

Elvie Renshaw's  
1940 Diary



*Harriet Strong, Annie and Elvie Bailey*

## Cast of Characters in Elvie's 1940 Diary

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

**Rex Marsh** married to **Donna Renshaw Marsh** and daughters, **Janet Eileen** and **Elvie Joan**.

**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 Hoglelund**. Their children are **Elaine**, **Bette**, and **Shirley**.

**Ernie Vandergrift** married to **Elaine Hoglelund**, children **Ann**, **Carol Sue** and **Michael**.

**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 Hoglelund** (Al's sister). Their children are **Mildred**, **Bobbie**, and **Billie**.

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

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

**Florence and Ernie Oates:** their children are **Ernie**, **Elaine**, **Irene** and **Diane**.

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

### January 1, Monday—Thank God for blessings of last year, and new hopes for 1940.

We left Beverly and Lucille Snow in bed this a.m. They got in about 4 a.m. after seeing the New Year in downtown Los Angeles, at a midnight show. George, Edna, Norval, Glen, Annie, Lou and I went over to Pasadena to see the Rose Parade. Lou let us out, told us to follow the crowd; he'd park car, and find us. He didn't find us. The crowds were awful, I've never seen anything like it. We just couldn't see the parade, only tops of largest floats. George lifted Edna up to see a few big floats, I could have cried, I wanted them to see it after we'd talked them into staying over to see it. Woe is me! I'm glad Glen and Norval found a place where they could see the parade. Lou said he saw it, darn him! We started back to the car before the parade was half over; it start to rain and we didn't want to get soaked and couldn't see the parade, anyway. A nice lady let us sit on her porch swing until Lou came with car key. "New Years Resolution," never again walk so far to see a parade you can't see. Edna and family left this afternoon for home, Salt Lake City. I do hope the weather will be nice. Lou slept two hours this afternoon. I took a nap when he got up. Al was ill last night; bad cold. Donna drove Ernie's car, took Elaine and babies over to see how he was feeling. She took Janet; Rex kept Elvie Joan. Lou untrimmed our Christmas tree while I was asleep, nice, eh? We had a nice time tonight at the Burbank stake house. Sat with the Imsens and Webbs; Mrs. Matice and her daughter, Grace, sat in our group. Several Garvanza young folks there. Lou's car license number was called out in the dance. Someone wanted to get out from behind our car, oh, oh!

### January 2, Tuesday

Donna woke me this morning. She needed help. Elaine had gone to the clinic with baby Michael and left her two girls with Donna. She was trying to get the washing started. When the four little girls get together, "the fireworks start," ha, ha! It was a damp cold day, but we washed anyway and hung most of them on Allen's lines. We left them out all night. Marty came over to run Wayne's overalls through the washer, we made good use of her, entertaining children, which was a big help. Donna fixed a plate lunch for us. Elaine had taken her children home for lunch. I surely hope Edna and George are enjoying the trip back home. Aunt Ida left



*A majorette marches with a band in the 1940 Rose Parade. Published in the L.A. Times on January 2, 1940. The parade that Elvie went to but did not see!*

with Nick and Florence Smith today, I think, if she was well enough. Poor dear has been sick in bed most all the while here, one week tomorrow. Lou came home almost ill, with a bad head cold. He had a mustard foot bath, hot lemonade and two aspirin tablets. He went to bed at 4:30. I went to bed about nine o'clock after enjoying the radio.

### January 3, Wednesday

Lou felt so miserable with bad cold, I talked him out of going to work. I went over to Rex's at 6 a.m., and asked him to let Mrs. Bush know that Dad couldn't pick her up this morning. Rex took our car over to Bush's and drove her to the bus, and then brought our car home and went to work on the bus. I told him to take our car, but he wouldn't. His motorcycle was down at work because of the rain last evening. Donna went down on the Avenue this morning to pay some bills. She brought the children over here. Our clothes were just right to iron from lines, so I ironed them as I brought them in. I did all of Donna's things hanging on my lines. Donna brought this new diary to me, I like it fine. Lou stayed in bed most of day. Grant Carlson called in to see him this evening. I stayed with Donna's children while she went to Mutual. Rex and Ernie Oates went out on elder's business. Ernie came over to talk to Lou while Rex was eating his dinner. It was damp and cloudy all day, but no rain.

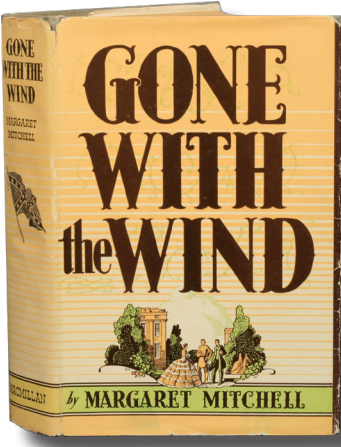
### January 4, Thursday—Glen's Birthday [Andersen]

Lou got up and went to work in the rain. I do hope he'll not catch more cold from going out today. I mailed a birthday card and some stamps and cards to Glen yesterday. I hope he has a nice birthday, sweet lad. Rex had to go to work on the bus again this a.m., on account of the rain. The motorcycle is too dangerous in the rain. His work is way out in Beverly Hills. Both of my darling babies have coughs; Janet has such a time to get rid of a cough when she gets one. Little Ann had group last night, but she's better today. Inis Stanton came over to Donna's today to talk over their club party. I brought the two children over here so they wouldn't be disturbed. Little Barbara [Stanton] stayed and played with Janet's hammer and nail set at Donna's. Louis came home this evening feeling awful. The cold was on his chest; he took a mustard foot bath, some lemons and aspirin and went to bed at 4:30 again. I put a mustard



*Bette & Shirley Hoglund, Glen Andersen, Dolores Fife, Mary Clayton in 1938. Glen turned 19 years old in 1940.*

plaster on his chest, he kept it on almost an hour while I went to the Safeway store for some groceries. Br. Carlson came to tell Lou he couldn't go to the stake choir practice because he had to go to the station to meet his sister-in-law, Bess. He took the songbooks, is going to call Brother Wanless to see if he wants to meet him somewhere and get the books Lou is loaning his choir.



Donna is reading, "Gone With the Wind," Elvie says she is "gone with the book" every chance she gets.

Donna is reading Elaine's book, "Gone With the Wind," and she is "gone with the book" every chance she gets. It is surely a big book, has 1037 pages. The movies are showing the picture of story. It takes four hours to see; everyone is anxious to see it, and they who have, are raving about how grand it is. I visited with Donna and Florence Oates this evening while Rex and Ernie were out on elder's business. We got paid today, went to Si Perkins Market to get a grocery order and cash check.

### January 6, Saturday

It was raining when we got up this a.m., was cold and damp most of the day, but didn't rain much. I did vacuuming and went to Highland Park to pay bills. I got on the bus again at Avenue 57, Mrs. Allen and Ellie were on the bus, we visited all the way to L.A. They got off at 5th Street, I went on to 9th. I paid \$3.00 at Famous Store on account. Enjoyed looking all around the store; their new store is lovely. Went to May Company, bought Janet and Joan each a cute little dress on sale, good bargain, 69¢. I bought some Kantrun hose for me, looked some more, thought of fun I could have with a lot of money. Fun to dream, anyway, mostly things I'd love to buy for Donna and children. I got on the bus at 8th and Hill, was amused when Mrs. Allen and Ellie boarded the bus at 4th and Hill. We couldn't do it again, I bet? Well, we all enjoyed a good laugh, walked home together from bus. Elaine has been busy all day getting ready for her buffet dinner tonight. The Vandergrifts are coming. Bette came over to help, Shirley stayed all night, so she could help in the morning, too. I cleaned the shrimp for her salad, and I hemmed Ann's new pink taffeta dress. Baby Michael is going to be blessed tomorrow. Sue brought Aunt Hattie Richmond over this evening. Donna and I went to the Park show, saw two good pictures, "Old Maid" and "Dust Be My Destiny." Beverly and Glen were at show, they brought us home in their car.

### January 5, Friday

Lou slept better last night. He felt well enough to go to work, he said. He looked better, too. I guess the mustard plaster did a good job, as usual. It was a lovely morning. I got Lou's breakfast ready, but he didn't have time to eat it. He was too long in the bathroom and we didn't watch the clock. He drank his jaffy [java?] and ran. Donna is reading Elaine's book, "Gone With the Wind," and she is "gone

### January 7, Sunday

Was raining again this morning; we had a nice Sunday School. Paul Bailey took charge of his class. Al has taken it for several weeks. They gave us our year lesson books; I'm glad we are going to study the Doctrine and Covenants this year. Aunt Hattie Richmond is visiting here for a few days. She's staying at Sue's. Her son, Archie, brought her down. I thought we'd see them today, but maybe the rain kept them in. We had a grand fast meeting. Elders took charge of blessings and confirmations. Al blessed his grandson, Michael Ernest, gave him a grand blessing. Baby looked so cute all in white, rompers and cap; this boy can't wear bonnets and dresses, ha, ha! Ernie, Elaine, and Ann sat up on front row with Al. Don't know who had Carol Sue. Beth was back at the piano in Sunday School today; Kathie Saxelby has played for her since her baby came three months ago. Tonight we went to the Inglewood Ward to see their new chapel. We went with Grant and Erma Carlson. Enjoyed the meeting; the meetinghouse is lovely. Our ward is going to build almost the same, so we wanted to see it. Brother Nalder took us through the building after church. It was raining real hard both going and coming back. We left our car for Rex and Donna to use, she had to play piano in church.

### January 8, Monday

Another rainy day, so we couldn't wash. Donna sat up until 1 a.m. to finish reading "Gone With the Wind." I brought the book home, wonder if I'll ever get to the end? I didn't get at it today. Tonight Lou and Rex went to choir practice. Donna held the M.I.A. chorus practice at her house. Sue brought Aunt Hattie and her son Archie Richmond over to see me this afternoon. I haven't seen Archie for 20 years or more, but I knew him. He said he knew me, too; that I hadn't changed much. Nice compliment, eh? Henry Bailey [William Henry

Bailey] is back in L.A.; he slept at Lorene's last night. Oh! Oh! I hope we don't have a visit from him; sorry, but if what his relatives say about him is true, I can't feel like giving him a bed. Too bad, why can't he be like his good old dad? I guess there is a black sheep hanging on every family tree after all.



Henry Bailey in 1975, taken when he retired from driving for IML Freight in SLC after 25 years. He looks like a happy friendly man, bet Elvie enjoys him now.

### January 9, Tuesday

Donna and I washed this a.m. even though it looked dark and cloudy. We're glad, cause we got them dry enough to bring in. She brought them all in while I was out visiting at Sue's. We had a few little showers today, but it has rained a lot the

past five days. I helped Elaine with her three little ones over to Sue's this afternoon. Donna was invited, but felt it too much trouble, after washing, to take babies on streetcar in weather that looked like rain. Aunt Hattie [*Mary Harriet Bailey*] is visiting Sue this week. Esther [*Esther Faust Bailey*] brought Uncle Will [*William Esau Bailey*], her dad, who is visiting her from Nevada. She also brought Hazel [*Hazel Lillian Bailey*] and Aunt Del [*Alice Adella Mc Knight*]. Lorene and Annie came over and we had a very nice visit together. Sue served popcorn, apple cider, fruitcake and stuffed dates. I took bag of mints. It was grand seeing these dear ones on the Bailey side. We don't get together very often. Lou called for me this evening. He took me to Br. Overlade's on way home. I sat out in the car over an hour while he talked over a carpenter job with Br. Overlade. Miss B. and one of the Saxelby girls passed and talked to me about two dogs across street that were waiting for their mistress, surely was cute. Bishop Gunn called on us this evening before going to the elders meeting at Rex's. Enjoyed visit. Lou went to the meeting. Florence and Sr. Marsh came over here with Donna. We had a lovely time together, they brought sewing. Boys came in after meeting. I served fruit cake, nuts, and mints. Lewie came in with John, Ernie, and Rex.

### January 10, Wednesday

I enjoyed walking to Relief Society in the rain. I had good rain shoes and umbrella; it was a nice quiet rain, no wind blowing it around. I always like to be out in that kind of a storm. I helped to finish quilting the quilt. We worked on it last workday, and also worked on a tied quilt; was fun. We had a very nice luncheon. President Williams of our stake Relief Society came out with her counselor, Sr. Wooley. I was surprised when Sr. Williams took me off to one side and asked me if I'd work in the stake Relief Society with them. I told her several reasons why I'd rather not at this time: health, no car, and etcetera. [*Callings were not extended as they are now, by priesthood leaders. Then it was more of a friendly inquiry, instead of a calling.*] Sue and Aunt Hattie went uptown today. Aunt Hattie bought dresses for Janet, Joan, Ann, and Carol Sue; very nice dresses, and silk hose for Donna, Elaine, Beverly, Mary, Shirley and Bette. She bought something for the boys, too. It was generous and sweet of her. Lou drove his car to the church hall tonight; Donna and I went to Mutual, he went with Bishop Gunn over to a music department meeting in our new stake in Burbank. Rex



*Joan sleeping in her highchair circa 1939.*



*Laura Putman Johnson and her son. A dear friend and neighbor of Donna Marsh. January 11, 1940 Donna found out that Laura had been her "Secret Pal" for a year!*

stayed with the children. I left Marty in my house using my sewing machine. Wayne rode to Mutual and home with us. Donna drove our car home. It rained most of the day. The hills are getting so pretty and green now. We took Donna over to Annie's this evening at 4:30 to get some of Annie's pottery dishes to use at her club luncheon tomorrow afternoon; we took the children with us.

### January 11, Thursday

I did my ironing this a.m. and part of Donna's ironing while I was over to her house taking care of the children. She was at Inis's house; they served lunch to the club girls, a Spanish plate. It rained all day again so the children had to stay in the house. They were very good, baby Joan sat in her high chair while I ironed. The club girls found out who their secret pals have been the past year. Donna had a big surprise when she heard that Laura Johnson was her pal. She thought Miriam Marsh was it all the time. Lou went to the stake choir practice in Burbank; they had a party after practice. The choir gave Brother Wanless a nice little serving table and tray. I was invited to go, but stayed home and enjoyed reading, "Gone With the Wind." This is the last stake choir practice with Brother Wanless as leader, he is in the other stake now.

### January 12, Friday

Cloudy and damp today, but no rain. Janet spent the morning with me. I cut out paper dolls for her. This afternoon I vacuumed the rugs and dusted rooms. Lou went with Rex over to Clarence Bailey's this evening for papers. John took his truck, they brought it back loaded with "Glendale Star" papers, some of them had never been opened. Brother Bailey works for the press over there, they let him have the papers to sell for our church building fund. Tonight Dick Johnston, Jimmy Craddock, Rex, and Lou worked straightening and rolling the papers to sell to the market. They're told they can get more money at the vegetable market than at the paper salvage. Donna made hot chocolate; she brought the boys in my kitchen for the warm drink and some cookies. The papers were all stacked in our garage. Lou left his car outside all night, no room in the garage. I shampooed my hair and put it up in curls this evening. Janet played with Florence's children at their house this afternoon. Rex took her up on his motorcycle; it was his afternoon off. He brought her back in his dad's truck this evening. Rex and Donna ate dinner at Marshes' this evening. I stayed with the children until they got back home.

### January 13, Saturday

Lou went over to Brother Bailey's this a.m. and brought the rest of the papers home. I helped Lou stack and tie the papers. Uncle Bill brought some paper and Brother Scott brought some. He stayed and helped Lou tie papers. Bishop Gunn took the papers the boys rolled last night over to Robert's Market. They wouldn't pay what they had promised to pay, so Bishop decided not to bother rolling them, but stack and tie them to sell in bulk. He said he'd send someone to get the papers so that Lou could use his garage. Brother Davidson brought his papers over, also Brother Falkner brought some all tied. Baby Michael [*Vandergriff*] has a cold, sorry. Lou would like to have gone to conference tonight, but it's such a long way to drive to Burbank. I put Janet's hair up in kid curlers, she looked cute. Bill Johnson came over to tell Lou he had a garage full of papers the church has been saving for welfare. He wants the elders to take them too. Bishop said they could. Brother Snow came for the building fund money. We only had 75¢ from Brother Brewer; folks have let down since Christmas. I enjoyed reading a few chapters of "Gone With The Wind," before retiring.

### January 14, Sunday—Stake Conference

Today we held stake conference in our new San Fernando Stake house in Burbank. It's the first conference in our new stake. President Cannon flew by air from Chicago yesterday to be here. He'd been East on business. I went to all three sessions today. Lou and I ate lunch at stake house, the stake Relief Society prepared it, very nice. We brought Sr. Marsh home from afternoon session. Rex took Donna and me back to the evening session. Oh, this was a grand conference. I enjoyed every minute of every meeting, excepting when President Cannon called on Lou to dismiss the morning meeting; he did well. [*This would have been very hard on Elvie's nerves.*] Apostle Lyman was our visitor from Salt Lake; he is surely a good speaker. He spoke in all sessions, lots of good humor. Lou stayed with Donna's children tonight so Rex and Donna could go. Donna played piano for our Mutual officers and teachers to sing the stake pep song that Brother Gibby and I wrote. Glendale and Burbank, I think, sang their songs, also. All were winners in the stake contest, all good. Brother Steed was put in Brother Buckmiller's place as a counselor to President Cannon, grand man. Br. Buckmiller is a Bishop of North Hollywood Ward now. Uncle Bill Andersen was installed as a counselor in the High Council. Bishop Gunn asked Lou to take Bill's old job, welfare work director, a job he thinks he won't like. Brother Justin Keller, our Sunday School Superintendent was put in the stake Sunday School superintendency. We'll all miss him and hate to have him leave our Sunday School. Enjoyed beautiful sunny day. We brought Grace Hill and Marty and Wayne home tonight.

### January 15, Monday

Our town is surely beautiful after the rains; everything so lovely with the new spring green. The dear little spring flowers are blooming, violets and lilies and etc. Donna and I did our washing. Elaine took her two girls uptown to meet

Gramma Sue. I kept baby Michael here. He's getting cute, is beginning to notice people and things, is a very good baby. He sleeps most of the time. We all received cards from Violet, they are feeling better; all have been ill with flu. Otto was very ill and little Yvonne. Otto lost 30 pounds, and a lot more cash, poor dears. Lou went to his choir practice at Alta Thompson's tonight. Donna had her M.I.A. chorus practice at her house. Our paper drive is still on, our garage is half full of papers gathered in from ward folks. Winnie Wright and husband brought a trailer load today. Brother Overlade brought some this evening. We keep the car outside now days. Bishop Gunn said he'd send someone for the papers today, I guess he couldn't get in touch with them. The money from selling papers will go to our church building fund. Winnie's little boy, Joe, has been sick all week. She's waiting for Dr. Watkins to get back in town. Joe has sick stomach and headache. Marty came over to mark two pair of silk garments on my sewing machine.

### January 16, Tuesday

Doug Douglas had fun this morning in his "Early Risers" program over the radio, suggesting a name for the baby boy



*Mrs. Clyde Short, wife of a "share-cropper" coal miner, gave birth to three daughters "Faith, Hope and Charity" and a son, Franklin in a cabin in Jasper, Alabama.*

who was born last night, in Alabama, with three baby sisters. The father says they have the names for the girls, "Faith, Hope and Charity," but can't find a name for the boy of quadruplets. The family's last name is Short. People have been calling Doug on the phone with names for the boy, and he'd tell his radio listeners the names suggested, more fun. The baby boy was named Franklin. My sweetheart has quit drinking coffee again, for how long?? Everyday he comes home with a headache; if he can only hold out until the coffee nerves build up, he'll get rid of the headache.

[*Or as we say today, until your body gets used to functioning without caffeine.*] Rex brought Donna a chicken to roast last night. She worked all afternoon preparing a lovely dinner; pineapple ice cream, chocolate cake, dressing for chicken, and parker house rolls. They invited Lou and I to eat dinner with them. We surely enjoyed her lovely dinner, even the artichokes. Sr. Marion Richardson and I did our teaching this afternoon. We only have seven families and two of the ladies work. Sr. McComas is in the hospital with new baby girl, so we got through early. Rex had an elder's meeting. Lou and Brother Overlade looked over music for program on the 24th.



### January 17, Wednesday

I didn't get up early this a.m., Lou left one hour earlier. I had to hurry to make Relief Society by ten o'clock. Donna wasn't ready, but Janet was, so I took her with me on the new silver bus. Donna took Elvie Joan with her over to Marty's so she was too late for the meeting. She did some shopping and had her shoes fixed before coming over to the hall. Janet stayed with Sr. Ruth Christensen and the other little children in the parlor, while we had our meeting upstairs. Sr. Ethel Snow

held us all in awe (another world) while she gave her literature lesson; the second part of "Jean Valjean." She surely gives it beautifully, makes us live the story. Donna went in the parlor and helped Ruth with the children when she arrived too late to come up to the meeting. I went to Iver's Department Store with Donna after meeting. She bought an auto blanket for her Dad's birthday gift next week. It's very pretty. Donna and Janet came on home, I went back to the hall to kneel in a circle prayer with some of the sisters to pray for Sr. Carrie Dalton, who is suffering with awful pains in her head. She'll have a serious operation this Friday if the pain isn't relieved. We had a very fine spirit and some lovely prayers. Dear soul, I do hope she won't have to suffer anymore. Lou took care of the children tonight while we went to Mutual. Donna's chorus sang lovely; her program was very nice. Rex sang solo, Beth played piano solo, Inis sang solo. I'm to be on Sr. Bird's Mutual panel on January 31.

### January 18, Thursday

I washed blankets and bedspreads in Donna's washer this a.m. It was a lovely sunny day so they dried lovely and soft in the breeze. I did a little mending and darned sox. Donna and Janet took a nap this afternoon. I brought baby Joan over here, she'd had her nap. I wrote a card to Owen inviting him to come and visit us. Gee, wouldn't it be grand if he'd only come? Mildred wrote to Bette saying her Daddy was going to have a vacation soon, and he'd said, maybe he'd go to California to see his folks. I'm afraid it's too good to be true. Annie, Bill, and Dale visited with us tonight. We enjoyed their company a lot. I treated to chocolate stars. Donna went to a Mutual meeting and social at Mable O'Brien's tonight. The Mutual officers had a party in honor of Marty, who is leaving the presidency because of the "blessed event" in April. After their meeting was over they gave her a lovely silk nightgown. Sue had Elaine, Bette, and Shirley go to White's Studio at 5 p.m. She's having their pictures taken to give Al on his birthday, the 26th.

### January 19, Friday

I shortened my black net formal dress. It has three skirts to do, I also shortened the little dress I bought for Janet. Donna left Joan here while she went to have her hair dressed for the Green and Gold Ball tonight. Janet played outside. Rex took both children home when he came. It was his afternoon off. Marty brought the gift she received at the Mutual party in her honor last night. It is a lovely peach satin nightgown and nice rattle for baby to be. We took Sue, Shirley, and Sr. Burnett over to Burbank to the M Men and Gleaner Girl Gold and Green ball. Donna and Rex came

over with Elaine and Ernie later. We had a nice time; there was a very large crowd, so many beautiful gowns. We were thrilled when our own Garvanza girl, Laura Valentine, won the honor as "Queen of the San Fernando Stake for year 1940." She looked lovely, is a pretty girl. Al stayed with Elaine's children, Barbara Borshell stayed with Donna's.

### January 20, Saturday

John and Jim Marsh brought their truck up this morning and Lou helped them load on the newspapers the elders had gathered and put in our garage. They took two loads, about 3,600 pounds. The paper company paid them \$10.00 a ton. Rex and Lou took a load in our car last evening, got \$3.00 and some cents. Bishop Gunn came a few minutes after they'd left with the last load. He was going to help, but was glad the job was done. The money for papers is

going to our church building fund. There was a total of 4,667 pounds of papers all told. I took Elvie Joan, Janet, and Ann for a walk this morning. We called on Wayne and Marty; they were busy painting dresser and chest of drawers. John took Janet back home with him when he was through with papers. Florence brought her back this evening in her car with her children. They had all been to the zoo, had a grand time. Janet loves to go to Grama and Grampa Marsh's house. Lou killed two of Rex's chickens and dressed them for Donna. I helped feather one. Donna is having Brother and Sister Marsh and Ruth to dinner tomorrow. Sue brought proofs of pictures for me to see of Elaine, Bette, and Shirley. It is a surprise for Al's birthday.



Owen and Lydia Bailey with children Mildred and Bobby Bailey circa 1925.

### January 21, Sunday

Lou had to go to a Sunday School local board meeting at 9 a.m.; he took the car. Al and Sue came for Elaine's children. I rode to Sunday School with them. I sat with a new lady, Sr. Ashmore. She has lived in our ward for over a year, but just started to come out; been going to Elysian Park Ward. She has three boys and a girl. I met her husband, too. Nice folks. Hope we can make them happy in Garvanza. John Marsh was up to Donna's early this a.m. helping her dress the chickens and making biscuits. Donna had the Marshes to dinner. She asked John to help her cook it, nice, eh? They asked Lou and I to help eat chicken, too, but we ate lovely chicken dinner with them last Tuesday, so wanted them to have a nice visit with Rex's folks today. Lou and I had a delicious turkey dinner at the lovely new Van de Kamp's eating place. We enjoyed a grand ride around the Forest Lawn Cemetery, was beautiful. You can see all over cities from top hill. Lou, Rex, Jimmy Craddock, and Brother Overlade practiced quartet, for program next Wednesday night, at

Donna's this afternoon. I brought John and Florence over to show them my silver set. We brought baby Joan, also. I went to the general meeting at 6 p.m. Lou fixed his choir seats. Rex rode down with us so he could bring car back to get Donna and children in time for church at 7 p.m. Janet sat on my lap in church, was good. Sue gave her pencil and notebook to write in. Donna kept Elvie Joan out in the cloakroom most of the time, she's too young to be still in church. We all enjoyed hot rolls and chicken in Donna's after church; the Marshes and Marty and Wayne, only Marty and Wayne didn't stay to eat, they took some home, she wasn't feeling well. Rex brought Elaine and baby Michael over for sandwich. Lou talked to Bishop Gunn, they decided to not have the choir for a while. Lorene has been ill all week, I didn't know until tonight.

### January 22, Monday—Marty's Birthday

Elaine went uptown today, Sue stayed with her children all day. We had such a glorious sun rise this a.m., it startled me when I looked out my kitchen window, the sky was so beautiful with rich pink and lavender shades. I wonder if another storm is heading our way? I was sorry to learn from Charles last night that Lorene has been ill with flu all week. Annie, Dale, and Glen called this afternoon. She brought Elsie's letter sent to Lorene, for me to read, thanking us for Christmas cake. Annie had been down to Lorene's and vacuumed her rugs with her new Christmas vacuum that Glen gave her. Lorene was up and dressed. I had Lou take me down to see her this evening. She wouldn't let me bring her washing home. Mary showed me the beautiful handmade lace hanky she received from her little French correspondent. Lou gave up his choir yesterday, so had no practice tonight. I'm sorry he gave it up, he'll miss it, but he says no use trying to keep it up with some members feeling hurt because he brought Josephine Howells and Ruth Goss in to sing the solo parts on the Christmas morning program. Oh, they surely made a grand choir that morning, too, such beautifully trained voices to help out. Sounded like a different choir. We have some nice voices, but nothing so outstanding as that. We rode over to Alta's to get the chairs, folding chairs, and took them to Donna's. She had a big crowd at the M.I.A. chorus tonight, Lou went over there to sing. Ruth Cartwright and children came in, they have a new 1937 Buick car. Enjoyed my book tonight, "Gone With the Wind."



*Louis, Elvie & Donna Renshaw in 1916.*



*Marty Strong*

### January 23, Tuesday—My Sweetheart's Birthday, 50 years old.

I intended to meet the Relief Society ladies at the Times Building at 2 p.m. but it rained so hard I didn't think they'd go through today. I did my ironing and went to Highland Park in the rain. I bought a pretty gold and brown tie to go with the tan shirt I have for Lou. They'll be nice with his brown suit. I did some shopping in Kress Store: candy, tissues, birthday cards, sewing thread and some ric rac braid for Elaine. I bought vegetables for Donna, chops for Elaine, some ground meat for me. I walked home because I was so near. It's a job carrying a load in the rain, with an umbrella up. I can still feel the ache in my arm. Lou was pleased with the lovely auto blanket Rex and Donna gave him. It is very pretty; black, red, and gray. We didn't hear from Mother this birthday, first time in a lifetime. Wonder if she is okay. She was in the Knox Hotel December 22, but our letters were returned so she's moved on. She sent \$10.00 December 22 for Christmas gift. Donna made three delicious pumpkin pies today; I bought some ice cream to eat with the pie. We waited for Rex until 7 p.m. The babies were in bed asleep. I cooked the dinner, we ate over here; meatballs, shrimp salad, green peas, hot rolls, and etcetera. Annie, Bill, Glen, and Dale came to wish Lou "Happy Birthday," they enjoyed some pie and ice cream. I treated to popcorn and candy, too. Lou received cute cards from Sue and Al, and one from Elaine. We had a nice visit with the Andersens.

### January 24, Wednesday

The sun came up bright this a.m., looks like the storm is over for a while again. Marty came over for my tin tub, she is washing at Donna's. John took Donna's tub yesterday to mix turkey dressing in, and make bread dough for rolls for the dinner tonight. He roasted six big turkeys. The dinner was delicious. Mr. French let them set the tables in the large hall downstairs. Brother Bird had charge of decorations, tables looked lovely; beautiful flowers from Kress Store on all tables. Lewie helped his dad do the cooking. Rex helped



other men clear up. The men of the ward gave the dinner for the building fund and did all the work. The ladies are to give a dinner in March. The program was good, elders quartet; Brother Overlade, Lou, Rex, and Jimmy C., sang several numbers, swell. Bob Stanton sang three solos, fine too. Rex sang a solo, Alfred Price played two piano selections. Yes, we enjoyed the dinner and program, all very nice. Bishop Gunn gave me his permission to have Al give me a patriarchal blessing. Brother Overlade and Lou had the program in charge. Marty and Wayne stayed with Donna's children while we went to the dinner. We got home about 9 p.m. I'm glad that Ruth and Clarence have this new car, they surely needed one. Ruth drove it in Monday night, the children were with her, it's a 1937 black Buick. Johnnie Franklin came in tonight to talk to Lou about job on his mother's home.

### January 25, Thursday

I couldn't rest last night for awful cramps, the worst I've had in years. I got my feet so cold over at the banquet last night, guess that's why. Lou got up about 4 a.m. and got an aspirin tablet for me, I got relief an hour later. Elaine and three children visited a while this forenoon. I took things easy, too miserable to work. Donna came over with the children for a short visit, also. I tried to study on the Mutual lesson, I'm on the adult class panel next Wednesday. I almost forgot the cramp pains while reading, "Gone With the Wind," ha, ha! Surely is interesting reading. Donna and Rex went to Mutual union meeting at Burbank. Donna's chorus sang and her trio sang—Beth, Inis, and Donna. She was pleased with the results of both. Irma Reese Greenwal gave a reading, composed by her husband, was very good they said. It was about Joseph Smith and wife, Emma. Donna received many nice compliments about her music, chorus and trio. Lou and I stayed with the children at her house. Marshes called—John, Florence, and Ruth. John is going in the baking business. I gave him an order for one dozen, Donna wants one dozen and Annie ordered two dozen rolls. Well, he surely makes them good. He thinks he can earn more baking rolls than he can at his old business, cement mixing?? Annie, Beverly, and Dale came tonight, also.

### January 26, Friday—Al's birthday, 47 years old.

I didn't feel well enough to do the weeks cleaning, so after doing my bedroom I went to Highland Park to draw out \$20.00, so Lou can buy lumber tomorrow to do the carpenter job for Mrs. Franklin, Johnny's mother. I did a little shopping in Kress Store. Rex had the afternoon off. I enjoyed reading until time to prepare dinner. I'm

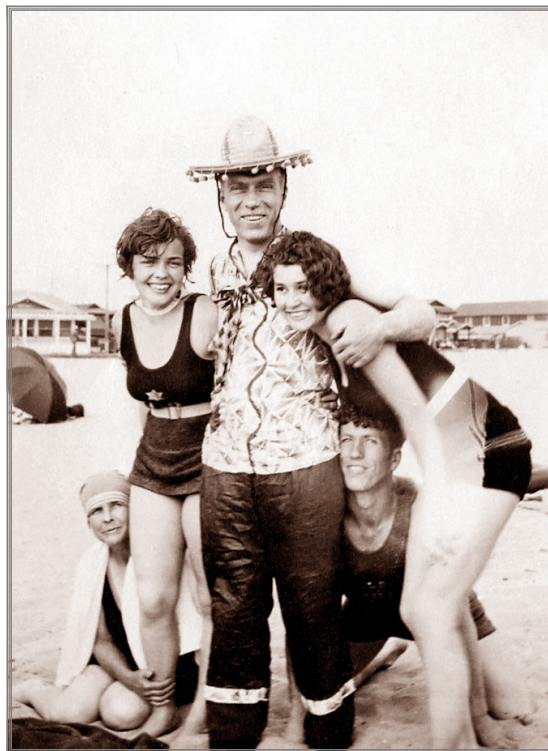
about two thirds through with "Gone With the Wind" now; it is a very interesting book. Florence called Donna on Pierce's phone, invited them up to eat turkey dinner with them. Ernie bought turkey all cooked, left from Men's building fund dinner. Sue had Elaine and family over to Al's birthday dinner. Al and Bette rode over for the little girls, Elaine and baby waited for Ernie to come home, they went over with him. Al thanked me for birthday card. I stayed at Donna's while she and Rex went to Florence's; they took Janet. I put Joan to bed after doctoring her cold with Vicks. Rex and Donna came back early; they left Janet up to Aunt Florence's all night. The kids were tickled to have her stay. Rex and Donna had company tonight, a young couple with darling red headed baby. That's why they had to hurry home. We had a card from Lydia telling us that Owen can't make us a visit this vacation, sorry.

### January 27 Saturday

Lou and John Franklin went to do the remodeling job on Johnny's mother's home this morning. Al and Bill came to get some wrenches to fix Al's old Ford with, but Lou had them with him, so they went to Charlie's for some help. Donna brought Joan over for a visit this a.m. I'm so glad her cold is better, little dear. I put Donna's hair up in curlers. It's their club party tonight at Florence Oates. John Marsh starts baking rolls for living today; has orders for several dozen. Lou was tired out when he got home tonight; he'd finished the job. He worked late to do it. I stayed with Donna's children while they went to the club party tonight. Sue came down to stay with Elaine's babies. I enjoyed reading my book.

### January 28, Sunday

Lou walked to Sunday School in the sunshine. Donna drove our car and took Janet and me down. I enjoyed Sunday School, as always, both Paul Bailey's and Sr. Marsh's lessons are very well given and interesting. We brought Donna and Janet home, and then Louis and I went to eat our dinner at McDonald's place; it was a very good dinner. We both had hot turkey sandwich and pie. We enjoyed a lovely ride out to Monrovia to call on Lou's cousin, Pearl [Pearl Phoebe Olorenshaw], but she was out. We left a note. Lou helped himself to some of their oranges, trees are loaded. We bought three dozen nice big oranges for 25¢ on way back. We stopped in Zimmerman's Market for ice cream on way home; gave Donna half of the oranges. Rex stayed home tonight with Joan, we took Donna and Janet to church with us, nice meeting. The trio sang lovely, Donna, Inis, and Beth. "I Love a Little School House."



Florence Marsh, Al Hoglund, others  
unknown circa 1930.

Effie Bishop's mother was in Sunday School. I was glad to see the old dear, she's been in Utah for over a year, such a dear, sweet, old lady. P.S. John's baking was a false alarm! [?]

### January 29, Monday

Donna and Beth went uptown this a.m. They went to the music company to get some music for the Spring Festival the Mutual is having in the stake. The M.I.A. chorus will sing then. Bishop Gunn gave Donna a check to get the music. I took care of the children over at Donna's. Ann and Carol Sue played until they went home to lunch. Elaine took Ann and baby Michael with her to call on Estella McComas this afternoon. She left Carol Sue in her bed, I looked in on her once in a while. Uncle Bill came around doing his teaching this afternoon. There was no lumber at mill so he couldn't work today. This evening when Lou came, we took the children for a ride to Glendale with us; Janet, Joan, Ann, and Carol Sue. Lou drove over so he could bring Bill back. Bill took his car to the Art Frost Garage to have new rings put in it. He bought the car from them. Donna had her chorus practice tonight, Lou went over to listen, I enjoyed my book.

### January 30, Tuesday

It was cloudy and damp, but Donna and I did our washing anyway. It was kind of an "off day," anyway. Little Joan was cross and wanted someone to hold her. The kiddies out in the yard were arguing and crying. Denny and Doug had to be sent home for being naughty; they threw dirt on Mrs. Carry's washing she'd just hung on the lines. Marty came over to wash Wayne's overalls, so she was a big help with baby Joan. Florence left her children to play with Janet this afternoon while she went to have her hair dressed. They are nice little children, Janet loves to have them come down. Elaine is suffering with a pain in her back, she can't stand straight, poor girl. I finished my book this evening; a very interesting book, "Gone With the Wind." I think my husband is glad I've finished it, too. I've been poor company since I started reading it. Rulon Scott and wife were visiting Elaine and Ernie tonight, a lady was backing out when she ran into the back of their car damaging the



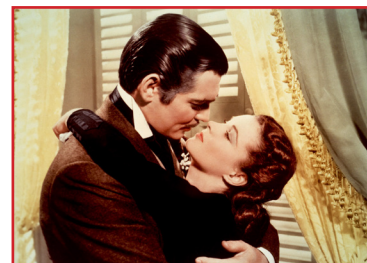
Above, Elaine Hoglund & Donna Renshaw. Below, Sue Hoglund, Florence Marsh & Elvie Renshaw. Both pictures appear to have been taken the same day, circa 1931.



fender of Rulon's new car, too bad. We heard the loud bang! Lou ran out to see what had caused it.

### January 31, Wednesday

I kept baby Joan this morning while Donna and Janet went to Relief Society. It was the special meeting for young mothers, they have it once a month in addition to the regular Relief Society class. Joan was a little cross today and yesterday and wanted lots of attention. She's getting over a cold, she is usually so good. I studied my Mutual class lesson, I was asked to be on the adult class panel for tonight. Brother Andrew Christensen took charge of the lesson. Sr. Webb, Sr. Miksel, and I were the only ones on the panel, the others stayed away. Brother Christensen didn't stay altogether with the lesson. I thought I was well prepared, but he had a lot of questions not pertaining to the lesson material given us to study. It was fun, anyway, we got by okay. Sister Bird gave a book review on "Gone With the Wind," after the class work. She gave it well, I think it a very hard book to review. I just finished reading it. Lou stayed with Donna's children tonight until Rex got home from work. Both babies were in bed asleep before we left for Mutual. Donna drove our car tonight, we brought Marty and Wayne home after. Lou went over to Pasadena after work to get his auto license. Donna and Janet rode over with him, Donna bought some groceries on way back. Joan stayed here with me. I got half of my ironing done today. We received another card from Lou's cousin, Pearl, she wants us to come out Sunday Evening.



From the movie, *Gone With the Wind*.

### February 1, Thursday

I slept late this a.m., could hear the rain so decided bed was nicer than cold rooms. I like to snuggle in warm bed and listen to the rain coming down. I walked to Si

Perkins Market this morning in the rain, bought meat and vegetables for stew. I had such a heavy big load coming back in the rain with umbrella, too, my arms were aching awful. If I'd had another block to go I think I'd have dropped it all. Donna made the stew for us. I told her I'd buy the things for stew if she'd make it. Glen drove Sue and Annie over this a.m. in Andersen's car. They took Elaine and children back with them. It has rained hard most of this day, some loud claps of thunder, too. I baked a rice pudding this morning. This afternoon I finished my ironing, darned sox, and made several trips across the street to see my darling babies. Donna and children came over here between rains a time or two, also. I surely enjoy having Donna and her babies living so near. Tonight we enjoyed radio and warm cozy room, listening to the downpour of rain outside. Sue and Annie had to push their car to get it started today out in the rain.

### February 2, Friday

It rained hard all night and most of this day. I prepared a few things for dinner, and then spent the rest of the day mending clothes. It looked like the weather was clearing this a.m., both Elaine and Donna got their baby wash out, when down came the rain harder than ever. Joan stayed with me this morning while Donna got her clothes hung out. Janet has been over a few times between the rains, she just loves to get out in the rain when Donna isn't looking. Ray Haddock took Bette to the stake dance in Burbank tonight, he had her over to Brother Haddock's chorus practice last Wednesday night. Elaine's back is still bad, for several days she's had pain in it, can't straighten up very well. I wish she'd be more careful about running out in the rain without a coat, she goes to phone at Allen's or Ruth's, in the rain, cold in her back, and no coat on, darn kid! I thickened the soup we had yesterday and Donna made a pie crust or little baking powder biscuits for top, and we enjoyed a meat and vegetable pie tonight for dinner. Lou and I ate at Donna's. I took some fruit Jell-O and rice pudding over. Some of the elders came tonight to help Rex bottle honey. I stayed at Donna's later while she and Rex took a walk over to Wayne's, they were out, so they walked on the Avenue and bought some ice cream.



Wayne Strong & Rex Marsh

### February 3, Saturday

We are surely getting a good soaking. It rained all night and all day. Lou went down to put the window in Mrs. Franklin's house. He and Charlie decided not to gather in newspapers from the ward folks in this downpour; he took the load he had in his car though. He got some from Sr. Valentine and Sr. Olmstead last evening and some from Sue this a.m. Lou came home wet about noon, he'd been over to Al's helping him fix the radiator on his Ford car. I did the

cleaning through my house today. I had to use will power to stay away from Donna and the children this a.m., and by so doing, I was able to do my work up early. It's all I can do to keep from running over to see my babies first thing each day, bless 'em. Al and Sue took Elaine and Beth to see Dr. Robison this afternoon. Elaine wanted to ask him about the pain in her back. They took Ann and Carol Sue; it was raining so hard they left baby Michael home. I went over to stay with him. Janet went over with me, she ate lunch with Lou and me today and spent the afternoon with me at Elaine's. Donna brought Joan over to Elaine's for a while. Lou took Donna, me, and children to Si Perkins Market this evening. We bought things for a Spanish noodle dinner tomorrow. Donna is going to cook the dinner. Wayne and Marty stayed with Donna's children tonight while she and Rex went to the Park show with Elaine and Ernie.

### February 4, Sunday


We were all happy to see the lovely sunshine this morning. We've had such a lot of rain lately. Lou and I took Janet to Sunday School this morning. Rex worked all day, painting a bakery, I think, out near his work. Donna cooked dinner for us, a Spanish noodle dinner; it was very delicious. I made the shrimp salad when I got home. I made tapioca cream pudding yesterday. We ate at Donna's. We had a large crowd at Sunday School. Bessie Hansen and four daughters, and seven or more grand children came to our Sunday School. We were so glad to see them again, they used to live in our ward. Sr. Hansen moved to Utah, a grand family. Lou and I took Effie Bishop and her mother home to Pasadena after Sunday School. This evening Lou and I drove out to see his cousin Pearl, in Monrovia. Pearl's sister, Luttie, and her son, Paul, were there, also. Some friends, Estella and Herb somebody?, too. We had a nice visit, some hot chocolate and crackers. I was sorry to learn that Pearl's dear friend, Katie Burns Saltz had passed away since we last saw them. Katie and husband, Charlie, were out to Pearl's last time we called on Pearl. I knew Katie in Salt Lake before I was married. We took Donna, Janet, and Marty down to church before going to Pearl's. Elaine kept Joan until Rex got home at 8:30.

### February 5, Monday

The sunshine was surely welcome this morning. It was a treat to bring the clothes in dry again, we've had such rainy damp weather lately. I've been thinking about Mother Renshaw a lot the past weeks, wonder where she is? I do hope she's well, and enjoying herself. I wish she'd drop us a line so we'd know where she is. I took care of baby Michael this afternoon while Elaine and Ann went down on the Avenue. Carol Sue was asleep in her bed. Al and Bette

came over this evening; he gave me a patriarchal blessing and Bette took it down in short hand. Al gave me a lovely blessing. It will be a comfort, I'm sure, to me. Lou went over to enjoy Donna's M.I.A. chorus practice tonight. I

stayed with Elaine's babies while she and Ernie went over to Donna's. It's the first time Elaine and Ernie have been to the singing practice at Donna's. Dale and Glen called on me this afternoon, sweet kids.

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A PATRIARCHAL BLESSING GIVEN TO ELVIE AURIELA RENSHAW, BORN DECEMBER 5, 1892; SALT CITY, UTAH, DAUGHTER OF OWEN ALBERT BAILEY AND MARY ELIZABETH STRONG


SISTER ELVIE AURIELA RENSHAW, as a Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon your head and given unto you a blessing, which is intended to be a comfort and a guide to you during the remainder of your life upon this earth, and to give you an insight into the things which are to come after you have completed your labors upon this earth.

I feel that you are of a rich and a noble lineage and that your forefathers were men and women who were God fearing; and honest and just in their dealings with their fellow men. You were among those whom Abraham saw who were to be kept in reserve and permitted to come forth in this great and glorious day, the dispensation of the fullness of times, and because of your faithfulness in the pre-existence you earned the right to be born a member of this wonderful church; to be born a child of the covenant in this wonderful country which the Father had declared to be choice above all other lands.

May you appreciate the wonderful blessings you have received at the hands of the Father. You will thank God for these wonderful blessings more fervently in the future than you have in the past. When the blood shed and the destruction which is taking place among the nations of the earth will become even more cruel and savage than ever before upon the face of this earth, then you shall appreciate the wonderful blessing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which has called your people from out of the world and permitted you to be born in this wonderful land.

Our Father is pleased with your life thus far upon this earth, and it has been acceptable to Him. The few mistakes which you have made are not of a serious nature, and our Father will not remember them against you. He has blessed you with some wonderful talents, a fine disposition and temperment. He has touched your heart with his spirit which permits you to have a sympathetic and understanding nature, and you shall go among those who are suffering, and those who are bereaved. Your heart shall go out in sympathy unto these unfortunate people, and you shall lighten their burdens and they shall call you blessed because of the message of light and hope that you bring to them. And I bless you that you may bring happiness and sunshine into the homes of those who know only darkness and despair.

You shall be called to positions of responsibility in this great church. You have labored well and have done your duties in a manner which has been entirely pleasing unto our Father in Heaven. And many of these little ones whom you have taught will remember all the days of their life the lessons which you



have instilled into their hearts, and you shall direct their life and their foot steps and they shall thank God because of the association they have enjoyed with you in the classes which you have taught. And I feel in my heart that our Father will strengthen your body that every vestage of weakness and illness will depart therefrom. You shall become well and strong in order that you might carry on the work which our Father has planned for you to do. A work which you knew something of before you came to this earth to dwell, a work which made your heart at the time sing with joy.

You knew of the difficulties of the heart aches and of the temptations which were to stand in your way, but you had the courage and the faith at this time to feel that you would conquer and overcome all of the obstacles which stand in the pathway of your success, and exaltation in the celestial kingdom of our Father in Heaven. You rejoiced because you were to become an heir to the celestial glory and you felt that all those things which would dissuade or take you from this path would be brushed aside.

You have learned the value of prayer, you have been taught the importance of this from the very beginning of your childhood, and you have appealed to our Father on many occasions and have felt that your prayers have been answered. I bless you that all those things which you ask of the Father in faith unwavering and which will be for your good and they shall not be withheld from you.

You shall be called to labor in the Relief Society Organization of the church where the talents which you possess shall be put to good use. You shall become a peace maker among those who are in strife and it shall be said of you after you have completed your lifes work upon this earth that the earth has become more beautiful because you have dwelt upon it.

When you have finished your life's work upon this earth then shall you be assigned to labor in the spirit world which you shall enjoy more than anything else you have ever done or anything else you could possible do. You shall be assigned to teach these little ones, those children who have passed into the spirit world. It is necessary that they should be taught the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and you shall be assigned to the work of teaching the way of truth and light. And the conditions under which you labor shall be ideal, and you shall enjoy the spirit of the Lord to a very great and remarkable degree. I feel that our Father will open the windows of Heaven and will pour down upon you and your husband some very great and wonderful blessings and I feel to say at this time that it is the desire of our Father that you have peace in your mind and your heart. There is nothing that you should worry about. Everything will be well with you and yours, and when darkness seems to envelop you, go to our Father and you shall be delivered from any temporal misfortune which may seem to affect you and yours.

I seal you up against the power of the adversary and bless you.

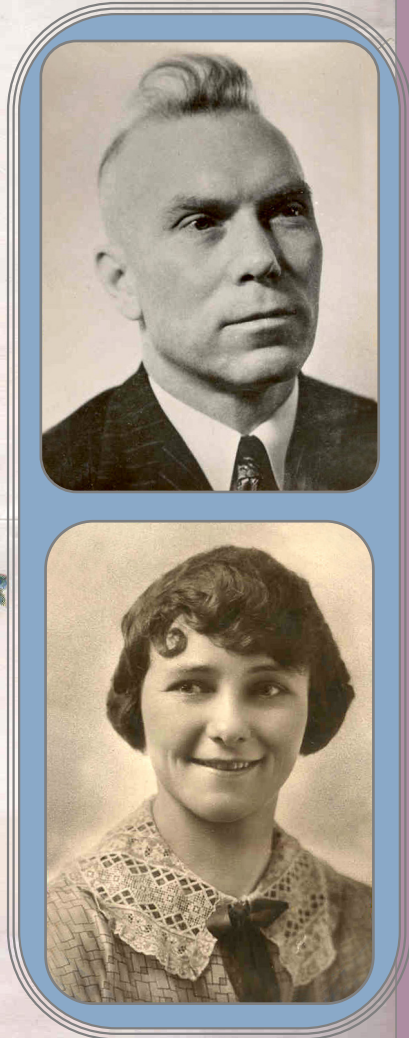
Elvie Auriela Renshaw

that your life may be long, useful, and happy that you may enjoy the companionship of your children and your children's children and that you shall retain all your faculties as long as you shall remain upon this earth. You shall complete in full your mission upon this earth and shall be quite ready to answer the call which will come to you to call you into this other field of labor, I bless you that you may come forth in the morning of the first resurrection and at last may be saved in the celestial kingdom of our Father, and I seal these blessings upon you in the authority of the Patriarchal Priesthood in me vested and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ amen.

Dated: February 6, 1940

*Albin A. Hoglund*  
ALBIN A. HOGLUND, STAKE PATRIARCH

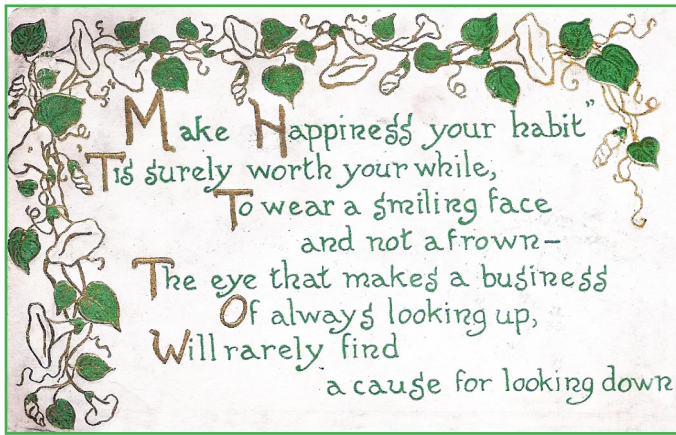
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Al Hoglund above,  
Elvie Renshaw below.

## February 6, Tuesday

Another nice day. We surely enjoy these days after so much rain. They are having a rough time at the beaches; the tide is so high, it's doing lots of damage, the news says, especially at Redondo Beach. I did my ironing and a few of Donna's pieces. She took care of baby Michael while Elaine took Carol Sue to the clinic for her to have an inoculation. Myrtle Robinson brought Elaine and Carol Sue home in her car, she ate lunch with them, and then they all visited with Donna this afternoon; seven children, oh boy! I brought Joan over here while I ironed a few of Donna's clothes. Thora Goodsell [*Thora Funk*] visited with Donna about an hour this morning, so she had a busy day, but got her ironing done, anyway. Lou got his paycheck. We took Donna and children to post office; Donna sent her rent, and then we went to Si Perkins Market where Lou and I bought a large grocery order. Donna bought a few things, also. Tonight Lou went to Bishop Gunn's to a correlation meeting. Donna typed her little talk for Mutual officers meeting, on "Happiness," very good. She read it to Lou and me tonight. She also brought my patriarchal blessing over earlier and read it. Bette came over this afternoon and typed some blessings on Donna's typewriter.



## February 7, Wednesday

The high tide is doing lots of damage at Redondo Beach, so our radio news says. People washed out of homes, so sorry. It was a lovely morning. I wrote card to Violet, bless her heart, I'd love to see her. They've had a lot of illness this winter. We got a card from Mother R., first time we've heard from her for over a month. She's enjoying her vacation; is in Miami, Florida. I'm glad she can have this lovely trip, hope she'll have a grand time while she's at it. I went to Relief Society this morning to the teachers meeting. Lorene gave a beautiful lesson on "giving." Sr. Robinson's lesson in the meeting later was lovely, too. I was called on to give invocation prayer. We had a lovely testimony meeting after the lesson. Bessie Hansen was there, we were all so glad to have her visit us. She

lives in Utah now. Lorene and I called on Eva Udall after Relief Society. She's been ill for months; heart trouble, we took small box of chocolates to her. Donna drove our car to Mutual tonight. Wayne and Marty rode down with us. We had a very interesting lesson in the form of a contest. Sr. Bird is a good teacher. They sold homemade candy in Mutual, 5¢ a bag. Irma Greenwald directed a one-act play after class work. It was called "Dreama." It was very good. Players were Ann Micksell, Rulon Scott, Helen Valentine, and Don Hardy.

## February 8, Thursday

I took Janet uptown on the new silver bus this morning. We rode to 9th and Hill, and then went to the new Famous Store. I paid on my bill, Janet enjoyed the ride to 5th floor on the elevator. The toy department is up there, so we spent some time on the 5th floor. We went over to the May Company, so Janet could ride up and down on the escalators. She had a grand time on elevators and escalators, but she liked the escalators best. Grama had a good time, too, always wanted a good excuse to ride them. We got home about 12:45, in time for Donna to leave for her club luncheon at Florence Oates's. It was their anniversary meeting. They voted in the new officers. Beth is the new president in Donna's place. I've forgotten who Donna said the other new officers are. Sue went today; she's always invited to the anniversary meeting because she helped the girls organize the club several years ago. Lorene came up to stay with Elaine's children. I took care of Donna's. When Lou got home this evening, he took us to the market. We took Lorene home first, had Ann, Carol Sue, Janet, and Elvie Joan with us. Saw Annie, Beth, Sr. Treu, and Beverly in parking place. Beverly stayed out with baby Diana, the baby is a darling, so pretty too.

## February 9, Friday

I did my cleaning and wrote a letter to Mother Renshaw. She's enjoying herself in the beautiful Miami, Florida. I'm so glad she can have this lovely trip. Highland Park is having a "dollar day." Donna, Elaine, Ann, and Janet walked down. I kept Joan and baby Michael. Donna only went to People's



Vintage postcard of the Miami, Florida skyline in 1940.

Store; she bought two suits of underwear for Rex, 50¢ each, half price. Elaine was an hour longer, she went down to Sol's Store and around. Marty and Wayne are buying a washing machine like Donna's and an electric ice box from same store we bought our ice box. I'm glad they can get these things; they'll need them with a baby coming in April. Marty has been using Donna's washer. I'll bet she'll enjoy not having to carry clothes and soap back and forth. Little Janet has learned the sacrament gem for February, she said it for us today, so cute. "While of these emblems we partake" and etcetera. Her Sunday School teacher asked Donna to teach the sacrament gem to her, so she could go on the stand with some other little ones Sunday morning and say it.

**February 10, Saturday—  
Annie's Birthday**

We took Janet to the bank with us this morning; Lou cashed his check, \$40.00 for job on Mrs. Franklin's house. We came back, got Joan, took both children to Pasadena with us to Pep Boy's Store. Lou bought few things for his car; oil filter, frames for license plates and etcetera. He worked on his car all afternoon. This evening we rode over to Annie's with a little gift, necklace. No one was home,



Annie Elizabeth Bailey

we went to Ernie's station to pay gas bill, and to Si Perkins for groceries and rabbit. Ate lunch about 6:30, went back over to Annie's; Beverly was taking Annie, Beth, and Glen out in car. Glen on his way to show, Annie and Beth to do marketing. Lou stayed with Bill and Dale. I went with others in car. We all enjoyed the licorice candies I had bought earlier in Kress Store. Annie had a very nice birthday; several lovely gifts. She got dress goods from Bev, silk hose from Glen and Bill, pretty slip from Lorene, and several other nice things; pennies from Dale. She had a beautiful decorated cake, we enjoyed some, I brought mine home. Rex worked late tonight because the store is moving.

**February 11, Sunday**

Lou walked to Sunday School, left the car for Donna to drive us down later. Rex worked at Fuller's all day until 10 p.m. They are moving to new store. John Marsh came up this a.m. Janet and I rode down to Sunday School with him, so we'd be on time. Donna and Joan came a few minutes later. We thought Janet was going to say the sacrament gem with some other little children. She had it all memorized. Donna has been teaching it to her all week, but the teacher said the others didn't learn it, so they couldn't go on the stand to say it; but Janet said it in her little class. Marty and Wayne invited Donna and children to eat dinner with them today. Daddy and I enjoyed our fried rabbit dinner. We left home about 1:15, called for Sr. Wells, the Ross girl, and Beth; took them to Sunday School convention in

Huntington Park. Nice meeting, I didn't have to go into department class work, so enjoyed visiting in main hall with the Sunday School superintendents. Sr. Marsh stayed in meeting, also; no class work for her. I was sorry to learn today of Effie Bishop's illness; nervous breakdown. Alta's singing mothers sang three numbers for us in church tonight, very nice. Brother Overlade treated Lou and me to a malt after church. Elaine and Ernie went to talk to Bishop Anderson about buying a home.

**Prelude**  
Espressivo. GEORGE H. DURHAM.

SACRAMENT GEM FOR JULY, 1934  
(John, Chapter 11, Verses 25 and 26)  
"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

**Postlude**  
Lento espressivo



**Sacrament Gems**

By: Ardis E. Parshall - August 10, 2008

For seventy years, "sacrament gems" were a familiar part of the Sabbath routine for Mormon children and adults. These (usually) short pieces of scripture, or sometimes verses from hymns, were part of Sunday School opening exercises, and often marked a child's first address to the congregation. Sometimes parents drilled children at home through the preceding week so that the child could stand and recite the gem from memory and with clear diction; other times, a frightened or giggling child would stand at the microphone and stammer or bellow each phrase as it was whispered in his ear by a Sunday School worker.

The gems were usually assigned to a class for a month, with the teacher assigning one class member to give the gem each week. The one giving the gem would sit on the stand during Sunday School opening exercises; immediately after the sacrament hymn (yes, in the days before the consolidated meeting schedule, the sacrament was administered during Sunday School as well as during Sacrament Meeting), he or she would stand at the podium and recite the gem; then the congregation would repeat the gem in unison. Sometimes a few measures of music were played before and after the gem, as shown in this illustration from the Instructor for the July 1934 gem. . .

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

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### February 12, Monday

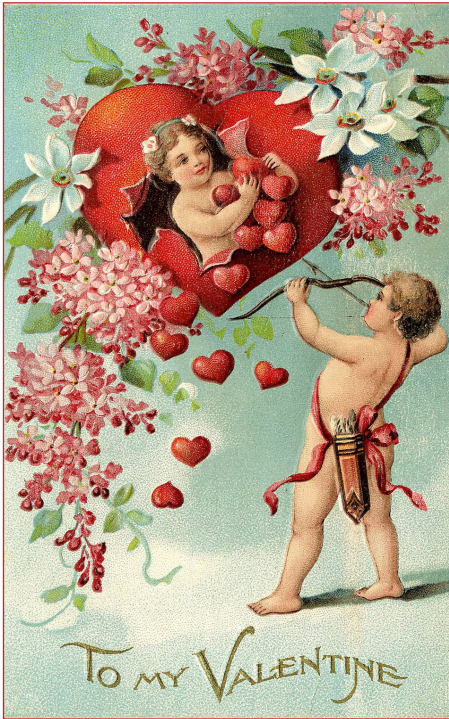
Donna brought baby Joan over this morning so Janet could sleep later. Joan is so noisy in the mornings, and Janet was up late last night because of sleeping later yesterday afternoon. She wasn't ready for sleep at the usual hour, 7 p.m. We did our washing. Elaine went up to have Mrs. Allen give her her first knitting lesson this morning. How Elaine can find time to do it, beats me, with three babies to take care of and all her washing and ironing. Well, where there's a will there's a way, they say, and baby Michael is surely a good little dear. He's getting so cute and fat now. Elaine and Ernie are all excited about buying a new home; building one. I hope they can make the arrangements necessary. They surely do need a nice big yard for the little kiddies. Donna and Janet walked to Highland Park this afternoon to buy Valentines for Janet, and one for Donna's secret pal. I took care of Elvie Joan and gathered the clothes in. Lou was tired tonight, he'd worked hard all day at hospital. The M.I.A. chorus had a singing practice at Donna's. Shirley brought my patriarchal blessing over before going to Donna's, I read it to Lou. It's a grand blessing, will be a comfort to me.

### February 13, Tuesday

Elaine left baby Michael with me this a.m. while she took Carol Sue to the clinic; Ann went too. Donna and Janet went up to market, left Joan asleep in bed. I went over to look once, they weren't long. Beth came over to visit Elaine and Donna after taking baby Diana to the clinic. Inis and little daughter, Barbara, came over to Donna's this afternoon. The girls, Inis, Donna, and Beth practiced trio for the floor show tomorrow night at the Valentine Ball. They're singing three or four songs. I received a card from Violet today, glad Otto is better. Violet has been to Salt Lake to visit Dad and Owen and families for a week. Mrs. Fife is not expected to live long, she's very ill. Sr. Richardson and I went teaching this afternoon. The elders had a meeting tonight at Rex's house, Lou went over to it. Rex had to work late at Fuller's; they are moving the store goods to another new store. Donna went to the hall for a rehearsal of the floor show for tomorrow night, she drove our car.

### February 14, Wednesday—Valentine's Day

I was surprised to find it raining this morning. We've had such nice clear weather the past few days. Glen came to take me to Relief Society, it was nice of him. He'd taken Annie down so came for me. Dale was with Glen. Sr. Valentine (appropriate, eh?) gave a lesson on health in diet, very well given. Sr. Mamie Gurwin gave us a demonstration on needlework; she had some very pretty things to show us. I quilted with the sisters on Sr. Picket's fan quilt; it's a tough one to quilt, we didn't get very far along with it. Some of us are going over to Ruth Christensen's, Friday, to quilt more



on it. We had a very nice luncheon, Sue and Sr. Burnett were on the list today. Glen came back for us about three o'clock. We did a little shopping in Kress, I bought Valentines, red sox for my babies, and some candy and nuts for Donna and Rex. We bought groceries and meat in Si Perkins Market. The sun was shining when we came home. I stayed with the children this evening, 4 p.m., while Donna went to practice trio with Beth and Inis. We had a grand time tonight at the Mutual Valentine Ball. It was a lovely party. The floor show was lovely. Phyllis Sevey and her brother waltzed; she stepped out of a beautiful valentine that Wayne made. The girl trio sang sweet old songs while they waltzed. Howard Boshell stayed with Donna's children. I let him go home when I got home and stayed with the children. Rex and Donna went to eat, after dance, at Van de Kamp's with Gleaners and M Men.

### February 15, Thursday

Janet gave me a scare this morning. She walked up the hill to the busy Avenue, went with Denny and Doug. Both Joan and Janet have colds again. Joan got it first, and then Janet caught it from her. The colds go so much harder with Janet. It seems they congest her lungs so quickly. I could hear her wheezing tonight. She has coughed a lot today. It always worries me to hear her breathe hard. I'm so darn scared of the old asthma. I spent several hours arranging the thoughts Lou gave me, for his talk on the fourth Sunday in church. I wrote his talk all out for him; Donna is going to type it tomorrow. We enjoyed our fireside and radio tonight. Marty and Wayne stayed with Donna's children tonight while they went in our car to get a grocery order; it was their payday.

### February 16, Friday

Elvie Joan's cold is better today, but Janet has quite a cold on her chest. Donna kept her in bed most of the day; she sat up in the big chair and rested on the living room couch this afternoon for a while. The little thing breathes so hard, sounds almost like an attack of asthma. Oh, how the thoughts of her having asthma upsets me. Donna put a mustard plaster on Janet tonight when she went to bed. Audrey Tacy met me at top of hill this morning. She had Sr. Stead, Sr. Kelson, and Sr. Spencer in the car. We went over to Ruth Christensen's and quilted on the quilt that we worked on last Wednesday. Winnie Wright came, also Viola Sorenson, and Sr. Sorenson. Ruth and Sr. Emma Dewey prepared a nice lunch. We had lots of fun. Ruth's dear old grandmother, 87 years old, was there. She quilted one block, sweet old dear. Audrey was afraid to drive her car down the steep hill, so a neighbor man drove it down for her, nice of him. She drove up without any trouble. She took us to the rubber company to call for her husband, but he had more work to do, so Audrey brought us home and went back for

him later. John and Jim Marsh brought a load of lumber up to Rex's house from Fuller's Paint Store. They've just moved to new store. Lou stacked the lumber for Rex. Donna added to Daddy's talk and typed it for him this afternoon. She made some changes in it, also. His talk is on L.D.S. Hymns.

### February 17, Saturday

I did my cleaning. Lou took Donna and me and kiddies to Highland Park this morning. Donna had to go to bank and pay a few bills. We stayed in the car with the kids. We missed Donna by moving car, so Lou brought me and children home and he went back and found Donna. We went to Si Perkins and Kress Store this evening, and then home to enjoy the radio. Rex worked late again tonight. We got a nice long letter from Mother Renshaw. She was still in Miami, Florida, but was leaving for a trip to Havana, Cuba. She's having a grand time seeing so many beautiful things. I'm so glad she can have this trip.



*The President's Palace in Havana, Cuba in 1940.*

### February 18, Sunday

I was glad to see Effie Bishop back on the job, teaching Sunday School; so glad her illness didn't last long. I like her. Lou took Effie and mother home after Sunday School. I got out at our street, so I could get dinner going, as Lou had made arrangements to go to South Gate with the Carlsons after dinner. Rex, Donna, and Janet ate with us. Donna fed Joan first, and put her to bed. We had a grand Sunday School, as usual. We enjoyed the ride to South Gate this afternoon. Donna did the dinner dishes so I could leave. Grant stopped at Audrey Salo's, but they were out. He drove to Wilmington. We called on Ruth; they have a nice place there in the upstairs of the Wood's Mortuary. They were upset because Mr. Woods is so ill; they haven't much hope for his recovery. Ruth and I made plans for our refreshments at the Strong's meeting at her home in March. Donna and Rex took a nice ride in our car this afternoon to Mt. Wilson. Grant drove to Long Beach; we got out and enjoyed a cream custard. Boy, they are good! There was an awful big crowd at the beach. We all went to church tonight. Donna came down in our car. Rex stayed home with the children. Erma invited us home for lunch after church, nice of her, but we thought it too late, so came on home. Bishop Gunn asked Lou to take welfare job. Oh, Oh!

### February 19, Monday

Louis had today off, he worked up in Mr. Allen's workshop all day. He made two nice breadboards for Donna, and a

cute little desk table for us to put the phone on, when we get it. Now that he is head of the welfare work in the ward, he has to have a phone in the house. Oh, oh! Donna and I did our washing today. Rex has been working late every night since they moved into the new store. They're going to have the grand opening on Saturday. He worked until 11 p.m. Donna had her M.I.A. chorus practice. Bishop Gunn told Lou he wanted him to take the welfare job yesterday in Sunday School, so I guess he'll have to do his best with it, but he surely didn't want the job.

### February 20, Tuesday

Little Janet came over this morning with her kid curlers. She wanted me to put curls in her hair because her mama was going to take her over to Aunt Lorene's this afternoon while she did some typing on Ray's typewriter. Elaine took baby Michael to the clinic this morning. She left Ann and Carol Sue with me. Janet played here with the kiddies. Glen came over to talk to me for a while. Donna called Sue up and found out Ray's typewriter is at her house, so Donna went to Sue's to do her typing. She also practiced piano duet with Beth while there near Beth's house. I kept Joan with me. Lou took Joan and me over to get Donna this afternoon after his work. He took his talk over for Donna to type over again on a good machine. Donna's is out of order. I went to the bakery and market with Annie and Bev; Annie did Beth's and Donna's shopping. Jimmy Craddock is moving from Annie's today; going to live in a room uptown with his father. Colleen Gunn came over to Annie's to go with Jim and Glen to move Jim and see his new home. I think Jimmy feels badly about the move. I'm sorry for the poor kid. Al came for Donna, Marty, and Wayne tonight. He took them to his house to give them patriarchal blessings. I stayed with the children, Rex phoned he'd be late. Tonight Lou went to Stead's to talk to Brother Stead about having a phone in our house. John, Florence, and Ruth came up to Donna's tonight. Florence found a home for a baby girl.

### February 21, Wednesday

Sr. Marsh was happy last night because she has found a good Mormon home for the little baby girl; the poor mother wanted to give her away, too poor to keep her. A bishop's wife has taken her, I'm glad, too. I think it was Bishop John J. Mollinet [*John Jacob Mollinet*] and wife [*Gladys Etta Woodson*] of Elysian Park Ward. I rode on the bus to Relief Society this morning, so I wouldn't be too late. We had a very large turn out, 54 ladies I believe Annie said. Sr. Ethel Snow finished her book review of "Jean Valjean." It was surely interesting. Sr. Dewey asked some of us to stay after meeting to quilt on Sr. Picket's quilt; it was a hard quilt to do. We've worked three afternoons on it and one morning. I went out for a malt and some crackers before starting to quilt. Annie quilted this afternoon; her hand felt better, rheumatism has been bad. Beverly had to go to the doctor to have her hand dressed, she has got infection in her little finger. Ruth Booth Kitchens has been dressing it, but the head lady boss at Bev's work sent her to the company doctor today. I'm glad the doctor looked at it; I didn't like the way it looked yesterday. Lou stayed with the children tonight while Donna and I went to Mutual. Rex was late getting home again; he's helping to get

the new Fuller's Store in order. We had a good Mutual, Donna's chorus sang two numbers and entertained us with a spelling bee. Jimmy Craddock was the professor, he spelled the words, the students pronounced them. I was surprised and pleased when Beth told me Diana [*Diana Strong Selander*] is expecting a baby in July.

### February 22, Thursday

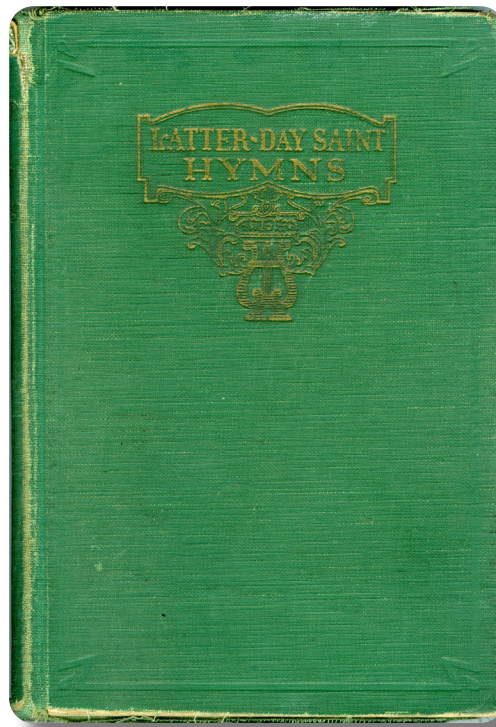
Sue came over this morning to stay with Elaine's children while Elaine went to Franklin High School to her "homecoming" day. She left about ten o'clock and got home about 3:45. I went over to visit with Sue a while this afternoon. I stayed with the baby while Ernie and the little girls took Sue home. Elaine came a few minutes after they left; she and Bette were walking home to Elaine's when Ernie drove by, so he picked Bette up and took her home with Sue. Elaine came on down the hill, so I could come back to my ironing. Donna and her babies all took naps this afternoon. Lou and I rode over to Bill's tonight. He wanted to get some information from Bill about the welfare job he is taking over from Bill. Br. Scott came over there, too, he'd been to our house first, he thought Lou had a meeting at our house tonight.

### February 23, Friday

Lou had his day off today for the holiday yesterday. He painted the little telephone table and worked over in Donna's yard, cleaning it up the rest of the day. Rex came home about 1 p.m., and he and Lou had a grand time cleaning up the yard, moving flowers and bushes, taking down old trellis work and putting up new ones. The yard looked so much better after they'd finished. I spent the day cleaning my house up. Tonight Lou and I took Sue, Al, and Shirley over to the stake house in Burbank, to the missionaries welfare party. We had a nice time. Lou and I ate downstairs before going up to hear the program. Al and Sue had eaten. We had hot dogs, hot chocolate, cake and pie. The program was grand. The Edward's Brothers Colonial Quartet entertained us for an hour. We enjoyed the dance after program. Alta Thompson brought her mother over to meet us; she is visiting Alta from Utah. I sat out several dances to talk to Alta's mother, she is a real nice person. We had a lovely time tonight; good music to dance to, string orchestra. Rex and Donna had a scare when the bamboo trees in their back yard caught on fire tonight about 9 p.m. The neighbors helped put it out. A spark from the fire of this afternoon's rubbish burning started it.

### February 24, Saturday

Lou and I took life easy today. He went through his talk for tomorrow night a time or two. Al and Sue took Elaine and children and Janet for a ride this afternoon. I helped Donna



*This book, "Latter-Day Saint Hymns," belonged to Louis Renshaw. This is the book of hymns that he spoke about on February 25, 1940.*

clean her two front rooms this afternoon. Lou took baby Joan for a ride with him. He went to Lorene's. Annie and Beverly were there visiting, also. Tonight Lou and I went to the Franklin Theater, picture show, not so good. Something was wrong with the lock of our car when we got out of the show. We could hardly get it unlocked, looked as though someone had been trying to open it, but no marks were on our car, so maybe it went on the blink itself.

### February 25, Sunday

It rained most of the night, was raining when I got up this morning. I made a meat loaf and baked it before going to Sunday School. Lou walked and left the car for Donna; she came down later so she could practice piano duet with Beth after Sunday School. Mel Stillman took Janet and me to Sunday School. He'd been up to see Rex. Elaine kept baby Joan until Rex got home from Sunday School. It was raining

hard when we got out of Sunday School. Lou and I took Sr. Effie Bishop and her mother home to Pasadena, we had Janet. Donna, Rex and Janet ate dinner here. Joan was asleep home in bed. Lou napped this afternoon, I enjoyed radio and newspapers. Donna and family slept, also. Rex stayed with Joan tonight while Donna went to church. She took Janet. We had a very good meeting. Donna and Beth played two piano duets. Lou gave a ten-minute talk on our L.D.S. hymns and music. He did it very well, I was proud of him. Br. R.M. Haddock was our main speaker and he surely gave a grand talk on "The Home." Janet sat with both Grama's in church; she was a very good little girl, "bless her heart." The piano duets were lovely, everyone enjoyed them. Glen tells me he quit his job, I'm sorry to hear it.



### February 26, Monday

We received a card and a letter from Mother Renshaw this morning. One from Havana, Cuba; she is having a grand time. She says it's the most beautiful place she's ever seen. She was there 2 days and one night, and then back to Miami,

Florida. Now she's taking a trip to New Orleans, she'll return to Miami again. I'm so glad she can enjoy herself this way. Br. Imsen brought the welfare truck up today. He came for broken glass, two boxes of glass that Lou broke up, and old shoes and clothes. Elaine gave some old clothes, I gave some, too. Elaine went uptown to meet Mrs. Vandergrift this morning. She's going to buy wool to make Ernie a sweater. She knit one for Ann last week. Oh, darn, my glasses are broken again. Little Joan's head bumped them, this afternoon. Marty stayed with Elaine's kiddies while she was out. Elaine bought wool for Donna, she's going to knit a sweater for Janet. (Elaine is knitting it, Donna is paying for wool.) Lou had a meeting here tonight, for the workers in this welfare business, his first meeting since being assigned to this job. Donna had her M.I.A. chorus practice. I went in the kitchen and listened to them sing for a while, they are doing very well, sounds good. Little Joan has a cough. I rubbed her chest with Vicks. P.S. Broke my glasses hugging baby Joan, darn it! Bye Bye \$6.00.



February 1940 the Renshaw's get their first phone, because of Lou's new welfare calling for the church.

## February 27, Tuesday

We got a good early start with our washing. It was a darn good thing, too, the washer went on the blink when we were just half way through. I rubbed them out by hand. Donna went uptown to buy her secret pal a wedding anniversary gift this afternoon. I looked after the children. We had some excitement when the telephone men came to install our phone. Janet and Ann, with other little friend, Denny, were very much interested in it all. Mrs. Allen was the first one to call us up. Donna called Aunt Annie, gave her our number; she sent a message to Dick, she can't meet Mutual officers tonight to go out on an Era drive. Joan has a cold on her chest. Donna put a mustard plaster on her



## A Short History of Home Mail Delivery

Not until the Civil War did home delivery enter into the equation. The story goes that a Cleveland, Ohio postal employee by the name of Joseph William Briggs was so torn up by seeing women lined up in the cold to see if a letter had arrived from a son or husband at the front lines that he started delivering mail to homes

— at no extra cost. Whether that's the actual genesis in the U.S. or not, by 1863 Congress approved free home delivery — which included a knock at the door and carrier-to-recipient delivery — in cities where the local revenue for mail would support the additional cost of salaried mail carriers. . .

Deliveries were made Monday through Saturday, and usually multiple times a day — in 1905 Baltimore or Philadelphia, for example, a carrier could visit as often as seven times a day. If that sounds expensive, it was, and starting in 1923 many local postmasters winnowed local deliveries to one a day, although that cost-saving move wasn't universal until 1950. . .

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before putting her to bed tonight. Elaine has Janet's sweater half knitted since yesterday, smart child! Sue called up after Elaine gave her one ring. We're having more fun. We received a picture folder from Mother this morning from Havana, Cuba and one this afternoon from New Orleans. [Mail was delivered twice a day.]

## February 28, Wednesday

I started to walk to Relief Society this morning when Glen picked me up. He had just taken Annie down. Dale was with him. I was glad he saw me because I got there a little early for a change. We had a very nice lesson given by Sr. Hardy, from Social Service. Sr. Ethel Snow asked me to help her out on her lesson next Literature Day. She wants me to give something on the life of Dorothy Canfield Fisher.



Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Dorothy Canfield Fisher (February 17, 1879 – November 9, 1958) was an educational reformer, social activist, and best-selling American author in the early decades of the twentieth century. She strongly supported women's rights, racial equality, and lifelong education. Eleanor Roosevelt named her one of the ten most influential women in the United States. In addition to bringing the Montessori method of child-rearing to the U.S., she presided over the country's first adult education program and shaped literary tastes by serving as a member of the Book of the Month Club selection committee from 1925 to 1951.

—Wikipedia

Everything comes at once. Florence Marsh asked me to give part of the lesson in Sunday School the second Sunday in March. We had Lou's talk to worry over last week. Lillian Rogers called us, she wants Donna, Beth, and Inis to sing in her ward next Sunday night. Donna had some trouble

making the arrangements, but they're going. She had to get someone to take her place in our ward, and someone to play in Beth's place. She was to accompany Gleaner girls trio, and asked Erma to play for Lou to lead in our ward. It was raining when Donna and I left for Mutual tonight. She drove our car. Lou stayed with the children. Rex was late getting home tonight. Al stayed with Elaine's children, so she and Ernie could both go to Mutual. Gleaner girls had our classroom for a social tonight (the parlor). We didn't like it as well in the large hall, but had a good class anyway. I bought cement and mended my glasses, saved \$6.00, I hope!

### February 29, Thursday

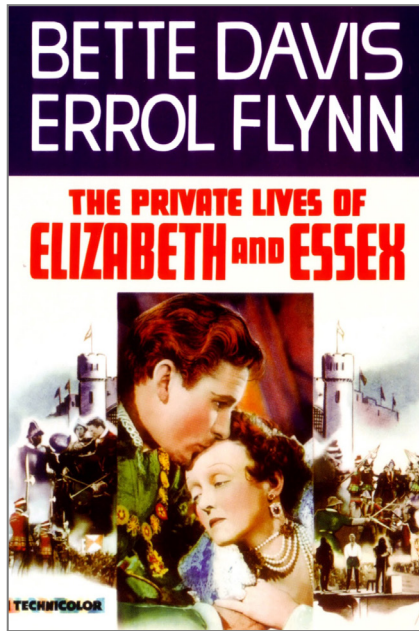
It has been interesting to watch the men trim the dead branches off the palm trees across the street in neighbors yard. All day four men have worked. They had two truckloads of dead branches and etcetera. It looks so different over there now. We can see the house, and it gives us more light, too. The trees are so tall, they have cut over half the branches off, much better. I darned sox all day, went over and got a stack of Rex's; Donna can't get around to darning, too much to do. I walked up the hill, back of us, to Safeway Store this evening, bought things for the salad I'm to make tomorrow for Strong's meeting at Ruth Cartwright's. Lou and I enjoyed our radio tonight. My glasses are still holding out.

### March 1, Friday

A beautiful sunny day today. It seemed even lighter because of the palm trees across the street being trimmed down. Someone has bought the place and is cleaning it up swell before moving in. I made Jell-O salad to take to Strong's meeting tonight. It's our turn to entertain, Ruth and me. Janet came over to have her hair put up in kid curlers because her Daddy is coming home early (his afternoon off). She says, "Daddy will say, I'm pretty." Tonight we took Lorene, Donna, and Rex to the Strong's meeting at Ruth's. We left Janet and Joan with the Marshes on our way. We picked Joan up on the way home, but Janet stayed all night. Little Florence Irene slept with Janet, she was visiting the Marshes, also. They love to stay at Grama Marsh's house. We had a nice time at Ruth's. Donna and Beth played two piano duets for us after the meeting. We enjoyed some games Ruth had prepared. It was our organizations anniversary. Ruth and I served hot rolls, Jell-O salad, lemonade and date roll. Clarence is managing the mortuary alone. The owner, Mr. Wood, died last month. He was very ill when we were out to see Ruth last.

### March 2, Saturday

Lou and I slept late, it was a lovely spring morning. I washed a few clothes. I thought it best to do as many as I could because Donna's washer hasn't been fixed yet. Lou went over to Bill's, they were going to take Audrey to the bank to have the welfare money changed from Bill and Audrey to Audrey and Lou's names, but she wasn't home, so couldn't do it without her. Lou and Bill went over to Pep Boys in Pasadena to get an oil filter for Bill's car. This afternoon we took Donna and children for a ride to Griffith Park, to the zoo. We got there late, so couldn't see all the animals. The zoo closes at 4:30. Janet had a ride on the merry-go-round. Lou treated us to ice cream cones on our way



to Park. Rex worked late again. Lou and I saw two good pictures at the Park tonight. Bette Davis and Errol Flynn in "Elizabeth and Essex" and Deanna Durbin in "First Love."

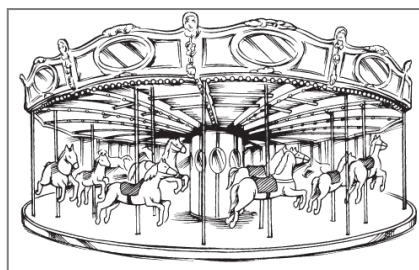
### March 3, Sunday

Lou walked to Sunday School, left the car for Donna to drive. John took Janet and me down, so we'd be on time. Donna took Joan over to see if she could stay at Marty's, but they had gone to Sunday School, so she brought Joan to Sunday School too. I enjoyed Paul Bailey's lesson and the fast meeting after. Lou asked Glen to drive our car and bring us home; also take Effie Bishop and her mother home to Pasadena. Lou had to stay longer on welfare business. Donna and Glen ate dinner with us. Rex worked all day at Fuller's Store. After dinner, Glen helped me with dishes, Donna went over to stay with Elaine's children while she and Ernie went to Wayne's to see the sand box he's made for them to give Carol Sue on her birthday. It surely is a swell sand box, has a metal bottom, seats on both sides, a bright colored awning and wheels and handles to move it easily. Lou enjoyed his nap this afternoon. We had Glen drive us over to Annie's, Donna and kiddies. Nell [Bill's sister] and Henry were over there.

We visited for a few minutes. Beverly and Elva were out riding, they had taken Sr. Jester and Jerry home. The Jesters ate dinner with the Andersens. Donna drove us back home. I took care of Beth's baby and Donna's children tonight, they went to sing in the trio at Elysian Park Ward. Donna, Beth and Inis sang in trio, Beth and Donna played piano duet. Ruth Christensen accompanied the girls.

### March 4, Monday

I borrowed Mrs. Allen's clothes plunger to do our washing this morning. It did a very good job, but we were tired when the washing was finished. Rex sent some men out to get Donna's washer. I hope it can be fixed by next washday, and that it won't cost very much. Elaine and Sue went uptown this afternoon. Carol Sue was left to sleep in her bed. I fed baby Michael his bottle. Elaine took Ann with her. Beth and baby Dianna came over to visit Elaine; she came in my house to feed her baby. We enjoyed a nice little visit, and then she went over to Donna's. I kept Joan here while Janet had her nap and Donna cleaned her house up a bit. Lou went to a welfare meeting at Bill's tonight. I stayed here to entertain the folks who came to the genealogy cottage meeting. Fred Reiche and Sr. Nordgren were the only ones who came, they were disappointed cause no one else came; they thought all my folks would be here. I didn't understand I was



to invite anyone. I thought they did the inviting. They just asked if they could use our home for a cottage meeting. Lou told them sure. Well, we enjoyed it, anyway, called it a "home visit" instead.

### March 5, Tuesday

We are enjoying such grand weather, just right, not too warm or too cold. Sue called up this morning and invited us to come over tonight. She is having Sr. and Br. North, and Br. and Sr. Steed to dinner this evening and she wants us to come over later to meet them. Br. Steed is in our San Fernando Stake presidency now, he is a grand man. Sr. Marsh called to tell Donna to be ready when Florence calls for her and children tonight. It's John's birthday, they are having the family home this evening. Lou had to go to a correlation meeting at Bishop Gunn's but he came over to Sue's after. Beth and Dick were there, and Glen. We had a nice evening visiting with the folks. Beth entertained us with some games. Br. and Sr. Steed left early, she wasn't feeling so well. Sue served ice cream and chocolate cake, delicious. Elaine didn't have anyone to leave the kiddies with, so she couldn't go. Ernie went to play basketball. Elaine was tired, she had a big washing today so wasn't anxious to go out, anyway.

### March 6, Wednesday

I rode the bus this morning so was on time for the teachers meeting at 9:30. Lorene had planned a very nice program and lesson. We had 50 ladies out. She had sent cards to all. We had a little demonstration on "block teachers in the home." Alice Schultz, Bessie Rugg and Audrey Tacy took the parts. Alice wrote the little play, it was very good. I enjoyed the lesson Sr. Robinson gave, also the testimonies later. I went downtown to the Famous Store, after paying bills on the Avenue first. Paid \$3.00 there, went to Bullock's, bought some Kantrun hose. Enjoyed looking at the pretty spring things for sale, bought white collar and cuff set for black dress in May Company, also candy there. I ate sandwich and ice cream soda in Owl Drug Store on the Avenue before going uptown. I arrived home just as Donna was leaving to go uptown to music store. She took Janet with her, I kept Elvie Joan, she was going to leave her at Elaine's. Glen and Bette came over in Bill's car this evening to have Lou put the new filter on the car. Lou took Sr. Dewey, Sr. Horrocks, and Audrey Tacy over to the Burbank Stake house tonight to a welfare meeting. I went to Mutual with Donna. Barbara stayed with the children. Rex worked real late, 1 a.m. The Van Nuys Mutual gave a one-act play tonight in our Mutual, it was good. Marty had a permanent wave today, looks real sweet. She came in to phone twice.

### March 7, Thursday—Carol Sue's birthday

I got up early for a change so Lou could have a hot bowl of mush. I spent all morning composing words to use in song for our part of the program on March 20. The ladies of our ward are giving a dinner that night to answer the challenge of the men in the ward,

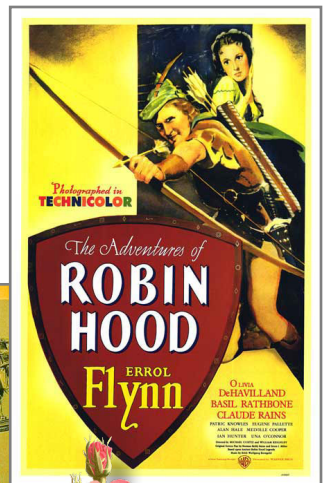


Original paint can from 1940s.

a contest to see who can put on the best dinner. The men folks gave theirs last January 24. We'll have to go some to beat their dinner. I'm helping Erma Carlson and Sr. Marsh with the Sunday School end of the program. Each organization must take part, ladies only. Donna went to her club meeting, Elaine didn't go this time, she stayed home to give a little party for Carol Sue. She had some little girls in our neighborhood over from one to three. Janet had her hair curled for the occasion. I took Joan over and helped Elaine serve them Jell-O and cupcakes. Ruth brought Sandra, and the lady across street came to look after her little girl. We enjoyed watching the cute little things. Elaine made each a paper hat and each had a balloon, she took pictures of them all. The kiddies had a grand time in the sand box Wayne made. Donna came home early from club, I was glad. I came home to study Sunday School lesson Sr. Marsh asked me to give next Sunday. Marshes came up to Donna's tonight, they took her down to Fuller's Store to see Rex. I stayed over with the children. Marty and Marion Stillman entertained the club today.

### March 8, Friday

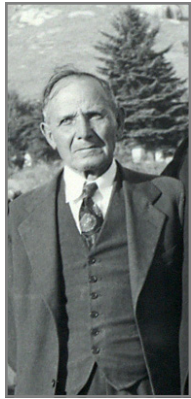
I spent most of the day cleaning, playing with baby Joan and studying the Sunday School lesson. At night Lou and I walked over to the Park Theater, saw two fairly good pictures; "Robin Hood," and "Missing Witness."



### March 9, Saturday— Big Opening Day for Rex's Store

Lou got all the things for welfare together outside of our garage this a.m., cause he expected the truck to come for them. It didn't come until this evening. Donna cleaned several things out of her closets to send. Lou took some newspapers down to sell for welfare. I spent a long time studying the Sunday School lesson Sr. Marsh asked me to give in ladies class tomorrow. I did some hand washing and mended Donna's fur coat. I sewed collar and cuff set on my black dress, looks nice, have a white gardenia to wear, also. I put Janet's hair up in kid curlers and Donna's in pin curls. Lou worked in yard. Br. Overlade brought some papers over and visited with Lou some time. Lou took us, Donna, children, John, Florence, down to Rex's new store. They had

their opening day. Fuller's Paint Store in Beverly Hills. It was all so nice and clean, the boys have worked so hard and late, moving into this new store and painting everything or sanding, polishing, and etcetera. They treated us to soft drinks. I enjoyed the ginger ale. We brought Marshes and Ruth home, also children. Rex and Donna rode to town with Florence and Ernie, they had their children down to opening, too. Rex took Donna to a show. Lou went to bed at Donna's, I came home to put hair up. Florence gave me a half-pound of delicious chocolate mints. We stopped at Van de Kamp's for Ruth and Florence to eat. I stayed in car (before we went to the opening).



Uncle Will in 1948.

### March 10, Sunday

Donna brought Joan over this morning about 7:40. She was so noisy and the rest of the family wanted to sleep. It was past 2:30 when Rex and Donna got home last night. They went to a show after Rex got through work, 9 p.m. almost. They waited a long time for bus. Lou, Janet, and I went to Sunday School. I gave part of the lesson for Sr. Marsh: "The Bread of Life," from book, "Jesus the Christ." Ray brought Uncle Will [William Esau Bailey] over to visit with us this afternoon. He is leaving next weekend for Nevada. We enjoyed his

visit. Donna went over to practice trio with Beth, Inis, and Ruth Christensen, but Beth had company, so they came back to Donna's. Inis and Donna practiced, Ruth rode to church with Lou and me. The missionaries had a nice meeting tonight. Singing mothers sang two numbers and the lady missionaries sang two numbers. John drove Rex, Donna, and Janet to Thrifty Drug Store to get a sandwich. He brought Joan up to church to me and we brought her home. Rex brought his family home on the bus.

### March 11, Monday

Donna's washer hasn't come back yet, so Elaine invited us to use her washer. We did, and I'm glad, cause no telling when Donna's will be ready. Tonight Lou had a welfare meeting here. Donna had her M.I.A. chorus practice over there. I stayed in welfare meeting. It has been cold and windy all day.

### March 12, Tuesday

Elaine took baby Michael to the clinic this morning. She left Ann and Carol Sue with me. I was at my wits end to entertain them and keep them in the house, out of the cold wind. We've been having lovely warm weather, but it has turned cold again. We had frost on the housetops this morning. I did my ironing and some darning. Sr. Marion Richardson came at 1:15 to go block teaching with me. We only have seven homes on our list, so it didn't take long. Two of the ladies work, so we never see them. Erma and Grant Carlson came up about 1 p.m. She wanted to get the song I'd composed words for, for our part of the program next Wednesday. Erma wrote words for a song, too. Tonight the elders had a meeting over at Rex's. Donna came over and asked me to go for a walk with her; she had a few ward folks in our neighborhood to contact about buying tickets for

the building fund dinner the ladies of the ward are giving March 20. We visited in Wayne and Marty's a while. He is making a very pretty bookcase for Marty. Florence Oates called in here for a while tonight waiting for Ernie. Donna brought her typewriter over so she could type a few songs for community singing at the program. I wrote a card to Violet. My letter was returned from Miami, guess Mother has moved on.

### March 13, Wednesday

Florence Oates called for Donna, she took us to Relief Society, we had a car full. We took Elaine's two, Donna's two, and Florence had her little girl, Florence Irene. Elaine walked down and brought Michael in his buggy. I surely enjoyed the program. It was the Relief Society anniversary party. Ruth Christensen conducted. Sr. Dewey and Winnie Wright took part on the program. Sr. Dewey as Emma Smith, Winnie as Eliza R. Snow. They had all eight of the Relief Society presidents there in costume worn in their day. Each gave a talk giving events in their lives. It was very interesting. Florence brought me and the children home, Elaine brought her own kiddies home; Carol Sue rode with baby in buggy. Donna stayed on the Avenue to do a little shopping, she sent a birthday gift to Grampa Green, and a St. Patrick's gift to her secret pal (Mildred Crawley). She also did a little shopping for me and paid my gas bill. Lou stayed with the children tonight until Rex got home from work. Donna and I drove to Mutual in our car. Sr. Bird asked me to give part of the lesson on Wednesday the 27th, the chapter on "The Habits of Personality" from Henry C. Link's book, "The Rediscovery of Man." Donna drove Annie, Glen, and Sr. Treu home after Mutual. Erma Carlson, Sr. Marsh, and I took Louise Horrocks and Helen Ross through the songs we've prepared for the program next Wednesday night. Donna's program was very good in Mutual tonight.

*While one person hesitates  
because he feels inferior, the  
other is busy making mistakes  
and becoming superior.*

—Henry C. Link

### March 14, Thursday

Oh, such a gloriously lovely day, I believe I feel "spring fever" coming on. Oh, hum! I prepared a Spanish noodle dish for dinner, and darned sox and mended garments. Glen brought Annie over about 1:30. She cut out a little jumper dress from my black velvet dress. I'm going to try and sew it, I don't know how it'll turn out cause it is on the bias, had to be that way cause my skirt was bias cut. Sue called up; they are talking of moving out of our stake down near Al's work. I surely hate to see them go, but maybe it's for the best. I enjoyed the musical program Donna gave us in Mutual last night. It was very fine. Brother Peterson, music director of stake, and his wife sang duet, Alta Thompson sang two solos, Ruth Christensen, Inis Stanton, and Beth Johnston sang trio. Rex and Donna walked over to see Wayne and Marty, and then down on the Avenue for an ice cream treat. I went over to stay with the children. Joan was asleep, but Janet slept late this afternoon, so she wasn't sleepy. We painted in her picture book, oh me! What a conglomeration of color when my Janet paints.

### March 15, Friday—Stake Relief Society Turkey Dinner

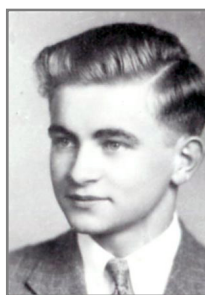
I spent most of the day sewing on the little black velvet jumper dress I'm making for Janet out of my old dress. Elaine and Ann went uptown, she invited Janet to go too, but Donna kept her home because she walked over to Marty's without telling Donna. She has never gone alone before. Carol Sue and baby Michael were left in Donna's care. Beth came to see Elaine about games Elaine is preparing for club party tomorrow night. Rex had his afternoon off, he brought paint home to paint kitchen; got started this evening. Elaine had a dress sent out to Donna's C.O.D. for Janet, on sale, 69¢. She had two of them sent out for Ann, also. I wanted to go to the stake Relief Society dinner in Burbank tonight, but couldn't afford this dinner and the one our ward ladies are giving next week, too. Our ward dinner is \$1.00 a plate, it will cost me \$2.25. I've donated 25¢ already. Elaine went with her mother and father. Lorene and Charlie and Annie and Bill went, too. Singing mothers all dressed in formal dress, nice, eh? Some of our young ward folks called on me tonight, they were out on a "scavenger hunt," and wanted several things. I couldn't help them at all. They asked for a doughnut, dill pickle, telephone book, and sparrow feather. It was Jimmy Craddock, Colleen Gunn, and Helen Ross. Lou went to bed about 8 p.m. Donna visited with me. Janet has bad cough again. Donna's washer came back, cost \$9.00 in repairs. Elaine says something to write in Aunt Elvie's diary, "Uncle Charlie danced with her at the party tonight!!!!"

"Uncle Charlie danced with Elaine! —We thought he'd quit dancing years ago, never can tell!"



### March 16, Saturday

Elaine was so surprised when Uncle Charlie asked her to dance with him last night. We thought he'd quit dancing years ago, never can tell!! I finished the little black velvet jumper dress for Janet, and made the little red silk blouse to wear with it. I did my cleaning late this afternoon. Lou ate his breakfast at the hospital. He and Charlie went around for papers and junk for the church welfare. Janet has a very bad cough, Donna kept her in bed most of the day. She put a mustard plaster on her this evening. I stayed with the children tonight while Rex and Donna went to the club "pot luck" dinner and party at Florence Oates's. Annie and Beverly came over this afternoon. Bev's finger has broken out again with the infection, they had to go to the hospital. The doctor took the nail off this time. Elaine's brother-in-law, George, is buying her dad's Ford for \$50.00. Tonight Lou went over to visit with Bill. Annie and Glen came over here to borrow some bedding. Jimmy Craddock has come back to sleep with Glen, so Bill thinks he'd like to sleep on the back porch. Annie gave Dale's bed to Beth



Jimmy Craddock  
moves back to  
Andersen's house.

for her baby when Jimmy left last month. Dale slept with Glen then, now Jim is back, Dale must sleep with Annie. Lou left some building fund money at Sue's. Bette and Roy Olmstead were only ones home. He just got out of jail for speeding. Ha ha!

### March 17, Sunday

Marty had a baby girl, born 4:30 this morning. Lou had to work at the hospital today. Donna went to Sunday School to lead the singing in his place. Beth went to the beach, I think. Erma Carlson played piano in her place. I stayed home with the children. Little Janet has a bad chest cold, we kept her in bed all day. Rex and Donna went to Marshes' for dinner, got home about 3 p.m. Little Janet had a bad coughing spell after her lunch and vomited it all up. She coughed so hard her nose bled. I was really worried over her this afternoon, but tonight she was better. Her breathing was easier. Lou and I went to church. Rex came over to church so folks could buy honey and wheat. Donna stayed with the children, she put a plaster on Janet, something they bought in a jar; they kept it on all night. I rode home with Erma and Grant Carlson. They took Sr. Myer home, and then came up here. We prepared a bit of lunch. Lou came home later, after Rex was through selling. He brought two quarts of ice cream. We enjoyed our lunch and visit. Donna and Rex had Wayne over to eat lunch with them tonight. He is some proud Daddy, says the baby looks just like him. I'm glad Marty is over the worst part, and that she got along fine.

### March 18, Monday

Donna and I did a big washing this morning. The washer worked swell, so I guess they fixed it up okay. I stayed with the children this afternoon while Donna went to the bank at York Junction, to get some papers for Wayne. He's taking out a little loan to pay hospital and some to doctor. Marty is getting along just grand. Both Marty and Wayne think the baby looks like Wayne. Janet feels much better today, but Donna kept her in bed all day. The M.I.A. had their chorus at Donna's tonight. Lou and I went over after it was over, to help the girls on their two songs. Sr. Carlson asked me if I'd help them as she couldn't be there. I composed words to one song, Sr. Carlson did the other. The girls did very well, Lou was a big help. They have some cute actions with songs, too. The girls are representing the Sunday School in the program next Wednesday night. It's the big challenge dinner given by the ladies of the ward. The men gave their dinner in January.

### March 19, Tuesday

Elaine left all three kiddies with me this morning while she went shopping on the Avenue. Donna let Janet get up and dressed this morning. I'm so glad she is better; little



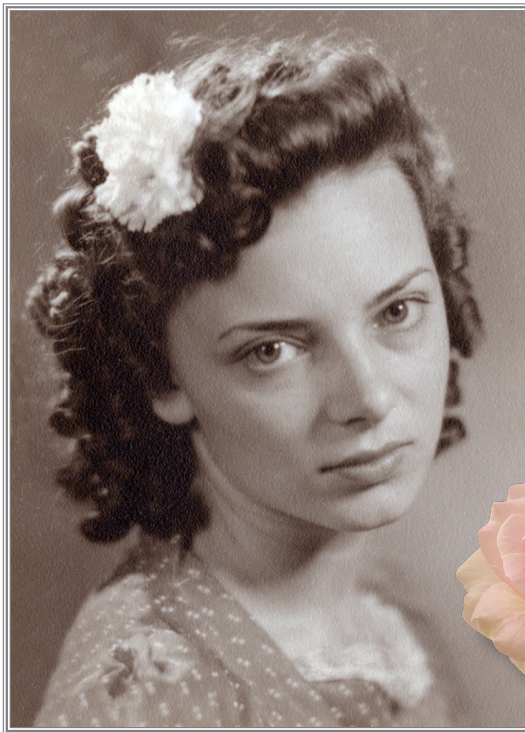
Joan has a slight cold. I hope we can get it checked before she has a bad cough like Janet had. Donna cooked a nice dinner for Wayne tonight but he didn't come over, so she was disappointed. He fixed his own dinner then went to the hospital to see Marty. We talked to Marty on the phone this afternoon, she's feeling fine. She got an airmail letter from her mother. She is coming down to be of help when Marty gets out of the hospital. I stayed with Donna's children tonight while she went over to Beth's to rehearse their trio for the program tomorrow night. Rex and Bob Stanton went to Biltmore show. Irma Greenwald called for Donna and Inis.

### March 20, Wednesday— Challenge Dinner

I went over to give Donna a lift with Marty's washing this morning. Sorry I couldn't stay until it was finished, but I had to be in Relief Society at 10 a.m. After meeting I went upstairs and helped Sr. Keller and Miriam Marsh set the tables for dinner tonight. They look lovely with three beautiful bouquets of sweet peas on each table. We laid tables for 100 people. Sr. Keller made some cute little Easter bunnies and chicks for table decorations. Miriam made some, too, but didn't get them down in time to use. Elaine and Donna went to the dinner with Lou and me tonight. Sue treated Elaine to a ticket, Elaine helped with the dishes after. The dinner was very nice; baked ham, corn, pineapple and cottage cheese salad, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, creamed gravy, and peach short cake. We enjoyed the program after, had some excitement when the music for the trio was missing. Donna had to go to Beth's house for it. Beth thought Donna had the music. Sh, sh! I thought the Mutual and Sunday School best on the program, but it was all good. Lorene was very good in her part in the one act play. I was well pleased with the way the Sunday School girls put over the little song I wrote words for. Irma Greenwald wrote words for song Inis, Beth, and Donna sang, they were well done. The dinner and program was lovely, but sh, sh, I like turkey better than ham!

### March 21, Thursday

This morning Lou went to take his physical examination for hospital job, civil service now. It cost \$3.00 for exam. I went down to Lorene's to help her write the story of Br. and Sr. Hardy's life for the genealogy party next Monday night. Mary helped a lot with her youthful, romantic ideas. She had a girl friend, June, who added a thought or two. The girls left us flat when we started the history part of story. They shampooed their hair. I had to leave before our story was completed cause I promised Donna I'd take care of her children while she went to the hospital with Florence and Elaine to see Marty. Donna and Florence went to town,



*Bette Haddock, who will win her heart, Roy or Ray?*

after, to do a little shopping. Elaine met Ernie at Dr. Robinson's office. Bette stayed with Elaine's children (Easter vacation). Donna got home about 6:15. Tonight Lou took me to Lorene's to do some more story writing. We didn't finish it, but almost. Lorene will finish it with Mary's help.

### March 22, Friday

Annie called early to ask about the plaster Donna used on her children. She wanted to know what to do after taking it off. Little Dale has a bad chest cold and she put the plaster on last night. Janet's cold is better, but little Joan seems to feel worse today. Oh, dear, I hate to have the little darlings bothered with colds and



coughs. Tonight Lou and I went over to see how little Dale was feeling. He is better, but still coughing hard. Beverly's finger is getting better, too. The doctor says if it keeps on doing as well, she can go back to work on Monday. Glen is working at the bank, he's been working there about ten days, I guess. Jimmy Craddock came back to Annie's last week, he's working nights. Poor boy, it's tough on a lad in love. Ruth Kitchens left a big bag for the welfare on our front porch last night while we were at Lorene's. Bill was out to his Friday show. Elaine says Bette was out playing tennis with Ray Haddock this afternoon, and to a show with him tonight. I wonder who'll win her?? Roy or Ray?? She's going to a dance with Roy Olmstead tomorrow night. Well, may the best man win! She's worth fighting for, says Aunt Elvie.

### March 23, Saturday

Lou, Bill, and Audrey Tacy went to the bank this a.m. and changed the welfare money from Bill and Audrey's name to Lou and Audrey's; big business. Lou took Janet and me on the Avenue this afternoon. I bought some cute little Easter things for my babies, two little bunnies pulling little Easter chariots, and two tiny Easter baby carriages with chicks and bunnies in, real cute. I bought bows for their hair, and pink and blue sox for them, also. Lou and I worked in the yard this evening hoeing weeds up. Mrs. Benton gave me some poinsettias to plant. We gave Donna some, and Leo Pierce some, and planted several ourselves. Al took Wayne to the station to meet Marty's mother. She arrived at 2 p.m. They took her to the hospital to see Marty. Donna and Janet colored Easter eggs this evening. Janet is all excited for tomorrow to come. She looks real cute in the little velvet dress I made from mine, it has a rust blouse. Tonight Lou went to conference in Burbank with Al, Bill, and Sue. Bette went to dance with Roy. Shirley came over to Elaine's.



### John Harris Taylor

John Harris Taylor, one of the first seven presidents of seventies and a member of the general board of Y. M. M. I. A., was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 28, 1875, the son of Thomas E. Taylor and Emma Louise Harris. His paternal grandfather was John Taylor who served as President of the Church from 1880 until his death in 1887

He was baptized when eight years of age in the old Endowment House in Salt Lake City, and being active in the Church from his boyhood days, John H. was ordained to the offices of deacon Dec. 9, 1889; teacher Sept. 29, 1893, and priest July 6, 1894. On Jan. 5, 1896, he was ordained to the office of an elder by Edward Wm. Davis. He was ordained a seventy Jan. 24, 1896, by Apostle Heber J. Grant, and during the two following years filled a mission to England, during which time he labored as a traveling elder and later as secretary of the Nottingham Conference. . .

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here, nice woman, talks like Marty. Donna called Marty on the phone at hospital. Mrs. Bush talked to her, too. Marty will come home tomorrow afternoon, and then we can see the baby. Mrs. Bush in anxious for her to come. I wish the weather would be nicer so Mrs. Bush could see how lovely it is out here when the sun shines. Lou was late getting home from work, he had to work overtime. Charlie and Lorene called for me tonight, we went to Alta Thompson's home, to a genealogical party. This party was in honor of Br. and Sr. Hardy. Lorene read the story that she and Mary and I composed of their lives. They all seemed to enjoy it. I thought it was very good, ha, ha! Sr. Nordgren had different ones dramatize parts of the story as Lorene read it, we had lots of fun. Alta served fruit salad and cream puffs, each paid 10¢. Lou had a welfare meeting here tonight, so didn't attend the party. The Genealogy Society dramatized Bishop Gunn's family in their party last month.

### March 26, Tuesday

Donna and Sr. Bush walked up on the Avenue this morning to buy some necessary last minute things for baby Pat's homecoming. I took care of the children while Donna was gone. Donna went over this evening to help get things ready for Marty and baby (four o'clock). She gave poor Wayne a scare when he came from work, and she made him think they'd been down after Marty and baby. She had a blanket rolled up in her arms, and was saying to Mrs. Bush, "Oh, isn't she darling!" The poor fellow had been looking forward all day to going after his wife and daughter, so of course was disappointed. Like Grama Renshaw, Donna loves to tease. Lou and Wayne went to the hospital in our car about 4:30. Wayne had the pleasure of bringing his prize home. I stayed with Donna's children tonight while she went to the stake house to an M.I.A. chorus practice. She drove our car to Burbank, or Rex did. They took several of the young ward folks. Lou went over to Bill Johnson's to a play rehearsal for M.I.A. Irma Greenwald asked him to come over, but he isn't going to take the part, thinks it too heavy. I know it is! Ernie Vandergrift and Roy Olmstead are in the play; three acts.

### March 27, Wednesday

I made a rice pudding this a.m., a large one, took some to Marty, and gave Donna a bowl full. Donna went over to give little Pat her first bath away from hospital. I stayed with the children, we took a walk. Elaine, Ann, and baby Michael

called to see Marty and baby this afternoon. Carol Sue was asleep in her bed. I looked in on her. I went to Marty's about 5 p.m. The baby is a pretty little thing for a newborn infant. Marty looks grand, very sweet, too, in blue bed jacket.

### March 24, Sunday—Easter Sunday and Stake Conference

Rex, Lou, and Bill left in our car early this morning. They had to be at the stake house for a special welfare meeting at 8:30. Glen, Beverly, and Jimmy Craddock called for me about 9:15. Annie didn't go cause Dale is still coughing hard. I wonder if he has started with whooping cough? I hope not! The boys look swell in their new spring suits. Beverly looked sweet in her pretty new striped silk dress. Rex brought our car back after his meeting. Lou and I rode home after the afternoon session with Sue, Al, and Shirley. Bette was with Ray Haddock. I enjoyed both conference sessions. Sr. Hinckley's choir sang lovely in the morning. Elaine, Ann, and Ernie went to the morning session. Donna took care of baby Michael and Carol Sue. It was a missionary conference, several of our local ward boys spoke. Rex took Donna and children, and Wayne and Marty's mother for a ride to hospital to see Marty in our car. John Taylor, first president of the seventies was our visitor from Salt Lake. Good speaker, he is a son-in-law of President Grant. We ate our dinner at stake house, 35¢, turkey dinner. I surely enjoyed it. Lou and I took a walk between sessions. President Grant is still in Los Angeles ill. Lou bought two quarts of ice cream tonight. Rex made chocolate malts for Donna, himself, and me. Lorene and Charles came over about eight o'clock. She and I finished the Hardy family story.

### March 25, Monday

It was damp and cold all day, but didn't rain. Donna and I did our washing, Elaine had a big washing, too. Marty's mother came over to see Donna and she brought her over

I invited Mrs. Bush to go to Mutual with Donna and me tonight. Wayne wanted to stay home with Marty and baby. Annie thinks Dale has the whooping cough. Beth had the doctor give her little baby, Diana, some shots. She is so upset cause the baby has been exposed to whooping cough, if Dale has it. I'm sorry to miss Relief Society, but couldn't be helped today. Mrs. Bush walked over here tonight, we took her to Mutual. I gave a review on the chapter in Mr. Henry C. Link's book tonight in the adult class. The class instructor,

*"If you wish to make a man your enemy, tell him simply, 'You are wrong.' This method works every time."  
—Henry C. Link*

Sr. Bird, said I gave it beautifully which made me feel good. We brought Elaine home, Ernie stayed to a play practice. Donna gave Irma Daddy's part in the play back, she is disappointed, but I'm sure he'd not do it well, he didn't want it anyway.

### March 28, Thursday

Oh dear, just when I thought I'd be able to rest my brain, Sr. Bird asks me to give a reading from the Bible. Beatitudes, in church, the first Sunday in April, the Sunday School night Mutual meeting. She wants it from memory. Oh, hum, I guess she thought I did okay in her class last night, in my book review. I've got a lesson to give in Relief Society next literature day helping Sr. Snow out. I had the life's story of the Hardy's to worry over last week, (Lorene did most of it, however), and the Sunday School lesson week before that, what a life! Wayne came over tonight to call Dr. Robinson. Marty and her mother think the baby cries so hard because she is constipated. I called Annie today, she says she is sure Dale has the whooping cough. I'm sorry to learn this, poor little fellow. They start getting things when they start in school. Donna went over to Beth's this afternoon to practice their piano duet. I took care of the children, she gave Marty's baby her bath again this morning. I had the children then, too. Beverly brought Donna home in their car, Beth and baby rode over, also.

### March 29, Friday

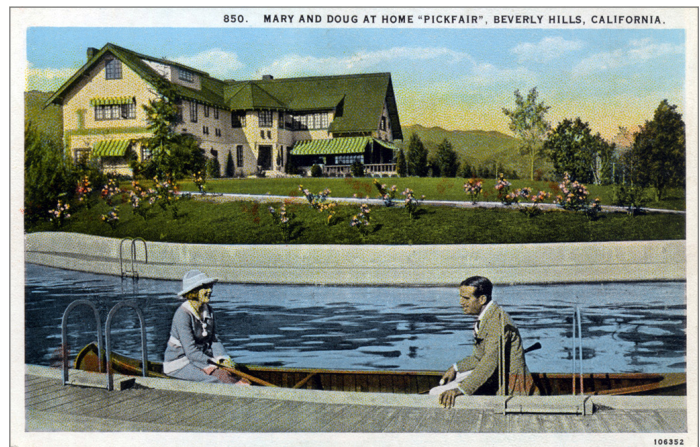
Donna gave the baby her bath again this morning. I walked over to Marty's with Joan, she was excited over the tiny baby. Marty is getting stronger, she'll be taking over herself soon, I guess. Sue and Al took Mrs. Bush for a ride at 1:30. I went over to stay with Marty, the baby slept most of the time. Marty had a nap, also. Wayne came about 4:30, and then I came home. Janet gave us a scare, couldn't find her for about half an hour. She was looking at baby chicks in our new neighbors yard across street from me, two doors up from Donna's. Rex had his afternoon off. This evening we took him to Si Perkins for a grocery order, he spent about \$10.00, some big order. It was Rex's payday. Elaine stayed with Donna's children while Rex and Donna went to a show at Park Theater. Lou and I took a nice ride. I called in Valentine's for the Relief Society Magazine she borrowed last week. I have to help Sr. Snow give her next literature lesson.

### March 30, Saturday

Sue and Al took Elaine and children early this morning to see the wild flowers. They called in to see Lloyd and Lucille on way. They live in Shaster, California, near Bakersfield. They came back tired this evening, about 6 p.m. I helped Donna clean her front rooms this morning, she has a slight head cold. This afternoon Lou and I took Mrs. Bush for a nice ride; took her to see Ferndale and the Planetarium. Then we rode around in Beverly Hills looking at the rich man's homes, grand. We called in Fuller's Paint to say hello to Rex. Donna cooked a lovely dinner this evening,



leg of lamb, green peas, etcetera. She invited Lou and I to dine with them, nice, eh? Rex was late getting home, we ate after waiting until 6:45. He got home about 7:30. Lou and I took Janet to Highland Park to buy some shoes for her. Donna was going to take her, but Rex was too late and she asked us to take her. She wanted to fix Rex's dinner when he came. I also bought silk hose for Donna, her money.



Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford's home

Pickfair was an 18-acre estate in the city of Beverly Hills, California designed by architect Wallace Neff for silent film actors Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford. Coined "Pickfair" by the press, it was one of the most celebrated homes in the world. Life Magazine described Pickfair as "a gathering place only slightly less important than the White House, and much more fun."

Located at 1143 Summit Drive, in San Ysidro Canyon in Beverly Hills, the property was a hunting lodge when purchased by Fairbanks in 1919 for his bride, Mary Pickford. The newlyweds extensively renovated the lodge, transforming it into a 4-story, 25-room mansion complete with stables, servants quarters, tennis courts, a large guest wing, and garages. Remodeled by Wallace Neff in a mock Tudor style, it took 5 years to complete. Ceiling frescos, parquet flooring, wood paneled halls of fine mahogany and bleached pine, gold leaf and mirrored decorative niches, all added to the authentic charm of Pickfair. The property was said to have been the first private home in the Los Angeles area to include an in-ground swimming pool, in which Pickford and Fairbanks were famously photographed paddling a canoe.

—Wikipedia

### March 31, Sunday

It rained most of the night. I took Janet to Sunday School, Lou walked in rain to Sunday School so we could come later in car. Rex drove us down. Nice Sunday School as usual. I always enjoy it. I took care of Donna's children this afternoon while she went with her M.I.A. chorus to a singing practice in Burbank. The stake M.I.A. is giving a musical concert next Tuesday. Donna has cold in throat, she felt miserable today. Al and Sue are planning a trip to Salt Lake for April conference. They want me to go. Lou says he'll give me the money; they'll take me for \$10.00 round trip. They'll leave tomorrow if they go? It was raining when we went to church tonight. We've surely had lots of rain this season. I told Sr. Bird I might go to Salt Lake, so she asked Ruth Christensen to take my part in the program next Sunday night. Beth is thinking of going with us so she can show the baby to her folks, if only the weather was a little more settled and baby didn't have a cough. It is surely hard for Beth to miss a chance to go home. She has so many obligations on right now, though, she and Donna are on the stake M.I.A. concert to play piano duet and she has her club luncheon next week. Too bad.

#### MEMORIES

By Elvie Renshaw, Feb. 17, 1931.

Oh; blessed memory, of days gone bye,  
In reminiscing, I breath a sigh  
Days of youth that will come no more,  
For these my loved ones, couples four,  
Years have changed both figure and face,  
But loyalty and love, remain in place.  
In saying this, I beleive I speak the truth,  
No young folks ever had a happier youth,  
Than these four sisters, Elvie, Annie,  
Lorene and Sue.  
With their faithful sweethearts, Charles, Al,  
Billie and Lou.  
Worries and troubles, they've had, to be sure,  
But to the very end they'll all endure  
Fine sons and daughters will take their place,  
And help make a better and nobler race,  
Let age wrinkle the face, turn the hair to gray  
Be thankfull, our memory will with us stay.



### April 1, Monday

I got up early this morning, took a bath and washed a few silk underthings out by hand. I went over to Donna's and started the big washing. Donna has a cold in her throat, can hardly speak above a whisper. I hope it is better tomorrow so she can sing in the stake M.I.A. chorus. Sue called up, said Al went down to work today, but he is planning on leaving for Salt Lake tomorrow. Beth has decided not to go, it was hard for her to give up the chance to go home. I took Janet down on the Avenue with me this afternoon. We rode down on the bus, but walked back. I got \$25.00 out of the bank to pay for my trip. \$10.00 fare, \$5.00 for Lou to pay for radio repairs on car radio, the rest for me to take with me. I did

shopping in Kress Store for Elaine and Donna and me. Sue is taking little Ann to Utah, Elaine is getting her things ready. I bought a frozen malt for Janet, she enjoyed it. I also bought her some gum. She is a cute little dear to take out, I'd love to take her to Salt Lake and show her off, too, but she's a little young yet. I bought a nightgown in the Peoples Store. Donna made a chocolate cake to treat the M.I.A. ward chorus kids tonight. Lou went over to sing with them a while. I shampooed my hair. Lou and Al trailed President Cannon's daughter and a girl friend, in Al's car tonight, Al wanted to see that they got home okay, they came over to talk with Al.

### April 2, Tuesday

I surely hated to leave home this a.m. with little Janet not feeling well, she has a slight fever. I got my ironing done before Al came. We left about 11 a.m., came back for blankets after starting. Sorry I can't hear the M.I.A. stake concert tonight. Donna and Beth are playing a piano duet and singing in chorus. We had a grand trip, arrived in Las Vegas at 4 p.m., just five hours after leaving L.A. We ate lunch at Wimpy's Place. Sue and Al bought popcorn in big

can to take to Violet's. We left Vegas at 5 p.m. and arrived in St. George at 7 p.m., or eight o'clock their time. They were surprised to see us. Mrs. Fife is very ill at Violet's, she wanted to visit Otto and Violet, so he brought her down in a bed in the car. Otto arranged for Sue and Al to sleep in Snow Hotel, his friends run it. They gave them the room free. Nice, eh? Violet and I slept down stairs with little Ann and did we get kicked! Poor Mrs. Fife suffered awfully all night, Otto got one-hour sleep, he's so good with her. She hasn't long to live, last stages of cancer, poor soul. It is beautiful here in St. George, trees starting to bring new green leaves. Violet was pleased with the tablecloth

and clip I gave her for her birthday, it was yesterday. Sue gave her a dollar, took Shirley's polo coat to Dody, she was happy. I gave kids handkerchiefs and gum.

### April 3, Wednesday

A beautiful day. Al took car to station for gas and oil. Violet cooked a lovely breakfast. She looks tired, hope this extra work of having Mrs. Fife ill won't do her harm, cause Violet isn't strong, but she loves Otto's mother and Mrs. Fife was surely grand to Violet when she was so ill in her home. I'm so sorry the poor old dear has to suffer so much, she's been such a grand person to everyone. I hope the good Lord will take her out of it, she is skin and bones, looks so awfully sick. We

left St. George at 10:05 a.m., beautiful there. It was cold in Cedar, we stopped for gas, lots of snow in the hills there. I went in post office for cards, mailed one to Lou and Donna. It was 11:15 when we left Cedar. We had changes of weather on way to Nephi, some sunshine, rain, and snow. We enjoyed snow best. Arrived in Nephi at 2:15, stopped in Payson for dinner, ate chicken dinner; it was one of the best I ever ate, at Don's Place. Arrived in Salt Lake at 5:15, called to see Aunt Ettie [*Ettie Irene Strong*] at Springville but she wasn't home. Joe's wife [*Elaine Park*] and little daughter were there. Al drove to the Aimco Plant first so we could see Dad. He was tickled to see us, "bless his heart," it's grand to see him, too. Aunt Ida [*Ida Rich married to Alvin Strong*] and family made us very welcome, gave us all a good bed and homemade ice cream. We went up to see Owen [*brother Owen James Bailey*] and family this evening. Little Ann wouldn't go in, she ran back to Ida's. Surely glad to see these dear ones.

### April 4, Thursday

Lovely day in Salt Lake, trees are starting to bud. We had a good nights rest and breakfast. Al took Ann back to Lydia's this morning. She went in and found out she likes them a lot, like everyone does. We went uptown this morning and took pictures on temple grounds. We saw Estella Braby and Mary Loftus on Main Street, both look fine. Estella is very slender now. We met Al at two o'clock, went up to see Dad and Elsie [*Elsie Garrett Strong Bailey*]. Haven't seen Bonnie [*Bonnie Jean Bailey*] yet, she was at the picture show. Came back to town. Al went in the church office building to talk with Patriarch George Richards. Sue, Ann, and I sat in the car. We used all of Sue's pennies in the nickelodeon, thinking Al would be out any minute. A lady even gave me a penny to put in, and then we put a nickel in the darn thing. I left Sue and Ann in the car, and went on Main Street and bought me a new spring hat for \$1.95, I felt shabby in the old winter hat. I walked back to the parking place, but they had gone. I told Sue not to wait for me. I had something to eat, and walked up to Ida's. They had kept my dinner warm, sorry about that. We rode over to Lydia's tonight, Blanche [*Blanche Mae Strong Hogle*] was there eating dinner. We had a nice visit. Elsie, Garry [*Strong, Elsie's son from first marriage*] and his wife, Elaine, came down. Al took Blanche to her hotel (Hotel Utah) then took Lydia and me and Sue and Ann for a nice ride. Sue treated to Cummings' Chocolates.

### April 5, Friday

Aunt Ida Davies [*Eliza Davies Strong*] came over to see us today, she and Ida R. rode down to conference with us. Ramona [*Ramona Strong*] was going to take Ann to the picture show this afternoon, but she cried when we left the house, so Sue had to go back and dress her for conference. We enjoyed conference this morning. President Clark read

a lovely message from President Heber J. Grant; he is ill in California. I sense lots of unrest among the church members, wonder what it all means? It's a shame to have so many people complaining about our leaders, and in our own membership, too. The Ida's left us after meeting. We met Eloise Loftus and Blanche at the information building. Eloise had lost her third husband, says she is looking for the fourth one, ha ha! Some kick, that gal, fine looking woman, too. We enjoyed a grand dinner at Elsie's and Dad's house. Had a nice visit with Dad until he left for work. Al left to take Blanche to the church welfare building, he met her at the hotel. Sue and Al took Ann this evening to Bert Hogle's for chicken dinner. I ate a bite with Elsie, Bonnie, and Doris and then Doris took us all five, with her baby, in her little Ford V8 Coupe down to Mel Renshaw's. They were surely surprised to see me. Betty [*Renshaw, Mel's daughter*] has been ill, is lots thinner, sweet girl. They are fixing their house up lovely, were painting kitchen when we got there. We got Frank [*Frank William Bailey*] and Vivian [*Eunice Lovenia Jones*] out of bed and had a nice visit with them. I talked to Winnie [*Winifred Rosa Motzkus, Babe Renshaw's wife*] on the phone at her work from Margaret's [*Margaret Ann Jones Renshaw*].



### George Franklin Richards

(February 23, 1861 – August 8, 1950) was a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) from April 9, 1906 until his death. He also served as Acting Presiding Patriarch of the LDS Church from 1937 to 1942 and President of the Quorum of the Twelve from May 25, 1945 until his death. —Wikipedia

### April 6, Saturday

Sue is worried over Ann, she is coughing real hard. Oh, dear, I hope it isn't whooping cough. I think it is a cold. Sue wouldn't go to conference this morning because of Ann. Al and I went; he took me to the police station and his brother, Bert, showed us the picture of "Jasper the 7th," who has been causing so much trouble for our church. We also read his record. I enjoyed this session of conference best. J. Reuben Clark gave a grand address, also others. We had police protection all around, there has been so much propaganda that everyone was just a little nervous. President Grant was sustained again. We had a wonderful spirit there. I shook hands with President Cannon after meeting. Al and I came home, Lydia had us all up to her house for lunch, good one. I wish they lived in L.A. so we could be near them, I do so enjoy Owen and Lydia, and their dear kids. Sue and I did the dishes while Lydia and Bob, and Bill went down to Ida's with Al to have their patriarchal blessings. He gave Bob Barney a blessing, too (Edith Strong's boy). Beverly Barney took the blessings down in short hand, nice kids. The men folks went to priesthood conference tonight. Ida took Sue and I to see "Young Tom Edison," Mickey Rooney was grand in it. Sue bought Cummings' Chocolates. I treated to ice cream after show. The theater was crowded, I sat alone, Sue and Ida found seats together. Ramona kept Ann entertained. We saw Bishop and Bertha Childs after show, also Annie and Marie Jensen. Ida drove the Jensen girls home, very happy day. Sue and I went to town to shop this afternoon, we called in the store to see Vera Vincent Donaldson.



Vera Donaldson

### April 7, Sunday

The sun was shining lovely when I got up this morning. It is the first time I've been in Salt Lake in the spring in many years. The trees are in bud, it seems strange not seeing the leaves out. Sue and I sat in the Assembly Hall to hear this morning's conference session. We couldn't get in the tabernacle, it was full to overflow by 9 a.m. We heard everything swell. The assembly hall was over crowded, too, and enough people in the grounds to fill another big tabernacle. Ida cooked a delicious dinner for us. Al gave Owen and Mildred patriarchal blessings this afternoon at Ida's. I called Margie and Mayo Wetzel on the phone, their daughter, Leona, is ill in hospital, has been operated on. I saw Edna and George after meeting, but couldn't get to them for the crowds, sorry. I was inside the information building looking out the window, knocked on window, but they wouldn't look up. Bert Hoglund came to Ida's to say goodbye to Al. Uncle Ern brought Ida's suitcases over. Mrs. Barker had another stroke yesterday, she is very low. We listened to the afternoon session on Al's radio in his car. Bishop LeGrand Richards told of an experience Al had while giving a young man a blessing. We left Ida's about 3:30, said goodbye to Owen and family and Dad and family, surely hate to leave Dad, somehow. Al said goodbye to Tyria and Bert's wife. Left Salt Lake at 3:45, bought fried chicken at Don's Café to eat on our way, grand. Arrived in St. George at 11:15 p.m.

#### MANIFESTATION TO A PATRIARCH

One of the most interesting things that has occurred to me during this Conference was a visit at the Presiding Bishop's Office of one of my former associates in the Church who was recently appointed a Patriarch and set apart and ordained by Dr. Widtsoe. He told me of how he felt his inability to meet that wonderful calling until he was blessed by Brother Widtsoe, and then he told of the joy he had had in giving blessings to the young people in the Church and of the manifestations that had come to him. Among other things he said that while he was blessing one young man he saw an evil spirit standing by his side, and the impression came to him that the evil spirit was listening to what was being said so that he would know what his mission in life was, that he might try to destroy that mission. It reminded me of a picture I saw in Brussels many years

*Excerpt from Elder Le Grand Richards' talk where he mentions Al Hoglund's experience.*

### April 8, Monday

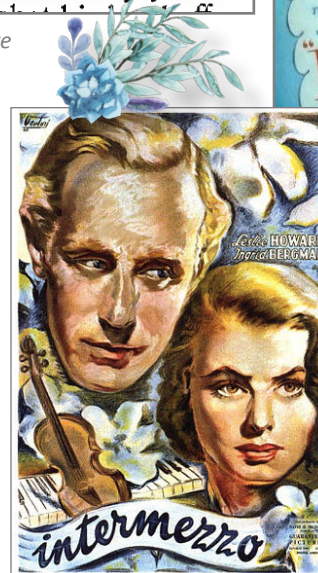
Sue and Al slept in the Snow Hotel with Ann last night. They wouldn't take her in Violet's because she had such a cough. Otto and Violet's friends let them have the room free again. I slept with Aunt Ida in upstairs bedroom at Violet's. Otto took his mother back to Cedar last week, the dear soul is very low, doesn't know anyone now. Violet cooked a good breakfast for us this morning. She had a lovely dinner prepared yesterday, but we didn't get there in time. Sue ate a piece of the lemon pie this morning before we left. I ate too much breakfast for pie. Sue, Al, and Ann ate at Café. We left St. George at 9 a.m.; so beautiful in St. George this morning. We arrived in Las Vegas at 10:20, not bad, eh? We gained our hour back. We enjoyed our leftover chicken on our way to Vegas. I enjoyed every minute of this trip,

saw wild flowers in the desert. We arrived in L.A. at 4:10, took Aunt Ida to Wayne's. Elaine felt sure Ann didn't have the whooping cough, so Sue didn't keep her, she was so tickled to see her folks it would have been awful for the little thing to have to leave them. My babies were glad to see me and I was happy to see them, bless them. Donna cooked a good dinner for us this evening. She was tired, she did a big washing. I'm glad to be home with my Daddy man and children. P.S. Dolores and Yvonne were pleased with the gifts I brought them from Salt Lake. Rex went fishing to Boulder Dam with his dad, Uncle Jim, Lewie, and Ernie Oates. He caught two fish.

### April 9, Tuesday

I got ready for Relief Society thinking it was Wednesday morning. I've had my days all mixed up, since we left here last Tuesday. I went over to Marty's to tell Aunt Ida that Ruth called last night and said she'd be up to take her mother back with her to Wilmington. Elaine says she is sure that Ann hasn't got the whooping cough. I hope not. I walked down on the Avenue to bank; sent car payment and Sears Roebuck payment. Got on the bus and rode downtown to the Famous Department Store, paid my bill there in full. I ate lunch in the May Company and did a little shopping in Kress Store. I came home on the silver bus. Donna had ironed my clothes, washed them yesterday while I was away, sweet child, and she has such a lot of work to do herself.

Marion Richardson and I did our teaching this afternoon. Tonight I treated Donna to a picture show at the Park Theater, two good pictures. The Lane sisters in "Four wives" and Leslie Howard in "Intermezzo." Rex had to go to a play practice and Lou had an elder's meeting at Rex's home.



### April 10, Wednesday

Janet came over this morning to have her hair put up in curls. She is going to little cousin Elaine's birthday party this afternoon. I wrote cards to Violet and Aunt Ida before going to Relief Society. We tied two quilts and enjoyed the luncheon. Sr. Bush walked home with me. She helped with the quilts

and seemed to enjoy herself. I like her very much, Marty's [Martha Matilda Isgreen] mother. All three of Elaine's children are coughing. We are wondering if it's whooping cough?? Janet looked so sweet in her pretty blue organdy dress. Aunt Florence called for her; she had a car full of children. Lou drove Donna and me to Mutual tonight. He went down to visit Lorene and Charles and to take Ray's suitcase back to him; I borrowed it. We had a good Mutual. Marty came out, first time since the baby came. Her mother stayed home with the baby. The Junior Girls gave a one-act play after class work tonight. Mary Clayton had a good part in it, Irish woman. She was very fine. Lorene, Charlie, and Lou came up in time for the play.



Marty's mother, Martha Bush.

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious bacterial disease caused by *Bordetella pertussis*. It's characterized by severe coughing spells that end in a "whooping" sound when the person breathes in. Historically, pertussis caused significant morbidity and mortality in the world. In the 1940's in the US, pertussis was responsible for more infant deaths than measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, polio, and meningitis combined.

Routine pertussis immunization got underway in the United States in the 1940's and mass pediatric vaccination has been successful in significantly reducing both the morbidity and mortality of pertussis. Unfortunately, pertussis vaccination was also associated with high rates of adverse reactions related to severe neurologic disease and death. Although pediatric vaccination for pertussis has demonstrated the ability to protect unvaccinated infants < 6 months of age through herd immunity, pertussis is still endemic in highly vaccinated populations worldwide. Despite high rates of immunization, cyclical outbreaks of pertussis in children < 5 still occur as documented by Fine and Clarkson. Cherry suggests that this indicates that immunization controls disease but does not control the prevalence of the organism in the population. . . .

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### April 11, Thursday

It was a real warm summer day. Donna and I darned sox on my front porch. We are having some job keeping Elaine's and Donna's children apart until we find out if Elaine's kiddies have the whooping cough. They are all coughing now. I took care of Joan this afternoon while Donna and Janet had a nap. Tonight I went over to stay with Dale while Annie and Bill went to eat dinner at Sr. Dewey's. Glen had a rehearsal in Burbank, Br. Haddock's opera. Beverly stayed in town to go to a show with one of the girls from work. Dale had one hard coughing spell while I was there, but he is getting better now, poor little fellow. That ole-whooping cough is awful. Lou took me to Annie's and then he went over to Beth's. Irma and Donna went to practice with Beth for trio. Inis

couldn't practice because she and Bob went out to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Grant visited with Lou out in his car, while the girls practiced. They had Grant's little boys in the car, too. Bill brought me home about 10 p.m. Beverly came about 9:15; we did up the dinner dishes.

### April 12, Friday

Donna woke me at 7:30 this morning. She wanted her hair put up in curls, she was going to sing with Beth and Inis at the P.T.A. in the Adams school. Alta Thompson asked them to sing. Erma Carlson played for them. I took care of the children, we all had naps. It has been hot today. Elaine had the clinic nurse come out this afternoon to see if her children have got the whooping cough; little Michael is coughing hard. The nurse says it doesn't sound like whooping cough now, but may develop into it. We are trying to keep the children apart, it's a job when they are so used to playing with Donna's kids. I studied some on the literature lesson for Relief Society next Wednesday. Made a noodle and tuna baked dish for dinner; gave Donna a bowl full. Our phone bill came today and we've gone 10 calls over our limit, so Lou called them up and told them to change the phone to unlimited. Elaine says she'll pay 40¢ and we'll pay the \$2.50.



Phone bill with 10 calls over the limit, so Lou called and changed it to unlimited local calls. Could this be the beginning of our love/hate relationship with the telephone and/or cell phone?

Donna wants to pay 40¢, and then we can all use it as often as we like for the \$3.25. Donna and Elaine use it a lot more than I do, I'd never miss it, I'm sure, but it's nice if we do need to call someone. Rex went to a play practice tonight. Sue and Al came over to see how the children were, so did Mr. Vandergrift. We're all concerned about them, hope it isn't whooping cough.

### April 13, Saturday

Oh, what a hot day, I just had to force myself to do the cleaning. Felt a lot more like sitting out under the shade of our trees. Lou went over to Sr. Spillman's for some welfare stuff, he also took a load of papers to paper company and paid our phone bill on the way back. Lou cut our lawns and burnt leaves this afternoon. We took Donna and children for a ride to Beverly Hills to the Fuller Paint Company where Rex works. Janet was pleased to bring her little table and chairs back home. Rex used them for display in the window, for a month or two, a display of nursery paper. Lou treated us to ice cream cones from Blue Bonnet. I made a cream tapioca pudding tonight, and some Jell-O salad. Rex had a play practice.

### April 14, Sunday

We had a nice Sunday School. It was a lovely day, just right, not so warm. We took Effie Bishop and her mother, and their friends home to Pasadena after Sunday School. Sister Bishop is going back to Utah next Saturday. She is such a sweet old lady. I've enjoyed taking her home from Sunday School. I had

my children home to a fried rabbit dinner, they enjoyed it, we all did. Donna had the vegetables cooked when we got home. I fried and steamed the rabbit this morning. Rex had a play practice this afternoon. The Pierce family had a family reunion today. Rex took their picture for them. I enjoyed a nap this afternoon. Our old neighbors, the Bachelors, came to call in our neighborhood. We all went out to visit in the street by their car, was glad to see them; nice folks. The little girls look fine. I invited them in the house, but they said they didn't have time this time. Donna invited them in her house, also. Elaine's children have whooping cough, so of course they didn't want to go in there. Kay went to see Elaine's baby boy. He arrived after they moved. Lou and I took Marty's mother to church tonight.

### April 15, Monday

I did a little hand washing and then went over to Donna's to do our big washing. It was cloudy, but clothes dried soon because of the nice breeze. Lou started working on the tram again today, he'll have to work Sundays and someone will have to lead the singing in Sunday School. Lorene got a letter from Violet saying that dear old Sister Fife had passed away last Thursday. I'm so glad the dear soul is out of her awful suffering. It was stomach cancer. Mary brought the letter for me to read this evening, we took it back later tonight after our company left. Lou wanted to tell Charlie of a carpenter job he could do, about three days work. Bishop Gunn called in and spent the evening until time to take his daughter home from the M.I.A. chorus practice at Donna's. We had a nice visit. Dear little Carol Sue is suffering with earache or pain in her neck. Al gave her a blessing tonight. Elaine came for my heating pad. Rex has play practices most every night now. Lou called in Grace Hill's for welfare things after work.

### April 16, Tuesday

I worried over little Carol Sue last night, she cried out so many times in the night. Elaine didn't get much rest. It surely is a tough job for poor Elaine, little mother with three babies in her care and with that awful whooping cough. Carol Sue had a stiff neck this morning, she couldn't turn her head, we thought it was earache last night, but the gland in her neck was swollen this morning. Elaine called Dr. Andre; it was her day off but she told Elaine to call the office and her husband Dr. Haskell would take care of her needs. Florence Oates came down and took Elaine and Carol Sue to the doctor's office. I stayed with Ann and Michael. I'm glad the children are getting along as well as they are, they really haven't got it bad. The doctor gave Carol Sue a treatment, he said they needn't worry, she'd be okay. Lou started on the tram yesterday, so he got home early, 2:30. We took Janet and children to Highland Park. Donna paid some bills and bought Joan a pair of shoes,



Janet in June 1939.  
She loved flowers where ever  
she could find them!

### The Bent Twig

First published in 1915, **The Bent Twig** is the first of Dorothy Canfield's novels to give fictional form to the Montessori method and to reflect the insights into education and human development that she gained in Rome while visiting Maria Montessori. The novel's concerns with gender roles, race relations, substance abuse, the environment, and the welfare of children remain contemporary and still speaks to us across the years.



Burnett up to stay with her children cause they wanted Rex to come down for a play rehearsal. Lou took Sue, Bette, Shirley, and Sr. Burnett home from Donna's.

### April 18, Thursday

I got up at four o'clock this morning and cooked breakfast for Lou. He went with the Allen's out to their ranch to do a little carpenter job. He's going to help Mr. Allen build a "lean to" on his little shack out there. (I went back to bed.) Sue came over to Elaine's this morning to take care of the children while Elaine got her washing out. Ann is almost over the worst of her whooping cough, little Carol Sue and baby Michael are coughing harder, but they all have light cases, thank goodness. Tonight Donna and Rex went with Florence and the others to Burbank to decorate the arbor and arch that Wayne made. Wayne and Rex took the arbor and arch over in John's truck. Florence took Donna and Beth. They took ivy and paper flowers to twine in and out the arbor and arch. I stayed with the children until they came home about 11:30 p.m.

Janet some panties. We did some shopping in Kress and bought big grocery order. Oh, I hope Donna's children won't get the whooping cough. Donna bought some pills for them to take to clear up the little coughs they both have. Donna and Janet took back the box of pansies that our little girl brought home from our new neighbors yard. Oh, oh! She loves flowers. Donna thought Rex had brought them home.

### April 17, Wednesday

Donna wanted to see Ruth Christensen about playing piano for the floor show Garvanza Mutual is giving at their stake dance in Burbank next Friday night, so she took Janet this a.m. to the Ebell Hall, thinking Ruth would be to Relief Society. I took Joan down 10 minutes later on the bus. Ruth didn't come today, so it was a trip for nothing. Donna brought both children back, no use staying in meeting with Joan. We can't leave them with Elaine because of her children having whooping cough, and Donna doesn't feel right taking them where other children are because they've been exposed to it, so!! I had to sit down to give my part of the literature lesson. I was too shaky to stand, I shouldn't have hurried up the hill with Joan in my arms. I felt it for hours. Sr. Snow gave the review of "The Bent Twig," very well, it was so interesting. I gave a synopsis of Dorothy Canfield Fisher's life, the author. Lou took care of the children tonight while Donna and I went to Mutual. Rex stayed downtown to a Fuller meeting. He got home in time for Lou to come down to the hall and have a rehearsal with us for the floor show. Donna took Aunt Sue and Sr.



### April 19, Friday

It was a lovely spring day. I enjoyed doing my cleaning for a change. Lou and Rex worked this afternoon on the framework for a fence. Rex had his afternoon off, and Lou gets off at 2:30, while working on the tram. Aunt Ida D. called on Donna, Elaine and me this afternoon. She looked real nice, just had a permanent wave this morning. We all went to the stake house in Burbank tonight to the spring dance that Garvanza sponsored. Each ward of our stake is sponsoring a stake dance. We had a very nice party, just right to dance. Everyone said the "floor show" was lovely. Wayne read Marty's pretty poem on "Spring Love," that is wrong, it should be "Spring, Love, and Romance." The Gleaner girls looked beautiful in pastel formal gowns with cute little flowered hats and etcetera. Bette and Shirley were among them. Inis, Beth, and Donna sang the sweet old waltz love songs; just grand while we three couples danced. Cliff Olmstead and Nadean Gibby represented "school day sweethearts" or puppy love; Phyllis Sevey and her brother portrayed "love in bloom," the engaged couple; and Louis and I impersonated the "lasting love of marriage." Lou and I brought Aunt Ida D., Mrs. Bush, Marty, and tiny baby Patsy home. Wayne came in Dick's truck with the arbor and arch. Lou had to get in Marty's house by the window. Marty forgot to get the key from Wayne.



Lou & Elvie represented  
"Lasting Love of Marriage."

### April 20, Saturday

Marty's mother, Mrs. Bush, left this morning at 7:30 for San Francisco to visit her son and his wife. Uncle Bill took her to the station. (Later) I just found out that Uncle Bill got over to Wayne's a minute too late to take Mrs. Bush. They had gone in the neighbors car thinking Bill had had trouble with his car or something. Bill felt awful about it, he thought he had plenty of time. Too bad. Lou went to work on the tram at hospital at 6 a.m., got home at 2:45. Both Donna and I felt tired today. I guess I can't take it anymore. I danced so many times last night, and had a grand time, but feel it today. Donna was out late both Thursday and Friday. She had all her cleaning to do today. I'm sorry I didn't help her, bless her heart (lazy mother). Lou and I took Aunt Ida D. for a nice



Elvie danced so much last night  
she was tired today!

ride to the beach. We rode all around to see the beautiful homes in Beverly Hills on our way. Oh, they are lovely, such grand lawns and flowers. We had a sandwich and ice cream at Ocean Park, went down on the beach to enjoy the ocean. It was cool this afternoon, not many people out, they started to come when we were leaving. I bought some salt-water taffy to eat on our way home. We all enjoyed the trip. Called in to see Donna before going to bed. She is afraid her children are coming down with the whooping cough. Oh, dear, if they are, I hope it will be a light case.

### April 21, Sunday

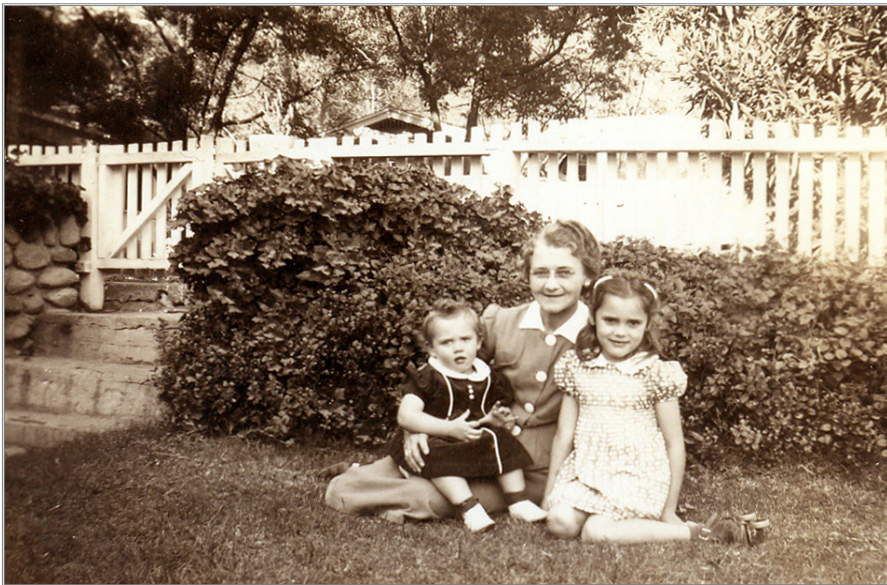
Lou had to work on the tram again today. He went to work at 8:30 a.m. Donna took his place in the Sunday School music. I stayed at her house with the children and cooked the dinner. I baked a creamed noodle, tuna and cheese dish and cooked carrots, she made a good salad when she came. We had fruited Jell-O and cream and chocolate cake. Nice, I enjoyed it all. The children haven't coughed today or in the night, so we feel better. Maybe they won't have the whooping cough after all. Wayne put the arbor back on Rex's house this morning. He and Rex brought Wayne's power saw over and made some pickets to use for the fence Rex is going to put up to keep the babies in. It's the first time I've missed church on Sunday morning in a long time, seems strange. John brought Florence up to Sunday School, she visited with me in kitchen, until time for her to go. Ernie Oates took care of the honey, wheat, and soap for Rex today. I'm sorry Rex had to miss his church, but I know the fence is necessary, too. Lou and I went to church tonight. I sat by Aunt Ida and Wayne. We had a grand meeting, the Spirit of the Lord was felt in abundance. President Steed of our stake called on Wally Gunn and Jimmy Craddock for short talks. Basil Goff also spoke, all fine. President Steed surely gave a wonderful talk, he is a grand man.

### April 22, Monday

It was cloudy and damp all day, but no rain. The heavy clothes didn't dry, but we brought them in anyway. The big red welfare truck came out for a load that Lou had gathered. I'm always glad to have them come and take the things away. We haven't room to store salvage away here. Lou has sent several loads to the church storehouse since Bishop Gunn gave him this job. Donna came over this afternoon to help me make some fudge. June Hays asked me yesterday if I'd make some for the stake carnival this week. She is a local missionary, and they are furnishing candy. June came for the candy tonight. Donna baked a chocolate cake in my oven this afternoon and gave Lou and me some for our dinner. It was delicious; her cakes always are. Lou had a welfare meeting here tonight. Donna had her chorus singing practice. The Gleaner girls are practicing for their conference next Sunday night. I tried to compose a poem for Coleen Gunn, a tribute to her teachers, Florence Oates and Gwendolyn Scott, for the conference. I'm not satisfied yet, will have to work on it again. Audrey Tacy stayed after meeting to help Lou with reference cards.

### April 23, Tuesday

Lou had his day off today. He worked on the fence in Donna's yard. He went up to Audrey Tacy's at 9 a.m. to meet Brother Sevey and see about a lot of salvage that Audrey wants moved away from her yard. I made a rice pudding this morning and gave Donna and Elaine a bowl full. I took the poem I composed yesterday to Donna's and she helped me arrange it better. I hope Colleen will think it is okay. I did my ironing this afternoon. Donna went to the clinic with Marty and baby this morning. First time for baby Patsy to go. The doctor taped her little navel, it has a slight rupture. I took care of Donna's children while she was gone. Janet and I went to the playgrounds after Joan went to sleep. She enjoyed a nice swing in the big swings. Tonight Lou and I rode over to see Lorene and Charlie. Mary and Charlie were home alone, Lorene had gone to the library in town with a group of ward folks, looking up names for the Gibby family, another genealogy party coming up soon. Both Lorene and Ray had arrived before we left there. Nice visit. Mary and I had a nice talk about poetry and boy friends before Lorene came.



*This pictures shows the completed fence in 1943. In the photo are Mary Marsh (who will arrive in 1942) Elvie Renshaw and Joan Marsh.*

### April 24, Wednesday

Lou went this morning to install a new water tank in one of Mr. DeMille's houses. He got \$2.00 and a haircut. Mr. DeMille is a barber. I rode to Relief Society on the bus. We had a nice meeting. Sr. Hardy gave the lesson. I'm sorry I'm so broke this week, I wanted to buy some tickets for the San Fernando Stake Spring Carnival, but just can't. I spent all my extra cash to go to conference in Salt Lake this last payday. I would be very happy to help make this stake affair a big success, but \$1.00 a ticket is more than we can pay. I did make a batch of candy for it, anyway. I met Marty in Highland Park while on my way home. She said Donna had her baby while she went to the drug store for barley water. The little dear is sick, can't hold anything on her stomach. Marty was surely upset, she'd called her doctor, the baby is just about six weeks old. Lou stayed with Donna's children tonight while Donna and I went to Mutual. Rex went to the dentist to have a tooth

filled. Glen showed his moving pictures in the preliminary program tonight, he also ran Donna's film of Janet's birthday party on the screen. I enjoyed seeing them all again. We had a party in our adult class tonight. Sr. Bird had some contest games, nice time. Marty introduced her friend to me, Glen White. They were going to the library, handsome fellow. P.S. We were all happy to have Maude Craddock back with us in Relief Society, she was gone over a year to Utah [*Jimmy Craddock's mother*].

### April 25, Thursday

Our stake carnival starts today, three days of it. Donna went over to see how Marty's baby was this morning. I'm glad the little dear is better. Marty is going to try her on her milk this afternoon, she's been on barley water for 24 hours. Sue had Al call for her this evening, she's been at Elaine's all day watching the children while Elaine washed. Little Carol Sue had a bad coughing spell this afternoon, scared them both. All three children have whooping cough. I feel like Donna's children will escape it, or surely they'd be coughing

by now. It's been a about three weeks since they were with Elaine's kiddies. Donna and Beth and Inis are singing in a floor show at Pasadena Ward Mutual dance tonight. It's Ernie's birthday today. He and Elaine did not celebrate together cause he had to go to a banquet and meeting with the boys at work. I stayed with Donna's children tonight while she went to the dance in Pasadena. Rex drove Dick's brother's car, took Donna and Beth. Dick stayed home with their little baby, she has the whooping cough, too. Lou went over and visited with Bill until about 10:30. Poor little Janet's nose is stopped up with hay fever, it makes me feel so badly.

### April 26, Friday

We've had changeable weather today, the sky was blue and the sun was shining this morning early, and then black clouds and rain by 9 a.m., more sunshine, and then a hail storm, some thunder and lighting and more rain, and then sunshine again. Rex had his afternoon off, he was able to ride his motorcycle both going and coming between the storms. I stayed with Elaine's children while Elaine came over to talk to Sue on the phone. Carol Sue had a bad coughing spell that surely gave me a scare. I hope Donna's kiddies don't get it. I did my cleaning, all but kitchen and bathroom. Lou got home early. Tonight Donna and Rex went with Beth and Dick, in Dick's brother's car, to the party in honor of Stan Farnsworth. He is leaving California to live in Idaho. His wife, Ida, and children left several days ago, so she could be there for her father's funeral. The party was given by Dick Ashard and wife, at Brother Gibby's home. Brother Ashard is a radio announcer. He has worked with Stan and Brother Gibby on the radio. Several of our ward young folks were in a radio skit together, they were all at the party and made

transcriptions tonight for Stan to take with him, so he can play the records and remember his old friends. I took care of the children while Rex and Donna were at the party.



*Stan was in the previous bishopric. Left to right: Charlie Clayton, Bishop Al Hoglund, Bill Andersen, Stanley Farnsworth.*

### April 27, Saturday

Lou was on the tram job at 6:30 this morning, off at 2:30; nice hours. I spent all morning mending Janet's and Joan's sleepers, put new feet in some of them. I also shortened Donna's dress and basted the hem in her black silk dress, didn't get time to hem it today. Al took Elaine and children for a ride this morning, he and Sue went to the stake carnival this afternoon. Donna called the doctor to find what to use in Janet's nose to relieve the poor little dear from this awful hay fever. Now we have to wait until her payday to get the darn stuff. What a life! I'm broke, too. Lou took me for a nice ride this evening after we'd shopped at Si Perkins Market. We saw Annie and Bill at the market. Dale was with them, he's almost over his whooping cough. Little Carol Sue is coughing hard. Sue and Al stayed with Elaine's children tonight while Ernie and Elaine went to a dance with his sisters and husbands. I'm glad Maude Craddock is back in our ward. We all love her; she was in Utah a year.



*Young, Eliza Maude Foote, that Elvie refers to as Maude Craddock.*

### April 28, Sunday

I rode to Sunday School on the bus this morning. It is strange to have Lou working on Sundays. Sr. Marsh insisted that I go with her to dinner cause I was alone. Donna and family were invited to Marshes' for dinner. Br. Christensen and Ruth drove us to Marshes'. Rex and family went on the bus. I enjoyed the delicious dinner, it was sweet of Florence to take me home with her. We all had our pictures taken after dinner. Uncle Jim sat next to me at the table. John surely is a good cook. Florence wouldn't let me stay to help with the dishes because she thought I had so much to do at home. She had John bring me home. I didn't want to impose. They have surely been grand to me and they have such a large family,

I hate to make any extra work. Lewie and his family were there to dinner, too. I fixed the hem in Donna's black dress, and sewed the cuffs on, so she could wear it tonight; sorry I broke the Sabbath. Donna led the Gleaner girls chorus in the conference tonight. They had a lovely program, all the girls did well. Bette gave a fine talk. Colleen Gunn gave a lovely poem, and then the tribute I composed for her to give her teachers, Florence Oates and Gwen Scott, they presented them with flowers. It was all lovely. P.S. I walked to Lorene's this afternoon to tell Charlie that Lou called on phone and wanted him to meet him after work to see about a carpenter job for Charlie. Ray brought me home.

### April 29, Monday

It was a nice sunny day. I enjoy wash days like this, love to see the clothes in the sun and breeze. Donna ironed three of her silk dresses with Elaine's steam iron, she washed them on Saturday. Lou was on the job at 8:30 this morning. He goes two days at 8:30 and three days at 6:30. I enjoyed Wayne and Marty's visit yesterday. They came over about five and brought baby Patsy with them. Their little baby is surely a darling. Tonight the trio, Donna, Inis and Beth, practiced over at Donna's. Lou went over to enjoy the music. I stayed home and enjoyed the radio. I wanted to go down to Marshes' to the genealogy party, but didn't think in time to call Annie and ask her to call for me. She and Bill went, also Sue and Al, and Lorene and Charlie. Not sure if Al and Bill went, but the girls did. The genealogy had a treasure hunt in honor of the Gibby family tonight. The group looked up names last week for their family, and presented the information they'd gathered to them at the party. John made hot rolls and ice cream. We received a card from Mother Renshaw. She was in Washington, D.C. on her way to the Worlds Fair in New York. She is having a grand time.



### April 30, Tuesday

We received a picture folder from Mother Renshaw from Atlantic City, New Jersey, on her way to New York to see the fair. Donna took Joan to the clinic this morning. Lou took Janet and me for a ride to Brother Mattice's home in South Pasadena. He got some glass for the church welfare. No one was home, but Lou got the glass anyway. We met Bishop Gunn over there. He was looking for brother Mattice, also. He was offering him a trip to the Arizona Temple for three months work there, nice. eh? Janet and I met Donna and Joan at the clinic. We gave the children

some swings while in the playgrounds before coming home. Lou worked all day on the fence in Donna's yard, it is almost finished now. It has been a job making it out of old lumber, but Wayne's little power saw has helped a lot. I spent some time mending sheets for the children's little beds, making them out of Donna's old large sheets.

### May 1, Wednesday— May Day

Lou had started on Donna's fence again this morning when Charlie came for him to go help him on a carpenter job. It was the job Lou took him to see about last Sunday afternoon. I put Donna's hair up in curls before going to Relief Society. She drove me down in our car, we took the kiddies along. Donna came back about 11:30 to practice with Inis, Beth, and Ruth Christensen. I kept the children outside while they sang. I walked home because it was too long for Donna and babies to wait for me. I had to stay to participate in a circle prayer in behalf of Sr. Carrie Dalton, who was to be operated on for a serious condition in her head. We also prayed for Eva Udall who is back in the general hospital with bad heart, and Ethel Snow who is ill with asthma. We had to wait longer because of the singing mothers practicing for conference next Sunday. Our stake president, Sister Williams, and stake chorister, Sr. Hinkley, visited our Relief Society today. We had a grand meeting. Ruth Christensen gave the lesson very well, a lovely spirit in our testimony meeting, too. Our stake visitors stayed for our special prayer. Lou had to go to a welfare meeting in the stake house tonight. Barbara Borshell stayed with the children while we went to Mutual. We had no class work tonight, but enjoyed a very good program; highlights of the years work. No more class work this year in Mutual. Donna sang in trio tonight, and played piano duet with Beth.



### May 2, Thursday

Little Dale is happy cause he can play with his little friends again. He was out for the first time in eight weeks, yesterday. He is over his whooping cough and was surely celebrating when we were over to Beth's yesterday, bless his heart. I'll be glad when Elaine's little ones are over it, too. Sue came over to stay with them while Elaine went to have some curls put in her hair, end curl permanent. She went to the club this afternoon, so Sue stayed on. I took care of Donna's children while she went. Lou worked on the fence in Donna's yard after work. I received a letter from Violet telling of Mrs. Fife's funeral, it was lovely. Poor Violet is having an

awful time, her teeth must all come out, they are so hard to get out, too. That dear girl has surely had a lot of illness to put up with, she keeps her "sense of humor" through it all, making herself delightful company for anyone. I did some mending on Janet and Joan's dresses this afternoon.

### May 3, Friday—Elaine's Birthday

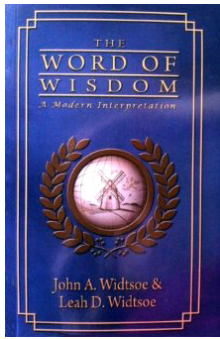
I spent most of my day at the sewing machine fixing my babies clothes, letting down hems, putting new elastic in little panties and etcetera. I managed to clean one room. I picked a bouquet of carnations and roses for Elaine and wished her "Happy Birthday," first thing this morning. Sue had Elaine and family over to dinner, she also had Beverly and Glen, and I think Beth and Dick. Lou came home with a bad pain in the back of his head and neck. He didn't want to go out to Compton to the Strong's meeting. I rode out with Dick and Beth in Dick's brother's car. His brother is away for a few weeks and let Dick use his car, nice, eh? Beverly drove their car, took Wayne, Marty and baby, and Lorene and Annie. Al took Sue and Bette and Shirley. The meeting was at Ellen Scott's home. We had a nice time, Aunt Lizzie is visiting her girls, and it was nice having her there. Ruth Cartwright brought her two boys, Clarence couldn't leave the business. We all missed Blanche and Oscar, he is very ill. Ellen and Nora served a nice lunch, sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, Jell-O salad and chocolates.



Aunt Lizzie with her daughters and grandson:  
Nora McKay, Thelma Upham, Lizzie Underwood Strong,  
Ellen Scott with Bruce McKay in front.

### May 4, Saturday

Elaine and Bette went uptown this morning. Al took the children over to Sue's. Elaine had a grand time spending the birthday money her folks gave her yesterday. She bought slacks and shoes. Lou worked on the tram again today. I walked to Si Perkins Market this afternoon. Donna left here at 4:30 in our car, drove to Fuller Paint where Rex works in Beverly Hills. They had an invite out to dinner in North Hollywood. A young man, Walt, who also works at Fuller's, and his wife, invited them out. I gave the children their dinner at 5:30. They were both in bed asleep at 7:30, sweet darlings. I expected my kids home about 11 p.m., they went to a late show out there and arrived home at 2 a.m.



Grama Elvie was tired and nervous, “can’t take it,” I guess. I was out late last night, too. Donna felt very badly. She thought I’d go to bed there. I would have if I’d known they’d be so late. I read half through Dr. Widtsoe’s book, “The Word of Wisdom.”

### May 5, Sunday

Sue got me out of bed this morning to tell me about the Pulsipher triplets, two girls and a boy, born last night. [*The father is Charles Clyde Pulsipher.*] The little girls each weigh a little over 5 pounds, the boy weighs 4 pounds and 9 ounces. All three babies are perfect and as strong as any normal baby, the doctor reports. We are all relieved that they are here and in good health. Melba [*Melba Eilleen Ottley*] got along fine considering. The whole ward has known for a few weeks that Melba was going to give birth to triplets. [*The triplets, Lawrence Edward Pulsipher, Lola Margaret Pulsipher and Linda Ruth Pulsipher are listed on Family Search in 2020.*] The x-ray showed them. I enjoyed Sunday School, John drove me down in his truck. We had a nice testimony meeting, also. Presidents Cannon and Cheney were both in attendance. Donna invited me to eat dinner with them, but I had a headache, so thought it best to come home and rest. Lou got home at 5:30, we ate before going to church. Sr. Dewey, our ward Relief Society president, asked me to be there a little early so I could be an usher; she wanted all Relief Society members to sit in a group. The singing mothers sat up on the stand. All had white satin blouses on, they sang two numbers. It was a very nice conference. Sue gave a lovely talk on “Relief Society members as peacemakers in the ward.” Ruth Christensen and Geana Christensen gave fine talks, also. Our stake president, Sr. Williams and two board members spoke. Flowers were lovely; our theme was “Blessed are the peacemakers.”



Not the Pulsipher triplets!

### May 6, Monday

A picture of the Pulsipher triplets was in the Times Newspaper this morning. Mrs. Allen brought the paper for us to see; she knew that we knew the babies parents.

Donna and I did our washing in her washer today. Donna went over to Beth’s tonight. Brother Ashard came out there and took a transcription of the girls trio; Beth, Donna and Inis. Rex took care of the children. For a change, he didn’t have a play rehearsal. Lou and I went to Si Perkins Market for a large grocery order.

### May 7, Tuesday

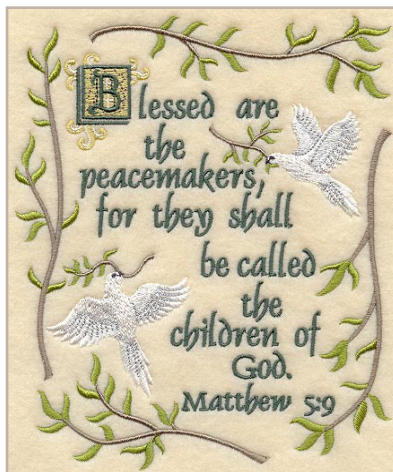
It was a lovely morning. Lou had his day off. We rode over to Pasadena to pay \$6.00 to Sears, Roebuck & Company, the banks were closed on account of election day, so I couldn’t send the cashiers checks as usual. On our way back we stopped at Sr. Bailey’s for some papers; big load. I rode to the junkyard with Lou to sell them; church money. We went to town and paid a \$20.00 car payment. I got rid of a lot of money; light, gas, gasoline, and paid the lamp up in full. We ate lunch in Highland Park and came home about 2:30. Sr. Richardson had been to go block teaching. I’m sorry, I forgot this was our day to go, awful! I’ll have to do it alone now, my punishment. We all went in Ruth Pierce’s house this morning to hear Donna’s record on Ruth’s radio. It surely sounds good, both sides are lovely. Donna and Beth bought this record between them. The trio sang a medley of sweet old love songs on one side, and “Sympathy” on the other side. Tonight Lou and I rode over to Sue’s. We went with Sue, Al, Bette and Shirley to the stake house in Burbank. I enjoyed the stake Mutual program, Garvanza put on a one-act play, “Dreams.”

### May 8, Wednesday

I did my block teaching this morning before going to Relief Society. I had to do it alone, too. Charlie came for Lou about 8 a.m. He worked on a carpenter job with Charlie today. Marty’s little baby was not feeling so well, another upset stomach. [*Sadly nursing a baby was not the norm in those days. Also at this time they did not know that cow’s milk is harmful for infants under one year old. This information would certainly have helped Patsy’s tummy.*] They served a nice luncheon in Relief Society. I quilted until tired, awful hard quilt to work on this time. It was so hot today. Florence Oates brought me as far as Si’s Market, she was on the luncheon committee today, the ladies worked hard in the heat. They were all tired. Lou went to the ward correlation meeting at the Ebell Hall tonight. I watered the lawns and flowers, and then shampooed my hair this evening. John and Florence came up to see Rex and family tonight, she came over with Joan in sleepers while I was watering lawn.

### May 9, Thursday

It was hot again today, but I stayed home, so didn’t feel it as much as yesterday. I really suffered while walking home from Relief Society yesterday in the heat. I did some mending for Donna this morning, she went over to Beth’s for a trio practice with Inis, Beth, and the young man, Bill, who plays for them on piano. I took care of my children. Lou took us with him when he came home from work at 2:45. We gathered up some welfare things at Sr. Graham’s and Sr. Hill’s friend, Mrs. Hansen. We got some papers and rags at Annie’s, called for Donna at Beth’s, but she wasn’t ready to come, so we brought the load home. Donna



came on the streetcar later. Tonight Donna and I went to Snow's house to Carrie Dalton's shower. Lou took us over, and called for us after shower. He stayed at Bill's until time to come for us. We surely had a lot of fun at the shower. The Foote sisters, Maude, Bessie, and Alice gave us a fashion show. Ardith Webb was a model, too. It was surely a scream! Nellie Imsen announced the models, it was good. I gave a short poem about Carrie. Donna played special music for the models, ha, ha! Most fun we've had for a long time. Singing Mothers sang, Alta did solo number. Carrie got some very lovely gifts, ladies of Relief society went in together, bought clothes and etcetera. She is getting married again. It was a big day for Mary Stead, she was at the head of the party. She was so thrilled with her party. They served ice cream and cake.



*The Foote Sisters- Venice, Bessie, Alice and Maude in front. This photo is from their younger years in Provo, Utah.*

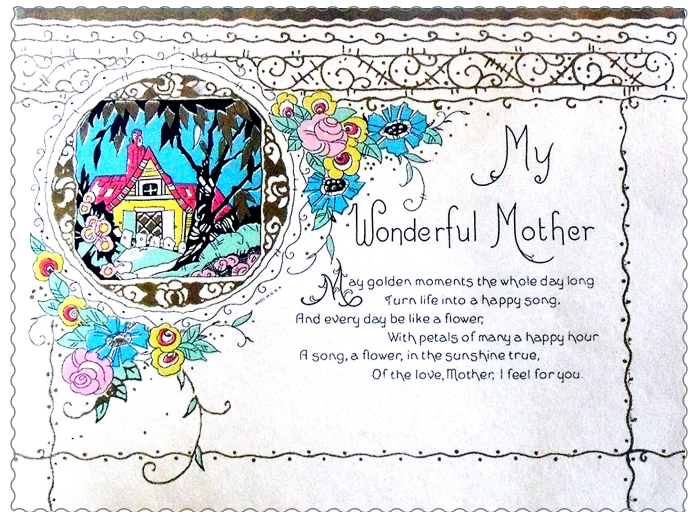
**May 10, Friday**

I've enjoyed this day, not too hot like yesterday and Wednesday. I did a little mending this morning before starting the cleaning. Elaine told me this morning that Carol Sue had another coughing spell last night that gave her a scare. The poor little dear has the whooping cough much harder than the other two have it. Lou got home early, we went over to Sears, Roebuck in Pasadena and bought some clothes for us both. Powder blue dress for me, white hat, and shoes, also. For Lou, we bought gray pants and shoes. We brought a pretty blue and pink dress for Donna, so she'll have a new dress to wear on Mother's Day, too. I told her it is her birthday gift in advance. She looks sweet in it and said she liked it. I think it is cute. Our account at Sears (for rugs) is all paid, but one payment, so we added these things to our account, still in debt, but I think we did well to get two dresses, two pair of shoes, a hat, and a pair of trousers for \$21.00. Lou went for a haircut when we got home. We didn't get our dinner until almost 7 p.m. Brother Overlade came to take Lou with him to administer to one of Br. Pickett's daughters; infection in her throat. Sr. Williams, our stake Relief Society president, called to see if Lou knew of a hod-carrier who could go on a job in

Elysian Park in the morning. He didn't. I had a bad blood pressure spell, Lou helped me into bed. I was scared. P.S. Marty came over tonight with Donna. Says baby has a cold and is coughing, too bad.

**May 11, Saturday**

I slept good until about 4:30. I heard Ernie leave for work, and couldn't get back to sleep, but felt better. The awful whirling in my head had gone, thank goodness, high blood pressure is no fun! I had the worse spell last evening that I've ever had. I'm glad I did my cleaning yesterday. I helped Donna get through hers when I found out she had invited Lucille and Lloyd to stay and have dinner with them this evening. They came in to visit Elaine and Donna today. Elaine had them all over to her house tonight. She called Beth and Dick and they came over. Rex kept running back and forth to see if the children were okay. I sat in with them for a while, but he sent me home. They didn't stay late. Lou and I went to Highland Park this evening and did some shopping for him. We bought a pretty gray shirt, gray and green tie, and gray belt to go with his new light gray trousers. Oh, yes, a nice gray straw hat for him, also. Little Joan has a cold tonight. Twenty-seven of our ward folks are in the Mesa temple today, they left here last night. Al and Bishop Gunn, Florence and Ernie, Marie Kendrick and the Nordgrens are with them. They went on the train.



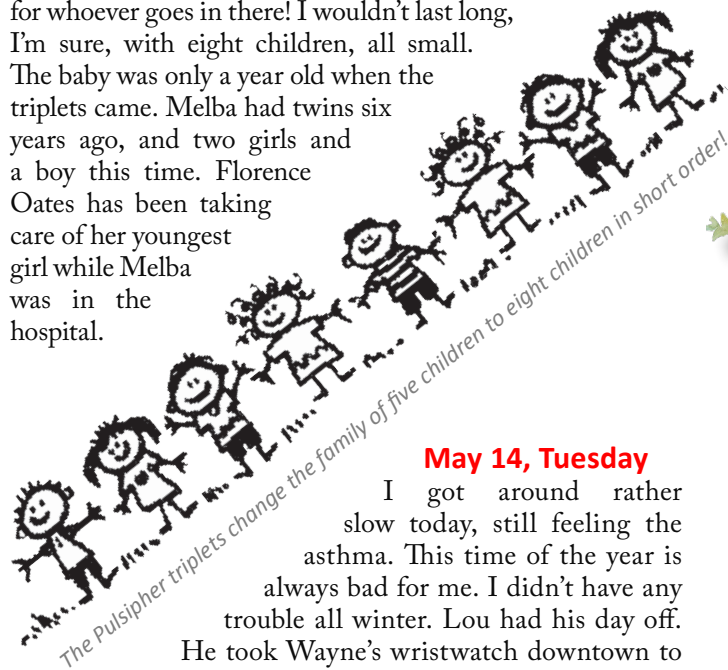
**May 12, Sunday—Mother's Day—  
Sunday School Conference, too.**

Lou had to work at the hospital on the tram today. I'm sorry he couldn't be at Sunday School today, to hear the lovely Mother's Day program. I took Janet down to church this morning on the bus. Donna left early cause she was on the program. She sang two numbers in a trio with Beth and Inis. So nice; they do sing well together. The hall was so crowded that Janet and I sat in the parlor. Rex stayed home with little Joan. I wore my new powder blue dress, white hat, and shoes. Rex and Donna gave me a lovely white purse this morning for Mother's Day gift. Donna wore the little blue and pink dress her daddy and I gave her. We gave her this dress for her birthday, so we told her. She looked real sweet today. I stayed with Donna's baby this afternoon while she

and Rex went down to Marshes'. They took Janet. Marshes had a turkey lunch for the family between 4 and 6 p.m. I gave Joan her dinner and put her to bed; hard time getting her to sleep. Lou had to go to church without me. He sent Glen A. and Harold S. up for me. Barbara Borshell came over to stay with Joan while we were in church tonight. It was Sunday School conference tonight, we had a grand meeting, featuring church history. Nellie Imsen spoke and also Sister Cheney. Br. Steed gave us a wonderful sermon on church history. Rex sang two numbers, very nice. Mamie Stark was coming out to sing, but couldn't, so Rex sang in her stead. Ralph Keller came about 9:30 tonight. He is on his way to San Francisco taking a big truck up there. We talked to him until about 11 p.m.. He was tired, took bath and went to bed.

### May 13, Monday

Ralph left here for San Francisco this morning. Donna and the children came over to see him first. It's a shame he couldn't rest over a day, he was so tired from driving that big truck in here from Arizona. But he says they are in a hurry for the truck in San Francisco. Donna and I put out a big washing today. We were both tired when finished. I had a spell of asthma in the night, so I was off to a bad start this morning. Lou had a welfare meeting at our house tonight. I visited with Donna part of the time. Rex was at his play rehearsal. They are putting the play on in our ward next Wednesday night. I put Donna's hair up in curls while over there tonight. Melba Pulsipher and her babies are coming home from the hospital tomorrow. Sr. Dewey is worried over getting someone to go in and help, oh, but it'll be a big job for whoever goes in there! I wouldn't last long, I'm sure, with eight children, all small. The baby was only a year old when the triplets came. Melba had twins six years ago, and two girls and a boy this time. Florence Oates has been taking care of her youngest girl while Melba was in the hospital.



*The Pulsipher triplets change the family of five children to eight children in short order!*

### May 14, Tuesday

I got around rather slow today, still feeling the asthma. This time of the year is always bad for me. I didn't have any trouble all winter. Lou had his day off. He took Wayne's wristwatch downtown to Br. Hill for repair job, cleaning mostly. Marty is having it fixed up for Wayne's birthday, the 19th. She couldn't take it down because her little baby is sick with a cold. I feel sorry for poor Marty. It's surely a worry when such a tiny baby is ill. Marty has a cold herself, too. Elaine called the doctor this morning and told him her children had had the whooping cough over seven weeks. He told her it was okay for her to take them out. She went

over to visit Aunt Annie and Dale. Walked over with the baby buggy. Al brought the buggy back in his car. I stayed with Donna's children this afternoon while she went to Aunt Sue's to practice the trio with Beth and Inis, and Bill who plays piano. Alta Thompson was there, also. They expect to make another transcription soon. Beth spent the day with Sue, she brought baby up from Dick's brothers home where they are staying a few days while the folks are in Utah. Beth brought baby to clinic. It was Beth's birthday today, so Sue had her to lunch. Tonight Lou went over to Reiche's to see Fred about the health drink for stake. He asked Donna to make a stencil for the printing on sacks for drink.

### May 15, Wednesday

I enjoyed Relief Society this morning. Alta had Br. Ashard come and play her Singing Mother's record, and several of her own. She and Stan Farnsworth sang two duets, by transcription. We had this in place of the singing practice. Sr. Snow was ill, so Sr. Dewey gave the last half of book review on "The Bent Twig," she gave it very well. It was so interesting. It was Lou's day off. He took me to Relief Society and called for me. The children both rode down with us. Janet came back with Lou. Joan was asleep. Barbara Borshell stayed with Donna's children tonight while we all went to see the Mutual's three act play, "Adam and Eva." Rex had the leading roll, "Adam," he surely took his part well, in fact they all did. I enjoyed every minute of the play. It was a very good comedy. The last scene was very beautiful, they rented the outdoor scenery from a company in Hollywood, \$25.00, should be pretty, eh? I'm glad the play is over so they can all relax. They've worked so hard on it. Irma Joan Greenwald was the director. She did a good job. In the cast were Bob Barker, Laura Johnson, William Johnson, Florence Oates, Louise Horrocks, Jean Ross, Rex, and Charles Morris.

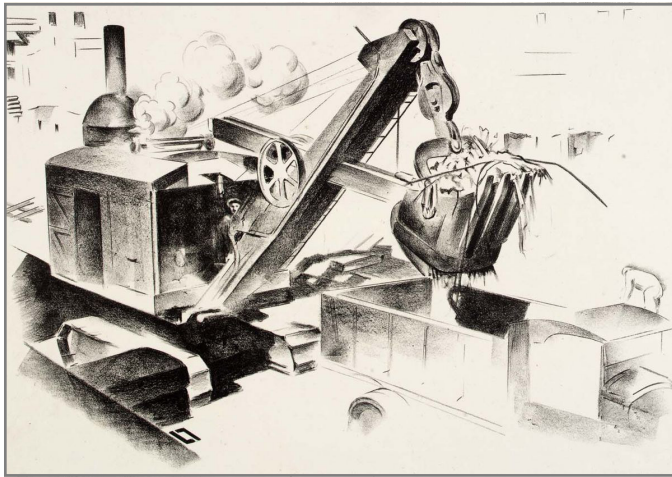


*Raymond Clayton & Donna Renshaw circa 1918*

### May 16, Thursday—Raymond's birthday

Donna went over to help Marty this morning. She has a cold and it has settled in her sinus, the baby has a cold, too. Donna did the baby washing, gave her a bath, and vacuumed Marty's front room rug. I took care of Janet and Joan. I did a little washing at Donna's, some of mine, and some of the children's. I took the kiddies for a walk, we called at Marty's to see if Donna was ready to come home, but she wasn't through. Janet was interested in the big steam shovel working

on Marty's street. She watched it for a long time until Joan got restless and we had to come home. Lou took us all to Si Perkins Market. Donna got a large order, I bought a few things. She took Lloyd's dress shirt to the cleaners, and her blue dress. Rex borrowed Lloyd's tuxedo to wear in the play last night. Tonight Lou took us, Donna and children, down to Clayton's. We wished Ray "Happy Birthday." Donna returned Ray's clothes that Rex used in play. Lorene treated to chocolates and banana nut cake. Ray played Donna's record, of the trio, on his radio. We enjoyed it again. It got another scratch. Bill and Annie and Dale came just as we were leaving. Janet and Joan had a grand time with Mary's little kitten. Ray showed us his beautiful hand carved camphor chests, two of them, very pretty. Rex had to work late this evening.



*Three-year-old Janet was very interested in the big steam shovel working on Marty's street.*

### May 17, Friday

I ironed the things I washed yesterday and took care of Joan while Donna and Janet went over to Marty's. Donna did the baby's washing again today. Marty is better and baby is, too. I'm glad they are feeling better. I feel sorry for Marty out here without any of her family. She is surely a sweet girl. Sue came to stay with Elaine's children while Elaine took Ann to the eye doctor. He says she'll have to wear glasses when she goes to school, but her eyes are stronger than when she last went to him, so that is good. Rex had a meeting at Fuller's Paint tonight. Lou took care of the children so Donna and I could go to a show, sweet of him. Al called to take Elaine to a show, so we rode with them. Donna and Shirley went to the Highland. They saw Mickey Rooney in "Young Tom Edison," and Deanna Durbin in, "It's a Date." Elaine, Al, and I went to the Arroyo. We saw two good pictures, "Vigil in the Night," and "Virginia City." I saw "Young Tom Edison," in Salt Lake in April. It's a grand picture, too. Lou went down to help move the scenery with Wayne on his motorcycle. It rained a little, so they covered it up. Dick is coming with his truck for it tomorrow. John Marsh went for it, but didn't take it, Lou was with him also. They didn't know it was out in back of church hall. Beth left for Salt Lake with her baby tonight.

### May 18, Saturday

Janet came over to say "good morning, Grama." We picked a pretty bouquet of carnations for her mama, she was so pleased to take them over home in my little crystal basket. I'd love to be in on the excitement in Aunt Ida's home this day when Beth and baby arrive home. They've never seen the baby, only Ida has. I was just finishing up my cleaning when Ray brought Uncle Joe [*Joseph Evans Paul*] and Aunt Julie [*Julia Ann Strong*] over. I was surprised and happy to see them. They look grand, Aunt Julie is surely a beautiful woman. She says she is 70 years old, wonderful to be so lovely at that age. She won a beauty prize when she was a girl, I think she could win one now, with ladies same age, or 60. Ray took them around to see the folks, even down to see Aunt Dell on other side of L.A. Sue and Al took them out riding this evening. They are staying at Sue's tonight. They called on Donna and Elaine, also. We had a thundershower this afternoon, it has been cloudy all day. I brought Elaine's washing in out of the rain. She was taking a bath when it started to rain, so Ann ran to tell me. Dick brought his work truck up to haul the play scenery back to Hollywood. I hope the rain didn't harm it any. Tonight Lou and I went to the market, and then took a nice ride for an hour. The radio news says L.A. had an earthquake at 8 p.m. We didn't feel it; it was rather severe in some parts of southern California, the news says.



*Julia Strong and Joseph Paul Wedding Portrait in 1891.*



### May 19, Sunday

Lou and Rex went to the nine o'clock officers and teachers meeting. Rex came home to take care of Joan after the early meeting. Donna, Janet, and I went down on the bus to the ten o'clock meeting. It was a fine meeting, good spirit, President Steed called on several [to speak]. It was our ward conference Br. Haddock, Wally Gunn, Florence Oates, Andy Christensen, and others [spoke]. He gave a grand talk, also. I was thrilled to sit in the meeting by Aunt Julia and Uncle Joe. They stayed with Sue last night. Annie and Bill took them riding this afternoon. They are leaving in the morning for Melba's [their daughter, Melba Paul Newhausen] in Modesto, California. I had my children home to dinner, so was happy. Br. Gibby came to Donna's to go over the song he'd composed for our missionary program next Wednesday. He brought Brs. Imsen and Overlade back after church to practice with Rex. We enjoyed another good session tonight. Brother Steed gave a grand talk on tithing. Bishop Gunn gave a good talk, too. Bishop Al closed with prayer, the sweetest, most humble prayer I've heard in a long time. I've surely enjoyed the spiritual feast of this day. How blessed we are!

### May 20, Monday

We're still having foggy mornings. Donna got the washing started this morning before I got over there. Sue came over early to help Elaine prepare lunch and get things in order before their company arrived (Mrs. Evans and her mother). Janet and Ann were tickled today because Ann was able to play in Janet's yard. It's the first time for 7 or 8 weeks they've played together, since Ann had the whooping cough. I went over this evening to Elaine's to say hello to Sister Evans and her mother. Br. Evans was there; he had called to take them home. Al was there, also, he came for Sue. Bette and Shirley came, too. Elaine had them stay there and eat dinner; finished up the tuna pies. Sr. Evans' mother is going back to Salt Lake Saturday she said, been visiting here five weeks; they both look well. Br. Overlade, Br. Gibby, and Br. Imsen came to Donna's tonight to practice the songs Br. Gibby composed in honor of Wally Gunn. They, with Rex, are singing on the missionary farewell program next Wednesday night. We received a book of pictures from Mother R., of the World's Fair in New York. Oh, such beautiful buildings and etcetera. She is having a grand vacation. Marty and baby are better; they called in Donna's this afternoon.

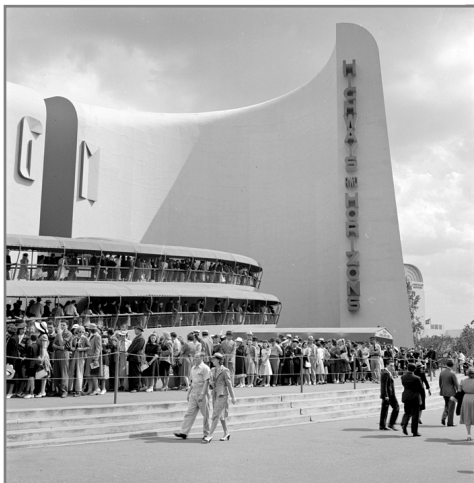
### May 21, Tuesday

I enjoyed the radio while I did my ironing this morning. I forgot to turn it on most of the days, only when ironing or mending. I'm too busy other days to sit down and listen. I fixed one of Donna's old rayon print dresses this afternoon, took seven inches off top of skirt. Lou went over to Reiche's this evening and ground up 55 pounds of health drink; barley, wheat and etcetera for the church store house. This has been a nice day. Foggy in the morning, but nice all afternoon. Rex had to work late at Fuller's, a meeting, I mean. The elders had a meeting over to Rex's anyway. Lou didn't go over to the meeting, he sacked the health drink. I helped, and Glen came in before meeting and helped do some, too. Bishop Hoglund gave a talk to the elders, I heard some of it while sitting in Donna's kitchen. I looked after the babies while she went out for a while, she had a visit with Elaine about an hour, the kiddies both slept, so I enjoyed Al's talk. They seldom ever wake up after going to bed at night, until morning.

How did Elvie overhear the neighbor's meetings, a baby coughing in the night, a phone ringing, baby crying and etcetera? The homes on La Riba Way are close together and it is also a narrow street. The homes are small and in 1940 "air conditioning" meant open windows. The little homes were not insulated or solidly built. They didn't need to withstand snow or sleet and were built accordingly. Mary Tibbets, Joan Gardner and Kathy Calkins visited the street in 2012. The homes are still there, but Elvie's home is now stuccoed and it is likely the windows have been replaced and insulation added. In 1940 it was a very open and close neighborhood. Everyone knew what was going on!

### May 22, Wednesday

Lou had his day off, he took Donna and children for a ride to the church storehouse in Adams Ward, where he delivered 55 pounds of health drink. Our ward has arranged to furnish the storehouse with \$50 worth of this drink. I rode as far as church with them, I went to Relief Society. We had a nice meeting; our last until we start again in the fall. Oh, we do meet once a month for work and business during the summer. I got home just a minute before the



New York World's Fair 1939-40



Sarah Renshaw, this photo was taken at the World's Fair in New York in 1940.

folks did. We all went to Wally Gunn's farewell party tonight. The program was very good, even if I was on the committee. Donna did the arranging, Wayne conducted; I did help take care of Marty's baby while the program was on, anyway. Marty gave a cute reading. Br. Gibby's poem to Wally was good, also the songs he composed in Wally's honor. Rex, Br. Overlade, Br. Imsen, and Br. Gibby sang them real well, cute words. "Son of a Gunn" was poem's title. Leo Pierce played violin grand, Josephine Howells sang. Ruth Goss sang, Jimmy Craddock gave clever reading written by his mother about Wally. Gleaner girls did the illustrations with help of Don Hardy. It was all good. There was a large crowd, we had a nice time at the dance after. Br. Christensen turned over \$149.50 and more is coming I hear. Wally and Bishop Gunn spoke, also President Cannon, very nice. President Cannon's wife, President Steed and wife, Brother Haddock and wife, and several stake workers came tonight.

### May 23, Thursday

Donna, Elaine, and I visited this morning instead of doing our work. We talked over the party last night and etcetera. Nice time was had by all, ha ha ha! Donna and children took naps this afternoon. Sr. Marsh called to talk to Donna, but I had a nice long talk with her; she wouldn't let me wake Donna when she heard she was asleep. I'm so glad Florence can go to Salt Lake to the Mutual convention. She needs this rest now. Elaine remodeled a dress that Mrs. Vandergrift gave her; she's made a cute dress for herself out of it, clever child. Donna drove Ernie's car this afternoon to Highland Park, so Elaine could buy some things for her dress in Kress, they took all five children. Tonight Donna and the darling little granddaughters called on us; they'd been for a walk over to Marty's. Janet had her doll and buggy, cute things, we surely love them.



1940's Summer Frocks

*Maybe the dress remodeling Elaine and Elvie did this month were similar to these styles?*



*The Relief Society sisters had an outing to learn about how caskets were made.*

### May 24, Friday

I had a crazy dream last night. I laughed so hard it woke me up, gee, it was silly. I couldn't quit laughing after I was awake. It seems Bill and I were following Lou, I thought he was in danger and needed help, but it turned out he was following us, somehow he got in back of us. I was really laughing at the crazy, surprised look on Uncle Bill's face. I got up at six o'clock this morning so I'd be ready to meet Sr. Renard at the library at 9:30. She took me and Viola Williams over to Glendale. Her daughter was with her, too. We had a nice time, ladies brought handwork for us to see from all wards, surely lovely. We went in a body to the Christensen Mortuary in Glendale. There was a large crowd, we just filled the chapel. They showed us a very interesting moving picture of the big red wood trees and how they were cut, and every stage in the making of caskets, right to the finished job. We even saw them upholster the caskets. After the picture, we were taken through the mortuary. It's a very nice place. We went back to the Glendale hall and they served us a nice lunch. It was a San Fernando Stake Relief Society outing. Tonight Lou took Lorene, Mary, Viola Williams, and me to Burbank to see the "King Steps Out." Br. Haddock composed this little musical comic opera, ten of our young ward folks were in it. Bette and Glen and others. It was really good. I enjoyed it a lot, last part was a minstrel act, more fun. They danced after show. We brought Sr. Berkelson and her sister home tonight Viola went home with Dave.

### May 25, Saturday

Lou worked today. I remodeled a dress for me, one Ruth sent up to Donna's. It was too large, but I fixed it up to fit me okay. I also did my cleaning. Lucille Snow brought her sister-in-law, Margaret, over to Donna's this afternoon. She is singing on the Mutual Sunday night program. Donna is going to accompany her, so they had a practice. Donna drove our car to Si Perkins Market this afternoon. I stayed out in the car with the kids while she did her shopping. Little Joan was thrilled when the train passed so near us. We took Ann with us, also. Sue and Al came up this afternoon and took Elaine's children and Janet for a ride to Brookside Park. Bette and Shirley stayed at Elaine's, they all had their hair dressed. I was disappointed cause I didn't get out for a walk or anything tonight. My Daddy was too tired. Donna took care of Marty's baby, while she and Wayne went to a picture show.

### May 26, Sunday

Lou had to work today. Janet and I started to walk to Sunday School. Sr. Goodsell picked us up and we got a ride. Donna had dinner ready when we got home. We walked home with Bette, Shirley, and Rex. Elaine cooked dinner for her folks, Sue bought the dinner Elaine says. I took care of Joan this afternoon while Donna and Janet had a nap. Rex went to his priesthood meeting in Glendale. Joan and I watched Elaine, Ernie, Bette, and Shirley play a game out in their front yard, tossing rubber rings on nails. Ray Haddock came about 4 p.m. for Bette. He joined in the game. Al is feeling very miserable with bad chest cold. Lou went to church early to help Harold Stead with his songs for conference tonight. He was a little nervous about leading. Bonnie Gibby called Lou and asked him to help them out, she plays piano. I sat with Lou in church tonight, something unusual for us to be together in church. He's always on the stand, leading the singing. We had a nice meeting, several stake visitors. Br. Steed was our main speaker. It was Genealogy conference.

### May 27, Monday

Lou went to work on the bus so Donna could use the car today. We did our washing, it was cloudy all day, looked like it would rain any minute. I dressed little Joan for the party, while Donna went to the Peoples Store to get a little birthday gift. Janet went to store, also. Joan looked sweet in little pink dress, sweet little curly head. Janet and I rode with Donna and Joan to the playgrounds. We got out and I gave her a swing for thirty minutes. She didn't feel bad about her mother going then, we went in the library and I read some cute little stories to her. Donna came home about 5 p.m., they had a nice time. Little Joan was lots more at home than Janet was at her age. The party was over at Naomi Haddock Weber's; her youngest boy's birthday. Joan was invited to his birthday party last year, one year then. Janet always gets an invitation to the oldest boys party, he is a few months older than Janet. Lou had a welfare meeting here tonight. All of our war news is awful!



### May 28, Tuesday

We got a folder today from Niagara Falls, New York. Mother isn't missing anything, bless her heart. I'm so glad she can have this grand trip, and wonderful sightseeing happiness. I did my ironing this morning and a few pieces of Donna's, flat ware. Elaine took baby Michael to the clinic this morning. Ann and Carol Sue stayed with me, they both have colds.

Ann spent the day in bed yesterday, she is better today. I sent Janet home cause I didn't want her to get their colds. It surely hurt her dear little feelings to think she couldn't come in her own grama's house, and the other kiddies could. She always says, "My own Grama," when telling about me, and "My own Daddy" and "Mama" and etcetera. After work I rode to Kress Store with Lou. He went to Ernie's station to have his car greased. I bought a few things and walked home. Ernie Vandergrift left his car at Ernie's for a grease job this afternoon, too, he drove Ernie Oates work truck home. Lou stayed there until his car was finished. Our radio has been broadcasting the war news all day. We are all upset over the news that King Leopold of Belgium has surrendered his armies to the Germans. This was a terrible blow to the allies. We just can't begin to realize how awful this war is. Oh, how thankful I am that we live here in America, the promised land. Lou took his exam for the tram job today.



*German soldiers parade past the Royal Palace in Brussels, 1940*

### Belgium

Despite being neutral at the start of World War II, on 10 May 1940, Belgium and her colonial possessions found themselves at war after an invasion of the country by German forces. Following 18 days of fighting, the Belgian army surrendered to German forces beginning an occupation of the country that would endure until its liberation by Allied forces in late 1944. Amongst those that surrendered was King Leopold III, whose decision sparked a political crisis after the war. Nevertheless, after the surrender, many Belgians managed to escape to the United Kingdom where they formed a government and army-in-exile to continue fighting.

—Wikipedia

### May 29, Wednesday

Lou had today off from hospital, he wanted hot cakes, so went to Highland Park for his breakfast. I get asthma when making them. Florence brought Florence Irene down to Donna's this morning. She played with Janet all day while her folks took little Ernie to the beach (harbor) with his school class. We've enjoyed the sunshine today, it has been so foggy of late. Charlie called about 9 a.m., he wanted Lou to come on the job, he is on, at 12:30 noon, and help him this afternoon, so he went. Rex called to tell Donna his father wants him to work for him tomorrow. We'd planned to eat breakfast in the mountains. They need the extra money, so Rex will work. A lady near Lorene's wants Lou to do a

carpenter job for her, today or tomorrow. He couldn't do it today so he's wondering if he should go with us?? Oh, oh, maybe we'll all stay at home, okay by me. Lou invited the Carlsons to go. Wayne and Marty were going, also. Donna took care of Marty's baby while she went to see Dr. Robison this a.m. I wrote a letter to Aunt Jennie [*Jane Olorenshaw Rowe*] this afternoon, asking her for information on the Renshaw genealogy. Hope she'll send it to me.

**May 30, Thursday**

We met the Carlsons at top of hill at 7:30 this morning. It was a beautiful day. We all enjoyed the grand ride up into the mountains on the Angeles Crest Highway (up past Mt. Wilson). We cooked our breakfast and surely enjoyed it. The little camp we stopped at was nice, tables, benches and stove. Rex worked for his Dad, so just Donna and the children went with us. Lou and Grant went for a hike after breakfast, they took Thayne. Erma and I took Janet and Roger [*Carlson*] for a little hike, while Donna and Joan napped. Joan slept in the car. We left the camp after lunch, arrived home about 2:30. Erma treated to ice cream on way home. Elaine and family went with Sue and family to beach. Andersens went to Ocean Park. Rex painted his kitchen all afternoon, some holiday for him, eh? Lou and I drove to Seguine's to see if they were going to the dance at Goldberg's ballroom. They were, so we made arrangements to call and take them tonight. I had a grand time, swell music, real nice place, and people. I danced four of the old time dances and thought them lots of fun. Lou was tired, so didn't have as much fun as I did, but he thought it a nice place to dance, our first time there. We called to see Sr. Stead before dressing for ball, she's been very ill. We came home alone, Seguines came with Baltimores.

**May 31, Friday**

I was tired this morning after dancing so much last night, felt sorry for Lou, he had to be on the job at 6 a.m. I did a little hand washing and cleaned my bathroom, kitchen and back porch. Bill and Annie drove down, Bill was pale, he had just come from the hospital where he'd given a blood transfusion to a young girl in our ward. They took a quart of Bill's blood, he has given his blood several times, no pay ever. Good old Bill. I went to Highland Park this afternoon and bought a little blue print dress for Donna, also an ironing pad and cover (birthday gift). I

stayed with the children tonight while Donna and Rex went up to Florence's to Wally Gunn's farewell party, given by the elder's. Donna took a chocolate fudge cake. Elaine took a caramel cake. They all went in Ernie Vandergrift's car. Al came over to stay with Elaine's children. I'm glad Ted Imsen got the job at feed store that Lou called him about. He'll work after school and on Saturdays, his Dad is out of work.

**June 1, Saturday—Donna's birthday, 25 years old.**



It was a lovely summer day, and I'm happy that Donna had such a nice birthday. I helped her do up her work after I'd finished my own. The florist brought a beautiful bouquet of flowers out to Donna from Beverly this afternoon. I gave her a little blue spring dress and ironing pad and cover. Lou brought her a lovely bouquet of flowers and pretty card with \$2.00 in it. Elaine gave her a powder puff and flowers. The Marshes gave her white satin slip, very pretty. She got an orange perfume lamp from her secret pal. Marty made fudge for her. Grama sent a book of colored pictures from Niagara Falls. Donna and Janet went down on the Avenue this afternoon. She bought silk hose and house dress for herself, and sun-suit for Janet with the money her daddy gave her. The Andersen family called to wish her "Happy Birthday," they waited until she got back from Highland Park. Donna treated to candy caramels. Rex brought Donna a very pretty rose slack suit home this evening, he also gave her money for a permanent wave. Donna's front room looks like a flower showroom tonight; grand flowers. Rex and Donna went to a show tonight. I stayed with the children until Wayne and Marty did their shopping, and then they stayed until the kids came.

**Blood Donor Gave 200 Transfusions**

It is Mrs. Rose L. McMullin's belief that God has created a mysterious quality in her blood expressly so that she may travel about the country staving off an otherwise almost certain death for afflicted men, women, and children. She is content to let it go at that.

Baffled doctors wonder what happens in the body of this plump, attractive woman of 42 to make her virtually the only hope at present of those stricken by the deadly ailment staphylococcus aureus septicemia.

She is the only person known to doctors whose blood can be counted on to resist the disease, so virulent that doctors consider the chances against recovery 100-to-1. One of the main reasons for the deadliness of the disease is that a patient, to recover, must have transfusions from a former sufferer who has lived—and almost all die.

She has given 200 transfusions in 40 states. Since December, 1939, she has donated 18 quarts of blood to 23 persons, 18 of whom recovered. She has given five quarts of blood in 21 days, a record. For all this she takes only expenses, no fee.

**She Is the Champion Blood Donor**



Mrs. Rose L. McMullin, recovered from a deadly blood disease, now gives free blood transfusions to other sufferers. With her are her nieces, Rosemary Ryan, 8, left to whom she gave a transfusion, and Dolores, 6.

*Photo by David Eisendraft, Jr., PM Staff*

*Did Bill Andersen give a quart of blood? The above article is from the PM News of New York July 15, 1940. In the 1940s giving a quart of blood was not unusual. Depending on size, a body has approximately 3 to 5 quarts of blood.*

### June 2, Sunday

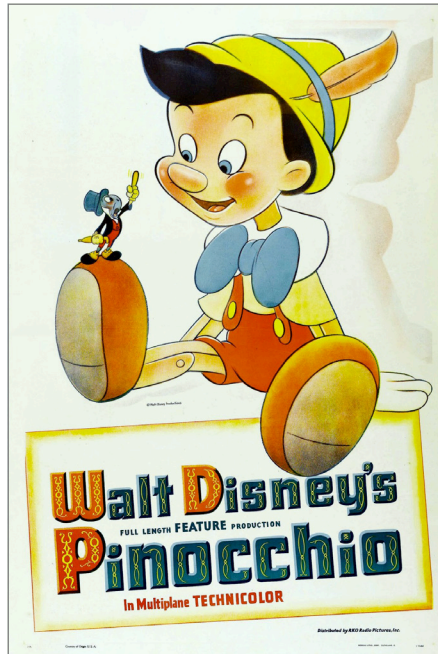
I surely miss Lou and the car on Sunday mornings. Janet and I walked to Sunday School, she looked so sweet in little blue dress and pink sweater, with curls and blue bow. It seemed so natural to see Bishop Al, Uncle Bill and Brother Reece conducting the confirmations and blessings in fast meeting this morning. Brother Bird called on them to do it. Bishop Gunn was over at Burbank Ward. They are going to change our Sunday School around again. It'll start at 10:30. The priesthood will convene at 9 a.m. I wonder if we can all be on time now?? There is one thing I don't like as well, we'll have to do away with Sr. Marsh's ladies class I'm afraid. It was so interesting. Lou took Donna and me to church tonight. Rex stayed with the children. He and Wayne went up in the mountains this morning early, got home about 2 p.m. Rex had trouble with his motorcycle. Wayne had to push him home. Dick ate dinner at Marty's. He surely misses Beth and the baby. Bishop Al spoke in church tonight. He gave a good talk on prayer. Lorene gave a good talk, also. Prayer was the theme. Donna conducted the singing. Katherine Snow sang two lovely numbers, she has a grand voice. I've enjoyed this day with the saints.

### June 3, Monday

It was foggy all morning, but sunny in afternoon. Donna and I did our washing. Florence Oates came for Janet this afternoon, she wasn't ready because Rex had forgotten to tell Donna that Florence was coming for her. Grama Marsh invited Janet to come down and sleep all night with little Florence Irene. The two little cousins love to be down to Marshes' together. They are the same age, cute things. The Marshes were up to Donna's while Donna was in church last night, they told Rex to tell Donna to have Janet ready when Florence got here. Well, she went as is, in play togs [play clothes], Donna sent clean clothes. Tonight Lou and I rode over to Audrey Tacy's. He wanted some welfare information. We rode to Annie's and Lorene's. They were all out. Lou bought me a frozen malt, good. Wally Gunn leaves for Utah this evening, he is going on his mission after a short training in Salt Lake City. P.S. Rex has to go to work on the bus, his motorcycle is out of order again, too bad.

### June 4, Tuesday

Lou worked on our yard all day. He made an arbor for our grape vine to climb upon, painted it white like the fence, it looks nice. He also helped Donna clean her yard up a little.



Florence Marsh

She tired her poor little self out cutting the lawns. I did my ironing while Joan slept from 11:30 to 1:30. Donna had gone to the beauty parlor for an end curl. She did her ironing this a.m. before going. Janet was down to Grama Marsh's all day, she slept there last night with her little cousin, Florence Irene. Elaine had Helen Judd [Helen Cornelia Briscoe] visiting today. Gene [Eugene Ray Judd] came up after work, they ate dinner there. Gene and Helen are married, he is Inez's [Al Hognlund's sister, Inez Elizabeth Hognlund] oldest boy. Tonight Lou and I ate at a little café on the Avenue, and then went to the Franklin Theater to see "Pinocchio," cute. John and Florence brought Janet back about 6:30 this evening. She'd had a grand time, she loves to sleep at Marshes'. She was glad to see us, bless her dear little heart. She ran to me and gave me a big hug and kiss, little Joan was so glad to see her sister back she just kept loving her. Sweet darlings! P.S. A card from Mother, she is in Chicago, Ill., Lou wrote to her.

### June 5, Wednesday

Lou's day off, he has three of them in a row. His civil service test results, on the examination he took for the tram job, came in this morning's mail. He was successful, it said. Lou went to the hospital for his paycheck this morning. We took Donna and children for a ride to Pasadena. We rode all around in the hills, came home through Glendale. I paid on my bill at Sears while in Pasadena. Lou bought some meat at Safeway Store while I was getting a cashiers check at bank to send on car payment. Lou helped me cook dinner, he had steak for himself and Donna, and lamb chops for me and children. We fried potatoes and onions, first time

I've fried meat for years. I always broil or roast it, I did broil the chops. Donna did the dishes while I took the children for a walk. Ann and Carol Sue went with us. I stayed with Janet and Joan in their yard while Donna took a nap. Sister Marsh, Joan Greenwald and husband, Florence Oates, and Miriam Marsh are leaving this evening for Salt Lake City. They're going to the Mutual convention. Tonight Lou took Sr. Dewey and Sr. Horrocks to a welfare meeting in Burbank. I think Bishop Gunn went, also. Donna and Rex went to a picture show at Park Theater. I stayed with the children. It was Sr. Marsh's birthday today, she left for Salt Lake, too. Lou and I saw Dick in the market this afternoon. He said Beth is coming home on the 15th. He is a lonesome boy. Got a letter from Lillian. She sent \$5.00 to Ralph. He isn't here yet.

### June 6, Thursday

Lillian says Shirley is leaving for her mission soon, must be in Salt Lake by July 8. Sweet girl, she'll be a lovely and fine missionary, I know. Hope we'll see her before she leaves. Marty came over to Donna's at noon, to stay with the children while she and I went to the Sycamore Grove to eat luncheon with the Relief Society ladies. They had a very nice lunch and a large crowd, about 50 out. We all left together in a train of cars. We went through the Zandt Carpet Company at 5733 Sunset Boulevard. They do cleaning, repairing, and sell new rugs. It is a lovely place, we saw them clean a rug, very interesting all through. Donna and I rode in Winnie Wright's car. Annie and Miss B. were with us. We all received a little souvenir of the place, little gadgets to stop a run in silk hose, also colored threads to darn them up. I was surprised this evening when Ralph Keller called me on the phone. I thought he'd gone back to Arizona. He has been working for three weeks in Fresno, California. He came out in time to eat dinner with us. We enjoyed a nice visit with the lad, he slept here. Says he may stay a week or more, hope so, we like him. Ernie Oates treated Donna and Rex to ice cream tonight. I stayed with children while they were out.



*Shirley Keller served in the Washington Seattle Mission*

### June 7, Friday

Ralph and I ate breakfast about eight o'clock, we had a nice visit, and then he left for town. He said he thought he'd go out to Long Beach after seeing his friends at the Western Machinery Company. It was foggy, but I thought I'd wash some bedding anyway, as it most always is clear by noon. I used Donna's washer and did four blankets, five sheets, five pillowslips and a few towels. I carried them all over to hang on Allen's lines over the garage, so they'd have a better chance to dry. The sun didn't come out once today. I got sheets and slips ironed, and blankets dry with a little help from my oven tonight. I thought I had to use them on Ralph's bed tonight, but he phoned me this evening from the bus station, said he was on his way home to Phoenix, Arizona. I guess he got a little lonesome for folks and friends. He's been away almost a month, has been working up in Fresno, California. Nice kid. John and Jim Marsh treated Rex, Donna, and Ruthie to dinner and show tonight. Sr. Marsh is in Salt Lake with Florence and the Greenwalds, Miriam is with them, also. I got the children to bed and asleep, and then Barbara (little neighbor) stayed with them until the folks got home. They took our car, we took Florence Irene home in John's truck, met LaVon's friend from Provo, Utah. Ernie brought little Florence Irene on his way to work this morning to play with Janet. Elaine made strawberry jam yesterday and today.



### June 8, Saturday

We had fog this morning and sunshine this afternoon. I cleaned through the house, but had to force myself to work today. Guess I worked too hard yesterday, no pep today. Lou got home about 2:45, he took Janet with him to the junkyard, with papers. He bought her an ice cream cone. She loves to go places with Grampa, so does Joan. I walked down on the Avenue and bought several things I needed from Kress Store. I went to People's Department Store and bought me a pretty blue taffeta slip for 98¢, on sale, green tag sale. I bought a kitchen apron for Lorene, bobby sox for Mary and Dolores and each of the kids a pair of white marbolite statues, little boy with dog, and little girl with cat, surely cute. I bought a set of the statues for myself, to place on each side of my electric clock on the little shelf Lou made for the clock. They stand about three inches high. Marty and Wayne went to a show with Les Eddington tonight. Donna took care of baby Patsy Jean. Les's wife, Arma, is in Utah for a visit, to see if she can help her baby get over asthma by changing climates. Dick Johnston, and Ernie Oates are bachelors, also. Their wives are in Utah. Beth has been gone three weeks. Rex worked late tonight. Elaine and Ernie bought new white shoes for Ann and Carol Sue tonight. P.S. The gifts I bought for Lorene and kids are late birthday gifts.

### June 9, Sunday

Al took Donna, Janet, and me to Sunday School this morning. Rex came home from the priesthood meeting to stay with Elvie Joan. Sunday School starts at 10:30 now instead of ten o'clock. The men folks have their priesthood meeting from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. We had a car full going down. Sue, Bette, Shirley, Sr. Burnett, Ann, and us. I had a bad spell of high blood pressure while I was in class this morning. I got scared and felt like I was going to pass out. It lasted about an hour. I went out of the class. Bill and Charlie brought me home in Bill's car. I went to bed on the couch for a while. Donna and Rex came over, invited me to dinner but I didn't feel like eating then. I fixed some chicken soup, felt better after eating. Lou came home from work about 5:20. Grant and Erma Carlson came to tell me they wanted me to let them have my house for Japan, in the "Trip Around the World," the building fund committee is planning. Br. Nelson asked them to ask me, I had Japan last trip around the world our ward gave. I had France once, also. I don't feel up to taking upon myself this big responsibility now, lots of work and worry. I told them so, too. They don't blame me, they said. Lou and I took Janet to church tonight.

Donna came down with John, Rex stayed with baby Joan. Florence Marsh is still in Salt Lake City. John was going to take Rex and Donna out to eat after church, but the quartet came over to practice, oh, oh! John bought Donna a box of chocolates.

**June 10, Monday**

It was a beautiful day, the clothes dried in a hurry. We didn't have a very large washing because of the washing I did Friday. I'm glad I feel better today, I wouldn't want many spells like yesterday. Our country is all excited and upset over the news that Mussolini, the Italian leader, has joined the Germans, in this awful war against England and France. We listened to Mussolini's talk over the radio this morning. This is another blow to the allies. Oh, dear! I do hope America can keep out of this war,



Germany's Führer Adolf Hitler (right) beside Italy's Duce Benito Mussolini (left).

but things look dark for the whole world now. I'm so glad I have my church to go to for comfort in times like this. My heart aches for those poor people over there, they don't want war any more than we do, I'm sure. Tonight the M.I.A. chorus came to Donna's for a rehearsal. Erma played piano for Donna as Beth is in Utah. Baby Joan slept so late this afternoon she wouldn't go to bed at 6:30 as usual. I kept her over here while they practiced there. We had lots of fun, she is such a cute little darling. Janet was asleep at home. Lou and I took Inis and Erma home after rehearsal. I called in Lorene's to give her and Mary their belated birthday gifts. Mary's cousin, Margaret [Margaret Edith Clayton], is visiting them from Provo, Utah.

**June 11, Tuesday**

Lou got up early and went out to San Pedro with Grant Carlson, he left about 5:40 this morning. Grant is working a gang of men out there. It was Lou's day off, and he thought he'd enjoy the day at beach city [docks], some of the big stream ships are in port. Erma called me on the phone and invited me to dinner. She said she'd send one of the fellows up for me when they got home this evening. I did my ironing before noon, Janet came over to have her hair curled, she looked so sweet when it was done. I put it up in kid curlers yesterday, just brushed it around the stick today. I curled little Joan's hair, too, an easy job, just wet it and it curls all over her little head. Sr. Marion Richardson came about 1:30, we did our teaching. Elaine made an orange and marshmallow dessert, it didn't set cause she should have added some gelatin. Lou came for me this evening, he got cleaned up before going back to Carlson's. Erma had a lovely dinner cooked. We surely enjoyed it and the evening visiting with them. Very fine folks. Grant

showed us the blueprints of his home, he expects to start the building soon.

**June 12, Wednesday**

Lou took me, Donna and the kiddies for a ride this morning. We paid our telephone bill while out. Called at Willmar's in Herman, but no one was home. Lou got her on the phone later at home. He wants her boy, Bert, to play his sax on the music feast program next month. Annie and Sue have been busy all day over at ward, helping to prepare the M Men and Gleaner girl banquet for tonight. I darned sox all afternoon while Lou visited Marty, and watched the men running the big steam shovel on her street. Elaine and Ernie went to the M Men and Gleaner election banquet and dance tonight. Ernie was master of ceremonies. Elaine looked lovely in white formal with little pink roses in her hair. I helped her fix her curls in back. Donna cooked dinner for us tonight. I bought the meat, it was a good dinner, always tastes better when someone else prepares it. Rex had to work late. Lou stayed with the babies tonight while Donna and I went to the Park Theater. We saw two dumb pictures, but we went to get the Constance Bennett cosmetics. I got the rouge, and Donna chose the astringent. She got rouge last week.



**June 13, Thursday**

I spent the forenoon writing letters; wrote to Violet, Lillian Keller, and Aunt Jennie Rowe. Aunt Jennie sent me the information I asked for. I wrote her last asking for the information on the Renshaw family genealogy, she sent it to me so I wrote to thank her for it. It was nice of her. We received a letter from Grama Renshaw. She was in Chicago, Illinois. Donna cleaned Janet's little playhouse. She washed furniture and all. The little ones surely get it in an awful mess at times. Joan and Carol Sue carried sand from the sand box into the little house, and wrote on the walls and furniture. Well, it is pretty and clean again.



Dale Andersen, Janet Marsh and Ann Vandergrift

### June 14, Friday

I did a little hand washing and mended some of Donna's sheets; little ones for kiddies beds. Rex had his afternoon off. Donna and Janet met him uptown at Clifton's Café where they ate dinner. Janet looked so sweet, I did her hair in a double row of curls and put a blue ribbon around her head. She had her little organdy dress on, it is baby blue, also. She wore the little pink jacket that Elaine knit her. I entertained baby Joan while her folks were away. They got back in time to take care of Marty's baby, Patsy, tonight. It is Wayne and Marty's wedding anniversary and they went to a show to celebrate. Little Patsy is getting cuter all the time. Wayne and Marty have been married two years, I think. I talked to Florence Marsh on the phone. She surely had a grand time in Salt Lake, and I'm glad she was able to take this lovely trip. Donna and I drove over in our car to Sue's house. Rex took care of Marty's baby until Donna got back. We went to Sue's tonight to have a special prayer circle in Byron Strong's behalf, he's been ill for a year. Doctors don't seem to know what is wrong with him. June and Harold and Bob came, also Annie and Bill, and Lorene and Charles. Al gave a grand prayer, I surely hope it is answered.

#### From Byron's grand daughter, Christie Kimball

...Thanks for sending me the info about the prayer that was offered for my Grandpa, Byron. After being in extreme back pain for a long time, he went to San Francisco to have a specialized surgery. I'm guessing that's what the prayer was for. Later in life, scar tissue from the back surgery caused him extreme pain in his foot which he had another surgery for, but it never healed well.

He was the kindest, most patient and gentle man I've ever known.

—Email correspondence with Christie

### June 15, Saturday

I had a busy day all day, cleaning up the house, and ironing the few pieces that I washed out yesterday. I gave the lawns a good soaking, too. Both Joan and Janet have colds in their heads. Donna went up on the Avenue to pay the light and gas and do a little shopping; she took Janet with her. Baby Joan slept all the while. I looked in on her once in a while. Donna and Rex have head colds, too. Lou went to the priesthood conference in Burbank tonight. He took Bishop Gunn and Uncle Bill. I went over to the Park Theater and saw, "Three Cheers for the Irish," a very cute picture. I saw Mae West, for the first time. It may be the last, too, but I wanted to see her. I don't care for her type of acting. She's good alright, if one cares for that kind of stuff. Lou called for me at the show after his meeting. He was interested in "Three Cheers for the Irish," so I saw it over again so he could see it. Rex worked late tonight. I started with a head cold in the show tonight, darn it.



### June 16, Sunday Father's Day—Stake Conference

Sr. Horrocks drove her car this morning to the Burbank Stake house. She took Lou and Bishop Gunn to the early welfare meeting. Bill was coming for me at 9:30, so we could be there for the ten o'clock session, but I called Annie and told her I had a miserable cold, so thought it best not to go. He took Tillie M. Lou was surprised that I didn't come. I stayed in bed until noon. Little Janet has a heavy chest cold. Donna kept her on the couch most of the day. Lou came home with Glen after the morning session. He prepared lunch for both of us. Rex finished the painting job in his kitchen. I'm glad it is done at last. He works so late each night that there is no chance to do home work at night.



Theophilus James Green,  
Florence Marsh's father,  
in his younger years.

Donna and Rex gave Lou a pretty green and gray tie and box of See's chocolates for Father's Day. I stayed up this afternoon. Florence Marsh came over and told us about her wonderful trip to Salt Lake, and seeing her father and brothers and etcetera. I'm so happy she could go. John and Florence brought some homemade ice cream up to Rex and Donna. Florence Oates came in here for her mother. She was taking her to conference tonight. Beth and baby arrived from visit to home in Salt Lake this morning.

### June 17, Monday

I didn't rest very well last night so I stayed in bed late this morning, bad cold. Mr. Allen brought two rabbits in, said one was for Donna. He gave Elaine two, also, nice of him. The Allens have been out to the ranch for a few days. Florence and Johnny were away, also. Elaine fed their pets. Donna isn't well today, cramps and a cold. Sorry I'm not able to help her. The children are feeling better, I'm glad to hear. I spent most of the day in bed. I surely hate colds. Sue came in and visited with me tonight while waiting for Bette, Shirley, and Beth to get through with their chorus practice at Donna's. Elaine, Al, Bette, and Shirley came in for a short visit later. Al had a priesthood meeting at his home this evening before coming for his folks. Lou spent the evening listening and helping with the chorus. I feel better tonight, guess I have this cold checked.

### June 18, Tuesday

Donna got an early start with our washing this morning. I felt much better this morning, too, so I went over to help her get through. It was a beautiful sunny morning, a happy change from the fog. Elaine invited her mother and Beth over to a rabbit lunch. Beth couldn't come because the baby has a cold. She called on phone to tell Elaine. Sue came and ate lunch with Elaine and the kiddies, anyway. We got a card from Mother R. She was in Billings, Montana, is



on her way to Yellowstone Park. Lou took Donna and the children for a short ride along the new highway near here after work this afternoon. I was asleep. This evening Lou and I went for a nice ride. It was a grand evening, such a beautiful moonlight night.

### June 19, Wednesday

It was a lovely day, so pretty. I did my ironing. Lillian Rogers brought her two little children over to Donna's this morning. She left them for about an hour while she went to a funeral. The lady who lived in half of Sr. Stead's house passed away. She was a very nice old lady. Sr. Stead will miss her. Tonight Rex, Donna, and I went to the Park Theater and saw three spooky pictures. I enjoyed them okay. We went so Donna and I could get our Constance Bennett Cosmetics; face cream. Wayne and Marty stayed with Donna's children. Lou visited with Charlie for a while. This afternoon Donna took Janet over to the beauty parlor, and had Mr. Pete Poole, the barber, and owner, cut Janet's hair. He is good and Janet looks lots better with it cut. It was so long and so many lengths. It was her first haircut, with the exception of when she cut it herself a few months ago.

### June 20, Thursday

I went uptown to the Hall of Records and paid our taxes this morning, \$1.07 personal property. I came back to Highland Park and did some shopping. I got a collar and cuff set in Sol's, and box of



Hall of Records in Los Angeles.

hankies for Bette's graduation gift. I got home in time for Donna to leave at 12:30 noon for her radio program rehearsal with trio, and Alta Thompson, at Alta's home. I took the red buttons off my white dress and sewed on the white ones I bought today. I took the old collar and cuffs off both white dress and blue and white dotted dress, and sewed the new ones I bought on. They look a lot better now. Donna got home about 3 p.m. I did most of my sewing after she got home cause the children claimed my attention before that. We took a walk and played in the yard until Donna came. Tonight Lou and I sat over with the children while Donna and Rex drove in our car to the stake house in Burbank, for a Mutual chorus practice. Babies were both in bed asleep. The neighborhood enjoyed watching the five little baby owls this evening, surely are cute little things. Beverly drove over this afternoon, 5 p.m., she had Sue, Annie, Beth, and baby, and Dale in car.



### June 21, Friday

They say June 21 is the longest day of the year. Well, it may be so, but this day surely passed in a hurry for me. I got up at 7:50 this morning, shampooed my hair, and put it up in curls, and then proceeded to clean through the house. I did a little mending, and a little visiting with Donna and Elaine, and then the day was over. Donna washed her hair, too. Elaine put it up for her. I took care of Joan while her mother was having her hair dressed. I received a nice letter from Violet, she says she's afraid they can't come down this summer. I'm so disappointed. We always look forward to them visiting. She says there is talk of Otto being transferred to Cedar City. She surely hopes not, cause she likes St. George so much better. So do I. Annie got a letter from Violet, too. She called me on the phone, we read our letters to each other. This p.m. after work, Lou called at Leaver's, Udall's, and Annie's, for welfare salvage. Tonight he went over to Rex's to help the elders bottle some honey. Fred Reiche brought nine five-gallon cans over this evening. Fred took both of Donna's radios home to look them over, neither one will work. Our neighborhood is excited over the family of baby owls. We watched them for a long time tonight. Sure are cute things. Lou put the spot light on them, such big eyes, they look so darn wise. Elaine went with her folks to the Wilshire chapel tonight to the wedding of Norman Judd [*Norman Charles Judd*] and LaRue [*Edith Lareu Smith*], Uncle Al married them.

### June 22, Saturday

I scrubbed my dirty kitchen rugs with soapsuds and brush. Brother Shupe came over this a.m. to talk to Lou about campaigning for Mr. Jessup before next election. Elaine left baby Michael with me while she took Ann to Pete Pooles Beauty Parlor this afternoon to have Mr. Poole cut Ann's hair. She looks so different without her lovely long curls, but the little curls all over her head are cute, and it'll be good for her and her hair he said. She gave me one of her curls. Lou killed Rex's last two chickens this morning. Donna is glad to get rid of them and their mess. She called to ask Rex if it was okay. Donna cooked the large one and I cooked the other. Al took Ann and Carol Sue to the Sycamore Grove this afternoon to the Swedish picnic. He gets a big kick out of their gatherings. I took kiddies for a walk to Marty's while Donna did her kitchen work (Ann, Janet, and Joan). Lou went to Highland Park and bought our lunch, brought it home and surprised me. He had three hamburgers nice and hot, and some black berry pie. Tasted real good. We went to Si's Market for Donna and ourselves. Tonight Lou took me for a nice ride to Glendale, Montrose, and little towns nearby.

## June 23, Sunday

Donna took both children to Sunday School today. Elaine took all three of hers. Al called for them, and we rode down with him. Lou went to the 9 a.m. priesthood meeting. Rex did, also. We held a Jr. Sunday School in Garvanza for the first time this morning. They had their exercises upstairs. It seemed strange without the children, but it was more quiet and better for us downstairs, I think. We enjoyed our chicken dinner. Lou took his car to the Burbank Stake house to the priesthood meeting this afternoon. He took Rex, Brother Ashmore, and Leroy?? I watered lawns and flowers good. We all went to church again tonight. Elaine rode down with us. Janet sat up in front with me and the Marshes, John, Florence, Miriam, Lewie, and little Robin. She was a very good girl. Sr. Stead came up to us after church to say she thought Janet was such a good little girl in church. It surely bothers Sr. Stead when children run around, and in and out, when church is in session, and we do have several who let their little ones do it. I enjoyed the meeting. Donna didn't get much out of it because Joan was restless, she kept her in the back parlor most of the time. Lou and I enjoyed a chicken lunch after church.

## June 24, Monday

Sue called me this morning about 8:00. She said Uncle Bill was ill, he had a strange spell early this morning. His arm went stiff on him, had had pains in his head and stomach, he fell asleep after the spell and they couldn't rouse him for some time. He has been in a stupor most of the day. We have all been awfully upset over him today. Dr. Watkins thinks it was caused from the hit Bill got on his head at work last week. A piece of lumber slipped and struck him in his head, an awful blow, he has a big black and blue bruise on his hip where it threw him against something when the lumber struck his head. The doctor is going to take an x-ray of the bruised place on his head to see if any splinters are in his head. I feel so sorry for Annie. She is worrying such a lot about it. Donna and I washed. Sue stayed with Annie most of today. Lou went over when he came from work. Bill seemed more like himself this evening, and we all feel better about him. Al and Glen administered to Bill early this morning. Al called up several times to see how Bill was. He was very much concerned



Bill Andersen and Al Høglund in much happier times than June 24, 1940.

over Bill's condition. Al brought Dr. Watkins to see Bill this afternoon. Donna had the chorus practice tonight. I had Beth's baby, Marty's baby, and Donna's two here. Both little babies slept.

## June 25, Tuesday

I called Annie this morning. She was upset again. Bill had taken another spell, not as bad as the other yesterday, but he almost fainted twice, and he dropped off to sleep in the middle of talking, or even when eating his breakfast this morning. The doctor says rest and sleep is the best thing for him, and he can't do anything until he sees what the x-ray shows. I wish they'd hurry up and have it taken. Elaine left Ann and Carol Sue with me this morning while she went to the clinic with baby Michael. I got a little hand washing done, but no ironing until after she came at one o'clock. Florence Oates brought her children down to play with Donna's children this morning. Florence visited with Donna while she did her ironing. They ate lunch and Florence stayed with all the kiddies at Donna's while Donna and Beth went to Alta Thompson's for a radio program rehearsal. Beth left her baby with me. I fed her her lunch, cute little dear. She slept most of the time Beth was gone. Elaine shampooed her hair, I put it up in pin curls for her. It's a big job, her hair is so thick. Ann and Carol Sue were with Florence's and Donna's children, eight of them. Lou drove Beth home. Donna and kiddies went with us. We called in to see Bill. He was asleep. Lorene has been with Annie all day today. Lou made arrangements for Ted Imsen to go out to Lockheed with Wayne in the morning looking for a job. Got a letter from Lillian Keller. She is coming here this summer. Sue and Al bought a beautiful wristwatch for Bette's graduation gift. I took her a box of handkerchiefs over this afternoon.

## June 26, Wednesday— Garvanza Ward Anniversary

Ted Imsen came down here at six o'clock this morning and waited for Wayne to call by on his motorcycle, and take him out to Lockheed's Airplane Factory with him. They are putting young men to work right now, building so many warplanes and etcetera. I hope Ted can get on out there.

Garvanza Ward held their birthday party in Sycamore Grove tonight, dinner and games. [Garvanza Ward is] seventeen years old today (sixteen years for Bishop Høglund, and one for Bishop Gunn). Elaine and family took dinner to the Grove, they ate with Sue and family. We didn't go. Lou wouldn't. Donna had bad pains in her back, so they stayed home, too. I called Annie the first thing this morning, she said she thought Bill was a little better today.

None of the medical advice above sounds like it would hold true today. MRI or CAT scans didn't exist so an x-ray was the only way to see inside without surgery. Instead, Al's blessing and the prayers offered for Bill were far better than the best medical advice of the time. Today great strides in medicine have been made, but blessings and prayers are still extremely valuable for healing.

Donna went to Beth's this afternoon with Ralph Shaffer [Marlin Ralph Shaffer Jr.] and his mother, to see if Beth would play for his violin solo. She declined. Donna felt like it was too heavy for her, but she'd love to do it if she could. She thinks Beth could do it if she would try. He wants to play a 24-page violin and piano concerto. Lou and I took Joan over to Annie's to call for Donna and Janet about 5:30. They waited there for us. I talked to Bill, I think he feels better, but he must stay in bed for a few days longer. He has had too much company today, he looks so very tired, he came out of the stupor a lot oftener today, that's a good sign. Fred Reiche brought Donna's radio back tonight. Sr. Dewey came to tell Lou about some salvage for welfare, she'd been to the Grove party.

### June 27, Thursday

I washed my bathroom and kitchen curtains this morning. Had them back up in two hours. They look very pretty and clean. I basted the little yellow balls back on again. Annie called to have me tell Beth that there was a telegram for her. Beth was over to Donna's for a trio rehearsal, she had Annie read it over the phone. It said Diana had a baby boy this morning at 5:10 [Phillip Selander]. We are all thrilled over the good news and glad Diana is over the awful sickness. The baby weighed 5 pounds and 3 oz. Annie thinks Bill is better today. He must be quiet, no company, too many talked to him yesterday. Elaine and Ernie took Lorene, Mary, and Margaret, Mary's cousin, and me over to Bette's graduation exercises in the Hillside Theater at Occidental College. Bette, Harold Stead, and Helen Valentine all graduated today from the Benjamin Franklin High School. I enjoyed the program. They looked grand all in blue sweaters and white skirts and trousers. Lou bought and ground the grain this evening for the welfare health drink. He went to hear Brother Lee from Salt Lake speak at Adams Ward tonight at a special welfare meeting. We all stopped in Sue's on way from graduation to see Bette's nice gifts. You'd think it was Christmas. She got so many lovely things. Ray Haddock gave her a lovely evening bag, doll in graduation cap and gown, and jewel box filled with chocolates. [Sounds like the contest between Roy Omstead and Ray is over?] His folks sent pretty lamps for bedroom, wristwatch from her folks.



Bette Hoglund

### June 28, Friday

Lou had his Memorial Day holiday today. I was glad he was off, so he could take me to the Pickett girls funeral in the Wilshire Ward chapel. We took Lorene and Sue. Maurine Pickett Hughes [Maurine Pickett], was the daughter of Brother and Sister Pickett [Leo Roger Pickett & Elizabeth Amelia Monk] of our ward. She died last week of cancer of the throat, it was very sad. She had a very lovely funeral, so many beautiful flowers, also. Lorene took a large spray of beautiful flowers from Ray. He has been in the girl's home several times, he goes out with Don Pickett [Donald Elbert Pickett] a lot. Raymond went to San Francisco this morning with his friend Carl. They flew up in an airplane, they are coming back on the train on Sunday. We called in at the church storehouse

on our way to Wilshire Ward. Lou left the health drink there. Tonight I rode to the stake house in Burbank with Sue, Al, and Grace Hill. It was a stake Relief Society dance and program. I enjoyed it very much. Art Baker (of the radio) entertained us with his quiz, it was lots of fun, he is a very good entertainer. Br. Dewey asked me to dance the prize waltz with him. I enjoyed it, but we didn't get anywhere so far as a prize goes. Mrs. Allen gave us some apricots from her tree. Lou and I made some jam this morning; apricot and pineapple.

### June 29, Saturday

I was busy all day, cooked the rest of our apricots into jam. Lou got them ready for me. Washed a few pieces by hand, some of Donna's, while she was up in Highland Park paying some bills and shopping. Lou took Donna and kiddies up on the Avenue and looked after the children while Donna took care of her business. I fried the rabbit and made salad, for our picnic today, and cleaned through my house. We called for Marty and Wayne and baby at 4:30, had Donna and the children with us. Rex worked late at Fuller's Paint Store. Uncle Al took Marty's baby buggy in his car, also Beth's. He had Beth and baby, too. The Andersens didn't go because of Bill's illness, he is a lot better, but not well enough for the long ride. Claytons didn't go cause Ray's car was in the garage. He's turning it in for a new one. Charlie's car wouldn't make it so far, he was afraid. Sue called to see if anyone of them would like to go with them, but they were all out somewhere. We enjoyed the ride to Wilmington, called at Ruth and Clarence's house. They were just getting

into their car to leave for park, so we followed them over as we didn't know where Banning Park was. It is just a few blocks from Ruth's. We enjoyed our dinner and visit with the relatives. Ellen and family, Nora and family, and her mother-in-law. Blanche and Oscar were on their vacation somewhere. Ruth's children were all there, too. Nice time was had by all, it was cold, though. It was the Strong's picnic at Banning Park.

### June 30, Sunday

Lou walked to his 9 a.m. priesthood meeting. I walked part way. Al picked me up, I was real early for Sunday School. We left the car for Donna, she drove down with the children after Sunday School. I stayed in the car with the kiddies while she had a rehearsal with the trio, Beth, Inis, and Donna. Erma played for them. Lou and I had enough rabbit left from yesterday for today. We enjoyed it cold as much again today, as we did yesterday. We had apricot pie and ice cream ala mode, too. Rex took Donna, me, and children for a nice ride this afternoon while Lou enjoyed his nap. Lou left for church early, he wanted to go over some music with Bonnie Gibby. Harold Stead asked him to conduct in his place for the genealogy tonight. He wasn't feeling well enough to take over. I enjoyed the meeting a lot tonight. Br. Dewsnap gave a splendid talk, the girls gave us two nice trio numbers. I rode to church tonight with John Marsh in his truck. Donna drove our car down. Rex stayed until the babies were asleep. Barbara B. stayed with them until time for church, 7 p.m. Lou and I finished up the fried rabbit and pie and ice cream, he took some pie and ice cream to the kids, Donna, and Rex.

### July 1, Monday

Rex has had a change in his day off. He had off today, and all day, instead of half day. He will get Monday every other week now. He used to have Friday half day every week. Donna and I washed this morning while Rex went to talk to Br. White. He thinks he'd like to change jobs, and work for the Knudsen Creamery Company. More money, less hours. If it is for the best, I hope he can make the change. Ernie Vandergrift is trying to get on there, also. Both are dissatisfied with present jobs. Elaine felt miserable with a cold this morning. We took Ann and Carol Sue over to Donna's so Elaine could go back to bed. Baby Michael was asleep. I called Sue for Elaine, they were on way uptown, Shirley and Sue. Bill went back to work today, I called this evening and he was fine. I'm so glad he is okay again. I got a letter from Violet. She's happy cause Otto isn't going to be transferred to Cedar City, so

are we glad! Tonight Donna had her chorus practice. I had Beth's baby over here, she slept all the while, cute little dear. Grant brought Erma up to Donna's, he and Lou went back for some welfare newspapers. Rex's Uncle Jim gave him \$15.00 to help pay for the repair job on his motorcycle. It is costing \$25.00, nice of him, he is very good to all of the family. Rex put the cycle in the shop today. Sr. Stead called and asked me if I'd like to send a birthday card to Eva Udall [*Eva Maranda Butler*]. She's been ill for a long time, it's her birthday tomorrow, several of the ladies are sending one. I'm glad she let me in on it.

### July 2, Tuesday

Br. Olson called this morning to tell Lou that the welfare meeting for tomorrow night, had been postponed until a week from that time. I wrote a card to Mother. She's enjoying herself in San Francisco now. We are anticipating a nice visit with her here soon. We have another of our foggy mornings, but I like 'em, cause I know the sun will shine before the day is out. Poor Violet, she says it is 110° in St. George now. It surely does get hot there, too, but we're all glad she's not moving to Cedar, anyway. I did my ironing this morning, and stayed with Donna's children this afternoon while she went to a trio rehearsal at Alta Thompson's. Little Joan has caught another head cold, her little nose is running. She was just getting over one. We have such hot and cold weather in one day, it's no wonder. Eva Udall called to thank me for the birthday card. Several of us Relief Society ladies sent her birthday greetings. I do feel so sorry for Eva. She's been ill so long

now. This evening Lou and I went for a ride. I called at Stead's to pay her for my card and to thank her. We called in Lorene's, but they were all out. We went over to Annie's. Raymond, Lorene, Mary, and cousin Margaret, had just left there, they were out "showing off" Ray's brand new car, an Oldsmobile. We spent the evening at Annie's. Ray called on us, Donna says.

### July 3, Wednesday

I think Joan feels some better, the nose drops Donna bought have helped. Janet is fine now. I do wish Donna didn't have so much to do, she's not strong enough, she feels tired most of the time now, and I'm not much help to her (not like I'd like to be). I'll be glad when this music feast is over next Wednesday. She's working on that, along with her radio music, and babies and housework; too much! I had Joan about two hours this afternoon while Donna went over the duet with LaVon Smith and Mary Kutnick. Laura Valentine came to practice for



the Mutual conjoint music today also. Marty brought baby Patsy, and her niece, Colleen, over to Donna's today. Colleen is visiting her Aunt Marty, she lives in Salt Lake City. Lou took Donna and children and me to Si Perkins Market this afternoon. We took the little girls to Mary K's house first. I spent an hour tonight trying to make out Aunt Jennie's letter of the Olorenshaw pedigree. I have written it all down on my chart. It was sweet of her to send the data she had.



*This year's 4th of July was quieter than last year!*

#### July 4, Thursday

We enjoyed a nice quiet 4th of July, not many loud crackers around here. It was awful last 4th, when that big boy lived across the street. Surely glad he moved. Lou worked at the hospital all day. Donna is feeling miserable with a head cold, the kiddies are better. Rex mixed some paint and we painted on his picket fence. First time I've ever painted anything. It was easy to paint with this cold-water paint, though, but the sun was surely hot. Wayne and Marty came over to Donna's this afternoon to stay with the children while Rex and Donna went to the picture show. They went to the Los Angeles in town. I got Janet to take a nap at my house. Joan was asleep at Donna's. Wayne and I painted until we ran out of paint, (half done). Donna took care of baby Patsy, while Marty and Wayne took their little niece to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena tonight to see the fireworks and circus. Elaine and family



ate breakfast in Brookside Park this morning, Shirley went with them. Tonight Lou took Donna and family up to Florence Oates's and then he came back. All the young friends met with their children up there tonight. They took things to eat. Donna took a cream pudding, and a baked tuna and noodle dish. I fixed the tuna dish while she was at the show. They took

their fireworks up and the Daddy's set them off while the children shouted with delight. Lou and I enjoyed two good pictures at the York Theater. Elaine and family were up to Oateses', also Beth and family. Wayne treated me to a delicious chocolate malt this afternoon. He bought four, Marty, Colleen, me, and himself.

#### July 5, Friday

I've been sore and stiff all day from my painting job yesterday on Rex's picket fence. I got a good coat of tan, also. We ran out of paint or I'd have done some more today. Donna's cold has gone into her throat, she's worrying how she can get well to make a trio transcription next Tuesday. She is on the program Wednesday night, too, to sing with trio and chorus, oh, oh! I got a nice letter from Aunt Jennie Rowe, sweet ole dear, I like her. The church welfare truck came this morning for a big load of papers and junk. I was surely glad to get rid of it, the yard looks a lot better now, for a few days. Donna and the kiddies all took naps this afternoon. I struggled on through my cleaning. Elaine's kiddies enjoyed shower baths on the front lawn. Tonight Lou and I rode over to Clayton's. Lorene and Charlie were out at a meeting up to Saxelbys' home. They were making plans for "The Trip Around the World" party our ward is giving soon. Ray, Mary, and Margaret were home, we saw Ray's lovely new car. It's a beauty, dark red Oldsmobile. I went in and talked to the girls, Lou and Ray talked cars, and then Ray took Lou for a little spin to show him the swell little job! We stayed until Lorene and Charles came, and then all talked about the advice that our church has given us for putting food away for the hard times ahead. It was almost 12 p.m. when we left Clayton's, oh, oh!

#### July 6, Saturday

Mrs. Allen told Lou he could have all the apricots he wanted to pick from her trees. He and Elaine and Donna went out to pick, Lou got the high ones. I'm glad I did my cleaning yesterday cause I surely had a job today canning fruit. Lou did all the hard part, too, washed bottles and prepared the fruit. I took care of the cooking and etcetera. Donna and I bought 10 pounds of sugar, we used all of it and some of my 5 pounds, too. Lou and I put Donna's half up over here while she did her cleaning and took care of babies. Elaine is doing hers tomorrow while Ernie is there to help. We got 16 quarts fresh, and 17 pints in preserves. I put pineapple in the preserves. Donna drove me to Highland Park this morning, so I could pay some bills. We bought a few groceries at Si Perkins Market. This afternoon Lou took me and the two children over to Pasadena for a ride. I paid on my Sears, Roebuck account. We went to Glendale first to pick up some music books that Fred Peterson had left in Tanner's Market for Donna. She went into Los Angeles to a music store for some more music. Mother Renshaw called this evening about six o'clock. Lou and I got into the car, and went to the bus station for her. We were surely tickled to see her again after her long trip around our country. She looks grand. Janet and Joan saw Grama Renshaw for the first time. She is their great-grandmother.



*Sarah "the traveler" returns!*

#### July 7, Sunday

Mother thinks Janet looks just like Donna did when her age and Joan is the Marsh, like Ruthie, ha, ha! Joan is her mother in my eyes and Janet the Marsh, strange, isn't it? But

how we love 'em both, the darlings. Lots of folks see it the same as Mother, but more think as I see it. Lou went to his 9 a.m. priesthood meeting, and then came back for Mother and me. Donna didn't take the children to Sunday School because they were coughing a little. She put a mustard plaster on Janet last night. That little darling's cough surely worries me. I'm so afraid of asthma, it isn't like the whooping cough. Donna brought the kiddies down in our car after Sunday School. She had to see her chorus members, we brought them home. Rex went back for Donna. President Steed was in our fast meeting, it was a very good meeting. President Steed asked Donna to get three musical numbers for him to take to another ward. Rex has decided to turn his motorcycle back, cost too much to have it fixed. Uncle Jim [Marsb] says

Donna's children until we got home. Uncle Jim gave Donna \$10.00 to spend on herself, she bought new white shoes, and a pretty black and white dress in the Broadway basement, and a white hand bag in a little store on Broadway. We ate lunch at a nice little place on Hill Street where we caught the bus to come home. Uncle Charlie rode home on the same bus, we talked all the way. Lou had a welfare meeting tonight. Donna had her M.I.A. rehearsal. Lou took Mother and I for a ride after Mother had treated us to a swell dinner at the Rite Spot. He left us at a show house in Pasadena where we enjoyed two good pictures. Lou called for us after his meeting. We brought ice cream home to eat.

**July 9, Tuesday**

I rode down with Donna and the kiddies this morning to take Lou to work. It was a very lovely morning that turned out to be a very hot day. Donna needed the car today as she was taking both children to see Dr. Andrea, the baby specialist. Lou picked up his friend, Betty, near the hospital, so we all met her, very nice lady. Sorry I looked so unrepresentable. Donna and I started washing as soon as we could cause she had to be at the



*Jim and John Marsh in front of the Marsh's home. The little girl looks like Irene Oates.*

Donna can have the \$10.00 he gave them, to use for clothes, nice, eh? She's tickled, so am I. We enjoyed our rabbit dinner, Mr. Allen gave us the rabbits. This afternoon Lou took Mother and me for a ride to Wilmington. We called on Ruth and family, nice visit, and then went to Long Beach, enjoyed ocean and eats. I had a fish toasted sandwich, on the big bun, very good. Lou and Mother ate hot dogs. We all had ice cream cones, that good custard cream only Long Beach has. Tonight Mother entertained me with books and folders of her wonderful travels, we sat up until almost midnight. It was Uncle Bill's birthday today, he had on a new suit, looked swell. It was Florence Oates's birthday, also.

**July 8, Monday**

Lou had his "4th of July," holiday today. He and his mother spent the day together. He took her out to Monrovia to see Pearl, and her sisters, Ruby and Lutie. Donna and I went uptown. Marty brought her baby over and she stayed with

doctors by 11 a.m. We had an extra large washing and it kept us hustling to get through in time. Grama rode to the doctors with us. She did a small hand washing this morning, too. Janet was so afraid, poor little dear, so Donna and the doctor had a time to examine her, but Joan thought it a lot of fun. Little Janet remembered the unpleasant experience she'd had there before. It was too hot to go places this afternoon. Mother rested, I took care of Donna's children from 3 until 6. She went to Alta Thompson's to make a transcription for the radio program. They had to go back this evening to finish the other side of the record. We took Donna over to Alta's and went in long enough to hear the one side they'd made this afternoon, it was very good. Alta wanted us to stay to the party in honor of the Ashards, who are leaving to make their home in Utah, but it was warm and we wanted to ride. Called for John and Florence. Mother entertained with her travels and etcetera. Lou bought frozen malts.

### July 10, Wednesday

Another warm day. We darkened the house and stayed in all day. I did my ironing, Mother washed a few things and darned sox. She took a nap this afternoon. I sewed clasps on a little bonnet and apron for Elaine, she is giving it to Elizabeth's little girl. Elaine and family went to the Vandergrift's for dinner this evening. I get so thrilled when I think of my Dad coming to visit us out here. We're expecting him on Friday, he and Elsie are coming with her brother, Gordon. I hope Bonnie will be with them, but feel sure she will be. Tonight was a big night for Lou, Donna, and Alta, our ward music conductors. Lou, being the ward director was, of course, at the head, conducting the musical, with Alta and her "Singing Mothers," and Donna with her M.I.A. chorus, and Beth, Erma, and Sr. Gunn, the very important organists. Little me was there to enjoy it in the audience, but they needed an audience too, didn't they? It was all very fine, I was so very happy for my loved ones. Rex sang well, as did all of them. Professor Leo Coombs [see story by July 25] was in attendance with his little notes, he wrote something about every number. Mother and I talked to him after the program, he gave some fine compliments and good criticism, also. He didn't know who we were, so it pleased us when he mentioned Lou as the most important person, Donna next, and Beth, next. (All our own relatives!) Of course we know they're good, ha, ha!

### July 11, Thursday

Oh, oh! Another hot day. Mother won't like it at all here, if this keeps up. She likes San Francisco best, I think. We kept the shades drawn most of the day to keep out the heat. It wasn't bad today, though, not like Monday. I can take lots of warm weather if I keep out of the sun. Elaine and Elna Van Essen entertained the club today to luncheon at Sue's home. Shirley came down this morning to stay with her children. I had Donna's two, and Dale, and Beth's baby all afternoon. Annie was going to take care of Beth's baby, but she was called out with the Relief Society sisters to dress Sr. Wilson for her burial tomorrow. I got along okay with the kiddies. Took them all over to Donna's and locked the gates. They played in the yard. Ann and Denny came over too, so six of them. Mother enjoyed a nap here in peace and quiet. Our radio went out on us today. Lou and Mother sat out in the car and listened to Major Bowes this evening. I took my bath, combed hair and got dinner on while they were thus engaged. Tonight Lou and I took Mother to the Goldberg Ballroom where we enjoyed the lovely old time tunes and dances. I had a grand time doing some of the lovely dances. I think Mother enjoyed herself, also.

D & C 25:12 For my soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads.



*Garvanza Ward M.I.A. Chorus and Singing Mother's Choir*

**Standing left to right:** Rex Marsh, Ray Haddock, Harold Stead, Dick Johnston, Colleen Gunn, Cecil Raisor, Helen Ross, John Treu, LeRoy Nelson, Glen Andersen, Erma Carlson, Evelyn Gunn, Ralph Shaffer, Ruth Kitchens, Bill Haubs, Kathleen Saxelby, Eliza Treu, Eleanor Robinson, Ruth Christensen, Emma Dewy, Viola Sorenson, Maude Swan, Phyllis White, Ethel Snow, Elizabeth Burnett, Sr. Dalton, Sr. Quist.  
**Sitting left to right:** Jean Ross, Elsie Elkins, Louise Horrocks, Phylis Sevy, Inis Stanton, Mary Koutnik, LaVar Smith, Shirley Hogle, Bette Hogle, Barbara Knighton, Beth Johnston, Donna Marsh, Louis Renshaw, Alta Thompson, Ruby Valentine, Margaret Hardy, Florence Calloway, Rachel Olmstead, Bernice K., Mary Stead, Bonny Gibby, Nellie Imsen, Maude Craddock, Sr. Webb, Anna Horrocks, Olive Goodsell.

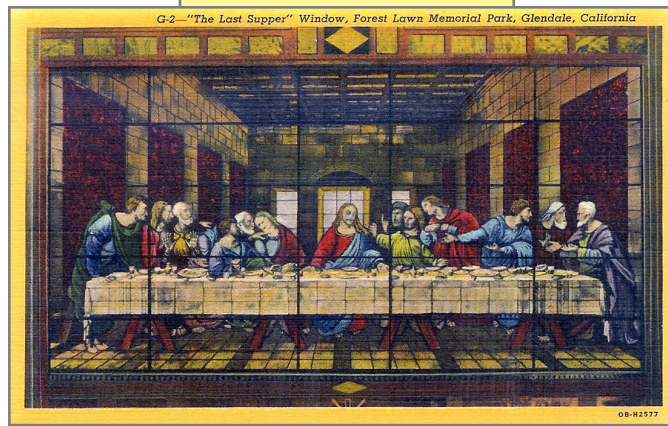
### July 12, Friday

My little Janet came over first thing this morning, before her breakfast. We had fun whispering so as not to wake Grama Renshaw. She thought it lots of fun, little darling. I went to Sr. Wilson's funeral at Kresses Parlors in Highland Park this morning at ten o'clock. She is Weldra LaNeer's mother-in-law, and Sr. Renard's mother. Br. Bird took charge, very nice. Marty brought her two brothers over today, (Bud and Sterling). They are visiting her over the weekend from Salt Lake. Sterling has a grand voice, he entertained us at Donna's for about two hours. Donna, of course, played piano for him. I fed her children and kept them out of the way. I did my cleaning this afternoon. Mother treated Lou and me to a show tonight at the Park. Both good pictures, "The House of Seven Gables," and "Dark Friday."



### July 13, Saturday

Sue called this morning and invited Mother and me to go with Al and my Dad to see the famous stained glass window in Forest Lawn Cemetery. I had a lot to do, but my darling Donna took over. She fried the two rabbits for picnic, molded my butter and made a chocolate cake. She took me to the bank and market first. Lou helped John and Jim Marsh move Sr. Timpson in John's truck. They did it for nothing as the Timpson's are having a hard time now. We enjoyed the lovely window of "Last Supper," and the beautiful buildings and grounds. Then Al took us to Griffith Park to see Fern Dell. We had a nice cool rest in Sue's swing in her delightful patio. I prepared the picnic lunch, and ironed my coat, pressed Lou's gray trousers. We had a very nice time tonight at Brookside Park, at the stake Mutual outing. Lots of people out, large crowd from Garvanza. We had one long table for Reeces, Hoglunds, Andersens, Claytons, Renshaws, and Marshes. We sat next to Marshes and enjoyed their homemade ice cream. John went to Beverly Hills for Rex, so he was there in time to eat with us, nice, eh? Marty took care of Joan, but Janet went with us and had a grand time. We enjoyed the program out under the stars, and then watched the ball game played by men of wards. Very nice time.



### July 14, Sunday

I was startled at 3 a.m. this day by hearing someone at the front door saying, "Mama." I thought one of Donna's

children was ill and jumped out of bed, but Lou said, "Stay away from that door." He knew it wasn't Donna's voice. We were happily surprised to find Lillian there, she had just arrived from Arizona. She was calling her own mother, thinking she'd be in the living room sleeping. She got in bed with her, and we were back to sleep in short time. We all went to Sunday School this morning. It was a very warm morning, but not as hot as yesterday. Sue said Dad was tired, so he stayed home to rest. He's so frail, I hope this trip won't be too much for him, but we are surely thrilled to have him here with us. Lou brought Alta Thompson home after Sunday School. Br. Overlade and Grant Carlson came, they practiced at Donna's for next Sunday night's program in Van Nuys Ward. After dinner Lou took Mother, Lillian and me for a nice long ride. We enjoyed looking at the lovely homes in Burbank and Glendale. The Sunday School had charge of the church services tonight. We had a good program. Br. Able John Peterson sang two songs. Brother Ray M. Haddock spoke, very good as usual. We all went over to Sue's after church. We sat out in the little patio and listened to Mother Renshaw tell of her trip. Br. and Sr. Haddock came, and Claytons, Andersens, Renshaws, and Burnie. Sue served ice cream and cake. We sang old songs in the house after eating. It is surely grand to have Dad here.

### July 15, Monday

Lou called up this morning from work, wanted to know if we wanted to use the car today. It was Rex's day off. We decided we'd like to take Mother and Lillian and kiddies for a ride to the beach, so Rex went for the car at 10:30, after he and Ernie had been down to see Brs. White and Fisher about a job at Knudsen. We rode around in the Beverly Hills looking at some beautiful mansions before going to Santa Monica Beach. Rex stopped in town to see about the motorcycle first. He is going to turn it back he thinks. Too much money to have it fixed. We enjoyed our lunch at the beach. I took some tuna sandwiches, tomatoes and fruit. Donna took olives and cakes. We had a nice time, the kiddies had a swell time, didn't want to come back home. We stayed near the playgrounds so they could have fun. It was cool out there. Mother and Lillian were both chilly. Lillian went to bed before 9 p.m. Al brought Elsie and Dad over to see us tonight. Elsie came back from visiting Gordon and folks this evening. Mother, Lou, and I ate ice cream before going to bed, foolish me,



with asthma just around the corner. Elaine invited Lillian and Mother to eat breakfast in Victory Park in the morning. Sue and family are taking Dad and Elsie over.

### July 16, Tuesday

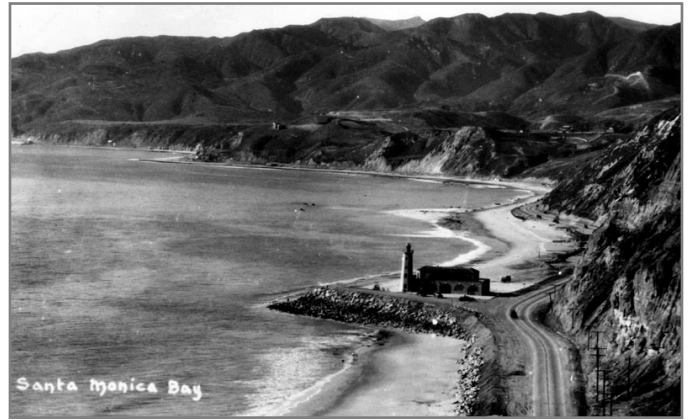
It was much cooler this morning, and cold in the night. Mother and Lillian went with Elaine and Ernie to Victory Park this morning at seven o'clock to eat breakfast. Al didn't have to be in work until 9 a.m., so he took his family and Dad and Elsie over. Donna and I got to the washing, it was a big one, too. I vacuumed and dusted the house first. Mother and Lillian went uptown to spend the day. Elaine and Ernie went up on the bus, he is on his vacation. Shirley and Bette came to take care of the children. Dad and Elsie went uptown, also. Annie met them at 1 p.m. Dad went up yesterday alone and didn't get lost once. Elsie says Violet looks good with new teeth. I'll be glad when the darling gets used to them. Folks got home about 6 p.m., they had eaten uptown. Lou had a stake welfare meeting tonight, Sr. Dewey took him in her car. Lillian and Donna entertained us, at Donna's, with music which Mother and I enjoyed a lot. They played piano and sang duets. I took some ice cream and cakes over. Elaine and Ernie went to a picture show about 8:30, I stayed with the children until Rex got home from his elder's meeting, and then he came with his blanket under his arm and sent me home to my bed for which I was grateful, as I was tired.



*Sarah Renshaw & daughter,  
Lillian Keller, circa 1940.*

### July 17, Wednesday

Another cool, foggy morning, which means we'll not suffer a lot with heat today, I'm glad to report. I did my ironing while Mother told me of her trip and etcetera, very interesting. Lillian spent some time with Donna and music. Ernie got a watermelon for me to take tonight to the beach. He is on his vacation. He also got the buns from his bakery. Lillian, Donna, and Janet walked down on the Avenue. They got the hot dogs, marshmallows, and etcetera for us tonight. We left home about 7:10, Marty and Wayne stayed with Donna's children. We had Donna,



*Santa Monica Bay and lighthouse in 1927, where the family met for the weenie bake in 1940.*

Rex, Mother, Lillian, Louis, and me in our car. Rex drove. We all met at the lighthouse in Santa Monica; Hoglunds, Claytons, Andersens, Johnstons, and Ramona, Esther Holly and family, and Bette's boyfriend Ray Haddock. It was a lovely moonlight night. We all had a good time; hot dogs, watermelons, and peppermints, and toasted marshmallows. We played games and sang songs. I went in the water, wading, with little Ann and Dale. I'm glad we had one weenie bake while Mother and Lillian were here. They'd never been on one before. They seemed to enjoy it a lot, I hope so, anyway.



*Santa Monica Lighthouse today.*

### July 18, Thursday

We got up late and spent a long time at the breakfast table visiting. Lillian received a nice letter from Shirley. She is just about to leave for her mission, going to Portland from Salt Lake, leaving today, I think. Lillian went over to Rust's to have her hair set, Mother darned sox. Elaine and Ernie took Ann, Carol Sue, and Shirley to the beach for the day. They left baby Michael with Donna. We enjoyed a very nice lunch at Donna's. I took care of Joan and Michael while Donna went to the market this morning. While we were eating, Donna had company; Beth, Ramona, and Miriam Jensen, also Ralph Shaffer. He brought his music over. The girls sang for us this afternoon, it sounded lovely, nice voices. I'm glad they came. We were entertained so well and Lillian is

always happier where music is, as is Mother, too. When Lou got home this afternoon he took Mother and Lillian out to Monrovia to spend the weekend with Pearl. Donna and children rode out with us. We took baby Michael, his folks got home about 6:20. Lou and Donna had a music rehearsal at her house tonight, for the program in Van Nuys Ward next Sunday night. P.S. Donna's lunch was surely good.

**July 19, Friday**

I worked fast this morning to get my house cleaned, and lunch and dinner prepared. Ernie went over for Dad and Elsie about 1 p.m. I had lunch ready when they got here. It is surely grand to have my own dear Dad visiting in my home, first time in ten years. Elsie has been several times, though. It was nice having her, too. We took Mother and Lillian to visit Pearl in Monrovia, yesterday afternoon. Hazel Andersen [*Hazel Lillian Bailey*] came out to see Dad and Elsie this afternoon. She left her car at 11th and Broadway, came up here on the street car. We enjoyed her visit, she was thrilled with how much she thinks Dad looks like her Dad, Uncle Frank [*Frank Tracy Bailey*]. Lou took us for a ride. We took Hazel to town to get her car. Donna cooked my dinner while we were out riding. She cooked fried rabbit, cooked potatoes, and peas, bless her heart, sweet child. We had a nice visit. Folks seemed to enjoy the dinner. Lou took us for a ride this evening to the top of Flat Top Mountain where we could look out over the city of sparkling little lights, a beautiful sight at night. We took the folks back to Sue's about 10 p.m. Oh, dear, this week has gone so fast, my Daddy will be going back to Salt Lake on Monday. I've only had one day of his company.

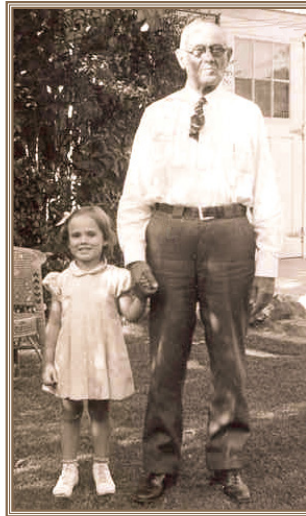
**July 20, Saturday**

I did a washing at Donna's this morning; sheets, slips, and etcetera. Couldn't leave them for Monday's wash, makes too many. Mother and Lillian are visiting Pearl [*Pearl Phebe Olorenshaw Redborg*] out in Monrovia for a few days. I helped Donna do her cleaning. She and Rex went with Elaine and Ernie this afternoon out to Evan's home, Lucille and Lloyd entertained them at dinner there. They went to the beach after. I stayed with the children, gave them their dinner and put them to bed. Lou sat over at Donna's while I came home to put my hair up. Marty and Wayne left baby Patsy with me, also, while they went to a picture show, all were good and slept. I made a Jell-O salad, and mixed butter and oleo this evening. Donna

took me and kiddies to Highland Park this afternoon; I bought two rabbits to fry tomorrow, so Lillian could enjoy them, she is very fond of fried rabbit. I was very tired tonight, busy day, did the ironing too. Al and Sue took Dad and Elsie out to Gordon's this evening. He is taking them to San Diego tomorrow morning to spend the day with her sisters, Beat and Gladys and families. P.S. I just learned that Lloyd and Lucille have moved to Westwood near her mother, so the dinner was in their own apartment, not the Evan's.

**July 21, Sunday**

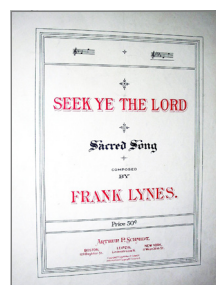
I stayed home from Sunday School this morning, the first time in years, without being ill. Donna was glad of the chance to go. She took Janet and left Joan with me. I had a very busy morning, made a cream tapioca pudding, fried two rabbits, cooked meatballs, baked potatoes, and cooked squash and cob corn. I had Donna's dinner all ready when she got home and Joan fed. Lou and Donna had to stay after Sunday School for a rehearsal, got home at 1 p.m. Rex came home after his nine o'clock priesthood meeting, so he took baby Joan off my hands for awhile. Donna had a meeting this afternoon at Sue's about the "Trip Around the World," party the ward is giving next Wednesday. Lou and I went out to Monrovia after dinner about 3 p.m. to bring Mother and Lillian back. They've been visiting Pearl since last Thursday evening. I enjoyed the lovely ride both ways; came back past the racetracks at Santa Anita. We left about 5 p.m. for Van Nuys, took Mother, Lillian, Donna, and Inis, in our car. Br. Overlade rode as far as Carlsons with us. Grant took him, and Alta, with them. Sue and Al took Beth and Ralph Shaffer. Brother Steed had charge of the meeting. He asked Donna to bring three numbers. The trio sang; Beth, Inis and Donna; Ralph played his violin; Lou sang solo part in "Seek Ye the Lord," the quartet accompanied (Overlade, Grant Carlson, Donna, and Alta). The program was very good, and Brother Steed gave a grand talk, also fine short talk from Al. I was happy to be in Bishop Paul Pack's ward tonight. I saw Clara and daughter Beth, and Sr. Chandler, and Wess Pack and wife Helen. We enjoyed rabbit lunch tonight. Donna and children came over.



Janet Marsh & Great Grandpa Owen A. Bailey

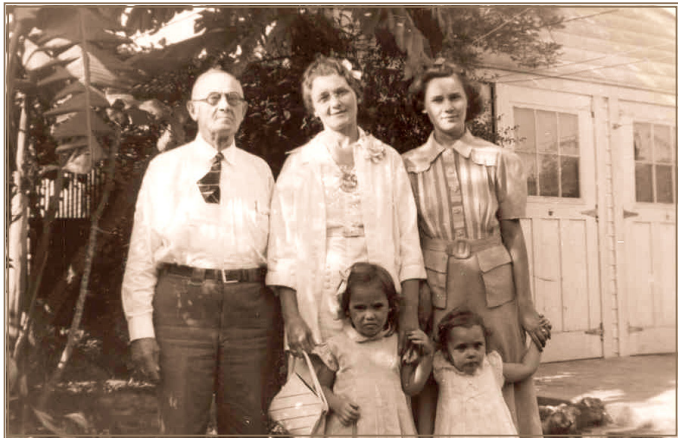


Frank Tracy, Hazel and Rachel (Whittaker) Bailey circa 1902





Left to right in back, Elaine Vandergrift, Shirley & Bette Hoglund, Beverly Andersen, Joan & Donna Marsh, in front, Carol Sue & Ann Vandergrift, Owen A. Bailey, baby Mike Vandergrift & Dale Andersen.



Owen A. Bailey, Elvie Renshaw, Donna Marsh with Janet & Joan Marsh in front. A four generation photo.



Owen A. Bailey holding Michael Vandergrift, Joan Marsh standing in front.

### July 22, Monday

Donna and I got a rather late start at our washing. It was another warm day. Mother and Lillian went uptown for the day. Elaine took her three children on the streetcar, over to her Mother's to visit with Dad and Elsie before they leave this evening for Salt Lake City. Elsie called me to ask if I'd bring my glass cement when I came over to Sue's, she had broken her glasses. I fixed them for her. I surely do hope they'll hang together now. We took pictures of Dad and his great-grand children, we had the four generations. Donna wants to get the four generations on the Renshaw side, too, while Mother Renshaw is here. We visited with Dad and Elsie until time for their bus to leave at 6 p.m. They left from Highland park. Andersens, Hoglunds, and Claytons saw them off on the bus. Lou and I brought Elaine and children, and Donna and children home. Too much confusion at the station with so many babies. This week has gone so fast, it was such a short time



with him. I wonder if he'll ever get down here again?? Mother and Lillian were home when we got here at 6 p.m., they had eaten dinner uptown. Lou and I ate a bite, and then Mother treated us to the picture show at York Theater. We enjoyed both pictures. Lillian was too tired from her day uptown, so she went to bed early. Lou treated to ice cream after the show and took us for a nice ride on the new "speedway."

### July 23, Tuesday

Lillian and I had a nice visit this morning at breakfast, Mother slept later. It was a "hot" day, so they both stayed home all day trying to keep cool, no luck, still too hot. I did my ironing and darned sox. Donna did a big ironing, too, she is suffering with backache again. Oh, dear, I wish I was able to help her more than I do, or pay someone to do it for her. She has too much to do for her strength. It worries me to see her try to do so much when I know she is over doing it. When Lou got home this afternoon, from work, we all went to town for dinner, Lillian's treat. She took us to Clifton's on Olive Street. It surely is a beautiful place, decorated to look like Honolulu, Hawaii. Was nice and cool and we all enjoyed the dinner, lovely surroundings and beautiful musical numbers. After dinner Lou took us for a nice ride past lovely homes and etcetera, in Hollywood and Griffith Park, up and down the mountains. We left Mother and Lillian at the Pilgrimage Theater in Hollywood. They went to see the play, "Pilgrimage." Lou had to hurry home. He had a welfare meeting here. Bishop Gunn and Audrey Tacy were here when we got here. Donna and Elaine were over to Sue's decorating for the "Trip around the World," (America, at Sue's). Rex had an elder's meeting at his home, he took me in our car to Si's Market after. He treated to ice cream, I was suffering with asthma, so didn't eat any. Lou met Lillian and Mother at the bus at 12:30. I was in bed. Bob Bailey came to L.A. with Uncle Oscar and Aunt Blanche this evening. Al went down to get him tonight.

## July 24, Wednesday

I had a bad spell of asthma about three o'clock this morning. It really scared me, but I didn't wake Lou. It is the first bad spell in many months. I feel much better this morning. Donna felt miserable all day. Her back is bad and she has had gas pains in her stomach and chest. She has way too much to do. Elaine and Lillian went uptown together this morning after reading of a big sale day at May Company. Ann went with them. Baby Michael and Carol Sue stayed at Donna's. Mother spent the day in my house trying to keep out of the heat. I know she is terribly bored with these long hot days, but she can't get out in them, so there's nothing we can do about it. I'm thankful we have grand cool evenings, anyway. Lou took Mother, Lillian, Mary and her cousin, Margaret Clayton, and me, in our car, on the "Trip Around the World," tonight. We left in the third group. Went to Hawaii first (Bird's home), they decorated us with pretty bright colored leis, (5¢). I had a glass of pineapple juice (10¢). They also served fruit cocktail (10¢). Then we went to Holland at Snow's home. We had a salad with Dutch cheese and fruit (10¢), and then to Japan, (Haubs' home) and were served fried crab and rice. We ate with chopsticks, (10¢). They had a very beautifully decorated yard, a nice program. Then to Mexico, good chili beans (Ross's home), to England



"Trip Around the World"

(Saxelbey's home), sausage in blankets and orange juice, Queen Mary (Sr. Stead) and Lords and Ladies, cute. Last we came to America. It was lovely, (Bishop Hoglund's home). Shirley was "Goddess of Liberty," Ray Haddock was "Uncle Sam," Dick Johnston was a custom agent. The yard was decorated grand and the program was swell. The trio sang three numbers (Inis, Donna and Beth), America was the last place. Rex had both children over there. We brought babies home and I put them to bed. We took Sr. Marsh and Ruthie home from America.

## July 25, Thursday

Mother and Lillian packed and left for Long Beach this morning. They're going to stay there a week, they think. Bill and Annie brought a big pan of apricots over to Donna's this morning. Bob Bailey [*nephew, son of Elvie's brother, Owen J. Bailey*] was with them. Sweet kid. I wish Lydia [*Owen J. Bailey's wife and sister to Al Hoglund*] and family lived here, so we could know her lovely children better. I was afraid Donna would be ill this morning, but she feels better, thank goodness. Rex taped her back up last night, it has helped a lot, she says. My babies came over this morning looking so darn cute with the bright orange leis around their necks; we got them in Hawaii last night. I'm glad this "Trip Around the World," is over for Donna's sake. She is not strong enough to do so many things. We enjoyed last nights



Apricots like Elvie & Donna put up on July 25.

fun, the countries were all good, but Japan and America were best by far, such beautifully decorated yards. I went over to Donna's this afternoon and helped her put up the apricots. We got seven quarts fresh. This evening she went to town with Beth and Inis, to talk to \*Professor Leo Coombs. He'd like to give them vocal training, I guess. Rex and Wayne went block teaching. Marty stayed with Donna's children. Donna left about 6:30. I stayed with children until Marty came about 7:40. Lou went to bed early about eight. I was in bed before nine. Lou had a flat tire this morning, he had to change it before going to work. Poor dear. He just made it in time, he had to fix tires after work this evening.

### \*Leo Mark Coombs

Leo Mark Coombs was my Grandmother's brother. Yes, he did have a beautiful singing voice. There is a little story in the "memories" section of his home page on Family Search that you might be interested in. It is recorded as follows:

"When Leo was in England on his mission he contacted T.B. of the kidneys, he finished his mission and when he came home he spent many hours out in the open, after two years he felt he was well enough to go to New York to study music. The climate however was the same as in England and his old trouble returned. He was very sick. The mission President sent us a telegram saying, "Leo cannot live come at once." Papa left immediately for the East. The president sent Leo on a stretcher in company with a missionary as far as Chicago where Papa met them. For weeks Leo hovered between life and death. It was then Manly Brown came and stayed at our place, he and Papa administered to Leo many times and he gradually improved. When he was up and around he could not sing. This was a real blow, he had spent years and money to improve his voice also it was his means of earning a living. One evening Brother Brown was again at our place, we were all gathered in the front room. Brother Brown said, "Leo, I feel impressed to give you a special blessing. Then he administered to him promising him if he had the faith his voice would return to him. We were all deeply moved. Then Brother Brown said "Leo I would like you to sing for me." Leo just sat and looked at him for a minute then walked to the piano and sang "O My Father." We were all crying openly before he finished. It was the most beautiful thing I ever listened to. Since that time it has been my favorite song."

This sweet story demonstrates Leo's love for music. I would not be surprised if this is the same Leo Mark Coombs that your mother [*Donna Marsh*] visited.

Nice to visit with you.

Ellen Landeen

(This is from an email exchange between Kathy Calkins & Ellen Landeen in June 2014.)

## July 26, Friday

I wrote a card to Violet this morning. It was nice and cool today, for which I'm glad. I hope Mother and Lillian are enjoying their visit in Long Beach. I wish the days had been cool here last week, the heat is so hard on Mother. It

doesn't bother me as long as I keep out of the sun. I did my cleaning with difficulty today because of a cold on my chest and asthma. I had to rest several times. Donna feels better since Rex taped her back. She needs a nice long rest, I surely wish I was stronger so I could take over her job, so she could rest, but my own work puts me under sometimes, what a woman! Marty left little Patsy with Donna this afternoon while she went to a club meeting. We took her to Si Perkins Market with us when Lou came. She's a darling baby, pretty, and all smiles today. Bette came over to Elaine's, they made a white blouse. Marty and Wayne came over this evening, she called Al about a blessing for Ruth [*Cartwright*], (she's expecting her baby soon). Marty also called Bill to ask about the apricots he and Beth went out and picked. Bill says they can have all they'll pick, so I guess Wayne and Marty will go after them tomorrow. Lou soaked his elbow in hot Epsom salts water tonight, and then went to bed with a pack on it. I surely hope that old pain will leave my poor man. A quote I like; "Better be three hours too soon than a minute too late," —Shakespeare.

*"Better to be three hours too soon than a minute too late"*

—Shakespeare

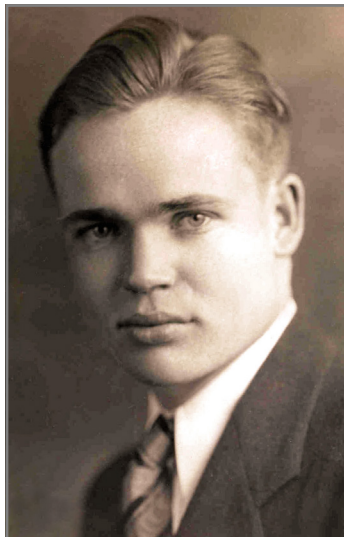


### July 27, Saturday—Beverly's Birthday

Another cool morning and lovely day. I slept better last night, but am still wheezing with this cold and asthma. Lou's arm didn't hurt all night, so the soaking and etcetera helped. Lou did a few jobs in Donna's house this morning; fixing water taps, and ironing board, and etcetera. He also dug up a place for me to plant some carnations in Donna's side yard. I got the slips from our carnations. Lou cut them down yesterday. They have surely bloomed a lot this year, but they were growing out all over the sidewalk. This afternoon Lou went over to Carlson's to take some tools back to Grant, and a dress pattern to Erma for me (baby dress). She is going to make a dress and bonnet for her sister's baby like Elaine and I made for Ann and Janet a year ago last Easter. This afternoon Lou and I took Janet over to Brookside Park. All the stakes out in Southern California were celebrating the "24th of July," Utah Pioneer Day, our San Fernando Stake was the host. Janet had a grand time on the swings, slides, and etcetera. Elaine had her children over there, she had Ann and Carol Sue dressed like herself, in red and white striped skirt and white blouse. Cute! The M Men and Gleaner girls of stakes furnished the program from 5:30 to 7 p.m. we enjoyed it. Lou and Al played horseshoes with Francis Bunker [*Francis Marion Bunker*], first time I've seen him in several years. He



*Small lad, big smile, it is Rex Marsh.*



*Handsome young man.*

used to live in our ward. Lou, Donna, and I went over tonight and took Beverly some silk hose. She gave us some ice cream and birthday cake.

### July 28, Sunday

Another nice cool day, sorry Mother isn't here to enjoy these nice days, it was so hot last week while she was here. I wrote the piece Bishop Gunn asked me to write (to put in the paper) about our new church house this morning. Donna typed it for me. I gave it to Bishop Gunn at Sunday School. Lou and I ate our dinner in the Rite Spot today. It surely was a treat not to have any dinner to bother about. Lou went with Rex, Ernie, Brother Ashmore, and Leroy Robinson to the elder's meeting in Burbank. Donna drove our car, and we took our kiddies for a ride. Donna called at Nelson's house to leave a message for LeRoy, she wants him to sing on her conjoint program. We called at Andersen's; Beverly was the only one home, she and Lucille Snow were on way out for a ride in Lucille's new car, so we didn't stop long. We then went up to visit Florence and her children. Janet had a nice time playing with them, Joan stayed in house with Florence's little Diane and us. Lou and I went to church tonight, very good meeting. President Steed gave a grand talk. I'm sorry Donna didn't get out today to church. Joan will be old enough to keep still next year, I hope. Ruth Cartwright came over for Elaine's baby bassinet while we were all in church. She'd written Marty asking her to see Elaine about it. Some mistake or other, for Elaine sold it.

### July 29, Monday—Rex's Birthday

Rex went to see Carl Fisher at Knudsen Creamery again this morning. He feels very encouraged at what Mr. Fisher told him. Donna and I did our washing at her house. Elaine and Bette went uptown, Elaine had \$2.00 from sale of baby bassinet, to spend, she sold it to Denny's mother, across the street. Shirley and Mary Kutnick came over to stay with Elaine's children. Some of the baby's bottle nipples burned, and poor little Shirley felt awful. Elaine wrote a letter explaining to Ruth about selling the bassinet. I gave Rex a dollar to take Donna to the show this evening. I'll buy him a shirt on payday. John and Ruth brought him a shirt and pair of sox, they all went in truck to Brookside Park for swim. John took care of Janet while Rex and Ruth had a swim. Donna stayed home to make Rex a birthday cake. I kept Joan over here for a while. I was very much relieved to find that Lou had Lillian's letter in his car. I spent a lot of time looking for it today. I didn't know he had taken it. We received a card from Lillian today, she asked us to send Jack's letter to her at Long Beach. We didn't have her address before; I mailed his letter, and a card she'd received from a friend. I stayed with the children tonight while Rex and Donna went to a show. Lou and I cut weeds under the street lamp at Donna's tonight.

## July 30, Tuesday

Donna came over this morning, she was too ill to stay up and carry on. I kept little Joan here while I got dressed and did a few things up here. I sent Donna home to bed, she looked really ill and I am very much worried over her. I know she has too much work for her own strength. Her home is almost more than she can do, without all the extra church and outside activities. Donna loves her church work and puts so much into it. I ironed all afternoon at Donna's and kept hot Epsom salts packs on her back and chest. I really do not know what is wrong, only I'm sure she is worn out from too much work. She has had pains in her chest and back for several days. Rex had an elder's meeting tonight in our house. I stayed over with Donna and got the children to bed. Lou took my newspaper clipping to Tillie M. tonight, she wants to put a piece in the paper about our new chapel and wanted to look over the write up I had in the paper this spring. I wrote one for the paper Sunday morning, but Tillie didn't think it had enough detail, she wanted something said about Bishop Hogle and his long service in Garvanza. I'm glad she made a fuss, cause I couldn't insist, being Al's sister-in-law.

### Responsibilities for Donna



Donna was always eager to help others. She was blessed with a heart of gold. Donna could play piano by ear, loved to sing and in general she was very talented musically. Donna often served her mother, cousins, friends, ward members. She did not turn down opportunities to serve in the church and took her ward callings very seriously. Donna was a kind, committed and loving wife and

mother. At this point in her life she was raising two toddlers, continuing to be a caring and helpful daughter, singing in a trio, arranging two musical numbers for other wards, arranging programs for conjoint meetings, helping with the ward activity, "A Trip Around the World," she was likely feeling concern that her husband worked long hours and was not happy with his job, and Donna often continued to work, when she needed to rest. The backache and illness she felt must have been a slowdown message from her body since her spirit was not inclined to slow down and rest.

## July 31, Wednesday

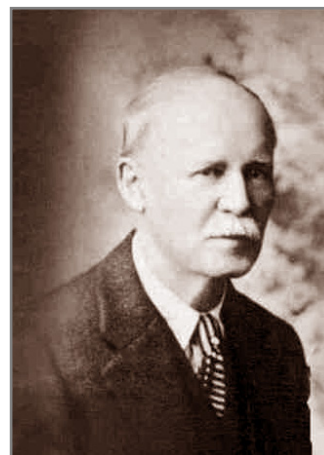
I got up at six o'clock this morning and started on Donna's ironing. I ironed until 7:35, and then went over to Donna's. She wasn't any better, I was so upset to see her so ill looking. I made her stay in bed all day and I took over the children, housework and etcetera. I called Alta to tell her Donna couldn't go to the K.F.I. for her audition with the trio this evening. Donna felt so badly to disappoint everyone, but she is too ill to even consider anything of the kind. Rex called up to see how Donna was, he said he was going to call Dr. Haskel and send him out to look Donna over. The children were both good all day, played in the backyard. They had Ann, Carol Sue, and Denny in this afternoon. Elaine took all three kiddies to Highland Park this noon. Beverly came in to see Donna this afternoon. She told her father and Uncle Al to come and administer to Donna this evening. I asked her to,

Donna wanted it. I got Donna's ironing and my own finished up today. Boy, what a whopper! I fried a rabbit for our dinner and baked potatoes, we all ate at Donna's. She got up to eat, but didn't eat much. I gave both children a bath before dinner, to bed after. The doctor came about 6:30. He said Donna was over worked and rundown (nervous). He left some pills, she must have rest and rest. Bill and Al administered to her. P.S. Mr. Allen gave us the rabbit. Ernie has a chance to work at Knudsen Creamery, \$8.00 less to start.

## August 1, Thursday

Donna was up trying to dress the children when I got there at seven o'clock this morning. I sent her back to bed, she looked so pale and weak. She said she slept last night after taking two of the little pills the doctor left. I kept her in bed all day, she got up long enough to eat lunch and dinner. I felt more tired today, my feet and legs ached, but I did not work as hard as yesterday. It was the big ironing of Tuesday and Wednesday that wore me out. The children were so good today again, bless 'em, poor little Janet fell and got a bad bump on her forehead. Joan enjoyed a dirt massage, surely looked a sight. Al and Sue took Bob Bailey, Shirley, Bette, and Little Ann to San Diego today. Elaine took Carol Sue and Michael to the Victory Park where the club had luncheon. Denny was away all day, too, so I had it nice and quiet for a change. Uncle Bill and family called to see Donna this evening, brought her some ice cream. I cooked a pot roast, peas, and potatoes for dinner. Pearl Renshaw Redborg called from Monrovia, said her father (Uncle Tim) was dying in Salt Lake L.D.S. Hospital from stroke. She wanted Mother Renshaw to take care of her place and dog, while she went to Utah. Lou called his mother in Long Beach; she said she'd be glad to, and she came in on the red car. We took her out to Monrovia tonight.

Lorene and Charlie rode out with us. They came up to see Donna. Lillian stayed in Long Beach, she is expecting Jack to come there.



Timothy Olorenshaw

Timothy Olorenshaw died August 1, 1940. Pearl must not have had a phone to hear the news but instead relied on letters from Salt Lake? On August 2, when she received the "he is getting better" letter her father was already gone. He was buried on August 4, 1940.

## August 2, Friday

I think Donna is a little better today, but still weak and pale, sick to her stomach again. She has a hard time to get any food down, she's so thin, too. The children were both very good today, bless 'em. I cleaned thru' Donna's house good, and hope to be able to go through my own tomorrow. Marty came over and took care of some business for Donna (paid bills). She came back at 3 p.m. and stayed with Donna and children for an hour, while I came home to do a few jobs. I kept Donna in bed all day. I'll surely be happy when she

is feeling well again. Blanche and Oscar [Hoglund] had Bob Bailey out to the beach today, he got a bad sunburn, poor kid. He came back to Annie's on the streetcar. Blanche called to see if he arrived okay. I've been too busy to do anything for Bob. Ruth Pierce gave Donna a lovely bouquet of flowers this afternoon. Mother Renshaw called this afternoon, she said she was on her way to Long Beach to join Lillian. Pearl didn't need her, as she had received a letter saying her father was better, so maybe she wouldn't leave for Utah after all. I gave both my babies a bath at five, had their dinner over by six, and then cooked our dinner. Donna sat up to eat with us. Sue, Al, Bette, and Shirley called in to see Donna. The piece about our new church came out with a picture of the building in the News Herald this morning. I was disappointed in the write up. Ruth Kitchens visited with Donna and I tonight while Homer was over here with Lou. Alta had a swell "send off" in the paper about her Japanese party. Ha! Ha!

### August 3, Saturday

Donna felt much better this morning, more like herself. I kept her in bed until about 5 p.m. While I was over home cleaning my house, she got up and dressed and walked over here. It upset me to see her up, darn kid! Lou left early this morning, took Bill and Bob Bailey for a ride to Mt. Wilson, and then he went out to Long Beach to visit with his mother and Lillian. Nice day for him. I worked at Donna's until after I had given them all lunch. Ruth Marsh came up and was a big help looking after the children. She took them for a walk to Marty's. She stayed with them until 3:40, and then went to the beach. Bill Johnson brought a nice big load of lovely clean sand up to Donna's for the sand box. Surely was a nice thing for him to do. I just mentioned that the sand they had was half dirt, he had been out to the river bottom, near dam, to get some for his kiddies. I think it was grand of him, and on his birthday, too. Ernie starts work at Knudsen Creamery tomorrow morning. I hope he'll like his new job, he quits his bakery job tonight. I received a card from Pearl saying she was "shocked" at Mother for leaving her to go to Long Beach. Oh, oh! John, and his two Florence's came up to Donna's this evening to see how Donna was. Florence helped me do the dishes. Janet was in bed by 6:30. I gave both kiddies a bath again this evening. I haven't been so tired in many months. I took a bath and went to bed early.

#### Miscommunication?

On August 2, Mother Renshaw leaves Pearl's home because it seems that Pearl didn't need her anymore. August 3, Pearl is "shocked" at Mother for leaving her to go to Long Beach. Maybe Pearl felt like Sarah should have stayed in case things changed?

### August 4, Sunday

Lou had a nice visit with his mother and Lillian at Long Beach yesterday. He got home about 12 p.m. (eats, show, and dance last night). I went over to Donna's this morning, helped her get the children's breakfast. I put out a little washing, baby Joan's things. I gave both kiddies a sunbath. Rex and Lou went to the 9 a.m. priesthood meeting and stayed to Sunday School and fast meeting. The Pulsipher triplets were blessed and given names today, sorry I had to miss that. Bishop Gunn

blessed one, Bishop Hoglund one, and the proud Daddy the other one, nice, eh? I cooked dinner for Rex and Donna, and then came home and cooked ours. They wanted us to eat over there, but my head was aching so badly I wanted to stay here where I could be quiet. Lou did the dishes and kept everyone away while I had a good nap for 2 ½ hours. I felt much better after sleeping. I was over tired from yesterday, and all last week's worry over Donna's illness and etcetera. Lou and I went to church tonight. Lou led the singing for Donna, (Mutual conjoint). Fred Peterson, the stake music director, sang two numbers. Donna had asked him to come and sing. She felt badly she couldn't be there to hear him, and also hear Rex give his talk. He gave a very good talk on "Faith and Obedience." Jimmy Craddock gave a good talk, also. Fine meeting. John took Rex out for eats after church tonight.

### August 5, Monday

Donna felt much better today. She got dressed. I have had a time to keep her from working. I did up her work and put out a little hand washing. I wasn't well enough to do the big washing today. Donna and both children enjoyed naps this afternoon. I came over home and put some hems in Janet's little silk dresses, blue and yellow. (Dresses I gave her two years ago on her birthday.) She has out grown them, so Joan can wear them now they are shortened again. I also made Janet's white coat shorter for Joan to wear. Marty left baby Patsy with me for an hour this afternoon while she went to see a neighbor who has a new baby in a hospital in Pasadena. The baby was very good, sweet little thing. Lou took Donna and children and me for a ride to Pasadena this afternoon, 4:30. I left Patsy with Elaine until Marty came. We paid on our account in Sears, Roebuck. Lou cashed his check there. I got a card from Pearl, she was in Milford, Utah, on way to Salt Lake. She said she'd just read in the Salt Lake paper where her father had passed away. It is too bad she didn't get there in time. He died Thursday, was buried on Sunday. We also received word of his passing from Elsie Bailey and Aunt Jennie Rowe. Pearl took her dog with her. Oh, oh! She is hurt cause Mother didn't stay and take care of "doggie."

### August 6, Tuesday

Donna and I did our washing. I tried to keep Donna from doing any work, but she kept getting into it. The folks all went on a weenie bake tonight at the beach in honor of Bob Bailey. Elaine and Ernie went with Beth and Dick. Donna and Rex didn't go, he had an elder's meeting. Lou wouldn't go, Annie was going to call for me, but I called her up this evening and told her I was too tired and not well, so wouldn't go. I was sorry cause I really wanted to go. I went to Highland Park this afternoon and paid bills. I bought a few things in Kress Store, a shirt and tie for Rex, a few groceries, and was "all-in" when I got home. Lou set table and prepared dinner. Donna gave us a little pan of noodle, tuna, and cheese baked dish, was very good, nice and hot. Beverly brought Bob over for a few minutes. He says he is going home with Aunt Babe [Elsie Lavina Hoglund] from the beach party tonight, coming back Thursday to Andersen's. He is leaving Friday for Salt Lake. I'm sorry to see him go, I haven't had a chance to have him over, he is surely a fine boy. I wish Owen and family lived out here, so we could see them oftener.

### August 7, Wednesday

I got an early start at my ironing, but didn't get finished before going over to Donna's to help a little. I'm so thankful she is better. I put out baby Joan's washing and mopped the kitchen floor, and then came back here to iron. I brought some of Donna's ironing to do, she did the rest at her house. Donna went to a trio rehearsal at Alta's this afternoon. I took care of the children and did some sewing on Joan's dresses, (making Janet's dresses shorter for Joan). Tonight Lou had a welfare meeting at the stake house. Rex, Donna and I went to the Highland Theater, and saw two good pictures, "Ghost Breakers" and "My Favorite Wife." Barbara Borshell stayed with the children. They were in bed asleep before we left, as always.

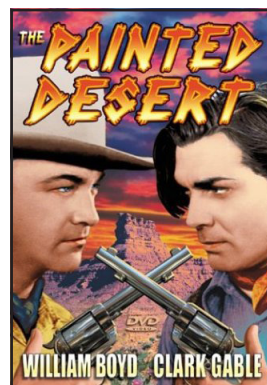


### August 8, Thursday

I put Joan's washing out for Donna, and cleaned through my house this morning. I went uptown on bus to the May Company about 1 p.m. Donna and Janet were going too, but Donna had cramps and we decided it was best for her to rest, so both she and Janet had a nap while baby Joan was sleeping. I went to the May Company first to look at children's dresses on sale, two for \$1.00, but they were all thin summer dresses and Janet needs prints for playing dresses. I went to Bullock's, Broadway and Fifth Street stores, but found the cutest and best buy at Newberry's. I got a pretty rose, and a blue one, for 59¢ each. I'm getting them for her birthday next Wednesday. I found a bargain in the Broadway basement for myself, got a lovely pair of \$6.00 shoes, for \$1.00, gray suede. Bob got a letter from his mother with bus fare, telling him to leave today. Aunt Ida and Uncle Alvin are leaving Saturday and Bob is taking care of their lawns and flowers. Alvin wants to explain things to him before he leaves him in charge. We hate to have the sweet lad go so soon, hope he can come again. I talked to him on the phone, he said he'd tried to find us, by walking, this afternoon, but got lost, so went back to Annie's. Mother and Lillian came in from Long Beach this evening. Lillian wasn't feeling well, she went to bed early. Louis treated Mother and me to pie and ice cream. Jack visited them in Long Beach Sunday and Monday. Dick came tonight, he and Lou went to see Brother Timpson about Mutual music.

### August 9, Friday

I left Mother and Lillian eating breakfast while I went over to Donna's to help her. She had started the baby washing, but I made her "get out." We cleaned through the house cause it's Lou's day off tomorrow and he wants to take us somewhere; Mother Lillian and me. The girls club were going to Brookside Park for lunch and swim, they were



to meet at the church. Elaine and Donna didn't go. Beth [Johnston], Laura [Johnson], and Elna Van Essen were the only ones at church. They drove up to Donna's to see why she and Elaine weren't going. Donna invited them to spend the day in her nice shady backyard and eat their lunch there. She didn't feel well enough to go to the park. They ended up by having a shower bath on Elaine's lawn (mostly the children) and eating in Donna's yard. I helped Donna carry her kitchen table out in the yard. We took the choir folding chairs out, too. The girls seemed to enjoy it. I fixed lunch here for Mother, Lillian, and myself, and then Lillian and I went over and visited with the girls for a while. Mother stayed here to read. Laura had her three boys, Elaine had her children, Elna had her little boy, about nine little ones all told. I took Donna's two for a walk, to the playgrounds, after the girls left, so Donna could rest. The kiddies had such a grand time, they didn't want to come home, swinging and watching boys and girls swim. Tonight Al took Mother, Lillian, me, Sue, and Shirley for a nice ride. We went to the Planetarium, enjoyed band concert, and looking at the "City of Lights," I treated to cones. Lou had a rehearsal at Donna's tonight. They are singing in church Sunday night. We saw the beautiful fountain of colors tonight, also.

### August 10, Saturday

I got up at 6 a.m. and fixed finger nails, wrote in diary, and darned my hose, before the others got up. It was a lovely morning. We left about 9 a.m. for a ride to Santa Barbara. It was a beautiful drive going, we got off the highway in Ventura and saw some of the pretty homes there. The beach, and little park near, in Santa Barbara, are so lovely, too. We ate lunch in a nice place there. I enjoyed fish. Lillian and I looked in some of the stores, but Mother had to come and get us because Lou could only have one hour where he was parked. We came back home through the mountains, it wasn't as nice a drive, and so darn hot up around Hijo [?], but was fun. We stopped in Glendale for dinner this evening. It was a nice dinner, all pleased again. Lillian bought me a wraparound turban (white silk) in Glendale Woolworth's Store, 29¢. I wore Mother's white jersey turban today, it was so much nicer than bothering with a stiff hat. Mother treated us all to a show in Glendale. We enjoyed both pictures, "Five Came Back," and "The Painted Desert." We had ice cream in Highland Park before coming home. Wasn't this a day of good things? I went over to see Donna and Rex before going to bed. Elaine and Ernie were visiting them. Lou also went over when I came back.

### August 11, Sunday

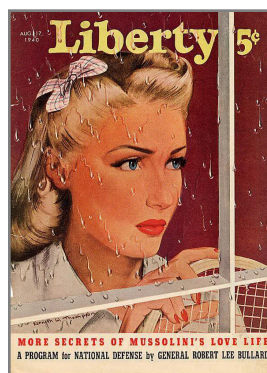
Lou took me to the market this morning, didn't get home in time yesterday. I bought leg of lamb and vegetables and etcetera. I sent Donna to



Sunday School and I cooked dinner for all of us. I also took care of the babies so Donna could enjoy her class. Lillian and Mother went to Sunday School, also. Rex came back with car for them after priesthood meeting. Lou and Rex went to Ernie's station for gas after dinner. Marshes came up to Donna's this afternoon, brought Donna a little box of delicious chocolates. Rex took us (mother, me, Donna and children, his mother and father), for a ride to Monrovia. We had good drinks of ice cold orange drink. Lou slept here. Lillian rested on a quilt in Donna's backyard. She wrote a letter and mailed it, also. She got a letter from Jack yesterday asking her to come home. He is not well and needs her now. They have company, too. She is going back tomorrow, I guess. We have enjoyed her visit. Beth is expecting her mother and father today or tomorrow, she is excited. Ramona is here with Beth, has been here a month. Barbara stayed with Donna's children tonight while they went to church. Donna and Lou sang the same number they used in Van Nuys Ward a few weeks ago. Alta, Grant, Br. Overlade, and Donna, in quartet, Lou took the solo. Sounded very good. Br. Haddock gave a very fine talk on the welfare work. Lou took charge of the meeting, he is the ward welfare work director. Rex starts his two weeks vacation.

**August 12, Monday**

I got up a little before six o'clock this morning, cooked Lou's breakfast, and went over to Donna's to wash. Rex is on his vacation. He took Lou to work so he could use the car today. He put 10 gallons of gas in it. We had a very large washing. I had four big sheets, two extra large tablecloths. Well, we got a good early start, was all through by 10:30. Lillian went to the post office to mail a package home, so she wouldn't have so much to carry. She stopped in Rust's beauty shop for a shampoo and wave. Rex went to Knudsen to see Carl Fisher about a job, and then to get new auto license. After lunch, Lillian left, Rex took her to the bus station. Mother, Donna, and Janet rode down with them. I stayed and enjoyed a nap. Joan was asleep, too. Mother had a shampoo and wave at Rust's before coming home, looked very nice. Lillian didn't leave until evening, she spent afternoon shopping, she had checked bags. Lou offered to tend children tonight while Rex, Donna, Mother and I went to a show. We couldn't find one Mother

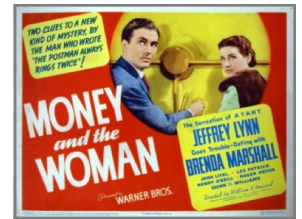


hadn't seen and Rex wanted to go play ball, so Donna stayed home and rehearsed songs with Leroy Nelson and Lou. Mother and I read stories in Liberty Magazine. Elaine came to visit for a short while. Lou took Mother and me for a nice little ride about 9:30. Beth and Ramona are upset cause the folks haven't arrived yet. They are on their way here in their car. Rex put up a new swing for Janet.

**August 13, Tuesday**

It seems strange to hear Ernie leave for work in late mornings, when he used to go at 3:30 a.m. It was nice and cool this morning. Janet is happy with her new swing. She sure missed the other one when it wore out. Mother went

into town today to look at some hotels, or contact the agents, anyway. She is anxious to get back into business, "bless her heart." She just can't be idle. I cleaned the rooms up a little and did my ironing, it was a large one! Rex is on his vacation, doesn't know what to do with himself, no money for a swell trip. He worked in his yard some, while Donna did her ironing. This afternoon Donna went to Alta's for a trio rehearsal. Rex took Janet to Highland Park Kress Store, he bought several garden trowels for the elders to use tonight when they come to dig the honey out of the big cans to put in bottles. Lou had a welfare meeting here tonight. Rex had his "honey bee" over to his house. Mother called me about 5:30, wanted Donna and I to meet her at 6th and Hill. We were waiting for her call as she said she would call, so we got down there as soon as we could on the bus. Mother had a swell show picked out at The Warner Bros. We saw, "The Girl from God's Country," and "Money and the Woman," both good pictures. Mother treated to ice cream after the show, only thing I was allowed to pay for was carfare, it was surely nice of her to do this for us.



Joan and Janet Marsh August 14, 1940.

**August 14, Wednesday—Janet's Birthday, 4 years old!**

Our darling Janet has been with us four years now, I wonder how we ever lived without the little lady before? Another nice cool morning. I wrapped Janet's two little dresses up in box with tissue and bows. Grama R. gave a 25¢ piece, we put it in little box with big bow on. I brought them over and Donna helped me sing, "Happy Birthday to You," the cute little thing stood there holding the boxes and smiling excitedly until we'd finished the song. She was pleased with her gifts, especially the all day sucker I had tied on the box, ha, ha! I knew she'd like it best. Donna put the little blue dress on her, and she wore it today. Fits just right, and she looks so pretty in it. The rose dress was a little long, so I'll shorten it a bit. Little Sandra gave her 50¢, Grama Marsh gave her \$1.00 and some stockings. Donna took Janet up to Highland Park and bought

her some white shoes and several pair of sox, also a 10¢ soap bubbler, for best gift! Donna made a birthday cake, all white, Janet chose pale green candles and rose bud holders for said cake. Donna took picture of Janet and Joan at little table with cake. [See previous page.] All four kiddies, Ann, Carol Sue, Janet and Joan, had several turns blowing out the candles, and neighborhood kids enjoyed the cake and so did we. Ernie Oates treated Rex and Donna to a swell dinner at the new Riveria, \$1.50 a plate. They had grand time. Barbara B. stayed with children. Rex worked at Ernie's station today. Mother, Lou, and I saw "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" at Franklin, grand!



Joan Marsh August 14, 1940

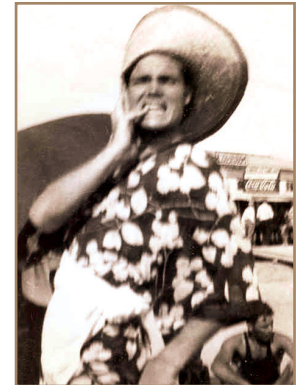
### August 15, Thursday

It was nice and cool until about 2 p.m., and then not too hot, lovely day. Rex, Donna, and I finished painting the fence around their yard. Aunt Ida, Uncle Alvin, and Beth walked over, with baby in buggy, from Beth's. We brought chairs out on Donna's grass and enjoyed a nice visit with them. Elaine and kiddies came over there, also. Mother R. was invited to come and watch us paint, but she was interested in Paul Bailey's book, "Type High," she read it through today. Annie called to say that George Lambert and son, Aldous, were at her home, came at 5 a.m. and sat on front porch until Andersens woke up. Aldous had been to Detroit for new car, he was on his way back to job in Honolulu. George rode this far with him, he got on the ship this afternoon. I talked to George

this evening. Tonight I took care of the children, (6:30 to 9:30). Lou took Donna, Rex, and Mother to K.F.I. The girls and Alta, were to have a radio audition, but there was a slip up somehow, so after waiting over an hour, they came back. Beth had her mother and father there. Sr. Gunn was there, all had to be disappointed. I think all of Bill Haubs' folks went, too. Lou went to his meeting in Glendale and they dropped Rex off in the York theater, so Grama and Donna came back alone. Donna brought ice cream, which we three enjoyed.

### August 16, Friday

Marie and Johnny Kendrick called for Rex and Donna about 6:30 this morning, they went to Santa Monica Beach. The boys went fishing on boat, the girls went in swimming and enjoyed sunbath on the sand, they took their lunch. I got up at six, so I could stay with the children. Rex and Donna were ready to leave at six, they looked like a couple of happy kids sitting on the front porch waiting for the Kendricks to arrive. Daddy and I enjoyed them with all their paraphernalia



Fun at the beach with all the paraphernalia.

beside them, ain't life grand! Little Janet dressed herself so as to get a little star on her chart, she ate the odious egg by herself, too, for another star, and then we forgot to put them on the chart, must remind Donna to do so. Donna got some little red and blue stars, it was a brilliant idea. Janet can choose color, I notice more red stars on chart. Baby Joan doesn't mind feeding herself, but I prefer doing that for her, so she'll get it in the inside. She eats well by herself, but loves to play in said food. Mother R. went uptown to meet lady who took her to several apartment houses. She came home about 8:30, had been to a show. Marty came over for bottles, she was putting up the peaches we took to her last night. Rex and Donna arrived home at 4 p.m. with bright red faces, Rex's face is especially red. I cleaned through Donna's house. Lou and I bottled the lug of peaches we had here when he came. We got seven quarts and two pints plus a nice big bowl to eat fresh. We cooked our apricot jam over, and sealed it with Kerr lids this time. Ruth Marsh is coming to take care of Donna's children tomorrow while they go to San Diego. I was disappointed cause Br. Webb didn't bring peaches tonight. He said he would, so we let them all go. Rex and Donna didn't get any.

### August 17, Saturday

I heard little Joan say to Donna this morning, "Mama, Gwamma's in bed." She kept it up so long, I got up, cute thing. She was on her front porch across the street, I was in the dining room with our front door open. Al and Sue came for Elaine, Rex, and Donna this morning at eight o'clock. They took Ann and Carol Sue over to Lorene's for the day. Elaine took baby Michael with her. They all went to San Diego. Dick drove Uncle Alvin's car, they had Beth and baby, Ramona, Aunt Ida, and Uncle Alvin. They went into Mexico, too, bought a few things there to bring back to the

children. Sue bought two big hats for Donna to give Joan and Janet. Donna brought each a tiny doll and basket. Lou took Mother and me for a nice ride this afternoon out to Azusa. This evening John and Florence invited us three to go out to dinner with them, they took us over to Van de Kamp's. We had a grand dinner, was nice of them. We all went in our car. We wanted to take them for a ride after dinner, but John wanted to get back to Donna's. He was afraid Ruth would be lonesome. I let Ruth go at 7:30, she had the children in bed, all bathed and etcetera. Rex and Donna came about 10 p.m. Marshes visited with Lou and Mother until just a short while before the folks came. I stayed over at Donna's. Florence bought Mother a little box of mints, delicious!

### August 18, Sunday

Lou had to work today. Rex took him down to the hospital so he could take us to Sunday School. Donna went and took both children. I kept Elvie Joan with me, she was good most of the time, but got restless toward the last, so I took her outside. We walked over on the Avenue, she enjoyed the toys in Kress Store window. John and Florence took Rex and Donna to dinner at Van de Kamp's. I fed the children over at Donna's and put Joan to bed, and then came over here and fixed lunch for Mother and myself. We rested this afternoon until time to go for Lou. Rex took us for a ride around in Elysian Park Hills before going for Lou.



Elysian Park

Mother insisted on sleeping in the dining room on the couch tonight, wouldn't even let us make it out like a bed, she said, "if we didn't go back to our bed, she'd find a room. We were both happy to give our bed to her, but she wouldn't have it that way any longer. Lou walked to our ward tonight, Rex drove our car over to the Glendale Ward, Mother and I went, too, we took both children. Donna had to play piano for Leroy Nelson's two songs. Br. Haddock asked Lou to send two numbers over, he sent Leroy. Little Joan got some young folks back of us to giggling when she looked back and said, "Hi," her way of saying hello. She did it while everything was so quiet when they were passing the sacrament. We left after the first speaker. Rex had to get back to the ward to see about a load of peaches that Br. Webb was bringing in. What peaches! 100 lugs, too. They were too ripe, we had to bottle ours tonight, got through at 2 a.m. Violet and children arrived with Ray and Glen tonight. We saw them at Annie's. Donna drove us over to see them. Was grand to see them again. Ray and Glen went for them.

### August 19, Monday

Rex went to Knudsen Creamery again this morning to see about a job, he drove Lou to work so he could use the car. Donna and I had a huge washing and we were both worn out with our all night bottling peaches stunt. Lou decided when he saw how far gone the peaches were that we must

cook them now! We started to peel peaches at eleven o'clock last night, and got through about 2 a.m. Out of the two lugs we bought, we got 14 quarts. Donna and Rex put up peaches at their house, too. I never in my life worked on such badly spoiled fruit. Rex had 15 lugs over to his house that the ward folks were calling for today. Rex felt so bad about it, we all did. Sr. Webb called to tell me to ask Rex not to sell any of them, said anyone could have them that wanted them. The first load Br. Webb brought last Friday was good for 25¢ a lug. We had a busy day explaining to folks about the peaches. By night Rex was tired out telling it, he said he wished he had it on a record so he could just play it over to them, ha, ha! Florence came to Donna's this afternoon to have Donna show her how to bottle fruit. She bought a good lug from the market to work on for first time. I stayed there and helped them. Rex helped, too. She got a few bottles out of the bad peaches and she and Donna made some peach jam. Elaine and children spent the day at Sue's with Violet and children. Mother went to town to look at hotels, found one she likes, but they ask too much!

### August 20, Tuesday

Donna had to be over to Beth's this morning by 10 a.m. She went with the trio and Alta out to Beverly Hills to the "Music Corporation of America" for an audition. Rex took care of the kiddies. He took them for a walk to Victory Park. Mother went uptown again this morning to look at a few more hotels. She listened to several of my amateur poems first and said they were good. Twas good of her to let me thus impose on her time. I put Donna's hair in curls before she started her ironing this afternoon. I did my ironing this morning. Elaine has been busy all day making a formal net dress for Shirley. Dolores and Shirley have been down helping Elaine. Dody is surely a pretty little lady with hair in curls and etc. The trio and Alta had an audition tonight over K.F.I., and then Rex and Donna went on a weenie bake at the beach with Bob, Inis, Elaine, and Ernie. I stayed with the children. Lou and I took the kiddies over to Annie's tonight. We wanted to see Violet, but she was out riding with Beverly, Aunt Ida, and Uncle Alvin. We stayed and visited with Bill, Glen, and Yvonne. Dale, Janet, and Joan thought it was lots of fun. George Snow brought some pears down. Rex has them at his house, 2¢ a pound.

\*MCA, Inc. (or Music Corporation of America) was an American media company. Initially starting in the music business, the company next became a dominant force in the film business, and later expanded into the television business. MCA published music, booked acts, ran a record company, represented film, television and radio stars, and eventually produced and sold television programs to the three major television networks....

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### August 21, Wednesday

Lou took Mother out today to look at hotels. She found one she likes real well in Los Angeles, and then they went to Long Beach and found another she thinks she likes even better. She has almost decided to buy the one in Long Beach. I shampooed my hair, cleaned the house up a little, and did some mending to pass the time of day. Tonight Mother treated Lou and me to a show, we saw two good pictures; Spencer Tracy and Loretta Young, in "A Man's Castle," and "Curtain Call." Donna took Janet up on the Avenue this afternoon, she bought a wedding gift for us to send to Darlene, who is getting married next Friday. Elaine went to Blanche's tonight to go over the wedding plans with the bride and groom and etcetera. It's a big church affair. The Mutual had a "Basket Party" tonight. Donna sang with trio, (Inis, Beth, Donna, and Alta in solo part). I didn't go cause I don't like basket parties. Ruth Marsh got the prize for the prettiest basket.



A  
Basket  
Party?

### August 22, Thursday

Lou put in new cedar fence posts today. Mr. Allen was here to help him. Our fence was about to fall over. Donna went to Hardy's with Rex this morning. They took the kids in our car. Rex went to get Br.Hardy's truck, he and Ernie went out in the country to get pears and peaches. Donna drove Mother up to the bank on the Avenue. She is sending for her money to buy a hotel business. She has two places she can't decide between; one is in L.A., the other in Long Beach. This afternoon we went over to Annie's. Violet and Yvonne were there. Annie and Lou and Mother went to the market to buy weenies for tonight. I visited with Violet, I haven't had a chance to talk to her alone, so surely did enjoy the visit. It is grand having them here. Sue has had Elaine's children all day. Elaine went down to Blanche's to help prepare for the wedding tomorrow. Darlene [*Darlene Heglund*] is being married. The phone has been ringing all day about the fruit Rex went after. Alta called and wanted trio to go to the Orpheum Theater and sing. It upset our plans, taking Beth, Donna, and Rex away from the beach party. Lou and I took Janet. Sr. Marsh took Joan home to keep until Rex and Donna came from show. Beth is leaving tomorrow for Salt Lake with her folks, it was too bad to have Dick spend the last evening without her. Bob took the girls down to the theater. We had lots of fun at the beach tonight.



### August 23, Friday

Oh, thrill of thrills! The girls received a very wonderful applause from the Orpheum Theater audience last night. The people clapped so long and loud that they called the girls down on the stage so everyone could see them. It was the thrill of a lifetime for them. Bob and Rex were there, I'm sorry Dick missed it, he was out to the weenie bake with us. He drove Uncle Alvin's car out. They sang first, and then on the stage they led the congregation in "God Bless America." Alta arranged it all. The Orpheum Theater is having a special program the last few weeks, called "Sing with the Mike." During the vaudeville show anyone in the audience can call an usher over and sing into a mike with the orchestra on the stage. This is what the girls did last night. They were sitting up in the balcony. They sang, "Sierra Sue." Each week the best singers of the week are invited to sing with the band for a weeks engagement. It was quite a thrill for the girls. This afternoon Lou and I went over to say goodbye to Uncle Alvin, Aunt Ida, Ramona, Beth, and baby Diana.



Dick is going in two weeks, he hopes. They left in Alvin's car about 6 p.m. This is Beth's second visit home this summer, not bad!

Donna and Rex put up peaches today, I helped a little, I cooked all their apricot jam over, too. We sealed it better this time with Kerr lids. I was surprised this evening with a visit from Pearl Renshaw Redborg, and her husband. They had been trying to find us for hours, got here in time to eat dinner with us. It was almost cooked when they arrived, glad I went to market this afternoon. I left the folks to visit with Mother and Lou when Glen, Annie, Violet, and Lorene called for me at 7:30. We went to Darlene's wedding. It was a grand affair. Al married them in the Huntington Park stake house, the bride and bridesmaids looked beautiful. They served ice cream and cake. We went to home to see lovely gifts. It was a family reunion. Saw Hattie and Roy, Loretta and son Bob, Leo and family, nice time was enjoyed by all.

### August 24, Saturday

A hotel agent called Mother on the phone this morning and talked to her about another hotel. She had already decided to take the Kenmore Hotel, but thought she'd go look, cause he was so insistent. Well, she found just the thing she wants, on West 8th Street, a very nice place, near West Lake Park. We went to look at it tonight with her. We visited the new China Town, and Little Mexico before coming home. It was very interesting, first time I've been to the new Chinatown. Mother has a bad cough, I wish we could break it up, makes

me feel bad to see her feeling miserable. Mother treated Lou and me to dinner in the beautiful Clifton's Café on Olive Street. Lou had to work today 6 am to 2:30 p.m. Rex went down for the car about 9 a.m. He took Donna and children, and Violet and Yvonne out to the beach for the day. They came home this evening with two lugs of tomatoes and put them both up tonight, one in juice, the other, fresh. I cleaned house and watered lawns while folks were away today. Lou took a nap in Donna's house so I could use vacuum here. It was nice and quiet over there.

### August 25, Sunday

Lou had to work today, but he had Rex or Donna, drive him down so we could use the car. Mother didn't feel well enough to sit in church because of her bad cough. I went with Donna and Janet. We took Joan in car, also. Rex took care of her while Sunday School was in session. John Marsh called and invited us to eat dinner with them. We came back for Mother. I surely enjoyed the lovely dinner, we all did. After dinner, Donna drove us to South Gate to see Sr. Russell, a very dear friend of Sr. Marsh's, but she was out, it was a disappointment for Florence, but we enjoyed the nice ride. Joan was asleep at Marshes', John stayed with her, we took Janet. Rex had to go to union meeting at the stake house. We called for Lou at the hospital at 5 p.m. Mother stayed home from church tonight because of cough. Lou and I went to church. The adult Aaronic priesthood had charge of the program tonight. Al is the class teacher. Horace Rugg [Horace Frederick Rugg], Walter Burnett, and David Donica gave very good short talks. Al was so proud of "his boys," as he calls them. All three praised Al for his wonderful help to them. First time they've ever spoken in church.



*Behind the double decker bus is the Morgan Hotel. It was on 8th Street near the West Lake Park. Perhaps this is the hotel that Mother Renshaw considered purchasing?*

### August 26, Monday

Donna and I got a good early start at our washing. I had to use the lines in my backyard in the shade, cause both Florence and Elaine had big washings out on the sunny lines over the garage. We had all of Donna's lines filled too. Mother went uptown to talk over the hotel business, she plans to buy on West 8th Street. She still has a bad cough, so couldn't go to a show. Mother says she is moving into her

new hotel home on Saturday. She signed papers today saying she'll take it over, all she is waiting for is her money to come from Salt Lake. Alta called Donna this afternoon, said the agent called and wants the girls to sing at the Orpheum Theater for a week starting Wednesday at 11 a.m. (three times a day). They won the competition for the week that they sang. She was all excited, so was Donna after hearing, she called Rex, he thought Beth should have a chance to sing her part in the trio. They decided it would be fatal to the trio if they substituted anyone now, so Dick called Beth at her mother's home in Salt Lake on the phone, and then Donna, Rex, and Dick sent a telegram. Beth sent a telegram back saying she was leaving on the 1 a.m. train, everyone concerned was happy. She'll arrive at 5 p.m. tomorrow. Aunt Ida will take care of Beth's baby in Salt Lake while she is here singing at Orpheum. Oh, my! What a big day for my Donna and her friends, Alta, Inis, and Beth. In fact we are all excited over it.



*It is easy to imagine the excitement Donna, Beth and Inis, felt after being asked to sing at the Orpheum Theater. The grand stage is pictured above.*

### August 27, Tuesday

I got up early and had half the ironing done before Lou and Mother got up. Donna had a rehearsal this morning at her house with Alta, Inis, and Bill Haubs, just in case Beth doesn't arrive from Salt Lake, in time to go on the Orpheum tomorrow in trio. Alta intended to step in, in Beth's place if there was any slip up. They had a rehearsal at the Orpheum theater this afternoon with the orchestra leader. Marty came over to stay with Donna's children. She brought her sister. They took Janet and Joan to the zoo in park. Her brother-in-law is here, also. Lou took Lorene and me to Annie's about 12:10 noon. He and Mother went on to town to meet hotel agent. Lou saw through the hotel today. Glen drove their car and took Lorene, Sue, Annie, Violet, and me to Babe's home in North Hollywood. Babe's husband was home because of election day. Lou and I voted before going. Glen and Frank enjoyed each other. I'm glad Frank was home. Babe has surely got a pretty home, brand new, everything is lovely. She had a very delicious lunch for us, surely was good. We had a very nice visit. Tonight Beverly took Mother and me, with Violet and Annie to see new

China City and Little Mexico. Bill kept Dale and Yvonne with him at Lorene's. Lou had a welfare meeting here. We had fun tonight. Beverly won little toy dog, she and Mother had fortunes told. P.S. We called on Clara, Bill's sister, on way home from Babe's.

### August 28, Wednesday

Donna left this morning about ten o'clock. The girls had to have a rehearsal with the orchestra before going on at 1:30 for their first appearance. I guess they were all excited and nervous. I never could do it, even if I could sing, ha, ha! They had to sit all through the vaudeville, they sat there with the orchestra when the curtain went up, and will do it three times a day for a week. 1:30 p.m., 5:30, and 9:30 p.m. The vaudeville takes an hour and half each time. So they can't even get home between times. They have a nice dressing room to rest in, anyway. Elaine and Ernie went to see the Orpheum show today, for the 5:30 performance. Rex and Dick went tonight. The trio was disappointed at the last minute changes from trio to quartet, but maybe it'll work out okay. The manager didn't want Alta to solo, so she sings with the girls. Mother is suffering with a bad cough, she and Lou went to town to meet hotel agent, they came home discouraged, he had misrepresented the whole thing. Mother is surely glad she found him out before putting her money into the business, but she is very disappointed cause she liked the place so well. She says she'll get a room to herself somewhere. I'm sorry things turned out so for her, but we love her here with us, only I know she is not comfortable.

#### Disappointments

The Trio is changed to a Quartet. Then they are not allowed to leave between their numbers. It is a long day at the theater. Mother Renshaw is disappointed with the hotel purchase because the agent misrepresented the whole deal. And to add insult to injury Mother Renshaw has a very bad cold. Just when things look extra rosy, disappointments happen.

### August 29, Thursday

Donna left at noon. I had a very busy morning with my house and her children and house, and a luncheon to prepare. I invited Violet, Dolores, and Shirley to lunch. Lou was home, he and Mother took Janet for a nice ride this afternoon while we got ready to go uptown to see Donna, Beth, Inis and Alta at the Orpheum Theater. Ruth Marsh came up about 2:30 to look after Donna's children until Rex got home this evening. We took the bus to town, got off at 8th, enjoyed looking at pretty things in May Company. Walked up to Kress Store where Violet bought two pretty 50¢ scarfs for 25¢ each, they were on sale today. I gave her money for one scarf. She sent it to me later, but I sent it back, wanted to give her a little gift. We went in the Orpheum at 5:30, just in time to see the stage show. It was



Yvonne, Violet and Dolores Fife above. Violet didn't want to move back to Cedar City but that is what happened.

thrilling to see our four pretty girls, sitting on the stage in their lovely formals, with the orchestra. They sat there all through the performance. The girls sang "Sierra Sue" and it sounded grand to me, it would! We had to sit up in the balcony, had four seats together, but decided to go down closer when we saw a lot of people going out. The joke was on us, we lost our seats and had to go way up in the gallery and take single seats. Violet and I got the giggles, could hardly control ourselves. We did get closer after trying several seats later. Stayed to see the vaudeville twice. Beth and Alta rode home on same car. Donna and Inis came on bus. I walked down the hill with Donna. Shirley wouldn't let me pay her way in show. I wanted to do it, too. Lou started choir again in the Elysian Park meeting house tonight.

### August 30, Friday

I slept late, was surprised to find Mother had been up since Lou left before 6 a.m. She couldn't rest with that awful cough. I was so tired out I didn't even hear her coughing.



Sarah Renshaw

I'm not used to such late hours and babies to care for all day. Donna left at 12 noon again. I fed Joan and put her to bed. Janet and Denny played in back yard all afternoon. I'm glad Janet can feed herself. Joan would be very happy to do it for herself, but she plays in it so long before eating. Mother went out this morning, walked her poor self out, finding a place to stay in for two months, until it is cool enough in Phoenix, so she can go to Lillian's for the winter. She found a nice place on Avenue 50, one little room and kitchenette. Lou moved her into it this evening. I hope she'll be more comfortable there, I'm sure she will, we will miss her, I've enjoyed her visit. Just sorry we didn't have a nice room for her here. Mother is so sweet and generous, she insisted on Lou taking an envelope not to open until he got home. He gave it to me to open. There was ten one dollar bills in it. It surely was nice of her and a big help, so near our payday. We are always broke at this time of the month, a month is a long time to wait for a payday! Lou and I helped Rex bottle his pears tonight. We had them nearly all peeled when he got home from block teaching. Lou peeled most of them. Violet came to say goodbye tonight. Beverly brought her over. Rex washed all the bottles tonight for fruit. Mother moved into the Idyllwild Hotel on Avenue 50.

### August 31, Saturday

Raymond took Violet and children, Lorene, Mary, and Margaret to Utah. They left about five o'clock this morning. Margaret is going back to Provo, after

spending the summer with Mary. Violet is going to Cedar City, where she just moved to from St. George. Violet and kids have been here just two weeks, too short a visit. Ray and Glen went for them two weeks ago. I had a busy day trying to take care of Donna's house and children and clean my own house up, too. I was so darn tired this evening I could hardly hold back the tears, big baby! Donna left a little earlier this morning because she had some business to take care of on the Avenue. Shirley came over to take care of Elaine's children today. Elaine and Ann met Sue uptown. Elaine came back about 6:30, she bought new shoes, dress goods for self, and shoes for Ann. Sue didn't feel well, so she brought Ann home earlier to her house. She has not felt well since she started to reduce. Dr. Watkins is giving Sue and Beverly treatments for reducing. They are both losing weight. Beverly feels fine, looks better. Lou took Janet and Mother for ride to Kennedy's. He is having some tires retread. This was Mother's first day in new home, she ate dinner with us tonight, and then Lou took us for a ride, after Rex came. I put the children to bed before leaving. Mother showed me her little apartment. It is in a lovely big home, very nice. We sat out in swing on lawn. Florence and Ruth came over to help Rex put up tomatoes tonight.

### September 1, Sunday

I was so tired this morning I slept until 10 a.m. It's the first time I've stayed away from Sunday School because of tiredness, in many years. I went over to Donna's about 11:45, in time to give the children their lunch and help Donna get off. She went a little late, I surely hope she got to the Orpheum on time for first show. Rex and Donna got to bed at 2 a.m. Ruth and Florence came last night to help Rex bottle tomatoes. Rex called for Donna after show at 11 p.m. She helped finish the job. I think they put up four lugs. Rex did other two this afternoon, some of the tomatoes are Florence's. I cleaned through Donna's house before coming home. I mended two sheets for Janet's and Joan's beds, (something awful on the Sabbath?). It surely doesn't seem like Sunday with Lou working, and Donna, too, and me staying home from Sunday School. Lou got home about 5:15, just in time to bathe and get dressed for church. I was ready when he got here. Our night meeting started at 6:30 tonight. We used to start at 7. I think I'll like this way best, the bishop wants to try it out, anyway. Bill Johnson, Ethel Bailey and Leo Duncan read from book of Alma. We had a lovely violin trio, Glen Andersen opened with prayer, Vera Reiche told a story about Alma. Lou led singing, four numbers in the song service. After church we called to see Mother at Idyllwild home. She still has a bad cough. Lou and I bottled the rest of our pears before going to bed.

### September 2, Monday

Donna and I did half of our washing this morning. We left the starched things for later. It was Rex's day off. He took Janet up to the Orpheum Theater to see her mother on the stage. They went with Donna this noon. It was Janet's first show, an honor to have her own mother in said show, eh? I had a busy day, but baby Joan slept all afternoon. Lou worked until 5 p.m.



Janet, Donna & Joan  
in the summer of 1939.

Ruby Renshaw and husband called to see us about 4:30. They stayed until Lou came, I was surely surprised to see them here. I told them we were going to see Donna this evening, so they wouldn't stay after seeing Lou, but have promised to come again soon. Very nice folks. We went downtown in our car, parked it in a parking lot near, and went in the theater about 6:30. It was guest star night, so we enjoyed an extra hour of program, very good. The girls looked lovely, and sang their best, too. We waited outside of Orpheum for Donna. We brought Alta and Earl home, too. Dick called for Beth, Bob for Inis. Lou treated Donna and me to a bowl of chili, at Chili Ville. We were all hungry. Rex and Wayne went to a show tonight. Barbara took care of Janet and Joan, Marty stayed home with her baby sweet girl!

### September 3, Tuesday

Well, this is Donna's last day at the Orpheum and Grama Elvie is glad, I'm sure the children will be happy to have Mama home all day again, too. I did a little hand washing and ironed things we washed yesterday. The pears are ripe and ready for bottling, but I can't seem to get at them with my two homes and babies to look after. Rex and Lou went to Bishop Gunn's tonight to the ward workers correlation meeting. I stayed at Donna's. Rex helped me bathe the children before he left. Ernie Oates called for him. The missionaries called on us to sell tickets for the stake welfare (Harold and June Hays and Opal Holmgren). Harold left his hat at Donna's. Rex went up to the bus line to meet Donna at 11:30. I stayed with children, both asleep, of course. Bob brought Donna home, she had a bottle of cologne, a gift from the Orpheum manager to each of the girls for their weeks thrill at the Orpheum Theater. Enough said to you, my dear diary! Now Beth can go back to Salt Lake and finish her visit, or can she??

#### Added to the 1940 Diary by Donna Marsh While Typing her Mother's Diaries:

(Note from Donna Marsh, "Not enough said!!! We all understood when we went to the Orpheum that it was to be a weeks engagement with *pay*. We all agreed to help Beth with her expenses coming back from Salt Lake, and I had planned all week to give my dear mother a big portion of whatever I received for taking care of my house and family. You can imagine the chagrin and sickening disappointment we all felt, when they presented us with a bottle of toilet water! When Bob came to pick us up, he found us all in tears. In between tears, though, we had to laugh, because it was so darn funny. However it was a real thrill and extremely interesting experience, and when we girls get together now, especially if Bob is present to remind us of our expectations and tears, we really have a good laugh! And P.S. Both Inis and I contributed \$5.00 each towards Beth's expenses, too.)

[Elvie asked Donna to type her handwritten diaries. To the best of our recollection, Donna did this during the late 1950s and early 1960s. Donna did twenty-two years and then stopped. She must have had a hint to wait for computers to be invented. ☺]

*A week of work = a bottle of toilet water?*



### September 4, Wednesday

Donna and I did the rest of our washing this morning. We did half Monday morning. I'm so glad her engagement at the Orpheum is over, she'll be home now and so can I be home. I helped Donna put up a lug of pears this afternoon. We were both tired, but the pears were ripe. When Lou came home from work, he helped me while Donna took children and went over to Beth's and the market. She took \$5.00 to Beth that she'd promised her. Florence came this evening with ten lugs of tomatoes (too much for me after canning pears and washing). Wayne and Marty took two lugs and Rex and Florence kept the eight lugs, they canned all but two lugs tonight (Ernie, Rex, Donna and Florence). I cooked dinner for them over here and dampened down Donna's and my own washing. Lou went to a welfare meeting in Burbank tonight. It had been postponed. I'm afraid I'm to blame, oh dear! Wonder if Br. Haddock did tell me about it?? It seems to have a familiar sound, somehow? Oh, oh! Elaine, Ernie, and Ray put up a lug of pears this evening, also. Shirley stayed with Elaine's babies while she and Ernie went to see Dr. Robinson. They went to a show tonight. (I believe it was Roy instead of Ray that helped Elaine and Ernie, but I'm not sure.)

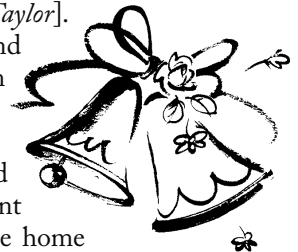
### September 5, Thursday

I got up and did my ironing before Lou got up. It was a large ironing this week. I kept a few of Donna's pieces to do with mine when I dampened them down last night, and being late in the week, also, gave me more to do. Lou worked all day here cleaning garage, washing car, and raking up leaves. He also fixed the little wickerwork stand for Mother. We took it to her this evening. Mother looks ill, she can't seem to get over this awful cough (asthma). We brought her home to eat dinner with us. Ruth came up to Donna's at 1 p.m. She stayed there with Florence's and Donna's children while the girls went to a club luncheon at Egan's home. I think Wanda and Inis gave it. Bette came over to stay with Carol Sue and Michael, while Elaine took Ann to see the doctor about her eyes. Elaine missed club today. Lou took a crowd over to his choir practice in Elysian Park tonight. He took Mother home first. Rex went with Lou. Donna and I put up her last lug of tomatoes (11 quarts), and then she went to bed. She was tired out, they canned tomatoes last night until 2 a.m., or got to bed at that time. I'm very thankful that Janet felt fine today. She had a fever and felt dumpy last night.



### September 6, Friday

Lou and I bottled eight quarts of pears for Donna this morning, one more bottling and her pears will all be up. They'll be ripe about Monday. Donna had fruit and tomatoes stacked in bottles all over the house. Lou made a place for them in the little shed in backyard, where her old landlady used to live. He carried all of her bottled fruit out there (150 quarts). I washed a few things of Joan's and Janet's out, and then came home to do my cleaning. Elaine worked all day house cleaning, doing up curtains, washing rugs, and changing them around to make room for one her mother has given her. Sue has a lovely new rug. Lou took his mother for a ride out to Downing. She is still suffering with a bad cough. Donna had Marty's baby this afternoon from 3 p.m. until after they got home from the Mutual stake party tonight. Ernie and Elaine spent the evening with Rex and Donna. Ernie bought ice cream, Rex made malts. Lou and I went with Bill, Annie, Dale, and Sue in Bill's car, out to Blanche's to our Strong's meeting. We had a very nice time, but there was a small crowd this time. Al had a wedding at 10 p.m., Johnny Utvich [*John William Utvich*] and his Provo girl [*Lola Taylor*]. Lorene is in Salt Lake with Ray and Mary. Wayne was on the program at stake, and Ruth is in hospital with new baby boy. Annie and Blanche served lemon roll and whipped cream, good! Mother went to Park party with folks from the home this afternoon. Beth and Dick left for Salt Lake.



10 p.m. wedding?!

### September 7, Saturday

I love the beautiful bright mornings we're having lately, days are just right, too, not too hot. The folks who live in the same house with Mother invited her to join them yesterday in Sycamore Grove, where they enjoyed a picnic. I guess she went. Beverly went to stake party last night, she's assisting Maude Craddock this season in the Gleaner class. And Glen went out with Ray Haddock. Bette took blessings for her Dad. This morning we took Donna and children and Mother for a ride out to Donna's landlady's home in Lennex, near Inglewood. It was a nice long ride. Donna went to pay rent and ask about a few repairs. Mrs. Sullivan has a yard full of beautiful flowers. She gave Donna a grand bouquet of rose buds, and a lot of plants to put in her yard. Lou helped her plant, and he dug up the ground, also. We brought Mother home to lunch. I do wish her cough would leave, so she could enjoy herself again. I paid bills while in Highland Park town this morning, and then this evening Mother rode over to Pasadena with Lou and me while I paid on my Sears account. We enjoyed a little ride, Mother treated to hamburger sandwiches and root beer. We took her home to Idyllwild. Lou and I parked the car and walked around in Highland Park, bought candy and nuts in Kress. It was dollar day in our town today, but I didn't have any dollars to spend, and such bargains, too. Oh, me!



## September 8, Sunday

It was a lovely morning, Janet and I rode to Sunday School with Uncle Al. We had a car full with Sr. Burnett, Mark K., Shirley, Ann, Carol Sue, Elaine, Janet, and me. Donna took care of Michael. Sue didn't feel well enough to go, she is under Dr. Watkins's care, he is reducing her and she feels shaky. Lou, Janet, and I called to get Mother after Sunday School. She was in bed, but got up and came home to eat dinner with us. She feels a lot better today, I'm glad she changed rooms, the sun in this room will help her a lot, I'm sure. She didn't cough nearly as hard today. Donna's old landlady, Mrs. Quinn, came up to get her belongings. She surely has got a lot of stuff to move away from the little sheds outside. Rex got his Dad's truck and he and Lou took a big load away for her, there is still another load, but the fellows couldn't work any longer because they had to get ready for church. Lou took Sr. Stead over to Elysian Park, Rex took Donna and his mother in truck. Al and Sue took some, Beverly took some; they had about 20 of our choir members over there to sing with their choir members, Lou led them. I stayed with Donna's children, we took a walk to Si Perkins Market. I bought some chocolate stars, kiddies were happy, bless 'em! P.S. Ernie started his new route today in Burbank.

**"Sue is under Dr. Watkins's care, he is reducing her and she feels shaky."**

It would be interesting to know what "method" the doctor was using. In general it is a safe bet that diet pills combined with very low calorie diet would make a person shaky. Amphetamines, which can be used for dieting, were accidentally discovered in 1929. (Ad below is from early 1900s.)

## September 9, Monday

Donna and I decided not to wash this morning, as our men folks were home. Rex went to see Brother White at Knudsen this a.m. Lou worked on Donna's yard, also ours. Elaine did a big washing, she has decided to take the teaching job in Primary, they invited her to a party today, but she couldn't go. Emma Dewey was released from the Relief Society last night in church, Sr. Hardy was put in as president. Marie Barker was released from Primary, and Ruth Kitchens was put in her place. Lou had to go for some papers up to Jorgensen's and Jensen's on Crestwood Way. He took Donna and children and me along. This afternoon Lou took Annie, Sue, Mother, and me for a ride out to Wilmington. Sue, Annie, and I bought a gift at baby store on York Boulevard before starting. We went to the Seaside Hospital to see Ruth. She looked fine, and seemed happy to see us. Clarence was there, he took us to the nursery where we saw little John David, cute little fellow, looks like his brother, Blaine. Lou and Mother sat out in the car. Ruth waved to them from the window. Sue, Annie, and I got in the elevator and didn't know how



John David Cartwright circa 1942.

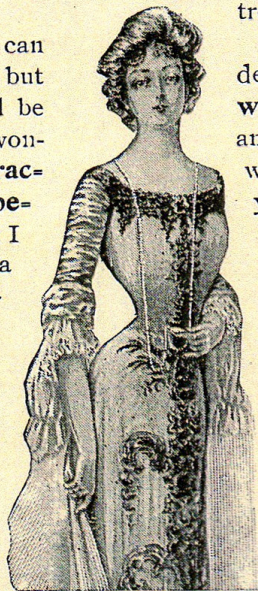
to run it, so had to ask a nurse. I don't care about these "help yourself" elevators nohow! We gave Ruth a rubber duck and a nice bag with rubber lining. This evening Mother treated Lou and me to dinner at Van de Kamp's Restaurant. Very nice. Lou had a welfare meeting at the stake house tonight. I went to a picture show at Park, he called for me after. Mrs. Quinn moved all of her stuff away from Donna's. Rex, Ernie, and Glen went for pears today.

# TO FLESHY PEOPLE.

I know you want to reduce your weight, but probably you think it impossible or are afraid the remedy is worse than the disease.

Now, let me tell you that not only can the obesity be reduced in a short time, but your face, form and complexion will be improved, and in health you will be wonderfully benefited. **I am a regular practicing physician, having made a specialty of this subject.** Here is what I will do for you: First, I send you a blank to fill out; when it comes, I forward a five weeks' treatment.

You make no radical change in your food, but eat as much or as often as you please. No bandages or tight lacing. No harmful drugs nor sickening pills. My treatment is given successfully by mail, in your own home. You will lose from **3 to 5 pounds weekly**, according to age



and condition of body. At the end of five weeks you are to report to me and I will send further treatment if necessary.

When you have reduced your flesh to the desired weight, you can retain it. **You will not become stout again.** Your face and figure will be well shaped, your skin will be clear and handsome, you will feel years younger. Ailments of the heart and other vital organs will be cured. Double chin, heavy abdomen, flabby cheeks and other disagreeable evidences of obesity are remedied speedily. All patients receive my **personal attention**, whether being treated by mail or in person. All correspondence answered by me personally. Treatment for either sex. Distance makes no difference. **Satisfaction guaranteed.**

Send for my new book on "**Obesity; Its Cause and Cure**:" — it will convince you. Address

Department 59  
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**UNITED STATES MEDICAL DISPENSARY,**

### September 10, Tuesday

Mrs. Sullivan sent two men up to fix the toilet in Donna's house, and see about fixing the roof where it leaks. He says he'll have to put new roof on east side of house. Mrs. S. sent a lot of flowers for Donna to plant, also. I think the man called Bill is her ex-husband. Donna and I did our washing this morning. Little Carol Sue is sick, has a temperature of 103, an upset stomach, I think. Sr. Marion Richardson came this afternoon, she and I did our block teaching. Sr. Stead called this afternoon to say that Harold is in the General Hospital, very ill with pneumonia. I was so sorry to learn that, he went with the boy scouts to the mountains, caught cold, and had to be brought down to the hospital in an ambulance. Sr. Stead was very much upset, she says this is the sixth time Harold has had pneumonia. When Lou came from work, we went over to see Mother, took the little table lamp for her to read by. She said she had a bad night with asthma last night after eating potatoes and ice cream yesterday for dinner, too bad. Tonight Lou and Erma went to Donna's to go over some choir music. Rex and Ernie had an elder's meeting over at our house.

### September 11, Wednesday

I put Janet's hair up in kid curlers this morning, first time for a long time. I also put Donna's hair up in pin curls before starting my ironing. I got through ironing in time to go to the Relief Society luncheon. This was Sr. Hardy's first day as our Relief Society president. Emma Dewey helped her out. Vera Reiche was awarded first prize for canning the most fruit or food of any kind. Marie Kendrick got second prize for canning the most variety of different foods. It is surprising to me how many hundreds of bottles of fruit and vegetables our Relief Society ladies have put up this summer. I didn't help much. Lorene has been asked to work as first counselor to Sr. Hardy in Relief Society this year. I think she'll accept. Lou Blackmer was asked to take second counselor, but she turned it down, too bad. Lou called in for Mother again after work today, but she was out. We wanted her to come and eat dinner with us. I'm glad she feels well enough to get out and enjoy herself a little again. I went to the opening Mutual dance tonight with Rex and Donna. Lou wouldn't go, said he was too tired. Barbara B. took care of Donna's children, and Marty's baby, over at Donna's. We had a very nice time at the dance. Lou saw Harold Stead today, he is out of danger the doctor says.



*Plethora of vegetables and fruit were canned by the sisters in the Garvanza Ward Relief Society.*

### September 12, Thursday

I spent the day sewing and mending. Elaine gave me a house dress she started to make for herself months ago, before Michael came. She cut it too big for her, it has been hanging in my closet a long time, but I got to work on it today. It was even too large for me. Wonder how big she thought she was?? It will be nice when finished. I surely need house dresses, too. I wish that man "Bill"? would come and fix Donna's toilet, she has a small flood every time it is flushed. He did something to it last Tuesday that made it a lot worse than it was before he started. Donna tried to call her landlady today, but couldn't find the phone number. Isn't listed, they say. Donna bottled the last of her pears this afternoon. Tonight Lou and his choir members went over to Elysian Park for another rehearsal. Rex and Donna went, too. I stayed with the children, both were asleep. I did Donna's dinner dishes, and finished her ironing, eleven little dresses. I was on the last one when she came. Lou called to bring his mother home to dinner, but she was out again. I'm glad she feels better, anyway.

### September 13, Friday

Ernie rode to work this morning with Clyde Pulsipher. Elaine made use of the car. Donna drove it for her, they took all the children but Michael to Highland Park. I looked after him. Paid some bills and did little Kress Store shopping. I had Donna bring me some things home for dinner. I called Mother this morning, told her Lou was coming for her this evening after work, we want her to eat dinner with us. I did the cleaning through my house today. We enjoyed a fish dinner this evening. Mother's cough isn't as bad today. Oh, I do hope it'll leave her soon, so she can enjoy life again. We three went for a nice ride tonight.

#### Quotes Written on September 13

Doing good secretly—When others do you a favor speak of it. When you do your neighbor a kindness, let him find it out, and then you will find a lot of satisfaction in the fact that you have been decent.  
—*Van Amburgh* (good thought)

The man who has begun to live more seriously within, begins to live more simply without.  
—*Phillips Brooks*

### September 14, Saturday

Lou took us down on the Avenue to pay bills. I paid our telephone bill and Donna paid some of her bills. She had a letter she intended sending her landlady (special delivery), but the ex-husband came just as we were leaving, so he called Mrs. Sullivan and told her about the broken toilet. Lou said he'd put in a new toilet if the landlady would send one out. She promised to have one here on Monday. Bill and another man fixed the roof where it leaked. They have to get more tar paper to finish the job. They are doing half the roof this fall. Lou and I called for Mother about 5 p.m. We took a little electric heater to her, so she can have her coffee hot. We bought it in Kress before going, she insisted on paying for

it, (such a woman). The heater was 50¢ and the cord 25¢. She was pleased with it cause since moving upstairs, (to get sun in room) she hasn't had anything to cook on, just a sleeping room. We all went downtown, ate dinner at Clifton's on Olive Street. Oh, but it is a beautiful place to eat, and we were entertained all the while with lovely music. The food is good, too. We like it cause we can look it all over before deciding what we'd like to eat. We went to see the movie, "Brigham Young" at the United Artists. Oh, it is a grand picture, brought tears. Mother treated us to dinner and show.

### September 15, Sunday

Janet and I rode to Sunday School with Uncle Al. Carol Sue went, too, but Ann had a fever so she couldn't go. So many of the little children here in our neighborhood have had the same illness, fever for a day or two. Jack Wright was very ill for four days. Doctor couldn't find anything wrong, but high fever. Janet had it one day, Carol Sue did, too, and one or two of Florence's children. They say there is lots of illness in the city among the children. Good thing it isn't serious. We called for Mother after Sunday School. Brought her home to eat dinner. Lou had a Sunday School union meeting at Wilshire Ward this afternoon. All stakes met there. Mother and I went along for the ride. We took our newspaper to read while waiting. It was such a grand day, I love these pretty fall days. Helen Ross and Sr. Burkelson went in our car to the union meeting. Mother went to church with us tonight, we had a choir, first time for several months and it surely sounded good. A few members of the Elysian Park Ward sang in the choir, Lou has been rehearsing over in their ward the past few weeks. The two wards together; we haven't a church house, and they haven't a choir leader. We enjoyed a ride after church. Mother's cough is a little better, but she did have to go out of church once on account of darn ole cough. Donna had Marty's baby all day while they went to the Pomona Fair.

### September 16, Monday—Our 26th Wedding Anniversary

Lou made arrangements to have today off, in place of Saturday, so we could celebrate our wedding anniversary. We've been married 26 years today. It seems like yesterday when I recall that important day, but when considering the many



Annie, Lou, Elvie with Bill in front, photo from their dating years.

things that have happened in our lives together, I realize we've been married that long. We've shared many joys and disappointments together. I know if I had my life to do over it would be the same man. I hope he feels the same, too. He told me last evening I look just as sweet as I did 26 years ago. Bless him, even if he did, "Kiss the Blarney Stone," to say it. We had a busy day. Donna and I washed. Lou put another toilet in Donna's bathroom, the landlady sent this one out, Lou did work free. The men finished roofing the one half of Donna's house today. Lou dug up some more of the yard and Donna planted the rest of the flowers her landlady sent out. This evening Mother treated Lou and me to dinner and a show. We went to Glendale. The dinner was delicious and both pictures were good. Mother has been so very generous with us, shows and eats. "Bless her heart." She also gave us a little souvenir crumb tray of New York City. When we arrived home we received the surprise of our lives. Rex and Donna had hung a gorgeous circular mirror in our dining room. Oh, it is beautiful, they should never have done it, the darlings! And they need so many things in their own house, too. Mother wants to take Donna to lunch and show tomorrow.

### September 17, Tuesday

Donna left at 11:30 to meet Mother. She is going to treat her to lunch and show. I took care of the children. Janet played a long time with Ann in Elaine's after lunch. I got most of my ironing done while Joan was asleep. I'd go over and look in on her once in awhile. Little Carol Sue and Joan played in my house this afternoon while Janet was at Ann's. This evening (4:30) we (Janet, Joan, and me) went up the hill to meet the bus and Donna. We sat on the bench and waited until several buses had passed. It was

almost 5:30, so I brought the children back home and started to give them their dinner. Donna came about 6 p.m. She and Grama had been to Clifton's for lunch and to the Paramount Theater for a four-hour show. I'm glad Donna could have this nice day out with Grama. Lou was intending to have a welfare meeting here tonight, but several called to be excused, so he called the others and had the meeting postponed until next Monday night when Br. Haddock and other stake workers will be here to a special welfare meeting. Lou and I went to the Park (neighborhood theater) and saw two grand pictures tonight, "Rebecca" and "Babies for Sale."

### September 18, Wednesday

I took things easy today (blood pressure high) and did my darning and finished the ironing. Donna and Janet walked to the bank for some papers Rex wants. Joan was asleep in her bed, I listened in on her, but she was still asleep when Donna got back. Elaine and Ernie rode over to look at a house across the street from Sue for rent. She says she'll take it if the landlady will come down from \$35.00 to \$32.00. The lady is going to call her. It was Ernie's day off today. The kindergarten teacher of Garvanza school, called Elaine this afternoon and said they could take Ann in the mornings now. Elaine was pleased, and so Ann will start school after all. Tonight Lou and Donna went over to Br. Leo Coomb's home in San Fernando, to a meeting and social, of the stake music workers. I went to Mutual; I walked down, Beverly brought me home. I enjoyed Sr. Marsh's class. We had a nice big turn out. The ex-wife of Bishop Gunn [*Harold Gunn*] was elected president of our class, I don't remember her first name [*Emily Manola Lee*], Idell Nordstrom [*Idell Nita Ingram*], vice president and Sr. Shirtlef, secretary. I was nominated, but declined. I feel I must be careful now. Sr. Marsh asked me to give a short talk in the Sunday night conjoint meeting next month, I accepted that, oh, dear!

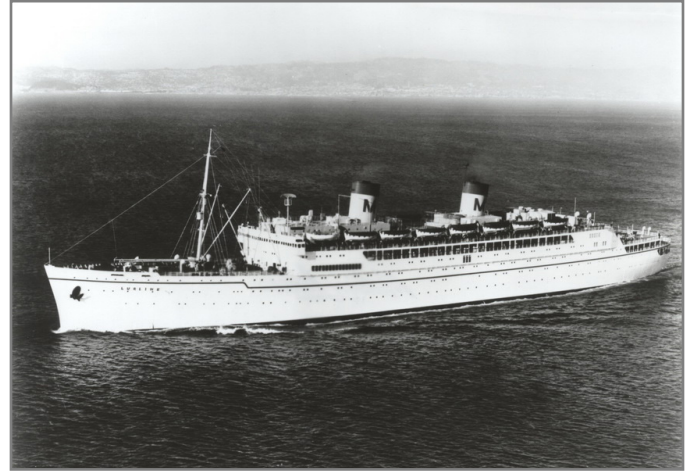
### September 19, Thursday

It looked like it was going to rain until about noon, was nice all afternoon. Little Ann started Kindergarten this morning. Elaine and Denny's mother (Denny is little boy across the street) take turns taking the children to school and calling for them after at noon. I spent most of the day darning sox and sewing. I patched a dress of Janet's then worked on a dress that Elaine started for herself several months ago. She gave it to me cause it was cut too large for her. I put a zipper in, after shortening the waistline. This afternoon Donna drove Elaine and the kiddies over to Grama Sue's in Ernie's car. Tonight Lou, Donna, and Rex went to a choir rehearsal in Elysian Park ward house. I stayed home with the children. Janet and Joan both slept this afternoon, so I let them stay up until 9 p.m., something new for them. They thought it was swell, we had a lot of fun learning how to play the "violin" with a comb and paper. Janet got pretty good at it, ha, ha. Lou called in to see his mother after work today, but she had gone to Sycamore Grove to the picnic with the folks in the house there. They have some nice times together. A lady called to ask about dental work Mother had done. I didn't know anything about it.

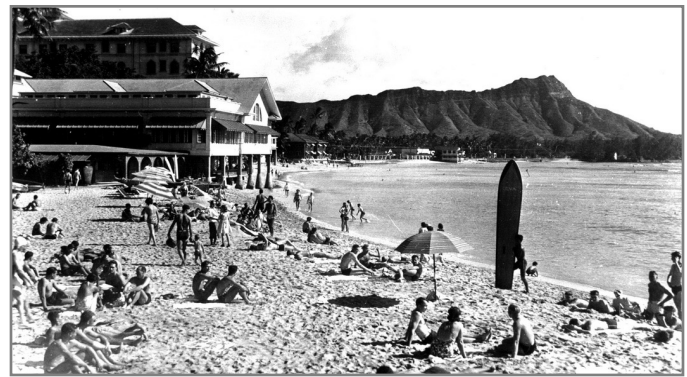
### September 20, Friday

I cleaned through the house today, but I worked under difficulty, blood pressure was high and my head hurt. Ernie left the car home, Donna drove Elaine to store, they took all the kiddies. Oh, oh! A mistake, he took his car today, it was yesterday they went out. I should write each night! Sr. Gunn called me on the phone this afternoon. She asked me to compose a tribute in verse to read at the party next Wednesday afternoon in honor of the out going Relief Society presidency. Oh, dear! Why did I ever start writing poetry? It was fun before my head hurt so much. Lou brought Mother home to dinner this evening. I met them while on my way to the market, I got a ride home, nice,

eh? Mother went with us to the missionaries and seventies welfare party in the Burbank Stake house tonight. Rex and Donna went, too. They had a grand program: the Edwards Brothers, and "Colonial Singers" (mixed quartet) gave us one hour of music joy. Br. Jolly and son played two cornet duets, they were lovely, too. After the program we danced to Dick McIntyre's Hawaiian Orchestra. They sang and played, also very good. We had a nice time. Mother has decided to take her trip to Honolulu, she plans to take boat next Thursday.



*Sarah Renshaw has decided to sail to Hawaii.*



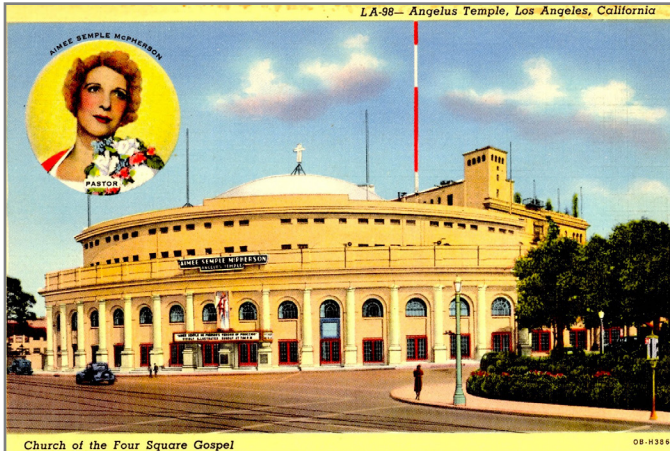
*Waikiki Beach circa 1940.*

### September 21, Saturday

Donna got up early and did her cleaning. She took Janet to Primary, first time. The Primary invited the mothers this time. They gave a little social for opening day. Elaine took Carol Sue and Ann. She is teaching in Primary this year. Joan stayed over here with me this morning. After lunch Donna and Janet went uptown to the music store. Joan was asleep in her bed. Lou worked today because he took Monday off to celebrate our anniversary. Harold Hays brought some newspapers and old clothes over this afternoon. I was surely surprised when he told me that they had moved, out near Montebello, so as to be near a Jr. High School where Bob wouldn't have to climb up steps to get into. He spent most of last year in bed, with a bad leg. June sent a lot of clothes that Bob had grown out of. Lou took them down to Sr. Ashmore, she has several young boys and was so tickled to get them. They needed them, Br. Ashmore is out of work. We took Mother for a nice ride tonight. She wanted to treat us to a show, but Louis wasn't cleaned up. She is too generous, we'll be spoiled.

## September 22, Sunday

I didn't feel very well this morning, so I stayed home from Sunday School. I worked on a poem the Relief Society has asked me to compose, in honor of retiring officers to be given next Wednesday at the social. Lou took Janet and Ann to Sunday School, he got up early and washed his car. Donna had Marty's baby all day. She and Wayne went to the Mutual convention. Lou and I called for Mother about 12:35 noon. We went to Clifton's for dinner, mother's treat. I had chicken and dumplings, very good. It was awfully crowded today at Clifton's, we enjoyed the music as usual. We rode around a little, and then saw Aimee's temple, and decided to go in. It seemed more like a show than a church service. We liked the lively music, and felt almost like dancing and shouting,



like the others. Thank God I'm a Mormon! The Echo Park, across the street from the temple, is so beautiful. Mother insisted on treating to a motor boat ride on the lake. Oh, we did enjoy the lovely ride on the lake, had a radio in the boat, too. Lou treated to ice cream, Mother went to church tonight with Lou, Donna, and Rex. I stayed home with the babies, we looked at storybooks, they sang for me, the darlings.

## September 23, Monday

We didn't wash today, it was Rex's day off. He went to Knudsen again to see about working there. Uncle Al was there talking to Brother White and Brother Fisher in Rex's behalf. They've promised Rex to give him a chance first time one comes up now. I hope the boy will get his chance, he is so discouraged with his work at Fuller's in Beverly Hills. I cleaned through my house a little. Lou had a big welfare meeting here tonight. Brother Haddock and Brother Hatch of the stake high council, came over. Brother Haddock was in charge. All of our ward presidents and priesthood heads were invited. We had about 20 here. The stake workers talked, they are trying to put over some new ideas on how to run this welfare business. After the meeting, Lou and I served them a piece of lemon roll and whipped cream. Marty and Wayne stayed with Donna's children tonight, while Rex and Donna went to a show. Lou fixed a lid on a little chest that Elaine is covering for Ann for her birthday, Wednesday, this afternoon after work. Rex borrowed Ernie Oates's car this afternoon and took his family to the zoo in Griffith Park. Janet was thrilled. When Ann gave Janet her invitation to birthday party today, she came home and told Elaine, "Mama, Janet was so frilled!" Cute!

## September 24, Tuesday

Donna and I did our washing this morning. This afternoon Donna had a meeting with the club girls to plan their dinner, program and etcetera. They held the meeting at my house. I took all the children over to Donna's and tried to entertain them in the backyard, while the meeting was in session. I had seven of them, I think I'd almost rather scrub floors, guess I'm getting old to let the children's noise "get me" like that, eh? This evening Lou went to the Idyllwild Hotel for his mother, we ate dinner here. Erma and Grant Carlson came up tonight and Lou took them over to Donna's so he and Erma could practice some choir music. I stayed home, I was glad of a chance to finish my poem for the program tomorrow morning in honor of the retiring Relief Society presidency.

## September 25, Wednesday—Ann's Birthday, 5-years-old!

I felt weak and ill all morning, but got ready for the Relief Society social, anyway, because I had promised to read a poem in honor of the retiring presidency. I finished the last few verses last night. I sat downstairs until the meeting was well on it's way, so as to catch the sisters who were late and have them sign their names to the gift cards we were presenting Emma Dewey, Ruth Christensen, and Winnie Wright, guests of honor. We had a very nice program, my poem was last when the gifts were presented. They gave them lovely pottery flower bowls. We had some tears and lots of smiles. We all love the old presidency, and we are going to think just as much of the new, I'm sure (Sr. Hardy, Lorene, and Isabel Thomas). They treated to ice cream and cake after program. The retiring presidency presented new presidency with pretty wrapped packages containing their old shoes, "In our shoes now," cute, eh? I felt much better coming home, the crazy spell had left, awful when it's on! I bought birthday cards, one for Sue, one for Dad and one for little Ann. I bought wool sox for Dad, crayons for Ann, and pretty handkerchief for Sue. I mailed Sue's. Little Ann had a birthday party. I enjoyed watching them on the front lawn. Elaine worked very hard. Naomi Weber brought her two little boys. Ann got lots of nice things from Vandergrifts and Hoglund's, too. Lou took care of the children tonight while we went to Mutual.



Younger Ann Vandergrift



### September 26, Thursday—Sue's Birthday

I spent all morning playing with my babies, Janet and Joan. Donna brought them over to say "good morning, grama." She went back to do her work, I kept them here to help her out. We had lots of fun, but I had to make up for lost time later, bless 'em. I told Sr. Marsh last night I thought I'd better not give the talk in church on October 6. I haven't felt at all well and any excitement makes my condition so much worse. I do feel bad about it, I wanted to do it for her, I hope she understands, I surely do. I did my ironing this afternoon, it was a hot sultry day. We had a few big drops of rain, but it didn't cool off any. Lou went for Mother about 5 p.m. She had already eaten her dinner, but visited with us until time for Lou to go to his choir practice in Elysian Park. Rex and Donna went to the rehearsal, too. I stayed with the children. Elaine and family went over to spend the evening with Sue, it's her birthday. I sent her a card and hanky yesterday in the mail. She called to say thanks. Elaine is still talking of moving, we'll miss her and the kiddies if she does move.

### September 27, Friday

I wrote a letter to Violet this morning. It has been another hot day, but not like last year at this time. Boy! We surely had a hot September last year. I did my cleaning after lunch. Mother came home with Lou this afternoon, she ate dinner with us. I walked up Allen's hill to the Safeway Store. We just had a cold dinner. I made shrimp salad. Tonight we went to the Fox Highland Theater and saw two entertaining pictures, both were comedies. We're all so glad that Mother is better, that awful cough has left. She surely had a miserable time of it for several weeks. The elders put up honey tonight at Donna's. Elaine and Donna went to the Park Theater to see a picture show. Mother treated Lou and I to the show, as usual.



Joan, Donna & Janet on Joan's second birthday.

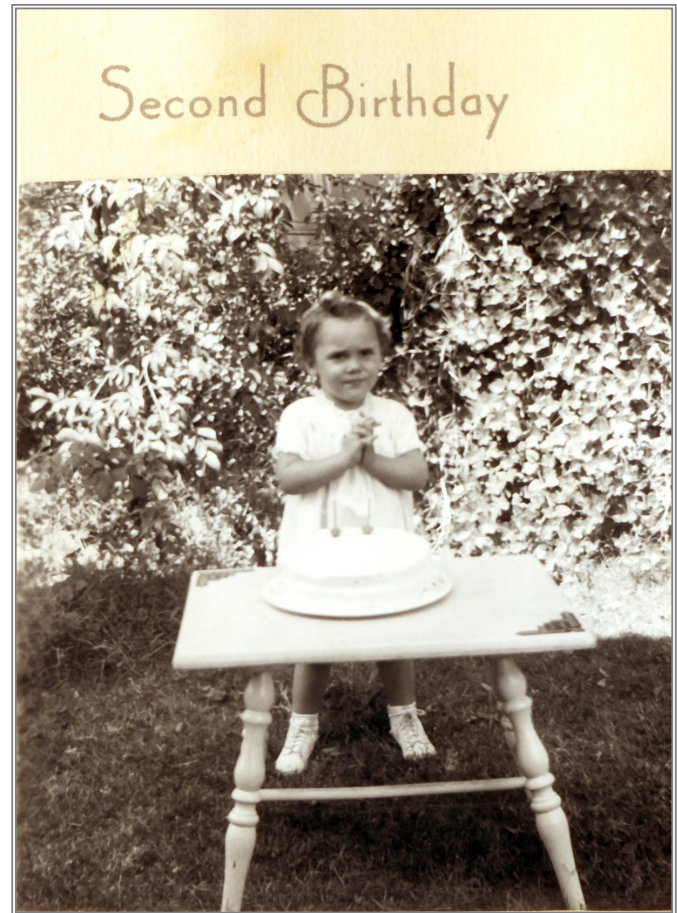
### September 28, Saturday

Al called to take Elaine and Kiddies to Primary. Janet went with them. Shirley stayed home with baby Michael. Mark K. came to stay with Shirley. Lou worked on a house and garage in North Hollywood today. Mrs. Graves called last week, and asked him to do some work out there for her. Donna shampooed her hair and I put it up in pin curls for her. I walked down on the Avenue this afternoon, bought a little gift to send Yvonne for her birthday (in Kress Store). This evening Lou took us, Donna and kiddies, down on the Avenue. Donna bought Joan some white shoes and rose sweater for her birthday. Lou and I bought a little



Lenore Bailey circa 1920

coat and bonnet in light green, with velvet trim, for our baby's birthday tomorrow. Dick brought Rex home from work, and then they went to a picture show tonight. Donna stayed home with the children. She and Elaine went last night. Lou and I went over to Andersens', I helped Beverly, Annie, and Glen fold their clothes for the trip. Lorene and Charles came, also. I sent some wool sox to Dad for his birthday, and a little gift to Yvonne, both birthdays on October 3. Andersens are leaving at 4 a.m. tomorrow for good old Utah. I do hope they'll have a grand time.



A photo from Joan's baby book.

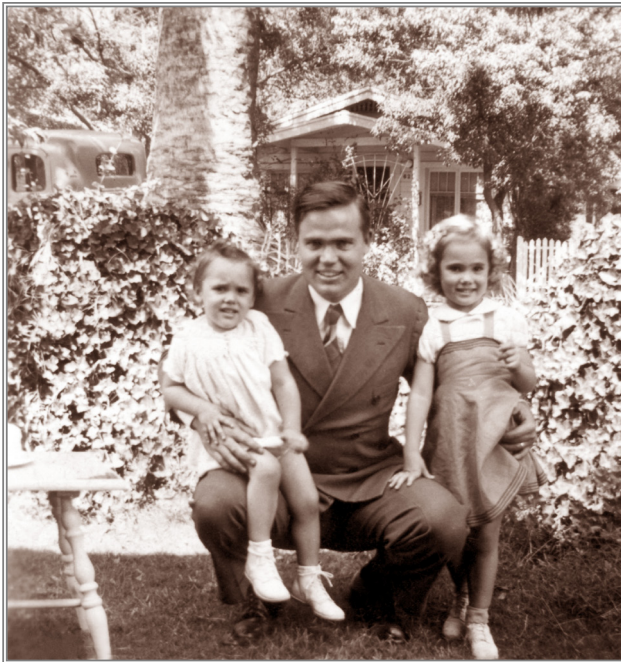
### September 29, Sunday—Joan's Birthday, 2 years old

It's my baby Joan's birthday. "Bless her little heart," she has been with us for two years now, I don't see how we ever lived without the little dear, she has brought so much sunshine to us. Janet, too, the darlings. We gave her the coat and bonnet yesterday. I sent a little tea set of tin dishes over with Janet this morning. They looked like pottery dishes, cute! I think Janet was just as tickled over the dishes as Joan. Janet and I started to walk to Sunday School, Br. Marsh picked us up a few blocks away and took us there. I was glad to see Mother Renshaw come to Sunday School. Her cough has left. Lenore Bailey [*Lenore Eliza Bailey*] and her husband [*Doyle Moroni Lewis*], came to Sunday School. They are visiting from Utah. I haven't seen her since she was a child. She has a 15-year-old son [*Doyle Myron Lewis*], (three children). I was happy to see her and hear all about her folks. She took moving pictures of all of us after church. They went to Glendale to



dinner with friends, and then came back to church tonight. Mother treated Lou and me to dinner at Clifton's on Olive Street, in downtown Los Angeles. Grand dinner and music. We went for a ride to beach, didn't get out of car. Went to Ocean Park, Santa Monica, and

Venice. We enjoyed lovely homes in Beverly Hills and along the way, we came back in time for church. Rex and Donna took both children to church tonight, Joan was good half way through. Donna took her out. Andersens, all but Bill, left this morning for Utah.



*Joan, Rex and Janet Marsh on Joan's second birthday.*

### September 30, Monday

I was surely surprised to learn yesterday, that Lenora's husband is a cousin to Br. Parke [*Ralph Parke*], Clara Pack's [*Alice Claire Pack*] husband. They visited with them a day or two. Clara and family came out to church last night. Poor mother got tired of waiting for us last night. I'm sorry about that. Today Donna and I did our washing. It was a beautiful day, sky was so blue. Lou called to bring his mother home to eat dinner with us this afternoon, after work, but she wasn't home (at the hotel). I guess Annie, Beverly, Glen, and Dale are in Cedar City with Violet now. I surely hope they will have a grand trip. I'm sorry Bill isn't with them. I know he wanted to go so badly. Lou took me and the children to Si Perkins Market this afternoon. I did a little shopping for Elaine there. Lou went over to Donna's this evening to play his violin. I enjoyed the paper and radio. Marshes came up to Donna's, John came over here for a short visit.

### October 1, Tuesday

Donna and Elaine took Ernie's car (Donna drove) this morning. Elaine wanted to look at a house she'd read about in the local paper. They called for Ann after her school at noon, also. Beth brought her baby down to the clinic this morning. She came over to Donna's, after, they enjoyed lunch together. Beth arrived home Sunday morning after visiting her folks in Salt Lake. Inis and Laura came over to Donna's, also Elaine and Marty. They talked plans over for their dinner and program. The trio, Donna, Beth, and Inis, rehearsed a song for Sunday night in church. I called Mother this afternoon to see if she would come out to dinner. But she was uptown. Lou called for her yesterday, she was out then, too. Rex bought a new scooter motorcycle today, so he can ride to work and save time and money, he hopes. He had fun riding around on it tonight. Lou went over to Br. Christensen's house tonight to a correlation meeting. I enjoyed reading from our "church history." Rex's dad called him on the phone. I visited a while with Donna, and helped her with dishes. Elaine and Michael were there, too, the baby can stand alone, he'll be walking soon (cute thing).

### October 2, Wednesday

It was cloudy and cool until about 1:30. We enjoyed a nice sunny afternoon. Donna went uptown to the music store this morning. I gave the children their lunch and put Joan to bed. Inis and Beth came over to practice a trio number for church



*Janet, Rex and Joan on the putt-putt.*

Sunday night. I darned sox and did a small hand washing. Rex and Donna are taking out another bank loan to "pull them over the hump." He rode his new "putt-putt" to work today for first time, bought it yesterday. Elaine had Donna drive her, in Ernie's car, to look at a house for rent. She is trying to find a place with a fenced in yard, and an extra bedroom. I called Mother at Idyllwild Hotel and invited her

to dinner, Lou went for her, he left me at the market. He picked me up there after getting Mother. I'm sorry I didn't think to invite Bill until it was too late. I keep forgetting his folks are in Utah, bet he is some lonesome fellow. Tonight Rex drove us in our car to Mutual. Lou stayed home with Donna's children. We had a rather long, dry program on "Drama and the Theater," but the class was very interesting. Rex took Mother home, Ray rode down to hotel with us, and then we took him home. Donna stayed later to see about club

dinner, and have a talk with Alta and the trio. Rex went back for Donna at 11 p.m. She was at Beth's house. The trio decided not to have a career with Alta, talked it over with husbands.

### October 3, Thursday

Donna drove Ernie's car to take little Ann to school this morning. She wasn't ready when the others left. Mrs. Vandergrift called and invited Ernie and Elaine to dinner this evening. The girls had their club luncheon at Mae Scott's this afternoon. Elaine took her kiddies over to her mothers, Donna drove. I stayed here with Janet and Joan. Elaine and Ernie couldn't go to dinner tonight at his folks. Donna went with Lou to choir. I stayed with the children.

### October 4, Friday

I spent most of the day cleaning, took care of Joan while Donna and Janet went uptown to the music store. She got a check from the bank before going. Lou went for Mother this afternoon after work, she ate dinner with us. We all went to the Highland Theater tonight to see a picture show, both good pictures. Rex and Donna took the children down to Marshes' tonight while they went on a skating party with Ruth and Leo Pierce. The young folks in the Pierce's church [ward] gave the party. Marshes kept the kiddies at their home all night. Janet and Joan slept in new pink and blue sleepers tonight, Donna bought them today.

### October 5, Saturday

Lou called for his mother about ten o'clock this morning. He took her with him to the hospital to get his paycheck, and then down to Adams Ward to take health drink to the storehouse. Our ward has to furnish \$50.00 worth of the grain drink. Then they rode to North Hollywood where he did a little carpenter job for Mrs. Graves. I did my work, and then went over to help Donna, but didn't get very far, over there, before Lou and Mother came for me. Marshes brought the children back about 12:30 noon, they had them all night. Kids had a grand time. Rex and Donna both won prizes at the skating party last night. Donna got six pretty drinking glasses, Rex got a nice green tie. He won it for having the oddest tie, and Donna won for having the widest girdle. Lou, Mother, and I went over to Pasadena to the Sears, Roebuck Store and paid our account up, and then bought a pretty chenille bedspread to give Donna and Rex for their wedding anniversary next Tuesday. We did some shopping at Si's Market, Lou bought us a hamburger sandwich and pie at little place on the Avenue. Tonight Lou, Rex and Donna went to the music club that Br. Leo Coombs has organized. Beth and Dick went with them. I took care of the babies. Beth and Donna played a piano duet tonight.



*Elvie, Sarah & Lou Renshaw, Donna, with Joan and Janet Marsh in front. Elvie picked up these two snapshots on October 16, of the four generations. The pictures were taken on October 6, 1940.*

### October 6, Sunday

Janet and I rode to Sunday School with Al and family. He called for Elaine and kiddies. I enjoyed the fast meeting. Mother Renshaw came, too. Glen came home on the bus from Utah; he left Annie, Beverly, and Dale in Utah with the car. He only had one week off. Bill was tickled to have him home, he just about died of lonesomeness, he said. Lorene had them over to dinner today. Donna had a lovely dinner cooked for us when we got home from Sunday School (leg of lamb). Grama enjoyed Donna's playing and singing after dinner. Rex took pictures of the four generations, Mother, Lou, Donna and children, also some of all of us. Lou took Mother, me, and children for a ride. Donna had some typing for her program Friday to do, so she didn't go riding. Rex stayed with her. Lou took care of the children tonight, the rest of us went to church. We had a very good Mutual conjoint program. Mother came back to Donna's for her glasses after church. Donna went over to Beth's for a rehearsal. Lou was a jump ahead of me, he had put the bedspread we bought for the kid's wedding anniversary, on their bed. I was as surprised as they. Donna saw it when she went in the bedroom about midnight after I had gone home and was in bed. Rex took Mother home.

### October 7, Monday—Rex and Donna's Wedding Anniversary, 5 years

Donna came over to thank me this morning for the gift, she was really surprised. Elaine took Ann and Carol Sue uptown with her this morning. She met Sue up there. Ann had a cold so didn't go to school. They bought a birthday gift for Bette and called to see her in Mr. North's office where she is working. We had baby Michael over to Donna's until Elaine got back. Donna and I did our washing today. It was a beautiful, sunny blue sky day. Marty went on the Avenue this afternoon, she paid a few bills for me and Donna, to save us a trip to the post office and light company. I walked up to York Bank of America to get a money order to send our car payment off. I rode the bus to Kress Store and did a little shopping on the Avenue and walked back. Donna took Janet over to Beth's. She helped make costumes for the girls to wear at their "Round Up" dinner on Friday night. Joan was asleep. I got her up and dressed at 4:15. I gathered all the clothes in. Elaine made Bette's birthday cake this afternoon. She is 18 years old tomorrow. Bill and Glen came over to eat dinner with us this evening. Glen brought three trout that he caught in the Cedar Mountains, while fishing with Uncle Otto last week. I fried them, we all enjoyed eating them. Rex worked for his dad today, earned enough to buy himself a nice warm jacket to ride to work in. They went to a show at Park Theater



tonight. Rex bought Donna silk hose for an anniversary gift. They are delighted with the bedspread we gave them.



Bette Hoglund

### October 8, Tuesday—Bette's 18th Birthday

Well, our sweet little Bette is 18 years old today. Sue and Al are entertaining the Haddock family with their own family at dinner. They are dining at the Knott's Berry Farm place, swell! Donna drove Ernie's car this morning, she took both her children to Beth's. She brought Sue back to Elaine's at 1 p.m. Elaine did her washing this morning. It was raining when I got up, but cleared by ten o'clock. Elaine went to have her hair dressed, she painted place cards this afternoon for the dinner guests. Sue had her hair

dressed when Elaine got home. I stayed a few minutes with the children until Elaine came, so Sue could be there on time. Florence and her mother called for Donna at 1 p.m. Florence and Donna went around to the big markets asking for donations for their "Round Up" dinner next Friday night. Joan slept all the while Donna was gone, Janet played with Ann at Elaine's. I was so busy I couldn't get my ironing done. I cooked dinner and cleaned the house up a little. Lou brought his mother home with him at 4 p.m. We ate about 5 p.m. Bill came over to dinner, but he didn't get here until after 6 p.m., so had to eat alone. Glen went to the birthday

dinner with Hoglunds. Rex and Donna went to Beth's for a rehearsal. I stayed with the children and baby Patsy. Lou took Bill to Lorene's for his laundry, and then home. He took Mother for a ride. A little bird told me that Bette was going to receive a diamond engagement ring tonight!!!



### October 9, Wednesday

Beautiful, sunny, blue sky morning. October weather is surely "bright blue weather," like the poet says. (When it isn't raining like yesterday morning.) Florence drove me to Relief Society this morning in her new car. It is an Oldsmobile. Surely is lovely to ride in and look at (pretty blue). Sr. Bird gave the teachers topic very well. We had a grand meeting in Relief Society, too. Ruth Christensen gave lesson there. We had a lovely testimony meeting, also, wonderful spirit present. Lou called for Mother tonight after work, he brought her luggage from the hotel and we took her down to Wilmington, checked her suitcase at the docks, and took her to find a room for the night. We then ate a good dinner and went to a picture show. Mother's treat, the darling. Mother is leaving tomorrow at noon for Honolulu. We had to cry at the parting, it is such a long way for her to go. It kinda scares us to think of her so far away, but oh, I do hope she'll have a grand and happy trip. I wish she could find the happiness she is searching for, or the contentment. I know she is not happy now. Ray Haddock

gave his Bette a diamond engagement ring yesterday. She and Ray had the happy thrill of showing it to all the friends at Mutual tonight. I'm happy for them, too. They are sweet kids. LaDean Gibby has a diamond engagement ring, too, she was showing it off last night, also. She is only 15 years old, I hope they'll wait a few years before marriage. Clifford Olmstead gave LaDean her ring. Donna went to Mutual.



Bishop Street and the Honolulu Harbor were the ships docked.

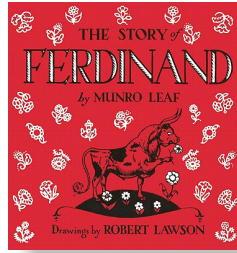
### October 10, Thursday

We are going to miss Mother, we have enjoyed her so much the past two months. I hope she'll enjoy her ocean trip and her stay in Honolulu. Lou and I felt blue when we left her last night, she shed tears, too. I've had her on my mind all day. The boat was to leave Wilmington today at noon, it goes to San Francisco, and then to the Islands. Little Joan has a head cold, hope Janet won't catch it. They've been so well this summer. Sue came over to tend Elaine's children this morning while Elaine went to Primary union meeting. Donna went after Sue in Ernie's car. Donna has been busy all week with plans for the dinner and program their club is giving tomorrow night. I'm kept busy calling her and Elaine to the phone. I mended several of Joan's dresses this afternoon, darned sox, and changed the neckline of my black dress to fit new lace collar. Tonight Lou went to his choir practice in Elysian Park. Rex and Donna went over to Miriam and Lewie's for a rehearsal that he and Lewie are going to do on the program tomorrow night, a horse act. Miriam is teaching the stunt, she has rented the horse costumes, Donna is playing piano for act. Leo Pierce has very kindly consented to play his violin on the program tomorrow night. Donna was disappointed in the other violin number. Donna and Leo rehearsed this evening, he plays excellently. P.S. It is a bull act, not horse, "Ferdinand, the Bull."

### October 11, Friday

Donna and Elaine worked with the girls of their club all day, preparing for the big dinner tonight. Sue and John Marsh took charge in the kitchen until Sr. Burnett could get there at 1 p.m., and then they all worked together in harmony, or was it? Ha, ha! Well, anyhow, they cooked us up a grand dinner between them; roast beef, with the trimmings, and hot biscuits, apple pie and ice cream. The soup and salad were delicious, too. I took care of Elaine's and Donna's babies. Aunt Lorene took care of Beth's baby. The girls made table favors of little potted cactus (cute). The girls and husbands were all

dressed in cowboy and cowgirl style clothes. The president, Beth, conducted the program. She was very charming and looked real cute. The program was excellent, all outstanding numbers. Leo Pierce played violin, Rad Robinson sang, Lois McKensy sang, girls trio sang (Donna, Beth, and Inis), Bob Stanton sang, Less Eddington sang with group and alone. Rex and Lewie entertained us with a bull dance "Ferdinand the Bull," funny. Marty conducted a cute skit done in pantomime. Dick Johnston and Bob Stanton were Indians, Laura Johnson was an Indian squaw, Beth was a cowgirl, and Inis Stanton was "Nell of the Prairie." Les Eddington was a handsome hero. We had a nice time. The girls did a wonderful job of it. They turned over \$70 to the building fund, still more to come in, they expect to turn in about \$100.00. They all worked hard, husbands, too.



The story begins with Ferdinand's mother worrying about him not enjoying roughhousing with other young bulls and choosing to smell roses instead. Later, when he is all grown up, 5 men from Madrid come over and take him from his farm to be a participant in a bull fight in Madrid. During his opening fight, he chooses not to attack the Matador and lies down and smells some flowers. The show ruined, they send Ferdinand back to his home farm, where, to this day, is still smelling roses.  
—Wikipedia

### October 12, Saturday

Elaine and Donna felt worn out today after the busy exciting day yesterday. I felt the same way and didn't do anything only tend the five kiddies all day. Florence Oates called me on the phone, she was tired through, too. Well, the dinner and program were a big success. The girls can be very happy over it. Lou and I have been enjoying the buttermilk (left over from dinner) all day. Sure is good (Knudsen). Donna and both children had naps today. I helped Lou polish our car. We both had a nap, too. It has been very hot today, 83 degrees in our house, much hotter outside. We took Donna and children for a ride when it got cooler this afternoon. Donna paid Dr. Haskel the \$3.50 she owed him. Janet and Joan have colds, Donna bought some nose drops for them. Janet's colds always go to her lungs or bronchial tubes. Joan can fight them off better. Lou took Bill and Glen and Grant Carlson to priesthood conference tonight at stake house in Burbank. I stayed home, my babies visited me for a short time while Rex and Donna walked up the hill for a newspaper. Br. Coombs called to tell Lou he couldn't make arrangements with Sr. Williams for a special table for the Music Guild at conference tomorrow, they wanted to eat together. Oh, oh!

### October 13, Sunday

I left with Lou and Rex this morning at 8 a.m., we picked Bill and Glen up. Lou, Bill, and Rex went into the 8:30 welfare meeting. Glen and I enjoyed the beautiful sunny morning outside. I took the paper along to read, but didn't even open it. Bishop LeGrand Richards, presiding bishop of the Church, from Salt Lake, was here to conduct our conference. We surely had a grand meeting.



### LeGrand Richards

LeGrand Richards (February 6, 1886 – January 11, 1983) was a prominent missionary and leader in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church). He served as the seventh presiding bishop of the LDS Church from 1938 to 1952, and was then called as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles by church president David O. McKay. Richards served in the Quorum of the Twelve until his death in Salt Lake City, Utah at the age of ninety-six.  
—Wikipedia

Br. Haddock had a swell choir, too, even if he did have to take it over at the last minute. I sat with Sue, Grace Hill, Jenny B., and Eliza Burnett. Lou and Rex sang in choir. We ate lunch with Erma and Grant. The afternoon session was just as good as the morning, all speakers good, with Bishop Richards putting the wonderful finish to each session. We went home after the second session. Rex and Br. Overlade came with us. The trio, Beth, Inis, and Donna, sang in Ruth Pierce's church [ward] tonight. Lou stayed with the children, Rex went with them. I fixed some lunch for Lou and me, and then Lou took me over to Sue's so I could go back to the evening session with Al and Sue. It was another grand meeting. I've surely enjoyed this conference day.

### October 14, Monday

Another lovely sunshiny day. It's hard to believe that war is going on in this beautiful world. Donna and I did our washing at her place, was a large one, too. Rex called Donna on Ruth's phone, this morning. He was happy because Br. White had called and told him there was a job at Knudsen Creamery, if he wanted it. He wants it alright, he's been after it a long time. He would like to have given Fuller's a little notice, a week or two, but when they need a man at Knudsen, they have to have him now. He will earn more money at the creamery, and he wants outside work. It won't be nearly as far for Rex to go now, that long ride to Beverly Hills was awfully trying on him. So we are all glad for him. Sr. Stead called me this evening to see if I was going to Audrey Tacy's stork shower at Haubs' home tomorrow. I had forgotten the date, she asked me about two weeks ago. I had made arrangements to go block teaching at that hour. Sorry. I'll have to try and get something to her, so she can take it to the shower for me. I should write such things down, I guess. Donna typed a ward list of names for Lou, and a letter to Welfare in Salt Lake concerning his brother Ralph. She also typed something for Marty, made a stencil. Marty is going to do some mimeographing for Mutual. Bette's engagement to Ray was announced in our paper today.

### October 15, Tuesday

Brother Olson called this morning early, got me out of bed. He wants to know how many of the Utah peaches, in storage here, our ward people will want. Lou will have to find out tonight, I guess. Sr. Hardy called about peaches, too. Rex worked his last at Fuller's Paint Store in Beverly Hills this morning. He went down to get his pay and worked until 12 noon. He had to be at Knudsen Creamery at 1:30 this afternoon. He spent the early afternoon getting lined up for his new job; shirts, pants, and cap. He is very pleased



*Joan Marsh in the summer of 1940.*

over this new job, we all are. Hope he'll be happy over it for a long time to come. I did my ironing this morning and went block teaching with Marion Richardson this afternoon. We have only seven families to visit, and we found only three of them home today, so we got through in a hurry. Two of our ladies work and we never find them home, of course. Donna took a nap this afternoon, after I got back. I entertained the children so she could rest. We walked over to the playgrounds where they enjoyed swinging in the big swings. Ruth Pierce and little Sandra were up there, too. Janet gave me quite a scare, on our way home. She ran across the street without waiting for me, and an automobile was coming. She was hurrying to catch up with Ruth and Sandy. I had Lou call Bill and Glen and invite them to eat dinner with us. Bill was late getting home, but they came and ate, anyway. Lou and I had finished eating. I stayed with Donna's children while they went to see the picture, "Brigham Young." Elaine, Ernie, Bill, and Glen went to the show, too.

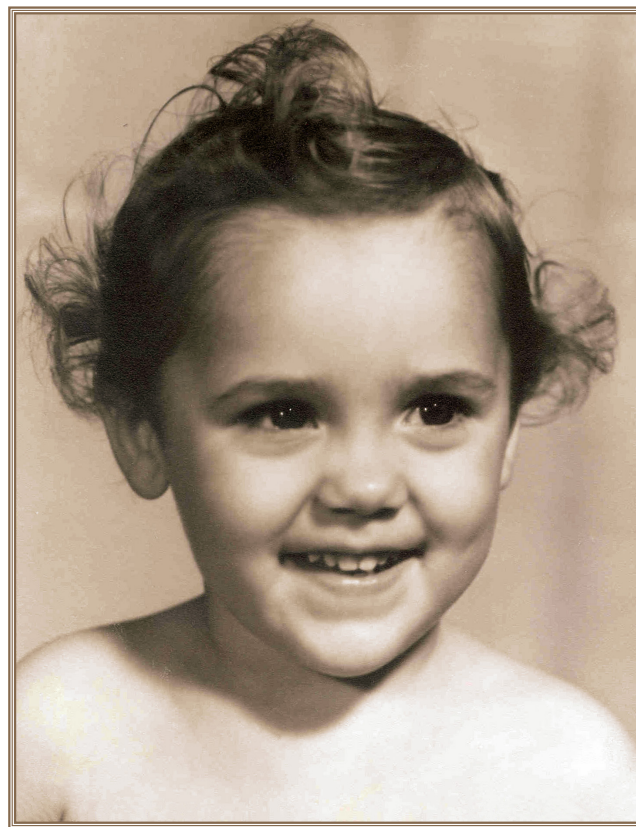
### **October 16, Wednesday**

Rex went out on the milk truck today with one of Knudsen's men, he'll be on his own tomorrow, I guess. I received a nice letter from Lillian today inviting Lou and me to visit them in Phoenix. She says their hot spell is over, so they're enjoying life again. I went to Relief Society this morning, helped quilt until lunch time. We enjoyed the luncheon the ladies prepared for us (25¢ to the building fund). I quilted until about 2:30 p.m. I walked home, it was real warm again today. Several of the ladies ordered peaches, Lou has about 40 bushels ordered now. They are Utah peaches, sent down to church folks here, at cost of shipping and storage only. I

called in White's for Donna's pictures; snapshots taken of her and children and Grama Renshaw. She was pleased as they were all very good of the kiddies, cute things, Joan's birthday pictures and etcetera. Donna didn't go to Mutual tonight. I rode down with Elaine and Ernie. Rex went with them, too. Lou stayed home alone. It was Ernie's day off, they took little Carol Sue to the company doctor to see why she wets so often. He says she has pinworms, has given Elaine a treatment to try out on Carol Sue.

### **October 17, Thursday**

Donna and kiddies came over this morning, we visited and enjoyed the children, so had to make up for lost time later. I sewed all afternoon, darned sox, mended underwear, and marked a pair of garments for Donna and one for Marty. Elaine had Uncle Bill and Glen down to eat dinner with them tonight. Rex and Ernie went to union meeting, Rex will have to join to hold his new job, \$20.00, I think it costs. The man brought Joan's and Janet's pictures out (the proofs). Donna told him she wouldn't buy, he was supposed to be a talent scout, not selling pictures, but we knew he'd come back with the proofs. Janet's wasn't so good, but the one of Joan was beautiful. Both Donna and Elaine said it was grand. I didn't see it. Donna told him she wouldn't buy, he talked and talked, but she was surely heartsick when he left to think she couldn't have Joan's picture when it was so lovely. Well, Rex had her call and tell him to finish two of them up. \$1.95. I paid for one, so I could have it.



*Elvie Joan Marsh in October 1940.*

*This photo was taken under false pretense by a supposed "talent scout." Janet's picture didn't turn out, but Joan's was so cute they couldn't pass up calling them back to order two.*

### October 18, Friday

Little Shirley [*maybe a neighbor*] brought a note from her Grandma, thanking me for my book, "The Pearl of Great Price," and returned the book. She asked if she could please read our "Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price." I spent the day cleaning through my house. Lou took Donna and children and me to Si Perkins Market this evening. Donna had Uncle Bill and Glen down to dinner this evening. Jimmy Saunders came over tonight, wants Lou to do some carpenter work on the house June Hays moved out of. We went over to look at the place, I had a nice visit with Margareta. They have made many changes in the neighborhood since we moved away. Glad we live here, it's much nicer.

### October 19, Saturday

Another sunny day, too warm for comfort. The news tells us that yesterday and today are the hottest we've had this year. Lou looked for his paper punch this morning, it was missing. I didn't know he had one, both Donna and I thought it was the one she had borrowed a long time ago from Aunt Sue, so I told her to return it. She left it at Beth's with the understanding that Beth would give it to Sue when she'd finished with it. I had forgotten that Elaine had her mother's punch. I gave it to her myself several months ago, but just forgot it, such a mind! Well, poor Daddy spent all morning tracing it, or did he? I cleaned house yesterday, so I could spend the day with my husband, but the paper punch spoiled it all. I went to the post office and sent telephone payment off, surely hate to pay that darn bill when we can't afford a phone. I went downtown on the bus, rode to 9th, I enjoyed myself looking at the pretty things in the stores, wouldn't I have a grand time with a few dollars? Glad I can look, anyway. I bought four dish cloths in Kress Store, gave Donna two of them. I went to the Los Angeles Theater, saw two good pictures, got home about 6 p.m. Lou had gone to a show, or somewhere? I stayed with Donna's children while John took her to a chicken dinner at McDonnell's. The folks had gone to Cecil Raisor's wedding [*Leslie Cecil Raisor*



*A 1940s hole punch. Elvie didn't sound too thrilled with the Saturday morning that Lou spent searching for his hole punch.*

*married Elizabeth Jones*]. Joan's pictures came today. They are beautiful. Donna bought a frame at White's. I'm thrilled with the sweet picture. Elaine's children's picture is swell, too.

### October 20, Sunday

Lou left about 6:30 this morning, went to the hospital for a good breakfast, I guess. He came back in time to dress up for his priesthood meeting at 9 a.m. Janet and I started to walk to Sunday School. Dick Johnston picked us up. He had just taken Beth down; he had Diana, his baby daughter, with him. I enjoyed the Sunday School, as always. We had to wait a long time for Lou after Sunday School. He was busy taking money for peaches. The stake has arranged with storage place for folks to get A-1 Utah peaches at 65¢ a bushel, and our ward folks are going strong for them. Lou had 80 bushels ordered this morning and a lot more tonight. We ate a cold lunch, it was too warm to cook. Rex worked all day. Lou and Erma Carlson sang a duet in church tonight, Donna played for them. Mother Marsh took care of the children in church. Bette and Ray were going to look after them, but they came in late. Sue and Al took me with them to the Wilshire stake house tonight to their stake conference (Los Angeles Stake conference). The stake Beehive girls gave a splendid program, Elder Joseph F. Merrill gave a very fine talk. Sr. Burnett went also. I enjoyed the lovely ride and the conference.

### October 21, Monday

Rex had his day off, so we didn't wash. I took care of the children while Donna and Rex went uptown to a show. He paid his union dues while in town. He has joined the Teamsters Union now that he is driving the creamery truck. I've been kept busy answering phone calls about the peaches Lou is getting for ward folks from storage. Lou



*100 bushels of peaches for \$65 is quite amazing in 2014.*

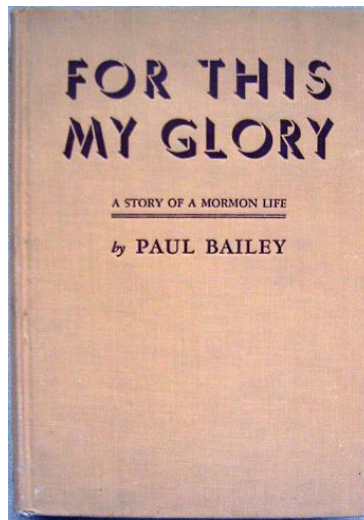
spent his whole evening getting money and orders for peaches. He has \$65.00 to take with him tomorrow, is going to bring 100 bushels back. The stake welfare people are going to loan their welfare truck and driver to us at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Donna and Rex came about six o'clock this evening. I was just starting to feed the kiddies. Lorene and Charlie called this evening, they'd left Mary up at the library. We had lots of callers tonight, with peach money. I've been reading the comments on Paul Bailey's new book, "For This Is My Glory." It makes me very anxious to read the book. I must buy one, I have his other book, "Type High." I'm anxious more than ever because my Glen boy has done the artwork in this new book, and knowing Paul and Glen both so well, I must own this book. We have one hundred bushels of Utah peaches ordered.

### October 22, Tuesday

Lou took the \$65.00 to work this morning, it was money collected from ward folks to buy peaches for them. He went to the Federal Cold Storage Company, at 4224 District Boulevard, after work to get the peaches. One hundred bushels of Utah peaches packed in Provo. Brothers Hatch and Christensen loaned him the big welfare truck and driver to bring the fruit out here. That was nice of them. They unloaded the peaches by the side of Rex's house. The ward folks came and got their peaches from there. I helped Lou check them off the list as they'd get them. We were rid of most of the baskets by 8:30. Lou took me, and the children, with him to deliver the last few bushels. Donna and Rex put their peaches up tonight (one bushel). Elaine got about half of hers up. Donna and I did our washing this morning, too. Everyone was well pleased with their peaches. They are lovely.

### October 23, Wednesday

I wanted to go to Relief Society this morning, but was afraid to leave my peaches any longer. They were ripe and I knew I'd better not leave storage fruit too long, so I peeled and bottled nearly all of the bushel today. I was interrupted an awful lot with the phone; people wanting more peaches. They were grand peaches and only 65¢ a bushel. Lou could have sold many more than the 100 bushels he brought home, after the people saw how good they were. I took care of Joan this afternoon while Donna and Janet went to



Ernest & Elaine Vandergrift

Roy Weber's birthday party in Glendale. Elaine and Ann went, also. Donna drove Ernie's car, Sue took care of Michael and Carol Sue at her house. I was too tired to prepare dinner this evening, so Lou and I went to a little Italian restaurant near the Idyllwild Hotel, where Mother ate a lot of times while living near. We had a good bowl of chili and some pie. We drove over to the York Theater and enjoyed two good pictures, "My Love Came Back," and "Double Alibi." Lou bought some candy, which we also enjoyed.

### October 24, Thursday—Al, Sue, Elaine, and Ernie's Wedding Anniversaries

I finished my bushel of peaches this morning, and put the last of them up in jam, with some pineapple. We received a nice letter from Mother, she is enjoying herself in the beautiful Honolulu. She sent a picture folder, also. It surely must be lovely over there. I'd love to see those islands. Sue came over to stay with Elaine's children at noon while Elaine went to have her hair waved. Donna helped peel Elaine's peaches, I went over and helped Sue bottle them. Donna gave all the kiddies lunch at her house while we bottled the fruit. Donna drove Ernie's car over to get Elaine; we all went, kids and all. We left Sue at the beauty parlor and picked Elaine up. The four of them, Sue, Al, Elaine, and Ernie are celebrating their wedding anniversary tonight at a swell eating-place, "Riviera" or some such name. Al and Sue have been married 28 years, and Ernie and Elaine have been married 6 years. Lou went to his choir practice in Elysian Park Ward, Rex didn't get home from work in time to go, so Donna stayed home to fix his dinner nice and warm. She never knows when to expect him on this new job. I was surprised to hear Venna Cannon's voice on the phone this evening. She has been to Honolulu. She wants the welfare truck to call at her home.

### October 25, Friday

It started raining about 9 a.m. I had just finished raking the leaves up in our yard. Venna called to say she didn't want the truck to come as it was raining so hard at her home on Homer Street, that she couldn't get the things out and ready. I called the welfare about it. Rex had a delivery up this way, he called in to see his

family. The children were tickled with Daddy's big truck. I didn't do my cleaning as usual today, wrote letters instead. One to Mother in Honolulu, and one to Lillian in Phoenix, and the other to Violet in Cedar City. Mother wrote us a nice letter telling all about her wonderful boat trip to the Islands. They surely do entertain them royally while on the steamer. She describes Honolulu as a "Paradise on Earth." The rain kept up all day; a good old soaking, but we need it, things were awfully dry. We'll have green hills now. I enjoyed the fire and radio tonight. Lou went to bed at 8 p.m. It is the first time we've needed a fire on this fall.



*Hawaii, Mother Renshaw describe it as "Paradise on Earth."*

### October 26, Saturday

Lou worked all day at a carpenter job over on Stoll Drive, the house that June and Harold used to live in. Jimmy Saunders gave him the job. It'll take about two days to do the job. It was lovely and green this morning after our 12 hours of rain. I did the cleaning through my house. Marty took care of Joan this afternoon while Donna and I went uptown, we took Janet. It was May Day at the May Company. Oh, the crowds, we had to push ourselves through. They had some good bargains. Donna got a nice black purse for \$1.00, a black velvet hat, \$1.00 and two cute little dresses for Janet, for 69¢ each. They are the \$1.00 dresses. We went up to the Mode O'Day where Donna bought herself a very pretty \$1.95 dress for \$1.00, bargain

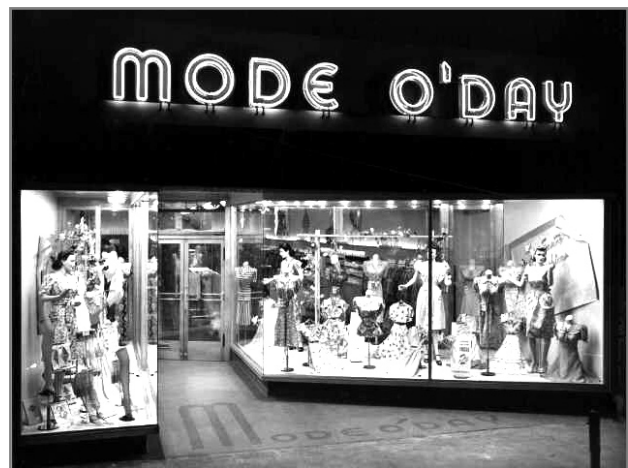
day. She got it to wear to the "apron and cord," dance next Wednesday. I bought a warm knit nightie for 89¢, it was marked at \$1.95, got it at May Company (it was irregular). My side front tooth broke off in the May Company while I was eating ice cream. Oh, I surely felt sick for a while. I've expected it for a long time, anyway. Must have them out, only four left up top now. (Lowers are okay.) Glad the four are in front, anyway.

### October 27, Sunday

Janet and I walked to Sunday School. It was a beautiful morning, everything looked so pretty and clean after our nice rain. Donna and Joan drove to Sunday School with John Marsh in his truck. Rex had to work, he'll be working every Sunday now (sorry about that). Lou went to the 9 a.m. priesthood meeting. Donna and children ate dinner over here, she brought her tuna, cheese, noodle, baked casserole over. I pot-roasted some stew beef this morning, and cooked onions, carrots, and potatoes in the brown gravy, it was good. After dinner Lou went over to work on the house he's repairing. Donna drove him over and brought the car back. We took the children for a ride to Griffith Park to the Zoo. We called at Sue's for Elaine and kiddies, but Dick had brought them home. They ate dinner at Sue's. Shirley rode to the Zoo with us. Both Janet and Joan enjoyed watching the animals. We had to pry them loose from each cage. We enjoyed popcorn and ice cream. We called for Lou at 4:30. Donna had the children in bed by 6:30. Lou and I went to church tonight, the missionaries had a good program, Brother Kitchens conducted.

### October 28, Monday

Rex went down to work at 8 a.m., but they told him to take his day off today, a slip up somehow. Donna and I did our washing, it wasn't as large as usual because she washed several things out Saturday. We got through much earlier, nice, eh?! Donna made pie shells this afternoon, I made the filling for four lemon pies. We called Andersens several times this afternoon before we got them. They arrived home about 4:20 p.m. Had a grand trip, gone a month tomorrow. Left on the 29th of September. We're all glad to have them back, I've missed them a lot, but not like poor Bill and Glen have, I'm sure. Glen left with them, but



*A Mode O'Day shop in 1947.*

he had to come back on bus to his job. Lou went over to work on the Stoll Drive place after work. We told Annie we had two lemon pies, and a casserole dish all cooked for them if they could come after them. Beverly and Glen came for them, sorry we didn't have the car to get them over there. Ray Haddock isn't feeling so good, had his tonsils out last weekend, poor kid. Lou had a welfare meeting here tonight. He drove me down to the Franklin Theater. I enjoyed two good pictures while his meeting was on. He called for me after the meeting. I saw "Untamed" and "Scatterbrain." The girl in "Untamed" was named Elvie, first time I've heard my name on the screen.

### October 29, Tuesday

Sr. Stead called this morning, said Harold is working in town, he has to go to night school to brush up on typing, so can't go to Louis' choir now. She said Br. Stead is suffering from a nervous trouble, has her worried. Beverly drove Annie and Dale over this morning. We all visited in Donna's kitchen while she ironed. Elaine was there, also. We heard about the folks back home, we kept them busy answering our questions. I did my ironing this afternoon, also darned sox and patched pants for Lou. I fixed some lunch for Lou at 4 p.m. He went over to work on the Stoll Drive place for a few hours. Donna and the two kiddies walked up to the Si Perkins Market this afternoon, they were tickled with the pumpkin Donna bought them for a Halloween lantern. Mother sent us another letter from Honolulu, she is surely enjoying her visit over there. Tonight I stayed with the children while Rex and Donna went to the Franklin Theater to see the pictures I saw last night. Lou worked until about 9 p.m., he stayed at Donna's with me a while, and then came home to bed, he was tired.

### October 30, Wednesday

I rode to Relief Society on the bus this morning. We had a fine lesson, given by Sr. Valentine. It was the social service lesson. It was a lovely morning, we had a large crowd out. I bought a few Halloween things in Kress Store for the kiddies, horns, candy, and a little bright colored peasant costume for Janet to wear. Beverly offered to drive me home, she called for Annie, but I wanted to walk, had some shopping to do in Si Perkins Market. Anyway, Beverly had Sue, and Sr. Nelson in the car with Annie, it was sweet of her to offer. I had Louis's dinner ready at 4 p.m. so he could work on the house on Stoll Drive a while tonight. He worked until about 9:30. Donna and Rex went with Ernie and Elaine to the Mutual Halloween dance tonight. They left about 9 p.m.



*"I think it very necessary to have a gentleman at the head of our great nation."*  
—Elvie

I stayed with the children. I read half way through Paul Bailey's book, "Type High." I read it two or three years ago and am enjoying it a second time. My kids got home at 12:10. It was surely a long evening, eating dinner at 4 p.m. Lou hadn't been able to get much rest, his arms both pained him with rheumatism. I'm so sorry he has to suffer like that, wish I could do something to help him get rid of it.

### October 31, Thursday

I heard War! War! until I was sick and tired of it, now all we hear is election and "mud slinging," against our good president Roosevelt. Oh, why do they have to tell such awful lies about a man who is trying so hard to serve our country and has done so much for us already? I listened to President Roosevelt twice today, he gave a campaign speech from Boston. There was no mud slinging to his talk, he is a gentleman. Always a nice clean campaign speech from him. Mr. Wilkie would do well to take notice. I've heard several of Mr. Wilkie's talks. I was very much in favor of him until he started such outrageous insults against our President. I think it very necessary to have a gentleman at the head of our great nation. This afternoon Pres. Roosevelt dedicated a new health institution in Maryland. I heard his speech, it was very fine. Janet took a nap over here, I rested with her until she was asleep. Marty and Donna made plans for their refreshments tomorrow night. Lou went over after work to work on the Stoll Drive house. Rex and Donna took the children over to Aunt Sue's house for some pie tins. The little neighborhood kiddies were all excited about dressing up in their Halloween costumes and going up to the big bonfire at the playgrounds tonight. We took our kiddies up, more fun, immense crowd. We stayed to see the children in their Halloween costume parade.

### November 1, Friday

Donna and Marty worked all day making little individual pies for their party tonight (26 of them). It was a lot of work, but they surely were delicious. They were tuna,



peas, cream sauce, and cheese. I cleaned through my house good, the girls had their Strong's social here. We had a nice meeting first, and then enjoyed games and refreshments. They served tomato, celery and lettuce salad, with the pies, also little crackers, and then ice cream, rolled in nuts, and little cakes. Nice, eh? Donna ordered the ice cream early this forenoon, but we almost got left, cause the place closes at 11 p.m. Wayne got there at 11:10, and they had to open up for him. They couldn't get them before time to serve as they were not packed in ice when sent out. Rex stayed home with the children, enjoyed a nap. Bert McKay brought Nora, Ellen, and Ruth. Blanch and Oscar couldn't come. Bill took care of Dale, in the show, ha, ha! Al brought Annie and Sue. Charlie brought Lorene, but he went home for his beauty nap. There were 21 of us, we had a very nice time. Harold and June Hays brought Bob over for the Bishop to administer to, he is suffering with infection in his foot. We insisted on them joining us in the evening's entertainment, they did. Beth gave two clever dialect readings, cute. We're all happy that Byron Strong is better and back to work, he has been ill for over a year. We voted on having a Christmas party next month for our Strong's group.



Nora and Bert McKay



### November 2, Saturday

I cooked Lou a good breakfast, he went over to work on the Stoll Drive house. Jimmy Saunders is having it remodeled before renting again. Jimmy takes care of the place for friends who live in San Francisco. I helped Donna do her cleaning, we took Janet uptown about 1:30 on the bus. Donna met Inis at the music store. Janet and I went into the May Company while they selected their music. I took her up to the 7th floor (the roof), where the May Company was entertaining the kiddies with a circus. There was a large crowd, but I managed to find a place on a bench where she could stand and see the circus. A man was in the midst of a lion act, she enjoyed "Punch and Judy" show later. We went down to the toy department, where Janet had a grand time. She told Santa Claus what she wanted (a doll with real hair). They had a grand Santa there, no mask. I couldn't help but feel the "Christmas Spirit" up there today, we haven't had Thanksgiving yet, either. Donna met us in the toy department. Janet sat at the little milk bar and drank a half pint of milk. It was cute seeing all the little kiddies sitting there drinking milk. They had a life size cow, surely cute. Tonight Lou drove us over to see our new market, "Better Food Market," Donna bought a few things. It opened yesterday.

### November 3, Sunday

Donna drove over to the Stoll Drive house with Lou this morning. She brought the car back so we could have it to ride to Sunday School. Lou worked there all day. Rex worked at Knudsen. Donna led the singing in Lou's place this morning. Elaine kept Joan for Donna. We took Janet. I fried the rabbit before going to Sunday School. Donna went for Daddy when dinner was ready. I insisted on having Donna and children eat with us. Lou went back after dinner. Marty came over this afternoon. I tried to help her a little with some poetry. She has a very clever skit outlined for the Mutual Road Show this month. Wayne is busy building a big ship (just the side) to use on the stage in the show. It will be good with them both on the job, I'm sure. Lou drove me down to church tonight, he wasn't cleaned up and was too tired to go. It was Mutual conjoint night, the Boy Scouts gave a very good program. Donna, Inis, and Beth had a trio rehearsal at Donna's tonight. Lou called for me after church, we went to Br. Reiche's home, took him over to talk with Jimmy about a paper hanging job in the house. We had a nice ride after taking Br. Reiche back home.

### November 4, Monday

Donna and I did our washing this morning. I wrote a letter to Mother this afternoon, she is still in Honolulu. I'll surely be glad when this election is over tomorrow. I'm so tired of the awful mud slinging campaign talks. We just can't get a station without hearing campaigning talks for one side or the other. I didn't need any such talks, I already had my mind made up when I knew my president was going to run again. I feel he has done so much good in this country, the past eight years. Surely we need him now when the world is in such a dreadful condition with war at our doors. Tonight Lou went to Burbank to a stake welfare meeting. I listened to a two hour program sponsored by the Democratic party. It was very good, good music, talks, and readings, a very wonderful talk from our president from his home in Hyde Park. I then listened to a long program sponsored by the Republican party, it was also entertaining. Lou listened when he came, we stayed up until midnight to hear the Republican program.

### November 5, Tuesday

The excitement of this day I'll never forget. I've had the radio on most of the day listening to the last appeal the Republicans have made to the people, to elect Wendell Wilkie. The democratic party has been quiet, for the most part. I heard one or two talks in favor of President Roosevelt. It has been a close race all day with President Roosevelt in the lead always. Toward evening President Roosevelt had a steady gain. Of course, we who voted for our dear president, have been happy with the returns. Rex and Donna voted this morning before he went to work. I waited until Lou got home from work. I met him at the polling place. Both Donna and I did our ironing today. I put Elaine's hair up in pin curls. Marty, Elaine, and Donna visited here this afternoon, we had a wonderful time discussing the election, all of us are in favor of President Roosevelt. California went strong for the president. The Fuller Brush man came while the girls were here, both Donna and Elaine gave him an order. Tonight Lou went to a correlation meeting at Mable O'Brien's home.



He called for Annie and Dick first. At a late hour tonight President Roosevelt was in the lead by a very large number. Rex and Bob Stanton came about 10 p.m. to hear the returns, Rex's radios are both out of order, on this night of all nights. Donna came in tonight, also, babies were in bed asleep.

### November 6, Wednesday

Well, the election is over and I say, "Thanks to Mr. Wilkie and his party," for I believe they are greatly responsible for the reelection of President Roosevelt. Surely we Americans must know that when a man has achieved the highest office in this, our United States, he couldn't possibly be the black hearted scoundrel and impostor they have tried to make him out. I know thousands of people, like myself, might have given our vote to Mr. Wilkie had he been a little more careful with the truth. I went to the 9:30 Relief Society teachers meeting and enjoyed Sr. Bird's lesson. Sr. Ruth Christensen gave a grand lesson in the next meeting, too. We had a fine testimony meeting, also, good spirit present, most of us got to our feet for a few words. I always get so scared, but am glad after I do get up and express my feelings. Donna and Janet went to Highland Park this afternoon to pay bills. Joan stayed with me. Tonight Lou stayed with the children until Rex got home from work. Donna drove our car and took Elaine and me to Mutual. We had a one act radio play in Mutual before class work. Our class had a party after lesson, we had punch and cakes; delicious cakes Manolla Gunn Lee made. Played a game, nice time. I waited for Donna, she had a rehearsal after Mutual.

### November 7, Thursday

I did a little hand washing this morning, and then went to Highland Park to pay bills. I got two money orders from the bank and sent checks to the Beneficial Insurance Company in Salt Lake, and \$20.00 to the Commercial Discount Company, payment on our car. I also paid the light bill, \$2.02. I rode down on the bus with Mrs. Allen; she went on into Los Angeles. I bought Janet and Joan each a little broom. Janet got busy as soon as she got hers and cleaned her little playhouse up good, so Santa Claus would like it, she says such cute things! I called Sr. Reese and made an appointment to have a permanent wave Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Donna went to her club luncheon today at Evelyn Bailey's home. I took care of the kiddies, Joan slept most of the day. Elaine took her children over to her mother. She walked with

baby in cart. Marty went on streetcar with Donna. Lou took me and children for a ride when he came at 4 p.m. We went to Kennedy Auto Tire Shop, left a tire to be retread, \$2.95, and bought one retread tire for \$3.95. We stopped in Ernie's station for gas and paid the bill. Tonight Donna and Lou went to choir practice in Elysian Park Ward. I stayed with the children until Rex got home from work.



*The Fuller Brush man was an icon in the 1940s and 50s. The door-to-door salesmen of personal and home cleaning products inspired many songs, movies, and plays.*



*Florence Orzella Marsh, 16 years old, standing in front of a large poinsettia plant in 1929. Nov. 9, Louis moved poinsettia plants in his and Donna's yards.*

### November 8, Friday

Lou starts a three day holiday today, he had today off for the election day holiday, Saturday and Sunday are always his days off. We polished the car and cleaned up the yard, did a little transplanting, too. We moved some poinsettias from the west side of house to the east side, where the sun can get at them. We also planted some in Donna's yard. Lou burnt a big amount of dry leaves, we worked until almost dark. Rex went to work at 11 a.m., so he was late getting home tonight. Donna went over to Beth's to a roadshow rehearsal, the Mutual is giving it (stake Mutual). All the wards have an act, they are giving a cash prize to the best show. I believe Garvanza will stand a good chance of winning it. Wayne and Marty are working real hard on it. Wayne is building a big boat, Marty has composed the dialogue, Bill Haubs has composed music. Lou walked over to our new market and bought a rabbit and some bananas tonight.

### November 9, Saturday

Mrs. Reese gave me a permanent wave this morning. I got there about 9:50 and was finished about 1 p.m. It was three years ago this month I had my last permanent. I like Mrs. Reese's work and think I'll enjoy this one. I paid \$2.50, couldn't afford a machine-less wave this time. Br. Wanless drove over in his brand new car, he wanted to talk to Lou about choir music, he loaned some music to Lou for the stake conference (next time). Lou is going to conduct this next time. Lou and I had a turkey sandwich in a little eating place in Highland Park. We rode over to Pasadena, bought a chicken fryer pan in the Famous Store, it is Mirro Aluminum, cost \$4.25, double skillet. I'm surely tickled with two swell frying pans in one, waterless cooker. We bought a fiber doormat for the front porch in Sears, Roebuck Store, 69¢. Had pie and ice cream in Woolworth's store in Pasadena. Lou had another turkey sandwich, too. We went to the Raymond Theater, saw two good pictures. Very happy day, only wish Donna and Rex had been able to go along, or out to a show somewhere. He worked late again.

### November 10, Sunday

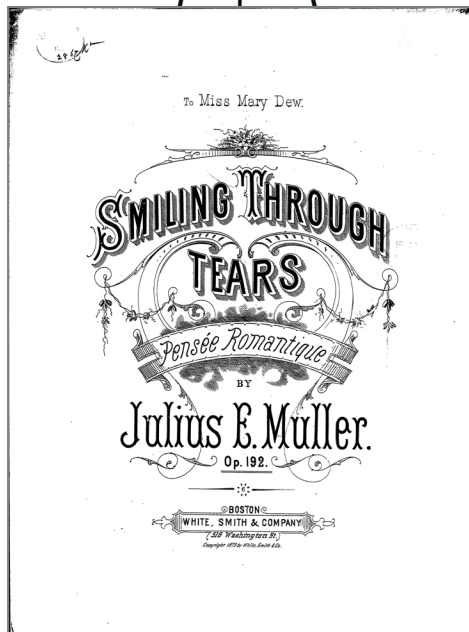
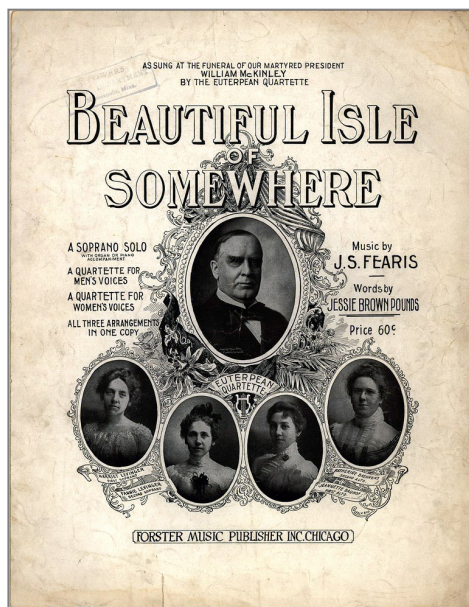
Janet and I rode to Sunday School in Uncle Al's car. We had a car full. Elaine took Ann and Carol Sue. Sue had the car almost full when they arrived here, Sr. Burnett, Shirley, and Mark K. We had a very nice Sunday School, as usual. Lou went early to the priesthood meeting. We enjoyed our fried rabbit dinner. I cooked it before going to Sunday School. Janet ate with us, Donna had fed Joan and put her to bed, she had a rehearsal at Marty's. Then they went to the church at 3 p.m. for another practice for road show next Friday. Rex worked all day. Lou and I took the two children for a nice ride this afternoon. Donna went to church with us tonight. Lou conducted the meeting, it was welfare night. He talked 15 or 20 minutes. Sr. Saint-John from Elysian Park Ward sang. Br. Haddock gave us a splendid talk. We brought Donna and Janet home after church, and then took Erma Carlson home. We spent a very pleasant evening with Grant and Erma, enjoyed the lovely lunch a lot, too. Elaine took care of Joan for Donna tonight.

### November 11, Monday

Rex went with Ernie on his route today. It was Rex's day off. Donna and I did our washing. Elaine took Ann and Carol Sue uptown to see Santa Claus and the toys. It's a holiday today; Armistice Day. Al took baby Michael over for Bette to tend. Donna went up to Highland Park this afternoon she met Inis Stanton; they bought some red material to make blouses for the trio to wear in the road show on Friday night. I took Joan and Janet for a little walk. Joan had a nap. I brought the clothes in. Rex and Donna went to a picture show tonight. I stayed with the children. Erma Carlson came over to practice some choir music with Lou. Grant and I visited. The little boys played with our kiddies blocks. Janet and Joan were asleep.

### November 12, Tuesday

Donna drove Lou to work this morning so we could have the car to go to little Cloda Jenkins funeral, in the Little Church of Flowers this afternoon. [Cloda Jenkins was 13 years old when she died.] Rex took Donna and the children to Griffith Park to the zoo this morning. I did my ironing while they were away. Donna did her ironing before going to the park. Rex had the day off. We called for Inis about 2:15 and took



her to the funeral. Inis and Donna sang a duet, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Florence Smith sang "Smiling Through." They were both lovely numbers. Brother Bird conducted, Bishop Al spoke very fine. It was a lovely service. Poor little Cloda has been ill for over a year. She used to be in my little Sunday School class, such a sweet little dear, it was such a sad affair. I feel so sorry for her poor folks. Rex stayed in the car with the children while we were in the funeral. We went to the Sears, Roebuck Store in Glendale. Rex bought a garbage can. We took the children to see the toys, but they didn't have their Christmas toys out like some of the stores have. Inis and Donna came over here tonight to cut out the little red blouses they are going to make to wear at the road show on Friday night.

Donna had several rehearsals at her house tonight. Annie and Bill left Dale here tonight while they went out to see Em, who is ill. We had a house full of young folks before the evening was over and we love it!

### November 13, Wednesday

I went to Relief Society this morning. Emma Dewey gave a very fine lesson on nutrition. Brother Gibby gave an interesting talk on woolen goods, he sells for the Utah Woolen Mills. After meeting I did a little shopping in Highland Park; bought a sponge in Kress Store, some blue grass seeds in seed store. After lunch I walked to the pottery shop on York Boulevard and bought a pretty white flower dish, and little white pottery duck and a deer. I fixed up a pretty centerpiece for my table. I soaked the sponge and sprinkled seeds on it, hope the grass will grow. We went to the "South of the Border" dinner tonight. It was sponsored by the adult Aaronic Priesthood group in our ward. It was very delicious. Br. Scott and wife did the cooking. They had a nice program after dinner. Our girls trio sang two numbers, Beth, Donna and Inis. We enjoyed dancing to a Hawaiian orchestra after program. Very nice time. Tickets were only 50¢.

### November 14, Thursday

Donna and Janet went to Highland Park this morning. Donna bought clasps (snaps) and sleeve pads for her red blouse. I finished the blouse for Donna this afternoon, sewed on snaps, 16 of them, and 12 little buttons and did a little hand hemming. The blouse looked cute when finished. She had two little white felt music notes sewed on it. Donna cut two music notes out for Beth and Inis, also. The trio are

wearing the red blouses, white skirts, and white shoes in the Mutual road show tomorrow night. They are to represent "Music," very cute. Wayne has built a big ship, "The Good Ship M.I.A." Bob Stanton is captain, Bill Johnson first mate, LeRoy Nelson second mate. They are bringing aboard all the things Mutual has to offer folks. It is clever. Marty has composed the dialogue and Bill Haubs the music. Lou went to choir in Elysian Park Ward tonight. Donna was too tired to go. I enjoyed my radio. Rex worked late again. We received a letter from Mother; she has put in a call for passage on the boat leaving tomorrow, but we don't know if she'll get it yet. She is in Hawaii.

### November 15, Friday

Elaine had to go to a Primary meeting this p.m. Donna drove her there in Ernie's car. They took all the children but baby Michael. I looked after him. While Elaine was in her meeting, Donna went to Inis's for her red blouse then to Beth's to take the little white felt music notes for Beth to sew on her own blouse. I cleaned through my house today. We took Leroy Nelson's wife and her sister-in-law, Connie, and Rex in our car tonight to see the Mutual stake road show. We enjoyed the program, but we're all thrilled because Garvanza won the first prize, \$10.00. Our show was by far the best, the vote was unanimous. It was really lovely, took Wayne almost three weeks to build the ship. It kept rocking like on the water, and moved away with about 16 people aboard. They all worked hard, had a rehearsal at Marty's just before leaving for the stake house. Donna left with the show group, but came home with us. Barbara B. took care of Donna's children tonight.

### November 16, Saturday

I wrote to Lillian telling her we were going to wait and see if Mother arrived from Hawaii next week, before making up our minds what to do about visiting with her and family. We had planned to spend Thanksgiving with Lillian and family, but after receiving Mother's letter saying she had put in a call for reservation on the 15th, but wasn't sure if she'd make it or not, [*we decided to wait*]. She has had a grand time in Hawaii, but is ready to come home now. It costs a lot to stay there, she says. I wrote to Violet. It was Primary convention in Wilshire today. Elaine went, Shirley came to stay with the children. Lou cleaned up our yard. Tonight we took a nice ride, stopped off in Pasadena long enough to look through the beautiful big, new, Broadway store that has just opened up there.

### November 17, Sunday

Lou sent Glen back with our car this morning. Donna, Janet, and I went to Sunday School. Elaine took care of Joan for Donna. It rained off and on all day. Donna and Janet went down to Marshes' with Lewie after Sunday School. Little Joan ate with Lou and me. I took her home for her nap after dinner. Donna came at 3 p.m. She had a rehearsal with Bob and Inis Stanton. They



*Mother Renshaw had a grand time in Hawaii, but was ready to come home. "It costs a lot to stay there." Still true today!*

are singing in the Elysian Park Ward tonight. I stayed at Donna's tonight with the children, while she went to play for Inis and Bob. Lou went to our own ward. Rex worked late. Br. Harlan Goodsell and Paul Bailey spoke in the Elysian Park Ward. The Andersens brought Garry [*Strong*] and his wife, Elaine, over after church. They are visiting here from Salt Lake, nice kids. They are only staying in Los Angeles for two days, and then going to see Elsie's sisters and families in San Diego. They are staying at Annie's while here.

### November 18, Monday

It was grand today after the rain of yesterday. Donna and I washed. Mrs. Reese gave me a hair dress after her little lady helper had shampooed my hair this afternoon. Lou started his two weeks vacation today. We had thought of going to Phoenix and spending Thanksgiving with Lillian and family, but after Mother's letter, we decided to wait and see if she came. We haven't heard from her, so I guess she is still over there, but we don't want to leave until we're sure she isn't on her way to L.A. Lou has a few days work at Ernie's gas station, building some cupboards for him; he worked there all day. I'm glad he has this little job. It keeps him from getting too restless and will help him out on the trip when we go. We plan to go next week. We enjoyed radio and warm fire tonight, also our block teachers visit, Bill and Glen.

### November 19, Tuesday—Michael's Birthday, one year old.

Lou fixed my iron last night, it was okay this morning, so I did my ironing. Rex had his day off today, he spent it cleaning up his yard. Donna helped after her ironing was done. Ernie had the day off, too, they took baby Michael to the company doctor for a check over. It is his birthday, the little fellow is a year old, cute thing. The Vandergrifts and Hoglunds celebrated at Elaine's tonight, baby got several nice gifts. Beth and Dick ate dinner tonight with Elaine and Ernie. Donna spent this evening preparing her Thanksgiving talk for Mutual tomorrow night. Bob Stanton came up to Donna's to practice his songs tonight, Beth played for him. He is singing at the stake house Thanksgiving night during the dance intermission. Lou went to an elder's meeting at Olney's home. Ernie Oates called for him. John Marsh brought his brand new Ford truck up for us to see this evening. It's a beauty, lots larger than the old truck.

### November 20, Wednesday

I did some hand washing this morning and put Donna's hair up in curls. Lou worked at Ernie's station again today. Janet went with me to our new market about noon. I bought three rabbits. I'm going to fry them tomorrow for the big Thanksgiving dinner at Marshes'. We did a little shopping in the new little 15¢ Store next to new market, also. Donna was suffering with cramps this morning, she rested while trying to learn her talk for Mutual tonight. It's on "Our Modern Day Thanksgiving." Ernie was off work today, he took Elaine and kiddies to the welfare storehouse. Alta called, she wants the trio, Donna, Inis, and Beth, to sing at her P.T.A. meeting next Tuesday. Lou led the singing in Mutual tonight. Alta's folks arrived from Salt Lake, so she couldn't be at Mutual. Donna gave her talk very well, it was a

splendid talk, also. Merlin Goodsell gave a short talk on the "First Thanksgiving," Brother Joseph Reese talked on "The Pioneer Thanksgiving." It was a good program. Sr. Marsh was too busy getting ready for the big dinner tomorrow, couldn't take her class tonight. We joined Al's class, enjoyed his lesson a lot. Barbara B. took care of Donna's and Elaine's children at Elaine's tonight.



### November 21, Thursday— Thanksgiving Day

We enjoyed a perfect Thanksgiving, nice cold weather, wonderful dinner, and happy time together with the Marsh family. John cooked a 26 pound turkey, it was delicious. I fried three rabbits, they were just grand, too. The table looked beautiful, flowers, candles and favors. We did have a few uncomfortable minutes once, when Florence was riding Rex's "putt-putt" and it got out of control; then when I broke one of the best dinner cups while washing dishes. I felt awful about it. Miriam and Lewie left earlier, cause she wasn't feeling so well. Donna took a chocolate nut cake to Marshes'. We were all tickled cause Rex didn't have to work today, as he had expected to do. Rex took Lou and me with all seven children [*Ernie, Elaine, Irene & Diane Oates, Joan & Janet Marsh and Robin Marsh*] for a ride in our car up to Flat Top Mountain. The rest of the family slept while we were out. Lou had a nap in his car while we did dishes, soft, eh? Florence brought a banana nut cake today. Rex brought cream and butter and milk. Miriam brought homemade candy. Sr. Marsh had to go back to work for a couple of hours after dinner. Sue had Elaine and family, Beth, Dick and baby, and Ray Haddock to dinner. Marty and Wayne and baby are in Salt Lake visiting folks. We had a grand time at the Mutual stake dance tonight in Burbank. Swell music. All of us went back to Marshes' after dance for more turkey, pie, and eats. Laura and Bill Johnson came over to Marshes' after the dance, too. Ruth had a friend, George ?? to dance.



### November 22, Friday

We got in bed about 2:10 this morning. Lou got up at seven and went to work at Ernie's station, carpenter job. I slept until 9 a.m., soft, eh? Donna, myself, and children went to Ernie's station on the bus about 12:30. We got our car and Donna drove it to the welfare center store house on Llewellyn Street. She bought a scooter for Janet's Christmas and a wicker doll buggy for Joan's. Rex will have to paint them, but they are in good condition and much cheaper than new. We went in the Western Baby Shop in Highland Park. I paid on a little washing set for Janet; (washer, tub, lines, pins, and board) cute, only \$1.00. Donna paid on the things she bought at storehouse, Rex will go for them later. My blood pressure has been high, headache all day, too much eats yesterday, I guess. We called at the station for Lou this evening about 5 p.m. Rex got home early, 6 p.m., went to play basketball with Ernie and creamery boys.

### November 23, Saturday

Lou finished his job at Ernie's station today. Donna went to Primary this morning to lead the singing, Inis couldn't be there because her little Barbara is ill, has been sick for several days. Ruth Kitchens called and asked Donna to lead the children in their singing in Inis's place this week. Joan stayed home with me, Janet went with her mother. Elaine took all three of her kiddies. Elaine is the play leader in Primary. I did my cleaning through the house today. Tonight Lou took me to our new market for a grocery order. We saw Lorene and Charlie there buying groceries. We went to the York show, enjoyed both pictures, "Rivers End" and forgot the other. John, Ruthie, Rex and Donna went to a show in Glendale. Barbara B. stayed with the children.

### November 24, Sunday

Janet and I rode to Sunday School in John's new Ford truck. Donna and Joan walked to Sunday School later, down speedway. Lou went early to priesthood meeting. We brought the children home. Donna stayed to practice with trio, they're going to sing in Aldama P.T.A. Tuesday afternoon. Lou waited for Br. Kitchens at top of hill this afternoon, he was coming to take him to the stake house for priesthood meeting, but forgot to come, so Lou came back home and took a nap. I enjoyed a nap, also. We took Donna and the children for a little ride before church time. Lou treated us all to an ice cream cone. Rex got home in time to go to church tonight, so we all went. Rex and Donna sang in the choir. I took care of the children, Joan was good until the sacrament was over, and then she wanted to move around and talk, so I took her out. We went in the children's class in the parlor. Vera Reiche told stories to the children. Janet came in later.

### November 25, Monday

Mother called about 11:30 this morning, she had just landed from the boat, she has been in San Francisco two days, on her way back from Honolulu. Lou went down to get her, he didn't tell us he was going for her. Donna and I were busy washing, he called me to the phone and I found Mother here. We are tickled she is back safe and sound. She has had a wonderful trip. I left Donna to do the cleaning up job, came home to fix lunch for Lou and Mother. Mother rode to the lumberyard with Lou this afternoon. He had to get some more lumber for the little benches he is making for the little children in our Sunday School. It was a lovely sunny day. The grass is growing thick now in the sponge, looks pretty. I planted seeds on November 13. This evening we enjoyed listening to Mother tell about her wonderful trip to the islands, and we looked at the pretty souvenirs she brought back; pillow tops, beads, bill folds, table covers, and many other things. She gave me a pretty satin pillow top, Lou a billfold and hankie, and Donna some pretty coral beads and many little trinkets.

### November 26, Tuesday

Lou made one of the little benches for the Sunday School kiddies today. I did my ironing and washed a few silk things. Mother did her hand washing, too. Lou took Donna, Beth, and Erma to the Aldama School, the trio sang on the P.T.A. program. Alta arranged for it. Inis, Beth, and Donna sang, Erma played for them. Lou took Mother and the children over, they waited outside for the girls. Sr. Marion Richardson and I went Relief Society block teaching this afternoon. Annie, Beverly, and baby Diana called this evening. Al was in an auto accident this evening, a colored man ran into his lovely new car, surely is awful, but am so glad that Al wasn't hurt. Wayne had a narrow escape on his motorcycle on his way home this evening. A car hit him, dragging him, he was skinned up some and some damage done to his motorcycle. I'm so sorry about that, too. But glad his life was spared. Marty is in Salt Lake visiting folks. Leonard and family are staying at Wayne's while Marty is away. We packed our things tonight for our trip to Arizona. Ruth Kitchens brought two big packages up for us to take to her niece Ruth.

### November 27, Wednesday

I kissed Donna, Rex, and children goodbye this morning at 7:20. Rex was the only one up. Janet is coming down with a cold, I'm sorry. It was cold early, but warmed up about 9 a.m., was a beautiful day. We ate our breakfast at a little café in Indio, left there at 10:35. We stopped at Blythe, on borderline, filled up with gas, Mother R. paid for the gas this time. Rode for an hour and half, and then stopped at Vet's



Place in Arizona. Lou ate hamburger and pie, Mother and I not hungry. Passed through Salome, where folks can get married without delay, lots of birds there. Next little town was Aguila, Arizona. Then Wickenburg, a nice little place. I think the desert is pretty with all the different kinds of cactus, plants and trees, some in bloom. We arrived in Phoenix at 4:10. We received a surprise when we found Shirley home from her mission. She had been called home because of illness, she has a heart ailment, too bad, she couldn't finish her mission, very lovely girl. Lillian had taken Louise to the doctor's for a treatment. She had a lovely dinner cooked for us, roast pork, and etcetera. Shirley's boyfriend, Franklin, has joined our church, which made her very happy. We spent a pleasant evening with the Keller family, music, and Chinese checkers.



Franklin & Shirley Little in 1942. They were married in November 1941.

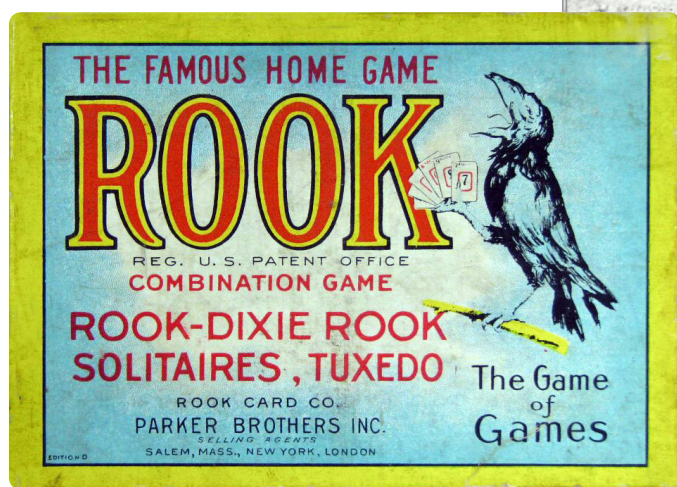
### November 28, Thursday

Shirley directed Lou around Phoenix this morning. We went to the St. Joseph's Hospital first, to take the boxes to Ruth Booth, from her Aunt Ruth Kitchens. She is in training to be a nurse, the poor little dear is so homesick. She couldn't keep the tears back, she was so glad to see someone from home. She just hugged and kissed both Lou and me. We drove around the Camel Back Mountain and up to the Camel Back Inn, beautiful place.

We saw many lovely homes, too. Lillian stayed home all day and surprised us with a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. A lot of work for her, "bless her heart," it was delicious. Mother treated Lou, Shirley, and me to a picture show this afternoon, Louise was in school. We saw "Nobody's Children." The dinner was ready when we got home at 5 p.m. Lou and I both had our shoes shined before going home, and looked in one or two stores. Tonight we went with Lillian and Jack to a Ladies Club House where some of her friends gave a Rook card party. We had a nice time and enjoyed the pumpkin pie and whipped cream and hot chocolate. I won the booby prize for ladies, some card player, eh? It was a little tin turtle that winds up and walks.



Lillian Keller



### November 29, Friday

This morning Lillian drove Mother and me around Phoenix. Mother looked at a few houses for rent, she wants to get a little place for the winter. Lillian wants her to stay with them, but not her. We called to see Lillian's friends, Mrs. Black and her son, Ralph. He has been an invalid for 10 years, poor man, has got arthritis very badly. Such a sad case, his younger brother, Elmo, has to care for them all. Shirley used to go with Elmo, grand boy, they've just moved into this house, Elmo is buying it. Lillian had a lady come to do her washing and some ironing this morning while Shirley took us for a ride, Mother and me. We called for Louise at school. Lou went with Jack this afternoon to the Black Hills Mountains, on business. We had company tonight, Mr. and Mrs. McMahan, nice folks. Lillian served a nice lunch, turkey and salad, pickles and etcetera. We played Chinese checkers, the men folks played cards later. Nice time, nice folks.

### November 30, Saturday

Lillian has a club of about fifteen little neighborhood children from age five to about twelve, I guess. They come to her home every Saturday morning. She and Louise teach them our Primary songs and tell a story. When Shirley came home, they elected her president of the club. The children are not members of our church, but Lillian thought they

should have Primary, so she organized this little club. They each bring a nickel and enjoy refreshments after their meeting. Splendid work, was grand of Lillian to do it. They were promised a picnic this morning to the mountains. We all went, took hamburger, Lou fried it. Lou drove thirteen—Louise, Shirley, and all the kids. No one wanted to wait for Lillian to finish packing the lunch, she drove Mother, me and lunch up. Jack came up to eat lunch with us. The camping place is lovely, several little rock houses with two fireplaces in each for cooking, tables and chairs. We all had fun, enjoyed lunch. Shirley drove them all home. Lou took

Mother, Lillian, Louise and me for a ride to Tempe and Mesa. A nice young missionary from Logan, Utah, took us around the temple grounds and explained everything about the place. Surely grand. I enjoyed the lovely drive too. This evening Mother treated Lou, Ralph, Louise and me to a Mexican dinner in a little Mexican eating-place next to Jack's office. It was nice for a change (Tarto [*unknown food*], toreteia [*tortillas*], and tamale and chili). I'm sure they are not spelled right. I bought some toys for my babies after. Tonight Jack and Lillian took Lou, Mother, and me to an old timers dance. We had lots of fun. Enjoyed ice cream and cake when we got home. Oh, oh! Can't keep this up.

### December 1, Sunday

We all went to Third Ward Sunday School. (All but Ralph, he went to office to work.) Jack surprised us by coming along. They have a beautiful new chapel, I enjoyed it all. Ralph dropped a heavy compressor on his foot about 2 p.m. He suffered awfully. Jack called the doctor, the foot was too swollen to tell if it was fractured. The doctor arrived this evening, church time, so Jack and Lillian didn't go. Shirley stayed home, too. Lou took Mother and me to meeting in the Second Ward, we enjoyed a lovely meeting there, also. Lillian's electric cooker had the roast cooked when we got home from Sunday School, so dinner wasn't long in the preparing, good, too. Shirley and Franklin ate dinner uptown, and then went to rehearsal at church for Mutual road show. Louise went to the rehearsal, also. Jack brought a dear friend of the family over to meet us this afternoon, Esta Sargent. We had a nice visit together. We went with Jack to take her home, and then he took us for a nice ride around Phoenix, showing us some very beautiful homes. Jack and Lou called to see Ralph Black, the young man Lillian took me to see Friday, he is an invalid. Mother and I sat out in the car and waited for them. We packed our clothes before going to bed. Has been a very nice day, everyone so nice.

### December 2, Monday

The folks were surprised when we woke them to say thanks and goodbye. Lillian wanted to get up and make hot cakes for Lou, but he stole a march on her. They have been just grand to us. We left at 6:35, we drank a glass of grapefruit juice before leaving. Lillian sent six cans home, half for Donna. Lou bought 10 gallons of gas at Peoria, he had a cup of coffee there. A beautiful morning. We stopped for rest rooms at Wickenburg, the young station man talked Lou into having front wheels greased, bought 5 gallons of gas, some fellow tried to get gas and oil on an October card, didn't get away with it. Next stop was in Indio at 12:10. Here we found the hour we lost on our way over which made our time, 11:10, nice eh? We ate lunch at the same little place we ate our breakfast going to Phoenix. It wasn't as nice as the breakfast, we were both disappointed. Just out of Indio we picked up a woman hitch hiker. She was dressed nice, but a hard looker, she had a little dog. I'll admit I felt a little nervous with her back of me, but she was okay I only felt that way a few minutes. We took her into San Bernardino, nice long ride for her, eh? She said her husband was there, I wonder?? We arrived home at 2:30 p.m. Glad to see my darling babies and Donna, also Elaine and kiddies. Lou located what was causing the bumping sound, half the way home, a broken throttle or?? He fixed it.

### December 3, Tuesday

Johnny Franklin helped Lou fix his car. Donna drove Ernie's car to French Hospital. She took Elaine and Ruth Pierce. They went to see our neighbor, little Denny's mother, who had a baby girl. Don't know her name. I took care of the children, they had a grand time playing with toys I brought from Arizona (turtle and elephant you wind up and they walk). Rex has a bad cold. Our hot water pipe, into the bathtub, broke, Lou had another job to do. Br. Kitchens called and took Lou to welfare meeting at the stake house. Last night Elaine brought the children's dolls over to show me, darling! We went to Donna's to see the doll clothes Inis had made for Barbara, surely cute. The trio rehearsed then. This morning we washed, Donna got up and got an early start. Rex had his day off, still miserable with cold or flu. It was a warm summer day, Donna and I went uptown, she bought the dolls for her kiddies Christmas. We walked all over until we found them in Fifth Street Store. We started at Famous at Ninth. We rode down and back on the bus. The dolls are surely sweet. We got home about 6 p.m. Lou had the water pipe all fixed in the bathroom. He went in our car for a hair cut when we got home. I stayed with Elaine's children tonight while she and Ernie went to a picture show. I bound some rugs for Donna while there, using the blanket stitch.



Elvie Renshaw

### December 4, Wednesday

Another lovely day. I rode to Relief Society on the bus this morning. I didn't want to be too late for Sr. Bird's teachers lesson. It was very good, also the lesson Lorene gave in Ruth Christensen's place. We enjoyed a fine spirit in our testimony meeting, too. Sr. Myers started the testimonies and she always has a grand spirit with her. I got up second, so was able to rest and enjoy all the others after, wonder why it's so hard to get to our feet when we are so full of gratitude to Him?? I bought some Christmas cards in Kress Store and a few groceries. I spent the afternoon ironing, Donna did hers this afternoon, too. She gave the kiddies a nap this afternoon, so they could go to Mutual and see her in the road show. She wouldn't let me miss Mutual. Rex played basketball after work, so was late. Lou went to lead the singing, Donna played for him. Our ward won the first prize in the stake road show, so they put it on in our ward tonight so all could see it who didn't get to the stake to see it. Janet and Joan both sat on Grampa Lou's lap to see the show. They were "all eyes," never moved, it was thrilling to see Mama go away on the big ship. Grama Elvie enjoyed it as much the second time. I took the kiddies up to look at the toys in the store windows while class work was on. Ruth Cartwright and Blaine called this evening.

### December 5, Thursday—My Birthday, 48 years old.

Just two more years and I'll reach the half a century mark. Donna and her darling babies came over first thing this morning and sang, "Happy Birthday," to me. They stood out on the little back porch to sing, surely cute. Each had a gift wrapped up nice, perfume, tooth powder, and handkerchief, all very lovely. Sue sent a nice basket of candied fruits in with Donna. She was over to Elaine's to take care of the babies while Elaine went to Primary union meeting. Florence Oates called for Elaine. Donna washed her curtains (living room, dining room, and both bed rooms). I helped her with the windows and screens and stretched curtains. It wasn't a good drying day, so we couldn't get them all dry, but we did get the living and dining room curtains back up and they look nice. Lou had to go to choir tonight because of missing two rehearsals; Thanksgiving and last Thursday when we were in Phoenix. Lou brought me a lovely big bouquet of flowers home this evening. He took me to Rite Spot for dinner and bought three pair silk hose, nice, eh? Lorene, Charlie, and Mary brought a pretty fruitcake and Annie sent a jar of Excelcis Lois Fair cleansing cream. Beverly went to choir with Lou. I was surely tickled with everything, had a lovely birthday.

## December 6, Friday

Lou took Donna to the welfare store [later called *Deseret Industries*] this morning to get the doll buggy and scooter she had put away. They brought the doll buggy Elaine had put away, too. I kept the children over here. I finished stretching Donna's other five curtains this morning, cooked lamb stew for dinner. The trio sang at a missionary cottage meeting tonight. Lou, Rex, and I took Janet and Joan up on the Avenue to see the Santa Claus parade. It was led by the Franklin High School Band. Accompanying Santa was Snow White, and the Seven Dwarfs, Ferdinand the Bull, two clowns, May West and others. Most of the Highland Park folks were out. Figueroa Street was crowded. Santa rode in a specially provided sleigh, other characters were on foot. This parade was a big improvement on the one they had last year. It was lots of fun for the kids, young and old.



## December 7, Saturday

This morning Lou worked on the three little Sunday School benches. He finished them up, varnished and all. They will use them in the Junior Sunday School tomorrow. Elaine's children have colds, poor little dears. Elaine isn't getting much rest at night. I hear one or the other crying out in the night. Donna made a fruit cake for us this morning. Her daddy stirred it for her, it was too large and too stiff for us to handle. I baked it here for three hours. Surely looks grand and smells better. Paul Bailey brought two of his new books over this afternoon. I paid \$1.50 a piece, he let me have a discount. Donna and I are sending Grama one for Christmas, I think she will like it. The price of the book at the store is \$2.50, "For This My Glory," is name of book. He autographed both books for me, nice, eh? Lou and I turned our two front room rugs around this afternoon so they will wear more evenly. He fixed light cords and toaster and heating pad for Donna and me, also a heating container for Elaine. Tonight Lou and I saw two good pictures, "All This and Heaven, Too," and "He Stayed for Breakfast," at the Eagle Rock Theater. We wanted to see Florence Franklin in a play, her last night tonight, but we couldn't find the place.

## December 8, Sunday

Baby Michael walked alone today! Grant Carlson came with a trailer to take the three little benches to Sunday School this morning. Lou went down with him, left his car here. Rex had the day off, so he went to priesthood meeting. Janet and I rode on the bus to Sunday School. Elaine's children all have colds so couldn't go. Many of our ward folks are out sick with the flu, hope we miss it. Rex had it, and both children had light cases last week. Rex and family enjoyed dinner at Marshes' this afternoon. Lou and I ate a good dinner in a little cafe in Highland Park. He took a car full of Sunday School workers over to the union meeting this afternoon. I stayed home and enjoyed Paul Bailey's latest book, "For This My Glory." Sue came in for short visit, she called Shirley up on phone. Rex drove Lou and me to church this evening, and then he took his children and Donna for a ride in our car. We had a fine meeting, Br. Bird gave a book review of Paul's book. He gave it very well, and then they called on Paul to talk. He spoke for about 10 minutes. We enjoyed him a lot, too. Bill brought the choir books home for Lou, we walked home, wanted to walk, lovely evening.

## December 9, Monday

It was cloudy all day, guess we're in for some rain. Our clothes didn't dry very well. I went to the Bank of America on York Boulevard, and got papers for a loan. We are going to take out a hundred dollar loan for Rex to pay his bond at the creamery. There seems no other way to get it and he must have it to keep his job. Donna drove Ernie's car this afternoon, took Elaine out to borrow card tables for her Primary party tonight at Erma Carlson's home. They bought some pretty pottery at the York shop, little Christmas gifts. I kept the children over here, all but Carol Sue, she went with them. Our Plymouth gave Lou some trouble today, he had to buy a new universal, he went down to Ernie's station after work to put it on the car. (More money out at Christmas time.) Ruth called up from Wilmington to ask about dishes and silver for our party Friday night. Clarence talked to Lou about a job there with him. Tonight Lou and I went shopping in Highland Park, bought a few gifts to send to Violet's kiddies. They are the only ones we send to because they are away from all of us and the folks in Salt Lake, too, (so alone) we do miss them a lot. I bought something for Donna, also, to send, little 10¢ and 15¢ gifts. Mr. Cole, at bank, was very nice today. I wrapped gifts tonight.





## December 10, Tuesday

I went to the Bank of America on York Boulevard and North Figueroa this morning to return the papers Lou filled out last night. We are going to take out a loan of \$100.00 for Rex's bond at the Creamery. I got the streetcar at bank corner and went to Annie's house where I quilted on a lovely quilt that Mrs. Bitgood asked the Relief Society to quilt for her. She is giving it to a friend in Salt Lake City for Christmas. It is a very pretty thing, put together so well. It is the Dresden plate pattern. Sr. Treu came over to help Lorene and Sr. Hardy prepare lunch for us. She made the apple pies. We enjoyed the quilting and lunch, didn't get it all finished, will do the rest of it in Relief Society tomorrow. Sr. Robinson came to sew with us, we were all tickled to see her again, she's moved out of our ward. Sue, Isabel T., Sr. Seavey, Sr. Gardner, Emma Dewey, Sr. Bingham, and Annie quilted. Lou called for me about 4:20. He brought Janet and Joan. I took the gifts Donna and I are sending to Violet's children over, Beverly said she'd send them with hers. Lou went to an elder's meeting tonight at Ernie Oates's home, Donna went to Elysian Park to be in the road show our ward won honors in last month. I stayed with the children, Janet has a cough.

## December 11, Wednesday

I did my ironing before going to Relief Society. I got there in time to do a little quilting before lunch. They served a very good lunch. We finished Sr. Bitgood's pretty quilt. I walked home, did a little shopping in Highland Park on the way. I went to the Bank of America and they gave me a check for one hundred dollars. Lou has taken out a loan for Rex to pay his \$100.00 bond at the creamery. We turned the check over to Rex. I went downtown into Los Angeles this afternoon, bought a little bright red chenille bathrobe and same shade red velvet slippers for Janet. I bought some dark henna bunny slippers to go with Joan's bathrobe, the little robe we gave Janet last Christmas. I bought a set of picture books for Joan. Rex's dad and mother gave him \$27.00, the first three payments on loan, January, February, and March. Wasn't that grand? Donna put a mustard plaster on Janet this evening. She felt better after, she has been in bed all day. Lou stayed with the children tonight while we went to Mutual. We had a very interesting class. Donna, Dick J., Vernon Jorgenson, and Colleen Gunn came in our class and gave two little radio plays, they were very good and we discussed them after.

## December 12, Thursday

Janet has been in bed all day today again. I think she is better though, she isn't as hot as yesterday. Donna and Elaine went to the "pot luck" lunch their club gave this afternoon at Florence Oates's home. I stayed with the children. Sue came over to stay with Elaine's children. Donna drove Ernie's car. I put a mustard plaster on Janet's back at 2:10 p.m. She



seemed to feel better after, didn't cough as much and had a good nap. I walked to the post office this morning, bought stamps for our Christmas cards, also did a little shopping in Kress Store. Lou and Rex went to choir practice tonight in Elysian Park Ward. Donna stayed home with the children, she addressed her Christmas cards. I fixed a mustard plaster

for Janet's chest, she fell asleep with it on, the dear little soul is no trouble when ill, surely a good little thing, like Donna was. All they want is to be left alone. Donna used to sleep the fever off the same way. I do hope Joan will keep well. I think Janet is going to be okay tomorrow. Joan and I rode over with Donna to take Sue home this evening, Lou stayed with Janet, both slept, ha, ha!

## December 13, Friday

Lou went to work on the tram today, so he left later. Janet felt better this morning. Donna had a hard time to keep her down until it warmed up this afternoon. I cleaned my two front rooms, put Donna's hair up in pin curls, also mine. I made a gallon of hot chocolate this afternoon and put it in Lou's thermos jug, we took it to the Strong's party tonight. It was down at Ruth and Clarence's place in Wilmington. Sue made

a gallon jug, too. We had a very lovely party, each took a little gift, so each received one. Ruth and Nora each cooked a turkey. Ellen, Ruth, and Nora took care of the dinner, (turkey, rolls, salad, and pie and whipped cream, and mince pie and hot chocolate). We paid for the turkey out of the society's treasury. The girls down there made little Christmas stockings with candy, nuts and tangerines, for each one. We had a nice big crowd out. Several of our young folks who never come to our meetings were there. We wanted them all. Glen took moving pictures of the group. Ruth had a nice tree trimmed, also a little one. Beth, Marty, and Donna took care of games. Delicious dinner and good time!

## December 14, Saturday

Lou worked most of the day on a little cedar chest he is making for Janet to keep her doll things in (not real cedar wood). It is surely cute, is up on little legs like Donna's big chest, he is very happy when doing this kind of work. I



*This is a Dresden plate quilt top.*

One wonders how Rex liked his new job with Knudsen? He had to join a union for \$20, supply a bond for \$100 and work most Sundays. In later years, Rex was not a fan of unions. Rex also had to work long hours with this new job. It would be interesting to know what he thought of the Knudsen job.

could hardly get him to stop for lunch. I cleaned the kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. I'm not so much in love with my job! The Marshes called, went up in little shop to see Lou's work. We took Donna and children this evening to Sears, Roebuck Store in Pasadena. She couldn't find the kind of slippers she wanted there, but did find just what she wanted in Cannon's Shoe Store. She bought both Janet and Joan little black patent leather slippers with the \$3.00 Grama Marsh gave her to buy them with. Lou bought himself a pair of bedroom slippers, \$1.00, but didn't like them when he got home, so we took them back tonight after dinner. He paid \$1.00 more and got a nice pair, also, six pair of sox for \$1.00. He bought me a nice pair of blue kid house slippers too, glad he went back. Donna and I bought Janet a little wool knit hood while we had her out today, 69¢. I think she looks cute in it. Lou and I enjoyed looking at the pretty Christmas things in the stores in Pasadena tonight. Darn cold, though. I bought a red feather for my hat. Elaine and Donna sewed on doll clothes tonight at Elaine's. I trimmed little straw hat for Janet's doll, too.

### December 15, Sunday

Lou walked to Sunday School this morning. He left the car for Donna to drive. John drove Janet and me down to Sunday School in truck. Donna brought Joan down in time for us to come home. The Marshes took Donna and Janet out to dinner at Van de Kamp's. We brought Joan home to eat with us. The Marshes came in to visit us after dinner. Donna and children took naps at home. Florence and John took naps here, I did my dishes then went up in the little workshop to watch Lou work on Janet's little cedar chest. Ruth and her girlfriend were home all day studying for school. Lou took us, John, Florence, and me, for a nice ride this evening. We came back to the house and enjoyed a nice lunch. They all went to church tonight. Rex got home in time to go, also. I stayed at Donna's with the children. We had a nice time, cute things. Lou came home alone. Rex and Donna went down to visit Ray, but he wasn't home so they walked home. Lou and I enjoyed nuts and dates by the fireside while hearing the radio.

### December 16, Monday

Elaine's children are all better, and so are Donna's, so we all feel better. It rained all night and most of today. I spent a comfortable day darning and mending while enjoying the radio. What would we do without our radios now? I surely enjoy mine. Elaine suffered with neuralgia in the night, her face feels sore today. [*Neuralgia is a stabbing, burning, and often quite severe pain that occurs along a damaged nerve. The damaged nerve may be anywhere in the body, but is most common in the face and neck.*] I addressed some Christmas cards this afternoon. Donna and I took the car to do some shopping in Highland Park, when Lou came home this evening. We took both children with us, they stayed in the car while I went in

the Kress Store and Si Perkins Market, it was raining all the while. The Mutual had a meeting and party tonight at Dick and Beth's home. Donna took Christmas gifts, they all did, not over 15¢. Rex was late getting home, so he couldn't go. He stopped in town to buy some work shoes. His feet were wet through, he had to buy sox to try the new shoes on, hope he won't catch cold now. I stayed with the children until Rex came at 9:15. Lou had an accident on his way to work this morning. He ran into another car. Both cars got dented up a little, too bad, but glad they didn't either get hurt. Both had slowed down to make the turn, good thing. Still raining tonight at 11 p.m.

### December 17, Tuesday

I got all ready to go over to Annie's this morning and quilt, but after seeing how things were over at Donna's, I took my hat and coat off, and got her washing started. Little Joan was cross, poor little dear is coming down with a cold. Donna had cramps, but had to wash because she was out of sleepers and sheets for Joan. We'll be glad when she stops wetting at nights. Lorene and Charlie called for me, but I thought I'd stay and help Donna longer, so I went over on the streetcar at 10:40. Sr. Gunn came for me, but too late. We quilted on a lovely rose taffeta quilt Sr. Gunn is surprising her daughter Colleen with for Christmas, lots



of work. Seven or eight of us worked all day and only turned once before leaving to come home. Sr. Dewey brought me home, she and her husband came in and tried to work the ward mimeograph machine, didn't have very good luck, wasted a lot of paper to get a few good copies. They took

the machine home after. Lou took me back to Annie's tonight. We quilted again—Bingham, Hill, Sue, Burnett, and Dewey. Annie and Lou went to welfare meeting at the stake house. Enjoyed good lunch today, Lorene, Sr. Hardy, and Sr. Gunn prepared for us. The Andersens have a very pretty tree, forty-two lights.

### December 18, Wednesday

I composed a poem for Sue and Sr. Burnett to give Sr. Gunn with gift this Christmas, hope they will think it okay. I should have washed instead, but was glad to do it as I love them all. Donna typed the poem while I was getting ready to go out, bless her! Little Joan coughed a lot last night, but feels better today. I stayed with the children while Donna and Rex went to a midnight show with Bob Stanton last night. I slept in Donna's bed, until they got home at three o'clock. Bob had a pass, Inis wasn't well enough to be out at night (she had the flu). I mailed Mother's gift at the post office, Paul Bailey's latest book, "For This My Glory." Donna and I bought it to send her. Lou sent a \$1.00 bill with Christmas card. I bought twenty more stamps and sent the rest of my cards. I rode to Annie's on streetcar. Sue and May G. were already quilting. Sr. Burnett came

later, we quilted until 4 p.m. Annie quilted when she got home from Relief Society. We couldn't finish it so went back after dinner tonight. Evelyn Gunn called for me. Lou had a welfare meeting at the stake house. Sorry I had to miss Relief Society and Mutual, but glad Evelyn will have this beautiful quilt finished to give Colleen on Christmas. Glen showed us some of his moving pictures when we'd finished the quilt; they were of the Strong family Christmas party, were very good, lots of fun to see. Evelyn brought me home at 11:45 tonight, she treated to chocolates at Annie's. The quilt is lovely, just grand. Letter from Mother today. She has bought the "Golden West" Hotel in Phoenix, is happy. We're glad for her, too.

### December 19, Thursday

I did my washing at Donna's this morning. Sorry to wait so long, and on Rex's day off, too, but he was nice about it, anyway. Donna did her ironing. Joan is much better, both kiddies feel fine, thank goodness. I was really tired this evening after my day's work, the last few days quilting was hard on my back, anyway. I surely hope Mother will be very happy in her new hotel in Phoenix. If only her health will keep good. I think it is grand she can be near Lillian and family, too. Annie, Lorene, and I sent Dad four pounds of fruitcake from Grama's bakery. Annie took care of it for us, she and her sweet child, Beverly. Bev works at the bakery, they make swell fruitcake there. Annie and Bev came over this evening. I paid my share.

I stayed with the children tonight while Donna and Lou went to choir practice in Elysian Park. Rex went to his Teamsters Union meeting with Ernie Vandergrift. Elaine's babies are all better now. I do hope our little ones will keep well for the holidays, and all of us. There is an awful lot of sickness (flu).



Golden West Hotel above, circa 1930. The front was modernized in 1935. The Golden West sign is visible on right side of the building. Photo below left is the hotel as it looked in 1975.

Historic Steinegger Lodging House. The structure, which was abandoned in 1970s, was built in 1889 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 19, 1986. It was also known as the "Alamo Hotel," "St. Francis Hotel," and the "Golden West Hotel." It is located at 27 E. Monroe St., Phoenix, AZ.



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### 1889 Steinegger Lodge slated for demolition in Downtown Phoenix

Downtown Phoenix may lose another 19th century building, the Steinegger Lodging House, or more commonly known as the Golden West Hotel/Newmans Cocktails, at 27 E. Monroe. The building was constructed in 1889 and was for many years a successful hostel for business travelers. It was expanded in 1911, and went through various expansions and renovations until the facade was covered in stucco as a "modern" update in 1935. By the 1980s, it was an SRO facility until it closed in 2006. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984, but never listed on the Phoenix Historic Property Register due to owner objection at the time. The Phoenix Historic Neighborhoods Coalition listed the building on its enDangered Dozen.

In 2006, it was bought by the first of several investors in the 1931 Professional Building. It now sits in the shadow of the Professional Building/Hilton Garden Inn, sadly vacant and rapidly deteriorating, partly from vacancy, partly from neglect. The current owners, CSM Lodging from Minneapolis, have filed for demolition. To their credit, they have done extensive investigation into the structural condition and documented the interior floor plan and the few remaining architectural details. It is sadly at the point of collapse.

There is a proposal to dismantle the building and salvage any items of architectural interest. This may be the "best" outcome, albeit a regrettable loss. It will then leave only 48 buildings from the 19th century standing in Phoenix. . .

[Kathy found out the hotel was demolished in the later part of 2020.]

## December 20, Friday

I ironed all morning. Janet went to the new market with me this afternoon to buy my Christmas tree and some snow for it. I got a cute little tree for 25¢, about two feet high. She told everyone in the store, who would listen, that she had a big tree trimmed at her house, this was her "Gramma's tree," but she was very happy to carry the little tree and thought it swell for Grama, cute thing. She wanted to trim it right now when we got home, Ann, Carol Sue, and Denny here, too. I had to wait for Lou to fix the tree lights, so had a good excuse to do it after they were in bed. Donna took the car this afternoon. We took Janet and Joan to Highland Park, Donna bought goods to make the doll buggy quilts and etcetera, also some gifts for little friends of Janet and Joan. Lou painted on the little doll chest he made for Janet's Christmas. Donna took the car again tonight, she went for Inis, they had a trio rehearsal at Beth's. They are going to sing Sunday night. Rex painted on Joan's buggy and Janet's scooter. Lou and I trimmed our little tree. I put starch on the branches and sprinkled snow on. It looks real pretty, like the first snowfall.



*Janet wanted everyone to know her tree at home was bigger than Grama's tree.*

## December 21, Saturday

Lou painted on the children's Christmas things, Rex had given the buggy for Joan one coat, and I think Janet's scooter a coat, too, but Lou painted the little chest then went over to paint at Donna's. Things are in the little shed where the landlady used to live. I cleaned through the house. Elaine took Janet to Primary with her kiddies. Donna had to rehearse with Anna May Olney who is playing her violin in Sunday School tomorrow. Donna and I took Joan in our car about 11:45, called for Janet; they had a party and program. Santa was there to give each child a stocking of candy. Joan got one, too. We left the children with Lorene while Donna tried on dresses. She found a very pretty black one trimmed with blue braid. I paid \$3 on it for her Christmas gift; she paid \$1. All I had was \$3. We bought a few things in Kress Store, also. The children didn't want to leave Lorene's. Ray was entertaining them with a book. [Ray also took darling photos of Joan and Janet today. See this page.] Mary and friend, Vernon J. [Lenius Vernon Jorgensen and Mary Clayton will marry on October 13, 1942] were trying to fix Mary's bicycle in the backyard. John came for Janet



*Joan and Janet Marsh, photo taken by Raymond Clayton.*



*Florence and John Marsh's grandchildren wearing outfits that Florence made.  
In back: Ernie Oates, Elaine Oates, Robin Marsh. In front: Irene Oates, Janet Marsh, Joan Marsh, Diane Oates.*

and Joan, took them to the party at Grama Marsh's; dinner and fun. They had all the grandchildren, kept them all night, dressed little girls in cute dresses Sunday morning. Rex and Donna called for Janet and Joan, took them to the big turkey dinner at the L.A. Breakfast Club that Knudsen gave. Each child got a \$1.00 gift, men got \$5.00 first year and \$10.00 after. They took the children back to Marshes' to sleep. Lou and I went to town on the bus. Kids had our car. We enjoyed ourselves, buying each other Christmas gifts. I bought him two shirts and a tie, he bought shoes and dress for me. We enjoyed dinner at Finney's Cafeteria, 309 West 4th Street. First time we've been there; nice place. We each bought house slippers last Saturday night in Pasadena.

### **December 22, Sunday**

The six little Marsh granddaughters looked real cute dressed alike in dresses Grama Marsh made for their Christmas. White blouses, plaid skirts, silk slips, red sox, and white panties, too. Lovely Christmas. They were all in the Christmas program with little class in a song. The program was given by the Junior Sunday School with the exception of story by Wayne Strong. Good program. The two little Udall girls thrilled me with their violin playing. Lucy is only Janet's age, 4 ½ years. Jewel is about 9, I guess. Uncle Jim took Donna with the Marshes to dinner at McDonalds, his Christmas gift to them, nice, eh? I brought the children home and gave them their dinner here. Both of them had a nap this afternoon. Donna and I got the doll covers and mattresses cut out, ready to make. I did a little sewing on them before going to church. Barbara came over to stay with the kiddies

while we went. The trio sang two songs in the Missionary program tonight. Marty gave a reading, Myrna Nadden told, "The Other Wiseman," talks by Brothers Brewer and Kitchens. It was a grand meeting. I was so thrilled when the trio sang "The Vision." Our candy came from Sr. Putnam, I'm glad. The Saxelby's had my sisters and husbands over after church, nice, eh?

### **December 23, Monday**

It rained all night and morning, we wanted to wash, darn it! I spent the day making doll quilts and mattresses, also two doll pillows for Janet's and Joan's doll buggies. Tonight Donna and Elaine came over here, we sewed until midnight on doll clothes. Elaine needs a new machine needle, certain kind. She can't get it in Highland Park. The kiddies are getting very anxious for Christmas. I guess it does seem a long time to the little dears, when folks start talking about Christmas in October.

### **December 24, Tuesday**

I made a little blue silk doll dress for Janet's doll and trimmed her pink taffeta formal, and some little pajamas for doll, also. Lou had this afternoon off, the governor gave them a half day off, nice?? He took the children to Highland Park and down to Ernie's station. I cleaned through my house this afternoon. Tonight I rode to the May Company on the bus; I bought a dart game for Rex, and some silk hose for Donna, to go along with the dress. Donna cooked a beef roast this afternoon, she gave her Daddy his dinner, and me some when I got home, sweet child. Rex worked until

about 8:30. Lou and I enjoyed watching old Santa at work in Donna's house, both children were in bed and asleep by 7:30, so Santa could get to work early there. I saw him at work in Elaine's house, too. She had lots of company this evening, her folks and the Vandergrifts. Marshes came up to Donna's. Florence gave me a plum pudding again this year, so sweet of her. I finished a little pair of slacks for Ann's doll tonight, Elaine was too busy to do it. Lou and I opened our gifts while Shirley Hoglund was here, very nice.

### December 25, Wednesday— Christmas Day

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." I went over to see the excitement of Donna's children this morning, cute things. They were surely tickled with the gifts Santa left. I enjoyed seeing Elaine's kiddies, too. Big Day. We had lots of callers this morning. Glen took moving pictures of us all in our homes with our Christmas trees and etcetera. Ray Haddock helped him. He held the big lights. My folks all called on us, after dinner we went calling. Donna and family ate dinner with us; fried rabbit. Beverly did her calling on her new bicycle. She had Dale on the back, he was dressed in his mounted police uniform. I'm afraid Beverly is overdoing it riding so far when she isn't used to pumping a bike. Her new bike is a beauty. We went to Clayton's first, Chandler's next, Br. and Sr. Chandler were on way out to dinner, Miriam is feeling better. Then we went over to Sue's. Lucille and Lloyd were there, house full of gifts. Ray gave Bette so many lovely things, also his folks gave her gifts. Santa was grand to the Andersens, too. Bev gave Annie and Bill a beautiful platform chair, they all got lovely gifts. Bette ate dinner at Haddock's but they came over to Sue's while we were there. Elaine and family ate at Vandergrift's. Glen was out to a show, but Beverly showed us the moving pictures he took of us all at the Strong's Christmas party. Our last call was at Florence Oates's, we tasted her turkey. I've eaten candy, cake and cider all afternoon. John, Florence, and Ruthie came up to Florence's. We've had a very Merry Christmas. Rex and Donna gave me a lovely slip, hose, and gold pin. Lou gave me blue dress and shoes. Rex and Donna gave Lou a big flashlight, shaving set, and tie, swell. Mother sent me a pretty compact, she bought it in Honolulu. She sent Donna one, also. She sent Rex and Lou both tie racks from Phoenix, Arizona. Cute. She sent the children each little red purses with 15¢ in each. We were surprised as she had given us our Christmas gifts before leaving for Arizona.

### December 26, Thursday

I had a very lovely Christmas and we were all well and happy and thankful we live in America. I do feel so sorry

for those dear people over in the war torn Europe. It was a lovely day for our washing. Donna and I went in Ruth Pierce's house to see their Christmas gifts, they surely got a lot. Mrs. Carry and Ruth came over to see Donna's and my gifts this afternoon. I had a nice visit here with Mrs. Carry after Ruth took little Sandy home. I enjoyed Ruth and baby's visit, too, of course. They are very nice people. I stayed with Donna's children tonight while they all went to choir. Lorene and Charlie visited with me until almost 10 p.m. I liked that, the time didn't seem as long as usual. I hope Dad and our loved ones in Utah had as nice a Christmas as we out here did. I would love to have looked in on them all.



### December 27, Friday

Mother Renshaw is in her new hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. We got a letter from her today, she is thrilled with the place. I'm glad for her, too. I ironed this morning. Rex had the afternoon off. Mary Clayton rode over to see us on her bicycle. I went uptown this afternoon with Donna and Janet. She took the slippers Rex gave her back to Famous Store, but couldn't get right size, so they gave her a \$2 order. She bought Janet a pair of pink sleepers and cute little dress, also a dress for Joan with the money order (59¢ each and cute). We did a little shopping in Woolworth's Store. I bought a new diary for 1941, and few other things, we both bought ink. This evening Lou went over to talk to Brother Haddock about a letter he's written to Mr. Roger Jessup about a job, or better working conditions for himself. Br. Haddock is a friend of Mr. Jessup's and he is going to give him Lou's letter, nice, eh? Donna typed the letter for her daddy, also changed the wording to sound better. She has had business training. Marty brought her brother, Dick, over this afternoon, he used our phone. He is a nice young man. I hope he can find work and bring his little family down. Rex and Wayne went block teaching tonight. Donna went with Bob and Inis to practice at Beth's house for program next Tuesday night.

### December 28, Saturday

I mended Lou's brown vest and pants, and then did the cleaning. He went down to Ernie's station and fixed some doors so they'd open better. Then he went over to Grant Carlson's and cut their lawn. The Carlsons are in Salt Lake City. This evening we took Donna and the children to see the Christmas lights in Glendale and Pasadena, very pretty. Many homes are decorated very lovely, also. Pasadena is ready for the Rose Parade. We stopped in Zimmerman's Market, on our way back for some groceries. Donna took care of little Patty tonight while Wayne, Marty, and her bother Dick went to a picture show. She took care of baby Michael this afternoon while Elaine took Ann and Carol Sue uptown. Elaine took Ann to the eye doctor. Bette and Ray came over to get some picture books for Bette's class in Sunday School. I let them in Elaine's house with my key. They enjoyed some of my good candy that Sr. Putnam made,

surely is good. Glen and Vernon Jorgensen came block teaching tonight, both nice young fellows. They also enjoyed our candy. Lou and I wrote a letter to Mother.

### December 29, Sunday

It rained most of the night and all morning. Janet and I started out in the rain for Sunday School. We waited for the bus, it was a long time coming. I guess we just missed one. They don't run as often on Sundays, anyway. We saw Al drive down the hill to Elaine's but couldn't make any of them notice us. We ran across the street to catch him when he came back up the hill, but he went down the Speedway, so we had to go back and wait for bus. Elaine and children didn't go today. Bette felt bad this morning, she lost her diamond engagement ring, left it in the gas station rest room last night, didn't miss it until this morning. Shirley took her class while she and Ray went back to the station, near Devil's Gate Dam, to inquire about it. Well, of all the miraculous things, she found her beloved ring, the station man had it. He'd picked it up in the restroom. We're all happy over her finding it. Bob and Inis called for Donna this afternoon at 2:45. They went to Beth's for a rehearsal. I stayed at Donna's with the children, both were asleep. Beth's cousin, Nedra, is visiting from Salt Lake or Provo, I guess. Her father, Vivian, brought all six of his children down, Nedra left her three babies with Andrea, her mother. We had a surprise in church tonight. Joe and Kate Hoglund came in with Lorene and Charlie. We all went over to visit with them at Sue's after church. P.S. A big light bulb shade broke in church tonight while Ralph S. was playing his violin. It gave us all a scare, such a loud noise.

### December 30, Monday—Dale's Birthday

It was nice seeing Joe and Kate Hoglund again last night. They are visiting in California for a few days, have a room in town. They went to Lorene's house last evening, and came up to church with them. We all went over to Sue's after church to visit with them. Sue served popcorn and candy and apple cider. Annie brought some of her fruitcake over. It was a lovely sunny day for our washing today. We had a small one because of washing late in last week. Tonight Lou and I rode over to Sue's for her



Donna, Elvie, Violet, Annie, Katy Hoglund, with Lou and Joe Hoglund in front 1927 in Los Angeles.

turkey roaster. We took Sue with us to Annie's to wish little Dale, "Happy Birthday." "Bless his little heart." He was all excited expecting Ann and Janet or some of the children, but they were in bed asleep when we left. I gave him 10¢. Sue gave him 25¢ and stick of candy. This is a bad time for a birthday, just after Christmas and just before payday. I tried to entertain Dale, played games (building things) and then we worked one of his picture puzzles. We all had a hand in the puzzle. We enjoyed a piece of Dale's birthday cake.

### December 31, Tuesday—New Year's Eve

Bishop Gunn brought the turkey for me to cook about nine o'clock this morning. It weighed about 20 pounds. He took one to Marie Kendrick, and one home for his wife to cook. I worked 2 hours getting pinfeathers out. I cooked it 6 hours. [Cooking time for a turkey 18 to 20 pounds is currently suggested 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 hours. Cooking times and the need to get feathers off the turkey have certainly changed from the 1940s!] I borrowed Sue's turkey rack and roaster, it turned out lovely. I put Elaine's, Donna's, and my own hair in pin curls this morning. When Lou came at 4 p.m., he took me to Highland Park to buy 10¢ gifts for our ward officers party tomorrow night. We went to Kress Store, but it was closed for inventory, so I bought four packages of 10¢ stationary in Si Perkins Market. It was cute, too, little cut out blotters of ladies in different colors. Lou bought a nice leg of lamb, I roasted it when the turkey was done. We took our children with us to store. On this, the last day of 1940, I'll write that I am very grateful to my Father in Heaven for all the blessings he has given to me and my loved ones this past year. He surely has been good to all of us. We've enjoyed good health most of the time, and many other blessings, too. Tonight Lou and I rode over

to the New Years Eve stake dance with Bob and Inis. We left our car for Rex and Donna. Rex had to work late. Al stayed at Elaine's with all the children. (Elaine's and Donna's, asleep.) I enjoyed looking at all the lovely girls and pretty dresses. We came home after midnight, dust from celebrations gave me asthma. They danced until 2 a.m. Al's car got a flat tire on the way home. Glen was driving. Bill took Al out to the car, I stayed with babies until Elaine came.

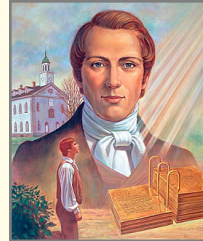
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**JOSEPH SMITH, BORN  
DECEMBER 23, 1805**

“Here is a man who was born in the stark hills of Vermont; who was reared in the backwoods of New York; who never looked inside a college or high school; who lived in six states, no one of which would own him during his lifetime; who spent months in the vile prisons of the period; who, even when he had his freedom, was hounded like a fugitive; who was covered once with a coat of tar and feathers, and left for dead; who, with his following, was driven by irate neighbors from New York to Ohio, from Ohio to Missouri and from Missouri to Illinois; and who, at the unripe age of thirty eight, was shot to death by a mob with painted faces.

Yet this man became mayor of the biggest town in Illinois and the State’s most prominent citizen, the commander of the largest body of trained soldiers in the nation outside the Federal army, the founder of cities and of a university, and aspired to become President of the United States.



He wrote a book which has baffled the literary critics for a hundred years and which is today more widely read than any other volume save the Bible. On the threshold of an organizing age, he established the most nearly perfect social mechanism in the modern world, and developed a religious philosophy that challenges anything of the kind in history, for completeness and cohesion. And he set up the machinery for an economic system that would take the brood of Fears out of the heart of man – the fear of want through sickness, old age, unemployment, and poverty.

In thirty nations are men and women who look upon him as a greater leader than Moses and a greater prophet than Isaiah; his disciples now number close to a million; and already a granite shaft pierces the sky over the place where he was born.”

—*John Henry Evans*