

Elvie Renshaw's  
1937 Diary



*Annie and Beverly Andersen*

## Cast of Characters in Elvie's 1937 Diary

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

**Rex Marsh** married to **Donna Renshaw Marsh** and daughter, **Janet Eileen.**

**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.**

**Ernie Vandergrift** married to **Elaine Hoglund** and daughter **Ann.**

**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 Southern California; married to **Otto Fife** who is working in Utah; daughters **Dolores** and **Yvonne.** Part of the year Dolores attends school in Los Angeles, Violet & Yvonne also live in Los Angeles part of the year. The end of the year they move to be with Otto in St. George, Utah.

**The Marsh family:** parents **John** and **Florence**, children **Lewis**, **Rex**, **Florence**, **Ruthie.**

**Lewis Marsh** is married to **Miriam Chandler** and daughter **Robin.**

**Florence** married to **Ernest Oates** with children **Ernie**, **Elaine**, and **Diane** who will arrive this year.



Shirley Temple Welcomes 1937

### January 1, 1937, Friday

“A brand new year has been ushered in,  
Dear Lord, help me to be free from sin,  
May I, with a willingness, perform each little task  
And “Love my neighbor,” dear Lord, I ask.”

We enjoyed dinner at Donna’s. Louis and Rex worked most of the day, they relined the brakes on our car, fixed the garage doors, and had both cars greased at Ernie’s station. Charles and Lorene brought the Meyers over to see us, Harry [Harry August Meyers], Rhoda [Rhoda Maude Fuller, circled below], their two little girls [Barbara Blanche Meyers & Marlene Frances Meyers], and Harry’s sister, Helen [Helen Meyers Foulger]. Harry and family are visiting from Salt Lake. Helen lives in Long Beach. This Evening we took Violet over to Annie’s for Dolores, she slept with Beverly last night. Annie treated to some delicious pumpkin pie. John Marsh’s brother and family arrived from Montana today for a short visit.



Harry Meyers



Elvie Bailey, Harriet Strong, Rhoda Fuller, Sue Bailey, Annie Bailey & Edna Donelson

### January 2, Saturday

Louis got the \$150.00 from the bank this morning to pay on the Granada Street house. He left it in our account at the bank. I wish I did not feel so uneasy about that house. I guess it’s because there is talk at the hospital that Louis’s boss, Mr. Cooper, is going to be let out. It may mean Louis’s job, also. Louis went over to help Mr. Sandra work on his front porch, but found both Mr. and Mrs. Sandra sick in bed with colds. Donna called, on Allen’s phone, to tell me that Rex was ill, we went over this evening to see him, I think he has the flu. Donna had Epsom salts packs on his throat. I know of nothing better. They had intended to go out with their folks tonight, I was going to tend our baby. Sorry Rex is ill.

### January 3, Sunday

We enjoyed Bro. Sconberg again this first Sunday of the New Year. It is about nine years he has talked to us on this first Sunday. We always look forward to his visits. It was promotion day in Sunday School, we have several new children, and lost several to the church history class. I let Shirley Hogleund go with Betty Sharp, she was a few months under age, but she came to my class under age, also. We called to see Rex, he is quite sick, has a bad throat, his mother doctored him up after church tonight. We went to Lorene’s before church, Louis wanted Charles to look over the papers he had from the real estate man. We are afraid it’s more than we can handle now. Lorene served sandwiches and Jell-O. Violet and kiddies were there. Vennotts came, she walked up to church with us, and he stayed with Charles and children. Bro. Norberg spoke tonight. We took two pictures of Janet in new coat and bonnet.

### January 4, Monday

I was glad to find Rex so much better this morning. Donna had put out a big washing. I only wash every other week now, soft, eh? I had a happy time giving my darling little Janet her bath while Donna finished a book she and Rex had been reading, she read to him. Rex got up and took a bath and ate lunch with Donna and me. I did a little shopping in Highland Park on my way home. Louis told the real estate man this evening that we had decided not to buy the house. We both feel very relieved, but I guess the poor real estate man feels sick, I’m sorry about that. We called in to see Rex and Donna tonight.

### January 5, Tuesday

Donna and Laura took their babies to the clinic this morning. They called here after and left them with me while they did some shopping in Highland Park. I had to hold Ray or he cried, but little Janet enjoyed the couch, so it was okay. The girls didn’t stay long, anyway. I’d love to have had my baby longer. I embroidered on Donna’s black and white dinner cloth all afternoon; it is almost finished at last. Tonight Rex and Donna went to a show. Daddy and I enjoyed our dear little Janet. Oh, she’s so sweet.

### January 6, Wednesday

Lorene gave the lesson in our block teachers meeting, very beautifully. There was a fine spirit there. Sr. Meyer bore a lovely testimony; she couldn't stay to the Relief meeting that followed. Annie and I walked home together, little Dale has been sick with a cold, he is still miserable; Violet took care of him while Annie went to meeting. Mary hurt her foot while playing basketball at school. The nurse brought her home; she is going to have an x-ray tomorrow morning. Louis and I went to Mutual, we enjoyed a book review given by a member of the stake board in our class, and then a deputy sheriff from Pasadena spoke to the main assembly. The lights went out for a short time, he went on talking.

### January 7, Thursday

I ordered my mince pies at the bakery near Annie's (three of them). Little Dale is still feeling miserable with his cold; he is cutting teeth, too. I had a shampoo and finger wave at Pete Pool's, Anna Lee was too busy to take me. When Louis came home he was upset cause his check was short \$6.00. We were out \$9.00 anyway on account of his sickness last month, and then to be short \$6, also, was too much. We went to Glendale and paid gas bill, also paid light bill in Highland Park, Miss Perkins took Donna and baby over to see Florence and children this afternoon. Tonight we had a nice time down to Marshes'. They had a party for the family, the folks will be leaving for Montana soon. Louis and Donna went to stake choir practice first, and Rex played basketball before coming.

### January 8, Friday

We are having cold nights and morning; lots of frost, the house tops are all white in the mornings, until Mr. Sun gets out. I cleaned my house through; when Louis came this afternoon we went to the bakery for my three mince pies. We called in Lorene's, Mary was there alone, Lorene had gone to the store, told Mary we'd call for her mother and father tonight at 7:30. Went to Annie's, took Dolores down to Lorene's, she sleeps with Mary on Friday night. Rex and Donna drove their car down to Ruth's [*Cartwright*] tonight, so we had room to take Annie, Violet, and Lorene. Sue



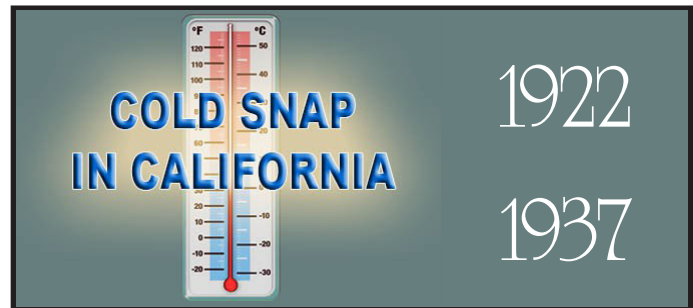
Mince Pie

and Al came over he got back from having his books audited. I was disappointed cause Hattie didn't get here in time for our meeting. We had a nice time. The folks enjoyed our pie and Kaffee Hage. [*A hot beverage.*]

### January 9, Saturday

I was bothered with asthma last night and this morning, first time for several months. I guess my ice cream and cake, Thursday night late, and my mince pie last night late, didn't set right. "Can't take it," anymore. Louis got out new auto license from Pasadena this a.m. He put new oil in the car and sharpened his saws, he's afraid he'll have to get

out and look for a carpenter job. Boy, I hope not. I studied my Sunday School lesson. We rode over to Donna's this afternoon, paid her the \$2.00 we owed them, played with our darling baby, and then went to find Violet and invite her to dinner tomorrow. We took her home from Annie's. I bought Yvonne a little pair of coveralls in Newberry's Store, 39¢. I cooked roast and scalloped potatoes tonight.



### January 10, Sunday

We have been having heavy frosts, it is so cold night and mornings, the coldest weather California has experienced since 1922. Louis drove me to church this morning for our local board meeting at nine o'clock. I had a small Sunday School class, I guess folks think it's too cold in the hall for the children, can't blame them. Louis called for Dolores and me after Sunday School, he had Violet and Yvonne with him. We took a little ride this afternoon; a real estate man took us to see a house that Louis had read about in the paper today. We came home and ate sandwiches, mince pie and Jell-O, and then took Violet and kiddies over to Annie's. Glen and his boy friend rode to church with us. Bishop went to bed sick, Sue thinks its flu. Dale had earache, we got medicine. Bill gave Al a rub down tonight. Sr. Knighton's boy is very ill in the hospital with asthma. Someone took Louis' best hat from the mens room tonight, it's getting awful.

### January 11, Monday

Boy, it was cold this morning. I waited until after nine o'clock before starting my washing, the frost was on some of the houses until almost noon down here. I brought all the clothes in dry or not. The smudge pots black things up so, if we leave them out all night now. Louis went to practice a few songs with some of the hospital boys tonight. I stayed home, he wanted me to go to Donna's, or a show, but I was tired and thought "home sweet home" best tonight. I popped some corn and enjoyed my favorite dish. Louis came home happy; he's had a wonderful time singing old songs with the boy friends. P.S. Our members voted to change the ward to Highland Park, in church last night.

### January 12, Tuesday

It rained most of the night, I'm thankful I brought my washing in yesterday. My neighbor left hers out and it's a site from smudge pots and rain. We had such intense thunder and lightning today, it seemed more like Utah weather. I ironed and enjoyed the radio. A Western Airliner crashed near Olive View Sanitarium in the hills, about noon day, carrying 13 persons, including Mr. and Mrs.

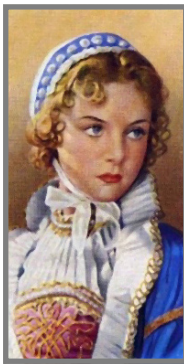
Martin Johnson, noted explorers. These things make me feel depressed, the papers and radio tell of the finding poor little Charles Mattson's body near Everett, Washington. I surely hope they'll find his abductor. Oh, what terrible things happen in our world. Louis and I enjoyed our baby tonight while her folks went to a show.

**Martin Elmer Johnson** (October 9, 1884 – January 13, 1937) and his wife **Osa Helen Johnson** (née Leighty, March 14, 1894 – January 7, 1953) were American adventurers and documentary filmmakers. . . . Martin Johnson died in the crash of a Western Air Express Boeing 247 commercial flight near Newhall, California in 1937. Osa was severely injured but recovered. By October 1937, the New York Times was publishing dispatches of Osa's latest trip to Africa, in which she described lifestyles and practices of the Maasai and other tribes. She died in New York City of a heart attack in 1953. *-Wikipedia*

Ten-year-old **Charles F. Mattson** is kidnapped in Tacoma and held for ransom on December 27, 1936. ... On Sunday evening, December 27, 1936, Charles F. Mattson, age 10, is kidnapped from the living room of his home in Tacoma, Washington, by a masked man armed with a handgun. After menacing the other children in the house, the kidnapper picks up Charles in his arms and vanishes into the night, leaving behind a ransom note demanding \$28,000 for the boy's safe return. His father, Dr. William W. Mattson, makes every attempt to contact the kidnapper and pay the ransom money, but is unable to do so. A hunter will find the boy's battered body in a Snohomish County field, approximately four-and-a-half miles south of Everett, on January 11, 1937. Although law enforcement authorities make every effort, the kidnapping and murder of Charles Mattson has never been solved and remains an open case at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). ... *HistoryLink.org #8028*

### January 13, Wednesday

I went to Relief Society and quilted for several hours on a pretty quilt. The ladies served chili, and fruit cake with lemon sauce. I enjoyed the nice warm dinner; the money taken in went to our church building fund. Sue and Annie read Bonnie's letter. I took it down to the hall. Lorene didn't come over to Relief Society today. I'd like to have gone to Mutual and the stake party in Glendale after, but my darling hubby didn't see it that way, so he compensated and took me to the Franklin Show, we saw Clark Gable, in "Men in White," also "Nine Days a Queen." I do not remember the Star's name; she was new to me, but a sweet young girl and pretty. [The star was Nova Pilbeam.]



Nova Pilbeam



### January 14, Thursday

I spent my morning mending and enjoying the radio. I expected to go over to Florence Oates and take care of her children and little Janet, but Donna came about 2:15 this afternoon and left my baby here, she said Florence wasn't going to the Gleaner club cause her kiddies are sick with cold. I'm sorry the children do not feel well. Janet and her Grama have a lot of fun. She is five months old and so darn cute and playful. I fed her some vegetables Donna brought. She seemed to like them okay, it's the prepared baby food. Br. Haddock came over to Donna's and asked her if she'd play for choir tonight, cause Naomi hurt her hand. I went over to Donna's while Louis and Donna went to choir practice. Rex went to play basketball.

### January 15, Friday

I went over to Donna's after I'd finished my cleaning, I thought maybe I could help her because she felt so miserable with a cold yesterday, but she wouldn't let me work, she was making lemon pies, so I took Janet out for a sunning, it was a lovely day. Donna should have been in bed, she still has a bad cold in head, earache, also. I bought some earache medicine for her tonight, Daddy and I took it over to her. I put some drops in her ears; in fact, we put drops in Daddy's and mine, too, ha, ha! I rubbed Donna's throat with Vicks, she feels a little better tonight, I'm glad to see. Rex went block teaching with Ray. Louis and I called in Lorene's before going to Donna's. Daddy enjoyed lemon pie at Donna's.

### January 16, Saturday

Louis took me over to Donna's this morning, and then he went over to help Jimmy Sandra with his front porch. I gave Janet her bath, we both enjoyed it, I helped with her washing and cleaned the bathroom, kitchen, and back porch, while Donna cleaned the other rooms. Our baby slept all the while, "bless her little heart." Donna looks better today. Louis called for me this evening. We bought some things in Boy's Market, came home, ate dinner, and enjoyed radio. I cooked meat for tomorrow and made Jell-O. Louis made hot cakes for his breakfast this a.m. Donna gave him the flour and some syrup last night.

### January 17, Sunday

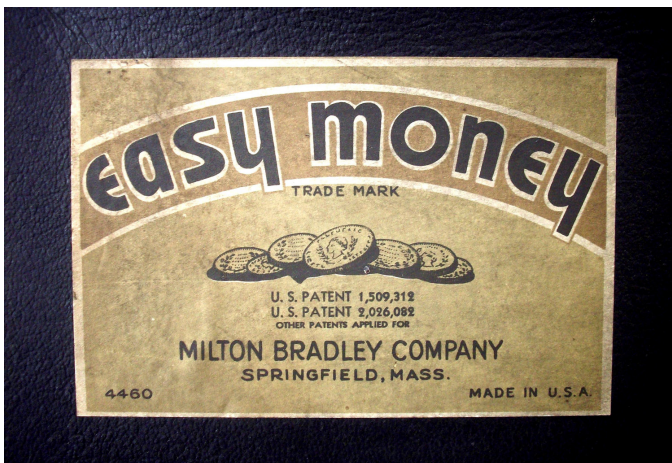
Louis took me down to Sunday School, but he came back home. The children were very good today; it's a pleasure to teach when they're good like that. My husband worked in the yard all afternoon; he trimmed the rose bushes, and cut down some cassia bean trees, which had been frozen last week. I walked to the church this afternoon and rode in Dr. Watkins auto over to Glendale to our union meeting. I came home in Sr. Bishop's auto. Donna, Rex, and Ray went to Alhambra Ward tonight; she played for some girls to sing, also played for the choir and congregation to sing. We took our baby to church. I stayed in the parlor with her. The kids were home when we got here. Sr. Marsh is ill with flu.

### January 18, Monday

I had an easy day, almost finished embroidering Donna's linen cloth. We have had the coldest weather since 1922 they say, it has lasted almost a month, which really is unusual for here. Most of the flowers and plants have frozen. This evening Louis and I rode over to Lorene's, Louis wanted to talk to Charles about a lot near his place, he thinks he wants to build his own house now. I wonder how it'll all turn out, anyway? Donna and Rex came while we were at Lorene's. Elaine and Ernie were with them, they all went to the York show. I took little Janet, they'd been over here looking for us. We rode to Marshes'; I sat out in the car with baby while Louis went in to see how Sr. Marsh and Ruthie were. They are ill with the flu. Sr. Marsh has been very sick for several days. Daddy and I had a lot of fun playing with our darling baby tonight.

### January 19, Tuesday

Maude Craddock and I went block teaching this morning. We did both districts again, she has thirteen members and I have nine. It took us all day to do our teaching, but we enjoyed it. Sr. Knighton's son is ill, she couldn't go with Maude. I haven't got a partner since Myrtle Robinson moved away, that's why we went together. It was a bright sunny day and oh, so cold. The weather man says more heavy frost tonight, our pretty flowers and plants have suffered this winter. The growers are worrying over the orange crops, too. Louis and I both felt the desire for a good chocolate tonight, we bought a few at See's and took a ride while we ate them, 15¢ worth. We called in Annie's on way home, played Glen a game of "Easy Money." Annie and Bill were at a meeting down to the Bishop's, they came home before we left.



### January 20, Wednesday

I heard President Franklin Delano Roosevelt take his oath of office for the second term, also Vice President Garner. It is the first time in our history the oath of office, and the President's inaugural speech has been heard in January instead of March. It took place in a down pour of rain; I was thrilled with the President's speech. We had a lovely sunny day, too bad it wasn't like this in Washington for the big day there. I walked to Relief Society and enjoyed Sr. Worsley's literature lesson on the life of Abraham Lincoln. Annie and I walked home together. We ate chocolate stars from the Kress Store, it was awfully cold. I guess we'll have another frost tonight.



Louis and I spent our evening home, I popped some corn. I haven't seen Donna and baby since Monday, it seems so long.

### January 21, Thursday

We found frost this morning. I'll be glad when this awful cold spell is over; our days are nice and sunny, anyway. Oh, Oh, I entered the Ivory Soap contest today, first time in my life to enter a radio contest, ha, ha. But I think it would be lots of fun to present my hubby with a new car. Oh yeah?! I walked to the post office and market this afternoon, but oh, it was cold out, even though Mr. Sun was doing his best. I stayed with baby Janet tonight while Donna and Louis went to choir practice. Rex went to basketball practice. Our baby has a cold in her dear little head, it made me feel so sorry for her, and she had a hard time to get to sleep, "bless her heart." Rex treated to chocolates when he came. He told us that Al cut his finger off to first joint yesterday. How terrible!

### January 22, Friday

Gee, but we're having a long visit from Jack Frost. The water was frozen in my kitchen tap, couldn't get water from it until after ten o'clock. I'm so sorry about the orange crops, they're trying hard to save them, but the loss is heavy already, we've never had it so cold in the 12 years we've been in California. The smudge pots keep the air so dirty, too. Boy, what gas bills we'll all have to pay next time. I went over to Donna's this afternoon to see how little Janet was feeling. She has a cough and wheezes a lot, but smiled real big for me as usual. Donna made lemon pies; she gave her Daddy one large pie for his birthday tomorrow. Louis called for me, he was late, been eating doughnuts at "Mary's house." We called to see Al, he has a relapse of the flu, and his finger hurts, too.

### January 23, Saturday

Louis and I called at Donna's this a.m., the baby is still wheezing with the cold in her lungs and throat; she didn't take her milk this morning. Donna looks worried, she wasn't feeling very well herself. I do so hate to see her start worrying, but it comes with motherhood and we all must go through it, I guess. Louis and I celebrated his birthday, he took me to the Orpheum, and dinner after at Clifton's. We had a nice time, only I was anxious to get home and see how our baby was. We bought two ties in a little tie shop. Mother sent Louis a very pretty card and a dollar bill; Donna made a lemon pie for him. When we got back to Donna's the baby was feeling a lot better. We all feel better now. We saw Bishop Hill in town. We called to see Al this morning, he's feeling better, Sue has a bad cold, too.

### January 24, Sunday

We are still having heavy frosts. I felt cold all day. I've got a cold in my back, I guess. It hurts to move, or bend. Sr. Bishop was sick, so I had both classes today. The children were very good and I enjoyed teaching. We had a small Sunday School, there are so many of our members sick with the flu. Charlie is sick in bed with it now; I hope Lorene and kids will keep well. Sr. Mier stayed all night with Sue and Bishop last night to doctor them. Mrs. Bird asked Violet to move, poor Violet is just heartsick,

she's been kicked around so much. Oh, I wish I had a nice home to offer them. I do hope things will be better for them soon. I stayed with baby Janet tonight while Donna and Rex went to church. Violet and children are staying at Annie's now. Louis went to Glendale to get the girl trio to sing in our ward, he took them home after.

### January 25, Monday

Our tank went on the blink today. I had to heat water to finish up my washing. The plumber came again. I surely hope he has fixed it to work right his time. My back is better; Louis rubbed it good with Vick's last night. We told Violet yesterday, that Dolores could stay over here; maybe she'll come next week when she changes schools. I was blessed with good weather, and the pain left my back. Louis went to his friend's house tonight to practice songs. He called to see how Charles was first. I enjoyed the radio.

### January 26, Tuesday

I had nine shirts in my ironing, so was tired when it was finished today, but I have that happy thought that no washing or ironing next week, cause I only do it every other week now, nice eh! It was Rex's afternoon off, he and Donna brought Janet over there while they went for a long ride out to Long Beach. I think our baby is growing so fast and getting darn cute, we enjoyed her so much, she's such a good little darling, too.

### January 27, Wednesday

Sr. Wanker gave the social service lesson in Relief Society today. It was very interesting. We had two stake board visitors, I felt sorry so few were out, but I'm sure it was because of so much sickness. Bill and Dale are sick, so Annie wasn't out, Audrey Tacy took her minutes, Charles is out of work, sick, Bishop is still home sick, and Sr. Hanson has sickness, oh, there's a lot of sickness in Los Angeles now. Louis says they are full up at the hospital with the flu. Our awful cold spell has broken. I'm glad to state that. Louis stayed at Charlie's tonight while I went to Mutual. We had a very small class, but fine lesson on President Lorenzo Snow. Baby Janet was in Mutual, she has a tooth, her first! Elaine brought Ann over for Sue to take while she went with Florence Oates to see Sr. Bailey. Ann wouldn't come with me.

### January 28, Thursday

I tried to bring Ann home with me yesterday from Relief Society, but she didn't know me well enough. Elaine called her mother and Al brought Sue up to get her, we met in Kress Store. Elaine and Florence went to the hospital to see Evelyn Bailey who has a baby boy. It is warmer today, maybe old Jack Frost will stay

### Seasonal Flu

Seasonal flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. Approximately 5-20% of U.S. residents get the flu each year. Flu season typically starts in the fall and peaks in January or February. Illness from seasonal flu usually lasts one to two weeks.

### How Does It Spread?

It spreads between people and can cause mild to severe illness. In some cases, the flu can lead to death. In the United States, flu season occurs in the fall and winter. Seasonal flu activity usually peaks in January or February, but it can occur as early as October and as late as May.  
<http://www.flu.gov>

away now, I hope so. Hurrah! I finished the embroidering of Donna's black and white dinner cloth today, now comes the big job of laundering the cloth and napkins, when the weather gets warmer. I stayed over at Donna's tonight while she and Louis went to choir practice in Glendale. Rex and Ernie played basketball. Inis and Bob left their baby with me, also. Elaine and Ann helped me tend the babies.

### January 29, Friday

I finished the letter Louis started to his mother last night, he surely has a hard time finding things to write about, I also sent a picture of Louis and baby Janet in the letter. After the cleaning was done, I walked to market and bought things for dinner. Louis came home this evening feeling miserable with cold in chest. Oh, I hope it isn't the flu. After dinner I went out on the Avenue for lemons, came home and put Louis to bed with mustard plaster and hot lemonade. I surely hope he'll be alright tomorrow. I sat alone all evening, am thankful for the radio.

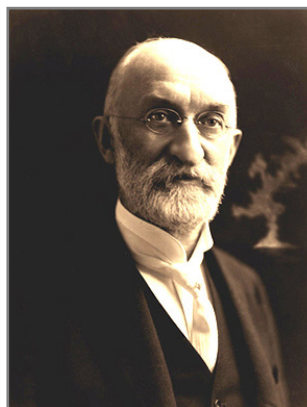
### January 30, Saturday

The mustard plaster moved the congestion in Daddy's lungs, but he still feels miserable with cold in his head, it aches and pains a lot, he says. It was an unpleasant day, rained nearly all night, and most of today. I walked to the Food Center to get some aspirin, and a few groceries. It rained real hard, but I enjoyed it. You see I had my lovely birthday parasol along. Louis got up for a while and came in on the front room couch, but the bed felt better, so he went back to it. I am so sorry he had to be sick now, he was anxious to sing in the stake choir at conference tomorrow. He's been to all the rehearsals and taken others over, too. It's a shame, he has to miss it. Dale and Yvonne are both sick. Beverly took me to Donna's and Stead's to let them know Louis is sick and can't go to conference tomorrow.

### January 31, Sunday—Stake Conference

Beverly and Bill called for me this morning, we called back for Glen, and then went to conference, it was a very fine session. President Grant spoke, the choir sang lovely. I was so sorry

Louis couldn't be with them, he feels better, but not well enough to go out. Donna left the baby with Laura this morning; they ate turkey dinner at Marshes' and left the baby there with Ruth this afternoon and evening session. Beverly came for me again this afternoon. Violet, Dolores, and Glen went, also. I hate to leave Louis all alone, but he said, "Go," and the temptation was too much for me. Beverly invited me to go again tonight, but I wouldn't leave Louis again. I bought some sanfrio, it cleared Louis' head a lot. Donna, Rex, and Sr. Marsh called to see Louis after conference tonight. Donna accompanied Ann Madsen and a young man in conference today at the piano.



President Heber J. Grant

### February 1, Monday

It has been a nice warm day, more like our good weather out here. We're all glad the cold spell has broken. Mrs. Kelsie came home today; she has been taking care of a sick sister for two weeks. I pressed all of Louis' ties today, a job I do not like. Rex and Donna left little Janet here this afternoon while they took a ride up to Mt. Wilson so see the snow. They brought a lot of snow back on the car, but it didn't last long here. I gave them a bowl of soup when they got home this evening. The baby was asleep, so they left her here while they went home to get dressed for a little party up to Florence's tonight. We kept Janet here until they came from Florence's. We surely love to have the little dear here with us.



*Mt. Wilson with snow February 2010.*

### February 2, Tuesday

I made a rice pudding this morning, walked over to Annie's this afternoon, was glad to find Dale and Yvonne feeling better. I brought Dolores back to dinner with us. We took her home about 7:30. Lorene, Mary, Annie, and Violet were on their way to the Franklin picture show, 15¢. Louis and I decided to go, also, so we took them down in our car. We saw two very good pictures. Took the folks home, I went to bed with a headache. Wonder if my eyes need glasses?

### February 3, Wednesday

I walked over to Donna's this morning, she was washing the baby's clothes, Janet was asleep, I mopped the kitchen and porch with nice washing suds. We heard the noon radio programs. I left in time to walk to Relief Society. Donna would love to go, also, but it's too big a job getting the buggy up that hill. The baby woke up just before I left, so I was happy for the chance to love and kiss my darling. We had a wonderful meeting, theology lesson and testimonies. I bore mine. Louis stayed at Charlie's tonight while I went to Mutual. I had the pleasure of tending little Janet in our class, she was very good. Hattie [*Harriet Eliza Strong*] is visiting Blanche [*Blanche Mae Strong*], she and Mary Gilds are going to the Hawaiian Islands.

### February 4, Thursday

It was a lovely warm day. We are so blessed out here, I feel sorry for the poor folks in the awful flood cities along the Mississippi river. It's the worst flood in many years. I read and enjoyed "The Sermon in the Mountain," this morning, also studied the Relief Society teachers topic. Was sorry I missed the lesson yesterday. I forgot to go, I was enjoying myself with my beloved daughter and our baby. I walked to Kress Store for typing paper, and bought some hectograph carbon in White's Art Shop, came home and made some

pictures for my Sunday School children to color next Sunday. Enjoyed radio tonight.

### February 5, Friday

I cleaned through the house today. Louis got his check, so we paid our light bill, and then rode over to Donna's and gave her the money we owed her. Little Janet looked so darn cute in the swing, Elaine let Donna use Ann's swing, so little Janet is enjoying it, also. Donna gave Louis and I a nice bowl of chili, it surely tasted good, and the best part of all was I didn't have to cook our supper tonight. We bought a big order of groceries from Boy's Market, and then came home and enjoyed the radio. It has been cloudy all day, started raining tonight.

### February 6, Saturday

It rained hard all night, kept waking me up. Louis and I went out in the rain; we paid our obligations to the bank, went over to Glendale and paid our gas bill. We took a nice ride, it rained hard all the time, but we enjoyed it just the same. This rain did a lot of damage. In some parts of California, poor folks flooded out of their homes at the beach, and other parts of the state. We bought an apricot pie and some hamburger sandwiches, went to Donna's and ate lunch with her, played with our darling babe, called in Annie's on way home, invited Violet and kiddies to dinner tomorrow.

### February 7, Sunday

Bro. Cummings was hurt in auto accident last night, so couldn't talk in our nine o'clock meeting this morning. Bishop gave a nice talk, also called on some of us, me and June and others. Sr. Bishop's mother is ill, so she wasn't able to come to Sunday School. I had 32 children in the class. We couldn't color pictures because I hadn't prepared enough for her class, too. Dr. Watkins sent Sr. Nordstrom and Lucille Evans to help me, Lucille told a story to help out, it is such a long class on fast day. We called for Violet and Yvonne after Sunday School. They ate dinner here, and then we took a ride, stopped at Annie's for Dolores's bed and some of her clothes, she's moved in with us for a while again. We brought Violet back for something to eat, and then took them over to Annie's. We took Dolores to church. Ruth [*Marsh*] had Janet first half, and I took care of her the last half of church. Donna played for Josephine Howells to sing. Marshes asked us down after church to eat, the Howells went, also. Had a nice time. Sr. Thomas called tonight to say she can't go teaching tomorrow.

### February 8, Monday

I was afraid I'd have trouble getting Dody up, keeping her out so late, but she wasn't at all sleepy this a.m. I walked almost to school with her; it's awfully hard to get across our busy streets at that time in the morning. I got an awful shock from my washer this morning, it almost knocked me out. I was surely scared, called the light place, they sent a man out, he said the electric motor had got wet and caused it to be charged with electricity. It was alright as soon as the coils dried out. I guess it got damp from the wet weather we've had. I got a late start, but clothes dried, it was a lovely day. Rex and Donna brought our darling baby to see us tonight.



## February 9, Tuesday

I walked to York Junction with Dolores this morning, and then over to tell Violet that Dody wouldn't be over there today, as we thought, cause I'm not going teaching and she can come home. Dody has made a friend in our neighborhood already, my landlady's little girl, Eleanor, called her out to play today. We went to the Franklin show tonight. Dolores was very proud to get in on her pass; they gave it to her last Saturday night when she spun the Keno wheel for the people to play.

## February 10, Wednesday

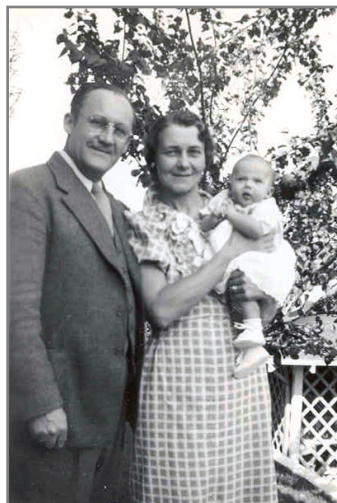
I made a rice pudding and some Jell-O this a.m. Heard over the radio of another airliner crashing last night, this one went down in the San Francisco Bay, eleven people lost their lives in the cold dark water. Oh, it's getting so awful, there is a crash every few days. Dolores went to Annie's from school and stayed until we called for her tonight after the dance. We had a very nice building fund luncheon at Relief Society today; I met a new member, Sister Safell, a sweet lady who looks like she'd just stepped out of one of Dickens' books. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Annie, I bought her some dishes and two wash cloths in Kress. The hall was decorated very pretty for the Mutual Valentine dance. Had a nice time. Sr. Bishop brought enough divinity for my Sunday School kiddies for Valentines, nice, eh!



Annie and Beverly Andersen  
On February 10, the Relief Society  
sang "Happy Birthday" to Annie.

## February 11, Thursday

We received a nice letter from Mother Renshaw this a.m. she says "the baby looks like Donna did at her age, of course one can't tell much from a snapshot picture." We know she looks like her mother did, cause we have the real thing to look at! Sr. Thomas came at one; we went block teaching together for the first time. I know I'll like her for a partner, she is lots of fun. We had 14 families to visit; they gave me 5 new ones this month because Sr. Thomas has a car to get around in.



Lou & Elvie Renshaw with their  
"darling Granddaughter Janet."  
Maybe this was the photo they  
sent to Mother Renshaw.

It is surely a lovely big car, too. We got home just as Louis was getting home from work this evening. Louis and I went to Annie's for Dody before dinner. Br. Gunn and Br. Alley came teaching to night. Louis went to see how John Marsh was, he's got the flu. Dody has a cold so I stayed home with her. Bill changed jobs, gets a dollar more a day. Sr. Kelson gave me some handmade table pads today, they are pretty she's such a sweet, old dear.

## February 12, Friday

Dody had an awful time getting off to school this a.m., she came back for her Valentines and forgot to take her lunch, so she ran back for the lunch, it was ten minutes to nine then, and she left the first time at 8:35. Louis had a holiday today, for Lincoln's birthday. I did the cleaning. Louis bought a tire at Western Auto, he washed and cleaned the car. Donna brought little Janet here, she and Laura went to the Gleaner luncheon at Florence's. I had a wonderful time playing with my darling baby. Dolores came home happy from school with ten pretty Valentines. She did well considering she's only been going to this school two weeks (Garvanza School). A boy gave Shirley a box of chocolates in school, her first from a boy. We had a lovely time at the Strong's meeting. It was nice to see Hattie again, had a lot of fun looking at the Schitt family album. Annie and Blanche served ice cream and cake. Ruth [Cartwright] brought two good games. Dody slept with Mary tonight.



## February 13, Saturday

It rained hard all night, and all day today. Louis took me to Highland Park this morning. I bought 20 little Valentines and some red ribbon in the 15¢ Store. I got a little red flower pin for Dody, also. Sr. Bishop brought enough divinity for my Sunday School kiddies, we are giving each one a little Valentine and some candy tomorrow. Louis left me at Donna's while he went to the hospital. I took Janet a Valentine, "four cans of Carnation milk," well; they do have pretty red wrappers on, anyway. I took some nutty candy to Donna and a few things for our lunch. She fixed a very nice lunch which we enjoyed; Louis ate his at the hospital. We invited the children to dinner tomorrow. Rex paid on a suit at Foreman and Clark's tonight, little Janet stayed with us until Rex and Donna came, they went to a show. Dolores stayed with Mary again. Sue and Al came this evening to say Hattie called and is coming out tomorrow.



10¢ a can or 5¢ for baby sized can.

### February 14, Sunday

We still have damp weather, Louis took me to Sunday School, but he came back home. I was sorry so few children came to Sunday School class, they were tickled with the candy, and Valentines, we gave them, Sr. Bishop had a larger class than I, today. Jay Shupe gave a 2 ½ minute talk in Sunday School and did well. Donna and Daddy did the dishes after dinner, Rex and I had to hurry to Hollywood Stake house to Sunday School convention, we called for his mother. Rex's car stalled in the rain, it looked for a while like we wouldn't get to conventions, but he got it to go okay. Lewis Marsh was trying to move in the rain, his car is stuck in the mud back of his house, they can't move it, they are going to move in with Chandler's again. Vera and Fred moved out. Ate ice cream and cake at Marshes' on way home. Hattie phoned Sue, said she can't get out today, too much rain. We had a very fine meeting tonight. Donna played for Br. Swensen to sing. Br. Bowels spoke.

### February 15, Monday

The weather man said "clear," for today, we didn't see the sun, but it didn't rain, so it's okay, anyway. I washed, can't seem to go two weeks now Dolores is here. She needs her sox, and underwear. The clothes didn't all dry, but I brought them in anyway. Donna and Rex brought the baby over this evening while they went out to eat; it is pay day for them. Our darling has a lot of fun playing "peek-a-boo" with Dolores. Rex went to help Lewie move in Chandler's home tonight. Donna stayed here with me, we had a nice visit, but Donna got very tired, cause Rex didn't come for her until after twelve o'clock. Little Janet slept on the couch.

### February 16, Tuesday

I mended all the sox before starting my ironing this a.m. It is surely a treat to see the sunshine again. We've had so much rain and damp cloudy weather lately. Dolores was about an hour later getting home from school, I was worried and ready to start out after her when she came, and she stayed to help the teacher. I think Donna took our baby to the clinic today, with Laura and her baby. They didn't come over here as usual, cause it's Rex's afternoon off, and Donna hurried home to get his lunch ready. We stayed home tonight and enjoyed our radio.

### February 17, Wednesday

I mended underwear all morning, walked to Relief Society and enjoyed the lesson Sr. Worsley and Sr. Imsen gave on Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln, Several of us went in Kress Store after meeting. They were having a sale on little white bowls, 5¢ each, I bought three, Annie bought three, and Lorene two. Sr. Saguine and Bessie Hanson bought some, too. Maude Craddock brought Annie, Sr. Shuman, and me home, nice, eh? Sr. Stead says she wants to talk with me; I invited her over Thursday of next week. June says the Petersons

are back from Chicago, and the poor kids are in hot water again, can't have roller skates or wagons in the drive now. I went to Mutual; they made me chairman of a class party for next month. I do not like that, but they wouldn't let me out. Louis stayed with Charles while I went to Mutual. We took Sue, Bette, and Shirley home after Mutual. Al had his car at Ernie's station, we called there for him. Rex took Sr. Imsen and Elaine home.

### February 18, Thursday

I missed my baby last night in Mutual, they left her with Laura. Donna, Bob, Inis, and John Treu sang several of Steven Foster's songs in Mutual last night. Sr. Isabell Thomas told the story of each song. I made Jell-O salad this a.m. and mended Dolores' pajamas. Spent the afternoon mending my garments. I'm surely in need of some new ones. Tonight Br. Imsen called to go to the first union meeting at the hospital with Louis. I bought some potatoes and onions at the Food Center while they went for Mrs. Almas. Dody and I got out at Sue's. Louis called back for me, but I was out riding in Al's car. We went to take Sr. Hickenbotham home; she'd been up to see her niece who is ill. Al brought us home.

### February 19, Friday

I walked to Lorene's this morning to take Dolores' clothes; she is sleeping with Mary tonight and tomorrow night. Lorene was doing her cleaning, so I decided to go on to Sue's and not wait for her, as I'd told Sue I'd come early and help. Sr. Thomas called on me this a.m. before I left, to plan Mutual class party. Annie was helping when I arrived at Sue's. Donna drove Rex's car and brought Elaine and little Ann, and of course our darling baby, Janet. Blanche and Hattie came at 1:30; we sat down to luncheon, nine of us, Sue, Lorene, Annie, Violet, Blanche, Hattie, Donna, Elaine, and myself. Had a lovely time. Hattie expects to leave in a few days for the Hawaiian Islands. Louis called for me this evening. Sue asked us to stay for dinner this evening, but we came home, they had such a crowd. Donna, Rex, Elaine, Ernie, and the Andersens all ate there this evening.



Vintage Highchair

## February 21, Sunday

We are enjoying real spring weather. I have a lovely big bowl of violets on my radio, they are so sweet, I gathered them from our yard today. Louis went to Sunday School with me. We didn't cook dinner today, just enjoyed a cold lunch ourselves. Dolores ate at Annie's with her mother and Yvonne. Louis and I took a little ride late this afternoon; he bought us a pineapple ice cream cone at the Blue Bonnet. It was a very warm afternoon; the ice cream just hit the spot!



Pineapple ice cream "hits the spot!"

We visited at Annie's before going to church. I stayed in the parlor with my baby. Donna played for one of Louis's hospital friends to sing two numbers. Sr. Bingham and Norma and baby sat in parlor with me. Br. Haddock wants Donna to be the stake organist. Naomi is resigning, so is Br. Haddock. I think it's too much for Donna with her baby and all.

## February 22, Monday—Washington's Birthday, so Louis had a holiday.

We spent it working. He cleaned the yard up nice and worked on his car a little. I did my washing; it was a very lovely day. I washed the blankets on Dolores' bed, too. Rex took his Sunday School class roller skating tonight. Donna went, also. We enjoyed our dear little Janet here, she has a little cold in her head and couldn't rest as well when asleep, but she was good, as usual. That baby surely is a darling little thing. My children came home from their roller skating party tired and happy. Donna had a fall and felt a little stiff and sore, they said they had a lovely time, anyway.

## February 23, Tuesday

I had my work and ironing done early, so I could go over to Donna's. We thought they were coming to take Janet's picture; Rex had phoned and made arrangements for them to be here at two o'clock. We waited, but they didn't show up. Louis called for me after work, Donna insisted on us staying to eat with her. Rex was eating uptown at the Fuller Company banquet. We enjoyed our good chili and chocolate

pudding. Dolores ate over at Andersen's, she went there after school. We called for her tonight.

## February 24, Wednesday

I went to Pete Pool's beauty parlor this morning and had a shampoo and finger wave. It was cloudy until about three o'clock this afternoon when it started to rain, we were just coming out of Relief Society. Beverly called for Annie, so they brought me home. Dody was with Beverly, so she stayed here. We didn't go to Mutual tonight because it was raining so hard. Beverly drove us in back of the Food Center, so Annie and I could buy our groceries for dinner tonight before we came home this afternoon.

## February 25, Thursday

I hurried through my work this morning, was all finished when Sr. Stead came at ten o'clock. We had a nice visit, it was raining hard when she came and kept it up all day. I prepared a little lunch, we ate in the kitchen cause it was warmer there, we haven't a heater in the dining room. I was surprised when she told me that Lillian and Victor are planning to be married next month, March 27, but they don't want folks to know about it yet, she said I could tell Donna. Louis took Dolores and me to Donna's tonight while he went to Glendale to choir practice. Rex went to basketball practice. Gleaner girls came to practice conference songs. I surely wanted to tell them the news, but didn't dare.

## February 26, Friday

I worked on Sunday School pictures this morning. Sr. Stead came again; she was all upset because Lillian said Victor would be very angry if she let anyone know about their engagement and coming marriage next month. So poor worried Sr. Stead came to ask me to keep it a secret, I've told Donna and Louis, and I told her so. Oh, oh! Well I don't see why anyone should be so darned secretive about such a thing anyway. We all love Lillian and would like her to have some nice showers, but I guess we can't do anything about it. Dolores went over to stay at Lorene's tonight and tomorrow. Donna and Rex went to the beach with a party. Florence, Ernie, Inis, Bob, they went swimming. We took care of Janet while they went. We called in Lorene's, Vennotts were there, and we also visited Annie and Violet and family.

## February 27, Saturday

Oh, it was a lovely day. Louis and I left about noon for a nice ride, we called to see if Donna and Janet would like to go, too, but Donna had an appointment for shampoo and wave. Florence was going to call for her. She had a wave, also

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at the same place. We rode past Helen Holden's and talked a short time with Sr. Crawley and Helen. We ate a very nice lunch in a new sandwich shoppe in San Fernando. We arrived in Hollywood in time to bring Rex and his friend, Jimmy, home from work at 5:30. Their cars have both gone on the blink at the same time. Donna invited us to stay to dinner, but we wouldn't. We called in Annie's on our way home. Donna has a cold in voice box, can't talk well.

**February 28, Sunday**

Louis took me down to Sunday School, but he didn't go, he stayed home and made a stand for the big grind stone John Marsh gave him. Donna cooked both our rabbits this morning. We ate dinner at her house. Very good. She has been working hard to get her voice back, it is better, but she's not able to sing, so Myrtle took her place in the trio tonight, at the Gleaner conference. She gave her talk and did very well. Everyone said how good she gave it, and it was a splendid talk. Lewie Marsh took a snapshot picture of Janet with Florence's baby after Sunday School. Donna walked down to Sunday School with baby in buggy, to practice with girls. We took Donna and Rex to Marshes' after church tonight. Sister Marsh was sick in bed with headache. John treated to sandwiches and ice cream.

**March 1, Monday**

Monday, wash day, and a very lovely sunshiny day. I enjoyed a nice nap this afternoon. Dolores played with Eleanor until dinner time this evening. Louis went to his friend's house tonight to practice songs with some of the boys from the hospital. He enjoys singing with them a lot. Lorene and Charles came over; we had a nice visit with them for about an hour. Louis said Br. Imsen has been telling him all day what a lovely girl Donna is. He thought her talk in church last night was wonderful. He told me last night, "Donna is a jewel."

**March 2, Tuesday**

Beverly came over this morning, I was ironing, she had Dale and Yvonne in the car, she wanted me to tend Dale this afternoon while Annie, Violet, and she went uptown to a show. Lorene is going to have Yvonne. I had just finished the ironing when she brought Dale over to stay. He had to see my vacuum first thing. He surely is a cute little fellow, he was very good, and had fun when Dolores got home from school. She gave him a ride in Freddie's little wagon. Beverly came for Dale about six o'clock. He'd just eaten his dinner. Louis and Dolores rode over to the York bakery with Beverly, they walked back, and she got a letter from her Daddy.

**March 3, Wednesday**

I went to Relief Society in time for the 12:30 teachers meeting. Lorene gave the lesson very well, as usual. She got a letter from Elsie, they are having a tough time of it, Elsie wants us

to have Dad down here, Well, I'm sure there's nothing we'd like better. Maybe she's going to visit Beatie in San Diego. I feel so sorry for them both. Sr. Wood couldn't give her lesson because she had to be in court, so Sr. Robinson gave the lesson, she had me read several passages of scripture for her. Mary said she couldn't go to the dance tonight because she didn't have a formal to wear. Oh, oh! Donna took her black lace dress down, it was a little tight, but I fixed it by moving the clasps over. She looked real sweet in it. Louis and I took her and brought her home. The young girls looked darling in their first formal dresses at the dance tonight. Bette, Mary, Coleen, Consuella, and others. We took the little Ross girls home after.

**March 4, Thursday**

It was the Gold and Green ball last night. Velda Christensen was crowned queen. I washed a few underclothes for Dolores and myself, also the two sweaters that Louis brought from work, black and henna. This afternoon I walked over to the library. I spent an hour in there while Dolores and Teddy Valentine played in the play grounds next door. I went to the big Food Center and bought some fresh salmon to bake for dinner. Louis took Beverly and Sr. Howells to choir practice tonight at stake house in Glendale. Dolores and I visited with the Andersens until they got home from choir. Annie treated us to a delicious piece of pumpkin pie. Donna, Laura, and children called this noon to say hello, they were on their way to Florence's for lunch. Little Janet looked so darn cute sitting up in the little car chair.



*Donna Marsh gives a talk at the Gleaner conference. "Everyone said how good she gave it," Brother Imsen said, "Donna is a jewel."*



**March 5, Friday**

We surely are enjoying lovely weather, the sun is up shortly after six o'clock, I had to get out this a.m., and help Louis start his Ford. He broke the \*pendic (spelling) spring last night before going to choir. I made a rice pudding before Dody went to school. Did the cleaning all through the house and colored and mounted a picture for Sunday School. Dolores went to Lorene's from school. This evening Rex and Donna went to see a stage play, someone gave him passes. We went over to their house for the baby, to save them the trip over here. It is John Marsh's birthday and they called in to see him before going to the show. We visited with Annie and Violet and families. Our darling babe is going to stay with us all night. We surely do enjoy her. Louis went with Bill to administer to Bobby Hays tonight.

**\*PENDIC SPRING?—BENDIX SPRING**

*"She is referring to the "Bendix" spring which is part of an automotive electric starter. When it breaks, you have to hand-crank the motor and it takes two people: one to turn the crank handle on the front of the car and the other to move the spark advance lever and the throttle from the driver's seat. I am glad those days are behind us."* *-Email from Jon Tibbets*

### March 6, Saturday

Our baby slept all night, we didn't hear a sound until 6:30 this a.m. Bless her dear little heart, she's a sweet little soul, we surely love her, she woke up all smiles as usual. We went over to Donna's about nine o'clock. She rode to Glendale with us to pay our gas bill. Little Janet went to sleep in the auto. After taking Donna and baby home we called on Lorene and Charles, he is starting his garage, has the foundation laid out. We looked at the lot near his. After paying our bills at bank, and light office, we went to Boy's Market for order of groceries. Ate lunch, Louis took a nap. Tonight we went to the Park theater, saw, "The Devil is a Sissy," very good show. Was surprised when we saw Violet go up to front to get the \$1.00 she'd won in the drawing.



### March 7, Sunday

Rex brought my coat home this a.m. Louis and I went to the nine o'clock meeting. Br. Reese was the speaker; we had a very good meeting. Bishop had to go to Huntington Park to Relief Program meeting, so we didn't have him in our meeting. I took Dolores's Sunday clothes and shoes to her at Lorene's this morning. Sr. Bishop had a bad cold in her throat, so I took both classes this a.m. and she didn't need to talk so much. We colored the last period. Louis and I ate alone. We took a nice long ride up the canyon to Oak Wilde; saw the Egan family eating in the canyon. Sr. Robinson was with Ed and Myrtle. We stopped on our way down the canyon to say hello. Rex brought Donna and Janet over this afternoon. I went to the hall to practice for a Mutual skit at 5 p.m. Florence, Ruth and I stayed to Gen. meeting. We had nice meeting tonight. President McCune spoke. Sr. Marsh took care of little Janet up to Florence's. Ernie Oates gave a talk in conjoint tonight. Donna played for Bob Stanton to sing. Dolores fell at Lorene's and cut her arm this afternoon. Bill and Charles took her to the Georgia Street receiving hospital to have it dressed.

### March 8, Monday

I got Dolores ready this a.m. Beverly and Violet called for her about 8:45, they took her to school to get a permit to take her to the school clinic doctor to have her arm dressed; the hospital doctor put clamps on her cut yesterday. Little Dale and Yvonne were in the car this morning, too. I didn't wash today because I wasn't feeling well. I composed a toast for the March 17 party. It's to the presidency of our Relief Society. Sr. Craddock asked me to do it. The photographer went to Donna's and took our baby's picture this afternoon. I'm anxious to see the proofs. Rex and Donna went to a meeting at Sue's tonight, Elaine and Ernie called it, they want to start a club of some kind. Baby Janet stayed here

with us, Louis went to sing with the hospital boys. Beverly brought Dody home tonight, they all rode over and visited for a short time.

### March 9, Tuesday

Beverly and Violet called for Dolores at 7:15 this a.m. I had to get up when Louis did this morning, awful! Dody had to be at the clinic at eight o'clock. They didn't take her yesterday, as I thought. Violet had to take the appointment today. I left for Donna's right after my story, "Mary Marlin," this morning. Donna is helping the sisters tomorrow with the Relief Society building fund luncheon. She made the dessert. I went up to help, we made four tapioca puddings. Florence called for Donna about 1 p.m. They had a Gleaner meeting over at Marie Kendrick's, to prepare for their social Thursday. Louis called for me at Donna's this evening. We stopped in Annie's for Dolores.

### March 10, Wednesday

Rex left his car for Donna to use today. She called for me about ten o'clock. I stayed with the baby at her house while she worked at the hall with the Relief Society ladies to prepare the building fund luncheon. I got most of Donna's ironing done while Janet was asleep. Sr. Reese came up with Donna about noon, to get the tapioca puddings. Florence Oates called for Janet and me at the same time. We enjoyed the luncheon, about thirty of us ate. I was busy with babies today, so couldn't quilt. I got Inis's baby to sleep while she practiced songs for our 17th of March program, with Donna. Lorene took care of Janet while I had the other baby. Tonight I was Lucille's mother in a little skit we gave in Mutual (Lucille Snow). We called in Annie's for Dolores. P.S. I went home with Donna to help her with baby, bowls, and etcetera from Relief Society. I walked home. She wanted to bring me, but I wanted to walk.

### March 11, Thursday

I got up early this morning, mixed butter, and prepared things for our dinner. Was over to Donna's a few minutes to ten o'clock. Donna left shortly after I got there; she and Elaine entertained the "Married Gleaners" at lunch, down to Sue's house. I had a lovely time with my darling little Janet today. She was so sweet, always is. I came home on the street car this evening, called in Annie's for Dolores, brought Violet and Yvonne home to dinner. Louis had started to eat his dinner, he thought I wasn't coming to fix it for him, I guess. I was sorry to learn today that Lucille Clybourn [*Lucille Elizabeth Hansen*] and Bud [*Harold Robert Clybourn*] are getting a divorce, too bad. [*They had one child, Mary Lynn Giles, who took the last name of Lucille's second husband, Lewis Henry Giles. Lucille married him in November of 1937 in Las Vegas.*] I was thrilled to learn that Lillian



Stead has a diamond engagement ring, she's getting married the 27th. Louis took Violet and Yvonne home. Louis left for stake choir, but Beverly was the only one who was going, so they decided to enjoy a malted milk instead. They went up to Donna's for a short visit. Inis, Bob, and Elaine were up to Donna's, also.

### March 12, Friday

Beverly and Violet called for Dolores this morning at 7:15. Beverly took them to the school clinic, and then she went on to work. Too bad it was raining. Sr. Thomas called, in her car, for me at one o'clock, we went block teaching, it wasn't raining when we left, but it started soon after and kept it up all afternoon. We found almost everyone home in our district, on account of the damp day. Br. Gunn and Br. Alley came teaching here tonight. Rex called in to see if I was going over to stay with Donna. He was on his way to a Fuller meeting. Louis told her to come here as he was going to a hospital social. Well, he decided he wanted me to go with him, so we rode over to tell Donna first. The party was given in honor of Mr. Cooper who was boss of Lou's department at hospital. He was let out; they gave him a nice party. We danced and ate sandwiches and doughnuts. Rained most of the night.

### March 13, Saturday

Louis went over to help Charles and Ray dig gravel out of his yard for his garage floor. He came home about 1 p.m. We ate lunch and he took his nap. I washed a few things out this morning. The sun shone off and on, but it didn't rain, so they dried. I colored two pictures and mounted them, for Sunday School work. I also studied lesson.

This evening we went over to Donna's, the baby's pictures had come. Oh, they are all just grand. Donna and Rex gave us two darling poses in one folder. We're so tickled with our sweetheart's pictures. Got groceries from Boy's Market. Ate dinner and went back to take Rex and Donna and baby to Marshes', took them a picture. Something went wrong with Rex's car today. Louis had him bring it over here tonight so he can work on it tomorrow morning.

### March 14, Sunday

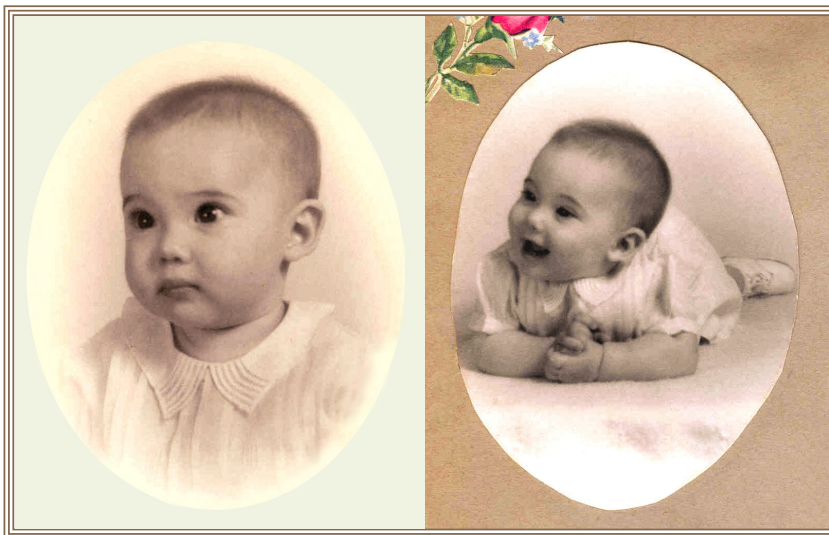
I saw Lillian Stead's pretty diamond engagement ring in Sunday School. I'm glad for her, she seems very happy. The church history class changed class rooms with Sr. Bishop's class today. It was a lot noisier for our class work because they had an activity period. We had our local board meeting this a.m. Louis had Rex's car all fixed this noon, and down to

Sunday School for Rex to take home. Donna and Rex, went to Marshes' to dinner. John Marsh came up and helped a little with fixing Rex's car. He paid 75¢ to have a small job done. This evening Louis and I rode over to Annie's. Bill's car broke down this morning, the axle, I believe. Charles called to take Annie and Violet to church, so we rode down ourselves. Donna and Rex went to Rosemead Ward to church. She accompanied Lillian, who sang.

### March 15, Monday

Just as I hung out the last of my washing this a.m., it started to rain, and so my washing hung out all night. Dolores managed to get home between rain storms from school. I was glad because her rain coat and shoes were down to Lorene's. It rained real hard this evening, the radio news says some damage was done to parts of our city from the

flood waters. I wonder if Ray and Rex took their Sunday School classes out to the roller skating rink as they'd planned to do this evening? I'm glad to stay home by our nice comfy fire and enjoy the radio on a night like this. Dody played with her paper dolls and my Christmas cards. [Elvie saved all her greeting cards for children to play with and for her scrapbooks. Notice on the left the intricate cutting out of the rose bud.]



*These two photos of Janet were in Grama Elvie's scrapbook. These are the photos that Rex and Donna gave to Elvie in March of 1937.*



*This is the photo of Janet that was in Grandma Marshes' scrapbook.*

### March 16, Tuesday

Louis had an awful time starting his car this morning, about thirty minutes work. I made a tapioca pudding this morning, had to wash a few things over again. It rained so hard last night they got splashed with dirt. I do so enjoy our baby's picture, it's next best to having her here. I'm surely glad the weather stayed clear long enough for my clothes to dry. I finished the ironing just as Louis came home from work. It was raining when Dolores came home from school, but cleared up this evening. Louis cleaned the vacuum of his car this evening. I hope he'll get started okay tomorrow morning. The backfire and noise woke the neighborhood this a.m. Donna and Rex left little Janet with us tonight while they went to Inis' to practice for Relief Society program tomorrow. Happy when our baby is with us.

### March 17, Wednesday

Bill called on me this morning, he's going to fix his car today, he has a day off and the axle is broken, it broke Sunday. I let him take \$2.00 until he gets his pay Friday. I darned sox and cleaned through the house a little. Went to Relief Society party this afternoon. We had a lot of fun. I took care of Janet while Donna played and sang with Inis and Elaine. They looked real sweet in their old fashioned costumes. Sr. Treu made a mistake and had me give my toast from the stage instead of at the tables. It upset me for a time, but "Oh, well." The tables looked lovely and the ice cream and cake was delicious. Lorene was all upset over a few mistakes in the program, as she had charge of it. I thought it was okay. I went to Mutual tonight, Louis visited with the Claytons until Donna and Rex came for him to sign a note. They are borrowing a few dollars from the bank.

### March 18, Thursday

I left about 9:30 this morning for Donna's. Got there in time to give my darling baby her bath. It was a lovely spring day. Donna's washing was dry when I got there. Janet had her first street car ride. We took her over to Aunt Annie's on the street car. Annie and Violet kept her while we went uptown to buy Lillian Stead's shower gift. Donna called in the bank in Highland Park first, to leave the papers for loan. We bought a nice candlewick bedspread in white and lavender for Lillian. Donna bought a pretty little Easter bunny for Janet. We bought a bracelet for Mary from us both. Did all our shopping in the Broadway. Rode home on same car with Lewie Marsh. He gave Donna his seat. Rex and Donna ate dinner here, she helped buy it. Donna worked on a game for tomorrow night. We all went down to Clayton's to celebrate Mary's birthday. We enjoyed cake and candies. The folks were all there, some crowd and noise, ha, ha! Rex and Ernie went to basketball game.



*This is an example of candlewick bedspread.*

### March 19, Friday

Elaine asked us to make our gift look like Easter, she made a big Easter basket for the gifts. I decorated our gift box with cute little Easter symbols. I cut the characters from a very pretty picture I had. It looked real nice, I think. I went to

the library to look for a game, found one I thought would be fun, went to Kress and bought a little pink Easter bunny and some small candy eggs, also two little colored baskets. The bunny I wrapped in several papers. The folks had a lot of fun playing the package game. The basket of candy eggs was given for a prize in Donna's guessing game. We had a large crowd and lots of fun. Donna's adjective story surely went over big. Rex took us to the shower. Louis called for us. The shower for Lillian Stead was at Florence's. She got a lot of very lovely gifts.

### March 20, Saturday

Donna and I were disappointed when Lillian unwrapped the package last night from Sr. Chandler and her girls. It was a bedspread very near like the one we gave her. I brought ours home and told Lillian we'd get her something else. I'm glad now after seeing how nice the spread looks on my own bed and we really did need a new bedspread anyway. Louis and I went over to Donna's about noon, we took her and baby for a ride, called on Helen Holden to get Jane Crawley's address. Donna wanted to ask Jane about some plays. Louis bought us a ham sandwich and ice cream cones. We called on Br. Haddock. Donna talked about stake organist to him. We stopped to talk with Br. Gunn and Wallie. They were digging dirt on new lot for home. We ate dinner with Donna and Rex tonight. I bought pot roast, Donna is going to cook it tomorrow.

### March 21, Sunday

My Sunday School class is almost a wreck now that church history class has come in the same room for their activity work. They make so much noise I can hardly make myself heard. Louis and I ate dinner over to Donna and Rex's, we had a very nice pot roast dinner, and a delicious butterscotch pie. I made the Jell-O salad last night. Louis took me over to Glendale to the Sunday School union meeting, he went into the music department. We had a very fine meeting tonight. Br. Le Cheminant and Br. D.W. Cummings spoke very well, also my boy Glen gave a short talk on the Prophet Joseph Smith's vision, and he did it well, too. We went down to Marshes' after church, ate ice cream, Donna and Rex and baby went, too. Donna was set apart for the ward organist job again.

### March 22, Monday

It rained real hard last night, was damp and rained off and on most of the day. We had the heaviest hail storm I believe I've ever witnessed today about 2:30 p.m. The hail stones were like marbles. I'm sure this week will be hard on me if this rain keeps up, Dolores is on her spring vacation and she wants me to play dolls and "what have you" all day. I'm surely not in the mood to play with paper dolls now. It was different some 40 years ago, eh? Donna and Rex left our baby Janet here while they went uptown to get Rex's suit and pay a few bills this afternoon. They got the \$100.00 from the bank, I'm glad Donna can have her permanent and a few of the things they need. We had a happy time with our baby tonight. Rex and Donna ate dinner in Clifton's café and went to a show after tonight.

### March 23, Tuesday

Dolores and I left home this a.m. about eleven o'clock. We got off the street car at 4th and Broadway. I bought little Janet an Easter bonnet in the Boston Store, it is pale pink silk with white net over it. I bought some tiny blue forget-me-nots to trim in the pink bow-knots on the bonnet. I also bought a pretty blue flower for my blue dress. I bought a pretty blue and red tie for Louis to wear Easter. Dody and I had a wonderful time going in all the big stores. She had to ride the escalators in every store. We went to the very top in the May Company on 8th Street. We ate our lunch in Grants Store, bought some candied popcorn with peanuts and coconut in it. It was good. We had a big sack and we ate some on Broadway, too, oh, oh! We saw two good pictures in the Fox theater, arrived home about 6:20 this evening.

### March 24, Wednesday

Dolores went over to spend the day with her mother. I went up to Donna's to see how Janet looked in the little Easter bonnet I bought her. It looked sweet with the little blue forget-me-nots in the pink bow knots. Donna was down on the Avenue paying her gas and light bill. I wonder if she bought the baby a bonnet, too?? Laura had Janet over to her house, she was asleep, and so I ironed some of Donna's clothes until time for me to leave for Relief Society. The baby woke up just as I was leaving



Example of a poke bonnet.

so I took time off to try her bonnet on. It fits fine, I hope Donna will like it, I think she looked cute in it, it's a poke bonnet, but most of them are now. I was sorry I didn't wait to see Donna cause they didn't hold Relief Society after all my rush, too much rain for the ladies

to venture out in, I guess. We sang a few songs and dismissed. Annie and I walked home in the rain this afternoon. Violet bought Dolores some white kid pumps.

### March 25, Thursday

Dolores and I walked over to Donna's this morning. I hung Donna's washing out while she got ready to go and have her permanent wave at Pete Pool's. She went shortly after noon and didn't get home until Rex called for her after six o'clock this evening. She was tired out, but her hair looked pretty. We brought Janet home with us while Donna and Rex went to the "Rite Spot" for their dinner. Dolores made



Shirley and Bette Hoglund holding Ann Vandergrift's hands on Easter Sunday 1937.

a pink wool square on Donna's loom today. I made some knotted bows of blue ribbon for the sweet little white bonnet Donna bought Janet. Sue and Elaine gave Janet a darling little pale blue dress for Easter. Louis bought a quart of ice cream for our dinner, I bought some chicken pies.

### March 26, Friday

I had my front porch scrubbed, the window sills all washed, and the living room vacuumed and dusted before Dody got up this morning. She has been enjoying her Easter vacation. I've let her sleep until she felt like getting up. Boy! That's what she likes. I washed her hair and gave her a bath before letting her go to Lorene's this afternoon. She took her new white Easter pumps and sox, it'll be just too bad if it rains on Easter. Tonight Louis and I went to the Yosemite show house, saw "As You Like It," and "Man of Affairs," both very good pictures. We heard Al laugh, so knew he was in the theater, we saw Sue, Al, and Shirley when we came out of show.

### March 27, Saturday

Louis tacked my living room rug down, it has been rumpling a lot lately, and he cleaned the yard while I did up the house work. We visited at Annie's for a while this a.m., came back ate lunch, and then went to Donna's, she had a large rabbit to cook, Louis cut it up for her. I started to take Janet for a ride in her buggy, Louis had gone over to see if Br. Gunn was working on his lot, he wasn't, so Louis came back and took Janet and me for a ride. We went over to June's [Brown], but she was out. Called in Treu's for Sunday School song book, visited for while at Andersen's.

Took baby home, fed her vegetables and fruit. Stayed home this evening. Rex and Donna brought us some rabbit. Lillian Stead and Victor Rogers were married this evening in Bishop's home, by him. They had the wedding supper there, also.

### March 28, Sunday—Easter

Louis and I walked to Sunday School, it was a beautiful morning. Everyone looked so happy in their pretty new things. I had a new flower, and hair dress. My white shoes and coat cleaned like new, so I felt swell, too. The bride and groom looked real happy in Sunday School. I read an Easter poem before our little children sang their Easter song, and then we took our class upstairs while the program went on down in the main hall. We had 34 kiddies in our class, Sr. Bishop told them a nice Easter story, I told one about the spring, and Bobby Hays told a cute story, also. Dolores told one, too. Louis and I enjoyed the rabbit Rex and Donna brought. Inis and



Bob came to tell us that she was too ill with a sore throat to sing in the trio tonight. I took care of Janet in church. Donna and Lillian sang two songs in church tonight. Dolores and I walked home with Annie, Bill, and Glen.

### March 29, Monday

Louis started night work last night, he had to leave church before it was over, he got home at five o'clock this morning. It is just this week, I think, hope so! I'm glad Dolores is with me now, it isn't so lonesome in the evenings with her around. Rex and Donna left Janet with me tonight while they went roller skating with their P.M. club. She was so cute before she went to sleep, so full of play. Dody and I had lots of fun with the little doll. I did a big washing today, two weeks. Jack Rich and his little daughter came to our ward last night; he has separated from his wife, too bad. Rex and Donna came for the baby about 12 a.m. She woke up with that adorable smile of hers, she's a darling for sure. Donna looked real cute tonight, Rex bought her some overalls to wear, and they had a swell time.

### March 30, Tuesday

Louis got home about five o'clock this morning. I'll be glad when this night job is over, it's so hard to keep Dolores quiet in the mornings when she's getting ready for school, just can't keep her voice down. I was very tired this evening after ironing most of the day, a two weeks ironing is no fun, I don't mind the washing, though. Dody got so much candy, eggs, and bunnies, I'm having some time to limit her, she'd eat until she was sick, I'm afraid, but she's a very generous little soul and is always offering Uncle Lou and me some of her Easter goodies. I do wish Otto would find a good job, so Violet and her children could have a little home they could all be together in; it just isn't right living this way.

### March 31, Wednesday

We are enjoying lovely weather, the kind that is just right, folks are not saying, "it's too cold," or "too hot." I don't like Louis' night work, but it is rather nice to have him home to take me out in the day time. We rode over to Donna's to see if she'd like to go to Relief Society, but she was too busy ironing and getting her dinner ready for tonight. They decided to eat it at home and go to the ward after. I ate with Louis this evening and then went to the ward, he went on to work. At Relief Society today they talked me into taking part in their skit tonight, "Old King Cole." I was one of the fiddlers three. I took Louis's violin. We wore cute little caps and capes of bright red and slacks. The ward folks were asked to bring their dinner, but most of them ate at home and came to the program later.

### April 1, Thursday

It's Violet's birthday, Dolores coaxed to go over to Annie's after school so she could be with her mother. She wants to buy her something for her birthday, from her bank savings. I wish I had a lovely gift to give my sister this day, it's surely heck to be poor. I have a pay day next week, will get her something then. We went over this afternoon to wish her a "Happy Birthday." Lorene and Sue were there, they brought a pretty satin slip and two pair of hose to her. Annie and Beverly gave her a lovely satin slip, too. Beverly took her to the York show tonight; it was Beverly's day off. Louis and I went over to Donna's and played with our darling baby. She seemed so glad to see us, got all excited when we went in. I stayed and ate dinner with Donna and Rex. Louis worked on Charles's garage until time to go the hospital. Rex went to Annie's and brought Dolores over to me. We stayed at Donna's until he came home from basketball practice. Elaine, Ann, Inis, Bob and baby, and Bill Johnson came to go over their parts in the building fund play.

### April 2, Friday

It rained most of the night and some this morning. I walked to the market near here, and bought some things for our lunch. Louis got up at twelve noon. I'm glad this night work is over, for a while, anyway. I didn't do the cleaning cause I wasn't feeling very good today, and Louis had to sleep this morning, so I couldn't run the vacuum until he got up, and it's too late then. Dolores went over to Lorene's after school; Louis went down to work on Charlie's garage this afternoon. I rested and felt better this evening, wrote a letter to Hattie who is having a wonderful visit over in Honolulu. Louis ate dinner with the Claytons. We enjoyed our radio this evening, went to bed early.

### April 3, Saturday

Louis and I slept late, I got up at 8:15 and cooked breakfast he got up in time to eat it, he left about ten o'clock to go down and work on Charlie's garage. I cleaned the house up, but not very thorough as I wasn't feeling very well. Glen came over to see Uncle Louis, something gone wrong with their car again; his dad wanted Louis to help him out of the difficulty. I sent Glen down to Charlie's, Louis went over and helped Bill, and then went back to Charlie's. I walked to the food market here on the Avenue and bought things for our dinner tomorrow and this evening. We rode over to Donna's; she and Rex were just coming to see if we'd take care of the baby while they went to Elaine and Ernie's for the evening. We brought Janet home with us. Called in Annie's for a while.



Violet Fife, Elaine Vandergrift  
with Dolores Fife in front.

### April 4, Sunday

I went to the nine o'clock meeting this morning. We had a very fine talk given by Br. D. W. Cummings. I was glad when Sunday School was over today, we had a large class and fast day is always too long to keep the children seated and quiet. We colored pictures the last period. Louis and I ate alone. We took Donna, Rex, and Janet for a nice long ride out to the beach. The baby was so cute, and good, too. We got back just in time for the folks to rush to church. Donna had to play for Blanche Farmer to sing. I gave Janet her supper and put her to bed, she was surely tired. I enjoyed radio until the folks came from church. Louis brought Dolores home from Lorene's after church.

### April 5, Monday

I washed out a few things by hand this morning. Donna sent Laura for my green glasses. It has been a wonderful spring day. Dolores went to the playgrounds after school. I wish Otto would come here and make a home for his wife and children, it's a shame the way they have to live. Too bad for many reasons. Louis bought Donna three dozen doughnuts for her on his way home from work, he got them at the Five Points Bakery, we took them up to her while Dolores played in the playground. Donna and Rex are entertaining their P.M. club tonight. They are serving apple cider and doughnuts. Oh, our baby is such a darling, she seems so glad to see us when we go there now.

### April 6, Tuesday

This is my easy week no ironing. I'll have a big one next week, cause I only wash every other week, and Louis will have about nine shirts. I darned sox this a.m. and wrote a letter to Mother.

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### Let Us Oft Speak Kind Words

*Earnestly* ♩ = 63-80

*Duet*

1. Let us oft speak kind words to each oth-er At home or wher-  
 2. Like the sun-beams of morn on the moun-tains, The soul they a-

e'er we may be; Like the war-blings of birds on the heath-er,  
 wake to good cheer; Like the mur-mur of cool, pleas-ant foun-tains,

The tones will be wel-come and free. They'll glad-den the  
 They fall in sweet ca-denc-es near. Let's oft, then, in

heart that's re-pin-ing, Give cour-age and hope from a-bove,  
 kind-ly toned voic-es, Our mu-tu-al friend-ship re-new,

And where the dark clouds hide the shin-ing, Let in the bright  
 Till heart meets with heart and re-joic-es In friend-ship that

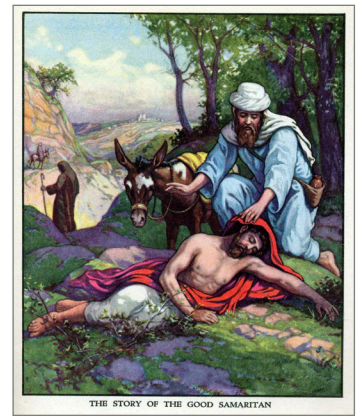
sun-light of love. *Harmony*  
 ev-er is true. Oh, the kind words we give shall in

mem-o-ry live And sun-shine for-ev-er im-part. Let us oft speak kind

words to each oth-er; Kind words are sweet tones of the heart.

*Sounds like Lou didn't remember the words  
 of this song when he talked to Violet.*

We rode over to pay our gas bill in Glendale, but the office had closed. We were just one minute too late. I stopped to look for Dolores in the playgrounds, but couldn't find her, so we went on. My husband was mad, as usual, but can't blame him, it's a long way to go and be disappointed. Dolores and I ate alone. Louis wasn't hungry tonight. Donna gave him some apple cider and butterscotch pie. I ate a little, but didn't spoil my dinner. Louis went over to talk to Violet about Dody, so sorry.



### April 7, Wednesday

I went to block teachers meeting at 12:30 today, Lorene gave a very interesting lesson, as usual. Our topic was the parable of "The Good Samaritan." I went to the bank to pay on our stove and icebox, and on the loan. We had a very fine Relief Society meeting, too. Sr. Woods is always a splendid teacher. Br. Woods and Br. Imsen attended, also. They both bore their testimonies. I bore mine, too. Annie told me after meeting how badly Violet felt at what Louis told her last night, it made me almost ill. I'm so sorry. Oh, how I would have spared Violet that hurt, but it just wasn't my will, but his, my husbands. I was on the program in Mutual. It was hobby night, I read "Silver Wedding Poem," Glen showed his art drawings. Gleaners sold pie after Mutual. We saw our ward folks in moving pictures tonight in Mutual.

### April 8, Thursday

The lesson in Br. Bailey's class last night was on poetry, so he asked me to attend. I did and enjoyed it very much. I went uptown this morning about nine o'clock; I bought two nice big sheets to give Lillian Rogers in exchange for the bedspread we bought her. I bought a nice bathroom rug to give Lillian Peterson at her shower tomorrow night, Donna paid half on the rug, and we are both giving it. I bought two kitchen aprons, one for Violet and the other for Lorene, for their birthdays this month. Donna left little Janet with me this evening while she and Laura went to the Gleaner Club at Inis's. I took her up on the Avenue for a walk. I did the walking. Dolores and I stayed with the baby tonight at Donna's, while they went to stake choir practice. My heart feels heavy; I do wish Otto had a good job here.

### April 9, Friday

I cleaned through my house, didn't feel very well, my head ached and I'm depressed of late, over conditions I can't seem to help any, but then I do have such a lot to be happy over, too, so mustn't complain. Donna had to go to the library this afternoon, so she called in our house after and asked Daddy to take her to the market and home. I rode over with him to take her, we stopped and played with our darling little Janet before coming back home. Louis took me to the shower tonight at Snow's home, on Lillian Peterson, the Gleaner girls gave it. Donna had a play practice, so she couldn't go to the shower. We had a nice time. Beverly brought me home Louis spent the evening talking cars to Bob Stanton.

### April 10, Saturday

Louis and I rode over to Glendale to pay the gas bill. We looked at used cars over there. He took me for a ride in a Dodge and a Plymouth. We called to see our children on way home. Donna was just starting to make a chocolate cake. This afternoon after dinner Louis and I rode out to where Bob Stanton works to look at the Plymouth car he told Louis about last night. We went to Kelley Kar Company from there and looked in several other lots also. This evening we went to the Franklin show, saw "Stolen Holiday," and another good picture.



### April 11, Sunday

I walked to Sunday School. Bill and Beverly picked me up two blocks from church. I had 18 children in my class. I'm so sorry we have so much noise now the church history class is in the same room with us, but it's just one of those things we can't do anything about. We surely do need a new meeting house. Marshes invited us to go with them to see the wild flowers after Sunday School. They had their lunch all packed and ready with the truck. Louis and I went; Donna and Rex went, also. The baby looked so cute in Ann's little pajamas

that Elaine gave Donna for her. Lewie and Miriam took Uncle Jim and Em. We had a lovely ride and lunch. Flowers were grand. Sorry we didn't get back in time for church. We ate supper at Marshes' before coming home. Dolores and Violet and Yvonne ate turkey dinner at Sue's today.

### April 12, Monday

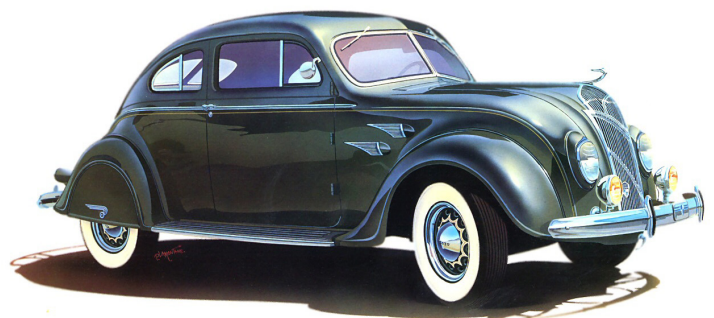
I was hurrying through my washing so I'd be ready to go teaching with Sr. Thomas when she came to tell me she couldn't go today. I was glad cause our old water heater had gone on the blink and I had to stop and go tell Mrs. Allen. She sent the plumber over and he fixed it. I hope it'll be okay now. Dolores went to Roy Valentine's birthday party after school today, she got home about 6:20, and wasn't very hungry for her dinner. Too much ice cream, cake, and etcetera.

### April 13, Tuesday

I didn't get my ironing finished until a few minutes before Louis got home this afternoon. I had a big one because it was a two weeks ironing. Dolores was disappointed because I wouldn't let her go horseback riding with Eleanor Allen this afternoon in the Victory Park near here. We all rode over to see Donna, Rex, and baby Janet this evening. Then we went down to Bishop's to pay him \$5.00. They were having a meeting. Dolores and I stayed in the kitchen until the meeting was over. Sue and the children were with us. Br. Haddock was the speaker, he told us a good joke after, ha, ha! Shirley was making an apron tonight.

### April 14, Wednesday

Our weather has changed to very warm today. I was too warm while quilting at Relief Society this afternoon. We had a very nice luncheon, about thirty ladies out to the luncheon. Glen called at the hall for Annie. We all three walked home together. This evening Rex, Donna, and Janet came over on the street car. They took our Ford, left our baby here, and went to "The Rite Spot," for their dinner tonight. We kept Janet here until after the dance, put her to bed in our bed. We surely do love and enjoy our darling baby. Bob Stanton brought a De Soto car over for Louis to look at; he and Inis took us for a nice long ride. We called at Annie's for Dody, took her along, too. Louis treated to ice cream cones. Our baby was just grand while we had her out riding.



A 1936 De Soto, perhaps like the car Bob and Inis Stanton brought over for the Renshaw's to go riding in.

### April 15, Thursday

I spent most of the day mending and darning. This evening Louis and Donna went to the stake choir practice. I stayed up to Donna's with my baby, Dolores stayed with her Mother at Annie's. Rex and Ernie went to practice basketball. Janet is growing so fast and learning new things every day. She's such a pretty little doll, I think, but then Grama would! I was sorry to hear that Miriam's little baby has the whooping cough, and little Ann the chicken pox, too bad. Doctor Watkins, our Sunday School superintendent, is having a serious time with infection in his leg. I feel sorry about that, also. There's so much suffering in our midst.

### April 16, Friday

I cleaned through the house after I'd shampooed my hair and put it up in curls. I also shampooed Dolores hair after school, and then she left for Aunt Lorene's after it was dry. Mary called for Dody just after she'd left here. Our teachers came this evening. We always enjoy their visit. Br. Gunn was tired out, he's been working so hard on his new home, putting in the foundation, and he's on his vacation now, working twice as hard. We took a ride to Lorene's tonight, a man was run over just as we got out on the Boulevard it made me feel ill, he was knocked down by a little car, and then run over by a big car. Louis helped lift the big car off him.

### April 17, Saturday

My husband and I went car hunting again today. We rode in a good looking Chevrolet over to Glendale while I bought some garments for Annie, Violet, and me. I liked the Chevrolet best of any we'd tired, but Louis was Plymouth minded. We had to stop looking to take Donna up to practice with Josephine Howells at 2 p.m. We brought the baby here while we ate lunch, called for Donna at 3:15 and took her car hunting. We were on our way to downtown L.A., and passing a used car lot I suggested he stop and look, which resulted in him finding a Plymouth he thought he wanted,



Restored 1935 Plymouth.

so we took a ride and bought it, left the dear old Ford on the lot. We got it for our car and \$187.25. We ate dinner with Rex and Donna tonight. Marshes called while we were eating. We took a nice ride in the Plymouth. Rex drove it up the Mt. Wilson road.

### April 18, Sunday

Louis and I both felt a little heartsick this morning when he couldn't start the Plymouth, but he got it going and after talking to Rex discovered he was using the gas button, instead of the choker. We took Sr. Howells, Br. and Sr. Stead and Harold, and Donna to the morning session of conference; it was a very fine meeting, a Sunday School convention, also Primary. Louis and I took Donna to dinner at to the stake house, the Relief Society sisters prepared the dinner, it was very good. Donna and Louis went home after to get

Rex and baby, but he wouldn't come. I stayed to the special Sunday School meeting from 1 to 2 p.m. Donna played for Josephine Howells to sing in the afternoon session. It was a wonderful meeting, too. We took Donna and the Marshes home, also Josephine. We took the Marshes for a nice ride this evening. They treated us to sandwiches and ice cream in Tommy's, met the boss.

### April 19, Monday

We had a nice time yesterday, the big boss at Tommy's was very nice to us; he let us go through the café, kitchen and basement. It's so nice and clean there, such good food, too. It's a beautiful spring, we're having. I walked to the bank and drew out our savings account, all but \$1.00, to pay for our new car. When Louis came home from work we took the Plymouth back to Basso's, so they could clean it up, and fix a few little jobs on it. Louis paid \$187.25 cash, we saw our old blue Ford in the lot, it gave us a blue feeling to leave the "old faithful" there. Basso let us use one of their cars for two days while they are fixing ours. It is an old Victoria coupe and "some" car.

### April 20, Tuesday

I felt rather punk today as I didn't rest very well last night. Had an attack of asthma, the first I've had for 6 months or more. Donna and Laura took their babies to the clinic, and then they called here after and left Janet with me while they went shopping. I fixed a lunch for them, Laura had her hair cut short, windblown, she looked cute. This afternoon Florence took Donna and Laura to the hospital to see Marie Kendrick and her new baby boy. I had my baby again and we had a lot of fun. This evening Dolores and I walked to the library, she got a book on her new card. Louis helped Rex take his car down. They took the rear end down. John and Florence came up to Rex's, he is going to see about having a man fix the parts together.

### April 21, Wednesday

Donna brought Janet to Relief Society this afternoon, she had to take her out before it was over, but she stayed in the big hall and waited for me. The baby was good, but too lively. Louis and I went down to Basso's for our Plymouth after work this evening. They have cleaned it up nice. We got a tank of gas at Ernie's station, called in Marshes', they were just going up to Rex's to tell Rex that John had arranged to have his car fixed. Florence rode up with Louis and I. John, Rex, and Louis took the parts down to the shop to be fixed, it was after 7 p.m. before we got our dinner tonight. We called at Annie's for Dolores about 9:15. Received a nice letter from mother. Lillian and family have moved. Dr. Watkins had his leg operated on, I do hope he'll get along okay. We prayed for him in meeting today.

### April 22, Thursday

Sr. Thomas came about 1:30 this afternoon; we found a lot of our folks out, so we got through teaching a little earlier than usual. I guess they'd gone shopping, as its sale day uptown. I was sorry to learn that Sr. Safell was ill in the hospital; they say she lost her mind and they took her to the psychopathic ward in the hospital. I was really not very

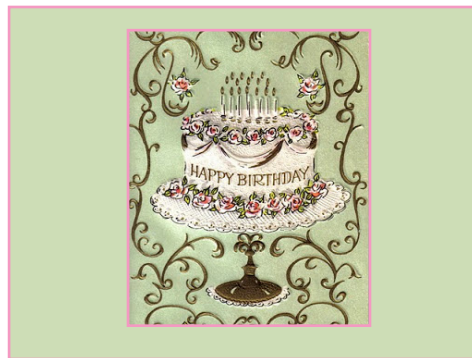
surprised after our talk with her last month. [Last month Elvie said "she looks like she'd just stepped out of one of Dickens' books."] Louis and I called at Annie's for Dolores, and then we rode over to Donna's and played with the baby. Louis tried to fix a starter on Donna's stove, but it wouldn't fit. Dolores and I stayed home tonight. Louis went up to help Rex put his car together. Lewie helped, too. Dolores has a head cold; I doctored her up before she went to bed. Sorry Kelsie's are going to move.

### April 23, Friday

I washed the sheet blankets from Dolores' bed, also a few underclothes and sox this morning. Did the cleaning through the house, too. Dolores had a cold this morning in her head, I was going to keep her home from school, but she wanted to go and said she felt fine, so I let her go, but I've wondered about her all day as she went to Lorene's from school. Mrs. Kelsie said her house is rented already and she doesn't move out until Sunday. I hate to lose such good neighbors. Louis raked the leaves from our front lawns after work. We sure have a lot of them lately. I'll be glad when all the old ones fall, the new ones are so pretty and shiny green. Elaine and Donna called in tonight for a few minutes, they were on their way to Florence's for a play practice. Rex stayed out in the car.

### April 24, Saturday

Saturday is my favorite day, we can sleep late, if we like, and no lunches, or kids to worry over, yes, I like my Saturdays best, cause I can see my Donna and our darling baby, also. Louis and I called to see June, but she was in Primary. Harold was home. Louis wanted to find Mildred Anderson's address, so we went down to Primary. June came out to the car to talk to me. Mildred has moved out of our ward, so she won't sing in church next Sunday as planned. Donna fixed a nice lunch for us; we took care of Janet while Donna had her hair waved. I stayed in the car with the baby at the station while Louis delivered a car for Ernie. We took a ride then called back to the station for Donna. Florence had her hair waved, too. We kept the baby tonight while Donna and Rex went with the P.M. club to a dinner and dance out in the mountains somewhere. We took Beverly for a long ride, she drove our car most of the way.



Lorene Bailey Clayton

### April 25, Sunday— Dolores' Birthday

Little Janet was good last night, we enjoyed her so much. We went twice to take Violet for a ride yesterday, ended up taking Beverly last night. Violet was out. Sr. Bishop couldn't come this a.m. but she asked Lucille Evans to help me with the class. We had a very nice class. We were in the kitchen, the church history class had the big room. Hoglunds, Claytons, Andersens and Fifes ate dinner in Victory Park to celebrate Dolores' and Lorene's birthdays. It is Ernie Vandergrift's birthday, also. They went to his mother's. Louis didn't want to eat in the Park, so we ate here; I walked over after dinner and visited with folks. Louis worked all day, made a nursery chair for Janet. We rode to Marshes', brought them up to church. Sr. Marsh, Ruthie, and me went to Gen. meeting. Ate sandwich and ice cream at Marshes'. Kelsie family moved today.

### April 26, Monday

I had a big washing, two weeks. It was a lovely day, enough wind to make the clothes so nice and soft. Little Janet went to sleep before church was out last night. She was so tired we couldn't wake her up after church, bless her heart. Tonight Dolores and I walked over to Aunt Lorene's to wish her a "Happy Birthday." We took a kitchen apron and hankie to her. Dolores took me the "shortcut" way she goes, ha, ha. Over the hill and through the weeds. It started to rain while we were there, so we waited until Uncle Bill and Br. Farnsworth came from the Bishop's. Lorene treated us to birthday cake, candy, and punch. Violet got two letters from Otto. He wants them to come to him in Vegas. She insisted on me having \$5.00 of the money she got from Otto.

### April 27, Tuesday

Two weeks washing is fun, with my washer, but oh, boy, the ironing isn't so much fun. I was tired after ironing most of the day. I don't like to iron shirts, and Louis had nine in the laundry this time. I also had my white suit and several dresses from Dolores. Rex brought Donna and Janet over tonight while he went to the teachers report meeting at the Bishop's. Goodness, but our baby is growing and learning fast, she's so darn cute, too. Otto might come for Violet and kiddies this week.

### April 28, Wednesday

I walked to Relief Society and enjoyed Sr. Wanker's lesson. It has been cold all day, so different from our wonderful weather of last week. Louis took me to Mutual tonight; we heard a lecture and demonstration on electricity. Louis didn't stay, he went up to Donna's, but they had left to bring the baby up here. I didn't stay in Mutual for class work. Rex brought me and the baby up here, he and Donna had a play practice after Mutual. I'll be glad when this darn play is over. My children are just worn out through these late rehearsals. I heard that Ruth and Clarence [*Cartwright*] had moved out to Whittier. He has gone into business there (Mortuary business).

### April 29, Thursday

I composed the words to a song, for the Gleaner girls to sing at their stake banquet next month. They want to elect Lucille Snow to the office of stake Gleaner President. I hope they'll like the song; it took most of my day, anyway. It is to be sung to the tune of "In My Merry Oldsmobile." Gwen gave me a copy of the song last Wednesday night in Mutual. Dolores went to Lorene's after school; Lorene invited Violet and kiddies to dinner. Violet and Yvonne spent the day there. Louis and I rode over to Donna's. John Marsh came while we were there. Florence was over to Chandler's, Miriam's baby is very ill with whooping cough. Donna and I took Janet to open house at Luther Burbank School. Louis waited outside for us. We saw most of our folks at school. Elaine, Ann, Sue, Bette, Shirley, Lorene, Ray, Mary, Dolores, Violet, and also the Steads. Donna's teachers seemed real pleased to see her and the baby.



### April 30, Friday

The roses are beautiful in our yard. We have some lovely big pink ones climbing up in front of our front porch. I gave Dolores a nice bouquet to take to her teacher; they are having open house in Garvanza school tonight, and asked the children to bring flowers. I have a fresh bouquet in my living room, they scent the room up so nice. Oh, it's good to be alive on such a lovely spring day, feel like writing a poem, but too much work to do. I did the cleaning today; Dolores went to Lorene's for the weekend as usual. This evening Louis and I rode over to Donna's. Rex brought home four

little chickens. Louis killed them and they dressed them ready for frying. Louis and I stayed up to Donna's while they went to play practice. Rex's car broke down while they were taking Elaine home tonight. Uncle Al got out of bed and brought Rex and Donna home about 12 a.m. Left car on North Figueroa Street. I had asthma tonight!

### May 1, Saturday

Louis took Br. Herbert over with him to see what was wrong with Rex's car, the key had been lost and the wheel came off. Louis bought a new key and they had it all fixed in an hour's time, just cost \$1.00 for Br. Herbert's work, we were surely glad. Rex had the key to car at work with him, so they left the car on the street where he left it last night. We took Laura and her kiddies and Donna and baby for a ride up Big Tujunga canyon. The stream was so deep we got stalled in the water three times, a truck pushed us out once, it was almost like a river. Louis and I ate dinner at Donna's. Rex was pleased to find his car was okay. I made a Jell-O salad tonight. Donna, Rex, and baby rode down to Marshes'. We called at Helen Holden's today; Donna wanted to get some programs to look at to see how to print their programs for play.



*Lower end of Tujunga Creek*

### May 2, Sunday

Our new neighbors moved in today, mother, daughter, and granddaughter, I hear. I went to the nine o'clock ward workers meeting this a.m. Br. Gunn gave a splendid talk. I'm not very pleased with the new arrangement in Sunday School, they kept us 45 minutes with the kindergarten class. That's awful, we teachers don't like it, the children in our

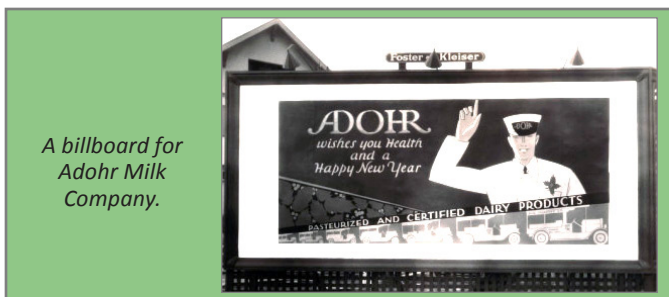
class feel too big to stay in with the kindergarten kiddies, and they are. Donna had dinner all ready. The four little chickens were cooked just grand. I took Jell-O salad and ice cream over. Louis polished his car after dinner. Rex helped him. Donna and Rex went to a play rehearsal this afternoon. We took Janet over to Annie's. Mary Clayton played her violin tonight in church. The Beehive girls gave the program in church. Louis and Rex didn't want to go, so we went with them for a long ride. I really felt bad about missing church, wish Louis loved to go like I do.

### May 3, Monday

I'm still feeling bad cause I had to miss church last night. I did so want to hear the Beehive girls give their program, and Mary play her violin. I washed a few things out by hand. Rex and Donna brought Janet over this afternoon, it was his afternoon off. Donna and Janet stayed here while Rex went along the Avenue trying to get advertisements for their play programs. We all ate dinner here; Rex went out again after dinner, with Rulon Scott for ads. Louis went over to Allen's to figure on a carpenter job he wants done to his house. We took Donna and baby home about 6:30, our darling was hungry and her food was up home. I doctored Dolores for her cough tonight. I was light headed all evening. Blood pressure very high, I guess, really scared me once.

### May 4, Tuesday

I raked and burned the leaves in front yard this morning, and then watered lawn and flowers. I dampened clothes and ironed this afternoon. My blood pressure must be high; it was awful when I went to bed last night. I thought I'd pass out for a few minutes, but I'm still here you see, and glad to be feeling better. Dolores went to a baseball game tonight with our little neighbor girl, Barbara. Her father was one of the players for the Adohr Milk Company. Donna and Rex left the baby with us tonight while they went to play practice out to George Holden's. They took our car and some of the cast, Elaine and I don't know who the others were. Janet went to bed with us; they came for her about 12 a.m.



A billboard for Adohr Milk Company.



The Guernsey is a breed of cattle used in dairy farming. It is fawn in color with white markings, and is particularly renowned for the rich flavor of its milk, as well as its hardiness and docile disposition.

### May 5, Wednesday

I'll surely be glad when this play is over with; my children are just worn out with so many nights out late practicing. Lorene gave a splendid lesson in the teachers meeting. Sr. Woods was ill, so Sister Robinson gave the lesson in Relief Society. Donna brought Janet to Relief Society; I took care of her while Donna tried to get advertisements for their play programs. She got \$9.00 worth, I think. I had to take the baby out of meeting the last half, she got too noisy. We all walked over to see Marie Kendrick's new baby boy after meeting; Sue, Lorene, Annie, Donna, Janet, and me. Elaine and Ann were there, so there was a family party. The baby is sweet; Marie looks fine, but feels badly. Her father [Floyd Francis Olson] was killed by an auto, they had his funeral yesterday. Ruth and Clarence brought Aunt Ida [Eliza Davies Strong] in to see us tonight. Wayne [Strong] stopped at Mutual with Rex and Donna; they took him out to Whittier after play practice tonight.

### May 6, Thursday

I walked to the post office to mail a Mother's Day card and \$1.00 to Mother Renshaw. Bought things for dinner on way back. Laura and Donna brought my baby Janet, here on their way to the Gleaner club. We had a lot of fun. She's so darn sweet; she had a nice nap this afternoon. Dolores went to play with her little friend, Loraine, after school. I'm so happy for Violet and Otto, I know they are anxious to be together with their little family again. We will miss Violet and the kiddies though. Violet got news from Otto yesterday. He has a job, State Highway patrolman. They are going to live in St. George, Utah. He's sending for them soon. I'm so glad he has work. Donna and Rex are busy with play rehearsals every night.

### Adohr Milk Farm

"The corner of Ventura Boulevard and Lindley Avenue in Tarzana was once the Adohr Milk Farm. However, the land was part of a cattle ranch empire owned by a Southern California family who later established the city of Malibu.

In 1892, Frederick Hastings Rindge bought the original Spanish land grants that made up Rancho Malibu Topanga Sequit. Rindge's land purchases spanned more than 17,000 acres along the coast toward Ventura County and several miles inland over the Santa Monica Mountains into the San Fernando Valley.

At the time of Rindge's death in 1905, the ranch lands were divided between his three children. In 1915, Rindge's only daughter, Rhoda, married Merritt H. Adamson Sr., who was originally the ranch's foreman.

A year later, the Adamsons established a dairy farm on the north slopes of the Santa Monica Mountains. To honor Rhoda, Adamson named the farm "Adohr"—his wife's name spelled backward. Adohr Farms became famous for having one of the largest herds of Guernsey cattle in the world.

During the Depression, the Adamsons were forced to sell most of their land to pay creditors. However, the milk farm kept the family solvent.

The Adohr dairy moved to Camarillo in 1947. Adamson's son, Merritt Jr., eventually sold the dairy operation to the Southland Corp. in 1966."

<http://articles.latimes.com/1998/mar/01/local/me-24380>

### May 7, Friday

I did the cleaning as usual today. Tonight we took Annie and Violet to Compton to the Strong's Genealogy meeting. Sue and Al took Lorene. The meeting was held in Nora's [Nora Strong McKay] new home; she has a darling little home, brand new. Ruth and Clarence brought Aunt Ida and Wayne. Hattie came with Blanche, she just arrived here from Honolulu yesterday. She gave a very interesting talk about her visit in the Islands. Wayne gave a fine talk, also. He told of Genealogical work being done by the saints in Africa. We enjoyed the social after meeting. Played "Cootie" and ate a delicious whipped cream strawberry pie, chocolate to drink. Donna and Rex had a play rehearsal, so couldn't go with us.

### May 8, Saturday

Louis went to buy lumber for the scenery he is going to make for the "Married Gleaners" play, "So This is London." I walked to the post office to pay insurance, also paid bills at bank and light bill. Went to Lorene's to give Dody a card and hankie for her mother tomorrow. The sun was hot and so was I by the time I'd walked up Donna's hill. Louis worked on the scenery all day in Rex's garage. I took care of Janet while Donna went for a finger wave at Kelly's. Tonight Louis took Donna, Sue, Annie, Beverly, and me to the Pasadena Stake Gleaner election banquet. He went to a show and called for us after. Violet and Yvonne stayed with Janet. Rex and Wayne went to a show. The banquet was lovely, tables looked beautiful. Lucille Snow was elected Vice President.

### May 9, Sunday— Mother's Day

I enjoyed the lovely program in Sunday School today. The children from the church history gave it. Sr. Cheney had charge. The Sunday School gave each mother a pretty little corsage of sweet peas, it was all very nice. Donna, Rex, and Wayne went to dinner at Marshes'. Louis and I had a nice dinner in the Highland Park restaurant. We went for a short ride and came home



Nora and Bert McKay



Hattie Strong, Annie & Elvie Bailey  
circa 1909 in Salt Lake City.



Clara Bishop Strong and her daughters.  
In the back—Virginia, Clara and Loretta. In the front—Harriett, Blanche  
and Lapriel. Harriett was known as Hattie. Sisters, Hattie and Blanche,  
came to the Strong's meeting in May 1937.  
Hattie was visiting from Salt Lake.

to enjoy our radio and paper. Louis had his usual nap. Donna and Rex gave me a lovely Mother's Day card and a white purse. I took care of my darling baby in church tonight. We brought her home after. They had to rehearse for play. Eliza Wisel's little baby boy died this a.m. at two o'clock. I'm so sorry for her. [John Howard Wisel was 22 months old.]

### May 10, Monday

We saw very little of the sun today, but there was a breeze, so the clothes dried early anyway. Louis went to Donna's after work. He is making the scenery for their play in Rex's garage. Dolores and I ate dinner alone. Louis ate with Donna and Rex. Wayne stayed at Rex's last night. Al took him to work this morning with him, to see if he can get him on at Patten and Blin Lumber Company. Wayne is anxious to find work.

### May 11, Tuesday

I left home at 8:50 this morning, met the Relief Society ladies at the Ebell Hall, several ladies had their cars, we rode, six in a car, to the National Biscuit Company, where we all went through, almost fifty of us. Br. Stead was the only man. It was very interesting, we had a lot of fun, and they were very generous with samples and gave each of us a package of assorted cookies. Br. Nordstrom works there, we saw him. We went to a lovely park not far from there, ate lunch in a little lunch room and waited until time to go through the White King Soap Company at one p.m. It was also interesting and we received soap bars and powder. We each gave 50¢ to the building fund, 25¢ a company. Louis went to Donna's again after work to finish the scenery for their play. Donna and Inis sang at Eliza Wisel's baby's funeral this afternoon.

### May 12, Wednesday

It was a lovely sunny morning; we've had a lot of fog lately. I went to bed with an awful sick headache last night. I guess my day out yesterday with the Relief Society ladies was too much. I finished my ironing, but just couldn't make it to Relief



Society in the hot sun. Am sorry, too, cause I like to help out with the luncheon and quilting on work day. This evening Louis and I rode over to Donna's; he stayed to help Rex finish the scenery. Donna took me to Mutual in their car; she had to play for Roy Nelson to sing. They had a nice program, honor night. Gave little books to past presidents, Sr. Marsh and Paul Bailey. Glen was in a cute radio skit. Louis stayed at the hall until midnight helping to fix the stage and scenery and furniture. Al took me to Annie's for Dolores.

### May 13, Thursday

I walked to Kress Store for bobby pins and hair pins to dress Donna's hair for the play. It was surely hot in the sun. I was all in when I got over to Donna's. My baby looked so darn sweet in her little sun suit. It wouldn't surprise me if her hair turns curly, it looked like it was going to today when it was damp, she woke from her nap. Laura took Donna over to Marie's this afternoon. Donna stayed with Marie's baby while she went out to get things for their play. I stayed with Janet. Laura went to help her mother wrap the candy bars they're going to sell tomorrow night. Louis helped with scenery at the dress rehearsal tonight.

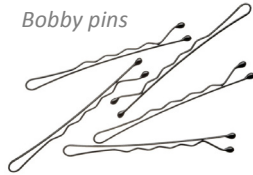
### May 14, Friday

"So This Is London," the play our Married Gleaners and husbands put on for the church building fund. I had a poor nights rest on account of asthma, it always bothers me more this month, I wonder what blooms in May that bothers me??? I wanted to go over and help Donna today, I knew she'd be busy, and tired out, too. But I knew I'd never be able to climb her hill with the asthma like it has been all day. I'm so sorry, I had a time trying to do my own work today. Louis and I ate dinner early this evening, and then we went over to Donna's. I dressed Donna's hair and helped her all I could. Got Janet ready for bed. I took her over to Laura's. Sr. Putnam [Laura's mother] took care of the children. They were all asleep. Laura and I went down to see the play. There was a large crowd. They all took their parts fine. It was grand.

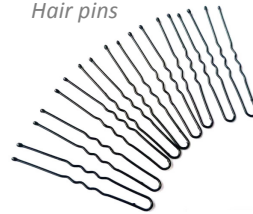
### May 15, Saturday

We are all thrilled over how fine the play turned out, everything was just swell. They all looked so beautiful in

Bobby pins



Hair pins



#### \*Silver Seal History

Guardian Service Cookware was manufactured by the Century Metalcraft Corporation of Los Angeles, California. The Pampered Chef of its day, Guardian Service was sold by independent salespeople from the 1930s until 1956, when the plant that manufactured the cookware burned down. Marketed as both cooking and serving pieces, Guardian Service Cookware was considered a high-end cookware for the day, and was sold using demonstrations of cooking methods for the cookware and cookbooks with suggested recipes.

The Guardian Service Cookware Corner website estimates that an entire set of Guardian Service would cost around \$2,500 today.

#### Features

The selling point for Guardian Service Cookware was the "waterless" method by which it cooked food, using unique domed lids to condense moisture, which would then seep back into the food.

The heavy aluminum construction of Guardian Service items meant that food heated uniformly and, therefore, cooked more quickly and thoroughly.

[http://www.ehow.com/about\\_6533139\\_safety-vintage-guardian-service-cookware.html#ixzz2vl7nsN9l](http://www.ehow.com/about_6533139_safety-vintage-guardian-service-cookware.html#ixzz2vl7nsN9l)

the last scene when they wore formals. Louis went to Ebell Hall to help take the scenery down this morning. We rode to Glendale to pay our gas bill, and then bought things for lunch and went over to Donna's to eat it. Rex gave us two of the little chickens he brought home last evening. I made some dressing and prepared the chickens for the oven. I'll bake them before going to Sunday School tomorrow. Before going to Donna's to eat we called in Basso's to have a little adjustment made on our Plymouth. They gave Louis a filling of oil. I got so tired and hot waiting, I started to come home on street car, but Louis came in time.

### May 16, Sunday

Louis went to Sunday School with me this morning. I roasted the two chickens before going to Sunday School. Br. Bishop and I held our classes in the kitchen today, we were crowded, but the kiddies were very good and we enjoyed being able to hear without other classes bothering us. Sr. Kelson helped for the first time. I'm glad to have her help out, too. Wayne came to Sunday School and went to dinner with Rex. He stayed with them all night. We are not going to meet with the kindergarten children, only on fast day, we like that much better. I guess they do too. I would like to have gone to Dixie White's testimonial in Mar Vista Ward tonight, but Louis had his music to take care of in our ward. Donna played for Roy Nelson to sing. Wayne and Rex went to Wilshire. Al spoke at Dixie's farewell tonight. Sue, Annie, and Beverly went, also.

### May 17, Monday

I went to Annie's to make arrangements for the Relief Society breakfast in Ferndale tomorrow morning. We had a good laugh at Annie's. Violet chased a little puppy all over the street trying to get her buggy pillow back, ha, ha! I walked to Donna's, ate lunch with Donna, Rex, and Wayne, they went uptown after. I stayed with my darling babe. Donna was called to jury duty, but she was able to get excused from it because of her baby. Louis called for me this evening. We brought Janet home with us, called in Annie's for Dolores, but she was eating, so they brought her over later. Rex, Wayne, and Donna went to a show this afternoon, came for baby about eight o'clock. Dody gave me a scare by visiting in our neighborhood tonight where some Mexican kids lived, I couldn't find her.

### May 18, Tuesday

Audrey Tacy called for me about 8:40 this morning. She had Annie, Violet, and their kiddies in her car. We picked up Audrey's cousin, Phyllis, up at the church, and then went to Ferndale and cooked our breakfast. It surely tasted good out there in the park. We had a large crowd of ladies out and had lots of fun. We got home about noon. Violet walked over for Dolores this evening. Louis and I went to a \*Silver Seal dinner at Laura Johnson's. We enjoyed the dinner, but had to wait until almost eight o'clock for it, all of the guests were late to start with. We called at Annie's for Dody,

but they had her out riding. The folks thought we'd call for Dody, so they didn't bring her. Louis went to bed, so I had to wait until Ernie and Elaine brought Donna and Rex for baby, they took me for Dolores at 12 a.m.

### May 19, Wednesday

Sr. Worsley gave a very splendid lesson on Julia Ward Howe in Relief Society. The Mutual officers were decorating the hall for their closing dance tonight. It was a little disturbing to our class, the ladders and paper made a noise. John Treu called for his mother and drove Annie and me home, also. Dolores had a Primary rehearsal after school at the Ebell Hall; she stayed at Lorene's all night. Louis and I went to the dance tonight. We had a nice time, the music was very good, a W.P.A. orchestra. Lorene brought Dody up for a while, they walked up with Mary, and we took Mary home. Violet and Annie came with Beverly. Nice time was enjoyed by all. The young folks all looked so lovely tonite. Silver Seal man came this a.m., but I did not order. Donna and Rex left baby Janet with Laura tonight.



*Julia Ward Howe*

Julia Ward Howe (May 27, 1819 – October 17, 1910) was a prominent American abolitionist, social activist, poet, and the author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

#### Works Progress Administration

or W.P.A. was created to "employ professional musicians registered on the relief rolls...as instrumentalists, singers, concert performers, and music teachers." WPA "musical units" performed symphony orchestras, small orchestral ensembles, string quartets, chamber music, grand opera, light opera, vocal ensembles, vocal solos, dance orchestras, and theater orchestras. Venues included festivals, community centers, theatres, and military installations

### May 20, Thursday

I washed a few of my silk things and some of Dolores' clothes this morning. I enjoyed sleeping late, Dody woke me at 8:15, Lorene had put her lunch up, so I enjoyed that, also. Good ole Lorene, bless her heart. This afternoon I made pictures for my Sunday School kiddies to color next fast day. I would like to have bought some Silver Seal pots yesterday, but just can't see where the \$40.00 would come from to pay for the ones I'd like and need. Donna and Rex ordered \$20.00 worth and they're going to let him give a Silver Seal dinner in their home next Tuesday evening.

### May 21, Friday

I did the cleaning this morning. Sr. Thomas and I went block teaching this afternoon. I went without a coat because it was nice and warm, but before we got through it was damp and cold, felt almost like it would snow. I like Isabell Thomas, she's lots of fun. Dolores went to Lorene's after school, as usual, on Fridays. This evening Rex put gas in our car and we all rode out to Whittier to see Ruth,

Clarence, Wayne, and kiddies. We were disappointed to find no one home but the children, the folks had gone to a picture show. Marilyn is surely a sweet little lady. We enjoyed our short visit with her, anyway. Louis treated to ice cream cones on way back.



*Ruth & Marilyn Cartwright, Wayne Strong, Blaine Cartwright, Ida Strong with Jerry Cartwright in front*

### May 22, Saturday

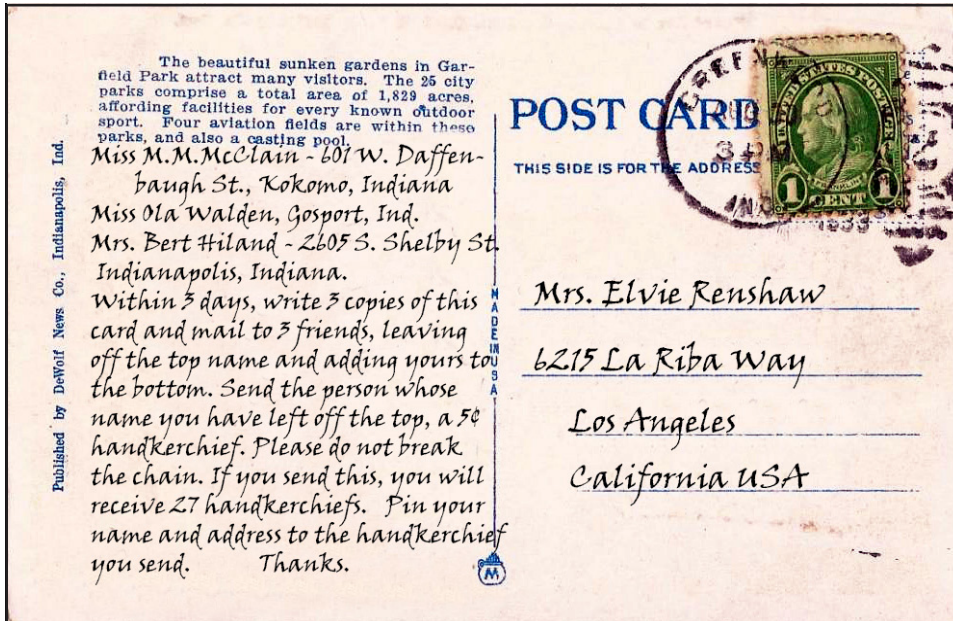
It has been cold and damp all day. Louis and I stayed in until evening, I did Sunday School work, he did some work on his car, packed his wheels. We went to Boy's Market this evening, called in Donna's for our baby. Donna and Rex are going out to the beach with P.M. club; they're going through the Fun House. We took a slip and some sox to Dolores at Lorene's; visited there for an hour. Louis fixed some lunch tonight while I played with my darling. How I love my baby, she's so darn cute, she laughed real hard for such a little thing. We have lots of fun.

### May 23, Sunday

We've been dressing in white summer things for several Sundays, today we wore our winter clothes again. It was dark, damp and foggy. Louis went to Sunday School with me. Wayne came in from Whittier to visit Rex and Donna. This afternoon we went over to Annie's to take Violet and children for a ride. Sue, Elaine, Ernie, Bette, and Ann were there, so we visited until they left, and then took Annie, Dale, Beverly, Violet, and Yvonne for a ride. Dolores was with Mary and Shirley. Annie treated to chocolate pudding when we got back. The M Men had their conference in church tonight. Rex gave a short talk. I sat up in front with Janet. Lewis held Janet part of the time. Donna played for Roy Nelson to sing in church.

## May 24, Monday

It was dark and gloomy and I didn't feel very well, so didn't wash. I wrote my five letters for a handkerchief club, sent them to Lorene, Sue, Annie, Lillian Rogers, and Florence Marsh. I hope they won't be upset; I hate anything like this, but also hate to be a poor sport and break the chain, so didn't. I walked to the post office and mailed my letters, and then to the market for things for dinner. We enjoyed the radio and even the fire tonight; it is so cold and foggy.



The "handwritten" font on the postcard was done in Photoshop. However the postcard and text on the left is from a real postcard from May 1937. It was not addressed to Elvie, but someone else. Photoshop helped to recreate this handkerchief chain letter. Handkerchief chain letters were very popular at this time.

## May 25, Tuesday

It was a damp foggy day again, but my washing got dry as Mrs. Allen was kind enough to tell me to hang them on her lines up over her garage where the breeze gets at them. I shampooed my hair this afternoon, left the curls up all night, as it was too damp to dress. John and Florence Marsh came over this evening, and then Rex brought Donna and our baby over. Louis asked Rex to go out and buy some ice cream for him to treat us. Florence bought root beer; we had root beer ice cream sodas. We had an argument with Rex over the change. He would insist on paying, when we wanted to treat, that boy!

## May 26, Wednesday

I did over half of the ironing then went to Relief Society. It was so dark and gloomy that I took my umbrella and was glad, as it was raining when we came out of Relief Society. Ha, ha! Sue, Lorene, and Annie got the handkerchief club letters I sent them. They'd like to ring my neck, but they were sports and kept up the chain by mailing out five more and sending the three hankies. Lorene, and Annie gave me mine to bring home. I ironed nine shirts before dinner this evening, which finished the ironing. I walked to the church to see the Primary children in their "May Festival." It was very lovely. Bill brought Dolores and me home. Dody danced the "May Pole" dance. She went to Annie's after school; Violet got her ready for the festival tonight.

## May 27, Thursday

I was very happy to see the sun this morning; we've had such damp foggy weather for a few days. The mailman brought me a pretty handkerchief from Sue; I've got three from the club now, one from Annie and one from Lorene. Florence brought Donna and Janet over about 4:30 this afternoon, Elaine and Ann were in the car with them. They'd been up to Florence's for lunch. Rex stayed downtown to a Fuller meeting, so we had the pleasure of Donna and our baby to dinner with us.

We had a nice dinner especially the delicious pineapple ice cream that Donna made and sent Louis up to her house for. We took them for a nice ride before taking them home tonight. We had fun on our ride. Louis took us into blind streets three times and had to turn around and come out, ha, ha!

## May 28, Friday

Still damp and foggy, really is "unusual" for our May time. I have five pretty hankies from the club now, more fun, eh? Received a nice long letter from Frances Helman. She wants me to compose a poem for their shut-ins, who can't get out to the Strong's Reunion this year. They are going to send each a basket of fruit and cake,



Frances Helman

nice, eh! I walked over to Annie's to tell her I'd stay with Dale and Yvonne while she and Bill go to the "Silver Seal" dinner at Donna's this evening. I went up to Donna's to help a little, she'd been working hard cleaning the house up. The men came to cook the dinner about 4:40. Louis brought me and the baby home. Rex and Donna came for her tonight. Violet, Beverly, and Glen went to the Hollywood Hotel broadcast. They came home early, so we came over here with Janet. Violet has bought a new big trunk to take home.

## May 29, Saturday

Louis got up early and ate breakfast at the hospital, he waxed Mr. Grosse's floors in his home this a.m. Mr. Grosse helped, and he is the "big boss," over Louis at the hospital. Mr. Grosse said he'd pay him, I wonder? I wrote a letter to Frances Helman and composed some poetry for her to use at their Strong's Reunion next month. She asked for it. Little Bonnie Lou, next door, is very ill. I'm sorry about that. It's another damp foggy day. Sue and Al called for us this evening about 6:15, we went out to Helen and George Holden's. They had a lovely dinner all ready for us to sit down to. Sr. Crawley had helped cook it, hot biscuits, and all. After dinner we played the game, "Monopoly." Very nice time. Dolores went to the beach with Claytons. P.S. The men gave Donna a nice Silver Seal fry pan for letting him have the dinner in her home. She had Andersens, Hoglunds, Marshes, and Rulon Scotts.

### May 30, Sunday

Louis took me down to Sunday School, but he didn't go. Both classes met in the kitchen and we were surely crowded. Br. Keller called on me again this Sunday to pray in the early meeting. We had to shop at Boy's before we could prepare dinner today, didn't get to the store yesterday. This evening about five o'clock we went over to Donna's, they had just returned from Whittier, they didn't even see Wayne, he was out fishing with Clarence. Elaine, Ernie, and Ann came while we were there. Donna and Rex made sandwiches for us, and we enjoyed her pineapple sherbet, too. I took care of my Janet in church tonight. Rex took his car to Ernie's station to grease. Louis and I enjoyed sandwich and ice cream at Marshes' tonight. We called back to Donna's for our baby. We kept her all night so Rex and Donna could get an early start.



*Donna and Elaine with daughters Janet and Ann.*

### May 31, Monday—Memorial Day

I guess I've eaten too much meat lately; my blood pressure has bothered me all day. Our darling baby slept sound all night and has been just grand all day. I've enjoyed her so much, oh; she's a good little soul. Dolores slept with Mary again last night and spent the day with her, they went to a show. Lorene and Charles brought her home tonight, Mary and her dog came, also. Donna and Rex had a lovely trip; they went to San Diego and over into Mexico, came home tired, but happy about 7:30. Louis celebrated the holiday by cleaning and polishing his car after work, he saw his brother Mel, on way home. Mel had just arrived in L.A. with a load of furniture.

### June 1, Tuesday—My Darling's Birthday, 22 years old.

Twenty-two years ago Donna came to us, now she has a darling little daughter of her own; the silver is shining in my hair. "Time marches on!" Rex had his afternoon off, so he took Donna uptown and bought her some white shoes, hat, and purse. I kept the baby here; they came home this evening and ate dinner with us. I made some pineapple sherbet. Donna brought a coconut cake that Laura made for her birthday. Annie and Beverly brought Donna some

silk hose and the startling news that Violet and children were leaving for St. George tomorrow night. She got a letter from Otto telling her to meet him in Las Vegas. Lorene and family brought a pretty apron for Donna. I treated to cupcakes. Violet came for Dody's clothes and bedding. Rex and Donna went to a show tonight. I put baby to bed here. They had car trouble and Louis had to get his car out at 1 a.m.

### June 2, Wednesday

I washed a few things out for Dolores and ironed them. We're going to miss the little kid-o, but I'm very glad she can be with mother and father as should be, sorry they can't live here in Los Angeles where we could see them, but life is like that. Dolores brought her report card home. I'm glad they promoted her to B4. The school is still in session three weeks longer here. Mel called me on Allen's phone, said he was leaving and couldn't get out to see us this time, he missed a good dinner last night. Dolores had a fond goodbye with all the children in our neighborhood this evening, and then we took her over to Annie's. Bill, Ray, and Br. Shupe took Violet's trunk to station in truck. We all went to see them off, Hoglunds, Andersens, Claytons. Donna and Elaine said goodbye at Annie's. Lorene bought four pair of sox and a slip for Dody, also a slip for Yvonne.

### June 3, Thursday

It surely seems strange without Dolores, I miss the little scamp, I hope they'll like their new home in St. George. I'm anxious to hear from them. I went uptown this morning to buy Laura's stork shower gift for Donna and me to give tonight, bought four little shirts, 50¢ each. Florence called for me about 8:30 tonight, we went over for Donna and Laura, but they'd gone in Laura's car. Florence was late, waiting for Ernie

to stay with her babies. We had a very nice time and Laura got lovely baby gifts. Elaine and Sue had decorated a parasol in pink and white, with baby ribbon hanging to represent rain, or shower.



*Donna Lillian on the left and daughter Janet Eileen above.*

### June 4, Friday

Louis took his "Memorial Day" holiday today, so he could have three days together, he started the remodeling job on Mrs. Allen's house. They are going to have an apartment upstairs, so they can rent the downstairs part and live in the new apartment upstairs. Louis started to build the stairway on outside today, after cutting part of wall away and taking some of the roof off. He was tired tonight; it's hard work after his easy hospital job. I did the cleaning; we went up to Donna's long enough for Louis to get his wooden horses. I saw my darling baby, but she was asleep.

### June 5, Saturday

I rode to the hospital with Louis to get his check. He ate dinner while there, so I wouldn't have to bother, he'd paid for it, anyway. He worked all day on Mrs. Allen's stairway. We bought groceries at Boy's Market before coming home. I met Donna in Highland Park at two o'clock this afternoon, bought her a cute little dress in blue, summer goods, for her birthday. She had to wait until I got paid, sorry. I also bought a little white sweater for my baby, Janet. We saw Uncle Bill and family, they brought us home, was glad as both had headaches. Louis was very tired tonight. I made a quart of pineapple sherbet for tomorrow.

### June 6, Sunday

Mr. Allen and Louis worked all day on his remodeling job. I went to Sunday School, it was a lovely day. I was disappointed to find that Sr. Bishop was ill; I had the two classes alone as Sr. Kelson's father-in-law died last night, so she didn't come to help. Br. Keller came upstairs and helped me out, it was nice of him. Dr. Watkins is still ill and Br. Keller has the responsibility. Sr. Thomas took me in her car after Sunday School to call on Sr. Kelson. The poor little lady is taking her husband's passing very



*Louis in his work clothes.*



*Janet Anderson and Donna Renshaw, dear friends, in May 1930. In costumes for a French club project at Franklin High School.*

hard. This evening we rode over to see our children, but they were out. We went to Marshes', took them to Santa Monica. I was very sorry to miss church tonight. It was Primary conference, too.

### June 7, Monday

I had a large washing, but the day was lovely so they dried in a short time. I took a dozen cupcakes over to Sr. Kelson this afternoon, her daughters are here from Salt Lake. Br. Kelson's funeral is tomorrow at 11 a.m. Louis worked until 7 p.m. on Allen's house, after his job at hospital. We rode over to Donna's, Laura was there with the baby, and Janet was asleep. Donna and Rex had gone to see Janet Anderson graduate from Occidental College. We went to Ernie's station to pay our gas bill. I haven't seen my baby for several days, awake. I'm just hungry to hold her in my arms.

### June 8, Tuesday

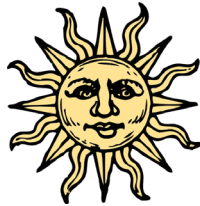
I did half the ironing before going to Br. Kelson's funeral this morning. Donna and Laura took their babies to the clinic and called in here after. I was tickled to have my darling in my arms. They took me to the funeral parlor, Kresse. I was glad of the ride as I was tired and would have to walk fast to be on time. It was Rex's afternoon off, they called on us, but wouldn't stay to dinner. Louis worked on Allen's house until seven o'clock this evening. We enjoyed the radio. Annie, Dale, and Beverly brought a letter from Violet. It was a nice long one, with all details, we enjoyed it a lot. Annie also brought Lorene's tickets to the Plunket [?] dinner for us. Mrs. Allen and I looked at the sun eclipse through a piece of film; it was just a partial eclipse this afternoon.

### June 9, Wednesday

It was sweet of Lorene to send her tickets for the “Plunket dinner” to Louis and me. I must pay her. Charles is working out at Orange, so couldn’t go. Lorene couldn’t eat the things they serve. I cut, pulled weeds from our lawn this morning until I could hardly stand on my poor legs, they shook so from the strain of stooping. We went to Glendale this afternoon, when Louis came from work, and paid our gas bill. I bought a pair of garments in Penney’s, called in Donna’s on way home, played with my baby, she’s so cute and she likes Grama, too. Went to “Plunket dinner” for building fund tonight. It was good, but all starch. Annie and Dale walked over this a.m. She wanted a loan till Friday, \$5.00.

### June 10, Thursday

I wrote letter to Hattie and Mother, also wrote cards to Violet, Dad, and Lydia. I was very happy when I read Hattie’s card this a.m. telling of her marriage to Roy [Andrew Leroy Bosworth]. Oh, I hope she’ll be very happy, they are honeymooning in Yosemite National Park, are going to settle in Bingham, Utah. Laura brought Donna and baby here, I kept Janet while they went to the picnic with Married Gleaners in Victory Park. We had lots of fun, my darling let me rock, and sing her to sleep, shh, it’s against the rules. Donna and Laura visited with me for an hour when they came from the park. I enjoyed that, also. Louis worked until 6:30 at Allen’s this p.m.



### June 11, Friday

Another lovely day, I do love this sunshine. I cleaned through the house. Beverly brought her Aunts over to see me. Bill’s sisters, Frances [Frances Andersen Swickard] and Josie [Josephine Andersen] are visiting in Los Angeles for two weeks. Clara and Em [Emily Amelia Andersen Bird] came with them today. Beverly went to Clara’s [Clara Andersen Sargent] for them. Donna walked over here with Janet in her little cart this afternoon. I kept the baby while Donna went for a shampoo and wave. We enjoyed having our darlings with us for dinner. Rex went to a Fuller Paint Company banquet. This evening after dinner, we took Donna and baby over to Annie’s so they could see Bill’s sisters, Louis wanted to see them, too. Took Donna to Sue’s after, she wanted to talk to Bishop. John Utvich called on Al while we were there. He’s home from college in Utah. Louis and Al went to the hospital to administer to Maxine Jester.

### June 12, Saturday

Louis cleaned up the yard, cut the lawns, it looks so nice now. Our country is having a lot of trouble with strikes and etcetera. Br. Gunn was working on his house today when about 30 men came on the lot and ordered him to stop work; it seems you are not to build your own home without belonging to the union. I think they go too far, can’t work men on Saturday, either. We went to Boy’s Market for groceries. I came home with asthma, had to burn the powder, went over to Donna’s and played with the baby, she was out in the play pen, little darling. Elaine and Ernie just came back from vacation to the beach. Marie Kendrick came, too. Louis and I went to the York show tonight, two good pictures.

### June 13, Sunday—Sunday School Conference

Louis took me to church this a.m. for the nine o’clock meeting, the first session of our Sunday School conference. Br. Le Cheminant was in charge. He called on each of us to express our thoughts. Louis came back and helped Mr. Allen put a block of cement at the bottom of the stairs he built last week. This afternoon we decided to take June and Harold for a ride, got about two blocks away when the rear axle broke. Harold went back for his car, he pushed Louis home. June and I walked up here. We treated to cake and ice cream, and then all went to church. The Sunday School officers and teachers sat on the stand. Ray gave a very fine talk in church. Louis and I walked home tonight.

### June 14, Monday

I washed a few pieces out by hand, will do my big washing next week. I rested this afternoon; my blood pressure is high again. Head’s in a whirl most of the time. Rex came over this afternoon about 4:30, his afternoon off. He helped Louis put the new axle in his Plymouth. Bill let them take his car to go out to where Bob Stanton works and get the axle. They finished the job at 7:45. We took Rex home after he and Louis had eaten. Donna was ready waiting to go to Marie’s. Ernie, Bob, and Johnny came for Donna and Rex just as we got there, so they took them to the P.M. club. Laura kept Janet.

### June 15, Tuesday

I washed and ironed the kitchen curtains and cleaned windows, did the bathroom ones, also. Walked to Highland Park to buy birthday card for Mother Renshaw, and a father’s day card for my Dad. I bought a pretty blue and white tie to send with Dad’s card. Father’s Day is next Sunday. Mother’s birthday is 22nd, going to send money in her card. We rode over to Annie’s this evening, took Bill a shirt and some shoes Louis got at hospital. We called for Inis Stanton, took her up to Donna’s to practice trio with Lillian Rogers and Donna. Rex helped Louis fix his car brakes. I enjoyed my darling baby; put her to bed, too. I took care of Inis’s baby, also.

### June 16, Wednesday

Sr. Thomas called for me at ten o’clock this morning, we went block teaching. We went this a.m., so we could go this afternoon at 4 p.m. to the hall and help the Relief Society ladies sing or practice the song we are to sing in conference next Sunday night. We ate lunch in Chili-Ville, she took me to see a dear L.D.S. lady who is ill, Sr. Luty, I feel so sorry for the poor old dear. She’s so homesick for Utah. Has been in bed three months now, she was so glad we called, made us promise to come again. Tonight Louis worked on his correspondent lesson. I memorized a lovely poem by Shakespeare.

*Good name in man and woman, dear my Lord,  
Is the immediate jewel of their souls;  
He who steals my purse steals trash; tis something, nothing;  
’Twas mine, ’tis his, and has been slave to thousands;  
But he who filches from me my good name,  
Robs me of that which not enriches him, but makes me poor  
indeed.*

## June 17, Thursday

I spent a very happy day with Donna and baby out in the shade on their lawn. Florence and her babies, three, called. They ate lunch with Laura. Louis called for me in the evening, we had dinner with Rex and Donna, she insisted. We all went for a nice ride after, in our car. Donna had baked fish, it was delicious.

## June 18, Friday

Annie brought Dale over this a.m. She went to Treu's to help prepare a luncheon for the stake Relief Society officers. Dale was thrilled cause I did the vacuuming while he was here. I enjoyed the little fellow, he was real good and he didn't want to go home when Glen came for him this afternoon. We got a nice letter from Mother; she sent Louis a dollar bill for Father's day. Said she didn't have a father, so sent to him, she also sent the clippings of Hattie's and Ruth Heaps marriages. Ruth Married Frank Derrick, Hattie's' new name is Mrs. LeRoy Bosworth. Louis and I rode over to Lorene's tonight. Charles is through with his job at Orange. Hope he'll find another soon. We took Sue and Bette home from Lorene's tonight. Al and Shirley had gone to a show.



### Sarah Ann Eliza Moore Renshaw's History as we knew it in 2012. It is now updated in Family Search.

Information on Sarah's birth parents and early years is sketchy at best. The stories that have been passed down, rather informally, are that Sarah was born in Switzerland OR Switzerland, Germany. We do know she was born on June 22, 1872. On Family Tree her birth place is listed as Salt Lake, which is incorrect. In a letter to Elvie Renshaw, Jane Renshaw states that Sarah was brought from England to be adopted and that her name originally was Eloise Shirley.

One belief is that Eloise Shirley came across the ocean as an infant with LDS Missionaries. The missionaries gave her to a bishop in Salt Lake who in turn gave her to William and Sarah Moore. Granddaughter Louise Keller Lindsay wrote in a 1978 letter to Donna Renshaw Marsh that, although her memories were fading, she remembers her Grandma Sarah telling her that she remembered coming over on a boat with her father. Louise remembers that Grandma always told her that she remembered seeing a brother or sister when she was left with the Moores. It would seem that she was not an infant to remember coming over with her father and seeing a brother or sister when given to the Moores. Louise also mentions in the letter that tears would come to Grandma Sarah's eyes when she talked about her adoptive mother, how much she loved her and that she was the only mother she knew. At the same time Louise said that Grandma Renshaw said it always hurt her to know that she was given up.

Sarah Thompson Moore had not been able to have children and must have been happy to take care of Eloise Shirley. Sarah Moore changed the baby's name to Sarah Ann Eliza Moore. A search of state and local records by Charles Renshaw appears to indicate that she may have never been adopted, although she was named with their last name, Moore. Further proof of Sarah not being legally adopted: When Sarah Thompson Moore died in 1906, Sarah's husband, John, could not get any of his mother-in-law's property because Sarah Ann Eliza had not been legally adopted. Instead her property was given to the church. By way of information: William and Sarah were married in 1868. When they married William was a month away from his 27th birthday and Sarah Thompson was 44 years old. Questions considering their age difference are left unanswered. When Sarah Ann Eliza Moore was born her "adoptive" mother was 50 years old.

Louise also remembers her Grandma Renshaw telling her that Mr. Moore was a shoemaker and they lived the United Order for a time. They gave all their excess to the storehouse or tithing house.

William Moore did take a younger second wife in November 1882 (Eliza Ann Newbold). He and his second wife had nine children. The information that has been passed down by word of mouth through the years is that Sarah, the first wife, left with her "daughter" Sarah and raised her without the help or influence of William Moore.

Sarah Ann Eliza Moore married John Olorenshaw when she was 16 years old, John was 23 years old. They dropped the "Olo" and went by Renshaw. John was a hard worker. Over the years they were able to own their own home, other real estate, and eventually buy a larger two story home that renters could live in. However John had an addiction to alcohol that was a constant trial to Sarah and their children. Louis, Sarah's oldest son, was very good to his mother. Louis was protective of his mother. Sarah loved to dance and Louis would take his mother to the ward dances. Louis would dance with the girls his age, but also danced often with his mother. At 16 years when Louis got his first job he took part of his first paycheck and bought his mother a glass "Berry Set."

Sarah's husband, John, died in December of 1929. Daughter-in-law Elvie Renshaw reported that Sarah said the day John died was the happiest day of her life. She was finally free from a husband with alcoholism, and free to do as she wished. Sarah spent the first few years after his death traveling to California and Arizona. She worked on Catalina Island for a few summers at the Mac Rae Hotel. In October of 1934 Sarah bought the Cumberland Hotel on Second South and Third East in Salt Lake City. She lived there and ran the hotel for many years. She died in Arizona in 1950. She was living with her daughter Lillian, at the time. Sarah enjoyed the 20 years after her husband John died.

Considering her uncertainty of birth parents, not being legally adopted, being raised by Sarah Moore without a father it is easy to see why Sarah would write to Louis for Father's Day in 1937. As Elvie wrote in her diary, "We got a nice letter from Mother; she sent Louis a dollar bill for Father's day. Said she didn't have a father, so sent to him..." Sarah had no one else more likely to honor on Father's Day, than her oldest son. Louis was a great blessing in her life.

*-Written by Kathy Calkins with information from a biography of John Olorenshaw written by Charles Renshaw, a letter to Elvie Renshaw from Jane Renshaw and a letter to Donna Marsh from Louise Keller.*

## June 19, Saturday

We went over to Donna's this a.m. I put her hair up in curls, we went to Highland Park and bought a pretty summer blue dress to send Mother for her birthday. Donna helped buy it, we sent it between us. Louis and Donna bought things for lunch; we ate up at Donna's. We took Donna and baby down to Sue's this p.m. Sue gave us one of the big fish Br. Steel brought her while we were there. We gave Donna half of it. Donna tried on some of Elaine's dresses. The four of them went to a dance tonight in Pasadena. We brought our darling baby home with us. Oh, we love her. Rex and Donna came for her after the dance.

## June 20, Sunday—Relief Society Conference

Dr. Watkins came to Sunday School this morning. We were all glad to see him out after his long illness. I stayed after Sunday School to practice a song with other Relief Society ladies. Louis ate his dinner at the hospital, my suggestion. I ate here alone, it was not any bother and I enjoyed the rest. Bishop and Sr. Hill called on us today, took us for a little ride in their new De Soto. Louis and I went over to Donna's. I combed her hair, dressed it something like I wear mine, with curls on top. She looked sweet. She gave her talk just grand in church tonight. I sang in the chorus "Whispering Hope." We took Donna and Rex and baby down to Marshes' after church, ate ice cream and cake. Our baby can stand alone.

THE LIFE BEYOND.  
No. 200. **Whispering Hope.**  
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SOPRANO AND ALTO DUET.

1. Soft as the voice of an an - gel, Breathing a les-son un - heard,  
2. If in the dusk of the twi - light, Dim be the re-gion a - far,  
3. Hope as an an-chor so stead - fast, Rends the dark veil for the soul,

Hope with a gen-tle per - sua - sion, Whis-pers her comfort-ing word.  
Will not the deep-en-ing dark - ness Bright-en the glim-mering star?  
Whith-er the Mas-ter has en - tered Rob-bing the grave of its goal.

Wait till the darkness is o - ver, Wait till the tempest is done,  
Then when the night is up-on us, Why should the heart sink away,  
Come then, oh, come, glad fru-i - tion, Come to my sad, wea-ry heart,

Hope for the sunshine to-mor - row, Af - ter the show-er is gone.  
When the dark midnight is o - ver, Watch for the break-ing of day.  
Come, oh, Thou blest hope of glo - ry, Nev - er, oh, nev - er de - part.

## June 21, Monday

A very beautiful day for our "first day of summer." I had a large washing. Charles and Lorene called this afternoon to get the camp cot we borrowed for Dolores to sleep on. It is Charlie's, he is going away for a few days and wants it to take with him. I'm happy to be rid of the old thing, the room looks much better without the old cot. Charles says he'll be able to recover our overstuffed set soon. We'll be glad to have it done, it looks so awful now. We enjoyed a lovely baked fish dinner this evening. Went to bed early and tired. Received a nice letter from Violet.

## June 22, Tuesday

I spent most of the day ironing, had ten shirts for Louis, was tired when I finished. Louis and I rode over to Donna's to see our darlings. The baby seems really tickled when we go there now. We do love our baby, Janet, too. Oh, I wish I lived near enough to run in and see Donna and the baby every day. I get so hungry for them. Louis must hear the Joe Lewis and Jim Bradly fight, so we came home in time to tune in our radio, 7 p.m. I do not like fights, but was sorry that the Negro, Joe Lewis, won. [Considering the times, this would be a normal response. We are sure Elvie doesn't care about skin color now.] Tonight we went over to Annie's, Louis stayed with Bill, Glen, and Dale. I went with Annie and Beverly to Craddock's, to make arrangements for the breakfast in Ferndale tomorrow morning. We picked up Audrey Tacy, too, Sr. Treu was there, also.



Joe Lewis

## June 23, Wednesday

Lorene, Annie, Dale, Phyllis, Audrey's cousin, and her little boy Dale, and Sr. Gardner went with us in Audrey Tacy's car to Ferndale. We ate our breakfast with the Relief Society ladies there. Had a lovely time, I gave Dale a swing and took him for a walk down through the beautiful Ferndale. Oh, it is lovely over there, I believe the prettiest place I've seen. I went to Highland Park this afternoon, bought a cute little compact to give Bette; she is graduating from Luther Burbank Junior High School tomorrow. She gave me a ticket to the



Ferndale is a beautiful part of Griffith Park

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## June 24, Thursday

I used the Drene hair shampoo on my hair this morning. It is very nice, I like it best of any I've used, makes the hair look lovely. Our Bette girl graduated from Luther Burbank Junior High School this afternoon. I enjoyed the program. Helen Valentine and Harold Stead also graduated from there today. They all looked so sweet. I gave Bette the little compact I bought for her. We visited after the program with Sue, Elaine, Ann, Bette, Shirley, Donna, Lorene, Mary, Annie, Beverly, and Dale. Donna walked home with me, there was a letter here from Beth for her. Dick is coming down here on a business trip, Aunt Ida and Beth are coming with him. We took Donna home and played for an hour with our baby Janet. We called in June's on way home from Donna's. She loaned me some of her Children's Friend books.

## June 25, Friday

Louis came home about 11:30 a.m., he helped me with the cleaning by waxing the floors. He brought the wax and new waxing mop stick home from the job. He got off early today because of working Wednesday evening a few hours. We took a ride up to see Donna and the baby and Rex this evening. We thought maybe they'd like to go for a ride, but Rex had to go teaching and Br. Farnsworth was coming for Donna to play some songs for him. Louis and I rode up to see Br. Gunn's new home they are building. It's coming along fine, they'll be moving in this fall I guess. Donna and Rex are very happy over their bonus from Fullers. We're happy they have it, too. Father's and Son's outing, Bill and Glen went.

## June 26, Saturday

We took Donna and baby to Highland Park this morning. Louis took care of Janet while I went with Donna to buy her a dress. She bought a pretty little yellow crepe, surely is cute, she looks sweet in it, she bought a lace collar and cuff set for her white dress, the one she wore in the temple, also a darling little sun suit for our baby. Louis got the baby to sleep. Donna stayed in the car with her while I went with Louis to buy a straw hat. He also bought white shoes. We ate lunch at Donna's. Sue brought Aunt Ida up to see us this afternoon, she arrived this a.m. at six o'clock. Tonight Rex and Donna went swimming with the Marshes at the beach, we kept our baby. Took June, Harold, and Bob for a ride. June isn't feeling very well. Bill and Lou administered to her. Bill feels ill; he said something he ate at the camp yesterday to today has poisoned him

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## June 27, Sunday— Garvanza Ward Conference

We called for Donna, but Lewie had picked her up. We had a very nice nine o'clock meeting, several stake visitors spoke. Aunt Ida came with Sue. Donna, Lillian, and Inis sang in conference this morning. I was sorry I had to be upstairs with our class. Donna looked so sweet all in white; Elaine shortened the sleeves and skirt in her white dress, the one she wore in the temple. Louis and I took Aunt Ida [*Ida Rich Strong*] and Annie for a ride this afternoon. Ida called on her sister-in-law, Ethel, [*Ethel Francis Carlson*] but she was out. We rode to Manhattan Beach. She treated to watermelon when we got back. Our evening session of conference was very good, also. Marshes invited us down for sandwiches and ice cream after church. Rex and Donna and baby drove the truck down. We took Marshes in our car, brought our children home after. Lunch was delicious.

## June 28, Monday



I washed out a few pieces this a.m. It had been cloudy most of the day, our radio news promised thunder storms for today. Beth, Dick, and Ramona leave Salt Lake for L. A. this a.m. He is stopping in little towns on the way to sell his goods. They expect to arrive here Thursday. This afternoon I walked to Annie's, Lorene and Mary came, also. We made plans for the luncheon we are giving Wednesday in honor of Aunt Ida. We are inviting Donna, Elaine, and Sue, too, going to have it at my place. Bill got home early, he is only working six hours a day, business is slow. Bill took Lorene, Mary and me home, nice, eh?

## June 29, Tuesday

I spent the day cleaning through my house, washed windows, woodwork, and waxed floors, was really tired this evening. We went up to Donna's for our baby. Rex and Donna went with the P.M. Club to dinner and dance at Luca's tonight. Aunt Ida got a telegram that Beth and Dick are not coming now. His boss has changed their plans. Ramona is arriving, anyway on the train. We took Janet over to Lorene's tonight, had a nice visit. Janet likes Mary's little doggie. I made a bed for my baby, on four chairs, she was comfortable, I guess, she slept sound until Donna and Rex came for her, they were in Ernie and Elaine's car.

### June 30, Wednesday

Lorene, Annie, and I have a luncheon in honor of Aunt Ida Rich. The sun came out bright and early this a.m. We had a real summer day. Beverly brought Lorene and her things, Annie and her tuna pies, and Donna, Janet, and their silver. Beverly and Donna went to buy some flowers for our table. Aunt Ida drove Sue and Elaine up in Al's car. We had a nice visit together. Donna, Elaine, and Beverly did the dishes after. We had lots of fun, laughed at Aunt Ida's stories. Louis brought a truckload of big wood boxes home this a.m. I wonder what he's going to do with so much stuff?? Donna drove our car home this evening; I went along and stayed until after the priesthood meeting. Rex called for Louis before meeting, and then he came up for me. The Marshes called at Donna's. We visited on the front porch, too hot in house. Bob and Inis came, also.

### July 1, Thursday

Ramona Strong arrived today. We are having hot weather, and how! I just wouldn't think of going out in the weather until evening. I surely do enjoy our Frigidaire days like these. I spent a lazy day, doing no more than was necessary. Wrote cards to Frances Helman, Violet, and Mother Renshaw. This evening I watered the lawns real good, and then Louis and I rode over to our children. Donna and Laura had gone to a show. Rex was asleep on the couch, baby Janet asleep in her bed. Rex came out to visit on the front porch, for an hour. I'm glad we have six nice big French window these hot nights, in our bedroom. Told Rex he could use our car tomorrow night to go to the party Naomi Weber is giving.

### July 2, Friday

Boy, another hot day, I kept the rooms darkened to try and keep the cool night air in. It helped a lot. The cleaning was easy cause of good going over the house got Tuesday. I colored a picture for my Sunday School class and studied the lesson. I went to Blanche's with Annie, Dale, and Beverly tonight. Louis went up to stay with Janet while Donna and Rex went to the party at Naomi Weber's. Charles brought Lorene, Mary, Betty, and Shirley. Sue and Al brought Aunt Ida, Ramona, and Elaine. We were disappointed when Ruth called from Whittier, to say she and Wayne had been



Amelia Earhart

waiting for two hours for Clarence to come and bring them, he'd been out of town, didn't get back in time. We had a nice time, party in honor of Aunt Ida and Ramona. I helped pay for ice cream. Ramona rode home with us tonight; she is going to the bakery with Beverly in morning.

### July 3, Saturday

Louis worked all day on Allen's house; he is raising the roof over the part they are going to fix upstairs for their new kitchen. I pressed my clothes, darned sox, mended and shortened a dress, also studied Sunday School lesson. Amelia Earhart, the famous woman flier, sent an SOS last night, "lost in mid Pacific," I surely hope they'll find her and her companion alive. [Fred Noonan was on board as her navigator.] She started to fly around the world. When Louis came in from his work this evening, he looked like he's been swimming, that man surely does sweat, perspire is not the word for him. This evening we rode over to Donna's and brought our baby Janet back. Rex and Donna went to a show with Elaine and Ernie. Alta and Harry Jones, Louis's cousin Bill Taylor's, daughter, and her husband, called to see us tonight. They called Lou on Allen's phone today.



Ramona Strong 1930



Aunt Ida Strong & Blaine Cartwright



Aimee Semple McPhearson

### July 4, Sunday

Alta Taylor Jones and Harry Jones came out to visit our Sunday School, we invited them to dinner, also invited Donna, Rex, and Wayne. We took Alta and Harry to the beach, she had never seen the ocean. They are visiting for a few days in Los Angeles. Wayne took Aunt Ida Rich, Donna, Rex, Bette, Shirley, and Janet to the beach in his car. They got back in time for church. Wayne spoke in our ward tonight. We took Alta and Harry to see Aimee Semple McPhearson's temple and we stayed to hear her services. We were all very much entertained; it was as good as any show. Aimee looked beautiful in her red, white, and blue costume of satin. All choir members wore red, white and blue, too. The beach was very crowded. We walked around Ocean Park. I got a big surprise when I heard my neighbor singing a solo in Aimee's church. She has a very lovely voice.

### July 5, Monday

The Marsh family woke us up this a.m. about six o'clock; wanted us to go to Brookside Park for breakfast. Louis was going to work all day for Mr. Allen, but he took me over and stayed long enough to eat his breakfast. I stayed until about 2 p.m. Sue and family brought Aunt Ida. Beverly brought Ramona and Glen to breakfast. Went back for Annie, Bill and Dale, later. The Claytons came, Florence and kiddies, Miriam and Lewie. We had lots of fun. Sr. Chandler, Vera, Fred, and Sr. Reiche came for lunch. Jim Marsh and a lady friend came with Marshes. I enjoyed my darling baby Janet while Rex and Donna played ball and went swimming. Wayne brought me home. The Townsend club had program in the park today. Dr. Townsend spoke, we enjoyed music. Louis and I went to the Franklin show tonight. Didn't care much for the pictures.



*Dr. Francis Townsend*

### July 6, Tuesday

I had a large washing, got started early so it wasn't bad. I had more dish towels, napkins, and tablecloths, because my company last week and yesterday. They haven't found Amelia Earhart and companion yet. I'm afraid it'll be too late soon; it looks like our brave little flyer has gone down in the Pacific Ocean. I was disappointed we didn't get our pay today, but I'm sure it is a lot harder on some who work at the hospital than we. Br. Imsen has a large family to keep and a month is a long time between paydays. It's a shame to make folks wait overtime for it. We rode over to Donna's tonight, stayed with Janet while Rex and Donna took the folks home. It's Aunt Ida's birthday today. Donna had her and Ramona to dinner this evening. I had a spell of asthma up to Donna's tonight, was a bad one.

### July 7, Wednesday

Asthma bothered me most of the night, had to inhale the powder about seven times, sat up in bed between inhalings. I stayed in bed most of the day, got up long enough to dampen the clothes, my breathing was easy, but I was so very weak. Ate nothing but oranges, they help me when I'm ill. I felt better this evening, so decided we could go to the beach with folks as planned. We got Janet, Rex, and Donna. We all met at Ernie's station, Marshes, Andersens, Claytons, Hoglunds, Oates, Cartwrights and Wayne. We celebrated three birthdays, Aunt Ida's, Bill's and Florence's (Oates). Their folks had a lovely big decorated cake in their honor. Nice time. Joe Hoglund arrived in L.A. this afternoon. He went out to the beach with Sue and Al and Aunt Ida. Ramona went in Andersen's car.



*Joe Hoglund with daughter, Marilyn in 1927.*

### July 8, Thursday

I slept well all night so feel better today. I did part of ironing then rested, did some more, but was afraid to finish and over tire, it seems I just can't take it, anymore. Our baby Janet was so darn good last night at the beach, she always is good, bless her heart. We got our payday at last. Louis and I went over to give Donna and Rex the ten dollars we borrowed from them. Baby Janet was asleep, so I had to wait until she woke up, 6 p.m. Donna took her to the Gleaner club today, the little dear was tired out. Marian Christensen brought her baby over to Donna's this a.m. A cute little red headed girl, 14 months old. She went to the club with Donna and girls. She's visiting her mother, form Reno, Nevada. We got a big grocery order from Boy's Market, called in Annie's on way home. They haven't found Amelia Earhart yet, I'm afraid they won't, too bad.

### July 9, Friday

I slept better, but asthma is still with me. Our radio news said that several hundred people have died from the awful heat in the East part of U.S. We are enjoying such lovely weather here. I'm thankful to write. I composed a poem to the bride and groom (Hattie and LeRoy). Aunt Ida asked me to write something to be read at the party they are giving in their honor in Salt Lake next week. Louis took me over to Donna's this afternoon. She had company, Elaine and Ann, and Marion Christenson and her baby, Dolores. She'd had them to lunch. After Marion left, Elaine and I did the lunch dishes while Donna typed my poem. I mailed it to Uncle Alvin on way home.

### July 10, Saturday

Louis got up early and cleaned the yard, burnt leaves and etcetera. It will take some time yet to get rid of all the junk he brought home in the big wood boxes from the hospital. We went to the bank to pay note, and ice box and stove. I also paid on Donna's for them; she gave me the money last night. We put \$10.00 Louis earned from the job on Allen's house, in the bank, to help pay our vacation trip this fall. I gave my baby Janet her bath this morning. Louis went to Ernie's station to have grease job on car. We brought Donna and baby home. Donna ate lunch with me. Louis ate at café. We all took a nap this afternoon. Louis polished his car. Louis took me to a picture show tonight, both good pictures.

### July 11, Sunday

I got up this a.m., but felt so punk I went back to bed. Louis went over to tell Beverly to have me excused from Sunday School. I knew Sr. Bishop could get along okay without me. Sr. Kelson helped her, also. I stayed in bed most of the day getting up long enough to get something to eat. Louis was helpful. Beverly, Ramona, and Dale came over, also, Sr. Marsh, Br. Marsh, and Ruthie. They had Florence's baby, Florence Irene, going to keep her all night. I got up about 3 p.m. Lorene,

Charles, and Mary called about 5 p.m. John left his truck, took our car, Louis took the load of junk away to dumping ground. We're surely glad to be rid of it. John came for truck, had cup of tea with Louis. We all went to church, enjoyed meeting. Haven't seen my baby today. Louis took me for a nice ride after church. Joe Hoglund was over to Annie's for dinner. Wayne spent the day with Rex and Donna.

### July 12, Monday

Work things easy today, Charles came for me about 1:30, we went to Bailey Schmitz Company, at 7th and Sante Fe Avenue, to look at upholstery goods. Charles is going to recover our set. We brought home some very pretty samples for Louis to see. We called in his house to show Lorene. Joe Hoglund was there. He says he's going back to Salt Lake tomorrow or next day. The P.M. club had dinner in Brookside Park tonight. Elaine and Ernie brought Donna and baby over; I kept Janet while they went to park. Rex had gone to dentist; he's had a toothache all day. My baby went to sleep about 6:30. Marshes, John and Florence, came to visit, we heard a thud about eight o'clock, our darling had fallen off my bed. Oh, oh! I'm sure it hurt Grama most. Our baby was so cute tonight; she tried to talk to Louis while he was studying his lesson in floor waxing and etcetera. It was the cutest thing I've seen her do yet, she surely had a lingo.

### July 13, Tuesday

I feel some better, but still taking things easy. Wrote cards to Violet, Dad, and Elsie. I can't help but think how my darling baby fell off our bed last night, bless her heart. It hurt me so much, but she was over it in no time, playing so cute with us. I walked to Annie's this afternoon, took my Relief Society report. Dale was happy to see me and thrilled to show me the rubber sea horse Ramona gave him yesterday. This evening Louis dug the post holes for our new picket fence we're going to have. It's going to be along the side of our driveway. The holes are dug and the posts in now. Charles and Mary came over this evening; we decided what we'd recover our set with. Mary read some of my poetry while waiting for her father.

### *It's Fun to Be Poor*

*If we would only stop awhile  
And ponder a few things o'er,  
Listing those that can't be bought,  
We'd find it's fun to be poor.*

*Through life we struggle frantically  
Just to capture a little dough,  
Forgetting everything worthwhile  
In our effort to make a show.*

*Did you ever stop to think true love  
Can't be bought with money!  
It'll never make a blind man see,  
Or turn a dark sky sunny.*

*True, money can buy many things,  
It makes folks feel secure,  
But when a loved one dies, you can't  
buy faith,  
Which helps folks to endure.*

*When doctors give you up saying,  
"There's no more we can do,"  
All the money in this old world  
Will never pull you through.*

*We don't worry over income tax  
Like poor rich fellows do,  
We're not annoyed with extortioners,  
Threatening they will sue.*

*There's no iron bars at our windows,  
Our children can romp and play,  
Kidnappers never bother them  
Because it doesn't pay.*

*Poor folks are loved for what they are,  
No will over which to cry,  
No one is waiting anxiously  
Hoping soon they'll die.*

*The rich man's gardens we may enjoy,  
If not in such a hurry,  
As smile as we gaze knowing well  
The upkeep's not our worry.*

*Be thankful you can help yourself,  
It's a blessing from the Lord,  
A servant can't bring happiness  
Because you pull a silken cord.*

*If the desire for enormous riches  
Hasn't got you to the core,  
I'm sure you'll agree with me,  
It's fun to be poor!*

*By Elvie Renshaw*

### July 14, Wednesday

I washed a few things by hand, will do the big washing next week. Our days are lovely, not too warm like in New York and Eastern cities. I wanted to go over and see Donna and the baby, but felt it was a little too much hill for me today. Oh, how I wish they lived nearer to me, or at least not such a hill. Well, I had to do something, so I composed a poem, titled, "It's Fun to be Poor," ha, ha! Louis worked on our new picket fence, Mr. Allen brought the pickets home this evening. He took them yesterday to be cut; the wood came from the big boxes Louis brought home. Tonight I amused myself my writing limericks, Louis studied his work lesson.

### July 15, Thursday

I was lonesome for Donna and Janet, left house about 9:30, walked to Highland Park, bought my baby a rubber doll, 50¢. They make them so life like, head, arms and legs, move, surely are cute. While I was on my way to Donna's, she and baby were on their way to my house. What a mix up. Laura called Florence for me, she picked Donna and baby up, they brought them back over home and I stayed with little Janet while Donna went swimming with the girls of the P.M. club, at the policeman's plunge. Marie's husband is a policeman, she took the party. I had a lovely day with my baby, she was so tickled with her dolly, loved it so cute. We both rook a nap. Louis came for me this evening. He almost finished his picket fence. Tonight we went over to Donna's; she had typed several copies of my poem. Rex and Donna went to Boy's Market for groceries in our car.

### July 16, Friday

I had a bad dose of asthma last night, what sleep I got was sitting up in bed with six pillows in back. I stayed in bed most of today. Charles came for our sleepy hollow chair, and ottoman. He's going to recover them, nice, eh?! I couldn't do anything today, but rest. A spell of asthma almost finishes me; it's awful how weak it makes me. I sat in bed and wrote a poem to baby Janet, but it sounds about like I feel? Words can't express our darling, I guess. Beverly, Ramona, and Dale came over this evening to see how I was feeling.

### July 17, Saturday

I felt much better after a good night's rest, did my cleaning while Louis made a gate for our new fence. He also built a roof over our back door, it'll keep off rain when we step out, and is good shade now. This evening we rode over to Donna's Elaine, Ernie, and Ann were there. They wanted Donna and Rex to go out somewhere, boys wanted to go to a show, but girls didn't. Donna wanted to buy Janet some shoes. Elaine took Ann over to Annie's, Sue and Al picked her up there when they came from Lake Arrowhead where they'd taken Aunt Ida. We took Donna, Elaine and Janet to Highland Park, the boys went to a show. Donna bought new shoes for baby. We went for a ride, took Elaine home after.

### July 18, Sunday

Louis didn't feel very well today, had a cold in his head, and his stomach is upset, couldn't keep any thing down. He was sick this afternoon up to Donna's, he says it was the tuna we ate for lunch, I ate some too! I think it's his cold. We had a small class in Sunday School, so many away on their vacations. Louis went to church tonight, but felt so sick he asked John Treu to lead the singing, and he went back home. Bill and family brought me home. Rex got his car to working today, first time they've used it for several weeks. They went to Marshes' after church.

### July 19, Monday

Louis went to work this morning, but he shouldn't have. He felt very punk. He didn't rest very well last night; he took a chill about 2 a.m. He would have stayed in bed only Miss Bush was waiting for him to pick her up at her home; she works at the hospital, too. Donna and Rex came for me this afternoon; they took me over to Brookside Park to tend Janet while they went in the plunge swimming. Janet had fun in the baby plunge for a short time. I gave her a swing; she liked it so much she fell asleep in my arms while swinging. The folks ate dinner here. Rex went to play ball with the elders; we took Donna and baby down to Hoglund's. Andersens had Aunt Ida and Ramona to dinner and show. Daddy feels better tonight.

### July 20, Tuesday

I shampooed my hair this a.m., was putting it up in curls when Inis and Myrtle came with their babies. Inis asked me to tend her baby while she went uptown with Myrtle to buy a coat. They took Myrtle's baby to a neighbor of Mrs. Egan's. Little Barbara was so good; I had her about six hours. She didn't cry once. I did part of my ironing. Inis bought the gift for Donna and I to give Arma Hill at her shower over to Snow's tonight. She bought a pretty green towel set, cost us \$1.19. The Gleaners are giving the shower for Arma Hill. Beverly and Annie called for me, and then for Lorene, she had company, but Charles brought her over later. We had a nice time; Arma got some very nice things.

### July 21, Wednesday

I finished my ironing today; I did Donna's big dinner cloth and eight napkins that I embroidered in black and white. It's the first time they've been laundered. I started making them before she was married, almost two years ago. It's a long

time, but she hasn't needed them. Oh, dear, I tried not to catch cold from Louis, but am afraid I did, anyway. Sue gave Louis and Beverly a meat sandwich and some watermelon before we started for Long Beach tonight, I didn't want any. Aunt Ida, Ramona, and Beverly rode in our car. We had a nice time. Sue took little Ann and Shirley. Bette went to ward dance with Glen.

### July 22, Thursday

Charles and Lorene came over this morning before I was out of bed, they brought the ottoman back, it looks swell with new blue mohair covering. I wrote cards to mother Renshaw and Violet this a.m. Got a nice letter from Violet this afternoon. Mother sent us a copy of the Salt Lake Telegram. [An early Salt Lake newspaper.] It's an illustrated history of Utah, from covered wagon days to present days, very nice. This evening we took Donna's black and white embroidered dinner set over to her, they were getting ready to go down to Sue's to say goodbye to Aunt Ida, Bette and Shirley. We all went to Sue's to say goodbye to Aunt Ida, Bette, and Shirley. Andersens and Hoglunds went to depot. Lorene and Charles got there too late. Folks left on the eight o'clock train, the new Challenger. Ramona stayed with Beverly.



Postcard showing the Challenger dining car. Notice that travel was a dress up affair. "Low-cost dining car meals at 25¢ breakfast, 30¢ luncheon and 35¢ dinner were first served on the Union Pacific Challenger. They brought nation-wide popularity to this train almost overnight."

### July 23, Friday

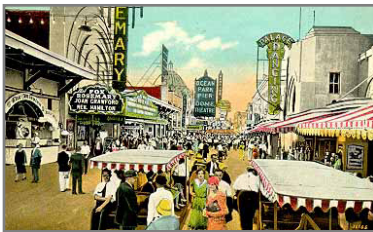
I did my cleaning this morning. I'm surely sorry I have this head cold, it keeps the hay fever and asthma excited. Sr. Thomas came for me at one o'clock; we did our block teaching this afternoon. I guess June and Harold are still in Utah, she wasn't home anyway. My sweet little neighbor took all the golden rod in her yard out, so I wouldn't suffer with asthma on account of it. Nice, eh! She's a minister, works in the big L.A. mission downtown. Louis put a new sunshade on our back porch this evening. It also keeps out the rain in winter. To bed miserable with cold and asthma.



Golden Rod

## July 24, Saturday

Louis worked on job for John Marsh today. The plasterers did Mrs. Allen's new upstairs kitchen today. My cold kept me feeling punk with hay fever, asthma, and etcetera. Ed Pitcher came to get Louis to help him administer to Sr. Thompson; she's having a bad time with her heart. She looked so ill yesterday when we were at Hanson's. Sorry Louis wasn't here. Man came for the linoleum Louis sold, scraps of brown from hospital. Louis came home with the news that we were going out to Ocean Park with the Marshes to celebrate with the Mormons Utah day. I didn't want to spoil the fun, so kept still about how punk I felt. I sat on



bench most of the time. Sr. Marsh made hot cakes after we got home from the beach at 12 a.m. I sat on their front porch until they'd eaten them. I had to burn asthma powder twice.



*Ocean Park for Mormons Utah Day.*

## July 25, Sunday

Bad cold in head and chest, kept me sitting up in bed all night with asthma. I was too ill to go to Sunday School. It worried me a lot, cause Sr. Bishop said she couldn't be there today; it left poor Sr. Kelson alone. I spent a miserable day in bed; it was warm, and hard for me to get my breath, anyway. With a little help from me, Louis cooked a nice leg of lamb. I couldn't eat any. Donna, Rex, and Janet came over after church, and then Annie and Bill came, after Annie and Bill left, Sue and Al came. Louis and Donna made lamb sandwiches, I was sorry Annie and Bill didn't get treated to sandwiches and watermelon, also. I was tickled to see my darling baby, but couldn't hold her.

## July 26, Monday

Annie sent Glen and Ramona over, about 10:30, this morning, to see how I was feeling. They fixed me some orange juice. I told them they needn't stay, I'd be okay I know they were anxious to go; young folks don't want to be around sickness, I'm sure. I got out of bed a few times today, but was so weak was glad to get back in. Glen brought Dale this a.m., he had a lot of fun going in and out our new gate. Rex brought Donna and baby down at four o'clock. He went over to the park with his Sunday School class. Donna fixed

something for us to eat. I was happy to see my baby even if I couldn't hold her; she seemed pleased to see me, too. I wish Donna felt better, she has me worried. Louis started to paint our fence. I sent Beverly three handkerchiefs from club, ha, ha!

## July 27, Tuesday—Beverly's birthday

I rested much better last night, had two bad coughing spells, but not bothered with asthma, could lie down in bed, first time since last Friday night. I got out of bed several times today, trying to get my strength back. It has been hot again today. Beverly brought Annie, Dale, and Ramona over this afternoon. It's her day off, and on her birthday, nice! The girls washed my dishes. Poor little Dale got a sliver in his hand from our fence, he cried so hard when they tried to get it out. I'll be glad when the old thing is painted. Donna and Janet came over this evening. Rex went to show and dinner with two Fuller men. We went over to wish Beverly "Happy Birthday." She had a lovely decorated cake, the Claytons were there. Lou went for ice cream, all chipped in to buy. Our baby walked for the first time alone tonight.



*Janet takes her first steps July 27.*



## July 28, Wednesday

Janet was the center of attraction at Beverly's birthday party last night. When she saw she really could walk by herself, she just wouldn't rest, she walked from one to the other, and pushed Yvonne's doll buggy around until the little dear was tired out, she fell asleep in my lap. Last night was the first time I'd been dressed since Saturday. I was weak, but wanted to go over with folks. I didn't eat any ice cream or cake. I got up and dressed today, felt much better, but shaky. The house was so dusty, I was glad to get at it, had to take my time though. Lorene and Charles came over this afternoon; she stayed and visited while he took care of some business. Charles took Al's chair back this a.m., he recovered it. The Glendale ladies had the big time at the shower Sue gave Arma Hill. Elaine and Donna had charge of games.

## July 29, Thursday—Our boy's birthday [Rex Marsh]

I felt fine after a good night's rest; everything would be okay if I could stop this awful cough that my cold left me. I was washing out a few things this a.m. when Lorene and Charles came, she insisted on finishing them, good ole Lorene. Charles took the bottom out of our six dining room chairs; he took them home and covered them with the blue mohair. This afternoon he brought them back and put them on the chairs, they look swell now. Louis is going to varnish the woodwork, so they'll be all brand new again. Tonight we took a box of See's candy to Rex and a dollar to buy the polo shirt I was going to get him. We rode over to Brookside Park and watched Rex and Ray swim with their Sunday School classes. Janet thought it lots of fun.

### July 30, Friday—Little Florence Irene's birthday, one year old.

We brought Donna and baby here last night; Rex called for them about 10 p.m. after he'd taken the truck load of kids home. Donna and Janet went to Marshes' with him to take the truck home. I did my cleaning today, took my sweet time, so was all day getting through. Our little Janet had been walking since last Tuesday, 11 ½ months old. She looks so darn cute going by herself. Donna and Rex went to the beach with the P.M. club tonight. They brought the baby over at 7 p.m., we took her to Boy's Market with us. Louis went in for the groceries. John and Florence came just as we got back home. We put Janet in our bed until her folks came for her, we surely love our baby.

### July 31, Saturday

This morning Louis went to lumber yard for more wood. He worked all day at Allen's getting the new kitchen ready for the windows and doors. Rex called me, he wanted Donna to call him at work when she got here, he told her that Wayne had called him and they were going to San Diego with Wayne and Martha, [*Martha Helen Bush*] he would be here for Donna at 1:30 p.m. She didn't have time to go have her hair shampooed and waved as she'd planned. I put it up in curls for her instead. They brought Janet back about 3 p.m. on their way to San Diego in Wayne's big Packard. Louis and I slept up to Donna's, so Janet could sleep in her own little bed. I gave her a bath before putting to bed. Br. Marsh (on York Boulevard) died last night of heart attack. [*Thomas Patterson Marsh is not related to the John Marsh family.*]

### August 1, Sunday

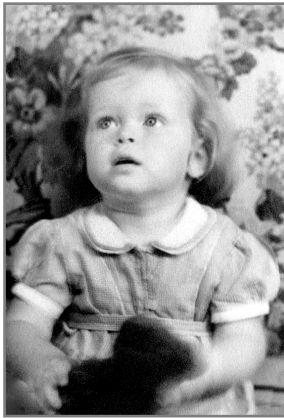
Louis worked on Allen's kitchen all day so I took my baby Janet to Sunday School. Aunt Ruth took care of her for me while I was in my class, until after fast meeting. She got her to sleep. Uncle Lewis and Grama Marsh helped, too. Louis came for us after Sunday School. Janet and I had a nice nap this afternoon while Louis worked. We didn't go to church tonight; we took Janet up home about 6:30, gave her supper and put her to bed. She went to sleep in a short time. Donna and Rex came about 10 p.m. tired, but happy, only Rex had lost one of his best shoes. On our way home we found Wayne and Martha stalled, out of gas. Louis pushed Wayne's car to a gas station. Good thing we saw them. We have surely enjoyed our baby for two days.

### August 2, Monday

Audrey Treu is visiting her family for a week. I miss my darling baby after having her for two days, she was so good, is really a pleasure. I washed this morning, took a nap this afternoon, seems I just have to rest after washing now days, can't take it, I guess. Louis worked two hours on Allen's kitchen after his work. We went over to Annie's this evening to find out when they were going to have Br. Marshes' funeral, three o'clock tomorrow.

### August 3, Tuesday

I was ironing this morning when Donna and Laura came for me to go to the clinic with them to take care of one baby, as Laura didn't want to go inside. I took little Janet, Donna took care of Ray. The doctor inoculated both babies. Poor little Janet cried so hard, it made me feel very bad to see my darling hurt, Ray didn't seem to mind much. Miriam had her baby there, too. She brought me home after. I went to Br. Thomas Marshes' funeral at Cresses. Bill took charge. Bishop didn't like to ask off at his new job. Br. Haddock gave a fine talk. Sr. Howells sang two numbers. Lillian Rogers and Br. Farnsworth sang once. I went to Forest Lawn cemetery in Rulon Scott's car with Bill, Annie and Sr. Treu. Donna stayed at Cresses after the funeral. Mr. Anderson let her play their new electric organ; she walked over to our house after. Louis let her take his car to go home. Bill and Laura brought it back, they went to a show, and Donna stayed with their kiddies.



Irene Oates



Martha Bush in 1933

### August 4, Wednesday

I finished my ironing, took a nap this afternoon, had painful cramps, but it's all in a lifetime, I guess! When Louis came home this afternoon, we rode over to see our children. Rex was painting his house, it was his afternoon off. Janet was asleep, but she woke up soon, she is such a darling babe. I played with baby for a while, and then we went to Boy's Market and home to eat dinner. Louis watered Mrs. Benton's lawn and garden tonight. She is away on her vacation for two weeks.

### August 5, Thursday

I spent the day darning socks, mending Louis' underwear, and making some chair backs, and arm covers out of a pretty lace curtain I had left over from the new curtains we bought for the front room when we moved here. I fringed them about an inch and a half. They look nice, I think. Louis didn't come home tonight, he and his men went back to work at 5 p.m. and worked until 2 a.m., a job they couldn't do in the daytime at the hospital. Donna and Rex came over this evening, they let Janet walk to the door herself, she looked so cute and little standing there peering in at me. They took me for a ride down to Marshes'.

### August 6, Friday

I didn't get very much rest until Louis got home at two o'clock this morning. I don't like his night work, I'm not afraid to stay alone, but it's so darn lonesome. We went over to Donna's about ten this morning. I stayed there; he went for his check at hospital. I helped Donna shampoo her hair, and put it up in curls. I played with my baby all day. Louis came back for me about five o'clock. We did our marketing and spent the evening home enjoying radio and figuring out our bills. That's where our money goes!

### August 7, Saturday

Louis worked on Allen's kitchen all day, hung French windows and a door. He drove me to Highland Park and then came back to his job. I paid light, gas, insurance, and a note at the bank, got rid of \$31.00. I met Sue, Elaine, and Ann in the bank, walked to Kress Store with Elaine and Ann. Bought little birthday gift for Shirley, little Scotty pin and bracelet, and nail polish. Ramona is going back home Tuesday and she's taking our gifts to Shirley. I met Annie, Beverly, Dale, and Ramona in Ivers Store. June, Harold, and Bobby called on us this afternoon, I bought tickets for Primary dance from June. Tonight we took Rex, Donna, and Janet over to Glendale. Went in La Bell's baby store and bought a cute little blue flannel coat and poke bonnet, we're going to give her for her birthday next Saturday. I talked to Sr. Moffit at the missionary's street meeting in Glendale tonight.

### August 8, Sunday

Louis took me to Sunday School, but he came back home and cleaned our car, bad boy! Sr. Bishop is on her vacation all this month, but I have Sr. Kelson, if she'll just keep coming. The class was so good it was a pleasure. Mary LaNear came up to me after Sunday School I was embarrassed not to know her, but she has grown up so, was just a child when they moved from our ward. I was happy to learn that her father has joined our church. I took care of Janet in church tonight; we stayed in the parlor with Annie and Dale. Colleen Gunn helped me with baby, she was real good. We went to Marshes' after church. Rex, Donna, Wayne, and Martha came, too. Martha is going back home in the morning. Wayne will be lonesome again. I didn't eat ice cream and cake tonight; it took willpower, ha, ha!

### August 9, Monday

I guess Wayne is a lonesome lad today, his sweetheart, Martha, left this morning for Salt Lake. I felt very well all day; it is surely a grand treat after so many weeks of not so good. I went uptown in L.A. and spent the day enjoying myself in and out the big stores. It's the first time I've been in town for several months. I bought eight towels (four hand and four bath). I bought some wool crepe, dark brown, to make a fall dress for me, going to trim it with my old checked brown suit. I also bought my baby a cute little print dress, with panties. Tonight we went over to Lorene's, took my suitcase to Mary, she's all excited over her trip to Utah. Charles couldn't get the material we've been waiting for, for our overstuff set, so we've decided on the one we liked best at first, it cost a lot more.

### August 10, Tuesday

I washed out a few silk underthings this morning and made some applesauce. Took my white coat to the cleaners, walked over to Annie's to take teacher's report. I visited Annie, Glen, Ramona, and Dale. Charles and Mary came; she is so excited about going to Utah on the train with Ramona tonight. Louis put some stain on our dining room chairs, three of them, tonight. Beverly called for me about 7 p.m., took me to the depot to see Mary and Ramona off. I sent Shirley a little birthday gift with Ramona, sent other kids a dime, five of them. A big day for our Mary, hope she doesn't get homesick. Charles came over for our big chair, we are lost without it. Rex and Donna called in this evening for a few minutes with our darling babe.



Lorene, Elvie & Sue Bailey, 1895



### August 11, Wednesday

Donna and baby came over on the street car, poor little mother was tired out from carrying our baby down her long hill, and then down our steps. After resting, Donna took her music and went to Cresse's Mortuary where she had a wonderful time for an hour and a half, playing their new electric organ. Mr. Anderson, the organist, told her she was welcome to come in and play it anytime they weren't holding a funeral service. She called them on the phone yesterday and they told her to come today. Rex called for Donna and baby this evening. They wouldn't stay for dinner. We had a nice fish Louis brought from work. I wish Rex felt more at home with us. Louis' friend, Abe, gave him a fish today. I surely enjoyed having Donna and baby visit me today. Oh, how I wish they lived near me.

### August 12, Thursday

Florence Oates called for me in her car at 12 noon. We called for Mrs. Putman, [*Ethel Eliza Birkinshaw Putman*] also. Donna and Laura had a nice lunch prepared. Laura's cousin, Irma, [*Irma Millicent Grames*] ate with us, too. Baby Ray bit little Janet's finger, real hard, she cried so pitiful, I guess she put it in his mouth and he tried out his new teeth. The girls all went uptown to a show after lunch. Sr. Putman and I stayed with the babies. She went over to Laura's to put children to bed; I did the dishes, and then got Janet to sleep. I rested also, but was sorry I ate ice cream and cake, it started my asthma, I had to burn the powder. Rex and Bill [*William Ilmari Johnson*] got home before their wives. Donna got home about 6:20. Florence brought me home. Louis was worried, didn't know where I was. I was very miserable with asthma and gas. Oh, it was awful for about two hours.



### August 13, Friday

I surely did suffer with gas and asthma last night, got relief before morning, so could rest some. Charles brought our big chair back today. I'm well pleased with it; it looks real swell, am so glad we had the curly mohair put on. Louis is tickled with the chair, too. Enjoyed our new chair and radio tonight, also good picture show at York Theater.

### August 14, Saturday—Our little Janet is one year old today!

Louis and I took her the little print dress, and a picture book, kittens and puppies over this afternoon. The coat and bonnet we gave last week, blue flannel. Donna had even made little birthday cupcakes with candies and candles, for our baby's first birthday. We brought Janet home with us while Rex and Donna shopped in Highland Park. They bought a pretty little blue dress for her; Rex brought her a lovely teddy bear home last night. Tonight Rex and Donna went to a show with Ernie and Elaine, we kept our baby here. Marshes' came to wish baby a "happy birthday," brought her a very pretty pink dress. We took Marshes for a nice ride.

### August 15, Sunday—Stake Conference

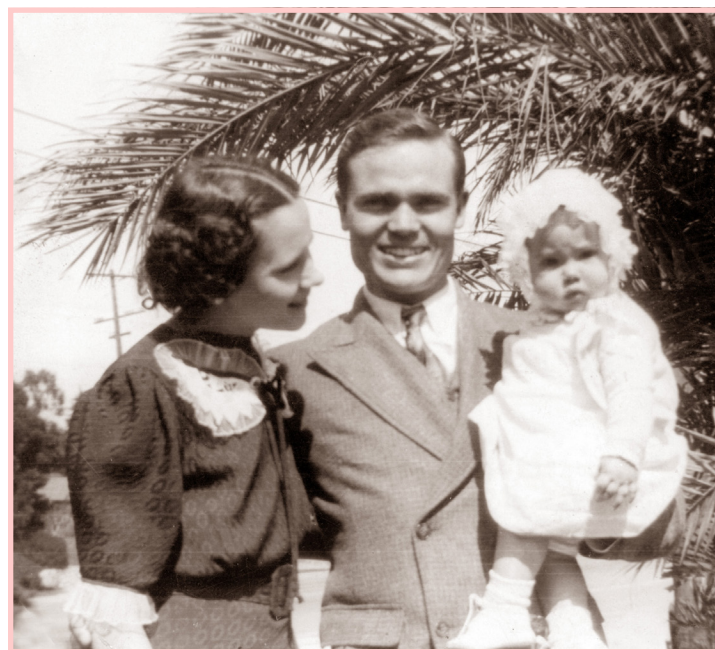
Sr. Bishop is on her vacation all this month. I was glad of a rest from Sunday School teaching today. Louis took Sr. Marsh, Ruth, and me over to Glendale, he and John wouldn't go to any of the sessions, they got Jim Marsh and went for a ride, and ate a swell dinner in some café.



Janet at 18 months old.



Janet Marsh one year old.



Donna, Rex and Janet Marsh

I'm so sorry my husband doesn't like to go to church like I do. We had a very fine conference, stayed to the afternoon session, also. Louis and John called for us at 4 p.m. We came home here and ate some lunch, rode over to Donna's, they'd just left for Elaine's so we followed, and they took Janet to evening conference. We took Marshes up to Florence's. Janet looked darling in her sweet little pink dress and new coat and bonnet.

### August 16, Monday

I did my washing and took a nap; it surely doesn't take much work to tire me out now days. I wonder if it's always going to be like this now? Oh, dear, I hope not. Tonight Louis and I rode over to Lorene's to see how Charles was coming on our couch, and take the letter I received from Mary, for them to read. Charles is working all week, so we can't look for our davenport back for another week, I guess. It's going to be a lovely piece of furniture when we get it, I'm anxious to have it back, the room looks lost.

### August 17, Tuesday

I got part of the ironing done then went to clinic with Donna and Laura. Donna took care of Ray, and I took care of Janet, Laura stayed out in the car. I'm surely glad this business of inoculations is over, I just can't stand to see the darling babies



Janet Marsh while living on Hub Street.

hurt, they've each had two now, so are through for six weeks, anyway. I went up to Donna's and helped with baby while she had a meeting with the Married Gleaner officers. We had a nice lunch, and then she treated girls to fruited Jell-O and cake in the afternoon. Marie Kendrick brought me home. Tonight Louis took me and Donna and baby to Ray Haddock's missionary farewell program in Glendale. Rex played ball with the elders tonight.

### August 18, Wednesday

I did some more ironing then went over to Annie's to meet Donna. Annie took care of baby Janet while Donna and I went uptown to buy wedding gifts for Dr. Rollo Watkins and bride, and Arma Hill [Arma Grace Hill] and groom [Lester Burke Eddington]. Donna took a nap at Annie's when we got home from town. We came over here at 4 p.m. Louis came home from work excited and happy with a radio for his auto. He bought a \$40.00 radio

from one of the boys at the hospital for \$10.00. He started to install it as soon as he got home. Donna called Rex on the phone, he came here from work. We had a nice fish dinner. Mr. Allen gave us some fish, Rex bought a little more. Andersens called tonight; we sat out in car and enjoyed our new radio.

### August 19, Thursday

Alice Pack had a baby boy yesterday. I finished the ironing this morning, and then went to the bank for \$10.00 of our vacation money saving to pay for the radio Louis bought yesterday. We expect to enjoy it a lot on our trip. Marie Kendrick brought Donna and baby over, I kept Janet here, and the girls went to a Gleaner luncheon at Miriam's (Marsh). I enjoyed my baby we both took a nap. I surely hope Alice gets along alright, Dr. Robinson had to take the baby cesarean, they were worried over her condition. Louis and I took the baby home about 5 p.m. Florence Oates was up to Donna's.

### August 20, Friday

I spent the day cleaning. Rex and Donna came over this evening, Rex asked Louis to go with him to see the fights. Wallie Gunn and one of the Olmstead boys fight there. Louis and Rex saw Wallie tonight. We rode down to Sue's with the boys and stayed with Elaine and Sue until they came for us. Ann was tickled to see Janet and little Janet was happy, too. Sue and Elaine have been sewing for Ann, pretty new dresses and coat and hat. Bishop and Ernie went to a show. All four got home at same time.

### August 21, Saturday

Louis varnished our dinner table and sewing machine, also the little magazine table, and then he finished painting our fence. I studied my Sunday School lesson. Tonight Louis and I went over to Donna's, he stayed with baby Janet. Rex took Donna and me to the Wilshire Ward chapel to see Dr. Rollo Watkins [*Rollo Edward Watkins was 34 years old when he married.*] and Margaret Ann Miller married. [*Margaret was 31 years old.*] Everything was very beautiful, flowers, candles, lovely bridesmaids, and bride. We had a very close call on the way to the wedding. Almost ran over a boy as he ran across the road, hit his knee.

### August 22, Sunday

I'll be glad when Sr. Bishop comes home. I guess she's having a swell vacation. I'm glad of Sr. Kelson's help, but she hasn't been teaching as long as Effie Bishop. Louis and I both took a nap this afternoon. Rex and Donna ate dinner at Florence's, they came here about 5:30, Louis and Rex fixed the leak in Rex's radiator. Donna, Baby, and I went to church in our car; she had to be there early to practice with Ann Madson. Louis and Rex came in Rex's car. I took care of my darling in the parlor. We all went to Marshes' after, enjoyed lunch, ice cream, too.

### August 23, Monday

Laura has a baby boy! [*Ron Ilmari Johnson*] Her third boy! I washed a few things out by hand this a.m., also shampooed my hair. Tonight we took Annie and Beverly over to Hill's, to Arma's wedding reception. Rex and Donna brought Janet to the reception. Laura went to the hospital at 1 a.m. this morning, they have another boy, 8 pounds, I'm surely glad she's over the worst sickness, I wanted her to have a girl, but the three little boys will be grand, too. Doris [*Laura's sister, Doris Ethel Putnam*] is staying at Laura's, I hope she will stay a month, it'll be better for Donna, too. Arma looked sweet and happy, we had a nice time. Was glad to see Br. and Sr. White tonight. We took Sr. Burnett and Lucille Evans home.

### August 24, Tuesday

I ironed, and wrote a letter to Mary, who is visiting her cousins in Provo, Utah. I took my brown tweed suit and brown wool crepe over to Annie's this afternoon. She cut my dress out. I ripped the tweed jacket apart for collar and cuffs and a vest. I'm using the suit skirt as is. I think it's going to be cute. It's the popular new coat style dress. We didn't quite have the dress finished when Louis came for me at 4:30, so I left it over there. Donna and Rex left our darling baby here this evening while they ate dinner at the Rite Spot, and then Donna stayed here while Rex went to teachers report meeting. Doris can only stay until Sunday at Laura's, I had hoped she could stay until Laura was able to take over things by herself.



Margaret married Rollo Watkins.



### August 25, Wednesday

I went to Annie's again today. We finished my dress I did handwork while she used sewing machine. I also did some handwork on Beverly's dark blue lace, it's made like mine, same style, only mine is street, and hers is dress up. Annie and Glen went to Highland Park this afternoon to buy things for Glen to take on his trip to Utah, pants, sox, shirts, and etcetera. He's going with Lorene and Charles Friday morning in their car. Dale was asleep when Annie left, when he woke up he said, "Where my muder is?" He was playing outside and I was busy sewing. Later, he came in and said, "Aunt Elvie, why don't you come when I call?" So cute, the cart before the horse. Fred and Vera, Br. Reiche and little John came over this evening. They are buying a home; it needs a lot of carpenter work. Fred wants Louis to help him fix it up; they took us over to look the place over. It will be real nice when cleaned up.

### August 26, Thursday

We've surely had a lovely summer. I haven't suffered with heat at all, our days are grand, and nights get real cool. I've had a few weeks rest from asthma, which makes me very happy, too. I wrote a letter to mother, and cards to Violet, Dad, and Bonnie, also a letter to Hattie. Tonight we rode over to see if Charles had finished our davenport. Bill and Br. Shupe were just going to bring it over in their

truck. Louis, Charles, and Ray came with them. I stayed at Lorene's. Annie, Beverly, and Dale stayed there, also. Lorene, Charles, and Glen, plan to leave in the morning for Utah. I hope they'll have a lovely trip. Our davenport looks grand. Rex, Donna, and Janet came when we were at Lorene's. They left a note.

### August 27, Friday

Another lovely day. Maude Craddock brought Annie and Dale over about 10:15 this a.m. They left Dale with me while they went to union meeting, Relief Society. I was in midst of cleaning the house, so Dale had a perfectly grand time for two hours with my vacuum. He was a very good little boy, we had a nice time and both enjoyed a nap in the afternoon. When Louis came from work we took Dale home. Allen's are away for a few days, Louis is caring for their chickens, we got the eggs (4 yesterday, 1 today). I thought Donna was going to leave Janet with us tonight while they went to a play with P.M. club, they didn't come. I was disappointed. Lorene, Charles, and Glen left for Utah this morning about 10:10. We went up to Donna's at 9 p.m. tonight, they were out somewhere.

### August 28, Saturday

I got up six o'clock and fixed some breakfast for Louis, he went over to start work on Fred Reiche's home, tearing down a partition or two. They have just bought this place, are fixing it up before moving in. I hope Charles, Lorene, and Glen are having a nice visit with Violet and family now. I'd love to be there, too. Louis came for his lunch just as I started hectograph pictures for my Sunday School class to color, but I got through both jobs okay Br. Reiche is helping at Fred's. Went over to Donna's this evening. Doris and Donna had shampooed each other's hair.

### August 29, Sunday

Sr. Bishop's mother told me this morning that Effie would be away until the middle of next month. That will be six or seven weeks away from our Sunday School class. I'll surely be happy when she's back. Sr. Cheney talked to me after Sunday School about Jay Shupe. She is discouraged with him in Sunday School work, it's a shame one boy can upset things so. I took care of Janet in the parlor in church tonight. Rex and Donna came over after church and ate some lunch with us. Louis and Rex ate egg sandwiches, little bantam eggs from Allen's chickens. He took care of them while they were away on vacation. Ray had to work; I took his lesson books to Sunday School I curled Donna's hair before church tonight, combed the curls Doris put in yesterday.

### August 30, Monday

I went uptown this morning, bought two hats at Bullocks, on their dollar sale, a brown and black, also bought hose, three pair and gloves, I bought a girdle, too. Did all my shopping in Bullocks, ate lunch in Owl drug store. Tonight Rex



Bullocks Los Angeles

and Donna left baby Janet here while they went with the P.M. club to see the Pilgrimage Play (The life of Christ). It was a very beautiful they say, both of them came home thrilled about it. Donna is very anxious for me and her Dad to see it now. I'd love to. Sr. Dalton is staying with Laura's children a few days.



### August 31, Tuesday

I was over to Annie's at ten o'clock to meet Donna. Annie had been called to the phone. Bishop wanted her to go see Sr. Putman. Mr. Putman [Adelbert Putnam] had died this morning. I stayed with Dale, Donna came, and we waited until Annie got home about 11:30. We left Janet with Annie and went uptown. Donna bought a cute wool dress, oxford gray, trimmed with green plaid. She bought a little green hat and a black purse. She and Rex are going to San Francisco with the Marshes, if they go, over the holidays, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Donna and Janet stayed here to dinner. Rex went to box for fun. Louis took Donna and I to the hospital to see Laura, he stayed in the car with Janet. We called in Sue's on way home tonight. Rex had to call Lewie to tow his Ford home, it wouldn't run, always something going wrong with the poor old thing, they came for Donna and baby.

### September 1, Wednesday

I had a very large washing, but got through early and rested. Annie brought Dale over about 1 p.m. She had a Relief Society meeting at Hanson's. We took Dale home this evening when Louis came. Called in June's to make arrangements for our visit to Sr. Luty, who is ill. Louis worked this evening on Mrs. Allen's cupboard for her new upstairs kitchen. The Keller family surprised us tonight about 7:30 p.m. It is the first time they have all been in our home at once, since they moved to Arizona. Louise is taller than her mother now. We went over to see Donna, Rex and baby, came back and ate ice cream and cakes. Sue, Elaine, and Ann were at Donna's. Jack and family are on their way home from Salt Lake and San Francisco.

### September 2, Thursday

I got half the ironing done then went to the store. Bought things for dinner tonight. I hurried to Cresses' where they held Mr. Putnam's funeral. Br. Reese spoke, and a Methodist minister conducted. Laura came home from the hospital with her new baby today, so she couldn't go to her father's funeral, too bad. Mr. Putnam has suffered for several years with asthma, it is good he has been relieved; it must be a relief for the family, too. It has been really warm today. I had dinner almost ready when Jack and family came; they'd been sightseeing in Hollywood all day. We had a nice visit. Louis and I led them out of L.A. to the Valley Boulevard. We called in Marshes' on our way back from leading Jack to Valley Boulevard. They are not going to Frisco now.

### September 3, Friday

I finished my ironing went to Highland Park. It is the big annual dollar day sale today and tomorrow. I bought some dark blue slacks and blouse for my trip through the canyons, also bought some wool knit, in an orange brown shade, to make a suit. I called to see Sr. Stead, she's been in bed five weeks with infected toes, has suffered a lot of pain. Dr. Watkins took a corn off each foot, both got infected. Donna and Janet were here when I got home this evening. Louis and I took them home, she brought baby over in her little cart. Tonight Louis and I bought me two pair of shoes in Berk's store, one brown and one black. They had to send for my size in the brown, so we'll get them Tuesday. We rode over to June's to make arrangements for our visit to Sr. Luty tomorrow. Sr. Marsh called Rex, said they weren't going to San Francisco tomorrow. Donna and Rex are very disappointed.

### September 4, Saturday

I rode over to Donna's this morning with Louis; he was on his way to Fred Reiche's house to work for the day. Rex got home about one thirty, he and Donna started out for their trip to Sequoia National Park, they met Lewie Marsh and he wanted to go with them in his car. Miriam was working at the library, so they had to wait for her, Donna and Lewie cleaned up a very messed up house. Rex helped Lewis pack the camping equipment. Rex and Donna came back over; they waited until 9 p.m. before starting out again. Two disappointed kids who wanted to go alone. Louis and I brought baby Janet over to our house tonight while he took a bath and cleaned up. We are going to sleep at Donna's while they are away so baby can have her own bed and etcetera. Harold took June and me to call on Sr. Luty who is ill. We took her some flowers. Bob and Harold kept baby in car while we visited poor Sr. Luty, she feels so badly.

### September 5, Sunday

Louis went over to work on Fred Reiche's house. Janet slept so sound all night, but she was awake as soon as Louis got up at 6:30. I took her in bed with me, we were both glad to get out then, ha, ha! I got Louis some breakfast, he left about 7 a.m. I surely enjoyed my baby today, but it hasn't seemed much like Sunday without my Sunday School class. Sr. Impsen is taking my place. Louis came home about 1:30. We went on York Boulevard for groceries. I cooked lamb chops and cob corn. Baby had a nice long nap. Bob Stanton came for "carry on" music. We took it to him later. Louis and I took Janet to church tonight. Gordon Garret and his wife came to church. Hoglunds and Andersens left this afternoon for St. George, Utah, to call on Violet. I found out when we went to church.

### September 6, Monday

Louis worked at the hospital all day, so he can add this holiday to his vacation. Little Janet is a pleasure to care for. I've enjoyed the darling so much. Laura's new baby is cute, he's going to be fair, is now, anyway. Donna and Rex got home this evening about 7 p.m. Louis was still over to Reiche's working. I was waiting for the meat he was to bring. The children had a very lovely time in Sequoia National Park; they were thrilled with its beauty. I'm glad they had a nice vacation and got back safe and sound. Will be glad when our other folks get back from Utah. Janet was happy to see her mother and daddy, cute thing. I hated to leave my baby, but glad to get home. Donna and Rex brought me some cute stationary with pictures of the famous spots in the Park.



Lewis & Miriam Marsh



### September 7, Tuesday

I miss my baby, but am glad to be home again, gee, I wish they lived nearer to us. I cleaned up the house; it was dusty from our not being here since Friday to do any dusting. I made toasted tuna sandwiches and a cup of tea for Louis at 4:30. I thought he'd be in a hurry to get over to Fred's to work, he didn't get home until after six o'clock this evening. He went to have something fixed on his car, he had a hard time getting it started this morning and evening. He didn't go to work at Fred's tonight. Rex and Donna brought Janet over; they left her with us while they went to a picture house. Rex worked for his father today, he is on his vacation. The folks got home from Utah at 1 a.m. Louis and I rode over to Andersen's to hear all about their trip to St. George. We got a big kick out of Claytons bringing a kitten from Provo to St. George in a suitcase without knowing it. It's alive and well, too.

### September 8, Wednesday

I'm happy the folks are all back home safe and sound from their Utah trip. Bette, Shirley, Mary, Glen, Lorene, and Charles from Salt Lake. Sue, Al, Annie, Bill, Beverly, and Dale from St. George. They all met at Violet's in St. George. I went to Relief Society this afternoon; we had block teachers meeting first at 12:30. Lorene didn't come for her lesson; I wonder if she's not well? It is good to be back in our meetings, I missed them this summer. Josephine Allen had her new baby girl out, she is a darling. I opened the meeting with prayer and bore my testimony. Maude Craddock drove us over to see Sr. Stead; the poor dear has suffered a lot with her infected toes. We had a house full at Stead's. Srs. Robinson, Treu, Hanson, Andersen, Peterson, Pickett, Craddock, and me.

### September 9, Thursday

I walked to the bank in the hot sun, only to find it closed for Admission Day. Went from the bank to Annie's, she was bottling pears, she cut out my new suit, I did the hand work, we had it all done except buttons and clasps when Louis called for me at 4:30. It is sweet of Annie to help me out like this. Rex and Donna brought our baby over tonight, they went to a show.

### September 10, Friday

I got part of the cleaning done before I had to go teaching. I haven't felt very well all day; the old asthma gave me trouble last night. Sr. Thomas and I ate lunch at Chili-Ville. We have sixteen members to call on now. I felt so sorry for June; she is feeling so ill lately. I guess she'll have to have an operation soon. Sr. Thomas brought Dale a Mexican hat, from her trip to Mexico.

### September 11, Saturday

Louis worked all day on Fred Reiche's house. I did some cleaning and a little hand washing. September came in hot after our nice cool summer. Rex brought Donna and baby over for a few minutes this afternoon, poor little Janet looked so warm. Tonight Donna and Rex went to a show with Elaine and Ernie. We had our baby, took her with us for a ride down to Bishop's. Louis wanted to get his [crow] bar that Al borrowed, but Sue and Al were out somewhere. Bette and Shirley were home with little Ann. It was so warm tonight, I made a bed on the floor for Janet, and she thought it was lots of fun. Donna and Rex came for the baby after the show.

### September 12, Sunday

I took the bus to church this morning; we had a nine o'clock Sunday School local board meeting. Dr. Watkins is back from his honeymoon and on the job. Brs. Keller and Carlson were back from Utah, too. I was surely tickled when Sr. Bishop came in the meeting; she's been on her vacation about six weeks. Dr. Watkins called on us all to say a few words. The four kindergarten teachers all asked to be released, too busy with Gleaner work and etcetera (Beverly, Wanda, Lucille S. Elise E.). We passed out dime envelopes. Louis worked eight hours on Fred Reiche's house. This evening we called to see how Sr. Stead was

feeling. Her toes are healing a little. We also called on June. She feels better. Harold's mother was there, it's his birthday. Tonight we enjoyed the Pilgrimage Play. It was surely most beautiful, and a perfect night. Rex and Donna treated us to the lovely play.

### September 13, Monday

I've been thinking of the beautiful Pilgrimage Play we saw last night, all day long. How lovely the life of Christ is given in that beautiful play, and the setting so wonderful up in the hills with the stars overhead. I did my washing; it has been real hot today. Donna and Rex brought Janet over this evening. They went to Brookside Park to cook and eat their dinner with the P.M. club. We took the baby for a ride down to Marshes', but no one was home, called in Annie's and was so sorry to learn of little Dale's illness. They had to call a doctor to him; he is a little better, but is pale and thin. He's been sick several days, dysentery.

### September 14, Tuesday

I managed to do my ironing and tidy the house up a bit, but it was a job, as I didn't have much pep, I was troubled with asthma all last night. It worries me to think how awful it would be if I got worse, but then I'm not going to and will not think that way. I must try to hide my feelings from Louis cause I can see he doesn't like me to be sick or feeling bad when he's home, it upsets him. Our block teacher came this evening. We rode over to Donna's about 7:30, they were almost packed, we don't know where they will campout, neither do they, I guess. It's the last week of Rex's vacation. We are staying with Janet here, until they come back.

### September 15, Wednesday

Our baby is the best little doll, she slept all night without a sound and is so good all day, I wonder where Rex and Donna are now? Hope they're enjoying themselves, camping out is not my kind of fun, glad my hubby doesn't care for that life. I'm enjoying my darling babe though. I felt fine all day until evening, and then the asthma started to bother me a little.



*Camping equipment from the 1940s. Elvie wrote, "camping out is not my kind of fun, glad my hubby doesn't care for that life."*

### September 16, Thursday

I put in the worse night I've ever put in, last night. Had a very bad spell of asthma. I sat up all night, the asthma powder and page's inhalers both seemed to fail me. I woke Louis up at 2 a.m. I thought I'd surely pass out; he was getting dressed with the intentions of getting me to the hospital for help. My breath came a little easier, so we stayed here. At 4:30 a.m. I felt so much better I got in bed and slept until six o'clock. Louis stayed home from work all day; he brought Lorene up this morning to give Janet her breakfast. She put things in order and got baby to sleep.

Louis took her home at 10 a.m. Lorene has company. Charles sister, Luella, [Luella Nadine Clayton] her husband [Clarence Jay Hansen] and 19 year old daughter [Helen Hansen] are visiting with them. We rode over home this evening, called in Lorene and Annie's. Dale is a little better.



*Luella & Clarence Hansen*

### September 17, Friday

I had a good night's rest and feel much better today. Janet is such a good little soul. I was shaky all day, had to take my time doing the work up. I've eaten nothing but juices and Jell-O since Wednesday night. We rode over to see how June was feeling this evening. She is a very sick girl, had been suffering a lot of pain. They took her to the hospital for an examination Monday. She has been very ill since. The doctor decided not to operate on her now; he's going to use radium treatments. It doesn't sound at all good to me. Poor little Dale is sick again. Sue, Elaine, Ann, and Ernie, drove over to see how I was last night.

### September 18, Saturday

Louis worked at the hospital to make up for the day he lost Thursday. He left at 5 a.m. Janet got me up at 6 a.m. I felt a little shaky, but by 6:35 I was so weak and feeling ill, I couldn't walk. I stayed on Donna's couch until I could make Laura hear me about 8:45. She called Sue's and asked Elaine to come over here and take care of Janet. Elaine came out on the street car; got there at 10 a.m. Janet was so cute and good all the while. I've never had such a weakness before. Maybe it was the medicine Louis brought me from the hospital to take for my cough, it was strong. I was surely glad to see my kids, Rex and Donna, they had a lovely trip, saw Violet and family. And the Big Boulder dam, also Zion's canyon, Otto went with them to the canyon. They stayed at Big Bear last night. They got home at 11 a.m. Donna cooked a nice supper for us tonight. I'm glad to be home.

### September 19, Sunday

I miss my darling baby; she was such a good little soul while her mother and daddy were away. She was tickled to see them yesterday, so was I and they were surely happy to see Janet, had to wake her up. I felt weak this morning, but took a bath and got ready for Sunday School, after saying a nice long prayer, I felt stronger, so started out, rode down on the bus. Louis worked at Fred's house until about 1:30. Sr. Bishop gave the lesson, I told a story after. I wore my new

brown shoes and dress, had several nice compliments. Bill, Beverly, and Glen took me home with them to dinner when they found out I was alone. Louis came in time to eat just as we finished. Lovely dinner. Little Dale is better, but still on his diet. We called to see Sr. Stead. She's better; too, also called on June, she's a very sick girl. I fixed her something to eat (Congou tea and graham crackers). I wish her folks were here. Janet sat up in front with us in church tonight, and was a good girl. Lorene and Charles brought Luella and daughter over to visit us this afternoon.

### September 20, Monday

I went uptown this morning, bought a few last minute things to take to Utah, a little gift for each of the kiddies, and a few things for me. I bought a little dress for Yvonne's birthday. This afternoon I sewed on the machine, made my slacks smaller. This afternoon, after work, Louis did a carpenter job for Mr. Allen, made a cupboard upstairs. Mrs. Allen sent over some nice hot biscuits and some chicken broth for our supper, it surely tasted good. Louis and Mr. Allen worked until about 9 p.m. I watched them through the window and enjoyed our radio at same time; they had a big light to work by. Louis found three good coats in the street on his way to work this a.m. I wish we knew who lost them.

### September 21, Tuesday

I washed and cleaned up the house, also shampooed my hair. I felt very weak at times, I thought I'd have to give up, but the Lord came to my aid and I got through the day alright. I wonder why I'm so shaky lately, anyway?? Ever since last Saturday I have spells of weakness pass over me. I'm not suffering with such awful cramps as I used to, am happy to say. Donna brought little Janet in to see me for a few minutes this evening. She was on her way to Florence's, she was driving their Ford. Rex was block teaching. I was glad to see my two darlings. Annie and Beverly came over tonight. I was so disappointed

to hear that poor little Dale has a temperature again. Annie is worried nearly crazy. Louis worked tonight and today, so he can have tomorrow added to his vacation to get ready.

### September 22, Wednesday

Louis went to Ernie's station to get his car greased. I did a few last minute jobs and packed. Louis came home and helped me. We went over to get Beverly's suitcase. Annie said Sue talked like she'd like to go with us, so we rode down to invite her, she said she couldn't, but before we left she talked like she might go. We called in Donna's to leave bird, and some coats Louis found. Little Janet isn't feeling so well, more teeth and a little canker sore in her mouth. Donna spent the day with Elaine; she shampooed and curled her hair. Bishop came up tonight to tell us Sue is going, ha, ha! I thought so.



*Rex & Donna visit Boulder Dam and a few days later Louis & Elvie also visit the dam. Boulder Dam later renamed Hoover Dam.*

### September 23, Thursday

We left Los Angeles at four o'clock this morning after picking up Beverly and Sue. We enjoyed the lovely morning ride, had our breakfast in Barstow about 7 a.m. Rode on to Las Vegas and up the Boulder Dam, had the guide take us around, very interesting and beautiful, Boulder City is lovely, too. Back to Vegas, ate lunch in Wimpy's Café 1:45 p.m. Arrived in St. George this evening about 6:45, visited with Otto in his station, called Violet on phone and said I was Sr. Schultz, more fun. She had a lovely dinner on cooking when we got to her house. We all talked at once, grand time. Louis and I slept out on lawn under stars, in good bed. Children were tickled with gifts. Grand to see them again. Violet has a very nice place. We missed the rain and washouts, could tell the storms were heavy by the roads.

### September 24, Friday

Felt fine after very good night's rest out under the stars. I helped Violet cook breakfast; we walked to town, Sue, Violet, Beverly, Yvonne, and me. Dody had to go to school, mailed cards to L.A. Sue treated to drinks. I bought candy and hot nuts. St. George is very pretty. Left St. George at 11:25 a.m. thru Hurricane on to Zion's National Park. Oh, it was wonderful to me, I walked up to the Narrow's alone, others didn't want to go, I was surely thrilled with it all, went through a tunnel 1 ½ miles long. In Orderville at "Hattie's Place," we ate a delicious chicken dinner. Drove through the beautiful Bryce Canyon to Richfield and stayed there all night in very nice auto camp, ate hot tomato soup in little lunch house before going to bed. Beverly and Louis took a shower. The coloring in Bryce Canyon is wonderful. P.S. Never saw Otto look so well.



Edgar and Ettie Best's home in Springville.

### September 25, Saturday

Enjoyed a good night's rest, ate fruit in car for breakfast. The ride in was beautiful. We called to see Aunt Ettie [Ettie Irene Strong] and Uncle Ed [Edgar Oakley Best] in Springville. Lucille [Lucille Best] was there, they were putting up plums. We ate lunch in a café on State Street and 10th South. Went to Dad's first, so we could see him before he left for his night work. Then to see Lydia and children. Louis took Sue and Beverly's things to Ida's while we visited Lydia. Louis wasn't feeling very well. We came to mother's hotel, rested, took a bath, ate nice dinner, and walked uptown with Louis. Mother gave us a very nice room, one we had last time. It is good to be in Salt Lake again.



1927 Thanksgiving in Springville at Edgar and Ettie Best home. Back row left to right: Richard, Yvonne Brown (Richard's girlfriend), Sara Lister (a friend), Mary, Ettie Strong, Relia, Edgar O. Best. Front row: Lucille, unknown toddler, Joseph and Nephi Paul.

### September 26, Sunday

Louis and I went to the 10th Ward Sunday School, it was very nice, saw lots of folks I knew. They didn't all know me, though. Went up to see Owen after. Mother treated us to a lovely chicken dinner in Heart's café. We went calling after, on Alta and husband, Aunt Janie [Jane Olorenshaw Rowe] and family, Aunt Sadie [Sarah Olorenshaw], Flora and family, Margie and May, [Wetzel], Edna and George [Donelson] and Nora Boice. It was a lovely day. Oh, yes, I called on Grama Garrett, also [Elsie Bailey's mother, Eliza Priest]. Came home in the evening, ate lunch, mother bought pie and ice cream.

### September 27, Monday

Louis worked on his car all morning. A big window in corner front room got broken this morning. [Cumberland Hotel?] Louis took the frame out and down to store for new glass. We went up to see Dad before going to work, went over to Doris's [Doris Elsie Strong], saw Bonnie [Bonnie Jean Bailey], and Doris's little baby girl, she is a darling. Gave Bonnie necklace, she is a sweet child. Went to Aunt Ida's, sewed some little brilliants on Sue's black lace dress, called on Mrs. Donelson and Barker. Both are failing in health. Aunt Ida [Ida Rich] invited us to eat dinner with them, enjoyed it very much. It was Bob's birthday, Sue and I walked up tonight. Gave them little gifts I brought, they were pleased. Sue gave money to Bob, 50¢. Beverly and Ramona came up to Lydia's. Beverly gave Bob money. We had a nice visit with Owen and Lydia, also Alvin and Ida [Strong].

## September 28, Tuesday

Got up in time to see Babe before he left for work, Louis took him over to his job in his car. I helped mother do the rooms. Mother treated Louis and me to a show at the capital, both pictures were very good. Louis went to see about Shell Oil card, but couldn't get it. Saw Virginia Falkner and her sister uptown. Mother came on home. Louis and I went in some of the stores, went to the Z.C.M.I. and visited with Elsie. [Elsie Daisy Garratt now married to Owen A. Bailey. Elsie worked in the glove department of ZCMI.] Sue is spending the day at Dad's and Elsie's. Mother cooked nice fish dinner for us. Babe went with us tonight to see his children. [He and Winnie were separated.] They are sweet kids can sing lovely. We also called on Margaret [Margaret Renshaw married to Mel]. Saw Kenneth and Betty. Jack was out; [Children of Mel and Margaret] Mel is in L.A. Louis treated to root beer.



Ralph Stanley Renshaw known as "Babe."

## September 29, Wednesday

Louis and I both helped Mother with the rooms this morning. [Cleaning and making beds in the hotel rooms.] We called for Sue about 1:30 p.m. We visited with Aunt Ida Davies [Strong married to Uncle Ern] before going over for Sue, and then came back for mother, and then over to Frances's to pick Beverly up. Aunt Maude had a grand chicken dinner for us, it surely tasted good. We had a thunder storm this evening. Mother was worried about the rooms in hotel getting wet with windows up, so Louis brought her home early, he took Maude [Maude Elizabeth Mills] and Andrew [Andrew Petersen] down to see Lorene and Charles's home that is for sale. Beverly, Sue, and I

stayed at Maude's. Sue bought us some delicious chocolates on our way home, Cummings. Beverly has a cold and didn't feel very well tonight. Called to see Aunt Julia [Julia Ann Strong] and Uncle Joe [Joseph Evans Paul] on way to Maude's, she gave us some pickles.

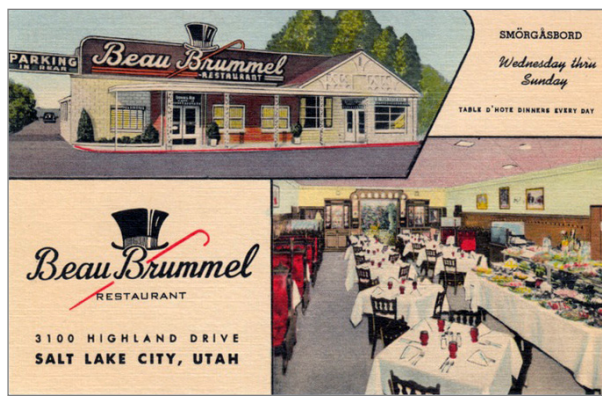


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## September 30, Thursday

It was a lovely day after the rain yesterday. Louis and I enjoyed the ride out to Magna; we had a nice visit with Margie and her new husband, Jim. I forgot to ask his last name. It seemed strange not seeing good old Tom, but Margie is happy and I'm glad for her. They've been married over a year. The ride to Bingham Canyon was beautiful, also, we surprised Hattie, [Harriet Strong Spiers] she had just gotten up, they live almost at the top of the Canyon, and it's very pretty up there. We rode up to the top where LeRoy works, Hattie went with us. I like Roy, they are very happy. [This marriage did not last. Hattie went back to her previous husband's name, Spiers.] Came back to the house and Hattie prepared a lovely lunch. We were all hungry. Came to hotel about 4 p.m. Rested before going to Vinie Royall's [Elvie Virginia Royall] (Louis' cousin) for dinner. We had a very nice visit and lovely dinner. The Scott's called to see us while we were out.



The Beau Brummel Restaurant that Elvie had lunch in, was located downtown. Years later it burned down. However the bakery that supplied all the desserts and baked goods still exists on Highland Drive in Salt Lake City. The owners still use the original recipes. They renamed it Glaus French Pastry Shoppe.

## October 1, Friday

I helped Mother do up the rooms. Aunt Ida called me on the phone at noon, and asked me to meet them in front of the Beau Brummel café at one o'clock. I saw and talked to Frank Bailey [cousin] while I was waiting for Aunt Ida, Sue, and Bertha Childs. Bertha had a table reserved, she treated us to the dinner, and it was surely swell, and is a very high class cafe. We went to the Z.C.M.I. and called on Elsie, met Hattie, [Harriet Eliza Strong] and she and I got weighed there. I, 121 pounds, her 141 pounds. I just can't believe she weighs so much more than I do. I bought a white shirt and blue tie for Dad's birthday. I met Katie Hoglund on street after leaving Sue and Ida. We talked for half hour. Tonight we took Beverly to see Dewetta and Cliff [Dewetta and Clifford Zimmerman]. Then all went over to Elsie's to spend evening. Frank, [Frank W Bailey] Vivian, [Eunice Lovenia Jones] and little girl called at Elsie's to see us tonight. We had a nice visit, ice cream, cakes, and punch. We took Aunt Hattie, Owen, and Lydia home. Garrie [Lewis Garrett Strong] took others and Sue.



Annie, Shirley, Katy Hoglund with Bette in front circa 1928.



### October 2, Saturday

Louis and I went to the morning session of conference, it was very good. We bought things for lunch, came home and ate; Mother and Shirley had just finished their lunch. I listened to the afternoon session over radio, Louis took a nap. Shirley [*Lillian Shirley Keller*] and boyfriend, Tom, went to ball game at U. of U. Louis took Mother and I for a nice ride this early evening, City Creek Canyon, lovely homes in Gilmer Drive, Federal Heights, Emigration Canyon, and Fort Douglas. We also visited Mother's and Pa's graves in City Cemetery. Oh, the canyons are beautiful with the autumn leaves turning so red. We went all the way to Pine Crest Inn. We visited with Mother tonight after supper. Have both felt tired after being out last night.



Home at Fort Douglas



Pine Crest Inn

### October 3, Sunday

Went to conference in morning ate lovely dinner at Lydia's. Kate and Joe [*Hoglund*] called to see us. Ate supper at Doris's, very nice, Dad's birthday. Sue had a nice decorated cake for him. Owen and family and Aunt Hattie were there. Elias [*Elias J Strong*] and Oretta [*Alice Oretta Thurgood*] called to say hello. Had ice cream and cake at ten o'clock at Edna and George's. I gave Dad white shirt and tie. Sue gave him a sweater, Beverly gave him some sox and tie. Dad took off work so he could be with us tonight and this afternoon. I'm surely full of rich foods this night. Have felt just grand so far. We took Aunt Hattie home [*Mary Harriet Bailey Richmond, Owen's sister*]. Beverly got a special delivery letter telling that Anna Egan [*Anna Bernardina Jakobsson, 46 years old*] was killed by auto, it upset us all.



Clara, LaPriel, Oreta & Elias Strong

### October 4, Monday

Sue, Beverly, and I met Dad and Elsie at Hotel Utah, we ate lunch in Johnston's tea room. It turned cold and rained a little, I called and Louis brought my coat uptown. Shopped with Beverly and Sue. Bought gifts to take home. Ate Supper at Ida's. Went to say good bye to Owen and family. Went up to Diana's [*Diana Strong*] at night. Al [*Alma Arthur*



Diana & Alma Selander

*Selander*] took us over to their new church and played several lovely pieces on the pipe organ. I enjoyed it such a lot. Aunt Ida, Uncle Alvin, Sue, Beverly, Louis, and I went. They took us through the church, it's grand. Diana treated to fruit and nut ice cream and lovely cake. Had a lovely time.

### October 5, Tuesday

Called for Sue and Beverly at 8:30 this morning, said goodbye to Ida [*Ida Rich*] and family, met Ethel, [*Ethel Francis Carlson, Ida's daughter-in-law*] she's very sweet. Hated to say goodbye to mother. She was surely grand to Louis and me. We enjoyed the ride, it was nice and cool all the way. We ate our lunch in Ely, Nevada, wrote cards to folks. Arrived in Fallon, Nevada this evening at 7:30 p.m. It's a nice little town, had a good supper and went to sleep in Grand Hotel. The room isn't half as nice as the lovely one mother let us have. We had room 10, Sue and Beverly had 16. It was cold when we started out for Reno this morning.

#### Grand Hotel in Fallon

The Grand Hotel began in 1907 as the Fallon Hotel, located on North Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada.

In 1912 the name was changed to Grand Hotel, and it was owned by J. L. Heady. In 1921 the hotel was purchased from J. L. Heady by Pierre Hauret. In 1929, Ramon Arrizabalaga Sr. purchased the hotel, January 23, 1954 and the hotel was purchased by Ramon Arrizabalaga Jr. About 2004 the hotel was torn down and Millennium Park was built on the site.

—Churchill County Museum, Fallon, Nevada



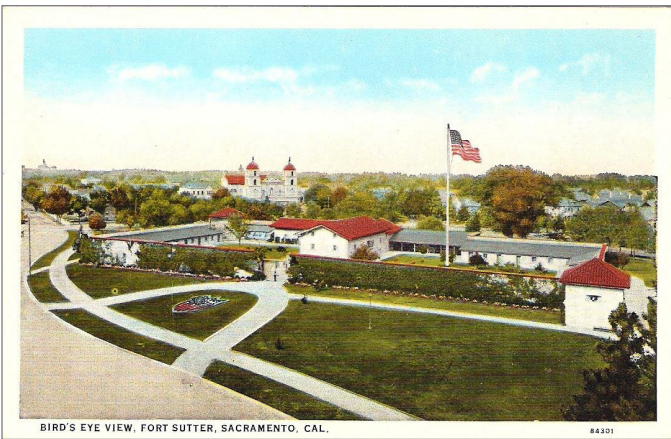
### October 6, Wednesday

Arrived in Reno, 8:15 a.m. The ride from Fallon was beautiful. Ate our breakfast in a very nice little café called Stover's Waffle House. Beverly took a picture of Louis and me on the steps of the famous Reno Court house. We shopped in the 15¢ Store. Sent Rex and Donna anniversary wedding card. This city is very lovely. Rode through a very beautiful canyon, tall mountains and hundreds of pines, large stream in bottom of canyon. I was thrilled at the beauty of Lake Tahoe.



*California State Capital Building*

My children spent their honeymoon here two years ago this month. Rode around the lake, miles and miles up to the tops of the mountains in the snow and pines, had pictures taken standing in snow two inches deep, a most beautiful drive. Ate our dinner in Sacramento, very good fish dinner. Had car greased, went in beautiful State Capital building, grounds are grand. Saw Sutter's Fort, camped in auto camp out of Vallejo.



*Post card of Sutter's Fort*

**October 7, Thursday**

The little auto cabins we slept in last night were just darling. Would like to live in them for a while. Had nice warm shower, Sue and Beverly had cabin next door, a garage between us for our car. Lovely furniture, they were surely cute. The ride from Vallejo was lovely, went through Berkeley to Oakland, very nice place. Rode to San Francisco on the Ferry, marveled at the wonderful bridge across the bay. It is surely a sight to behold. We went to Golden Gate Park and through the big fish aquarium. Went through the hot house, saw the lovely plants and flowers. Beverly and I went in the Natural History Museum. We all rode to the beach at the Cliff House, bought cards and souvenirs. Ate hamburger sandwiches. Rode down to Market Street saw miles and miles of tall buildings, we also saw the new Golden Gate Bridge. Left San Francisco by the coast route, 101. Ate our dinner this evening in King City, a nice little place. Went through city and got an auto cabin (just out of King's City). It wasn't as nice as we had last night. We had to sleep in same cottage for same money,

just 50¢ cheaper, but it's nice, two big beds. Been thinking of Egan's all day, so sorry. It is Anna Egan's funeral today.



*San Francisco approach of Bay Bridge 1937*



*Golden Gate Park*



*Steinhart Aquarium*



*Conservatory Golden Gate Park*



Cliff House

### October 8, Friday

I'm so sorry we couldn't be in L.A. yesterday for Anna's funeral; feel awfully bad when I think of the poor family. We had a good bed in King City, but was too near the highway it was hard to sleep sound for big trucks and cars passing. We enjoyed a good breakfast in San Luis Obispo at The Coffee Shop about 9:25. Came right on through to Los Angeles, enjoyed the ocean most of the way. Took Sue home first, 2:30 p.m. Elaine told us about Anna's funeral and accident, sure too bad. We called to see Donna and baby, couldn't wait until we'd cleaned up. Took Beverly home, glad to see Annie and Glen. Dale was asleep. We'd had a wonderful trip, the best ever, surely have been blessed. Donna invited us back to dinner. Felt grand after good bath. Enjoyed dinner at Donna's, it's so good to see our children again. We gave Donna a slip and Rex a tie. Our darling baby was glad to see us; she liked her little red purse, looked cute in pink dress.



### October 9, Saturday

Louis went to the hospital for his check; he paid our bills on way home. I spent the day cleaning the house. It wasn't really dirty, but dusty. I wonder how the dust gets in when the windows and doors are shut up. We surely had a grand trip, but I'm glad to be home again. There's no place like home. This evening Mr. Allen talked to Louis about some work he wants him to do, putting in more windows, in the sleeping porch upstairs this time. Mr. Allen gave Louis a little hen for our dinner tomorrow; we bought a larger one to go with it and went over to invite Donna and Rex to dinner tomorrow. Donna was just giving Janet her bath; after they got her to bed they washed woodwork and walls. Rex waxed kitchen floor, he brought machine from work. Louis and I enjoyed two good pictures at the York show tonight. We called in Egan's before going to show. Inis, Bob, and Dale [Dale Walter Egan] were home.

### October 10, Sunday

I decided I'd take one more Sunday off from my class and cook my husband a good dinner. I haven't missed Sunday School in many years without being ill, or out of town, and I knew

the class was okay with Sr. Bishop in charge. Rex brought Donna and baby over after church, everything was ready, but the dumplings, she made. The chicken and dumplings tasted delicious. It was grand having our children home. Louis worked at Allen's all day. Rex and Donna enjoyed a nap, I played with my darling babe until she got sleepy and cross, and then they took her home to her own little bed. We all went to church tonight, it was good to get back and see all the folks. Louis and I had a treat of ice cream after church.

### October 11, Monday

Well, our vacation is over now. We are back on our jobs, Louis to the hospital, and me at the washing and etcetera. Our weather is lovely, blue skies, and sunshine. Yes, I'm glad I live in this pretty country. I surely wish my Dad did not have the ideas he has about our church. I know it is all wrong, he's been misled. I did my cleaning after washing. I guess it was too much for me as I felt it tonight, with a slight attack of asthma. It's the first I've had for 23 days. I was awfully disappointed. I want to work hard, but just can't get away with it anymore. John and Florence brought Florence's [Oates] two children (Ernie and Elaine) over this evening. They've had them for two days. Florence is sick in bed. The doctor says if she isn't better in 24 hours, he'll take her to hospital and start labor. Glen brought Dale over this morning; he has a cold, so is out of school.

### October 12, Tuesday

I could only do part of my ironing today. The attack of asthma last night left me rather weak, and I had twelve shirts in ironing, so it was a big one because of our vacation trip, and some I had left from my washing before we went away. Donna brought Janet over for me to look after this afternoon. She went to club meeting with Elaine and Marie Kendrick. Baby and I had a lot of fun, she's surely a darling. Grama loves her, you bet. Tonight we took a box of old clothes and etcetera over to Bill for his church welfare work, one of Louis's boys at hospital sent it up. Beverly and Glen were home. Annie and Bill were down to Bishop's to correlation meeting. We took Janet's cart up home. Louis left the lights on in car, we had no battery when we came out. We enjoyed singing and piano in Donna's tonight. Elaine and Ann were there, also Olmstead and Raiser boy. The Raiser boy practiced some songs. Ernie and Rex went to play basketball.

### October 13, Wednesday

Louis had to call Mr. Allen this morning to push his car, our brand new battery shot because we left the lights on while we sang and visited in Donna's last night. I finished my ironing and darned a lot of sox. I went to the quilting at Relief Society, enjoyed the building fund luncheon, came home with a backache, and tried to reach too far on the quilt. Sr. Christenson, Mutual president, asked me to give a scriptural reading in Mutual tonight. Louis was late getting home from work, he stopped to change batteries and have Mr. Conley fix his car ignition. He did the job last evening, but had too much drink to do a good job, so did it over tonight. I had awful time giving the scriptural reading in Mutual; print was too small for poor lights.

### October 14, Thursday

I went over to Donna's this morning on the street car, but had that old hill to climb, anyway. Janet was playing in yard with Laura's two children. They are all growing so fast, getting out of the little baby stage. Janet was tickled to see me. I stayed out in yard with kiddies cause Donna was making a birthday cake for little Billy, [*William Birk Johnson*] 3 years old. I didn't want to inhale any flour. Donna and Laura went to their Gleaner club this afternoon, in Laura's car. They took the little baby. Doris stayed with Billy and Ray, she did her mother's washing in Laura's machine this a.m. I enjoyed my little darling, she is so sweet, she had lunch, a bath, and nap, and fun playing with Grama. Louis called for me at 4:30. He thought he was going to stake choir practice. Br. Farnsworth came to tell him there wasn't any tonight. Donna and Rex left Janet with us tonight while they went to a show.



*Ettie Irene Strong and husband Edgar Oakley Best circa 1927.*

### October 15, Friday

Louis had his holiday today; he worked all day putting in windows for Mr. Allen, in his bedroom upstairs. The Allens moved upstairs last month, their daughter Florence, and husband have moved in the downstairs. I did my cleaning and walked to Highland Park to pay Donna's bank note, she didn't feel very well, and her hill is hard to climb, so I did it for her. It looked like it would rain all morning, but cleared in the afternoon. Our block teachers came this evening, Br. Gunn, and Br. Alley. We always enjoy their visits.

### October 16, Saturday

Louis went over to carpenter job for Br. Pulsipher today, fixing a banister for staircase. I wrote cards to Dad and Violet. I was starting a letter to Mother when Ralph Keller walked in. He's come over with school kids to see a ballgame between his school and Bakersfield High. He was elated because they'd won, 6 to 0. Louis came for lunch at noon, Ralph left about 2:45 to meet his friends, and he had a bath first. I enjoyed his visit, he's a fine boy. I finished mother's letter and wrote a card to Lydia. Elaine and Ernie brought Donna and baby over tonight. Rex had his Sunday School class on a weenie bake in Oakwild. Donna left early to go to show with Elaine and Ernie. We took Janet to Boy's Market; saw Bill, Annie, Glen, and Dale. Donna came home about 8:30. She'd decided not to go to show, had a headache. We took her and Janet home. Elaine and Ernie went with Marie and Johnny Kendrick.

### October 17, Sunday

Louis went back to Pulsiphers to finish the banister job this morning. I cooked a roast before going to Sunday School. I rode down on the bus as I wasn't feeling well. Sr. Bishop and Sr. Kelson took the class, I enjoyed visiting. Mr. French, our hall janitor, came in our class to see why the cupboards were getting marked up. It's because we haven't room enough to set all the children in chairs, and have to line them on the drain boards, their rubber heels do the dirty work. I went out to talk it over with Mr. French; I guess they'll move our class now. Louis came home at one o'clock, he'd finished the job. President Cannon, Br. Haddock, Br. Marshall, stake clerk, Br. Cheney, and other stake visitors were in our meeting tonight. We had a nice big crowd out. I took care of Janet in the parlor. We went to Marshes' after church, ate good ole homemade ice cream.

### October 18, Monday

We are surely enjoying the lovely October's bright blue weather; the nights are so beautifully moonlight, too. I walked over to Annie's this afternoon to see the proofs of Dale's pictures before she took them back to have finished up. They were good, but one was the best by far. When Louis came this afternoon from work, we went to the post office to send money order to Salt Lake for insurance. Filled the car with gas and went to Bob Stanton's. Inis said he'd be home about 7 p.m. Louis wanted to talk to him about fixing something on his car. We came home and ate our dinner.

### October 19, Tuesday

I washed a few things out by hand this a.m. I was surely tickled to see Donna and my baby Janet coming in our driveway this morning. We had a nice visit and lunch. Janet had a nap for two hours after lunch. Beverly brought Aunt Ettie, [*Ettie Irene Strong*] Sue, Elaine, Ann, and Dale to see us. I think Beverly went to the train to meet Aunt Ettie. It is lovely to have Aunt Ettie out here where we can see her, she's going to stay a month, she looked so pretty today. Oh, wouldn't it be grand to have our own dear Mother out here, too. [*Ettie is a younger sister of Elvie's mother.*] Rex called for Donna at 4 p.m. He got off at three today, went home to paint house. We enjoyed our radio this evening, went to bed early.

### October 20, Wednesday

Still another lovely day. October is a fine month. I watered lawn and flowers, gave things a good washing all around. I hope Aunt Ettie will feel well, and enjoy her visit here in California. Our neighbor, across the street, moved out this a.m. She just moved in last month while we were away, wonder what was wrong? Also wonder where the old folks are who own the place; they were there when we left for vacation. I walked to Relief Society and enjoyed the nice day. Sue brought Aunt Ettie up to meeting. I sat with her. Nellie Imsen gave the literary lesson, a book review on an Indian story. She gave it well. After meeting Lorene, Aunt Ettie, and I went looking for something to give Sue and Al for their silver wedding anniversary next Sunday. The ward folks are giving them something. We all donated 25¢ to it. I bought a silver pin for Sue and tie clasp for Al, after I left Lorene and Aunt Ettie. Louis and I went to the Park show tonight. They had a carnival ball at Mutual tonight, also. Aunt Ettie bought a lovely verse in a silver frame to give Sue and Al.

### October 21, Thursday

I made three nice big single blankets out of my two double blankets this a.m. They'll be easier to handle now. It was thrilling to have Aunt Ettie in our Relief Society yesterday. This evening Louis took me over to Donna's; he went to Glendale to the stake choir practice. Rex and Br. Ross went teaching. I enjoyed my visit with Donna and baby Janet. She is growing so fast, and getting so darn cute. I was awfully disappointed when the old asthma caught up with me at Donna's tonight. I had to burn the powder twice while waiting for Louis to come. Oh, dear, isn't there anything in this world to cure this old suffering?? It's awful.

### October 22, Friday

I didn't rest very well last night, had to burn the asthma powder a few times. I got up at 8 a.m., but felt too punk went back to bed until 11:30. I defrosted the Frigidaire when I got up and could hardly get through the job; this asthma is the most exasperating thing I've ever put up with. I did so want to do my cleaning today, too. Sr. Robinson wanted me to compose a poem for her to present with the silver wedding anniversary gift from the ward folks to Sue and Bishop. I'd love to be able to, but just can't seem to put the thoughts into it. I'd like to while feeling so punk, but I did the best I could with what came to me while sitting up in bed. Louis took Donna to Josephine Howell's for a practice at 4:30 after work. Donna took poem to type. Donna did some shopping while out with her Daddy. Bought anniversary cards for Sue, Al, Elaine, and Ernie. She mended Rex's garments on my sewing machine before going home this evening.

### October 23, Saturday

Louis cleaned our yard up real nice this morning. We both washed all our window screens and the back porch screens with the water hose. I stayed outside to turn the water on and off, Louis did the washing job. It worked swell with very little trouble. The screens are all nailed to windows in this house. I studied my Sunday School lesson while Louis took his car down to Bob Stanton's garage to talk over a small job on it. Tonight we rode over to Sears Roebuck in Pasadena, bought 25 feet of garden hose and a nice big steamer pan to stew our two chickens in tomorrow. Louis also bought a nice sport jacket (dark brown) for me to wear with my tweed skirt. We bought my jacket in the Famous Store in Pasadena. Louis invited Bob to breakfast; they're going to work on our car.



← Ann Vandergrift, Janet Marsh and Dale Andersen



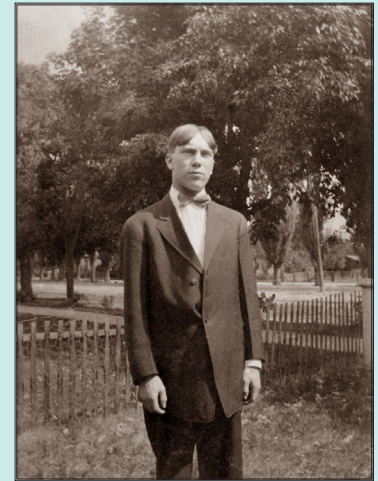
*Hoglund Family, Elaine, Sue, Al with Bette and Shirley in front.*



*Susie Bailey circa 1912*



*Al and Sue Hoglund on their 25th Wedding Anniversary.*



*Al Hoglund circa 1912*



### **October 24, Sunday—Al and Sue's Silver Wedding Anniversary**

It was disappointing for Louis after waiting an hour for Bob to come eat breakfast; we heard later he had to work all night. Inis slept over at her folk's house, Bob was going to help Louis fix his brakes. It was nice to have Louis go to Sunday School anyway, so I was happy. We enjoyed our chicken dinner very much, only sorry Donna and Rex weren't here, but we had them over after church to eat some. Raymond came too; they brought a quart of ice cream. The ward folks gave Al and Sue a lovely silver wedding reception this afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. in the parlor at church. All donated and bought some lovely silver trays, three in the set. Blanche and Oscar, Gene Judd and his girlfriend, Helen, Norman, Ruth Cartwright and kiddies, and James Strong came. It was nice Aunt Ettie could be there, too. Ruth sang, Ed Robinson sang Sr. Christenson played the piano, Donna also played piano. It was all very lovely only

Clayton's dog called twice, and someone invited the organ man and his monkey. The punch and cakes were real good. Isabell Thomas voted second counselor in Relief Society, in Sr. Bessie Hansen's place.

### **October 25, Monday**

I have to smile all day when I think how Mary' dog came to the reception yesterday looking for them, and then the funniest thing when the organ grinder and his monkey came to the reception, ha, ha! Poor Sr. Evans was awfully upset, but she got him to leave, well it was all lovely anyway after we got settled back to the sweet spirit of the occasion. I washed this morning, it was a lovely day. I rested all I could, so the old asthma would keep away. I surely can't work hard anymore without paying for it. Alice Brown couldn't come to eat dinner at Donna's cause her brother was coming from Long Beach to take her out. Donna and Rex went to a show and left our darling here tonight.



On this bright blue October day  
If you'll listen carefully,  
You may hear silver wedding bells  
Chime forth in harmony.

For the Heavens seem to smile  
From lovely skies of blue  
Because two of God's children  
Have kept a promise true.

Twenty-five years ago today  
In holy wedded bliss  
He made this pair as one  
And they sealed it with a kiss.

They know the joys of parenthood  
Have had trials and troubles, too,  
But have never faltered in the faith  
That He would see them through.

This day marks another mile-post  
For our Bishop and his good wife,  
They've learned folks can be happy  
If they'll live a righteous life.

Many friends around this couple  
Have gathered through the years  
And grown so very fond of them  
Mingling their joys and tears.

'Tis your silver wedding anniversary  
Loving friends have gathered near  
With congratulations for you both  
May your hearts be full of cheer.

*Elvie Renshaw  
(Composer)*



## October 26, Tuesday

After doing my ironing I took a nap, seems I just must rest after every job I do now days; it's so darn discouraging, this awful asthma always attacking if I work too hard. I'm thankful my washing didn't bring it on yesterday. Louis found termites in his old hand tool box, so he set fire to it this evening.

## October 27, Wednesday

Isabell Thomas came to tell me she couldn't go teaching this morning. I'd been waiting since nine o'clock, she came about 11 a.m. she has such a bad cold she didn't feel like going. I darned the sox before going to Relief Society. I'm surprised to have cramps again so soon, just a few days apart. Oh, dear! Lorene got a card from Elsie. She's in San Diego at her sister, Beaties [*Beatrice Ethel Thompson*]. Raymond, [*Raymond Leroy Thompson*] Beat's boy, got married last week. Elsie is coming to Los Angeles Saturday; Gordon will bring her to Lorene's Sunday. We girls stayed after meeting today and talked about a luncheon for Monday, so we could all be together while Elsie's here. She is leaving Monday evening, very short visit. Sr. Bishop called for me at 7:10 tonight, we went to Sunday School union meeting in Glendale. Louis went to Mutual tonight, I was sorry we had to go to Sunday School union meeting in Glendale. My darling husband bought two bottles of Van-tage for me.

## October 28, Thursday

It was surely sweet of Louis to get the Van-tage for me to take. I do hope it will bring results and my health will improve. I shampooed my hair this morning. It's a big job when it's all up and everything. I haven't seen my darling little Janet since Monday, if I only had better health, or they lived nearer and not on that awful hill, I could walk to them. I do miss my Donna child; too, wonder if mothers ever get used to their children living in another house? Well, it's life, and right. Tonight I went to the building fund program in the hall, Br. Gibby and Br. Farnsworth put on a little skit, also Br. Palmer and son helped Glen's friend, George, played between acts. The committee sold pies, hot dogs, and hot chocolate after program. Louis went to the stake choir practice. Jack Rich came to our ward program. I sat with him. I bought a pumpkin pie to bring home, 30¢.



## October 29, Friday

I found a note on my sewing machine this a.m. Donna came over last night and mended some garments. Sorry I didn't get to see them. I did my cleaning today, felt better than I have for some time. John Marsh called Louis on Allen's phone this evening; he wants him to work for him tomorrow.



Rex and Donna went to the P.M. Halloween party at Kendrick's tonight. We took care of our baby Janet. Rex said he'd take us to the beach tomorrow, I'm glad I won't have to disappoint Aunt Ettie now. We took Janet down to Marshes' to tell John that Lou could work.

## October 30, Saturday

Our mornings have been damp and foggy for about a week now; the sun shows up about 10 a.m., I'm one who welcomes the

sunshine, always. I went to market and bought a rabbit, came home and fried it this a.m. Rex and Donna came for me at 2:15 this afternoon. I had the lunch ready; we called for Aunt Ettie and enjoyed a nice ride seeing beautiful homes in Beverly Hills, and then out to Santa Monica along the ocean beach to Ocean Park. We got out and walked around Ocean Park. Aunt Ettie was thrilled with the ocean. We ate our lunch, fried rabbit and etcetera in Venice while watching the ocean as the sun went down. Little Janet liked Aunt Ettie to sing the "Hop! Hop!" song. We had a very nice time. Louis worked for John Marsh today, he and Br. Picket both worked.



Home of 1930s actress, Mary Pickford, in Beverly Hills.



Palisades Park in Santa Monica.



### October 31, Sunday

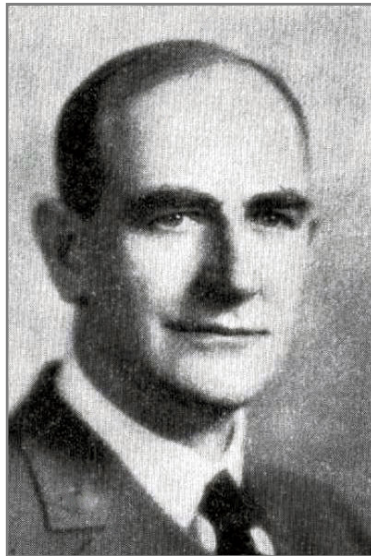
Bob Stanton ate breakfast here with Louis this a.m. seven o'clock. He adjusted the brakes on our car. Louis took me over to Glendale to our stake conference, he sang in the choir morning and afternoon session, we came home to our dinner between sessions. Rex and Donna went to the night session, we kept our darling baby, she's so cute, and we have lots of fun. She was still awake when they came for her at 9:30. I tried to get her to sleep, but she'd slept too late this afternoon. I enjoyed conference very much. Oscar Kirkham spoke. Gordon brought Elsie over to Lorene's this evening.

### November 1, Monday

I went to Sue's this morning, peeled the apples for Aunt Ettie's apple dumplings, Annie came early, too. We got the lunch ready, I went up to the car line to meet Donna and Janet, but missed them, they got off at Avenue 41, and I thought they'd get off at Avenue 43. Sue lived on 42, but car doesn't stop there. Lorene brought Elsie down about 12:30. Hazel brought Aunt Dell, Esther, and Blanche. We had a nice visit, and lunch was nice. Donna and Elaine did up the dishes, nice eh?! Bill called for Annie; they took Lorene and Elsie home. Glen came in afternoon. Beverly came after work, but missed Hazel and her party. Rex brought me and Donna and baby home. The folks went to station to see Elsie off, on their way home to Salt Lake. Louis started to fix our kitchen sink, had to shorten windows.



Elsie Garrett in 1911 wearing her wedding dress that was made by Susie Bailey for her first wedding to Lewis Strong.



Oscar A. Kirkham—1936

**Oscar Ammon Kirkham** (January 22, 1880 – March 10, 1958) was a general authority in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and one of the seven presidents of Seventy.

Kirkham was born in Lehi, Utah Territory, to James Kirkham and his wife Mary Mercer. Oscar Kirkham was the younger brother of prominent educator and defender of the Book of Mormon Francis W. Kirkham. Kirkham was ordained a Seventy by Joseph W. McMurrin on February 26, 1905. After serving as a Mormon missionary in Germany and graduating from Brigham Young Academy, Kirkham studied music in Germany and then taught at the Latter-day Saints University.

In 1913 Kirkham was appointed the traveling secretary of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association of the LDS Church to oversee recreational activities. Kirkham was involved with Scouting at a high level, serving as a regional scout executive and on the U.S. national staff at the 1929 International Jamboree at Arrowe Park in Birkenhead, England, where he was in charge of the religious exercises of the American scouts.

Heber J. Grant installed Kirkham as one of the seven presidents of the Seventy on October 5, 1941. Marion D. Hanks had Kirkham's personal notes published as a book, "Say the Good Word," to which Hanks wrote the forward.

Kirkham was also a longtime executive secretary in the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association of the church. In addition, Kirkham was honored with an eponymous named building on the campus of Brigham Young University—Idaho. —*Wikipedia*

### November 2, Tuesday

I cleaned up the house and went to market, bought lamb stew, also bought a gift for Matic girl who married Elmer Hansen last August. She's having a Gleaner shower tonight at Elise Treu's home. Louis worked on our kitchen until he got tired tonight, we'll have our new sink soon if he keeps this up, and he will, if I know my man. Sr. Pulsipher came about 4 p.m. I put her hair up in curls. I surely hope I can dress it to satisfy her and myself tomorrow evening. She's in a Mutual play. Donna called in this evening, she was in a hurry, I went out to car to kiss my baby. Beverly took me and brought me home from shower, also took Lorene home. We went in Lorene's after shower to see two coats she was thinking of buying. But she now knows they belongs to one of our ward members, she is disappointed. They are Lou Blackmer's.

### November 3, Wednesday

The fog was with us this morning; the sun was so bright yesterday. I wrote cards to Violet, Elsie, and mother. I went to the teachers meeting at 12:30, tried the door and found it locked or stuck, so decided I'd go down to Lorene's and see why they weren't holding meeting. She wasn't home, I came back and the door had been opened, so I went in to the meeting, late. Lorene gave a fine topic lesson. Ida Woods gave a lovely lesson on theology in the meeting later. We had a wonderful spirit in our testimony meeting, also. Aunt Ettie bore a very lovely testimony. Louis worked on our remodeling kitchen sink job after his work this evening Sr. Pulsipher came for me to dress her hair, it looked pretty when done. Louis took her home after; she was in the Mutual play tonight. We went to see the program. Bob Stanton did a very good job as master of ceremonies. The program was very fine.

### November 4, Thursday

I did a little ironing, and composed a short poem; Sr. Bird insists I give some poetry at the Relief Society social next Wednesday night. Oh! Oh! We had our Strong's meeting at Sue's tonight. Wayne Strong was voted in as our president, Blanche wanted to be released, she said we should have a member of the Strong family who holds the priesthood, and Wayne is the only one down here. Aunt Ettie gave a nice talk. We had a real nice

time. Lorene and Sue served sherbet and cookies. We all sang old time songs after the meeting and eats. Louis went to stake choir first. Donna played piano for our songs. Ruth led us.

### November 5, Friday

I did the cleaning. I'm surely enjoying this swell rest from asthma. The Lord is good to me and Van-tage is helping, too. We went to Highland Park this evening to look at linoleum for our sink, didn't buy any. Bought anniversary card and box of chocolates for the Marshes, they've been married 30 years today. Rode over to Donna's this evening. My baby was in bed asleep.

### November 6, Saturday

Louis worked most of the day on our kitchen sink, he's putting in a new one and building it up higher, it was too low and too small. I worked on my Sunday School lesson work. We went to Highland Park this evening and bought linoleum for the sink. Tonight we saw two good pictures at the York show, "Stella Dallas" and "Souls at Sea." We also rode down to Marshes' in early evening, took a box of chocolates and card, yesterday was their wedding anniversary. They were out again, so we left it in the door.



Happy 30th Anniversary John and Florence Nov. 5, 1937.

### November 7, Sunday

I was sorry I missed Bishop's nine o'clock meeting this morning. Dr. Watkins decided he'd let us set the children in the parlor every fast day, so we wouldn't disturb the Sunday School when we march there after first song. There was no one there to teach kindergarten, Sr. Bishop and I had almost 40 kiddies in our class alone. We called in Donna's on our way from Sunday School. She and Rex insisted on us staying to eat dinner with them, they had a lovely dinner, fried rabbit and etcetera. Rex painted on his house most of the day, Lewie came over in late afternoon to help. We took Donna and Janet down to visit Marshes in the afternoon. All went to church tonight. Ate ice cream and cake at Marshes' this afternoon.



### November 8, Monday

I got a good early start at my washing this morning, it was a very lovely day, I had the clothes all in by noon. Sr. Thomas came for me about 12:30 we did our teaching this afternoon. We called at seventeen homes, took in \$3.60 for the dinner next Wednesday evening. June Brown Hays's mother and father are here again. Clara [June's sister] is sick in hospital, infection in her leg they say. Louis went in her ward at the hospital to see her today. Louis and I rode over to Donna's when he got home from work; he wanted to give her the money for choir music she's going to buy tomorrow. Florence and Ernie ate dinner at Donna's tonight. We called in Annie's on our way to Donna's tonight. Louis and Bill went for a short ride in Bill's new auto, new to them, anyway (1932 Chevy). Lewie helped Rex paint tonight.

### November 9, Tuesday

I'm so very thankful for the nice rest I'm having from asthma, Father in Heaven has blessed me a lot more than I really deserve. I did my ironing, Donna and Janet came about 10:20 this morning. Bill Johnson brought them over, he left Laura and baby at the clinic near here. Donna and Lillian Rogers went uptown this afternoon to select a Christmas number for Louis and his choir to work on. Janet slept 2 ½ hours while I finished ironing. We took a walk when she woke up. Louis took Donna and baby home this evening, they practiced the music over together, first time this season. I stayed with baby at Donna's tonight while they went to choir. I got most of Donna's ironing done before she got home tonight.

### November 10, Wednesday

Annie left Dale with me today while she worked at church getting dinner ready. I had to take a nap with Dale to get him to sleep. I sang all the songs I could think of and he sang his songs to me, he has a very sweet voice. Glen came for him after school. Louis and I went to Relief Society dinner about 6:30 tonight. The tables were almost filled up then. They served a large crowd and the dinner was lovely, had a program after from ward talent. I gave a poem, as usual, Donna sang in trio, Louis sang in quartet, Bishop gave us a reading from the crystal ball (what he saw ward folks doing) ha, ha! Was good. Nellie Imsen had a toy store, live dolls that would move when she'd wind them up. Uncle Bill was a baby doll dressed in pink and white. He'd say "Ma-ma" when his chair was rocked; it was a scream, lots of fun. I enjoyed my darling Janet tonight while her mother was on the program. It was nice to have Aunt Ettie with us.

### November 11, Thursday—Armistice Day

I wrote a card to Violet wonder why she doesn't write? Hope nothing is wrong there. I also answered Elsie's card. Laura brought Donna and Janet over about 12:30 noon. They were going to the Married Gleaner club and wanted Janet to stay here. Grama was surely glad to have her darling, too. Donna brought baby's lunch, I fed it to her. We had a lot of fun playing on the living room floor. Janet has such a hardy laugh; I get a kick out of making her laugh. I made a dolly for her out of a little vegetable brush, with a carrot for head or face. She thought it was grand when I got it dressed

up. Miriam Marsh brought Donna to get Janet. Rex called for them right after they'd left. Louis and I enjoyed radio programs tonight, some very fine ones, too.

### November 12, Friday

It has been a lovely sunny day. I've felt fine and enjoyed doing my cleaning. Louis worked for John Marsh today, a carpenter job, on Johnston Street, near Marshes'. He took his holiday today instead of yesterday. This evening we rode over to Turners to see if he had the tile for our sink yet, but he was not home. We went to Donna's; she and Daddy played and sang over some choir numbers. I played with little Janet, she's so cute and smart, she danced while the music was playing, and it was a scream. Rex studied paint mixtures, or something about his work at Fuller's Paint Company.

### November 13, Saturday

Louis went on the Johnston Street job again this morning. I went to Highland Park and paid our gas bill. I bought a veal roast, came home and cooked it with some vegetables. I had the dinner ready when Louis got home about five o'clock. He was surprised that I had cooked a roast on Saturday, but I have a Sunday School meeting at nine o'clock in the morning and thought maybe Louis would be working on the sink tomorrow, too, so I'd cook a good dinner today. He went for a haircut after dinner this evening while I did the dishes up. Then we both rode over to Donna's to see if she'd like to ride to the Famous Store while Daddy bought some oil, she had Laura's baby so we went alone. Louis bought a black jacket, also. We went to Franklin show. Called back to see if Donna wanted to go for a ride, but she was out with Sue, Al, Elaine, and Ann. Donna bought doll and buggy for Janet for Christmas.

### November 14, Sunday

Florence Oates had a baby girl at 4 a.m. today. Louis took me to the church this a.m. for my nine o'clock meeting. He came back for Sunday School but left when the class work started and went down to the Johnston Street job to get a load of lumber that they tore down from old porch yesterday. Donna called from Marshes' to see if I'd come down and tend Janet while she went to see the big stained glass window with Sue, Al, Aunt Ettie, James Strong, and his boyfriend. The wonderful "Last Supper" at Forest Lawn. Louis, Janet, and I took Sr. Marsh and Ruthie to the hospital to see Florence. We waited in the car, baby Janet slept all the while. Donna brought James and

his friend in to Marshes' to see us when they brought her home. Rex and Lewie painted all day on the Johnston Street house. We took Donna to church tonight. Sr. Marsh kept Janet there. Paul Bailey autographed one of his books, "Type High" for me tonight.

### November 15, Monday

I washed out a few pieces by hand this morning. Beverly took Donna down to Aunt Sue's, she and Elaine went uptown to buy gifts for the two new babies, Vera's little girls, and Florence's little girl. They did a little Christmas shopping for their own little darlings, also. Beverly then brought Aunt Ettie, baby Janet, Annie and Dale over here to get me, she took us to her house while we gave the babies their lunch, and then we all went out to the beach. We went up around the Beverly Hills, saw lovely homes. Aunt Ettie and Beverly took off shoes and stockings, went wading in over at Santa Monica. We called in Nellie's house for a few minutes. Ate popcorn, rode through Ocean Park. My baby had a nice nap, she was very good, she also took off shoes and sox to play in sand with Dale, had a grand time. Beverly and Annie took Aunt Ettie home to eat dinner this evening and then they went to Park show. Louis put linoleum on our new sink, I helped him.



Mary Elizabeth Strong Bailey  
Aunt Ettie's older sister and Elvie's  
dear mother.



Diane Lucille Oates born November 14, 1937.

### November 16, Tuesday

I bought chicken at the poultry store and cooked it almost four hours. I did so want to have nice tender chicken stew for Aunt Ettie this evening. We took her for a nice ride around Pasadena and up in the foothills there. After Louis got home from work he called at Sue's for her at 4:30. I left the chicken cooking while we were gone, but it was still too tough. Boy, it must have been an old bird, surely made me feel bad, I had a hard time to keep the tears back. The rest of dinner was okay, chicken gravy very good, they said. I didn't enjoy anything. Br. Gunn came teaching, we had a nice visit. I enjoyed Aunt Ettie so much. She is surely sweet; it makes me feel very near to my own sweet mother to be with her. Lorene and Charles brought Sr. Taylor's daughter over to ask about hectograph. Aunt Ettie picked an orange off the tree for herself. Louis drove up to grove and invited her to do so, ha, ha! Been a good joke if they'd got caught. We took Aunt Ettie home after correlation meeting was over at Bishop's.

### November 17, Wednesday

I put the old bird on to cook again this a.m. with a pinch of soda in pan. Let her cook all day, even while I went to Relief Society, the meat came off the bones, but wasn't nice like other chicken I cooked two weeks ago. It was stringy and the flavor wasn't so good. I'll let my husband buy the chicken after this, he knows when they're young. I quilted on Sr. Picket's "Five Star" quilt in Relief Society today. It was a special quilting, but we went on quilting while Sr. Imsen gave the rest of the story of her little Indian girl, "Sacagawea." We all went to depot to see Aunt Ettie off for Salt Lake. I gave her a plaque of California mission. I hated to have her leave. We've enjoyed her so much. We brought Annie and Lorene home in our car.



Lewis & Clark at Three Forks with Sacagawea

### November 18, Thursday

I went over to Annie's and tried about eight times to get Dr. Girdlestone on the phone. I was determined to have my tooth taken care of today. He wasn't in, so I went back to my old dentist, Dr. Haig. He took four x-rays, wouldn't do anything without seeing how bad the tooth was. [*The x-ray wasn't ready to view until the next day.*] Walked back to Annie's about 3 p.m. Bill was home, the machine at work had broken again. Al had to send the men home. Bill is disgusted. Donna and Rex brought my darling baby tonight while they went to the hospital to see Florence and baby girl. Louis went to stake choir; he called to see Sr. Shurtleff about his ward choir meeting in her home from practice, also.

### November 19, Friday

I went to dentist office at 9:30 a.m. The x-ray proved the tooth not quite as bad as Dr. Haig first thought, so he said he'd extract it, he thought yesterday he might have to send me to L.A. to a specialist who does nothing but extracting teeth. He had a hard job getting a hold of the tooth because it was broken off. I felt no pain, but the shock of him working so hard and long made me nervous and weak. Oh, I am thankful it's out. I walked over to Treu's from the dentist office and quilted on Sr. Kelson's quilt. I didn't eat any of the lovely lunch Sr. Treu cooked, my mouth was too sore. I came home about 3 p.m. Isabell brought me. I went to bed on the couch, felt weak and chilly, and took heating pad for feet. Louis went to Donna's after work to fix her light plugs right, he got them wrong first, not going through the meter. Tonight Louis cemented the tile around our sink.

### November 20, Saturday

Louis finished our sink job this a.m. He put a metal edge all around the drain board. It was a big job to get it bent

to fit, I tried to help him, it looks nice now. I did the cleaning after dinner this p.m. Louis cleaned and watered yard. Donna, Rex, and baby Janet called in to see us for a few minutes this evening. They'd been for a ride. We were both tired tonight, so Louis bought our dinner at the "Rite Spot." I enjoyed my chicken noodles very much. We went to the Franklin picture show after. Donna, Elaine, and Marie Kendrick went to see Florence and new baby girl tonight. Gave a gift from Gleaners. Rex played basketball.

### November 21, Sunday

I walked to Sunday School. Louis worked at hospital all day. Beverly brought me home from Sunday School. We had so many children in our class today we had to promote

seven of them into the church history class so we could have room enough. We can only get about 35 in the little kitchen room. We sent the oldest ones out. Superintendent Watkins told us to do it. Rex came for me just as I'd started to fix me some lunch. He took me to their house for a nice dinner. Little Janet didn't feel so well, she has a cold in her head. Rex stayed home from church with baby tonight. Louis and I took Donna over; she wanted to sell some tickets for their Gleaner building fund dinner. The Primary conference was just lovely. I surely enjoyed the sweet children. Enjoyed radio at Donna's after church.

### November 22, Monday

It was a lovely sunny day, my washing dried in a few hours. I went to Dr. Haig's at 2 p.m. He started treatments to get rid of the pyorrhea in my lower gums. [*Pyorrhea is purulent inflammation of the gums and tooth sockets, often leading to loosening of the teeth.*] The treatment hurts a lot more than extracting this tooth did Friday. I walked to Highland Park, shopped in Kress and bought things for dinner at the Food Center Market. I stayed with Janet while the folks went to Sr. Shurtleff's home for their first choir practice there. I'm so glad my baby feels better; her cold is almost cleared up. Bob, Inis, and Lillian came over to Donna's to practice trio.

### November 23, Tuesday

I did my ironing this morning, darned sox, mended Louis' trousers and shirts. Louis took his examination today for a general foreman's job at hospital. I hope he'll make the grade, if it's for his best good. A cold has started in my head; it makes me mad, with Thanksgiving Day and Marshes' big dinner coming up. I've just got to get rid of it. We rode down to Marshes' tonight to give them \$2.00 to help with dinner. Ruth was home alone, folks had gone to Florence's to get baby Florence. They brought Florence and new baby Diane home from the hospital this afternoon. We waited until they came.

## "Aunt Ettie's Visit"

We often think of you, dear Aunt Ettie,  
And your trip to the Golden West,  
How you came out here for a visit  
And to have a needed rest.

We recall your delicious puddings,  
And apple dumplings, too,  
But a smile, we can not suppress  
When we think of rest, and you.



Remember the big stores on Broadway,  
Strolling in and out with Sue?  
Riding up and down the escalators,  
Enjoying a new thrill or two?

Then gliding along on the highways  
In Lorene and Charlie's car,  
And stopping to purchase walnuts  
With nothing your joy to mar.

One fine afternoon to the beach we went,  
Annie's Beverly drove us there.  
You gazed with awe, the ocean cast a spell,  
It wasn't long, and your feet were bare.

You were wading along the old ocean shore  
Just as if it had been your habit.  
Another time, Rex drove us out to the beach  
And we enjoyed a lunch of fried rabbit.

Do you recall a desire, an orange to pluck,  
Where the golden fruit hung from the tree?  
How Lou parked his car there by the grove,  
"Here's your chance, take it quick," said he.

Approaching the tree with pounding heart  
You pulled at the first one in sight  
With the coveted orange held tight in your hand  
We again sped along in the night.



The man in the moon upon us shed his light  
And the orange could clearly be seen  
To our amazement and mirth, we found,  
The prize you held was still green.

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It seems the old "hoo-doo" was following us,  
For at dinner that night I recall  
Chicken was served, and in this old bird,  
Our teeth couldn't penetrate at all.

Remember the beautiful ferns in the dale,  
Where the wild strawberries grew?  
You tasted the berries just for fun,  
Beverly and Elaine were with you, too.

Little Ann used to call you "Aunt Betty"  
When you left she missed you so,  
Baby Janet loved your hop, hop, song,  
We all hated to have you go.

It seemed that Mother was nearer,  
While you visited with us here,  
It was the same when Aunt Julia came,  
You're both to us, very dear.

We'll always remember your visit,  
Enjoyed every minute of your stay.  
We're hoping for a message saying,  
You'll come again some day.

*(Typed by Donna Marsh)*



### November 24, Wednesday

I felt miserable with bad cold in head and darned old cramps, but went to the dentist anyway, cause he said he wanted me to come every other day while he is treating my gums. I spent the afternoon in bed, trying to get rid of this awful cold. Gee, I'll be mad if I can't go to the big Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow. Louis went to Marshes' after work to help John connect up their old stove on the back porch, so he'll have the two stoves for the cooking job tomorrow. He came back and said they'd decided not to put up the old stove. Would get along with one electric range. Rex brought Janet over tonight, said Donna was sick in bed tonight with a cold. It surely upset me when I heard Donna was sick, too. I wanted to go over and doctor up her cold, but was too ill myself.

### November 25, Thursday—Thanksgiving Day

A lovely bright sunny day. This cold in my head makes me feel miserable. Rex brought Donna and Janet over for a few minutes. Janet's cold is better, but Donna feels miserable, she was sick in bed yesterday. I'm glad she is better today. We all went to the big Thanksgiving dinner at Marshes', 2 p.m. The tables were beautiful with new glassware and silver. Miriam had a cold so didn't come, but Lewie brought little Ruth Helene [*Robin Marsh*]. It was a wonderful dinner as usual. But I couldn't enjoy it like other times cause my taste was gone with cold. Rex washed most of the dishes, Lewie helped a little. Donna and I dried dishes while Ruth put them away. Florence, Sr. Oates, and family left after dinner. New baby is cute, just two weeks old. Donna, Rex, and Ruth went to a show this afternoon. I took care of Janet at Marshes'. The cold turkey lunch tasted better to me tonight than the big dinner, cause my taste had come back.

### November 26, Friday

My cold went to my lungs; I had a bad night with pain in chest and back. Made a mustard plaster at 4:30 this morning, got it too strong and burnt me, the asthma got a good start about this time, so I was sick and unhappy. I'm glad Louis was home most of the day. I was so darn sick, stayed in bed late, and suffered a lot with pain in chest. It was so much worse with my awful fight for breath. Louis started to paint the kitchen; he gave the walls first coat. He did go to hospital for a few hours this a.m., but came home and we both went to the dentist at 2 p.m. (Louis' first time). Doctor says his teeth are in good condition for not seeing a dentist for 25 years. [*Louis kept most of his natural teeth all of his life, which was very unusual compared to his contemporaries.*] I came home feeling ill, went to bed again. Louis took Donna and Janet home in evening.

Donna did up my work. Rex called in tonight. Janet was very good while Donna was away. She played so cute. I was feeling so sick, too. Sr. Thomas took Donna to Glendale to play for Helen to sing in Relief Society union meeting this a.m. They brought baby here.

### November 27, Saturday

I had a bad night again; Louis put a mustard plaster on my back last night, and kept hot Epsom salt packs on my chest all day today. Late this afternoon I got relief from the awful asthma, the hot packs had checked the congestion in my lungs and I felt a lot better, but very tired and weak. Louis was very good to wait on me, even changed the sheets on bed with me in it. It's a comfort to have a good husband; he brought Annie over this afternoon. She washed some underwear for me and cleaned the rooms up a little, lucky me to have such a sweet sister, eh?! Louis painted in kitchen, when he could get time off from waiting on me. It all has first coat now.

### November 28, Sunday

I had a good night's rest and feel a lot better, stayed in bed all day. Sorry I didn't get word to Sr. Bishop, but was too ill to do so. I hate to miss my Sunday School class, I love teaching the children, they're so sweet. Louis bought me some of the good chicken noodle soup at Rite Spot, it tasted delicious. I was hungry; it's the first food I've eaten since Thanksgiving food at Marshes'. I've just had tomato and orange juices. Lorene and Charles called to see me this afternoon. Annie and Bill came later, also Rex, Donna, and baby Janet. I'm so thankful I feel better and have relief from the awful asthma. I stayed alone while Louis went to church tonight. It is too cold for him to sit in bedroom with me, so evenings are long. Louis started to paint the trim on woodwork today, also gave walls second coat. It looks real nice.

### November 29, Monday

Our kitchen is going to be real pretty with the pale ivory and deep cream trim, it is almost finished now. I had a good night's rest for which I'm thankful. I got up about 9:30, warmed up the house and took a bath, it was almost too much for me in my weak condition. I went back to bed after getting dressed, stayed in bed until I felt stronger again. I ate some lunch at noon to help build me to normal again, but my appetite has left, the odor of paint doesn't help any. I should have gone to the dentist at 11 a.m., sorry I couldn't get word to Dr. Haig. Louis kept his appointment at 4:40, the dentist cleaned his teeth, he's through now, I wish I was. [*Twenty-five years and all Louis needed was a cleaning.*] I wrote to Violet, and one to mother.



### November 30, Tuesday

I washed a few silk underthings out for myself; I can't seem to get my strength back, or this cold out of my system. This afternoon Louis went to the cleaners for his pants. I rode with him, and bought some meat and vegetables. Mr. and Mrs. Nardini both remembered me. I used to buy in their store on Aldama Street when we lived over there about seven or eight years ago. They've just opened this nice new market near us. We saw Beverly walking home from the bus, so picked her up. She said she'd call for me tonight. We went to Egan's to Doris Putnam's [*Laura Johnson's sister*] shower tonight. Doris was ill, we were all disappointed when the telegram came telling us so. Lorene bought the ice cream for the shower. Laura and Donna made the cupcakes. We had a nice party, the games were well planned.

### December 1, Wednesday

My cold is still making me feel miserable, but oh, I'm thankful the asthma has left off. I rode to Relief Society on the red bus; a few drops of rain fell just as I went in church. Annie had Dale there; he wanted to sit on my lap, so I held him through Lorene's teacher topic lesson, also Sr. Bird's lesson on Theology. He was a very good boy. It looked like it would rain when we came out of meeting, so we all hurried home, a few more drops fell, but that was all until night, when it rained a little more. Charles visited Louis and me tonight while Lorene was in Mutual.

### December 2, Thursday

My cold has reached the small of my back today and the pain is most uncomfortable. I washed and cleaned out the kitchen drawers this morning. I put some of the linoleum in the drawers. Donna and Elaine came about noon and left their children with me while they went to the hall to plan their spaghetti building fund dinner for tomorrow night. The little dears were very good. I enjoyed them. Ann tried to take a nap, but couldn't make it. Janet had a nice nap in my bed. The girls came for them about 4 p.m. Beverly, Glen, and Dale rode over this evening; Beverly had cut her finger at work and wanted some adhesive tape. Louis went to choir practice at Glendale tonight.



*Elvie Bailey in 1910 when she was 18 years old.*

### December 3, Friday

Rex left the car for Donna today; she brought Janet here this morning. I kept her all day. My back made me feel ill, it pained so, little Janet was very good all the while. I decided I was too miserable to go to the dinner tonight, and sent Louis alone. Lorene was going to tend our baby, but I put her to bed here cause I was staying home. I was very disappointed; as I'd looked forward to this dinner the Married Gleaners have worked hard to make this affair a success. Donna was tired out when she came for the baby tonight. Louis went over to Charles after his dinner; he signed his name to a bank note for Charles. June and Harold came to see how I was this afternoon.

### December 4, Saturday

I got up this morning and did the housework, but felt so ill I went to bed about 2 p.m. Louis worked in yard, put new seed in lawn, and made a window frame. I put an Epsom salts pack on my throat and kept it on until evening, changing it three times. I stayed in bed in the hopes I'd be well enough to go and help Sr. Bishop with the Sunday School class tomorrow, but oh, my back pained all over, and the chances seem very slim. Louis went over to Donna's twice, but she was out both times. He did a little shopping for me, I felt better by nine o'clock tonight.

### December 5, Sunday—My Birthday, and sick in bed!!

So sorry I couldn't go to the early nine o'clock officers and teachers meeting and to Sunday School. I missed last Sunday, too. Wonder what Sr. Bishop will think? Louis took my crayons and the three pictures I'd colored over to Sr. Bishop this morning. I had to stay in bed most of day. Donna and Rex came over after Sunday School. They ate at Rite Spot, and brought some of the good chicken noodle soup back for me. We kept Janet here with us while they ate. They went with the Marshes this afternoon for a ride to Mt. Wilson. Lorene and Charles came to wish me "happy birthday." Annie and Beverly, brought a lovely box of fresh dates. Sue and Al brought large bouquet of lovely flowers. Louis, Rex, and Donna gave me face powder, rouge, lipstick, and cream, very lovely. I got up late this afternoon and enjoyed radio, felt weak. Louis stayed home from church tonight.



### December 6, Monday

I gathered all my washing up and Louis took it to the Sunshine Laundry after work this evening. I rode with him; it was good to get out in car again. Annie said she and Beverly would do my washing on Thursday (Bev's day off), but I'm sure Annie isn't feeling any too good having her teeth out every other day or so. Donna sent Laura down for my washing this a.m., too, but I wouldn't let her have it. My little Donna needs her strength for her own little family. They're all grand to want to help. June even offered to do it, oh, oh! And her so run down, too. Br. and Sr. Brown are staying in California this winter; they've rented a room near June. Folks left Janet here while they went to choir practice.

### December 7, Tuesday

Annie brought Dale over this a.m. while she went to have some more teeth out. She's only eight left to come out now. Bless her heart; I'll be glad when her poor mouth is healed. It must be awful to go through. I can feel for her, my gum is still tender from the one I had out two weeks ago. Mother Renshaw is going through same; too, she had all of her teeth out last month. I should go back to dentist, but have been too ill. I took Dale up to meet Annie at 11 a.m., and then I took the red bus to Highland Park, paid the light bill and bank note. Went up and paid rent to Mrs. Allen, also. "Get rid of the money, and feel better," is my motto.

### December 8, Wednesday

I wanted to go to Relief Society today, but didn't feel well enough to climb up my hill to the bus. It was quilting and building fund luncheon day. I'm sorry I had to miss it. Rex and Donna brought baby over about four o'clock this afternoon (Rex's afternoon off). He'd had toothache all day; he left Donna and baby here while he went to the dentist. Dr. Watkins filled the tooth with a temporary filling, but he's afraid the tooth will have to come out. That will be a shame as it is one of the front teeth. We kept our baby here while Rex and Donna ate at the Rite Spot, also until they came home from Mutual. Louis brought the washing from Sunshine Laundry this evening, \$1.30. Louis is coming down with cold, sorry.

### December 9, Thursday

Beverly brought Dale over this morning at 10:15, she left him here while she and Annie went uptown Christmas shopping. I did my ironing this morning, it was small cause the flat work came home ironed. It is the first laundry I've sent out in California. Cost \$1.30, but I had three blankets in the wash, so it's not bad. Beverly came for Dale at 3:30. He was a very good boy, had to stay in the house cause it rained most of the day. Tonight it rained real good and we surely do need a nice rain after our long dry spell. Louis had a sore throat when he came home from work. I put Epsom salts pack on him.

### December 10, Friday

Louis got up and went to tell Mrs. Lillian Bush he couldn't take her to work, she lives near us, he came back, and I put a fresh Epsom salts pack on his throat, and sent him back to bed. He stayed in bed most of the day; I changed the packs several times. It rained all night and all day today. I did the cleaning. Louis came in on the couch in later afternoon, he wanted to hear radio. Rex and Donna brought our baby Janet, over tonight. They left her with me while they went to a show. She has a good time with her Grama and Grama loves it, too. I made her a bed on four chairs.

### December 11, Saturday

More rain, but we surely needed it; things look so nice and green again. I'll welcome the sunshine, though. I've been in so long with my illness (about two weeks), now the three days of rain. Louis feels better, I'm glad to say. We went out in our car this afternoon, over to Annie's. I stayed with Annie and Dale while Louis took Bill and Glen over to the storehouse that Bill has charge of for church. It rained so hard the streets got flooded. We started for Donna's when Louis came back something got too much water in, under our car, and it stopped. We had to sit in car and watch it rain until wires dried out, so we could start again. Ate chili at Chili-Ville, went to Franklin show. We visited with Donna and Rex and baby for while this evening before going to eat and show.



### December 12, Sunday

Hallelujah! I woke to see the glorious sunshine after three days and nights of down pouring rain, which, by the way, we needed very much. Everything looks so pretty and green now. Louis took me down to church to the early meeting (local Sunday School board meeting). It was grand to go to church again, after missing two Sundays. Dr. Watkins called on each of us, as usual for few remarks. Sr. Bishop took full charge of our class today, as she said I looked weak yet. It was nice of her; she's like that, so sweet. I'm so happy they let us teach together. Louis and I bought groceries at Boy's, it rained so hard yesterday we didn't like shopping in the wet after being ill. Went to church tonight, enjoyed our choir for first time this year. They left my baby with Florence [*Marsb*] tonight.

### December 13, Monday

Ah, more lovely sunshine, nice, eh?! I went to Los Angeles this morning, to do the first of my Christmas shopping. It's the first time I've been downtown in several months. I bought baby Janet a pink taffeta dress (\$2.00) in Bullock's store, can hardly wait to see how she'll look in it. Also bought her a book in Bullock's. I bought a satin slip for Donna, and an outing flannel nightgown. I had the Broadway store mail a pretty box with some very nice imported soap, and some lovely dusting powder to mother Renshaw for Christmas, and two nice games to Violet's kiddies in St. George. I was glad to get home again away from the large crowds. Enjoyed my baby tonight while folks went to choir.

### December 14, Tuesday

I went to Highland Park to do some more Christmas shopping this morning. Bought a slip and some sox for Janet. Bought shirt and tie for my boy Rex, and some silk hose for Donna. I'm through all but my dear hubby's gift. He wants some ties. I did most of my shopping in L.A. town yesterday. I shampooed my hair this afternoon and put it up in curls. Louis painted our kitchen chairs out in the garage tonight, they'll need another coat to look nice like the kitchen, I surely like our kitchen, now. Donna and Elaine came tonight in Rex's car. They took our car on the avenue to do some shopping. Rex's car wasn't working right. They brought Mae Scott back with them; they visited with us until after 10:30. Elaine was disappointed about the house she was going to rent. The lady wouldn't let her have it cause she is expecting a baby.

### December 15, Wednesday

Annie was upset yesterday when she talked to her neighbor and found out Elaine couldn't rent her house because of the baby Elaine is expecting. It's surely a shame folks can't rent with children now a days. Rex and Ernie were playing ball last night. Br. Scott left his wife at the show, and then called back after 10:30 for her, she had seen both pictures, so wouldn't go in. That's why Donna and Elaine picked her up last night and brought her here. Then took her back to meet her husband at show later. I went down and helped finish Sr. Picket's quilt before Relief Society meeting. We had a very interesting meeting. Sr. Worsley gave a book review. Louis and I went to Mutual tonight. The play was very good. Bette, Glen, and young friends were in it.

### December 16, Thursday

The young folks who put on the little one act play last night after Mutual did a very good job of it. Bette and Glen were both in it. "The Castle of Mr. Simpson" [*A one-act comedy*]. Br. and Sr. Ashard were the mother and father. Glenda Mikesell, Colleen Gunn, and Bette were their daughters; the boyfriends were Jimmy Craddock, Clifford Olmstead, and Glen Andersen. It was very cute. I went to Annie's to stay with Dale while she went to the dentist to have last five teeth out. One tooth broke off and Dr. Haig sent her downtown to a specialist, he had to operate and get it out. I felt so sorry for poor Annie. It's been a bad day for her. I brought Dale over here until Glen came for him

after school. Donna drove us both over, she left Janet here with me while she and Elaine entertained the Married Gleaners at luncheon, at Sue's.

### December 17, Friday

Janet has a few little pimples on her body that look like chicken pox to me. She feels so well, oh dear, little Dale was with her all day yesterday, I'm wondering? I did my cleaning today. I bought a Christmas wreath from a young boy this afternoon. Louis helped me twine our lights around it when he came home this evening. It looks pretty, we have all red lights in it. Gives us the spirit of Christmas. Louis brought a nice paper camel with wise man and silver star. We pasted it in the door glass, he got it from the hospital, one of the ladies down there gave it to him. Louis helped me change the sheets to blankets last nite. He says, "It's too cold to sleep in sheets now."

### December 18, Saturday

Louis and I went over to Donna's this morning at ten o'clock. He and Donna went over some of their choir music, Janet and I enjoyed a nice walk in the sunshine. We took Donna and baby to Highland Park at 11 a.m. Donna went to the bank, and then she went uptown to meet Rex. We brought Janet home and kept her until they came for her. Rex went to play basketball tonight, Donna stayed with us, and we went to Kress Store shopping. Highland Park was crowded with Christmas shoppers. Our baby had a wonderful time in the toy department. Donna bought some goods to make little apron for kiddies and mattress and covers for Janet's doll buggy. She cut out some aprons tonight after we came from a nice ride in Pasadena. Mrs. Benton, our neighbor,



told Louis her pet dog died two weeks ago. She feels so very bad. I'm sorry for her, she's so all alone.

### December 19, Sunday

Louis worked at the hospital today. I walked to Sunday School and enjoyed the lovely sunshine. The children were very good. We surely love them that way. Rex took me over to his house for dinner. Donna had a lovely rabbit dinner ready. Rex washed all the dishes after (nice, eh?!) He took his cousin from Idaho, for a ride to the beach this afternoon. Donna and I stayed home. I addressed some of my Christmas cards. The choir gave a very fine program in church tonight and Br. Ray Haddock gave such a splendid talk on the Christmas spirit. Sr. Marsh took care of Janet in the parlor tonight. Marshes invited us down after church. We took Bill, Annie, Glen, and Dale home from church tonight, something gone wrong with their car. We ate ice cream and hot biscuits at Marshes' after church, sang Christmas songs.

### December 20, Monday

Sr. Isabel Thomas called for me at nine o'clock this morning. We went teaching. Most everyone talked of the strong windstorm we had at 4 a.m. today. I didn't hear it, so I'm sure it didn't hit our neighborhood, down in our little hollow. Donna left Janet with me while she went uptown to meet Rex and finished Christmas shopping this afternoon. Laura brought them over here. We kept baby here until after choir tonight. They didn't have enough out for practice so just sang old songs around the piano. "Grand time," says Donna and Daddy. Lorene, Charles, and Mary visited us tonight.

### December 21, Tuesday

I did the first washing I've done for over a month this morning, and enjoyed it; the day was grand like summer. I'm surely thankful to be rid of that awful cold and feel normal again. Donna and baby came over this evening. Rex went to ball practice. Bob Stanton came to see Louis about Christmas caroling. We took Donna and Janet over to the hall tonight. I had to help the Primary and Sunday School decorate for the Christmas party tomorrow night. Donna wanted to talk to Dr. Watkins about the reading he asked her to give on his program next Sunday morning. Janet had so many falls on the big hardwood floor, she would run across it. Louis brought them home and came back for me. The Primary teachers trimmed five little trees, they looked so pretty. We trimmed the big Sunday School tree (Sr. Imsen, Sr. Mikeson, and myself).



### December 22, Wednesday

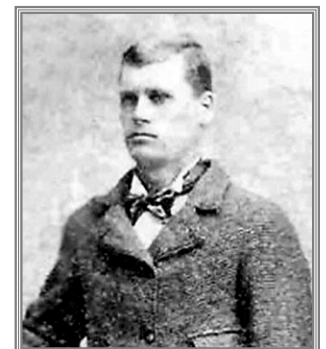
We are headed back now, yesterday was the shortest day in the year, the days will be getting longer now, I guess. We've had summer all along just three days rain so far. God's country, I'd say. Took my time ironing, not feeling so good today. My sweetheart gave me \$10.00 to buy a Christmas gift for myself. A new dress it'll be, I think. Elaine came over this afternoon to see the house next door which is going to be vacated after first of year. I talked to Mrs. Allen about Elaine renting same. She came over to our house to see Elaine. They went in the house with pass key. Folks were out. Elaine likes the place; Mrs. Allen says she'll let her know when the people move. Ernie came for Elaine about 5 p.m. I helped untrim the big tree tonight. We went to the Christmas party. I gave the reading before the pageant. The Primary teachers had games and dances, well planned for children, very nice party. Uncle Bill was Santa.

### December 23, Thursday

I sewed all day on Donna's Christmas things, she was coming down, but I thought I'd help get them made up. I had 4 little aprons all finished, Rex's garments marked, and the mattress, quilt, and pillow for doll buggy almost finished when she came tonight. She had to go back to practice songs with Stanley Farnsworth, but said she'd come down tomorrow morning to sew all day. I'm glad it's almost done, she has a little sewing to do on her black dress, and she cleaned it today, lovely. Aunt Janie [*Jane Olorenshaw Rowe*] sent Louis a telegram this a.m. saying Uncle Tom [*Thomas Olorenshaw*] had passed away yesterday. It's too bad just at Christmas time, too. Louis wrote to Aunt Janie.



Jane Olorenshaw Rowe



Thomas Olorenshaw

### December 24, Friday

Louis was home today, he has a three day holiday, nice! I did the cleaning this morning; Louis went up for Donna and the baby. We sewed the net ruffles on her black dress, it looks like new again. Donna went to Highland Park with me to buy a dress, my gift from Louis. We left him home to take care of

Janet. I bought a pretty brown silk print dress; I also bought two pair of hose with the money he gave me. Rex got off work early and called for Donna bout 4:30. He brought home a pretty silver tip tree, they trimmed it tonight. Louis and I took the Christmas gifts up to Donna, Rex and Janet. We all opened them up there. Their tree looks beautiful. Louis and I rode past church at 11 p.m., but the carolers had left. We went over and visited with Annie and Bill until after midnight. Marshes called in Rex's while we were there tonight. Ruth had fur coat on, her Christmas gift.



Janet Marsh in August 1937.

Louis and I went up to see what our baby thought of the gifts Santa left. Her doll and buggy were the first she went to, after looking a long time. Oh, she was cute. We all enjoyed her. It was sweet of Donna to keep her from seeing her things until we go there this a.m. Louis and I gave Janet a pink taffeta dress, a pair of sox, a slip, hose, and outing flannel nightie. Rex and Donna gave Louis two pretty ties, and a nice clock. They gave me a lovely blue corduroy hostess robe, I wore it all day. We ate dinner here at 12:15. Donna fried the rabbit home and brought it down. I had a lovely day with my children. We called this evening on Florence and Ernie. Janet slept there while Rex, Donna, Elaine, Ernie, Wayne, and Martha [Martha Bush] went to a show. Louis and I went to York show tonight. We called in Clayton's and Andersen's this morning. A very happy Christmas Day!

### December 26, Sunday

We had our Christmas program in Sunday School this morning. Too bad it rained and kept a lot of people at home. I took care of Janet in the parlor, cause both Rex and Donna were on the program. She gave a reading, and sang in quartet with Rex and others. Elaine stayed in parlor with Ann, also. We insisted on Rex and Donna coming home to dinner and help eat up the leftovers from yesterday. So I had two happy days with my children. The children went home this afternoon, so Janet could have her sleep in own bed. Louis and I went down to visit Sue and Al about 5 p.m. Stayed there until church time. Rex stayed home with baby tonight, he popped some corn, and we ate it after church and sang songs for hour or so.

### December 27, Monday

I washed a few things out by hand this morning. Rex left the car home for Donna. She brought baby down this p.m. I went to Highland Park with them, she bought pretty peach colored ribbon, and flower to fix up her green lace dress, for the New Year's Eve dance. Tonight Louis and I went to the Park show to see "One hundred Men and a Girl," and "Dead End." They were both good pictures. It was dish night, so I got one.

### December 28, Tuesday

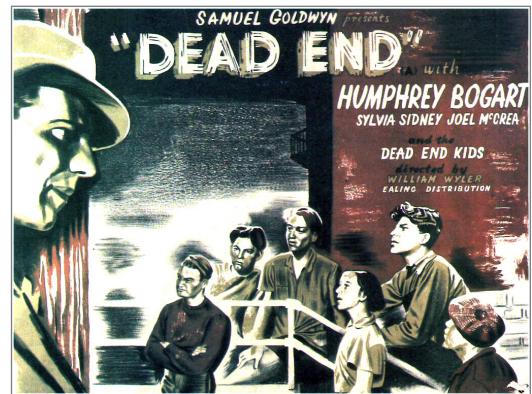
I wrote cards to Violet; and Dad this morning. Donna and baby came about eleven o'clock on street car. I cut the train off Donna's wedding dress, and helped her fix the peach ribbon and flower on it. It looks very pretty now, she had the dress dyed a pale green. I hemmed up the slip, too. Alvin Paul and family called on us this afternoon. Bette Hoglund brought them over to see Lorene, Annie, and me. It was good to see them again. Margie and Jack are grown up now. Louis and I spent a very nice evening with June, Harold, Bobby, and Br. and Sr. Brown. Played Bob's Christmas games and saw his picture show. Nice time.

### December 29, Wednesday

The weather is lovely, hope it stays so until after the big Rose Parade on New Year's Day. I wish I lived near to Donna, so I could help her today. She's having company to dinner, a couple from the store, that is, he works with Rex at Fuller's. I know Donna has a lot to do, but I'm so far away, and that hill stands between us. I'm not much good after climbing it. I wrote a letter to Mother Renshaw this afternoon. Our neighbors are getting ready to move, it'll be nice to have Elaine living there, I hope nothing comes along to change her plans. Lorene and Charles came over tonight, we had a nice visit, and she bought a Christmas card from Maude Craddock to us. I gave her the one Ruth a Clarence sent to them.

### December 30, Thursday—Dale's Birthday, three years old!

I went over this morning to wish little Dale a "happy birthday." He was real pleased with the little purse with 15 pennies. Beverly is home for a few days. Work is slack at the bakery. Annie was uptown with Elaine. Glen was home, too. Beverly treated me to See's chocolates, nuts, and some fruit cake. I brought the fruit cake home, a piece from the bakery, and some Annie made. I wrote a letter to Hattie. Tonight Louis and I rode down to Marshes'. They were out. We called at Donna's, and they were out, too. Went to Annie's and they had a house full. Lorene, Charles, Mary, Sue, Shirley, Elaine, and Ann. Annie says Donna left Janet with Beverly and Glen all afternoon while she went uptown to buy some dancing slippers. She brought her soon after I left for home today. We took Sue and kids home tonight. Elias Strong and wife, Oretta, were down to Sue's when we got there tonight, also Br. and Sr. Aley.



**December 31,  
Friday**

Well, I've written one more book 1937 must come to a close. It's fun keeping a diary, even if foolish. The Lord has blessed a lot this year, for which I am very thankful. I hope I for one, can do some good to show my gratitude in the New Year ahead. Sr. Marsh called me on Allen's phone, she said that Donna had been there and wanted her to call me to say they were leaving Janet at Florence's [Marsh] tonight, cause they thought we would like to go out. I'm a little disappointed I even had a bed made up for my baby. This evening we went over to Donna's, she was frying two



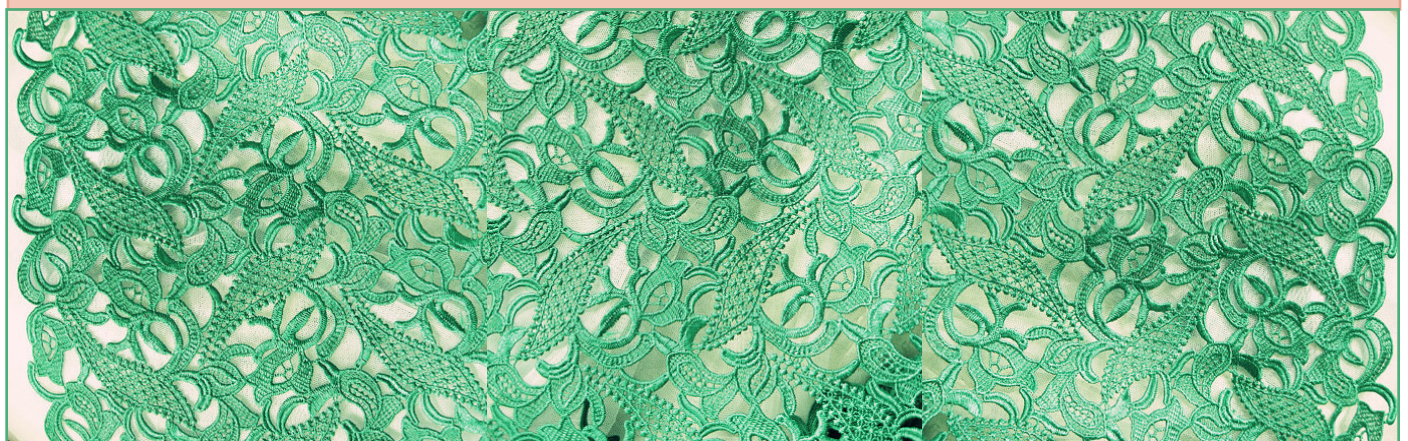
rabbits and busy getting dinner for her company. Wayne and Martha. We brought Janet home and fed her her dinner, kept her here until 8:30, when we took her home. I helped Donna with hair and dress, the girls looked real sweet. Rex and Wayne took Janet up to Florence's. The four young folks went in Wayne's car to the stake dance at Wilshire Ward. Florence and Ernie went along, too. Louis and I went to the midnight show at Highland theater, saw Sue, Al, and Shirley, also Br. and Sr. Evans, and Mary Ellen, and Br. and Sr. Burnett. The house was crowded and noisy. Enjoyed both pictures.



*October 1935 Wedding portrait of Rex and Donna Marsh. Donna wore the dress for her wedding reception, and then the next year added red roses and wore it to the New Year's dance. In 1937 Donna had it dyed green added a peach sash and flower and wore it to the New Year's Eve dance. Donna's daughters, Mary and Kathy, wondered (in later years) what happened to their mother's wedding dress. The mystery is now solved, it was reused and remodeled and then probably was given away during one of her many moves.*



Wedding dress remodeled, New Year's Eve dress created.





**Character is the governing element in  
life and is above genius.**

When you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40. When you have sinned, read Psalms 51: 1-4; 10-34. When men fail you, read Psalm 27. When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34. When you are in danger, read Psalms 91. When God seems far away, read Psalm 139. When you have the blues, read Psalm 34. When doubts come to you, read John 7:17. When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalms 23. When you forget your blessings, read Psalms 103. For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read Matthew 5. When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalms 90. For Paul's rules for how to get along with men, read Roman's 12. When you leave home for labor or travel, read Psalm 121. Why not follow Psalm 119:11-16 and hide some of these in your memory?

*(A clipping pasted in the 1937 diary book.)*

