

Elvie Aurelia Bailey Renshaw



Lorene, Elvie and Susie Bailey 1908

The Year 1931

Valuable as is the gift of speech, silence is often more valuable.

A constant effort to control a disposition to find fault,
will help to find the path to happiness

He who seeks to give joy to others, finds it for himself.

January 1, Thursday— Happy New Year!

We enjoyed sleeping late this morning. Had a lovely time at the New Year's Eve dance in Garvanza Ward last night. Had nothing much to do, but talk over our good time last night and rest today. I cooked the chicken yesterday, it and the plum pudding were delicious. We decided to go to a show, but Daddy couldn't get car started. He walked to a garage, had a man bring a battery over, (a short in horn). They got it going, and we started out for the show about two hours later, in the rain. Got a few blocks away, the rain came down in torrents, wet the wires, and stopped the car. We had to have Clarence come and tow us home in the rain. We called him just in time as they were going to a party at Cartwright's. Daddy and I untrimmed the Christmas tree. Donna wrote some thank you cards. Thus ends the first day of 1931. Everybody happy!



Plum Pudding

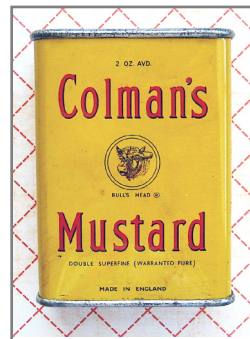
Plum pudding is a steamed or boiled pudding frequently served at holiday times. Plum pudding has never contained plums. The name Christmas pudding is first recorded in 1858 in a novel by Anthony Trollope.

Why is Plum Pudding called Plum Pudding when there are no plums in it? In the 17th century, plums referred to raisins.

over. Bill and Glen stayed with Clarence while Annie and Beverly went to church with us. I gave my talk on the "Word of Wisdom." Clarence couldn't give his talk on account of Ruth. We prayed for her in church. Sr. Judd and Daddy sang a duet, very good. Came home, had a bite to eat and took folks home. Brought Donna back, Rex rode as far as his house with us. Boys administered to Ruth again. The doctor came tonight and put her to sleep, her first sleep for several days and nights.

January 5, Monday

I went over to Ruth's about 6:30, just getting daylight. I was very much pleased over her condition this morning, a big improvement. She is more like her old self. Daddy called for me after work. Clarence came over this evening to get some of my laundry to send with Ruth's tomorrow. I fixed four mustard plasters for Ruth today. They surely relieved the congestion in her lungs. Real tired tonight!



For centuries mustard plasters were the tried and true home remedy for the flu, coughs, colds, pneumonia and many other ailments. This remedy was used regularly up until the not too distant past since this poultice was thought to sweat out all the "ills" the body held.

January 2, Friday

Raining again this a.m., but Daddy got the car started o.k. He made it to work and back without any trouble. Donna and I cleaned through the house. We all enjoyed the evening at home. Sweet dreams.

January 3, Saturday

Clarence came over for me early this morning. Ruth was sick and he had to go to work. She'd been sick in bed for two days, and I didn't know it. I did her washing and cleaned her house, but couldn't do much for her, poor girl; she surely suffers with that old asthma. Donna met Elaine uptown, they went to a show and Donna went home with Elaine and stayed all night. Bill had lunch here with Daddy. He was over where Al is working. They enjoyed a nap. Bro. Anderson, the insurance man, took Bill home. Al called about 8 p.m. for Bill tonight, after Clarence got home, we went to Highland Park and brought the Andersen family down to stay over Sunday with us. Ruth is very sick. Bill and Lou administered to her.

January 4, Sunday

It's my Glen's birthday, 10 years old, bless his heart. Annie brought his birthday cake down with her. I gave him 30¢. Beverly and Annie stayed with Ruth today while I went to my Sunday School class. Ruth is very bad, they tried to get the doctor all day. Thelma, Ruth's cousin, stayed with Ruth while Annie came home to dinner, then we all went back

January 6, Tuesday

Went to Ruth's again early this morning, did some of my washing and a few of her things. We sent the big pieces to laundry. Ruth is hungry and enjoys eating today. Sr. Magnusson brought her some lovely violets from her garden. I didn't feel well so stayed home from Mutual tonight. They had a social after, the folks brought me some popcorn home. Donna played for them to dance.



January 7, Wednesday

I did Ruth's ironing. She feels fine today, got up and dressed this afternoon. It started to rain about two o'clock this afternoon and it was raining hard when we went to bed. Daddy brought me home from Ruth's. Donna has had to make the beds and do the dishes every evening when she gets home, while I've been over to Ruth's. My poor back aches like heck tonight.



Clarence, Ruth and Marilyn Cartwright

January 8, Thursday

I didn't have to go to Ruth's as Clarence is home today. Did ironing and cleaned house, it surely needed it, hadn't been touched for five days. Clarence took me to the doctors for an insurance exam. I'm sure I won't pass, my blood pressure is 180. I have been taking the crazy old chills again for about a week each night. Donna brought a book of short stories from school. I read two of them. Interesting.

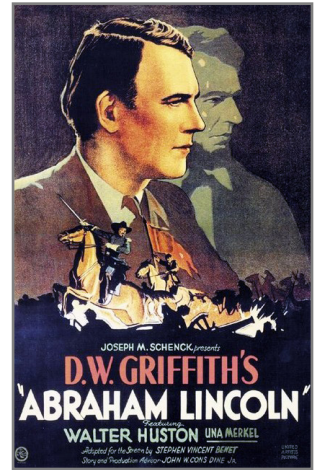
January 9, Friday

The officers gave the block teachers of Relief Society a luncheon today for getting 100% teaching last month. We enjoyed it very much. Played Cootie after. Rex and Donna went to a party at Alice and Paul Pack's house tonight. He brought his mother and Ruthie down with him. We had a nice visit with them

January 10, Saturday

I washed Donna's hair and Ruth Cartwright put it up in combs. Daddy and I went into L.A. while she was over to

Ruth's. We paid the furniture and lot. Went up to Annie's for a visit. Bill is working today and yesterday for his brother-in-law, Art Bird. I walked over to Sue's, but they were on their way to South Gate to see us, so I called on Lorene. Daddy ate lunch with Lorene and Charles. I fixed some dinner this evening for Sue and family and us, of course. At night Donna went to basketball game with Henry, Beth and Nellie. Daddy and I saw Abraham Lincoln in New Warner Brothers Theater. Fine show.



January 11, Sunday

Sr. Wooley came to Sunday School, and it was my turn to take charge. Oh! oh! This afternoon we went to Sunday School union meeting. Bishop Perry called on Daddy to speak in church tonight. He spoke very well. We had a wonderful meeting. Bro. Magnusson's talk was just grand. Henry Hinely and Mary Wilson's boyfriend spoke, also. There was a wonderful spirit in the meeting. I was almost thrilled to tears. Daddy led us in our first family prayer tonight. End of a perfect day!

January 12, Monday

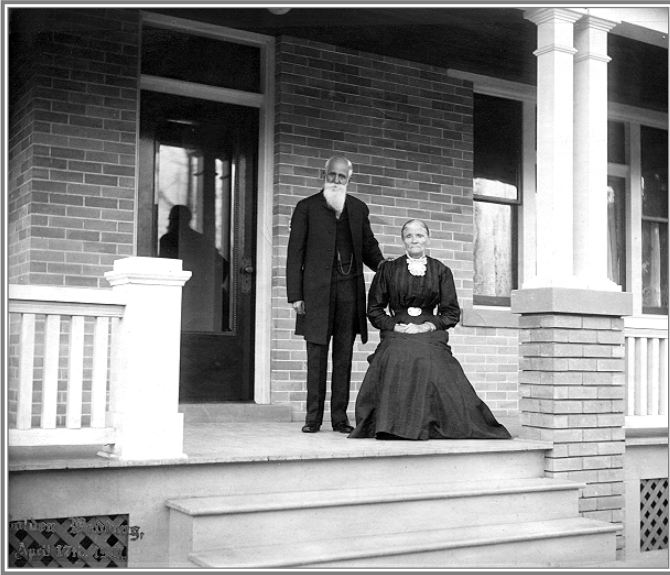
Not feeling very well today. Sr. Liston came in her car for me to go block teaching. We were through and home by 11:30 a.m. I went to bed for the rest of the day. The Relief Society teachers came this afternoon, and the ward teachers tonight. There is a contest on between the two. Hope we win. I helped Donna, with her composition tonight on how to make a taffeta lamp flower. She is working hard on test speech, also (about Emigration).

January 13, Tuesday

My hands and feet kept going to sleep, and waking me up all night, so I didn't rest very well. Had the awful nervous feeling in head and body, also. If we can keep up our family prayers and tithing this year, I'll be the happiest person ever. I wrote my Dad today. Walked over to Ruth's to take her salad forks back. Mrs. Bright [*neighbor*] borrowed them. Didn't feel well enough to walk to Relief Society. I lead the slogan in Mutual tonight. They had a surprise party shower on Buettna Steel after Mutual and wanted Donna to go, but she didn't know in time to buy a gift, so wouldn't go.

January 14, Wednesday

Donna left about 9 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. on account of tests at school this morning. My clothes didn't all dry, so I had to hang some up in the garage overnight. Looked like rain all day, but didn't. Daddy played cards with the fellows at the garage for a while tonight. Alma Hinely didn't come to practice his song, wonder what the trouble was? He was so anxious about coming.



James T. and Elizabeth Strong were in Elvie's dreams.

January 15, Thursday

Grandpa and Grama Strong are in my dreams a lot lately. I dreamt of them again last night. Can't seem to concentrate on a song for Sue's Junior Girls, Oh, dear, my poor ole head, wish my blood pressure would go down a few notches. But I'm so happy we are having family prayers, and going to start our tithing again. Donna has such a lot of homework. I helped her cut clippings for notebook tonight.

Warning to Those Who Disobey the Law of Tithing

Not only does disobedience influence one's blessings now, but it also affects one's future eternal inheritance. Elder Melvin J. Ballard gave this counsel: "Do we not hope and expect to have an inheritance in the celestial kingdom, even upon this earth in its redeemed and sanctified state? [D&C 88:25-26; 130:9.] What are the terms under which we may obtain that inheritance? The law of tithing is the law of inheritance. It leads to it. No man may hope or expect to have an inheritance on this celestial globe who has failed to pay his tithing. By the payment of his honest tithing he is establishing a right and a title to this inheritance, and he cannot secure it upon any other terms but by complying with this and other just requirements; and this is one of the very essential things." (In Conference Report, October 1929, p. 51.)

January 16, Friday

I got half through Sue's Junior song, my brain won't work anymore, guess I've lost my one and only talent? Cleaned all through house. In evening Daddy and I walked over to Ruth's. She was just cooking dinner, 7 p.m.(fried chicken). Too bad I was too full to eat again! Leonard spent the day yesterday with Ruth, he is here for a day or two. I phoned to Sue while I was over to Ruth's. Donna stayed home to do school work. Bed looks good to me tonight.

January 17, Saturday

I cleaned the car windows, then Daddy and I went to the end of Street car line to meet Al and Bill. Bought some groceries in Smith's. Fixed lunch for the boys and ourselves.

Donna was over to Ruth's getting her hair put up in combs. After lunch we rode to Long Beach with Al and Bill, while they looked for work. I surely hope they'll find some soon. We took them back to J car line and came home, ate dinner, and went to Jefferson High to see Home Gardens Ward lose the basketball game. It was a good game anyway. Daddy bought some doughnuts on way home, he and Donna enjoyed them when we got home with some Figgo. I ate an orange. Finished Junior song.

January 18, Sunday

I had the Sunday School class all alone. Sr. Magnusson was in Arizona, her sister-in-law died. Don't know why Sr. Perry didn't come. Forty-four children crowded in that little room. Lorene and family came to dinner. She brought a lovely coconut cake. We surely enjoyed their visit, and the cake. Went to Garvanza Ward tonight to keep our little daughter's heart from breaking! Of course I enjoy going, also. We took Marshes home after church. Stopped in there for a little while. Daddy ate a bite with the folks. Donna did, too. I talked with Sr. Marsh and her father. We weren't hungry. Lewis is giving Miriam a diamond engagement ring next week. He is having an announcement party next Tuesday night. Donna and Raymond had a wonderful time today taking pictures.



Donna Renshaw, Raymond Clayton, in back Elvie and Lou Renshaw

The Church During the Great Depression

Few external events have influenced the course of Church history more than the Great Depression of the 1930s. On 29 October 1929, known as Black Tuesday, the bottom fell out of the New York stock market, ruining millions of investors. People stopped buying unnecessary goods, and many businesses soon failed. The impact of the Great Depression was quite severe in the Mountain West, where most Latter-day Saints lived. In 1932 unemployment in Utah reached 35.9 percent, and per capita income fell by 48.6 percent. Heads of families had to swallow their pride and wait in long lines for handouts of bread or other foods. In rural areas, families lost their farms when they could not meet mortgage payments.

Along with its individual members, the Church organization felt the depression. Expenditures from tithes, the Church's major source of income, dropped from \$4 million in 1927 to only \$2.4 million in 1933, resulting in many activities being curtailed.

January 19, Monday

Big washing today. I used Mrs. Page's lines to hang blankets on. I had to lay down and rest after work was finished. Received another nice letter from Hattie today. Donna took her music test over again today. Hope she had better luck. Daddy went to priesthood meeting tonight. I helped Donna furnish her "Ideal Home" notebook.



Lewis Marsh & Miriam Chandler in auto, Donna Renshaw & Rex Marsh on running board, Unknown boy on hood. Circa 1929

January 20, Tuesday

My dues are paid for the year in Relief Society. They gave Sr. Liston and myself charge of the candy and popcorn for their country store next month. Just as we were leaving for Mutual, Rex called and wanted to take Donna to the announcement party at Chandler's. He came down to church for her, so she could play for the opening exercises first. Clarence is still on nights. They wanted me to take his class in Mutual, but no, not I! After Mutual we called at Thelma's for Ruth's [Clarence & Ruth Cartwright, Thelma May Tilt, Ruth's cousin] kiddies, took them home. Paid our first tithing to Bishop Perry.

January 21, Wednesday

Mrs. Bright and I went uptown this morning. She helped me with dishes and beds so I could go with her. She bought a new black silk dress. I bought diary book, hair net and graduation



Vintage package of hairnets. (A 1931 version of hairspray.)

gift for Raymond, silk hanky. Ruth and Clarence went into Garvanza Mutual with us. We were all disappointed because the dance was called off. Rex brought Donna home. They went over to Marion's for a while after Mutual. It was her birthday. Sorry now that we didn't go to our own Mutual class party at Sr. Hardy's home.

January 22, Thursday

Daddy had to work in L.A. at Knoll's Auto shop today, so I went in that far with him, took the W car from there and went up to Annie's to Raymond's graduation. Was so proud of him. He graduated with highest from the scholarship honor roll, "Magna Cum Laude," like Donna did. Only two boys in the class honored thus. Bought some meat and ate dinner with Bill and Annie. Violet and Dolores were there, also. Maybe they'll move in with Annie to help them out for a while. Donna was excused to come to the graduation.

January 23, Friday

Daddy's birthday! 41 years old. Did the cleaning all through the house, and pressed daddy's suit and Donna's lace dress. Walked to store in the rain, so I could have a nice dinner ready for Daddy tonight. We had a good hot mince pie. Donna stopped in Ruth's to have her hair fixed. Mr. Jones called in tonight for his wife's music. They couldn't get the piano, so they aren't going to play at banquet. We went to a dance at Long Beach. Home Gardens gave it. I had a very nice time. Donna's friends came, and we brought Elaine home with us to stay over Sunday. Daddy wore new green tie and shirt. Enjoyed hot popcorn on way home.



Louis & Elvie Renshaw 1931

January 24, Saturday

Donna and Elaine made a lemon cake, delicious. We got up late and fooled around most of the day. Enjoyed talking over the good time we had last night. Daddy and I had dinner alone tonight. Elaine and Donna were invited over to Alice Brown's to a dinner party. We went for groceries and visited with Ruth and Neva for a while. I cooked roast, and fixed butter, while waiting for Mrs. Brown to bring girls home. Donna won the prize. It was a lovely dance handkerchief.



Dance Handkerchief

January 25, Sunday

Clarence took us all to Sunday School this morning. Daddy had to work. Ruth led the singing. Just as we'd finished dinner Rex phoned and said he'd come down and take the girls back. They are going to sing with the Junior Girls in conference tonight in Hollywood Stake. Daddy came from work just as the kids were leaving, so I went to station with him to get gas and oil. Daddy and I went to Primary conference in Home Gardens tonight. It was fine. President and Sr. Muir were in attendance. Lewis, Miriam, and Rex came in and had a piece of the girl's lemon cake when they brought Donna home tonight.



Al Hoglund 1930

January 26, Monday

Bishop Sr. Bingham is giving him a surprise party at her home tonight. I'd love to go, but guess I can't. Sunday School board meeting. (Later) Called for Ruth after the meeting, and went up to Bingham's. Donna stayed over to Ruth's

with the kiddies. She had a lot of homework tonight. We all had a lovely time. Played bunco. Ruth won a prize. We took a dozen eggs from our chickens and pair of sox to Al. Caused lots of fun. Violet and Otto have moved in with Annie

January 27, Tuesday

Daddy went to Auto show again today in brand new Ford sport coupe. He is working on some display boards down there. Both he and Donna are miserable with colds. Called for Ruth in evening and went to Mutual. Donna played for Gold and Green waltz after. I had headache, so didn't dance.

January 28, Wednesday

I brought the Mutual book "Grandmother Brown's 100 Years" home last night. Started to read it this morning. Darned sox, and patched underwear. Walked over to Ruth's. She gave me a little pot to give at the

shower tonight, one that was given to Jerry. Daddy came home feeling awful. I decided not to go to shower. Clarence and Ruth took me down to take my gift. Put mustard plaster on Daddy and his feet in hot mustard. Rubbed Donna's chest, also. Hope my family will feel better in morning. Clarence brought his sax and played for us.

January 29, Thursday

I cut out pictures from magazines, and mounted them on cardboard, to use in my Sunday School class. After dinner tonight Donna made some penuche to take up to the party tomorrow. Alma Hinely came to practice his song. I doctored Lou and Donna before they went to bed. Both have bad colds. Gave them hot foot baths and mustard plasters. P.S. My folks (Hoglund, Andersens, and Claytons) almost rented a twelve room house for them all to live in, but there were too many children for the landlord. What next?

January 30, Friday

Did the cleaning and went to Walnut Park bank with Mrs. Bright. Tonight we hurried thru' dinner and into L.A. to the surprise party that Elaine and Donna gave on Lloyd and Marion. Sue fixed the table up lovely in kid's bedroom. Sr. Pack and Sr. Udall came. Young folks played games and danced. All had a fine time. Br. Udall furnished the ice cream. Only cost us \$1.25 apiece. I wrote the toasts that they read at table. Annie and Violet helped serve. We took Rex home after party.

January 31, Saturday

One month of our New Year gone already! We got up about nine o'clock this morning. It has looked like rain all day, but didn't. I hung clothes up in the garage. Donna went to the Gleaner Girl Banquet in L.A. Stake tonight to help Junior Girls serve. Mr. Bright gave Daddy some fertilizer for lawn today. We have fine neighbors. We visited with Ruth while waiting for time to go call for Donna at stake house. The girls received a lovely sweet pea and rosebud corsage tonight. They took their pictures, also.

February 1, Sunday

I had the Sunday School class alone again today. Sr. Magnusson wanted to see her boy confirmed. Went to

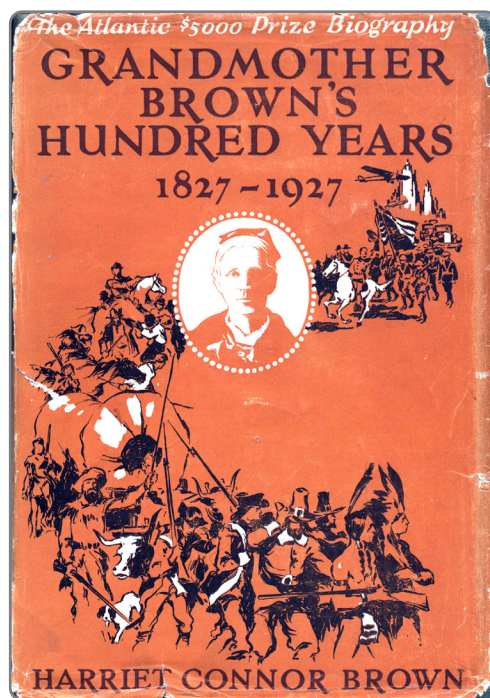
Why so much dancing?

In 1923, MIAs became responsible for social activities, and dance was an important element. Instructions for dance directors appeared in the Improvement Era. Church leaders insisted that ward directors be responsible for all dances held in the buildings. So wards started some new ideas to encourage teenagers to come to meetings. For example, some wards started having a dance after MIA.

Gold and Green Balls

Dance took place on several levels in the LDS Church. Besides the monthly MIA activities, the highlight of a ward's activity calendar was the annual Gold and Green Ball. (Gold and green were the MIA colors.) While the Gold and Green Ball focused on the youth, everyone over fourteen attended. Fathers often danced with daughters and mothers with sons. The goal was to learn social grace. During the intermission, dancers performed a choreographed number as a "floor show." This could be couples waltzing or square dancing. It could also be girls doing a line dance.

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Mutual union meeting. Ruth C. went with us. Left Donna at Ruth's to practice a song, but Bro. Mortison came, so they didn't have to sing in church tonight. Alma H. sang. He came up to practice before church and ate a bite with us. Henry and Beth came over after church. Sr. Perry has resigned from Sunday School.

February 2, Monday

I tried to help Donna with her retold story before going to bed last night. She's upset about giving it in Mutual Tuesday night. No time to work on it, so much school work this term. I washed, and did some ironing. I'm sorry Sr. Perry has resigned. Hope Sr. Magnusson will stay with me. Henry H. came to practice with Daddy tonight, and they went over to Ruth's. I stayed to help Donna with her retold story, "An incident in the life of Abraham Lincoln."

February 3 Tuesday

It was raining when we came out of Relief Society today, so Sr. Pomroy brought me home in her car. It was sweet of her. Sr. Jane Morris's little 3-year-old boy died yesterday. I feel awfully sorry for her. They gave us slips telling folks what to bring to the ward reunion to take block teaching with us. Br. Jones, president of stake Mutual, came to our ward tonight. Donna gave her retold story very well.

February 4, Wednesday

The crazy chickens got soaked yesterday, didn't have enough sense to go into hen house. It has rained hard all day today. We didn't let them out in the run at all. I do hope Bill and Al will find work soon. Oh, dear, they've been out six weeks or more now. Chickens are doing better again. We get from seven to ten eggs a day. I sold one dozen Monday and one dozen Tuesday to Mrs. Page. Henry came over to practice with Daddy.



1931

- No major legislation is passed addressing the Depression.
- A second banking panic occurs in the spring.
- The GNP falls another 8.5 percent; unemployment rises to 15.9 percent.

From Timeline of the Great Depression

home. [Blanche Strong Hoglund] Thelma [Thelma Naomi Strong] brought her new baby. Aunt Lizzie [Louise Elizabeth Underwood Strong] was there, also. We had a very nice time. Was surprised to learn that Helen Hoglund [Blanche Strong Hoglund's daughter] was married last September. She ran away to Mexico, was remarried again in Las Vegas last week.

February 5, Thursday

Sr. Liston and I went block teaching this morning. We found lots of men out of work in the homes we visited. Hope things will turn for the better soon. We took Ruth and Clarence to the Strong's Genealogical meeting at Blanche's



"We used the valentine idea. Red hearts, red sweet peas, and cupie dolls, and red paper streamers."

February 6, Friday

Ward reunion today. Ruth made the pie dough, and I made the filling, lemon, for our pies. Clarence took us and the pies down to the church. We helped peel potatoes. Ruth had to leave to get dinner for Clarence, so he could go to work. I stayed and helped Sr. Magnusson decorate the tables. They looked lovely. We used the valentine idea. Red hearts, red sweet peas, and cupie dolls, and red paper streamers. I walked home about 4:50 not feeling very good. Donna bought her some new shoes (\$5.79) after school today. She and Alice went shopping. Floyd Blanchard came in evening for Donna to run over his song with him. We all went to the church dinner at 7 p.m. It was grand. Enjoyed program and dance. Old time music and modern, also. Ruth sang, Daddy and Henry played, Donna accompanied folks on piano. Lovely time.

February 7, Saturday

Bad night. Daddy had to get warm milk for me, lots of pain. Donna washed her hair and Ruth curled it. Daddy went for groceries and to bank. I've spent most of day in bed, but did cook the roast and fixed butter. In evening we went to L.A. to pay on furniture bill. Visited at Annie's. Sue and family were there. Called in Marshes' on way home. Sr. Marsh has been sick with flu.

February 8, Sunday

Went to Sunday School and to Sunday School union meeting. Enjoyed ice cream cone on way home. Ruth and Donna sang in church tonight. I gave the kiddies each a valentine in Sunday school this morning. Blanche and Oscar [Blanche Strong Hoglund & Oscar Moreno Hoglund] made Helen be remarried by a Mormon bishop. They went to Las Vegas and had LaPriel's husband marry them over again. [Chloe LaPriel Strong Bunker]

February 9, Monday

My dear neighbor, Mrs. Bright washed my towels and Lou's underwear today, so my washing wasn't as big this time. I washed my hair after the work was done, and curled it with Mrs. Bright's electric iron. Sent Annie some poetry and a dollar bill for her birthday tomorrow. We all went to Sunday School board meeting tonight.

February 10, Tuesday— Annie's Birthday!!

I went to Relief Society work meeting this morning. They served a real nice lunch for 15¢. There was a big crowd out. We quilted three quilts. I came home about 2:30 and went over to Ruth's to see if I could help with the "kid" costumes she is making for Donna and herself. She got Donna's finished. We all went to Mutual, Ruth went with us. Bought doughnuts coming home. Kid party in Garvanza Ward tomorrow night. Clarence is back on days. He can take his class next Mutual night.

February 11, Wednesday

I finished my ironing and went over to Ruth's. She went uptown to meet Sr. Judd, they bought the prizes for the Junior girl's kid party tomorrow night. I did Ruth's dishes and ironing. She finished her costume when she came home. Ruth waved Donna's hair after school, and I made the little ringlet curls all around her head, a double row. She surely looked cute. I'd love to have gone to the dance and seen them all dressed as kids. Ruth looked real cute, also. She and Clarence took Donna up to Marsh's, so Rex didn't have to come down after her. He brought her home. They had a wonderful time, as usual.

February 12, Thursday

Thirteen eggs today, hens doing o.k. It rained off and on all day. I did up my mending and darning. Rex came early for Donna and enjoyed watching



Annie & Elvie Bailey - 1912



Donna Renshaw &
Janet Anderson



Donna & Vera Chandler



Ruth Cartwright

me curl her hair, much to her distress. We all went over to the Junior "Kid party" at Ruth's. I wore my hair down in curls, and one of Donna's dresses. The girls all looked cute. Br. and Sr. Judd went home because Alzada's boyfriend didn't call for her, and she wouldn't come. We had a nice time. Rex took Donna for a ride after taking Alice Brown home. Such kids! I'll have to put a stop to that!!

February 13, Friday

Still cloudy, guess our rain isn't over yet. Cleaned all through the house and went to Huntington Park to get a few valentines and a gift for Donna to take to Vera Chandler's birthday party, stationary and stamps, tomorrow night. We took Donna into L.A. to Janet Anderson's party tonight. Daddy and I visited with Bill and Annie and Violet, until time to call for Donna. I gave Beverly the valentines to send the kiddies for Donna tomorrow night. Sr. Liston came this evening to tell me she can't help with the candy and popcorn for our country store in Relief Society. Surely upset me.

February 14, Saturday

Daddy took me over to Sr. Jacobson's to tell her that Sr. Liston couldn't help me. Sr. Jacobson sent me to ask Sr. Alger to take her place. She's going to, so everything is o.k. again. We don't have to worry about the popcorn balls as Iva Jacobson and her sister-in-law will make them. I surely hope this country store will be a success. Daddy and I went to a picture show tonight. Rex took Donna to Vera Chandler's birthday party.

February 15, Sunday

The wind blew hard all morning. On our way home from Sunday School this morning Daddy told us he would take us to Garvanza after dinner, and were Donna and I happy?! We went to Annie's. Sue, Al, Lorene, Charlie, Violet, and Otto were

all over there, so it was quite a reunion. Of course Violet and Otto live there now. Sr. Craddock gave Elaine two coats, brown velvet, and a sport coat. Elaine didn't want the sport coat, so she gave it to Donna. It'll be o.k. for school. Marshes treated us to ice cream and cake after church at their home. Lloyd asked Donna if he could come down to see her Saturday next. He's coming.



Standing: half unknown girl, Al Hoglund, Susie Bailey, Annie Bailey, Billie Andersen, Lydia Hoglund, Owen J. Bailey. Kneeling in center is Elvie Bailey. Taken in front of 4th South home in Salt Lake City. Others in this photo are unknown

February 16, Monday

Daddy didn't work today. Donna brought home an old picture of us girls and our boy friends from Lorene's yesterday. It was taken before any of us were married. It surely brought back old memories to me. Mrs. Bright let me wash my blankets in her washer today. Daddy fixed her light cord, and socket, before she could get started washing this morning. I did a big washing by hand, also. Ruth left Jerry with us while she and Clarence went to hospital. We all enjoyed staying home tonight. Been out so much lately. Bed early.

February 17, Tuesday

I pasted the picture Donna brought from Lorene's in my scrapbook, and wrote a little poem under it. It's a lovely sunny day. I didn't sleep very well last night, old nervous trouble. Ironed, and walked to Relief Society. Sr. Hotelling, stake president, was there. I'm surely glad Sr. Alger is helping with candy booth. She is going ahead with everything just fine. I forgot to bring my sugar, nuts, and etcetera home after Mutual. I left them in the kitchen at church. Daddy took me back. He got in through a window. Don't know how I'd get along without him. Hope I sleep better tonight. Poor Donna burnt a big hole in her sport coat tonight.

February 18, Wednesday

I slept fine last night, so feel much better today. Tomorrow is our country store, hope it'll be a success. It's another lovely day. Donna left this morning 7 a.m. without a coat, so warm. Last night she decided to wear the little sport coat Sr. Craddock gave Elaine, and Elaine gave Donna, to Mutual. Daddy sponged a soiled spot off from the front of coat for her, so it had to be dried before she could wear it. She put it in oven and burnt two big holes right in front of coat. She felt awful, we all felt badly. Lucky the coat had double pockets, and I took the top ones off, and patched the coat with one today. It isn't noticed very much now.

February 19, Thursday

"Country Store" I made two batches of divinity, and a cream pudding this morning. Left about 10:30 for the church. Br. Porter helped Sr. Alger and I with our candy and popcorn booth. She and I went to store, bought orange and white crepe paper, and some napkins to wrap popcorn balls in. The booth looked very pretty when we'd finished with it. We had some lovely candy, and nice big popcorn balls for sale. The children came about half past three and grownups about four. We were all sold out before the program started at 8 p.m. Took in \$6.65. We had supper at church. It was all a success. Donna looked cute in sport coat tonight.



Homemade Candy sold on February 19.

A Brief History of Commercial Candy up to 1976

- ◆ 1868—**Candy corn** was created by the Wunderle Candy Company
- ◆ 1890—The first **Hershey Milk Chocolate bar** is invented by Milton S. Hershey
- ◆ 1893—**Juicy fruit gum** and Wrigleys **Spearmint gum** was introduced by William Wrigley Jr. (Favorites of Elvie's. She often sent gum in her birthday cards to her grandchildren along with some taped coins and she carried gum in her purse.)
- ◆ 1896—Leo Hirshfield introduces **Tootsie Rolls**, named after his daughter's nick name.
- ◆ 1896—**Cracker Jack popcorn** was invented (Prize inside was added in 1912)
- ◆ 1898—Goelitz Confectionery Company also begins making **Candy Corn**
- ◆ 1907—Hershey Company makes **Hershey Kisses**
- ◆ 1908—**Toblerone Chocolate** is invented by a man named Theodore Tobler
- ◆ 1912—The New England Confectionery Company makes wafers. Also known as **NECCO wafers**
- ◆ 1912—Clarence Crane of Cleveland, Ohio invented Life Savers, **Mint flavored Life Savers** are created
- ◆ 1920—**Baby Ruth** was made and named after President Grover Cleveland's daughter (Not the baseball player)
- ◆ 1922—**Mounds** were made
- ◆ 1923—**Milky Way** bars were invented and designed to taste like malted milk, by the Mars family
- ◆ 1923—**Reeses Cups** were made
- ◆ 1924—**Bit-O-Honey** was made
- ◆ 1925—**Mr. Goodbar** was created and is known for the combination of milk chocolate and peanuts
- ◆ 1926—**Milk Duds** were formulated, the original idea for the milk duds was for them to be perfectly round, finding that wouldn't work the word "dud" was used
- ◆ 1927—**Raisinets** were invented
- ◆ 1928—**Heath Bars** were made
- ◆ 1929—**Twizzlers** company established
- ◆ 1929—**Butterfingers** were made, and were the second top selling candy at that time. They were made by the same company that made **Baby Ruth** bars.
- ◆ 1930—**Snickers** were designed and named after the family's horse
- ◆ 1932—**3 Musketeers** were made, named after four musketeers. However the company decide to only use three: Porthos, Arthur and D'Artagnan
- ◆ 1932—Ferrara Pan Candy company creates **Red Hots**
- ◆ 1933—Kraft **Caramels** were made
- ◆ 1938—**Krackel** bars were invented, at the time almonds were in the recipe. Not long after, it was decided that the almonds would be taken out
- ◆ 1941—Plain **M&Ms** were made, and were known for having six different colors
- ◆ 1948—Peter Paul Manufacturing Company makes **Almond Joy** (A favorite candy for Donna Marsh)
- ◆ 1949—**Junior Mints** were created. It's believed that they were named after the Sally Benson stories, from the New York Times and published in a book named Junior Miss
- ◆ 1949—**Smarties** were made
- ◆ 1951—**Jolly Ranchers** were created and were loved for long-lasting flavor
- ◆ 1954—**M&Ms** were improved and also **Peanuts M&Ms** were created
- ◆ 1958—**Candy necklaces** were created
- ◆ 1960—**Starburst** fruit chews were invented
- ◆ 1963—**Sweet Tarts** were made
- ◆ 1976—**Jelly Bellies** were created during the Civil War but officially made the Jelly Belly candies in 1976

A Few Interesting Events of 1931

Gambling was legalized in the State of Nevada

The Empire State Building in New York City is completed.

Chevrolet Motor Company is 20 years old.

The first electric dry shaver was manufactured by Colonel Jacob Schick.

Construction of Hoover Dam in Las Vegas, Nevada begins.

President Hoover signed an act making “The Star-Spangled Banner”
the national anthem for the United States.

The George Washington Bridge linking New York and New Jersey opened.

President Hoover tries to manage the country as the
economic depression worsens.

Indoor photographs are improving significantly since the invention
of the flash bulb last year.

Ford sells one million Model A's, down from two million last year.
Chevrolet sales drop only 5 percent.

A combination of aspirin and baking soda was developed to combat colds.
It was called Alka Seltzer.

Al Capone, Chicago bootlegger and racketeer is sentenced to 11 years in prison
for income tax evasion.

Hattie T. Caraway of Arkansas, becomes the first woman elected
to the US Senate.

<http://1931chevrolet.com/history.htm>



*Donna Renshaw
and Rex Marsh in
the rumble seat,
a friend behind.*

*Lou and his
Hup. The love
affair with the
automobile has
certainly arrived.*

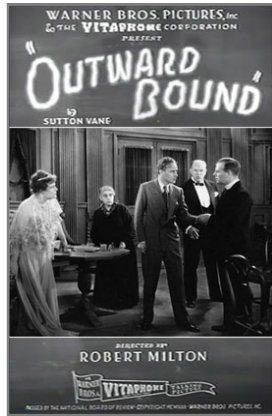


February 20, Friday—"Pay Day"

Cleaned through house and took a nap. Strange feeling, in my head all day. Our store lady gypped me out of a few nickels on the bill today. I'm mad, surely have to watch that ole girl. Daddy brought a light gray suit home today. It's too small for him, but I think it'll fit Al alright. His friend gave it to him. We enjoyed the evening at home.

February 21, Saturday

Donna went over to have Ruth curl her hair, and she's going to take care of the kiddies while Ruth goes uptown. Sue and Al came about noon and I fixed lunch for them. That suit fit Al fine, too long in the legs, but he can have that fixed. Heard some news today. Dolores [*Fife*] is going to have a baby brother or sister, so is Tommy Bright. Lloyd Pack took Donna uptown to the Tower in L.A. tonight. They saw "Outward Bound." She wore Ruth's black satin dress. Daddy and I went to Lynwood show, funny thing, we also saw "Outward Bound." Al is thinking of going into the Excelcis business selling cosmetics, surely hope he'll make good.



ALPHABETICAL LIST OF REGISTRANTS OF TRADE-MARKS	
Empire Laboratory Supply Co. Inc., New York, N. Y. Apparatus for automatically changing tissues during the process of dehydration and microslide filling units. 281,074; Mar. 10; Serial No. 307,666; published Dec. 30, 1930. Class 24.	Health Products Corporation, Newark, N. J. Concentrate. 281,088; Mar. 10; Serial No. published Dec. 9, 1930. Class 6.
Engel-Cohen, Joseph, Co., Inc., The, New York, N. Y. Coats and suits. 281,049; Mar. 10; Serial No. 304,432; published Dec. 9, 1930. Class 6.	Hettrick Manufacturing Company, The, Tole Cotton piece goods. 281,246; Mar. 10; Hollywood Hair-Re-New Laboratories, Los Angeles Preparation for shampooing the hair. 281,10; Serial No. 288,421; published Dec. Class 6.
Excelcis Products Company, Salt Lake City, Utah. Lotions, creams, and toilet articles. 281,055; Mar. 10; Serial No. 306,487; published Dec. 23, 1930. Class 6.	Holt, Jared, Company, The, Albany, N. Y. leather dressings, and polishes. 281,027; serial No. 305,663; published Dec. 9, 1930. Class 6.
Fancher, Ulysses E., doing business as Fancher's Saltes	Hudson Silk Hosiery Co., Inc., Charlotte, N. C.

Excelcis registered for a Trade-Mark in December of 1930. The company was based in Salt Lake City and likely was promoted by members of the Church.

February 22, Sunday

It was our stake conference today. Sr. Maguson went and left me alone with the class. I had thirty-nine kiddies to myself, was surely nervous when twelve o'clock came. It's no joke trying to handle that class alone, but I do love the little dears, anyway. It's hard to keep them entertained fifty or sixty minutes. Daddy and I went to afternoon conference. Saw Ethel Rich Watkins at conference and she invited me to visit her?? Lloyd came over to house and visited with Donna. She rode over to Stake house with him and came back with us. Rex called up to say hello to her. Dad called Marshes and they came down. We all went to conference, came back here after, and had something to eat. Daddy bought ice cream for dessert. They left for home about 10:30. At 11, Rex called and said the car wouldn't go, so Daddy got the Hup out and went to help. He pushed their car all the way home. Daddy got back here about 1 a.m.

February 23, Monday

I washed to celebrate George Washington's birthday. Went over to visit with Mrs. Bright for a while. This evening I took her a dozen eggs in appreciation for calling us to the phone. She's a fine neighbor. We took Donna over to Ruth's

to practice with girls Glee Club. Clarence bought 175 baby chicks today. They surely are cute. We went to South Gate Market for vegetables. Br. Bob Wilson brought Donna home from Ruth's.

February 24, Tuesday

We are having wonderful weather. This is surely the golden state. I love it. I enjoyed Relief Society today. We had dancing the last half hour of Mutual tonight. Carl H. and wife, are having some time trying to teach us the Gold and Green waltz. Guess we'll all have it in the sweet bye and bye, if we keep at it long enough. We took Ruth home from Mutual.

February 25, Wednesday

Did house work, watered lawn and flowers, darned sox, and marked Daddy's new garments. In evening Daddy called Al on phone, he is still interested in the Excelcis business. He is going to open up a branch in Highland Park and will be district manager in that territory. He is bringing Sue and Annie down to Huntington Park to take lessons in giving facials and learn all about the business tomorrow. They are calling for Ruth, also.

February 26, Thursday

I was very sorry to learn of Bro. Lee Andersen's accident. Annie told me about it today (fractured back). Daddy came home at 9 a.m. (he is to take four days take off). We spent the rest of the morning cleaning the weeds out of our yard. We thought of going to Highland Park. Daddy wanted to use Charlie's gun to paint the Hup, but Ruth brought Jerry



Dentist office of the 1930s

over while she went with Al to hear all about the Excelcis business. Annie and Sue went, also. Al gave his first facial to Annie this morning, ha! ha! This afternoon Daddy took me to one of Clark's dollar store sales, silk hose, and two pair for \$1.00. I bought Donna and me each two pair, chiffon. Then we went to Huntington Park. I went in Dr. Ingersoll's office and had my teeth examined. It will cost me \$45 to have my work done. I start tomorrow. Oh, how I hate it. Daddy went to school for Donna, they picked me up. We brought Alice and Nellie home. We all went to Mutual dance at Venice tonight. Ruth and Clarence went in our car. Elaine, Baisel Judd, and Donna went with Rex. Very few people there, our crowd was about all.

February 27, Friday

At 2:30 p.m. we went to dentist and about thirty minutes later I was minus two big double teeth on my upper right jaw. No pain in the extraction, but oh, I was scared. My heart just won't behave when I'm nervous. About an hour after I had plenty of ache, felt like all the teeth on that side were aching. Dad and Donna fixed dinner. Block teachers came this evening. Daddy was over to Marvin Jacobson's practicing. He found four one dollar bills on his way home. Some break, eh?

February 28, Saturday

My jaw pained me most of night. The old fashioned toothache. Just as it would get a little easier and I'd doze, then I'd take one of those mean old chills, wake me up, and my face pain started in again. Sue called us yesterday and said they were moving this morning. Daddy went up at 7:30 to help them. I went to dentist this afternoon. Al called this evening from Huntington Park and said he was coming over after Donna and me to take us in with him. He got here 15 minutes later, ate some toast, tomato soup, and cream puffs. When we got to new home the folks had it all in order. Everything but the curtains hung. Daddy was cooking some onions and meat. It's a lovely big home. Donna stayed all night with Elaine. I saw Lorene tonight at Sue's, but didn't get to see Annie or Violet or little Dolores and other kids. Sue and Al have moved on to Avenue 54.

March 1, Sunday

I slept better last night, but face still aches. Daddy went over to see Clarence's baby chicks this morning. Ruth invited us to have dinner with them. After Sunday School enjoyed a very good dinner with Ruth. Daddy and I met Donna at the end of J car line at about 6:15 p.m. She played a piano solo in church tonight and Daddy sang with Marvin Jacobson and Baisel Judd.

March 2, Monday

I had very little rest last night, awful pain in head over right eye, and upper jaw, where I had the teeth taken out. Did my washing this morning, was all through when Ruth brought Jerry over at 11:30. I took a nap while he was sleeping, face still aches a little. Marilyn came over from school at 2:12. Ruth wasn't here when I had to leave for the dentist, so I left Jerry with Marilyn. Had another big tooth extracted, this time from the upper left jaw. It was harder to get out than the others, as it was just a shell, nothing to get hold of. Daddy called at dentist for me. Daddy started to make me an ironing board tonight.

March 3, Tuesday

Ironed and went to Relief Society. Al and Sue must have been here. We found Louis tool on the kitchen floor when we got home. He left it up there when he helped them move. I slept much better last night. Took Anacin for the pain. Surely will be glad when all these bad teeth are out. Sr. Jacobson called on me to

Did Elvie have a dry socket?

- Highest incidence is between 20-40 years of age
- Causes Severe pain
- Common with greater trauma during the tooth extraction surgery

(Even if Elvie didn't have a dry socket, having multiple teeth removed certainly was very painful.)



Anacin was the latest in pain relief. It was the first pain medication to combine ingredients. (Acetphenetidin and Caffeine)

open the block teachers meeting with prayer. I bore my testimony in Relief Society. Sr. Jane Morris gave the lesson very well. We went to Mutual. Clarence and Ruth both went, also. Daddy finished the ironing board. It's surely swell, just like Sue's.

March 4, Wednesday

I'm surely tickled with the new ironing board Daddy made for me big problem now is to find a pad and cover for it! Mrs. Bright came over twice today to visit. We enjoyed a religious discussion. I wish she could see into our faith, but it's hard to change a Catholic's view. She's a fine woman. Rex, Bright's dog, went to the pound today. That's why she came the last time, so she wouldn't see him go, poor old dog, we'll miss him. Glen Jacobson came tonight to tell us the Mexican boys would get in some time tonight. I fixed the bed in living room for Daddy, but don't think they'll come here.

March 5, Thursday

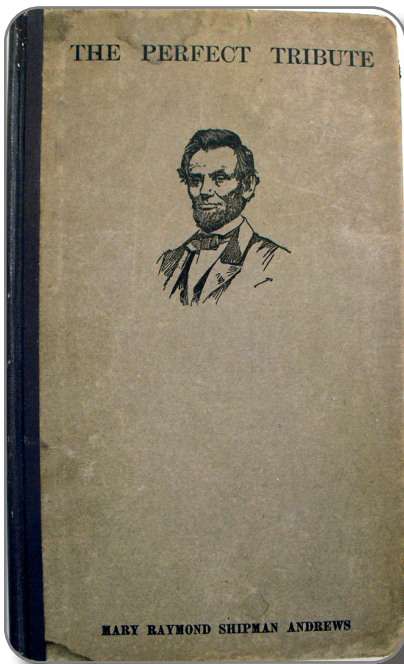
Well, our basketball boys didn't come here last night, so I guess they found beds enough for them all. Young Florence Marsh called and said her Mother wanted us to come to dinner at 6:30 tonight. Donna stayed after school to practice some music for the recital she's in soon. It made her too late for bus, so Daddy went over for her, he brought her girlfriend home, also. We thought it was someone's birthday in the Marsh family, so Donna looked in her diary and found it was John's. We took him some flowers. We enjoyed ice cream and cake on his birthday last year, that's how we knew. The dinner was lovely. Went calling after, but didn't have much luck. Sr. Bingham wasn't home. Lorene, Annie, and Beth were up to Sue's in Excelcis school, so fired us out. Bishop was holding a meeting, so we went back to Marshes'. Donna and Rex were with us. Got back in time for Donna and Rex to help with dishes. Enjoyed the evening

March 6, Friday

Mrs. Bright gave me some nice white paper to fix my cupboard shelves with, so I got busy on them. I hope Violet feels better today. She looked bad last night. Can't get her off my mind. I started a letter to Hattie yesterday and copied Burgess Strong's letter that was written in January 1899. In evening Daddy and I took Donna in to Los Angeles to Janet's French club party. She stayed all night with Elaine. Violet is feeling better, but is still in bed. Took Annie a dozen eggs. Bought powder, \$1.50, and lipstick tonight, \$.50.

March 7, Saturday

Daddy cleaned up garage, and went for groceries. I did housework. While roast was cooking, I took a bath. We stopped in dentist's, and in Dearden's on way to L.A. Mr. Tallfellow and one of the Hill Billies were in Sycamore Grove, so we stopped in there and heard the boys sing. Surely fine. Mr. Tallfellow didn't look a thing like I thought he would. He's a blonde; I thought he'd be dark and slender. Daddy and I both had facials when we got up to Sue's. Beth gave me mine, and Annie gave Daddy his. The folks are practicing how to give Excelcis facials, ha! ha! Lorene was there and she said we could take her library card to get the book "The Perfect



Written by Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews. Published in 1906. The story was founded on a true incident involving Abraham Lincoln's kindness to a drummer boy.



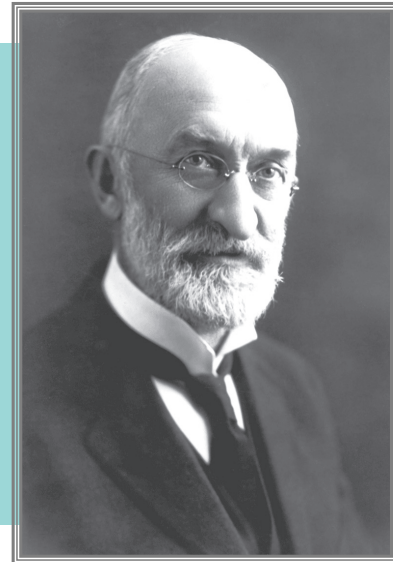
March 8, Sunday

We called to see Ruth after Sunday School. She was in bed. Poor kid surely has a time of it. Went to Sunday School Union meeting. Daddy took us to L.A. after, stopped in Marshes', but they were out. He took us up to Sue's and then he went right back to South Gate as they were having a special Sunday School contest program and wanted him to lead the singing. They wanted Donna to play also, but she wouldn't. It was Primary conference in Garvanza, and I was invited to attend. Surely enjoyed it, too. Heard tonight that Annie Paul (Professor Paul's wife) had passed away. She was a wonderful woman. Bro. and Sr. Egan surprised us all by walking in just as church was letting out. Everyone was so tickled to see them. They are only staying a few days. Rex brought Donna and I home. Lewis and Miriam came along. I fixed them all sandwiches and some fruit. Big day!

March 9, Monday

I washed and went block teaching. Poor old Mr. Hick's is slowly dying. He looks awful. Some folks from another church came in and sang and prayed for him while we were there. I should have gone to the dentist today, but didn't get through in time. Talked Daddy into taking me over to President Grant's testimonial at Los Angeles Stake house tonight. We enjoyed it very much. Saw Sr. Pack and her sister Thursia, and Bro. and Sr. White. Donna had homework and couldn't go.

Tribute," for Donna to work on her short story contest. Went for card and got lost up in the hills by Lorene's place, trying to find a short cut to the library. We ate dinner at Annie's. Daddy bought meat. Donna stayed at Elaine's. Lou took Annie to Huntington Park to get new shoes for Beverly and Glen. I stayed with Violet. She is still in bed. Lottie Perkins married a Cedar City man. Otto took Dolores to see them today. They are here on their honeymoon. Ruth is sick again with asthma. It's awful. We took Bill and kids to York show. Called for Donna and came home.



Heber J. Grant

Early life

Grant was born in Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, the son of Rachel Ridgeway (née Ivins) and Jedediah Morgan Grant. Jedediah was a counselor in the first presidency to Brigham Young. Rachel was a native of New Jersey where she had converted to The Church of Jesus Christ at about age 20. Her cousin and later brother-in-law (he married her older sister Anna) Israel Ivins was the first person baptized a Latter-day Saint in New Jersey.

Jedediah Grant died when Heber was nine days old. After Jedediah's death, Rachael married Jedediah's brother George Grant, but he fell into alcoholism so she divorced him. Rachel became the dominant influence in Heber's life. Rachel served for many years as president of the 13th Ward Relief Society in downtown Salt Lake City.

Heber J. Grant was known for his determination in achieving goals seemingly beyond his reach. As a child, he wished to join the baseball team that would win the Utah Territorial championship, although others believed him to be too physically awkward to be a successful baseball player. In response, he purchased a baseball and practiced throwing the ball against his barn until he developed his skill sufficiently to join the baseball team that would win the Utah Territorial championship.

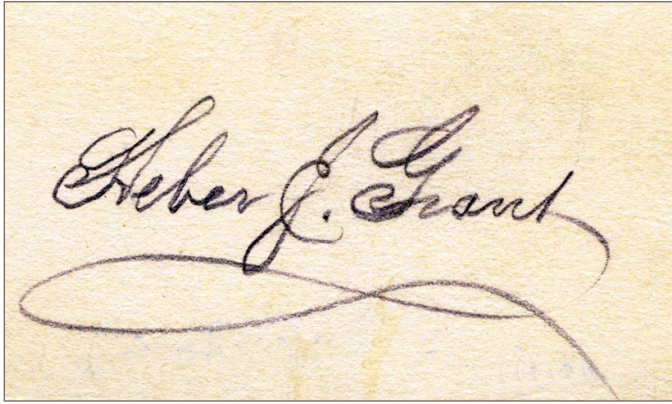
In similar fashion, he expressed a desire to be a successful bookkeeper, although many of his associates criticized his penmanship. He likewise practiced his penmanship until such a point where he was invited to teach penmanship at one of the local academies.

In the late 1890s Grant served as the business manager for the newly formed official LDS magazine, the Improvement Era.

Church service

In 1901, Grant was sent to Japan to open the Japanese Mission of the LDS Church, and he served as its president until 1903 when he returned home but was almost immediately sent to preside over the British and European Missions of the church. Grant succeeded Joseph F. Smith as president of the LDS Church in November

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Florence Marsh had this card with Heber J. Grant's signature in her scrapbook. On the other side of the card she wrote, "He said he was the worst writer in the world but made up his mind to improve; which he did."

1918. However, he was not sustained in the position by the general church membership until June 1919, as the influenza pandemic of 1918 forced a delay of the church's traditional springtime general conference.

During his tenure as president, Grant enforced the 1890 Manifesto outlawing plural marriage and gave guidance as the church's social structure evolved away from its early days of plural marriage-based families. In 1927, he authorized the implementation of the church's "Good Neighbor" policy, which was intended to reduce antagonism between Latter-day Saints and the United States government. In 1935, Grant excommunicated members of the church in Short Creek, Arizona, that refused to sign the loyalty pledge to the church that included a renunciation of plural marriage. Although he recognized the 1886 revelation by John Taylor to be in his own handwriting, he denounced it due to the fact that it was not in the archives of the Church at the time of his official acknowledgment. The renunciation action signaled the formal beginning of the Mormon fundamentalist movement, and some of the excommunicated members went on to found the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

One of Grant's greatest legacies as president is the welfare program of the LDS Church, which he instituted in 1936. He said, "our primary purpose was to set up, insofar as it might be possible, a system under which the curse of idleness would be done away with, the evils of a dole abolished, and independence, industry, thrift and self-respect be once more established amongst our people. The aim of the Church is to help the people help themselves." His administration also emphasized the practice of the LDS health code known as the Word of Wisdom. Until Grant's administration, adherence to the health code was not compulsory for advancement in the priesthood or for entrance to LDS temples. (Allen and Leonard, p. 524)

Grant died in Salt Lake City, Utah, from cardiac failure as a result of arteriosclerosis. As the final surviving member of the Church's Council of Fifty, his death marked the formal end of the organization. Grant was buried at Salt Lake City Cemetery.

-Wikipedia

March 10, Tuesday

Hens are doing their best, 1 doz. eggs again today. Didn't feel like walking to Relief Society, so didn't go. Expected Daddy to take me over to dentist this afternoon, but he worked overtime. They'll wonder what's happened to me. We had a one act play in Mutual tonight. Was fine. The Mutual officers informed me last night that we would have to put our play on next Tuesday in the contest, with tonight's play. Oh, dear me, and I've forgotten all about it.

March 11, Wednesday

Lou bought thirty-five baby chicks today. Mrs. Bright and I went into L.A. shopping. Left about 9:30. She bought a pretty spring hat. I bought a little finger play book for my kindergarten class, 25¢ and a shower present for Sr. Hilda Wilson's stork shower tomorrow. It was a wool shawl marked \$1.00, so they let me have it for that, but it was a mistake. Should have been \$1.95. The manager had to think it over first. We stopped in Huntington Park on way home. I had two more teeth out. Both had pus bags on roots. That makes five I've had out lately, one more to come out next week. Donna went to Glee Club.

March 12, Thursday

Ruth made the cake for me to take to shower, and I bought our shower present. Ruth's neighbor took us to Hilda Wilson's stork shower. We had a nice time, only my mouth was too sore for me to eat any cake, but I drank the cocoa. We played Cootie and Ruth came home with a prize. Sr. Janette Perry, sister-in-law to Bishop Perry, brought us home in her car as far as our house. Ruth had to walk from there. After going to the dentist we went to Hinely's to Sunday School local board meeting. It was turned into a social. Had nice time, only my face pained me so much. Had Jello and cream.

March 13, Friday

Oh, but my face has pained me a lot today and last night. I tried to do the cleaning, but had an awful time of it. This evening we took Donna over to Huntington Park High School. She was in a recital. Played in ensemble with four other pianos, and played the "Spinning Song" alone. Daddy took me to dentist while the recital was going on. My face is swollen. Doctor said the jaw is infected. Put a pack in and told me to come back tomorrow. Called for Donna.



Renshaw Family in 1931



Father John Olorenshaw

Father John passed away in 1929.

Mother Sarah was often visiting her children and traveling.

Louis & Elvie with daughter Donna Lillian lived in Southern California.

Lillian was married to Jack Keller. They had three children, Ralph Melvin, Lillian Shirley and Ruth Louise. They lived in Arizona.

Brother Melvin was married to Margaret Jones. They had two children, Jack Russell and Betty Mae. They lived in Salt Lake.

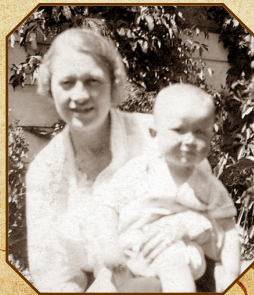


Mother Sarah Ann Moore



Louis Timothy 1931

Brother "Babe" was married to Winifred Rosa Motzkus. They had two sons Roland Ralph and Charles William.



Lillian & Ralph Keller circa 1919



John Melvin circa 1909



"Babe" Ralph Stanley 1911

March 14, Saturday

Our little chicks are passing out one by one. We've lost six now. The pack doctor put in my jaw stopped the pain, so I feel much better. We received an air mail letter from Margaret Renshaw this morning saying Mel was on his way down with a load of furniture. He is going to take a load of tires back with him. Daddy called up the storage place, but he hadn't got there yet. So he left Bright's number for Mel. About two o'clock Mel and the fellow Pete that came with him walked in on us. Daddy had gone for groceries. They left the truck at Redman's Storage Company, in Santa Monica, and came out here on Streetcar. Daddy took them to Long Beach then they came back. Had dinner. Left Pete at his sisters and went into L.A. for Mel's suitcase. We stopped at dentist on way. He put another pack in my jaw. Rex took Donna to Paul's birthday party. Alice showed her the baby clothes she's making. Oh! Oh! News to me!

March 15, Sunday

Took Mel to Sunday School, good, eh? Had cold dinner and went into L.A. so he could see the folks. Donna went for ride with Rex, Lewie, and Miriam. While we were at Annie's, Lorene and Charles came, then Al came, Sue had gone to Union meeting. Gordon Garrett and wife came while we were there, also. Had a nice visit with folks, then took Mel over to Pasadena City Hall. Came back to 91st street and got Pete. His sister gave us a drink of wine. Brought them home and fixed a lunch. Mel and Pete took our car and went out to see Pete's folks. Marshes brought Donna home.

March 16, Monday

Violet and Otto are planning on going to Cedar. Lou Fife and wife are coming after them. Daddy was in bed when Marshes came last night, but he got up. I was undressed waiting for Donna resting in her bed on the overstuffed couch in living room. We gave Mel and Pete our bed. We took Donna's. She got what was left. Boys ate breakfast with Louis this morning and left for Santa Monica to get their truck. They came back a few minutes before Louis got home, loaded on their oranges and suitcases, and waited for Daddy. I gave them a piece of lemon pie. Ruth called for Jerry and Merilyn. When Louis came we led them out of city, and got them started for home on the Valley Boulevard. They were surely anxious to be on their way. We are having such tough luck with our baby chicks, lost half of them already. Daddy decided tonight to give what was left of them to our old broody hen, so he put them all under her. She covered them and we thought she'd take care of them, but when he went out a few minutes later he found she had killed three of them and hurt half of them, so we had to take them away again. Surely feel bad about it. It doesn't look like we'll save any of them. Ruth offered to put them in with hers for a while.

March 17, Tuesday

I went to the Relief Society outing at Houghton Park today. Had a nice time. We left at 10 a.m. enjoyed a nice Irish program. Donna gave her retold story again in Mutual, and we put our play on again. They asked us to put it on at

stake house a week from Friday. Donna will give her re-told story again then. Poor old man Hicks died tonight. Cancer of the stomach. I wore Mrs. Bright's light tan suit in the play tonight. I hope Mel and Pete are cooled off now, they thought it was awfully hot in Los Angeles and South Gate. Hope they get home o.k.

March 18, Wednesday

Ha! Ha! Daddy had us give Carl Treu a hand in Mutual last night. He meant Carl Haws. We've only got eight little chicks left. Guess we'll give them to Ruth. We can't burn the big light to keep so few alive. Don't think they'll live anyway. They might stand a chance in with Ruth's. The Mutual gave Donna and me, along with the others, a nice little green and gold honor badge for our work in the drama and retold story contest. It's little Mary Clayton's birthday today. Wish I could get into L.A. and give her something. When Daddy came this evening we took the eight baby chicks over to Ruth's. We surely had tough luck with that bunch of chicks. I went to Sr. Liston's to find out about fixing the dinner for the Hick's family after they come from funeral tomorrow. Found out everything had been arranged. Surely is a relief to me. Donna went to Glee Club at Ruth's tonight. Daddy took me over to Sr. Magnusson's to leave the Sunday School book so she can prepare the lesson for our class next Sunday in case we go with Marshes. We rode past the circus grounds to see the bright lights and excitement.

March 19, Thursday

Well, I won't have to worry about the little chicks today. I'm so happy the pain has all gone from my face, but my poor mouth is sore, and I've still got another big tooth to come out yet. That will make six of them. My neighbor, Mrs. Manzaneres, came in this afternoon. She sells dresses for Riche Company. Her husband has been out of work a long time and they are having an awful time to get along. She's the neighbor I sent the eggs and milk to. Mrs. Coctrall gathered the things up around our neighborhood for them. She left her book, and at night after Donna came home from her scholarship banquet at South Gate High, we picked out a dress a piece. \$3.95 each.

March 20, Friday

I aired the bedding, washed some blankets, and my rose spread, cleaned through house, and took a nap. I was tired after the work was done. I haven't been to the dentist for a week. They'll wonder what's the matter, but I couldn't forget the painful time I had last week. I'm in no hurry to have the other big tooth out. This evening Mrs. Manzaneres came to measure Donna for her dress. She is sending for them tonight, airmail. Hope they get here for Easter. Donna's picture was in the school paper today with the Scholarship High Point members. It's good. Set our first hen tonight. Got eggs from very nice neighbor across the street.



*Donna Renshaw with her Glee Club, Circa 1929
Donna put arrows above her and above her dear friend's photo, Janet Anderson's
and Donna's photo. Also Janet and Donna's faces are circled in red.*

March 21, Saturday

We went into L.A. this morning. Had Donna's and Daddy's eyes examined. They both have to wear glasses. Donna, \$22.50, Daddy's, \$25.50. Oh! Oh! and my teeth \$45. \$93 to pay off this summer. Won't be many beach parties for us, eh? We ate lunch in a cafe and went to Highland Park. Took Lorene's library card back to her, left the book at library. Daddy took Annie down York Boulevard for groceries. He bought some cold meat and bread. We ate dinner at their house. Called in Marshs' but they were out. Guess they aren't going on trip tomorrow.

March 22, Sunday

We had decided to visit the Mar Vista Sunday School and Br. and Sr. White this morning. Was all ready to leave when Sr. Marsh called and asked us if we were ready to go with them on the mountain trip to see the wild flowers. We thought they'd forgotten about it. I changed my dress and we went up to Marshes'. Donna went to Sunday School with Florence and Rex. They went, up in the Hup. We had a wonderful trip. The most beautiful sight I think I ever saw, that magnificence valley of blue bells. We stopped for a few minutes and picked some. Oh, they were a sight. I'll never forget the lovely green hills either. We went on to Bakersfield, had dinner there, and came back the other way through Saugus. Grandpa Green, Sr. Marsh, and I sang all the way home. The car stopped on us twice, but they got it to running again so everything was fine. Ate a bite at Marshes' about 9 p.m. Came home tired but so happy. Donna spent the day with Florence and Rex. We took pictures in the bluebell field.



Florence Marsh, Elvie Renshaw, Ruthie Marsh and T.J. Green enjoying the wild bluebells in the mountains

March 23, Monday

Dear old Grama Redman died last week. I surely wish I could have gone to her funeral. My bluebells look lovely this morning. Mrs. Bright went uptown and bought a new spring coat today. I washed and took care of Jerry for Ruth. Went to church for rehearsal at six o'clock this evening. Carl, Wanda, and Sr. Magnusson were here when we got home. Came to see about musical program for 10th.

March 24, Tuesday

Daddy went over to our new neighbors and got another setting of eggs last night. She surely is a sweet little woman. I met her last Friday when I took some of our eggs, over to her. They have only lived here a few weeks. She has a four month old baby girl. After work Donna and Daddy went into L.A. to get their glasses. Donna is tickled with the way she can see now. But Daddy is not satisfied with his double lens. I think he'll have to have them changed again.



Wearing bifocal eyeglasses for the first time is a big adjustment. It can take several weeks, to adjust to the bifocal lenses.

March 25, Wednesday

Mrs. Bright walked over to the South Gate Bank with me this afternoon. I cashed three small checks the gas man gave Daddy. Landlord came today. I paid him half the rent. The wind has been blowing hard all day. I got some sand in my eye. Surely hurts. Mrs. Bright feels awful; her husband is drinking a lot lately. Donna went to Glee Club tonight. I went to rehearsal at church. Mr. Bright has planted a nice garden of vegetables.



March 26, Thursday

I talked to Al on phone while over to Ruth's today. Both hens are staying on their eggs nicely. Hope we get some chicks out of these settings. Donna says Aunt Sue had a permanent wave yesterday. I wrote to "Utah Gas and Coke" in Salt Lake, today. Wonder if they'll get our address right now? Darned sox, and mended clothes, walked over to Ruth's, helped her with her dishes; she went through the play with me to see if I had my part o.k. I surely hope it goes off alright tomorrow night at stake house. I received a nice letter from Mother Renshaw today, she is leaving soon for Salt Lake to settle up her house business, then she is coming back to work at Catalina Island this summer

March 27, Friday

Mrs. Bright found her husband's bootlegger yesterday, ha! ha! She told him she'd make it hot for him if he sold her husband another drop. "What a life" We are enjoying lovely spring days. In evening Carl and Wanda came for us in their new car. We all went over to stake house. I couldn't hear Donna in her retold story contest, because I was in the drama contest. But her Daddy said she gave it very well. We didn't forget one line of our play. I'm surely happy because it went over so well. Adams Ward won in both the retold story and drama. The contestants did their own judging. Surely glad it's over.

Bootlegger

It is believed that the term "bootlegging" originated during the American Civil War, when soldiers would sneak liquor into army camps by concealing pint bottles within their boots or beneath their trouser legs.

The term rum-running is more commonly applied to smuggling over water; bootlegging is applied to smuggling over land.

One of the most famous periods of rum-running began in the United States with the 18th Amendment (ratified January 16, 1919) and the Volstead Act (passed October 28, 1919). Prohibition began on January 16, 1920, when the Eighteenth Amendment went into effect. This period lasted until the Eighteenth Amendment was repealed with ratification of the Twenty-first Amendment, on December 5, 1933.

-Wikipedia

March 28, Saturday

Owen's birthday, hope he's happy! I worked all day yesterday so took things easy today. Did a few things like molding my butter, and cooking meat for tomorrow and making some Jell-Well. Our dresses came from Rich Frock Company Kansas City, Mo. I'll have some fixing to do on them both, but I think we'll like them after they are fixed. Donna is in love with hers now. It is cute. We all went to Highland Park, called at Sue's, but they were out, so we went to Annie's. Lorene and family came over while we were there.



Young Owen J Bailey
In 1931 he celebrated his
36th birthday

I missed Glen, he was on an outing with the scouts for two days and nights. Rex and Albert took about seventeen kids up to Mt. Baldy. We called in Sue's on way home.



Mount Baldy

Mount Baldy, or Old Baldy, rises to 10,688 feet and is the highest peak in Los Angeles County. Mount Baldy, which also is known by its formal name Mount San Antonio, is part of the San Gabriel Mountains and located in the San Bernardino National Forest. It once was home to the Tongva Indian tribe. From 1922 to 1927, American physicist and Nobel Prize winner Albert Michelson conducted experiments to measure the speed of light by bouncing light beams from Mount Wilson about 22 miles away to a reflector on Mount Baldy's south side. According to the Nobel Foundation's website, Michelson was able to measure with accuracy the length of light waves and that light travels at a constant speed.

By the early 1920s, Mount Baldy was a thriving village of a few hundred people. It had its own church, fire department and school district. It gained a reputation as a reclusive self-contained community and then a popular seasonal ski resort.

-Rob Wagner in the
History of Mount Baldy

March 29, Sunday

Donna had to stay after church (Sunday School) to practice with Glee Club. Daddy brought me home then went back for Donna. Helen Martinez and Yvonne Gardner came a few minutes after I got here. They spent the day with Donna. Mrs. Gardner came for them at 5 p.m. We enjoyed having them down. They sang, and played, looked at pictures, and made candy. In evening we called on Mr. and Mrs. Beck, invited them to go with us to Long Beach Ward to hear a musical. Surely glad they didn't go, as there was no musical. We shook hands with Bro. Robinson, shoe man, from 10th Ward, in Long Beach. [10th Ward in Salt Lake City.]

March 30, Monday

I composed a "Pep" song for Excelcis today, some song? Surely hope Glenn got home yesterday o.k. When I asked about the musical last night, they told me it was given last Sunday night. I surely was disappointed, because I wanted Daddy and Donna to hear it. Mrs. Balentine told me it was to be on the last Sunday in March, she forgot there are five Sundays in this month. Surely glad the Beck's didn't go along. Mrs. Beck's mother is going to Salt Lake Wednesday so they wanted to spend the evening with the family. Donna made the beds and cleaned the house, while I washed. Her friends came for her about 11 a.m. The girl's mother, Mrs. Childs, took them in her car. She fixed a nice lunch for all. They went to Long Beach, came home at 5 p.m. nicely sunburned, but had lovely time. I went out to the car and met them all. Ruth brought kiddies over tonight while she went to give a facial. Clarence had to practice for play he's in. Went with Daddy to get his suit back from the cleaners after dinner. Donna did dishes while we were gone. Rode down to Haw's to see Wanda about program for 10th tonight.

March 31, Tuesday

Walked to Relief Society. Sr. Salo brought me home. She wanted to get our family record for genealogical work. After she'd gone called I up Sue to be sure about the date mother died, December 7, 1918. I took it along with some other information to Mutual tonight; to give to Sr. Salo, and forgot to give it to her. My ole head's no good anymore, I guess. We had a one act play in Mutual. Clarence was in it. It was cute. Daddy and Donna stayed after Mutual to practice for Easter program next Sunday. Sr. Sally Reed brought me home, she wanted to look at a song book we have, for a certain song, but she couldn't find it. I went over to Ruth's with her to see if she'd have it, but they weren't home from Mutual yet. We sat out in the car and waited until we got tired, then came home. Daddy was worried and had gone to look for me. I called Sr. Mary Bouler this morning and she said she'd come on the 10th.

April 1, Wednesday—Violet's birthday!

I hope she got my card and \$. Wish I'd been well enough to go into L.A. with Donna this morning like I had intended doing, but had too much pain, I had to stay in bed until noon. Donna is going to stay all night with Elaine, go to the basket dance tonight, and out to the beach tomorrow with the girls. Janet Anderson sent Donna the cutest April fool's card I've seen. It had a snapshot of Donna's face pasted on the body of a man playing golf. When Louis came from work he was surprised to find me home. The gas man brought the check back that he cashed for Daddy, \$20.00, said it was no good, so we had to go into L.A. to see Bill about it, as it was a check he got for some work he did. Daddy cashed it for him. Bill went with him up to Robinson's to see about it. Mrs. Robinson said the money was in the bank and its o.k. Hope they'll get it fixed up alright. Didn't see Donna, she was up to Sue's, but they told us Rex took her to the dance.

April 2, Thursday

I fixed Donna's and my own, (new dresses) today. Got them pressed and put away. I hope she had a nice time out to the beach with Junior Girls. I haven't felt very well today. Couldn't do much of anything. Donna went to Highland Park when she came from Venice with girls. She tried to get me on the phone, but Mrs. Bright

wasn't home. I heard it ringing every few minutes for a long time, so thought it was Donna trying to tell me she was up to Aunt Sue's. Daddy and I walked over to Ruth's and called up. Ruth was out, but her neighbor opened the door for us. Donna said she was awfully sunburned and wanted to stay up there again tonight.

April 3, Friday

Annie has a nice new permanent wave. Daddy didn't sleep well last night, upset stomach. Donna met Janet Anderson and they came down together this a.m. I cleaned all through house and went over to store and bought things for lunch. The girls were hungry after that long ride on Streetcar, said the lunch tasted swell. I had a pain in my back all afternoon. I cooked a nice dinner and the three of us, Janet, Donna, and I ate it this evening. Daddy didn't feel very well, so thought he wouldn't eat anything. After dinner and dishes were over we took Donna and Janet into L.A. to Yvonne Gardener's Easter party. Then we went up to Annie's. Bill went with Daddy to see about that check again. They gave him a new check. Guess this will be o.k. Br. and Sr. Pickett were in Annie's. At 10:30 we called for Donna. Had to wait while she ate. We got a letter for Grama from Arizona. She must be on way here.

April 4, Saturday

I went uptown with Daddy to see about glasses. Doctor is going to fix him up a pair to wear at work. He wants him to keep the other ones for reading. We got some Easter things for Donna. A little straw hat with candy eggs in. She painted some boiled eggs this afternoon, I did a few also. Tonight we took her to the church to practice with Glee Club. I came home to study Sunday School lesson. Daddy went back and brought Ruth and Donna home. We expected to see or hear from Grama all day yesterday and today, cause of the letter Lillian sent to her, here from Arizona. But I guess she's gone on to Salt Lake or got a room in Los Angeles.

April 5, Sunday—Easter Sunday

Gramma R. called from L.A. this morning. Daddy went in and brought her out. She went to Sunday School with us. She had been in L.A. two or three days resting up and enjoying the shows. Donna and I started



*Donna Renshaw and Violet Fife
Donna was 12 years old and Violet was 22 Years old
Utah 1927*

to walk to Sunday School Daddy picked us up a block from Church. Marshes' came this afternoon. They left Rex here and went back to church. I went up to Garvanza with Carl Haws, Wanda, Mr. Brown, and his son, and Br. Magnusson. Sr. Magnusson was the speaker. Surely spoke fine. They had a lovely musical program, also. John took me up to Sue's while I got an Excelcis order from her for Ruth. Daddy had supper all ready when we got home. Grampa Green and Ruthie came down with us. I bought some pie on way home and Daddy had bought some, also. P.S. Annie told me Lou Fife and wife have come for Violet and Otto. Oh! I can't think of it.

April 6, Monday

I washed and took care of Jerry. Ruth had bad spell of asthma on way home, so couldn't come for kiddies until Clarence came after work for them. Poor girl surely suffers with that darned old asthma. Daddy took Grama along after work while he paid the light, gas and water bills. In evening we all went up to Sue's to a family party for Violet and Otto. Lou Fife and wife Lucile were there, also. We had a nice time, music, games, and dance. Enjoyed ice cream and cake. Ruth and Clarence went in also. It breaks my heart to see them go. What will I do without my baby Dolores?



Violet Fife April 1927

home and bought big box of groceries. It was almost time to go to Mutual when we got here, so hurried through dinner and Donna and Daddy went to Mutual. Grama and I stayed home. They brought us some popcorn home.

April 8, Wednesday

We have some baby chicks out, and it is only nineteen days since we set the hen. I don't know how many, but I saw two little heads, surely cute. Grama received a special delivery letter this a.m. saying Babe was in the hospital, operated on April 2 for hernia. She is leaving tomorrow morning for home. We went in this evening to check her suitcase and buy her ticket. Donna didn't go with us as Alice Brown and her brother were here when we left. Brought quart of ice cream and apple pie home. Grama's treat. Violet and folks left for Cedar.

April 9, Thursday

Gramma left this a.m. at 7:50 on the Union Pacific bus. We have ten little baby chicks. I surely hope they'll all live, there is one little black one in the bunch. I waited for the bus with Grama, she is going on the 9:30 stage, so she had to leave here at 7:50 this morning to make it, cause our bus only leaves every half hour. Sr. Liston called for me to go block teaching at 9:30 this morning. We had each family fill out a "Family Group Record" for the ward genealogy. It took most of the day. I was all in when we got home. I did little quilting at Sr. Brown (Hicks) house while she filled in her records. Mrs. Bright wanted me to go uptown today. Told her I'd go tomorrow. Grama gave Donna and me \$5.00 between us. Guess we'll have a permanent wave. Bro. Harper called tonight while Daddy was down to Carl's about program.

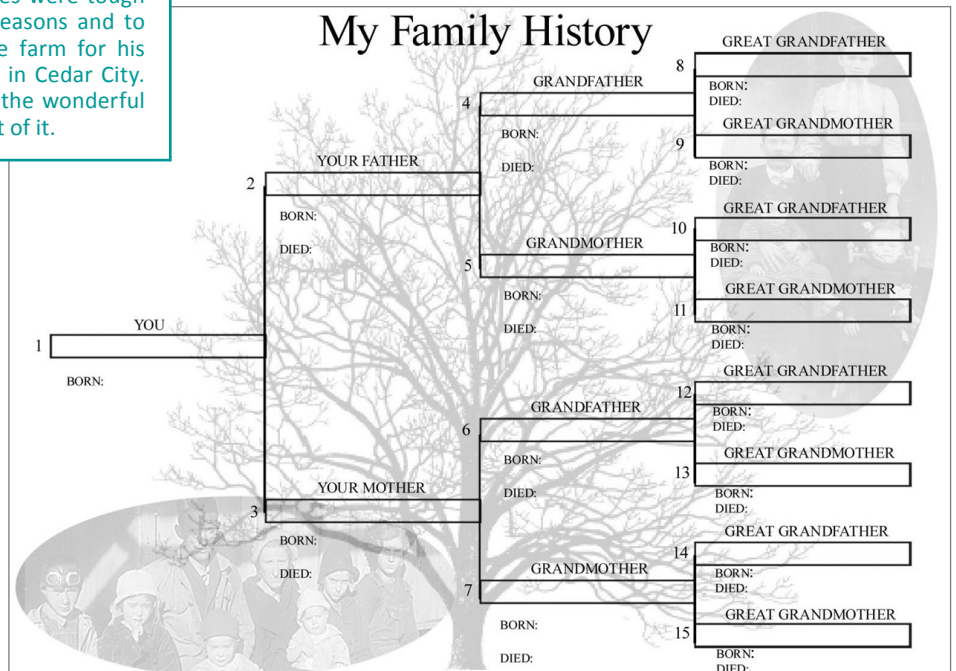
Violet's Move to Cedar City

In June of 2012 Violet's youngest daughter, (Yvonne Fife Woodlief) offered these thoughts about her mother's move to Cedar City in 1931:

Violet hated to leave Southern California. She dearly loved being near her sisters, and she loved California. Violet didn't like the snow and winds in Cedar City, Utah. It was a very hard move for her. But times were tough and they needed to move for financial reasons and to help Otto's parents. Otto worked on the farm for his dad. Violet ended up raising her children in Cedar City. Although it was not near her sisters and the wonderful weather in California, Violet made the best of it.

April 7, Tuesday

Ruth gave Grama a facial this morning. She bought some cream, and muscle oil, \$3.50. Grama and I walked to Relief Society, it was a warm walk; but I enjoyed the meeting, as always do. When we were about three blocks from home Louis picked us up. As soon as he was cleaned up we went into L.A. to get his glasses. He has two pairs now, one for reading, and one for work. I went to pay Dearden's furniture while he went to the doctor's. Grama stayed in car. We stopped at market on way



April 10, Friday

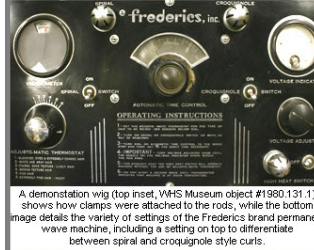
Hope Grama had a nice trip. She gets home at 1 p.m. today. Am anxious to hear how Babe is. Miss Boulter called this morning and said she couldn't come out to sing on our program tonight. She had a professional call. We are sorry to lose her, but can't blame her. She was going to eat dinner with us, as she was coming here from her studio. I was relieved about that, cause I went uptown with Mrs. Bright, and didn't have to hurry back. Daddy didn't work today. At 6:30 we went to Alhambra to bring Tenney McFate and his musical numbers over for our program. Carl H. came to take me over to car line to meet Miss Boulter but I told him she wasn't coming. We had a nice program anyway even if several numbers did disappoint us. Gordon Garrett didn't show up or send word. Rex took Donna to Hollywood High School play. Daddy and I stopped in Annie's after taking the McFates home, but they were all in bed. We called in Sue's; she and Al were sitting there waiting for Lorene to come for an order of Excelcis. She and Charles came while we were there.

April 11, Saturday

The girls helped do the work up this morning. I left a few minutes to twelve and walked over to the beauty Parlor with Ruth. They started on her hair about 12:30, and on mine about 1 p.m. It was my first permanent. A spiral wave. I was just ready for the baking when Donna and Marion came at 3 p.m. Ruth was over that part and was having her hair finger waved. The drying took the longest time. It was almost six o'clock before I got away. Donna was ready for the baking then. I didn't mind having the permanent at all. It wasn't as bad as expected. When I got home Daddy had the Hup painted black with red wheels. Looks swell. Donna and Marion stopped in Ruth's on way home to stay with the kiddies until they got back, Ruth was giving a facial. Daddy and I were over there with the kids. When the girls came it was almost eight o'clock. We left when the girls came and walked to the Safeway store for some meat and groceries. Long walk, I was tired and went to bed when I got back home. Big day!

April 12, Sunday

Home Gardens folks didn't notice that I'd had my haircut, and a permanent wave. I went to Sunday School and union meeting, and no one noticed it. I was glad they didn't, but Donna thinks they are dumb not to see the difference. Henry H. took me to union meeting. Donna stayed home with Marion. Daddy worked on his car all day. In evening



A variety of period hair products used by Crisella's Beauty Shop to help make the "permanent wave." (VHS Museum objects #1989, 79, 11, 109 & 188).



Elvie Renshaw 1950
Crowned with curls

we went to Highland Park to take Marion home. Donna knew they'd all notice my hair up there, not one of them did. She had to tell them all before they noticed it. But everybody noticed the difference in the old Hup. I'll say they did. It surely looks fine, and even seems to run better. Al called on Paul Pack and Daddy to speak in church tonight. They both spoke very well. The last two days have been almost too much for me, permanent wave, new paint on car, and Daddy speaks in Garvanza night meeting!!!

April 13, Monday

I surely missed Violet and Dolores yesterday. Annie's place doesn't seem just right without them. Daddy didn't work today, that is, not at Ford. But he worked in the yard and made homes for the new little chicks and their mothers. Our second hen started hatching out today, don't know just how many she has yet. I received a cute letter from Violet today. Oh, it's going to be awful without her. We also received a letter from Mother saying Babe is getting along fine. I'm surely glad. Guess he's home from the hospital now. Donna went to Glee Club tonight and we went to Sunday School board meeting. Called for her after. Surely am enjoying my curly hair.

April 14, Tuesday

I walked to Relief Society, worked on Mrs. Porter's white quilt. We embroidered our names on it in blue. They had a lovely cooked dinner at noon for 15¢. I surely enjoyed it. Homemade ice cream, too. Beehive girls gave a one-act play in Mutual tonight. Br. Roy of our ward has traced his ancestor's way back to Father Adam. I think it is wonderful.

April 15, Wednesday

I wrote to Violet and Lydia this morning. Had a time with our old setting hen. She decided to leave her eggs after setting on them for over a week. Mrs. Page caught her for me and put her back in the nest. I've fixed her so she can't get out again today. This evening the Relief Society teachers gave a party at Houghton Park for the officers of the Society. It was a Winnie bake. We had a very good time. Sr. Mathews, Sr. Steel and Buettina went down in our car. Buettina told me about she and her husband are separating, just lived together three months. Also told about Johnnie Wilson and Alice separating. It surely is awful how the young folks look at married life now days. Marion C. came down for her permanent wave, she had dinner with Donna, and so Donna couldn't go to the Park with us.

April 16, Thursday

Daddy went out to Riverside to fix up some display boards for the road show out there. He left early this morning in a new Ford. I was invited to go along for the ride, but surely glad I didn't, as the job was bigger than he thought. He didn't get through until 11 p.m. I'd have gone mad all that time. It was after 2 a.m. when he got home. He had to go all the way to the Beach plant and check in the Ford, get his own car and come home. Two cops stopped him for passing a stop sign on way to plant. Sr. Lincoln and Sr. Jacobson came to see if I knew where Ruth was, they wanted her to sing at a funeral tomorrow. She was in L.A. to Excelsis meeting. I called up and Al talked to her. Ruth is going to be busy all day so can't sing. I told Al to send some brilliantine down with Elaine tomorrow night. He is going to send almond cream, also.



Excelsis

Excelsis first began selling products in September of 1928. The company applied for trademark in October of 1930 and received the trademark in December 1930. The company was based in Salt Lake. Selling their products helped some families during the depression. Men out of work and women who needed to supplement their husband's lower earnings would sell Excelsis. It was popular to have home parties with demonstrations of the products.

Products: Lotions, Astringents, and Whitening and Healing Lotions for the Face and Hands; Creams, Cleansing, Foundation, and Tissue, Bleach Creams for the Face and Hands; and Toilet Articles, Hair Tonic, Perfumes, Rose and Sachet Powders, Hair Oil, Shampoo, Depilatory, Rouge, Lipstick, Salves, Face Powders, and Complexion Clays.



April 17, Friday

Ruth gave Mrs. Bright and Mrs. Cottrall a facial today. They both bought lipstick and rouge. I curled and combed Mrs. Bright's hair for her play tonight. Would like to see it, but am going to Venice to the Junior Girls dance. Daddy has been home all day. After school I made ringlets in the back of Donna's hair, it surely looked cute. She fixed the back of my hair. Rex brought the kids down to call for Donna. Elaine broke her heel and had an awful time dancing. Ruth and Clarence went with us. Ruth looked sweet in her new black and white suit. She had a new hat and purse, also. We had a very good time.

April 18, Saturday

Mrs. Jones was coming to practice with Donna this morning, but didn't. We slept late this morning, no school, and no work. I didn't have much to do today, and didn't feel

much like work either. Studied my Sunday School lesson. About five o'clock we all went in to Highland Park. Annie and Bill were out to Arts and Em's house. We left them a dozen eggs in their refrigerator. Lou took Al's grease gun back to him. Daddy took Sue to buy groceries. Elaine, Donna, and I walked to Highland Park. We took Shirley and Bette, also. Met Sue and Lou down there. Sue bought a dress and hat for Elaine. It was ward conference priesthood meeting tonight at Al's. We had ice cream, after.

April 19, Sunday

Bro. Udall treated the men to the ice cream last night. He's some sport. There was a little hole in the bottom of the freezer and salt water got into the last part of the ice cream, so we who got in on the last of it, got the salt, Ugh! Rex gave a speech in the meeting last night. We took him home

after. Today Donna and I wore the hats I made over from last year's hats. It surely was warm in Sunday School today. Hard to keep the kiddies entertained so long. Daddy and I napped all afternoon, while Donna got her homework for school. Mrs. Jones came about six o'clock to practice with Donna, and then they left for Huntington Park church. Daddy and I went to Smith's and bought some things, and then we went to Home Gardens



Huntington Park Chapel
2012 photo

church. It was a fine meeting; four of Ruth's Glee Club girls sang. Bro. Peter Clayton was the speaker. He was wonderful. We took Ruth home. She treated to ice cream cones. Little Calla Rose Allen sat between Daddy and I in church. She's in my Sunday School class. Donna was home when we got here.

Huntington Park Chapel

Groundbreaking was held on Sunday, June 13, 1926 and completed by December 12 of that same year when meetings were first held in the building. The main hall had a seating capacity of 600 with an amusement hall directly below. On Sunday, January 2, 1927 the building was dedicated by Pres. Heber J Grant. Later that year plans were made to greatly expand the building to form the Los Angeles Stake Tabernacle. Construction on this stake center began January 3, 1928 and was completed on May 22, 1928. A unique feature of the Tabernacle was a lounge, an idea of Stake President Caldwell, which offered a luxurious parlor for socializing. The Los Angeles Stake Tabernacle was eventually dedicated on June 2, 1929.

April 20, Monday

Fern Ellsworth and her baby girl were up to Sue's when we got there last Saturday. Her baby is a darling. Ruth brought Jerry over today while she went to the hospital. I washed and tried to take a nap after, but he woke up first, so there was no sleep for me. He is a darn cute kiddo anyway. Walked over to Glee Club with Donna tonight. Daddy went to priesthood meeting. Nora Strong (I've forgotten her married name) [Nora Elizabeth Strong] was over to Ruth's, she is living in Maywood now so we might see her once in a while. Bryan M. brought Donna and I home from Ruth's. I left my purse with all our pay day in it over there, so had to walk all the way back to get it. Eva Udall called me today to get the phone number of beauty parlor. She wants a permanent.



*Nora & Bert Mckay
Nora Strong is Alma Ether Strong
& Louise Elizabeth Underwood's
daughter*

April 21, Tuesday

I heard last night that Emma Vinnott has been dead over a year. She died giving birth to twins. Poor little girl. Her life was not a happy one. Her own father didn't know about her death until a few days ago. They say her husband was good to her anyway, but her married life was all too short, about a year I think. At our weenie bake a week ago tonight, Sr. Stewart asked me if I'd join an "exclusive sewing club" of about six ladies, none of them have small children. I thought I'd like to belong, so am invited to a luncheon at Sr. Lincoln's home next Wednesday 29th. Sr. Jacobson brought me home from Relief Society in her new car today. I walked to South Gate Bank and to Relief Society so I was happy to rest while Sr. Hailstone gave the lesson. Had a chance to ride, but didn't care for the looks of the man. Eva Udall and Sr. Stead had their permanents in South Gate today. They came in Mutual late. The boy scouts entertained the Mutual tonight. We took Eva and Sr. Stead home after Mutual.

April 22, Wednesday

Lillian Stead called me this morning, wants suggestions for a "backwards" party. I don't know anything about backwards parties. Oh, dear me! The landlord came this a.m. I gave him half the rent, \$15. Sr. Stead enjoyed her visit with our Bishop last night. He converted them to our faith while he was on his mission in England. It was too late to call on the folks when we were in L.A. last night, so we came right back home. I walked to post office with Mrs. Bright this p.m. Henry Hinley came tonight to practice song with Donna and talk over music for Mutual dance next Tuesday with both Daddy and Donna. We laughed and talked for

two or more hours after they got through. Enjoyed his visit, good kid. P.S. Rose Wilson didn't take her "Dawn set" after fooling around for about a month and is Ruth mad?!

April 23, Thursday

We have been asked to go on a trip over the weekend on Decoration Day with some of the Home Gardens folks, Norman Jacobson asked Daddy first, over a week ago, and Henry asked him and Donna last night. We'll see how things come out. It was raining when I got up at six o'clock this a.m. Daddy doesn't leave until seven o'clock these last few days, starts at eight now, one hour less a day, and four hours a week. It was raining when Donna left, but she didn't wait long for the bus. Ruth came while we were eating dinner and asked Donna to stay with her kiddies while she went to Excelcis meeting tonight. Donna wanted to go to Franklin Public School night, but Daddy said no! So she took care of kids. Henry came with some music, took it over to Donna at Ruth's. Clarence brought Donna home.



April 24, Friday

Ruth brought us a jar of Excelcis cream last night, some out of her jar. More rain again today. Didn't feel much like working but cleaned through house anyway. Mrs. Bright invited me to go over to school with her, but I had too much to do. In evening Daddy took Donna and me over to Huntington Park school exhibit. He waited outside for us, it was very interesting. I wish he had gone in the exhibit with us. (Such a man.) I met Donna's teachers. Daddy treated to ice cream cones on way home. I didn't feel well so gave my cone to them.

April 25, Saturday

Daddy took Donna and me up to the car line, then he bought the meat and some groceries, came home and went with Norman Jacobson and Henry Hinley up to Arrowhead or some camp to see about cabins. Donna and I went to the eye doctor, paid \$5 dollars on glasses, did a little shopping, an apron pattern to make in my sewing club, hose for Donna. Took W car to Sue's. She was sick with cold. I went to Junior Girl banquet in her place. Donna played piano while the girls gave their fashion show. Rex and Sr. Marsh brought us home. It rained all the way. Helen Holden and her mother rode to stake house with us in Bishop's car. She gave each Mother a beautiful rose. Shirley and I went shopping in Highland Park earlier in evening. Bought birthday gift



Apron pattern from 1930s. Elvie made an apron at her Exclusive Sewing Club. It is likely that all the sewing for the apron was done by hand.

for Lorene and Dolores. Silk underwear for Dolores, and beads for Lorene. Donna wore Lorene's birthday beads in the fashion show tonight.

April 26, Sunday

Lorene's Birthday today. I was sick and couldn't teach my Sunday School class. Daddy took Donna to conference in Hollywood Stake. President McCune, Sconberg, and Sims, were all released. Bro. LeGrand Richards was put in President, Br. Cannon and Br. Norberg the counselors. Daddy came home after meeting and went to church down in our ward. Rex brought Donna home after the night conference. I spent my day in bed on the couch, a long day, all alone. I asked Daddy to take Donna, I'm glad they went. More rain!



LeGrand Richards

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

April 27, Monday

I feel better; hope Sue is o.k., also. Not well enough to wash today, but it looks like rain anyway. I wrote a letter to Dolores and sent her little birthday gift, silk underwear, and a little powder box with some beads and trinkets in. Mrs. Bright came over for about an hour, having more trouble with drink. It's awful what it'll do to a man. Donna is all upset about giving a surprise party on Elaine, for her birthday, but she can't seem to get any cooperation with the girls up there. She, living a way out here, can't do much. Ruth didn't bring Jerry today. Wonder if she's sick? Donna and Daddy went with Henry over to practice dance music with Clarence.

April 28, Tuesday

I accomplished a lot today. The sun was shining so bright this a.m. It was a treat after the rain we've had the past few days. I had a big washing out before 10:30 this morning. Cleaned through house, made a kettle of soup, brought the clothes in, and walked to Relief Society. Was very glad to rest while listening to lesson. Walked to post office after meeting and home. We had a dance the last thirty minutes after Mutual class work tonight, real orchestra, Donna at the piano, Louis at the violin, Clarence at the violin and sax, Henry at the tiple, and Baisel Judd, at the banjo. It was fine. We took Ruth and Clarence to Mutual.

April 29, Wednesday

First day at Sewing Club! I left about fifteen minutes to ten o'clock this morning, walked over to Mrs. Stewart's, met Mrs. Bowers for first time, nice blonde lady. Mrs. Stewart took us in her car to Mrs. Jacobson's, Mrs. Wimmer was

there. Then we all went to the sewing club at Mrs. Lincoln's. She is very nice, also. Met her for the first time. Sewed for about five hours, almost finished my apron. Enjoyed lovely luncheon. Mrs. Stewart brought us all home at four o'clock. Donna went to Glee Club. Daddy and I rode to market, enjoyed looking at display of fruits and vegetables. Bought some and came home. Nora Strong McKay started Glee Club tonight.

April 30, Thursday

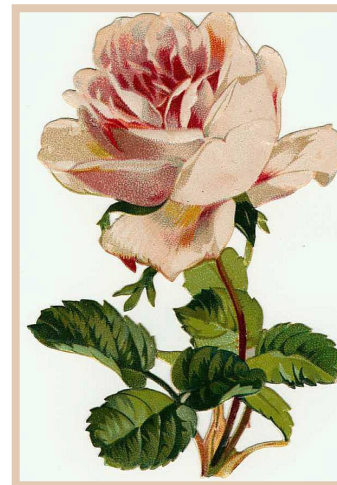
Sr. Jacobson came for me this morning at 9:45. I had to hurry through my work to be ready. We quilted on a beautiful butterfly quilt, from ten until nearly 4 p.m. My poor back! Sr. Jacobson brought me home. Got a letter from Violet. I learned today that Mrs. Lincoln of the sewing club is Glen Jacobson's mother-in-law. Donna went with Alice to Sears, Roebuck & Co. after school, then she ate dinner at her house. Came home for her clothes, and she stayed all night with Alice. The little chicks in garage started coming today.

May 1, Friday

May Day! Elaine and Sr. Pack had permanent waves today. Baisel and Bill came to see Donna about the party on Elaine, but she and Alice and Betty Brown had just left for Alice's home. (Last night) I guess the boys found them o.k. Marion C. is in no hurry to do anything about the party, and Donna not being up there, can't do a thing. She is surely upset about it. Huntington Park Juniors ate their breakfast in a cafe this morning. It seemed strange not to wake Donna and fix her breakfast and lunch this morning. She stayed with Alice last night. We have nine more baby chicks, twenty-five now. Letter from Mother, Gas and Coke stock gone down \$25 a share and Daddy sent his to her to sell, but she didn't sell hers either. I didn't know he'd sent it until tonight. We went to Strong's Genealogy meeting tonight, took Elaine and Sr. Pack into L.A. with us. They ate dinner with us. Rex and Donna went to the Gleaner dance at stake house. The meeting was at Sue's.

May 2, Saturday

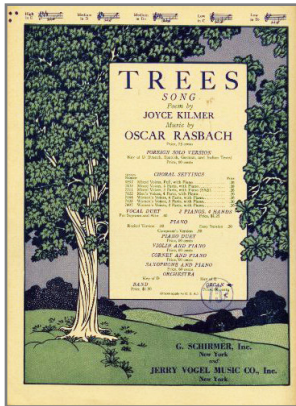
We went to eye doctor this morning. Paid light bill first. While we were waiting for Donna's glasses to be ground we went to a show. Pretty good. Blanche [*Blanche Strong*



Hoglund] is surely worried over her mother's condition. She is in a very serious way. I feel so sorry about it. At Aunt Clara's age, it'll be hard to recover from this accident [*Clara Ann Bishop*]. Daddy set another hen tonight. Our first Saturday evening home for a long time. O.K. by me. I've been out all day and enjoyed staying home tonight. Ruth and I were appointed to buy flowers and card, or motto to take to Aunt Clara from the society.

May 3, Sunday—Elaine's Birthday!

Br. Wooley, his wife, and some stake board workers came to Sunday School late. They called us all in a meeting after to tell us about the convention a week from Sunday on the 17th. Br. Wooley paid me a nice compliment. We all went to Union meeting, (Mutual). It's our last one until fall. Ruth sang "Trees" tonight in church. Nellie and Beth sang a duet. Donna played for all. Took Ruth home from church.



Trees

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is
prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing
breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

May 4, Monday

Washed a big washing and let the hem of Donna's rose silk suit down, had to face it. Then washed and ironed it, so she could wear it to Elaine's surprise party tonight. Donna asked me to go up with Rex and her, but I was too all in. Daddy fixed a new home for the chicks, but the big red ants drove them out, so he'll have to get rid of the ants before we can put them back in there. Donna bought birthday cake on way to party.

May 5, Tuesday

Ruth and I went up to Huntington Park this morning to buy a motto and some flowers to send to Aunt Clara, from the Strong's Genealogy Society out here. We bought a very nice one for 65¢, they wrapped it up as a gift and it looked lovely. Clarence and Ruth took the flowers and motto over to Blanche's this evening. Helen and her husband are taking them to the hospital tonight. I went to Relief Society from town. They gave us quilt blocks to get names on, 10¢ a name. Sr. Alger asked me to give the block teachers topic next month. Oh, dear! Daddy had an accident at work today. Some wood hit him in the stomach and broke his watch, Poor stomach is black and blue. The M Men gave the program in Mutual tonight. It was fine.



An example of a Motto. Perhaps this is similar to the one was given to Aunt Clara with the flowers.

May 6, Wednesday

We were almost late to Mutual last night. Went into L.A. to eye doctor and Dearden's Furniture store. Donna and I ate dinner in a cafe in Huntington Park. Daddy got haircut and ate at Smith's counter. Today went over to Ruth's and she gave me a finger wave. Did her dishes and some washing, while my hair was drying. Neva had lunch with us. She brought some good carrot salad over. In evening we took Daddy's watch over to Br. Hill for him to fix. He let Daddy take his own watch while it's being fixed. Went to Garvanza Mutual. Enjoyed it.



Merylyn Cartwright

May 7, Thursday

Merilyn's birthday. About two weeks ago Al and some minister had an automobile accident. Poor Bishop can't get his car fixed, no money, and the minister has started a law suit against him, coming up in court on the 15th of this month, I think? The cars were badly wrecked, but the men not hurt, thank goodness. Al surely has the tough luck. I went over to help Ruth make "Sucker" dolls for Merilyn's party. I vacuumed her rugs first. We didn't get all the dolls made before I had to leave to go block teaching with Sr. Liston, We enjoyed a long talk with our new convert, Mrs. Riggs. I got four names on my quilt block, and Sr. Liston got four.

Boys came to practice their Mother's Day song tonight. I made Alma some cream tomato soup. Beth ate with him. I went over to say goodbye to Mrs. Ungerman. She is going to Salt Lake.

May 8, Friday

I cleaned house, and went to Huntington Park to buy a few things, birthday souvenir for Donna to send her friend in France, and a hanky for me to take to Sr. Eames shower today. I missed the bus coming home, saw it go, I was right there at the depot, had to wait thirty minutes for another one, so didn't get to the shower until almost three o'clock. Donna went to church to practice, then to show with Bill and Baisel. Daddy and I went to market, for groceries.

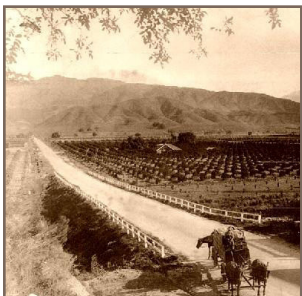
May 9, Saturday

Eggs were 5¢ a dozen today at the South Gate Market if you buy 24¢ bottle of vanilla. The dresses won out yesterday in the school election. Donna voted for middy and skirt. Daddy and I left this morning for town. Paid \$5 on lot. Did a little shopping. Enjoyed sandwich and pie, and went to

Highland Park. Visited with Annie and family and Lorene and family. Sue, Al, and Elaine went out to Catalina Island with the Excelsis Company. Ruth and Clarence went, also. Donna stayed home all day to do homework, expecting a phone call, too. Mr. Craddock has had Al sue the man that is suing him. This man sued Al for \$50. Now Al is suing him for \$100. Wonder how it'll come out?? Tonight Baisel and Bill called for Donna, and then they went up to get Elaine, Lucille, and Rex. Went to Venice, then to a midnight show in L.A. Donna called Mrs. Bright and told her to tell me. I'd have gone crazy if she hadn't called. It was 3:30 a.m. when she got home and Daddy and I were worried almost sick then.

May 10, Sunday—Mother's Day

Lovely Mother's Day program. My little class sang "Dearest Name." Daddy, Henry, and Marvin sang in trio. It was lovely. It was all very nice. Henry sang and Ruth played for him, she is teaching him vocal. We took Ruth to Sunday School and brought her home. Donna and Daddy had to be in church at 9 a.m., so he came back for Ruth and me. After dinner Norman and Iva came over and took Daddy and I for a lovely ride up San Dimas Canyon. It's a lovely place. We are thinking of spending Decoration Day up there. Had glass of sharp cider on way up. Oh! Oh! We waited about twenty minutes on each end for the control. Poor little Donna stayed home alone all day. She went to church at night, left a note telling Daddy to call for her. I fixed a supper for the four of us, and then we played a game Norman brought over. Donna did the dishes.



San Dimas Orange Groves early 1900, orange box below.



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The Dearest Names

Tenderly $\text{♩} = 46-54$ (Conduct two beats to a measure.)

1. I know a name, a glo - ri - ous name,
2. I know a name, a glo - ri - ous name, Dear - er than an - y oth - er.

Lis - ten, I'll whis - per the name to you: It is the name of moth - er.
Lis - ten, I'll whis - per the name to you: It is the name of fa - ther.

softer

Moth - er, so ten - der and kind and true,
Fa - ther, so no - ble and brave and true, I love you, I love you.

Moth - er, so ten - der and kind and true,
Fa - ther, so no - ble and brave and true, I love you.

May 11, Monday

Our first mother hen laid an egg today, so Daddy took her away from her chicks, also the second hen away. Donna and some of the girls wore their middy and skirts to school



today. I'm sorry the dresses won out. It'll be lots more work for me now. My head ached all day, but I washed and took care of Jerry C. I napped while he was asleep and finished up the work after he awoke. Ruth bought the shower present, we are taking to Ada Jacobson's shower tomorrow, while she was in town. Little white shawl, 50¢ a piece. We took Ruth and Donna down to church to practice for Jr. Program and waited for them. Relief Society teachers came this afternoon.

May 12, Tuesday

Am suffering with a cold in my head today, was sorry I went to Relief Society as my nose ran almost a steady stream, and I couldn't do much sewing. Al bought him another Buick, \$75. The same year and make as the one he has. He and Sue came down today with Elaine and Lucille, the girls stayed to see our Junior program in Mutual. Sue said maybe she'd come back with Sr. Marsh, but they didn't come. I thought Donna looked very beautiful in her black lace Spanish costume. The program was lovely. Bill and Baisel took the girls home.

May 13, Wednesday

I didn't sleep very well last night, cold in head; my ear ached along with all the rest. Feel better this morning, though. Wrote a poem for Raymond and sent him a dollar for his birthday. Daddy has bad cold also. I'm glad Donna is o.k. I waited until 2:30 for Ruth to call and let me know if she was going to the shower, then I went alone, she didn't come, guess she couldn't get through with her facials in time. Nice time at shower. Stork shower on Ada Jacobson. In evening we went to stake house, saw Edwina Booth in person, heard "White King" quartet, very good, some bowery dances, also, didn't care for the dancers. Met Roebetta Murphy there tonight. She lives in Walnut Park. Letter from mother Renshaw, Mel is going to take over the 1st West place.



Edwina Booth

May 14, Thursday

On the 21st of February Mrs. Bright told me a secret, but it's all off now, she made a mistake. Tommy won't have the brother or sister, too bad. Cleaned the bedrooms today, as I wanted to change the blankets for sheets. Feel better today, but still suffering with cold. Our new neighbors moved in Mrs. Ungerman's house yesterday. Donna went to Glee Club over to Ruth's tonight. Mary came in after school this afternoon to look at Donna's notebook to help her get her school work. The Ford Company doctor gave Daddy some pills for his cold. I took one also. Having cramps in my legs last two days and nights.

May 15, Friday

I washed four sheet blankets, Donna's and my own bathrobes, the sweater Grama gave Donna, and Daddy's big heavy tan sweater and a few white clothes. Vacuumed and cleaned front rooms and scrubbed kitchen and bathroom I was tired when dinner time came. Called Blanche, Aunt Clara is getting along very slowly. It is a darn shame that awful accident had to happen to her. Ruth and Clarence went to see her tonight. Ruth invited us to go along, but we are going Sunday after the convention. Daddy is in bed, Donna just had her bath and is going to bed. She read us two very interesting short stories this evening.

May 16, Saturday—Raymond's Birthday.

I'm glad to hear that Violet and Dolores are enjoying a nice visit in Salt Lake with the folks. Aunt Ida [*Eliza Davies Strong*] wrote Ruth and told her they were there. Daddy and I went down to Sr. Judd's to take message for Donna about their Junior party tonight. Rex brought Elaine and Lucille down to save time, so the boys won't have to go after them. Lou called Marshes' and told them we'd be up to visit them this evening. Sue and Al and kiddies came and we all went to Long Beach for "fish" dinner. Landlord was here getting some things when we got home. Got up to Marshes' about 9 p.m. Donna had us worried nearly crazy, she and Rex took Elaine and Lucille and the boys all home first from their tramp party. It was 1:30 a.m.

May 17, Sunday

Had my Sunday School class all alone (52 children) wasn't feeling very well either. Sunday School convention today, Norman Jacobson took charge of our ward while the superintendency went to the convention in Huntington Park Stake house this a.m. It was for both Stakes. Sue, Al, Bill, and Elaine came over here to dinner after the morning convention, then

we all went to Hollywood Stake for afternoon convention Didn't have time to clear up the table so had nice job when I got home tonight about 10:30. We went to Garvanza Ward night meeting, about twenty-five Home Gardens folks were there. Ruth's Glee Club furnished the music. The new Hollywood President was the speaker, President LeGrande Richards. I surely like him. Henry and Beth brought Donna home tonight. They took Rex and her for a ride first over to Brookside Park. Daddy and I went, up to Annie's for a while after church.

May 18, Monday

Raymond was sick in bed on his birthday. Has been sick for a week. We went over to see him yesterday afternoon. Enjoyed a piece of birthday cake, banana nut. Daddy didn't go to work today. One of the little baby chicks got out of its run into the big run, and the big chickens have almost killed it. I'm afraid it won't live now. Daddy was going to take me to Hollywood to see Aunt Clara today, but Ruth left Jerry and Marilyn, so we couldn't go. We thought Clarence wasn't working today as the Ford Plant was closed, but he found something to do down there, so Ruth says. (Good for him.) Daddy went to priesthood meeting tonight. He doesn't have to give his talk next Sunday night because it is Los Angeles Stake conference.

May 19, Tuesday

Brother and Sister Salo left this morning for Arizona. They are going through the temple. She is thrilled. He joined the church a short time ago. He is a very fine man, Sr Magnusson and Garth went with them. I walked to Relief Society and back. I was embarrassed by stake worker over not taking the magazine, so paid my last dollar to subscribe (money I was trying to save for dentist). Well I'll be happy to get the magazine again. We had dancing from nine until ten after Mutual. Rex and his friend came in church for a minute. Donna, Lou, Henry, and Clarence were our orchestra. Little Shirley Hoglund had her picture taken last Saturday. She hasn't been very well lately. Hope she is alright now. Worried over her. I started on my Lima bean bread today.



Shirley Hoglund, this photograph that was taken at the May Company in May of 1931. (Verified by Shirley Bird in 2020.)

May 20, Wednesday

Sun was shining beautifully this a.m. at six o'clock but by seven the fog was dense. Sr. Stewart came for me about 10 a.m. She took us all over to Sr. Wimmers sewing club. We missed Mrs Lincoln. She is moving tomorrow up north and had to pack today. We hate to have her leave our club. Enjoyed lovely chicken dinner. Daddy and I figured

up the bills, Donna did homework. Maybe Ford is only going to work three days a week now. (Oh, dear) Must be thankful we have a job at that, I guess. Pay day! Sweet dreams.

May 21, Thursday

Bad luck with our last setting hen, she should come off today, but she's been off so much lately that the chicks are all dead we think. Daddy wrote to Grama and Tom Smith last night. I wrote to Hattie today. Sue called me on the phone to say that Hazel Bailey's [Hazel Lillian Bailey] boy, Dale, [Dale Pegram Anderson, 16 years old] died from diphtheria and will be buried tomorrow morning 10 a.m. Hope I'll be well enough to go, but feel like it's about time for me to spend the day in bed again. Oh, how sorry I feel for poor Hazel. Sue says Raymond is very sick with tonsillitis; they have been having the doctor come every day lately. Little Shirley has had it also. I took Christmas fund over to South Gate Bank, paid water bill and bought stamps and mailed my three letters. Daddy and I met Donna at the school this afternoon and went to Sears, Roebuck. Bought the present for Lewis and Miriam. Stopped in Marshes, called in Annie's, took her up to Sue's to the pep meeting Stopped again for Marshes on way home. Bought vegetables at Smith's, fixed the grapefruit for my drink tomorrow.

May 22, Friday

I arrived at the funeral almost an hour too soon. Thought it took twice as long to get there as it did. Feel so sorry for poor Hazel. Dale looked lovely. Esther [Esther Faust Bailey] took us in to look at him after the funeral. Al took Sue, Annie, and



Esther Bailey, Rachel and Francis Tracy (Frank) Bailey
Esther took Elvie in to see Dale's body before the funeral.
Uncle Frank and Aunt Ray are Dale's grandparents.



Dale Pegram, Hazel Lillian, and Volney Stamps Anderson
Hazel Bailey Anderson was Elvie's first cousin

I up to the cemetery (Inglewood). Al dedicated the grave. Saw Aunt Ray, [Rachel W Whittaker] shook hands with her and Hazel, Esther sang "Going Home." [Words to the song below.] Al brought me home. Mrs. Bright told Donna a young man came to see her last night while we were in L.A. She said he came back the second time and seemed very anxious to see Donna, and is she excited about who it can be?

Going Home

<i>Going home, going home, I'm just going home. Quiet-like, slip away- I'll be going home. It's not far, just close by; Jesus is the Door; Work all done, laid aside, Fear and grief no more. Friends are there, waiting now. He is waiting, too. See His smile! See His hand! He will lead me through.</i>	<i>Morning Star lights the way; Restless dream all done; Shadows gone, break of day, Life has just begun. Every tear wiped away, Pain and sickness gone; Wide awake there with Him! Peace goes on and on! Going home, going home, I'll be going home. See the Light! See the Sun! I'm just going home.</i>
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Donna Lillian Renshaw in her new Celanese dress.
Before Photoshop was even thought of, Donna was experimenting
with photo editing. In her scrap book she titled this, "Twins."

Celanese was a new fabric in the 1930s. It is now called Acetate. It is a manufactured fiber in which fiber-forming substance is cellulose acetate. Acetate is made by treating purified cellulose refined from cotton linters and/or wood pulp with acetic anhydride in the presence of a catalyst. The resultant product, cellulose acetate flake, is precipitated, purified, dried, and dissolved in acetone to prepare the spinning solution. After filtration, the highly viscous solution is extruded through spinnerets into a column of warm air in which the acetone is evaporated leaving solid continuous filaments of cellulose acetate.

May 23, Saturday

Donna and I went to Huntington Park this morning, bought her birthday outfit. Dress, \$5 (Celanese with lavender and yellow flowers in it); yellow straw hat, \$2; blond pumps, \$6.50, and stockings, \$1. She dolled up when we got home to show Daddy, real pretty picture. A new jewelry store opened up in Huntington Park today, they gave everyone that went in and registered a cute little ever sharp pencil, Donna and I both got one. The old hen brought off seven chicks, we were afraid she wouldn't have any she left the nest so much lately. Darned ants were driving her crazy until Daddy got rid of them. He bought eight more chicks to put with her seven. She took them o.k. We went for groceries tonight while Donna wrote letters. I studied Sunday School lesson. To bed.



May 24, Sunday

Sunday School class all alone again. Sr. Magnusson's boys are sick. She thinks they have measles. Mrs. Bowman came in to help keep order. After dinner Daddy and I went to stake conference. Apostle David O. McKay was in charge. Spoke fine. In evening Donna went to conference with us. Rained hard when we were coming home. Car skidded and scared me. Daddy had to put the mother hen and her baby chicks in the garage to keep dry. Too much rain gets into the little hen house. Have had one little weak chick in house all day.



David O. McKay

David Oman McKay (September 8, 1873 – January 18, 1970) was the ninth president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church), serving from 1951 until his death. Ordained an apostle and member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in 1906, McKay was a general authority for nearly 64 years, longer than anyone else in LDS Church history, except Eldred G. Smith, though Smith was not active as a general authority for many years.

David O. McKay became president of the LDS Church when he was 77 years old. He acted in this capacity for 19 years, until his death. In this period, the number of members and stakes in the church nearly tripled, from 1.1 million to 2.8 million, and 184 to 500 respectively.

McKay was outspoken in his opposition to communism, which he saw as philosophically opposed to faith given its atheist underpinnings and its denial of freedom of choice. Furthermore, communist nations generally forbid proselytizing by the church and most other religions.

Under McKay's administration, the LDS Church's stance on Africans holding the priesthood was softened. Beginning in the mid-1950s, members of suspected African descent no longer needed to prove their lineage was not African. Instead, the church allowed dark-skinned members to hold the priesthood unless it was proved that they were of African descent. This policy made proselytizing and priesthood ordination much easier in racially mixed areas, such as South America and South Africa. Blacks of verifiable African descent (including most in the United States) were not permitted to hold the priesthood until eight years after McKay's death.

During his tenure as president, the church spearheaded the Priesthood Correlation Program in 1961. By the 1970s, priesthood quorums directed women-led organizations like the Relief Society at all levels. Such organization became known as auxiliary organizations. Priesthood correlation continues to be a feature of the church.

Famous film director, Cecil B. DeMille, consulted with McKay during the production of *The Ten Commandments*. They formed a friendship that would last until DeMille's death. McKay invited DeMille to BYU, where he delivered a commencement address in 1957.

McKay kept a steady pace of travel until he entered his 90s. His deteriorating health in the mid-1960s ultimately led to the appointment of three additional counselors in the First Presidency, as existing members were increasingly infirm and

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often unable to preside at church meetings. By 1968, the First Presidency was composed of six members, which made the body larger than it had been since the death of Brigham Young in 1877. McKay's counselors in the First Presidency were Stephen L Richards (First Counselor, 1951–1959); J. Reuben Clark, Jr. (Second Counselor (1951–1959, First Counselor 1959–1961); Henry D. Moyle (Second Counselor 1959–1961, First Counselor 1961–1963); Hugh B. Brown (Third Counselor 1961, Second Counselor 1961–1963, First Counselor 1963–1970); N. Eldon Tanner (Second Counselor, 1963–1970); Thorpe B. Isaacson (Counselor, 1965–1970); Joseph Fielding Smith (Counselor, 1965–1970); Alvin R. Dyer (Counselor, 1968–1970).

Remembered quotes:

Prediction of the fall of Russian communism: "Russia enveloped with communism—a new religious freedom must come. God will overrule it, for that people must hear the truth, and truth in simplicity. Truly there is much for the church to do in the coming century." (At Brigham Young University, reported in Church News, May 28, 1960.)

"Every member a missionary!" (Conference Report, Apr. 1959, p. 122.)

"No other success can compensate for failure in the home." (Quoted from J. E. McCullough, Home: The Savior of Civilization [1924], 42; Conference Report, Apr. 1935, p. 116.)
-Wikipedia

May 25, Monday

Raymond's tonsillitis turned into a quinsy, poor kid. Nice letter from my dear Dad today. The two little chicks died, so that leaves her five of her own, and eight we bought to put with them. "13," lucky? The sun was shining nice and bright this morning when Donna and Daddy left. I thought it was going to be a lovely day so washed. It has rained on an off most of the day! Hung some things in garage. Ruth left Jerry. Marilyn came at 2 p.m. Tommy Bright has four white pigeons, his Dad brought Saturday. One got out this morning, he feels awful cause he can't get him back in the coop. It's been on top of my chicken coop in the rain all day. We all went to Sunday School local board meeting tonight. Donna was appointed with Henry, Beth, and Norman, to work up a treasure hunt for money for the Sunday School.

Quinsy is an abscess between the back of the tonsil and the wall of the throat. It's also known as a peritonsillar abscess. It happens when infection spreads from a swollen tonsil to the area around it, usually during a severe case of tonsillitis.

Quinsy is now rare because most people get effective treatment for tonsillitis early enough to prevent it. Quinsy may be suspected if you have a sore throat that gets a lot worse very quickly, or tonsillitis with more severe symptoms than normal.

May 26, Tuesday

Tommy got his pigeon back in the coop so he's happy again. I cleaned through house and started to weed the yard. We have a lot more weeds since our rains Sunday and Monday, It was a bigger job than I thought. Worked about two hours on it, and then did my ironing. Didn't go to Relief Society today. Hate to miss it, but was too tired to walk nine blocks there and back. Our cesspool has gone "over the top" (like Mutual?) only we have to have a new cesspool now, ha, ha.

Mr. Trowbridge came this evening and got Daddy started at digging the new cesspool. We had to leave for Mutual, so Daddy quit working, but he had to change clothes from the skin out, was wet through from sweat. Had a program in Mutual for the closing of Mutual. Mr. Trowbridge and Daddy worked on cesspool after.

May 27, Wednesday

Daddy was all in when they got through working on the cesspool about 1:30 a.m. Mr. Trowbridge bought them something to eat at a cafe after they got through. Chili, I think. He came over again about noon today and finished up the job. I washed my hair this morning and Ruth gave me a finger wave, parted it on the left side this time. Maybe I can handle it better now. Stopped in store and ordered two mince pies for our outing Saturday. We got together after Mutual last night and decided what we'd take to eat. I over-casted all the seams on Donna's new dress today Daddy and I went to Hollywood hospital to see Aunt Clara tonight. She looks thin, but so sweet. What a shame she's had all that suffering. She sat up in bed for a few minutes today. I read her the letter I got from Hattie today. [Harriet Eliza Strong Speirs] Leo was with Aunt Clara when we got there. [Leo LeRoy, Strong, Aunt Clara's son] We went over to the closing Mutual dance in Garvanza after. Henry and Beth took Donna up. Rex's orchestra played, fine! We took Marshes home after. Baisel, Bill, and Ed went up to dance, also.



California 1918 - William & Clara Strong visit son Leo Strong and his children Jack and Betty

May 28, Thursday

Leo is surely gray for a man his age, but is still very good looking. They worry lots over their daughter, Betty. She has never been well. Thirteen years is a long time to have a child under the doctor's care. She gets worse all the time. I house cleaned my two front rooms today. It took me all day; I'm so tired I can hardly move tonight. Daddy and I went to the market to buy the meat for our canyon trip. We left the beef roast at Iva's. She'll cook it tomorrow. I am going to cook the leg of lamb. Donna went to beach again today with school kids. She didn't want to go, but Alice felt so bad that she went to please her. Alice's Aunt Bee took some of them in her car. Now for that good bed.

Declaration Day Fun

May 29, Friday

Holmgren's have their divorce now. So Grace and the old man can get married after a while, what a life? I hung some lace up to the little window in the door yesterday. Now folks can't stand there looking at me as I eat breakfast or write in my diary. Don't feel much like working this morning. Too much yesterday. Sue and Al left Shirley with me while they went to an Excelcis meeting. We waited until after 6 o'clock, and then ate dinner without them. They came for Shirley about 6:30. Daddy went for Rex about 7:30. Ruth had no one to stay with her kiddies, so Donna went over and asked Irene for her. She gave her 50¢. We had a fine time at dance. All packed ready to go. Three hours to sleep. Rex is sleeping here tonight. San Dimas canyon tomorrow. Tired!



*Breakfast on Declaration day 1931
Lou Renshaw only person identifiable*



*Declaration Day May 30, 1931
Beth Strong and Rex Marsh*



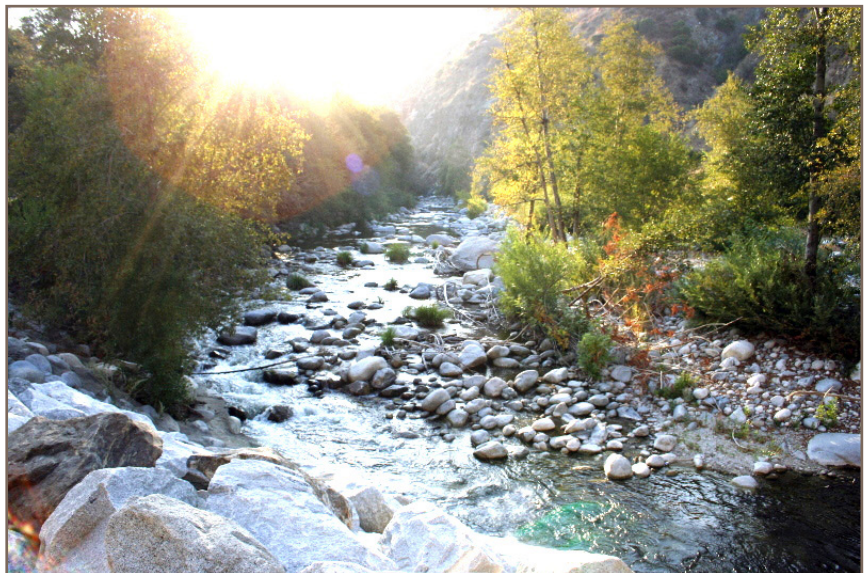
Rex Marsh riding the cable seat



*Donna Renshaw and Henry
Donna wrote, "Note the specs my first
and last picture"*

May 30, Saturday

Daddy and I left ahead of the others, but had to wait at mouth of the canyon 55 minutes for the others, Carl and Wanda overslept. We all enjoyed a swell breakfast. Surely is a beautiful place to camp. Hiked mountain to falls, another lovely sight. Rex and Henry climbed the mountain. Took turns swinging, played "follow the leader," some of them rode on the cable seat. Henry and Rex went fishing, with their hands. Brought back two little ones after about five hours. Enjoyed songs with music, some of us took naps. Ate dinner about 4 p.m. and oh! How we did stuff everything, so good! In the evening boys played horseshoe, then we took a walk played cards and read. "Good laugh on Iva" yes, we love our "Wolfskill" camp. Sweet dreams.





May 31, Sunday

It was wonderful to wake up this morning in that beautiful canyon and hear the birds singing, the stream running, and see the sun shining through the trees. Wish I could have stayed a week longer. We pulled our beds together and made one big family bed. Beth and I on one and Donna and Iva in the other. Enjoyed another good breakfast, gathered our things together and left for home. Got here about noon. Donna and I cleaned up first, then Rex and Daddy. Rex watered lawn while Daddy fed the chickens. Got up to Marshes' about 1:30. All went to the wedding. Lewis and his bride looked real sweet. Donna went to station with young folks to see them off. Uncle Bill is in San Bernardino picking cherries this week. Oh dear, I wish he'd find work at his own business again.



Miriam & Lewis Marsh on their wedding day — May 31, 1931



*View of the chapel where they were married.
Photo taken in 2012 by Miller Gardner*



*Joan Marsh Gardner — Summer 2012
At the Abbey San Encino, 81 years after
Miriam and Lewis' wedding day.*



The Abbey San Encino, built as a private residence by Clyde Browne. His Grandson Severn Brown now lives in the home with his wife and dog. In the Summer of 2012 Miller and Joan Gardner went to see the place where Miriam and Lewis Marsh were married. Lewis and/or Miriam must have known the Browne's and received permission to use their chapel for their wedding.

Abbey San Encino

1915 – Clyde Browne

6211 Arroyo Glen, Garvanza

Okay. For starters. Abbey San Encino is A) not an abbey, and B) not in San Encino.

Printer/typographer Clyde Browne was born in Old Hickory, Ohio, in the summer of 1872. By the time he was twelve years old, his family had moved eight times, leapfrogging back and forth between Ohio, California, Missouri, and Kansas. It was in San Francisco when Clyde was about fifteen that he got a job on the Petaluma Imprint.

After serving as a cabin boy and apprentice sailor, Browne jumped ship in 1893 and headed back to Northern California where he worked for a series of newspapers around San Francisco. He also made a living for a while as a piano player in the Barbary Coast area.

Browne and his wife moved to Los Angeles around 1902/1903. In 1904, he went to work at the *Los Angeles Examiner*. He quit the paper four years later and, with Grace Wassum, his new wife (his first died in 1904), left

his home around Fifth and Hill downtown, moving into a frame building on Figueroa (then named Pasadena Avenue). He quickly began renovating the house along with setting up a print shop, nicknamed "The Studio," with Grace serving as a typesetter. It was Browne's dream to form a sort of artists' collective in what was already an area filled with artists (Judson Studios and El Alisal are nearby).

In 1910, he co-founded the printing firm of Browne and Cartwright. That same year, he convinced both USC and Occidental College to launch their own newspapers, a daily for the former (what became *The Daily Trojan*) and a weekly for the latter. Browne remained Occidental's unofficial printer for more than thirty years.

Inspired by Elbert Hubbard's Roycrofters, Browne moved a garage on his land and, in the summer of 1915, began the decade-long project of building his home, Abbey San Encino.

Browne modeled the home on a variety of places, like the Mary Queen of Scots Chapel at Holyrood Castle, the San Francisco de Solano Mission at Sonoma, and Carmel's San Carlos Borromeo Mission. He built a narrow gauge railway

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to carry stone from the nearby Arroyo Seco, and used odds and ends – nails, bolts, ship lanterns, iron, lumber, hinges, crucifixes, etc. – from ruined buildings across Europe. While continuing to write poems and plays and running his printing business, Browne scavenged granite blocks from a demolished building on Grand, sheet metal from old cars, bricks from a poultry yard, an abandoned brickyard, and the Mission San Gabriel, and bells from an elementary school, a Southern Pacific locomotive, and a fire engine. Much of the home’s stained glass came from the Van Nuys Hotel, closing its doors when Prohibition hit. While the majority of the work was finished by 1921, it wasn’t until July of 1924 when the family moved in.

Clyde Browne built much of the Abbey himself, originally calling the home “The Studio,” and then “The Old Stone Abbey” which evolved into “Oldestane Abbey.” Upon a friend’s suggestion, he eventually settled on “Abbey San Encino.”

Browne loved all things medieval, and this shows in the building’s cellar, dungeons, refectory, and chapel, the last in which were held many weddings, often with Browne playing organ.

The big, round stained-glass window on the building’s south side depicts a Franciscan printer along with an American Indian boy working a handpress. Local tile maker Ernest Batchelder designed the Abbey’s fireplace. Later, several other stone buildings were put up on the property to serve as artist studios.

In 1934, Browne was Chairman of the Democratic Committee, and he ran for State Assembly. Clyde Browne died on July 1, 1942. His shop was closed up, the printing equipment sold.

Unless he’s sold the property and I didn’t get the newsletter, Abbey San Encino is owned by Edward Severin Browne, Clyde’s grandson. Severin’s brother, Clyde Jackson Browne, who, along with Severin, grew up in the Abbey, had a brief cameo in a 2003 episode of “The Simpsons.” Today, the land is pretty well fenced-off, but you can still see the home okay from the Arroyo Glen side.

A great big thanks to Michael Thompson of Michael R. Thompson Booksellers, who shared with me his sole, reference copy of 1982’s *Clyde Browne: His Abbey and His Press*, written by D.W. Davies for Castle Press. (Not coincidentally, Castle Press being founded in 1931 out of Abbey San Encino.)

Posted by Floyd B. Bariscale in 2008 <http://igorangelandmarks.blogspot.com>

(Joan and Miller Gardner spoke to Severin Browne, pictured below, in 2012. He still lives in the home.)



June 1, Monday—My darling's birthday, sweet sixteen!

Daddy didn't work, after the house work was finished we went to market for fruit. Stopped in gas station for gas, went for ride, and looked at some new Fords and second hand ones, also. I got awfully tired waiting for Daddy, and he knows he can't buy a car now. Hilda Wilson had a baby boy this morning. She started to hemorrhage; they had to give her a blood transfusion. Clarence gave his blood. Ruth had me get Daddy out of bed to go for Hilda's sister, but she called just as he was leaving, to say never mind. I made some divinity for folks. They all came down to celebrate Donna's birthday tonight. Rex gave Donna a beautiful bouquet of American beauty roses. Marshes brought a freezer of ice cream and Sue brought one, also. Annie and Lorene made coconut cakes, Ruth came over. We played games, had a lovely time, Grama sent Donna a lovely crystal necklace. It's over for another year.

June 2, Tuesday

Donna looked lovely in her new birthday things at the wedding Sunday. [Lewis & Miriam Marsh's wedding] I had a dozen people, more or less; tell me how sweet she looked. I gave the teacher's topic in the teacher's meeting this afternoon. Sr. Stewart called on me to open with prayer, also. Donna and I enjoyed staying home this evening, I am glad Mutual is over for a while. Daddy went to church for the genealogy meeting. Our Relief Society is going to Bixby's Park in Long Beach next Tuesday, both stakes are going. They put me on the committee with Sr. Magnusson and Sr. Salo to decorate the tables. Daddy brought Donna a roll of films home tonight.



Donna 1930



Donna 1931

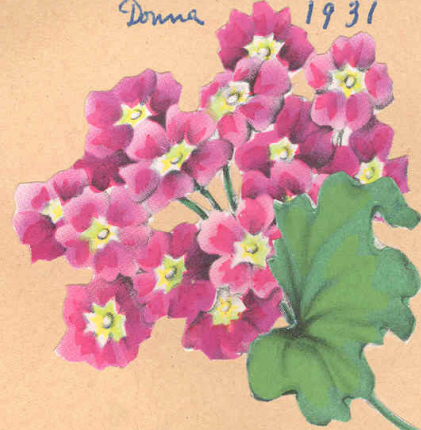


Sitting on the running board, Beth Strong

Sweet sixteen



Donna 1931



This is a page from one of Elvie's scrapbooks



Donna 1931

June 3, Wednesday

I took a picture of Donna and her roses this morning before she left for school. They are beautiful. She held them in the vase Rex made for me. Daddy and Donna took a picture of them last night with the room dark, and a spot light on them. I don't think it'll be any good. Went to my sewing club today at Sr. Stewart's. We had a lovely time; we sewed, and then ate lunch out in the big porch swings on her back lawn. She has a lovely yard. Sr. Jacobson brought me home. Alice Pack had a baby boy Tuesday, 5 a.m. Sr. Mary Judd joined our club today.

June 4, Thursday

Sr. Stewart went block teaching with me this morning. Sr. Liston's mother is going back to Salt Lake and she wanted to stay home to be with her as long as she can. Almost everyone was out today. Mrs. Brown (Hicks) was quite sick in bed. Sisters Stewart and Jacobson went over again this afternoon to doctor her up. The Ford Plant isn't working tomorrow so they paid the men today. Daddy is lucky cause he has to work down there tomorrow. We went to the market this afternoon, left Donna's films at drug store. Daddy bought one dozen little baby chicks to put under the hen that wants to set. Surely she'll take care of them. She's got them under her o.k. now.

June 5, Friday

Hen is mothering the chicks fine. After I got through my work I went over and helped Ruth a little. I iced some graham crackers for us at home tonight. Ruth's house looks lovely, new curtains and drapes. Clarence has painted the woodwork. Al, Sue, and Bill went to stake house to Pres. McCune testimonial, they called for Annie and Lorene after, about eleven o'clock. Daddy and Donna met Lorene and Annie at end of car line, had to wait an hour for them. Good they didn't have that long ride home on the street car tonight. Ruth and I served ice cream and cakes. Daddy and Donna wouldn't come over. He didn't feel well. It was the Strong's genealogical meeting at Ruth's.

June 6, Saturday

Daddy is working today. Leonard [*Ruth's brother, Leonard Clarence Strong*] and his leading lady are dining with Ruth and family this afternoon. Aunt Clara is out of the hospital, staying with Leo and Tresa now. Aunt Clara walked a few steps. Surely funny weather for June, so cold yesterday and today, and hot the first part of the week. Donna and I went into L.A. about 12:30 today. We met Sue and family at the May Company. Elaine went shopping with us to buy Elva and Don's wedding present. We bought one dozen pink water glasses. Elaine came home with us to stay until tomorrow night. Sue showed us Shirley's oil painted picture, it's beautiful. Elaine gave Donna a facial, girls dolled up real sweet and concentrated hard, but all in vain, no company came!

June 7, Sunday

Fifty-three kiddies in my little class today. There was thirteen confirmations in the fast meeting, so they didn't get started, on the testimonies until after 12 p.m. I dismissed my class about 12:10, waited outside for Donna, Elaine, and Daddy. Had some time trying to keep the kids quiet. Br. Cheney came while we were eating dinner and asked Donna if she'd give the short story she gave at stake house, over in Belvedere Ward tonight. She didn't feel prepared on such short notice, and she had to play for our Mutual conjoint. Charlie Morris gave a lecture in our ward tonight. Florence and Ernie [*Florence Marsh & Ernest Oates*] gave a reading, Holmgren girls, Lillian Stead and Harriet Robinson sang. Florence and Ernie took Elaine home. Joe Broderson was with them.

June 8, Monday

The girls were so disappointed cause their boyfriends didn't come yesterday. They made some fudge, too. Today Sr. Magnusson and Sr. Perry came over to see me about decorating the tables for the Relief Society party tomorrow. They enjoyed some of the candy. Put out a big washing today, called Ruth on phone, she's sick in bed with sore throat. I feel so darn bad about losing my nice little rose ever sharp pencil. Sr. Magnusson and I went up to Huntington Park and bought the plates, and cups, napkins, and crepe paper to decorate the tables with. We all stayed home this evening.

June 9, Tuesday

Mrs. Bright, gave me a big bouquet of flowers to take to Park today. Sr. Magnusson called for me about 9:45 this morning. We went over for Ruth. We called for Sr. Perry and then to church for Sr. Crawford, with all the flowers, kids, and decorations, we had some load. Our tables looked nice. Had my blue basket in center. Lovely dinner, program and games after. Came home about 3 p.m. tired. Took Donna over to school in evening. She went to the French Cafe for dinner and a French show after with the French class. Henry, Beth, and Norman came over tonight to make plans for the Sunday School treasure hunt. Al and Charlie tried to stop Mr. Vinnott from killing Minnie today.



Clara and William Strong visiting their son Leo in California in 1918

June 10, Wednesday

Don and Elva's wedding day. It was a treat to be home all day for a change, lots of work though, had to catch up. We left about 6:40 this evening. Stopped in Utah maternity home to see Hilda Wilson. Got "one big surprise" when Alice Pack called "Donna!" We didn't have an idea that she was in that maternity home, but was tickled to see her. Her boy was born 2nd of June, and Hilda's the 1st. Paul came while we were there. Both girls looked fine. We arrived just in time to witness the very beautiful wedding, bridesmaids, maid of honor, best man, and the darlingest little tots carrying the wedding veil. Elva was a lovely bride and Don a fine looking groom. Enjoyed nice program and ice cream and cake. Danced after. Rex brought Donna home. Bishop had awful looking eye, wore dark glasses. Charles couldn't come his face was so battered up. Can you believe this, diary, they got mixed up in a fight? Oh, Oh! Al's neighbor, Mr. Vinnott, was beating up his wife, Minnie, and Al and Charles tried to stop him, and he turned on them. What a man!

June 11, Thursday

Daddy called landlord and he came with a truck. They went for a load of lumber, so now he can have that long wanted fence up in the backyard, and the chickens can enjoy a bigger run. I had headache this morning so went back to bed. Henry and Beth came tonight to talk over the plans for treasure hunt with Donna. I wrote to Mother Renshaw and Violet, sent Dolores a little suit of underwear. The fence is up on the front side, all but gate.

June 12, Friday

Vacation is on! Donna made the scholarship honor roll again, and she's some tickled kid. I'm happy about it, also. She was worried this time, but I felt like she'd make it, although I realized it would be difficult to make up her French and Geometry this half term. She came home about 9:30 a.m. helped a little with the cleaning, then went over to visit with Alice Brown and her friend, Barbara. Sr. Page gave me a large can of sauerkraut. I bought some wieners and baked them together. Surely good. Dad worked on the fence a again tonight. I sat out in backyard and watched him.

June 13, Saturday

Donna wrote a bus or train letter to Alice Brown, who is leaving for home next Monday. I spent an hour or more looking for bird pictures for my Sunday School lesson tomorrow. Daddy worked

today, boat is in, he worked three hours over time. We went to Carl's surprise party at night, had nice time. Daddy and I won the prize playing 500, a darling cookie jar. Donna stayed home alone.

June 14, Sunday

Sr. Magnusson left me alone with the class after the roll call. Her mother-in-law came this morning. One of my little Sunday School girls brought me a lovely bouquet of flowers. I forgot to bring them home. Daddy went back after them. We all went to Sunday School union meeting. Went to Highland Park after. Met Rex, Florence, and Ernie on way down here. They took Donna with them. We went to Marshes' and took them for a ride, had a blowout on way back, so Daddy had to fix it when we got back to Marshes. Donna and Rex went to church. They told us Al was very sick, so we went up to

see him about 9 p.m. He's been awfully sick since Friday. Has ulcer of stomach. Norman brought a setting of eggs tonight, and took one of our hens back with him to set her. Daddy set another one after he got home.

June 15, Monday

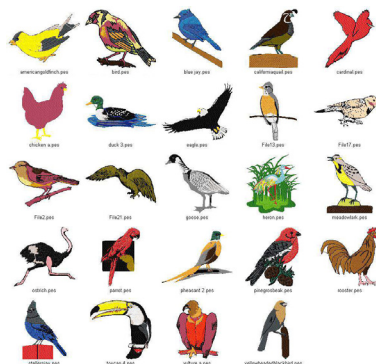
I washed and took care of Jerry and Marilyn while Ruth went to hospital for treatment. Donna received a letter from Violet today. She sounds just a little blue and homesick in it to me. Poor kid! I'd love to see her and Dolores. Janet Anderson invited Donna to her house for dinner tomorrow evening, wants her to sleep there and go to school Wednesday with her. Alice left for her home in Washington tonight on the 7:40 train. Donna went to the station with the Brown family. Daddy worked late tonight, so none of us went to Sunday School board meeting, too bad. Bright's bought a new Ford today.

June 16, Tuesday

Donna left this afternoon for Janet's, she is staying all night with her, going to school with her tomorrow. I wanted to call up yesterday and see how Al was, but Mrs. Bright was out most of day trying out their new club Ford. Last night I held the grain sack open while Daddy emptied some grain into it, had restless night of asthma, got some flour dust from the mash, can still feel it. Ruth gave Donna and me a finger wave this morning. We were over there by eight o'clock. Hilda Wilson had another bad hemorrhage; Clarence gave more blood, his second transfusion in two weeks, for Hilda. I went to Relief Society and helped quilt on the Bishop's name quilt. Grama



Donna Renshaw & Janet Anderson
Franklin High May 23, 1930

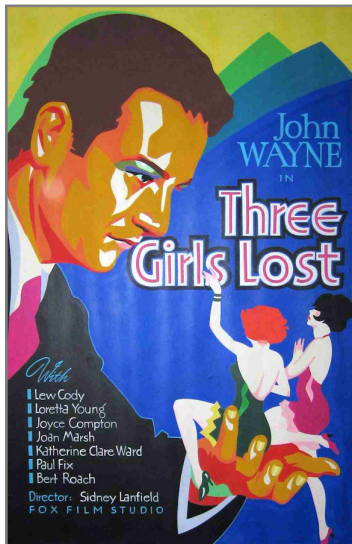


Typing "birds" in Google Images
returned about 729,000,000 results
in 0.60 of a second, compare that to
searching for an hour in 1931.

Renshaw came this evening. Daddy went to bus station. Grama's hair is bobbed, looks nice.

June 17, Wednesday

I called Sue last night, Al is lots better, also called Donna at Janet's, and Mrs. MacRae for Grama. Tried to get Sr Jacobson to tell her I couldn't come to club today, but couldn't. Good thing I can't go, don't think I could sew all day, too much pain. Sr. Stewart called for me, but I told her Grama was here. We visited all day while I darned sox and mended underwear. What do you think of this, Daddy hasn't said anything about his mother having her haircut. I'm surprised that he hasn't noticed it; don't see how he can help it. Aren't men funny? She won't let me tell him.



June 18, Thursday

No work for Daddy today, we went to L.A. before noon and took in "The New Los Angeles" show house. Say! But it's magnificent, the grandest place of its kind, I was ever in. I want to take Donna someday soon, too bad she was in Highland Park today. The show was good, also, "Three girls Lost." We had lunch after the snow, and then went up to visit folks. Annie was out, so was Lorene, but we found Sue home. We



John Wayne
in 1931

stayed there and enjoyed a nice fish dinner with cob corn. Grama and I listened in on their pep meeting at nite while Louis visited Bill and Charles. Donna wanted to stay until tomorrow nite and come down with Rex to the Mutual party. Daddy had noticed Grama's hair being cut, but wouldn't say so. Charles and Mr. Vinnott have dissolved their business.

June 19, Friday

I'm glad to hear that Charles and Vinnott have dissolved partnership at last. Surely hope he'll find a good job now. Mother went uptown this morning. She bought a pretty white silk ensemble and a green linen afternoon dress. Pages moved

Afternoon Dress

During the day at home, ladies could be as informal as they wished - they had their pick of comfy lounging pajamas or morning dress (often wrap style), shirts and sweaters, house dresses, slacks and blouse or sweater, etc., depending on what they had going on. But choosing street wear was another matter. There were several factors to consider, including location (country vs. town), season, and activity (shopping, school, office, etc.) Pictured above: Afternoon ensembles, McCall's, 1932



this evening. We surely will miss them. We all had a nice time at the party the Mutual gave at Houghton Park. Enjoyed a lovely luncheon, it was a real banquet, played games on the lawn after. Rex brought Donna down from Elaine's to the party. Mother went with us. Percy McArthur was married last week. Came home with bride tonight.

June 20, Saturday

Daddy and I left this morning about 7:50, went to South Gate Market for groceries, and bought some chicken feed, paid light and gas bill. We left Donna and Grama in bed this morning. I bought some silk rayon night dresses on sale, dollar gowns for 50¢ each. I bought four, two for Donna and two for myself. I also bought a silk slip to give Grama for her birthday. I was going to give her gown also, but they are too small for her. Sue and family came down and wanted us to go to beach, but we couldn't as Marshes were coming. We had ice cream and cake when they came. John and Florence went with us to buy it. I bought a tie for Donna to give her Daddy and a box of chocolates to give Grama on her birthday.

June 21, Sunday—Father's Day!

Donna and her Daddy tried to practice with the Glee Club for the Father's Day program tonight. Ruth is sick and can't take care of it, not enough time; they'll have to let it drop. Donna went for ride this afternoon with Beth and Henry. Marshes' are dining with Whites today. Daddy went to stake house to priesthood, Norman wants him for a counselor in the elder's quorum. Br. Jolly sent a man to see if Donna could go to Anaheim to accompany him tonite, but she had to accompany Henry and Beth in our ward. We had a lovely program for Father's Day. They presented the Bishop with his name quilt, books for the counselors.

June 22, Monday—Grama's Birthday!

Daddy gave her a box of chocolates this morning before he left for work. I gave her the silk slip when she got up. It was from Donna, also. Bishop Perry was surely ticked with the name quilt last night. Used my new clothes lines for first time today. Big washing, was all in when I finished. Mother took a bath and washed her clothes after. Ruth didn't bring Jerry today, wonder if she's sick? Daddy went to elder's meeting tonight,

was going be set apart, but the stake authorities didn't come. He was excused early, and we all went to Warner Bros. show. Grama treated. We saw Winnie Lightner in "Gold Dust Gertie" (Poor comedy) also saw Al Jolson in a revival picture, "The Jazz Singer," was fine. Enjoyed some of Grama's candy when we got home.



June 23, Tuesday

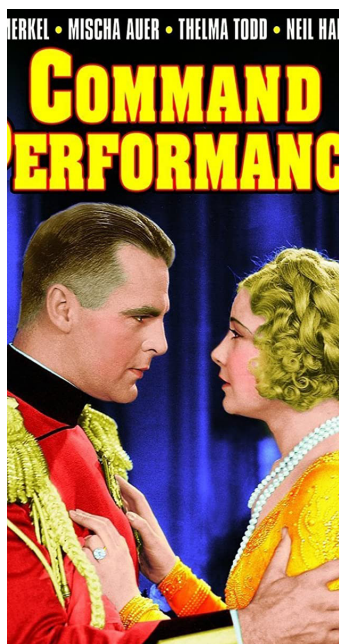
Mother left for Catalina Island this morning. Daddy took her to Wilmington docks. He took off three hours to do it. He had a few hours to take off anyway, so it was a good time to do it. Grama gave Donna and me a dollar each, always giving to some of us. We cleaned through house and ironed. Donna did most of ironing. I went to Relief Society, was surely hot walking. Sr. Magnusson invited Donna and me to a stork shower on Iva next Monday nite. Donna played a piano solo, and Ruth sang a solo, in the genealogical meeting tonight. Ruth was cool to us; she's had her feelings hurt over the Glee Club practice last Sunday. We'll have to see what it's about?

June 24, Wednesday

Donna and I caught the 9:45 bus this morning. Went into L.A. and did some shopping, beach pajamas for Donna \$1.00 (Gramma gave her), and some bright orange overalls for myself 59¢, some pillow slips, shower present, and etcetera. Had lunch and went to the new Los Angeles theater, saw "The Command Performance," was very good. Enjoyed hearing Donna rave about the beautiful building. I saw it last week with Grama and Daddy. Most magnificent place we've ever been in, of its kind. Daddy bought, a good watermelon tonight. We surely enjoyed it. Had lots of callers this evening. Wanda, Carl, Nellie F. and Bob Wilson, also the block teachers, Br. Die, and Glen Jacobson.



Beach Pajama's pattern



June 25, Thursday

I housecleaned my bedroom. It took me all day. (Woodwork, curtains, bedding, clothes closets and everything.) Donna dyed her bathing suit dark blue, I helped her, we also dyed Daddy's nude colored bathing suit. When dinner time came this evening I was so tired I had to lie on floor with my feet elevated. I am not as strong as I used to be. Daddy and Donna got dinner ready. Norman J., Henry H., and Beth, and Glen came tonight for meeting. I took a bath and went to bed while they were here.

June 26, Friday

My back and legs ached so bad last nite, I didn't rest very well. Donna and I cleaned her room today. It wasn't nearly as hard a job as yesterday's cleaning, and Donna helped a lot

more today, she wasn't in the dying business. I wrote to my Dad and Violet, before starting the cleaning. It was a lovely evening, I took a walk to the corner and back. Mrs. Bright and Tommy came over, we enjoyed the front porch, while Donna and Tommy popped some corn. It was good. My gray hairs are coming fast. Donna read about some hair dye yesterday, she sent for a sample. Ha, ha! Don't think I'll use it.

June 27, Saturday

We went into L.A. I paid \$5.00 on the lot. Daddy couldn't find a parking place, so it was about 25 minutes before we located each other. Oh, it was hot, I was on the sunny side of street, didn't dare go over on other side cause he'd look on the side he left me on. Went to Annie's, took 1 1/2 dozen eggs and things for lunch. Lou took Charles and Bill somewhere to get parts for Charles car. We almost starved waiting for them to come to lunch. Bill and I rode out to Glendale with Sue and Al. Sue had two bad teeth out today. She's going to have them fixed up now. Beverly came home with us. Little kids all got new beach pajamas today. Mary started it. Lorene bought her new hat and shoes, she and Charles went uptown.

June 28, Sunday

Beverly went to Sunday School with us. After dinner we went to beach, never saw so many people in my life at the beach. We were parked near the Long Beach club house. Daddy and I rode in Carl's car, Erma went, also. Henry took Donna, Beverly, Nellie, and Beth. We saw Bob, Clarence and the kiddies down there. Ruth stayed with Hilda. Marshes were at Long Beach with the Oates family, but we didn't see them. Came home in time for church. Br. Peter Clayton was speaker. Very fine meeting. P.S. All went in swimming but Beth, Nellie and I.



Long Beach

June 29, Monday

Wash day here again! Ha! Ha! Donna found out who her "good looking" boyfriend, in the swell new car was. She found out Friday nite. Oh, I'm laughing. He was a brother in another ward who wanted Donna to accompany him on a program and Mrs. Bright thought he was her boyfriend. Ruth didn't bring Jerry over, left him with Marilyn. Donna and Beverly read another book today. We went to Iva's

Stork shower at Sr. Magnusson house tonite. Daddy went swimming with the boys. Beverly stayed with Jerry and Merilyn. Ruth and family are leaving in Bob Wilson's car for Salt Lake tomorrow nite.

June 30, Tuesday

Ford plant is closing until after 4th of July. Wish we had money to go home on a trip. I cleaned house, ironed, and walked to Relief Society. Donna finished the ironing. Sr. Stewart took me in her car to buy the black felt for my pillow tops. She brought Sr. Alger and me home. Beverly and Donna read another book. I wish there was some place in this darn town the kids could go for a little fun. Ruth and family left this evening for Salt Lake. I thought I'd have Lou drive me over when he got home this evening. She wanted our suitcase, but when he came, he said they had gone, she didn't want me to help her, and so I didn't go over today. Hope they have a lovely trip; they went in Bob Wilson's car. Donna and Beverly went for walk tonite over to Babe's house, but she was out.

July 1, Wednesday

Sr. Stewart called about, ten o'clock this morning for me. We went to our sewing club over in Belvedere Gardens at Mrs. Bower's daughter's home, a beautiful place. We had a lovely day, and luncheon. Sr. Wimmer couldn't go, and we all missed her. In evening Henry and Beth came over to make plans for Sunday School treasure hunt. Daddy didn't work today, had the clutch in Hup fixed. Rex called and wanted us to go Grunion hunting, but Daddy went to priesthood meeting, John and Rex rode down. Henry took Rex home, Donna went along. Sr. Marsh fell and hurt her back, she is in the hospital.



Grunion are two fish species of the genus *Leuresthes*: the California grunion, *L. tenuis*, and the Gulf grunion *L. sardinas*. They are sardine-sized teleost fish of the Atherinopsidae family of New World silversides, found only off the coast of California, USA, and Baja California, Mexico, where the species is found on both the Pacific Ocean and Gulf of California coasts. Many people enjoy catching grunion at events called "Grunion Runs."

Grunion are known for their unusual mating ritual whereby at very high tides the females come up on to sandy beaches where they dig their tails into the sand to lay their eggs. The male then wraps himself around the female to deposit his sperm and for the next ten days the grunion eggs remain hidden in the sand. At the next set of high tides the eggs hatch and the young grunion are washed out to sea. -*Wikipedia*

July 2, Thursday

We are not going to beach on the 4th with M Men and Gleaners, guess Donna will go, though. I cleaned bathroom today, walls and all, did the hall also. A lady called to the house looking for Irene Page today. She wanted her to stay with her two children this evening, so Donna offered to go as Irene had moved away. The man came for the girls at 5 p.m. They didn't expect him to come until six, so they had to go without their dinner. I asked his name, Bennett, he lives Lynnwood. I went to a Relief Society block teachers meeting at Sr. Stewart's tonite. Daddy waited for me, I was excused early. We went over to see Hilda Wilson and the baby, then to South Gate market. Mr. Bennett brought the girls home about 1 a.m. tired, and hungry, but they "brought home the bacon," 65¢. My Bette has the measles.

July 3, Friday

Daddy didn't work today, so we went into L.A. We left Donna and Beverly in L.A. town, they spent their wages on a show. Daddy and I stopped in Marshes'. Rex was ironing, I ironed a few things, Sr. Marsh's uniforms. We had lunch with them. Went to hospital at 2 p.m. to visit Sr. Marsh. She must have had a hard fall, looks pale. We ate dinner with Sue and Al tonite. Stopped in Marshes' on way home. Donna went down with Rex to help Florence put up lunch. John made ice cream, was good. Had flat tire coming home, "and how!"

July 4, Saturday

I ironed young Florence's pink dress last nite, while she and Donna put up their lunch for today. Donna left with Rex, Elaine, Albert, Lewis, and Miriam this morning about 6:45 for the beach. Daddy and I enjoyed a fried chicken breakfast. He had to kill one of his young roosters; the old hens had pecked his head so bad the chickens wouldn't leave him alone. We arrived at Marsh's about noon, made ice cream (John and Lou did). Took the Andersen family for ride, and brought them back to Marsh's for lunch and ice cream. In evening John took Annie and me to a show, "The Los Angeles," we saw "Six Cylinder Love." I took them around after to see the beautiful place upstairs and down. Bill and Lou took care of the kiddies, surely sweet of them, eh? Took John and Ruth home from Annie's. Bill gave us some ice cold watermelon, good! When we came home from show. Donna stayed with Elaine all nite.



July 5, Sunday

Daddy and I went up to Sunday School in Garvanza this morning. It was good to be back there. We ate dinner with Sue and family. Norman Sadler ate there also. Dear little Bette is so sweet and patient in bed these hot days, with the darned ole measles. Lou and I, and Sue and Al went over to Packs to see Wess. He is feeling better. Sue made ice cream after dinner, so we enjoyed it after we came back from Pack's. Sr. Marsh came home from hospital today. We called in after church to see her. Holidays are over now.

July 6, Monday

Fifteen chicks hatched out today. Nice and cool today, surely is a treat after the heat we've had. I washed; Donna and I ironed the clothes we brought from Marshes. The chickens that hatched were from Norman, hope he has as good a luck. The old hen smothered two little chicks, too many to cover, but we have thirteen fine little chicks left. Carl Haws came in evening and brought us a play, book, "The Laughing Guest." Wants Donna and me to take parts in it. Oh, dear, Daddy and I went over to market, paid rent on way home. He helped an old man to get his car going. Mr. and Mrs. Page called on us this evening. It was almost 9 p.m. when we ate.

July 7, Tuesday

Daddy's not working today. He cleaned the chicken yard. I shampooed Donna's hair; she and I did the ironing. This evening we left for L.A. stopped in Sears, Roebuck & Co. and bought box of chocolates and hankie for Florence's birthday, called in Marshes' to leave the clothes that we'd ironed for them and gift for Florence. We had nice time at Florence's announcement party that Daisy Oates gave her tonight. The announcement was written on a little valentine encased in a gilded walnut. "All in a nut shell!" Bishop Hoglund married Laura Putnam and Bill Johnson. It was a secret and a surprise to everyone. Gave Uncle Bill card and hair tonic for his birthday.

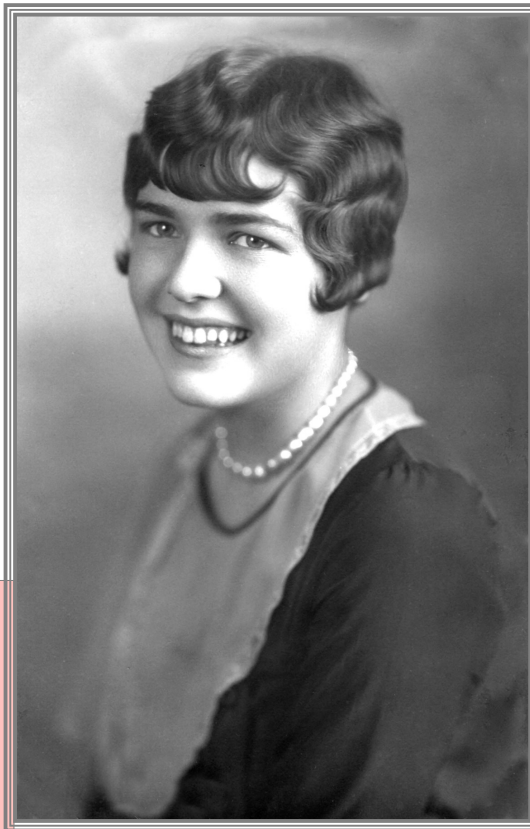


July 8, Wednesday

Went back to bed after Lou left this a.m., enjoyed a nice nap. Sr. Stewart woke me at 9 a.m. on phone. We went block teaching this afternoon. Mrs. Brown (Hicks) has a new granddaughter, we saw her today when we were visiting. Received letter from Violet and one from Lydia. We had a Trustee's Sale Notice tacked upon our house today. The man told me we'd have a new landlord next month. Long Beach Building and Loan Company takes the place over. What will we do now? Wait and see? Daddy and I rode over to



Ernest Oates



Florence Marsh

Norman and Iva's to see baby chickens and rabbits. Donna learned her lines to the first act of play while we were out.

July 9, Thursday

Daddy's home again today, no more work this week. Wonder how we'll make out?? Mary Maughn is helping Sr. Liston and me with Relief Society luncheon next Tuesday. Sr. Perry is going to Salt Lake and can't help. Daddy and I cleaned the walls and woodwork in the kitchen today, some job. Was thankful for his help. This evening we went into L.A. Donna wanted to see Vera Chandler about working for Mr. Bright. I hope he'll give her a chance. We brought Glen and Bette back to stay until Sunday. They surely are tickled kids. Little Mary is having her tonsils out tomorrow.

July 10, Friday

Mrs. Bright gave us a sack of oranges; Glen can have his fill now, as I have a pan full, too. I've been thinking about little Mary Clayton all morning, must call up about her. We took the kids to the beach this morning. Alameda's Bay is a lovely place to swim. The kids had a wonderful time, we came home at 4 p.m. We took Tommy Bright along to play with Glen and Bette, Donna and her Daddy had a good swim. I didn't feel very well, rested all day under the shade of the blanket canopy Daddy put up for us. Went to Sr. Liston's in evening to make plans for the Relief Society luncheon next Tuesday. Sr. Liston, Mary Maughn, and myself are taking our turn, be glad when it is over. Daddy called and brought me home.

July 11, Saturday

Mr. Trowbridge tore the notice off our house last nite. Oh! Oh! We met Vera at end of car line, she had waited a long time. Bought groceries and came home and fixed lunch. Daddy called Marshes and they came down. We all went to Alameda's Bay again. All but me went in swimming. Oh no, Glen didn't go in today, I forgot. We all came back and ate dinner here. Kids ate on back lawn. Lawn? Did you get that? Rex took Donna and Vera to a show. Daddy let him take the Hup. Bette and Glen are tired; fell asleep almost as soon as they got in bed. Mr. Bright gave Vera the job, she starts Monday the 15th.

July 12, Sunday

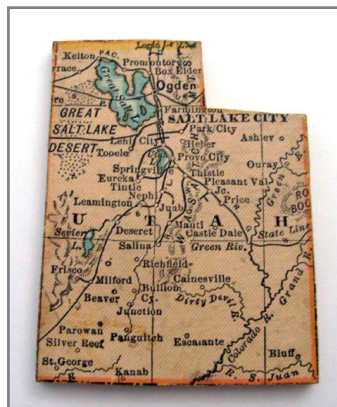
It was hot in Sunday School this morning. Bette came in my little class and Glen went in Donna's class with her and Vera. Fred Richie came just as we were finishing up our dinner, so he ate a bite with us. He took the girls over to L.A. Stake house to union meeting, Donna stayed until after roll call, then she left with Fred and Vera for Hollywood Stake house where they were having conference. Daddy and I took the kiddies home, they wanted to stay longer. I'm glad they enjoyed themselves so much. We enjoyed having them, too. Little Shirley is coming down with measles, she felt awful, poor little dear. We went, over to see Mary, having her tonsils out wasn't as much fun as she thought it was going to be, bless her heart. Lorene gave us some homemade ice cream. Marshes gave us another big dish full when we got there. Surely good. Took Marshes and a Mrs. Moore to conference, also brought them home. Rex brought Donna home. I saw Jack Rich and little daughter in conference. I knew him by her; she is so much like Della. Met the new wife, nice girl.

July 13, Monday

Donna helped a little with the washing. She's not much of a washer woman, ha! ha! I haven't seen Clarence since Ruth went to Salt Lake. Guess he's over to his mother's most of the evenings. I got my sox all darned this afternoon and Daddy's underwear mended and put away. Also finished up my little "club" apron for Donna. Daddy took Donna and me down to church for a rehearsal of the play. We waited for a while then went to Carl's to see why he didn't come. They've changed it to next Wednesday nite. I was glad I was tired!

July 14, Tuesday

No work for our Daddy today. He took me down to church this morning. It was our day to serve the luncheon. Sr. Maugh's sister made the potato salad for us. It was good. We got off easy, and enjoyed our day. Served 26 people, I think? Nice cold luncheon, with watermelon for dessert. Folks all seemed to enjoy it. We made our expenses and gave the Relief Society 86¢ balance. Daddy took Donna in to Elaine's for a day or two. They ate lunch at Marshes'. Daddy is trying to get the men all excited over a fishing and hunting trip to Utah. I'd love to see him go, but how can he make it? What's he going to use for money?? P.S. Marshes came down tonite to tell Lou that John couldn't afford the trip to Utah. Daddy was in priesthood meeting.



July 15, Wednesday

It was my turn to entertain the sewing club today. They all enjoyed the luncheon, or said so. I served shrimp salad and hot rolls and etcetera, for dessert we had whipped cream on sponge cake with a half peach, (made to look like eggs on toast). It was nice and cool in the morning, but got awfully hot in afternoon. Surely hope it'll be cooler next time they come. Went to church to rehearse play at night. Alma took

Donna's part, all knew lines but me. Oh, Oh! Daddy and I walked down this street (Miguel) to look at house for rent. They are asking \$23 per month. Lovely yard, but house not so good.

July 16, Thursday

Helen is moving in the little house in the rear of Blanche's today. Wrote to Hattie and copied Frances Helman's letter [*Frances Everwine Strong in Pennsylvania*] before sending it back. Took a little nap. Clarence came over for about an hour. He told me all about the trip home. I'd surely love to go. I called Blanche, so I could tell Hattie how her folks were. She told me about Virginia being operated on in Salt Lake, too bad, seems it all comes at once. I also talked to Sue and Donna this morning. Tonite Daddy and I walked to Liberty Boulevard to mail a letter that I wrote to Violet. I would love to see Mickey and her family. I sometimes call Violet, Mickey. I tried to study play, oh, dear!

July 17 Friday

I cleaned through house, called Donna up at Sue's to tell her Daddy is working today and can't come for her. Wrote a letter to Lydia. I changed the furniture in front room around, for change. Sue and Al brought Donna and Elaine down, they visited awhile, and then Elaine stayed for the "treasure hunt." We rode in Rex's car. Erma rode with us. Daddy went with Henry to tack up the clues. They had to change the route as a bridge was out. Daddy stayed at the bridge to tell folks. We had a very nice time. Donna, Erma, and Sr. Riggs found the treasure and dug it up (box of jelly beans).



July 18, Saturday

We got up about 8 a.m. Daddy went to Highland Park and to L.A. to see about the Andersen and Renshaw lot. I shampooed my hair and Elaine gave me a finger wave. Like it better than any I've had so far. The girls went to store for things for their party, then they made divinity. They've been excited all day about said party. Daddy and I went in evening to a rabbit dinner over to Norman and Iva's. It was Norman's 28th birthday. We took him a tie. Dinner was lovely. We played cards after. Daddy treated to ice cream when we finished game. Rex was the only one that came to the party at our house. We took Elaine and him home after we came home.

July 19, Sunday

Surely hot in Sunday School today. Norman and Iva ate fried chicken dinner with us. Daddy killed three of his young roosters yesterday. I fried them this morning. The men went to priesthood meeting at stake house, and Iva went home as Wanda was coming over to her house. Donna and I tried to learn our lines in the play. We had a wonderful nite meeting. George Baker was the speaker. Henry, Marilyn, and Daddy sang in trio, fine, also. They had a squabble over the two plays at same time. Ours has been postponed in favor of other one, after all my hard work today, but I'm glad anyway. Ours was postponed because the Gleaners wanted Glen Jacobson too, and he wouldn't be in two plays at the same time. I don't blame him.

July 20, Monday

It surely is a relief to know we don't have to worry along with that Mutual play these hot days. Charles and Raymond came down, brought the blow torch back. They stayed until Daddy got home from work. Wouldn't stay for dinner. We gave them a dozen eggs. Daddy went to priesthood meeting. Aunt Ray and Hazel came this evening.

July 21, Tuesday

Raymond Clayton had his tonsils out this morning. I've been thinking of him all day. Hope he got along o.k. He had them out locally. Daddy didn't work today, no more until Thursday, two days a week. Bob Wilson got laid off yesterday. Clarence hasn't been to Sunday School since Ruth was in Salt Lake. Leaves his class without a teacher. It's a shame! We got our deposit back on the gas bill today. (\$2.65), helped out. Only \$35 this time for payday. In evening we enjoyed cob corn dinner and went into L.A. to Annie's, took her some eggs. Marshes drove up at same time we did. Annie had Em and Art, so we went to see Raymond. Doing nicely. John bought ice cream cones after. Went up to Sue's after we left Lorene's. Donna wanted to get Mrs. Bright's book. We were in John's car. Met Sue and Bette and Shirley walking on the avenue, but they wouldn't ride back home with us. Went back to Annie's to get our car. The Reese's drove up with Sr. Burnett with them. Visited out in cars for a while and came home.

July 22, Wednesday

I started ironing at 7 a.m. Hazel called about 7:30, invited us to go to the beach. Donna didn't fancy going, but I decided I'd go when they came by for us. Glad I did, had a lovely time, and a lovely lunch. Enjoyed the visit with Aunt Ray [*Rachel W. Whittaker*] and Hazel. [*Hazel Lillian Bailey*] They brought me home about 6 p.m. Donna had dinner almost ready, she finished the ironing, also. Soft for me? We all went to Sunday School board meeting at nite. Donna was excused early as Rex was coming to take her to a swimming party. The meeting was over before he arrived!



Florence and Rex Marsh
Sister and brother at the beach
Circa 1924

July 23, Thursday

It surely is hot today. I went to Huntington Park, bought silk hose for Donna and pair for Beverly's birthday next Monday. The big sale that I went to look over wasn't on until next Saturday. Maybe next time I'll read the advertisement more carefully. Daddy went block teaching with Br. Harper last night. Donna and I walked to State Street. Took films



to drug store then up to Liberty Boulevard. Bought ice cream cone for Donna. Both tired from long walk. Got home same time Daddy did. P.S. Excelcis Picnic at Brookside Park today. Too far for us.

July 24, Friday—Pioneer Day!

Big day back home. Would love to be there. The Bright family left for San Francisco this morning. She left the front door key with us so we can answer and use her phone. I watered front and back lawn this morning also fed the pigeons. Rex called Donna, said he'd hurt his foot over at the Park

last nite, so can't take her to the L.A. Stake dance tonite. She was disappointed. I made short sleeves on my pink blouse today. In the evening the Marshes came down. Rex's ankle is badly swollen. Shouldn't be on his feet at all. Donna doesn't care a rap about not going to dance now?? She spent the evening under the moonlight with the boyfriend.

July 25 Saturday

Daddy killed three roosters, they were a little too big for spring fries, so I stewed them as it was too hot to have the oven on. After lunch we went over to South Park to the "Utah Pioneers" celebration. Saw my folks; Charles had his sister, Lill, from Salt Lake. Sue, Lorene, and Sr. Pack took their



lunch, and ate after program. We brought Marshes home to chicken stew. Went to Alamitos Bay after. Carl and Wanda went, also. Donna and Rex rode with them. Marshes went in our car. Sue, Sr. Pack, and families went there also, but somehow we missed them. Annie and family spent the weekend with Bill's folks out to the beach. Sr. Marsh bought us five pounds of sugar (27¢) and dozen lemons, 15¢; she made us some swell lemonade for dinner, and then left the sugar and lemons here. "What a woman!"



July 26, Sunday

Too hot to hold the small children very long in class, so we went out on lawn for last 30 minutes. Told stories and played games. Enjoyed cold chicken dinner. Stayed home all afternoon trying to keep cool. In evening we took Donna to J Car, rode about two miles to catch the one she'd missed. She stayed in Garvanza with the folks tonight. We went to Belvedere Ward, good meeting. Daddy got his program for next Sunday nite. Called Donna when I came home from church. She was riding with Aunt Sue and the Marshes. Talked to Al.

July 27, Monday—Beverly's Birthday!

I washed and cleaned through house. Charles Bill, and Raymond, came in about 12:30. They ate lunch with me. Bill and Raymond helped with dishes. At nite we went to L.A. took Beverly her gift. We all sat out on the front lawn, Clayton, Hoglund, Renshaw, Andersen, and Marsh families. Rex has a bad boil on knee cap. Donna came back with us.

July 28, Tuesday

Sr. Magnusson asked Donna to talk on the slogan Sunday nite. The Bright family came home from their trip to San Francisco last evening. I'm glad they're back, it's kind of lonesome with my neighbors away on both sides. I won't have to spend an hour this morning watering her lawns and flowers. I heard yesterday that Harry and Rhoda Myers have a new baby girl. This afternoon after the ironing was finished I walked to Santa Anna and Elizabeth Streets, ten and one half blocks, to see about a job taking care of two small children from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Add was in our South Gate paper. I was just too late. Woman started this a.m. I was all in after my twenty-one block hike.

July 29, Wednesday—Rex's Birthday.

I cut the front lawn this morning. Sr. Jacobson came for me about, 9:45, sewing club day at Sr. Weimer's home. We enjoyed a lovely lunch, almost finished Donna's felt pillow top. Sisters Stewart and Jacobson started on their yard African robes. They'll be beautiful. I surely would love to make



*Glen & Beverly Andersen circa 1924.
Beverly turned 12 in 1931.*



*Rex Marsh - 14 years old.
July 29, 1931 Rex celebrated
his 18th birthday*

one, \$6.00 for yarn, oh! Oh! Daddy went out teaching with Norman again tonight. Rex took Donna to a show. Clarence bought, a Maxwell car for \$50. Good looking, the car I mean. He ate dinner with us.

July 30, Thursday

Mrs. Bright and I walked over to Liberty Boulevard in answer to ad about wood fiber flowers. Cost too much to buy the material to make them, so we didn't care to learn how. I went up to Huntington Park this afternoon with Lou, and got \$2.65 back from our light deposit. Surely needed it right now. Hattie left for L.A. today. I'm anxious to see her. Went to Alamitos Bay tonight in Marshes' car. John and Rex brought Elaine, Bette, Shirley, and Ruth down. We had nice time. Donna worked on her talk for next Sunday nite on the slogan.

July 31, Friday

Cleaning day again. Our Daddy has worked five days this week, first week he's got in for a long time. Uncle Bill came down this afternoon to see about the first. He ate dinner with us and we took him home. Rex came down and he and Donna went to a shower on Norma Morris at Mrs. Ellsworth's. Rex said he couldn't bring the car, so we went to end of car line to meet him, but he had the car, John weakened. We rode all over town trying to find pop corn stand for me tonite. Also bought quart of ice cream, 15¢, was good!

August 1, Saturday

Blanche brought Hattie, LaPriel, and Aunt Clara, Helen and LaPriel's kiddies, over here in her car this morning. It was good to see them; they wouldn't come in the house though. Mrs. Bright bought a new water hose today. She bought a young rooster from us, 75¢. Donna and Daddy slept all afternoon, we went for groceries in evening. Enjoyed radio and went to bed. We started taking raw milk this evening.

August 2, Sunday

Lillian called Louis this morning before Sunday School. After the opening songs were over he and Donna went to station to bring her and Shirley and Louise home. I stayed with my

class. Enjoyed fast meeting today while Nellie F. took my class, real treat. After dinner we took Lillian and kiddies to Long Beach recreation bay for swim. Daddy and kiddies went in. Lillian sang in church, and Donna gave talk on slogan. We also had program from Belvedere Gardens. One poor little girl was so scared she couldn't make a sound at first. All went to Highland Park after church to take Donna. She is visiting Vera and Elaine.

August 3, Monday

New landlord came from Long Beach Building and Loan and cut rent to \$25. Lillian, I, and the kiddies went uptown. Had lunch in Kress Store and went to the New Los Angeles theater, Lillian's treat. Saw "Their Mad Moment." It was good. Went shopping after, then to Western Machinery on East Third to see Jack's friends and a check cashed for Lillian. I phoned Lou before leaving the office, told him to meet us at end of car line. Had to stand almost all the way to South Gate. Awfully tired tonight. Bad back and headaches. Lillian, Shirley, and Louis ate a quart of ice cream. I was too sick and Louise was asleep.



Lillian treated the Renshaws to the movie "Their Mad Moment."

August 4, Tuesday

Daddy didn't work today. He took us up to Huntington Park. Lillian couldn't find a coat for Shirley. She bought her some beach pajamas and bought me some pretty blue beads. We called on a friend of Lillian's in Highland Park. Bought two quarts ice cream on way home, ate lunch. Lillian bought cakes and ice cream. Took Lillian and kiddies to the boat in Wilmington. They left 3:30 p.m. for Catalina Island to visit Grama. Daddy and I went to Long Beach. Enjoyed fish sandwich and watermelon.

August 5, Wednesday

Lillian took pictures yesterday before the boat left. I took some of my washing in for Sue to do in washer. Bad backache all nite. Guess I've got pleurisy. I tried to clean house up a bit, but couldn't do much with my bad back. Mrs. Bright rubbed it with Vicks, felt better. Sr. Liston called at 1 p.m. and we went block teaching. Br. DeLang

gave me some medicine to rub on my back. I called Blanche and talked to Hattie, think they'll come to lunch Monday. After dinner this evening we went to Highland Park. Sue let me charge a large jar of cleansing cream, \$1.80. Went over to Chandlers' to see Donna, and give her Helen's letter and some money. Brought Bette, Shirley, and Mary back home with us. Daddy rubbed my back.

August 6, Thursday

Feel much better after good night's rest. Did some washing, kiddies had a swell time playing with Donna's dolls all day. Mrs. Bright gave us some corn, dozen ears, and honeydew melon. Nice neighbor, eh? Another lady came yesterday to look through the house. (I love that, I do NOT!) Daddy signed paper tonight that we'd pay \$25 rent, and let people look through the house when they come. I bathed the kiddies and got them in bed 9 p.m.

August 7, Friday

I brought Violet's little night dresses home from Annie's Wednesday night to crochet on. Sue made them and Annie worked the button holes and sewed on the buttons. I'll sure be happy when that baby is here and Violet is o.k. again. I ironed, and the kiddies played with Donna's dolls. Daddy didn't work today. He went uptown to pay the furniture and his glasses. About 4:30 I gave the kiddies a shower bath, combed and curled their hair, and took them to the market with us to get our groceries. Left 6 p.m. for Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro where we held the Strong's genealogical meeting. Hattie and LaPriel were there. Enjoyed wieners and watermelon. Uncle Bill has a job (nite work). He is surely happy over it. Sue brought my laundry to beach. They took children home.



Cabrillo Beach

August 8, Saturday

Daddy left early this a.m. (5:30) to pick Bill up when he got off work. They went out to look at the lot. We are afraid we'll have to let it go. I worked hard all day, lots to do after my company all week. In evening we went to Highland Park to Annie's. Daddy took us all down to Sycamore Grove to the party the Mutual gave for Sr. Marsh and her counselors. We had a nice time, and lots of watermelon. They gave them nice books for gifts. Sr. Pack is taking Sr. Marsh's place. Sr. Marsh was released from president of the Mutual last Sunday. Rex brought Donna home.

August 9, Sunday

I think Br. and Sr. Evans are going to work as counselors in Garvanza Mutual next season. Blood pressure had me nervous a time or two this a.m. in Sunday School, but I managed to stay with the boat while it went a few rounds. Felt better when I got in the little class. I had a long wait for Daddy and Donna after while they practiced for a trio, Henry, Marvin, and Daddy. We went to Sunday School union meeting in afternoon. Bought ice cream on way home, 15¢ a quart, good, too. Bishop Perry and family got home yesterday. Was good to see them again. Fine nite meeting. Bishop Gough was our speaker. Bishop Perry spoke also. Trio sounded fine.

August 10, Monday

I forgot to order my sponge cake, couldn't get it at little store or from bakery man, so Donna had to go all the way to bus terminal, so we could serve "mock toast," which is whipped cream and half peach on slice of cake. Blanche brought Hattie, Aunt Clara, LaPriel, Helen, and the kiddies about 12:30 noon. Ruth and Margaret came about 1 p.m. They arrived in L.A. this morning at 1 a.m., so I went over and invited them to lunch, too. Enjoyed the day

visiting with my company. Wish Hattie could stay a few days with us. [See following pages for names and relationships to Elvie.]

August 11, Tuesday

No work for Daddy today. I washed; Donna went over to Ruth's about noon to take care of the kiddies while Ruth and Margaret went up to a show. They took the girls with them, just left the baby boys. Daddy took me to Huntington Park to do a little shopping. Call from Lillian about 8 p.m. All rode to Wilmington to bring her home. She visited a week at Catalina with Grama. Daddy bought two quarts ice cream on way home.

August 12, Wednesday

Almost finished ironing this a.m. before going to sewing club at Sr. Judd's. Enjoyed lovely lunch and visiting with ladies all day. Crocheted on Violet's baby night dresses (5 of them) also did a feather stitch on hem, and neck and sleeve. Lillian took Donna and Shirley and Louise uptown to a show. She bought Shirley a coat. They got home about eight at nite. Mrs. Bright ate dinner with Daddy and me. Her folks are away for day or two.

Family History as it Relates to Elvie's Diary



Jacob Strong & Sarah Hill
Parents of seven children
Two of those sons were William and James Thomas Strong



William Strong & Harriet Neeley
William fathered 17 children. One child with his first wife Martha Bromley Alvord, two children with Sarah Garlick, and fourteen children Harriet Neeley.



James Thomas Strong & Elizabeth Catherine Swaner
James T. and Elizabeth had 12 children
They are Elvie's Grandparents.

Family History as it Relates to Elvie's Diary



*Harriet Neeley Strong after her husband William died, with her nine living children
Left to right; Harriet Lucinda, Mary Lodema, Ida Violet, Ira Armenios, Harriet Neeley, William Hill,
Emmeline Jane, LeRoy Neeley, Helen Maude with Marvin Albert in front*



*William Hill Strong & Clara Anna Bishop Family
William Hill Strong, Clara Virginia, Clara Ann Bishop,
In front-Leo LeRoy, Blanche and Lewis Hryum on his
mother's lap about 1893*



*Back-Virginia, Mother Clara Bishop, Loretta
Front-Harriett, Blanche, Lapriel Strong*

Names Elvie mentions in August associated with this family: Aunt Clara, Cousins of Elvie: Harriet Spiers, Blanche Hoglund and Lapriel Bunker



*Owen A Bailey & Mary Elizabeth Strong Family
Mary Elizabeth Strong was the fourth child of James T. & Elizabeth Strong
Standing; Sue, Owen J, Annie, Sitting; Lorene, Mildred, Owen A, Violet, Mary, Elvie*



*Eliza Davies & Ernest James Strong
Their children are Ernest Edward, Douglas,
Mariel Charles, Afton Irene, Ruth Mary,
Leonard Clarence, & Wayne Davies*



*Irene Strong & Edgar Best Family
They had twelve children. One of the daughters is Margaret. Elvie
mentions Margaret on August 4th.*

Names Elvie mentions associated with this family: Aunt Ida, Uncle Ern, Cousins of Elvie: Ruth Cartwright, Leonard, (the actor) and Wayne. (Friend of Rex Marsh and Donna Renshaw.)

August 13, Thursday

It was little Shirley Hoglund's birthday yesterday, but I was unable to go in to L.A. Donna went with Lillian and kids for a walk to the doughnut shop. I made two dresser dolls, a pink and a green one. One for Shirley Hoglund, and one for Louise Keller. I got started on Shirley Keller's. Donna took care of Ruth and Margaret's baby boys tonight. We took Lillian and kiddies up to Highland Park to visit. Called in Marshes'. Donna and I are invited to a party at Marshes' Monday nite??? Took Shirley's [Hoglund] doll up to her tonite.

August 14, Friday

Lillian left early this morning to meet the 7:45 train and Jack. I cleaned house, best I could with the kiddies around. Mrs. Bright got a permanent wave today, looks lovely. Jack and Lillian came about 1 o'clock in the company car. They took the girls to Long Beach. Lillian gave Donna a dollar before they went. Nice of her. Rex took Donna to a show tonite. Lillian and family came home tired, kiddies went to bed and Lillian and Jack went to hotel in L.A.. I finished Shirley Keller's doll today, pink.

August 15, Saturday

We met Jack and Lillian in front of Los Angeles theater at 11:30 a.m. All went to show, and enjoyed lunch after. Went to their room in Stillwell hotel. Daddy and Jack went for company car. Lillian and kiddies and I went shopping. Donna stayed in room and enjoyed a nap. Lillian bought Louise a pink silk dress. When we got back to the room, Donna and Shirley went shopping. Donna bought herself a little silk and wool sport dress with the money she'd earned tending babies and what Aunt Lillian gave her. She also bought some green jewelry to go with dress. (Cute.) We all came to South Gate at nite. Lillian and Jack, Louis and I went to dance in Long Beach. Enjoyed fish dinner before the dance. Donna stayed with Shirley and Louise. Rex came down.



The Stillwell Hotel at 838 South Grand Street, is shown here in the second decade of the 20th century. Noonan and Kysor designed it in 1912 for real estate owner Charles H. Stillwell.

August 16, Sunday

Louise went to Sunday School with us, but Shirley wouldn't. She thought her folks were coming for her this morning, but they didn't. They came about one o'clock and we had chicken dinner. Enjoyed music and visiting this afternoon. About three o'clock Daddy took Louise and Shirley for a ride and bought two quarts ice cream. Keller's left for their train about 4:30, had to take the company car back, and get train in L.A. Lillian took Donna's orchid Georgette dress and left a pink all over embroidered dress for Donna. Daddy and I went to church. Donna stayed home. She and Nellie sang a duet during the sacrament in Sunday School.

August 17, Monday

Got a letter from Dad today. Lydia was operated on Friday morning. Well, I guess the Keller family is home by now. We enjoyed their little visit, but missed seeing Ralph. [Ralph Melvin Keller] He is visiting his Grama Keller in Salt Lake. I washed this morning, and went in to L.A. this afternoon on street car. Donna and I went to Sue's, had dinner with them, and then went to the "mystery" party at Marshes'. It turned out to be Ruth Booth's engagement announcement. She's going to live in Salt Lake. Marshes have a nice new overstuffed, and a walnut bedroom suite, came today. Audrey and John Treu had twin girls last week, but only one of them is alive now. Bro. Reese was put in patriarch of Hollywood Stake. Lou came in for us tonite. Rex took Donna home. She is all thrilled cause Florence asked her to be her bridesmaid, oh! oh!

August 18, Tuesday

Daddy and I took Donna uptown to meet Miss Perkins and Janet. Then we unloaded our newspapers, 62¢. Left Lou's gray pants at the cleaners. Wish I was back home to help Owen with housework and kiddies. Will be happy when Lydia and Violet are well again. Our new neighbors moved in Page's house this morning. Mrs. Bright has decided to keep their home now, happy. In evening Beth and Henry came, then Marvin. The boys practiced their trio for Friday nite. Wrote to Lydia, would love to know how she is feeling now.

August 19, Wednesday

I wrote to Dad, Violet, and little Mildred this a.m. Little diary what do you think of fried eggs, slice tomatoes, lettuce, cold milk, good bread and butter, and sliced peaches for dinner? Is it so awful? I'm trying to keep the store bill down. Oh, well, I have lots of headaches, but sometimes comes a heartache. Have been reading the book by Norton S. Parker, "Hell and Hallelujah." Elaine let Donna take it, she got it from Steve Muir, belongs to President Muir. Very good book. Surely glad I'm a Mormon. Ruth and family came over at nite, she practiced her songs over.



Cost Cutting Dinner

August 20, Thursday

Mrs. Bright invited Donna and I over to lunch today. She also had Mrs. Cottrell and a Mrs. Adams. Enjoyed the lunch and the visit. I darned my sox while visiting. Donna went with Ruth and family this evening to the "pep" meeting. She is staying all nite with Elaine and going uptown tomorrow with Beverly and Elaine. Henry and Marvin came over to practice trio with Daddy. Bro. Jolly came to practice with Donna, but she wasn't home, he left music.

August 21, Friday

Tommy Bright went up to City Hall to pay my water bill this morning, nice kid. Saved me a long walk. Mrs. Bright brought me a lovely bouquet this morning. We had a nice talk on religion. The girls, Donna, Elaine, and Beverly had some stamp pictures taken while they were in town, also had a lot of fun trying on the new derby hats. Tonite we went to the genealogy program, Daddy sang in trio, Donna played two piano solos, Ruth sang twice, also. They had some very good numbers. Wonder why Bro. Jolly and son didn't show up? I like the new neighbors, cute baby named Donald.

August 22, Saturday

Daddy and I went to Huntington Park this a.m. Paid light and gas bill. I bought one yard of red silk check rayon to make a smock pillow. We bought the vegetables and groceries. The big market on California Avenue and Indiana Avenue opened up again this morning, new management. Surely hope they'll make a go of it this time. We bought some things there. This evening Daddy and I went to Fox California show to see "Daddy Long Legs." Cute show. Donna had seen it, so she stayed home. In the afternoon I rode to Compton with Daddy to get some chicken feed. Something I ate gave me asthma, first time for months.

August 23, Sunday

They divided our Sunday School class today. Sr. Magnusson took eighteen of the smallest children in the kitchen for a class. We surely enjoyed the extra room in our class. Kiddies were lots better. I was bothered with asthma most of nite, so didn't sleep very well. Wonder what it was that gave it to me, Haven't had asthma for a long time. Donna didn't feel very well today, but she went to Sunday School anyway. In evening we went up to Highland Park. Took Annie and Bill to church. Al called on Daddy to open with prayer. Bishop was the speaker of the evening. Sr. Bingham and her counselors were released from Relief Society and Sr. Gledhill was put in as President. We visited up to Sue's after church. The Marshes were there, also. Rex brought Donna home.



Newberry's in Los Angeles, Elvie went to the new store in South Gate.



Ruth and Marilyn in earlier years.



August 25, Tuesday

Donna went over to Ruth's this morning at seven o'clock. She took care of the kiddies while Ruth went to the hospital. She was going under a minor operation, but after waiting up at the hospital for three hours, they came in and told her it couldn't be done today. Rex and Donna went to Elaine's treasure hunt tonite, Bro. and Sr. Marsh rode down with Rex, but didn't come in as kids were in a hurry. Block teachers came tonite. Am still wondering whether to go with Bob and Hilda Wilson to Utah???

August 26, Wednesday

It was sewing club day at Stewart's, a hot day, but we enjoyed the back lawn, and lovely luncheon. She has a lovely backyard, three big porch swings and nice easy chairs. At 2:30 we decided it was hot enough for a nice swim, so all went to Long Beach. Mrs. Jacobson brought me home for bathing suit. Water was grand, enjoyed it better than I ever have before. Grama Jacobson can surely swim, she's past 70, too. I visited with Iva and her mother and sister tonite, while Daddy and Norman went teaching. Saw her baby clothes, darling! Donna stayed home tonight to write letters.

August 27, Thursday

Another hot day. I took the bus to State Street then walked to the South Gate Bank. Had no trouble in getting \$28 of our Christmas fund. Hated to take it out, but had to get school clothes for Donna, and some things for me to go home with. Called Donna and she met me at bus terminal. Went into L.A. Bought me a brown fall hat, \$3.00, surely cute, it's not a severe derby. Bought us both a nice crepe slip, 98¢, and bought four pairs of silk hose for \$2.83. Three print school dresses, 79¢ each, real nice, shoes for me, \$2.95. Big sale! Enjoyed sandwich and ice cream, bought shower present, for Donna to take to Ruth Booth's shower. We came back to South Gate and I bought a pink voile dress, \$1.95. Surely tired when we got home. Donna had sick headache and didn't go to Helen Martinez's party. Daddy went teaching. We spent \$17.61 of the \$28.00.

August 28, Friday

Bob Wilson [*Alson Robert Wilson*] called this morning and said we'd leave tomorrow about two o'clock. I cleaned my silk dresses in solvent, and Donna's green one, also. Was busy getting my things ready all day. Donna worked hard, too. At night Rex took her to L.A. Stake dance. Daddy and I went to the Gleaner and M Men's show in Ward, was good. I was so sorry to learn from Sr. Judd that Basil's friend, Ed, was killed Wednesday evening while riding his motorcycle. Ruth and Clarence came over this afternoon. Lou gave them two or three little castor bean trees, and his iron table.



These little beans can grow into trees ten or more feet in one summer

The Castor Bean is the only member of the genus *Ricinus*, and it has no immediate relatives.

As a member of the Spurge family of plants (Euphorbiaceae), it is distantly related to the poinsettia, true rubber tree, cassava, croton, and tung oil tree. In tropical areas it grows as a shrub or a tree that can reach 40 feet in height along streams and rivers and on bottom lands with well-drained, nutrient rich soils. In temperate areas, Castor Beans are grown as annuals. Castor Bean plants grow at an amazingly fast rate, if they are situated in full sun and provided with ample fertilizer and water. Ten-foot tall plants are not uncommon by late summer. They are intolerant of frost, and die as soon as the temperature drops below 32°F.

The extremely toxic components of Castor Beans (including the protein ricin and the alkaloid ricinine) have been the subject of much interest. The most notorious is ricin, a deadly poison found in abundance in the seed and in smaller amounts throughout the rest of the plant. Ricin is a water-soluble protein that inhibits protein synthesis in animal cells, leading to their death. Poisoning occurs when animals ingest broken seeds or chew the seeds. Intact seeds may pass through the digestive tract without releasing ricin. Ricin is incredibly toxic. As little as 0.5 mg (the amount contained in several seeds) can kill an adult. One seed can kill a child. Four seeds will kill a rabbit, 5 a sheep, 6 an ox or horse, 7 a pig, 11 a dog, but it takes 80 to kill a duck.

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August 29, Saturday

We went up to Los Angeles this a.m. to say goodbye to the girls. Bob came for me about 1:30 p.m. He got my suitcase this morning. We had a word of prayer before we started. Daddy led us in prayer. Bob's sister, Mary, her baby, his brother, Johnny, and his wife, Hildia, and Alma Hinley went with us on the trip. A heavy rain ahead of us all the way. Went through several wash outs, twenty-two cars stalled, 6:50 p.m. we waited two hours before we could go on, went about two blocks and ran into another flood, didn't have to wait but 30 minutes before we could leave there.

August 30, Sunday

And so on into the nite, it surely was a bad storm, but glad we missed the worst of it, found washouts all along the way, mud and rocks all over the roads through Nevada and California. Utah didn't get much of the storm. We arrived in Cedar City 9:30 a.m. Seemed like afternoon to me. I was surprised to hear about Violet being in the hospital. It surely upset me to hear about her losing the baby boy. Otto took me over to see her, she looked so sweet and I hated to leave her. Dolores looked fine, bless her heart. We rested at Fife's one hour and arrived in Salt Lake 4:30 p.m. Tired and dirty, folks were surprised. Salt Lake looked beautiful to me. Dad and family came in evening. Dad has been sick, doesn't look so well. I've an awful backache. Not one us had a watch on the trip!



August 31, Monday

Slept well last nite, feel better. Lydia feels fine, also. Tyria [*Tybra Isabelle Hoglund*] came and had lunch with us. Jack [*John Thomas Richards*] called for her. Billy [*Owen and Lydia's son, Jack William Bailey*] is a darling child, they are sweet kids. Aunt Ida [*Ida Rich*] came up to see me this morning. Elsie [*Elsie Daisy Garratt*] came this afternoon and invited me to go up to her



Billie Bailey



Elsie Daisy Garrett
Strong Bailey



Aunt Ida & Uncle Alvin

house. Diana [*Diana Strong*] and Evelyn [*Evelyn Strong Best*] came up, and Beth [*Elizabeth Strong*] also. Uncle Alvin [*Alvin Charles Strong*] came up in evening. I didn't leave here all day. Owen bought ice cream tonite.

September 1, Tuesday

Mrs. Barker wiped the dishes for me. Mildred [*Owen and Lydia's daughter, Mildred Bailey*] helps with the work every day, sweet little child. Aunt Ida Davis [*Eliza Davies Strong*] came over to see us today. She invited me to dinner Friday. Bob [*Alson Robert Wilson*] and Hilda [*Hilda Salina Tregaski*] are going to be there. I walked down to see Aunt Lizzie [*Louise Elizabeth Underwood*] this afternoon. Called in Ida's and visited Grama Rich. [*Diana Farr*] She is not very well. I bought some steak, went to Ida's for Mildred.



Diana Strong



Beth Strong 1930

September 2, Wednesday

Kate [*Catherine Sophia Park*] and Joe [*Joseph Wilford Hoglund*] came this morning on way to pick peaches. Herm and Pearl came for Kate and Joe. Edna Lambert [*Edna May Donelson*] came over. I saw her two youngest boys. Afton [*Afton Irene Strong*] and Margaret [*Margaret Stone married to Mariel Strong*] and babies, came over. Lydia's neighbor called. We had lots of company. Aunt Ida [*Ida Rich*] asked me to go uptown, but I wanted to get the ironing done. I ate dinner this evening with Aunt Ida and family. Uncle Alvin [*Alvin Charles Strong*] took us for a nice long ride. Saw all the lovely new homes up in East Salt Lake, Gilmore Park, etcetera, we rode out to Memory Grove and City Creek Canyon and out Highland drive to "Old Mill" Cottonwood Canyon, through Liberty Park, a lovely ride. Ida's brother, Lonny, came tonite. Hattie [*Harriet Eliza Strong*] called, and Dad and Elsie, Bonnie [*Bonnie Jean Bailey*] and Garry, [*Lewis Garrett Strong*] and the new dog were here when I got back from the ride.



Cottonwood Paper Mill in 1869



Modern photo of Cottonwood Paper Mill

The Cottonwood Paper Mill is an abandoned stone structure located at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon in Cottonwood Heights, Utah. It was built in 1883 by the *Deseret News*. Workers used paper making equipment brought in from the old Sugar House Paper Mill to grind logs from nearby canyons into pulp. Rags gathered from old clothes were also used to produce the pulp, which was then placed into molds and dried. During its operation, the mill could yield up to 5 tons of paper per day.

The mill provided jobs and paper for nearly ten years. But the completion of the railroad had made paper significantly cheaper to obtain. In 1892, the Cottonwood Paper Mill was sold to Granite Paper Mills Company. On April 1, 1893, a fire broke out inside. Between its large stockpile of paper and the fact that many who heard the alarm thought it to be an April Fool's joke, the mill was destroyed, leaving only a stone skeleton.

The structure was partially rebuilt in 1927 for use as an open-air dance hall, known as the Old Mill Club, and remained so until the 1940s. It was also used in the 1970s and 1980s as a haunted house and a craft boutique. It was declared a historic site by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers in 1966, and was condemned by the city of Cottonwood Heights in 2005.



September 3, Thursday

Hattie [Harriet Eliza Strong] came at 10:30, took me in her car to Bishop's building to a Genealogical class, it was very interesting. We shopped in Z.C.M.I. and home to a lovely hot lunch. Ern Speirs [Ernest Speirs] had it almost ready when we got there. Took flowers to Helma Erickson's grave. [Helma Sophia Hoglund, death date August 30, 1931] Called on Aunt Julia, [Julia Ann Strong] saw Ruth [Ruth Ardelle Paul] and children. Elias [Elias John Strong] and wife [Alice Oreta Thurgood] came in evening. Brought me home about 12 p.m. Aunt Ruby [Ruby Angeline Donelson] and Aunt Hattie Bailey [Eliza Harriet Bailey] called to see me. Katy and Joe, [Hoglund] Pearl and Herm brought surprise party, ice cream and cakes and kiddies. I missed it all, by being away. Sorry, but had a nice day with Hattie and Ernest. [Ernest Speirs]

September 4, Friday

I cleaned through house and took a bath. Wrote a letter to Violet. My daughter had written in my diary on the first line, "Just to remind you of your dear little daughter." Her little note made me lonesome for her and Daddy. I enjoyed a lovely dinner with Aunt Ida [Eliza Davies Strong] and family this evening. Afton [Afton Irene Strong] and family, Mariel [Mariel Charles Strong] and family, all home but Ruth [Ruth Mary Strong] and Leonard. [Leonard Clarence Strong] Bob Wilson and Hilda [friends that Elvie rode with to Salt Lake] were invited, we waited an hour then ate. Aunt Ida was upset over holding her hot dinner so long, but it was good. Wilson's didn't come at all. Wonder why?

September 5, Saturday

I am told my Momer [Elsie Bailey?] is peeved at me. Oh, dear, oh, dear, I cleaned kitchen, gave kiddies a bath, and went down to Margaret Renshaw's, [Margaret Ann Jones Renshaw] but shopped in Kress first. Margaret didn't know me, I asked her if she had any vacancies, she shook her head no, then I smiled at her, she said, "Oh, Elvie!" We fooled Mel [John Melvin Renshaw] when he came. Margaret told him I wanted a room, but couldn't pay until the 15th. He said, "I got to go back to work," but he knew me the minute he looked at me. Ate dinner with them and they took me to Orpheum. We called at work for Winnie [Winifred Rosa Motzkus, Ralph Stanley Renshaw's wife] at 11 p.m. They all brought me up to Owen's. Lydia and Owen were still up, so they came in for a few minutes.



Elvie Bailey & Hattie Strong
Circa 1910. In 1931 they are both
married, Elvie Renshaw
& Hattie Spriers



Eliza Davies Strong,
known as Aunt Ida



Melvin Renshaw & Elvie Renshaw

September 6, Sunday

Owen made hot cakes for our breakfast. Mildred and Bob went to Sunday School, I forgot it was fast day. Lydia is feeling fine. Owen put a rod up in clothes closet. I wrote to Donna and Daddy. I wanted to go to church and hear Diana [Diana Strong] and the girls sing tonite, but Frank [Frank William Bailey] and Vivian [Eunice Vivian Jones] came at church time, so I stayed home. Bobby [Robert Owen Bailey] and Franky [Frank Bailey] were playing with Bob's erector set, and Billie [Jack William Bailey] poked one of the metal screws way up his nose. Owen and Frank took him to the emergency hospital, but the nurse couldn't get it. They took him to a doctor. He didn't get it out either. They are taking him to Dr. Stauffer, specialist, tomorrow noon. We are all upset.



Jack William Bailey, known as Billie
in August of 1930. On September 6, 1931 Billie
put a screw in his nose.

September 7, Monday—Labor Day

Frank and Owen took Billie to Dr. Stauffer's office at noon today. They gave him gas and got the bolt out. Poor little fellow didn't feel very good after. We left for Logan at 1 p.m. Beth and Ramona went along. I surely enjoyed the trip. Logan is a beautiful little town. Aunt Ida had a nice lunch for us. She treated to drinks and swell chocolates. Uncle Alvin and Aunt Ida took me to Lagoon. We arrived home about 8 p.m. Lydia and I talked until 10:30 p.m.

September 8, Tuesday

Owen took Franky home tonite and Bobbie stayed all nite with him, some pals. Frank Bailey brought Frank up early this morning to play with Bob. Katy and Joe came and brought us a sack of peaches. They have three nice children. I washed a few things. Called Elsie up. Dad is sick, was in lots of pain. I worry over him. I am going up to their house Friday. I received a letter from Donna and one from Daddy. He sent me \$3.00, bless his ole heart. Went to 10th Ward opening Mutual dance with Aunt Ida. Helped her and Sr. Epon serve the punch. I danced with Bishop Childs and Frank Derrick. Edith [Edith May Strong] and her husband called on us today.

September 9, Wednesday

Hung out wet wash, then ironed all afternoon. Owen saw Dad and he said he feels much better today. Extra out this morning: big jail break up at the pen, some killed. Frank brought Bobbie home tonight, they didn't come in. Owen, Lydia, and I had a nice visit tonite. Edith invited us to call on her in Bingham, she looks fine. She was here yesterday.

September 10, Thursday

I wrote to Daddy and Donna today. I took Bobbie and Mildred to school this morning. The dear old Webster, it brought my childhood days back. Aunt Ida gave us some grapes and we made some jam and jelly. Katie and Joe came up this afternoon. They didn't stay long. Joe is talking of going back to L.A. Lydia and I walked down to see Mary S. Robinson [Mary Belle Strong] and her new baby boy, 3 months old. Mary's hair is almost white. She looks like Aunt Vick [Victoria Cornelia Crawford] now. Diana [Diana Strong] came up to visit us this evening.

September 11, Friday

I got a good early start with the Friday's cleaning. Elsie came about 12:30 and ate lunch with Lydia and me. Elsie and I went uptown, got gas at her brother Joe's first. [Joseph Henry Garratt] I bought three pair of silk non-run garments, \$1.00 each, at Auerbach's store, and two pair bloomers, 50¢ each. Left garments in town to be marked, 25¢ each. Dad wasn't feeling very good



Tenth Ward Chapel in 1911
Where Elvie & family attended church



Tenth Ward Chapel
May 25, 2012



Arthur Ephraim Strong and Alice Ashman
Wedding Portrait

when we got home, he'd had two big teeth out. Enjoyed nice dinner with Dad and family. They took me to see Uncle Frank [Francis Tracy Bailey] and Aunt Ray [Rachel W. Whittaker] at night. Aunt Hattie Richmond [Mary Harriet Bailey] was here when Dad brought me home. They took her home from Lydia's.

September 12, Saturday

Lydia is helping with work now. I just can't keep her down. It seemed perfectly natural to scrub the old kitchen floor. I surely am enjoying my visit here. Salt Lake is beautiful and I love it, but oh, my California home! I don't think I can ever part with it now. Elsie and Dad came in the evening and took Lydia and me for a nice ride. I bought oranges and popcorn, that good kind on 2nd East. First time Lydia has been out since her operation. Dad treated to ice cream. The folks are all getting in their winter coal now. Some coal trucks up this court every day. Mrs. Barker's came today. Lydia made Billy's birthday cake.

September 13, Sunday—Billy's birthday

I enjoyed Sunday School in the 10th Ward. I sat with Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Donelson [Angeline Aldous, Ruby's mother]. Walked home with Uncle Alvin and Diana. Ate dinner with Aunt Ida and family, lovely dinner, peach ice cream. Grama Rich is living with them now. I love her. Owen and family took me calling this afternoon, First on Uncle Art [Arthur Ephraim Strong] and Aunt Alice. [Alice Ashman] Saw Edith [Edith May Strong] and children, her husband, also. Then to Mayo and Marge Wetzels. They are taking me down to see Virginia [Virginia Wetzels] and Elmer [Elmer Falkner] Tuesday nite. Then to Pearl Willie's. Aunt Ruby and family came while we were out, Norma and family, too. We tried to find Cliff and Dewetta, but couldn't, called on Aunt Julia, [Julia Ann Strong] Hugh [Hugh Hamilton Paul] and wife and baby came while we were there. Cyril [Cyril James Paul] was out, also. Stopped in Clyde Peterson's, [Klyde Andrew Petersen] found Aunt Maude, [Maude Elizabeth Mills] Uncle Andrew, [Andrew Petersen] Don [Don Harris Petersen] and family there. Stopped in to see Uncle Ralph and then home. I gave Billy two little undershirts and some pennies.

September 14, Monday

“School started today, Mother” (More of Donna’s little notes to me.) Yes, and I’d love to be there to help you off. We surely had a big day yesterday, so nice of Owen to take me around like that. Mabel Paul [*Mabel Maroney*] called up today. She and Alvin [*Alvin Joseph Paul*] are coming up next Monday nite to visit us. I wrote to Violet, Donna, and Louis. Received a sweet letter from Donna today. Lydia received nice letter from Al. She answered it, and wrote to Lorene and Annie. Went to Strong’s Genealogical meeting at Aunt Ruby’s. [*Ruby Donelson*] Lydia went, too. Dad and Elsie took us. Had a lovely time. Called on me to speak. Mel and Margaret [*Mel and Margaret Renshaw*] came to take me out tonite. They are coming next Saturday to take me out. We played games after the meeting.

September 15, Tuesday

The folks made me feel so welcome last nite, I surely love my relations. I washed a few things and ironed them. Lydia went over to visit Mrs. Hanson, a neighbor who was in the hospital when she was. Mayo [*Edmund Mayo Wetzel*] and Marge [*Margaret Odell*] came this evening and took me down to visit Virginia [*Virginia Wetzel, sister to Mayo. No family relationship known, must be good friends to Elvie*] and Elmer. [*Elmer Falkner*] Nice time. Her boys are good looking young men. Virginia talks as fast as ever!

September 16, Wednesday

Our washing came back today. Lydia sends to wet wash laundry. I got the ironing all finished before Aunt Maude [*Maude Elizabeth Mills*] and Uncle Andrew [*Andrew Petersen*] came for me. Wave [*Verda Wave Petersen*] and Josie’s [*Josie Arvilla Crittenden*] son, Delma [*Delmas Earl Brierley*] and wife, [*Nancy Lucile Morse*] were with them. I surely enjoyed the ride up through the canyon, hills look like a garden, red and yellow. Enjoyed another one of Aunt Maude’s [*Maude Elizabeth Mills*] good dinners. It’s surely cool up here in Park City. Don Peterson [*Don Harris Petersen*] and baby girl [*Donna Petersen*] came over. We talked about Mrs. Vincent dying, years ago.

September 17, Thursday

I am surely glad to hear that Don is interested in religion. He is planning on going through the temple soon. [*On November 22, 1931 he and Rose were sealed.*] I ate one big breakfast this morning. There’s just something about being up here in the mountains that makes you hungry. We went for a nice ride this



Wave Petersen
& daughter Nelda



Babe was troubled with
alcoholism most
of his adult life



Maude Mills Petersen



Elvie, Donna & Maude
At Maude’s home
in Park City in 1924

afternoon; Uncle Andrew had to go out on the road on business. They took me to a missionary farewell dance tonite. Had a lovely time, Uncle Andrew saw that I had a few good dances. The hills are beautiful in their red and gold. Wish my folks were with me. We called on Sam Mills [*Samuel James Mills*] and family and Josie [*Josie Arvilla Crittenden*] and family today.

September 18, Friday

Aunt Maude has a lovely flower bed. Beautiful asters and gladiolas and etc. It’s a shame to have the frosts come and spoil them. The folks were going to take me home this afternoon, but Coalville was having a big barbecue, given by the Sportsman’s club. Uncle Andrew wanted to go, so we went there. Had a lovely time. The beef was cooked in a big pit in the ground. Oh, it was grand. They killed three young beef. Sam Mills [*Samuel James Mills*] and wife [*Olive Irene Crittenden*] went with us. Got home about 9 p.m. and ate peaches and cream. Aunt Maude made a cake after we got home to take up to Mrs. Edmunds; whose husband was killed in a mine yesterday. Babe [*Ralph Stanley Renshaw*] was in paper - drunk.

September 19, Saturday

Got up at 8 a.m. It started raining at 8:15 and was hailing and snowing hard while we ate breakfast. Left for Salt Lake at 10 a.m. Sam Mills and wife came to Salt Lake with us. Canyon was beautiful with red autumn leaves, and white snow in the hills. Letter from Louis and Donna when I got here. Margaret [*Renshaw*] called up last nite and said they couldn’t come for me today. Mel has gone to California. Lydia and kiddies had the work nearly all finished when we got here. Tonight Lydia and I enjoyed a good show. Owen took care of the kiddies. He drove us downtown.

September 20, Sunday

Lydia, myself, and children went to Sunday School. It was raining when we got up, but was nice when we went to Sunday School. Owen and Billie stayed home. Kitchen floor was scrubbed nice and clean when we got home. About four o’clock we all went up to Dad and Elsie’s. Ate some good coconut cake and prunes. Was just leaving for church in the 10th Ward when Frank [*Frank William Bailey*] and Vivian came, so we went back in and spent the evening. Uncle Will [*William Esau Bailey*] had been there all day. Was glad to see him. Bonnie [*Bonnie Jean Bailey*] sang for us tonight. She has a sweet little voice.

September 21, Monday

Another cool fall day, looked like rain all day. Lydia and I put up peaches, got about half of them up when Elsie came for me. Hated to leave her to do the rest alone, but Mrs. Garrett [*Eliza Priest, Elsie's mother*] was expecting us to lunch at 1 p.m. We had a lovely lunch. Aunt Sadie Renshaw was there, also. Enjoyed the afternoon with them. Aunt Sadie took me over to see Flora and Alta. Elsie and I stopped in to see Margaret [*Renshaw*]. She took us to see Babe's [*Ralph Stanley Renshaw*] boys, [*Roland, Charlie and Eugene*] surely sweet kids. Alvin Paul [*Alvin Joseph Paul*] and Mabel [*His wife*] came in evening. We enjoyed their visit and the lemonade and raisin squares. (Lydia served us.)

Sept. 22, Tuesday

Winnie's house looked nice yesterday, young girl taking care of it. Winnie was working so I didn't see her. Lydia and I left about 11:30 for Duetta's (Zimmerman). [*Dewetta Manila Peake*] We surely enjoyed a lovely cooked dinner, ate so much we didn't have room for the cream pie, so ate it before coming home this afternoon. Owen called for us and enjoyed a piece of pie, also. Kids had made a fire out in the lawn in front of Owen's, burning brightly when we came on the scene. Aunt Ruby, Uncle Clarence [*Clarence Thomas Strong*] took me down to Norma's [*Norma Bernice Strong*] this evening. Neva [*Neva Mae Strong*] went with us. Met Norma's husband. [*Albert Wendell Grover*] They have three beautiful children. Took hot water bottle to bed.



Winnie Olorenshaw with her children



Bailey Brothers, Samuel, William, Frank & Owen (Sam & Owen are on the steps)



Edna Donelson, Annie & Elvie Bailey, Hattie Strong Circa 1910
Edna's sister Ruby is married to Elvie's Uncle Clarence, Hattie Strong will marry Ernest Spiers.
These girls are dear friends and family to each other.

Brief Thoughts Concerning THE CHILDREN OF FRANCIS WILLIAM BAILEY

Francis Tracy Bailey was instrumental in getting his family back to America. At the age of 20, he worked for the Utah Central Railroad on a construction crew. He sent the majority of his money to England, bringing one family member at a time until all were back here again. Here he met with a serious accident; a fall from a moving train. He suffered severe injuries and lay in a cast for many months. While thus handicapped, he took up the study of health and wrote several books on the subject. Upon recovering, he became a chiropractor and made it his life's work.

Harriet Bailey was the only girl in the family of boys. She was a tiny little thing, not quite five feet tall. Aunt Hattie was a saver. She kept every birth, death, marriage, or any kind of announcement. When she left Salt Lake City to make her home with her only child Archie in San Leandro, California, she left boxes of these little keepsakes—things that happened during her lifetime. They were all destroyed; we did not realize their value. She was a busy, little person and loved to visit with her friends. She thought nothing of climbing the steep, Fourth South hill in Salt Lake. She loved flowers and spent many happy hours in her yard, which was a beautiful spot.

Owen Albert Bailey and his brother William Esaw worked in the mining business together. William did the working of the mine and Owen did the promotion work called for. Owen made life interesting for people as he had a keen sense of humor and used it constantly. We had many a laugh at Uncle Will's stories of how he "Batched it" while living at the mine.

Samuel Charles Bailey was a sheet metal man and taught a class at the Jordan High School for quite some time. In those days, they were called "tinsmiths." Because of his ability in his work and his affable, pleasant personality, he worked up a thriving business and built his family a new brick home. He was an ardent worker in the church and his interests were particularly in genealogy. He had a small farm and raised chickens in Draper.

Jacob Ralph Bailey worked for the Salt Lake City Engineering Department for many years. His job was to keep all the street signs in order.

From the records of Bonnie Jean Bailey

September 23, Wednesday

Enjoyed lovely luncheon at Pearl Willies. [Margaret Pearl Donelson] Edna, [Edna May Donelson] Ruby, [Ruby Aneline Donelson] Ethel, [Emily Ethel Brown] Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Donelson [Angeline Aldous] were there, also. We had lots of fun. Edna and George [George Hovey Lambert] drove us home. George has been out of work three months. So sorry for them. Ruth Heaps came up this evening to give me a finger wave, but I thought it was too cold and damp and wouldn't dry. Dad and Elsie took me down to see Cyril [Cyril James Paul] and Cynia Paul [Jensine Marie Henriksen] tonite. Fine family of boys. Cyril gave me lovely bouquet from his garden. Bus money from Louis today.



September 24, Thursday

Bud Willie [Perhaps Pearl Willey's son] was in an auto accident last week. Did a lot of damage to the car, but didn't hurt him or his girlfriend. I washed my clothes this a.m. At 2 p.m. Lydia and I went uptown. I bought my bus ticket at Union station \$10.00. We did a little shopping and came home. Called in Ida's [Eliza Davies] (Ern's Ida) to say goodbye, but she was out, I kissed Wayne [Wayne Davies Strong] and Art Salt, [Arthur William Salt, probably a friend of Wayne's] oh, oh, Loral Hoglund and children ate supper with us. Hattie and Ern [Spiers] came this a.m. to take me to genealogy class, but I couldn't go. Dad, Elsie, Bonnie, and Garry came to say goodbye tonight Went over to Mrs. Barker's and called Marge and Virginia, [Wetzel sisters] said goodbye. Joe and Katie [Hoglund] came today. I took a bath and went to bed.

What families did Elvie visit on trip to Salt Lake City?

Mary Elizabeth Strong's Siblings, Nieces & Nephews

Uncle Ern & Aunt Ida (Davies) & children, (Mariel and Afton, Wayne)
Uncle Alvin & Aunt Ida & children, (Diana, Gordon, Beth, Ramona)
Uncle Clarence & Aunt Ruby & children (Norma, Neva)
Spencer Paul (Aunt Julia's son)
Aunt Julia & children (Cyril & wife Cynia, Alvin and his wife Mabel, Ruth & Hugh)
Uncle Art & Aunt Alice and daughter Edith.
Mary Robinson, Aunt Vick's daughter
Evelyn Best, Aunt Ettie's daughter

Louis Renshaw's Family

Brother Mel & his wife Margaret Renshaw & children (Jack, Betty)
Sister-in-law Winnie Renshaw & boys (Roland, Charlie, Eugene)
Sadie Renshaw, Louis' Aunt

The Bailey Family

Dad, Owen A Bailey, Elsie his second wife and her children (Doris, Garry Strong and half sister Bonnie Jean)
Brother, Owen & Lydia & children (Mildred, Bobby, Billie)
Aunt Hattie Richmond (Owen A. Sister)
Uncle Frank & Aunt Ray, their son Frank and his wife Vivian and their sons (Bobby and Franky)
Uncle Will Bailey (his wife Esther died in 1903. Owen A. Bailey's brother)
Aunt Maude & Uncle Andrew & Children (Klyde, Don, Wave, Sam)
Josie Crittenden

Extended Family & friends

Katy & Joe Hoglund,
Art Salt, Pearl Willey, Joe Garratt, Angeline Donelson, Edna & George Lambert, Mrs. Barker, Mayo & Marge Mertez, Virginia & Elmer Faulker, Tyhra Hoglund, Dewetta Zimmerman, Eliza Priest (Elsie's mother) & the Fife family

Mary Elizabeth Strong's Cousins & Extended Family

Ernest & Hattie Speirs
Elias & Alice Strong and family
Aunt Lizzie Strong
Wave Peterson, Don Peterson

September 25, Friday

Hattie [Spiers] took Lydia, Billy, and me to the bus station this morning. Bus left on time, 9:30. They stayed with me until it pulled out. I surely hate saying goodbye. We stopped in Nephi at Forest Hotel for lunch. I talked to Spencer, his mother and father went into Salt Lake today, so I didn't see them. It was a lovely day. I enjoyed the trip. Arrived in Cedar 6:30p.m. Left my suitcase at drug store and walked to Fife's. Carl [Joseph Carlos Root Fife] was just leaving the house to go to station for me. They were surprised to find me here so early. Violet and Dolores look fine. Otto was down to the farm with his father. I was surprised when Violet told me about Mrs. Hosse dying in Nashville, Tennessee. Owen told me just before I left this a.m. that Mr. VanLewellen was sent up to McNeal Island for 18 months for perjury. They took him this morning. Tom Brown was sent to Leavenworth, Kansas for robbing the mails. So sorry to hear about it.

Fife Family of Cedar City

Otto Fife married Elvie's sister, Violet. In September of 1931 Violet had a miscarriage and lost a little boy. They had one daughter, Dolores at this time.

Otto grew up in Cedar City and that is where Violet and Otto moved to find work.

Otto's parents are Joseph Smith Fife and Emily Kate Holland Root. Otto is the sixth child of seven children. Children in the family, listed in birth order: Arthur Root, Wilford Root, Mary Iva, Lewis Root, Joseph Carlos Root, Otto Root and Laverne Root.

September 26, Saturday

Otto came up from the farm for a few minutes, he ate breakfast with us. Looks fine, some farmer. After work was done up, Violet and I cut paper dolls for Dolores. I brought them from Salt Lake. Violet, Dolores, and I went to town to mail some cards and a letter. Mrs. Cooley, who lives in Fife's basement, drove us down in her car. I talked to Mildred Pinnock, [Mildred Irene Pinnock, a friend] she wants us to call on her tomorrow. I bought beads for Grama Renshaw, came home in Carl's car. Mr. Fife [Joseph Smith Fife] and Otto

came up from the farm tonite. Otto and Mr. Parks went back to farm to sleep. Bed for us, also.

September 27, Sunday

Violet, Dolores, and I went to Sunday School this morning. Otto and Br. Fife had a union meeting this afternoon in Parowan, so Violet, Dolores, and I rode as far as Mildred (Pinnock) Sargent's. We visited with her until they came back from the meeting. Carl let us take a new car. Mildred treated to peanuts. She has remodeled her house, it's nice. Mrs. Fife, Mrs. Cooley, and I went to church tonite. The genealogy society gave a pageant on the Book of Remembrance. It was very good. Dolores was tired, so Violet didn't go. I have lots of pain tonite. Violet gave me some hot milk.

September 28, Monday

Mrs. Fife [Emily Kate Holland Root] got up early and did the washing. Violet and I did the work. Mrs. Fife went over to take care of Mrs. Thorley's children while they went into Salt Lake to conference. Violet, Dolores and I walked over, and Mrs. Fife took us through their lovely big home, then we all walked home together. Carl took my suitcase down to the Leigh hotel this afternoon. Lou [Lewis Root Fife] and Lucille Fife [Lucille Evans] came this afternoon. Mrs. Cooley took me to the bus. Violet and Dolores went along. I left Cedar at 7:10 p.m. Wilford Fife [Wilford Root Fife] was our driver. We had a jolly crowd, we sang and talked most of the night. Wilford drove to St. George, and then he came back and talked to me while the other driver worked. He sang songs for us, lovely voice. Everyone enjoyed him. We arrived in Las Vegas 2 a.m., had a 45 minute stop over. Nothing to do but eat with the others. A young man paid for my lunch. He is a New York actor, going to Hollywood looking for work, was very nice to me, a real gentleman. I sat with a young women

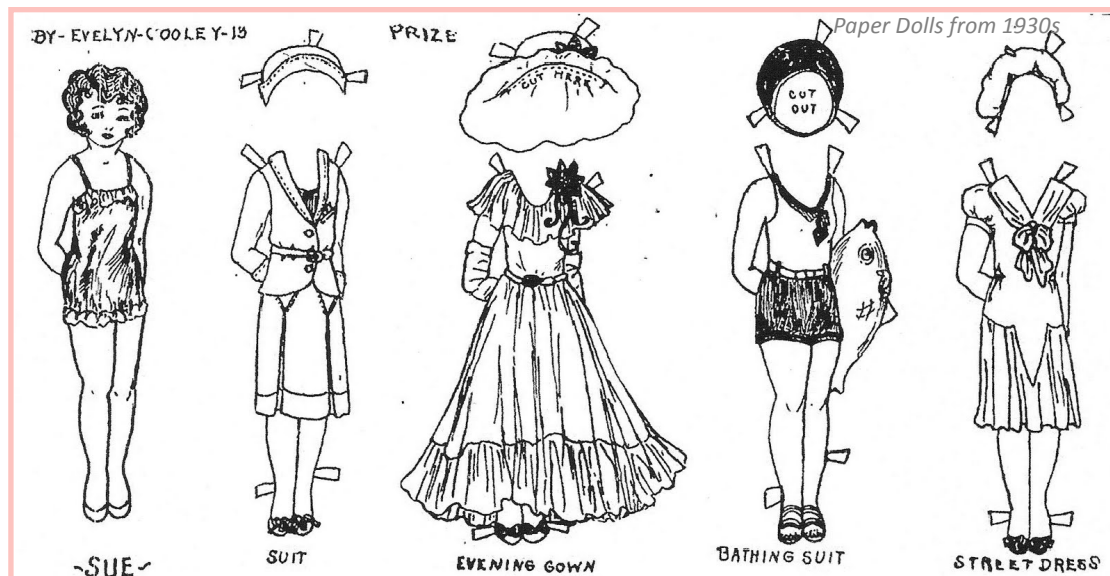


Leigh Hotel in Cedar City

with a five-month-old baby boy, traveling all the way from New York, no sleep tonight.

September 29, Tuesday

Arrived at Barstow about 6 a.m., ate breakfast and had our pictures taken standing by the bus, our crowd was happy all the way. Bishop Benson from Logan was with us. Arrived in L.A. about twelve o'clock noon. Grama Renshaw met me.



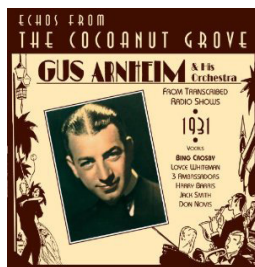
Daddy was working, Donna in school. We ate nice lunch in town, Grama's treat. Came home, everything looks so nice and clean. Cleaned myself and slept until Donna came home. Felt better, cooked fish dinner that Daddy brought home. Was too tired for Mutual. Grama and I stayed home. Donna and Daddy had a music lesson to give so they went. Glad to be home.

September 30, Wednesday

Mrs. Stewart heard I was home, so she came to take me to the sewing club. I made whipped Jell-Well with cream like Lydia told me, and baked some potatoes before I went to club. Didn't want to go and leave Mother alone, but she insisted. Club was at Mrs. Buyers home. We had lovely time and lunch. Sr. Jacobson couldn't be there, Iva has been sick since last nite. Will be glad when she is over it. Bishop took Daddy over to administer to her tonight. He went teaching after. Donna is back on the job with homework, me, too.

October 1, Thursday

No work for Daddy until next Monday. The three of us went uptown this morning. We stopped in to pay the water, gas, and light on way up. Went to Paramount theater, waited for the doors to open. Saw Clive Brook, Miriam Hopkins, Regis Tooney, and Kay Francis, in "24 Hours," and on the stage we saw "A Night at the Coconut Grove." We all enjoyed it, sorry Donna was in school. Grama treated us to our dinner after. Bought three watermelons and groceries and came home. Marvin Jacobson and wife came in evening. Iva is still sick.



October 2, Friday

Donna washed her hair yesterday after school. I put it up in curlers last nite, and made ringlets for her this morning. Rex called her last nite, heavy date tonite. Grama, Daddy, and I did the cleaning up this morning, and then Grama called on a lady friend in South Gate. She had met her on the street car and they went to Angeles temple together. The lady was sick in bed so after visiting awhile she went uptown. I washed Donna's white wool dress. At night we went to Dave Wright's farewell program. Norman Jacobson brought a brief case over from the elders. Said Iva had a baby boy, and he couldn't go to the farewell. They gave Dave \$77.00, fine from this poor little Ward. Donna went to a six o'clock birthday dinner in Huntington Park. We took her over and called for her. Rex took her to a show in the evening.

October 3, Saturday

I did a little washing this morning. Ruth came over and asked why we didn't go to the Strong's meeting last night, we didn't know about it. I had two letters Hattie gave me to read, but they'll wait until next time now. Ruth is worried

over Clarence. She hadn't heard a word from him. He's been gone a week to Las Vegas. In afternoon we went up to call on the girls. Lorene was out but we visited with the others. Donna stayed all night with Junior Girls in their slumber party at Sue's. Went to show first. We called in Marshes' on way up to girls. Bought ice cream coming home.

October 4, Sunday

We all went to Sunday School, I had 79 little tots in our class, they took 14 out, left us 65. I'll just have to have more room or teachers to help keep order. We went up to Marshes' to dinner after Sunday School Had a flat tire on the way. After dinner we enjoyed a lovely ride up to Oak Wild. Daddy took Sr. Marsh, Grama, and myself. Donna stayed home and did the dishes. Br. Marsh went up alone to Oak Wild to bring Rex and his scouts back. They'd been up overnight. Bishop went also to help bring the boys back. We called in to see Lorene on way back. Sr. Marsh and Ruthie came down to our meeting tonite. Sr. Magnusson asked me to work in Mutual as her counselor. I sat on the stand. Oh, dear, I don't know what to do about it. Ate ice cream and cake after church tonite.

October 5, Monday

I feel so thankful to Mother [*Sarah Renshaw*] that I still live in this nice little home. My folks almost had me moved into another house. Hope we can stay here until Donna is out of Huntington Park High. We washed, mother did all the rubbing. I couldn't stop her. She surely is good to me. I hope I can stay in the Sunday School. Don't want to be a counselor in Mutual. Someone shut the big school bus door on two of Donna's fingers, coming home tonight. Poor little hand! Hope she won't lose the nails. This evening Daddy and I went over to see Iva and the new baby boy. Cute! Heard something about Clarence and his trip to Nevada. So sorry. Daddy gets one day a week now??!!

October 6, Tuesday

Daddy and Grama went uptown this a.m. She got her ticket for San Francisco, and is leaving tomorrow on evening bus. Daddy paid on furniture bill, and finished up the [*eye*] glasses account. Glad it's paid. They went to a show and ate lunch uptown. I did up the ironing and shampooed my hair. Went to Relief Society to the one o'clock teacher's meeting. Sr. Stewart called on me to dismiss the meeting. The school told Donna she could graduate next June with class '32 by taking one more subject. She will have enough credits, so she is taking Glee Club now, making five solids again this term. We are all happy with her. We went to Mutual, I feel better, now that I've decided to stay with the Sunday School and not be a counselor in Mutual. Looks like Daddy can't get out.

October 7, Wednesday

I cleaned through house. Grama cleaned her silk dresses, and shampooed her hair. Ruth is feeling better, she came over today. Wants me to take \$10.00 to Al. We left at 5 p.m. to take Grama to station. She went on the big Greyhound nite sleeper, 6:15 p.m. for San Francisco. Enjoyed a nice piece of pineapple pie before she left. Grama gave Donna \$2 and me \$1. It will help to buy her senior sweater. Went up to Sue's, saw

Vera Roberts Donelson, looks just the same. We all went to Mutual. Danced after to the music of Albert Gilman, awful! Rex brought Donna home. Daddy and I bought sandwich on way home. Annie has new brown coat, nice.

October 8, Thursday—Bette Hoglund's birthday!

Bette showed me her new birthday dress, red silk, and sweater, blue, last night. She's a little dear, I surely love her. Wonder how we'll get by on one day's work a week?? Wish I could find work, with pay! Sr. Liston and I went block teaching this afternoon. It was after five o'clock when we got home. We found almost everyone at home this time. We never take in money these days. If folks have any they surely do hang on to it. Daddy went over to Norman's tonite. Baisel Judd and his boyfriend brought Donna some pictures over tonight. Mrs. Bright showed me her two new silk dresses this morning (red and dark brown, pretty). Little Bette's birthday. Hope she's happy. Gave her 25¢ last nite.

October 9, Friday

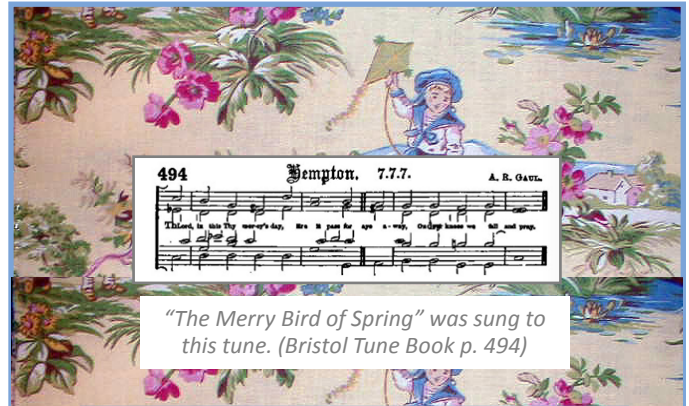
Airmail letter from Margaret to Grama, will have to wait until she sends her address in San Francisco before we can send it to her. Mel came about 1:30 p.m. just as I was getting lunch for Daddy and me. He had his new van, surely a big beauty. Daddy went with him to the warehouse. Donna and Rex went to the Los Angeles Stake Mutual dance, carnival. Mrs. Hanlyn came over to practice a duet with Daddy. They are going to sing Sunday nite in church.

October 10, Saturday

Mel and Daddy left early this morning to unload his van of furniture. Donna and Rex had a sad time at the dance last nite. She's sorry she didn't go to a show or the dance at Venice. Daddy made about \$3.50 helping Mel today, if Redman sends it to him from Salt Lake. Mel gave Daddy two blankets, and a grease gun. He started on his way back to Salt Lake this evening. After Daddy ate his dinner this evening we went to the Market for groceries. I started mixing margarine and butter again tonight. No work, have to be careful again.

October 11, Sunday

Sr. Magnusson's sister, Sr. Allen, helped me with the Sunday School class. We had 65 children, after they took the smallest ones out. Some class! After our chicken dinner, we went to Sunday School union meeting. The Genealogy Society was having a convention at stake house, also. Garvanza Ward young folks gave the pageant. Elaine had a new white and black silk outfit. We went to church, Daddy and Sr. Purill Hanlyn sang a duet. ("Merry Birds of Spring") Sounded fine. Br. Clayton was speaker, very good.



"The Merry Bird of Spring" was sung to this tune. (Bristol Tune Book p. 494)

Merry Birds of Spring

*Little beam of rosy light,
Who has made you shine so bright?
"Tis our Father."*

*Little bird with golden wing,
Who has taught you how to sing?
"Tis our Father."*

*"Tis our Father God above;
He has made us, He is Love.
Little blossom, sweet and rare,
Who has made you bloom so fair?
"Tis our Father."*

*Little streamlet in the dell,
Who has made you, can you tell?
"Tis our Father."*

*"Tis our Father, God above;
He has made us, He is love."*

*Little child, with face so bright,
Who has made your heart so light?
"Tis our Father."*

*Who has taught you how to sing
Like the merry bird of spring?
"Tis our Father."*

*"Tis our Father, God above;
He has made us, He is love."*

*By Fanny J. Crosby
From the 1903 Society
of Friends Golden Hymn Book.*

Frances Jane van Alstyne (née Crosby; March 24, 1820 – February 12, 1915), more commonly known as Fanny Crosby, was an American mission worker, poet, lyricist, and composer. She was one of the most prolific hymnists in history, writing more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs, with more than 100 million copies printed, despite being blind from shortly after birth. She is also known for her teaching and her rescue mission work. By the end of the 19th century, she was a household name. —Wikipedia

October 12, Monday

Daddy went down to Ford Plant, but didn't work, so cleaned yard. He dug up a little fruit tree that was in my way when I hung clothes on the line. He gave it to our neighbors, Comptons. I had a big washing. Daddy fixed lunch for us. Asa Keyes, former Los Angeles county district attorney, was freed from San Quentin prison today, after nineteen months, for accepting a bribe. Guess their's is a happy home today. All home this evening.



Asa Keyes was District Attorney from 1923 to 1928. He was released from prison in Oct. 1931. Asa Keyes died Oct. 18, 1934.

October 15, Thursday

Daddy padded my ironing board this morning, dandy now. He took me over to J car. I went into L.A., bought some black lace to fix Donna's dress up, also bought a garter belt for myself. We had Donna's blond shoes died black, I brought them home today. They look swell. Mr. Trowbridge came today and took all of his things out of the garage. We are glad, gives us lots more room now. I'm sorry he had to lose his place though. He left us the water hose and lawn mower. I hope he doesn't come back for them. Asthma tonite, made hot cakes for lunch. Mel sold Daddy's Utah Gas stock for him. He received the money today, \$349.80, also \$3.00 for work helping Mel unload.

October 16, Friday

Daddy was called to the phone twice yesterday, Charlie the first time, and Sue next, she says Al wants to talk to him about Excelcis field man. Lou mailed a letter to Mel and one to Mr. Judd last nite. I was bothered with asthma all night. I'm going to keep away from pancake flour after this. Daddy started out this morning to look over some jobs he read about in the paper. He called in Al's and talked over going into the Excelcis business. Oh, dear, I wish I knew what move to make, no work at Ford, to speak of, one day a week. Clarence is out all together. Rex took Donna to Home Gardens Mutual dance tonight. I didn't feel like going, so we stayed home.

October 17, Saturday

Daddy killed two roosters and I boiled them this morning. He sold one to Mrs. Bright alive, 75¢. He went to bank and left the check Mel sent him for stock.

We took Donna over to a girl friend's home to take some money, and tell her she wouldn't be at the party this afternoon. Went up to Sue's, they were out, over to Annie's, had lunch with them. Glen and Donna went to a show in Highland Park. Beverly was away sewing in Primary class. Al came and we talked over Excelcis. Daddy and Charlie had a talk over candy business before Al came. Went up to Sue's in Al's car. Annie and Beverly went, also. Back to Annie's and home. Enjoyed cold chicken.

October 18, Sunday

Daddy took some Excelcis to Ruth for Sue last nite. She was bruised up a little, was in an auto accident with Nora and Bill Scott. I stopped in there today to see her, and she was o.k. Sr. Allen and I had our 65 kiddies again this morning after they took the smallest ones out. We have about 79 little

ASA KEYES OUT TO START ANEW AT AGE OF 54

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) Asa Keyes, former Los Angeles district attorney, today began life anew at the age of 54, after being released yesterday from San Quentin prison on parole. He entered prison 19 months ago to serve a one to 14-year term for bribery in connection with his prosecution of the Julian corporation fraud cases.

The former prosecutor left the prison in better physical condition than when he entered. Regular hours, plain food and exercise were credited with the physical improvement.

He also left spiritually improved, he said, because his confinement taught him to see the prisoner's side of life. When he entered there was some apprehension that some of the hundred of men he had sent to San Quentin might seek revenge. When he left he had virtually all of the prisoners for his friend.

Among the prisoners that became close friends of Keyes was Albert Marco, so-called king of the Los Angeles underworld, whom Keyes sent to prison for three to 20 years.

How many other bribes had Keyes taken? No others were proven, but...

•It was widely suspected that a payoff had induced his decision in January, 1927, to drop the prosecution of evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson for fabricating evidence.

•In the 1952 book, "Men of the Underworld: The Professional Criminals' Own Story," author Charles Hamilton tells of one Herbert Emerson Wilson, convicted while Keyes was DA of the murder of a cohort. Hamilton writes:

"His trial cost him \$200,000, of which fifty grand went to District Attorney Asa Keyes, an abortive bribe that saved Wilson from the thirteen steps but sent him to San Quentin for life."

October 13, Tuesday

Daddy went into L.A. investigating a truck job, and a parking lot that he read about in the paper. I surely wish he had something to do, to bring in some money and keep him happy. I walked to Relief Society and back, it was work and business day. I quilted on both quilts, surely were pretty ones. Enjoyed a nice lunch, also. We all went to Mutual. Sr. Burill Hanlyn and her sister came up after to get Donna's tipol. Headache tonight.

October 14, Wednesday

We got a card from Mother from Frisco, says she'll be seeing us soon. Donna had party at school today. Took thirty suckers and some [Jelly] beans. Sewing club day, it was my turn. All of the ladies came, we had a very pleasant day. Daddy worked, it was the only day he got this week, one day last week. "What a life." After the ladies went today I sponged Donna's school skirt and pressed it, fixed her middies ready for tomorrow. She starts wearing them in the morning. Baisel, Bill, and Al came over tonight to talk over their plans for the Halloween party. They are on the refreshment committee.

tots come to Sunday School. Sr. Tarr helped us keep them quiet today. Sr. Magnusson helped us keep order in the big hall. We enjoyed a cold chicken dinner and hot mince pie, and then went up to Al's. He took us around the territory in Hollywood and Wilshire that he wants us to start Excelcis in??? Sue was in union meeting. Dee and Jennie Sharp are thinking of starting in Excelcis, also. We all went to church at night; it was like going home, so many of the old saints back visiting. Sr. Brimhall came with Br. and Sr. Bingham. I was surprised to hear she had divorced her husband, good thing. Br. and Sr. Hill were there, also. The Egan's and Paul and Alice Pack, surely glad we went. Rex brought Donna home. He would! We ate more cold chicken and to bed. P.S. More news, Vinna Cannon is divorced, Lillian Fleming is getting a divorce only married four months, Oh, dear!

October 19, Monday

Mrs. Bright washed the blankets, that Mel gave Louis, for us today. Nice neighbor, I'll hate to move away from her. Saw Beverly's permanent wave yesterday, she looks nice. Ruth came over to ask me to tend Jerry tomorrow. Haven't had the little fellow for a long time. I was going up to Sue's with Lou, but will be glad to get ironing done up. Donna wrote a theme on football, tonight. Very good. We all stayed home this evening.



Football uniforms in 1932

October 20, Tuesday

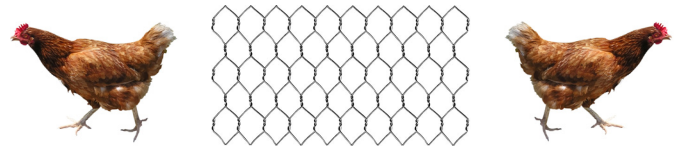
Ruth left Jerry with me today while she went to Compton to work. He is a dear little fellow, no bother at all. Talks so cute now. I'd just finished my last piece of ironing when Grama came from San Francisco. She got in L.A. midnight last nite, being tired, and so late, she took a room uptown. Lillian went on the excursion from Arizona, also. They enjoyed the visit together in San Francisco and sold Lillian's furniture while there. We all went to Mutual. Ruth Cartwright was put in as second counselor to Sr. Magnusson in Ward conference last Sunday nite. Grama mended the blanket Mel gave us, and I darned sox this afternoon. Louis went up to Sue's early today to fix some lights. Marilyn came over after school.

October 21, Wednesday

After lunch today Grama, Daddy, and I went up to Sue's. We stopped in Marshes' and left a note for Rex from Donna. Sue was at Relief Society but we waited. Talked over Excelcis??? Came home, fixed dinner. Rex called Donna on Bright's phone. Wanda came to see if Donna and Rex are going to her card party Saturday nite. (No.) In evening we went to Sunday School board meeting, called for Mary Mansfield, also. Grama enjoyed her book at home. Louis put ad in South Gate paper to sell chickens.

October 22, Thursday

Busy day taking folks out to look at our chickens. Lady came first, she wanted two roosters, but I told her to come back later and see Louis. She came back with brother-in-law about one hour later and took four roosters, 75¢ each. I worried all day because Grama thought Daddy wanted \$1.00 each for big roosters, but 75¢ was o.k. Five people came, the man living on our back street bought the lot that was left for \$25. Daddy gave him the coops and wire. At nite we went to Excelcis pep meeting. Al called for us, took Mrs. Wilkinson up, also. Sue and Al want us to live in with them this winter, until we get a start and see if we will like Excelcis work. I feel better about it now. I think we'll move in with them. Lorene had new hat and coat tonite, she looked nice. Donna went to the scholarship banquet at Huntington Park high this evening.



Lou and his chickens in 1921

October 23, Friday

Daddy had work yesterday and today. Three days this week, that's better. Several people came for chickens today, but they were too late, sold all out last nite. Grama and I did the cleaning. I wrote to Hattie Speirs and to Mrs. Snell. Cabbage I ate tonite gave me awful gas pain in right lung. Donna was late getting home from school, went to ball game at Santa Monica. Rex called before she came. We enjoyed some music from Donna and her Daddy. Went to bed early.

October 24, Saturday

Our neighbors moved chickens and coops this a.m. We all went uptown this morning in Hup. We all ate lunch in Kress first, then Grama and Daddy went to a show, and we met Marion Christensen on 7th and Broadway and went shopping with her. I bought a fall suit, wine color, and shoes, and hat, also hose and polo shirt for Donna. We went to the Hup and waited two hours for Daddy and Grama to come. They had bought new brown suit, hat, shoes, suspenders and tie, all to match, swell, for him. Marion came home with us. Went uptown at nite for Daddy's suit, bought groceries and meat on way home.

October 25, Sunday

We all went to Sunday School, Donna and her Daddy looked swell in new fall clothes. I was proud of my folks. The ward people found out we were moving from their ward. They had lots to say. We hate to go, wonderful people. After dinner Marion and Donna went to Garvanza. Daddy and I visited Norman and Iva, called on Ruth and Clarence (trouble), poor Ruth. Ate little lunch and went to church. Donna went to Hollywood conference. Bishop Perry said they are going to give us a farewell party, oh! oh! Rex brought Donna home from conference. She was angry because we didn't go to conference after her. I'm sorry. Marshes' had full car.

October 26, Monday

Grama did the washing this morning. After I got Donna off to school I went back to bed. Stayed there until 2 p.m., awful cramps. Daddy left the Hup in the garage to be fixed. He called in Ruth's, talked to them a few minutes. She says maybe she'll have to sell out and go home. Poor girl, I feel so sorry for her. Norman and Daddy went teaching tonight. Donna got homework. Grama read to me all about "Ruth Judd."

Winnie Ruth Judd (January 29, 1905 – October 23, 1998) was a Phoenix, Arizona medical secretary found guilty of murdering her friend Agnes Anne LeRoi. Even to this day, most news reports incorrectly state that Mrs. Judd killed and dismembered the bodies of LeRoi and Hedvig Samuelson. Mrs. Judd was charged and convicted only of murdering LeRoi. Only Miss Samuelson's body was dismembered. Mrs. Judd never was charged with dismembering Miss Samuelson's body. Known as the "Trunk Murderess" Mrs. Judd shipped the one intact body and multiple parts of Miss Samuelson's body in trunks and luggage from Phoenix to Los Angeles. Newspaper coverage and suspicious circumstances; the sentence she received raised debate over capital punishment.

—Wikipedia

October 27, Tuesday

Donna waited home and took the later bus this morning. Her name is among the senior "scholarship membership" in school paper now. Daddy left about 8 a.m. to get the Hup. I had ironing nearly finished when Grama got up at 9 a.m. We left for town at 10:30. Looked at suits, found a brown one in Maxine's I thought I liked, Grama liked it, also. Daddy didn't come in, so didn't see it until we got home. Donna and her Daddy didn't like the style or fit, so I'm going to change it tomorrow. We all went to Mutual. I guess they'll put Johnny Worsten in as chorister, in Daddy's place. Surely hate to leave these nice people in Home Gardens Ward. P.S. We ate lunch in Kress and Grama treated to show in Loew's State, "Sob Sisters."



October 28, Wednesday

We left this morning about 8:30 for town. Went up to Maxine's and changed my suit from the plain brown, \$9.75, to a \$15.00 tweed. I like it a lot better, and Daddy likes this one better than the other, also. Now we are all happy. Daddy and I both had a swell shoe shine in town. I had Daddy leave me at Sr. Wimmer's house. It was sewing club day. Enjoyed a lovely lunch and visit with the ladies for last time. They gave me five dear little handkerchiefs as a parting gift. I surely hate to leave the club. Donna, Clarence, and Lou called for me about 3 p.m. I washed Donna's hair and she went for finger wave. Came home tonite with only side lights. We went to Garvanza missionary program and dance. Frank Nelson and Elmer Hansen. Very good program and orchestra.

October 29, Thursday

I washed curtains and put them away clean. Grama got a letter from Margaret today saying Mel wasn't working for Redman anymore, so we won't see him down here again. Daddy decided we'd move tomorrow, found a "fat" man that would move us for \$6.00. George Vincent and his daughter, Viola called on us today. Her baby is a darling. George has been out of the hospital just a few weeks. He came down here for his health and to visit Viola and family. I packed all my dishes this evening. Daddy worked out in the garage and in the house getting things ready for the move. Donna cleaned her vanity dresser out. We all went to bed tired. Donna's piano is going to Marshes'. Our last nite in this dear home.

October 30, Friday

Grama did ironing this a.m. while we packed things ready for the move. The man came about 9:30. I wasn't ready, but Grama helped us and we got through o.k. They left two hours later with the load. We cleaned house and yard up, Grama packed her clothing, then we waited in empty house until three o'clock when Daddy came back for us. Took felt to Sr. Stewart's, called at school for Donna, but she got out early and had left. Took Grama uptown to bus station, ate dinner with her. She left for Arizona to spend winter with Lillian. Poor little Donna waited at end of bus line for us to pick her up over two hours. I felt so so sorry about it. Rex took her to Home Gardens to a Halloween party at night. Moved in with Sue and family today. Grama gave me lovely crystal beads, also gave Donna pretty necklace.



October 31, Saturday

It took us all day to get our house in order, by evening everything looked nice and comfy. Daddy rented a garage just around the corner from us. Sue, Elaine, and I went to Highland Park Shopping. Daddy took us in the Hup. I bought four pillow slips in Hall's, and house slippers in Kress. Sue bought Elaine a blue school dress. Al took the little kiddies out Halloweening. Donna stayed home to do homework. Marian and Lucille came.

November 1, Sunday

We went to nine o'clock meeting. Br. Wooley spoke, very good. His two daughters came with him. They came home to dinner with the folks to visit with Elaine and Donna. Al took Tuie and Berta home, Elaine went with them. Donna did homework, Lloyd helped her a little, he brought his mother over to visit for a while. We all went to church. Bette and Shirley stayed with Mary Clayton. Jack Rich and wife and little girl came to church. The little girl surely looks like her mother, Della. Rex brought Donna home, Marshes came in for a few minutes. Ate cheese sandwich and went to bed. P.S. Al asked me to work in the Sunday School.

November 2, Monday

Ruth called Lou up this morning 6 a.m., more trouble, poor girl, I wonder what it's coming too? Daddy went to work, and Donna to Huntington Park School, left at 6:30 a.m. Sue and I washed, big one, had to borrow lines. Lewis Marsh took Donna to school. Daddy called in to see Ruth this a.m. before going to work and again after work. She has found out all about Clarence's girlfriend and everything. (Too bad.) Al had a president's meeting at house tonight. President Richards spoke to us. Very fine.

November 3, Tuesday

I watched Annie give a demonstration facial to two ladies this morning. Ford Company called and wanted Daddy to come to work, he got in half a day this afternoon. Sue and Al brought Donna home from school. Cop gave Al a ticket oh! oh! I went over to Luther Burbank for Sue, to help the mothers decide on the graduation uniforms. Tonight Daddy took Annie and Donna down to Marshes'. I finished my ironing. Donna went to Marshes' to get some of her music, Annie went to help Sr. Marsh give two facials. Daddy and Charles were out all morning, (candy) [business].

November 4, Wednesday

Daddy put up another clothes line, and fixed all the old ones tighter this a.m. He and Al went to see Mr. Craddock for Ruth. I started Sue's ironing, but didn't finish, went to Hollywood with Sue, Al, and Lou. We also stopped in the Excelcis office. I finished ironing after we got home. Went to Mutual with Sue and Al. Donna started to walk with Elaine and Bob, but Dee Sharp went to get her as there was no one in Mutual to play the piano for them. Rex brought Elaine, and Donna and me home.

November 5, Thursday

Ruth had Mariel [Ruth's brother] send her a special letter here at Sue's, it came this a.m. I'm so sorry about Ruth and Clarence. They were so happy once. Sue received a letter from Elsie [Elsie Bailey] today. I washed my hair this a.m. Ruth came about noon, drove her car up here alone, brave girl! She let us read the four letters his (Clarence's) sweetie sent from Las Vegas. It's all too bad, don't know how they can mend things now. Al and Ruth went to City Hall to see about starting a divorce. She ate dinner with us tonite. Rex drove her car back to South Gate. We went to the farewell party the Home Gardens people gave us. Lovely time, games, program, and ice cream, surely nice of them.

November 6, Friday

Aunt Ida [Ruth's mother] sent Sue a special delivery letter, came this a.m. She is awfully upset over Ruth and Clarence. She answered it today. Sue read it to Ruth over phone. Clarence is beginning to worry now, is willing to talk a little. Sue gave me Excelcis "talking points" today. Oh, dear, I haven't given a facial yet. Our drug store down the street had a sale. Sue and I bought a hot water bottle each (two for \$1.51). We also bought a bottle of rubbing alcohol (two for \$1.51) Daddy worked today. Went to bed early.

November 7, Saturday

Sue and Al left this morning to go to the station and see the missionary boys off. (Frank and Elmer) leaving for a German mission. They were too late, train had gone. Donna and Elaine went for a finger wave after finishing their work. I worked around most of day. Al and Sue brought the Excelcis freight home this a.m. They went to Hollywood this afternoon on Excelcis. Daddy worked overtime. Al went to M Men's banquet. Donna and Elaine walked to Highland Park. Sue treated us to raisins and almond nuts. P.S. Ruth and Clarence went to ballgame today. (O.K.) Daddy worked at Ford today. "Something New." [Working all day or Ruth and Clarence going to a ballgame?]

November 8, Sunday

Sunday School conference today. We went to early nine o'clock meeting. Bishop put us all three in the Sunday School. Donna as organist, Daddy as chorister, and me teaching in the Primary class. We had just the same to do in Home Gardens, only I had kindergarten down there. After dinner Daddy went to stake house with Br. Gunn and Bishop, high priest meeting. Rex came and took Donna for a ride. They called on Alice Brown, but she wasn't home. Elaine embroidered her gym bloomers. All went to church. Marshes



Basic Rules for Clotheslines:

1. Hang socks by the toes, not the top
2. Hang pants by the bottom cuffs, not the waistbands.
3. Wash the clothes line before hanging clothes, walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth around the line
4. Hang clothes in order, whites with whites and hang whites first.
5. Never hang a shirt by the shoulders, always the tail.
6. Wash on Monday. Never hang clothes on the weekend and for sure not on Sunday.
7. Hang sheet and towels on the outside lines so unmentionables can be hidden in the middle.
8. Always gather the clothes pins when taking down the dry clothes. Pins left on the lines are ugly.
9. Be efficient and line the clothes up so that each item doesn't need two clothes pins, instead share a clothes pin with the next washed item.

Wash day with two families meant a great deal of laundry to hang out to dry. Louis put up extra clothes lines to accommodate all the clothes.

walked home with Daddy and I. Rex and Donna rode. Bro. Vinnott brought Sr. Cannon and Elizabeth up to our house, oh! oh! Sr. Cannon gave \$5 to missionary's fund.

November 9, Monday

"Gave my first facial." Daddy worked at Ford today. Sue and I did the washing, big one, guess they'll always be big ones now. Sue and Al went out on Excelcis business all afternoon. This evening Annie gave a lady a facial. I was an on looker, after she went, I gave my first facial. Annie was the victim. Sue went to Mutual meeting. Al had meeting here. Elaine went out with Steve M. and some friends. Ruth called, she has decided to forgive Clarence, I think it is for the best.

November 10, Tuesday

I did my ironing this morning, surely is cold in the mornings now, I have to get up first, oh, how I hate it. Gave Lorene a facial this afternoon, that part doesn't worry me, I like to give them, but, wish I could remember the talking points. I get them mixed up. Sure is funny, now we are all moved up here, the Ford gives Daddy work every week, such is life?? I started Sue's ironing this evening, Bro. Reese came and visited while I ironed, he was waiting for the Bishop. Stayed almost an hour. Sr. Reese was out in the car and I didn't know it. What a man! All went to bed early, but Sue and Al. They went out.

November 11, Wednesday— Armistice Day

I darned sox all afternoon and fixed Donna's gym bloomers. New lady came to talk about Excelcis, she'll let them know later, if she'll take out a kit. Lorene and Annie both came up this a.m. Elaine and I finished up the ironing, then I gave her a facial, (fun), Bette and Shirley went over to Mary's this morning, then they went to the matinée. Sue, Al and Elaine went to matinée, too. Donna was invited to her girlfriends to lunch, and then they went over to the ball game (Huntington Park's last game this season). Daddy worked at Ford. We all went to Mutual.

November 12, Thursday

My first day out, trying to make appointments to give facials. Lorene

Renshaw's & Hoglund's Live Together in One Home

Susie and Al Hoglund graciously opened their home to Elvie and Lou in the fall of 1931. Times were tough and it was hard to support a family. By pooling their resources they hoped to help each other out. Al wanted Elvie and Lou to sell Excelcis. Because it was a commission only job they needed a place to live rent free while they got established.

Elvie was not in her comfort zone in sales but she did give it her best for quite a while. Lou didn't take too well to Excelcis. He did try selling candy with Charles one day, but that was enough to last his life time. (See December 1.) Fortunately Lou was able to work more at the Ford plant after the move. Lou was a "hands on" kind of worker. He enjoyed creating things with his hands. A sales job was probably at the bottom of his list for desirable jobs.

It would be interesting to be able to take a peek back in time to see this busy home. With Al as Bishop of the ward, two sets of parents, four children varying in ages from six to sixteen and a host of family members and friends visiting, it must have been a lively place to be!



Sue, Elaine, Al, Bette and Shirley in carriage.



Elvie, Lou and Donna Renshaw 1924

and I went together; she did most of the talking. Oh! I wonder if I'll ever get used to doing it?? We got four appointments for tomorrow, oh dear! I didn't work in afternoon, was too tired. Bought Donna a middy in Highland Park, pressed school things for her, she is on program tomorrow. Al put ad in Times for sales girls. One came while Annie was here, surely was a "hot" one. Sent Shirley out of the room. We don't want ones like her. I'll say we do not. Pep meeting tonite. Daddy broke the main spring in his car coming home from work. We met the nicest old couple today. She is 75 and he 79, still very active.

November 13, Friday

I left with Al this a.m. a few minutes before 9 o'clock. Lorene gave the first facial, nice lady, but she couldn't buy anything right now. I gave the next facial, she ordered an 85¢ cream, what luck! Our third lady wasn't at home so we worked the other side of the street, trying to make appointments for Monday. No luck. I got one for a week Tuesday 24th, oh, oh! Enjoyed milkshake at drug store, and at 2 p.m. we gave our fourth lady her facial. Will call back Monday to see what she is going to buy. Tonight our family went to the Hollywood stake program and dance with Sue and Al. The entertainment was for unemployed of Stake. Program was very good. Rex brought Donna home.

November 14, Saturday

I took out my Excelcis kit this morning, and paid for it, \$15.25. Al and Lou got up early to work on our Hup. They fixed a leaf in the main spring. I had an appointment to give a facial at 10 o'clock this morning. It came through the main office. When we got there the lady wasn't home. Al brought me back again. I was disappointed as it was my first appointment alone. Rode to South Gate with Daddy. Stopped in garage to ask about car, visited a little with Ruth, ate sandwich at Smith's, bought groceries and vegetables at South Gate markets, called on Iva and baby. Went to Highland Park at nite with Elaine and Lou. Sue went uptown today. Donna and Rex went over to Emerson's. Elaine played Santa to Donna.

November 15, Sunday

We practiced marching in Sunday School this morning. It was lots better today. Sue and Al and Lorene went to the stake Relief Society conference, morning and afternoon. I was bothered some last nite with asthma, too much chocolate éclair, last night. I filled out some charts for genealogy to give to Eva Udall. I went to church at nite. Bro. Robert L. Gordon was our speaker, very fine. We took John Marsh home after. Sr. Marsh didn't go to church, she wasn't feeling very well.

November 16, Monday

Sue and I washed, it was cold, not a very good drying day. Al took Lorene and I out to give two facials at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Potter and her neighbor, Mrs. Check. Both liked it very much, I think Lorene will make a good sale with her lady, but mine is like me, broke. Al had meeting here tonight. Daddy took Sue and I for a ride to deliver some Excelcis. We called in Annie's on way back. Donna went with Emerson Crawley to practice for the program next Wednesday. She is playing for girls to tap dance. Florence Marsh called this evening and invited us to dinner on Thanksgiving.

November 17, Wednesday

Left this a.m. with Al, Annie, and Lorene, of course our little "mascot" Shirley was along. We left our cases in drug store. Annie and I worked Avenue 54 in the morning and Estara Avenue in afternoon. Lorene went to West Avenue 55. Annie didn't get any appointments all day. Lorene got two. I was the lucky one today, made five, three for Thursday, and two for Friday. I got two appointments in one house, giving one in the evening. Did my ironing tonight, tired!

November 18, Wednesday

Al took Lorene and me out to give facials. I went to 416 ½ South Scheil, Mary Fea, a pretty little French girl. She would love to have the "Dawn set," but her mother doesn't see it that way. She says she'll call me later? Esther Bailey called this evening and invited us to a surprise party on Hazel [Hazel Lillian Bailey] Friday nite. Lou took Sue and I to the genealogy meeting, he didn't stay. George Bowels was speaker. I stayed to the harvest dance with Sue and Al, had nice time.

Excelcis Sales ladies

The three Bailey sisters (Lorene, Elvie & Annie) sold Excelcis door to door. Susie did not give facials. Susie was born with just a nub on the end of her left arm. She was very sensitive about her handicap. Susie always kept her left arm in her pocket or covered with a scarf in public. At home Susie could do anything. She was a wonderful seamstress and homemaker.



Thelma Upham, Unknown and Susie Hoglund. Susie always kept her left hand hidden.

November 19, Thursday

The lady I was to give the first facial to today, didn't answer the door. I felt like she was home all the time. Al left Sr. Vinnott over there to work a street in that neighborhood. I came home to change shoes. Sue gave me a facial appointment in Arroyo Glen, nice lady. I made my first sale, powder and foundation cream, \$2.00, 80¢ for me. Then went back to West 34 for 2 p.m. facial, Mrs. Keiter, she was out, also. I then made an appointment with Mrs. Fortuny and her daughter on Yosemite way for tomorrow. In evening Daddy took me over to Mrs. Bowan's. She was pleased with facial, and Excelcis, ordered "Dawn Set" for January 1. Long time to wait, but was happy to write up first Dawn set.

November 20, Friday

I thought Annie would have to take my appointments today, but I felt some better so took them myself. Mrs. Tiffany's baby was sick, so I came home and rested until time for Mrs. Browning, 2 p.m. Mrs. Browning bought "Dawn set," gave me check for \$12.00 before she even received her set, wonder if I'll ever have luck like that again?? Went to Yosemite way, but didn't make a sale from mother or daughter. In evening, Lorene, Sue, Al, Lou, and I went in our car to a surprise party on Hazel Andersen. Nice time, good eats. Home about 1:15. Daddy was laid off from Ford tonite, he thinks he'll get back.

November 21, Saturday

Our house work finished early today, everyone got busy. Even my Daddy. Charles and Lou went out to figure on a job, roofing a house, on Avenue 65. I hope they'll put Daddy back at Ford soon, they are firing all the men, and putting them back for \$6.00 Guess he is not the man for Excelcis, so hope he gets back soon. Al took kiddies over to the little circus, over by Chili Ville. In evening Daddy took us, Sue, Elaine, Donna, and me down to Highland Park, looked at dresses for Donna, but didn't buy any. Daddy and I went to Highland show. Sue and girls walked over to the circus.

November 22, Sunday

Nice Sunday School class today, my children were all good. After dinner I went with Daddy to look at Ford, went

over to a place on Huntington drive, then a way out to Huntington Park, then over to 250 North Vernon. Looks like we are going to change cars, oh, dear, in debt, again. We took Mary Bowler home from church tonite. She sang in church. It was Relief Society conference. Sue spoke very well. Called in Annie's after taking Miss Bowler home. Lorene and Charles were there.



Modern day photo of 1931 a Ford Town Sedan

November 23, Monday—Bought new Ford today, Town Sedan!

Sue and I washed this morning. Nora and Bert [McKay] came while we were eating lunch. Man called to tell Daddy he had the Ford car he wanted, so we went to see it. Sue and Al thought they'd turn their car in on the new one, and keep the Hup, but the man didn't want either car, so Lou is going to let Charles try to buy it for \$50. We went to school to meet Donna in the new car, surely swell. I bought Donna a pretty bright red silk dress in town. We came home on street car. Charles and Daddy went to get the Hup. Hoglund family went to show tonight. Sr. Craddock came, also Norman Sadler. Surely is cold today.

Laid off from Ford, then three days later buy a new Ford Town Sedan?

It does seem a little strange to follow the chain of events over these three days, but here are some things to consider:

1. Driving a different kind of car to work at Ford was frowned upon.
2. Sales were down for Fords and that meant less work.
3. Showing faith in the economy and buying a new car seemed to represent faith in the future and a promise of more work at Ford.

Most likely there were other reasons, but Louis would likely want to share these three reasons with the reader.

November 24, Tuesday

Mrs. Tiffany called this morning to say her baby was still ill, so that cut me out of one o'clock appointment. Mrs. Bogue wasn't home for 10 a.m. facial, but Sue gave me two coupon facials, I sold \$1.25. Daddy took Sisters Craddock and Gledhill to Compton to undertakers to get some burial clothes for a lady who died in Garvanza Ward. Annie gave two facials in a home today, and the three of them were almost overcome with gas. Annie was surely sick when we called for her, left the two ladies sick in bed. She had to go to bed when she got home, Al and Charles administered to her. Daddy and I called to see how she was tonight. Better. Elaine washed Donna's hair tonight.

Natural gas is odorless and tasteless. When was odor (methyl mercaptan) added to natural gas?

It was started in the United States in 1937 after a school explosion in New London, Texas. Many children and teachers were killed. The explosion was caused by a natural gas/air mixture. Texas started adding odor to natural gas, and eventually it was done across the world.

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November 25, Wednesday

Daddy and I took Sr. Vinnott and Sr. Hurbert with us this morning to stake house to Sr. McCune's funeral. Al gave opening prayer. Felt so sorry for President McCune. Attended the other funeral in afternoon. I think it's the first time I ever attended two funerals in one day. Daddy sang a solo "Abide with Me," Sr. Vinnott sang a solo, then they both sang a duet, "I know that my Redeemer Lives." I gave a facial here at the house before going to Mutual tonight, no sale!



November 26, Thursday—Thanksgiving day!

Gave Daddy a facial this morning, then went to Marshes' to dinner at 2:20 p.m. Did my ironing first. We've eaten Thanksgiving dinner at Marshes' the last four years. Lovely dinner! Daddy and I took John for a nice ride after dinner,

while Sr. Marsh went to finish up her work at hospital, surely like our new Ford. Florence, Ernie, Donna, and Rex went to a show this evening. Lewis, Miriam, Ruthie, John, Florence, Daddy, and I went to a show in Alhambra at nite. More turkey after show. End of perfect day

November 27, Friday

Rained all night, was raining when we got up. Left home this a.m. about nine o'clock, went over to Alhambra for Alice Brown, left Donna and Alice in front of City and County Building. Donna had to visit a court for her school work. Daddy and I went down to Ford plant, he went to check in. Fred told him to come back next Friday, two weeks off, not so bad. I'm surely glad he can go back before Christmas. We then went to Santa Ana, called on Gladys Andrew, Sam Mill's daughter. I promised her folks I'd call on her when I was visiting in Park City this fall. We ate dinner with them, they were very nice. Had turkey and plum pudding. Gave Alice and Donna a facial when I got home this evening. Gave Elaine a massage. Rex took Donna to dance at stake house tonite, harvest ball, they took Alice home first. Daddy went with Al in our car to manager's meeting tonite.

November 28, Saturday

Bishop had a funeral for a man today at 2 p.m. His daughter is a nurse, Sr. Marsh's friend. Daddy went over after Sr. Mary Bowler, she sang for them, he took me to my three o'clock appointment in Boyle Heights, then went back to the funeral to take Miss Bowler home. Called back for me. I didn't make a sale! *?#@ Sue and Al were out most of day with Excelcis and funeral. Elaine and Donna took Bette and Shirley uptown to see Santa. Daddy and I bought groceries and went to York show.

November 29, Sunday

It was a good show Daddy and I saw at the York last nite. Rex took Elaine and Donna to the basketball game last night. Daddy was in too big a hurry this morning, to wait for Donna and me, a few minutes, so we had to go to Sunday School with Sue and Al. Bette and I walked home after Sunday School. Daddy and I went to South Gate this afternoon, took the Mutual play back to Carl Haws. Called on Bob and Hilda, Ruth was out, also, went back to Bob's later, baby is getting along fine now, is still in hospital. We called on Bishop and Sr. Perry, she gave us sandwich and mince pie. We went to church with them. The folks all seemed glad to see us again. It is cold these days!

November 30, Monday

Sue and I finished the washing about 11 a.m. Big washings, but easy with her new washer. I do the hanging out. Charles and Louis went out to see about the candy they are trying to sell, Daddy brought some hard tack home. Good! I gave two facials. On East Avenue 28 two old girls, no sale, oh! dear! Helen came over to talk

with Sue about Junior Girls. Bishop is helping them with a pageant. Donna did homework, and I wrote a letter to Violet. We were in Sue's bedroom with heater on. Cold at nights and in mornings now.

December 1, Tuesday

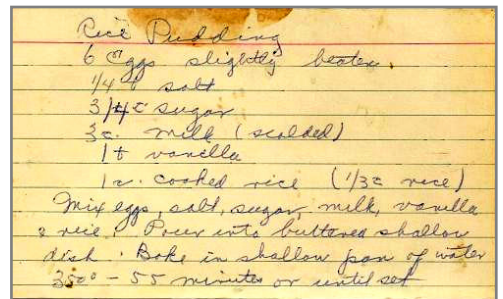
Al took Lorene, Annie, and me soliciting this morning, awful luck! One old man was surely nasty to me. I went up and down two streets, but no luck. Lorene didn't get an appointment either. Annie got one. I had a facial on Arriva Street at 2 p.m. Miss McMillin who lives one block off Cypress Street, couldn't make a sale. Folks are surely hanging on to their money, if they have any. Charles and Daddy went soliciting candy, box chocolates, from door to door, first and last time, I think. Ruth Booth and her sister came to dinner tonight. She left for Salt Lake after dinner. Called in Annie's tonight.

December 2, Wednesday

Al and I went soliciting this morning while Lorene gave two facials. Shirley went along; she wouldn't stay in the car or on the sidewalk, so Al went alone while I sat in the car with her, she was a handicap for us today, bless her little ole heart. Al got an appointment for me, I gave two facials in the same home, mother and daughter, very nice folks, L.D.S. from Ogden, Utah, out of work, no sale! I went to Relief Society. Lorene was late to give the teacher's topic. Had facial at 2 p.m. here, but she didn't come, called for Annie, she had seven o'clock facial, also. Daddy took us over to Mutual late, after 8 p.m. Across the street from Annie's appointment a man's chimney was on fire, the vines around it were burning. Daddy went over and told him. Al is trying to sell coupon books for a minister. Al got a ticket from the cop because his brake lights were not working.



Rice pudding recipe found online



December 3, Thursday

I made a rice pudding this a.m. Went out with Sue and Al to get appointments and deliver some Excelcis. Couldn't find the place they were looking for, on Council Street. Al took me to my appointment on Avenue 65. Real nice lady, but no money, no sale. Working hard and making nothing! Daddy's soliciting lasted quick, one day! He did a little job for Ernie Oats today and Ernie serviced his car for him. We surely like our new Ford. Excelcis meeting tonight. We went over to Egan's with Hill's after meeting.

December 4, Friday

Enjoyed Sr. Egan's upside down cake last night. Daddy drank a cup of coffee and didn't sleep all night. Am glad the "Word of Wisdom" means something to me. Lorene and I solicited on Avenue 51 before noon today, no appointments, but folks are nice to talk to in that neighborhood. Daddy is going to work at Ford Monday the 7th. Mrs. Carter on Avenue 55 called up this p.m. to tell me she was sorry I came for appointment before she got home, she came a few minutes after we left. I am going over again tomorrow. We met Lou on Vermont and went in the new Ford to Strong's meeting at Blanche's. Heard this p.m. that Aunt Lizzie [*Louise Elizabeth Underwood married to Alma Ether Strong who died in 1929*] is ill, and Ellen [*her daughter Ellen Alice Strong*] is going to Salt Lake tomorrow, too bad.

Perhaps Sister Egan served coffee with her upside down cake. Adherence to the Word of Wisdom in 1930s was treated more like good advice, not as a commandment. This is why Prophet Heber J. Grant so often addressed this topic in conference. President Grant was the first prophet to emphasize the practice of the LDS health code known as the Word of Wisdom. Until Grant's administration, adherence to the health code was not compulsory for advancement in the priesthood or for entrance to temples.

Word of Wisdom

During President Heber J. Grant's service as an Apostle and as President of the Church, he and other General Authorities often were inspired to address the Saints concerning the Word of Wisdom, a revelation found in Doctrine and Covenants 89. President Grant and other Presidents of the Church have spoken out against the use of harmful or habit-forming substances such as illegal drugs. President Grant said, "The Lord does not want you to use any drug that creates an appetite for itself."

Much of President Grant's motivation for preaching the Word of Wisdom came because he had a friend whose life was ruined by cigarettes and liquor. This young man gave up smoking so he could serve a mission, but he started to smoke immediately after his release from full-time missionary service. Smoking led to liquor drinking, and liquor drinking led to a loss of virtue and to excommunication from the Church. He died at a young age, and Heber J. Grant went to visit his grave. "As I stood at his grave," President Grant recalled, "I looked up to heaven and made a pledge to my God that liquor and tobacco would have in me an enemy who would fight with all the ability that God would give me until the day of my death."

Some members of the Church in President Grant's day complained about the numerous sermons they heard on the Word of Wisdom. President Grant commented: "There is seldom a conference when someone does not take it upon himself to tell us: 'Please do not speak on the Word of Wisdom. We hear it so much, we are sick and tired of it.'" President Grant responded to such complaints by saying: "No mortal man who is a Latter-day Saint and is keeping the Word of Wisdom is ever sick and tired of hearing it. When a man leaves a meeting and says ... 'Can't they find something else to talk about besides the Word of Wisdom; I am sick and tired of it'—of course he is, because he is full of stuff that the Word of Wisdom tells him to leave alone." —www.lds.org



Lou, Donna and Elvie 1930

December 5, Saturday—My Birthday!

I gave six facials today, was so darn tired I could hardly enjoy my birthday show tonight. Daddy took me to the Highland to see "Sidewalks of New York," gave me \$5, also. Rex and Donna went to the basketball game, and show after. Elaine was going for a hike with Steve Muir and a party of young folks, but they had an accident on the way over, wrecked President Muir's car, too bad. Good thing the kids weren't hurt any worse.



December 6, Sunday

Went to Sunday School union meeting after dinner today. Took Norman Sadler and Myrtle Egan, also Marian Christensen and Donna. We sang Christmas songs going and coming. Bro. Evans and Lucille ate dinner with us. Sr. Evans and the youngest girl are in Salt Lake. We took the Marshes' home after church. They treated to ice cream and cookies, their car is broken down now.

December 7, Monday

We washed today. I gave two facials, one on Nolden Street and one on Altman Street, near Riverside Drive. I went out to Hollywood with Al to make a delivery. We didn't get home until seven o'clock tonight. Bishop had a president's meeting tonight. I received a birthday gift this morning from Violet,

bless her ole heart, it was a nice box of stationery, she sent Bette some pretty blue beads, also. I went to bed early.

December 8, Tuesday

I went to give a lady a facial on Avenue 60, Mrs. Buckingham, she says she is coming over to the house and buy a "Dawn set" from me to give her sister for a Christmas present. I surely hope she keeps her word. It started raining about 10:30 this morning and has kept it up all day. I did my ironing this afternoon. Donna went over to Ruth's after school to have her hair curled. I was going to have a shampoo and finger wave but didn't go out in the rain. I bought a coupon book, 50¢, from Al. We were all home this evening for a change. Wrote to Violet, sent \$1 bill, Al gave 50¢ of it.

December 9, Wednesday

The man that was coming here for a facial didn't come, glad! Helen Holden and Sue worked all day on their Junior pageant and play. Al took me over to Relief Society. I walked home with Annie and saw the Christmas things she is sending Dolores; doll we are all sending is cute. We enjoyed some good creams on way home. We enjoyed Sunday School party after Mutual. Daddy and kiddies stayed home. Sue and Al ate dinner out, had to go to Excelcis meeting in town. Br. Vinnott drove Elaine, Donna, and me down to Mutual.

December 10, Thursday

Lloyd Pack is suffering a lot with poison on his lip, face is all swollen, been sick almost a week. I gave Mrs. Reynolds a facial this morning; she is the minister's wife, a lovely lady, but no money, no sale. I had a finger wave and shampoo, from a coupon book, very nice. Called at cleaners for Elaine's skirt. Young man came for facial this evening, but didn't want it after he saw what it was. Ha! Ha! We went to Huntington Park High Christmas program, fine. Al started work at mill this morning.

December 11, Friday

The school program last night was surely lovely. Hope Al can keep his job until things pick up in Excelcis again. Charles took Lorene and I out to our appointments. I sold Mrs. Paulsen, on Pasadena Avenue, \$7.50, cleansing cream and night creams, \$1.00 for me, first I've made for a long time. My two o'clock lady didn't come. I had an eight o'clock appointment here at the house. Didn't make a sale, free coupon. Sue and Al went to Excelcis meeting. Elaine and Donna went to Franklin High Christmas program.

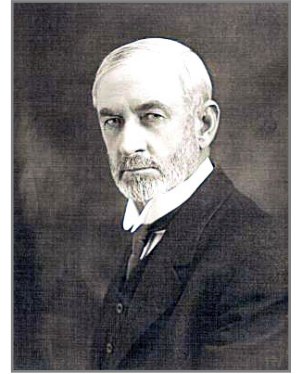
December 12, Saturday

I gave a facial to Mrs. Mickle on North Avenue 52, walked over. She is a school teacher; her husband was home, also. She said she'd come over to the house and buy something, I wonder??? I bought some wax flowers from a poor woman who tackled me just as I was leaving the apartment house, 50¢ very pretty, though. This evening Daddy gave me a lesson on driving our car. Gee, but I'm dumb. We went to York show at night, best show I've seen in a long time. May Robinson in "Mother's Millions." Daddy had to have his battery charged today. Charles pulled him out of garage with the Hup.



December 13, Sunday

President Charles W. Nibley died last Tuesday. I was so sorry to hear about it today. He was a wonderful man, and very valuable man in our church. Fine class in Sunday School today, kiddies were dears. Daddy and Donna went to church after dinner to see about Christmas program for next Sunday night. At two o'clock we went to take Donna and Janet over to see Miss Perkins, their junior high school sewing teacher. She's been operated on. Daddy and I took Annie and Bill for a nice ride. Grace Hansen was visiting with Beverly. We ate something at Annie's and went to church. President Cannon was speaker, very fine. I sat with my new friend, Mrs. Biggler; she lives across the street from church. Took Marshes home after.



Charles Wilson Nibley (5 February 1849 – 11 December 1931) was the fifth presiding bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints between 1907 and 1925 and a member of the church's First Presidency from 1925 until his death.
—Wikipedia

December 14, Monday

Rained most of night. The ladies didn't come for the ten o'clock or the eleven o'clock facials. Annie came up in the rain to help give the facials, too bad. Donna and Elaine cleaned the kitchen cupboards and woodwork. Raymond spent the day here, also. Lloyd came over, it was at this point the girls quit work. I finished the kitchen for them. Not one of the ladies came for facials. Lorene and Annie went uptown to buy Violet's dress, there was a big sale in 5th Street Store. Sue misread the paper and we thought the 5th Street Store was open tonight until 10 p.m. Sue, Elaine, and I went uptown after supper tonight, in the rain, and the darn store was closed. Donna went to ball game with Lloyd and Rex. Surely cold. We enjoyed some good candy and hot nuts, anyway.

December 15, Tuesday

Sun is shining, everything seems brighter now. Sue cut a little dress out for Dolores this morning, and Annie made it while she stayed up here today. Sue and Elaine went to town with Donna and me. Annie and kids stayed here to take care of kiddies and Excelcis. Dolores's dress was made out of some silk that was left from Violet's dress that Sue made for her when she was in L.A. After walking all over town in the crowds, we finally bought Elaine's and Donna's Christmas party dresses, and silver slippers and hose. Very pretty. Donna's dress is salmon pink taffeta, and Elaine's is orange taffeta, \$10.00 each. Donna took Janet Anderson and Beverly with her to the Huntington Park High Christmas program. We saw it last Thursday night, so Daddy is going

to South Gate Mutual while they are at the program. I caught cold in the rain last night. Surely feel awful tonight. Annie, Lorene, and kids came over. Sue and Al went over to Dee Sharps.

December 16, Wednesday

I stayed in bed until 1:30 p.m. Surely feel the bunk. Sue and girls went to church to practice for the Junior program. Sr. Bingham and Sr. Hill came block teaching, so I got up. Felt better this afternoon. At six o'clock the family all went to the Relief Society dinner down at the hall (Ebell). I waited for Daddy, we got there about seven o'clock. Enjoyed a very good dinner. Went to Mutual when we got through. My new friend, Mrs. Biggler says she looked for me to eat with, but I was late, so she ate with Eva Udall. Not feeling well tonight.

December 17, Thursday

Sue went uptown this morning, Christmas shopping. Elaine, Donna, and Lucille went to lunch and a show, left when Sue left. Bette and Shirley walked over to Annie's. Jack Rich came this afternoon. Sr. Bingham came twice for Excelcis. I gave a lady a facial at 2 p.m. and sold \$1 worth, the hair oil and tooth paste special. Did my ironing. Folks came home from town tired and cross. Al was late getting

In 1908, dumping waste in the most convenient location was common practice. The public would dump in the ocean, wetlands, or any given waste land. The U.S. didn't set up regulations for another 25 years.

The United States had developed some form of waste collection in 71% of 161 large U.S. cities. Most small towns and cities were using "piggeries," which were small pig farms designated to consume the town's raw and cooked food waste. 75 pigs could consume about one ton (2000 pounds) of food waste each day! Anything that wasn't food waste was most likely burnt or buried.

The move into the new century demanded planning for our nation's waste, and our country was starting to become more civilized. The first aluminum recycling plants opened in Cleveland and Chicago, and more than 100 incinerators closed due to noxious smoke.

In 1914 after much trial and error, incinerators gained more popularity and about 300 were in operation from the U.S. through Canada. Shortly after the horse drawn motor carts are replaced by motorcars and garbage men are very happy.

Toward the end of this time frame landfills are becoming more popular, and the methods included dumping at wetlands and covering with soil.

In 1934 the Supreme Court banned the dumping of municipal waste into the ocean, which had become very common up to this time. Shortly after the U.S. engaged in warfare, the rest of the country made efforts to clean up by recycling rubber, paper, scrap metal, and tin cans (25% of waste stream). Around 1945 100 cities in the U.S. were using sanitary landfills. After the war, open burning dumps and backyard waste burning was prohibited in most areas. Consumerism reaches an unbelievable high due to the ease of plastics, and America has been named the "throwaway society." The amount of packaging produced and disposed of increases 67% after World War II.

(http://www.acedisposal.com/history/history_garbage.aspx)

home from work, worked overtime. Elaine went to surprise on Tui Woolley. Sr. Bingham, Annie, and Lorene were the only ones that came to Excelcis meeting. I won the prize, liquid cleansing cream. Letter from Grama.

December 18, Friday

I gave Marie Arrigo, little Italian girl, a facial this morning, her father gave me a bottle of "good wine." He said he'd buy her a set for Christmas, but didn't want me to let her know, I wonder if he will??? At night we went to Home Gardens Christmas dance, took Rex along, had a nice time. Folks gave us a royal welcome, a big hand clap when we went in. I sold a lady \$5.25 worth Excelcis this afternoon. Gave her a facial.

December 19, Saturday

I surely miss Al Saturday mornings, now we have to do the big front rooms; it takes lots longer to get through with the work, but am glad he has a job anyway. Sue is making Elaine a silk Christmas suit, worked all day yesterday on it. Two ladies came for facials, got here one hour early. I burnt all the papers in yard, and box this afternoon, made about six trips up the back steps. In evening Daddy and I went to Highland Park. We dropped Elaine and Donna off on Pasadena Avenue for a milkshake. We ate in cafe; I enjoyed a chicken sandwich, surely good. Also ate some swell creams. Took a bath and went to bed.



The Unwelcome Gifts that Santa Claus Left

BOXES, crates, wrappings and packing materials! What to do with them? . . . If you heat with coal, then you can feed this after Christmas litter to the furnace slowly, little by little — a bothersome laborious job. But if you heat with gas or oil, you have a real problem. The heating plant is out of the question, rubbish in the basement is UNSAFE, a bonfire is contrary to fire ordinances in most cities. . . . A Kernerator is the real solution. It is built to completely destroy all rubbish and garbage. It flame-sterilizes cans and unburnable materials. No additional fuel is required — the air-dried waste furnishes the fuel for its own destruction. . . . In your new home, you can't afford to neglect the conveniences of the Flue Fed Kernerator. It is the ultimate in true housekeeping convenience. You put rubbish and garbage in the handy hopper door—located in the kitchen or hall — and FORGET IT. In homes already built the Basement Fed Kernerator can be installed at a cost that is ridiculously low in comparison to the convenience that it affords. . . . Write for booklet. Kerner Incinerator Company, 723 East Water Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

With GAS or OIL for HEATING — what will you do with WASTE and RUBBISH ?

KERNERATOR
INCINERATION

On December 19th Elvie writes about burning trash. A short history of trash, is on the left.



December 20, Sunday

We got up at 6:30 this morning to hear the Salt Lake Tabernacle choir sing "The Messiah." Oh, it was wonderful! Came over K.F.I. Miss Florence Gibson and I gave the Sunday School kiddies in our class each a Christmas card, cost us 45¢ each. [45¢ would be \$6.80 in 2012 dollars.] After dinner Daddy took me over to Mrs. Browning's on Estara Street to change her rouge, she gave me the names of two of her friends. She was lovely to me. We called on Mrs. Cerny on our way home. Poor old lady has a cold, but is the same old dear. I wrote to Dad. Elaine and Donna trimmed the Christmas tree. Rex, Lloyd, and Heber walked home from church.

December 21, Monday

Raining this morning, so we couldn't wash. I called Lorene to see if Charles could take me over to Mrs. Millers on Yosemite Dr. to deliver my \$5.25 order. She told me not to tell Sue that Al was in an accident. He called up from work, car wrecked again. Oh dear! I told Sue this afternoon when Charles brought me back. She was talking to Sr. Muir out in her car. They surely have awful luck with cars. Charles is going to try and bring the car home. (later) Al cut his lip and bruised his chest, he feels pretty tough tonight. Went to bed without supper but held priesthood meeting tonight. Lady didn't come for her 9:30 facial tonite. Lou helped Charles bring Al's car home tonight. John Marsh let them use his dolly. We went over to Charles to get candy for Ruth. Clarence rode to work with Lou. His car is out again.

December 22, Tuesday

I sold a lipstick to the lady I gave the facial to yesterday, 75¢. She was waiting for me when I came from mailing Mother's Christmas box. We washed today, but they didn't dry very well. It started raining this afternoon. I went uptown alone, called on Mrs. Mickleson before going to see if she wanted "Dawn set" for Christmas, she lives near here, N. Avenue 52. Crowds were awful uptown today. I did some Christmas shopping for Donna, Daddy and myself. Comb and brush set for Donna to give Rex. Rose silk dress for myself, \$4.95. Donna and Elaine went over to Lucille's for lunch. Marion was there, also. At night we went to Sunday School Christmas party.

December 23, Wednesday

Sue went uptown to finish up her Christmas shopping. I had a facial here at 12:30 noon. Poor girl, no sale. Donna and I did our ironing today. We had no Mutual tonight. The three wards, Pasadena, Alhambra, and Boyle Heights, came over to Garvanza to hear Apostle Stephen L Richards speak. It was a splendid meeting and program. President



Stephen L Richards

Richards and Claude Richards, and Br. Norberg were there, also. The Gleaners served hot chocolate and cookies after the meeting. Brother Gunn took Bishop, to a show last night, while we went to the children's party.

Stephen L and Claude Richards were brothers. Perhaps Elvie's stake president was also related to the brothers.

Stephen L. Richards was born June 18, 1879 in Mendon, Cache County, Utah to Dr. Stephen Longstroth Richards and Emma Louisa Stayner Richards. He was a grandson of Willard Richards, who was with Joseph the Prophet at the martyrdom in Carthage, Ill., and who was one of the early pioneers of Utah. His mother was a daughter of Arthur Stayner, a man of business affairs in the early history of the West, and the man to whom the establishment of sugar works in Utah is largely indebted. He was blessed with an ideal mother and a father of sterling worth who had much to do with his careful training and principles of integrity, truthfulness, honesty, sincerity, kindness, respect for parental authority, devotion to home and the members thereof, and loyalty to God and His work.

Elder Richards was baptized when about fourteen years old and was ordained successively to the several offices in the Priesthood, except that of a Seventy. From his youth he took great interest in Church activities....

One of the valiant sons of the Gospel, he held many positions in the Church, all of which he filled with honor and integrity. His first official position in the Sabbath school work was that of secretary of the Sugar House Ward Sunday School; later he became a teacher in the same Sunday School. He taught also in the Sunday Schools at Pleasant View and Malad, Idaho, and in the 17th Ward of Salt Lake City. In the stake Sunday School work he became assistant superintendent of the Salt Lake Stake and later a member of the Granite Stake Sunday School Board. In 1906, at the age of 37, he was called to the Sunday School General Board. Following the death of George Reynolds he was appointed second assistant general superintendent of the Sunday School Union April 6, 1908. He was also chosen as a member of the Priesthood Study Committee and of the Board of Control of the Deseret Gymnasium....

Anyone who has visited Temple Square is struck by the heroic sized statue of The Christus which stands in the North Visitors Center. The statue, of white carrara marble is a replica of the original by the Danish sculptor, Bertel Thorvaldsen. It was purchased by Elder Richards and presented to President McKay as a gift. In 1966, it was placed in the Visitors Center.

<http://gapages.com/richasl1.htm> (2012)

December 24, Thursday

We all got busy on the cleaning house job this morning, everything ready for ole Santa now. Sue and I walked down to Safeway to buy our Christmas dinner. Two nice legs of baby lamb, turkey is out this year! We surely came home loaded down. Arthur Fife called up from auto camp. They

are on their way to Berkeley, California. Daddy and I went down to see them. We brought Audrey home to go caroling with the young folks and sleep with Elaine and Donna. Daddy and I went shopping in Highland Park. He bought me some new shoes for Christmas. We took Sam Green and the Marshes to see Christmas trees.

December 25, Friday—Christmas Day!

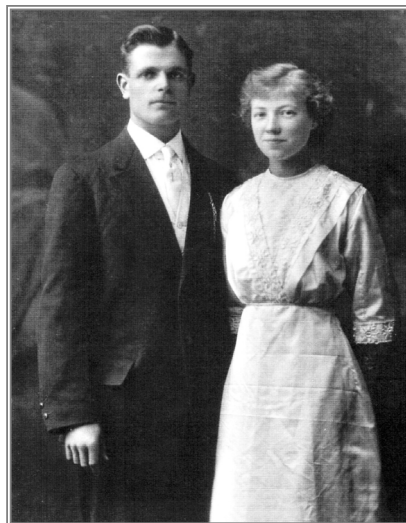
It started raining this morning about 5:30 a.m. I was disappointed to think we couldn't have a nice sunny day for Christmas. I opened my gifts after breakfast, to please Shirley and Bette, who couldn't rest until I did. Donna gave me pen and pencil set, very nice, am using it now. She also gave me a purse to match my suit, brown. Daddy gave me a rose silk dress and black suede shoes, pretty. We all had lovely gifts. The Fife family, Arthur, came to dinner, eight of them. They are on their way to Berkley, California. They are here for two days. Daddy took them for a ride after dinner. Audrey and Rowland went with Elaine, Donna, and Rex to the dance at stake house at night. Girls wore lovely new formal dresses, looked sweet. Daddy and I visited with the Marshes at night. Rex gave Donna a musical powder box, surely cute. She gave him comb and brush set.



Arthur Fife Family - 1930
Girl in front unknown, Audrey, Florence, baby Paul,
Rowland, Ray, Glade in front

December 26, Saturday

We left this a.m. at ten to take the Fife family to visit the beaches. Saw nice homes in Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Ocean Park, Venice, San Pedro, Long Beach, and the Ford Plant. Enjoyed showing them around because they'd never been in California before. Everything was a treat to them. Got back home about 6:30. Took Sue for groceries and over to see the Christmas things Annie and family got. Sam Green, Sr. Marsh's brother went as far as Venice with us. His wife's folks live there. P.S. We took the Fife's to see the Christmas trees last night before we went to Marshes'.



Sam Green & Vivian McMurray
Wedding Portrait 1912

December 27, Sunday

Mother sent us each a new dollar bill in our Christmas cards and Lillian sent hankies. It is a treat to have my very own pen. Daddy walked to and from Sunday School today. The Bishop drove us over and back in our Ford. Lucille E. and Marion Christensen came this afternoon to practice their parts in the Junior play. Bishop went to meeting at stake house. Lou took a nap. We had some excitement last night. Three fire departments came up on our street, not much of a fire, just the chimney caught fire. John Smith and Rex walked home from church with the girls. We drove Br. and Sr. Reese, and Sr. Pack home from church. It was raining a little. Took Sue and Al over to Annie's to get kiddies.



Restored 1931 Fire Truck

December 28, Monday

Rained most of night and all day. A lady called up and wanted a facial at twelve o'clock. I was surprised to think anyone would want to come in the rain storm, guess she changed her mind, cause she didn't come after all. The ward folks are coming now to their tithing settlement. Sue and Al are busy working on the books. I think Br. Petersen was the very first to come, then Br. Reese, then the good looking blonde girl and her mother and boyfriend, he wants to join our church. Rex came to visit Donna.

December 29, Tuesday

Aunt Ida, Ruth's mother, arrived Sunday the 27th. Oh, the sunshine looks good to me after so much rain. Sue is working. I'm trying to get caught up on my sewing and darning. I gave a facial at ten o'clock this a.m., no sale. The poor girl surely had a dirty neck, gee, I wish folks would at least "come clean," ha, ha! Hope to see Aunt Ida before she has to go back, her ticket is up on the 5th. The two ladies that came this afternoon each gave me a sale, \$1.25 and \$2.75, a dollar sixty for me. Aunt Lizzie [Louise Elizabeth Underwood Strong] came back to Los Angeles with Ellen. [Aunt Lizzie's daughter] She is better.

December 30, Wednesday

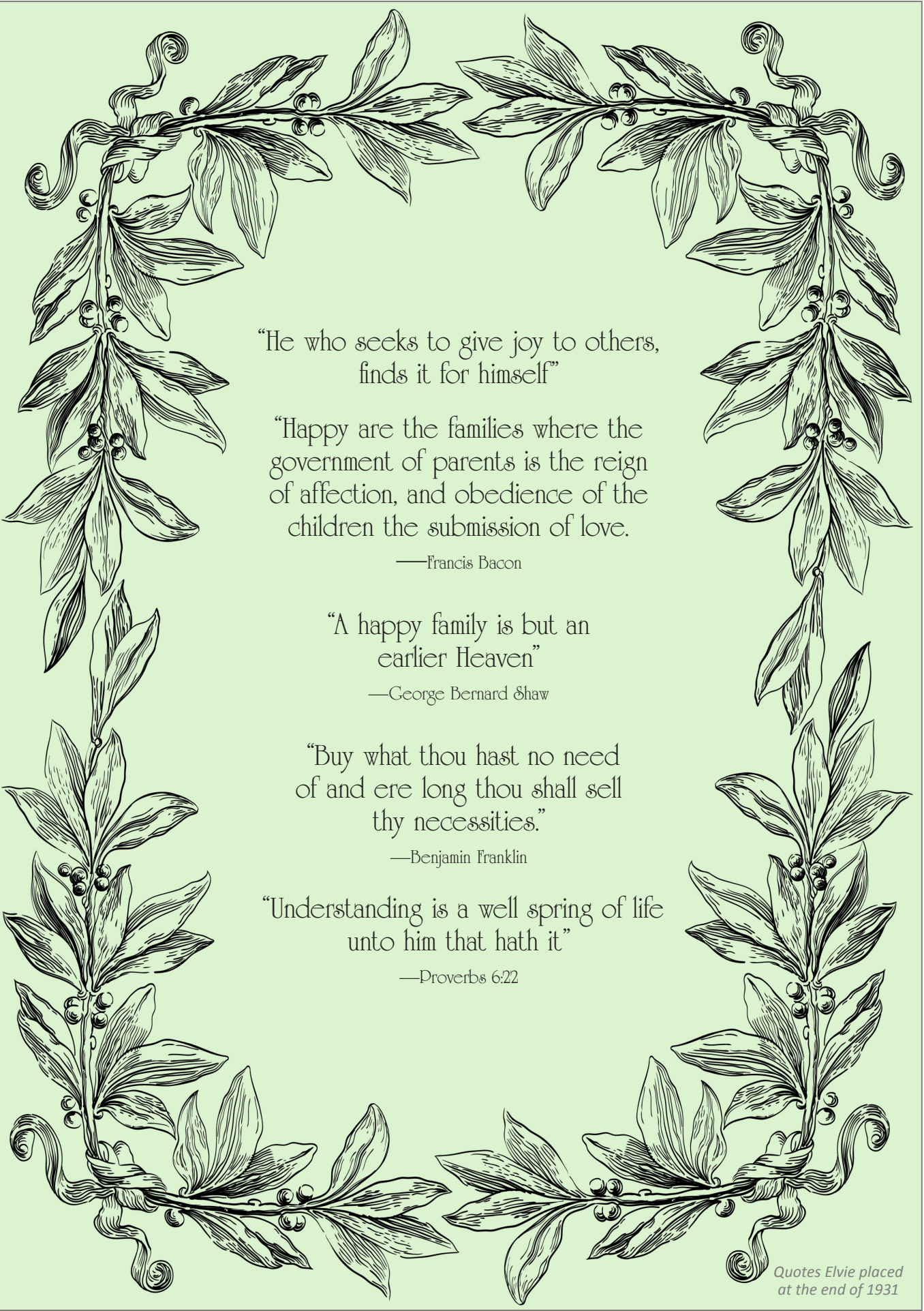
We haven't had a chance to do the washing yet. Sue is busy with ward books, and I with free facials. Mrs. Bowan called today and said she couldn't take her "Dawn set." I've felt all along that she wouldn't take it. Ruth called and said she is bringing her mother up to see us tomorrow. They have their new 1930 Ford. Clarence is riding to work with Lou, so Ruth can have the car while her mother is here. Tonight we took the Egan girls and Rex to Henry Hineley's farewell program. The girls sang. Was fine program and had nice time. He is going on a mission to Germany. They took in \$106.66, not so bad for a poor little ward?! (Home Gardens Ward)

December 31, Thursday

And so we come to the end of 1931, little diary. It has been a hard year for lots of folks, but very kind to me and my family. Oh, we've worried at times when work cut down to one and two days a week, but all in all it's been a happy year for us. We didn't suffer from the depression like some people did, for which I am very thankful. Aunt Ida, Ruth and kiddies came to lunch. Lorene and Annie came, also. We had a nice time visiting together. It rained most of day. I gave two facials, first lady gave order for special cream, \$3.00 and powder free. Ruth gave us each a picture of Leonard, nice big one. I called Al at the mill, asked him to tell Lou to call at school for Donna. She was coming home on street car, but it was raining too hard. Clarence came up with them, so he could drive his folks home. Daddy had bad cold when he got home, and I had awful headache, so we went to bed early. Wanted to go to Home Gardens bean party for the married folks, but felt too sick. Elaine and Donna went to dance at stake house. Elaine with the blind date Emerson got her, and Donna with Rex, of course. They went to a party at Marshes' after the dance. I heard the noise when the New Year came in. Some fellow woke me up shooting a gun in front street.



Leonard Strong
This may be the photo that Ruth gave to Elvie on December 31st.



“He who seeks to give joy to others,
finds it for himself”

“Happy are the families where the
government of parents is the reign
of affection, and obedience of the
children the submission of love.

—Francis Bacon

“A happy family is but an
earlier Heaven”

—George Bernard Shaw

“Buy what thou hast no need
of and ere long thou shall sell
thy necessities.”

—Benjamin Franklin

“Understanding is a well spring of life
unto him that hath it”

—Proverbs 6:22

Quotes Elvie placed
at the end of 1931