

Elvie Aurelia Bailey Renshaw



*Elvie & Louis Renshaw
1924 in Park City*

The Year 1929

Trust

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

—Mary F. Butts

Cast of Characters in Elvie's 1929 Diary

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

Donna Renshaw: their daughter.

Sarah & John Renshaw: Lou's parents.

Lillian Renshaw: Lou's sister married to **Jack Keller**, children, **Ralph Melvin**, **Lillian Shirley** and **Ruth Louise**.

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 Hogle** who is the Bishop of Garvanza Ward. Their children are **Elaine**, **Bette**, and **Shirley**.

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

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

Violet: a sister living in Los Angeles; married to **Otto Fife**; daughter **Dolores**.

Ruth Strong married to **Clarence Cartwright** children, **Merilyn** & **Gerald**

Florence, John, Rex & Ruth Marsh: good friends and ward members. Rex takes a special interest in Donna Renshaw.



*Left to Right standing: Al Hoglund, Lou Renshaw, 2 unknown, Susie Hoglund, 4 unknown, Katy Hoglund, Charles Clayton,
 Ruth & Clarence Cartwright, unknown, Annie Andersen, Joe Hoglund, Billie Andersen, unknown
 Kneeling left to right: Raymond Clayton, Elaine Hoglund, unknown, Beverly Andersen, Lorene Clayton,
 Donna & Elvie Renshaw, Glen Andersen
 Sitting on grass: unknown, Jerry & Marilyn Cartwright, Shirley Hoglund, unknown baby, Mary Clayton*



*Left to right: unknown, Shirley Hoglund, Donna Renshaw, Glen Andersen, Elaine Hoglund, Raymond Clayton,
 Beverly Andersen, Mary Clayton, Marilyn Cartwright, in front, unknown baby and Jerry Cartwright*

Dec. 25th 1928. The Kellers, Lillian, Jack and Liddies, surprised us with a visit the day before Christmas. We all ate Christmas dinner with Sue, Al and family, thirteen of us sat down to eat a delicious dinner - at night, Louis, Donna, Lillian, Jack and Liddies and myself went to the Highland theater -

Elvie officially started her diary on January 1, 1929, however the above caption was pasted in the 1929 diary



Lillian Renshaw
(Louis's only sister)



John Patterson Hopwood Keller (Jack), Ralph Melvin & Lillian Renshaw Keller

"ELVIE'S DIARY"

To my little daughter, Donna
 I would flood your path with sunshine, I would fence you from all ill,
 I would crown you with all blessings, if I could but have my will.
 Aye, but human love may err dear, a power all wise is near
 So, I only pray, "God Bless You" and help you through the year.

-Author unknown

I started my diary January 1st, 1929, and have continued to write an every day account of the happenings of our family up to the present date, which is October 23, 1952. Donna is typing it for me so that this record can be more easily preserved for those who are interested. I have begun each new year with this little verse. It has helped me through each day.

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 Fill the space with loving work and there in stay
 Look not through sheltering bars upon tomorrow
 God will be there, to help thee bear what comes of joy or sorrow.

-Mary F. Butts

January 1, 1929 Tuesday

Lou and I took Uncle Ern, Aunt Ida, and Ruth [Ernest James Strong & Eliza Davies Strong and daughter Ruth Cartwright] to the Rose Tournament Parade. It was a beautiful day, and the parade was wonderful. Later we took Violet for a ride, and brought her home to dinner. Of course we had little Dolores also (bless her little heart). Chandlers took Donna to Venice beach in afternoon. Louis and I went to Starland show at night. It was a happy New Year's Day for us.

January 2, Wednesday

I was not well, in bed most of the day. I felt better at night, so got up and untrimmed Christmas tree. Louis and Donna have gone to Mutual. Back into bed for yours truly. Nitie, night.

January 3, Thursday

I walked over to Sue's in the afternoon. In evening Pierre Athens came over and invited us to play 500 with them. They live next door to us. We enjoyed the game, and won 2 out of 4. Weather much cooler. Burr, winter looks in on us!

January 4, Friday

Today is my nephew Glen's birthday, (dear little man). Daddy (Lou) took Donna and I over to Annie's while he went to Charlie's place to work on the Ward books. Harold Gunn and Paul Pack helped. We had birthday cake and enjoyed ourselves.

January 5, Saturday

To Primary and window shopping after, in and out of some stores. Shopping in the 15¢ store as usual. Took Uncle Ern and Aunt Ida to train. Ruth and Marilyn [Ruth's child] went also. Sue and Al went out to Seal Beach. Uncle Alma [Alma Ether Strong] is very low. Donna is sleeping with Elaine tonight (sweet dreams).

January 6, Sunday

Fine Sunday School and a wonderful night meeting. Bro. Ershenbach was our speaker. Wish we could have more speakers like him. Aunt Sarah Swift arrived in Los Angeles on her way to Seal Beach. Aunt Lizzie [Louise Elizabeth Underwood Strong] sent for her as Uncle Alma

For simplicity Elvie called Alma "Uncle Alma" actually he was her second cousin once removed.

Alma E. Strong Dies At Long Beach; to Be Buried in S. L.



Alma E. Strong, until recently a resident of Salt Lake, died Tuesday at Long Beach, Calif., according to word received by relatives in this city.

Mr. Strong was born in Salt Lake, Jan. 13, 1863, the son of Jacob and Alice Walsh Strong. He was active in Church work and held position as president of the Jacob Strong Genealogical society.

Surviving are his widow, Elizabeth Underwood Strong, and the following children, Alma J. and Clinton Strong of Salt Lake, Mrs. Ellen Scott, Mrs. Thelma Upham, Grant Strong and Mrs. Nora McKay all of California. Ten grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah W. Swift, Salt Lake, and Mrs. Lucinda Campbell, Ogden, also survive.

The body was expected to arrive in Salt Lake Thursday and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

is not expected to live. Aunt Sarah Swift is Uncle Alma's half-sister.

January 7, Monday

Went down to see how Sr. Marsh was feeling. She is sick in bed with flu. Daddy and Bill administered to her. She looks bad, but will be better soon. I went uptown this morning to pay on our automobile. Goodnight.

January 8, Tuesday

Uncle Alma Strong passed away this morning at nine o'clock. His daughter, Thelma, had a baby girl at 5 p.m. the same day. [Thelma Naomi Strong Upham] Al took Lorene, Sue, Annie, and me out to see Aunt Lizzie, poor soul. We called in the undertakers on way home to see Uncle Alma. He looked very nice.

January 9, Wednesday

Louis took Violet, Ruth, and I down to the Los Angeles station to see Aunt Lizzie and others off. But they didn't come out. Daddy went back to the train and talked to them. I was called on to give the closing prayer in Relief Society, also in Mutual at night. My Pray day, not Pay day.



Los Angeles Public Library was built in 1926 on the corner of 5th and Flower

January 10, Thursday

Bro. Jester took six of us down to the Library at 5th and Flower. I looked up the Bailey records. Found some interesting information, and saw my great grandfather's picture in a book. I think Uncle Frank Bailey compiled this book. I wrote down some notes.

January 11, Friday

Yes, it was cleaning day alright. I then tied a big stack of newspapers. Had fish for supper (sure, why not, it's fish day, isn't it?). Joe Hoglund and family came over to bring brushes for our car. He says they may go back to Salt Lake. Think of it! Leaving this weather for Salt Lake in January - not me!



Elvie Renshaw on the running board of Lou's car in 1924

At this time Elvie does not mention in her diary what kind of car the family owned. However the photo above was identified in her scrapbooks as "1924 Elvie with Lou's car." (1921 Model T Ford) The family car is mentioned numerous times in her diaries. Here are some examples; Elvie goes to make payments on the car, Louis is often tearing the car apart to repair it, the car is also in the repair shop at times. Elvie mentions in her diary that she once inquired about extending the loan. It was an eight year old car with mechanical difficulties, making it sometimes a source of stress and financial worry. However it is also source of happiness because of the many fun outings made possible on account of owning a car.

January 12, Saturday

Went to Primary in morning, came home and made a ginger cake. In the evening we went shopping for our groceries and down to Highland Park shopping in Kress, and 15¢ stores.

1923 Automobile Facts:

In 1923, car registrations in California passed the million mark.

It was the automobile which spurred the development of most new businesses between 1919 and 1929 in Southern California. Businesses the auto industry fueled included the garage, the service station, tire shops, auto showrooms, auto wreckers, auto laundries and auto camps, courts, and motels.

In the 1920s the automobile industry overtook steel as the most important sector of the American economy. Approximately 10 percent of the annual income of Americans was taken up purchasing cars and trucks and in buying gas, oil, parts, repairs, and other auto-related items. The automobile industry, led by the "Big Three" companies of General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler, fueled the upswing in the economy in the last half of the 1920s. The increasing importance of the business, however, meant that if car and truck sales slipped the entire American economy would suffer. People soon discovered just how closely the auto industry was linked to the general healthiness of the economy following the stock-market crash in October 1929.

Love to do it, lots of fun. We always see some of our friends in Kress or 15¢ store on Saturday Night.

January 13, Sunday

Went to Sunday School, Louis Marsh asked me to teach the Primary class. It's a dear little class. I enjoyed it very much. We took Bill and family for ride out to El Monte. Came home and had lunch, then went to church. Poor Billie is worrying over tomorrow (Blue Monday - wash day). He gets Annie started on her washing about 4 a.m.

January 14, Monday

Well, we've had it! (Blue Monday) Now we'll be o.k. for another week. Went to officers meeting at Bishop's. It was Sr. Bingham's birthday. We had ice cream and cake in her honor, after the meeting. We played games and enjoyed ourselves.

January 15, Tuesday

Louis fixed a rod up in Donna's clothes closet. Gee, but I'm happy over it, as we'll now have room for her things. Enjoyed evening home with music from my two sweethearts. "Happy is the home where love abides."



1929 Essex —On January 16th Lou & Elvie spent "a very happy day looking at cars"

January 16, Wednesday

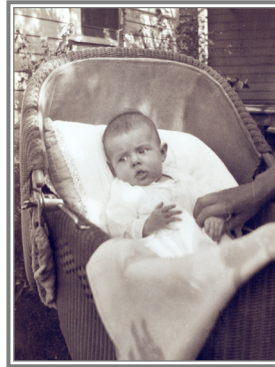
Rained all morning so Daddy lost a day, but he spent a very happy day looking at cars. He took me for a ride in an Essex. Then he took me to Relief Society. We went to Mutual at night. It looks like more rain.

January 17, Thursday

Home all day mending and darning. Lou and Bill went teaching. Annie, Violet, and Donna went to York show. They each got a little yellow dish. I stayed home at Annie's with the kiddies. Joe Hoglund [Al Hoglund's cousin] got a letter from Utah Light and Power offering him a job.

January 18, Friday

I stayed home and did my cleaning. Maybe Katy and Joe will go home to Utah. We'll miss 'em alright. Primary will sure miss her. We went over to Annie's at night and walked over to see Violet and baby, Dolores. She's a darling baby; we do love her, so.



Dolores Fife

January 19, Saturday

Rained again so Daddy took us to Primary and called for us after. Dandy service I'll say. We bought our groceries and went to see Mrs. Cerny after supper. She sure was tickled to see us. I enjoyed seeing the old dear, myself.

January 20, Sunday

Went to Sunday School. After dinner we went to Wilshire Ward to a special meeting. (More Stake House) The Primary teachers all met at the Bishop's house after church tonight in a little farewell gathering for Joe and Katy Hoglund. Enjoyed cookies and ice cream. I composed a toast for them. Sr. Robinson had asked me to write some little tribute of farewell. Here it is-

*Dearest sister Katy, and beloved brother Joe,
we, in Garvanza, surely hate to see you go.
May God bless you on your journey and guide you
safely there,
And may the heavens cease their weeping and you find the
weather fair.
We hope you'll be successful, and "coin in lots of jack,"
But if fate should turn against you,
Remember, you can come back.*

January 21 - Monday

Katy and Joe left this morning for Salt Lake. Louis stayed home, too muddy to work on this job at the hospital. Lou, Glen, and I took Joe's trunk down to depot, but had to bring it back for crating. Louis and Billie went block teaching. Donna and I went over to Otto's to let him look through the big book she got from school on France.



Louis Timothy Renshaw-1890

January 22, Tuesday

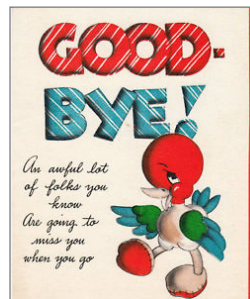
Washed and went up to Highland Park to get silk for Donna's lamp. Also bought shirt and tie for Louis's birthday tomorrow. Stayed home in evening. Donna is making a bed lamp at school in sewing class.

January 23, Wednesday

My sweethearts birthday! Made lemon pie (his favorite). Gave him gifts when he came home. Went to Relief Society in afternoon. Dr. Miller lectured. The Gleaner girls gave their dance tonight after Mutual. I had a swell time.



Donna & Elvie Renshaw, Violet Fife, Annie Andersen, Katy Hoglund
Sitting in front- Louis Renshaw and Joe Hoglund



January 24, Thursday

Went to Union meeting at West Adams. At night we went to a birthday party over to Hills for the Bishop. (Al) It was a surprise. His birthday is the 26th. We all put in some money and bought a lovely gold watch chain for him. He was both surprised and pleased. All had a good time.

January 25, Friday

Louis and Billie went down to Sr. Woods to see her son who got hurt in an automobile accident. Donna and I visited with Annie. Sue and Al came over. Today we heard about Selma Strong dying. [Selma Dagmar Olsen] Dear little woman, she has suffered a long time.

Selma was married to Alma James Strong who was the oldest child of Alma Ether Strong. Alma E. Strong died January 8, 1929 and Alma J. Strong's wife Selma Dagmar Olsen Strong died January 21, 1929. The Alma James Strong family lived in Salt Lake. Selma was only 38 years old. This must have been a very difficult time for Alma James Strong to lose both his father and wife twelve days apart.



Selma Dagmar Olsen

January 26, Saturday

Went to Primary in the morning as usual. Walked over to Annie's after. At night we went out for our groceries. Did a little shopping in Highland Park. Now to bed.

January 27, Sunday

To Sunday School and home to a hurry up dinner, as we were going to Conference in our new Stake House. Our first meeting in the new Stake house. We stayed for the evening session, also. It was a very fine conference. Speakers were Br. Schonberg, Pres. Nibley, and Apostle Whitney. Pres. George McCune conducted.

January 28, Monday

Sick in bed until noon. Got up and wrote a letter to Lillian Keller. Stayed home in evening and composed song for Elaine's class to sing at program. Daddy wrote to Grandma. Elaine's class graduates from Garvanza School to Luther Burbank Jr. High. Here is the little song. It's sung to the tune of "Rainbow Round My Shoulder."

*There's a schoolhouse called Garvanza,
and it's where we got our start,
Now the time has come that we must leave, we
hate to part.
Here we learned to love our teachers,
and made some friendships true
Tho' we hate to leave, we must advance;
it's the thing to do.*

*Chorus
Hallelujah, how the kids will stare,
when they see us marching over there
But we know we'll make the grade O.K.,
if we'll do our share, yes, sir,
We will always love Garvanza,
with a memory fond and true
Yes, and you can bet, we won't forget our love for you.*

January 29, Tuesday

Sewed most of day. Fixed Donna's brown dress. Went to Highland Park show to see "Lilac Time," tonight. Good show, we enjoyed it very much.



January 30, Wednesday

Did my washing and went to Relief Society. Went to Mutual at night. Donna has a sore in her nose that is worrying me. (Poor little nose.) It looks something like a boil. Weather colder at nights. Heard about deep snow back East. I love California.

January 31, Thursday

Donna's sore nose is better, I'm happy to say, but it's still real sore. I went to a Primary luncheon over to Ruth Cartwright's, 25¢. Donna went to a basketball game with Rex Marsh. Garvanza played Boyle Heights, 31-24 in favor of Boyle Heights.

February 1, Friday

Florence Marsh graduated from Lincoln High School tonight. It rained today. Ate dinner over at Annie's. We had a delicious French apple pie. Louis and I looked at houses. Am using my new pen from Kress Store, and it's the bunk! [Bunk: Inferior, faulty and generally unacceptable]

February 2, Saturday

Grace Hansen gave me a lovely bouquet of flowers this morning in Primary. Daddy took us to and from Primary, as it was raining in the morning, and they didn't work. Went to Marshes with gift for Florence, a flower corsage. Ate supper at Violet's.

February 3, Sunday

Br. Ershenbach spoke at our nine o'clock morning meeting. Very fine talk. Louis took Sue, Annie, and Lorene out to visit Inez. I took care of Shirley. Al was too sick with abscess to go. We had a wonderful night meeting.

February 4, Monday

I wrote to Katy Hoglund, and I stayed home all day. Louis went over to Hill's to get ice cream freezer and stayed two hours listening to their radio. I wish we had one. It was Elaine's first day at Luther Burbank Jr. High.

LONG ILLNESS PROVES FATAL

Mrs. Selma Olsen Strong, wife of Alma J. Strong of the Hyland Lumber Company, died at the family residence, 762 Ramona avenue, Monday, following a lingering illness.

Mr. Strong was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Olsen, both of which survive. In addition to her husband and parents she is survived by the following children: Lois, Bertha and Paul.

The following brothers and sisters also survive: C. John Olsen, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Clarence Key, Mrs. William Pritchett, Mrs. J. A. Vanduren and Miss Hilga Olsen.



Florence Orzella Marsh
Graduation picture, 17 years old.



Donna, Elvie and Louis Renshaw
 "To My Own" honors Elvie's precious family

February 5, Tuesday

Did washing and composed poetry to Louis and Donna. In evening we went over to Annie's while Louis visited Br. and Sr. Reiche. Home again - thank goodness for the night time, and a good bed to sleep in! Here's the poem -

TO MY OWN

*Could I, if actually put to the test
 say which of my dear ones I love best?
 No, they each hold their own place in my heart,
 and to measure that love, I never could start,
 As I think of my husband, so loyal and true,
 the only real sweetheart that I ever knew,
 We are so happy in our married life,
 I've never regretted being his wife.
 And, why wish to roll in wealth
 when you are really happy and enjoying health.
 As I ponder, while the minutes pass,
 thinking of Donna, my own little lass,
 Do you think the riches of this old earth
 could ever pay me my daughter's worth?
 Why, all that I suffered to bring her here
 has only made me love her dearer.
 And the memory of her baby days,
 with her little sayings, and baby ways,
 Ah, I marvel, as I think of the wealth untold
 that one little human heart can hold.*

February 6, Wednesday

No work for Daddy today, too stormy looking. He went down, but they said, no work. He took me to Relief Society and called for me. You see a rainy day is fine for some things. Went to Mutual at night.

February 7, Thursday

Went up to Sr. Bingham's to a quilting bee in the morning. Had a lovely lunch and nice time. Left at three o'clock for a funeral at Cresses, for a Mr. Sneddon. He wasn't very well known, and Al liked us to go when we could. Over to Annie's at night while Louis and Bill went, block teaching.

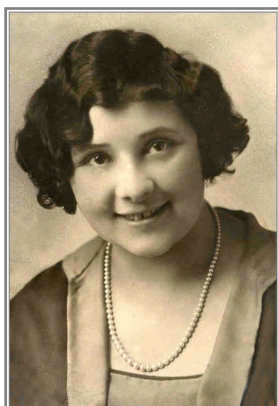
February 8, Friday

I was busy with darning, mending and cleaning. Donna went to a valentine party up to Janette's. Lou and I walked over to Hill's to enjoy their radio in the evening. Donna came in from the party. We all walked home together.

February 9, Saturday

Adeline Bingham was badly hurt last night in an automobile accident. She was driving her father's car, and ran into a street winker [signal]. The car is a total loss to them now. We went up to Bingham's. Donna took care of Paula Athens after Primary. Good night.





Annie Elizabeth Bailey

February 10, Sunday - Annie's Birthday

After Sunday School we went over to look at Bingham's wrecked car. Then went over to Sue's for dinner. Donna went to Chandler's for dinner. All went to church. Fine meeting. Washday tomorrow - for Annie anyway.

February 11, Monday

I went down to Highland Park this morning after my washing was hung out. Annie gave a birthday luncheon over to Sue's for twelve ladies. We had lots of fun and a good lunch. At night we went to the meeting over to Bishop's. P.S. Of all things, Annie didn't wash, and it's Monday!

February 12, Tuesday - Lincoln's Birthday

I went block teaching today with Sr. Gledhill. At night we went over to Chandlers to a cottage meeting. Had a big dish of ice cream and some cake. How am I to sleep with all that ice cream in my tummy?

February 13, Wednesday

Oh, day of days, I had a free facial given me in Relief Society for a demonstration. You'd never know me now, or would you? Went to Mutual and Br. Udall asked me to give the opening prayer. I did. The elders gave their dance after Mutual. Sold ice cream and punch.



These darning tools belonged to Elvie

The darning mushroom was an essential tool in an era when women were constantly repairing worn socks. Before the advent of synthetic materials, socks and other items of clothing were in constant need of repair. Darning was considered a necessary skill for girls and young women, part of their education as future wives and mothers. The mushroom was used to make repairs to clothing, bed linen etc. a practice that has largely disappeared with the development of modern textiles.



Elvie Darning socks in 1927
February 8th is one of the many times that Elvie mentions darning in her diary

February 14, Thursday

Darned and mended all day. Had a lot of fun in the evening taking valentine's around to the kiddies. I am tired tonight, after the swell time I had at the dance last night.

February 15, Friday

Sewed and cleaned the house. Took Donna to her Valentine's party. Went over to visit Annie and Bill. Went up to call for Donna, saw Marshes' car outside so came home knowing she'd get home O.K., and happier.

February 16, Saturday

After Primary Donna and I walked over to Safeway to leave our order. Daddy called for it. In evening we went over to get Vera. She stayed all night. Violet left her cream at Safeway, so we took her back to get it, but too late, they had sold it again, but gave her money back.

February 17, Sunday

After Sunday School, Vera, Rex and Arthur came home to dinner with us. We enjoyed some music and went up to Bingham's to see Adeline. Louis and I left Bingham's to go to Bishop's to see Inez. She was spending the day with them. She looks fine.

February 18, Monday

Rained all morning. Louis took me for a nice ride in Pasadena after lunch. In the evening we went down to Marshes' to hear Tadpole on their radio. They were out, but we went in anyway and enjoyed the program with Rex.

February 19, Tuesday

Did a big washing. Sat down to rest, and composed "My Family Tree." Donna went to see "Sonny Boy." We stayed home. Uncle Al brought her home. (Eyes all red from crying!) Sad, Sad show. That was Al Jolson.

“MY FAMILY TREE”

*Of my family tree, I do love to boast,
To a few dear members I'll write a toast.
We all have our hobbies, this is my fad,
So here is the first one to dear old Dad.*

FATHER

*Way back, in my memory, a long time ago,
Nestled to a stiff plaited shirt, I rocked to and fro.
Then I grew older, while he worked at the bar,
And along with the others, patiently watched for the car
That was to bring home a father, so faithful and true,
Dad, I'm thankful, I have that dear memory of you*

MOTHER

*Patient, loving Mother, faithful, kind and true,
Suffered in her life, more than we ever knew.
Kept her family together, to the day that she died,
Not one of them ever roamed from her side.
May we all live lives worthy, is my earnest prayer,
To dwell with our Mother, when we're called over there.*

LORENE

*Lorene, dear sister, so sweet and mild,
Your counsel to me, when but a child,
In my memory has stayed always,
And my own little daughter, helped to raise.
Life's problems, you so sweetly told to me,
Have helped other dear girls, real truth to see.*

SUE

*Next in line comes Sister Sue,
Is there anything that she can't do?
If we're puzzled, over what we have to sew,
To sister Susie we always go.
The planning of everything we leave to Sue,
I guess there's nothing she can't do.*

ANNIE

*Sister Annie, with the blackest hair and eyes,
Loved by all, and Billy's prize.
There's one thing I'd surely like to know,
Why do we so often to your house go?
Is it because we're out for a drive in the car?
Or because your home isn't very far?
No, it must be your hospitable way,
Of making us welcome while we stay.*

OWEN

*Now, this family tree has one only boy,
Believe me, he's their pride and joy.
Should you meet his sisters sometime or other,
You're bound to hear all about this brother.
Yes, and you can bet your life,
You'll hear all about his kiddies and wife.*



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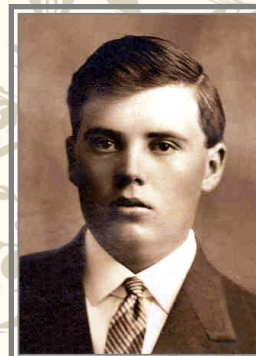
Mary Lorene Bailey



Susie Luella Bailey



Annie Elizabeth Bailey



Owen James Bailey



Violet Sarah Bailey



Mildred Bailey



Bonnie Jean Bailey



Elsie Daisy Garrett



Doris Strong



Lewis Garrett Strong



Donna, Rex and Janet Marsh 1937

MILDRED

*Beautiful sister, I wonder why,
A sweet girl like you had to die.
Taken in youth, with a beauty rare,
Heaven is more beautiful now you're there.
They say up there, love and beauty reign,
Well, it's just our loss, and Heaven's gain.*

VIOLET

*Violet, a tenderness, I cannot explain,
Came over me as I wrote your name.
After your birth, our Mother fell ill,
And I guess we all tried her place to fill.
When I think of the Mothers you've tried to obey,
I marvel you're the girl you are today.*

BONNIE JEAN

*Little sister Bonnie, I add to my tree
This adorable child has grown dear to me
A lovable nature, sweet and sunny the while,
My Bonnie Jean brings joy with her smile.*

ELSIE

*Dad's wife, Elsie, you'll find on my tree
As charming a person as can be.
Her home is arranged with tasteful care,
It's always a pleasure to visit there.*

DORIS

*Doris, a beautiful child, to womanhood grown,
She, since the day of her birth I have known.
Fate made step-sisters of Doris and me,
She's welded with love on my family tree.*

GARRY

*I'm proud of my step-brother Garry too,
He's as fine a Chap as I ever knew
He'll tease you with that lovable grin,
I'm glad to have him for my kin.*

*Many more have I, on my family tree.
To mention all, just couldn't be.
I've brother-in-laws, and relatives galore,
Nephews and nieces whom I adore.
My own Donna, and her Daddy Lou,
Baby Janet, and her Daddy too,
I love each one, they have their place
In making this a better race.
I've enjoyed composing my family tree,
Though I'll admit a few tears it brought to me.
There's a tender feeling that comes with might,
When about your loved ones you try to write.*



The last five verses, starting with Bonnie Jean, were written in 1936 or 1937. Donna was married then and had little Janet.



Mildred, Elvie, Susie, Annie, Lorene, Owen J., Owen A.
Mary and Violet in front

Mary Elizabeth had a stroke six weeks after Violet was born. Nearly twelve years later on December 13, 1918, Mary passed away with complications relating to her stroke and the 1918 flu. One and a half years later Owen married Elvie's contemporary, Elsie Garrett Strong. Elsie was a young widow with two children, Doris and Garry. Elsie's husband had also died after contracting the 1918 flu. Owen and Elsie later had a child they named Bonnie Jean.

Mother

Mother! the word that means so much,
Our very heart strings it seems to touch.
It calls the sweetest face to mind,
That ever graced our human kind.
She may be dark, or she may be fair,
It matters not what shade her hair.
Streaked with silver or shining with gold,
Our love for Mother will never grow cold.
She's the dearest friend we have on earth;
There are few who equal a Mother's worth.
And when from Mother we are called to part
We know real aching of the heart.

—Elvie Renshaw.



Mary Elizabeth Strong Bailey

Elvie was one month away from the delivery of her third child in photo on the right. Robert Louis Renshaw was born and passed away on April 5, 1923



Louis & Elvie Renshaw— March 1923



**February 20,
Wednesday**

Donna forgot to take her lunch, so I took it up to school. Then walked over to Sue's and went down to Relief Society with her. We went to Mutual at night. Br. Hill read a letter from our missionary, Elder Saddler. I read some of my poems to Br. Holmgren and Sr. Crawley.

February 21, Thursday

Ironed and composed a Relief Society poem. At

night I went to the Highland to see Al Jolson in "The Singing Fool." It was a wonderful picture. Donna stayed at Annie's as she had seen it.

READING IN RELIEF SOCIETY

*In days of yore, we were always told,
Relief Society was for sisters old,
Young women, who feared their age to advance,
wouldn't think of taking such a chance.
Now times have changed, we are pleased to say,
and found in our midst are the young and gay.
In Zion, young mothers who have children to raise,
now sing aloud this Society's praise
In Social Service they learn while there,
how to give their children the proper care,
Theology and testimony, our spiritual food,
start us out each month in a better mood.
Authors and poets, the best talent they can find,
are in literature lessons, to develop the mind.
Lives of great men and women, some L.D.S. members with
us, in these meetings we freely discuss.
That we save and be thrifty is one intention,
so the economy budget is brought to mention.
And no one sets idly gazing up at the stars,
when our Relief Society plans socials or bazaars.
We beautify the homes in which we live,
and willing service to others give.
So beauty and harmony will dwell with thee,
when a member of the L.D.S. first auxiliary.*

February 22, Friday

Pearl Allenbach came over early this A.M. to get breast pump. Did my cleaning. (It's Washington's Birthday) Mary Clayton wants to know if he had a cake? Lorene and family came over in the evening. Enjoyed them very much. Why don't they come oftener?

February 23, Saturday

I was too sick to go to Primary, but sent Donna. She'd like to have stayed home, also, but nothing doing. Poor Bishop is sick in bed with abscess. Lou took Sue to Safeway to get her groceries. Then we drove down to Highland Park to do a little shopping.

February 24, Sunday

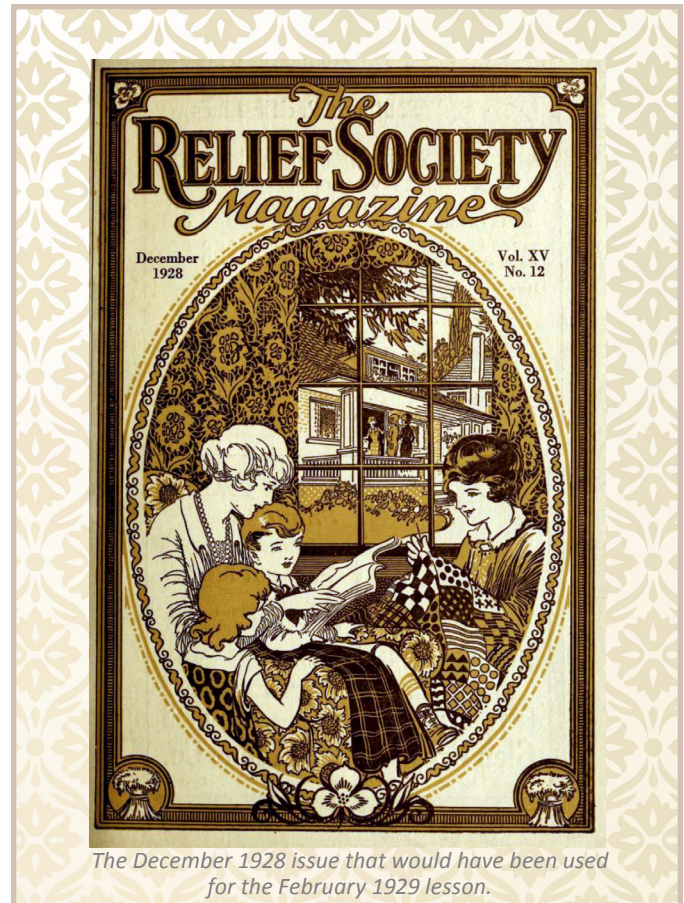
After Sunday School the Marshes came home with us to dinner. That is, they came up after we'd got home, and ate with us. We all went out to Seal Beach to see Aunt Lizzie Strong, and Thelma. Had a lovely time, but was too late for church. Makes me feel bad to miss church.

February 25, Monday

I washed, and rested in afternoon. In evening Rex Marsh called to take Donna to a basketball game. Daddy and I went over to see how Al was feeling. He's a little better. We took Sue over to Annie's, and called on Violet also. Brought Sue home.

February 26, Tuesday

Left at 10 a.m. with Sue for town. Bought Donna's glee club dress goods. Tired! So enjoyed evening at home darning sox, while Louis and Donna played and sang. I do love our musical evenings at home.



February 27, Wednesday

I washed and ironed, and went to Relief Society. We went to Mutual at night. Clara Parks played for the dance after, but we didn't stay. Had a fine Mutual. Time all good people are in bed, so sweet dreams.

February 28, Thursday

I went to Primary union meeting at West Adams. Donna ate supper over to Sue's. We called for her, and Sue cut out her glee club dress. Donna couldn't stay to eat any of Elaine's fudge, and I'm mad. Daddy wouldn't wait.



Laundry took a great amount of a homemaker's time and energy in 1929. Water was heated on the stove then put in the wash tub. Each article of clothing was scrubbed, and the excess water wrung out and then hung on the line to dry. Rain or high winds were a concern, if the weather turned; quick action was required to get the clothes out of the bad weather, off the line and in the house to dry. Wrinkle free fabric did not exist. Most fabrics required dampening and then ironing. Steam irons weren't invented until the 1950s. Much of a homemaker's time was taken up with laundry duties. These laundry photos are typical for this era.

March 1, Friday

Did my cleaning, and went over to Sue's and did her ironing, while she made Donna's dress. Stayed home in evening. Enjoyed music from my family. Also the fudge that Donna made. (She got some tonight, anyway.)

March 2, Saturday

After Primary I came home and made some mince pies. (They are good, too) Donna washed out her gym things, and some silk hose. She's all in now, skin rubbed off poor little hands. Bought Violet a butcher knife in Kress Store. Took it to her.

March 3, Sunday

A beautiful summer day. Went to Sunday School without a coat. Louis went to Sunday School Convention in a.m., so Donna and I walked. She went to Marsh's after, and I walked over to Annie's with Clarence Cartwright. Daddy took Violet and I for a ride when he came home.

March 4, Monday

I washed and wrote a letter to Mother Renshaw. Louis had a meeting over to Bishop's, so he took Donna and me down to the York Theater and called for us after show. I was disappointed in show. The bunk!

March 5, Tuesday

Ironed, and wrote to Lydia Bailey, (wonder if she'll ever answer this one? She has owed me a letter since Christmas.) Donna and her Daddy went to York Theater to see "Wings." I went up to Lorene's; she did some typing for me. Bless her heart! I didn't even do her dishes for her.



March 6, Wednesday

Walked to Relief Society with Ruth Cartwright. Tonight we had four stake board members present at Mutual, three ladies and one man. Good night!

March 7, Thursday

Spent two hours cleaning out my kitchen cupboards and drawers. Went to a Primary luncheon over to Annie's. Violet gave it. Louis and Billie went teaching at night. We visited with Annie.

March 8, Friday

Did my cleaning. (Isn't that what they made Friday's for?) Some say it's fish day! Walked over to Sue's to phone to Marshes and tell them I'd ride down with Sue and Al to the mission program. Bette has the chicken pox. (Funny, they've no chickens!) Enjoyed Program.

March 9, Saturday

To Primary in the morning. Walked to Annie's with Ruth Cartwright and Violet. No wonder I wear out my shoes. Went to get the Heavenly Hash recipe from Annie. They say it's good. We'll let you know what we think of it tomorrow. Donna played tennis after Primary.

Why didn't Elvie and her sisters learn to drive?

Consider the era they lived in—

Women's Automotive History Highlights

- At the turn of the century, restrictive Victorian ideas prevailed and women were viewed as too timid and fragile to deal with public affairs, participate in strenuous activity, or operate complex machinery (such as automobiles). These same arguments were used to deny women a higher education and the right to vote.
- 1902 Mary Anderson invented the first windshield wiper after riding a New York City Street car. Before that, people smeared a mixture of onions and carrots on windshields to repel water.
- June 6, 1909 Mrs. Alice H. Ramsey was 22 years old when she boarded a 30 HP Maxwell and began a 3,800 mile trip from New York to San Francisco, making her the first woman in history to cross the United States in an automobile. Her husband, a New Jersey congressman, never learned to drive but regularly purchased new Maxwells for Alice. He is quoted as saying "Alice, how the heck do you stop this thing!"
- By 1910, 5% of licensed drivers were women.
- The 1912 invention of Charles Kettering's self-starter did away with the necessity of crank starting a car. This arduous and often dangerous task had deterred many women (and no doubt, numerous men) from driving.
- Actress Florence Lawrence invented the first turn signal or "auto signaling arm" which attached to the car's rear fender. She is quoted as saying "A car to me is something that is almost human, something that responds to kindness, understanding and care, just as people do." Her prowess behind the wheel is evident in many of her silent movies, which helped to encourage women drivers.
- 1916 The Girl Scouts initiated an "Automobling Badge" for which girls had to demonstrate driving skill, auto mechanics, and first aid skills.
- In the 1920s women educated in home economics crisscrossed the country visiting women on farms and giving home canning demonstrations. For the isolated farm women, these visits were referred to as "a little bit of heaven come down in a Tin Lizzie."
- In 1922 Henry Ford opened his Phoenix Factory employing women to do assembly and welding work. Workers at this plant were either single or widowed, as Mr. Ford did not approve of married women working outside the home. He said "I consider women only a temporary factor in industry. Their real job in life is to get married, have a home and raise a family. I pay our women the same as men so they can dress attractively and get married."
- Beginning in the 1920's and 1930's many major automobile manufacturers recognized the growing trend of women driving for fun and necessity. They began to gear their print ad campaigns to women, hire women in design and sales positions and recognize women in many other ways.

Elvie and her sisters lived close to each other so walking was easy, plus it was natural getting rides from their husbands. Sharing rides was also a way to socialize. It is doubtful that it ever occurred to Elvie that she might like to drive. She was happy to be chauffeured by her sweetheart, Lou.



Lou Renshaw on the right



Elvie & Lou Renshaw, Edith Strong with Donna in front—1921



Lou and Elvie Renshaw

March 10, Sunday

To Sunday School in rain storm. Vera Chandler and Elaine came home with us to dinner. Tried the Heavenly Hash recipe. It was very good. Went over to Violet's after church. The Allenback's came over there also. Must go to bed. (Tired!)

March 11, Monday

Washed and took a nice nap. Got up and did some mending. I went to Officers meeting over to Bishop's. Louis and Donna went to York show to "Trail of 98." It was cold and windy today. Feels like snow. Burr (unusual, of course).



March 12, Tuesday

Over to Sue's 10 a.m. to stay with Bette and Shirley, while Sue and Annie went shopping. Went block teaching with Sr. Gledhill in afternoon. I went over to Annie's at night while Louis and Bill went teaching. Donna stayed home to do her homework.

March 13, Wednesday

Did my weeks ironing, and went to Relief Society. Went down to stake house to go through our parts in pageant. Down in Pack's car, and back in Bishop's. Fun!!

March 14, Thursday

Fixed hem in Donna's white glee club dress. Mended clothes and darned sox. Walked over to Sue's in the afternoon. Stayed home and enjoyed music from Donna and Daddy. Bed time, good night.

March 15, Friday

Stayed home all day and did my cleaning. Louis took me down to Kress Store after he got home from work. We took Sr. Chandler and Br. and Sr. Gledhill up to Bro. Fisher's to a cottage meeting. Had some time finding the place. Good meeting after we found the place.

March 16, Saturday

Went to Primary as usual. I was Emma Smith in the Relief Society pageant at our new stake house tonight. Lorene and Sr. Craddock were my counselors. We had a big banquet, then the program. The dress I wore was over a hundred years old. We had lots of fun.

March 17, Sunday

Fine Sunday School. We were honored with President Nibley of the First Presidency of the Church. Louis and I took Violet and baby for nice ride. Had dinner with her and Otto. I stayed with Dolores while they all went to church. Otto sang in church.

March 18, Monday—Mary Clayton's Birthday

Over to Sue's to sew all day. Went to basketball game at Franklin High School at night. Married and single men of Garvanza Ward played. Married men won 10 to 18. Good game. Hope single men win next one.

March 19, Tuesday

Shopping in Highland Park, then over to Sue's to sew. I was tired so stayed home in evening. Louis and Donna went out to music store to look for an Easter piece that she and Inis Egan are going to sing in Sunday School, Easter morning.

March 20, Wednesday

Washed and wrote to Mother Renshaw. Went to Relief Society. Gave a small part in the Mutual lesson tonight. It was on France's folk songs and dance. Ruth Cartwright gave the lesson. Ready for bed, now.

March 21, Thursday

Ironed and darned sox. Went over to Sue's to finish up my sewing. Did Sue's ironing while she sewed for me. Went to basketball game between married and single men of Garvanza Ward, at Lincoln High School. Single men won! 10-22. Good game! Hope married men win tomorrow.

March 22, Friday

It rained a little this morning, but Louis was able to work. He took about nine people in the Hupmobile to the basketball game. I stayed at Annie's with Dolores, so Violet could go and see the game. Otto played. It was the third and last game of the married and single men. Married men won! Ha ha ha!

March 23, Saturday

Donna left at 7:30 this morning with her Daddy to go over to Vera's to dig a garden. Louis Marsh took her and Vera out to the beach at night with him and Miriam. I went to Primary and home. Louis and I went shopping for groceries, and over to Violet's. She gave us half a cake. I bought Dolores some 35¢ baby shoes.

March 24, Sunday

Aunt Dell [*Alice Adella McKnight Bailey*] came up to Sunday School. Had her dinner over at Sue's. Louis took Al, Sue, and Aunt Dell up to see Inez. I stayed out in the car and read from the book, "Dear Enemy;" Inez looks fine, they said. She has gained 14 ½ lbs. About 30 people were disappointed because we couldn't get Salt Lake after church over the radio. Alvin Keddington's quartet sang for we Bailey girls and husbands over radio program. We couldn't tune in because of Aimee's powerful station. D____ Aimee!



Mary Clayton
Lorene's daughter

March 25, Monday

Donna and I went uptown to get her a tan blouse. Stopped in Highland Park on way home to pay gas bill. Louis and Bill went teaching. Donna and I visited Sue, Violet, and ended up at Annie's where Louis met us and brought us home. Bed sounds good!

March 26, Tuesday

Donna went uptown with Sue and Elaine and Bette. Got her white shoes, \$6.50 awful price! (But they are pretty) also, a silk slip and white stockings for Easter. I went over to Ruth's to help make candy for the Primary to sell at the M Men's dance tomorrow night. Took care of Dolores after.

March 27, Wednesday

Donna is home for her Easter vacation this week. She was a big help today with cleaning. I didn't go to Relief Society, too busy. Hope we can sell our candy and ice cream and punch tonight. Later, good, we sold almost everything. A few bars of candy left. Cleared about \$12.00.

March 28, Thursday

Donna starts on her Beehive outing this morning. Wish she didn't have cold. Two days of worry and lonesomeness for me. I walked over to Chandlers with Donna to carry her baggage for the trip. Primary union meeting today. Stayed home in evening. Alice and Paul Pack came in for a few minutes. Hope Donna will be nice and warm tonight.

March 29, Friday

Yes we had some hot cross buns, today. Am lost without Donna. I took care of little Paula Athens while her mother went uptown. She sure is a good little thing. They are going to leave for New York next Tuesday. Louis, Bill, and Sue went down to see about the change made in the W.O.W. Insurance. Sr. Robinson and I went with Bishop to see Sr. Stedleman's about Primary children.

March 30, Saturday

We treated Primary children to candy left from sale, and Easter eggs. Bought Easter lilies for dear old Sr. Redman, and Sr. Treu, and Audrey, from Primary fund. Donna came home from hike today. Shopping in Highland Park at night. Sent Christmas cards to my sisters for April fool joke.

March 31, Sunday

We had a lovely Easter program in Sunday School. Donna sang with six Beehive girls, "Christ Arose." She also sang "Easter Morning" with

Inis Egan. Louis and I ate dinner home alone as Donna went to Marshes. Took Violet and baby for a long ride.

April 1, Monday Violet's Birthday

Yesterday when Violet was over to our house, she accidentally saw her birthday present. That's the best April fool's joke she's ever got on me. I almost decided to get her something else, but couldn't afford it, as usual. Tonight there was a special meeting over to Bishop's to plan for program and pageant. I am to help John Smith with his talk. It is for a special Aaronic priesthood anniversary.

April 2, Tuesday

It took me most of the day with my washing, as a water pipe broke out on Ave. 65, and the water was turned off for a long time. Martha and Pierre Athens, with little Paula, left in their car for New York, this a.m. Daddy took us to Highland Park after work to change some globes. In evening we rode over to Lorene's. Donna stayed home to do school work.

April 3, Wednesday

I ironed and went to Relief Society. It was raining, so I came home on Red car. Went to Mutual, still raining, looks like Daddy won't work tomorrow. My family is in bed, but I'm always last, so they have gotten used to it. Nite!

April 4, Thursday

Rained all day. Louis took Lorene, Violet, Ruth and I up to Sr. Robinson's to Primary meeting and pay lunch, 25¢. Enjoyed ourselves, and the lunch. My old dear called for us. We took Sr. Nordstrom home, also the girls. In evening we took a ride over to Annie's. Lou, Annie, and I walked over to Violet's. Otto was home.

April 5, Friday

It was a beautiful sunny morning, but clouded up about noon. Expected Daddy home, but it didn't rain, so he worked. I stayed home all day cleaning. Sue got a letter last week from Lydia saying that Owen had quit using tobacco. It sure made us all happy. Wish our Dad would quit. Stayed home tonight. Donna read jokes from college humor.



Donna Renshaw & Vera Chandler

Beehives

In the 1920s all young women who belonged to the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association were called Beehive girls, regardless of their age. They were arranged in groups called "swarms," and their leaders were called Bee Keepers.

Upon entering the Beehive program, each girl was required to memorize the Spirit of the Hive, the Beehive motto:

"On my honor each day I will have faith, seek knowledge, safeguard health, honor womanhood, understand beauty, know work, love truth, taste the sweetness of service, feel joy."

The Beehive program included three ranks: Builders in the Hive, Gatherers of Honey, and Keepers of the Bees. To achieve each rank, girls were required to fulfill 14 to 16 foundation requirements and 36 additional requirements of their own choosing. At one time there were 373 requirements to choose from! Here are a few sample requirements:

- Care successfully for a hive of bees for one season and know their habits.
- Sleep out-of-doors or with wide-open windows.
- During three consecutive months, abstain from candy, ice cream, commercially manufactured beverages, and chewing gum.
- Clear sagebrush, etcetera off of a half-acre of land.
- Care for at least two kerosene lamps daily.
- Without help or advice, care for and harness a team of horses at least five times; drive 50 miles in one season.
- Identify 12 kinds of lace and tell the reasonable price and appropriate use of each.
- During two weeks, keep the house free from flies or destroy at least 25 flies daily.

April 6, Saturday

We practiced for our conference in Primary. After Primary, Sr. Robinson, Lorene, and I washed the sacrament dishes. It took us 45 minutes. Yes, and Willmia Robinson helped dry them. I had lunch at Lorene's, and Charlie took us to Audrey's shower. Donna took care of Dolores so that Violet could go. At night went to town and bought Daddy some new shoes.

April 7, Sunday

Fine fast meeting and Sunday School. Donna, Lloyd, Vera, and Rex, with Louis and myself enjoyed a very fine dinner over to Sue's. Kids went for a walk. Lou and Al went to a meeting. Sue and I stayed home. Annie, Violet, Ruth, and kiddies came over. At night we went to church. Wonderful program by Junior Girls. Brother Charles Norberg was the speaker. Sick headache tonight. Too much cake!

April 8, Monday

Washed this morning, and wrote down some notes for Daddy's Sunday School class to give as their part on the program at conference on Sunday April 21. We had a nice dinner tonight, as we ate at Sue's yesterday, so we had our Sunday dinner tonight. Louis took us all down to York to "Alias Jimmy Valentine" Sue, Al, Elaine, and Bette went with us.

April 9, Tuesday

Went teaching with Sr. Gledhill and found Sr. Crawley and Helen at home for the first time. We enjoyed our visits very much. Stayed home in evening.

April 10, Wednesday

Oh, this is a busy life, time just flies by! Rush, Rush, every day, yet we love it, so. Hope the time never comes when time will drag for me. I walked over to Annie's with Donna's music, then to Relief Society. Sr. Robinson, Sr. Gledhill, Annie, and I did the sacrament dishes. Boy Scouts had a big time in Mutual. Bro. Coombs, from the stake board, came out. Our class watched the program.

April 11, Thursday

Worked on the outline the Bishop gave me to write up for John Smith. (Not Captain, either). Started over to Lorene's to get her to do some typing for Louis, and met her as I was cutting through the Garvanza School. She was taking Mary back, after being home with a cold. Saved me some walking. Daddy went to Sunday School meeting tonite, Donna and I stopped in Sue's to get Donna's French costume cut out.

April 12, Friday

Oh, dear, the first French program my daughter is in comes on the big opening night at our stake house. What will

I do? They will be so many miles apart, I can't see both. We've been waiting months for the new stake house to have its opening program. I started Donna's costume after my cleaning, but will have to finish it tomorrow. Took Brother and Sister Marsh to benefit program at Baldwin Park tonight. Daddy's friend, Tom, danced and sang.

April 13, Saturday

More practicing for Primary conference. I hope it will be a success. Came home and finished Donna's French costume. It is real cute. In evening Daddy and I went for groceries. Came home and had supper. Went to Bingham's for gas, and over to see Violet and Baby; Otto was in bed. Violet gave us half a cake. Gee, it's good.

April 14, Sunday

Ward Conference, at our nine o'clock meeting President McCune and Bishop Goff were in attendance. Pres. McCune present at night also. Lovely program at night. Louis and I went over to Alhambra to get the saxophone player. Took him and his brother home after church. Frances Andersen and husband and Weldy came to Sunday School. Fine day!

April 15, Monday

Washed and walked over to Sue's. She wasn't home, so walked over to Annie's. Sue was at Violet's but she came in later, and we walked back together. I made arrangements to go uptown tomorrow to get goods for a dress. Sue is going, also. Annie is going to chaperon Donna to the Philharmonic auditorium concert tomorrow. Sweet of her.

April 16, Tuesday

Got my dress ready-made. I didn't get a thing like I went for, but I'm crazy about my outfit. It's white flannel. "Fancy me in white flannels!" Well, that's just what's going to happen. My dress has a touch of lovely green trim; my purse is green and white. Coat, \$9.00, dress \$5.50, shoes \$5.85, hat \$2.00, purse \$1.95, hose \$1.35, and slip \$1.49. Daddy went down to Bro. White's to have a practice with his boys for the Sunday school conference program. Donna and I walked over to Sue's. He called for us.

April 17, Wednesday

Not very well today. Didn't go to Relief Society (too much shopping yesterday). Well, it doesn't happen very often with yours truly. Louis had to come up and get Al to go back to the hospital and tow his car home. He left it in the garage to be fixed, so he didn't get home until seven o'clock. Hurried dinner over so he could go to Mutual. I stayed home. Hope Donna and Aunt Annie won't be late waiting for Daddy.



In the early days, at the end of every movie the last screen viewed said, "The End." Going to a show at one of the beautiful big theaters in Los Angeles was a real treat for the Renshaws.

April 18, Thursday

Ironed and went over to Sue's. Annie was on her way to Highland Park for Sue, so I went with her, as I had some shopping to do. Lorene and Ruth were over to Sue's. Sue was making Violet's ensemble outfit. I wanted to go to the assembly at school, to see Donna in French program, but didn't have nerve to go in. We all stayed home in evening. Donna made fudge. Yum, yum, good.

April 19, Friday

Went over to Sue's in evening, sewed buttons and a flower on Violet's dress and coat. Scouts were over there covering the wagons for the Sunday School program. Sue and I walked over to Ruth's to take Violet's outfit. She and Otto were in Ruth's, so we went in and Louis called in when he came from the L.A. Hospital.

April 20, Saturday

We had our last practice this A.M. for the Primary conference. I'm sure anxious for it to be a success. Hope the kids will act better than they did this morning. Sunday School conference in morning and Primary conference at night. We took Violet down on York to get Dolores's new bonnet for her birthday, the 25th, and then all went over to church to practice the kids for Sunday School conference.

April 21, Sunday

Sunday School conference was a big success. Everything went off just lovely. Marian Christensen came home to dinner with us. I wore my new white outfit. Tonight was Primary conference. It's all over, thank heavens. Everything went over just lovely, only the curtain caught, and wouldn't open. We had to hold it. It was fine, anyway.

April 22, Monday

I gave John Smith his part for the 12th of May program yesterday after Sunday School. Miriam Chandler fainted yesterday morning as we were singing the closing song. Daddy carried her out. I washed today and took a nap. After supper we went over to Ruth Cartwright's. It was her birthday. She gave us all a very nice cupcake. She is a sweet girl, and we all love her.

April 23, Tuesday

Left home at ten o'clock this morning to wash windows down at the stake house. A dozen or more ladies from Garvanza

were down there. Some job! trying to get the varnish off those tiny little windows. We worked with copper wool and gasoline. It's a long ride down and back. But, Oh! Our stake house is beautiful. We stayed home in evening. All tired out.

April 24, Wednesday

No Relief Society today. I did my ironing and walked over to Sue's. Called up Sr. V. Cannon. She has been very sick with an abscess in her ear. It is still very painful. I walked on over to Annie's and she and I walked down to Violet's. Otto's brother, Wilford, came while we were there. He is from Cedar City. We went to Mutual in evening. Sr. Marsh had asked me to give the lesson. It was on the care of the body. Louis and I came home after, but let Donna stay to the Jr. Girl's dance. Marshes are going to bring her home. It's time they were coming.

April 25, Thursday

I forgot to go to union meeting today. Went over to Sue's to call Sister Robinson up, and was told she had gone to union meeting. Oh, dear, such a memory! It's dear little Dolores's birthday today, and she doesn't feel very well. Getting some more teeth. Louis and Billie went teaching. Sue and I went up to Lorene's. Then over to Annie's. Babe and her boyfriend came up to Violet's tonight.



*Alma Strong Family—Before Alma Ether's death
In back—Pearl, Alma J., Ellen, Grant. In front—Alma E. Strong,
Nora, Louise E. Underwood, (Aunt Lizzie) Clinton, Thelma*

April 26, Friday

Oh, these are the busy days, but I sure love it, always on the go. First our ward conference, then Sunday School conference, and Primary conference, and next Sunday is stake conference, in our new home. We went to the opening program tonite. It was lovely, the building is gorgeous. Had a fine time at the dance after. Big crowd. Aunt Lizzie, Nora, Ellen, Thelma, and Mrs. Powell came in to Annie's to lunch today. We all helped with it. Had a very nice day. It was Lorene's birthday. Donna was in her French program at school; sorry I couldn't be there to see her. She looked cute in her costume.

April 27, Saturday

The Primary stake had their party this afternoon for 478 children. It was wonderful how orderly and systematic the games and program was carried on. They gave each child an ice cream cup. Violet, Ruth, and I took fifteen kids down on the street car. Some job! Tired tonight. Louis has gone to conference.

April 28, Sunday

The Hollywood Stake Tabernacle was dedicated in our conference at 2:00 p.m. by Pres. Heber J. Grant. It was a wonderful conference. Our bishop, Al, opened the conference with prayer. Pres. Charles W. Nibley was in attendance, also. We went to Garvanza Sunday School, and from there to the stake house. We took Wilford along. Saw Aunt Ray. It has been a wonderful day of spiritual food.



Hollywood Stake Tabernacle—President Grant described the structure as “one of the very finest buildings that we have ever erected in any of the stakes of Zion for stake and ward purposes, and I am sure it will give us a very splendid standing in that section of the country. I rejoice in the beauty of the building and in the surroundings, as well as in the great accomplishment there.”



Hollywood Tabernacle—Photo taken 2012

April 29, Monday

Too tired after conference to wash. Wrote to Mother Renshaw, and sent her a Stake Herald. Daddy and Billy went teaching, so I visited with Annie. We walked over to Violet's. Baby looks like she is coming down with measles. Donna stayed with Elaine to plan for Elaine's birthday party. Daddy called for us.

April 30, Tuesday

It has been lovely today. I did my washing and walked over to Sue's. I was tired, but had to see her. Donna stayed with Shirley while Elaine and Sue went to Highland Park shopping for Elaine's birthday party. Louis and I rode over to Lorene's at night. We called for Donna and came home.

May 1 Wednesday

Another lovely day, maybe our good weather is here to stay? I ironed and took Donna's music over to Annie's. Today Gordon Garrett gives Beverly and Donna a music lesson after school. Annie and I had the pleasure of riding to Relief Society in Mrs. Hooks' swell new car. We were sure happy to get out of that hot walk. I gave the teacher's topic in the one o'clock meeting (Why Social Service). We all went to Mutual, Donna came home and went down with us.

May 2, Thursday

Went uptown with Sue and Ruth Cartwright today. Ruth was disappointed because she couldn't find the shoes she wanted, but I got all I went for. A shower present for Erma Treu, birthday present for Elaine's birthday party, silk hose for Donna, small gift for Janet's birthday, and work shirts for Daddy. I fixed Donna's green organdy dress for the party tomorrow.



From Donna Renshaw's scrapbook.

May 3, Friday—Elaine's Birthday

I went over early to help Sue make sandwiches. Elaine had a lovely birthday party. The table looked beautiful, yellow was the color scheme. Annie and Ruth helped Sue serve. The young folks played Cootie, and I directed it. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Daddy went to Glendale.



May 4, Saturday

We five sisters went together to get Erma Treu's shower present. Sue and Al took me down. The girls weren't ready so they wouldn't wait for them. Violet and Ruth came on the car, and Charles brought Lorene and Annie. They had waited for me! Came all the way over to get me. Sorry! We had a nice time though. Donna stayed with Dolores. Our Dear Daddy is cross, and feels like growling tonight. I hope he'll feel better tomorrow. I won a prize tonight, the booby prize!

May 5, Sunday

Brother Reese gave a wonderful talk in our 9 a.m. meeting this morning. Sorry Daddy didn't come in to hear it, but I told the best I could the story called, "Snap Judgment" at our dinner table. Beverly and Glen came home with us to dinner. We went back to church at 6 p.m. to listen in on K.E.J.K. to Dr. Talmage. He gave a very fine lecture. I enjoyed the meeting, also. M-men and Gleaners gave the program. I sat with Donna and her young friends. Our Dad is still a little off key. bye-bye

May 6, Monday

Daddy feels better today, for which we are thankful. I went down to 6th and Hope to pay on our car. Did my block teaching when I got back. I called to see if Annie would go with me as Sr. Gledhill is in Richmond, but she is not feeling well, has a sore throat. So I went alone. We had a meeting for the officers of the ward over to Bishop's. Donna stayed home. She is reading in bed enjoying the lamp that she made in school. I'm tired tonight so I will hit the hay.

May 7, Tuesday

The Bishop called on me to open the officers meeting with prayer last night. When I tried to get up this morning my head was in such a whirl I couldn't walk straight. The room felt like it was going round, and round. Donna stayed home until noon and did up the work. At ten o'clock I was fine, so did half of my washing. In evening we rode up to Robinson's for some music. Then to Bingham's station and over to Annie's.

May 8, Wednesday

It was Marilyn's birthday yesterday. Ruth gave us three cupcakes, sure good. I gave Marilyn a little hanky. I went to the Relief Society luncheon. Enjoyed myself and the lunch. We had our contest play after Mutual. They all took their parts very fine. Bishop was great! Ah! We have a new bed to sleep in tonight. Will go and try it out now.

May 9, Thursday

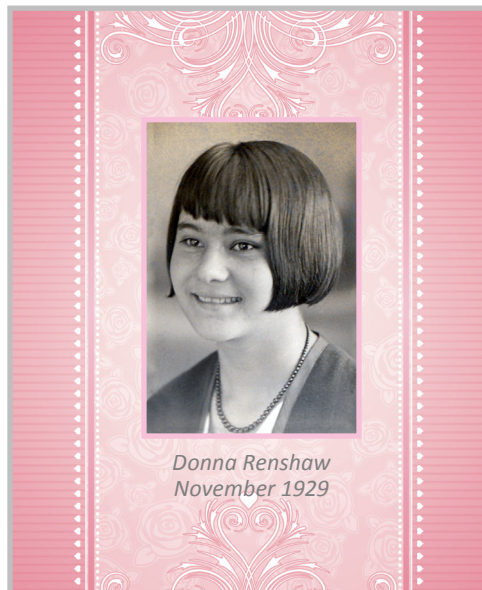
Fine bed! I hated to get up this morning. Primary luncheon at Sr. Eva Christensen's today. We had a fine time and lovely luncheon. Louis called for me, and we took Ruth, Violet and Sr. LaNear home. In evening we went over to Annie's, while Daddy practiced with the boys in the chorus for their song for Sunday night. The kid's voices are changing. It sure sounds funny.

May 10, Friday

Another beautiful day! California is the place to live. Stayed home all day, I cleaned and mended. In evening we took Annie and went to stake house to see the tryouts in the drama contests. Wilshire Ward won first place. Alhambra ward second. They were very good.

May 11, Saturday

My, it's warm today. I got a nice letter from Katy. I think the poor kid is homesick for Garvanza. Al



Donna Renshaw
November 1929



Donna & Lou gave
Elvie a bouquet
of Sweet Peas for
Mother's Day

Elvie loves her
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(Joe) Katy & Marilyn
Hoglund moved back
to Salt Lake City

brought me home from Primary. I was sure thankful. Donna has gone on a hike with the Beehive girls today. She'll be all in when she gets home. (Later) Daddy came home early, and so after our shopping we went out to the beach with Hoglund's, Marshes, Cartwright's, and Andersen's. We took Annie and kids. Sue took Bill. Fine time! Donna went in water.

May 12, Sunday—Mother's Day

I got a lovely bouquet of sweet peas from my sweethearts, Donna and Daddy. We had a fine program in Sunday School. Each mother received a beautiful white carnation. In night meeting we had another dandy program given by the aaronic priesthood. The boys did fine. I sponsored John Smith's speech. He gave it very well. It's just 100 years since the Aaronic priesthood was restored to the earth (May 15, 1829). Just think, 100 years! It's great to be alive in this day and age.

May 13, Monday

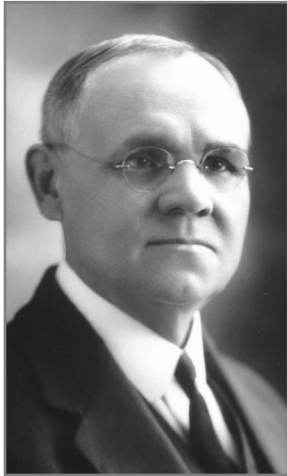
Tonight Louis and Bill went block teaching so Donna and I visited with Sue first, then Annie. Oh, yes, we went over to Ruth's also. Missed seeing Violet and Dolores. That baby is a darling. I wish Lorene didn't live on that darned hill. I would visit her more if she lived off the hill. I hate to walk up the hill.

May 14, Tuesday

Not feeling very well today, so must take it easy. Will write letters. (Later) I wrote to Lydia B. Katie H. Mother R. and W.O.W. Insurance. Donna got up at 6 a.m. to do homework. She has a lot of it nowadays. After dinner Daddy went down to Highland Park to hear Mr. Bonelli speak. Donna and Janet had some stamp pictures taken of themselves today. She and I stayed home this evening.

May 15, Wednesday

After ironing I took Donna's music over to Annie's. Then went to Relief Society. Helped with sacrament dishes. Came home on red car. We had our pageant in commemoration of the Aaronic Priesthood Restoration. (It's 100th



Apostle James E Talmage spoke May 15, 1929.



Button from 1929.

anniversary) tonight in Mutual. It was wonderful. We were honored with the presence of Apostle Talmage, and President McCune. After the program, we enjoyed the dance.

May 16, Thursday

I surely had a nice time at the dance last night. Primary union meeting at Stake house today. Had to get on the car at 11:50 a.m. to be there at 1 p.m. Some long ride. Oh dear! The big show the Primary is giving at the Stake house comes on the same night that Donna is in the opera at school. Well, I'll go to the school this time. I went to the Stake the night of her French program. Why, oh why, can't they pick different nights? We all stayed home for a change tonight. Donna made some candy.

May 17, Friday

Pierre Athens called on us for a few minutes last night. He didn't stay long in New York. Martha is in Pennsylvania. She is coming in a few weeks. It was Raymond's birthday yesterday. (Bless his heart!) I forgot and thought it was today. He brought us over some candy, and I gave him 50¢. I went down to Highland Park Shopping. Tonight I enjoyed a very fine program over to the Luther Burbank School. It was Mothers and Daughters night. Sue and Elaine were there. Daddy was waiting for us.

May 18, Saturday

About half of our primary went down to the stake house to practice for the program next Friday night. We didn't go to class work, as it was so late when we got started. Clarence Cartwright and Eva Christensen took them in their cars. Ruth, Lorene, Sr. Christensen, and Sr. LaNear went. I sure hope they get there and back O.K. Donna and I went to Highland show at night. Daddy called for us. He visited with Violet and Otto.

May 19, Sunday

Went to Sunday School and to Sue's to dinner after. Donna went to Marsh's. Elaine and Vera went there also. Daddy took Sr. Marsh to union meeting. I rode out to Olive View with Sue, Al, and the Burnetts. Shirley and I stayed out in the car. She surely is a cute little thing, but I was so sleepy while waiting, and she wasn't the least bit sleepy. We enjoyed a very fine night meeting. Brother Gordon was the speaker. Tithing the subject.

*"The Lord does not need your tithing, as far as He is concerned, but you need it for your growth, spiritually and temporally, that the windows of heaven may be opened and the Spirit of the living God given to you."
—Heber J. Grant*

May 20, Monday

I washed this morning, and rested this afternoon. Janet came home from school with Donna. Louis and Bill went teaching tonight. Sue and family went to show. Beverly and Donna went also. I took care of Shirley over to Annie's, Took Dolores and Shirley for walk. Daddy brought us home. Tired, and I am going to bed.

May 21, Tuesday

Ironed and went to Primary meeting to help fix up the costumes for our kiddies that are in the program at the stake house next Friday night. We did it at Ruth's. I didn't feel well. Wonder what makes my head act so darned funny? I'm sure some dizzy dame. Have to get back to carrots and spinach I guess. That reminds me of Uncle Frank. [Francis Tracy Bailey, Owen A Bailey's brother] Hope he is better, bless his heart! P.S. Ella Fleming won the public speaking contest tonight in the Hollywood Stake contest.

May 22, Wednesday

Annie says Uncle Frank is worse. It's a shame. I finished my ironing and walked over to Annie's with Donna's music. I didn't feel at all well. I was afraid once or twice I would go down, but got there O.K. I was very anxious to go to Relief Society, yet afraid to go out feeling like I did, so went in the bedroom and prayed. Went to R.S. feeling fine. Prayers are answered. Mutual at night, also.

May 23, Thursday

I do hope Uncle Frank is feeling better. Heard yesterday that Norma Strong had another baby boy, and that Aunt Ettie's Mary had a baby boy, but I think they must mean Helen, as she was expecting. I never heard of so many expectant mothers in my life. I know 14 of them, 8 or 9 of them in our ward. There is Ruth Cartwright, Beth Gentry, Audrey Treu, Erma Treu, Sr. Wright, Goldie Morris, Sr. Kemsley, Helen Holden, of course there may be more, I don't know everything, but here are the cousins, Melba Paul, Helen Best, Norma Strong, Ruth Cartwright (I counted her in our ward), and LaPriel Strong. All young women and Latter-day Saints. I surely hope they'll all get along fine. Zion is growing! Went uptown with Sue. Bought my brown shoes and hose and shower present at May Company. Went to shower at night on Goldie Morris at Sr. Hansen's house.

"Zion is Growing!"
Membership in the LDS church was 663,652 in 1929

May 24, Friday

Donna is in the operetta, "The Ghost of Lollipop Bay" tonight at Luther Burbank Jr. High. I'm going and Daddy also. It's our big Primary play at the stake house tonight, too. It's a shame, but I can't go to both. I surely would love to see the kiddies, too. (Later) We enjoyed the operetta very much. Vera Chandler came home to sleep with Donna. We took Helen Picket home. Elaine was there with Vera.

May 25, Saturday

The Primary took a walk to find a place for our picnic next Saturday. We are going to the park down in the Arroyo Seco. It is a beautiful little Park. Donna and the Beehive girls went to stake house today for their swarm day. Vera slept over again. Daddy and I went to town and bought his new light suit and shoes at Boyd's. I went to show while he waited for it.



Postcard
of Arroyo
Seco Park

May 26, Sunday

Fine Sunday School. Donna gave a talk. Daddy went to Union meeting. I went over to Brookside Park with Sue, Al, and the kids, Donna, Elaine, Vera, Bette, Rex, Lloyd and Albert. Sue and Al took Violet and I for a ride after we came from the Park. We had a very fine night meeting. This is my last week for [washing the] sacrament cloth for a while.

May 27, Monday

At 9 a.m. this morning Sue, Donna, and myself went uptown. At 11:30 we met Ruth and Violet. I bought Donna's birthday things. Lavender dress, \$10.00, shoes, \$4.95, black bathing suit, \$5.25, and a blue and white belt. Ruth got a black silk coat. Donna is going to wear her new dress and shoes to the dance Wednesday night. Rex is taking her to a R.O.T.C. dance at Lincoln High School. Tonight Sue and Al went to a show with Pack's and Muir's, and Lou and I went to York Show.



May 28, Tuesday

We saw "Abie's Irish Rose" last night. I was tired after my washing today, so took a nap. Janet came home with Donna after school. Ella Fleming lost to the girl in Los Angeles Stake tonight. So sorry. Well, she won in Hollywood Stake, anyway. We didn't go this time. All stayed home. Bed time now.

May 29, Wednesday

No Relief Society today. After ironing and patching the lining in Donna's red coat, I walked over to Sue's and gave Elaine the dollar to give Gordon for Donna's last lesson. She didn't take a lesson today on account of the dance tonight. Not time enough to get back. I then walked to Highland Park to pay the gas bill. Bro. Gough spoke to men and women in Mutual tonight. Very fine talk. Gleaners and M Men went to beach. Donna and Rex left Mutual to go to High school dance. Her first big date with Rex!

May 30, Thursday—Decoration Day

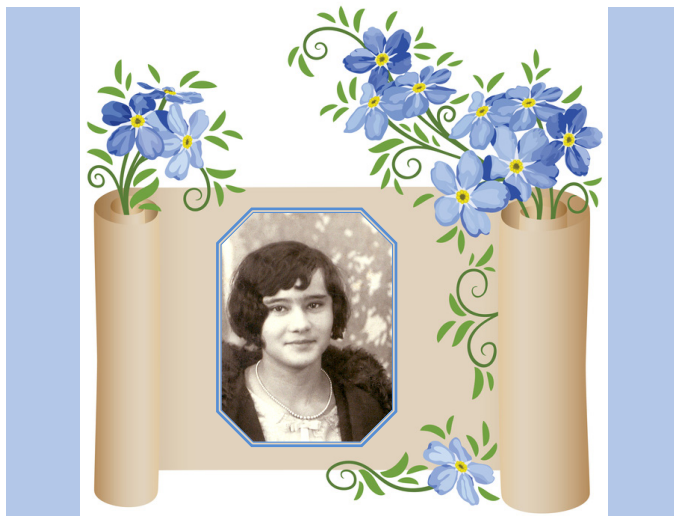
Donna stayed at Marshes last night. Rex brought her home this morning. They had been to the R.O.T.C. dance at Lincoln High. We went over to Brookside Park today (Hoglund's, Claytons, Cartwrights, Violet, and Dolores). Sue made the strawberry ice cream. It was delicious. Nice time. Daddy and I had an argument going over. It upset me for a time. Just a misunderstanding. Donna has gone to Highland Show to see "Abie's Irish Rose" with Sue, Al, Elaine, and Violet. Florence and Rex have gone also. Annie and Bill went somewhere with his folks today.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to honor the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by a proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailor and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1968, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church yard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

May 31, Friday

I made Donna's birthday cake this morning, fruit cake. She went to Victory Park to a picnic given in honor of the students on the scholarship honor roll. She had a fine time. They had potato salad, sandwiches, and ice cream. We all stayed home in evening. Iced the cake. Goodnight.



June 1, Saturday—Donna's Birthday

Ah! the day of days eh, Donna!! She is 14 years old today I hope it will be a very happy day, and that she will live to see many, many, more; each one happier than the other. (Later) Primary had their picnic in Victory Park today. Bishop and Sue were there, Sr. Craddock, and Sr. Rugg, also. We had a big turn out and fine time. Al made several trips back and

forth. Louis called for me. We took Sr. Nordstrom home. Donna is going to the beach with Marshes tomorrow. She is sleeping there tonight. Hope I don't have asthma tonight. I made Donna's cake yesterday, so paid for it last night.

June 2, Sunday

I do hate my girl to miss Sunday School, but guess I can't always have her in church on Sunday. Hope she has a nice time and no harm comes to any of them. We had a fine Sunday School. Took Glen home and stayed there for dinner. After, Daddy took Violet and baby, Annie, Elaine, Shirley, Glen, and myself for a nice ride. Went to church with awful headache. Boy, am I sick tonight. To bed for me. Donna came home O.K.

June 3, Monday

Felt fine this morning. Went uptown to pay on car. Only two more payments left. Won't we be glad to get that off our minds. Then we start on Pa, poor dear, we surely have neglected him. I saw hundreds of Shriners uptown today, and two parades. The streets were crowded. Went to Ruth's to plan for ward reunion next Wednesday.

June 4, Tuesday

Washed and took a nap. Daddy came home this evening with a pain in his back, a cold I guess. He is in bed with the hot water bottle to it. I'll rub it with Vicks in a minute. He took me over to Annie's and then we rode Ruth and Annie over to Sue's to plan for our dinner tomorrow at the ward reunion. Donna is reading her birthday book. I think we'll go to bed early.

June 5, Wednesday

I ironed and partly prepared my dinner to take over to the ward reunion tonight. Went to Relief Society, and fixed the tables after with flowers and ferns. Nearly all the Ladies came up and helped. After the banquet we washed the silver, and sacrament dishes, and glasses. Was too tired to enjoy the games. I think it was a success though. Bed sounds good to me.

June 6, Thursday

Watered the flowers and darned sox, and mended Daddy's bathing suit. Called Mrs. Morton up to talk about the Bailey's genealogy. Sue was uptown but I got the key and went in. I then walked over to Annie's, came home and made chili, (for dinner). Donna had to practice with chorus over to Annie's. We walked over, and Clarence brought us home after. Daddy has a cold in his back.

June 7, Friday

Louis didn't feel very well this morning when he left for work (bad back). I wish he had enough money to take a good rest. Stayed home for a change and cleaned house all through. Daddy feels better tonight. He and Donna are in bed. I'm going soon. I've written to Aunt Ida R. and Mother. My head feels funny tonight. Oh, well, sweet dreams!

June 8, Saturday

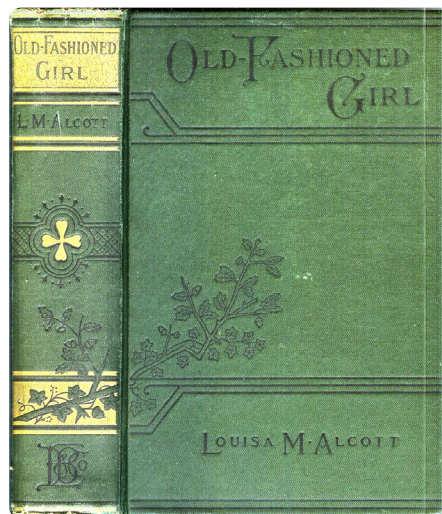
I went to Primary alone as Donna wasn't feeling very well. Walked over to Sue's after to get May Company bill. Bishop brought me home in car. (Bless his heart.) Daddy and I went downtown to pay on suit, came up to Highland Park and did our shopping. Donna went with Elaine for a ride in their car. Lou and Al administered to sick lady on Mesa Ave., a Mrs. Short.

June 9, Sunday

I wasn't feeling well this morning, so didn't go to Sunday School. The first one I've missed this year. I hate to miss Sunday School. Daddy went to Bishop's meeting at stake house in afternoon. Donna and I stayed home all afternoon. She had a nap and I read from her book, "Old Fashioned Girl." Went to church at night, I took Dolores outside, Violet came out, also, so Lou took us for a ride during church. We got back in time for Lou to lead the last song. Donna sang twice in the Girl's Chorus tonight. It was fine. Daddy took Donna and I for a nice ride after church.

June 10, Monday

Finished Donna's "Old Fashioned Girl" this morning before I did my work. It is a very sweet story. I am glad we have such nice books for girls. Sr. Gledhill and I went block teaching. Sue and Sr. Craddock were the only ones homes, and Sr. Craddock was over to Sue's, so we got through in no time. I walked to Annie's with the report, but she was uptown, so I went to Violet's. Went to Officer's meeting at Bishop's tonight. We are to stop taking collections for showers and gifts in church.



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Beth Strong
is coming
for a visit!



June 11, Tuesday

Wash day again. (Ugh!) Fooled you didn't I? Didn't do it yesterday. I received an air mail letter from Aunt Ida [*Ida Rich*] this morning saying that Beth [*Elizabeth Strong*] would leave Friday June 14th, and arrive here Saturday about noon. Donna and Elaine are anxious for Saturday and Beth. Louis took us over to Sue's tonight. Br. and Sr. Marsh and Ruth called on us, found us out so came over to Bishop's. We visited there. Lorene and Mary were there, also. Bedtime. Goodnight.



Example of an airmail letter. Five cents to mail an airmail letter. (Up to 1/2 ounce) Regular postage was two cents for one ounce. In 1929 airmail was a quick way to communicate. An even quicker way was used the next day by Aunt Ida when she sent a telegram.

9:45. Donna took Beth up to Sue's. Annie, Sue, and I went shopping. Got a shirt, tie, and sox for Dad (Father's Day). Sue received word this afternoon that Mr. Levy was killed in an automobile accident while on his way to Salt Lake with [*his son*] Raymond. Car turned over at Las Vegas. Mr. Levy was driving. Donna went to picnic at Brookside Park with Glee Club. Beth felt too tired to go.

June 14, Friday

Had help with cleaning today. Yes, Beth came in very handy. Janet and Donna called for her after school. They walked up to Janet's. After dinner Daddy and I took a ride over to Annie's. The kids stayed home to look at pictures. Sue and Shirley and Bette were over to Ruth's, we drove her home. Elaine went to banquet with Lloyd Pack tonight. When we came home the girls entertained us with piano music. Very fine. Goodnight.

June 15, Saturday

After Primary I walked over to Annie's with Lorene, as far as she goes. Beth, Donna, and Elaine, and Bette got in Bishop's car and went with them to buy flowers for Mr. Levy's funeral. Lorene, Annie and I went to funeral on the car. Sue took Beth and Donna and flowers (a big spray for Aunt Ida and Uncle Alvin, and one for us girls). We all went to cemetery and home in Al's car. Lou took Boy Scouts up the canyon in the evening. Donna and Beth went shopping and to show in Highland Park. We called for them.

June 16, Sunday

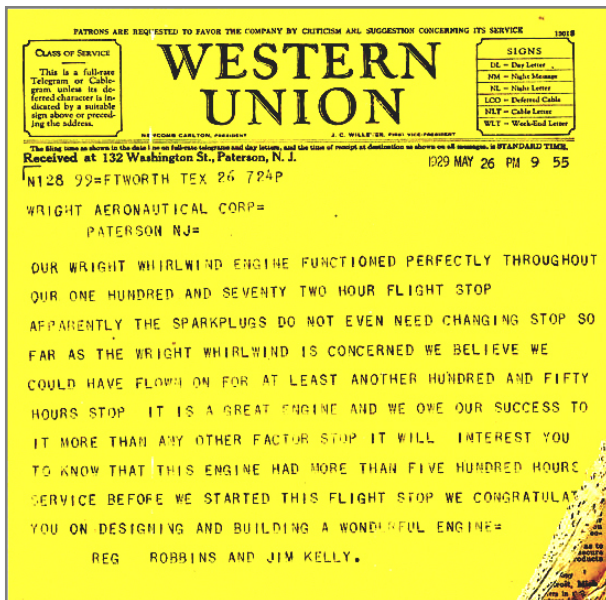
It was raining when we left for Sunday School, but was fine when we came home. Had dinner and went to San Pedro to see the fleet. We got there too late to go on the boat, out to one of the steamers, but we enjoyed seeing them anyway. Came home in time for church. Daddy wouldn't go. Rex Marsh brought us home in their car. Sue and Al came over with a rabbit.

June 17, Monday

Washed and walked to Annie's with Beth. Al took Annie, Sue, Ruth, Beth, and myself to Sr. Tiffany's funeral. Ruth sang three songs. Beth accompanied her. We went out to Forest Lawn cemetery to dedicate the grave, but there was no grave, ha, ha, as they had her cremated. We visited the mausoleum, Bro. Reese was the speaker. At night Donna and Beth went to Elaine's to make candy. We went to Annie's and called for them after. Violet, Ruth, and Sue were over to Annie's. Bed time now.

June 18, Tuesday

Ha-Ha-Ha- We had an argument on directions again, over to Annie's last night. Some got hot under the collar. What's the use? Be it here, or there? As long as we all know how to get there? Ironed and did a little washing today. Cooked the rabbit for dinner. We ate early so the girls could go over to Bishop's. Louis and I stayed with Shirley and Bette while Sue and Al took Elaine, Beverly, Donna, and Beth to beach. Keen time they said.



Example of a telegram that was sent in 1929

June 12, Wednesday

Relief Society luncheon today. It's Sue's turn to help, so I'm going over this morning to stay with Shirley. She can't take her on account of her cough. I received a telegram this morning saying Beth was leaving Salt Lake this a.m. She will be in L.A. tomorrow morning. We will go down to meet her. Too bad the kids are in school. Went to Genealogy meeting tonight. Donna went to Chandler's to Beehive meeting. Called for her after.

June 13, Thursday

I went to Mr. Brown this a.m. and had Donna excused so she could go with us to meet Beth. The bus was on the dot of

June 19, Wednesday

Ruth is moving today over on Meridian Street, up from Branch, near Sue. Annie sure will miss her. Boy! It's hot today. Beth and I walked over to Sue's, and then I walked to Annie's with material for my pies she's going to make for the Primary luncheon tomorrow, that I'm giving. What would I do without my good sisters? Later this evening I stayed at Annie's while Daddy, Donna and Beth went to a meeting. I walked to Sue's and they called for me there. It's warm tonight. Dandy night for the Beach, but oh, well.

June 20, Thursday

I gave my Primary luncheon over to Sue's today. Table looked lovely. We used Elaine's birthday trimmings, yellow and white. I served carrot salad and lemon pie, which went nicely with the color scheme. Lou called for me after work. We stayed to Sue's for dinner and ate what was left. She made ice cream for our dessert. Donna and Beth went to a picnic after school, to Victory Park with the school guards. At night we ladies went down to Sr. Crawley's to a shower on Helen. Daddy called for us after shower and they gave him and other men ice cream and cake. Donna, Beth, and Elaine stayed with Dolores so Violet could go.

June 21, Friday

Donna lost the strap from her shoe last night. I lost my temper! Today Beth and I walked over to Garvanza Park and enjoyed a nice swing in the shade. I read some of my poems to her. She wrote in her diary. We watched Donna's class serve the graduate class. Beth and I walked to Sue's after dinner. Donna was too tired. Al brought us home. Daddy found Donna's shoe strap today.

June 22, Saturday

Mother Renshaw's birthday. Hope you have a nice birthday, Mother! I woke this morning with a pain over my left eye, but washed and hurried as usual to go to Primary. Beth, Donna, and I got started, but I had to come back and go to bed for a while, as I was dizzy. Donna and Beth played a piano duet in Primary. After, they, with Beverly went to show uptown. At night Louis and I took Annie and Bill to watermelon bust out to Br. and Sr. Reese's. Had fine time. Donna and Beth stayed with Elaine.

June 23, Sunday

Lovely day today, not so hot. Went to Sunday School. Daddy went to Sunday School union meeting. After dinner, Beth and Donna went to Elaine's and they all went for a ride with Sue and Al. They went through the Gay Lion Farm and for a ride on the new auto coaster fun ride. I stayed home and slept all afternoon until Daddy

came for me. He went up to Robinson's to get Radburn. They went to Sr. Gunn's to practice his song. I got out at Annie's and walked over to Violet's. Daddy called to take us to church.

June 24, Monday

After washing I went down to Highland Park to pay the gas bill. Did some shopping in Kress Store. Donna, Beth, and I are all writing in our Diary books at the same time tonight, Daddy is outside talking to Mr. Wass. We have just come home from Annie's. Beth and Donna walked over to get Beth's pictures. Daddy and I went to Sue's first. Elaine rode over to Annie's with us to get the girls. Marshes came up to Sue's while we were there.

June 25, Tuesday

I stayed home all day, washed my hair. Beth met Donna after school, and they went to Chandler's to practice Beehive songs. Louis called for them. After dinner they walked over to Bishop's to practice songs for Ruth. Only three girls showed up Donna, Beth, and Lillian Stead. Lou and I called for them; we took Lillian home, and rode over on York Boulevard to get some of that good popcorn. Bedtime now, sweet dreams. P.S. Daddy took a picture of Donna, Beth, and myself today after work.

June 26, Wednesday

Beth and I walked to Sue's at twelve o'clock. I left her to wait there until two o'clock, when she was to meet Donna and go to the commencement program at Luther Burbank Jr. High. I took Sue's money to the bank. Walked to Relief Society with Annie, Lorene, Ruth. I bought some candied peanuts and walked home enjoying 'em after Relief Society. It was the last meeting for this season, Sr. Venna Cannon's lesson. Bro. [John] Marsh was operated on for ulcer of stomach this a.m. Helen Holden had a baby boy this a.m. Donna and Beth have gone to Beehive class. We called for girls and Daddy bought us ice cream pies on way home.

June 27, Thursday

Primary union meeting at stake house today. Oh! It's a long ride, but we always get some good for our going. I'm enjoying a musical now, by Louis, Beth, and Donna. Oh, how tickled I am that Donna can give her Daddy the music I know he has longed for in me. My prayers are answered in her musical talent. We had a visit from Martha and Pierre. Little Paula can walk. She surely is cute. After they left, we went to Marshes' to find out how John is getting along. He is doing nicely. Rex gave me a vase he made at school. I love it! One more day has passed sweet dreams.



Gay's Lion Farm was a public selective breeding facility and a tourist attraction located just west of the south east junction of Peck Road and Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California. It operated from 1925 through 1942, when it was closed temporarily due to wartime meat shortages. It was never reopened.

June 28, Friday

Donna and Beth helped with the cleaning, and then they walked to Highland Park to do some shopping. I stayed home and got dinner ready. (Fried round steak) I don't let my folks indulge in fried meats very often. Sue, Al and kiddies came over in evening to plan for a trip to Lake Arrowhead over the 4th. We took a ride over to Annie's when they left. Home again and ready for bed.

June 29, Saturday

We had our Primary picnic for the closing of Primary today in Victory Park. Played games and gave the kiddies each an ice cream cone and a balloon. Came home tired, and took a nap. When Louis came, we went for groceries. Came home and had dinner. Took Donna and Beth to Highland show. Came home until time to call for them. I bought belt and yellow beads in Kress and 15 cent store. Sr. Robinson left for Arizona tonight.

June 30, Sunday

Louis got up early this morning to go over to Bingham station and fix his car. Al came over about 8 a.m. and said that Lillian was down to the depot waiting for Louis. I asked him to go and tell Louis she was there. He did, and they arrived here about 9:30 a.m. We are happy to have them again. After dinner Louis and Lillian went house hunting. They found a house on Ave. 63. We all went to church. Donna and Beth stayed over to Elaine's to sleep. Lillian and kiddies stayed here.

July 1, Monday

Lillian and I went up to Highland Park to sign for her gas. We walked to her house first. Then did a little shopping in Kress. Walked back to her place, and rested awhile. A real estate lady came in and talked for a while. Came home and had lunch. Donna, Beth, Lillian and Shirley entertained me with song and dance. After dinner Daddy took Lillian and kiddies to their new home. Hope they will enjoy their visit. We are all anxious for Grama to come.

July 2, Tuesday

I washed, the kids did the house work. We left for town at 11:15 a.m. Went right to Loew's State theater. Got out at 5:10 p.m., and went in and out of the stores so Beth could see them and we also did some shopping. Went up to 4th street trying to find a white tam for Donna. Came back to May Co. and ran into Violet and Sue. I bought Donna a hat, \$5.00, white silk. Met Lillian and kiddies in one of the stores. Donna and Beth bought rubber shoes and caps. Daddy has gone down to Lillian's tonight.

July 3, Wednesday

Oh, this was the busy day preparing for our 4th of July holiday. In fact we are to have three holidays, yes, four, Thur., Fri., Sat., and Sunday. How will we ever get back to work? We are taking Lillian and Kiddies, Donna and Beth to Newport Beach tomorrow. Tired tonight, rest on the sand tomorrow.

Built in 1921, The State Theatre was formally part of the Loew's Theatre group. Founded by Marcus Loew in 1904, the chain was the largest movie theatre group until 2006. To provide films for these theaters, Loew founded Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures (MGM). It is very interesting that in this case the Theatre created the film company as well as the films, rather than the reverse.

Located at the corner of 7th and Broadway in downtown Los Angeles, the State Theatre was also home to 12 stories of offices and residences.

Back in its heyday, it was the most profitable of the Broadway downtown Theater's. Surprisingly, one of the reasons for this, was Los Angeles' former large and expansive rail system.

The State Theatre was designed by the San Francisco firm of Weeks & Day, with the Theater's auditorium holding up to 2,350 seats.



Loew's State Theater at the corner of 7th and Broadway in downtown Los Angeles

July 4, Thursday

We had a lovely day on this fourth of July. Cartwrights, Packs, Parks, Kellers, Marshes, Chandlers, Hoglunds, Lillian and Al Stead, Elva Howels, and Don Spainhower. Alice Chandler changed our minds at the last minute. She thought the crowd was going to Balboa beach, so we went there. It was a misunderstanding, some went to Newport. Balboa was lovely, so nice and clean, tables with benches, and a merry go round for the tots. So we parked there. Cartwrights, Hoglunds, and us. The rest of the crowd came over from Newport later on, and we had a lovely time. I enjoyed watching some people fish. Little Parks baby got lost twice today, almost drowned. Called on Aunt Lizzi and girls on way home.

July 5, Friday

The day after! Oh, oh, little diary book, if you had eyes, you surely would enjoy seeing me this a.m. My face is the color of a tomato, eyes, nose, and mouth swollen. Poor Beth, it's her first real sunburn. Elaine can hardly walk today. Donna and Beth walked over to the Aldama Drug Store to take the films for developing. Daddy took Lillian and kiddies downtown. He had to pay on car, 6th and Hope. I was half sick, and such a sight. I stayed home all day. Tonight Louis took me over to phone Primary teachers about convention tomorrow at stake house. Beth, Donna, and myself had our pictures taken with our swollen, sunburned faces today.

Short History of Sunscreen

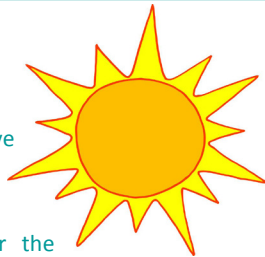
The first effective sunscreen may have been developed by chemist Franz Greiter in 1938. The product, called Gletscher Crème (Glacier Cream), subsequently became the basis for the company Piz Buin (named in honor of the place Greiter allegedly obtained the sunburn that inspired his concoction), which is still today a marketer of sunscreen products. It has been estimated that Gletscher Crème had a sun protection factor of 2.

The first widely used sunscreen was produced by Benjamin Green, an airman and later a pharmacist, in 1944. The product, Red Vet Pet (for red veterinary petrolatum), had limited effectiveness, working as a physical blocker of ultraviolet radiation. It was a disagreeable red, sticky substance similar to petroleum jelly. This product was developed during the height of World War II, when it was likely that the hazards of sun overexposure were becoming apparent to soldiers in the Pacific and to their families at home. Sales of this product boomed when Coppertone acquired the patent and marketed the substance under the Coppertone girl and Bain de Soleil branding in the early 1950s.



Franz Greiter is credited with introducing the concept of sun protection factor (SPF) in 1962, which has become a worldwide standard for measuring the effectiveness of sunscreen when applied at an even rate of 2 milligrams per square centimeter (mg/cm²). Some controversy exists over the usefulness of SPF measurements, especially whether the 2 mg/cm² application rate is an accurate reflection of people's actual use.

—From Wikipedia



July 6, Saturday

We left at 6 a.m. this morning for Ventura. Sue and I took Violet and baby, Annie and Glen in their car. We had Donna, Beth and Beverly in ours. Elaine was sick with her sunburn, so Sue's kids stayed home. We visited with Nora for a short time. Had our breakfast before we found her house. Started for home about 11:30 a.m. Stopped in Hollywood to visit the Botanic Gardens. Took two pictures there. Had ignition trouble with our car coming home. Lou and I ate dinner at Bill's. Donna and Beth came on home. Grama Renshaw came today.

July 7, Sunday

It's Uncle Billie's and Florence Marsh's birthday today. Best wishes to 'em both. After Sunday School, a happy crowd of Garvanza folks and Bill Andersen's family went over to Brookside Park for dinner. We took Grama, Lillian and kiddies, Donna and Beth, in our car. Daddy wouldn't stay to eat dinner with us, but went back into L.A. to the hospital to see John Marsh. Sr. Marsh came home from Park with us, and we ate her watermelon. They came home from church and finished the melon. Mother and Lillian didn't go to church tonight. The Beehive program in church was very good. Donna gave her speech very fine.



Young Billie Andersen



Young Florence Marsh

July 8, Monday

Worked all day to make up for my holidays. Washed and cleaned house. Donna and Beth helped some. After dinner I walked over to Sue's to take a book to Bishop. Louis was there. He had just got his car fixed. Al took us, with Lorene and Sue, for a ride down to the auto camp to get some fish from Br. Outty. Donna and Beth stayed home and made candy.



July 9, Tuesday

I couldn't locate Sr. Gledhill so went teaching alone this afternoon. Went to Helen's and her mother's place, that was as far as I got, because I went over to call on Lillian and Ma, and found them both sick. Mother has been sick in bed since Sunday. Louis, Beth, Donna, and I went down again after supper. Mother was better; I hope she'll be o.k. tomorrow. I saw Helen Holden's baby today. He's a dear. We called at Annie's on way home. They gave us some apricots.

July 10, Wednesday

I went to Aunt Ida first thing this a.m. Then I rushed over to Sue's and Ruth's to finish up my teaching. We three walked to Relief Society to the luncheon. It was surely good. Lillian was there, but Mother was too sick. Donna and Beth took

Shirley and Louise in swimming. Had free sample of Babe Ruth gum on way home. It's good. In evening, girls went to Beehive meeting. Daddy and I went to hospital to visit John Marsh. We called in to see Sr. Marsh on way home. Rex brought girls down to us.

*Baby Ruth Gum
Elvie sampled
on July 10th*



to the two p.m. conference. Grama came home to dinner, I expected Lillian and kiddies, but they didn't come. We stayed for night conference, but Mother went home with Sue and Al. They went to get Elaine. Between sessions we, Annie, Beth, Donna, Lorene, and I visited Mrs. Levy and Raymond. Art Trip and his mother were there. We called on Mr. Perkins, also. Daddy treated Sr. Marsh, Annie, and I to ice cream. To our surprise the dishes were done when we got home.

July 11, Thursday

I was home all day. Donna and Beth went uptown to Exposition Park. They came home about 5:30 o'clock, tired out. After dinner, Lillian, kiddies, and Mother came up to visit. We all enjoyed a musical evening. Singing, and piano, with Daddy's violin. Louis and I took them home. The kids are writing in their photograph books. Daddy is in bed and I'm going now. Donna received her first French letter from a little girl in France today.

July 12, Friday

Cleaning day and the kids have gone to Otto's and left me to enjoy it alone?? Well, Donna did get her practicing done first, anyway, and she wanted Uncle Otto to help her with a French letter before he went to work. I went over to Sue's and did some hand sewing on her blue silk coat. I brought the tan one home to finish today. After dinner and music, we took a ride over to Andersen's, then to Sue's. Annie, Violet, Beverly, Dolores, Lorene, and family were all there listening to a radio program.

July 13, Saturday

Donna and Beth have gone to the beach. Hope they'll have a good time. Elaine and Beverly have gone, also, with Beehive girls. (Later) I did the handwork on Sue's tan silk coat and walked to Safeway to give the order, then over to Sue's with coat. Listened to radio program for a while, then over to Annie's where I waited for Lou to call for me. At night Donna, Beth and I walked over to Aldama Drug Store for pictures. Daddy went to stake house to conference.

July 14, Sunday

I stayed home from Sunday School so I could have dinner all ready when the folks came, as we were going



*Denise Saguire from Rouen, France
Donna's pen pal. Donna received her first
letter from Denise on July 11th*

July 15, Monday

Bless Lillian's heart, for doing the dishes last evening. We were tired when we got home from conference. It was some surprise to find the kitchen cleaned up. It's been hot today. I washed and took a nap. Beth has gone to stay with Elaine this week. Donna is over there now with them. After dinner, Daddy and I took Bill, Mother, Lillian, and kiddies down to Stead's for a ride. Bill and Lou administered to little Harold. He is to be operated on in the morning. We had officers meeting tonight at Bishop's.

July 16, Tuesday

Hot! I'll say it's been hot today. I did the other half of the washing, and ironed. Donna helped. Tried to nap, but too warm for anything like that. Donna and I stayed home all day. In evening she walked over to Violet's for her French letter. Mother, Lillian, and kiddies came up. We had a little music. There was a kiddie's circus at playground. We all went over. A man got run over on his way to circus. Wonder if he died?

July 17, Wednesday

Oh dear! I've had a pain in my left side all morning. (Later) I feel better tonight. After Donna's music lesson, she went swimming with Elaine, Beth, Bette, and Beverly at the municipal plunge. I cleaned my white coat and dress this a.m., also my red and dark blue dresses. Louis took us down to wash sacrament dishes, while he and Bill went block teaching (Lorene, Ruth, and myself). Donna is sleeping with Vera tonight. We brought Beth and Elaine home from Beehive class. We called in Sue's and listened to radio. Daddy bought ice cream pies on way home. Sweet dreams!



*Lillian and Louise Keller
Lillian is Louis Renshaw's sister*

July 18, Thursday

I pressed all my clothes that I cleaned yesterday, and Louis's ties. Then started for a walk over to visit the girls. Stopped in shoe shop to have my heels fixed. Donna and Vera passed while I was there. Shoe man called Donna for me. They came home. I went on my way. After dinner, Daddy and I went to get Lillian and family to take them for a ride up to Oakwild. They were not home, so we took Annie, Bill, and Violet and baby. It's a beautiful ride. Donna and Vera stayed home and made candy. Vera slept here.

July 19, Friday

I did the cleaning. Donna helped with dusting. Then she walked over to visit Elaine and Beth, and she stayed there to dinner. Grama walked up to visit us in the evening. We thought we'd call for Lillian and kiddies, and go down to Marshes to see how John was. Lillian didn't feel well, but she said if we'd stay there she'd treat. So, Grama went over to store and bought ice cream. We called at Sue's for Donna. Enjoyed Victor radio. The man had just brought it in.

July 20, Saturday

Utah day at Ocean Park today. Louis took Lillian, Donna and I down in evening. Mother took Shirley and Louise down in afternoon. We met them down there, and they came home with us. Chandlers brought Donna home. Vera slept with her. Oh, we had a wonderful time, first, waiting for Louis after parking the car, then for Donna to come with Shirley. I spent the evening waiting. Well, we enjoyed it all anyway. P.S. Dad bought work shoes and overalls today.



Wooden Roller Coaster at Ocean Park—



View from Venice Beach of Ocean Park—1912



Ocean Park Miniature Car Ride—1928

July 21, Sunday

Donna went to Vera's for dinner. We brought Lillian, Mother, and kiddies home to dinner after Sunday School. After dinner we went down to Marshes, Came home and went to Lillian's for a nice lunch before going to church. Louis and Lillian sang "Whispering Hope." Clyde, Pearl, and Ruby Renshaw were at Lillian's when we went in. Their husbands, also. After church we had watermelon at Lillian's.

July 22, Monday

Received a letter from Dad [Owen A. Bailey] today. Washed and rested. Elaine, Beth, and Shirley came over. They enjoyed looking at my old stamp pictures, and cards. I read some of Mildred's letters and parts of her diary. After dinner, Donna went over to stay all night with Beth and Elaine. Louis and I went to the President to see Walker Whiteside in "The Hindu." Lillian, Clarence, and Ruth went in our car. It was Hollywood Stake night. Had buttermilk after show.

July 23, Tuesday

Boy, it's hot today. I ironed. Donna came home from Elaine's to practice her music lesson. Then she went over to Vera's with Elaine and Beth to practice songs for a Beehive program. I stayed home all day and evening. Donna and Beth stayed with Shirley while Sue and Al, Elaine and Bette went to Highland show tonight to see "The Desert Song." Uncle Al brought her home. We are going to bed now.



July 24, Wednesday

Walked to Highland Park, to do some shopping this a.m. Called on Lillian and Mother on way down. Went over to Annie's, she and I walked down to see Violet and Dolores. The little dear walked across the floor to me. I suffered the long hot walk home. After dinner Ruth, Lorene, and I washed sacrament dishes. Donna and Beth went to Beehives. Daddy had report meeting, so we were all there. Donna and Beth are entertaining us with piano music.

July 25, Thursday

I stayed home all day. Donna and Beth went over to Beverly's as Beth is going to stay there for a week. Donna, Beth, and Beverly took care of Dolores while Violet went with us at night to see the "Desert Song." Louis didn't go (Annie, Bill, Glen, Violet, and I) went. It was good. Louis took his folks for a ride in a car he'd like to buy. Our car has gone on the bum again. I don't know what we'll do. It has given us a lot of grief. I wish we had money to buy a good car. Oh, well, bye, bye. P.S. Daddy brought us all home from show. Lorene and family were there.

July 26, Friday

We got through the cleaning early. Donna helps when she's home. If I keep after her, ha, ha. Beverly and Beth came over today. After dinner Donna walked to Ruth's to get her books from Clarence. After I finished watering the flowers and lawn, Daddy and I looked at pictures, and then rode over to Annie's. Brought Donna home.

July 27, Saturday

I washed and cleaned the kitchen. It is my Beverly's birthday today. I read the "Copper Box" today. Fine story. Dad had to go uptown to make last payment on suit, so he had dinner uptown. He bought Donna and I a nice sandwich when we were out riding. I bought Beverly sox in Kress. Talked to Bingham a long time.

July 28, Sunday

Took Mother and Lillian to Sunday School. Fern, Fawn, and their mother came to Sunday School this morning. After Sunday School Daddy and I brought the folks up here to dinner, then we left and went down to Marshes' to a chicken dinner. It surely was good. Lou left us about 3:45 to go down to the depot for Ralph. He took Lillian and folks with him. He came back to Marshes' and brought us up to church. We heard Dr. Talmage on radio at Marshes' before going to church.

July 29, Monday

I washed and took a nap. Donna and girls, Vera, Elaine, Beth, and Beverly, went uptown to a show. They left at 9 a.m. Our car was in the shop all day. We are glad it is fixed once more. It has been

nice and cool all day. Donna received a letter from Rex. This evening Daddy took us over to drug store to get enlargement of Donna, Beth, and I. We called at Lillian's to see Ralph, but he was in bed asleep. Lillian gave Donna some music, "Whispering Hope." Lou and Donna are trying it out now. Sounds fine. Bed time, night, night.

July 30, Tuesday

I ironed, Elaine, Bette and Shirley came over. Bette ironed the handkerchiefs, cute thing! After the kids went home, Donna practiced her music lesson, then she took some sugar and went to Elaine's to make candy, They're going to send some to Rex and Ed. She stayed there for dinner. In evening the folks came up. We enjoyed some music from Lillian and Louis. Then he had to leave as he was going block teaching. I walked to Pasadena Avenue with them, then over to Annie's. She had gone to show, so I went to Sue's. Lou called for me, we waited for Donna.

Where was Rex?

In the summer of 1929 Rex Marsh turned 16 years old. He persuaded his mother to let him go on a hitchhiking/train hopping trip with his friend Ed Duffield. They worked as they traveled to afford the trip. In Rex's life history he tells about that adventure and includes a diary that he kept on the trip. Rex and Ed eventually went to Salt Lake City, then split up as Rex wanted to go visit his grandparents farm in Almo, Idaho.

July 31, Wednesday

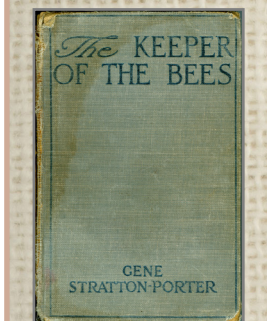
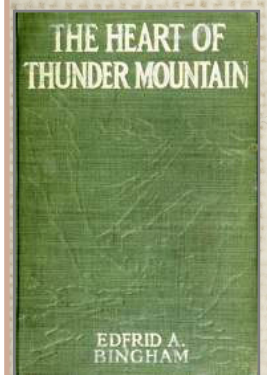
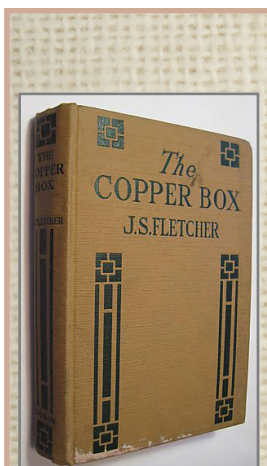
Donna and the girls stayed with Dolores while Annie went to show with Violet last night. I'm ready now to finish the book I started yesterday, "The Heart of Thunder Mountain," good story. I helped Donna and Beth make their sandwiches to take to Garvanza Park to Beehive picnic. Lorene, Ruth, and I washed the sacrament dishes after dinner this evening. Then Louis and I called at Annie's for Donna. That's all!

August 1, Thursday

Oh! What a day. I've been sick in bed all day (cramps, awful pain). Sure glad Donna was home. She did the work up nicely and fixed a very nice lunch for me. Beth came home from Beverly's today. She and Donna got dinner for us. After dinner they walked over to Elaine's. Daddy sat by my bed and talked, in the dark, until kids came back. I got up for a few minutes then back to bed.

August 2, Friday

No cleaning this day. I'm up, but not good for anything. Girls have gone to Chandler's to Beehive meeting. It's warm today. I read some from "The Keeper of the Bees." Best book I've read for a long time. In evening Daddy took us



for a nice ride (Beth, Donna, Violet, Dolores, and I). Then we visited at Annie's. Took Lillian home after practicing with Ruth over at Bishop's. (Do they love each other? And How!) [Not sure who Elvie is talking about here?]

August 3, Saturday

I got the kids up early to help me this a.m. as there was lots of work and they wanted to go over to Annie's to practice Otto's song. But Beth went alone, Donna stayed to help me finish work. Daddy had his Sunday School party in Garvanza Park this evening. I phoned Pacific Finance about extension on car payment. We took Florence and Ruth Marsh home from Park. Donna and Beth stayed to see part of show over, Elaine came out. The air was blue!!

August 4, Sunday

I got up early to get Sunday dinner ready before going to Sunday School. I was sure glad to see Sr. Robinson home from Arizona. Louis took us down to Sunday School, but didn't go himself. He had a pain in his shoulder. About four o'clock Louis took Otto, Lillian, Ruth, and Beth down to the Radio station, KEJE. I had ice cream at Sue's, and then went with Clarence Cartwright down to Marshes' to hear them over the radio. After the program we came up to church to hear Dr. Talmage. It was wonderful.

August 5, Monday

Martha Athens came this a.m., and asked us to take Paula. She and Pierre are going to separate. I feel so sorry for them both. Sr. Marsh left this a.m. in an air ship for Idaho. She received word her father was dying. After dinner Louis and I took mother, Lillian and kids for a ride. We had watermelon at Lillian's when we got back. Sue's kids came over to stay with Beth and Donna. They made candy. Lou and I went over to Sue's when we got home from Lillian's and had some good ice cream, homemade.

August 6, Tuesday

Raymond came over and visited with us. They are moving this week out to Van Nuys. Gee, we are going to miss them. Beth treated Donna and I to an Alaska sucker. I finished "The Keeper of the Bees" today, swell book. Athens came this evening and made arrangements for us to keep Paula. They will bring her tomorrow evening. I hope she will love us, and be happy here.

August 7, Wednesday

I hurried through work, and went in Mrs. Wass's to tell her about Paula, because I wanted her to take out table to make room for baby bed. Down to Lillian's, over to Annie's, then Annie and I went over to Garvanza Park to birthday luncheon given by Sr. Pack and Sr. Cannon. Each received a nice hand bag from all of us. Mother Renshaw came home with me to dinner. In evening Pierre came to tell us he couldn't get a bed, so will bring Paula tomorrow night. Daddy and I took Mother home. Donna and Beth went to Beehive meeting. P.S. I heard today that Sr. Marsh went by bus, not air plane.

August 8, Thursday

I washed my hair and Donna's also. The girls and I stayed home all day. In evening Daddy went to Sunday School meeting at Reece's. Martha came about six o'clock to tell us they didn't find bed for Paula. Lou took her to car. They both came with baby about nine o'clock at night, to leave her with us. Poor things, my heart aches for all three, Paula cried for a few minutes. We got a bed from Lorene, it's Sr. Craddock's. Then went to tell Pierre not to get one. Baby is asleep now in new home. Strange things do happen! Received \$20 for Paula's keep.

August 9, Friday

It seems strange to have a baby once more. We don't know how to act. Donna received a letter from Rex. Baby slept all night without waking once. "Bless her little heart," we are so happy to have her. She has been so cute and good all day. If she will only stay like that we'll have no bother at all. Donna and Beth took her over to Sue's. They were not home. On way over to Annie's Miss Perkins met them, and took them up to Janet's in her car. After dinner we all rode over to Lorene's. They are nearly moved. I hate to have them go!

August 10, Saturday

Baby slept all night through. No worry as yet. I walked over to Sue's to pay tithing and May Company \$3.00. Donna gave Paula her bath today, and yesterday, also. I'll sure miss her when school starts. After dinner we went down to Sears, Roebuck & Co. We bought Paula some pink and blue socks, and some slippers, and some ribbon for her bonnet. I fixed her dress and bonnet after we got home. We do enjoy our baby.



Donna, Elaine Hoglund, Elvie, Paula Athens, Lou with Shirley & Bette Hoglund in front

Paula Constance Athens Born May 14, 1928

Martha (Beebe) & Pierre Athens were neighbors of the Renshaw family. Elvie writes in January that the Athens invited Lou & Elvie over to their home to play a game. They also had Donna babysit Paula. When Martha and Pierre decided to separate they asked Elvie to take care of Paula.

Donna was 14 years old, all her baby supplies, furniture, and clothing were long gone. They rounded up a baby crib. In a short time Paula was a very important part of the Renshaw family. Paula stayed with the Renshaws for over ten weeks. Even though it was an adjustment to have a toddler in their home again, they did love her and enjoy her. It is easy to see that it was very hard on them to have Paula leave and move away in October.



*Beth Strong and Donna Renshaw
(Dressing up for "funny pictures" on
August 10, Fishermen, Babies,
& a happy Groom & Bride)*



Donna and Beth took some funny pictures today of themselves all dressed up as babies, then fishing in dish pan.

Charlie brought us home in his new Maxwell. Pierre gave me some peaches.

August 11, Sunday

Paula's first day to Sunday School. It was some scramble to get there on time. We haven't had a baby in the house for so many years, we'll have to get used to her. Elaine came home to dinner. I took a picture of the three girls, then they went to Elaine's. Martha and Pierre came up to see the baby. They felt awful because Paula didn't notice them. Martha cried all afternoon. Pierre brought her high chair. We took baby to church. Over to Bishop's after to hear radio.

August 12, Monday

Washed and went to town to pay last payment on Hup. "Oh day of day's." I brought home the pink slip. Our Paula sure is a darling. In evening, Sue and Al called to take Donna and Beth out to Levy's. Daddy and I stayed home with baby, expecting Pierre, but he didn't come. It's little Shirley's birthday today, two years old. Bless her heart! I went to bed about ten o'clock, Louis and Paula were asleep. Al brought the kids about 11 p.m.

August 13, Tuesday

I did the other half of washing, and ironed. Left Donna to finish ironing and went to Highland Park. Bought Shirley a little gift and went to Sue's to meet Sr. Gledhill, went teaching. After dinner Daddy took his folks out to Monrovia to see Pearl Renshaw. Pierre came to see Paula and took Beth and I over to Annie's. He kept the baby out in the car for a while.

August 14, Wednesday

We had the Relief Society luncheon at Sycamore Grove today. Clarence Cartwright came for Paula and I. There surely was a big crowd. I think about forty. I came home on red car with Grama and Lillian. Got home about 4:15, in time for baby to have her afternoon nap. Donna and Beth went to visit Aimee's Temple. In evening Donna and Beth went to Beehives, I went to wash sacrament dishes. Did them alone. Louis took Paula to Annie's, and then called for Beth and I. Donna stayed to dance with Elaine. John Marsh came home with us. I put Paula to bed. Lou, John and Beth went over to Sue's then down for Donna.



August 15, Thursday

Lorene and family are all moved out, took most of it last night. Al helped. We'll miss them. Donna and Beth took care of Dolores while Otto and Violet went to show in afternoon. They came home to dinner and stayed with Paula while Louis and I went over to say goodbye to Otto. Pierre came while we were away and woke Paula and played with her. She was excited; we had awful time to get her to sleep. I do feel sorry for the poor boy.

August 16, Friday

Otto called this morning for Lou's gun. He and friend are on their way to Cedar City. Daddy took a picture of them before they left. In evening Daddy and I took Paula and called on Mother and Lillian. Kids stayed home, they were out all afternoon on front porch, reading books Parry loaned them.

August 17, Saturday

Donna, Beth, and Elaine went to a show uptown. Beth did some shopping to take home. Br. and Sr. Marsh came up, they took me to Safeway to get order. I met Lou and came home. We went to Long Beach. Took Elaine and Beverly with us. Sue and Al went also. They took Violet and baby. We had a nice time. Donna and Beth went in water at the Plunge (see below). I enjoyed a fish sandwich. Tired.



Aimee's Temple? (See previous page.)

Aimee Semple McPherson (October 9, 1890 – September 27, 1944), also known as Sister Aimee, was a Canadian-American Los Angeles, California evangelist and media celebrity in the 1920s and 1930s. She founded the Foursquare Church. McPherson has been noted as a pioneer in the use of modern media, especially radio, which she drew upon through the growing appeal of popular entertainment in North America.

Construction on the Echo Park Revival Tabernacle took three years and \$1.5 million. On January 1, 1923, the house of worship was christened the Angelus Temple, and its cinema-style folding pew chairs seated their first congregation. The interior was lavish with stained glassed windows, clouds painted on the dome and more. It was grand enough to be considered a tourist attraction. It is still in use as a church today.

"Sister Aimee" went on to live a very colorful life with two marriages, two divorces, scandalous affairs and she was supposedly kidnapped and taken to Mexico. Some, however, were skeptical of her story since McPherson seemed in unusually good health for her alleged ordeal and her clothes showed no signs of a long walk through the desert. —Wikipedia



Marion Davies
A popular actress
in 1929 with
a "marcelled"
hairdo.



Beth Strong

August 18, Sunday

Pierre called before Paula was awake, said he would come back later. Donna and Beth got up before seven o'clock to go to Violet's to have their hair marcelled. Lou and I had our dinner alone, kids over to Sue's. Of course we had Paula. Took Beth down to station to get ticket and check suit case. She is leaving in morning. We then tried to find her cousin Prepa, but they've moved. Came home from church and had ice cream and pie. Pierre called again. Lillian sang in church tonight. Took her home.

August 19, Monday

We left home about 20 minutes to eight, to take Beth to depot, Donna, Elaine, Beverly, and I. Sue took care of Paula. I fixed Beth's lunch. The kids all gave her train letters, some candy, and two magazines. We are going to miss her. I had the date fixed on her ticket for August instead of June. We went out in baggage yard and saw her train pullout. She waved to us. Lillian came up to dinner. Went to meeting at Bishop's at night. Donna starts staying with Violet tonight.

August 20, Tuesday

Worked hard all day, surely tired tonight. No Donna to help, as she is over with Violet. They came over in evening and had dinner with us. Paula and Dolores had a wonderful time. Daddy went block teaching, Violet and Donna went to Elaine's show. I stayed home waiting for Pierre, but he didn't come. Hope Beth arrived home O.K. I added lines to Seagull code. I'm lonesome without my girl, and Beth, also.

August 21, Wednesday

Did other half of washing, and a big ironing. It surely is lonely around here without Donna. Glad I've got Paula. We all went to the hall tonight. Daddy to teachers report meeting, me to wash dishes and practice for Sunday School play and to meet Seagull girls. After meeting Lou took me up to Sr. Nordstrom's to see about cookies. Violet kept Paula. Pierre came after we got home. Poor boy is worried about his lungs. I'm so sorry, too. He gave me \$10.00 tonight.

August 22, Thursday

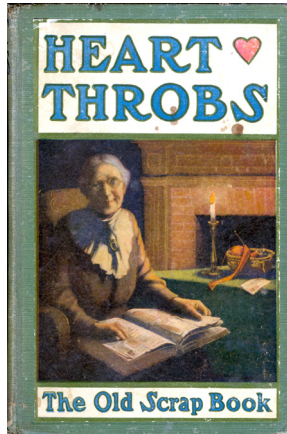
Pierre brought us some seedless grapes last night. It was nice and cool today. I made two glasses of jelly from the grapes Mrs. Wass gave me. We stayed home all day. It's not so easy to get out with baby; I didn't feel very well anyway. About five o'clock Lillian and Jack came. He got here yesterday morning. They wouldn't stay for dinner, but came back in evening with kiddies and Grama. Donna and Beverly came over. We enjoyed music and ice cream. Jack took Donna and Beverly to Annie's.

August 23, Friday

Jack and Lillian are going to Catalina Island today. I walked with Paula in buggy over to Violet's to get Donna to go down to Highland Park with me to get gym outfit (\$1.50) for her school. We bought it at the new store, Colonial Clothing just opened today. We did some shopping in Kress and had an ice cream soda. I came home on car, Donna walked to Violet's. Paula stayed at Violet's; I walked over after her, after dinner. Lou tore the car down to put in new rings. Daddy and Mr. Wass are still working on car. I'm going to bed.

August 24, Saturday

Martha sent word last night she was coming early to get Paula and keep her all day. Pierre called in answer to Lou's note this a.m. He said to let Martha take baby, but to find out where she was taking her. Martha came about 11:30. Paula was asleep. She and Paula had lunch with me and left at 1 p.m. She wanted to show Paula to the girls at work, and the folks where she lives. Pierre came in afternoon. (Lost key in chair.) Ha, ha, ha. For Daddy's and my dinner we had quart of ice cream. I called on folks; Jack drove me to Highland Show. Walked home to Junction with Donna and Violet. Lillian put baby to bed. Martha brought her about nine o'clock and ran. As Jack and Lillian were leaving Pierre came. I got my order from little store. Our car is down.



August 25, Sunday

Lillian and Jack are leaving this a.m. for Ariz. Mother comes to stay a few days with us. Bro. Hill called for me to go to Sunday School, our car is still down. I took Florence's and Louis's class in Sunday School, and enjoyed it very much. They were surely good kids. Hill's brought Ruth, Donna, and I home from Sunday School. Donna went to Garvanza Park with my folks for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Wass had dinner with us. Mother had dinner with Lillian; she rode a ways with them. Mr. Wass took me down to church for my Seagull graduation program at 2:30 p.m. for Donna, Marian Christensen, and Josephine Worthen. We had 21 in all, Sr. Moffitt was present. I gave code with new lines. We served ice cream and cookies. Pierre came about nine o'clock in evening. The great Graf Zeppelin arrived tonight.

(To My Donna) Aug. 25th/29
 Abide by your motto, your charm, & code,
 You'll travel through life on the safest road.
 Begin and end your day with a smile,
 It will help to make life worth while.
 Show courtesy born of kindness,
 Folks will soon know your fineness.
 Always speak the truth,
 Begin now, while in your youth.
 Be loyal to every trust,
 A seagull girl will, and must.
 Think pure thoughts and speak clean words,
 Be of real service, like the seagull birds.
 Seek the best of life through health,
 It's worth more than barrels of wealth.
 Give willing service, where ever you can,
 Remember that was the Saviour's plan.
 Improve your mind from all good sources,
 In literature, and culture of many courses.
 Be obedient and trust in God,
 Holding fast the iron rod.
 Try it dear, it will do no harm,
 Be beautiful within, is your seagull charm.
 Keep happy, and for wisdom strive,
 Go to mutual, and find the spirit of the hive.
 With Love
 Mother
 Your advisor, (always)



Graf Zeppelin arrived in Los Angeles on August 25, 1929

Graf Zeppelin
 In August 1929, LZ 127 departed for another daring enterprise: a circumnavigation of the globe. The growing popularity of the "giant of the air" made it easy for Eckener to find sponsors. One of these was the American press tycoon William Randolph Hearst, who requested the tour officially start in Lakehurst. As with the October 1928 flight to New York, Hearst had placed a reporter, Grace Marguerite Hay Drummond-Hay, on board who therefore became the first woman to circumnavigate the globe by air. From there, Graf Zeppelin flew to Friedrichshafen, then Tokyo, Los Angeles, and back to Lakehurst, in 21 days 5 hours and 31 minutes. Including the initial and final trips Friedrichshafen – Lakehurst and back, the dirigible traveled 49,618 kilometres (30,831 mi).



Grace Marguerite Hay Drummond-Hay



William Randolph Hearst

This is the code that Elvie wrote in "Heart Throbs" for Donna. Mary owns this book that belonged to Donna. Mary found this handwritten poem in the back. The book was a graduation gift from the Garvanza Ward Primary August 25, 1929.

August 26, Monday

Mother went to town, I washed and rested. I wrote code and lines in Josephine's book of "Heart Throbs." Donna came home to dinner. Mother, Donna, Paula, and I went over to Sue's for walk. Daddy worked on car until noon. Sue and Al were out to a show. I beat Lou to bed tonight! Zeppelin left L. A. tonight.

August 27, Tuesday

Gramma went uptown to show after cleaning her white dress. She didn't like to leave me, but I insisted. We can't take baby Paula. I ironed. Paula's dear little face got burned with the end of the cord that goes in iron. I feel so bad about it. She didn't cry very hard, bless her heart. We tried the car out tonight, went to Bingham's for gas, and over to Bill's. He told us Donna and Violet were on way over here, so we came home. Pierre brought pint of ice cream for kiddies. Our Daddy is tired and cross tonight. Last in bed as usual, me.

August 28, Wednesday

Another beautiful day. This surely is the place to live. Lovely green and flowers every door or window I look out of. I love it. Mother went to show up in Los Angeles. I darned sox and mended. Stayed home all day. In evening I went to the hall to wash sacrament dishes

(Sr. Robinson, Ruth, and I). Daddy took me down, Mother and Paula rode with us. They called back for me with Donna, Violet, and Dolores. Went for little ride and home.

August 29, Thursday

Hurried through work, as Mother was going to treat me to show. We left home about 10:30. Took Paula over to Violet's for Donna to care for. Went to Hill St. Show. Enjoyed it very much. Mother also treated to nice little ice cream cake. I bought fish and raspberries at Central market. Violet and Donna came over to bring Paula and had dinner with us. Fixed the cuffs tonight on Lou's new work pants. Bought tire at Sears and Roebuck.

August 30, Friday

Mother and Donna have gone to show today. Gramma surely is a real sport. I'm not well enough to work today, and it's Friday! I rested best I could with Paula. Donna came home to dinner with Gramma, they had been to two shows. A swell day for Donna. We went to Marshes' in evening, had a little ice cream, and finished up the leavings. They have invited us tomorrow for more. She surely makes good ice cream. Pierre came after we got home. Paula was asleep. Louis ask him to take care of her Sunday.

August 31, Saturday

Through work by eleven o'clock, baby bathed, and asleep, also. Gramma helped with work and gave Paula her bath. About five o'clock I went to Safeway for order. Louis called for me. In evening we took Violet, Dolores, Donna, and

Gramma down to Marshes' for ice cream. It surely was good. Daddy and Donna had a haircut before going.

September 1, Sunday

Pierre came for Paula about 8:30 a.m. We called for Donna and went to Marshes'. Had a wonderful day. First we went to San Pedro to see the fleet. We went on the big battleship, Colorado. Got on boat at one o'clock. Left ship for boat at 3:30. Surely was interesting. Enjoyed every minute of it. We had lunch before going on boat. Went over to Long Beach and had swell, fish dinner. We went in Marshes' car, Louis drove. Mother went with us, Donna slept at Marsh's. Pierre brought Paula about 9:00 p.m. just as we drove up.



Battleship Colorado

September 2, Monday

We had our holiday yesterday because Sr. Marsh had to work today. Br. Marsh took

Donna out to beach with Florence and other kids. We have enjoyed ourselves at home. In evening we dolled up, and went to hospital to call for Sr. Marsh, about 5 p.m. Then she got ready in about 5 minutes, and we were all on our way to beach. Paula went this time. Went to Santa Monica, Venice, and rode little bug to Ocean Park. Had hamburger, ice cream, and buttered popcorn. Home about 11 p.m. Wonderful time.

September 3, Tuesday

Mother is leaving us today, going on bus to Salt Lake. We will miss her. Always enjoy her company. We intended to send Pa some money with her, but had to have car fixed. Seems like we can't get him paid. He's been wonderful to us. I walked over to Sue's in afternoon. She has my shower gift for tomorrow, so it's o.k. I won't have to go to town. Lou went to bed about 7:30, but John Marsh and Ruth came, and he got up again. We both went to bed at 10:30. I miss Donna so much.

September 4, Wednesday

Went to a nice luncheon and stork shower for Ruth Cartwright at Mrs. Finimore's. Had a lovely time. Came home with a prize, dresser set, for hemming the first diaper by hand. The table was beautiful, little pink storks for favors and nut cups. Put Paula to bed at seven o'clock and went down with Lorene to wash sacrament dishes. Daddy tore the car down again tonight. Dishes were all done when we got there. Oh, joy! Eva C. brought us home in their Ford. Surely sweet of her.

September 5, Thursday

Donna came over about 11:30 to stay with Paula while I went to Union meeting. Sr. Moffit called on me to read my seagull poem to the Union meeting members. She gave me a nice compliment. I felt quite honored. In evening we took Donna over to Annie's. Violet was there. We enjoyed radio.

September 6, Friday

Left home this a.m. about 8:10. Met Donna and Violet at York and Aldama, went to sale at Cornets store. Bought two work shirts for Louis, 25¢ each, a pair silk hose 45¢, Donna, a little yellow dress \$1.59. Came home on W car, did cleaning, and went to Sue's to a shower on Ruth C. I helped give it. Donna and Violet walked babies home in buggies.

September 7, Saturday

We are having real Fall weather, feels like rain or snow. Been that way for a week. (Unusual?) I wrote Seagull poem in Donna's book, Heart Throbs. After dinner Louis and I went to Safeway for groceries, and then picked up Donna, Violet and baby. Shopped in Highland Park, had ice cream cones and root beer.

September 8, Sunday

Took Paula to Sunday School. She was pretty good. I only had to miss about half the class. Louis went to stake house to give lesson. Donna went to Marian Christensen's for dinner. It's a lovely sunny day. Pierre came about 3:30 just as the baby woke up. He brought her a new dress and ten new diapers. Lou came at five o'clock, and took me to church to meet the sisters about our Relief Society luncheon next Wednesday. I have to help give it. We went to Annie's after church.

September 9, Monday

Donna, Violet, and I went uptown at 9:30 this morning. I bought Donna three school dresses and some socks. Violet bought cloth and paid for five yards, when we got home she only had three yards, so went all the way back to town. In evening we went to meeting over to Bishop's. Called over to Violet's for Paula after.

September 10, Tuesday

Washed and went block teaching. Donna came home at 12:30 so I left baby with her. It was her first day at school. The vacation is all over now. She came home to stay yesterday and I'm glad. It was too lonesome around here without her. At night we went to see "Going Crooked" at The

Block Teaching

First mentioned January 21

Over the years the name and program have found different ways of presentation. It has been called block teaching, ward teaching, and, currently, home teaching. Volumes have been written giving instructions; thousands of hours have been spent delivering messages.

—Elder L Tom Perry

In 1919 the name was changed again to Ministers. We are to Minister to one another.



Popular Culture in 1929

Popeye, a comic strip character created by Elzie Crisler Segar, makes his debut.

Academy Awards, popularly known as the Oscars, are started.

Museum Of Modern Art opens in New York.

A start is made on the Rockefeller Center in New York.

The Broadway Melody becomes the first major musical film of the sound era.

The soft Drink 7-up is invented by Charles Leiper Grigg.

“show shop.” Got in free through President McCune. Enjoyed show very much.

September 11, Wednesday

Another very busy day. Left home about 9:15 this morning, took Paula to Annie's and went to church to help prepare Relief Society luncheon with Sr. Robinson, Sr. Gledhill, Sr. Chandler, Sr. Boshheart, and Melba. We had a fine time. Served 29 or 30. John Marsh brought me home; he brought Paula and buggy from Violet's, also. We had opening of Mutual at night. Swell program and dance.

September 12, Thursday

Went to Primary meeting at Sr. Davidson's. Annie kept Paula for me. Donna brought her home after school. Our Primary will start Saturday. Ruth, Violet, and I went down together. Sr. Robinson met us at Avenue 28 and Dayton. We stayed home this evening and enjoyed music from Donna and Daddy. I kept baby awake until 9:30 but her Daddy didn't come.

September 13, Friday

Pierre came this morning before going to work. I worked hard all day, was surely tired at night. I've been out every day this week. Made up for it today. In evening Daddy went block teaching. Donna stopped at Sue's. I went to Annie's. Ruth and Clarence were there. Glen and Marilyn had a round. Marilyn got so mad her nose bled. Annie, Violet, and I walked over to Sue's. Daddy called there for us. While we were there the Marshes came. Rex got home today, but he was sick.

September 14, Saturday

Our summer vacation is over now. Primary starts this morning. Donna won't be going anymore. I'll have a lot of new seagull girls. Just got home from Primary. We had a very small turnout. I have four new girls. Donna fixed lunch for us, tomato soup. Received a letter from Uncle Frank. In evening we went to Sears Roebuck to get new tire, bought Donna a purse. We had Eskimo pies on way home.

September 15, Sunday

I was able to stay in the class this morning, as Paula went to sleep out in the car while they were having singing practice in Sunday School. Lorene and family came home to dinner with us. The lunch Lorene brought got gas fumes in it, they couldn't eat any. After church tonight we went, to Sue's and enjoyed ice cream and cake. Lloyd and Rex came, also. Bishop took them home.

September 16, Monday

Boy! It has been hot today, 101 in shade. I stayed in all day. Martha came to see baby this afternoon, for about an hour. Pierre came at night and gave me his check for \$20.33. He stayed until Louis came. We talked about religion and enjoyed the evening. Daddy had been block teaching. (Note entered at top of diary later: P.S. Married 15 years ago today. We forgot all about it, until a week later!



Lou & Elvie—1925

September 17, Tuesday

Another warm day, but not as bad as yesterday. Sent Pa the check Pierre gave me. Had a big ironing and was tired. When dinner time came got the things on to cook and lay down to rest. Fell asleep and burnt the squash. The spinach was bitter (some dinner) Daddy went block teaching with Mr. George. They took us over to Bishop's, Donna and Paula stayed there. I went out to Sierra Madre to see Inez [*Hoglund Judd*] with Sue and Al. She looks fine. Sure a sweet girl. Al brought me home. Lou called for Donna and Paula.

September 18, Wednesday

Raining this morning when we awoke. Louis didn't work today. He and Paul Pack took all their papers and sold them. Daddy took me to Primary meeting at Ebell. He also took care of Paula. Donna ate dinner over to Annie's; it was her music lesson day. We went to Mutual at night. In afternoon Daddy took Paula and I for a nice ride over to Pasadena. It was beautiful after the rain.

September 19, Thursday

It was nice and cool today. I composed some birthday invitations for Elaine's friend. Donna brought Elaine home to dinner. I don't think she enjoyed it very much. We didn't have anything she likes. We surely wanted to go to Highland Show to see "Noah's Ark," but no money. We went over to Elaine's and heard the first episode on the radio of "Who Killed the Caretaker?" Daddy went to Sunday School board meeting at Marshes'. Sr. Hill and Arma came to Sue's while we were there.

September 20, Friday

Surprise! Aunt Annie came over to our house today. She was out looking at houses. I knew there was a catch in there somewhere. After dinner I walked



Paula Athens & Lou Renshaw



Susie Bailey Hoglund

over to Sue's to take the invitations I had rhymed for Margaret Mattson's birthday party. On my way home Louis met me, and we went over to Annie's. Donna stayed home with Paula. I met Br. and Sr. Murdock, some folks just moved in our Ward. They were over to the Bishop's.

September 21, Saturday

Primary as usual. We learned some new songs and dances. Eva and I taught the kiddies up on the stage. We must learn them for our home coming program. In evening Daddy and I and kids went for a nice ride up to the point of the mountain where we had a wonderful view of the lighted cities below.

September 22, Sunday

I got Paula to sleep out in the car while they were having singing practice in Sunday School, so was able to enjoy my class work. Daddy went to Sunday School union meeting. Pierre had dinner with us, and then some of his friends came to see Paula, a girl and a boy. Her name was Esther. Donna went to Elaine's after dinner. I sewed Daddy's overalls on Sunday. Oh! Oh! We all went to church at night.

September 23 Monday

Washed and took Paula over to Sue's. Went uptown to get stork shower present for Sr. Cobabe and birthday gift for Annie and I to give Sue. Some of the sisters in church are giving a surprise party on Sue Thursday night. I got a silk scarf for Annie and I to give her. I met Donna at 6th and Broadway. We bought her safety guard cap. Violet and Dolores came home to dinner. Went to Pierre's to ask him to stay with Paula tomorrow night while we go to "show shop."

September 24, Tuesday

I ironed and finished the other half of washing. I always leave the towels and underwear to wash the second day, as I'm not strong enough to put it all over in one day by hand. Pierre came in the evening to stay with Paula while we went to "show shop" to see "California Love." Free show by Pres. McCune. Donna stayed with Dolores so Violet could go. It surely was sweet of her.

September 25, Wednesday

Took Paula to Sr. Cobabe's stork shower at Ebell. The Relief Society gave it. She got a lot of nice things. Paula surely is a live wire to take out. I couldn't play cootie on account of her. Met Daddy on way home. He tied the buggy on back of car and saved me a long walk home. Went to Mutual at night. Violet kept Paula for us.

September 26, Thursday—Sue's Birthday!

Violet is making a cake for me to take over to Sue's surprise party tonight. Bless her heart. I cleaned my white coat, dress, hat, and Donna's white hat in gas. Also all of Louis's ties. I should have gone to union meeting, but didn't feel well enough for the long trip. Annie and I gave Sue a silk scarf, the new pleated kind, for her

birthday. Had nice time at party, but was in lots of pain. Glad to get home. The ladies gave her a kitchen clock and cake container.

September 27, Friday

Bad night, lots of pain, aspirin helped some. I couldn't stay in bed today with Paula into everything, so wrote to Mother and Lillian. Louis got a letter from his Mother saying Pa had received the check. I washed Donna's hair when she came from school. After dinner we went to Pierre's apartment for her permanent wave. Her very first! I came home to put Paula to bed. Daddy has gone back to wait for Donna. Paula has a cold in her nose. I'm going to bed, can't wait any longer to see how Donna looks.

September 28, Saturday

Donna looks real sweet with her permanent. Pierre knows how to give them alright. I didn't feel very well today, but went to Primary anyway. Donna went to birthday party at Margaret Mattson's. We took Violet for ride after we got our groceries. She got her \$50.00 tonight, special delivery. Mr. Marsh brought Donna home. P.S. Sr. Vinnot and Albert came today. Ob. is giving her another chance, ha, ha.

September 29, Sunday

I missed all of the class work in Sunday School today. Paula was the cause. Violet and Dolores and Marian Christensen came home to dinner. After dinner we went out to see Inez at Sierra Madre. Sue, Al, Violet, Lou, and I went in our car. Kids stayed here. Elaine, Bette and Shirley came over. Violet took care of Paula at night, so I enjoyed church. Br. Picket asked me to give a reading Wednesday in Genealogy class. He told me to compose something of my own. Oh my, oh my.

September 30, Monday

I took Paula outside this morning while I hung my clothes on the line. She tipped over her little chair, and fell on her face. It made an ugly bump. Scared a year's growth out of me. In evening we went over to Annie's to listen to radio. Donna stayed home with Paula.



Table top radio

October 1, Tuesday

Donna broke the oven door this morning, stood her foot on it. Mrs. Wass will be mad. I surely am upset about it. Hate to ruin anyone else's things. In evening Donna went to Mutual meeting down to Marshes'. Daddy and I took Paula over to Annie's, but saw Nellie [Bill's sister] and family there, so rode past. Went out York, got popcorn and a bar. Then took Paula to see Pierre. We took him over to his cousin's house.

October 2, Wednesday

Lovely morning. Daddy went to work, but Donna stayed home. She was sick with cold in head. I went to Relief Society. After meeting, we went in Ivers and bought Dad a birthday gift (Sue, Annie, and I), a sweater from all of us girls. Ruth and family went out to visit Lorene today. They brought her in tonight. She is going to stay in until Sunday. Charles and Raymond stayed out home. I gave a reading in the adv. class tonight. My Seagull code. Violet kept Paula for us.

October 3, Thursday

It's my dear old Dad's birthday today. He won't get our gift on time. Violet, Ruth, and I went together out to a Primary luncheon at Sr. Nordstrom's. Fine lunch. We all got a list of names to look up for Primary children. Daddy took Donna to a singing practice at Ruth Booth's. Paula and I stayed home to wait for Pierre. Pierre came. Daddy came back. I wrote a letter to Katy [Hoglund].

October 4, Friday

I gave Donna \$1.50 this morning to buy her ticket for the opera. Helen Martinez's mother is getting it for her. I've worked hard all day. Took the sleeves out of Donna's blue silk dress. This is the second time I've taken them out. Hope we can fix it to look O.K. Mr. Wass came in tonight to get oven door to have it fixed. We all stayed home for change. Enjoyed music by Donna and Daddy. Washed Donna's hair. Pierre is going to give her a finger wave in morning.

October 5, Saturday

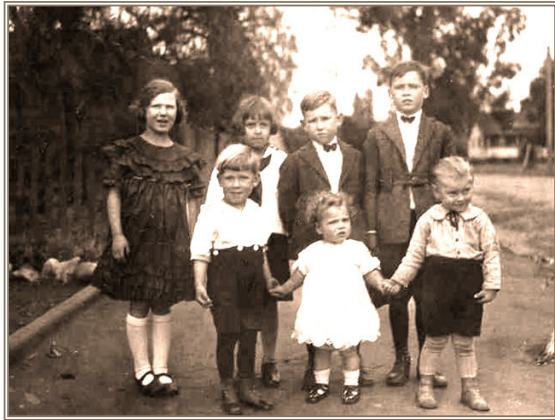
Primary homecoming today at Sycamore Grove. Had a big turnout. I ate lunch with Annie, Violet, and Lorene. I bought the drinks, 35¢. Primary gave the children a sack of peanuts and candy. In evening Donna went with Rex and his folks to Mutual stake party. Daddy and I went to Highland Park. He got haircut. I went shopping and bought Paula a new bonnet, and shoes, and sox. Then over to Annie's. She gave us half of cake for dinner tomorrow. Bless her heart!



Elvie, Paula and Louis

October 6, Sunday

Paula looked real sweet in new things. We all went to 9 a.m. meeting. Donna had to take Paula out. She wanted to do the talking. I got her to sleep while Sunday School was going on, so I could be in fast meeting. Inez was there to see [her son] Kenneth confirmed a member of the church. Elaine came home to dinner with us. We called for Violet and Dolores. Stayed home all afternoon. Pierre took Paula to visit one of his customers in afternoon. Donna went to practice song at Ella Fleming's. Violet kept Paula at night while we went to church. Donna and girls sang "Junior Roses."



Cousins—Elaine Hoglund, Beverly Andersen, Norman & Gene Judd, In front—Kenneth Judd, Bette Hoglund & Glen Anderson circa 1924



October 7, Monday

I did half of washing and took a nap while baby was having hers. After dinner Daddy took us over to Annie's to hear Al Jolson open his latest picture, "Say It With Songs." Ruth and Clarence were there, but they didn't stay to hear him. Poor Ruth feels so punk now. Daddy went to Sr. Hill's to see about the song they are to sing in church next Sunday. Then he went to Sue's and paid up the Safeway coupons. I'm surely glad we have them paid.

October 8, Tuesday

It is little Bette's birthday today. I'll go over later. I'm having a time to break Paula of doing things in her panties. She is the limit. Sr. Gledhill and I went block teaching. I gave Bette 25¢; Daddy gave her 25¢ last night. She's 7 years old, bless her heart. Br. and Sr. Hill and Arma came over in evening. We enjoyed their visit. Sr. Hill and Lou practiced for their song for next Sunday night. Martha came while they were here, but Paula was asleep.

October 9, Wednesday

Martha came early again this morning. She stayed with Paula all day. I went to the Relief Society luncheon. It was a treat not to be bothered with the baby. I had to take her to the last one. Martha wouldn't stay for dinner as she didn't feel very well, and wanted to get home before dark. We went to Mutual, Violet kept Paula. Poor kid! All she gets is babies to tend. Will Pierre be crazy enough to take Martha back??

October 10, Thursday

Didn't do much today, a little mending and darning. In evening we took Donna and Helen Martinez and her mother to the Opera at the Shrine Auditorium. Then Daddy and I went to the Hill Street show. We saw the Moore Brothers in "Side Street." It surely was a good picture. The vaudeville was fine, also. We called for our folks after the opera. Annie kept Paula for us. I don't know what I'd do without my good sisters.



October 11, Friday

Donna went to football game between Franklin and Lincoln. She's all thrilled because Franklin won. The first time in seven years. It's about time, eh? In evening Daddy and I went to Sunday School party at Br. and Sr. Gragery's. Had a nice time and lots of good homemade ice cream. Donna stayed home with Paula.

October 12, Saturday

Primary day again, oh, dear, how fast it comes around. The days just fly by for me somehow. Pierre came early this morning; Poor kid can't make his mind up what to do. Whether to go east, or take Martha back, and stay in California. He gave me \$10.00 to get Paula some things to go away in. I bought her some sleepers and a sweater coat, and some rubber pants. When he came back at night, after seeing Martha, he was more undecided than ever. I wonder how it will all turn out. Foolish kids.

October 13, Sunday

After Sunday School we went to Sue's for Lou to telephone. They invited us to stay to dinner. We did, with the understanding that they come over to our house to dinner tomorrow night. She had chicken and ice cream. Good dinner! Donna went to Marshes' to dinner. At night she went to Alhambra to play for the Holmgren girls to sing. Bishop and Lou went to Bishop's meeting at stake house. Sue and I stayed home. We went to church at night. Violet stayed with kids at Sue's house. She surely is a sweet kid. I think I'll buy her something, maybe socks. Sr. Hill and Lou didn't sing tonight. Rad Robinson sang in their place.

October 14, Monday

Wash day! Sue and family came to dinner, as they promised. We went to officers meeting at Bishop's. The kids stayed here. Pierre was here when we got home. He thinks he is going to take Paula Wednesday and wants me to have her ready to go. We sure will miss the little dear.

October 15, Tuesday

I washed and ironed today and got Paula's things all clean, in case she leaves tomorrow. Pierre will let me know tonight. Janet Anderson had dinner with us tonight. She and Donna are getting their homework in the front room now. Daddy has gone to meet his block teaching partner. He is going to call back for Janet to take her home. Martha came to say goodbye to Paula. Pierre came about ten o'clock all

excited. He is leaving for New York tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. We will be lonesome without our baby. Her last night with us!

October 16, Wednesday

I took Paula down to Heppner's beauty parlor this morning for Pierre to show her to his friends. They all made a big fuss of her. It surely is a beautiful place. I got there before Pierre, so everyone was out trying to make a hit with her. I stopped in town and bought Paula a linen book to take on trip. I stopped at Ruth's and she took some pictures of Paula for me. I then came home and packed her things. We have had her just ten weeks. Daddy and I took her to the depot. Pierre went down with his folks. I don't think Martha was there. Lou and I ate dinner in Highland Park and went to Mutual. Paula's little empty bed surely hurts me tonight.



Paula Athens & Marilyn Cartwright—October 16th

October 17, Thursday

Wonder how Paula slept last night on train. I am lost without my Paula this morning. Just finished fixing yesterday's budget. I started the first of this month, but it's a lot of work. Louis took the baby bed back to Sr. Rugg's after dinner. I'm glad it's gone. Wish I could get her chair and buggy out of sight, too. We called in Annie's on way home. Ruth and Clarence were there. Poor Ruth, I'll be glad when she is over her sickness.

October 18, Friday

Finished Lydia's letter, and did my cleaning, had to hurry to get over to Annie's in time to go with her to Sr. Burnett's birthday luncheon. I called for Sue, but she was at the barbers, and I thought she had gone without me. We had a lovely lunch, and lots of fun playing Bunco. We went in together and bought Sr. Burnett a nice purse. At night we all went to Rugg's house for a farewell party for Sr. Craddock who is leaving for Utah. Louis went down and got Sr. Marsh, so she could be at the farewell party. Only ladies were there.



*Elvie Renshaw and Paula Athens—October 16th
The day that Paula's father takes her back. Elvie stopped at Ruth Cartwright's home to have Ruth take these photos of Paula.*

October 19, Saturday

I was late for Primary; they were starting just as I walked in. Donna went down with me; she went to Marian Christensen's for the day. Oh, boy, it was hot today. I could hardly get home. Took a nap as soon as I got home, was all in. Daddy and I had dinner, then went for groceries at little 64 Avenue store. Bill, our meat man, has moved in there. I shopped in Kress while Lou went to get girls. Marian is going to sleep with Donna tonight. Surely miss Paula.

October 20, Sunday

Paula and her Daddy are due to arrive in New York today. Wonder how they enjoyed the trip? This is Paula's second trip to New York and she isn't two years old yet. Florence Marsh, Vera Chandler, Marian Christensen all ate dinner with us today. Daddy took us for a nice ride after, we called on Inez. We enjoyed a very fine musical program in church tonight furnished by Gordon Garrett and his daughter, Florine. Gordon and Donna played the "Poet and Peasant" duet. It was all very fine. Bishop Cannon was our speaker. He was fine, also.

October 21, Monday

Ruth had a baby boy at 1:45 this morning. Another beautiful day. This is the place! After dinner Bishop came over and invited Lou and I to ride out to Inez's. Donna stayed over to Elaine's. Inez seems to feel better tonight. Took some grapes to her. We looked at her old time pictures. Had a good laugh over them. It brought back old memories. We walked home from Sue's for the exercise. Donna didn't like that.

Oct, 22, Tuesday

I washed curtains today, and other half of washing. Did woodwork in front room, and the windows in bedroom. Ironed all curtains and hung them up. Surely tired. I'm not as strong as I used to be. Mrs. Wass is making new curtains for kitchen and bathroom. Hope we won't have to go without, very long. Looks so bare. Louis took us to Sue's and then to Annie's, he went to Steads', Packs', and to Morris'. Finally got Charlie to take the part in conference next Sunday for the elder's quorum. Bill's sister Clara, and husband came up to Annie's tonight. Too bad Billie wasn't home. Frances and Em and husbands came, also. Sue and kiddies came over, and Violet and Dolores. We had some crowd in Annie's front room.

October 23, Wednesday

It's visiting day at Burbank, so Donna is home from school. Guess I worked too hard yesterday. I'll have to spend this afternoon in bed. It's music lesson day for Donna. They have closed down the plant where Charlie was working. Now he is out of a job and living in Van Nuys. Too bad they moved away from here. P.S. Donna didn't take her lesson, she had something wrong with her wrist, (she told Gordon!)

October 24 Thursday

Wonder how Ruth and baby are? I guess I'll have to go and see them soon. It's Primary union meeting today. I need it so much this time on account of the change in seagull work, and I feel so punk. My prayers were answered, and I went to Union meeting. I feel much better tonight. Violet and I met Sr. Robinson on 1st and Broadway, we all took P car together. I wonder how little Paula is? After dinner we went to Annie's, Annie and Violet had walked to hospital to see Ruth. We went also and brought them home. Sue rode along. Ruth's baby surely is a cute fat little thing. I'm glad she is getting along so fine. Clarence is all smiles now.

October 25, Friday

I worked hard today. Washed five of Donna's dresses and ironed them, besides my cleaning. Mrs. Wass gave us our new curtains for the bathroom and kitchen. They look nice up. Donna went to a Halloween party at Chandlers with Rex Marsh. Daddy and I went to Morris' to let Charlie know he was to be at stake house tomorrow night. Then over to Marshes. Florence's boyfriend treated to ice cream. Sr. Marsh was making Ruthie's Halloween costume.

October 26, Saturday

I had a wonderful seagull class today. My new girls are so interested in the work. It was a treat to give the lesson. It gives me a new interest. In evening Daddy went to Stake house to Priesthood conference. Donna went to Marshes to a Halloween party. Rex took her. It was given for Florence's Sunday School class. Violet, Annie, Glen, and I walked to Highland Park. We walked home with Sue and kids. All had ice cream.

Inez Hoglund Judd

Elvie often mentions going to visit Inez. Inez Hoglund Judd is Al Hoglund's sister. Inez had Tuberculosis that affected her quality of life and may have been a contributing reason for her death 1930.



Rex Marsh



Apostle Melvin J Ballard



Eliza Davies Strong (Known as Aunt Ida)
Married to Ernest J. Strong
and mother of Ruth Cartwright

October 27, Sunday

Took Marshes to conference in morning. Rex gave his speech very fine. We went to their home for dinner and rested all afternoon. Then back to conference in evening. Florence went with us in evening, so we had eight in Hupmobile, seven in morning. We got there too early so went for ride and bought some ice cream with nuts in. Good! Oh, we've had a wonderful conference this day. Apostle Ballard gave the young folks such beautiful advice. We are blessed to have men like Apostle Ballard in this church to lead us.

October 28, Monday

Aunt Ida Davis came today on the bus. Violet and Annie went to meet her. Ruth will be happy now. I went too and bought me some shoes, \$1.19, and Halloween things. Went to Sue's on way uptown. She couldn't cash my check, so let me take \$5.00. After dinner was over Donna and I made candy for the Mutual Halloween party.

October 29, Tuesday

Worked hard all day. Finished my washing, ironed, and washed my hair. After dinner we went to Sue's. Then to Annie's, and over to see Ruth, she looks fine, and is coming home tomorrow. Aunt Ida was there. She looks fine, also. It was good to see her again. We went back to Annie's to enjoy radio for a while

October 30, Wednesday

Walked over to Annie's with Donna's music, and took W car to Relief Society. Came home on York car, so Violet could curl my hair for Halloween party tonight. I tried to look like young girl. (Wonder if I got away with it?) Oh, well, people said nice things, and I had lots of dances, so it's ok, anyway. I fixed Louis up for the party with curly gray hair, and little mustache, and beard. He

looked like a dignified old gentleman. Donna's friend Helen Martinez went to dance tonight with us.

October 31, Thursday

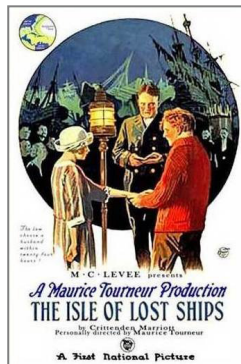
Gee, it was hard to get out of bed this a.m. Good thing we don't go to a dance every night, eh? I walked over to Ruth's, Annie was there. We went to Sue's, then Annie and I walked to Aldama Drug Store to get a prize for Donna to take to school party tomorrow. In evening we went to Sue's to hear "Who killed the Caretaker?" Sr. Hill was there.

November 1, Friday

A beautiful summer day. Just finished adding up my budget for October. We paid out \$162.68, awful I worked hard all day. Washed and ironed, and did the cleaning, didn't get through until 4:30 p.m. Daddy went to store and bought fish for dinner, well, it's Friday. It surely tasted good. After dinner Lou and I went to Andersen's. Donna stayed home and did the dishes. Sweet of her, eh?

November 2, Saturday

Went through my Primary lesson and cleaned kitchen. Always a hurry to get there on time. Donna made upside down cake. I went over to see how Mr. [William Richard] Draughon was feeling. He is an old gentleman in our neighborhood who is awfully sick. After dinner we went to Hill St. Show, down in Los Angeles. We saw "The Isle of Lost Ships." Daddy stopped for a drink after the show. Donna and I walked on downstairs, thinking he saw us go, but he didn't and waited up there for us. Oh, boy!



November 3, Sunday

It is Br. and Sr. Marshes wedding anniversary today, 22 years! [Marshes actually wedding date was November 5.] Louis took me down to nine o'clock meeting, but didn't go himself. Donna walked to Sunday School. Daddy didn't go to church all day (an off day). Violet and baby were in the car when he called for us, so we enjoyed their company for dinner. After dinner Don Spainhower came to practice Mutual music. Then Donna went for a ride with Rex, Vera, and Billie Holmgren, Marshes came up, we all went for ride in Hup. After church Marshes came up to supper that Daddy had all ready for us. We had all their family at once. First time!

November 4, Monday

Mr. Draughn died this morning; I saw them take his body away. Poor little wife. We had big fire in neighborhood today. I walked over to see the ruins. Felt so sorry for the poor woman. It was the second time she has been burnt out. I then went over to see Ruth and baby. Helen Holden came while I was there. I called on Annie, also. We all stayed home tonight for a change.

November 5, Tuesday

I worked all morning cleaning out my kitchen drawers and cupboards. Stayed home all day. After dinner we waited

until almost eight o'clock for Don Spainhower to come and practice with Donna for Mutual. He said he would be here at seven o'clock. We took a ride, but first we tried to find Don, but didn't see him. Brought some hot popcorn home.

November 6, Wednesday

I went uptown this morning and bought three house dresses at Walkers 5th Street store, \$1.00 each, they are very nice. Big sale, Wednesday only. Also bought a rubber apron, 25¢. Rode home on same car as Harriet Robinson, so had someone to talk to. She just got back from a visit up north with her father. I got off at York junction and walked to the Methodist church at 65 and Pasadena Avenue to Mr. Draughon's funeral. Went to Mutual at night. Bishop set Donna apart as Mutual organist. Nora, Thelma, and Ellen [sisters from the Alma and Louise Strong family] came in today to see Ruth's baby. They went to Sue's and Annie's. I didn't see them.

November 7, Thursday

It seems no time at all since I started this little diary, and yet almost 11 months have gone by. Life is short at the longest. Just a few more years and ---, oh, well? We enjoyed another free show at the "show shop." It was very good. Br. McCune has been very good with Garvanza. Sue's and Annie's kids stayed home this time, so Violet was able to go, also. Louis invited his boss to meet us and go, which they did. He and his wife and boy (Mr. Joseph). Sue and Al took Aunt Ida and Violet. We took Bill and Annie. Sorry Lorene and Charles didn't know about it. We didn't know in time to get word to them.



John and Florence Marsh – Wedding Portrait

November 8, Friday

Ha, ha, the show started at 7:30 last night, instead of 8:15 as usual. We were all about 15 minutes late. I put in a day's work today. Washed all the woodwork in the kitchen, scrubbed the floor, and back porch, then did the Friday's cleaning. In the evening we rode over to Sue's to take Elaine's costume home, then to Annie's to take my vacuum. Enjoyed radio. Home and to bed.

November 9, Saturday

I put out a washing before going to Primary, and got there in time to help with the sacrament dishes. Pretty good, eh? We've been going early and doing the dishes before Primary started. Donna went over to get Violet to put combs in her hair for her. At night we took Annie, Violet and kids to Highland Park. All shopped in Kress. Bill and Beverly walked home. The rest rode.

November 10, Sunday

Daddy went for Violet and Dolores about eight o'clock this morning. They had breakfast with us. She made a chocolate cake for us while we were in Sunday School, and had dinner almost ready when we got here. I cooked the meat yesterday, beef-loaf. Raymond [Clayton] ate with us. Louis went to Bishop's meeting. Charles brought Otto over. We were all happy to see him. I think Dolores knew him. He's been away three months. Myrtle Egan came to practice with Donna, She and Inis are going to sing in church. P.S. Daddy paid tithing tonight. So happy!

November 11, Monday— Armistice Day!

Daddy and I left about 9 a.m. in Marshes' car. We went to Saugus to see the awful train wreck. I surely hope they find the bandits who did such a dreadful thing. On our way back we stopped at Lorene's in Van Nuys and had a lovely hot dinner. After dinner we went with Charlie to visit the airplane fields, very interesting. John treated to swell malted milk on way home. Got back just in time for officers meeting at Bishops. Had ice cream after, Br. Udall's treat. Donna, Inis, and Elaine went to two shows up in Los Angeles then to Egan's and ate dinner. Br. Marsh took us up there to get them.

Kress, the "Dollars Stores" of the future?

S.H. Kress & Co. was trading name of a chain of "five and dime" retail department stores in the United States, which operated from 1896 to 1981.

Samuel H. Kress opened his first "stationery and notions" store in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania in 1887. The chain of S.H. Kress & Co. 5-10-25 Cent Stores was established in 1896 Throughout the first half of the twentieth century Kress Stores were a familiar sight on "Main Street" in hundreds of cities and towns.



*Kress Store in Los Angeles
Elvie and her sisters often shopped at Kress.
(Note the faint electric lines above the street, those were for the extensive car lines that made public transportation accessible to many in the early days of Los Angeles.)*



Train Wreck—November 10th

November 12, Tuesday

I washed this morning and went block teaching this afternoon. Sr. Gledhill was sick, so I went alone. Everyone was home but Grace Hill. We haven't been lucky enough to find her home as yet. Ruth is much better today. She surely had us worried. Pres. McCune gave us another treat to the "show shop" tonight. This time it was "The Symphony of Death," mystery thriller. P.S. Hope Don Spainhower didn't come tonight.

November 13, Wednesday

Well, Don came, and found us out last night. Tough luck for him. I had to leave half of my ironing to go to the Relief Society luncheon; I was going to walk down with Sue, but she had gone. I took Donna's music over to Annie's, and rode down on W car. Br. Murdock gave a demonstration of the Excelcis Products. I didn't stay to see it all, came home on red car and finished ironing went to Mutual at night. It was darn cold in the building tonight, burrrr



One of Elvie's pastimes included outings to Kress, dress shops, and markets. All this shopping was done by walking, riding the electric cars, and/or getting rides from Lou. Elvie's lack of driver's license didn't slow her shopping down.

Dear Family and Dear Friends



*"Daddy" Lou
and his Hupmobile—1929*



*Violet & Dolores Fife
November 10, 1929*



*Donna Renshaw, Raymond Clayton
with Dolores Fife in front November 10, 1929*



*Donna Renshaw and her dear
friend Janet Anderson*



Yvonne Gardner
November 15, 1929



Janet Anderson
November 15, 1929

French Club



Donna Renshaw — L.H. Guard, November 10, 1929



Donna Renshaw and Helen Martinez
November 15, 1929



Elvie and Paula

November 14, Thursday

Last night we stopped at the drug store and got the pictures of Paula, and the ones we took Sunday. They were very good. The ones Ruth took of Paula the day she left, couldn't be better. I wrote to Pierre today, and sent him two pictures. This afternoon I walked over to give Sue the milk money. Then to Ruth's, Annie was helping Ida quilt. I then went to Violet's to show the pictures to

her; some hike! After dinner we went to Annie's for my vacuum. Nellie was there, so we didn't go in. Took Violet and Otto for ride then to Sue's to hear over the radio, "Who Killed the Caretaker?" Took Violet and Otto home and called in Annie's for vacuum.

November 15, Friday

Oh, this beautiful weather, and the nights are almost like daylight, the moon is so bright. But it's cold at night now. I cleaned all through the house today, so I could do a little washing and get to Primary on time tomorrow morning. In evening Bishop came over and invited us to go over to Brother George's. We enjoyed a very pleasant evening discussing religion. Mrs. George is going to be baptized soon. Mrs. George's sister, and her husband, and a girlfriend, came while we were there. Mrs. George is Hawaiian, born in Hawaii. She served a lovely supper.

November 16, Saturday

Bishop picked us up on way home from Primary. Took me to Ruth's to say goodbye to Aunt Ida. Then we went to his place to hear the returns of the big game from Soldiers Field, Chicago, between U.S.C. and Notre Dame. They were 6 to 6 when he brought me home. He had to get the groceries while the boys rested. In evening Daddy got his hair cut in Highland Park, and I went shopping in Kress and Safeway. Called in Violet's on way home.

November 17, Sunday

Donna and I went to Sunday School on the Red Car as Daddy went with the Marsh men at 5 a.m. out to visit Bro. Wood's oil fields. Uncle Billie went, also with Henry N. Glen, Mr. Draper, and one of Nell's boys. Charles and Lorene and kids came home to dinner with me. Lorene brought a swell nut cake, and freezer of ice cream with her. Donna went to Sue's to dinner then down to Mutual union meeting with Sr. Marsh and Sue in D. Sharp's car. Lorene and Charles went house hunting. Uncle Otto sang in church tonight, Donna accompanied him. I bet Ruth is blue without her mother.

November 18, Monday

I didn't feel well enough to wash today, so went to Highland Park to pay gas bill, and see about the extra 58¢ for August balance. Had to pay it!! Went down town and bought Donna and me some pajamas at Broadway. We all stayed home this evening. I wrote to Mother. After Donna and Daddy went to bed I read my story, "The Notorious Mr. Flow."



Clarence brought some chocolates over that Ruth won from her doctor, a bet.



*Gaston Louis Alfred Leroux
Author of the book
"The Notorious Mr. Flow"*

Gaston Louis Alfred Leroux (6 May 1868 – 15 April 1927) was a French journalist and author of detective fiction.

In the English-speaking world, he is best known for writing the novel *The Phantom of the Opera* (*Le Fantôme de l'Opéra*, 1910), which has been made into several film and stage productions of the same name, notably the 1925 film starring Lon Chaney; and Andrew Lloyd Webber's 1986 musical.

Gaston Leroux was born in Paris in 1868. He went to school in Normandy and studied law in Paris, graduating in 1889. He inherited millions of francs and lived wildly until he nearly reached bankruptcy. Subsequently in 1890, he began working as a court reporter and theater critic for *L'Écho de Paris*. His most important journalism came when he began working as an international correspondent for the Paris newspaper *Le Matin*. In 1905, he was present at, and covered, the Russian Revolution.

Another case he was present at involved the investigation and in-depth coverage of the former Paris Opera (presently housing the Paris Ballet). The basement contained a cell that held prisoners of the Paris Commune.

He suddenly left journalism in 1907, and began writing fiction. In 1909, he and Arthur Bernède formed their own film company, *Société des Cinéromans* to publish novels simultaneously and turn them into films. He first wrote a mystery novel entitled *Le mystère de la chambre jaune* (1908; *The Mystery of the Yellow Room*), starring the amateur detective Joseph Rouletabille. Leroux's contribution to French detective fiction is considered a parallel to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's in the United Kingdom and Edgar Allan Poe's in the United States.

—Wikipedia



November 19, Tuesday

This afternoon I went over to visit with Mrs. Draughton for a little while. Poor little woman is so lonesome now. After dinner we took Donna over to Sue's. She and Elaine helped Sue serve the Jr. Girls. Daddy and I went to Bill and Annie's. Called in Sue's to see if Al was going to bring Donna home (at back door). Sue invited us in to sandwiches, hot chocolate, and ice cream. Was very fine. We helped do up the dishes after.

November 20, Wednesday

Washed, and walked to Annie's with Donna's music. Violet and Dolores were there. Violet's landlady gave her new curtains (to make up for all the house) very pretty. From there I walked to Relief Society. Sr. Crawley gave the lesson, very fine. I had a small part in it. In evening Louis went to post office for package from Grama. Utah celery, boy! It's good. We all went to Mutual. Gave girls a taste of our celery.



November 21, Thursday

Primary union meeting today. Oh, such a long ride down and back. But the instructions are very good. I left a note for Donna to finish up the ironing that I didn't get time to do, but I got home first, and it was time to get dinner ready. She was busy after school preparing the graduation number for the Genius. We went to Annie's last night to hear "Who killed the Caretaker." It was the concluding episode. Darned if the old boy didn't do it himself.

November 22, Friday

Oh dear me, these Fridays come around often. I worked hard all day long, sure tired at dinner time. In evening we took a ride over to Sue's. Bishop gave me a check for the Primary, for sacrament service \$13.00. Donna and I stayed there while Al and Lou went to take Ruth Booth's card tables home. Sue was sewing Bette's doll clothes. Donna has bad cold in her throat. I gave her hot lemonade and rubbed her throat with Vicks.



November 23, Saturday

I walked home from Primary with Mary and Lillian Pickett. I went in freezer with them, so they could get a free ice cream cone, a new kind they were giving away to children today. Daddy and I met Adrienne Bigler in Safeway tonight. She has invited us, and Annie and Bill to spend the evening a week next Tuesday.

November 24, Sunday

We all went to Sunday School. Donna's cold is better. After dinner we took Donna over to Annie's, then Bill, Annie, Louis, and I went out to see our acre lot at Riverdale. We are all pleased at the way it is building up around the place. The trees are growing fine. It was Relief Society conference tonight. Sue gave her part on the program splendidly. Uncle Will Bailey came up to see us all. He came to church with Sue and Al. He's going back to Nevada in a few days. Rex Marsh invited Donna to Thanksgiving dinner and a dance the night before. One more day has passed. Oh, what will the harvest be??

November 25, Monday

One month today is Christmas time. Annie went uptown with me today to buy my birthday clothes from Louis and Donna. I bought a pretty blue silk dress, \$9.00, with the new long points on the skirt, almost to my ankle. I don't like the long skirts, but this is a little of both. Have to get used to it, I guess. I also got a nice little brown felt hat, \$2.75, and some black slippers, \$5.95, and a pair of pajamas, \$1.00. We met Sr. Bingham and Sr. Hill on Broadway and 4th. They bought shower gift for Sr. Lilywhite. Annie and Sr. Bingham bought it. Met Sr. Marsh uptown, also, She invited Louis and I to Thanksgiving dinner.



Short History of Vicks

Company Origins

Lunsford Richardson took control of his family business, a drugstore, in 1890. While experimenting with new medical remedies, he created the Vicks brand of products. He named the product after his brother-in-law.

Success

In 1898, Richardson began to market his product to wholesale dealers. Along with twenty additional products, the Vick Family Remedies Company became one of the best-selling brands in North Carolina.

Rebrand

Vick's introduced its "Magic Croup Salve" in 1905. In 1912, it was rebranded "Vapo Rub" at the request of Smith Richardson, Lunsford's oldest son.

Pandemic

Due to the flu pandemic of 1918, the sales figures for Vicks Vapo Rub rose from \$900,000 to \$2.9 million in a single year. The salve was used by a number of medical practitioners to help relieve the symptoms of the illness.

Buyout

In 1985, the Vicks Chemical Company was sold to Procter & Gamble. Procter & Gamble continued to profit from the popularity of Vicks Vapo Rub, moving the manufacturing facilities to India and Mexico.

November 26, Tuesday

I cut almost 11 inches off the back of my hair this morning. It was too long and thick for the hats they make now days. Gives me a headache to wear a hat, so I had to do something, and I did it. Daddy had to go to Ebell, so he took Donna and I over to Sue's and Annie's. I phoned Sr. Marsh to let her know we would accept her invitation to Thanksgiving dinner. We had to hurry back cause Don Spainhower was coming at 7 p.m. Dad sent us all some Utah celery today. Bless his heart! Annie made my pie dough; I'm blessed with good sisters, eh? Sue made Dolores a silk coat out of Violet's today.



Ebell Club – Rented by LDS Church for many church meetings

Opened in 1927 with a production of Sigmund Romberg's "Desert Song."

Architect Sumner P. Hunt designed the building for the Ebell of Los Angeles Women's Club.

Today the club is thriving and the theatre as well as other ballrooms and meeting spaces are rented out for a variety of events.

From its earliest history this club and theatre, has always been a popular venue for a variety of events. It is located in the affluent Hancock Park area.

Judy Garland (then Francis Gumm) supposedly had her first audition at the Wilshire Ebell and was later "discovered" while performing here.

In 1937 Amelia Earhart made her last public appearance at the Ebell before embarking on her last flight

November 27, Wednesday

Goodie, I don't have to cook a big Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow. Swell to have friends like Marshes. I made some mince pies this morning. There was no Relief Society today to give us a chance to get our dinner started. I washed Donna's hair when she came home from school, and she went to get her hair waved. We went to Mutual and from there to Alhambra to a dance. We took Annie and Bill. Donna went with Rex and Elaine with Lloyd. Had a real swell time. Retta Conley's father was killed in auto accident today. Street car ran into his auto. Wore my new blue dress

and new hat and shoes tonight. I brought Dolores's little coat home to do the hand sewing on it. Am glad it's finished. She surely needs it. She's getting so darn cute.

November 28, Thursday—Thanksgiving Day!

We took Annie and family to the Christmas parade in morning. It was a splendid exhibition. Came home and rested until time to go to dinner at Marshes at 6 p.m. Enjoyed a lovely turkey and chicken dinner. Table looked beautiful, favors, place cards, and all. It was served in courses.



Florence's doctor friend was there. We played cards after. Rex and Donna cleared up tables. Sr. Marsh, Florence, and I did up the dishes after doctor had departed. Donna doesn't feel well.

November 29, Friday

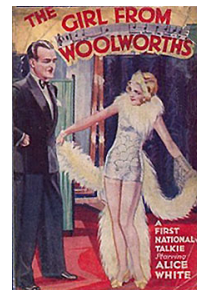
Awful night! Donna kept us awake all night. Surely was sick with vomiting. I had to change some of the bedding, poor kid. She stayed in bed all day. But felt better in the evening, and got up for a while. We had a little music. I washed and cleaned house and fixed Donna's hat over today. I'm tired tonight.

November 30, Saturday

Donna met me on Ave. 61 and Monte Vista after Primary. We went uptown to have her pictures taken. She had some little stamp pictures taken also. We went window shopping after, then to a show. Saw "The Girl from Woolworth's." It was good. In evening Rex came up and took Donna to a show, oh, joy! Daddy and I went shopping in Kress, bought lights for Christmas tree. Called on Andersen's.



Donna Renshaw
"Stamp photos" taken
November 30th



December 1, Sunday

I couldn't make it in time for early 9 o'clock meeting, but Daddy and Donna did. I started to walk to S.S. and Rex picked me up. Daddy sent him. After dinner we went to Mr. Conley's funeral, quite a ceremony. He was buried by the Masonic Order. I feel sorry for Retta and Sr. Conley We took Sr. Birmingham to Marsh's after, for homemade ice cream. It surely was good. After church we drove Annie and kiddies home, then went to Sue's for cocoa and doughnuts and fudge. Sue thought Annie and family were coming, but we didn't know, sorry!



John Olorenshaw, born August 4, 1865 in Coventry, Warwickshire, England. Married Sarah Ann Eliza Moore on December 19, 1888. Died December 2, 1929 in Salt Lake City at 64 years old. A trip to Southern California had been planned to help him get well. Instead he took a trip to Paradise.

December 2, Monday

Grandpa Renshaw passed away this evening about 8:30 p.m. I received a letter from Mother telling us they were coming to L.A., leaving tonight. He was anxious to try the climate down here and see if he could get relief. After Louis had gone to bed a telegram came from Ralph saying Pa was dead. It was a shock to us. I went with Daddy to get his bus ticket. He leaves at 8:30 tomorrow morning. He had \$35 and got \$25 from Al. Lillian also sent a telegram. She will arrive in L.A. at 5 p.m. tomorrow on way to Salt Lake. Louis will have a day ahead of her. Too bad they couldn't go together. When her telegram came Louis had his ticket bought. P.S. Elaine and Bette had dinner with us. They came from school. Sue left at 6:30 this morning with Al to go to Blanche's to help fix curtains. I fixed Elaine's white hat over.

December 3, Tuesday

Daddy left this morning for Salt Lake City to attend his father's funeral. The call came for Grandpa. It's a call we will all have to answer some time in this life. I wonder how many of us are ready, when it comes? Lillian phoned from depot. Donna talked to her. I wrote a letter to Mother. I hope the bus will make it on time without any trouble. I went uptown to get Donna's stamp pictures, and her proofs.

The stamp pictures are not all good, but the big ones are fine. Hardly know which to select. We had dinner at Sue's, and Donna and I stayed with the kids while Sue, Al, and Elaine went to the Ambassador hotel to an adv. show.

December 4, Wednesday

Little diary, I'll soon be through with you. But I surely have enjoyed you. I didn't know it was so much fun to keep an account of one's doings. I guess Daddy will arrive in Salt Lake this morning. Wish I was with him. I took Donna's music over to Annie's, also half a mince pie (had in the ice box since Thanksgiving) and a glass of cranberry sauce and some rice pudding. I walked to Relief Society with Annie. Came home with her, and had dinner with them. Donna, Annie, and I walked to Mutual. We had a social in our class. Lots of fun. Brother Reese brought us home.

John's family at his graveside
Louis, Sarah, John
Melvin (Mel), Lillian and
Ralph Stanley (Babe)

"The call came for Grandpa. It's a call we will all have to answer some time in this life. I wonder how many of us are ready, when it comes?"

Elvie Renshaw

December 5, Thursday

My Birthday, 37 years old. Oh! Oh! It's another beautiful day. This surely is the climate. We had a debate in Mutual last night on In and Out. I was on the Outside, and we won. It was fun. I received a birthday card from Daddy at Las Vegas, and a postcard from Mother saying, "Pa is too sick to leave for California." I took Donna's pictures back to be finished up. Have to pay 75¢ over the \$3.50 to get the two poses, don't they always find a way to get the money. I made divinity today to treat the folks, but no one came. I was too tired to walk over with it. Donna had a lot of homework to do.

December 6, Friday

Well, it's over for another year. What? My birthday. Just three more years and "The Glorious Forties." Funny I feel younger now than I did at 18. Surely thought I was grown up and old when I turned 18. Ah, that's when I received my engagement ring. In evening Donna and I went to Christmas program at Luther Burbank. She sang with Glee Club. I sat by Br. and Sr. Stead. Sue and Al were there. Elaine sang, also. They brought us home.

December 7, Saturday

Lorene and family are moved back in Garvanza in the same house. Charlie's sister and husband are staying with them. Marion Christensen walked home from Primary with me. She and Donna worked on their Beehive scrap books. I ironed the clothes I had washed this morning. We walked to red car with Marion. Then we walked to Violet's with some of my birthday candy. Otto was home, he has Sat. off. Violet gave me half of cake, maple with nuts. Called in Annie's on way home. She gave me some silk hose. Swell!

December 8, Sunday

Donna and I walked to Sunday School, it was a beautiful day. We went to Annie's for dinner (swell dinner) I surely have the fine sisters? Uncle Billie went to Stake house. I read my two stories in Examiner, and we enjoyed the radio. Ruth and Clarence came about church time, so Ruth could be administered to before the boys left. She looks bad. I stayed home with kiddies so Violet could go to church. Al brought us home. We do miss our Daddy, and the car.

December 9, Monday

I paid the paper kid 65¢. Oh, boy, if Daddy doesn't come soon I'll have to borrow. I don't want to. He told me to do it, but I've made up my mind not to. (If I can help it) Donna and I stayed home this evening. She practiced her music and read. My December Children's Friend came today, so I looked through it, and started the book Donna is reading, "Sorrell and Son." We now go to bed.



Elvie Bailey 1910—Eighteen years old

December 10, Tuesday

Today when I came from block teaching Mrs. Wass informed me that my hubby had come home. He got the car out and took it up to Mr. Conley for a battery. In a few minutes he came with Donna in the car. Are we glad to have him home? After dinner we went to Sue's and Annie's, and took Donna over to Chandlers to practice with the carolers. Lou got a haircut while we stayed at Annie's, Violet gave us a big bag of pine nuts. Visited Ruth tonight, also. Paid Al back the \$25.

December 11, Wednesday

I walked to Relief Society after taking Donna's music over to Annie's, Sr. Robinson and I went, early, to get the sacrament dishes done up before Relief Society started. Annie and Sr. Burnett helped us with them. Walked home with Sue and Annie to junction. We all enjoyed very fine program and one act play in Mutual given for Sunday School Christmas party. P.S. Daddy gave me some Christmas money tonight.

December 12, Thursday

I went uptown to get Donna's pictures this afternoon, surely fine! Did a small washing before going. I had all of Louis clothes from his trip. Yes little diary, I bought some Christmas things for Donna today, but I can't tell even you, cause she looks inside of you, sometimes, ha, ha! Daddy went to Ebell to help put the piano back on stage. He wasn't gone long. We spent the evening at home. My folks are in bed now.

December 13, Friday

Mrs. Wass helped me to move house today. We brought Donna's cedar chest in my bedroom and put the little table back in front room. Now We have a place for Christmas tree. In evening we went, to please Donna, up to Janet's to see if she could go to the school show. They were going. Daddy took Donna and I over, but he didn't go. He went visiting and heard some gossip about he and F. Marsh. Mad????!



December 14, Saturday

Little Mary came to Primary this morning, it's good to have Lorene back in the Ward. I took a little bag of pine nuts to Sr. Robinson this morning. She is very fond of them, Violet and I went in Kress Store after Primary and got one of their kitchen calendars. I bought Louis some silk hose in Halls. After dinner went to Highland Park (by request). I bought Christmas cards and paper. Don't feel well tonight, also got the blues.

December 15, Sunday

Daddy got up in night and fixed hot lemonade for me. I got some relief. Couldn't sleep for pain last night. Not well enough to hurry with work to go to Sunday School. I hate to miss Sunday School. Donna went to Marshes after Sunday School, so she could go with Sr. Marsh to Mutual union meeting. I stayed home all day. Louis and Al went to Hollywood to administer to a sick man (T.B.). We had lovely night meeting. Took Sr. Boller and her daughter, Mary home to Glendale after church. The daughter sang twice in church. Feel better tonight.

December 16, Monday

Donna and I left this morning about 9:30 for town. Crowds? Oh, boy. We came home about four o'clock. Tired? yes, but happy and satisfied. We got her Christmas things, shoes \$5, hat \$2.95, purse \$2.95, and two nice little dresses. One was \$8.00 and the other \$4.95 (dark blue and light green) after dinner we all went to Bishop's for officers meeting. Called in for Annie and saw Violet's new brown silk dress and felt hat. Very pretty. Bishop called on each one of us for short talks. Daddy gave the best one, I think.

December 17, Tuesday

Ah! Another day uptown in that awful crowd. This time to get my Christmas present from Daddy and Donna. She went with me. I got a nice henna silk suit \$10.00, and scarf \$1.95 from Daddy, and a lovely little purse \$2.95 and gloves 69¢ from Donna. We also bought a purse

and silk hose for Grama. I bought gloves for Donna, In evening Daddy went teaching. Donna and I trimmed the tree and wrapped presents. Daddy addressed my cards when he came home.

December 18, Wednesday

Sorry, but I had to miss Relief Society today. I had such a big washing I couldn't get through it in time. Now that they start at one o'clock. Well, I had enough to keep me busy all day. We called for Annie and Bill to go to Mutual at night. After Mutual the elders gave a benefit dance for Hector Sadler, our missionary. Donations amounting to \$65 music, \$16 leaving, and \$49 for Hector. Fine, I think. Had nice program, too.

December 19, Thursday

I started to iron as soon as Louis left this morning, but I got it all done up before leaving for stake house, union meeting. We didn't have classwork, but they gave a demonstration party to show us how to give our Christmas party for the children. It was fine. Hope ours will be as nice. Each got a candy cane. After dinner, we went to Violet's to pop corn. Some job!

December 20, Friday

Some busy day today. Donna and I made our Christmas fruitcake, did up the Friday's and Saturday's cleaning, and washed both of our heads. I have to be at Primary by nine o'clock in the morning to help trim tree. At night Daddy and I took Violet down to Shrine Auditorium to L.A. Railways Christmas show. They served hot dogs, ice cream cones, and apples. We danced once. Donna stayed with Dolores. They gave Violet a doll for Dolores.

December 21, Saturday

We had our Primary Christmas program in the Ebell Parlor. The janitor was so nice to us, helped to fix the chairs, and put them back after. Wasn't that fine? Sure, Christmas is coming. Is that nice? Oh, Oh. We had 63 or more kiddies, and 7 or 8 mothers. After program we went upstairs to play our games.



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I helped as a play leader. Oh, boy, some job! We gave the kiddies a chocolate Santa, and a popcorn ball. Donna went for a ride with Rex at night. At night, we went to Highland Park Shopping. Bought Daddy's Christmas. Three shirts at \$1.95, \$1.95, \$1.00, four ties 49¢ each, and two pair of silk nose 50¢.

December 22, Sunday

I haven't gotten over the Primary party yet, can hardly make my legs go after playing all that "I say stoop" game. Feel like they've been hammered. We had a lovely Christmas program in Sunday School. Santa gave us all some candy and an apple. Ate dinner at Sue's. Took Sue, Al, and Br. and Sr. Marsh out to see Inez. Al's car is down. Sue bought Christmas oranges, \$1.00 on way home. We enjoyed very fine night meeting. After meeting we cabled \$50.00 to Hector Sadler, Christmas from Garvanza Ward.

December 23, Monday

After putting out a big washing, I walked over to Sue's to help her with some Christmas sewing for Sr. Marsh, a doll pillow and quilt. I had to go to Highland Park to get the silk, ribbon, and lace before we could start. Louis called for me in evening. We went to Annie's and made arrangements to eat dinner with them on Christmas. We then went to Safeway and bought a 10 ½ pound turkey, 40¢ a pound. We brought it home. I made the dressing.

December 24, Tuesday

Daddy took the turkey over for Annie to cook on his way to work this morning, I made two of Sue's mince pies and two big ones for Annie and I. Sue made the pie dough, but I had to make a little more. She only made enough for three, but these were big ones. At night Louis went with Al to marry a couple on North Broadway. I stayed with Sue until ten o'clock. Then Rex and Albert came for Donna to go caroling. Sue and I walked to



Violets, Lou and Al came and we went to Annie's, then to Lorene's. Santa has been, hope Donna will enjoy it when she comes in from caroling. Going to bed now. Merry Christmas

December 25, Wednesday

I am very happy at the close of this Christmas day. It was one of the best I've ever had. We slept late. Donna didn't get in from caroling until about 4 a.m. No work to do, it was all done yesterday. We dressed up in our new Christmas togs, and went calling. First on Sue, Bill and Annie were there. Then over to Hills, and on to Ruth and Clarence's, then to Violet's, over to Annie's, and up to Lorene's. Louis wasn't with us. He had to take the car in to be fixed. We sure missed it, on Christmas day, too. We then had a swell dinner at Annie's. Frances and Swickard [Bill's sister and husband] came in evening. Annie and Beverly walked home with us while Donna got ready for dance. She went to stake house with Rex. We went back to Annie's, had turkey sandwich, and then went to Highland Show to see "The Thirteenth Chair." Al and Elaine went. They brought us home. P.S. I had a wonderful Christmas Eve. Saw Santa at work in all of my sister's homes and even helped some with Bette's little doll crib. Would love to have seen in Dad's and Owen's homes, also. Didn't wear a coat all day, Lovely weather.

December 26, Thursday

I put Daddy's lunch up last night, so didn't have to get up this a.m. We slept late today. I wish Daddy could have enjoyed a nice, long sleep, also, but he had to go to work on red car. Elaine brought Bette and Shirley with their dolls and buggies over to visit us. Violet and Dolores came. They stayed and ate dinner with us. Daddy and I walked home with them. We called in Annie's on way home. She was in bed and Bill was going, so we went to Sue's. Bro. White was there. He brought us home.

December 27, Friday

Donna helped with beds and cleaned the bathroom, and then she went to Elaine's. I surely was slow today. It's hard to get back to work after my nice holidays. We do miss our car. It's been in the garage since Christmas day. It'll cost about \$60 to fix it this time. We all stayed home in the evening and guess what, the Andersen family came over to visit. The first time this year they have all been in our house together. This really ought to be marked a red letter day. Billie and Annie walked over to visit us. I know it's a long walk over here. Sorry the car wasn't here, so we could have taken them home.

December 28, Saturday

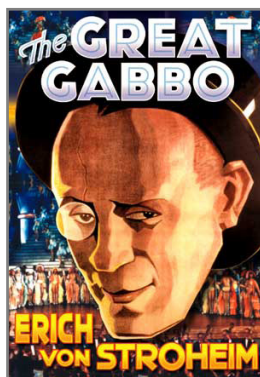
I never saw such lovely warm days in my life. It's like June back home. But they say we'll be out of luck for water if it doesn't rain soon. Daddy finished up at the hospital tonight. Well, he was very lucky in holding on to that job as long as he did. We can't have our car until tomorrow afternoon. Al ate dinner with us and took Lou to Safeway for groceries. Donna, Rex, Elaine, and Lloyd went to dance in Masonic hall (Highland Park). Al took them home. Lou and I rode along. Sue has bad cold.

December 29, Sunday

"1929" you are passing out of the picture. After Sunday School Daddy went down on North Broadway to get the car. Ella Fleming drove him down. Elaine came home to dinner with us. Marshes' came in afternoon. Rex took girls for ride in their car. We took Br. and Sr. Marsh in our car. Called on the Reese's. They were out, came back and had lunch. Went to church. Reese's invited us over after with the Marshes. Enjoyed a visit. Had fruit and candy. Very good night meeting. President Pratt of the Mexican mission was the speaker.

December 30, Monday

I was all in when I got through washing today. Surely had a big one. Daddy fixed a nice lunch for us, so that helped a lot. After resting for a little while we went for a ride. Lou left his speedometer in a shop to be fixed. He tried to buy a rubber for the windshield, but couldn't find one. At night Rex took Donna to the basketball game at Lincoln. Daddy and I went to show in Eagle Rock. Saw "The Great Gabbo." It was very good. We are all home now and ready for bed.



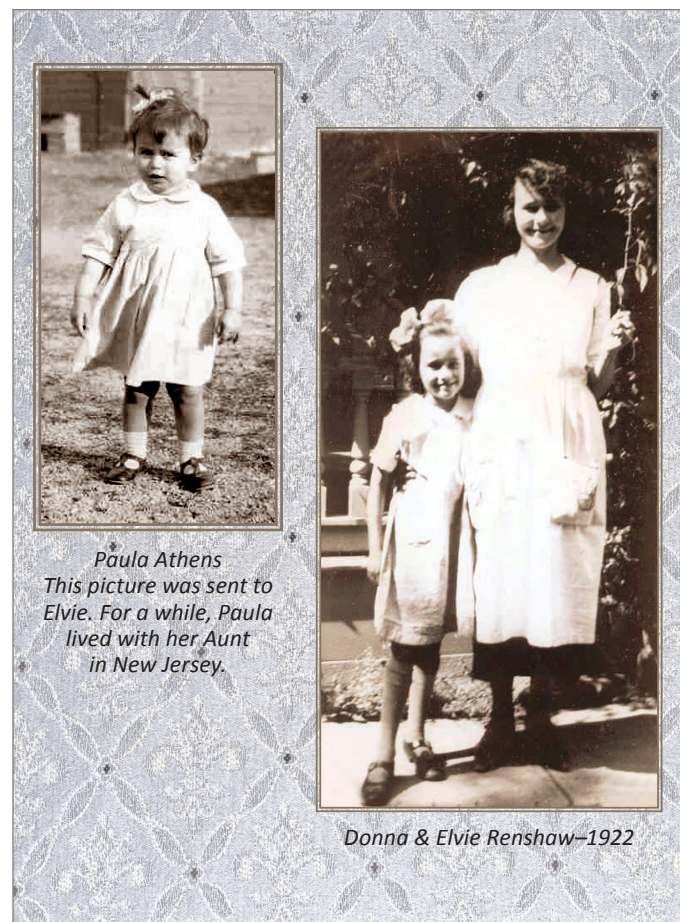
December 31, Tuesday

"Farewell, 1929," you've been good to us. It is the close of a happy year for me. Strange things do happen. Who ever thought I'd write a book? Well, here's the proof, even if it did take a year to do it. And what's more I've enjoyed doing it. Yes, it's lots of fun to keep a diary. It also comes in handy for my family as well. Washing and ironing done, I can start the New Year clean. I cooked a little roast of lamb for tomorrow.

Daddy bought a pumpkin pie, and we have a plum pudding. So I guess we are all set for New Year's Day? We danced the old year out, and the New Year in, at Alhambra Tri Ward dance. The crowd was just right. We all had a wonderful time. They served pie and punch. The Marshes went with us. Donna went with Rex. John went to show while we were dancing. Donna went with young folks to beach after dance. On way home we stopped at Tommy's for eats. John's treat. The Old Year has its "Triumphant Finish" Here's to a Happy and Prosperous New Year! P.S. Donna broke Marshes' windshield. She feels awful about it. So do I.



Donna Renshaw, Beth Strong with Elaine Hoglund in front—1929



Paula Athens
This picture was sent to Elvie. For a while, Paula lived with her Aunt in New Jersey.

Donna & Elvie Renshaw—1922



*Louis & Elvie Renshaw
Cedar Breaks, Utah in 1927*