she's afraid we had forgotten to pay our rent, but we didn't get our check until four o'clock today. After dinner we took the rent over to her. Rex went swimming tonight. Donna and Dolores walked over to Annie's. We brought them home from there. We called in Lorene's on our way to Annie's, she feels better. Annie, Glen, Beverly, and Dale came in Lorene's while we were there, just as we were leaving, Sue, Al, and kiddies came. Bill started a new job today; I do wish he'd get something steady.

### May 8, Friday

Donna and I walked to the bank this a.m., I banked \$20.00 for Louis she banked some, too. We paid light and gas bill and sent a Mother's Day card and hanky to Violet from Dolores. I also sent my Salt Lake insurance. We enjoyed some ice cream; it was surely hot on the Avenue. I curled June's hair up for her when I got home. I did the cleaning when we got back. Donna was tired out so she took a nap. It was Rex's afternoon off, they took a walk early this evening to Victory Park.

### May 9, Saturday

I shampooed both Donna's and my own hair this morning. We had finger waves at the Townway. Dolores walked to Primary from Shirley's with her. We went in "Bain's" frock shop, and bought a pretty orange and brown print cotton dress for me. Donna and Rex gave me a lovely card and a dollar bill for Mother's Day. I put another dollar to it and got the dress. I finished the cleaning this afternoon. June, Bobby, Beverly, and Glen went to a show tonight in Bill's car. Dolores spent the day at Sue's with Shirley. Rex took me over tonight for her. Sue and Al have been house hunting all day. Their house is leaking again, from the upstairs apartment. Donna, Rex, and I went to the York show tonight. We saw a very splendid picture, "Louis Pasteur." Louis stayed with Dody.



### May 10, Sunday

I didn't feel very well today, but went to Sunday School. We didn't have class work on account of our Mother's Day program. I enjoyed the program very much. The Sunday School gave each mother a lovely book of "Mother's Poems." Donna and Rex went to Marshes' for dinner. Dody ate over to Sue's. Louis and I were alone. We enjoyed a lovely ride after dinner, out to Pomona, El Monte, and etcetera. After resting and eating, we went to church this evening. Al brought Dolores home from Annie's after church.

### May 11, Monday

Donna didn't feel so well this morning, so she went back to bed after getting the washing on its way. She got the water hot, and the clothes ready. I got most of it out before she came out again. I do not like her to work at all when she feels weak, but it's a job to keep her down. June brought me a bouquet of flowers this afternoon; they'd only been in the house ten minutes before I had asthma. I had to put them outside, they had a very strong odor. Louis took Sue around in her car house hunting. They didn't find anything she'd have. There are a very few houses empty now, in Highland Park.

### May 12, Tuesday

I slept very little last night because of the awful asthma. It surely made me feel punk today. I tried to do the ironing, but just couldn't make it. Donna ironed too long for her own good, also, she'll have to cut it out until she's over her sickness. [Elvie called pregnancy "sickness."] It seemed to be an off day for us today anyway. Rex came home half sick, with sore throat; he went to bed after dinner. Donna put an Epson salts pack on his throat. I had to burn the asthma powder several times today. Oh, hum!

### May 13, Wednesday

Beverly brought Annie's minute book to me this a.m., she said Dale is sick, so Annie can't go to Relief Society. I slept well last night and was able to finish the ironing before going to meeting. Donna made some oatmeal cookies before we went to the meeting. I enjoyed the luncheon very much and I washed all the dishes, so Florence [Oates] could rest, she looked so tired, she's expecting her baby in July. Donna took care of the money and minutes for me. There was a card from Violet saying Otto was coming down on business. He arrived a few minutes after we read the card. Dody was thrilled to see him. Louis was given a new job at the hospital, he starts it Monday. They are sending him back to the new hospital to be supervisor over the waxing men over there. Our Daddy's getting on. Louis came home after Mutual; he said they had a large crowd to the adult dance.



*Elvie received a book of "Mother's Poems" from the Sunday School.*

### May 14, Thursday

Otto stayed in town last night with Mr. McArthur at the hotel. I had a good night's rest for which I'm thankful. I darned sox and mended underwear. Florence called for Donna about 1:30. They went to the Gleaner's club at Sycamore Grove. Dolores waited all afternoon, running to the corner every few minutes, to see if her Daddy was coming. He didn't get here until about six o'clock, and he couldn't stay long cause Mr. McArthur was expecting him back in town. He took Dolores in our car around to see the folks. Violet made us each a very pretty little flower corsage, mine is yellow rose buds, the others are rose color, they surely are pretty. She knows I love yellow. She sent them to Sue's; Otto and Dody brought them over to me.

### May 15, Friday

Beverly and Dale came for the vacuum this a.m. She brought it back in time for my cleaning. We got all the work done up today. Rex had his afternoon off, he and Donna went to Boy's Market and bought things for a picnic lunch. I fixed the salad and sandwiches after they left for the Victory Park with Dolores. When Louis got home we took the lunch and went down to eat with them this evening. We had a nice time. Rex bought a bat and ball and had a good time playing ball with some young folks down at the park. Dody had fun on the swings and etcetera. Tonight Lillian Stead and Harold came to practice with some of the priesthood boys, but they didn't show up, so they went home. Annie brought my \$5.00 back tonight. More asthma, darn it.

### May 16, Saturday

I gave Dolores a bath this morning and send her off to Primary. Mary called to walk down with her. I told Dody to go to Shirley's after, cause Donna and I went uptown. I bought some gray crepe for a skirt for Donna, and some flowered silk for a smock for her birthday. We'll have to get it made up somehow. Donna bought two hankies for Raymond's birthday; she and Rex took him to the York show to celebrate his birthday tonight. Br. and Sr. Marsh and Ruth paid us a nice visit tonight. Bob Stanton also came over to talk with Louis about the job he is helping him do on his car tomorrow.

### May 17, Sunday

Lucille Evans helped Sr. Bishop in her Sunday School class today. I guess she'll work with her. I had help, too, but only for today. Sr. Wanker brought a little girl in my class and stayed with her. She sat by Jan Shupe, the order was good, ha, ha! Louis cooked breakfast for himself and

Bob Stanton this morning, 6:20 a.m. Bob helped him put a new fly wheel in his car. They had just finished the job when we got home from Sunday School. Shirley came home to dinner with us cause Bette has a sore throat and I didn't want Dolores there. Sue and Al have decided to move, they think they'll take the place on Avenue 42. I tried to entertain the kiddies this afternoon outside while my folks enjoyed their naps. Some job! We took both children to church tonight.



after Mutual, we enjoyed a concert orchestra, which played Victor Herbert's music, for one hour. It was very good, a S.E.R.A. orchestra. Oh, dear, Sr. Craddock asked me to compose and read a farewell poem to the Hill's at their dinner Thursday night.

Victor August Herbert (February 1, 1859 – May 26, 1924) was an Irish-born, German-raised American composer, cellist and conductor. Although Herbert enjoyed important careers as a cello soloist and conductor, he is best known for composing many successful operettas

that premiered on Broadway from the 1890s to World War I. He was also prominent among the tin pan alley composers and was later a founder of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers. A prolific composer, Herbert produced two operas, a cantata, 43 operettas, incidental music to 10 plays, 31 compositions for orchestra, nine band compositions, nine cello compositions, five violin compositions with piano or orchestra, 22 piano compositions and numerous songs, choral compositions and orchestrations of works by other composers, among other music.

In the early 1880s, Herbert began a career as a cellist in Vienna, Austria, and Stuttgart, Germany, during which he began to compose orchestral music. Herbert and his opera singer wife, Therese Förster, moved to the U.S. in 1886 when both were engaged by the Metropolitan Opera. In the U.S., Herbert continued his performing career, while also teaching at the National Conservatory of Music, conducting and composing. His most notable instrumental compositions were his Cello Concerto No. 2 in E minor, Op. 30 (1894), which entered the standard repertoire, and his Auditorium Festival March (1901). He led the Pittsburgh Symphony from 1898 to 1904 and then founded the Victor Herbert Orchestra, which he conducted throughout the rest of his life.

Herbert began to compose operettas in 1894, producing several successes, including *The Serenade* (1897) and *The Fortune Teller* (1898). Even more successful were some of the operettas that he wrote after the turn of the 20th century: *Babes in Toyland* (1903), *Mlle. Modiste* (1905), *The Red Mill* (1906), *Naughty Marietta* (1910), *Sweethearts* (1913) and *Eileen* (1917). After World War I, with the change of popular musical tastes, Herbert began to compose musicals and contributed music to other composers' shows. While some of these were well-received, he never again achieved the level of success that he had enjoyed with his most popular operettas. —*Wikipedia*

### May 18, Monday

We enjoyed a nice cool day, had the washing out, and back in by 2:30. I have felt fine today. Donna and Dolores walked to the bank with me while I got \$8.00 from our account to pay Mrs. Lytle for the wool blankets she sold us. I'm so pleased with the bargain. She paid \$25.00 for the two and they are like new, she is in need of money, and we are in need of bedding, so it's just right. I bought a smock, and night gown pattern or Donna. Louis started his new job this morning. He has been breaking another man in at his old job in the old hospital. Louis and I rode over to Lorene's this evening. She's feeling better, thank goodness. Rex and Lewis went out car hunting tonight. I wrote a card to Violet and put Donna's hair up in curls.

### May 19, Tuesday

Annie and Beverly brought Dale over this a.m. They left him with us while they went to help Sue move. She is moving down on Avenue 41. I got some ironing done while the baby was asleep, but nothing doing after that. Donna went to Vera's house to a shower on one of Vera's friends. Rex had the afternoon off, he painted our water tank silver, and then he and Louis went car hunting, they called for Donna first. They came home with a '29 Ford. It's a good looking car, will be real nice when he paints it. I'm surely glad he has a car cause he needs it so badly. He has to work over in Beverly Hill's store tomorrow. They send him so far away. Rex took Dody and me for a little ride tonight.

### May 20, Wednesday

I finished the ironing before going to Relief Society. Donna made a ginger cake and baked apples this morning. She felt too tired to go to R.S., so stayed home and rested. I was very much surprised today, to learn of the death of Br. Albert Schumann. [Albert turned 40 in April of that year.] He had a stroke Monday afternoon and died that night. I feel so sorry for his wife and family. Louis rode over and talked to Sr. Schumann this evening when I told him about it. They are holding his funeral next Saturday afternoon. Tonight



Albert Schumann holding Bonnie Dunn in 1933.

### May 21, Thursday

Donna made some little pink and white squares for her baby shawl with the loom and needle. I spent more of the day mending underwear for Rex and Louis. Tonight we went down to the Townsend club and joined, just so we could give Sr. Marsh a vote, she is very anxious to be elected as a delegate to go to Cleveland, Ohio, to represent the Townsend old age pension club, No. 118. [See Townsend info box near January 24, 1936.] John asked us to join and vote for her, so Donna, Rex, Louis and I did just that, to please them. I can't see how the Townsend plan will ever be a success, but maybe I don't see very far??? [Elvie was on the right track about the Townsend Plan.] Dolores stayed over at June's until Donna and Rex got home, they left the meeting early. Louis and I left at 9:30 and they were still going strong.



Florence and John Marsh

### May 22, Friday

It has been a very beautiful day. Donna and I cleaned through the house; she took a nap this afternoon while I walked to Highland Park to pay the bank on my washer. I had rubber heels put on my shoes while on the Avenue, too. Dolores stayed home with Donna and had a wonderful time playing tag with the little neighbor boys. Tonight Rex and Raymond went block teaching; they went up to Florence's after, to play a game of pool. Louis took Donna, Dolores, and me for a nice ride. We called in Annie's on our way back from Pasadena. Bill and Glen were home. Baby Dale was in bed, Annie and Beverly had gone to a show. Lillian Stead brought a friend over to see if Beverly would help his wife who has had a new baby.

### May 23, Saturday

I didn't get any sleep until after two o'clock this morning, my nerves seemed to be on fire, and maybe it was the half of an asthma tablet I took before going to bed. It knocked the asthma alright, but almost put me out, too. Helen Holden brought the tablets over for me to try. I took some twice before and they didn't affect me like that. I had a bad gas attack after eating some raw cabbage for dinner last evening, maybe it was the cause of my trouble. Donna and I did our weeks washing this a.m. so she can go over to Annie's Monday and help make her a silk smock and shirt. Louis worked over to Peterson's for four hours. Dolores brought Mary and Shirley over to eat lunch with her; they walked over to Mary's after. This afternoon Louis and I went to Albert Schumann's funeral. We rode to the cemetery in Al's car. Saw through Sue's new house, also went through Sr. Robinson's new home she's buying.

### May 24, Sunday

I enjoyed a little longer rest this morning than usual, cause Donna was going to stay home this morning and

I didn't have to get dinner ready. She had it all prepared when we got home from Sunday School. Rex took her to his mother's house for dinner. Dolores ate at Shirley's. So Louis and I were alone again. We had a lot of company call at the same time today. Charles and family called to show us their new car, "Willies," it's a good looking car, I'm so glad they have a nice car now. The Andersens came a few minutes after Claytons, and Elaine and Ernie and baby came a few minutes after them, and then Rex and Donna drove up. Our little drive was full of family cars, Br. Ray Haddock and Bishop Olson talked in our meeting tonight. Ann Madsen sang. It was a fine meeting. We went down to Sue's for Dolores, but Lorene had brought her with Mary and left her at June's.

### May 25, Monday

We were wakened this a.m. about two o'clock by a policeman knocking on June's front door. We heard him tell her that Harold was in the Georgia Street hospital, he had collided with the Street car on Marmion Way and Museum Drive, near home. His car, they said, was demolished. Poor June was nearly crazy. Louis took her to the hospital, and then they went out to El Monte to tell his mother and father. I stayed with Bobby. They got home about 5:30. Harold was conscious, they can't tell how bad he's hurt until they get him to the hospital and take x-rays. From the emergency hospital he was taken to the General Hospital, and then to the French hospital, where they took the x-rays. [No x-ray machine at the Georgia Street hospital.] They won't know until tomorrow how bad he's hurt, but he says he feels fine. He has some bad cuts; we're hoping that's all. Louis stayed over there while she went to the hospital tonight. June's cousin is staying with her all night. Beverly came to get Lou to fix her flat tire, she was on Avenue 53, Bill and Glen had gone to a show, she was taking mother and baby for a ride. Donna spent the day at Annie's, she is making her a smock and skirt.

### May 26, Tuesday

I enjoyed a real good night's rest. I made up for the loss of sleep Sunday night, I guess. June's cousin helped her wash today. They used our lines, too. Donna went over to Annie's again today. They finished the silk smock and skirt. I bought Donna the goods for her birthday. June says they'll be able to bring Harold home Thursday, he has a very slight concussion, but will be okay in a day or so. I spent most of the day composing a poem for Br. Hill's farewell banquet and program. It's given with apologies to Mr. Clement C. Moore and his "Night Before Christmas" poem. Tonight Rex went to the block teachers meeting at Bishop's. Ed Robinson and Br. Imsen came home with Rex to practice singing. They are on Br. Hill's dinner program, too.

### May 27, Wednesday

I finished my poem this morning and Donna typed it for me. We both went to Relief Society. Louis had this afternoon off, so he enjoyed a good nap. Donna ordered some flowers from Rae Kammeran, she makes them very pretty for 25¢. Donna is going to call at her house for them tomorrow. Tonight we went to the Primary May Festival, it was just lovely. Little Lois Goodsell [*Lois Mae Goodsell, five years old*] was their May Queen. Dolores played in the rhythm band, she played the tambourines. She looked so cute. She had a little red cap and cape. It was all so beautiful with the sweet little children and flowers and etcetera. Louis went over to Hills to tell them he couldn't come to their farewell party.



*Primary May Festival was held on May 27, 1936.*

### May 28, Thursday

I sewed clasps and buttons on Donna's silk smock this morning. This afternoon I went block teaching, I had to walk and go alone, so I'm glad it's finished. Harold Hays came home from the French hospital this afternoon. I went in to see him this evening; he looks good considering his car was demolished, he's surely lucky to be alive. Louis had to go to a director's meeting at the hospital tonight, and couldn't attend Br. Hill's farewell banquet. Br. and Sr. Marsh had election at the Townsend Hall, Sr. Marsh came in second, and a man won the elections so I guess he'll go to Ohio to represent their club. I read my poem and Rex sang in the trio on the program tonight. The dinner was good. Br. and Sr. White and Sr. Pack and Clara came to the banquet tonight. Dolores slept with Mary tonight.



*Donna Marsh in 1941.*

### May 29, Friday

Donna and I did our washing and cleaning today. It being the holiday tomorrow and both men home, and Monday is her birthday, she is going to make a cake then. Elaine left little Ann over there this afternoon while she had a permanent in the ends of her hair. The baby was very good, she surely enjoyed her, and she's so darn cute. We took her in the buggy to Boy's Market. The buggy came in handy to bring the things home. Tonight Rex and Donna went to the Library in Los Angeles, to meet Raymond; he helped Rex find some current events for his talk in the elder's class next Sunday morning. Louis, Dody, and I walked down to Highland Park to see the new show house, "The Park," it opened tonight. Surely a big line up, we bought hot popcorn.

### May 30, Saturday— Memorial Day

I got up and wrote a letter to Violet before anyone else got up. Rex and Donna took a lunch and went up in the canyon today. Louis took June and me and Dody down to see Harold's wrecked car. We stayed at the garage until the men from the wreckage company came to get it; they gave June \$15.00 for it. After lunch, Louis took Dolores and me for a nice long ride, we saw the little government home out in El Monte. We bought two rabbits, for dinner tomorrow, on our way back. This evening Sue and Al brought their kiddies and Elaine's baby, Ann, in for a visit. The Marsh family called on us, too, and while they were here Lewie and Miriam called, he wants Rex to take charge of the elder's class tomorrow, he has to work. Miriam stayed in the car; she's expecting to go to the hospital anytime.

### May 31, Sunday

Rex and I went to the Sunday School local board meeting this morning. Dr. Watkins is still in Salt Lake, his mother died about two weeks ago. Br. Keller was in charge, he gave a very good talk, and so did Br. Gunn. I cooked the rabbits before going to Sunday School. We surely did enjoy our rabbit dinner today. Louis, Rex, Donna, and I went to the concert at the Sycamore Grove this afternoon. We enjoyed it very much, especially the last half of the concert, which was given by the Hawaiian orchestra. Br. and Sr. Marsh came over before church this evening and brought Donna a birthday gift, a lovely flesh colored satin night gown. After church tonight Louis and I called to see Mrs. Barns, I feel so sorry for the poor soul, she's

so sick. Ray came home from church with Donna and Rex. Dody also came with them.

### June 1, Monday—My Darling's Birthday

I did the ironing this morning while Donna made a caramel nut birthday cake for herself. Annie and Beverly left Dale here this afternoon while they went uptown to buy a dress for Beverly to wear to the Gleaner banquet next Wednesday. They bought a yellow dress, we didn't see it, but it sounds pretty. The folks came to wish Donna a happy birthday, Elaine gave her some dear little white kid baby shoes, and Beverly gave her some silk baby shoes, pink, Sue gave her a nice big bath blanket for the baby. Grama sent her a lovely pair of flesh colored pajamas; Raymond gave a very pretty handkerchief.

The Marshes gave a lovely satin night gown. Rex also gave her a beautiful satin night gown; he brought her a big lovely bouquet of lovely sweet peas, too. Louis and I gave her the silk smock and skirt. Louis bought an electric ice box and new stove for our house tonight, am I thrilled!

### June 2, Tuesday

Just think, we're going to have an electric ice box at last, and a lovely new stove, too. I got busy and cleaned the kitchen woodwork and windows, also washed the curtains. Donna helped a little, but I was afraid to have her do hard work. It was Rex's afternoon off, he took Donna to see the doctor, they came home and told us they were going to the new Park Theater, and not to wait dinner for them so we three ate alone, they ate after the show tonight. We took Dolores and went over to visit with Lorene and family. Charles showed us his samples for covering overstuff furniture. We are going to have ours fixed as soon as we can buy the material.

### June 3, Wednesday

Our new Frigidaire, and Gaffers and Sattler stove came out this afternoon. It was real exciting around here for a while. It's hard for me to believe I've really got them. Donna got a finger wave and went to Relief Society. Annie went over to help Beverly and the Gleaners prepare their banquet dinner for tonight. I kept Dale here; he had a nice long sleep. Donna and Rex went to the banquet. Dolores went over to stay all night with Mary. Louis and I went to the Mutual "Gold and Green" ball tonight. We had a very good time; the music was the best we've ever had over there. The dance was free, we couldn't charge because it was a S.E.R.A. orchestra. Mrs. Barn's sister, and her boyfriend, came; he danced three times with me. At the election banquet Gwen Sorenson was elected Gleaner president, and Evert Van Essen, M Men president.

### June 4, Thursday

We surely are enjoying our stove and Frigidaire. Donna made Jell-O salad and ice cream for dinner tonight. Dolores was in the program at school this afternoon, Donna and I went over to see it. I got a letter from Violet today, she's got more grief again, little Yvonne drank some gasoline, they had to have her stomach pumped, poor little dear is very sick. Oh dear, I'm so sorry for Violet. Florence



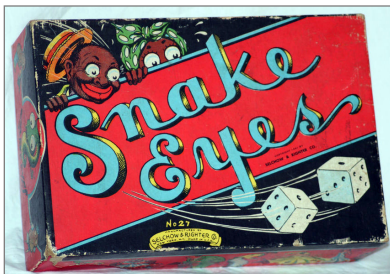
*In 1936 Elvie gets her first electric refrigerator.*



*Gaffers and Sattler stove*



*Robin Marsh, one year old.*



*The game "Snake Eyes" was first published in 1930.*

Oates called in to see Donna today; she gave her a pretty print night gown for her birthday. The folks were all tired tonight and went to bed early. I stayed up and made pictures for my Sunday School class to color. My blood pressure is bad tonight, has been all day, poor ole head is the bunk.

### June 5, Friday

Donna and I did the cleaning this morning and went uptown this afternoon. She bought a pretty little green voile, flowered dress to give Sr. Marsh for her birthday. They took it down tonight after Leslie and Naomi Weber left, it was almost ten o'clock. Donna also bought four baby shirts today. Tonight, Louis, Dolores, and I rode down to Høglund's to pay Al some money. He was just going out, but we visited with Sue and the children. Dolores was tickled to have a chance to play with Shirley. Elaine, Ernie, and baby Ann, were down to Sue's, too. We all enjoyed playing with the baby, she's so darn cute. Louis and I rode to Mr. Boon's gas station, after work to pay our bill and get more gas, cashed check at Boy's Market.

### June 6, Saturday

Louis went over to work in Miss Peterson's yard this morning. Donna and I did a big washing. We used June's lines, too. Donna went to the bank to bank some money. I had her bank \$5.00 for us. She mailed a letter to Grama thanking her for her lovely birthday gift. Shirley came home from Primary with Dolores. Donna gave them their lunch, and then I gave them money to go to the picture show. We enjoyed a nice quiet afternoon. This evening Louis and I went shopping on the Avenue. We bought two rabbits for tomorrow's dinner. Sue and Al came for Shirley. Donna and Rex took Dolores with them to Marshes', they left a note inviting them to come up to dinner tomorrow, and they brought their ice cream freezer home. Marshes had gone to see the new baby. Miriam and Lewie had a baby girl today, [Ruth Helene Marsh, she was nicknamed Robin, and the nickname stuck.] 7 pounds. Louis and I spent the evening at Holden's. We played "Snake Eyes." Helen fixed a lovely lunch. We had a very nice time.

### June 7, Sunday

President Cannon was the speaker at our 9 a.m. meeting, very good meeting. Mary Ellen Evan's helped me with my class today.

We colored pictures for the scrapbooks. Marshes came home to dinner. We enjoyed our rabbit and ice cream and etcetera. Br. and Sr. Marsh had to leave right after dinner to go to a special Townsend meeting. Ruth stayed here. Annie, Beverly, and Dale came to call on us. Rex painted his car with the spray gun this p.m. black. Louis froze the cream while we were in church this a.m. Dolores went to Shirley's for the day; they brought her up to church tonight. We had another



Mary Clayton

good meeting; it was the Bee Hive girl's conference. They did very well, and looked so sweet. Sr. Evan's graduated Mary Clayton and the little Dalton girl, from Primary into the Mutual. Marshes came up for a bite of lunch after church tonight. We finished up the rabbit and ice cream. Louis and I rode over to visit with Lorene and Charles this afternoon. Viola Niles has a baby girl, a few days old.

### June 8, Monday

Florence came for Donna this a.m. about 10:30; she had Elaine and baby, and Laura [*Laura Leona Putnam Johnson*] and her little boy, in the car. They went out to visit Alice Pack for the day. I ironed most all day. We had eleven shirts in the ironing this week. Louis likes his job real well; we are all hoping Tommy won't come back. I surely am enjoying our range and Frigidaire. I read funny papers to Dody tonight. Rex and Donna went for a ride and bought groceries for tomorrow. Louis went to bed early.

### June 9, Tuesday

I darned sox this a.m. while Donna cleaned ties and buggy netting. She prepared a nice warm lunch, made a vegetable loaf, which I thought very good. Rex came home to lunch and then he took her uptown to see the doctor. They went to a show after. This evening the Hogle family came over to see our new stove and Frigidaire. Louis and I went to the market after the folks left tonight. Annie and Beverly had Dale over there. I brought him home while they finished buying their groceries. Then they came for him. I started a letter to Violet. June's mother and father came from Salt Lake today and surprised them.

### June 10, Wednesday—Ward's 13th Birthday

Beverly came this morning to get Donna to go over and make the 7 minute icing for her "Lady Baltimore" cake. I finished my letter to Violet, and wrote one to Uncle Ralph. I do hope I'm not too late; I've had it in mind for a long time, but just didn't get at it. Dad says Uncle Ralph is sinking fast. I'm so sorry. We have real summer weather now. I went to Relief Society and now I wish I'd stayed home, oh! Oh! That's awful, Sr. Robinson wished a job on to me I do not want, she could do it so much better than I. She asked me to write up a 2 ½ minute talk for her to give on the stake Relief Society program for the 18th of June. Oh, dear! Donna and I prepared our lunch to take over to the Garvanza Ward's 13th birthday party, at Sycamore Grove tonight. We had a nice time, and a very large turnout of our members.



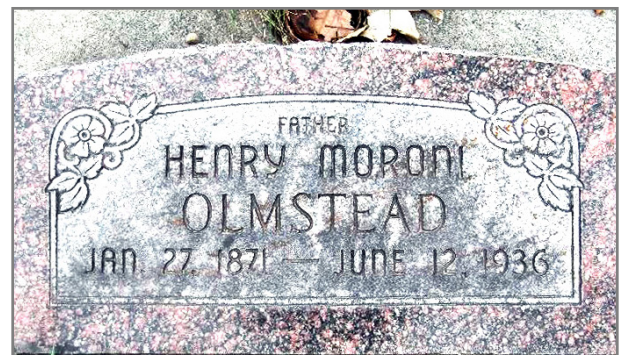
Sycamore Grove Park

### June 11, Thursday

I mailed a greeting card to the Strong's in Indiana, PA. They are holding their reunion on June 18. The Married Gleaners had their club this afternoon in Victory Park, Donna met the girls at our church. I spent all day mending clothes mostly underwear, I don't like that job, either. Louis ate his dinner early this evening, so he could take Charles to look at reupholstering job one of his hospital friends wants done. He said Mary has been home from school sick all day, with upset stomach and stiff neck. Lorene is all in with worry. Poor Lorene she gets so upset these days. I do wish she was well herself. Darn it, the asthma is bothering me again, I hate it! Mrs. Barns is in the hospital again, not much hopes for her recovery, it's a cancer, poor soul.

### June 12, Friday

Charles came for me this morning on his way to work. Mary is sick; Lorene is worn out from being up all night and waiting on her all day yesterday. She won't let her mother out of her sight. I feel so sorry for Lorene; she looks awful from worry and etcetera. Mary has a very bad stiff neck and sore throat, also high fever. We put Epsom salt packs on her all day, it's been some job, too, cause moving caused her so much pain. I did the cleaning in Lorene's front room and porch. Donna got Dolores off to school this a.m. She wore her "Sunday best" cause she was in a little program at school and had a poem to recite about the flag. She's "some kid," she knew all the other kid's parts as well, she recited them all to me last night. Donna called for me this evening, we left when Charles got home. I went back again tonight to fix a pack on Mary and get her ready for the night. Donna and Rex took me over. Brother Olmstead [*Henry Moroni Olmstead*] died in Salt Lake, the children are leaving today for Salt Lake [*Buried in Lehi, Utah*].



### June 13, Saturday

I didn't get to sleep until after two o'clock this morning. I had to use the asthma powder five times before relief came to stay. Oh, dear, I wonder why asthma now? It seems like I'd just gotten into restful sleep when one of those awful cramps came in my leg, it took me some time to get the knot out. My leg has been sore all day from it. Charles came this morning, he and Lorene had been up all night with Mary. He got Dr. Watkins, he gave them a throat swab and some pills for her. He said to continue with the Epsom salt packs. Donna and I did the cleaning today; she defrosted our Frigidaire for first time. Annie stayed

with Lorene and Mary today, I wasn't well enough. We went to see Mary tonight, she feels a little better. Louis took June's mother, father, and Harold out to the beach, June bought the gas. I shampooed Dolores's and my own hair, and then got a finger wave at Townway. Louis and Donna called for me, but it wasn't dry. She got dinner ready. They went for the groceries after dinner, and then went out.

### June 14, Sunday

Darn that ole leg cramp, it got me out of bed again early this a.m. I wonder why I'm getting knots in my legs so often?? I made a meat loaf before going to Sunday School Donna stayed home and got our dinner ready. Charles came about nine o'clock this morning; he said they'd been up all night with Mary again. The poor kid is surely sick. Charles wanted Louis to go over and help Br. Venott make a skylight in the barbershop next door to Charlie, he was going to do it, but was too tired from being up all night. Louis got back in time to eat dinner with us. We all enjoyed a nap this afternoon. I woke up with a headache. We ate some ice cold watermelon, it was very good. Louis and I went over to see how Mary was, she's quite ill, they were expecting the doctor. I was miserable with a sick headache, had to go out of church and get an Alka-Seltzer. Sue left church and went over to Lorene's on the street car.

### June 15, Monday

I felt better this a.m., surely was ill last night. We put out a big washing. Miss Buck came over this a.m., said Miss Peterson was ill, she wants to see Mr. Renshaw. I rode over to Lorene's and waited there while he went to see what she wanted. Beverly was helping Lorene with Mary. They've had an awful time, poor Lorene looks bad, Mary is a very sick child, she was under the influence of a drug, to make her sleep and rest. It made her say such strange things and she just couldn't relax. Oh, dear, I wish she'd get over this illness. She has a bad swollen gland and sore throat. Miss Peterson wants us to move so they can move into this place, her heart is bad again and she can't climb the steps. Her doctor warns her, that's the news my husband brought. What next??? Oh, me. But Rex got a promotion at work today. He is a "counter man" now, we are all glad over the good news.

### June 16, Tuesday

Donna ironed while I did a little sewing for her. Rex took her to the doctor's this afternoon, he took Florence and Inis, too, in Florence's car. They had a flat tire just as they were leaving and they were late, too. Florence and Inis both were waiting for them, "what a life." I got a letter from Violet, still more changes. She and Yvonne are coming down here for the summer and want me to look for a little room and

bath, for \$10.00 or \$12.00. My head's in a swim, where to look?? A house for us, one for Violet and kiddies, and Donna and Rex must have a place to live, also. Houses are very scarce, and rent sky high! I'll be glad to see Violet and Yvonne anyway. Tonight we went to look at a three roomed apartment for Donna and Rex. It's upstairs, over 40 steps to climb. I guess they'll take it. Called in to see Sue. Looked at auto camp for Violet. They want \$40.00 a month to rent one of the new cabins in the auto camp on Figueroa Street, and Violet can only pay \$12.00. Oh! Oh!

### June 17, Wednesday

I wrote a letter to Violet. Donna and I walked to Highland Park, and to the post office. We got some change of address slips, she bought some cards. We bought a pretty brown voile print dress to send Grama Renshaw for her birthday. Donna bought 8 yards of cretonne to make drapes and couch cover for her little sitting room. I am sorry I couldn't make it to the Relief Society luncheon today. Tonight we rode over to see how Mary was, she is better, but still a big worry and care for her folks. I'll surely be glad when she is well. Lorene looks so worn out. Donna and Rex took their gallon of punch and went to Brookside Park to meet the "Married Gleaners" and their husbands.

### June 18, Thursday

Donna and I went uptown this morning. She bought material for the baby bassinet, baby blue voile and lace. She also bought a "Father's Day" tie for her Dad; I bought the hankie to match. Dolores's school room had a party today, ice cream and cake. She was thrilled cause her name was on the big cake, too. The children made their own napkins, favors, and etcetera, they were surely cute. I mailed a nice card to Dad in May Company. Sr. Stead brought a note from Lillian to Donna. She was so hot she could hardly talk, she'd walked from the Burbank Junior High School graduation exercises in the hot sun. Lillian came over after work to talk to Donna. We took them both home. I mailed Grama's dress, and then Daddy and I went house hunting. Boy! What a job. Nothing we want. I went over with Donna and Rex to the little house tonight, he won't fix the sink for them, so I guess they'll look for another place.



*"Miss Peterson's heart is bad...wants us to move so they can move in this place...Oh, me!"*

### June 19, Friday

Dolores had to be in school at eight o'clock this a.m. It's her last day. I surely do feel relieved to know the children have given up the idea of renting the house with the forty-nine steps to climb. Beverly came for vacuum and brought it back, on her way to Franklin High School this a.m. She was getting her friends to sign her year book.



### June 20, Saturday

Louis took us house hunting this morning. Donna found a cute little unfurnished house near Annie on Mt. Angeles Place. It is new and clean. She took Rex to look at it this evening. When they went over they decided to rent it, \$18. Louis and I looked at a little home in the Arroyo Seco on La Riba Street. The people are moving out on the 25th. It would be near Donna anyway, the rent is \$17.50. We looked at a few other places, some for Violet, but found nothing. "Oh, where do we go from here??"



*La Riba house in July of 2012.  
When three of Elvie's granddaughters (Joan, Mary & Kathy)  
went to visit our "family history" locations.*

### June 21, Sunday

Donna and Rex moved into their little place this afternoon. Louis and Rex worked hard, the piano is so heavy. John let them use his new truck, so it didn't cost them anything for moving, nice, eh? I went to union meeting over to Glendale, the first in our new stake. John Utvich was in Sunday School. He's going to work here this summer, so he can go back to school next winter at B.Y.U. again. Lillian Quick and small daughter visited our Sunday School this morning, also. I have a very bad cough and cold; guess I should have been in bed all day. I bought some cough drops and earache medicine before going into meeting tonight.



*Donna's piano was heavy and hard to move.*

### June 22, Monday

Donna and Rex came down this morning to fix his lunch and breakfast. The termite men came to work on the house today. They had our back steps down all morning and the front steps all afternoon. Donna went to Highland Park to have lights and gas turned on in her house. Rex had this afternoon off, they worked up at the house all afternoon. I made cretonne couch cover and two pillows for Donna today. I've coughed so much today, and for three days, my lungs are raw. Beverly and Annie took Dolores down to meet Violet and Yvonne at the station tonight, the train was late, so it was after eleven o'clock when they brought Dody back. I was happy to see them. Violet and Yvonne slept at Annie's tonight. Louis fixed one of the front room windows tonight.

### June 23, Tuesday

I got up at 5:30 to get a good start at the washing. Rex brought Donna down, they ate breakfast here, it rained and hailed and thundered real hard this morning about 6:30, looked bad for a wash day. The man worked under

the house most of the day, our backyard is a sight, old wood and etcetera. We used June's lines, too. Her folks went back to Salt Lake today. Louis took them to the station this evening. I finished Donna's bassinet this afternoon, the pain in my lungs scared me. I went to bed without dinner. Donna helped me with a mustard plaster. I put it on my back and chest; the kids went home after doing dishes. Annie brought Dody home, said they'd found a place for Violet and the kiddies. I'm so glad. Sr. Treu came with Annie. Louis fixed the other window in the front bedroom tonight.

### June 24, Wednesday

Mel Renshaw woke us up this morning about 5:30. Louis got breakfast for them both. I stayed in bed, my lungs are still sore, but I think they are better. Violet and Beverly came for Dody this morning and kept her all day. I was glad cause I'm not well enough to look after her. I stayed in bed all day; it was so very hot today, too. Early this evening Beverly and Violet came to get Dolores's clothes and etcetera. I was too sick to help them any. Violet moved into

her room today. I hope she'll be happy there. Louis put the new spring in on the front room windows after work. I've heard hammering and sawing all day. Three men have been working all day under the house. Louis put hot Epsom salt packs on my chest tonight. Donna and Rex called in tonight.

### June 25, Thursday

Rex brought Donna down this a.m. on his way to work. She gave me some breakfast, and put a hot Epsom salts pack on my chest. My lungs are not quite as sore, but I'm still coughing hard. I got up about three o'clock this a.m. to go to the bathroom, and fainted. Donna did most of my ironing, against my will. She prepared a nice lunch for me, and dinner for both Louis and I this evening. I'm so sorry I had to keep her from her own little house and work. Boy, it's been hot in bed. I'll surely be glad to get out again. Rex called for Donna this evening. Louis fixed another window in the front room. Miss Peterson called in tonight. Charles brought Lorene, Sue and Violet over this evening. He took Sue down to her house to get some cough syrup for me. Louis told Mrs. Allen we'd take the house on La Riba Street. We got a letter from Grama Renshaw and a card from Dad.

### June 26, Friday

I feel better this a.m., slept quite well. My stomach is sore from coughing. I guess we will move down in the Arroyo Seco at last, my husband has always wanted to. The folks moved out of the house on La Riba Street yesterday, and Louis told Mrs. Allen we'd take the place. She's going to have the front room papered. I got dressed this morning; sure do feel weak, like I'd been in bed ill for ten days, instead of two. I cleaned out the dresser drawers in my dresser, and got two of Lou's done when I felt so weak and ill I had to go back to bed. Boy, it's been hot today, too. Beverly brought Annie, Dale, Glen, and Violet and her children over this afternoon. They went to Boy's Market for me. Sue and Al called in this evening.

### June 27, Saturday

I feel a little better, but am still coughing hard. My eyes are swollen; I wonder if my kidneys are out of order?? I have an awful cold sore on the side of my nose; too, everything comes at once, when I need my strength to move. Louis finished up the windows in this house today, and then he helped me clean up the rooms. Donna came over this morning, she took me to the bank, I paid our light and gas bill while in town. We'll have to sign up with the other light and gas company now. I'm sorry they can't be in one company like they've been. Donna had Kelly Keele gave her a machine-less permanent wave. Louis and I rode over to her house three times this evening, but they were out. Annie gave us some apricots.

### June 28, Sunday

I didn't feel much like going to Sunday School, my eyes are still swollen, I cough real hard. Oh, dear, I had eighteen kiddies today. Louis cleaned up this yard today; it surely was a mess after the men got through working under the house. Miss Peterson brought some friends to show her house, and yard this afternoon, it was all nice and clean then. I cleaned out a few drawers this afternoon. We went to church tonight. President Rulon Cheney gave a very fine talk. Donna said she and Rex went down to Ruth Cartwright's last night to see Wayne and a girlfriend, and Aunt Ida and Uncle Ern. Wayne called Rex at work and said they were leaving tonight. It was just a short trip, so they hurried down last night.

### June 29, Monday

Beverly came over and took me to the La Riba house to measure for curtains this a.m. We stopped at Donna's, I asked her to go to town with me to buy some curtains, we waited for her to get ready. Beverly brought us both here, sweet kid. Annie and Beverly went down by Em's place, to pick apricots today. I bought nine curtain panels for the front room, Donna bought three for her bedroom,

and she also bought some goods for a night gown. I cleaned out my clothes closet this afternoon. Donna and Rex came in this evening while we were eating, they were excited and happy over the new Frigidaire they had just bought. I'm so glad they'll have one, too. Louis and I rode out to dump some weeds and oil. Called in Annie's, Violet and children and Claytons were there.

### June 30, Tuesday

Rex came in this morning to say that Donna couldn't wash, she was going to the doctor this afternoon with Florence and Inis. I had him turn off the tank. I worked on Sunday School scrapbooks, and packed the dishes in the dining room cabinet. My eyes have swollen a lot today. I wonder what's causing them to swell?? I do not feel at all well; this awful cough makes me weak. Florence brought Donna here from the doctor. We took her home after we'd taken a load over to the La Riba house. Louis loaded a second time; Harold Hays helped him put it on the car. [*The Renshaw's will miss being near their dear neighbors, June, Bobby and Harold Hays.*] Beverly and Violet came for the rest of Dolores's clothes. I was so ill I had to go to bed, Violet stayed with me while Beverly helped Louis unload his car at new place.

### July 1, Wednesday

Donna came down with Rex this morning to wash. I was too ill to get out of bed, she started the washing anyway. Annie, Beverly, Dale, and Glen called to see how I was.

They left Glen to help Donna carry the clothes out to the lines. June came over to help, so we sent Glen home to do a job for a neighbor of theirs. June hung out all the clothes, nice, eh? Donna went to the bank to bank the \$40.00 bonus that Fuller's gave Rex yesterday. I'm so happy that they have their hospital bill money now. Louis took another big load over to the house after work. It was awful hot in my bedroom today. Donna called Dr. Watkin's office and told him to come out and see what's wrong with me. He came this evening while I was alone. He ordered mustard plasters and cough syrup. He didn't know why my eyes were swelling, said it wasn't serious.

### July 2, Thursday

The cough medicine the doctor gave me helped a lot; I was able to sleep much better. I kept cold packs on my eyes all day, by tonight the swelling was down to almost normal. I stayed in bed all day. Beverly and Violet came over and took a load of things; they washed the cupboards out in new place, and put the best dishes away in the dining room cabinet yesterday. Today Annie and Beverly came and packed my kitchen dishes and washed the dirty ones. They brought a load over to new place and washed the cupboards and put



Wayne, Aunt Ida & Uncle Ern circa 1929

dishes away. John and Jim Marsh brought their truck and moved out the last of our furniture. I was ill in bed all day, they took my bed last. I got in it as soon as it was fixed up again. Sue and family came tonight. We moved from 5653 Stoll Drive to 6215 La Riba Way.



Lou and Elvie in 1932 on the porch of the Stoll Drive home.

### Moving

In the best of health moving is stressful. The forced move, causing Rex and Donna to have to move out, the worry of pregnancy complications for Donna, and being sick herself must have made this a very difficult time for Elvie.



### July 3, Friday

Donna did my ironing this a.m. before coming over, she and her daddy worked over here all day, he got off this afternoon, and they got this little place in order, windows washed, and curtains hung, it is a cute little house. I think we are going to like it here. I feel so helpless, can't do one thing. I got out of bed a few times, but was glad to get back in. The folks have been so grand to do things for me. I'm surely lucky to have people like them. Beverly brought Annie, Glen, Dale, and Violet and her children over this afternoon. Little Dale gave us a scare; he fell on our slippery floor and passed right out. Boy, it was awful. Lorene and Charles came to see us tonight.

### July 4, Saturday

Miss Peterson called on us this morning. She is anxious to have Louis do some work at her house, she says we have a "doll house," nice eh? Louis worked here all day, inside and out. I've felt better, but weak. I took a bath and dressed, first time since Tuesday. Donna and Rex came for our frying pan; they invited us to come help eat some fish a friend had given to them. We went over and enjoyed a nice dinner. Rex had painted the table, so we held our plates in our laps and sat in the living room. It was fun, and tasted real good. Rex fixed his tire and washed his car. He and Louis went to Ernie's station to do it. I helped Donna do the dishes. Louis took me over to Sr. Bishop's, she was out, but I left a note telling her I couldn't teach the class tomorrow. We went to Stoll Drive to get some wood, of Louis's. I visited with Mrs. Lytle and June. We saw Annie, Lorene, Charles, and Mary at Boy's Market. I still feel very weak. Donna and Rex went to the Rose Bowl to see the fireworks tonight. We stayed home, I enjoyed popcorn and Louis had ice cream.



### July 5, Sunday

It is the first time I have stayed home from Sunday School in a number of years. I just didn't feel strong enough to teach my class today. We are enjoying our little house, everything is in order, and we have lots of pretty shade trees. It is almost like a park in this little street, very pretty little homes and etcetera. Sue and Al called on us this evening before church. Sr. Udall is ill with her heart again and back in the General Hospital. I feel so sorry for them. I wonder how Florence Gibson is? I do wish I could help her, poor child had a nervous breakdown and went insane, she's in the General Hospital, too. Louis and I called in Annie's on our way to church tonight. Little Dale has a cold, his dear little lungs just wheeze. Oh, I do hope there is not asthma condition here. I sat out in the parlor so my coughing couldn't disturb anyone. Bishop spoke very good.

### Nervous Breakdown

Decades ago modern medicine all but stamped out the nervous breakdown, hitting it with a combination of new diagnoses, new psychiatric drugs and a strong dose of professional scorn. The phrase was overused and near meaningless, a self-serving term from an era unwilling to talk about mental distress openly. But like a stubborn virus, the phrase has mutated.

In recent years, psychiatrists in Europe have been diagnosing what they call "burnout syndrome," the signs of which include "vital exhaustion." A paper published last year defined three types: "frenetic," "underchallenged," and "worn out" ("exasperated" and "bitter" did not make the cut).

This is the latest umbrella term for the kind of emotional collapses that have plagued humanity for ages, stemming at times from severe mental difficulties and more often from mild ones. There have been plenty of others. In the early decades of the 20th century, many people simply referred to a crackup, including "The Crack-Up," F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1936 collection of essays describing his own. And before that there was neurasthenia, a widely diagnosed and undefined nerve affliction causing just about any symptom people cared to add.

Yet medical historians say that, for versatility and descriptive power, it may be hard to improve upon the "nervous breakdown." Coined around 1900, the phrase peaked in usage during the middle of the 20th century and echoes still. One recent study found that 26 percent of respondents to a national survey in 1996 reported that they had experienced an "impending nervous breakdown," compared with 19 percent from the same survey in 1957. . .

. . . Psychiatrists proceeded to slice problems like depression and anxiety into dozens of categories, and public perceptions shifted, too. In 1976, 26 percent of people admitted seeking professional help, up from 14 percent in 1947, according to Dr. Stearns's analysis. And "nervous breakdown" began to fade from use.

The same fate may or may not await "burnout syndrome," which for now has backing from some doctors and medical researchers. But it has another 30 years to outlast the classic "breakdown."

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### July 6, Monday

I like my little house very well and I'm enjoying the rest and quiet. I wrote a letter to Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Brown, [June Hays parent's] thanking them for the lovely linen table cloth they sent us. I also sent our new address to

Grama Renshaw, and Dad and Elsie. I'm still coughing, but not as hard, I'll be happy when I'm well again. It seems strange to be so quiet and alone, but I do need a good rest. After dinner this evening, Louis and I took a little walk around our neighborhood and over to Victory Park. There are some very pretty little homes down here. Donna and Rex called in to see us tonight, they had been up to Florence's, and it was Rex's afternoon off this afternoon.

### July 7, Tuesday

I coughed a lot last night, but not so much today. I'll surely be happy when this cough leaves me. I think it is worrying my good husband. I just can't help but wake him up when I cough at nights, and I try so hard not to. I was washing the light fixture in the front room this morning and got a bad shock. It almost knocked me off the chair. I pulled the switch to finish, ha, ha! I got Donna's black and white linen tablecloth and embroidered on it this afternoon. When Louis came back this evening I went with him to measure for the job he's doing for Miss Peterson in Stoll Drive. I visited with Mrs. Lytle. June, Bobby, and Harold had walked over here, I'm so sorry we missed them. I found the cough syrup prescription her folks sent for me to try, in the door. We bought a tub, a tap, and an ironing board, and paid our rent. Lorene and family called tonight. Today was payday. Louis was an hour late; he stayed at hospital to practice a song to sing at a funeral tomorrow in trio.

### July 8, Wednesday

The "old colonel," at the hospital, had his wife's funeral today. Louis sang in a trio with a man and his wife. Mr. Cooper let them off long enough to sing. Rex brought Donna over on his way to work, we did our washing. I wrung the last run by hand, the washer started to smoke, and smell like it was burning up. Oh dear, I do hope nothing serious is wrong with it, I'm afraid the fall from John's truck has damaged it. Louis took Donna home, and then went over to Stoll Drive to do that job for Miss Peterson. We had dinner when he got home about 6:30 tonight. Rex's cousin Mable, [*Mabel Emma Swain, daughter of Mary Ann Marsh, sister to John Dabney Marsh*] and her boyfriend were coming over to talk about Rex helping him sell insurance to the ward people. Louis and I listened to the broadcast from the general hospital.

### July 9, Thursday

I went up to Highland Park this morning to pay light and gas bill and make payments on washer, and ice box and stove. I had intended going on uptown and buying some curtains for my bedroom, and a baby dress for Donna, but I felt so weak and shaky, I came back home. I felt better this afternoon, so did my ironing. My head started aching this evening and by the time I went to bed, about 9 p.m., it was paining me awfully. I went to bed with a cold pack on my head. My cough hasn't been so hard lately. I do hope it'll leave me soon. We listened to the broadcast, in the largest kitchen in the world, from the General Hospital again tonight, it is very interesting.

### July 10, Friday

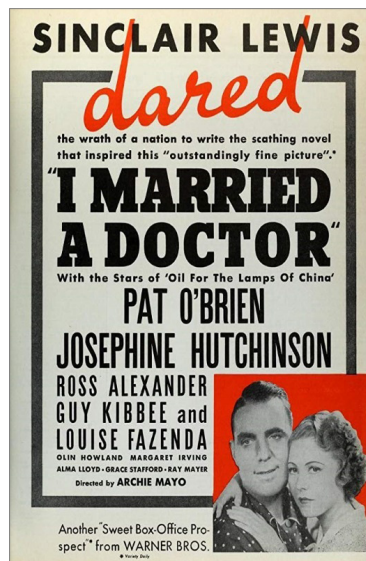
I feel the effects of the awful headache I had last night, but am surely glad the pain left. I did the cleaning this morning, it is almost like playing house, to do my work now, I have to look for dirt, with just the two of us things don't get very messed up. Donna came down this afternoon and I went to Highland Park with her, she banked some money. I bought some goods for a cotton night gown for Donna. Annie made the other cotton gown for her yesterday. I took my garter belt back to change, they didn't have the size, so I brought some ice box dishes instead. Donna came home with me; we took her home when Louis came. He fixed the light cords for her ice box and radio. After dinner we took a ride to Stoll Drive. Louis wanted to see how they were coming with the plastering job. He called in Annie's to give Bill some shoes. Violet and children and the Claytons were there. We heard Hospital broadcast after.

### July 11, Saturday

Louis worked over to Peterson's, on Mt. Pleasant Street, until noon today. After we'd eaten our lunch I started the washing, Louis went for Donna's things, and she was making a cake and couldn't come down. I didn't need her cause Louis was here and we had a small washing anyway. I wanted to wash while Louis had his day off, so he could tell what was the trouble with the washer, but it didn't smoke like it did last Monday, so he thinks nothing is wrong. I surely hope so. I used Mrs. Allen's lines, also Mrs. Kelson's, they are in the sun, and the clothes dried in a short time. I'm so thankful that my cough is getting better. Tonight Louis and I went to the new Park Theater for the first time. We saw, "I Married a Doctor." We enjoyed the show. It's the first show we've seen for several months. Bought groceries in Boy's Market after.

### July 12, Sunday

I had an awful scare this morning early, I thought I was spitting blood from my lungs, but found out it was coming from my gums. I shook for a long time. Oh, Boy! I went to Sunday School this morning, but felt weak. I had to take charge of both classes in first period, and then I had 20 children in my own class after. I surely felt weak from my illness. After Sunday School we found Lillian and Ralph [*Keller*] waiting outside for us, we were surprised and happy to see them. We brought the folks home to eat dinner. Rex and Donna came over this afternoon and we all went to hear the orchestra concert at Sycamore Grove from two to four. We called on Sue, Violet, and kiddies, and Elaine and Ernie and baby were there. Came home, ate lunch, and went up to Donna's for evening. Ate ice cream and cake. Ralph went with Donna and Rex to Marshes' and Oateses' before the concert was over. Lillian slept with us on couch, and Ralph stayed up to Donna's on their couch. They are on their way back to Arizona, been in Salt Lake for a month.



### July 13, Monday

Lillian left Louise [Lillian's daughter] with her Grama in Salt Lake City. Ralph came down from Donna's and fixed their car this morning. He and Lillian left about 11:15 this morning. They were going to town to see Mr. Cooper, and then to Long Beach, they thought. They said they might be back this evening but not to expect them until we saw them, cause maybe they'd go on to Arizona. I told her where to find my key if she came and we were out, but I guess they went on cause we haven't seen them since. Donna spent all afternoon with me. Rex had gone with his Sunday School class to the canyon. He'd taken the kids in his father's truck. The "three Marshes" [John, Florence, and Ruth] called to see us this afternoon. We treated to watermelon, cantaloupe, and fig bars. Donna rode over to Clayton's with us this evening. Rex came there for her. Louis wanted to ask Charles some questions about the job he is going to do for Mr. Brown in the new ice cream shoppe. Annie, Violet, and Lorene went to the Park show this afternoon. Beverly and Dolores rode over to see if I was going too, but I didn't feel like going.

### July 14, Tuesday

I spent an hour or so outside this morning watering grass and etcetera. Worked on Donna's baby shawl for a while. My cough is leaving, I'm so glad, but I still have such weak feelings come over me. I like my little house down here in the shade and quiet. After dinner tonight Louis and I went over to Annie's, they were eating, we waited until Beverly helped Annie with the dishes, and then took her with us to show us where Violet lived. Violet's landlady made Yvonne a cute little cotton print dress today. We took Violet and kiddies for a nice long ride. Beverly drove us in our car. Louis treated to ice cream cones. Yvonne bumped her eye on the hardware in our car, and it started to bleed. It upset us for a minute. When we got home we found Lillian and Ralph here. Ralph was very miserable with an awful sunburn. Lillian brought Donna two darling dresses for the baby. [Baby clothes were gender neutral at this time. Dresses in white or pastels were worn by both boys and girls.]



Jack, Louise, Lillian, Ralph & Shirley Keller in 1956. Lillian and her children would often travel away from Arizona during the summer to get away from the heat.



Ramona Strong, Mildred Bailey, Bette & Shirley Hoglund in 1930. Ramona came to visit her California cousins in 1936. Ramona was 16 years old in 1936.

### July 15, Wednesday

Lillian and I slept late this morning. I got up at 8:30, and she at nine o'clock. We enjoyed a nice long chat over our breakfast. Donna and Ralph came down about eleven o'clock, and he took us all down to Highland Park where we did a lot of window shopping. I bought a little pad for Donna's bassinet, and some olive oil and salts. Ralph treated us to ice cream in Shep's; he took their car to the Shell station for a few repairs, about \$8.00 worth. He brought Donna and me home, and then picked Lillian up and they went into Los Angeles town to shop. We saw Beverly in Highland Park. She said she and Aunt Sue met Ramona this morning at the station. Beverly drove Al's car. Ralph came home and rested while Lillian finished her shopping. Louis took Donna home, Lillian rode with them. They left for home, Arizona, after dinner this evening. Claytons came to take Louis to look at a house. Sister Stedleman passed away.

### July 16, Thursday

I watered the yard good, took a bath, and washed out a few things, curtains, mostly. It has been hot today, I'm glad I'm not over in Stoll Drive; it is so much warmer there. Beverly brought Violet and her children here this afternoon. Yvonne looked so darn cute in her little sun suit (Bette made it, with a little help from Elaine.) Beverly took me this evening in our car, over to the Safeway, on 64, so I could get a few things for dinner. I bought a quart of ice cream, too. Beverly left Violet and kiddies here, but she wouldn't stay for dinner had to take Annie to the store she said. Donna spent the day with Aunt Annie getting the other nightgown made. After dinner tonight we went with Louis to the cleaners, but his suit wasn't finished. We took a short ride, and then went to Annie's. Bill and Glen were home with the baby. Beverly had taken Annie to the show. Donna and Rex visited the Weber's tonight.

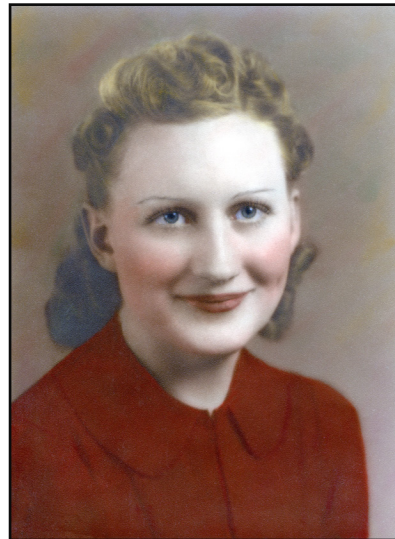
### July 17, Friday

I decided I'd go get a permanent wave today, so left about 10:20 this a.m. and went in Pete Pool's beauty shop near here. I had my first machine-less wave, it turned out real

curly, but seems very dry, well, I'll know better in a week how I like it. It surely is a treat to have my hair dressed nice again, anyway. I was very tired when I got back home; it has been so hot today. Beverly brought Ramona Strong over to see me this afternoon; she looks a lot like Diana [Ramona's oldest sister]. Annie, Glen, and baby came, too. They went up to see Donna, she slipped outside to the car, her door blew shut, she could not get back in the house as back door was locked, too, so she rode down here and waited until Rex came for her, she left a note for him to come. Louis was late getting home, he'd been figuring Mr. Brown's counter job. We spent the evening home alone, enjoying radio. Last evening Naomi Weber gave Donna a baby dress and three little hangers.



Diana Strong



Ramona Strong, 1943

### July 18, Saturday

Louis worked all day in Mr. Brown's ice cream place, fixing the counters and etcetera. Mr. Allen came in this morning and fixed our toilet, it works okay now, I'm glad to say. I cleaned through the house. It cooled off a little this afternoon; the sun was covered with mist. I walked up the steps to Donna's house, my poor child looks so darned uncomfortable, bless her heart. I wish I could help carry the load for her; it is so hot for the little dear. I'll be so happy when she's all through her sickness. I went to Highland Park this evening with my children, we looked in Brown's, but Louis had gone home. We did a little shopping in Kress and came home here. Louis had eaten his dinner and had his bath; he was tired out from his hard day's labor. Rex, Donna, and I went to the Yosemite show, saw, "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" and "Big Brown Eyes." Both good, I treated. We shopped in Boy's Market after we got out of the show about twelve o'clock.



### July 19, Sunday

I got up and fixed some breakfast for Louis this morning, he worked in Mr. Brown's ice cream place all day. Rex called to take me to Sunday School. It was hot again today. After Sunday School I walked over to Brown's place and Louis came home to lunch with me. He went back to work after eating. I spent the day resting. Claytons, Hoglunds, and Fifes, ate dinner in Victory Park. Donna and Rex rode over to the park this afternoon, and visited with the folks. They brought Raymond over here about 5:30 this evening.



I walked to church tonight with Ann Madson's blonde niece; she's a nice girl, very sociable. Br. Farnworth brought me home from church. Rex and Donna took Ray, Ramona, and Beverly home tonight to play their new game "Monopoly." Rex called here; we went down to see Louis, he let Rex take his car to take the folks out to the beach tomorrow afternoon. Louis used Rex's car. Louis came home about 10 p.m. Donna invited Ramona, Bette, Violet, and Dolores to go out to the beach tomorrow afternoon, it's Rex's afternoon off. Inis has a baby girl, 7 pounds.

### July 20, Monday

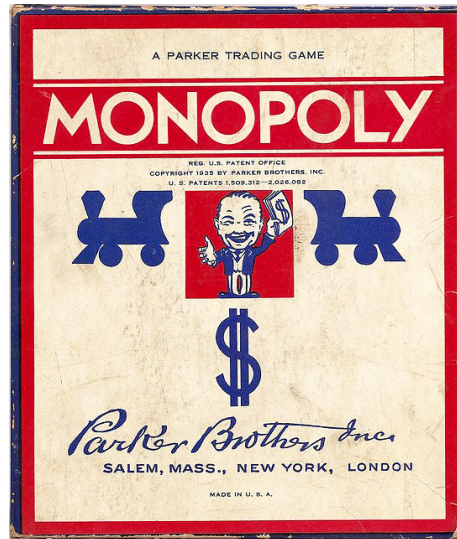
I washed out some underwear for Louis this morning. Beverly brought Violet and kiddies over at 11:30 this morning. She wanted Yvonne to have her nap here, cause they are leaving for the beach about one o'clock and didn't want to wake her to bring her over here then. I gave her milk when they left, and got her to sleep, but it was some job getting the little scamp to sleep, she was so full of pep, and she missed Violet and Dody, too. Rex and Donna took Violet, Dolores, Bette, Shirley, and Ramona out to the beach. I enjoyed little Yvonne, she was good as gold. Louis did not do any carpenter work tonight. We took a little ride, got air in Rex's tire. Annie, Beverly, and Dale came over. The folks got back from the beach about 8:30 tonight, they were all tired out. Poor Donna, I'm afraid it was too much for her.

### July 21, Tuesday

Miss Peterson called this a.m. on her way to work, she's all upset cause Louis hasn't put up her picture molding yet. Boy, what a hard luck story! I watered the yard good after she left. The sun was hot at 7 a.m. We didn't wash today, because I didn't feel well enough. I went over to Stoll Drive with Louis this evening, and watched him put the picture molding up. Miss Peterson came about two hours later, he'd finished the two front rooms, and she said it looked just fine. Louis started working in the front bedroom when Miss Peterson noticed that he was going to make a join. Oh, Boy, things started, she wanted all the molding in one long strip, and she hadn't noticed the join in the other rooms. Well, she said a lot of unkind things; Louis got mad and walked out without finishing the job. I was awfully upset and I'm so sorry.

### July 22, Wednesday

Rex brought Donna over on his way to work. We did our washing. It was another hot day, I feel so sorry for poor little Donna these days. I'll be happy when she is normal again. Louis went to work for Mr. Brown as soon as he'd eaten dinner this evening. Donna ate with us and Rex ate later when he came. I went home with them to take their laundry and got the game of "Monopoly." We went down to Marshes'. Florence and Ernie came and we all enjoyed the game. I was lucky, and broke all the others, had the monopoly on everything. John is on a vacation with Jim and Lewie, up to Yellowstone Park. On our way home we called in to see how Louis was coming along with the ice cream counter, looks fine.



*The game of Monopoly first came out in 1935.*

to town with us; they went to Lowes' State theater. Daddy was upset cause he couldn't find his man. I got out in town and went to May Company. I stayed in the restroom for almost two hours trying to overcome a weakness, or ill feeling, that came over me. I was afraid I was going to pass out a number of times, but after it left me I felt fine, so I ate lunch at the Health Cafeteria. I bought curtains for the bedroom and a silk kimono for me, 64¢ on big sale. I bought baby dress and slip, and two little gowns for Donna. I went to a show to kill time, cause I thought Louis was working. It was after six o'clock this evening when I got home. I was surprised to find Louis home, he didn't find his man and was surely disappointed.

### July 23, Thursday

I did my ironing and some mending, my head has bothered me a lot today, I guess the old blood pressure is high again. Louis went to work at Brown's ice cream place this evening as soon as he'd finished dinner. I'm glad I live here in this hot weather. It's so much cooler than the Stoll Drive place. I do feel bad cause Daddy had the falling out with Miss Peterson. It was a shame. I spent the evening home alone, I'll be glad when Louis is through his job at Brown's place. It's too lonesome without him home in the evenings. I watered the grass and flowers and sewed squares on Donna's baby shawl, and then I enjoyed the radio and went to bed.

### July 24, Friday

Louis got home from his work last night about 12:30. He hasn't finished the job yet, will have to work tonight again. I washed my best silk hose and hung them out on my lines this morning. Sometime later I noticed only the clothes pins on the lines. My stockings had disappeared. I asked my neighbor, Mrs. Kelsy, if she'd ever had anything taken from her lines. She said No. She asked her little boy all about it, he thought Yvonne, a little girl across the street, had taken them. Well, Yvonne's mother heard Mrs. Kelsey asking her little boy, and she found out that her daughter had taken them. She made her bring them back to me. I felt sorry for the poor child, she was all tears, and I talked to her and gave her a nickel, I was glad to get my hose back, too. I went over and talked to the child's mother, she sent a note so I went over. Donna came over this afternoon. We took Louis to work, and then she took me to Boy's Market. I went home with her to dinner. Donna drove our car to Brown's place for Daddy tonight. Rex and Donna brought me home. Louis worked late.

### July 25, Saturday

I rode down to Sue's with Louis this morning, he wanted to use her telephone to try and locate Bud Farthing, who he had an appointment to meet this morning to help him do a waxing job. Somehow Daddy had lost the address and didn't know where to go. We took Bette, Ramona, and Shirley,

### July 26, Sunday

I went down to church for a nine o'clock local board meeting, I didn't know they'd discontinued them for the summer. Well, I wasn't late anyway. Louis went over for Violet and Yvonne, and then he called for Dolores and me at church. After dinner we took a ride, called in Annie's and heard some news that made me feel heartsick. The Van Essen family was struck by the train on their way home from Sunday School. Their car is a total wreck, they are in serious condition. Ann Madson was in the car with them, she is hurt badly, too. It happened on North Avenue 54 and Marmion Way. Bishop got there a few minutes after the accident. I feel just awful about it, my poor little Garry, he was so happy and full of pep in Sunday School this morning. He's in our Primary class. Louis took Violet's children to see the animals in Griffith Park Zoo. We went along, of course. Our ward people were all upset tonight in church, over the tragedy. Br. Haddock sang and Donna accompanied him, it was lovely. Br. Darce a young missionary was our speaker. He is from Glendale, too. Ruth Cartwright and family came to visit us this afternoon. She went to church tonight, she's surely beautiful.

### July 27, Monday

Rex brought Donna and her washing down on his way to work. We got through early and enjoyed our radio programs. Donna washed my bedroom windows, I hemmed the six new curtains, and she pressed them and hung them up. Louis fixed the rods up yesterday morning, so we all had a hand in it, they look nice. Louis saw the Van Essens and Ann today. Br. Van Essen [*Arie Van Essen*] is going to be alright, he thinks, but he feels worried over Mrs. Van Essen, and Garry, they don't give any hopes for Garry at the hospital, poor little dear. Mrs. Van Essen is suffering awfully, too. Ann is very ill, but they think she'll get along alright. What an awful tragedy. Louis and I went over to Andersen's tonight to wish Beverly a "happy birthday." We gave her a dollar. Donna and Rex came and brought the game "Monopoly." Violet was there, Claytons came, Hoglunds came and Ramona. I took care of Dale and Yvonne while they played game. Annie and Bill went to meeting.

## July 28, Tuesday

We have enjoyed nice cool weather the last few days, feels almost like the fall. I ironed and cleaned through the house. Louis told me about Sr. Van Essen [*Grietje van Patten*] passing away today when he came home from work. I feel so bad; we'll miss her a lot in our ward. There is no hope for little Garry they say, it is all so very terrible. Donna came this evening while Rex went to block teachers meeting at Bishop's. President McCune was the speaker. John, Florence, and Ruth, called on us tonight. They left a birthday gift for Rex; John couldn't wait until he got home from the meeting, so the others had to go as usual. I popped some corn; it tasted good, lots of butter. We heard this evening that little Garry [*Arie Gerard Van Essen*] had passed away, too. I'm glad his mother can have him. And this was the day that Evert [*Evert Henry Van Essen*] was to have been married. [*Evert was married later on November 6, 1936.*] I gave Rex a white shirt for his birthday tomorrow.



## July 29, Wednesday

We'll miss little Garry Van Essen in our Sunday school class. I just can't realize he will not be there anymore. We never know how soon we'll be called. I worked several hours on my Sunday School scrapbooks, getting pictures ready for the children to color next Sunday. Louis took me to Highland Park after work. I got some pink wool to finish up Donna's baby shawl. We got our groceries at Boy's Market, saw Annie, Beverly, and Dale at the market. Tonight we rode over to Lorene's; the Vennots were there, also Violet and children. Annie and Beverly came for a few minutes. The Van Essen tragedy was all we could think about, it's so very sad. About 8:20 Louis and I went over to wish Rex a happy birthday. They were playing "Monopoly." Beverly,

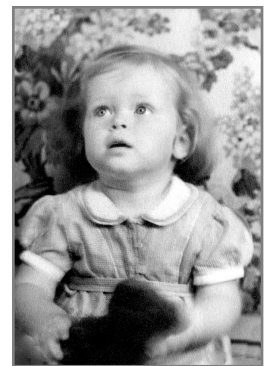
Bette, Ramona, Annie, Donna, and Rex. We didn't stay long. Donna treated to cake; Ruth Marsh was playing, too. Donna told me that Elaine spent the day with her and made Rex his chocolate birthday cake. Ernie came later for dinner. Miriam, Lewie, and baby came tonight at Donna's, too.

## July 30, Thursday

I didn't rest very well last night, had a little asthma, not bad, but enough to keep me from sleeping good. I worked on pictures for my Sunday School class to color, again today. Louis and I stayed home tonight and enjoyed radio programs.

## July 31, Friday

Donna came down today before I'd finished my cleaning, she waited for me to get through and then I went to Highland Park with her. She bought things to take in her bag to the hospital, and some announcement cards. We saw Dr. Rolo Watkins in the bank. We walked home. Donna stayed until Louis came; we took her home, but went to Highland Park first and bought a quart of ice cream for each family, at Brown's. Donna showed us the baby things Aunt Lillian sent, when we got there (rubber sheet and pants, little night gown). We talked to Lillian Stead in Highland Park; she called up to see about Florence Oates when she got home, and then called my neighbor, Harold's boyfriend, to let me know that Florence had a baby girl. [*Florence Irene Oates*] After dinner, Louis and I rode over to tell Donna and Rex about the new arrival. She was born yesterday. Tonight Louis, Bill, and I went to see Br. Van Essen. I feel so sorry for him and the boys. We called to talk with June.



Irene Oates

## August 1, Saturday

Louis cleaned the car while I did the kitchen work this morning. We left here about 11:30. I ordered a spray of flowers sent to the Van Essen funeral from our little Primary class in Sunday School. We went to the café down by the hospital, where Louis eats, and had a nice dinner. I had fish. We called for Mary and Dolores, at Lorene's, and then went over for June and Harold took them to the funeral, Sr. Van Essen and little Garrett. It was the first double funeral I've attended, and oh, so very sad, but very lovely, too. President Norberg, President Cannon, Br. Haddock and Bishop [*Hoglund*] spoke, there wasn't room for everyone in the hall, 214, Louis counted the people. President Rulon Cheney had charge at the Edward's Brothers Mortuary. It upset Mary, but Dody enjoyed the whole works, even shook hands with Br. Van Essen. Louis and I window shopped in Highland Park tonight.





### August 2, Sunday

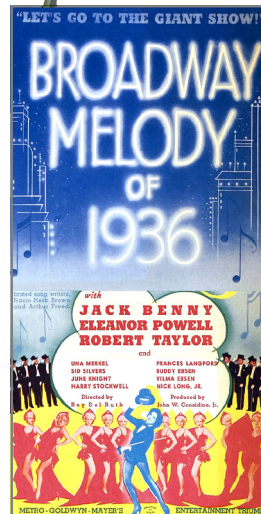
Rex called for me this morning, but Louis was going over to take music for Lillian, so I rode with him. We met with the kindergarten children for first 20 minutes, as we do on other Sundays. They've decided to have the priesthood meet on fast Sunday now, so it'll give us a break in our long session, for which I'm glad. I told a story and the children colored pictures in our class. Sr. Bishop paid half on the flower I sent to the Van Essen funeral. June paid a dime for Bob, too. Louis and I took a nap after dinner. Charles brought his family and Violet and children to visit with us this afternoon. Rex and Donna came just before church, they brought some meat and bread and made them some sandwiches, we'd eaten. Donna played for Miss Marshall to sing two songs in church tonight, they were lovely. They keep Donna busy. Her baby is expected in two weeks. Raymond Clayton was the speaker, very fine. Popcorn and ride after meeting. Al was the speaker in Ruth's ward tonight. Sue went, too. Ed Robinson sang, also. Myrtle took the baby. [*Robinson's three month old baby was Sandra Lee Robinson.*]

### August 3, Monday

Louis is on his vacation for two weeks, he went down where Charles is working to see if they'd give him a job this a.m. (Postal Company). It was Rex's late morning for work, I was worried, thought maybe Donna was sick, but they came, and we did our washing as usual. Donna only has two more weeks to go; the doctor says she might have her baby any day now. I'll surely be relieved when she's over with it. Rex got off this afternoon, the three of us ate lunch here, and all took a nap after. They went home about 3 p.m. Louis came home tired, about 5:30 this evening. Charles gave him the job, so I guess he'll work there with Charles, the two weeks of his vacation. That boy surely likes work, but his soft job at the hospital makes carpenter work seem hard now, he is sore and stiff tonight. Rex came down on the steps on the run, he was going to take me to the hospital with them, to see Florence and baby, but his tire blew out. He took our car to Ernie's station to fix it. Donna and I went along. We stopped in Sue's, till he came for us. Bette and Shirley were home alone.

### August 4, Tuesday

Ramona is visiting with Beverly this week. I did my ironing and cleaned the rooms, also marked Louis's garments. It is strange to have Louis coming home tired, wet from sweating, and dirty. It is also strange for me to get up and make breakfast and lunch for him again. Boy, I like the hospital job, surely glad this is only for two weeks, ha, ha! Louis brought a retread tire home for Rex's car, he bought it after work tonight, and we took the tire up to Rex this evening after dinner. He was glad to get it. He's surely in need of tires. I forgot they were going to take me to see Florence tonight, I wasn't ready, so decided I'd stay home with Daddy. We went over to Annie's. Beverly and Ramona were going to the Highland show and Annie was going to the park, alone. Beverly talked Lou and me into going to the show with Annie. We bought our groceries at Boy's Market, and then met Annie at the park, and enjoyed "Broadway Melodies."



### August 5, Wednesday

I haven't had a good night's rest for such a long time, I wonder what's the trouble with "old me," anyway?? I'm happy it isn't asthma, my legs got the fidgets, and I just can't sleep well. Gee, I'll be one glad person when our baby is here. I walked up the steps to Donna's, to see how she was feeling before I went to Relief Society. She is fine. We quilted on a patch work quilt in Relief Society. I worked about three hours. Beverly brought me home. She and Ramona and Dale came in for a few minutes. I treated to some orange whipped Jell-O and cream. Louis wasn't quite so tired tonight, his job was a little easier, he didn't have to be on his knees all day. His work was in the central station today. Louis and I took a walk tonight up the steps and along the Avenue. We watched a ball game in the play grounds for a while. [*La Riba Way is a dead end street with a hill at the end. It had steps at the end of the street that led to streets and a recreation area.*] Found a note from Lillian Stead in the door. She wants the anthem books to take to stake choir practice tomorrow night.

### August 6, Thursday

I slept a lot better last night, for which I'm thankful. Beverly brought Annie over, I loaned her \$1.50 until her payday tomorrow. They took me to Highland Park. Mary and Ramona were out in their car, too. We all went in Hall's Store; we bought gifts for Gwen Sorenson's shower, at Lucille Snow's house tonight. Anne bought a luncheon set for she and Beverly. I bought flowered sateen apron and linen hankie for Donna and me to give. Mary got a pretty tied and dyed velvet radio scarf for Lorene to take. I worked for a short time on a poem for Dale's baby book this afternoon. Donna came over and we walked over to see Inis and her baby. She's a darling. Myrtle and her baby were at Inis's when we got there. We met Daddy within a block of home, on our way back, he took Donna up home, and she didn't go to the shower tonight. We had a nice time. Beverly took Annie, Lorene, and me. I had a nice long visit with Sr. Scott, Rulon's mother, tonight at the shower. Louis went over to the stake choir practice in Glendale tonight.

### August 7, Friday

I cleaned all through the house this morning and defrosted the Frigidaire. I read in the Highland Park paper about the annual exhibit of dolls at the play grounds at two o'clock, so I walked over and enjoyed seeing all the different kinds of dolls, there surely was a variety of them, one little wooden doll was one hundred and one years old. The best part to me was, the little kiddies with their excited little faces, each thinking their own dolly best, of course. I walked over to Donna's after the doll show. She is feeling fine. Louis had a big pay day today, the hospital, and a week's carpenter work pay, too. We paid the rent and rode to Lou's little café, to pay his little bill there. We called in Sue's on our way back, left \$5.00 for Bette to give her Daddy on our bill. They'd gone over to see Br. Van Essen. We called in Annie's. Violet and kiddies were there.

## August 8, Saturday

I met Donna at Pete Pool's beauty shop this morning at 8:35. We both went in and had an oil shampoo and finger wave. I left a few minutes before Donna because I had to get to bank before noon. I banked the check Louis earned working for Charles last week, \$23.00, also \$10.00 of his hospital pay. I paid the light bill and closing gas bill, and then went to the post office for money order to send the insurance in Salt Lake. I had to go all the way to 10th and Broadway to pay our gas bill, I'm sorry we can't have L.A. gas, so I could pay in Highland Park. I bought some white kid shoes in Leed's shoe store, \$1.39, summer sale. I bought a cute turquoise blue cotton dress for \$1.95, and I bought a baby slip, handmade, for Donna. Tonight Louis and I went to Highland Park, bought two rabbits for dinner tomorrow and groceries in Boy's Market.

In the 1930s the Renshaw's did not have a checking account. They had a savings account and that was the extent of their relationship with the bank. Bills and purchases were paid with cash except for Beneficial Life Insurance Premium which was mailed to Utah and paid with a money order. The depression in the 1930s did not endear Americans to the banking system.

## August 9, Sunday

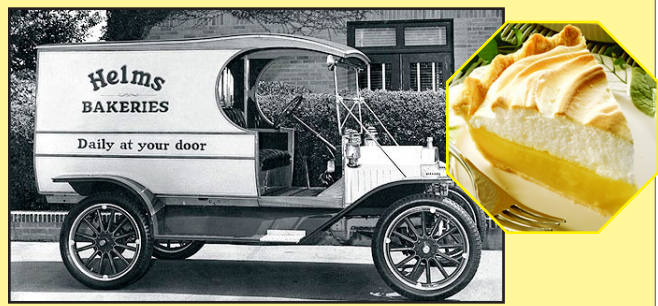
I got up at 6:30 this morning and fried the rabbit, let it steam for two hours. Boy, it tasted grand at dinner. Louis went over for Violet and Yvonne, and then came down to church for Dolores and me. We invited Donna and Rex, too, so we all enjoyed our rabbit dinner. Louis and Rex slept for a while after dinner, and then Donna and Rex went up to see Florence and new baby. Louis took us over to see the house Charles is buying. We looked in the windows, couldn't get inside. It will be nice when they get it cleaned up. We stopped in Victory Park on our way back home. Dolores and Yvonne had fun in the swings. We watched a ball game. We ate some rabbit sandwiches when we got home, and then took Violet and kiddies over to Lorene's, so Mary could take care of Yvonne while Violet went to church. Bette and Shirley were there, too. Sue invited all of us to dinner Wednesday evening, Shirley's birthday. Bishop told me some news that Br. Haddock told him. They want Br. Gunn in the Pasadena stake High Council and they're talking of our Bishop for stake patriarch. He's not happy over it. Shh, it's a secret.

## August 10, Monday

Donna came down this morning to wash, Rex brought her on his way to work. I'm glad that awful hot spell has broken; we are enjoying lovely weather again. I bought a lemon pie from the Helms bakery driver today; it was as good as any homemade lemon I ever tasted, better than most. We took Donna home this evening when Daddy came. After dinner Louis and I drove to Western Auto and got 5 gallons of oil for

**1930s Autos:** How many miles do you go between oil changes? 500 miles. There is no oil filter, no air filter, no fuel filter. That means you have to change the oil frequently. Plus, there are about 30 grease fittings to attend to every 500—2,000 miles. Does the engine leak oil? You bet. If it's not leaking, it must be out of oil!  
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the car. Rex and Donna came over tonight for a few minutes. They thought the pie good, also. Louis tried to locate Bob Stanton this evening; he wants him to help fix the car. Bob wasn't at work or home, he left a note in his door.



Helms Bakery Truck and a slice of lemon pie.

The Helms Bakery in Culver City, California was a notable industrial bakery of Southern California that operated from 1931 to 1969.

In 1926, Paul Helms of New York took an early retirement for health reasons and moved his family to Southern California and its mild climate. Helms started construction on a building between Washington and Venice Boulevards in 1930 and, on March 2, 1931, the Helms Bakery opened with 32 employees and 11 delivery coaches (trucks).

By the next year, the Helms Bakery had become the "official baker" of the 1932 Summer Olympics when Paul Helms won a contract to supply bread for the 1932 games in Los Angeles. His slogan was "Olympic Games Bakers—Choice of Olympic Champions." Four years later in time for the 1936 Summer Olympics Germany asked Helms for his bread recipes to feed to the German Olympic team. His relationship with Olympians continued in later years, the U.S. teams at London and Helsinki requested his bread be served. Early Helms vehicles sported the Olympic symbol, and it also appeared on, and was mentioned in, the Helms logo on the bread wrappers, the company logo and sign.

Despite never being sold in stores, Helms baked products soon became known to millions of consumers. The Helms motto was "Daily at Your Door" and every weekday morning, from both the Culver City facility and a second Helms Bakery site in Montebello, dozens of Helms trucks, painted in a unique two-tone scheme, would leave the bakery for various parts of the Los Angeles Basin, some going as far as the eastern San Gabriel Valley. This is remarkable because the network of freeways had not yet been built, so the trip might take an hour or more. One of these trucks is on display at the Peterson Automotive Museum in Los Angeles.

Each truck would travel through its assigned neighborhoods, with the driver periodically pulling (twice) on a large handle which sounded a distinctive whistle or stop at a house where a Helms sign, a blue placard with an "H" on it, was displayed in their windows. Customers would come out and wave the truck down, or sometimes chase the trucks to adjacent streets. Wooden drawers in the back of the truck were stocked with fresh donuts, cookies, pastries and candies, while the center section of the truck carried dozens of loaves of freshly baked bread. Products often reached the buyers still warm from the oven. . .

-Wikipedia

*Grandchildren, John and Kathy Marsh, have fond memories of the Helms Bakery trucks coming down Grama & Grampa's street in Pasadena (1960s). The Renshaw's were always happy to buy donuts and baked treats for their grandchildren.*

### August 11, Tuesday

Bob Stanton came last night, Louis was in bed, I was just going to get in bed, and we heard him asking next door where we lived. I called him and he came over and talked to Louis in the bedroom. He'd just gotten Louis's note. I did my ironing this a.m. Myrtle Robinson came for me, in her car, about 1:40 this afternoon. We went block teaching. It's my first time with Myrtle, and her first time to go. We gathered in \$1.35 for the quilt our district is going to make for the poor of the church. We have 14 districts in our ward Relief Society, so we'll have to donate 14 quilts to the cause. I saw Vinna Cannon at Robinson's. She's going to Utah for two months. She rode home with Myrtle to bring me, and then Myrtle took her to Boy's Market. Bob and Louis worked until 10:30 tonight on our car. Bob has a very painful carbuncle on his arm, so Louis had to do the work, he told him how, and helped all he could. [A carbuncle is an abscess larger than a boil, usually with one or more openings draining pus onto the skin.] He's surely a nice fellow, they didn't get it finished. Rex and Donna took me for a nice long ride tonight, a way out past San Fernando, we ate hot popcorn.



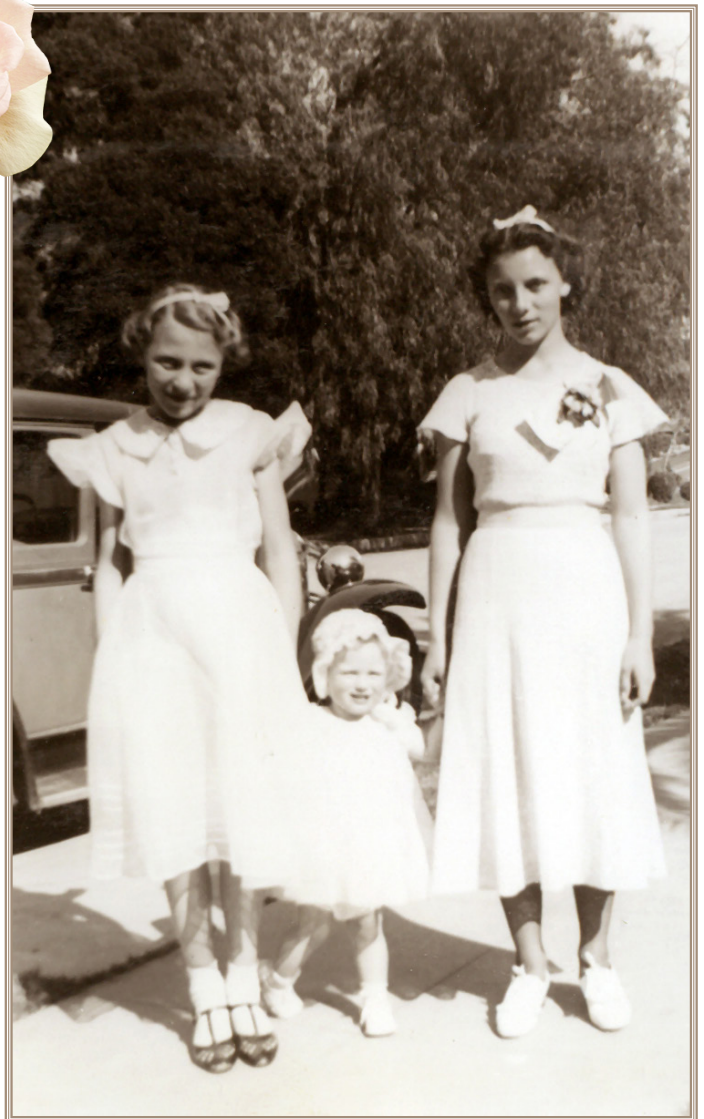
### August 12, Wednesday—Shirley's Birthday, 24 to dinner.

Louis rode to work with Charles and Raymond this morning because his car wasn't ready to use. Donna didn't get here by the time I thought she should so I walked up to her house to see if she was alright. She was getting ready to come down. We stayed there to hear our radio program first. I took the bus to Highland Park, and Donna came over to the house. I bought a birthday gift for Donna and I to take to Shirley's party tonight, apron and hanky. I stopped in Relief Society long enough to give Annie my teachers report, and then went to the post office to get stamps for Donna to send on her announcements. I hurried back so Donna wouldn't

be alone long. We rested for an hour and then she helped me work on my Sunday School scrapbooks. This evening Louis started on his car again as soon as he got home. When Rex came we went to the birthday dinner at Sue's. Louis wouldn't go because of working on this car. Sue had tables set out on the back lawn, we had a lovely dinner. Dorothy Clayton came to visit from Provo, Utah.

### August 13, Thursday

I watered the lawn and flowers good this morning, and then went up the hill to meet Donna, so I could help her over the big pine tree that lay across the pathway. It fell in the hard wind storm we had last Saturday. Louis took Donna home this evening, and then went for a haircut. Donna is so uncomfortable; she's getting anxious for her baby to come. Tomorrow is the date the doctor gave her. She is thinking of taking castor oil and quinine (ugh!) tonight. Louis wanted me to go to choir practice with him tonight over in the new Glendale chapel. We rode with Br. Farnsworth, Lillian Stead and Crystal Myer in Br. Farnsworth's car. The folks over there are working hard to get the place ready for stake conference Sunday. Donna and Rex came just as we were leaving, so they said they'd see us tomorrow. I talked to Bishop Hill.



Shirley Hoglund, Ann Vandergrift, and Bette Hoglund, Easter 1937

**August 14, Friday—I am a Grandmother!**

Our baby grand daughter arrived at 3:14 this afternoon at the St. Vincent's Hospital. I'm still weak for the long day of anxiety, but thank God, she's here at last. Beverly and Annie came over this morning and took me up to Donna's, she wasn't home, so I knew she'd gone to the hospital, cause she was feeling miserable last night when Beverly was over there. Rex called me this morning about ten o'clock, said they given Donna the anesthetic, sodium amatol, I can't pronounce it, let alone spell it. Annie, Beverly, Glen, and Dale stayed with me most of the day until Rex called at 3:20 this afternoon to tell me the baby had been born. I think it was even harder for me to become a grandmother than it was a mother, I'll never forget this day. Mrs. Allen went uptown this a.m., but left her house unlocked for me to use the telephone. Poor Rex, it was a dreadful experience for the lad, and he surely looked it when he came home this evening. He couldn't eat or rest. Donna had long labor, but just couldn't deliver her baby. The doctor had to take the little one with forceps. Rex and I went to the hospital tonight. Donna had just come out of the anesthetic, her talk was thick, but she knew what she was talking about. She is thrilled that little Janet Eileen is here at last. She was surprised it wasn't a boy. So were we, we expected a boy, so did Dr. Robinson. I was disappointed cause we couldn't see the baby tonight. Rex slept here; I got him to eat dinner after we got home tonight. Beverly wrote Donna's announcements, my hand was too shaky. Glen stamped them, and they mailed them for me.



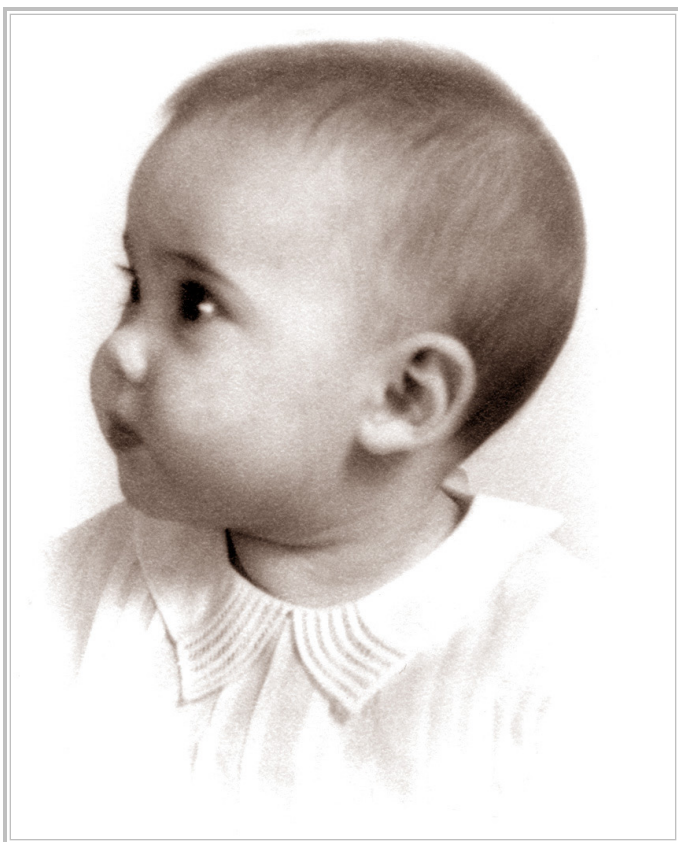
*Donna, Elvie & Janet November 1936*



*Janet Marsh from Elvie's Scrapbook*



*Janet 1937*



**August 15, Saturday**

Rex wrote a note for me to take to the bank this morning, so I could get his money for the hospital, \$75.00, it seems a shame after they've saved so hard for it, but that's what they saved it for anyway. I paid their gas bill, and then went to town to May Company to but a wedding gift for us to give Gwen [*Viola Gwendolyn Sorensen*] and Rulon Scott. [*Rulon Stephen Scott II*] I bought a pretty bath mat of rubber sponge, and a very nice lace scarf, I don't know yet which Donna and Rex will give. I had lunch in the May Company, also. I didn't go in any other department store cause I was anxious to get home, I wasn't well. Annie and Sr. Treu came

over this afternoon to see if I wanted to go in with them for the wedding gift, too late. Louis and I went to the hospital tonight. Donna looked very beautiful, she felt fine, too. Marshes were there, also. We saw the baby, she's a darling, and she gave me my biggest thrill ever.

### August 16, Sunday

Louis and I went to the Park show when we got up to Highland Park last night after leaving the hospital. All I could see was Donna's dear little babe all evening, she's so sweet, and to think my little girl has a live doll of her own now. Louis and I went to our first conference in the new Pasadena Stake this morning. He sang in the choir, I sat with Sue and Sr. Bingham. The conference was held in the new Glendale chapel. There were over 800 people there. We ate dinner at the church, the stake Primary prepared it, and it was very good. We stayed for the afternoon session and enjoyed it very much, too. We brought Annie home this afternoon and ate watermelon and chocolate cake at her house. This evening Louis and I went to the hospital. Donna looked lovely again. Sue, Al, Elaine, and Ramona were there. We all saw the darling babe, I'm so anxious to hold her. I combed Donna's hair. We broke the front bumper of a lady's car tonight.

### August 17, Monday

I got up early and put up a lunch for Rex, but he didn't come for it. I told him I'd do it, and I wanted him to bring their washing over, too. Oh, dear, well, I had to do my washing cause Louis had to have clean underwear, he had four suits in the wash on account of working so hard last week at carpenter work. Well, his vacation is over and he went back to rest, at his hospital job, ha, ha! This afternoon Louis took me to take our wedding gifts to Gwen Sorensen's home. He went to Ernie's station for his battery, it wasn't done, he helped one of the girls who works at the hospital move her things to another apartment. I stayed at Sue's until he got through. I called Donna up and talked to her, she feels fine. I went to the wedding with Bill and Annie. They also took Lorene and Dorothy Clayton. Gwen was a very beautiful bride in white satin, Rulon was handsome, too. Wanda Egan and Lucille Snow looked sweet as bridesmaids. Wanda in blue and Lucille in pink. Bishop Al married them, in the Wee Kirk o' the Heather. Rex was an usher.

### August 18, Tuesday

I cleaned through house and did my ironing, also defrosted Frigidaire. It's been hot today. Rex had his afternoon off so he visited with Donna, he came up and ate dinner with us and then took me down to the hospital with him this evening. We called in Sue's to take Bette, but she wasn't back from Catalina Island. She and Ramona went out there today. Donna looked real sweet again tonight; she had a lot of company tonight. Br. and Sr. Evans and Lucille, Annie, Bill, and Beverly, Br. and Sr. Marsh and Ruthie, and Rex and me. The Evans gave her a



Bertha Pearl Strong in 1936.

darling little blue sweater jacket and some booties. We all saw the baby, through the glass; she was awake and looked all around. Oh, she's sweet. Rex had malted milk in Shep's on way home. I had buttered popcorn.

### August 19, Wednesday

Glen came over this morning and traced a picture for me to hectograph while I got ready to go to Relief Society to quilt. We quilted the quilt my district is donating to the "church poor." We have three of the fourteen done now. I was tired when I came home this evening. It makes my back ache to quilt long. After dinner, Louis and I went over to get Violet, Lorene, and Glen. We took them to the hospital to see Donna and her baby. Lorene gave the baby a dear little dress and slip. Raymond sent a cute little sweater and tam in pink. Rex ate dinner with Vera and Fred tonight; he brought Vera over to the hospital. After we took Lorene and Violet home, we went to Sue's to see Aunt Ida and Uncle Alvin. Mrs. (Bishop) Childs came with them. Nice visit with them.



Ida & Alvin Strong, on the porch Beverly Andersen, Ramona Strong and maybe Al Hoglund reading the paper in 1936.

### August 20, Thursday

Beverly brought Uncle Art [Arthur Ephraim Strong] and Bobby, Edith's boy, [Edith May Strong] over this morning and surprised me. It was good to see Uncle Art again. Annie has invited them to stay at her house. I went back with them, so we could plan the picnic at the park tonight. Uncle Art took Glen and Bobby uptown to see the City Hall and Chinatown. We went to Lorene's, after getting Violet, and decided what we'd eat. Beverly drove Ida, Bertha, [Bertha Pearl Strong] Art, and Bobby, to see Ferndale. I called Donna and told her about the picnic and why I wouldn't be at the hospital tonight. The colored people had a convention at Brookside Park today. I never saw so many black folks in my life. We were about the only white ones over there, but we had a lot of fun anyway, and our folks have something to write home about, ha, ha!

### August 21, Friday

Rex brought the washing this morning on his way to work. I did the washing and ironing today, that's being real smart for me. I was blessed today and enjoyed good health, that's why I could do it. Louis came home from work in a rush, wanted me to go uptown with him to get his new suit before the store closed. We ate in a hurry and left for town. I like his suit real well, it's a small gray check, he's going to wear it to work. One of the boys who works for him, went with him, at noon, to buy the suit, it is very different from anything he has had before and will be nice for a change. We've made arrangements to go with Sue and family and Uncle Alvin and party tomorrow to San Diego. Leaving about 5 a.m. Louis and I went to the hospital tonight. Donna looks fine, the baby is a darling. Rex brought me home from hospital; Louis went to a Democratic meeting.

### August 22, Saturday

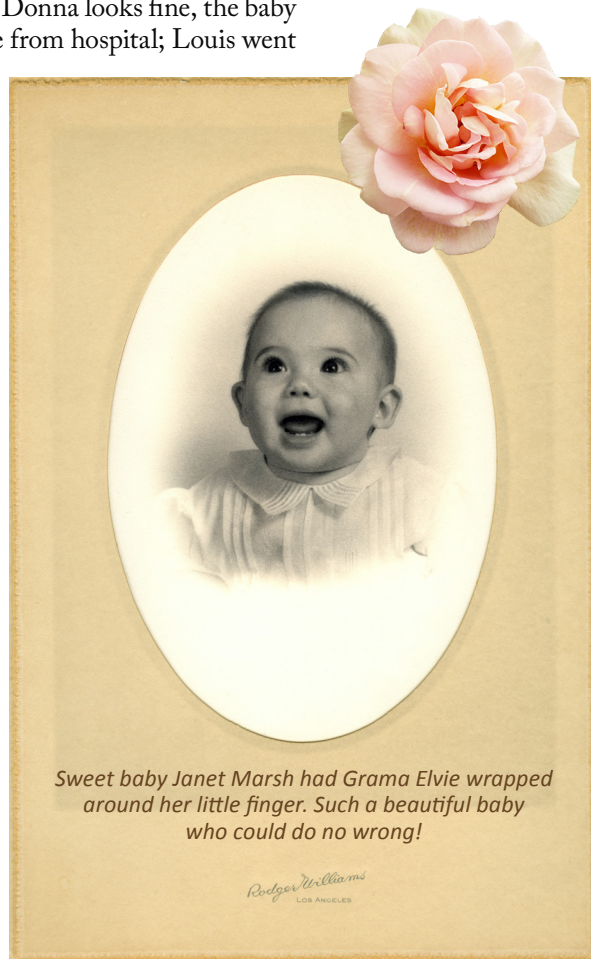
We left for San Diego this morning about 5:25. Louis drove Uncle Alvin's car. I rode with Bertha and Aunt Ida in the back seat. Ramona rode with Al and Sue and Bette. Shirley stayed home at Elaine's. We ate breakfast in San Diego, and then went to Balboa Park. We all went to the fair, but Al and Louis; they slept on the lawn about two hours. We saw about one third of the fair in four hours, and enjoyed it very much, especially our church display and lecture. We came out cause we didn't like to keep the boys waiting longer. They drove us to Tijuana, Mexico, after we came out. I bought a blue and white baby blanket for Donna's baby, in a little shop there. We had a lot of fun and a wonderful trip. Went the coast route and came back inland route.

### August 23, Sunday

I got excused from my Sunday School class after I'd taken the roll and got them seated. Sr. Bishop took charge of both classes. Rex came home before the last exercise too; we cleaned through the house, so things would look nice for Donna's homecoming. Uncle Al let Rex take his car to the hospital for Donna. Sue gave us some ice cream when we went for the car. We got just a few blocks from the hospital and a tire blew out. We were near a station, so Rex had them fix it. Donna had a disappointment for us. The doctor wanted her to stay a day longer, the baby had lost two ounces, so they'd changed her formula and wanted to watch her. Rex didn't want to leave them, we talked to Dr. Robinson, and he said it would be alright to bring them, but I was given a lot of instructions what to do for the baby. Sue and Al brought Ida, Alvin, and Bertha Childs, up after church, to see Donna and the baby.

### August 24, Monday

Annie came over this morning to give our darling babe a bath. The baby didn't make any fuss and seemed to enjoy the whole works. She went back to sleep last night after her feeding, I surely hope she keeps up the good start. Cathrine Crab came in to see our baby today. She said her mother wants to come in tomorrow. I gave the baby her first sunbath in her home, she liked it. I have her three today. Oh, dear, I surely hope I'll be able to stay well; my blood pressure is awful lately. I do not dare to let Donna know how bad I really do feel most of the time. I've got to see her through until she's able to take over the job herself. I'm sure the Lord will help me.

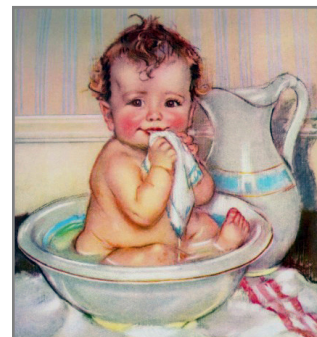


### August 25, Tuesday

Annie came over again this morning to give our baby her bath; the little darling surely enjoyed her bath, too. She didn't cry out once. Louis has been painting his car, he had the day off today, to go and vote. He is painting the Ford a dark blue with black fenders. I hope our baby will always be as good, she surely doesn't cry very much now. Donna got a gift from Mr. and Mrs. David Brown of Salt Lake, little sheet and pillow slips for the baby, they are white with pink hems, very pretty. Louis took time off from his painting to drive Bill's car, and lead Uncle Alvin out of our big city and then started on their way to San Francisco. Uncle Art and Bobby rode with Louis just for the ride. We've enjoyed our Salt Lake folks this summer. I couldn't entertain them, but I did enjoy seeing them. Mrs. Crab and Cathy brought Donna some lovely flowers and a box of See's candy this afternoon.

### August 26, Wednesday

Annie came up to give the baby her bath, but I had given it to her, it was past her feeding time, so we decided not to wait for Annie. I surely enjoyed giving the little darling her bath. Donna sat in the room in case one of my crazy weak spells came on, but I felt fine all through. I was up with her last night from 1:30 to 3:30. It was her first time to keep me up, she didn't cry hard, I just got up and down, cause I didn't want her to disturb Donna. Florence came over this afternoon, she brought a pretty white sweater set for Janet, little Ernie came, too. We had a big surprise this



evening about 4:30. Mel brought Margaret, Betty, and Kenneth [*Louis' brother Mel and family*] over here. Glen came to show the way. They'd been over to Annie's. They'd been up to San Francisco and Oakland. They waited for Louis for an hour down home, but he didn't come, he wasn't home when Rex and I went over at 10:30 tonight. His night out! Jack's father, Mr. Keller, died. [*William Lafayette Keller*]

### August 27, Thursday

Elaine and Ann came this morning in time to see me give Janet her bath. They ate lunch with us later. We had another surprise today, Lillian and Jack [*Keller*] came to call on us. They brought Donna some flowers and grapes. Now we know where our daddy was last night. He was out with Lillian and Jack. She left a message at the hospital for him to meet them uptown last evening. I'm glad he had a nice evening out; I guess it's been lonesome down home alone. Lillian stayed with Donna while Jack and I walked down home to see Louis. We found Betty May, and Kenneth there alone, enjoying the radio. They said Mel, Margaret, and Louis had gone over to Clayton's to see Charlie. Mel and family are sleeping at our house tonight. Margaret got dinner for them all this evening. Louis slept up here at Donna's with me on the couch. They all called to see Donna tonight. Rex was out block teaching. The folks are leaving L.A. tomorrow.

The practice at this time was to keep the new mother in the hospital, in bed and resting for nine or ten days. Then when the mother went home she was to continue convalescing. This didn't help speed the mother's recovery, instead she became weaker. Donna was given many night gowns in the months before delivery. This was because a new mother was expected to wear them 24/7. Times have certainly changed!

### August 28, Friday

I cleaned through Donna's house today, she got up and fixed Rex's lunch this morning, the baby was good all night. Donna also made the baby's formula this morning. She took a shower bath and went to bed tired out about noon; it was just a little too much for her. Rex took care of the baby in the night last night. They couldn't let me have her cause they insist that I go home nights now. Bless her little heart, she's so sweet, it's like having Donna over again, only I had the "say so" then, ha, ha! Our baby has had her sunbaths every day, two or three a day, and she loves them. I'm glad it is nice weather. Louis helped me clean our house up good tonight. It was dusty, me being away all week. It is good to be home again, I missed my Daddy man, too. Hope our baby sleeps well.

### August 29, Saturday

I started my washing a few minutes after six o'clock this morning. I had five sheets of my own, washed the one Margaret and family used Thursday night. I went up to Donna's and gave our baby her bath. She surely is a darling and she enjoys her bath so much. I came home this afternoon after bringing baby's clothes in. Louis finished painting on our Ford this morning. It looks really nice; the blue is a change, too. This evening we went to Boy's Market for our groceries, also got my white coat from the cleaners.

Went up to Donna's to invite her and Rex to a rabbit dinner tomorrow. She insisted on paying some on the rabbits. I stayed with the baby tonight while Donna and Rex did a little shopping in Highland Park. Louis took them in our car. They bought a wash board and etcetera.

### August 30, Sunday

I got up at six o'clock this morning and fired the rabbits and prepared the vegetable for dinner. Louis took me over to Donna, I gave the baby her bath, Louis and Donna enjoyed watching her, she is surely good in her bath, seems to like it. Bless her little ole heart, I do love her. Rex took me to Sunday School, we got there in time for our officers and teachers prayer meeting, too, good, eh? Donna and Rex came to dinner; it was baby Janet's first visit to Grama's house. Beverly brought her Aunt Clara [*Clara Andersen*] and Aunt Frances [*Frances Marymadaline Andersen*] over to see the baby. Frances is visiting L.A. for a week. Rex and Donna took a little ride. Louis slept all afternoon. Sue and Al brought Violet and children over to see the baby. I let Dolores and Shirley hold the baby a minute they were thrilled. Bishop Mortenson gave a fine talk in church tonight. Louis and I went for a nice ride after church, ate ice cream cones.

### August 31, Monday

I got my washing out by 8:30 this morning; it was mostly Donna's washing, cause I did my own Saturday morning. I hurried over to Donna's to give baby Janet her bath, but was too late. Her mother had already given it to her, for the first time. I got all the baby's washing out on the lines this morning when down came the lines, the post had rotted



Laura and Billy

in the ground, and it gave way. Over it fell against the house. I had to rinse them all again, Cathy [*landlord?*] put up another line for us. Louis put up two nice long lines in our yard for me tonite. I won't have to borrow the neighbor's lines now. Donna and Rex are thinking of moving down on Hub Street, in the rear of Laura and Bill Johnson's house. It is less rent, and has a garage. I'll surely hate to have them take the baby away from me now. [*Hub Street is 1.8 miles from La Riba*]

### September 1, Tuesday

I did part of the ironing before going over to Donna's this morning. Donna gave the baby her bath again and she was as good as gold. It was her feeding time, too. She is getting sweeter every day, I love her so. I just don't know how I'll ever stand it when they move where I can't see the little dear every day. They've decided to move over on Hub Street, too far to walk every day. After getting the baby's washing out, I came home and finished the ironing. Donna and Rex left the baby here this afternoon while they went to talk to their new landlord about painting and papering the house. Mrs. Allen [*Landlord*] came to see our baby. We took Donna's

laundry home tonight, after calling on Ann Madsen and Ed Robinson about singing on the hospital program. Marshes were up to Donna's when we got there. Helen Martinez and Gladys Kilson came to night and brought the baby a beautiful pink silk robe and bonnet, also darling booties. Sr. Nordstrom, Morline, and Peggy Knighton brought sox and booties in blue.

### September 2, Wednesday

I gave our baby her bath today, just for fun. Oh, she's a darling. I washed her diapers before the bath, Donna did the things left after her bath. I stayed with the baby while Donna went to get her hair shampooed and waved. Mr. Crab came up and asked me if the kids were going to move, he said a lady came to look at the house. Oh, oh, well, they'll have to explain to him now. I worked all afternoon on pictures for my Sunday School class to color. Tonight Louis and I rode over to see our baby, Janet, I had the pleasure of waking her up, as it was time to feed her, after baby went to sleep, we went over to see Annie and Bill. Violet and kids were there. Sue and Al came while we were there. Sue got a depressing letter from Dad. He asked for a loan, poor Dad, I know that cost him a lot. We took Violet home.

### September 3, Thursday

Donna looked tired and pale this morning, the baby had kept her awake a lot last night, it is surely unusual for the little dear. I guess she had some gas or colic. I washed the baby's clothing and did the housework. Donna took care of the baby's formula and bath and etcetera. I came down home to work on Sunday School pictures, and left Donna to take a nap, I hope. I'll surely be lost when Donna and Rex move and take my baby so far. *[As mentioned August 31, it was 1.8 miles away, so they must have been much closer at the current address. An easy quick walk was now becoming a longer walk.]* Boy, what would I do if they were moving out of the city???

### September 6, Friday

I helped Donna get the baby ready to take to church for her christening. She looked so sweet in her lovely new pink and white clothes. The little silk robe Helen and Gladys gave her it looked darling on her. Oh she was sweet. She wore the tiny little ring Raymond, Elaine, Donna, Beverly, and all our baby's since have worn to be blessed in. Donna didn't wear it to be blessed in, because her hand was too small, but she wore it later a long time. I went up to take my Sunday School class after the babies were blessed. Inis, Florence and, Donna's babies all blessed today *[Barbara Stanton, Irene Oates, and Janet Marsh]*. Uncle Al blessed baby Janet, gave her wonderful blessing. Louis made arrangements to take Beverly and Dorothy Clayton with us to see the Giant Trees in Sequoia Park. *[Dorothy was Charles Clayton's niece. She was one year older than Beverly.]* We left this afternoon about 2:10. Louis and I ate dinner in Highland Park first. We ate our supper in Tulare, California. Had a time to find an auto camp, but did after asking in several camps, all full. Slept in camp at Tulare.

### September 7, Monday—Labor Day

We left Tulare this a.m. about 5:30, taking a few fleas along, and ate our breakfast in Visalia, California. It was a pretty ride all the way, everything looked so green and lovely, but it was good and hot in that Fresno Valley, Bakersfield, Tulare, and Visalia. Lots of fun last night and today. We arrived at Sequoia Park about 7:55, it was such a beautiful drive to the tops of the mountains, and a wonderful sight to see those giant trees, we took pictures and mailed cards to Salt Lake. Left the Park about 10:45. It is about 239 miles from L.A. to Sequoia. We ate our lunch at Brown's place in Visalia, very good lunch. We stopped in Bakersfield for milkshake, I treated. They surely tasted good in that hot town. Arrived in L.A. about 7:15 tonight, had a very wonderful trip. Louis helped a lady, who's car had stalled in the canyon, he pushed her car with our Ford, about 20 miles to a garage, she gave him a dollar. We took a bath, went to bed early.

### Sequoia National Park

Sequoia National Park is a national park in the southern Sierra Nevada east of Visalia, California, in the United States. It was established on September 25, 1890. The park spans 404,063 acres (631.35 sq mi; 1,635.18 km<sup>2</sup>). Encompassing a vertical relief of nearly 13,000 feet (4,000 m), the park contains among its natural resources the highest point in the contiguous 48 United States, Mount Whitney, at 14,505 feet (4,421 m) above sea level. The park is south of and contiguous with Kings Canyon National Park; the two are administered by the National Park Service together as the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. *-Wikipedia*

### September 8, Tuesday

I washed a few silk things out this a.m., and my new white summer suit. The baby has been fussy for two days, not bad, but it worries Donna. I gave the little dear her bath this morning and she was just too cute, she surely enjoyed her bath. I also gave her a sunbath before I left there. I went to Highland Park to the bank, and paid our washer, ice box, and stove. I also took Donna's payment on her icebox.





### September 9, Wednesday

I used my new lines that Daddy put up on the west side of our house, I'm glad I don't have to borrow lines anymore; I guess my neighbor is too. Donna had everything done up, she'd washed the diapers for first time, that is all of them. I was sorry cause she shouldn't be washing on the [wash] board yet. But I couldn't get up there any sooner. We had such a big washing here. Donna went to Highland Park to have the lights turned on in their other house, so Rex can paint at nights after work. I gave Janet her sunbath; she is so sweet and growing lovely, too. Rex is very handy with his little daughter; he feeds her, and changes and washes her diapers, too. Tonight we took Donna's laundry up, our baby is so darling. I rode to Brown's ice cream place with Louis after we left Donna's. No money for Louis, Poor Mr. Brown is on the rocks.

### September 10, Thursday

I was bothered with asthma last night, so haven't felt very well today. I did my ironing this morning, it worries me to think Donna is going to do her own ironing this week, I wish I had it here, but she insisted that she do it herself. [Elvie thinks it is too soon after giving birth.] I went up to Donna's about noon today to stay with the baby while Donna went to Vera's, to the Gleaner Club. Florence called for Donna, she took Inis and Myrtle, too. They all took their babies but Donna. Oh, I do love that darling of ours. She gets sweeter every minute. Beverly brought Annie, Dale, Violet, and her children over to Donna's this afternoon. Dolores started school in L.A. again; we thought she'd be going to a school in Las Vegas somewhere, never can tell? Louis and I spent the evening at June and Harold's. They treated to ice cream and cake, she bought popcorn for me, nice, eh? Excitement on Stoll Drive tonight. Mrs. Smith and her daughter had a fight, neighbors all ran out to see what the trouble was.

### September 11, Friday

Rex left a note last night asking us to get a lemon pie from the bakery man today. Louis had the day off, so he helped me do my cleaning, he did the vacuuming. We went over to Glendale to pay our gas bill, on the way back we stopped at a real estate office. Louis wanted to see about a house he read about in our little Highland Park paper, it was for sale. We found out where it was and went up to look at it. There was a small house in the rear, also. I don't think we are interested, I'm not, anyway. We took Donna's pie up, she asked us to go to Highland Park for her, and buy a rabbit, and she is having company to dinner. Rex brought a boy from the store over to eat, and then he helped Rex do some painting in their other place. Louis and I went to bed early tonight. I wasn't feeling well.

### September 12, Saturday

I fixed my white skirt, and a blue shirt for Louis this a.m. Louis got up early and went to the hospital for his breakfast, he spent the forenoon over to Annie's, and looking at houses with a real estate man. Glen and Louis walked

to see a house that was for sale. Looks like my man wants to buy a house! I'd love to own a home, too, but where will the money come from for the down payment??? I walked over to the library this afternoon and got two books with short stories, for my Sunday School class. Went up to Donna's, she has been working too hard, I'm afraid. I wish she was stronger. I insisted she take a nap while I take care of the baby. I did a little ironing after I got the baby down. Oh, I do wish I lived next door, so I could help her a lot more. She's moving even farther away. Louis started to make a little magazine table for us this evening.

### September 13, Sunday

I walked over to Donna's this a.m. to see how Donna was feeling and to ask them down to dinner. Rex took me to the nine o'clock local board meeting. Dr. Watkins called on all of us for a short talk. We had a very large Sunday School again. If we do not get our new building soon, I don't know where we'll put all the people. June, Harold, and Bobby brought our baby a nice gift this afternoon, a little hot water bag and cute pink cover. Rex worked all afternoon painting their other house, in the kitchen. Louis finished the little magazine table this afternoon, varnished it, too. It is surely nice, he's some handy man. Marshes called this evening. We took the baby to church, but she was fussy, had gas. Br. Rasmussen spoke. We called to see Rex after, he was still painting.

### September 14, Monday

Rex brought the laundry this a.m. on his way to work. It was a very lovely day. I enjoyed the new lines my husband put up. I can wash without borrowing lines from the neighbors now. After work this evening, Louis went over to the house to help Rex paint his kitchen, I guess they'll move in next week. I visited with Donna and our darling babe tonight. We had the block teachers, Br. Nelson, and son LeRoy. Rex treated us to a bar of candy tonight.

### September 15, Tuesday

I started ironing this morning about 6:30, did Donna's first, we both had a small ironing this time. I enjoyed my radio story this morning, am glad they are back on the air again with "The Story of Mary Marlin." Donna and I took baby Janet, to the baby clinic, this morning. She was so good and we had such a long wait to see the doctor, too. Inis had her baby there, and Sr. Udall had hers, there were fifty or more mothers with babies. We are so happy to find our baby has gained so nicely, she weighed 8 pounds 15 ounces. I surely enjoyed seeing all the lovely babies, but of course, mine is the cutest. Louis helped Rex paint again tonight; I went over to stay with Donna. We took the baby for a walk over to Aunt Annie's. Bill and Annie had gone to a meeting at Bishop's. Beverly and Glen entertained us, of course, Dale, too. Donna played piano, Beverly sang, while Dale went to sleep. Louis called for us, he took us down to the house, and Rex and Br. Gammon were painting.

The Story of Mary Marlin begins Jan. 1, 1935, as husband Joe Marlin leaves his home of Cedar Springs to take his seat in the U.S. Senate. Set in Washington, Mary's troubles are more personal and emotional than political. At one point she has to spurn the advances of the (fictional) President of the United States!

<http://www.otrcat.com/rare-soap-operas-collection-p-49249.html>

## September 16, Wednesday— Married 22 years today.

I cleaned through rooms this morning and was over to Anna Lee's at eight o'clock for a shampoo and wave. It was the first wave Anna has given me in about five years and I think about the best in the time, I do like her waves, but after I moved away from here it was too far to come back. I went up to Donna's after, and gave the baby her bath, oh, she is a darling. After lunch Donna went to Pete Pool's and had him cut her hair, and then one of the girls gave her a shampoo and wave. It looks much better, it was too long. I gave our baby a sunbath this afternoon. Oh, I love her. Some folks thought the world would end today, because of this date on the renowned pyramid. The Mutual had their opening social tonight, Rex and Donna took the baby. Donna played for Ed Robinson to sing. They went home after program. Louis went to a meeting at the hospital, but came to social after. We danced until 11:30, and then went to Chili-Ville and ate chili. Me, eating chili at night, oh!

### Pyramid Date—September 16, 1936

About ten miles southwest of the modern city of Cairo, Egypt, where the rocky plateau skirts the Libyan Desert, rising about a hundred feet above the cultivated plain, stands the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, so called because it is built upon the great protruding stone ledge known as the Rock of Gizeh. This unique monument holds its place of pre-eminence as the greatest of the seven wonders of the world. ...

... David Davidson, the most important interpreter, in his remarkable work *The Great Pyramid: Its Divine Message* (1932 edition), boldly states : "According to the Scriptural prophecies and the chronological symbolism of the pyramid, September 16, 1936, will witness the coming of Christ with power and great glory."

<https://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/1946/11/a-survey-of-pyramid-teaching>

## September 17, Thursday

Norma B. Nelson had her baby boy over to the social last night; he is a very sweet baby. I went uptown for Donna this afternoon and went in and out of every store trying to find a curtain panel to match the three she bought when she moved in Crab's house. She has got to have 4 for this other place. I just couldn't find the exact match. I bought four pretty panels for her living room and some pretty cream and yellow curtains for her kitchen. Louis went to Glendale to the stake choir practice tonight. Rex went over to his house to paint. I stayed with Donna and the baby. I was glad when Louis came for me tonight as I was bothered with asthma, and was anxious to get home to get relief.

## September 18, Friday

Beverly brought the pictures she'd taken of us up at Sequoia Park on Labor Day, over this morning, so I could see them. They were very good. She took the vacuum back; I'd just finished my cleaning. Annie, Beverly, Dale, and I went uptown this afternoon. Annie took me to the Chiroprapist

who fixed her feet. I had my feet taken care of for \$1.50. It is surely a treat to have that big toe of mine taken care of, it has given me lots of trouble lately, and the nail will not grow right since I mashed it years ago. Annie bought Dale a cute little blue sweater suit, cap, pants, and coat. He looks darling in them. Beverly went to a show while downtown. I bought me a nice warm outing flannel night gown, cute style. Dale was thrilled with his street car ride. I bought a curtain panel to go with Donna's living room curtains, too. Louis and I went to Arroyo Seco show house to see "San Francisco" tonight. Very good.



## September 19, Saturday

Louis and I went down to the house Donna and Rex are going to move into this morning. We worked several hours cleaning up; he finished the little painting in bathroom and kitchen. I cleaned windows and woodwork. We went up to Donna's about 1:45 and ate lunch and then she went back with her Daddy to work. I stayed with the baby. We brought her down to our house so I could make Donna's curtains on my machine. Louis and Donna came back about 6:30 tonight. Rex called here for Donna. They went home to have dinner then down to the house to do more cleaning so the place will be ready to move into tomorrow. Louis and I took the baby down to them tonight about 8:30. I rode over to Glendale with Louis to let Mr. Cooper know about his night work tomorrow.

### September 20, Sunday

Sue got a Special Delivery letter from Dad, Uncle Ralph [*Jacob Ralph Bailey, brother of Owen Albert Bailey*] passed away last Thursday, and his funeral is today, I'm glad he has relief at last. Louis starts night work for a week. Donna and Rex brought the baby over this morning about seven o'clock. John and Rex had a load all ready to move in the truck; Louis went up to help move them. I gave the baby her bath; the little darling was so good. She smiled and tried to talk a lot. I made her formula and boiled the bottles and etcetera, even got her washing out before Sunday School. Donna came in our car, for the baby, and took me to Sunday School. We surely had a large Sunday School. I had 24 in my little class; Sr. Bishop had 23, all Primary class age. Rex and Donna ate dinner at Marshes'; she stayed there while Rex and Sr. Marsh and Ruth went to union meeting, Br. Rasmussen spoke on the history of the Book of Mormon. Rex called for me; I slept over to Donna's.



*Jacob Ralph Bailey—circa 1886  
Ralph went by his middle name. He was 68 when he died.  
His twin brother, William Esau Bailey, lived almost  
another 20 years after Ralph's death.*

### September 21, Monday

I knew Donna was up quite a while last night, so I stayed in bed to give her a chance to sleep later this morning. The baby was rather fussy all day and we had such a lot to do, too. Louis came down about eleven o'clock this morning, he has been a big help to the kids in getting things fixed in order, he wired, and fixed the plugs on the floor for their radio and lamps, and etcetera. I scrubbed floors and did the baby's washing. We all worked hard, the little house is nice and clean now, and cute, too. I think they'll like it much better than the other. Bill Johnson surely worked hard today, he gave the new baby his bath, took care of Laura, did a big washing, and had the other little child to look after, some man! Laura came home from the hospital yesterday afternoon with baby boy. Louis had to go to work at six o'clock again tonight. We ate lunch with Donna. I ate dinner there tonight, also. Rex and Donna brought me home about 7:45.

### September 22, Tuesday

I got up and let Louis in about three o'clock this morning. I'll surely be glad when this week of night work is over, I

don't like the lonesome evenings and nights. Donna and Rex invited me to sleep there this week, it was nice of them, but I like my bed and house best, everyone feels the same, I guess. Louis got up at seven o'clock and went to see about a carpenter job, building some stairs, for a friend at the hospital. I did our washing, it was a lovely fall day, reminds me of back home, with leaves falling. We have several trees here that shed their leaves for winter. Louis came home in time to eat lunch with me. We both took a nap this afternoon. Rex came for his laundry about 3:30 this afternoon. Donna was busy ironing Laura's ironing. Louis took me this evening to register at Miss Bender's place, on Burrwood Terrace. I took Miss Bender over to Donna's, so she and Rex could register, also. I stayed at Donna's she and Rex took me for a nice ride with them this evening. We took Donna to see the Glendale chapel. I held our baby, she's a little doll. I saw Laura's baby tonight, he's real sweet looking.

### September 23, Wednesday

I'll surely be glad when Daddy's night work is over; it's too darn lonesome for me. I'm not nervous, but just don't like being alone. I finished my ironing and did some mending while Louis slept this morning. He washed his car this afternoon, but he was suffering with a bad headache. I had him rest with a cold cloth on his head for two hours. This evening I rode over to Charlie's with Louis to get his square. He has a carpenter job for tomorrow. Obe Vennott was talking to Lorene in the store, he is all excited because his wife is coming home tomorrow, she's been visiting her folks in the East somewhere. Lorene told me that Violet was feeling blue because she had just heard about her dear friend, Mrs. Hilkey, dying two weeks ago. I had Louis let me out in Highland Park, he went on to work. I window shopped, ate buttered popcorn, and went to the Park Theater, saw two punk pictures.



## September 24, Thursday

I did some sewing this morning while Louis did a little carpenter job for Obe Vennott, on Avenue 57, fixed some garage doors. A lady in the neighborhood saw him working and asked him to build some shelves for her, so he earned \$3.50 in a short time this a.m. This afternoon Louis took Myrtle Robinson and me block teaching, she took her baby this time. Lorene was over at Annie's fixing some curtains for her new home. Garvanza Ward was the first to turn into the stake, all of the quilts we were asked to make, 14 of them. The two stakes together had only 9 quilts donated so far, when Garvanza comes forth with all 14 of hers. We are proud of our Relief Society. After our teaching was completed, Louis took us down to Donna's; Myrtle went over to visit Laura. Little Janet smiled so sweet for us today. Annie, Beverly, and Dale came over tonight, they brought the vacuum back. Rex brought Donna and baby over for a while tonight. I fed Janet her milk, she's such a darling.

## September 25, Friday—Baby Ann's birthday!

I did the cleaning today. Louis went over to Bob's place, Avenue 53 and York, he took Bob's square back, and helped Bob with a job, moving some furniture and setting up a bed, a folding bed, I think. Well, he earned another dollar or two today again, he is doing well while on this job of night work. I was glad he didn't have to go to work tonight and he'll be home tomorrow night, too, so I'm sure of two good night's rest anyway. Louis got a phone call tonight at Allen's to start on that stair job in the morning. We rode over to Annie's tonight; Louis stayed with Bill and listened to a radio program while I went with Annie and Beverly. They took Dale over to see baby Ann on her first birthday. She's one year old today. It looked like a Christmas with so many gifts around. Ann was surely excited, the little doll. Sue and family, Violet and family, Br. Evans and Lucille, and all of us were crowded in Elaine's little front room.



Janet Marsh & Ann Vandergrift  
in 1936.

## September 26, Saturday

Louis left this morning for Beverly Hills; he started building a staircase in a new home out there. It will take him a few days, I guess, so he'll be working days and night, too. I went over to the Arroyo Seco Library to take a book back and get another one. I surely enjoy having the library so near. I also worked on my Sunday School scrapbooks for a couple of hours. Louis came home tired tonight, but he took me to Highland Park, I bought face powder. We went to Violet's, but she wasn't home. I went to invite her to dinner tomorrow. We passed Lorene's but they were out, also. I told Annie to tell Violet we wanted her to come. We called in Donna's; our baby had been a little fussy. I had the pleasure of getting her to sleep.

## Arroyo Seco Library Short History

The original Arroyo Seco Branch Library in Highland Park was built in 1913 with funding from the Carnegie Institute, it was designed by local Garvanza area architect Frederick M. Ashley.

This building was demolished in 1959, and replaced in 1960 with a "State of the Art" modern building designed by architect John J. Langdon. The original design of this mid-century building provided rooftop parking. However the constant movement of cars on the roof soon resulted in roof leaks, and that feature was eventually abandoned.

In 2004, the mid-century building was demolished, and replaced with a larger library designed by the firm of M2A. The new building echoes the area's predominant turn-of-the-20th-century Mission and Craftsman style structures.

<http://activerain.com/blogsviw/669773/architectural-transitions-arroyo-seco-branch-library>



Arroyo Seco Library as Elvie visited it in 1936.



"Modern" Library  
that was built on  
the site in 1960.



Current Arroyo Seco Library.

### September 27, Sunday

I heard a knock at our door early this morning and was surprised to see Ralph Keller. He is visiting again in L.A., came to buy some clothes, he said. We enjoy having him, nice kid. He'd already eaten breakfast, he went over to Pasadena to try and locate a friend. Louis wanted to take him over, but he insisted on going on the bus. I rode to Sunday School with Louis then he went on out to Beverly Hills to work on the stair job. Dolores came home with me, Beverly brought Violet and Yvonne over, we ate dinner. Ralph came, but had eaten first, he's the limit. Louis came about three o'clock. I fixed his dinner. We took Violet and kids to Annie's this afternoon. We had to go for Ann Madson and Velda; took them to Donna's, Ann went thru' her song once, then we all left for the hospital. Sr. Marsh took care of baby Janet. The missionaries had a lovely meeting; they brought sick folks down in beds, and wheeled them down in wheelchairs. Ed Robinson sang, Sr. Howles sang, and Ann Madson sang. Br. Haddock spoke just grand. Ernest Jones brought Ann, Velda, and me back from the hospital in time for church. Ralph [Keller] slept all afternoon and evening. We ate lunch when I got home tonight. Louis worked at hospital.

### September 28, Monday

I didn't wash today cause Donna didn't get her laundry over. They took Lucille Evans and Raymond home after church to play a game of Monopoly. Ralph got up early and left to L.A. shopping this morning. Louis went out to Beverly Hills to work on that stair job again. He's doing night and day work now. Sr. Nordstrom asked me in church yesterday to give a reading next Sunday night in Mutual conjoint. Oh, dear, I don't like that. Louis came home in time to get cleaned up and eat dinner before leaving for his night work. He has to be on the job at 6 p.m. Ralph came home this evening with his new purchases, shirts, trousers, shoes and etcetera. He invited me to go with him to the Highland show to see Joe Brown. I was expecting Donna and baby so I declined, he went alone. Rex brought my darlings over while he and Ray went to do their teaching.

### September 29, Tuesday

Donna called me on the phone, at Allen's, this morning, said Vera wasn't going to come up to the clinic with her, so wondered if Daddy would come down and get her and Janet. I went with him to get them and stayed with Donna until she was through at the clinic. Our darling weighs 10 pounds now. The doctor told her what to use to get rid of that breaking out on her little face. We walked over here from the clinic and ate some lunch. Ralph came home dressed up in his new clothes, velvet shirt and etcetera, looked swell. We took him over to Pasadena to visit with some friends who used to live in Arizona. Louis napped while Donna and I went in the Ford to Boy's Market, and her house to leave a note for Rex to



come here to dinner. We took Donna and baby home tonight and enjoyed music and songs. Rex went to teachers report meeting at Bishop's. We brought Donna's laundry home tonight. Louis is through with night work, Hurrah!

### September 30 Wednesday

I prepared breakfast for Ralph then started my washing. I got rather a late start and was too tired to go to Relief Society. I was sorry to miss again, but I just had to rest, or I'd be on the sick list again. Ralph came home this evening tired out; he's walked about five miles today. Louis worked day work today, and he didn't feel like going to Mutual tonight. I was tired, so we all stayed home. Rex and Donna came over after Mutual; she had played for LeRoy Nelson to sing in Mutual. The baby was asleep, but Donna said she'd been fussy all day. They took their washing home, it was their payday, and they paid me \$2.25. Ralph says he thinks he will leave for home tomorrow.

### October 1, Thursday

Ralph said goodbye to me this morning and took his bag, he thought he was going home in a truck, if they'd let him help load and unload for his passage. I did my ironing and read poems which Sr. Nordstrom asked me to read in church next Sunday night. I walked over to Annie's this afternoon, she was sewing curtains for Lorene's kitchen windows, they are almost moved into their new home. I'm so sorry I haven't been able to help them; they've worked so hard to get this little place ready. Violet and children were over to Annie's; they left to go visit Donna and baby. Violet had a sweet little dress to give the baby. I went to Glendale tonight with Louis. He got his check from Mr. Kensy for the stair job, \$22.50. We then went to stake choir practice. I sat in car. We took two ladies home to Pasadena after choir. Went to Boy's for groceries after. I bought some buttered popcorn.

### October 2 Friday

I cleaned through the house this morning and took a walk over to Annie's. Annie and Beverly were just finishing their cleaning. Dale insisted on bringing me all the shoes in the house, so I took him outside for a walk while they could finish the work. Beverly had a permanent wave this morning. Sammy did the job. She and Annie took Dale uptown this afternoon, Beverly had her picture taken. Friday is Beverly's day off from bakery. Tonight Rex took his Sunday School class out to the beach, they spent the evening in the fun house. I took care of little Janet. We took her down to visit Aunt Lorene in her new home, they moved in yesterday. Dolores was there; she was going to stay all night so she could go to Primary with Mary tomorrow. It's just a few steps to church now. My darling baby was so good tonight; her folks came at 1:15 a.m. Dorothy Salt [Dorothy Lucille Salt, her father is John Albert Strong] is visiting Sue and family for a few days.

### October 3, Saturday

Our Ward has purchased a lot to build our church on. Bishop told us about it last Sunday night in church. Louis went uptown this a.m. to buy tires, his friend; Lynn Harris came over with wife and kiddies just before he left. They didn't come in, just asked Louis how to locate a certain house they wanted to see. Bob Stanton let Louis get his tire, and a few other small parts at his discount today. Louis treated Bob to dinner after. I started a poem to put in Dale's baby book. This evening we went to Highland Park, I bought a cute little dress for Yvonne, in Hall's Store, did some shopping in Kress, as usual, bought groceries at Boy's and bought a chicken to stew tomorrow in the poultry store. After eating we took Yvonne's gift over to Annie's but they were all out, so we went to the York show. Bill, Glenn, the Gunn family, and Ann Madson, were all at the show. We rode Bill, Glenn, and Ann home after show.

### October 4, Sunday

Bob Stanton came this morning to help Louis work on his car, it was just a small job this time. They took me down to Sunday School. Sue said Dorothy Salt left for home last night. I wonder if Sue will have any more company this season? We had a lot of noise in our classes today when we got the tables ready for coloring. Went over to Lorene's after dinner to give Yvonne her birthday dress, she had a shower of dresses this birthday; we all knew she needed them. I also gave Charles a birthday kiss, it is his birthday today. Yvonne's and Dad's yesterday. We went down to Donna's so I could kiss and hug my darling baby. I dressed her up in her best clothes and took her for a walk. The Marshes came while we were there. Louis and I enjoyed ice cream and a ride after church. I had popcorn, too. I read a poem in Mutual conjoint tonight. Miriam Marsh read a story, and Rex sang in a quartet. Louis opened with prayer, and Sr. Marsh closed. Family affair, eh?

### October 5, Monday

Rex brought their laundry over this morning, he is on his vacation



Donna & Elvie Renshaw, Louise & Shirley Keller in 1931.

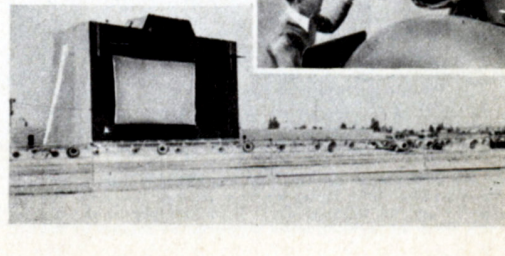
this week. It was a lovely day, the clothes dried quickly. June and Harold came for a few minutes, she brought my hectograph back, couldn't use it, it was too small. We received a letter from Lillian this afternoon from the St. Joseph's hospital in Arizona. Poor little Louise was hit by an automobile Saturday morning, while she was riding her bicycle; she has a skull fracture, and concussion. I'm so sorry; do hope the little dear will come along okay. I wrote a letter to Lillian, Louis took it to the post office this afternoon. Rex and Donna called in this evening; they'd been for a nice long ride. I had them eat dinner here; they left the baby with us tonight while they went to the Bishop's and to call on the Gammon's. Our baby is just grand. Donna and Rex brought the baby's things back with them and left her with me all night. They are going fishing early in the morning.

### Open Theater Has Directed Sound

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The outdoor theater consists of a ten-acre parking lot and a giant screen measuring 40 feet by 50 feet. Spectators view the program from their own automobiles.

These low volume speakers confine speech and music from the screen to the occupants of the car. Below is shown the outdoor theater.



Article from L.A. newspaper in January 1936.

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<http://blog.modernmechanix.com/open-theater-has-directed-sound/>

### October 6, Tuesday

Our baby slept just grand, I only got up once for her feeding in the night. I surely enjoyed the little darling all day, she has been so good. She had her bath in the tub her mother used to take hers in when she was her age. I gave her a sun bath this afternoon in the backyard. Rex and Donna came home about three o'clock they had a lot of fish they'd caught. Rex cleaned some for our dinner this evening. We all ate here; Rex and Donna bought some things for salad. This evening we went to the outdoor picture show theater. We took the baby, she slept all the time. I held her in my arms. We sat in our car and enjoyed the show. It was strange to see all the people watching the show in their cars. Rex treated to show, Dad bought ice cream after.

### October 7, Wednesday— [Rex & Donna's First Wedding Anniversary]

My baby slept fine again last night. Donna and Rex are enjoying their vacation; I'm enjoying my darling babe, to my heart's content. She laughed and made the cutest sounds when I was playing with her this afternoon. The baby was very good, she surely loves her bath. Rex and Donna went up to Mt. Wilson today and this evening they went out to dinner with the Gammon's. I'd like

to know how little Louise Keller is getting along. I went to bed as soon as I got the baby to sleep; about 7:30 p.m. Louis was surprised to find us both in bed, when he came in from working on his car about 8:30. I just had to get off my feet. My blood pressure has been high the last few days, too.

### October 8, Thursday

I gave the baby her bath and got her washing out before Rex came for her; he said Donna was busy cleaning the house. I surely missed the little darling; she was a pleasure to care for. I wrote a letter to Mother Renshaw and one to Dad. Louis had a meeting tonight, election of officers for hospital; he had to hurry right away, to be in the meeting at 6 p.m. Rex and Donna brought the baby over tonight, stayed while she took her milk, they went over to call on Mrs. Resler, Rex's friend, and show her little Janet. The Marshes came tonight. Sr. Marsh doesn't want to go out on the gambling boat tomorrow night, I don't care to either! Rex and Donna called back for me, we all went down to wish Bette a Happy Birthday. She got the dearest little writing desk and chair and a darling lamp. We were treated to ice cream and cake. Elaine and Ernie and baby Ann were there, too.



*Louis & Elvie Renshaw holding their first grandchild, Janet Marsh.*

### October 9, Friday

Another hot day, I watered lawn this a.m. and cleaned rooms. I expected Donna and Rex to come and decide what to do about going out to the gambling boat so Louis took me down this evening, they wanted to go, but didn't have anyone to leave Janet with, I wanted to stay and take care of the baby, so Louis and I both decided to stay home. We brought the baby and her food and etcetera back. Rex and Donna went with the Gammons out to the boat. We kept the baby all night. She was a dear little thing. I surely enjoy having her here, she has slept here four nights this week now, and we love to have her.

### October 10 Saturday

I gave Janet her bath this morning about eight o'clock. She surely loves to have her bath. I washed most of her diapers early, about 6:20 this a.m. Donna didn't give me enough, I was afraid I'd run out. They came for baby about 10:40 and stayed here, while I went to the bank to pay on stove, ice box and washer. We went to Boy's Market for groceries, came home and insisted on the kids staying for lunch. Rex and Donna enjoyed their trip out to the Tango, Gambling Boat, so much, they want to go again today with us. Vera Reiche took care of the baby and we left about four o'clock this afternoon. It was a wonderful ride in the boat, 12 miles out to the Tango. We enjoyed our complimentary dinner very much. I had a fish dinner. We walked around the boat, it's a beautiful big

steamer, watched people gamble. Louis was lucky with the nickel slot machine, but the rest of us couldn't win. The boat ride back was grand, too. Home about 9 p.m.

### October 11, Sunday

I got up at six o'clock this morning and fried two rabbits, made a Jell-O salad, and prepared the vegetable for dinner. Louis took me down to Sunday School. I didn't know it was local board meeting, June Hays was the only one there at nine o'clock. Well, they should remind us each month, I think. Donna and Rex came over to dinner both men went to sleep after. Donna and I took baby Janet for a ride over to Aunt Annie's. Beverly rocked the baby to sleep. Violet and kiddies were over to Annie's. This afternoon Rex took some pictures of Grama and Grampa Renshaw with baby Janet, and then they took a ride down to see Grama and Grampa Marsh. We had a good meeting tonight, missionaries took charge. They were from Pasadena, our missionaries went over there. After church Louis and I enjoyed buttered popcorn and a nice ride down South Broadway to 11th. We had a malted milk in town, also. Our baby slept all through church again tonight, she's such a darling. Dale has had a haircut, his first from the barber.

### October 12, Monday—Columbus Day

Louis had a holiday today. I got up about 6:30 this morning and started washing. It was a beautiful day. Louis went down to fix some shelves he'd built for a lady, he put them in the place she wanted today, he made the shelves about two weeks ago, but she had to clear out a place for them. We took Donna and baby for a ride over to Glendale, where we go to pay our gas bill. Louis bought a quart of ice cream; we came home and enjoyed it. Donna helped me bring the clothes in from the lines. We took them home and I played with Janet while Donna prepared vegetables for her dinner, and dampened her clothes. She invited us to stay for dinner, but we came home and ate our dinner then I rode to the hospital with Louis about 7:45 tonight. He wanted to see his night man. I waited in the nurse's restroom, enjoyed radio. We got a card from Lillian saying Louise is improving, she had a close call.

### October 13, Tuesday

I can feel a head cold coming, sore throat, headache and etcetera. I did my ironing this morning, walked over to Annie's this afternoon. Violet, Otto, and kiddies came while I was there, he came at midnight last night and surprised Violet. I brought them over here for dinner then Louis took them around to see the folks, we went to Sue's first cause Bishop was having a meeting at his house tonight. We wanted to get away before they came, and then we went to

Lorene's; Charles had left for the meeting. We called to see Donna and Rex, but they were out. Took Violet home to get Yvonne's night clothes, she is going to sleep with Beverly. Otto expects to leave in the morning for Idaho Falls. I put some Epsom salts packs on my throat, drank hot lemonade, went to bed feeling punk.

**October 14, Wednesday**

It is Sister Treu's birthday, the Relief Society gave her a surprise luncheon and party. The ladies quilted a lovely patchwork quilt and gave it to her when it was finished, she was so happy she almost cried. I only stayed a few minutes, just called in to say "Happy Birthday." I was almost sick with this awful head cold. I bought things in the drug store for my cold, came home and doctored myself up. Donna, Miriam, and Florence all had their babies out to Relief Society, three little cousins and all so sweet. Rex and Donna brought the baby in after Mutual. I was in bed feeling quite ill, my lungs started hurting tonight. I had an Epsom salts pack on my throat. Donna showed me the pictures they took of baby Janet, they are all darling. Got a nice newsy letter from Grama Renshaw. Mel broke his ankle. Babe and Winnie got a divorce, and then went back together. [Mel and Babe Renshaw, Louis's brothers.]

**October 15, Thursday**

I stayed in bed late this morning to help overcome this cold. I coughed a lot last night, am afraid Louis didn't get much sleep either. This afternoon I did some work on my Sunday School scrapbooks. My head feels better, but lungs are very sore. Louis helped with dinner and did the dishes tonight. I enjoyed the radio while Louis was over in Glendale to stake choir practice. I was going to stay with our baby while Donna and Rex went to choir practice but this sickness prevented me. Louis said Rex was there, Donna stayed with baby. It has been damp and cold all day. Lynn Harris came last night to get Louis to sign a note for \$150, he brought his wife and children in, two cute children, girl and boy.

**October 16, Friday**

I feel much better today; I'm so glad my lungs feel better. I didn't cough nearly as much last night. I cleaned three rooms today, took things easy, as I felt weak. It was cloudy all day, rained this morning, we have snow in the mountains, it's pretty to see. The Married Gleaners gave a dinner at Chandler's house tonight, for the building fund; I would liked to have been there, my cold kept me indoors. It rained hard this evening, and lightning and thundered, our lights all went out for a few minutes. We turned on our heater for first time in this house tonight, it felt good. Guess old man winter is on his way.

**October 17, Saturday**

Louis and I went over to Donna's this morning about 10:30. I was hungry to see my baby, my bad cold all week kept me away from her. I still have a cough, but it'll last weeks now, I guess, as usual. We ate lunch with Donna; it rained most of the day. Louis went to the market and bought things for dinner tomorrow. Donna said she'd cook our dinner, a pot roast and etcetera. This evening Louis and I went to the Highland show and saw, "The Devil Doll." We went in at six o'clock, so got home early. Donna and Rex came over tonight just after we got home.

**October 18, Sunday**

Louis went to Sunday School with me. I had both classes this morning. Sr. Bishop and Lucille were both away. Well, the children were very good, so I guess it was okay. I had over 40 kiddies. Br. Keller came in my class for a while. Ruth Marsh went over to dinner with Louis and me to Donna's. Poor Donna had some time getting dinner with her baby, and Vera's little John, but it was all ready and very good. Rex and Lewie worked, helping John and Uncle Jim with a job. Fred Reiche took Rex's Sunday School class. We didn't have time to do the dishes, but went up to Florence's, Donna stayed with the children. Florence took Ruthie, Sr. Marsh, and me, to union meeting. I took care of my baby in church. Donna played the piano. After church,



Ralph (Babe) & Melvin Renshaw, circa 1905.



Louis and I went to Marshes' and ate pie and ice cream. President Cannon made Br. Stanley Farnsworth the second counselor in our Bishopric tonight, we are all glad. Otto came from Vegas tonight, went to church.

came over this evening. Louis gave him some sprouts from the big tree in our backyard. I hope they'll grow. Donna and Rex came over tonight. The baby was so darn cute, she's a beauty. They took the clothes that were dry home.



*Charles Clayton, Al Hoglund, Bill Andersen, Stanley Farnsworth, Garvanza Ward Bishopric.*

### October 19, Monday

Otto is here for a few days, he came to church with Violet last night. Mr. McArthur had to come down on business, so Otto came, too. I bought me a pair of shoes in Burk's this morning, and a bread box, and some tissues in Kress for Donna. I also bought some Vicks Vapor for Donna, and then walked over to her house. She was tired from her big washing, the baby's clothes for two days. Rex had the afternoon off, I ate lunch with them and mopped Donna's floor after. Elaine, Ernie, and baby Ann came over. Rex helped Ernie fix something on his car, they ate dinner with Donna and Rex, and then all went to a show tonight. Donna brought me home, Elaine and baby came along, too. Louis and I went to the L.A. county dance, at the Palamar tonight, it is a very beautiful place, and we had a nice time, some of his waxer friends danced with me. Louis bought me a beautiful corsage to wear. I wore Donna's velvet wrap. We called in to see how Sue was on our way. She's still in bed.

### October 20, Tuesday

The sun was shining nice and bright when I got started at the washing, but before the second line was out, it was cloudy and looked like rain, it stayed like that all day. I was so disappointed, had to bring most of the things in damp. I haven't felt very good today, have taken a few faint spells, guess my ole blood pressure is up again. Lorene and Charlie

### October 21, Wednesday

I didn't rest so well last night, had a bad pain in my head, it made me feel ill this morning. Annie, Beverly, and Dale called in to see me this morning. They were out house hunting. I finished my ironing before going to Relief Society. We had a very fine lesson, Sr. Worsley gave it. I had a coughing spell and had to leave the class for a few minutes. I paid 50¢ to the Relief Society. We are not having a bazaar this year, but the members are each giving \$1.00 for the poor instead. I'd liked to have gone to Mutual tonight, but my head ached so I stayed home. Donna and Rex brought our little darling babe to see us after Mutual, she had on a little pink sweater and tam, the set Ray gave her, she looked so cute in it. Beverly brought me home in their car from Relief Society today. Glad to hear that Sue was able to get up and dressed today.

### October 22, Thursday

I intended to do so many things today and didn't even get started. I worked on Sunday School pictures and display. I was going uptown and etcetera. I'm surely glad my headache has left, anyway. After work this afternoon, Louis took me over to Donna's, she had been up to Highland Park, and we passed her on the way home, didn't notice her, I was so sorry. Vera was staying with the baby over at Laura's. Our baby is such a darling, so full of smiles. Tonight Annie and Beverly called on us. Dale and I had a lot of fun playing; he didn't want to go home.

### October 23, Friday

After I did the cleaning I walked over to Sr. Treu's, several of the ladies were there. We had a lovely luncheon and paid our 35¢ to Sr. Treu for the building fund. I walked home with Annie. We had Dale in his buggy, he went to sleep on the way home. Glen stayed with the baby while Annie and I went to Highland Park. We bought gifts in Hall's Store, for Elna's shower at Snow's house tonight, she bought a lace chair set, I bought embroidered scarf. Elna and Evert are going to be married next month. Donna took Janet to a birthday party on little Roy Weber. Naomi came over for them this afternoon. Louis took me over



*Palamar for dancing, photo taken in the 1930s.*

to Annie's tonight. I went to the shower with Annie and Beverly. Louis went down to the hospital to talk to the boys. We had a good time at shower. Louis brought a cute blanket home for baby today.

### October 24, Saturday

Louis cleaned the yard up nicely this morning. This afternoon we went down to Donna's. She had a miserable head cold. I washed her kitchen and bathroom floors, also back porch. She prepared the baby's formula. We took them for a ride with us over to Glendale. Louis wanted to look at suits in Brook's Store over there. We saw Br. Haddock and Ruth in Glendale. Br. Haddock came back to our car and talked. We went to Naomi Weber's to look at a baby crib she wants to sell, but they were out. Louis bought us a sandwich and ice cream cone. We ate in car. Tonight Louis read in the Highland Park paper of a full size crib, like new, for sale for \$5.00. We went to look at it, and then went over to get Donna. I stayed with the baby while she and Rex went with Louis to see it. They came home with the crib. Uncle Charlie gave Donna and Rex a gas heater today, and me a little nursery rocking chair.

### October 25, Sunday

Louis worked with Charlie all day on a special carpenter job for Charles's boss, post delivery. I waked to Sunday School. We were all happy to see Br. Reese back from Utah. The children enjoyed the display that I made for the class. Donna brought the baby down to Sunday School in Elaine's buggy. Rex brought his car cause he had to be there early. He walked home after Sunday School with baby and buggy. Donna drove the car, she took me home to dinner, and we had a nice rabbit dinner. This afternoon Rex and Ernie got John's truck and moved furniture. They brought Sue's overstuffed sofa and chair to Elaine's house, and brought Elaine's sofa and chair over to Donna's place. It's a joke how those kids are getting their homes furnished. Donna and Rex went up to see Florence this evening. I went to Gen. meeting. Louis got through work in time for church tonight. Donna and Rex brought the baby over to church. Br. Farnsworth conducted for the first time, called on Dr. Watkins, Br. Newland, and Br. Scott to speak.

### October 26, Monday

It was a lovely day; the sky has been such a beautiful blue all day. I washed and took a nap. I am still coughing hard, but not as bad as I did last week. Donna and Rex brought the baby over his evening, they left her with us all night, the little darling was just grand, she laughed and cooed so cute. We surely enjoyed her. They left her here because I live so near the clinic and she is going there tomorrow morning. It'll be easy to take her over from here. Rex and Donna went down to Marshes' tonight, he helped his father move out the old furniture, they have bought new furniture, electric range, and vacuum. And ice box, also new rugs and dining room set, and curtains and drapes. I'm glad they can have things nice and new.

### October 27, Tuesday

I had a real busy morning with the baby's feeding, bath, and etcetera. Donna met me on the stone steps about 9:45 a.m. We took her to the clinic. Elaine had little Ann over there, she and Donna came over and ate lunch with me after. Doctor says both babies are doing fine. Our baby weighs 12 pounds now. Elaine left Ann asleep here while she went home, her brother-in-law brought her back for the baby, and she was going to his house for dinner. Ernie was going there from work. Louis and I took Donna and baby home this evening. Donna went to a kitchen shower on Afton Knighton tonight, some of Afton's school friends gave it; Elaine went with Donna in Rex's car. Rex took care of Janet. Louis and I enjoyed the radio tonight.

### October 28, Wednesday

I did my ironing this morning, and then walked to Relief Society. It was a real warm day. Bishop came over to get Sr. Robinson to go with him to Sr. Louise Barn's funeral; he invited me to go along, also. Sue was going but she felt sick, so went back home. I went to the funeral in her place. We had a very nice service and the flowers were lovely. Bishop was the speaker; we went with him to the cemetery. Sr. Stead, Sr. Ashard, Sr. Robinson and me. Tonight we took care of the baby for Donna and Rex. They went to a party over at Haddock's. Ruth invited them. We didn't even get a chance to hold our darling, she was asleep when they came, and she slept until they got home with her, after the party.



### October 29, Thursday

I went block teaching alone this morning. Myrtle has moved out to Whittier, so I had to walk. It was nice and cool, guess that's why it didn't seem so far to walk. I finished up at June's, Harold insisted on bringing me home in his car, so I had him leave me at Donna's, she gave me a nice bowl of soup. I played with the baby and made up for being disappointed last night. I walked home this afternoon about three o'clock. I hurt my side when I coughed hard in the night last night; it got worse every time I had to cough

today until by tonight the pain was most severe. Louis took me over to stay with the baby while they all went to choir practice at Glendale. Donna wouldn't leave me when she saw how I suffered when I coughed. Rex and Louis went. We had a heavy electrical storm and downpour. Louis taped my side tonight, it helped a lot.

### October 30, Friday

I'm surely glad Louis taped my side last night; it helps so much when I cough. I made an appointment with Anne Lee yesterday morning, for a shampoo and wave today, so now I had to go out in the damp weather with this hurt in my side, but I'm glad I missed the rains. I ate a sandwich with Annie at her house, she had been over to Anne Lee's this morning and had a wave, it rained while I was in Annie's, but cleared up long enough to walk home. Louis and I stayed home tonight and enjoyed the radio. I'll be glad when the election is over; I'm getting tired of the political talks on almost every radio station. Br. Farnsworth came tonight to ask where Donna lived; he was going to practice a song. Sr. Pulsifer came and asked me to stay with her children tomorrow.

### October 31, Saturday

Louis took me over to Sr. Pulsifers this morning at 8:45, she went up to help decorate the hall for the Primary Halloween party. Her children, all four, have the whooping cough, I stayed with them until one o'clock. It was four busy hours, cutting and pasting pictures, telling stories, playing games, reading storybooks, and etcetera. I was surely glad to see her come home. Louis brought her home; she was blackened like a Negro mammy, all the Primary went in costume. Louis took a nap after lunch, he spent this morning looking at new cars, he's got the "car bug" again, oh, dear, I do hate to run in debt. We went over to Donna's this afternoon. I stayed with the baby while Louis took Donna to Highland Park. She bought a new bridge lamp; the man gave her 65¢ off her ship lamp. She never used the ship lamp, it was a wedding gift. We brought the baby home to stay all night. Donna and Rex went to a Halloween party at Mable's home tonight.

### November 1, Sunday—Stake Conference and Mutual convention, also Relief Society Convention.

We surely enjoyed our baby this morning she slept until six o'clock, and then after her feeding she went back to sleep until eight o'clock. We took her in bed with us then, and she was such a happy little sunbeam, all smiles, tried so hard to tell us all about it. Louis watched me give her, a bath; she loves the water, cute thing. Donna and Rex came for Janet after the first session this morning; they went to Marshes' for dinner. Rex sang in a quartet this morning. Louis and I went to the afternoon session. We ate dinner at the Tower in Glendale after meeting. We took a nice ride and came back in time for the evening session. Enjoyed the conference very much. After the meeting tonight we held a prayer circle in one of the little rooms with President Cannon, Br. Haddock, Bishop Hill, and members of the Garvanza Ward, in behalf of Tilly Mosely. She was operated on for a ruptured appendix this morning. Bishop Hوجلund was with her through the operation. The doctor

gives very little hopes for her recovery. We brought Br. and Sr. Chandler home from conference tonight.

### November 2, Monday

Sue went to meet Tilly's sister this morning at eight o'clock. I couldn't wash cause my children didn't get their laundry over, we miss a sunny day! I washed out a few of my own silk things. I walked over to Highland Park and bought gelatin and glycerin, to make a hectograph for my Sunday School work. Tonight Louis and I took the baby's clothes over to Donna, he waited out in the car for me, and we were on our way to Sue's. Violet and kiddies were over to Donna's; they had eaten dinner with Donna and Rex. My darling baby was in her crib trying to go to sleep, with her lovely eyes wide open. Little Yvonne is a sweet looking child, Violet has two beautiful girls. Sue says Tilly is holding her own, they have hope for her recovery. Little Ann was down to Sue's, she's surely cute. Elaine is going to work until Christmas.

### November 3, Tuesday

Elaine started working at the jewelry store where Br. Hill works, this morning. She is going to work until Christmas, like Donna did last year at this time. After breakfast Louis and I went over to cast our vote for President Roosevelt, then we rode over to Donna's, Louis left me there, he went to the hospital and ate dinner. I ate lunch with Rex and Donna about 2:30 this afternoon. We stayed with the baby while Rex took Donna to vote. Our baby is a good little doll, she hardly every cries. We came home early this evening and stationed ourselves at the radio to hear the election returns. Our man is in the lead, "Hurrah!" Rex and Donna brought the baby over tonight; we enjoyed the election returns and ate ice cream. Louis and I went to bed after we were sure President Roosevelt would be reelected.



### President Franklin D. Roosevelt Reelected

The United States presidential election of 1936 was the most lopsided presidential election in the history of the United States in terms of electoral votes. In terms of the popular vote, it was the third biggest victory since the election of 1820, which was not seriously contested. The election took place as the Great Depression entered its eighth year. Incumbent President Franklin D. Roosevelt was still working to push the provisions of his New Deal economic policy through Congress and the courts. However, the New Deal policies he had already enacted, such as Social Security and unemployment benefits, had proven to be highly popular with most Americans. Roosevelt's Republican opponent was Governor Alf Landon of Kansas, a political moderate.

Although some political pundits predicted a close race, Roosevelt went on to win the greatest electoral landslide since the beginning of the current two-party system in the 1850s, carrying all but 8 electoral votes. Roosevelt carried every state except Maine and Vermont. [http://www.270towin.com/1936\\_Election/](http://www.270towin.com/1936_Election/)

### November 4, Wednesday

I made my hectograph this morning, it was easy to make, I hope it'll work okay. It has to set for 12 hours. I rode on the York Boulevard car, over to Donna's, stayed with the baby while she went to sing with Inis, at a funeral. It was Sr. Wilson's brother, he was an old soldier, and they buried him out at the soldier's home. Br. Reese took charge of the services; he took the girls out in his car. Louis called for me at Donna's, he took us to Mrs. Hall's Store to buy a shower gift for Afton Knighton, the shower is tomorrow night. The Relief Society ladies had to cook their dinner today, the food company disappointed them, but we had a much better dinner I'm sure. I enjoyed it very much, anyway. We didn't have the bazaar this year. Louis and I went over to Donna's tonight after dinner. Bob and Inis were there, they all practiced songs. Hurrah! Our president got reelected!



### November 7, Saturday

Louis went down to the hospital for his breakfast this morning; he enjoyed himself after, by looking at new cars, trying some of them out, too. He surely has got the "car bug." I spent the morning working on Sunday School pictures for my class to color. I used the hectograph I made the other day, it works just fine. Louis and I ate our lunch at the Rite Spot, near our house, very good food there. I got some books at the library then we went over to see Donna and the baby. I got there in time to feed her, her milk, she's a darling. We bought our groceries at Boy's Market and a lamb roast at Safeway. Louis took me to the new Franklin show. We saw Shirley Temple in "Poor Little Rich Girl," very good. Afton Knighton was married tonight. Rex and Donna went.

### November 5, Thursday

I was surely thankful for the bright sunny day as I had an extra-large washing, it being so late in the week. My neighbors across the street, caused some excitement this afternoon with loud quarreling, she got her clothes and took the two children with her in the auto. I felt sorry for her and the kids, he was surely making a lot of noise, I guess he was mad all through. I was tired this evening but wanted to go to the shower, anyway, I would! Well, my good husband took me down to Snow's, and then he went to a new show in Highland Park, it had its opening tonight, The Franklin. He said he enjoyed both pictures, and stage show, also. We had a nice time at Afton Knighton's shower. Beverly brought Lorene and me home, and Sr. Stead, too. Of course Annie was with us. Elaine took care of our baby while Donna went to the shower. Rex went to basketball practice.



### November 8, Sunday

I went to our local board meeting this morning at nine o'clock. We had our fast meeting today, cause last Sunday was stake Conference. I was real tired when Sunday School was out today. Two hours is a long time to tell stories to children. Sr. Marsh told me that Rex went on a job with his father this morning, so we went over to get Donna to come home to dinner, but Rex came, he'd worked half a day, she said his mother was expecting them down there to dinner. We came home and ate alone, and then went over to Annie's for Violet and her children. We took them for a ride up to Mt. Wilson. It was a beautiful ride, such a lovely clear day. We called on Helen and George Holden on our way home. They live in Monte Rosa now. We invited them over Wednesday, to the program and dance and lunch at our house after. Louis and I visited with Annie and family after church tonight.

### November 6, Friday

Gee, I'm having an awful time with these old hives, they are all over my body, boy, how they can itch. I've been bothered for about a week now. Louis had some hives last night, too, so did Afton Kinghton, maybe it's the drinking water. Well, my neighbor and the kids came back home today, so I guess all's well again. I spent the morning ironing, and the afternoon doing my cleaning house job. Tonight Donna and Rex brought our darling baby over while they went down to the Bishop's. Evert Van Essen and Elna were married in Sue's home tonight, Donna played the Wedding March, they all went over to Elna's house after, for ice cream and cake.



### November 9, Monday

I washed this morning; it was a beautiful sunny day. I walked to town this afternoon, sent insurance money to Salt Lake, paid light bill, and went in bank to pay on stove, icebox, and washer. It doesn't take long to get rid of our pay. I talked with Maud Craddock in the post office. I walked back home, went over to make an appointment with Anna Lee, for Donna to have a shampoo and wave tomorrow. Called in Annie's to give her my Relief Society report. She was just leaving for town. I was tired when the clothes were all in this evening. Louis and I rode over to Glendale to pay our gas bill this afternoon when he got home from work. We took Donna's clothes home, also. Rex planted a flower garden this afternoon. We took care of the baby tonight while they went to a show. Our baby is cute, and we love her so!

### November 10, Tuesday

I finished my ironing this morning before going to Annie's for Dale. He was all excited about going with me to see Janet, and on the street car, too. We got over to Donna's about eleven o'clock, Janet was asleep, and she slept until two o'clock. Laura left her baby with us while she went to get her hair waved, he slept all the time, so we got a good start on the date rolls. Dale played around so cute, was no bother at all. Donna left for her wave at 1:30. Annie came for Dale at 3:45, she'd been to a luncheon shower on Norma Burnett at Sr. Burnett's home. Norma got married last week. I enjoyed the baby this afternoon, she's such a darling. Florence Oates called in to see Donna this afternoon, she brought me home. The Married Gleaner girls are coming to Donna's Thursday, that's why we made the date rolls. Tonight Louis took Donna over to practice with Sr. Howells, I stayed with Rex and baby. Bob and Inis came to practice their quartet.

### November 11, Wednesday

I made a Jell-O salad this morning, did up the house work and went to the Relief Society luncheon, 25¢, building fund. Florence brought Donna and the baby over to the luncheon I held my darling while we ate, she was good as usual. After lunch I quilted until about 3:30. Sr. Treu gave me a nice bouquet of chrysanthemums. I told her I was having company tonight, so she gave them to me, nice, eh? Louis and I got down to the church about seven o'clock, we took our bridge lamp and flowers, Bob brought me back for flowers. We fixed the stage up with the parlor furniture. Donna and Rex brought their lamp, too. Everyone on the program sat on the stage. We announced our own numbers, Louis conducted it. Br. Van Essen asked for my poem, he seemed to like it very much. Bob, Inis, Rex, and Donna sang their songs very well. Bro. Gibby's imitations were great, Sr. Howells sang lovely. Donna's readings were fine. We enjoyed remarks from Br. Van Essen and Bishop. It was Br. Van Essen's farewell program. The Mutual had arranged for a W.P.A. orchestra to come at 9 p.m. We all had a good time dancing after the program. Helen and George came home with us after the dance. Rex and Donna came, also. We had a nice time. I had prepared a lunch which they seemed to enjoy. Our darling baby slept all through the evening. George Holden is surely a lot of fun. Louis and I did the dishes after they left, to bed about 2 a.m. Oh, oh!

### November 12, Thursday

I rode over to Donna's this morning to take her silver back, I gave my baby a bath, she's so darn cute. I washed her clothes and mopped the floor, was glad I went to help Donna, she had a lot to do, the Married Gleaners came this afternoon, she served them date roll and cream. I left before they got there, only two had arrived. Elaine Mears and her friend. I called at June's, but found she was up in San Francisco. Harold is on his vacation. Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Lytle were out in front. I visited with them. Mrs. Peterson took me through to see how nice the house looks. Donna left the baby while she practiced with Sr. Howells tonight. Rex went to ball practice. Louis and I went home with Donna and baby. I was awfully sick at stomach, pain in head.

### November 13, Friday

I feel much better today, was sorry I had to be so sick at Donna's last night, but just couldn't wait until I got home to lose my dinner. We received a card from Lillian inviting us to Thanksgiving dinner with them in Arizona. It was nice of her, but I guess we'll not make it this time. Louis has promised to work for Jimmy Sandra three days, taking in Thanksgiving Day. After the cleaning was finished, I mended and darned clothes. Tonight Louis and I went down to Sue's to the Strong's Genealogy Social. Lorene and Sue entertained, served ice cream sundaes and cakes. It was good to see all of the folks again; we haven't met for six months about. Nora [*Nora Strong McKay*] brought Ellen, [*Ellen Strong McKay*] Bertha [*Bertha Strong*] and Ruth [*Ruth Strong Cartwright*]. Oscar and Blanche [*Hoglund*] brought Helen [*Helen Hoglund McKendrick*] and daughter Dorothy. Hazel Daft and her cousin, Alf Peterson, came also. We had a nice visit. Talked over old times. Blanche brought old pictures.

### November 14, Saturday

Louis cleaned the yard; I darned sox and took a bath. We are enjoying the most beautiful weather, sunny warm days. The papers and radio news tell us of the freezing cold weather all over our land, and here we are out in this wonderful country enjoying flowers and sunshine. Louis went over to see Jimmy Sandra's to talk over a job he is going to do for them. This evening we went to Donna's to take Rex's Sunday School lesson book back to him. Little Janet was awake and so happy, all smiles. Rex and Donna are invited to Florence's [*Oates*] for dinner tomorrow. Donna is going to stay with her children while Florence goes to union meeting. We bought some groceries and a rabbit, came home and enjoyed the radio. We ate a bowl of chili at Chili-Ville.

### November 15, Sunday

I fried the rabbit this morning and prepared vegetable for our dinner. Louis took me down to Sunday School, but he didn't stay, he came back home and listened to the Tabernacle Choir from Salt Lake. He came for me after Sunday School. We enjoyed our rabbit dinner. Donna and Rex went up to Florence's for dinner, she took care of her children while Florence and Rex went to Sunday School union meeting. I guess Florence went to the Mutual union meeting, they hold them both the same day now. Louis took me over to the union meeting; we took Sr. Marsh and Ruth home after meeting. They treated us to ice cream and cake. We all came up to church tonight, it was Relief Society conference. They had a nice meeting. Donna played for Sr. Howells to sing two numbers. Our baby looked so sweet in her pink silk bonnet. Louis and I took Marshes home. Harriet Robinson Robb came home this morning with her baby, to visit her folks until after Christmas. I didn't get to see her.



Harriet Robinson Robb, older sister to Edward and Heber Robinson, Garvanza Ward members.

### November 16, Monday

We had another lovely warm day, the washing dried in a short time. Something went wrong with our heater today, I am thankful the washing was done. Mrs. Allen said she'd have a man come out and fix it, we can't get hot water. Ernie Vandergrift came this evening while we were eating. He said Rex wanted to borrow Louis's extension cord, he was fixing something on his car. I thought they'd come tonight for their laundry, I'm sorry we didn't take it to them, but Louis put the car away and went to bed, so I couldn't do anything about it. I am also disappointed cause I didn't get to see my darling baby and her mother. Little diary, I surely do love my littler daughter and her baby, yes, and I love my boy, Rex, too.



*Elvie Renshaw and Janet Marsh  
in 1937.*

### November 17, Tuesday

Well, it's good to have the ironing done once more. I went teaching this afternoon, so was tired this evening. Louis and I took Donna's laundry over to her tonight, Rex had gone teaching. I was so sorry to learn that our darling baby has a cold in her head, her little nose and one eye are watering a little, she seemed to feel fine, though, all smiles. Louis went to the drug store for Donna, bought some argyrols, we dropped some in her nose and eyes, bless her little heart, and she smiled through it all. I was bothered with asthma tonight, first time for a long time. I had to use the powder. Went to bed with headache. I received a card from Lydia, today.

### November 18, Wednesday

I didn't sleep very well last night, had headache all night, it left after I'd been up a while. I watered the lawn and flowers good this morning. I left home at eleven o'clock, rode to Highland Park, bought camphorated oil and tissues for our baby, also a few other things, and then walked over to Donna's. It was real hot walking in the sun, I was all in when I got at the end of my journey. Donna fixed a lunch for me, I intended to go to Relief Society, but I stayed and took care of Janet while Donna ironed. I was so glad to see the little darling's cold was better today. I walked home about 3:15. I was tired tonight, but walked to Mutual anyway. Wanted Louis to go, too, but he wouldn't. I enjoyed Mutual very much. Saw Harriet Robb in Mutual, she looks about the same, a little thinner.

### November 19, Thursday

Another lovely sunny day. I wrote cards to Lillian, Grama, and Lydia, also Dad and Elsie. This afternoon I worked on Sunday School pictures for my class. Our bird has his voice back in full, he sings all day long. I'm sure the move down here, in the hot weather, was good for him, it was so nice and shady here, and so hot at our old place on Stoll Drive. He didn't sing naturally for over a year. I thought his singing days were over for good, but he's at it as clear as ever. Tonight Louis took me over to Donna's.

Beverly, Annie, Glen, and sweet little Dale were there, we had a nice visit. I got my darling baby to sleep. Donna treated to date roll, she was expecting Beverly to bring Helen Nicolas, but Helen's car was out of running order. Rex was practicing basketball.

### November 20, Friday

I spent the morning cleaning through my house. This afternoon I took my books back to the Library and got two more, for my Sunday School work. I walked to Hall's Store in Highland Park, and bought a pretty lavender flowered apron to give Marion Leaver at her shower next Monday night at Egan's home. It has been real warm all day. Tonight I went over to Sandra's with Louis, they were not at home, so we visited with June and Harold for a few minutes, they told us of all the trouble old Mrs. Peterson is making for all the poor kids, and their folks in the neighborhood. I'm glad we don't live on Stoll Drive now, ha, ha! We went over to Donna's they had decided to go to the Road Show. Louis carried the baby and bassinet over to Laura's for Donna. Rex was down to Dr. Watkins getting examined for the basketball team. We all went to the Pasadena Mutual Road Show tonight. Ten wards took part. I enjoyed the show.

### November 21, Saturday

Louis worked all day at Sandra's, he is helping Mr. Sandra remodel their front room. I cleaned the yard and watered the lawn and etcetera this morning. We have so many leaves to rake now, I'll be glad when they've all fallen. This afternoon I went over to see Donna and the baby. We took the baby out for a ride in the buggy, we went over to Stoll Drive to see how Daddy was coming with a job, and to let folks see our darling babe. They are having some exciting times in that neighborhood. The Petersons are fighting the kids all the time, I'm glad we're not in it. Well, they all said our baby was lovely, couldn't say anything else. Louis called for me at Donna's tonight, we ate dinner with Rex and Donna. Had a heavy wind storm this evening, blew a big tree over.

### November 22, Sunday

Louis worked again at Sandra's. I went to Sunday School on the bus. It rained when I was going to Sunday School. Rex took me home with him after church. Donna had a lovely dinner ready. We stayed all afternoon in the house, it was damp cold outside. I put Donna's hair up in pin curls. This evening Rex took us for a ride. We went over to see how Louis was coming at Sandra's and then we went down to Marshes' and enjoyed some of their good homemade ice cream. Hays, Sandras, and Petersons, had another big quarrel this morning. Mrs. Sandra called the police. Hildur started the works by giving Bobby a "going over" cause he rode his tricycle on the sidewalk. The Primary conference was very good tonight. Shirley, Dody, and Bette were in it.

### November 23, Monday

I was so sorry Violet couldn't see little Dolores in the Primary program last night. I regret that I didn't think to go over and stay with Yvonne. I didn't know the little dear was sick until last evening, and it was too late to go over to Violet's in time. It was a lovely wash day, clothes dried just fine. Donna and Laura called for me tonight; we all went to Marion Leaver's shower at Egan's home. We had lots of fun. The Gleaner girls staged a mock wedding for our entertainment. Sr. Egan was the minister, Velda the bride, Wanda the groom, Gwen, the flower girl, Elise, the best man, and Beverly, the bridesmaid. Beverly brought me home. Donna drove Rex's car tonight. I gave Sr. Marsh \$2.00 to help with the big dinner.

### November 24, Tuesday

I took the street car this morning, went to the Red and White Store on Avenue 52, gave them an order for about \$3.00, our building fund will be swelled if we all buy things at this store, cause they are going to give the Bishop 5% on all church sales, we just give him our sales slips and he collects the money. Laura and Donna took their babies to the clinic this morning. Laura drove her car. Miriam Marsh took Norma and baby with her; they brought Donna and Janet over to my house after. Miriam and Lewie's new car is a beauty. It's a 1935 model. Donna left the baby here and went to Highland Park this afternoon to buy wedding gifts for us to give Marion Leaver, who is being married Friday November 27. I surely enjoyed the baby. She's such a sweet little dear. Rex and Donna ate dinner with us tonight.

### November 25, Wednesday

I darned sox, mended underwear, and sewed flowers on felt pillow top I started for Donna several years ago. My dear little niece, Mary Clayton, visited for a while with me this afternoon. She rode over on her bicycle. Tonight Louis and I rode over to Sandra's; he wanted to see Jimmy about the job. I went in June's, Mrs. Hays was there helping June get ready for the big dinner tomorrow. I guess June has worked hard for a week getting everything in order. We went down to Marshes' after, to see if Louis could help put up the big table, but they had it all up and the decorations on it, surely looked pretty. We're all set for another big Thanksgiving dinner at the Marshes'. Louis and I went to Mutual and stayed to the dance after, had a nice time. Venna Cannon came to our Mutual tonight; she spoke to the Junior and Beehive girls.

### November 26, Thursday— Thanksgiving Day

Oh, such beautiful weather, so much to be thankful for, too. All of our loved ones, and dear friends, good health, and best of all this year, is our darling little Janet. We didn't have her last Thanksgiving Day. Louis worked until one o'clock over to Sandra's. He came home, got ready and we arrived at Marshes' just in time, five minute to two. Boy! What a dinner. Turkey, chicken, rabbit, pies, ice cream,

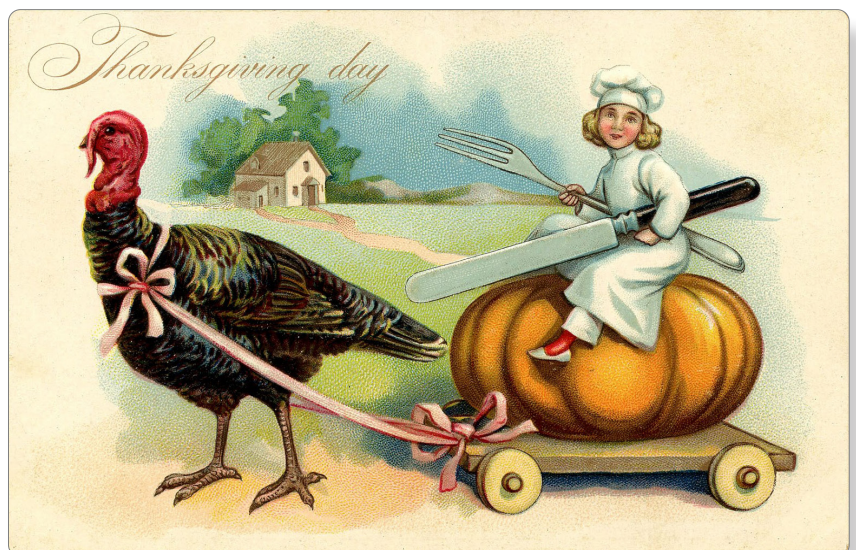
nothing left out. Sr. Oates [*Lorena Pearl Mahoney*] and Daisy [*Daisy Belle Oates*] ate with us this year. The babies were all just grand, no trouble to speak of. The table looked lovely and oh, such good food. Louis washed first half of dishes, and Rex the last half. We had things in order in a short time. The folks played the game, Monopoly, I had a grand time with my darling baby. We had a lovely time at home this year, too many babies to go to the show. After eating all we could hold tonight, Mother Marsh gave us each some in a sack to take home. Happy Day.

### November 27, Friday— Marion Leaver's Wedding Day

Another beautiful day, and still "Thankful," hope it'll last all year. Louis worked at Sandra's all day. I cleaned through the house and washed a few silk underthings. It's strange to think of folks suffering from the cold when we're enjoying warm summer days, door and windows open most of the day. Oh, this is surely a wonderful place to live. Rex and Donna called for me tonight to go to the "Little Church of the Flower," and see Marion Leaver married to Melvin Stillman. It was all very lovely, she was beautiful. Uncle Al performed the ceremony. On our way home we stopped at Chandler's for baby Janet. Rex took his Sunday School books over to Br. Keller cause he has to take inventory Sunday. I held my darling baby on the way home.

### November 28, Saturday

I called the Red and White Market this morning from Allen's phone, they had my order out here in a very short time. I like that much better than shopping in Boy's "mad house" Market. Louis worked at Sandra's today. I made Jell-O salad and a tapioca pudding for dinner tomorrow. I wanted to go over to Donna's, but my old cramps were too painful to try and walk up her hill today. Tonight we rode over to Annie's for my roaster. Annie and Beverly had gone to a show, but Bill said it was down to Sr. Pitcher's house, so we went there, and she said the roaster was over to her mother's, she felt very sorry and promised she'd have it over to my house in the morning about seven o'clock, so I could cook my roast before going to Sunday School. We called at Violet's and invited her to eat dinner with us tomorrow.



## November 29, Sunday

Louis worked at Sandra's again today, I walked to Sunday School, didn't feel well enough to walk, but just missed the bus, so didn't want to wait 15 minutes. My class was very good today, I enjoyed teaching. Dolores and I walked home from Sunday School. Louis called for Violet, and Donna, and children at Donna's house. Rex was working at Fuller's taking inventory; he came for Donna this afternoon. We took Violet over to Annie's tonight; she stayed there until after church. Louis and I went to church. We took a nice little ride after church. I popped some corn when we got home. It surely tasted good.

## November 30, Monday

We had a nice day, the clothes all dried. I was tired this evening I had a big washing. Louis has suffered all day with a pain in his left elbow, but he stayed at work. The elbow looks red and swollen and in two places the skin has been rubbed off, maybe he's got infection in it. We went over to take Donna's laundry and met them coming over to our house with Elaine and Ernie. They wanted us to keep the baby while they went to a show with them. I was surely tickled to have my darling baby, we both were. We took her over to Annie's, Louis talked to Bill about getting him some lumber to make Donna and Rex a set of drawers to keep the baby's clothes in. I put Epsom salts pack on Louis's elbow when we got home, and he went to bed, but he took a violent chill, I had an awful time getting him warm. I was worried sick.

## December 1, Tuesday

I just got started at ironing when Donna brought baby Janet over, she was sleepy, but I just had to play with her a while before letting her go to sleep. Laura brought Donna over and somewhere on their way they lost Laura's bag, with her purse and \$20.24, all their pay, in it. It also had the baby's bottles, nipples, and diapers, and a very fine fountain pen in it. We were all so upset about it, poor Laura. Louis came home from work looking ill, very pale, he'd suffered with his arm all day and took chills, also. He said they were sending him over to the Glendale Hospital (Physician and Surgeons) to take some heat treatments. We went to Donna's, and she went to the hospital with us, so she could drive the car back home for me. I asked her to leave me off at Annie's. I ate dinner with them. Donna had Laura and Bill over to her house for dinner. She wanted me, also, but I begged off. Hazel [*Hazel Lillian Bailey*] brought Uncle Frank [*Francis Tracy Bailey*] over to Annie's today. They called on Sue and Lorene, too. Al and family brought me home tonight. I am surely lonesome without Daddy. Beverly invited me to sleep with her, but I wanted to come home. Donna wanted me to stay here, also.

## Erysipelas

Erysipelas (/ɛrɪˈsɪpələs/; Greek ἐρυσιπέλας—red skin; also known as “Ignis sacer”, “holy fire”, and “St. Anthony’s fire” in some countries) is an acute infection of the upper dermis and superficial lymphatics, usually caused by streptococcus bacteria. Erysipelas is more superficial than cellulitis, and is typically more raised and demarcated.

### Signs and symptoms:

Patients typically develop symptoms including high fevers, shaking, chills, fatigue, headaches, vomiting, and general illness within 48 hours of the initial infection. The erythematous skin lesion enlarges rapidly and has a sharply demarcated raised edge. It appears as a red, swollen, warm, hardened and painful rash, similar in consistency to an orange peel. More severe infections can result in vesicles, bullae, and petechiae, with possible skin necrosis. Lymph nodes may be swollen, and lymphedema may occur. Occasionally, a red streak extending to the lymph node can be seen.

The infection may occur on any part of the skin including the face, arms, fingers, legs and toes, but it tends to favor the extremities. ...

-Wikipedia

## December 2, Wednesday

I ironed today before Donna came for me. We went over to see Daddy. I am so glad he is better, his temperature has gone down to normal, and the chills have left him, also. The swelling has gone down a lot. We are surprised to find they had moved him to the third floor. They are not sure just what is his trouble, so had to isolate him until they see how things go with him. They say maybe his infection is contagious. Two doctors think it is erysipelas he has. Well, our Daddy is getting very special care anyway, he has a nurse with him day and night, they wait on him for every little thing, and he thinks it's all a big joke. I'll be happy when he is well and home again. Violet took care of our baby this afternoon at Annie's. I had to miss my Relief Society again. I guess they'll think I'm a quitter. I ate dinner with Donna and Rex tonight. Rex went with me over to the hospital tonight. I took Louis his shaving cream and razor, also toothbrush and cream. We bought things in Kress Store for him this afternoon. I received a nice letter from Mother Renshaw today,

we took that over to Louis, too. And the newspaper for him to read. I hope I won't have many of these lonesome nights. Surely glad we have a radio.

## December 3, Thursday

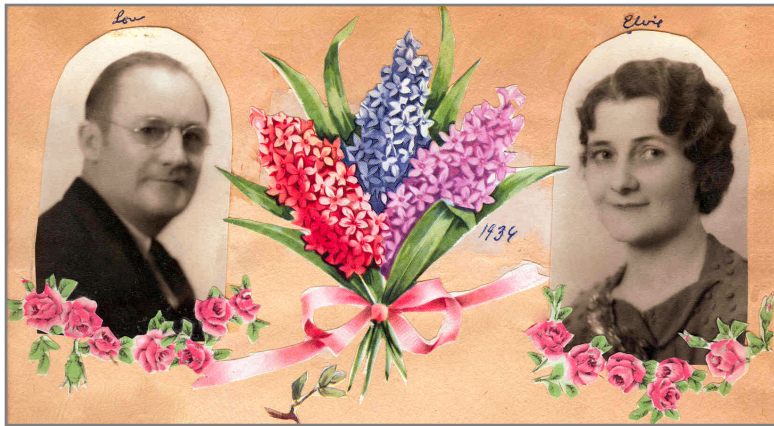
Louis had the nurse call me on Allen's phone and ask me to bring \$10.00 over to him this afternoon. He wants to rent a radio, and has to pay a \$10.00 deposit on it. He'll get his deposit back when he turns in the radio. Donna and I went over to the hospital this afternoon. Our Daddy looks better today, but his elbow still hurts him. I'll surely be happy when he's all right again. He's getting more attention than ever in his life, has three nurses waiting on him, work eight hour shifts. It rained some today. Laura kept the baby while we were at the hospital. I stayed with Donna until Rex got home from basketball practice tonight. Elaine, Ernie, and Little Ann ate dinner with us at Donna's tonight, she made a tapioca pudding. Elaine left after dinner cause she was expecting Lucille and Mary Ellen over to spend the evening.

## December 4, Friday

I spent all morning cleaning up my house. The sun shone this morning until noon, and then the black clouds came, and a heavy rain followed. Donna and Rex brought little Janet over about 4:45, left her with me while they went uptown. They'd intended to take her to show Mr. Anderson, the jeweler, and girls up where Donna worked last year, but the rain changed things. I wrote a letter to Mother Renshaw. Donna hasn't felt well today, has had upset stomach and backache, a cold in her body, I guess. They bought a lovely black leather purse for me, it's my birthday tomorrow. They also bought a very pretty



black and white parasol for Louis to give me. I'm thrilled with both gifts. We left the baby at Annie's and went to the hospital to see Louis. He feels fine tonight. I'm so glad. We went to see the M Men and Gleaner girls presenting, "What a Quarterback." It was Br. Haddock's musical comedy. Al went to see Louis tonight. Our baby slept at Annie's all the time we were gone to Glendale.



Lou and Elvie Renshaw from one of Elvie's scrapbooks.

### December 5, Saturday—My birthday, 44 years old, Oh! Oh!

Where have the years gone to? Donna and Rex gave me a lovely black leather purse, Louis gave me a very pretty black and white parasol. I'm happy with my gifts, they're just what I wanted and needed. I worked all morning on Sunday School scrapbooks. Florence, John, and Ruth called to ask about Louis, they'd just heard about him being ill. I waited until 2:30 for Donna to come and take me to the hospital, and then I left for her place, thinking she was sick, because she felt so miserable yesterday. It was just a misunderstanding; she was waiting for me to come to her place. I waited for her there until she got back; she'd gone for me, to see what was the trouble. When we arrived at the hospital Louis had left for home, a nurse took him to Donna's, and he drove the car home from there. Annie and Violet gave me lovely flowers. Lorene gave me a pretty blue apron. She sent Bette and Shirley over tonight with a little basket of candied fruits for me, nice, eh? Al called for them.

### December 6, Sunday

I'm so glad Louis is home from the hospital, he came home on my birthday, yesterday, nice, eh? I went to the officers and teachers meeting this morning. We had a very fine meeting. President Edling was our speaker, he's president of the Hollywood Stake. I gave the children their scrapbooks today, they were tickled to take them home. Donna brought our baby to Sunday School, she wore the little bonnet Aunt Lydia sent, and she looked so sweet in it. Violet, Annie, Beverly, and Dolores came over this afternoon; they brought me some lovely flowers. Lorene, Charles, and Ray, also called, they gave me a pretty blue apron. Louis didn't feel like going to church tonight, so took care of Janet so Donna and Rex could go. Rex was the main speaker for the Mutual, and Donna played for Ed Robinson to sing. We went over to Donna's this evening and brought the baby home. Marshes came while we were there. Ed and Myrtle were there, also.

### December 7, Monday

I'm always glad of a nice sunny day on washday. Louis went back to the hospital to work, this morning, his elbow is almost well. We got our pay and went over to Glendale to pay the gas bill this afternoon after Louis got home from work. We also paid the light bill in Highland Park. We called in Donna's on way back and left her laundry there. It was Rex's afternoon off, he painted their heater and worked in his yard, the sweet peas are coming up nicely. They brought little Janet over here tonight, we enjoyed our darling while her mother and daddy enjoyed a show at the new Franklin theater. They saw "Naughty Marietta," and "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town."



### December 8, Tuesday

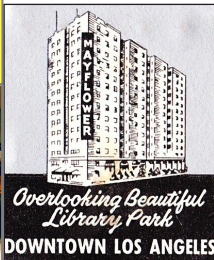
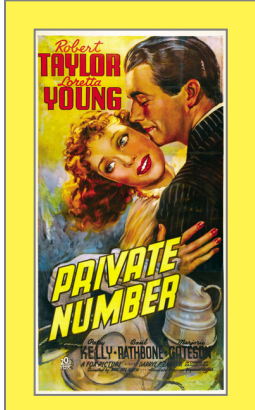
Oh, my, it's surely cold at nights and in the early mornings now, but old Mr. Sun warms things up lovely for us in the daytime. I love these pretty December days. It didn't take me long to do my ironing today, only two shirts, because of Louis's week in the hospital. The shirts are always the hardest part of it, anyway. I walked over to the bakery, near Annie's, and ordered two pumpkin pies for tomorrow. It's my turn to help serve the Relief Society building fund luncheon. I called in Annie's, but she was out, uptown with Beverly, I heard later. I made an appointment with Anna Lee for a shampoo and wave next Tuesday. When Louis came this evening, he took me to the bakery for my pies, and then to Highland Park. I bought a nightgown and some things in Kress Store.

### December 9, Wednesday

Sister Kammerman and I went shopping this morning for our Relief Society Luncheon. We had a nice, time preparing things. Sisters Saguine, Tacy, Gunn, Kammerman, myself, and another lady (Wilson), I think. I didn't know her before we took our turn serving this month. Sr. Treu asked me to quilt while she worked in the kitchen in my place. She doesn't quilt. When Louis came home this evening he wanted me to go with him to look at two houses on Benner Street that are for sale. Mr. Porter lives in one of the houses, he used to be neighbors to us a few years ago. We called in Lorene's, and Charles went over to see the house Mr. Porter lives in, with Louis. I visited with Lorene. Donna and Rex brought our baby Janet over tonight while they went to Mutual; we surely enjoyed that little doll.

## December 10, Thursday

Sr. Craddock and I went teaching this morning, left my house at nine o'clock. We did her district first, she has several people in South Pasadena, her partner, Sr. Knighton, couldn't go because little Jacky was ill. I haven't had a partner since Myrtle moved away, so we went together. Had a nice time, it took most of the day. We ended up at Annie's, where we left our reports. Donna left little Janet with Annie until I got there,



and then Sr. Craddock brought us home. Donna took the baby up to Florence's to the luncheon, but left her with Annie when she went to Miriam's this afternoon to the Gleaner club. I found a note from Lillian [Keller] in the door, she's at the Mayflower Hotel, Louis called the hotel tonight, they were out. Rex and Donna came for our baby tonight. Louis took me to the Franklin show. We saw "Private Number," and "Barbary Coast," both good pictures. King Edward VIII abdicated the throne today.

## December 11, Friday

Another beautiful day. I answered Mother's letter, and did the cleaning. For months our papers have been full of the romance of King Edward VIII of England, and his twice divorced sweetheart, Mrs. Wallis Simpson, the American Commoner. He couldn't give her up, so was obliged to abdicate this throne which he did yesterday. At two o'clock this afternoon I heard King Edward's farewell to the Empire, over K.F.I. He gave a splendid talk. I like him for his democratic spirit. Lillian and Louise came while I was down to Highland Park, they walked over to Donna's. Jack came just as I got home, he and Louis went over to Donna's while I prepared dinner. They brought Lillian and Louise back. We had a nice visit at the dinner table, they left soon after. We rode over to Pasadena ahead of them got out at the beautiful big Christmas tree and said our goodbyes. They are going back to Arizona. We called in Annie's tonight; Beverly showed me some Christmas gifts she'd bought. Louis paid Bill for lumber for chest of drawers.

## December 12, Saturday

Louis took Bill to work this morning and brought the lumber back he's going to make the chest of drawers out of. We heard from London, England, the proclamation of their new King, George VI, and his queen Elizabeth. It came over K.F.I. at seven o'clock this morning. Bill and Louis heard it before going. Louis worked over to Mr.

Sandra's today, they're building a front porch. I walked to Highland Park and bought a satin slip for Grama Renshaw's Christmas gift, I also bought one for Donna and one for myself. I walked to Boy's Market and bought some oranges and can milk, took them to Donna for the baby. Donna's thumb was sore, Rex had lanced it, and got the pus out, a wart had infected. I washed the baby's clothes, and the kitchen floor. I walked over to Sandra's this evening and rode home with Louis. Rex went to basketball game tonight, Louis, Donna, Janet, and I went to Highland Park. I wrote a letter to Bonnie, sent her \$1.00 to help buy Christmas gifts.

## December 13, Sunday

Louis worked at Sandra's all day. I went to our Sunday School board meeting this morning, rode down on the bus. I enjoyed the walk home from Sunday School, ate dinner alone, watered the lawn and flowers good, this afternoon, and then enjoyed the radio until Louis came this evening. We were eating when Mr. Allen came to tell me I was wanted on the phone, it was Rex, his car had stalled on him, and he was bringing the baby over here. Donna was practicing with Sr. Howells. Louis went after Rex and baby. Rex drove us to church in our car, and then went to his house for Donna and Sr. Howells. They went to Glendale Ward to be on the program. I stayed in the parlor at church, Janet slept most of the time. Violet and kiddies stayed in the parlor, too. Rex and Donna called for us. We went to their house; young folks came to practice Christmas songs.



King Edward and Mrs. Simpson on holiday in 1936.

Nicholas G. Smith, the president of the California Mission, was our speaker tonight, it was a very good meeting.



Nicholas Groesbeck Smith (20 June 1881 – 27 October 1945) was a general authority of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, Smith was the son of LDS Church Apostle John Henry Smith and Josephine Groesbeck. At age three he had gone to England with his parents, where his father was serving as a church mission President.

Smith was baptized by his father on his eighth birthday. From 1902 to 1905 Smith served as a L.D.S. Church missionary in the Netherlands. During part of the time he was on his mission he was President of the Amsterdam District of the church.

In 1913, Smith was called by Church President Joseph F. Smith to serve as President of the South African Mission of the church. He served in this capacity until 1921. In 1922 Brother Smith became Bishop of the 17th Ward in Salt Lake City.

Some LDS Church sources state that Nicholas G. Smith served as Acting Presiding Patriarch of the LDS Church between 1932 and 1934. However, Smith was never sustained to this calling in a General Conference. It is unknown whether he was ordained or set apart to serve in this office or calling.

Starting in 1935 Brother Smith served as President of the California Mission. After that he served as a counselor to Stephen L. Chipman in the presidency of the Salt Lake Temple until 1940 when Brother Smith was called as President of the Northwestern States Mission, succeeding Preston Nibley.

On 6 April 1941, Brother Smith was called by LDS Church President Heber J. Grant to be one of the first five Assistants to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, a position which he held until his death in Salt Lake City from a coronary occlusion.

Smith was married to Florence Gay and was the father of four sons: Girard Gay, John Henry, Stanford Groesbeck, and Nicholas Groesbeck Jr.

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### December 14, Monday

It looked cloudy, but I took a chance and washed, anyway. Am very glad I did, the clothes all dried, it started raining just as I brought the last pieces in. Louis worked all evening, after dinner, on the set of drawers he's making for Donna and Rex. It rained hard all evening. I read the paper and enjoyed the radio. I'm so sorry I couldn't get Donna's laundry to her, so she could iron tomorrow; I hope Rex got his car fixed. Mr. Kelsie showed me the writing desk he made for his little son, Freddie, for Christmas. It surely is a lovely piece of work.

### December 15, Tuesday

I composed some poetry for Sr. Robinson's birthday party tomorrow. Sr. Treu asked me to write something for the occasion. It rained all night and all day today. I ironed this morning and went over to Anna Lee's for a shampoo and wave at one o'clock this afternoon. I enjoyed the rain with my new parasol, first time I'd used it. I called in Annie's, when I got back home I found a note and \$5.00 was to pay us for the baby's crib, we gave it to her, but they wouldn't have it that way. Louis worked on the chest of drawers tonight again.

### December 16, Wednesday

Our heating tank has gone on the blink again. We can't use the hot water until the plumber comes and repairs it. I went to Relief Society, we had a surprise party after meeting on Sr. Robinson. It was her birthday yesterday. We gave her a set of dishes, and a lovely big decorated cake. They served ice cream and cake. I was called on to read the poem I'd composed for the occasion. Louis and I went to Highland Park this afternoon; we called to see Donna and baby. Tonight Louis finished the chest of drawers for Rex and Donna. I went to Mutual and took care of my darling baby while her mother and daddy sang in the Christmas

program. They brought me home, we watched them dance for a while before coming home. The children took their chest home to paint.

### December 17, Thursday

The plumber took our heating tank away this morning. He fixed it and brought it back again this afternoon, but it still doesn't work right. Mr. Allen said he'd have him out again. I went uptown to meet Donna. I mailed Mrs. Renshaw's package in post office first. I bought a sofa pillow for Donna and Rex before I met her; we did her shopping, sent Grama a very cute little novelty, wishing well, with tiny cactus plants growing in it. She bought Ruthie one too, only it was the little ox team and cart. They surely are cute. We bought games for Rex and tie for Daddy. I bought my darling Janet a blue silk coat and bonnet. We ate lunch in the Health Cafeteria. Louis and took Donna home this evening. Laura had Janet. Oh, our baby is grand. We got our candy from Mrs. Putnam and bought a silver tip tree on York. We trimmed our Christmas tree after dinner. Bill and Dale came over while we were trimming our tree.

### December 18, Friday

I'm surely glad our tree is trimmed. I don't like that job anymore. It looks very pretty. I feel more like Christmas now. I did all my cleaning today. Louis and I went to Highland Park this afternoon when he got home from work. We each bought a pair of shoes in Berk's Shoe Store.



### December 19, Saturday

Louis and I went to Pasadena to do our Christmas shopping, but we couldn't find what we wanted over there, all we bought was a shirt for him. We then went to L.A. and had better luck, bought two bridge lamps, one for us and one for Donna and Rex. Louis bought a very pretty blue dress for my Christmas. We bought a suit in Foremen and Clark's for him. We ate our lunch in the Health Cafeteria. The first time in there for Daddy. This evening we went over to Donna's they were just getting in their car to come over to our place, wanted to leave baby while they went to basketball game. We brought Janet home. Called in Annie's, she was uptown with Glen. Bill had a big box of damaged toys from Kress Store, for poor kiddies, Janet got a doll out of it; I brought some for neighbor's children. Violet and Yvonne, Lorene, and Charles were over to Annie's tonight, too.

### December 20, Sunday

Louis went to Sunday School with me this morning. I held my darling baby until Grama Marsh took her. Donna and Rex were on the program. We enjoyed the pageant. Lillian Stead and Br. Farnsworth had charge of it. They used Janet for the Christ child cause someone forgot the doll. She slept through it, so everything was lovely. The Sunday School board postponed our union meeting. Louis and I ate dinner in Chili-Ville, we rode to Marshes' after, to ask Sr. Marsh to read a Christmas poem in church tonight. Donna and Rex were eating with Marshes. We took John and Florence for a nice ride in Glendale. Saw the houses John and Jim are working on. Jim ate at Marshes' today and left right after. We ate sandwiches and ice cream this evening. Sr. Marsh and me went to the Gen. meeting. Louis and John came for other meeting. Br. Haddock was our main speaker in night meeting. It was a wonderful meeting as usual.

for the Pulsifer children. Bill had it milled out at work. The carolers practiced at Donna's tonight.

### December 22, Tuesday

Bob Stanton has charge of the carolers this year. Louis wouldn't take them this time, I surely do not blame him, it's a big job handling so many excited kids, who can't sing and just go to make a lot of "whoopee." I did my ironing this morning. I wanted to go over and help Donna frost her little Christmas gift cookies, but I couldn't leave the house until Louis's suit came. It kept me here all day. They promised to send it out today and they didn't bring it until tonight about six o'clock. We went over to Donna's this evening and stayed with our baby while her mama and daddy did a little shopping. Br. Scott, their [home] teacher, came, he visited with us until Rex and Donna came. Now my husband is in the market for a house, instead of a car. I wonder which it will be??? I'd surely like a home. We received a package from Grama today.



Jim and John Marsh circa 1940. The little girl could be Irene Oates.

### December 23, Wednesday

I did a little last minute Christmas shopping in Highland Park this morning, had to draw some money from the bank, too. I went over and helped Donna decorate her Christmas cookies. They look so cute. She is giving them to the children from Janet. Louis called for me after work, he took me to see through a house near Donna, on Hub Street. It's for sale. The lady who's renting it was nice, but she doesn't like folks going through. I'm sure I don't blame her. I wouldn't like it either. Tonight I went to the Primary and Sunday School Christmas party, for the ward children. They had

### December 21, Monday

I surely do appreciate these nice sunny Mondays, the clothes got dry in a short time. Sr. Marsh told us yesterday that Florence had bought a stand lamp for Rex and Donna for Christmas, so of course we can't give the one we bought, and I put it in my living room, now we have twin lamps, they look nice though. Donna brought Janet over about 4:30; they went Christmas shopping in Highland Park. Our darling has a cold in her little nose, and one eye, but she was just as good as ever. Donna ate dinner with Louis and me. Rex went to banquet given by the Fuller Paint Company tonight. Charles came over tonight, he and Louis made a cupboard and two little cradles



Fuller Paint Company Warehouse in Los Angeles built in 1925. Rex Marsh may have worked here when he started at Fuller.

a very nice program. Santa came and gave the children candy and nuts. Sr. Pulsifer knows how it feels to play Santa now. Sue and family brought me home. They came in to see the tree.

### December 24, Thursday

I cleaned through the house, made cranberry sauce, and lime Jell-O salad, also baked yams for tomorrow. Glen and Dolores came over to get my vacuum; I had just finished with it. This evening Rex brought our turkey, and three rabbits. Louis prepared the turkey for dressing, and cut up the rabbits ready for frying. I stuffed the turkey; it's ready for the oven tomorrow now. We went over to Donna's tonight, they have a grand Christmas, Rex surprised her with a lovely electric washing machine, and a beautiful big mirror to hang over the chest of drawers (Daddy made them). Rex was trimming the tree. Janet Anderson called while we were there, she bought little Janet a pink teddy bear. Donna and Rex gave us a pretty sofa pillow, gloves for both and two pretty ties for Daddy. We took their gifts down



tonight, also. Janet looks darling in the little blue silk bonnet and coat. We kept Janet tonight while Rex and Donna went caroling. Donna played a little organ that Bob Stanton brought. We called at Sue's tonight for the roaster, but Annie had it.

### December 25, Friday—Merry Christmas!

Christmas Day, an occasion for clearing our hearts of all grudges, for forgiving all offenses and all enemies, the time to forget and forgive, to forget self and think of others. Our guests arrived on time. We sat down to dinner at one o'clock. They seemed to enjoy the dinner. It has been a very happy day for me. Louis helped a lot, and washed all dishes after dinner. Baby Janet spent her first Christmas day with us, "bless her dear little heart." The Marsh family ate with us, also. Sr. Marsh had to go back to work, John took her. Ruth, Rex, and Donna played games, and rested all afternoon. This evening we all went up to see Florence Oates and children. Ruth stayed up to Florence's all night. Donna and Rex went to the show with Raymond. Aunt Annie took care of Janet. John, Florence, Louis, and I went Christmas calling on Andersens and Claytons. Came home, ate more turkey, rabbit, pies, ice cream, and etcetera. Donna and Rex made ice cream. P.S. Violet and children ate at Annie's today, Lorene and Charles had Sister Carrie to dinner, nice!



*"Christmas Day, an occasion for clearing our hearts of all grudges, for forgiving all offenses and all enemies, the time to forget and forgive, to forget self and think of others."*

*-Elvie Renshaw*

### December 26, Saturday

Louis went out house hunting again this morning, looks like the house, and not the car, will win! I studied Sunday School lesson and cleaned up the house. I made some turkey soup, Louis brought Donna and baby back this afternoon. Rex came here after work, we had dinner about 6 p.m. More rabbit, turkey, mince pie, and etcetera. Oh, yes, we had the last of the ice cream that Donna and Rex made yesterday, it was very good. Mr. Allen brought two little rabbits in to us, he'd been hunting today. I invited the children to come again tomorrow and help eat up the Christmas leftovers and rabbits. It makes me very happy to have my children home and oh, how we love our darling little Janet. We all rode down to Marshes' tonight to take the freezer back. Miriam and Lewie were down to Marshes' also.

### December 27, Sunday

Louis took me to Sunday School this morning. We had a very small Sunday School on account of the heavy rains. It rained most of the night and until noon today. Sr. Bishop and I put our classes together, she told a Christmas story. Rex and Donna ate dinner with us. I enjoyed my baby, Janet, this afternoon while the folks all slept. It started raining again this evening, Louis and I went to church. Rex and Donna decided to take our baby home; it's so cold in the church hall in damp weather. We had a very wonderful meeting tonight. Br. Plamer told of his missionary experiences, they were very interesting. We went over to visit with June after church.

### December 28, Monday

The sun was shining and the sky was a lovely blue, when I started washing this morning, but it was raining before I could get the clothes all out. I was surely disappointed. I had the two big sacrament cloths in my wash, too. I left them out in the rain on Mrs. Allen's lines. It cleared up this afternoon, but the clothes didn't dry, so I left them out. Louis is excited about the house he wants to buy over on Granada Street. He stopped in Annie's after work to ask Bill to sign a note for him, to borrow money at the bank. Oh, dear, I hope it will be okay, but if we are to buy a home we'll have to take that chance, I guess. Tonight after dinner, I went over to Annie's with Louis to get the papers. We took some money down to John Marsh for Bill tonight. John did some work for one of Bill's friends. Florence treated us to fruit cake and ice cream tonight.

### December 29, Tuesday

We have enjoyed a lovely sunny day, my washing dried and I was able to do the ironing. I wish Donna had her washing done; she didn't come for my tub last night. This evening Louis and I rode over to Donna's. I took my tin tub and little bench, like us, they only have one wash tub on back porch, so must use a tin tub for washing, the way we like to. I stayed at Donna's while Louis went down to the hospital to see how the boys were getting along with the night jobs. Our darling baby is beginning to play now, I had a lot of fun with her, and she gets so excited and makes funny little high pitched squeals. Rex and Donna spent the evening playing the marble game she gave him for Christmas.

**December 30, Wednesday**

I went over to Donna's this morning to help her do her first big washing in her new washer. It was a very poor wash day; she got some things out before it started to rain, the other things she put in her bath tub, some baby diapers she hung in the garage. It rained hard all afternoon and evening. Louis called for me after work, but Donna insisted on us staying here to dinner cause it was raining so hard. Rex got his picture from the Fuller Banquet today; it is very good of him. We came home, in the rain, about eight o'clock this evening. Rex and Donna took the baby to Marshes', they went to the market first. Rex paid us back the money they'd borrowed from us, also.

**December 31, Thursday**

The last day of 1936 finds me happy and thankful to my Father in Heaven for His many blessings to us in the past year. I did my cleaning and some embroidering on Donna's black and white dinner cloth. This evening we rode over to Donna's and made arrangements for dinner at her house tomorrow while Rex helps Louis reline his brakes. We did some shopping

after we left Donna's, bought pot roast and a few vegetables. Violet and Yvonne stayed with baby Janet tonight while Rex and Donna went to the New Years Eve dance in Glendale, given by the Pasadena Stake. They slept there all night, that is, Violet and Yvonne did. Donna and Rex slept at Marshes'. Louis and I went to the dance, too, I wore my new blue dress, he wore his new suit. We had a lovely time, went to the Rite Spot in Pasadena, with the crowd of young folks after the dance, ate lunch. Happy New Year!



*Janet Marsh*



*Janet Marsh & Ann Vandergrift*