

Elvie Renshaw's
1935 Diary



Cast of Characters in Elvie's 1935 Diary

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

Rex Marsh and **Donna Renshaw Marsh** will marry in October of this year.

Sarah Renshaw: Lou's mother.

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

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

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

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

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

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



January 1, 1935, Tuesday "Happy New Year"

Louis and Harold worked all night last night. June [Hays] and I spent the evening at their house, we popped corn and heard "old year out and new one in." Donna prepared a little midnight lunch over here. We all enjoyed it. Rex worked until midnight, but he came up to celebrate with us after. Donna and I finished dishes at 2 a.m. Rex slept in Donna's bed; he had to open station at 6 a.m., so Louis got in nice warm bed when he got out. Louis left a note saying he'd take us to see Rose Tournament, but I didn't have the heart to wake him after working all night. Donna made two lovely mince pies this morning. I wrote to Dad, and Mother Renshaw, did some crocheting on Annie's baby clothes. Fred and Vera [Reiche] called on Donna. We heard the Rose Bowl ball game all afternoon. Alabama won from Stanford, 29 to 13. Louis took June and I to see the floats, beautiful, best ever. Beverly, Glen, and Bill called, crazy about new baby. I'm anxious to see him, too.

January 2, Wednesday

I enjoyed a bath, and walk to teacher's meeting. A gentleman took me for a Miss Anderson from Portland, a school teacher he knew. Sorry to disappoint such a good looking man. Lorene didn't bring the minute book, so I couldn't read the minutes, but I took down today's minutes and roll call. Lorene had the book for ward record work. Donna came to Relief Society to hear Sr. Woods give the lesson; she always gives such a fine lesson. The Relief Society sent Annie a lovely bouquet of flowers this afternoon. Bill and kids called to take me with them to the French hospital to see Annie and baby. Annie looks fine, and we saw the baby through glass doors. He surely is a darling, and so fat, I can hardly wait to hold him. Called in Sue's and Lorene's on way home.

January 3, Thursday

June did some of the heavy pieces of my washing today, surely was nice of her. Rex untrimmed our Christmas tree, another big help. Louis is back on day work, thank

goodness. Donna and Rex went to [French] hospital to see Annie and baby. Rex went to work, Donna brought the car home. Lillian and Myrtle came to practice trio this p.m. Boy Scouts came this evening to practice their songs. Lights wouldn't come on in Rex's car. Boys pushed Donna until it got started. Uncle Bill brought her home from station on his way from the hospital. I visited June while boys practiced. Bill, Beverly, and Lorene came in for a few minutes, showed us what Nell [Bill's sister] gave the baby. Pink blanket, white snuggly, bonnet, and little white dress. Surely nice. Louis came over after boys left. We finished up June's Christmas chocolates and came home. Florence and Ernie came over this evening. Want Donna to help her tomorrow. She was going to help Beverly clean house, but I'll go.

January 4, Friday

Donna left in the rain this morning to help Florence. I finished my ironing. Harold and June took me over to Annie's in the rain. I had the tree almost untrimmed when Beverly came home from school. We both cleaned up the house. I used my vacuum. Louis called for me after work. Donna and Rex went to dinner at Vera and Fred's tonight. It is Glen's birthday, Lorene had the Andersens over to dinner in his honor. Rex has new brown trousers and black shoes. He looks nice tonight; his trousers look good with the brown sweater Donna gave him for Christmas.

January 5, Saturday

Donna made the stew for our meat pie tomorrow. We took June and Harold [Hays] to the hospital to see Annie and baby this afternoon. I made pumpkin pies with some of Donna's pie dough when I got home. The Gleaner girls came this evening to practice songs. Sue gave the baby a lovely blue snuggly blanket. June, Bobby, and Louis and I walked to Boy's



This statue, Joan of Arc, stood in front of the French hospital when Dale was born. Today the hospital has a different name, but the statue is still there.

Pacific Alliance Medical Center (PAMC) has a rich history that dates back to when the City of Los Angeles was no more than a small dusty agricultural community with a population of 1,500. In 1860 The French Society was founded as a pre-paid health plan for the newly arrived French citizens. In 1869 the Society soon realized that the growing French community needed a hospital, and so constructed the French Hospital at the corner of College and Hill (formerly known as Castellar), making it Los Angeles' first hospital. The landmark statue of Joan of Arc still stands proudly on the front lawn as a reminder of this period in the history of our City.

By the 1900s the once predominate French Community welcomed Chinese individuals working in the railroads and agriculture. The area became known as Chinatown.

-www.pamc.net

Market tonight. June didn't feel very good, she had dizzy spells, her feelings were hurt in Primary today, too, over how she played the music. I feel so sorry it had to happen to her, she is so sweet and willing to do her best. Donna and Rex went to a show tonight.

January 6, Sunday

This morning makes 6 or 7 years that Br. Sconberg has been our speaker at the 9 a.m. officers and teachers meeting the first Sunday of the New Year. We all enjoyed hearing him as always. Bill, Beverly, and Glen came over to dinner; they went to the hospital to see Annie after. We went to union meeting in Br. Gunn's car. Donna took some Gleaner girls in Rex's car. He had to work. We had a very fine meeting. Br. Paul Bailey and the Boy Scouts gave the program. The boys sang the two songs that Louis trained them in, very fine. Walked home from church with June and Bobby Hays. Donna drove Marshes' car home and brought Rex's car back.



Bobby Hays

January 7, Monday

I washed and Donna got lunch ready for us. June and Harold took me to Highland Park, but I couldn't find any blue lining for the bassinet. Sr. Stead and I went block teaching; she had already done her district this morning. My partner Viola Niles is in Utah. Sr. Stead also walked with me to Newberry's on York Boulevard, where I bought the blue lining for the baby's bassinet. She is surely a good woman. Donna prepared our dinner while I lined the bassinet. Louis and I went to the hospital with Bill tonight. We thought Annie was coming home tomorrow, but the doctor says not until Wednesday morning. They had made a mistake in the office when they told her she was leaving Tuesday morning. Donna went to a Mutual meeting at Marshes' tonight.

January 8, Tuesday

Donna went over to help Florence. I embroidered on a little pillow top that June gave Donna for Annie's baby. She was going to make it up for Bobby, but never finished it. Beverly came for the bassinet and baby clothes. I ironed the little things all nice this morning. She took the vacuum over, too. I wanted to go and help clean Annie's house up, but was in too much pain. Florence brought Donna home at 5 p.m. Heber Robinson came to practice some scripture reading to music. Rex made us a milk shake tonight in his electric mixer, lots of ice cream, surely tasted good. Beverly called in tonight to say she'd be over at 7:15 in the morning to go for her mother. I got a letter from Violet and "was she surprised." Says she

Why keep Annie's pregnancy a secret from Violet? Perhaps they didn't want to worry Violet? (See Dale's life story (next page) about it being a secret from all sisters. However it appears that Elvie knew about the expected arrival much sooner.) Pregnancy and delivery were difficult and worrisome for the Bailey girls and Annie was forty years old. Medical care was not the same as it is today. There WAS more to worry about. From the symptoms of Annie's pregnancy (mentioned by Elvie in the diary) it sounds like Annie was experiencing gestational diabetes.

can't believe her announcement card about the baby, says she never dreamed of such a thing, wants to know all the details. I wrote her a letter, ha, ha, ha!



Dale Owen Andersen comes home after a 10 day hospital stay.

January 9, Wednesday—Baby Dale comes home!

I was nervous when Beverly didn't get here when she said, but she was having trouble of her own, couldn't find the keys to the car. It was raining hard, to make things worse. We got to the hospital at eight o'clock, anyway. Annie wasn't ready. We watched the nurse give the baby his bath, through the glass doors. Donna drove both ways. Beverly had to hold her new brother. We put Annie to bed as soon as we got her home. She is very weak, almost fainted once when she went to the bathroom. I decided to get my bedpan and let her use it for a day or so. The baby was good all day. Beverly and Donna got dinner ready. We all ate there this evening. Beverly and I did all the shopping in the rain, while Donna was the nurse. I fixed the baby ready for his night's rest. Donna is going to stay with Annie at nights for a week or so. Donna, Beverly, and Louis went to Mutual. Br. Combs came out to Gleaner singing practice. Louis and I came home at 10 p.m. I am tired.

January 10, Thursday

I went over and gave the baby his bath, some job, after 19 years or more. We were both all in when he was finished. Poor little dear has a blister on his little leg, from the band being too wide. I cut them an inch narrower. I gave Annie an enema, will surely be glad when she gets her strength back. She is so very weak and nervous. These brand new babies surely do upset a household, but, oh, how we love him already. Donna washed the baby clothes and cleaned rooms. I came home after giving Annie her lunch. I took care of little Ernie for Florence while she went to see her doctor this afternoon. She is expecting a baby this spring. The Gleaner girls practiced their songs here tonight. I stayed with Annie while Donna came here. Annie had lots of company tonight. Em and Art, Br. and Sr. Hill, Sue and Al. Sue did Annie's washing today. Another little blister on baby, oh dear. He was quite fussy tonight. Florence gave baby two nice little blankets. Sue had to wait for Al so she stayed with Annie; Al was working on books at Lorene's.

January 11, Friday

Bill came for me this a.m., baby slept good all night. I'm so worried over the blisters on his legs. There's one on his little stomach now?? I cut the bands apart to see if using them single will help. I wish Annie felt better, she's so nervous and weak, and has a pain in her breast when she stands on her feet. It's awful trying to dry baby things in the house, why did it have to rain now, anyway? Lorene came this afternoon; she has been very busy with ward books, too. Rex took Donna and Beverly to a show downtown tonight. I stayed until they got home after midnight. Baby fussed from 8 until 10:30, and then he settled down, for the night, I hope. I gave Annie an enema tonight, also. We all got cards from Dad; he is out of work now. I'm so sorry about that. Bill worked all night. Rex took me home. Surely tired, and worried, darn those blisters, oh but he's a darling.

January 12, Saturday

Big relief, Annie's insurance nurse gave the baby his bath this morning. I enjoyed it this time. The blisters are worse, I wish the doctor would come, it's an awful worry for me, I can't let Annie know how big they are. I got a card from Violet saying Otto is sick. They have their share of trouble sure. Louis did our housework today, nice boy. We went downtown to the Grand Central Market to do our shopping, never again! Boy's Market is okay for me, no more crowds like that for yours truly. I washed Donna's, Beverly's, and Glen's hair this morning. Annie feels a lot better today, the nurse gave her a good bath and rub, she sat up twice today in a chair by the bed. Oh, dear, I do wish our baby would stop blistering out. We found some sores on his dear little hands around the nails this morning. That d--- doctor, why doesn't he call? I stayed until Donna came tonight. I'm so tired and worried.

January 13, Sunday

I gave the baby his bath, so worried, the blisters grow so large. I don't think it can be his bands. Bill went again to see the doctor, he was out on calls, and the nurse said he'd call later. Beverly stayed home from Sunday School to help me. Donna went to Marshes' to dinner, glad she can have a day off. Annie doesn't feel so good tonight, too much company. Br. and Sr. Gunn, Br. and Sr. Vennott, Nell and Henry, Elaine and Ernie, Sue and Al, Sr. Treu and Erma, Clara and Draper, Louis and I. She had someone all day in her

bedroom. I was worried nearly crazy over the baby, too. The doctor came in the evening; it's a good thing our company was out, as he gave us a "bawling out" about having folks in to see the baby, anyway. Darn him! I should have told him a few things, but I guess I was too glad to see him. The blisters are not caused from the band, it is impetigo, he left some carbo-fung for me to use twice a day. I'm tired out, but relieved since he doctor came. Our little darling will get better now. June is quite sick. Louis, Bishop, and Rex administered to her tonight.

From the Life Story of Dale Owen Andersen Birth and Early Childhood:

Having been born of goodly parents, I proceed to write my history as best as I can remember it. I was brought into this life in Los Angeles, CA. It was on a Sunday morning. When my Dad told all the people at Church that he had a new son, many were shocked as they hadn't told anyone they were expecting a baby!

The women used to wear aprons a lot and no one knew my Mother was expecting. She didn't even tell her own sisters until the last two months of the pregnancy.

My birth took place at the French Hospital which was located near China Town on North Broadway. An epidemic of infantigo [impetigo] engulfed the Los Angeles area at the time and I was a sorry little victim. Aunt Elvie frequently commented on how sad I looked all painted up purple with carbofung. Mother and Dad had a difficult time naming me and finally Doctor Gaspard insisted that a name be entered on the birth certificate. Mother named me Dale after another baby who was born to the woman in the room where she stayed. The middle name of Owen was after my mother's father, Owen Albert Bailey.

I have many things to be thankful for, but the greatest of all is having been born under the New and Everlasting Covenant. My family was of the Mormon faith, known also as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. My father was a convert before he married Mother. Mother and my brother and sister were all born under the Covenant. At the time of my birth, Dad was the First Counselor to Uncle Al Hoglund in the Garvanza Ward Bishopric. Mother was the Relief Society Secretary, at which job she remained for eighteen and one half years. I was known as the "Relief Society Baby" as I never missed a meeting!

-familysearch.org

Impetigo (im-puh-TIE-go) is a highly contagious skin infection that mainly affects infants and children. Impetigo usually appears as red sores on the face, especially around a child's nose and mouth.

Classic signs and symptoms of impetigo involve red sores that quickly rupture, ooze for a few days and then form a yellowish-brown crust. The sores usually occur around the nose and mouth but can be spread to other areas of the body by fingers, clothing and towels.

A less common form of the disorder, called bullous impetigo, may feature larger blisters that occur on the trunk or diaper area of infants and young children.

You're exposed to the bacteria that cause impetigo when you come into contact with the sores of someone who's infected or with items they've touched — such as clothing, bed linen, towels and even toys. -mayoclinic.com

January 14, Monday

I was disappointed to miss my story over the radio, but too busy these days. Our baby slept fine all night. The carbo-fung looks awful on his little body, but it is checking the awful blisters, so we don't care. Washing is stained up red, too, but we can't help that either. Oh, the sunshine looks good after so much rain; it's grand to hang the clothes outside. Annie got dressed today; she is nice and slender now, much to her joy. After the baby's bath and washing, I came home and did my washing. I washed some shirts and sox for Bobby. June is very sick. When Louis came from work we went over and cleaned June's house up. We fixed Bobby's dinner and ate there. Louis and Bill administered to her. I rubbed June's chest and back with Vicks, gave her hot lemonade and aspirin tablets. Enjoyed a cup of some kind of herb tea. Miss Peterson gave us a can of the tea.

January 15, Tuesday

Card from Violet, Otto is sick again, and both children with bad coughs. Little Yvonne is having trouble with her ears. They are draining most of the time. I do wish they lived in our town, so we could help her. I took baby Dale over to the doctor's office today. He says we have the impetigo checked. The other is heat rash. We've kept him too warm, I guess. He's gaining, too. Weighs 8 pounds and 11 ounces. We all feel much better now. June is very sick, she must have help, I can't be there and Annie's, too, so Louis took me out to Arcadia this evening to get Mrs. Hays, Harold's mother. The doctor says June must stay in bed. The insurance nurse came today and told her she must call a doctor, so Harold called Dr. Gaspard. [*Also baby Dale's doctor.*] I can rest now I know Mrs. Hays is there with June. This evening I went over to fix our baby for his night's rest. Lorene and Sue came over, too.

January 16, Wednesday

This morning I ironed two shirts for Bobby before going to Annie's. Lorene came to stay with Annie while I went to Relief Society to take care of the minutes for Annie. Sr. Chandler called in to see Annie and baby, so I walked to Relief Society with her and Sr. Treu. We had a fine meeting, lots of ladies out. Sr. Chandler and I walked to Boy's Market after the meeting. Mrs. Hays is still with June, she say June is feeling a little better. Harold is sleeping in Donna's bed while his mother is over there. Donna is staying at Aunt Annie's to help with the baby in the night time. I missed Mutual again, but our baby is worth it. He's a darling. Annie's friends have given the baby so many lovely things. I'm so sorry Dad is out of work, oh dear!

January 17, Thursday

I was afraid to give the baby his bath today cause there was a gathering on my thumb. I surely don't want him to have any more trouble. I must have got the impetigo from him. It drains like his sores did. Annie gave him his bath for the first time, he was very good, but poor Annie, her back ached so badly. That carbo-fung surely does the work; the baby is almost cleared up now. Just one little new blister in his hair, but we'll get rid of it darn soon. I put on my rubber gloves and washed diapers, dishes, and scrubbed kitchen floor and back porch. Sue came over and cleaned up the other rooms. We

ate lunch; Sue treated us each to a bar. We brought Donna's clothes home today, she came back with me, and she has a lot of Gleaner typing to do for their conference programs. Annie took care of baby tonight, sorry I had to get impetigo. Annie is still so nervous and weak. Bill brought the vacuum back tonight. Donna and Rex went to see Gleaner girls, and then to a show. Louis and I enjoyed some popcorn I popped.

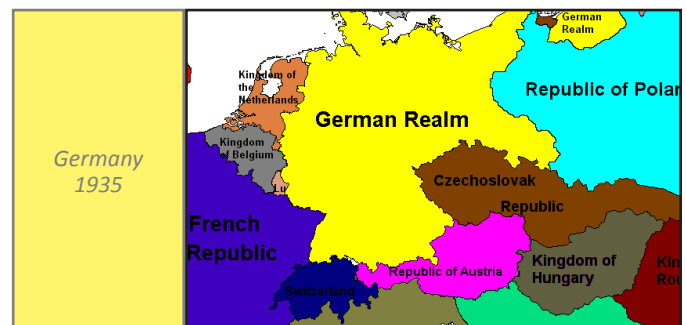
Copiers didn't exist in 1935. If you wanted more than one program you had to type each one. Donna Renshaw was a fast and accurate typist. No doubt that all the program typing helped hone that talent.

January 18, Friday

My thumb is getting better, that carbo fung is surely the thing to kill impetigo. I felt so sorry for Annie while bathing the baby; her back is still so weak and it pained her awfully today. I would gladly have taken care of him for a week or so longer, but don't dare touch him with this sore on my hand. I put on the rubber gloves and washed dishes and his clothes. Florence was expecting Donna today, we had no way of letting her know that Donna was sick, so I went over after I got through at Annie's. I scrubbed the bathroom, kitchen, cleaned stove, and did dishes. I walked home and was surely tired after my days work. Tonight Louis and I rode over to Annie's. Br. and Sr. Picket were there. Br. and Sr. Scott came later; they brought the baby a lovely blanket with fringe on. It rained hard while we were at Annie's. I'm glad Donna and Rex didn't go to stake Gleaner and M Men chorus practice as they'd planned. June is getting better; Mrs. Hays is still with her.

January 19, Saturday

I missed going to Annie's this a.m. I thought Beverly could do my part today; I've been busy all day cleaning a neglected house. Donna was busy in the kitchen most of the day. She baked a big meat pie and a chocolate nut cake, and then she and Rex made a gallon of ice cream. When Louis came home this evening, he went to bring our company, Henry and Beth, Mr. and Mrs. Hinely. He had a long ways to go to their "Honeymoon" apartment on 83rd Street. They were married the third of January. We ate dinner about 6:30. After dinner we spent the evening hearing all about Henry's mission. He brought lots of pictures that he took in Europe while on his German mission. He has been back about three months now. They stayed until midnight. Donna and Rex took them back to the apartment. Rex slept with Louis. I'm tired, missed seeing my darling baby today.



January 20, Sunday

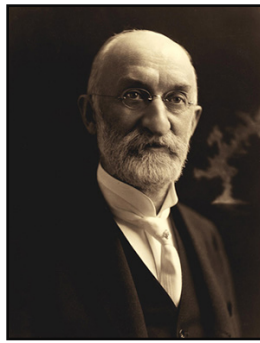
Lorene stayed with Annie and baby today. Louis and I called for Sr. Marsh and Ruthie. We enjoyed all three sessions of conference. I insisted on Sr. Marsh and Ruth eating lunch with us. We brought it with us. Louis took Charley home after the second session. Sr. Marsh bought Ruthie and me a lunch [dinner] at the stand on corner. We took a walk after. Charles fixed Louis and him a lunch at home. Bob, Charles partner, brought them both back to the evening session. Fred and Vera wanted Donna and Rex to go to their home after meeting, said they'd bring them home after. Louis left Rex's car at Charlie's place, so they took them there for it. Louis and I brought Sr. Marsh, Ruthie, and Sr. Barns home in our car. President Grant, Bishop Cannon, and Golden Kimball were our visitors from Salt Lake City. Elaine and Ernie moved in with Sue and Al today, he has been transferred to a Burbank store. I have enjoyed this day very much. Wonder how Annie and baby are?

January 21, Monday

I went to Annie's this morning, washed dishes, diapers, and etcetera. Sue did Annie's washing. Al wasn't working, so he brought her over to hang them on Annie's lines. I came home and did half of my weeks washing. Elaine and Donna went to Highland Park and over to the Luther Burbank school to visit with their old school teachers, Miss Perkins, mostly. June was sick again tonight. I did her dishes and Louis went to the drug store for her. I do hope she'll be alright tomorrow. Donna treated us to a candy bar. Baby Dale is growing so fast, can almost see him grow, and oh, he is adorable.

January 22, Tuesday

Lorene went to Annie's today. I did other half of washing and got most of my ironing done. Donna typed on Gleaner programs all day. June feels better she came over for a few minutes. Dickey is shedding feathers all over his cage, but he keeps singing from morn till night just the same. Louis and I celebrated his birthday tomorrow by going to a show tonight. It is Mutual singing practice tomorrow night. We enjoyed two very good pictures. "The Last Gentleman" and "Evelyn Prentice." Rex worked late, but came up after 11 p.m., couldn't go to bed without seeing his lady love. He was helping to move



President Heber J. Grant



Presiding Bishop Sylvester Quayle Cannon



Apostle J. Golden Kimball



a store for Fuller's. Donna stayed home this evening to type.

January 23, Wednesday—Louis' Birthday

Sr. Treu and I walked to Relief Society from Annie's. I do hope Annie will be able to go next time and take the minutes herself. I don't like that job. I took in \$7.25 (dues and reports) and \$2.00 on a quilt. I bought a birthday gift for Louis, tan shirts, garters, and collar clasp. Donna and Rex bought him a nice box of chocolates; Rex treated us to ice cream after Mutual. Donna made a coconut cake for Daddy, too. Nice birthday, he said. The Gleaner girls practiced for their conference program after Mutual. Lorene put Sue's coat on by mistake, and didn't even notice until told about it. It's the best laugh I've had in a long time. Ha! Ha! Surely looked a sight in a coat so much too big for her. Wonder she didn't trip and fall the way she was hurrying back and forth across the stage.

January 24, Thursday

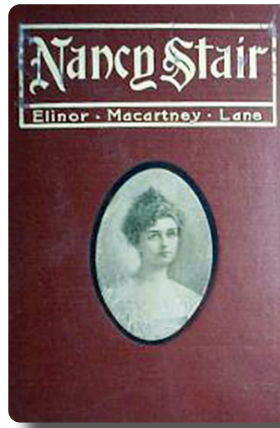
I washed the baby's diapers again this morning. He's growing fast, and surely is a darling. These morning walks to Annie's are fine for me. I haven't noticed the cold at all this winter and everyone seems to think it's so very cold. Donna helped Florence today. It was a lovely drying day. Sr. Stead called on Annie today, we walked back home together. Lorene called in Annie's on her way to Relief Society union meeting. She left some coffee cakes for our lunch, nice of her! The frost surely raised havoc with our flowers and banana tree last night. Louis had to cut most of our tree down. Donna brought little Ernie over with her when Louis called for her. Florence and Ernie came for him at 6 p.m. Louis and I went to pay the rent tonight. We called in to leave the vacuum at Annie's.

January 25, Friday

I went over the help Annie do her cleaning this a.m. We didn't quite finish cause I had to leave to meet Donna in Highland Park. We bought shower gifts to take to South Gate Ward, for Henry and Beth's shower. It was also his "homecoming" party. They danced until time to open gifts, and served ice cream and cake. We had a nice time. Mrs. Peterson and Lillian called to see Annie and baby today, they brought his cute little yellow romper and some rubber pants. Ruth and Clarence [Cartwright] went to the shower tonight. She is still feeling fine, gee, I hope that asthma is leaving her for good.

January 26, Saturday—Al's Birthday

Louis painted on Saxelby's car most of the day. I did cleaning. Rex and Donna drove the Junior Mutual girls up the canyon this a.m. and called for them this evening. Donna typed all afternoon, Johnny Wilson brought some programs he'd done for her. Louis and I went to the Bishop's surprise party tonight. We were late going in, sat out in the car trying to decide if we'd go in or not. I had composed a poem, but didn't read it, cause Br. Hill composed one, and he gave his. Sr. Treu asked him to present the gift to the Bishop, so he wrote a poem not knowing she'd asked me to compose a poem. It was very fine, I was glad I didn't have to read mine. The gift from the group of us was a lovely book. Donna went to Marshes' to dinner tonight. I worried cause I didn't know she was back from the canyon, oh hum!



Louis went to work on the bus. Mel Renshaw called in Annie's today while I was there, said he'd been here a week. Louis held his first choir practice tonight in the Ebell parlor. The first, since he and Beth hit it off. I enjoyed a book "Nancy Stair," cute story. Mel said maybe he'd come to dinner and stay all night, but he must have changed his mind.

January 30, Wednesday

I got up early and washed, had to leave the finishing for Donna, hanging out and etcetera. The baby was surely cute in his bath today, he tries so hard to make new sounds and smiles so sweet, he is a month old today and has grown a lot. Annie's thumb is getting better, it has stopped draining now. I stayed with the baby while Annie went to Relief Society. I'm surely glad she is back on the job; I didn't enjoy it at all. Donna went uptown to buy a fountain pen for Rex to give Ruthie; she is graduating from eighth grade today. Donna stayed to dinner at Marshes' tonight.

January 27, Sunday

Louis worked on Saxelby's car all day, painting it. We had the nosiest Sunday School in years this morning and three stake visitors. I was worn out when I got home. Donna typed more Gleaner programs. She and Rex went over to help fix the hall with flowers and etcetera. She was almost sick with pain in her back when we left this evening. The Gleaner girls can well be proud of their conference program. It was beautifully presented. The house was full, no empty chairs as usual. We had lots of visitors from other wards, and a large turn out from the Stake Gleaners. Donna's talk was lovely, the Gleaner chorus and trio was splendid, too. Our Gleaners gave the first conference given in Hollywood Stake, and it was good. I'm glad it's over so Donna can relax. It's a good thing for her this president's job is only for a year; she lets it worry her too much. Annie called in tonight; she has impetigo on her hand.



Ruth "Ruthie", Florence Orzella & Florence Marsh Circa 1932

January 28, Monday

Just when we get all the impetigo cleared off our baby, Annie has to blossom out with it on her thumb, just the same place it came on me. I gave him his bath; he is growing so fast and getting so darn cute. Lorene didn't know I was going to Annie's, and she came so we both missed a good wash day. Sue did Annie's washing with hers. Annie and I took the baby to the doctor's office for a light treatment. They kept us waiting so d--- long; I got mad, that's no way to run a business. Donna slept until noon today, a good rest, and much needed after the work and worry of her Gleaner conference. It surely was a big success, though. Donna walked over to Annie's this afternoon and back home with me. Annie and Beverly brought the baby over tonight while Glen and Bill went to the block teachers meeting at Bishop's. Donna and Rex went to Sierra Madre with Myrtle and Ed for their first vocal tryout. They're thrilled.

January 29, Tuesday

I gave the baby his first bath in the tub this morning. He liked it, but oh! He is a lively little dickens, almost stood up. Donna took the Relief Society presidency around visiting in our car today. They gave her a nice lunch at Robinson's.

Myrt and Marge

Genre: Daily Serial
Running time: 15 Minutes
Country: USA
Language: English
Syndicates: CBS Radio
Starring: Myrtle Vail, Donna Damerel 1932-1941, Helen Mack 1941-1946
Creator: Myrtle Vail
Writer: Myrtle Vail
Recording studio: Chicago
Air dates November 2, 1931 (night), January 04, 1937 (daytime) to 1946
Sponsors: Wrigley, Colgate-Palmolive

January 31, Thursday

Ernie Oates came early this a.m. Florence wanted Donna to help her today cause she isn't feeling well. I gave the baby his bath. Lorene came over to help Annie, so I came home and ironed for nearly four hours. Was so tired I took a nap. Lillian Stead woke me. Florence and baby brought Donna home and visited a short time. Louis took me to Boy's Market. Beverly and Bill came for vacuum and to hear "Mert and Marge," their radio won't work. Donna and Rex took Lillian Stead over to Sierra Madre for their vocal lesson. I popped some corn for Louis and me to enjoy with the radio program tonight.

February 1, Friday

Everything seemed to go wrong at Annie's today. Baby was very fussy all day, the kitchen tap wouldn't turn on, and the vacuum went dead on us before we'd finished the cleaning. We had to use the broom. Beverly took me to the Safeway to buy things for our fruit salad tonight, and then brought me home. Ruth and I served hot rolls (Clarence made them), hot chocolate and fruit salad tonight at the Strong's meeting. Annie and Bill didn't go cause the baby was still fussy, that is funny for him, he is usually so good. Louis and I took Lorene to South Gate, but Al and Sue brought her home cause I stayed to help Ruth do the dishes. Louis fixed my vacuum after work. I surely was glad of that.



Lou Renshaw—June 1931
Happy Handyman

February 2, Saturday

I'm surely glad my husband is so handy at fixing things or else I'd have had to used the broom instead of the vacuum today. Donna made a chocolate cake. I made a tapioca pudding. Louis went out this a.m. looking at suits; he found one he liked in Pasadena at the Eastern. I went over with his this afternoon; we ended up charging a nice dark suit for him, \$29.50. This evening Rex and Donna rode over to Pasadena with us to get the suit, we all went to a show over there. The baby has been good all day. Annie says they brought him in for a few minutes this afternoon. The poor little dear was fussy all day yesterday; it was a hectic day for us all over there.

February 3, Sunday

June and I rode to the Sunday School convention in Hollywood Stake house, with Br. Farnsworth. Both stakes held convention there. The meetings were very interesting, hope I'll be a better teacher now. We bought hot chocolate and sandwiches at stake house. June and I both took cake and fruit, so we had a nice lunch. Sr. Marsh and Br. Picket and Paul Pack ate some of our fruit and cake. Uncle Al treated Donna to dinner, they went to a restaurant. We walked to church tonight. Rex gave a good talk on the slogan.

Slogan for LDS church in 1934-1935
"By my actions, I will prove my allegiance to the Church."

Little Dale Owen [*Andersen*] was blessed and given his name today, by his proud father. And Aunt Elvie couldn't be there to see or hear, cause of the Sunday School convention. Beverly took care of baby tonight while Annie came out to church.

February 4, Monday

It rained in the night and all day. I didn't go over to Annie's. Hope Sr. Treu washed the diapers for her. Donna went to the baby show in Ebell Hall. Little Ernie Oates and the Dalton girl's babies were in it, also a few others we know. It was an awful day for a baby show, but Donna said the hall was crowded and stuffy, poor babies. I enjoyed the rain from the inside. Donna and Rex went for their vocal lessons in Sierra Madre tonight. Sue and Al visited us; she wanted a poem that I composed for a handkerchief shower a few years ago. The Primary is giving Sr. Terry a handkerchief shower tomorrow. Br. Terry's health is not good here, so they're going back to Utah to live. We'll miss them, nice folks.



Interior of the Ebell Hall
Baby Show held in the hall on February 4, 1935

February 5, Tuesday

It is still raining. I stayed in all day. Donna helped June carry some things over to Evans, in the rain. It was Sr. Booth's and June's turn to furnish refreshments for the Primary social and board meeting. They turned it into a handkerchief shower for Sr. Terry after. Donna visited the Egan girls and Elaine while she was out. I made up two aprons that I've had cut out for several months. Rex and Donna took me over to Annie's tonight before they went to choir practice. Louis called for me after practice. Lorene and Mary came there while Charles went block teaching. Baby has been fussy today. Annie and Beverly are both tired tonight, oh, but he is so cute. Audrey Treu [*Karl Treu's sister*] must go to a sanatorium, she is sick with tuberculosis. I feel so sorry for her and John, it's awful. The folks moved out of the little rear house today, living in it a week, but paid two months rent on it.

February 6, Wednesday

More rain, all night and all day. I didn't go to Relief Society. I didn't think they'd have a meeting; last time I went in the rain they didn't hold any meeting cause not enough came out. Well, they held it today, sixteen out. I was surely surprised, folks are getting used to the rain, I guess, might as well, we are having lots of it. Beverly took care of baby tonight, so Annie could go to Mutual. Sr. Stead told me about her neighbor dying; he had been an invalid for several years. I went to see him twice with Sr. Stead last year when we were out block teaching together. That poor little wife is going to miss him dreadfully; she was so very devoted to him.

No. 287 How Gentle God's Command

PHILIP DODDRIDGE

H. G. NAEGELI



1. How gen - tle God's com - mands! How kind His pre - cepts are! Come
2. Be - neath His watch - ful eye His Saints se - cure - ly dwell; That
3. Why should this anx - ious load Press down your wear - y mind? Haste
4. His good - ness stands ap - proved, Un - changed from day to day; I'll



cast your bur - dens on the Lord, And trust His con - stant care.
hand which bears all na - ture up Shall guard His chil - dren well.
to your heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, And sweet re - fresh - ment find.
drop my bur - den at His feet, And bear a song a - way.

From the Deseret Sunday School Song book published 1909.



Annie Andersen

February 10, Sunday— Annie's Birthday

I slept very little last night, but felt better in God's glorious sunshine this morning. Mildred Andersen helped me with the Sunday School class this morning, sweet of her. We all gave a small donation to buy a gift for the Sunday School workers to present Br. Terry, he is moving back to Utah for his health.

Louis and Rex slept all afternoon. Donna sang with Lillian Stead and Myrtle Egan at the Genealogical conference at the stake house. Sr. Saxelby accompanied them. They also sang over in some other ward at their Gleaner Girl conference. Sr. Stead is all excited about a surprise party Albert's friends are bringing on him tomorrow night. Al [Stead] is leaving for Honolulu next week. I was impressed with the lovely words in our beautiful hymn tonight, "How Gentle God's Commands," and felt better after singing it in church. Fred and Vera visited Donna and Rex until midnight. Donna and I talked until 2 a.m. oh, oh, don't tell our Daddy. He is on night work again.

February 7, Thursday

The sky cleared about noon. Louis was running out of shirts, so I decided to wash. Well, some of the light pieces got dry enough to iron before the rain came down with a vengeance. Donna helped Florence today. We called for her this evening, paid our rent, and took the vacuum over to Annie. Louis and I went to a cottage meeting at Marshes'. Br. Imsen, Johnny Wilson, and Louis sang a trio, it sounded real good. Lillian Stead and Louis also sang. Johnny Wilson spoke on Faith, he did very well. They also had a very good speaker from the Pasadena Ward bishopric. We enjoyed the meeting. Donna and Rex went to Sierra Madre.

February 8, Friday

Rained hard all night. I got most of my ironing down before going to help Annie with her cleaning. Dale was good all day, he is a darling baby. Donna and Afton Knighton went to Highland Park to buy decorations for the M Men Mutual Valentine dance next Wednesday. Doris and Afton came over this evening to prepare things for the decorating, also. Big red hearts and etcetera.

February 9, Saturday

Donna worked for Florence today. Miss Peterson and mother came, Hildur is in bad condition. She had a heart attack while here. I hope they'll rent the little house soon. The Andersens came this evening. That baby is darling I do love him. Tonight Louis, Donna, Rex, and I walked to Highland Park. Louis and I shopped in Kress Store. We bought mop stick, and sieve for Annie's birthday gifts. I've been working over to her house and know that she needs these articles. It's her birthday tomorrow. Donna and Rex deserted us for the picture show, can't say I blame them. I haven't felt very good today (worried). Guess it's my dark hour?!!

"How Gentle God's Commands"

The hymn "How Gentle God's Commands" is a hymn that brought comfort to Elvie the rest of her life. Elvie shared the special significance the hymn held for her with her family. Each of Elvie's grandchildren knew it was her favorite hymn and also knew that it first brought comfort to her during a difficult time. It seems as though that trying time may have been February 1935.

February 11, Monday

I did a big washing this a.m. Donna hung them out. Louis worked until 7 a.m. I walked to Highland Park with Donna; she bought a cute red print dress with organdy collar and puffed sleeves. She is going to wear it to the Valentine dance next Wednesday. I had rubber heels put on my shoes while down on the Avenue. Louis went to officer's meeting at the Bishop's tonight. Donna and Rex went to Sierra Madre for vocal training. I spent the evening alone. I've felt so much better today, am wondering?? Can I be pregnant now, after all these years, or is the "change of life" working on me??? One thing for sure, I don't feel well lately.

February 12, Tuesday

Donna was in bed most of the day with cramps; she got up this afternoon to make chocolate cake for Sr. Marsh to take to the Sunday School party at the Bishop's house tonight. Party was in honor of Br. Terry, superintendent of Sunday School, who is leaving for Utah next week. I had a weakness while I was ironing and had to lie down for a while, but felt okay after, and finished ironing. June's mother and father came to visit from Salt Lake this morning. Louis took June to the station to meet them. June is thrilled, yes, it would be grand to have your own mother and father visit you, I'm sure. Louis worked until 11 p.m., and then he came over to the Sunday School party for me. Donna and Rex came to the party after choir practice; they also helped to decorate the hall for the Valentine dance tomorrow night. The Sunday School officers and teacher gave Br. Terry a lovely pen and pencil set. Donna and I both have colds. I didn't eat any ice cream or cake.



Mary Elizabeth Strong & Owen Albert Bailey 1889 wedding portrait. Elvie would have loved a visit from her parents like June Hays had this month. Elvie's mother died in the 1918 flu epidemic (December).

February 13, Wednesday

I put Donna's hair up in curls, we both feel punk with head colds. Donna went to finish decorating hall, and then to Annie's to stay with baby while Annie went to Relief Society, he slept till Beverly got there, so Donna didn't get close to him with her cold. I went to Relief Society, it was sewing day. Both Lorene and Sr. Wood gave interesting talks while we sewed. Sr. Wood on our new project (reading the scriptures) and Lorene on teaching. Louis worked all night tonight and had to work today, too, about three hours sleep. Donna looked real sweet in new red Valentine dress. I got up when she got home from dance and put Epsom salt pack on her throat. I had one on my throat, too. Rex slept in Donna's bed, she slept with me.

February 14, Thursday

Didn't sleep very well with our bad colds, but Donna feels worse than me, cause I stayed home and doctored mine. She had to go to Florence's to get the "Married Gleaner girls" started in their first social. The stake asked her to get them organized. I darned and sewed all day. I had to do the work all over on Donna, she was surely sick when she got home this evening. Rex gave her a box of See's candy for a Valentine. I'm not eating candy now days, ain't that too bad? I feel pretty good one minute, and the next I'm in the depths of despair, glad the depths don't last very long at a time, I just won't let them, I start to sing my favorite song, the third verse of "How Gentle God's Commands," such a beautiful hymn and helped me so much. Louis worked all night again. June and Harold bought an auto, a Chevrolet, like Annie and Bill's.

February 15, Friday

I felt fine this morning for being awake so much last night. A beautiful morning, Louis and I went for a nice ride. We had a real estate man show us through a few houses, went in one with eighteen rooms, more like a hospital all bed rooms. Louis gets the idea he wants to move every so often, not for me. I like to stay put! I know he needs more room to work on his car and etcetera, but I love the pretty green grass and flowers here, it's so near church, my sisters, and Highland Park shopping district that I like here. Donna got up late, she feels lots better, and she typed a one act play for Dee Sharp, three copies. Tonight she and Rex went to the Grand Opera. A crowd of the young folks who are taking vocal at Sierra Madre went.



*Baby Yvonne and Dolores
Perhaps this is the photo that
Annie brought over
for Elvie to see.*

February 16, Saturday

Donna went to help serve a luncheon to the Junior Girls and mothers, over to Miriam Marsh's. She called for Donna this a.m. Rex brought her home in evening. I did cleaning. Clara Brown visited with June and folks today. Annie and Beverly brought us a picture of Dolores and Yvonne, it's darling, if only I could get that baby in my arms, the sweet kiddies, I'd surely love to see them. Baby looks like Violet to me. Louis and I walked to Highland Park tonight. Donna and Rex went out to Vera and Fred's. I don't feel very well tonight, oh dear, I wonder??

February 17, Sunday

Beautiful spring day, we walked to Sunday School. Br. Terry's last day as our Sunday School superintendent. They are leaving for Utah next week. Raymond came in from the C.C.C. camp, was good to see him. Louis slept all afternoon; he had to go to work at 11 p.m. tonight. Donna and Rex went to Mutual union meeting. I read. The Hays family enjoyed their new Chevrolet. Br. Gunn's Sunday School class went up in the mountains, Ruthie and Sr. Marsh went along, they got back this afternoon late. John cooked a nice dinner for them. Donna and Rex ate, too, after Mutual union. Nice meeting tonight, President Norberg spoke.

February 18, Monday

Elaine visited me while I finished my washing. Donna and Rex came back with Al Stead's old Ford. Rex bought it to use in his laundry work. Elaine is pregnant, bless her heart, I almost told her about me, but thought I'd better wait and be sure first!! Well, something is wrong anyway, I feel alright in the daytime, but sick at night, can't sleep very well. I've gone over 42 days too, never been like this before. I'll take care of myself and just wait. I haven't eaten meat, eggs, or any sugar for over two weeks. I must do all I can for my health and feel sure Father in Heaven will take care of me. Oh, why didn't it happen years ago when we were younger and wanted a baby so badly?? Sr. Niles and I went block teaching this afternoon. Over to Annie's to see baby tonight, he's grand.

Elvie's sister, Annie, gave birth to Dale a few weeks before her forty-first birthday. Elvie turned forty-three the previous December. As much as Elvie and Lou had wanted more children, to think of having a child at forty-three must have been a great concern to Elvie. With the difficult pregnancy that Annie had just been through it likely was a trial for Elvie to consider the idea that she was possibly pregnant. Also a pregnancy would have been especially hard for Elvie with her ongoing health challenges.

February 19, Tuesday

Donna went to the bakery with the girls this morning. Bishop took them down in his car. He talked to Br. Shermaster about putting Donna to work. He said he'd give her a chance soon. I surely hope for her sake, she is in need of so many things. The anxiety is over; I've come unwell after 43 days. I am very much relieved, but was willing to go through it if it was His will. Lucille waved Donna's hair, nice little neighbor. Louis has a bad head cold; I wish he didn't have to work tonight. Donna took care of Dale while Annie went to the bank this p.m. Myrtle and Lillian came to practice trio this evening. Lillian ate dinner with us. Al Stead left for his long trip to the Islands. Br. and Sr. Stead and Harold went to boat to see him off.

February 20, Wednesday

Louis got sick and had to come home at two o'clock this morning. He never should have gone last night. We both felt punk today. Donna went over to Annie's to take care of baby while Annie went to Relief Society. Lucille walked over with her; they got some books from the library first. Rex is trying hard to work up a laundry business, surely hope he'll be successful. I didn't go out at all today, Louis stayed home, too.

February 21, Thursday

Donna went uptown to see if she could get work for "Dollar Day" at Grants Store next Saturday. She paid last payment on my ring. Lucille waved Donna's hair. I put the back up in little curls. Louis went to work at 2 p.m. Sr. Stead came to tell us the hospital had called to see if Louis was well enough to come to work today. He had already left for work. I went over to Sue's tonight with Annie and Beverly. Elaine and Beverly made some fudge. Donna and Rex went to Pasadena for vocal lesson.

February 22, Friday

Donna went uptown again this morning. Miss West told her to report at eight o'clock in the morning for work. Big sales all over L.A. "Dollar Day," lots of extra girls given one day's work. I cleaned the bedrooms. Louis tried to fix our toilet again, but it broke for good this time, what I mean, it was for good. We got a new one. Louis took her [Miss Peterson] in his car to buy a new one. I am surely glad, cause the old chain affair was awful, it's time we had a new one, anyway. Donna made candy for the "Martha Washington" ball at the stake house tonight. This afternoon Donna drove me over to Annie's to see baby, he almost laughed out loud for us, cute thing. We called at cleaners for Donna's dress, too. Louis and Rex painted Rex's Ford black, looks nice.



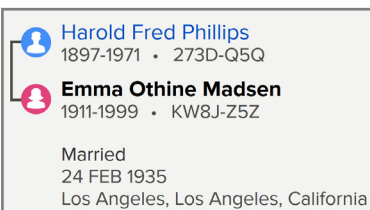
Pull Chain Toilet

February 23, Saturday

The plumber installed our new toilet bowl and box this morning. Donna went to work for the day at Grants Store. This afternoon we took Br. and Sr. Brown and June and Bobby, for a nice long ride, saw beautiful homes in Beverly Hills and Hollywood. Visited Fern Dale and then to the beach. We rode for miles and miles along the ocean shore. Went almost to Oxnard. Drove 136 miles. Br. Brown treated us all to a sandwich. We all enjoyed the day, but was glad to get home, tired. Donna was also tired out from her strenuous day at Grants Store.

February 24, Sunday

Al brought Sr. Bishop up to help me with the Sunday School class. I hope she can stay with me. I do need help. Sr. Taylor has been sick with heart trouble most of the time. Donna was too tired to go to Sunday School after her big sale day yesterday. She ate dinner at Marshes'. Sr. Stead and Harold came this p.m. to ask Louis if he'd take them to the stake house to see Miss Madsen married. We took them, and Al's girlfriend, Martha. I didn't know the bride, but her mother comes to Relief Society. Bishop Hoglund tied the knot; she was a very beautiful bride. I hope she'll always be happy. The wedding was after church tonight. Sr. Nordstrom asked me to make 100 pieces of panache to be sold at the picture show next Wednesday night. Oh, hum, more work for Donna I'm afraid. Donna and Rex went to wedding in Al's car; they ate ice cream over to Sue's after. Elaine, Ernie, and Bette went, also. Donna,



From www.familysearch.org showing the couple that were married February 24, 1935 by Bishop Al Hoglund

Lillian, and Myrtle sang "I Love You Truly" and Edward Robinson sang, "O Promise me" at the wedding to night. Al gave a very fine talk, too.

February 25, Monday

Our yard was covered in eucalyptus leaves and branches caused by a strong wind yesterday and Saturday. I raked them all up and burned them. Donna and I walked to Boy's Market and to Annie's to see baby Dale. He's such a darling, smiles so sweetly. This evening Louis and I visited June and her folks, the Browns. Donna and Rex went to Sierra Madre. Louis and I have decided, after talking to Al, to drop one of our insurance policies. We just can't carry on any longer. Sorry!

February 26, Tuesday

Lovely sunshine again. I like wash days like this, clothes dry in no time. Donna made panache candy for the Beehive girls to sell at the picture show tomorrow night. Sr. Nordstrom called for candy this afternoon. Louis took me to the post office to mail money order to the Beneficial Insurance Company. We only paid for one policy must drop one, too bad, can't keep them both on our wages now. Myrtle and Lillian came this evening to practice trio with Donna. They all went to choir practice. I enjoyed the fireside and radio and paper.

February 27, Wednesday

We've had another beautiful spring day. Donna and I did the ironing. I tacked our climbing rose to the side of the garage. It is very lovely now with little pink blossoms and buds against the white garage. I went to Relief Society and Donna went over to take care of little Dale while Annie went, too. Tonight we all went over to the Ebell hall to see the five reel motion picture "Aerial Progress," and hear Mr. Zeno Klinker lecture on aviation from the very beginning. Mr. Klinker was very humorous and we enjoyed the picture immensely. The Beehive girls sold candy. The proceeds of this entertainment go to our "church building fund." I didn't buy my diary until today, so must copy all of January and February from my notes, some job!



February 28, Thursday

Donna went over to Sue's to help prepare for the Gleaner social tonight. Lorene was there, too. They worked all afternoon making cute little fancy opened faced sandwiches. Sue served a lovely buffet lunch, everything looked beautiful and was delicious. I went over in the evening to help her. I washed all the dishes up after, Beverly wiped them. Sr. Ida Andrews, the stake Gleaner advisor, was there. She talked to the girls on the "Treasures of Truth Book." Lillian, Myrtle, and Donna sang two trios, and the girls sang their conference chorus number. We had a very nice time. Beverly brought me home; she stopped in for some typing that Donna had done for her. Louis took June and her folks for a nice ride. They are going to Salt Lake tomorrow evening.

March 1, Friday

Mrs. Brown brought Donna and me some ice cream this afternoon, she felt bad cause we didn't get any last night when she treated Daddy after he took them for a ride. If she could have seen what we ate over to Sue's, Boy! Bless her heart, she's a dear. We hate to see them go back home, have enjoyed their visit very much. Harold and June took them to the bus station this afternoon about 4:40. Beverly brought Donna a box of her fudge this evening; she made it for her cause she did some typing for Beverly. She is so generous and her fudge is so good. I took care of Annie's baby tonight while she and Beverly went to the York show. Bill has a very bad cold. Louis went over to Annie's with me. Baby is surely cute. Donna and Rex went to a show.

March 2, Saturday

We had a real thunder storm today, sounded like good old Utah. The rain came so hard it flooded parts of our city. Donna made a lemon cake today, a spice and raisin cake, too. Real good! She took me to Boy's Market for our order. Our Daddy didn't like the rice and milk lunch I fixed, so he waited until we got dinner ready this evening. Rex ate with us; also, we had his favorite dish, salmon cakes. We all spent

the evening home for a change. Donna and Daddy shelled the peas. I made a meat loaf for tomorrow. The peas were 5 pounds for 10¢, cheap, eh? and good, too.

March 3, Sunday

Louis had a sore throat this morning, so he stayed in bed. Donna and I went to the nine o'clock meeting. Bishop was our speaker. He was tired, had been over to Burnett's most of the night. Gladys passed away about midnight. Bros. Hill and Gunn, and Sue and Grace were there, also. I'm sure it was a big relief to poor Gladys, after seven years of illness, in bed most of

Aviation History Show

Husbands will be the guests of Lodi Woman's Club members Friday evening at a pot-luck dinner and program in the clubhouse banquet rooms.

Zeno Klinker, humorous writer and aviation enthusiast, will present a five-reel sound motion picture, "Man's Conquest of the Air," comprised of a collection of authentic historical aviation films he has collected during 13 years' research.

Scenes included in the picture are Santos Dumont flying in 1900 the early motor-driven dirigible; the early Knabenshue dirigible in the United States; flights of the Wright Brothers to 1908, first air meets; first English Channel flight and attempts, early flights of pioneer aviators and World War aviation films and aces; Polar flights of Amundsen and Ellsworth, Byrd and Wilkins; Atlantic flights of Lindbergh, Chamberlin, Byrd and others; stunt flying and spills; altitude, stratosphere, endurance and speed record flights and record flights of Art Goebel, Wiley Post, Amelia Earhart, Jimmie Doolittle, Frank Hawks, Floyd Bennett, Al Williams, Eddit Richenbacher, Chas. Kingsford - Smith, Howard Hughes, Roscoe Turner and others.

Mr. Klinker accompanies the showing of his film with humorous comment. He comes with an impressive string of recommendations from clubs in the south. His lecture and picture will open at 8 o'clock.

The evening will open with dinner at 6:30 p. m.

Mrs. A. A. Clark, social chairman, and her committee, will be in charge of the program.

*From the January 4, 1940 Lodi News-Sentinel paper
Similar show as was shown February 27, 1935 at Ebell hall*

the time. They say Sr. Burnett is taking it very hard. Sr. Bishop told our Sunday School class a nice story after I got through with the lesson; she is very good, I'm surely glad she is helping me now. Br. Gunn got work to the hospital and the lady that rides with him, that he won't be to work in the morning. I rode down with Donna and Rex to tell them, we left Rex home and Donna drove back. We had a very nice meeting tonight. A young couple from Sierra Madre School sang for us.

Gladys Verna Burnett

Gladys was the oldest and only daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Burnett. Gladys had two younger brothers. She was 27 years old at the time of her death. It had to have been very hard on her mother to lose Gladys when she was only 27. In the 1930 census she is listed at her parents home and also as a lodger in another house with many other residents (maybe a sanitarium). In the 1930 census with her parents she is listed as being divorced. The other one shows her as single.

March 4, Monday

Donna went to work at the Grama's bakery today for the first time. Br. Shermaster told Myrtle to tell her to come. Our young neighbors, Lucille and husband have been out to the beach for a few days. Louis took more chills today, he'll have to stay in bed for a few days, I guess. Br. and Sr. Marsh called on us today. They'd been over to see the Burnett family. I wrote a card to Dad and one to Violet. I didn't rest very well last night; Louis was so sick and restless. I was tired after washing today. Donna was tired, but not too tired to stay home from Sierra Madre tonight.

March 5, Tuesday

Louis feels much better today, he slept well last night. I ironed and did some darning. Louis got dressed this afternoon. The sun was shining and it was lovely outdoors, so we took a ride over to Annie's to see baby Dale. I had the pleasure of waking him for his two o'clock feeding, he is adorable, all smiles when I fed him. Annie had him over to doctors yesterday to see about a skin rash on his little face. The doctor says the milk is too rich for him, and he must drink 12 ounces of water a day. He doesn't like water and she says it's hard to get 2 ounces down the little scamp. Annie gave us a raisin cream pie. She made it while we were there. Ed and Myrtle brought Donna home from work, her second day; she was a lot more tired today. Took a bath and went to bed right after dinner this evening. I wish she didn't have to work there. Rex and Louis went over to choir practice tonight.

March 6, Wednesday

Lucille and hubby came back from the beach last night. I was glad cause she had two of Donna's books, and they were due today. I took the five books back to the library when I went over to take care of baby Dale while Annie went to Relief Society. They held the meeting from 12 o'clock until 1:30, and then the ladies all went in a body to Gladys Burnett's funeral at Cresse's. Beverly got excused from school at 1:25, so she could take care of the baby. I rode down with Bill. He came home from work at noon. Gladys had a lovely

funeral. Oh, so many flowers, and people, they couldn't all get in the chapel. She looked beautiful, too. Some of the sisters prepared lunch and dinner for the Burnett family and they served it at Sue's house today. I rode to Forest Lawn Cemetery in John Treu's car. Donna is through work for this week. Three days is all, but I'm glad she can rest.

March 7, Thursday

Well, we can't complain about not having enough rain, we've had more this season than any since we've been in California and that is over 10 years. Everything looks so beautiful and green now. I'm sure thankful Louis doesn't have to work out in this rain. I spent most of the day mending my poor old sheets. Donna is enjoying a good rest today. The bakery is only having the new girls work three days a week, but I'm glad she has a few days to rest up anyway. The young folks went to Dick's home, in Pasadena, for their vocal lessons tonight. Donna, Lillian, and Myrtle practiced trio over to Sr. Saxelby's this afternoon. Louis and I went over to Peterson's to pay rent. Miss Peterson gave Louis 50¢ for a little extra work he did here, we went to the York show on it. Saw "Anne of Green Gables" and "Men of the Night," both good. So sorry I didn't think to take the vacuum to Annie tonight. I wonder if they came for it while we were out.



March 8, Friday

Annie didn't get the vacuum last night, I wish I could get it over to her, but no way. I decided I'd do my cleaning, so she could have the vacuum tomorrow, but when we took it over this evening her cleaning was all finished. They had borrowed Lorene's vacuum. They were worried cause the baby has a cough. I think it's the doctor's fault; he kept him undressed to long in that cool office. Bishop and Sue came over while we were there tonight. The three fellows administered to the little dear. I held him while Annie ate her dinner. They were late with dinner cause Annie and Bill went to the drug store for some things the doctor said to get for baby. Donna made a meat pie for us today and a small one for Lucille and Harold. The girls practiced their trio over to Saxelby's this evening. Tonight Donna and Rex went out to visit Fred and Vera [Reiche]. I thought they were going to dinner, but they ate meat pie here first, ha, ha!

March 9, Saturday

I washed Donna's hair; Lucille gave her a finger wave. I also washed my hair. Lucille offered to wave it, but no use, it won't hold a wave now, I curled it myself, that is okay for me. Donna made a chocolate cake, I made the frosting. Louis cracked the nuts, so we all had a hand in it. Donna and Rex went to a show this evening. Louis and I rode over to Pasadena to pay on his suit. I shopped in the 15¢ store over there. We called in Annie's; the baby still has quite a cough. I do wish he'd get over it. We are surely having cold weather for this time of year, ice and frost on our housetop this morning.

March 10, Sunday

I am so tickled with Sr. Bishop as a teacher to help me with my little Sunday School class. She is very good and the children like her, too. Gee, I hope she can stay with us. Louis didn't go to Sunday School this morning; he cleaned car and yard, bad boy! The yard looks lovely now. He surely worked hard. Donna ate dinner at Marshes'. I took a walk this afternoon while Louis took a nap. I went over to see Sr. Niles to give her the money I promised for the [Primary] Children's Hospital, but there was no one home, so I walked over to Annie's. The baby is a little better, but still coughing. Bill brought me home on his way to Gen. meeting. I went with Donna and Rex, in our car, tonight over to Burbank Ward to Gleaner Conference given by the stake Gleaners. The girls sang two songs, Donna, Lillian, and Myrtle, our Garvanza Trio! I talked to Br. and Sr. Gledhill over there.

March 11, Monday

It was a lovely sunny day, clothes all got dry. I walked to Highland Park to pay light and gas bill. Got a letter from Violet, she says she's been ill with sore throat, quinsy. The baby is miserable with eczema, what next, for that poor girl to worry over. Otto has work in the Charleston Mountains Forest Service. It may only last a month, but I do wish he could have steady work, so Violet could move away from his folks; they've lived with them four years now. Good people, but both families would be better off by themselves. Carl got married to a girl from Hurricane, Utah last month. Donna was too tired she took a bath and went to bed right after dinner. Louis went over to the officer's meeting at the Bishop's tonight. Rex had trouble with his Ford. Ernie Oates brought him in to town. He didn't get up here until after 9 p.m. I made him a toasted tuna sandwich. I wish I knew how our baby Dale is today; I couldn't get over to see him.



Charleston Mountains Nevada
Otto worked here for a while.

March 12, Tuesday

I surely am enjoying this lovely spring weather. Everything is bright new green after our rains. Our climbing rose is in bloom and so pretty. Sr. Saxelby sent word that she couldn't play for the choir practice tonight so Donna had to go and play for Daddy, she felt so tired and miserable, I felt sorry for her. Louis took me over to Annie's for a few minutes

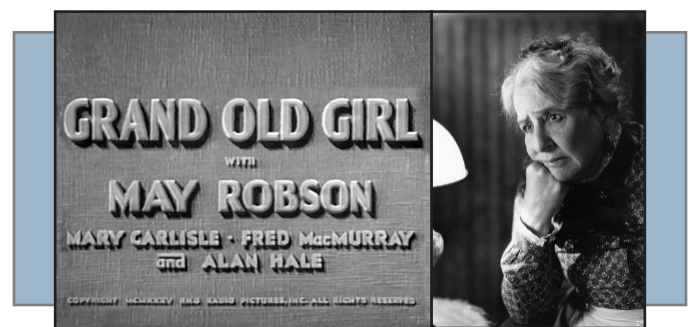
before choir this p.m. Sr. Treu and Elise rode back with us, they brought me home, our block teachers were here. I went over to June's after they left. We enjoyed visit and sewing. Sr. Treu asked me to embroider three dish towels for the Relief Society. Louis called in after practice.

March 13, Wednesday

I did a lot of patching and mending this morning. Left for Relief Society early so I could help plan for party. Sr. Chandler was there arranging flowers and card tables. We all sang the song she composed then she read a very lovely poem she had composed, also. Sr. Robinson asked me to take charge of the Bunco game. It was some job getting 42 ladies started, oh, the noise. Well, everything worked fine after they all got on to the game. The Ebell club had some iron railings put up the front steps of their club house today. Now the older folks won't have to worry about falling down the steps. Didn't feel much like preparing dinner tonight after eating ice cream and cake. I bought some nice ham and decided to fry some eggs for a change. Rex brought Donna home from work. He'd already eaten eggs twice today. We all went to Mutual.

March 14, Thursday

Afton Knighton and Donna wrote the invitations to Gleaner girls and mothers for Myrtle's shower, this morning. It's going to be at Sue's on March 29. Sr. Viola Niles and I went block teaching this afternoon. June was the only one we found home. Thursday, shopping day, is a bad day to go, we find. Elaine entertained the married Gleaners today. Donna went over to help her. Donna and I rode over to Annie's this evening to see if Beverly could stay with Bobby. Oh, that baby is a darling! Beverly came back with us. June and I went uptown to a show at "The Tower." We saw May Robson in "Grand Old Girl," good show. Louis went over to the Bishop's to open up some of our new song books before the people get hold of them. Donna and Rex went to Sierra Madre for vocal lessons. Beverly slept with June.



March 15, Friday

Beverly called in this morning on her way to school, (sweet girl). I cleaned the bedrooms. Lucille gave Donna a finger wave. Florence brought little Ernie over while she went to see the doctor. Tonight we all went over to the Bishop's to help open the new song books before they get into the hands of the people. Donna and Rex came home when they were finished. Louis and I stayed to hear "The Witch's Tales." Sue treated to ice cream. I didn't eat any cause I could feel a little asthma bothering.

March 16, Saturday

Louis took Donna to the bakery this morning while she got her check. Bill brought my vacuum home; he said the baby feels fine; his cold is almost all gone. Donna made some pie shells this afternoon. I made the lemon filling. This afternoon Annie and Bill drove over with the baby. He had his new pink sweater and cap on, looked so cute. Donna and I went for the groceries, then to Highland Park. We saw Raymond in Ivers store; he is surely brown from snow. Mary had a permanent wave today; it's her birthday gift, birthday Monday 18, looks cute. I curled Lorene's hair while Donna and I were there this afternoon. Tonight Donna and Rex went to the M Men and Gleaner Girl banquet at stake house. June, Bobby, Louis and I saw a good 15¢ show in Eagle Rock. Louis worked all afternoon making a cabinet for our new church song books.



How Pink And Blue Became Gender-Specific

It actually wasn't until the 1940s that the colors became set in stone.

The march toward gender-specific clothes was neither linear nor rapid. Pink and blue arrived, along with other pastels, as colors for babies in the mid-19th century, yet the two colors were not promoted as gender signifiers until just before World War I--and even then, it took time for popular culture to sort things out.

For example, a June 1918 article from the trade publication Earnshaw's Infants' Department wrote, "The generally accepted rule is pink for the boys, and blue for the girls. The reason is that pink, being a more decided and stronger color, is more suitable for the boy, while blue, which is more delicate and dainty, is prettier for the girl." Other sources said blue was flattering for blonds, pink for brunettes; or blue was for blue-eyed babies, pink for brown-eyed babies...

In 1927, Time magazine printed a chart showing sex-appropriate colors for girls and boys according to leading U.S. stores. In Boston, Filene's told parents to dress boys in pink. So did Best & Co. in New York City, Halle's in Cleveland and Marshall Field in Chicago.
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March 17, Sunday

We had our new song books in Sunday School this morning, it was a treat. After dinner Donna and Rex went to Mutual union meeting. Louis and I spent the afternoon fixing up some of our old song books, some job. We all enjoyed church tonight. The girls sang two trios, they sang, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," from upstairs, while the sacrament was being passed. Rex sang with the girls on the third verse of it. Myrtle Egan had a dollar bill taken from her purse, she left it upstairs a few minutes. I felt so sorry for Sr. Burnett, the song touched her keenly. The other one they sang was

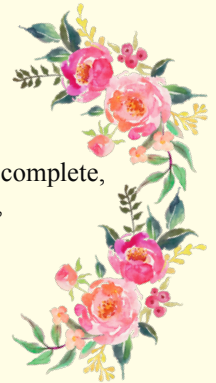
My Task (To Love Someone More Dearly)

To love someone more dearly ev'ry day,
To help a wand'ring child to find his way,
To ponder o'er a noble tho't and pray,
And smile when evening falls,
And smile when evening falls:
This is my task.

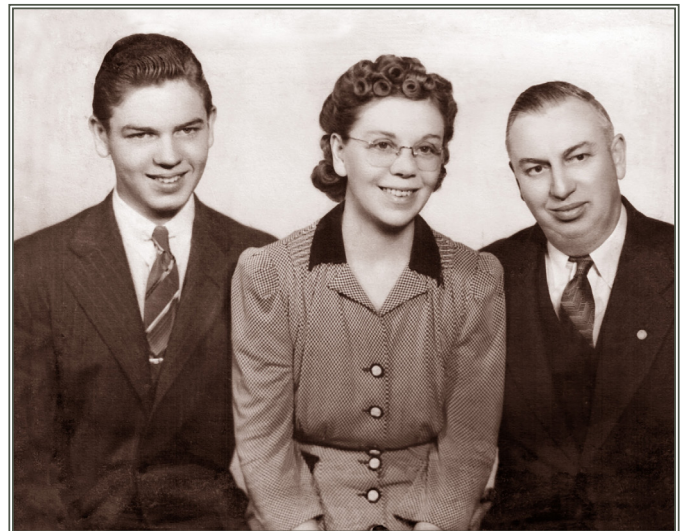
To follow truth as blind men long for light,
To do my best from dawn of day till night,
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight,
And answer when He calls,
And answer when He calls,
This is my task.

And then my savior by and by to meet,
When faith hath made her task on earth complete,
And lay my homage at the Master's feet,
Within the jasper walls,
Within the jasper walls,
This crowns my task.

*Music by Emma Louise Ashford
Words verse 1 & 2 Maude Louise Ray
Words verse 3 S. H. Pickup*



"This is my Task." We cooked salmon patties after church, Rex's favorite. He and the girlfriend are happy now; Uncle Jim has taken the car debt away from them.



*Bobby, June and Harold Hays circa 1946
Dear neighbors of the Renshaw's.*

March 18, Monday

I got the water heated ready for washing when I started to cramp up, so decided not to wash. My sweet little neighbor, June, insisted on taking the clothes over to do in her washer, she is grand. The man came to fix our bathroom walls today. He has to come tomorrow, too. Donna was tired out tonight, it worries me, I do wish we had enough money to buy the things we need, so she wouldn't feel like she had to help

out. Sterling Jones called this evening, wanted to ride out to Sierra Madre with Donna and Rex. He waited a long time for Rex, and then Rex didn't go, he was too tired, and he wanted to see Ernie Vandergrift about taking his job for two days, while he went to do a job at Fuller's Paint Company. Louis drove me over to Lorene's, it is Mary's birthday. I wanted to give her a little gift. They were on their way over to Sue's. We didn't stay long. P.S. Annie and family called in tonight on way to Sue's; she sat in car with baby. It's Bible school, and social tonight, Sr. Wood is the teacher.

Bobby Hays

June, Harold & Bobby Hays are mentioned often in Elvie's diary. Bob Hays was contacted by Kathy Calkins the end of 2012 and here is what he said about the Renshaw's: *"I was about 12 years old, when my folks moved from Stoll Drive in Highland Park, California. I remember your Grandfather leading the music at church. I think your Grandmother was my favorite teacher at Primary. They were wonderful neighbors. I remember Garvanza Ward very well."*

March 19, Tuesday

Well, I don't think much of the bathroom walls; so far, hope it'll look better when he's finished. I like the white walls a lot better with the green woodwork than this shade of tan he is putting on now. Donna was tired out tonight and had to go over to practice for Mutual program, with strange music and people, too. It's a shame when she has so little time, and they don't give her the music until the last minute. Wonder what people think she is anyway, I'm mad! She was awfully upset when she came home tonight. Too tired to practice music, and no time to do it tomorrow, Oh dear. I wish I felt well; my head bothers me so much lately. I'd like to go to work and let Donna stay home, but??!

March 20, Wednesday

The bathroom is finished now. I can hang the curtains tomorrow if the paint is dry, it will be cause it's enamel. Miss Peterson was here today to see how it looked, she has decided to have the kitchen done now, and that will be nice. He puts something on the walls that he calls plastic, it looks like they have been plastered, with a rough finish. The walls are cream and woodwork a pretty light green, very pretty. Louis brought the girls home from the bakery tonight. Donna was very tired again, has been running the tying machine for the first time. I didn't go to Relief Society today. Donna and Rex went to the Mutual program tonight. Louis and I stayed home. My head has ached most of day today, blood pressure high, I guess.

March 21, Thursday

My head has felt much better today, but legs have ached a lot. I wonder what is causing that?? It's all in a life time, I guess. Annie got a letter from Dad telling about the tragedy that has come to Louie Braby. Her 13 year old son was accidentally shot by his young friend, while playing with an unloaded gun. That same day, Rene's boy was taken to the hospital with appendicitis, and their uncle passed away. That is a lot of trouble for one family in the same day, me thinks. June went

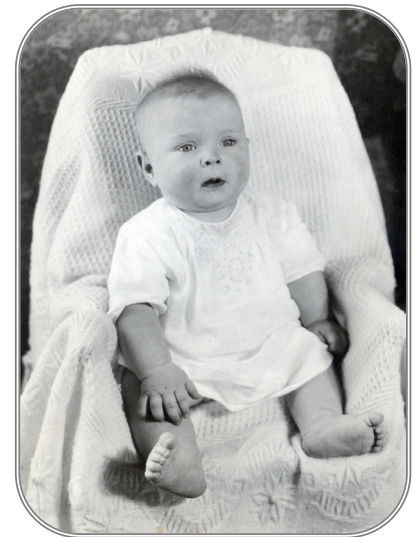
over to see Beverly, so she told me about the letter. I'm glad Donna could have a nice rest today, a whole weeks work at that bakery would finish her I'm afraid. At the dinner table Louis flipped a coin to see if we'd go to the Spanish program and dance. I lost, but we went anyway. He couldn't disappoint me, ha, ha! Beverly slept at June's. They went to a dance somewhere. We enjoyed the program and dance. Donna and Rex went to vocal practice at Sierra Madre. Gladys Kilson and Helen Martinez called on Donna this evening.

March 22, Friday

Lovely day, I surely hope we are through with the wet weather now. I washed clothes and Donna cleaned the bedroom. Beverly called in to say good morning on her way to school. She slept with June last night. This evening Louis and I went over to pay rent. Miss Peterson has decided not to let the same man, her cousin by marriage, do the kitchen, he is too slow, and doesn't do the work to suit her, either. I, myself think he is a careless worker. I left \$3.00 with Annie tonight for Sr. Treu to send her daughter-in-law in Salt Lake, to send me some garments. I hope they'll last as long as my last three pair of silk ones I got from Lorene. They lasted over two years, but I surely do need new ones now. Louis and I went to the York show at night. Donna and Rex entertained Vera and Fred here this evening.

March 23, Saturday

Louis finished the bookcase this morning. It is for our church song books. Miss Peterson came this morning and again this afternoon, she had another man come to figure on the kitchen plastic job, he is going to do the work next month for \$28.00, nice! This afternoon Donna and I drove over to Pasadena. It started to rain just as we left home, was raining hard when we got out of the car. Donna bought an umbrella for \$1.64, and a pretty



Dale Andersen
"Darling baby"

yellow silk collar in Sears Roebuck, and then we walked down the street to a little dress shop where she bought a pretty coral colored net blouse. We stopped in Annie's on way home, baby is darling. I went over this evening to take care of him while Annie and Beverly went to the York show. Donna and Rex went to the Million Dollar Theater in L.A. They took our car.

March 24, Sunday

June rode to Sunday School with us. My class was just grand today. I'm so happy with Sr. Bishop to help now. Donna and Rex went to Marshes' for dinner. Louis and I enjoyed a nice ride after dinner. We also enjoyed a nap after we got home.

Vera and Fred took Donna and Rex for a ride then to their house after. We had a very fine meeting tonight, a missionary from New Zealand gave a good talk, our Bishop Al gave a splendid talk, too. The choir sang well, also. After church Louis and I rode down to Wilson's with Sue, Al, Bill, Bette and Shirley. The boys went in to administer to Sr. Wilson, she has had a breakdown. Br. Wilson is going back to the hospital tomorrow; he's to have a new cast on his back again.

March 25, Monday

Two days of sunshine, maybe our wet weather is over at last, hope so! I wrote to Violet this a.m. Lucille went to the bakery with Donna this morning. I ironed this afternoon. They gave Lucille three days' work a week, I'm so glad for her, she has Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Donna's days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I like it that way best, get them all over with at first. I rubbed Donna's legs tonight with alcohol; they have ached at times this winter when it gets real cold. She had a pain in her hip the last half hour of work today. I'm afraid she has her Daddy's rheumatism in her blood. Louis and I spent the evening home. I read a story in the Times paper. Louis did a little plastic work in the bathroom after work. He finished up a few places the man left undone, looks better now. Donna played for Br. Stead to sing at block teachers report meeting tonight. Donna and Rex went to Sierra Madre tonight after report meeting.

March 26, Tuesday

I wasted a lot of time trying to find Rex's block teachers report messages this morning, he said he left them here, but I can't find them. (Later) no wonder I couldn't find them, they were in the back seat of our car. Louis and Donna left them at Marshes' this afternoon on way home from work. I walked over to Annie's to see her about making a print dress for Violet's birthday; I was very much surprised to find the door locked. Sr. Treu told me she'd gone with Sr. Craddock, Sr. Burnett, Sue and Lorene out to spend the day with Beth Gentry. They left early this morning. The baby had his bath, and clothes out on the line before 7 a.m. June and Harold went uptown, Bobby stayed with me after school. I walked over to Annie's again this evening, that baby is so darn sweet, I got him to sleep tonight. Annie's arm is surely sore from holding the baby so long. She said it took about three hours to get out to Banning, the trip back, too. [Distance from Los Angeles to Banning is 84 miles] Louis called for me after choir practice. Rex landed a job at last in Fuller's warehouse. I do hope he'll be able to stay here. He has worked so hard to get this job.

March 27, Wednesday

Lucille rode to work with Louis this a.m. She had to

be there an hour earlier than Donna. I did my washing and went to Relief Society. Annie took the baby down in his buggy; it's the first time he has been taken to Relief Society. I told her I'd take care of him for her, if he fussed, so she could tend to her minutes. He slept most of the time, the last 25 minutes I had to take him out in the hall. It was near his feeding time and thought the world should know about it. Sue came to help Sr. Evans with the sacrament glasses. She waited out in the hall, too, until the meeting was over. Annie gave the baby his lunch, and then we took him over to Kress Store while we bought goods for a print dress to make Violet for her birthday. I went in every store while trying to find a little glass button for Donna's yellow silk collar, I broke one while trying to sew them on better yesterday. Louis took me to Mutual, but he had to go to work. He's working tonight and tomorrow night. Al brought me home.

March 28, Thursday

I slept with Donna last night. We got up and went uptown this morning. It was nice and quiet for Daddy to sleep; he worked until 4:30 this morning. We bought Myrtle a ruby red console set for the shower gift, a typewriter ribbon, some cord for the scrap book and then we spent time and energy looking in all the stores for some tiny glass buttons for Donna's collar. Donna came home, Lucille washed and waved her hair, they both went over to Elaine's. I stayed on the street car and went to Annie's to help with Violet's dress. I got Dale to sleep while Annie finished the cutting out. Donna came for me this evening. Louis took me back on his way to work. We finished Violet's dress and made a little pink print dress for Yvonne. Beverly and Annie brought me home. Donna and Rex went to stake choir practice.

March 29, Friday

Louis painted the bathroom walls today, the plastic should have been sized first, but we didn't know much about plastic walls. It is something new. It took one half gallon of enamel for the first coat. Miss Peterson thought two quarts would do both coats. We bought the second half gallon. I cleaned the bedroom and did the ironing. Donna fussed most of the afternoon getting things ready for Myrtle's shower tonight. She went to Highland Park and over to Doris's. Louis drove June and me over to Sue's tonight to the shower. Elise Elkins stayed with Bobby. Beverly went to the shower. We had a very large crowd, but enjoyed the evening making a scrapbook for Myrtle. They (the Gleaners) served French apple pie and homemade candy. Myrtle looked real sweet tonight; she got some very lovely gifts, and so many, too. It was such a big shower. There were over 70



Myrtle Egan with her sisters Inis and Wanda.

invited. Florence Oates brought June, Lucille, and me home. Donna got me out of bed to sleep with her, so Rex could stay all night with Louis.

March 30, Saturday

Louis finished the bathroom walls and woodwork today. It looks nice now. The day has been so cloudy and damp that the house smells awful of paint. I had the windows and doors open most of day, too. Miss Peterson came to see how the job was coming along; she was surely surprised to find how much enamel it took. It was Rex's day off; he was here for breakfast, slept with Louis last night. He and Donna went to the bakery for Donna's check. She turned it over to me for groceries. That little check surely helps us out a lot now. After enjoying a nice ride the kids came home hungry. Rex insisted on buying some of the things for dinner. He and Donna took me to the store, but he paid for most of the dinner. I bought the Saturday order. Annie and Bill brought Dale over this evening. Oh, he is getting cute, I just love him. Beverly and Glen went to York show. Donna and Rex went to a show uptown. My new silk garments came today. I'm surely glad to get them.



Standing: Elvie, Owen A., Annie, Sue
Front: Lorene, Mildred, Violet circa 1921

April 1, Monday—Violet's Birthday

I do hope the dress Annie and I sent her will fit okay. It was a very poor day for drying my clothes, but I'm glad that job is done again. June offered to do some of my washing, but I wouldn't let her. She's just too generous for her own good. Surely is a lovely girl, I'm so glad she moved next door to us. I walked to the post office, sent money order for the Sunday School Instructor, met Lorene and talked with her for a few minutes. Louis spent the evening out in our garage, working on June's old radio set, she gave it to him. They got a new radio for Christmas. Well, he got it to working fine before he gave up. He's as tickled as a kid with a new toy, with this old radio going out in the garage. Donna and Rex went out to Sierra Madre tonight.



Violet



April 2, Tuesday

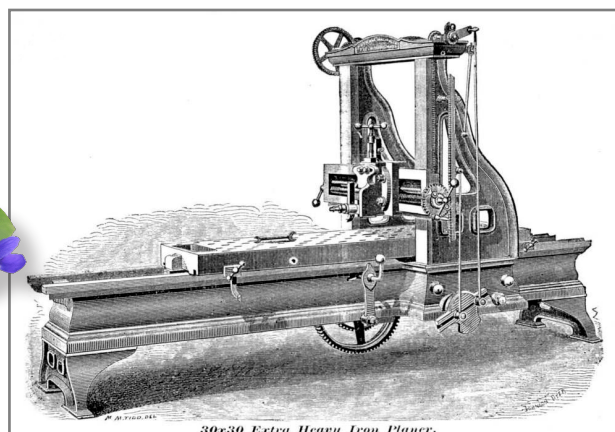
The old asthma gave me a little trouble last night, so I haven't had a lot of pep today. I got the ironing done anyway. Louis came home two hours early this afternoon; they gave him time off to vote. He gave the bathroom mirrors their second and last coat of paint. I wish the rest of the house looked as nice and clean as the bathroom does. I rode to the bakery with Louis this evening to get Donna. We brought Myrtle, Lillian, Francis, and Doris home, also. The girls were glad to see us, they all looked so tired. I spent the evening alone, if I had felt better I'd of walked over to see baby Dale. I haven't seen him since last Saturday, he surely is a darling. Louis, Donna, and Rex went to choir practice.

April 3, Wednesday

June came over this morning. We had a nice long visit. Dickey sang so darn loud, while we were trying to talk, that I had to move him. I walked over to Annie's and stayed with the baby while she went to Relief Society. He was very good, just all smiles, bless his little heart! It started to rain about one o'clock. I brought the baby's clothes in and hung them up in the kitchen. Louis brought the girls home from work. He took them over to practice some music with Ann Madsen. While he went over to take some music books to Br. Haddock. Beverly brought me home from Annie's. Just before Mutual this evening Elaine and Ernie came over to tell us about Charlie. He cut three fingers off of his left hand this morning. He'd been working 1/2 hour on the planer machine when it happened. Poor Charlie and Lorene, they do have the trouble. Louis and I went over to see how Charlie was feeling, didn't go the Mutual.



Charles Clayton



Early Planer perhaps the kind that Charles operated.

April 4, Thursday

Donna went at 9 a.m. to Kelly Keele's beauty salon for her permanent wave. Mr. Keele himself gave her the permanent. It looks lovely; her hair feels so soft and has such a pretty glow, cost \$3.50. Beverly came in after school to get Donna to help her with some homework, and typing. I offered a lot of suggestions but they were all rejected. I made some stew and Donna was going to make the pie dough for meat pie. She wanted to ask Rex up to dinner, he is so fond of meat pie, but

it was too late when they got the essay written and typed. We ate our stew without the cover. It was good, anyway. Went over to see Charlie, he felt better, but has suffered an awful lot of pain last night and today. Poor Raymond has had to have the doctor twice a day to him, in camp, poison oak.

numbers. Ann Madsen sang two solos, also. We surely do have a nice soft bed with Donna's mattress on top of ours, will miss it. Louis is going to put another coat of paint on her floor tomorrow. Donna slept at Marshes'. Br. Gunn was our speaker in the 9 a.m. meeting, good, too.

April 5, Friday

I hung all the clothes, from my clothes closet, out to air in the sun, while I cleaned the closet good. Donna spent most of the day in bed, with the usual cramps. I'm glad it isn't one of work days. I wrote a letter to Frances Helman [*Frances Everwine Strong in Pennsylvania*] yesterday. We moved Donna's furniture out of her room this evening. Louis gave the floor a coat of paint. Al and Sue called for me about 7:15, we went up for Annie and Bill, and then enjoyed a nice long ride out to Seal Beach. It was our Strong's meeting at Thelma's. [*Thelma Strong Upham*] Lorene didn't go because of Charlie's accident, and Ray came home from camp today. We turned our meeting into a social, played Hearts, had a nice time. I won the prize for the ladies, pretty little vase. I can feel a cold coming. Donna slept with Ruthie Marsh tonight, her bed is down.



Nora Strong McKay, Ellen Strong Scott & Thelma Strong Upham, sisters who would have often attended the Southern California Strong meetings.

April 6, Saturday

We went over to Pasadena this a.m. shopping. Louis took his trousers to the Eastern to be made small in the waist line. Donna bought her a pretty little street dress, black crepe with little flowers in. The work was still waiting when we got home. Rex came up this afternoon, Louis helped him fix his car, then he helped Louis fix his. My cold has settled in my throat. My voice sounds so hoarse. The Junior Girls held their stake banquet tonight at Hollywood Stake house. Donna went down to serve. Afton Knighton [*Afton Lorraine Knighton born December 1916, Donna was Gleaner President and Afton was her Vice President*] went with her. They drove our car to Marshes', and then Rex drove the rest of the way. Sr. Marsh and Ruthie went, too. Donna slept at Marshes' with Ruthie. Louis rubbed my chest and back good with Vicks.

April 7, Sunday

My voice is so hoarse today; I had a hard time trying to teach my Sunday School class. Sr. Bishop had gone to see the wild flowers; it was fast day, so I was all in when I got home. Louis came home early and cooked dinner, it was raining when Sunday School let out. Fred and Vera brought me home. Donna had to stay to practice trio. Louis rubbed my chest and back with Vicks, I went to bed after dinner. Donna ate at Marshes'. Louis went to Sunday School union meeting. June got the information for me in the Primary department. I was disappointed that I couldn't go to South Gate Ward tonight to hear the girls sing their trios, two

April 8, Monday

Got up this morning at 8:30, still hoarse, but feeling some better. My dear little neighbor June, thinks I should be in bed, accompanied with a mustard plaster. She came over this afternoon and rubbed my back with Vicks. I received a card from Violet, am so glad the dress Annie and I sent her, fits okay. I wrote her a letter. June went to the store for me, she is so good [*to me*]. It rained all morning, but cleared up in the afternoon. I'm so glad that Donna isn't as tired when she gets home from work now, it worried me, she felt fine this evening and helped get dinner ready. Louis put the third and last coat of paint on Donna's bedroom floor after work this p.m. He went over to see how Charlie was tonight. Says he is getting some relief from pain now. Doctor says his hand is healing up fine, too. Donna and Rex went to Sierra Madre; they are rehearsing the opera, "Martha."

April 9, Tuesday

My good neighbor insisted on doing my washing along with hers this a.m. She surely is a sweet girl, that June. I feel a lot better, but back and chest are still very sore. I aired Donna's bedding in the sun today. The sunshine looks good, after so much rain. It is the wettest season we've had since we came to California. The hills, trees, and flowers are lovelier than ever, after so much moisture. We put Donna's furniture back in her room this evening, the floor looks very good. I'll be glad when the rest of the house is finished. The folks went to choir practice tonight; they called at Br. Haddock's on way from work for music. Naomi was visiting her mother, was glad to see Donna. [*Naomi Haddock Weber, two years older than Donna and married in 1934.*] Oh, dear, my only child is talking about "marriage" now. Well, I can't help it, and I wouldn't, bless her heart!

April 10, Wednesday

I got up this morning to put up my folks lunches for a change. I feel much better today, but not well enough to go to Relief Society, sorry. I got a card from Dad. He is still out of work, poor dear. Mrs. Sandra is quite sick, intestinal flu, I guess. June has been over helping her today. She is a lovely girl, that June. Louis and Donna went to Mutual tonight. I wrote letters this afternoon to Dad, and Mother Renshaw. Am so glad to have our blue sky and sunshine back with us. Sue and Al had the telephone put in their home this week.

**April 11, Thursday—
Florence's baby girl born
last night at midnight**

Donna likes Thursdays, cause it means her work week is over, and she can sleep late and do as she likes. I did my washing this a.m. Donna helped a little, Sue walked over to see if Donna was going to the married Gleaner social at Eliza Richardson Weisel's. She said she'd go, if Donna would come over and take her in their car, so Donna did. Annie brought the baby over in his buggy this afternoon to visit with me. He's so cute and fat, they had been gone just a few minutes when Alice Pack, Sr. Pack, and Sr. Chandler called. They want to get Eliza's address, so they could find Vera. Alice couldn't speak above a whisper, she had laryngitis. Florence Oates had a baby girl, born midnight last night. I'm so glad she's over that awful pain. Louis and I took June and Bobby over to Lorene's. June wanted to see Mary, but she and Lorene was over to school, open night. Sue was there, also, Charles feels better.

April 12, Friday

We had a big ironing, I did the first half and Donna finished, she went over to talk to Aunt Sue about Gleaner work this afternoon. While she was over to Sue's, she called Florence up at the hospital and talked to her. She feels fine, says the little girl doesn't look a thing like Ernie did. Afton Knighton came over this morning to plan for the Gleaner banquet. Ernie brought Elaine and Shirley over this evening. Shirley has some bad boils again, poor kid. Rex sold Ernie a pair of coveralls to wear at his bakery job. He is working nights now.

April 13, Saturday

Louis and Donna went to the bakery for Donna's check and uptown to see about our taxes. We don't have to pay them until July. I'm surely glad of that. Donna made an upside-down cake when she got home. I did the cleaning. Donna bought some dolls for decorations at their stake Gleaner banquet next month. Louis and I went over to see how Charles was feeling, the pain is leaving now. We ate dinner there, good soup. I curled Lorene's hair and put Mary's up in little curls. Louis bought a leg of lamb at store under Lorene's. Burle and her sister from South Gate came up this evening and bought Donna's ukulele



*Caroline Elaine Oates, Six months old
Born April 11, 1935—known as Elaine.*



April 15, Monday

It was a lovely spring day, birds singing, flowers blooming, my climbing rose is covered in pink roses. I get a thrill every time I look at the kitchen window and see it. Dickey seems to feel spring time, too, he sings more than ever. I washed, the clothes dried in no time. Donna was happy this evening cause the bakery has given her one more days work a week, 4 days now. I walked to Highland Park this afternoon to get some tooth paste and face powder. Donna had the Gleaner girls come tonight to plan on their stake Gleaner banquet and election campaign. Louis went over to Bishop's to officers meeting. I spent the evening at Annie's; Donna drove me there. Annie cut out a little print dress for Yvonne.

April 16, Tuesday

Beverly came for me this morning about 8:50. She went over to iron at Sue's after. We got almost three dresses made for little Yvonne. I went back over after dinner this evening to help finish them up. We have still got one to

or Tipple, paid \$10 for it. Surely a big help to us right now. We paid \$18.00 for it, but Donna never played it. Donna, Rex, Ernie, and Elaine went for a ride this afternoon, called to see Florence. Annie, Beverly, and baby came over to Lorene's while we were there. I put June's hair up in curls tonight.

April 14, Sunday

We all rode to Sunday School, June and Bobby, too. Sr. Bishop was back from her trip to the wild flowers. I gave the lesson; Louis asked Ann Madsen to dinner, he's going to keep hold of her until after Easter, so he can be sure of a good Easter musical program. She surely has a lovely voice. We do need her in the choir. They practiced after dinner, Ed, Heber, Ann, Donna, Rex, Lillian, and Sr. Saxelby. I sat out in the car and enjoyed the music. Vera and Fred came over, too. Donna and Rex went for a ride with them after practice. Louis and I enjoyed a nice ride and popcorn and candy, after the young folks left. We invited Lorene and Charles to go, but he felt that the jar would hurt his hand too much. We took June and Bob for a little ride after church tonight. Andersens went out to see Ruth this afternoon, took Mary. Glen didn't want to go.

make tomorrow. They are cute little baby prints, pink, blue, and lavender. I had to leave Annie's at 2:15 to meet Sr. Niles and go block teaching this afternoon. We have only six on our district now, next month it will be five. Sr. Goodsell is going to move, too. My folks went to choir practice. Louis called at Annie's for me after. He had bought two cactus plants for our yard, one large one. I'm wondering where he'll find room in this little yard for them??? I worked on embroidering on Yvonne's little dress.

April 17, Wednesday

Beverly came for me this a.m. again. She is finished with her Easter dress now, made it at school, a pretty blue and white print silk. It's a two piece dress. Beverly drove Annie, Sr. Treu, and me to Relief Society. Then she went back to take care of the baby. I bought a cute little Easter bunny book to send in with the things to Violet, the book for Dolores, and some pink sox for baby Yvonne. Gave them to Annie tonight in Mutual. We enjoyed a nice social in our class tonight, played Bunko. Sr. Craddock treated to delicious date cookies and hot chocolate. I helped with the dishes after. June came over this evening to see if I would go up town with her in the morning. The Junior Girls popped corn in the kitchen while we were playing Bunko. Boy, it surely smelled good. There were two stake visitors in Gleaner class tonight, Ida Andrews and Fay Noyes.

April 18, Thursday

June and I left for town at 9 a.m. We enjoyed ourselves shopping for her Easter and anniversary outfit. She bought a lovely white silk crepe suit, and cute white hat, also white purse and gloves. It didn't take us so very long, the dress and hat she got in the first shop we looked into. She bought a hat for Harold, too. We ate lunch in Grants Store, she treated. I rested for an hour when I got home, and then did my ironing. Donna worked all day on Gleaner work, typing mostly. She and Rex went to Dick's home in Pasadena, for vocal tonight. Bill, Annie, and Beverly came this evening. They brought the shoes Sr. Treu gave me the other day, some brown ones she had given her, but were too small for her. Lucille had a baby tending day, her brother's baby and a friend's baby. Donna helped her.

April 19, Friday

Donna worked at the bakery today for the first time on Friday, They've given her four days a week now, and she got her cap yesterday. I composed a song for the Gleaners to sing at the stake banquet in May. Annie and Beverly left the baby with me this afternoon while they went to Highland Park to buy Beverly some shoes, he was very good. I got a letter from Violet, surely feel sorry for her.

Oh, how I wish I had money enough to bring her out here, poor dear. She can't even have Otto now, he's working in Nevada. Wilford took her and Br. and Sr. Fife to Las Vegas to see him and Boulder Dam. Lucille Snow came over this afternoon to do some typing for the Gleaners. Tonight several Gleaners came over to work. I visited with Grace Hill while Louis and Br. Hill went to administer to a little baby. Br. Hill treated us to ice cream when they came back.

April 20, Saturday

Donna got her check yesterday so she didn't have to make the trip to the bakery today. She went to Kelly Keele's for a finger wave this morning. Louis cut Mrs. Downs lawn this a.m. Bill brought the vacuum back, he took Louis to his mill to get the radio cabinet that Louis is going to fix up for Donna and Rex. It is a lovely cabinet and Bill got it for him for \$2.50, cheap enough. I did the cleaning, and then Donna and I took the Ford and went shopping over in Pasadena, we bought white shoes for both, a white hat for Donna, and a white flannel coat for me. A silk tie for Louis, and a box of See's chocolates for Louis and Rex. Mrs. Downs gave Louis an Easter gift, silk sox, nice card to the family. Went over to pay rent, called in Lorene's put Mary's hair up in curls. Donna and Rex went on the M Men hike tonight to San Anita Canyon.

April 21, Sunday—Easter Day

All the world was looking for the sunrise this morning, and it didn't shine. Too bad, and we had sunshine at six o'clock for four mornings before this one. Went to Sunday School prepared to have class work, but all the time was taken up in a program. The choir gave the music they had prepared for ward conference; Pres. Cannon postponed our conference on account of Easter Day. Louis and I ate alone. Donna went to Mutual union meeting from Marshes'. Annie, Beverly, Mary, and baby Dale, came over this afternoon. I enjoyed that darling baby so much. We had more good music in church tonight. Donna, Ed, Rex, and Ann Madsen sang in a quartet. Bishop Vorkink gave a good talk, also. Louis and I went to Marshes' after church; we enjoyed ice cream and cake, real good.

April 22, Monday

I washed and ironed a few things, did some mending, and finished the crib pillow I was making for baby Dale. I stayed over to June's tonight while she and Sandra went to the Highland show. Annie brought a long letter from Lydia to read to me. She had received the box of clothes and seemed real pleased. Sr. Treu and Annie stayed in June's with me for a while,



and then they left the baby, asleep, and went to a meeting at Sue's to plan for Relief Society dinner next Wednesday. June came about 10:50. Annie came for baby a few minutes later. Louis stayed with me until about an hour before they came back. Rex brought some wieners that were left from the M Men hike, we gave them to Annie. Donna and Rex went to Sierra Madre. Another awful quake near China, thousands killed.

The 1935 Hsinchu-Taichung earthquake (Chinese: 1935年新竹台中地震; pinyin: 1935 nián Xīnzhú-Táizhōng Dìzhèn or Chinese: 1935年中部大地震; pinyin: 1935 Nián Zhōngbù Dà Dìzhèn; literally Great 1935 Central Taiwan Earthquake) was a magnitude 7.1 earthquake which occurred on April 21, 1935, with its epicentre in Sanyi (三義), Miaoli County, Taiwan. It was the deadliest earthquake in Taiwan's recorded history, claiming 3,276 lives and causing extensive damage. 12 seconds after the main quake, an aftershock of ML 6.0 occurred, centered on present-day Emei Township, Hsinchu County.

The earthquake was the deadliest in Taiwan's recorded history. The official reports cite the following figures for deaths, injuries and damage: Deaths: 3,276; Injuries: 12,053; Houses destroyed: 17,907; Houses damaged: 36,781
—Wikipedia

April 23, Tuesday

The man came last night to tell us he'd be here Wednesday morning to start putting the plastic on our kitchen. I decided to wash, cause I won't be able to use the kitchen for a few days after he gets started on it. I just got started good, when the darned old cramps started, well I was blessed enough to get through without a lot of pain. I wanted to send Dolores a little birthday gift, but was not well enough to walk to Highland Park for it. Donna was all in when she got home from work this evening. She called Wanda and asked her to take Marion over to the other ward to introduce her to the Gleaners, for their election campaign. Louis had to go to choir alone, Sr. Saxelby didn't go either, and he was left without an organist, too bad. Donna put some panache on to cook for June, two batches; I helped June beat it later. Donna went to bed early. Rex took Marion and Wanda to other ward. We helped June make the candy for the Primary to sell Wednesday night.

April 24, Wednesday

The man started on our kitchen this a.m. June and I started for Highland Park this morning. Sr. Keller and Sr. Evans picked us up, June was going to take the candy to the hall. I bought Dolores two pair of sox, and two hankies in Kress. Went to the post office and mailed them to her, for her birthday, they'll be a day late, but I was too sick yesterday to walk that far. We all went over to the ward dinner and dance

this evening. It is the first time I haven't been asked to help and I surely enjoyed the rest. Had several good dances, too. Dinner was lovely. I had chicken pie. Beth Gentry and family came in for the occasion. The young Kelly boy, Burton, won the Relief Society quilt. I'm glad someone in the ward won it. Donna and Rex went to a show after dinner. We had a large crowd out to the dance. Nice time.

April 25, Thursday

I finished the ironing this morning before the man came to work in the kitchen. I put June's hair up in curls this morning, and then fixed her hair this afternoon to go to Primary union meeting. Sue was too sick to go to union meeting so Sr. Evans and Sr. Gunn drove over here to see if I'd go in her place, cause they want to have 100% present. I got ready in 10 minutes and went with them. Enjoyed the outing, and met a very charming little lady from Alhambra Ward, who introduced herself to me, her name was Renshaw, before she was married. It is now Fish, Agnes Fish. She was tickled to find Louis's people, she asked all about them. I promised to send her some information. She is looking up her father's genealogy. June wanted me to go the show with her tonight. Rex took me over to see if Beverly could stay with Bobby, but she was over to Sue's. Went there, but she was too tired. Louis, Donna, and Rex went to stake choir practice tonight.



Beverly Andersen on the right with two of her friends.

April 26, Friday

Donna took Louis to work this morning, so she could use the car. We went over to Pasadena about 9:15. June went with us. Donna bought a lovely white summer formal dress; she had an awful time making up her mind between that, and a pink one. I do hope she'll be satisfied, I think it's very pretty. We left the painter man in the kitchen working while we went over. Beverly came over after school, we went up to Highland Park to buy her a summer formal, but they didn't have her size, so Donna gave Annie \$3.00 to buy goods to make one for her, for the Gleaner's stake banquet. We called in Sue's to leave some pasteboard for Ernie to make a ship's wheel and lifesaver for Donna. Sue is feeling better. Donna and Beverly went down for Louis after work, he fixed a light plug in the wall for us, it is a treat to have that old pipe down the wall gone, looks so much

better now. Fred and Vera came over tonight, they waited until Donna and Rex came from Sierra Madre.

April 27, Saturday

Donna went to work at the bakery today. The painter was here all day. I'll surely be glad when the kitchen is finished, it keeps us so upset. Louis took his car down to Ernie's station to have it greased. The Western Auto gave him a new muffler cause the one he bought from them a few days ago leaked. Bishop took the girls to work this a.m., ha, ha!

His curiosity got him into trouble the second time. The other night he turned his car, to see what the crowd was all about, well he found out, the police were testing car lights and he got a ticket, lights out of line, cost \$2.50 to get them fixed. Rex met Donna after work, and took her to town to buy her white pumps; they came home to dinner after. I washed all the kitchen windows, on the outside, after the painter left this afternoon. Tonight Donna, Rex, and I worked on Gleaner logs and caps. Rex slept with Louis. It was Lorene's birthday yesterday, I forgot all about it, so sorry. Beverly stayed with Bobby while June and Harold went out to celebrate. June wore my new white coat.

April 28, Sunday

I didn't go to stake conference this a.m. first time I've missed a morning session since we've been in California, I think. Our kitchen was in such an awful upset condition, I had to do some cleaning before the painter could go with the painting tomorrow. I cleaned out cupboards and shelves. I also washed windows. Louis cleaned the car up nice, I helped him polish some of it. We gave the lawn and flowers a good soaking, too. Louis and I took June and Bobby to conference this evening.



Charles Albert Callis

It was a wonderful meeting. Apostle Callis was the main speaker. June and Harold went his morning, also. Donna and Rex visited with Vera and Fred this evening, but they both sang in the stake choir morning and afternoon session. Louis painted around the rugs in our two front rooms this afternoon. Busy day, and a Sabbath, too!!

Charles A. Callis, Born: 4 May 1865, Dublin, Ireland. Quorum of the Twelve Apostles: 12 October 1933 (age 68) Died: 21 January 1947 (age 81), Jacksonville, Florida

One evening after dark two men approached a little boy standing on a bridge in Liverpool, England, and greeted him with smiles and a cheerful hello. The two strangers, guessing that the child was scarcely eight years old and thinking he should not be out so late, offered to walk him home. These gentlemen were Mormon missionaries, and this chance act of kindness brought them to the door of the boy's mother, a widow who had four children and who was willing to listen to the elders' message of the restored gospel. The boy, Charles A. Callis, was baptized with the rest of his family, and soon afterward, in 1875, Sister Callis and her children immigrated to Utah. They settled in Davis County and then in Coalville, where young Charles grew to manhood. He had no opportunity for schooling because he labored twelve hours a day in the coal mines for a meager wage in order to support his widowed mother.

Despite his lack of education, a surprising thing happened to "Charlie." He was elected to represent Summit County in the territorial legislature. A reputation for rugged honesty and his gift of oratory won him still another county appointment—district attorney. With the aid of a prominent lawyer friend, Charles mapped out a course of self-study in law, which he pursued with great discipline, and only eleven months later he passed the bar examination along with many law school graduates. While in the prime of a successful legal career, Brother Callis willingly interrupted his practice to accept a

April 29, Monday

It rained in the night, and most of the day. I couldn't get in the front rooms for painted floors, and the painter had the kitchen, so I spent my time in Donna's bedroom wrapped in a blanket. I darned sox, and made sailor hats for Gleaner girls. I also enjoyed talking to the painter; he surely understands his business, never drop to clean up after him, very neat painter. We ate dinner over to Annie's this evening. I asked if we could bring some things and eat with them. They seemed tickled to have us. Beverly and I went to the store and bakery. We always like to be in the Andersens home, everyone feels the same, too. Louis came home and put a second coat on the front room floors. June took our bird over to her house. I was afraid so much paint might hurt him. Donna and Rex went out to Sierra Madre tonight. Bill brought me home. Annie says Clara's husband, Draper, is going to join our church, grand, if he does, wonder if she will?? Oh dear, Bill is out of work again, his mill closed up on account of a strike rumor.

April 30, Tuesday—Myrtle Egan and Ed Robinson were married in the Arizona temple today.

It's May Day tomorrow, and here we are with rain and hail today June took most of my washing over to do with hers in the washer. She's a dear. We've had the painter man here every day since last Wednesday; he finished up this evening, thank goodness. Well, the weather cleared up long enough to get our clothes dry, anyway. I brought June's in from the lines while she was at a Primary meeting. Donna and Rex took Marion Leaver over to one of the wards to introduce her to the Gleaners, Alhambra, I think. Garvanza is running her for stake Gleaner Vice President. Louis went to choir practice. I stayed home and made sailor hats for the Gleaners, also bound some Gleaner logs.

mission call to Wyoming. After spending five months there, he was called on a mission to Europe for three years, serving as president of the Irish Conference in the country where he was born, previous to the family's move to Liverpool. In 1902 he married Grace E. Pack; they became the parents of eight sons and daughters.

Four years later he and his wife departed for a two-year mission to the southern states, but two years stretched to twenty-eight as this faithful man was chosen president of the mission and remained there until 1934. During this time some four thousand missionaries came under his wise and inspired leadership. He took occasion while in the southern states to pass the South Carolina and Florida bar examinations. Although he had no time to practice law, his status as an accredited attorney gave him access to circles of influence that would otherwise have been closed to him. He used his contact with governors, mayors, and men of prominence to further the gospel cause in the South.

In 1933, while still in the southern states, Elder Callis was called to be an apostle. Even after leaving the mission presidency one year later, he never lost his missionary zeal and always carried tracts with him wherever he went, taking every opportunity to engage nonmembers in religious conversations. His death occurred during the realization of a long-sought-for goal: the organization of the first stake in the South. As a general authority, Brother Callis was assigned to preside over the occasion. And following the historic event, he died quietly in Jacksonville, Florida. *-BYU Religious Studies Center*

May 1, Wednesday

I washed the kitchen curtains. It's still cloudy, but didn't rain today. Bill took care of Dale while Annie went to Relief Society, he's out of work. The mill shut down on account of a strike rumor. I walked over to Annie's to take care of Dale, so we both went to Relief Society cause Bill came in time. Two Hollywood Gleaners called to see Donna this a.m. They even went to the bakery to see her. They want Garvanza to withdraw Marion Leaver from the list of Vice President, and vote for their Vice President, they said to enter Marion as treasurer. Donna was awfully upset, but has decided to go on the way they started; the girls have worked so hard on these plans. We had a wonderful Relief Society lesson and testimony meeting. Annie brought the baby to Mutual for first time. Afton Knighton went to Salt Lake and left Donna in a mess, she had another good cry. [*Afton was Donna's Vice President over the Gleaner program.*]

May 2, Thursday

I'll surely be glad when this stake Gleaner banquet is over, Donna will be sick if she has much more grief with it. Afton went to Salt Lake and left her to finish the table decorations. Oh, Oh, they were impossible. I took them over to show Sue, she was uptown. Elaine and Ernie helped me plan an entire new table decoration. We worked all afternoon. Made cute little place cards to look like lifesavers. Elaine made a beautiful miniature mission, the old Spanish type, to represent California, its darling. Louis made a little wooden wharf, surely cute. I think the table will look lovely when finished, with the pretty little sailboat as a center piece. Rex took Doris P., June, and me over to Sue's tonight to work on place cards, logs and etc. Doris dressed little dolls. Donna stayed home to write her nomination speech. [*To nominate Marion.*]

May 3, Friday—Elaine's Birthday

Hope she has a happy day. I put up three lunches this a.m. Rex stayed here last night. Beverly came in this morning to get the vacuum. I promised Shirley yesterday I'd go over to the school to see her dance in the "May Day" program today. Her class danced the "Shoe Makers Dance," it was cute. Bobby danced with his class, too. I came home after I'd seen Shirley. Donna was awfully busy after work, got a finger wave, and had a lot of Gleaner business to look after. She had to find someone to take her place in Sunday School cause Rex is determined she take the day off, for some mysterious reason. Shh, I think he wants to give her a diamond engagement ring. I went over to Elaine's to help finish the place cards and etcetera. Donna and Rex went with crowd from Sierra Madre to see opera, "Martha."

May 4, Saturday

Donna didn't go to work this a.m. She wasn't feeling very well and she had such a lot on her mind for the banquet tonight. Louis got her check, she bought Elaine silk hose,

and Ernie nice tie. It was Elaine's birthday yesterday and Ernie was so nice to help with the banquet decorations. Sue and girls went down early to fix Garvanza table. Donna looked lovely in her new white organza formal. Rex couldn't wait until tomorrow to give her the engagement ring, so it was a very excited little lady who went to the stake Gleaner banquet, with a very beautiful diamond ring on her left hand. Donna and Marion gave their talks very fine. Our campaign skit was the best on the program, by far. Marion lost the vice president by four votes, but she won, for treasurer office. Wanda nominated her for the second time. President Cannon announced Donna and Rex's engagement at the banquet. He was Master of Ceremonies. Louis took us to banquet and waited for us.

May 5, Sunday

Rex slept here last night; he took me down to the nine o'clock meeting and came back. He and Donna went up to the mountains for the day. We had a wonderful class; the kiddies were just grand, and fast Day, too. We have to keep them almost two hours on fast Day. Louis and I ate dinner at Jack's Place on York Boulevard. We called in Annie's after, and played with the baby. He surely is cute. Br. Keller was here waiting for me when we got home. He took June and me to Sunday School union meeting. Louis and I enjoyed a nice lunch before going to church tonight. Sr. Chandler and Alice brought the children over to see us this afternoon, they are both sweet kiddies. Vera and Fred called to see Donna and Rex, but they hadn't gotten home yet. They didn't get home in time for church either. Rex's car went on the blink. Lewie and Br. Marsh happened to pass by and gave them help, pushed them all the way home. We took June and Bobby for a ride after church. She bought ice cream; we ate it in her house after we got home.



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

May 6, Monday

The clothes dried in a hurry today, a good thing too, cause I had to fill the lines twice. I was surely tired when I got through. Donna didn't wear her engagement ring to work,

doesn't want Mr. Shermaster to know yet. Ed and Myrtle got home today from their honeymoon, married last Tuesday, April 30, in Arizona temple. I'll be glad to get into the bed tonight, too tired to enjoy reading or anything. Donna and Rex went out to Sierra Madre. Beverly and Annie called in this evening for a few minutes, brought the baby, he's so sweet.

May 7, Tuesday

June wanted me to go uptown with her this morning, but I had to do some composing for Sr. Marsh. Our Mutual class is sending a Mother's Day card to Audrey Treu, they wanted me to write a message to go with it. I also wrote a poem for Mother Renshaw. I let my ironing stand and wrote a long letter to Violet. I spent most of the day writing, in fact. Louis and I went to vote after dinner this evening. And then we went to Boy's Market. The folks went to choir practice tonight. I enjoyed the evening home. Sue and Al came over for a few minutes this evening before we went to vote.

May 8, Wednesday

I couldn't finish the ironing before going to Relief Society. It was sewing day, we had two quilts going. I quilted on one of them until I was tired out. I enjoyed a nice luncheon though; I stopped in Kress Store after Relief Society and bought a Mother's Day card for Louis's mother. We sent her a dollar for a show treat, and the poem I composed to her, all in with the card. When Donna got home she made a pie crust for the meat pie I'd made this a.m. Louis and I went to pay the rent while she was making it. Rex came up to dinner; he likes meat pies, so Donna always invites him when we are having one. Annie brought Dale to Relief Society today, he is surely a darling. Gee, I'd love to see little Yvonne. We had a nice social in our Mutual class tonight. Played a game, sang several of Stephen Foster's songs, and ate dough nuts. Nice time. Sr. Craddock read my poem in our Mutual class, she did it so well, I even liked it myself. We all signed the card to be sent to Audrey Treu.



Stephen Foster

Stephen Collins Foster (July 4, 1826–January 13, 1864), known as the “father of American music”, was an American songwriter primarily known for his parlour and minstrel music. Foster wrote over 200 songs; among his best known are “Oh! Susanna,” “Camptown Races,” “Old Folks at Home,” “My Old Kentucky Home,” “Jennie with the Light Brown Hair,” “Old Black Joe,” and “Beautiful Dreamer.” Many of his compositions remain popular more than 150 years after he wrote them.

–Wikipedia

May 9, Thursday

It was Donna' day off. She had the married Gleaners over this afternoon, twelve of them. Sr. Pack and Alice, too. Sue went to the Cook boy's funeral, so she couldn't be here. I walked to Highland Park for cakes to serve with our Heavenly Hash. Vera Reiche came early, so she went to Boy's Market with Donna and helped her before the girls arrived. We had three small babies here today, and four on the way. Donna was the only one not married. Myrtle came; she just got back from her Honeymoon. They all seemed to enjoy themselves. I'm glad Donna has had her turn now. Lorene and Annie brought the little dress they'd made to send Dolores, for me to do some fancy work on. It's a sweet little pongee dress. Louis went to bed early, he was tired, worked too hard today. Sue, Al and Kiddies came this evening. He is happy with a new job and more money. Oscar [*his brother Oscar Hoglund*] got him the new job.

May 10, Friday

I washed and ironed Donna's lace dress, and the napkins she borrowed from June for yesterday. Also made a lemon pie in the shell she made the other day. I worked on a little pink and blue stitch on Dolores' dress. My iron has gone bye bye again, had to borrow Lucille's to finish. I'm afraid we'll have to buy another iron, it's a shame too, after all these years. I guess they won't last forever, eh? Sue and Al called in this evening. Al isn't going to the new job after all, when he told his boss he was going to quit, he offered him more money than the other mill had offered him, so he's staying on the same job. We rode over to Annie's tonight to take Dolores's dress. Donna and Rex went to a show.



The drive up to Mt. Wilson.

May 11, Saturday

Donna worked at the bakery today. Louis and I decided we'd have a nice ride this a.m. We left about eight o'clock, called in Annie's for Glen. We enjoyed the beautiful scenery on the way up to Mt. Wilson. It was so foggy up at Mt. Wilson that we could only see a few feet away. We felt ready for lunch when we got home at 11:30. The mountains surely make you feel hungry. I worked all afternoon. We called for Donna at 4:30. Rex called, too, who did she come home with?? You guessed it. We brought Doris and Lillian home. Sr. Stead was down at the bakery waiting for Lillian,

she went to town, though. Rex ate dinner here; he and Donna brought home a wonderful "Mother's Day" gift to me, a "hot point" regulation iron. Mine burnt out on me yesterday; I'm so thrilled with the new one. Rex took me to see "Little Men." Donna wanted us to go out while she studied her talk for Sunday School "Mother's Day" program tomorrow. Rex slept here all night.



May 13, Monday

Donna wrote a note to Raymond this a.m. She sent it in a box of See's candy for his birthday. I went to Highland Park to buy, and mail it this a.m. I was afraid she'd miss the bus this morning, but Mr. Southerland took her in his car to the bus line. It was cold and damp, the clothes didn't dry very well. Sr. Niles and I went block teaching this afternoon. I was tired this evening, glad to stay in and rest. Donna and Rex went to Pasadena to practice the opera "Martha."



**May 12, Sunday—
Mother's Day**

I'm surely tickled with my lovely gift from Donna and Rex. My old iron burnt out Friday. We enjoyed a nice program in Sunday School. Donna's tribute to the mothers was beautifully given. Sr. Craddock gave the response, it was lovely, too. Sr. Woods gave a very fine talk. Ann Madsen sang two numbers, "Wonderful Mother of Mine," and "My Mother Dear." It was all very nice. June's mother-in-law came to Sunday School. June is having his folks to dinner. Donna and Rex ate dinner to Marshes', they had the family all home. It is foggy again today. Sue and Al came over his afternoon for a while. The M Men took charge of the meeting tonight. Two of the boys disappointed Johnny, so he called Rex and Wilford Olmstead to take their place, extemporaneous. They both did splendidly.

Dedicated to Mary T. Hager

That Wonderful Mother Of Mine

Lyric by CLYDE HAGER Music by WALTER GOODWIN

Moderato (With much expression)

The moon nev-er beams with-out bring-ing me dreams Of that won-der-ful moth-er of
 I pray ev-'ry night to our Fa-ther a-bove, For that won-der-ful moth-er of
 mine; The birds nev-er sing but a mes-sage they bring Of that
 mine. I ask Him to keep her as long as He can That
 won-der-ful moth-er of mine. Just to bring back the time That was
 won-der-ful moth-er of mine. There are treas-ures on earth That make
 so sweet to me, Just to bring back the days When I sat on her knee.
 life seem worth while, But there's none can com- pare With my dear moth-er's smile.

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May 14, Tuesday

I wrote a letter to Sr. Agnes Fish, she wanted information about the Renshaws; she was a Renshaw before she married a Fish. I did half the ironing. June got a card from her father saying that Aunt Alice, Uncle Art's wife, had passed away Sunday on Mother's Day. I was very sorry to hear it, she had an accident three weeks ago, fell down and broke her hip. [Alice was 63 years old at the time of her death.] I stayed home tonight. Louis went to choir. Donna and Rex went to Pasadena to practice opera "Martha." They held Aunt Alice's funeral today, in 10th Ward hall.

May 15, Wednesday

Donna and I went to Relief Society, it was her day off. We enjoyed the lesson very much. Sr. Worsley gave it, literature. We shopped after the meeting; Donna bought three pair of silk hose and a cute print dress for work. Sue came over this a.m. with a letter from Lydia. It was a depressing epistle, she told of Aunt Alice passing away. Also of her next door neighbor's son, Elis Ellefson's funeral, and of Sr. Higgs, school teacher, dying. Mrs. Barker is very ill, she had a stroke. Mrs. Neslen is very sick, too, so all in all, it wasn't a very cheerful letter. We all went to Mutual; it is the last Mutual meeting for the season. The Sunday School party is next Wednesday night. Rex and Donna persuaded us to play a game of miniature golf after Mutual, our first time. They all beat me. Rex treated to ice cream and popcorn tonight after the game. Good time was enjoyed by all!

May 16, Thursday

It's Raymond's birthday. I hope he got the candy Donna sent him. Annie came this morning. She wanted me to walk over to Sue's with her while she phoned. The phone was out of order, so I gave her a card to send instead. The county welfare wanted some information. Bill is still out on strike. I fixed Annie and me a sandwich when we got back from Sue's. Lucille moved from the little rear house today. Miss Peterson and mother came; they

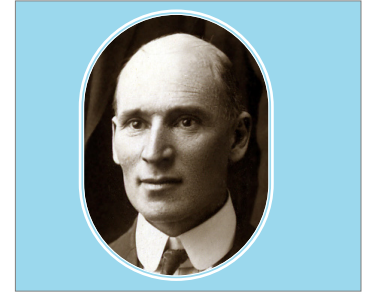


Art and Alice Strong
Wedding portrait September 1896.



Raymond Clayton
Born May 16, 1915

don't have any luck in keeping the little house rented. She wants Louis to put a window in the clothes closet now. I wrote a letter to Uncle Art this afternoon. I feel sorry for him. Annie and Beverly called with baby this afternoon. Bill and Beverly came tonight for vacuum. Beverly brought the dress she is making in school for Donna here this p.m., so she could try it on. It is cute.



Art Strong was 63 years old when his wife died.

May 17, Friday

Sr. Stead and I left this morning to go block teaching. Sr. Chandler is working, so I went instead. Sr. Niles and I did our teaching last week. I'm glad we don't have to walk so far on our district. They walk way over to North Avenue 65, then to Annie's and Treu's, it's a big district to cover. I enjoyed going though, it was nice and cool to walk, and Mary Stead is good company. Little Shirley Treu ate some lye two days ago, poor little dear is very ill. I started with cramps this evening. Louis and I went over to Annie's while Donna had a Gleaner and M Men meeting here tonight. We took Lorene, Charles, and Mary home from Annie's. Raymond was home when we got there, in from the C.C.C. camp. Em and Art and Virginia were at Annie's, too. The baby got frightened of them and surely set up a howl, he was okay after Annie and Beverly got back. They'd been to our house with Lorene and family. Beverly finished Donna's dress and left it here. It's real cute.

May 18, Saturday

Louis left this morning at six o'clock to take some priesthood members, boys of our ward, on the Hollywood Stake San Bernardino Pilgrimage. They are going to visit some historical places of the first Mormon Pioneers in San Bernardino. Donna worked today. Louis and Br. Gunn took the boys in their cars up to Lake Arrowhead after the program was over today. He got home this evening about 5:30 p.m. Donna was too tired after work tonight to serve at the M Men stake banquet, she asked Rex to please let her stay home and rest, he was very nice about it, he took Doris and Marion cause Donna had asked them to

go. Donna and I enjoyed a nice rest in the Highland Show. We saw "Laddie," a very sweet picture.



May 19, Sunday

Louis put on his old clothes and tore his car apart this morning. He worked on it all day. Donna and I walked to Sunday School. I rode home with June and Harold. Rex and Donna, Sr. Marsh and Ruthie, came up and took me down to dinner at Marshes'. I washed dishes while Sr. Marsh took an enema. She was suffering with awful gas pains. We all went to the stake house to Mutual meeting. It was Bee Hive swarm day. I enjoyed some punch and cookies with the girls and their mothers. It was also "Hobby Day," we saw a very fine display of many different hobbies. John brought Florence, Ruthie, and me up to church. Rex and Donna came up on the bus. The choir sang real well tonight. It surely makes our meetings nicer.

May 20, Monday

It was a lovely day, but I didn't wash, wasn't feeling so well. Louis went to work on the bus; he had a young man work on his car all day here. A Mr. Harris who works at the hospital with Louis. They finished the job this evening. Donna and Rex went to Highland show this evening. I guess they've decided not to go out to Pasadena to rehearse the opera "Martha," anymore. Oh well, maybe it's just as well, they have too much to do, anyway.

May 21, Tuesday

It was Donna's day off today, she went to Highland Park for a finger wave. I did the washing. Donna got lunch ready for us when she came home. I enjoyed a nice nap this afternoon. Donna made some fudge, and then went over to visit Florence and the babies. Louis called over there for her this evening. Annie and baby Dale came to visit us this evening, while we were eating dinner. She ate some ice cream with us. They had eaten early. Bill is still out of work on account of a strike, it's been four weeks or more now. I went to choir practice for the first time tonight. I had to see Mr. French, the janitor, about leaving six card tables out for next Wednesday tomorrow, for our Sunday School party. They want to play Bunco.

May 22, Wednesday

I got half through the ironing then had to go to Relief Society. We had a nice meeting. Sr. Craddock gave the lesson. Sue felt miserable with toothache, she pulled two of her teeth out herself when she went home, bottom front. Donna took me to Highland Park in our car this afternoon. I bought a pair of girdles, \$1.49. Mr. Harris came this evening; he and Louis rode around in our car trying to locate some noises. It was after eight o'clock before he left. Louis took me over to the Sunday School party, but he wasn't cleaned up, so he didn't come over to the dance at all. Grace Hill and I got the card tables ready, but no one wanted to play Bunco, so we didn't need them after all. I had a nice time, danced a few times and sold some candy. Bishop and Sue brought me home. Arma Hill heard something that hurt her feelings very badly, she didn't stay to the party. The Hills are upset about it too.

May 23, Thursday

My old head's been going around some today, blood pressure high, I guess. I walked to Boy's Market this a.m. and bought things for soup. Annie and Bill brought the baby over this afternoon. He is getting so darn cute. He was all smiles today and he just loves to hear the bird sing. Dickey sang all the time they were here, too. Seems like he tries to outdo us when we talk. I got a letter from Violet, she is in Nevada with Otto now, and they are living up in the Charleston Mountains where he works. I'm glad cause I know she'll be happy there, and it'll do the kiddies and Violet good to live in the mountains for a change. I washed my hair this morning. It's getting too long again, almost to my waist now. The Gleaners and mothers enjoyed a nice party tonight at Tillie Mosely's. We played "church." We all enjoyed Tillie's buffet luncheon and we gathered in almost \$6.00 for our church building fund.

May 24, Friday

I put out a big washing this a.m., five sheets; it's the second washday this week for me. I can't do it all in one washing cause my back hurts too much. I cleaned the bedrooms, also. I gave the ice box a second coat of white paint inside, it's my first experience at painting. I'm not so good at it, the paint was too thick, I think. Louis put some hinges on a window in the little rear house so it can be opened. He fixed the screen door, too. I was awfully disappointed tonight because Louis wouldn't go over to the party at Sue's. It was given in honor of Winifred Evans Sorenson, who is in Los Angeles on a visit. She was a missionary in Los Angeles 12 years ago. She helped to give Garvanza Ward its start. Donna and Rex went over. Donna was tired, she'd like to have stayed home, but Sue wanted her to play for singing.

May 25, Saturday

Donna says that Br. and Sr. White, and Farrell Eccles, asked about us last night. I'd liked to have seen them, too. Rex took Donna to work this morning, he had to work a half day. Donna worked from 7:30 until 4:30. Louis worked all morning in the little rear house, he cut a window in the clothes closet. The things are always so damp in there, everyone complains the same way. I hope this new ventilation will help dry the place up. I walked to the post office and mailed a money order

to the insurance company. Annie and Bill brought the baby while I was away, darn it, I didn't see him today. We called in their house tonight, but he was in bed. We went over to Miss Peterson's to report job done. She paid Louis \$2.50. We surely need it this week after paying \$7.72 insurance. Bought buttered popcorn. Rex bought Donna a lovely pair of hiking boots for her birthday, a little early, eh? They went swimming with Lewie and Miriam tonight.

May 26, Sunday

Donna and I walked to the 9 a.m. Sunday School board meeting. Sr. Bishop was waiting downstairs when we got there, so we waited along with her, not knowing the meeting was being held upstairs, ha, ha! The Bishopric set the teachers and officers apart for their Sunday School work. I'd never been set apart for my Sunday School teaching, so Bishop did it this a.m. He surely gave me a wonderful blessing, wish I could have had it written down. After dinner Rex and Donna went to the National Housing Exposition with Vera and Fred.



Pan-Pacific Building

The architectural firm of Plummer, Wurdeman & Becket created the Pan-Pacific Auditorium as a temporary structure, initially serving the National Housing Exposition's run for a few weeks during the summer of 1935. The big barn, however, went on to host all sorts of tradeshows, concerts, sporting events, circuses, horse shows, roller derbies, and political rallies, before being shuttered in 1972.

We called in Marshes', Florence and John had gone with young folks, too. Saw Florence and baby girls while there. We called on Mrs. Barns to talk about little Teddy, his mother is trying to find a home for him and wants us to take him. We went to South Gate to see girls about singing on Mutual program, both out, so we left a note. Had a nice visit with Bishop Perry and wife. I sang in our choir tonight for first time in meeting. Annie and Bill brought the baby over today while we were out. I hate to miss seeing the darling.

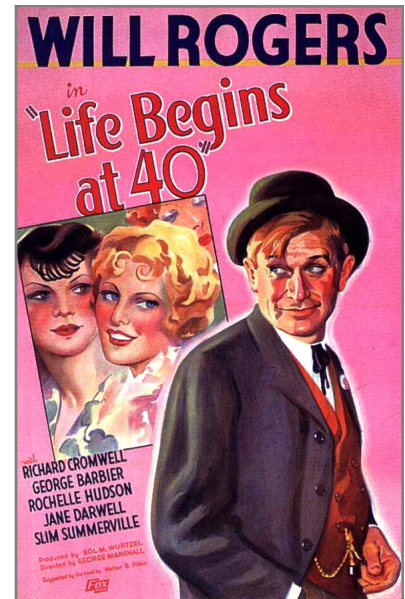
May 27, Monday

I spent this morning giving the flowers and lawn a good soaking. It was Donna's day off, so she enjoyed the bed all morning. I was glad she could have that much needed rest,

too. After lunch we both walked over to visit with Annie and the baby. He was so good, all smiles, the little darling. We bought a cherry pie at York Bakery on way home. Bill and Annie brought us home in their car, baby came along, too. Donna rode to Sue's with them; she wanted to pay her tithing. I'm worried over Louis's eyes; they are bothering him a lot lately. He must get some new glasses. The girls sang in trio over to the block teachers meeting tonight. They practiced here first. Rex gave a talk in meeting, too. Louis and I went to the Highland show to see Will Roger in "Life Begins at 40," enjoyed it very much. "The Lord will provide," Bill had two good suits given to him.

May 28, Tuesday

It was another cloudy day, but I washed anyway. I had a small wash on account of washing last Friday. This afternoon I walked to Highland Park to do a little Kress Store shopping. We tried a new dish for dinner and enjoyed it very much. I read the recipe in the paper; it was a fish casserole dish, good. Donna had to practice with the girls at Lillian Stead's after work. I had her dinner



ready, so insisted that she eat before going over. Myrtle didn't go over, so it was just the two of them, anyway. June had some paper flowers to finish making for the Primary "May Festival." She asked me to help her make them, cause she had to take them to the Hall and help decorate tonight. I also stayed at her house with Bobby while she went to the hall tonight. Lou brought her home, it was his choir night. Donna and Rex went see Will Roger in "Life Begins at 40" after choir practice. Shirley Niles practiced her tap dancing at June's this evening while Donna and I were there, cute.

May 29, Wednesday

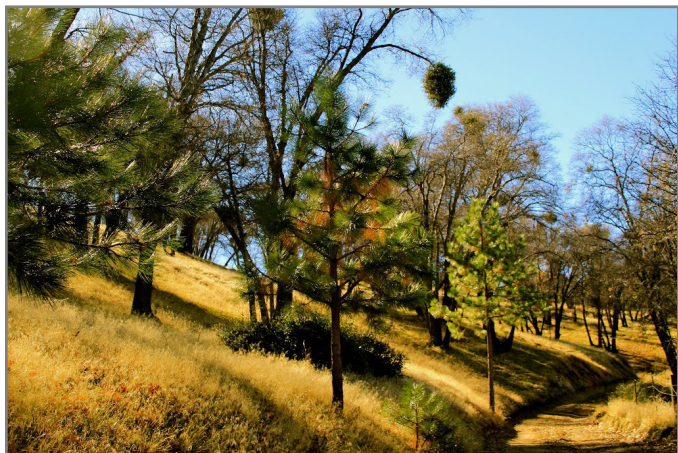
Louis enjoyed sleeping late this morning; I had the ironing almost finished when he got up. He had to report to work at 2:30 this afternoon and work until 11 p.m. Mr. Comporos came tonight to practice his tenor solo with Donna. Beverly came after school, and again at 5 p.m. She had some typing she wanted Donna to do for her school work. Annie called in and left the baby with me while she went to Relief Society. The little scamp cried for 30 minutes, he felt strange here, I guess. I wish I lived close enough to run in everyday, so he'd be used to me. Sr. Treu came in with Annie. June bought a pretty blue crepe formal dress in Highland Park today. I fixed the belt and shoulder seams for her. We went to the Primary "May Festival" tonight, it was lovely, children looked so sweet. The hall was decorated beautifully, everything was just grand. We bought things for our trip tonight after program.

May 30, Thursday—Memorial Day

Rex and I put up the lunch last night after we got home. Donna typed for Beverly. Rex slept here with Louis. We left this morning about 7:30, went to San Bernardino, and then up the canyon to Crest Line, branched over in Miller Canyon, and then to Raymond's C.C.C. camp. It is the most beautiful drive I've taken, I think. The wild flowers and tall pines and etc. Oh, it was grand. It is a very lovely spot in Ray's camp, too. He looked fine. We took him up to Arrowhead, it was cold up there by the lake, but very beautiful. We stopped in a little camp called, "Blue Jay," on our way back, and ate our lunch. It was much warmer there and such a dear little camp. Rex and Ray picked us some pretty wild flowers near Ray's camp. We rested for 30 minutes, just out of the camp, on a hill, could look down at the camp building. Left Ray about 3:05 p.m. came home another way, through Cajon Pass, or near it. Had a wonderful trip and a lovely time. Fred and Vera came just as we got home. They didn't come in though. Annie, Beverly, and baby came this evening. Louis and I took the wild flowers to Lorene tonight. They were out but we left them on back porch.



Crest Line



Miller Canyon

May 31, Friday

Donna had to go to work this a.m., but Louis enjoyed the bed. He went to work at 2:30 p.m. I cleaned the bedrooms after Louis got up. This afternoon I walked over to Sue's, she was uptown, but Elaine and Ernie and the kids were there. Elaine is feeling miserable with a mouth full of canker [sores]. Ernie brought me back to Boy's Market when my visit was over. He is a nice boy, and very good to Elaine, we all like him and surely do wish he could see the beautiful truth of Mormonism. They both came

over this evening to bring Donna a birthday gift, a large size Pequot sheet, from Aunt Sue and Elaine, wasn't that lovely? Donna had a long talk with Mr. Shermaster today at work. He is very bitter towards some folks and their ways of living, too bad! I visited with June tonight, about two hours, and enjoyed talking to her. Donna and Rex also enjoyed my absence, so all okay.



Donna Renshaw—1929

June 1, Saturday—Donna's Birthday

*Twenty years ago today,
a tiny baby came to stay,
her hair was straight and wouldn't curl,
she was our precious little girl!*

Donna worked at the bakery today. Mr. Sandra asked Louis to help him line the walls and ceiling of his back porch today, he worked over there most of the day and earned \$3.00. We gave \$2.00 to Donna, Grama Renshaw sent

her \$2.00, and she was going to buy a dress with the \$4.00. We went to Highland Park when she got home this evening, but couldn't find anything we liked, so we've decided to wait until her day off next week and go to town and buy it. June came over this afternoon and made a birthday cake for Donna. She is so sweet. It was chocolate nut, and turned out lovely. She gave Donna a lovely sheet for her hope chest, too. Rex gave her hiking boots, and a box of See's candy.



He called for her tonight and ate dinner with us. They went to the Highland show tonight. Janet Anderson called to wish her "Happy Birthday." Bill, Annie, and kids called. Ray sent money.

June 2, Sunday

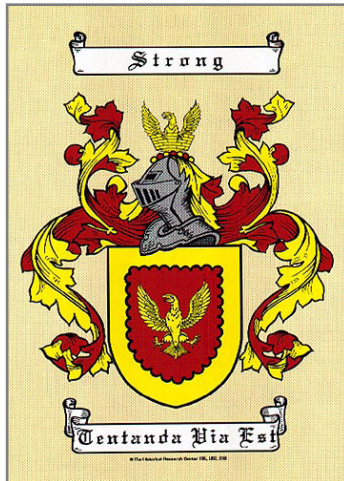
Raymond came in from camp, he was disappointed cause Lorene hadn't bought something with the money he sent for Donna's gift. Lorene passed the buck to me, I passed it on to Donna, she'll buy what she wants now. It's best that way, anyhow. We had a fine Sunday School class today. Kenneth Tacy [*Kenneth Loren Tacy was 8 years old*] was a good boy; it makes all the difference in the world when he's good. Went to Sunday School union meeting in Br. Keller's car, it's our last meeting until September. Rex did our dishes while we were at union meeting. Patriarch George Bowles gave a wonderful talk in our 9 a.m. meeting, he's a fine man. He gave Betty a blessing over to Stead's house, while Sunday School was in session. I'm anxious to read it, they say it is grand. The Bee Hive girls had charge of the meeting tonight, they gave a very lovely program and all looked so sweet. Sr. Nordstrom and Sr. Sorenson are splendid teachers. Bishop told about giving me a blessing last Sunday in the fast meeting today, but of course he didn't mention my name, just told of the feeling he had and what he saw. I wonder what it means???

June 3, Monday

I washed, and napped after cause I was all in with a backache. Afton Knighton came in the afternoon to work on the place cards. I helped her. This evening the girls came to practice their trio, Donna, Lillian, and Myrtle. Ann Madsen came to play for them and practice her solo. Louis left to report for work at eleven o'clock tonight, he came back home though, they'd made a mistake somehow and the regular man was there to do the job. (Run the elevator.)

June 4, Tuesday

Donna's day off, we called in Annie's and took her and the baby over to Pasadena for a ride. She waited in the car with Louis while Donna and I went shopping. We bought a pretty white coat for Donna with the money Grama sent for her birthday, and some we put to it. Donna also bought some things for the M Men and Gleaner banquet. This afternoon Donna went uptown to meet Helen, her friend from the bakery. They went to a show. I did my ironing this afternoon, and didn't like it. I hate to iron after being out visiting around. Louis and Donna went to choir tonight. I took care of Dale while Annie and Bill went to Boy's Market.



Strong Family Crest

June 5, Wednesday

I made nut cups until time to go to Relief Society. Wanda was coming to help, but didn't. We had teachers meeting at twelve noon. I took care of Dale while Annie took her minutes. I got him to sleep in his buggy outside of church. Louis slept all day, he's getting used to this night work, I guess. Donna was busy after work, practicing with different ones on the program tonight. Sr. Imsen and I rode down to the church with Donna. Br. Imsen and Louis walked earlier. Louis conducted the program for Sr. Marsh. We all sat in the parlor and enjoyed the program. After the program we danced. I had all the dances until we had to leave, cause Louis had to go to work. Donna had a bad cold, so she and Rex came home early, too. I doctored her up. Bishop asked me to compose a verse for him to send on cards to invite folks to party.

June 6, Thursday

Louis slept all day. I composed the verse for Bishop to send on the invitation cards to members, to our ward birthday party. I also composed a poem to send to the Pennsylvania Strong's, a greeting for their reunion. Sue came over this afternoon. Beverly brought some typing for Donna to do. I worked most of the day on nut cups. Donna and Rex went to a birthday dinner at Miriam Marsh's, in honor of Sr. Marsh, it was her birthday yesterday. I wrote a card to Violet. Feel sorry for June, she is suffering with a bad pain in her back.

June 7, Friday

Mrs. Downs came over this morning with the New Herald paper, to show me the account of Mrs. Vernon's accident and

death. She stepped in the path of an automobile last Monday night and died Tuesday morning. I was so sorry to hear about it. I liked the dear little lady very much. Well, she won't have to worry about rent and food now, poor dear. I finished 55 nut cups today. Elaine came over and helped me work on them this afternoon, nice eh? Tonight was our Strong's meeting at Blanche's. Annie and Blanche, hostesses. We had a nice time, I rode down with Sue and Al. Louis didn't go, he had a real excuse this time, was working nights.

June 8, Saturday

I sent the greeting card to the Pennsylvania Strong's, also mailed a letter to Grama from Donna. Louis worked all night then worked all day with John Marsh. I went to Highland Park and paid light and gas bill. Beverly and Glen brought the baby over this morning before he'd had his bath. He is so darn cute; he was still in his little nightie. The kids brought my vacuum back that's why the visit. Rex came for me this afternoon, we went over to Pasadena, and he bought a nice new light gray suit, looks real fine in it. Louis went to bed as soon as he'd eaten his dinner this evening. He was tired out. Donna and Rex worked on banquet programs and etcetera. I made a tapioca cream pudding.

June 9, Sunday

Louis worked with John again today. Harold and June took Donna and I to Sunday School in their car. Sr. Marsh invited us down to dinner; she said John and Louis were coming from work there.

We had a nice dinner, as always, and enjoyed the day. I came home with Louis this evening early, so he could get cleaned up. We took June and Bobby over to Pasadena Ward to meeting tonight. Louis and June wanted a change, so we went. Donna played for Ann to sing two numbers over there. Victor and Lillian visited Pasadena, too. We met Br. and Sr. Fish over there; she was a Renshaw before she married a Fish. Br. Fish talked and she gave a very fine reading. They live in Alhambra Ward. We bought some popcorn on our way home, in Highland Park. Oh dear, I've got to make more nut cups, over 60 coming now.

June 10, Monday

I got half of the washing done, but had to leave the other half for another time, too much to rub by hand. Myrtle R. and Lucille Snow came over this afternoon to work on the banquet programs. Lucille typed, Myrtle tied and folded. I made nut cups. We had our dinner in the Garvanza Park tonight, to celebrate the birthday of our ward. It is 12 years old today. Our family ate with the Marsh family. The party was a big success; we had a very large crowd of members out. Sue made the "Birthday Cake." Bro Chandler auctioned it off, it brought in \$20.00. The little church took in about \$20.00, too. We all had a nice time, some played games. Sr. Marsh had charge of the games. Rex went home on the bus and Donna came home with us.

Family

like branches on a tree,
we all grow in different
directions yet our roots remain as one.

June 11, Tuesday

I didn't sleep so well last night, suffered with painful cramps. Afton Knighton worked on the banquet programs, most of the day, over here. Lillian Stead helped a few hours, too. Arma Hill came to bring the programs she'd typed. She couldn't stay long cause her mother is sick. Sr. Hill is having all of her teeth extracted. Mr. Harris and his cute little 2 ½ year old son came to see Louis this p.m. We called for Donna tonight, but she'd already left. She got a finger wave before coming home. Doris came in after work and helped Afton Knighton. I bought six more nut cups to make up, 78 now. I also stopped in the floral shop and ordered a nice pink corsage for Donna to wear tomorrow night. I felt tired and sick tonight. The folks went to choir practice. Sue came over this afternoon and brought mints for nut cups.

June 12, Wednesday—M Men & Gleaner Girl Banquet

I finished up the nut cups this a.m. 78 in all. Louis' night work came in handy for Donna today; she used his car all day while he slept. I went to the hall about noon, the girls had the tables almost finished, and they looked beautiful. The decorations were lovely, everything blue, yellow and white. I helped Annie get Dale's buggy upstairs and I played with him while she took care of Relief Society business. They couldn't hold a meeting today though, not enough sisters out. I ironed Donna's bakery uniform and cap this afternoon and pressed her white formal dress. She looked sweet in her dress and lovely corsage. June and I helped serve tonight, Louis worked hard in the kitchen also, he mashed potatoes and helped serve them, he had to leave at ten o'clock for work. Election returns, Wanda Egan, new president, Afton Knighton, vice president, Beverly Andersen, secretary and treasurer. Evert Van Essen President of the M Men, Keith Burnett, vice president, George Wilson, secretary and treasurer. Rex voted as the stake representative.

June 13, Thursday

I enjoyed watching them dance last night, but was too tired to go down and dance. I washed a lot of dishes. I'm glad the banquet is over and Donna can rest for a change. This morning I fixed two skirts over for Mary, a white flannel one of Donna's and a blue flannel one June gave Donna, it was too short for Donna. Ernie brought Shirley over this afternoon, Sue and Elaine had gone to a party at Eva Hansen's (the married Gleaners). Poor little Shirley was sick all afternoon, she slept on the couch most of the day. Bishop came for her this evening. Sr. Pack and Lloyd ate dinner with them. Louis went to town from work this morning; he served some papers on the boss, where Charles cut his fingers off, for Charles. Louis also stopped and had his eyes tested. I do hope we can arrange for glasses soon. He slept all afternoon; folks came to practice songs tonight. Br. Compura, Sr. Saxelby, Ann Madsen, Rex, and Donna, sounded fine.

June 14, Friday

Sr. Saxelby had a tooth extracted the other day, her eye is black and face all bruised. She looked so different last

night. I did the other half of the washing then Donna and I went uptown. We bought five gifts, shower and birthday, Winnie's baby, a dress, Florence's baby, a dress, Doris, a luncheon set, Vera's baby, a crib pad, baby not here yet, a shower gift for Catherine G. Donna then bought herself a very pretty silk print dress, lavender background. She wore it over to the dance tonight in Pasadena Ward. Louis and I rode over to Lorene's; I took the two skirts I'd fixed for Mary. Bill was working with Charles in his workshop. Louis stayed downstairs with them. Lorene, Mary and I visited in the house upstairs. Louis worked tonight, went at 10:15. I surely feel lonesome alone tonight. Boy, I couldn't live all alone, not me!



June 15, Saturday

Louis got home about 7:15 this morning. I'm glad it's his last night to work for a while. The 4th of July will be the next holiday, I guess then, more night work I laundered the luncheon set we bought for Doris, it looks lovely. The handwork is done so beautifully. Elsie, [Elsie Bailey] Doris, and Garry [Doris and Garry Strong from Elsie's first marriage to Lewis Strong] are in San Diego now, visiting Elsie's sisters. I hope they'll call on us. Tonight Donna and Rex went to a show uptown in L.A. They saw "The Bride of Frankenstein." Louis and I had the same old Saturday evening job, buying groceries and etcetera. We bought a nice chicken for tomorrow, waited for them to dress it at the "live poultry" market. Called on Annie and Bill before coming home.



Example of a live poultry market.

June 16, Sunday

We all went to the nine o'clock meeting, Rex slept here last night. President Norberg called on me, along with others, to say a few words. It was quite a shock, as I expected him to call on all the presidents and not just teachers. Of course our Bishop is the real cause. Doris Putnam nearly passed out, poor child. We didn't take our children in the ten o'clock session at all, both Primary and Kindergarten children went upstairs. We had the sacrament and our lesson, and then we took our class down to Victory Park for a walk. Br. Keller went with Sr. Bishop and me to help take care of the kiddies. We had a nice time trying to persuade the children to leave the little baby frogs in the creek, as each had a nice collection to bring back, ha, ha! Fred and Vera called to see Donna and Rex this afternoon. They all took a ride. It was our ward conference today. The choir sang very fine today. Myrtle and Ed came over; he wanted to practice his solo before tonight. We enjoyed the evening session of conference Sr. Evans was so enthused, she almost applauded.

June 17, Monday

June came in all excited this a.m. to tell me they are going to Salt Lake this evening on the bus, all three of them. Harold has two weeks' vacation. I did a little sewing and ironing to help her get packed. I'm so glad they can to; it'll do them all a lot of good. It is her father's birthday sometime this week, and she'll be home for it. I went uptown this a.m. and changed the luncheon set Donna bought for Catherine Garcia's shower, Wednesday night. It had a flaw in it, so the Jew gave me another one. I bought a handmade lace choir set to send Grama for her birthday, from same place. This afternoon Sr. Niles and I went block teaching, we had it easy this time, folks moved away and on vacation. We only had two families, Steads and Goodsells. I rode over to Lewie Marsh with Donna and Rex tonight, to take flower bowls back, *[they were]* not home. Rex treated me to popcorn.

June 18, Tuesday

It seems quiet around here without June and Bobby. I miss them; hope they'll have a lovely trip. I washed today and walked to Highland Park. Elaine and Ernie came over today to see if Donna and Rex were going to Brookside Park tonight for the "Married Gleaners" and husbands. They were not, so Elaine took the rolls over to Florence Oates, cause Elaine isn't going, either. Doris called up from Blanche's, all be over to Sue's tomorrow. We went over to Sue's tonight to plan for the lunch and dinner. Annie and Lorene were there, also. Sue met Elsie and folks uptown this afternoon, she brought Bonnie *[Bonnie Jean Bailey, half sister to Elvie]* back with her, so we saw her tonight, she is a sweet little child, very lovable, she looks a lot like Elsie now.



Bonnie Jean Bailey circa 1931

June 19, Wednesday

They are not so busy at the bakery, so Donna had the day off. We were both very glad cause she was able to visit with the folks at Sue's. Bonnie and I took baby Dale for a little outing while we were waiting for Elsie, Doris, and Garry to come. It was after 1 p.m. before they got here, Gordon's daughter, Florine, and her baby came, too. She helped them find the way. We enjoyed lunch, the tuna pies Annie made, were very good. It was good to visit with the folks again, too. Beverly came after school, she took me, Elsie, and Lorene to the post office to mail Grama Renshaw's birthday package. We rode the kids home from the post office, Bette, Mary, and Glen. Lorene and I shopped at Boy's Market on way back. We bought things for the evening meal. We rode over to show Elsie my house. The men folks came to dinner this evening. We fed about 22 of us. I didn't eat, as I'd eaten lunch so late. Sue didn't eat, either. Bill and Annie led the folks out to Leo's house, *[Leo Strong]* where they were invited to spend the evening. I think he called back for them, too. Doris slept with Donna. Elsie, Bonnie, and Garry slept at Lorene's. Donna went to a linen shower on Catherine Garcia tonight. Louis took her and Janet Anderson over to Helen Martinez's home where the shower was. Rex called for her after.

June 20, Thursday

Donna had to go to work this morning. I hated to call her, she looked so tired, she was out late last night, and then she and Doris talked for a long time after they got in bed. I was glad Doris could sleep late, cause she surely did need the rest with that long trip ahead of her. She got up at 11:30. I fixed her breakfast, we ate together, and it was my lunch. We started to walk over to Lorene's when Garry came with Doris's car, so she went with him over to Sue's. Elsie was over there telephoning. I finished my ironing. This evening when Louis came, Donna and I took the car and went over to Lorene's to say goodbye to the folks. Donna worked half day today. Lorene treated us all to fruit, we were all there, but Louis, even Elaine and Ernie. Garry enjoyed Ernie's company, he took him for several nice rides. I surely love our baby Dale, he was so sweet today at Lorene's. Rex came up for dinner this evening. He had a health book from Fred. Ernie and Garry took Bonnie and Shirley over to Brookside for a swim, other kids were in school. I sent little dress to Winnie's *[Winnifred Renshaw]* baby in Grama's package yesterday.

June 21, Friday

Sister Treu moved away from Mesa Avenue today. She is moving near us on Baltimore Street and Aldama. Annie and family will miss them now. I feel so sorry for Sr. Treu and John, also. They are moving in together, so she can take care of his family while Audrey is in the sanatorium, big job for a lady of her age. Donna got off at 12:30 today; bakery business is slow this week. I cleaned

the bedrooms and washed sheets. Bette and Shirley walked over to tell Donna that their Daddy can't call for the girls tomorrow morning, cause his car is down and out. We took the kids back home; I was suffering from gas and asthma. Sue gave me one of her Alka-Seltzer tablets for the gas. I used some of the asthma powder Al had, so I got relief. I was shocked to hear that Sr. Eliza Gledhill has passed away yesterday, too bad. Louis and I rode over to pay our rent, but Peterson's were not home, we called in Annie's on way back. Glen and his boyfriend made fudge tonight. I enjoyed watching them, cute kids. Donna and Rex went out to see Vera and Fred. Vera is almost a week over her expected time and still going strong.

June 22, Saturday

Donna worked at bakery all day. Louis went downtown to see the oculist; he will have the glasses ready for him Tuesday evening, \$13.00. It's always something, but I'm glad he can have his eyes taken care of; they've needed it for a long time. Beverly brought the baby with her this morning when she brought the vacuum back, he had a black and white stocking cap on, made out of Glen's sweater sleeve the kids have a lot of fun dressing him up. He is a darling, too. This evening we rode over to pay the rent, but Peterson's were still out. I think they've gone to the beach for a vacation. She said something about it the last time I talked to her. We bought a rabbit from the poultry store tonight. Called in Annie's after. No more while flour, sugar, pies, cakes, candy and etcetera for Donna and Rex??? Well, I'm glad they are anxious to take care of their health.

June 23, Sunday

We all went to Sunday School. The children were very good in our class today. I had a pleasant surprise in church morning, when Bonnie came over to me, she was with Mary and Shirley. I didn't think Elsie would let her stay, but am glad she did. Gordon [Strong] and his wife are going to take her home next week. Elsie and Doris, and Garry were really crowded, so I think it is best to let her stay a week longer. Rex had to go to a stake M Men meeting



after dinner, but Donna didn't, so we took her with us down to visit Ruth. We heard three letters from Wayne, to his mother. [Wayne Strong has been on a mission in South Africa] He is surely having a wonderful trip all over Europe. He'll be home in July sometime. We bought an ice cold watermelon, came home and ate some. Rex was here then. Went to church tonight. Sr. Gledhill's funeral is tomorrow afternoon.

Thoughts from Florie Fullmer, Wayne Strong's Daughter

I spent a couple of hours scanning through Dad's journal backwards (since he left at the end) trying to find where he first talked about going on the trip. I did find the following entry in Vol. 2, page 136 (Friday, Dec. 28, 1934).

"S.S.S. and I had ice cream tonight. I forgot to mention that Pres. talked to us this morning about our trip and had us write home for \$300 and see if we can go with he and Sister Dalton up the west coast to Spain, up into France, down into Italy through the Mediterranean to Port Said, through Holy Land, and Egypt, down Red Sea, across the Arabian Sea to India, then through to the Orient and by Hawaiian Isles into the California coast."

I think S.S.S. was his companion, Elder Smith. Right now, I don't know whether Elder Smith went on the trip or not. Dad mentioned later in the journal that the President talked like Dad would be going, but Dad was fearful that he would not be allowed to go. When the airmail letter came from his folks discouraging him from going, it had been opened. He said, "President Dalton had written on the back of the letter stating that he thinks I could make it and that men have to do unusual things to grow." Dad went out alone and prayed about it and decided to try it. The next day he received a wire from President Dalton saying "I was booked on tomorrow's mail boat for Cape Town and that I was sailing the following Thursday with the Daltons for Genoa on the Dulio."

... Dad never regretted that trip. It was the highlight of his life. Dad left on his mission Oct. 27, 1932 and arrived back in the United States (on the California coast) July 12, 1935. -via email January 2014

February 21, 1931: Miles Laboratories introduces Alka-Seltzer to the world. Dr. Franklin Miles began Miles Laboratories in 1884 in Elkhart, Indiana. He marketed some patent medicines that remained on the market for years. In 1928 there was a severe flu epidemic. Hub Beardsley, then President of Miles Lab visited the local newspaper to find that the men working there were remaining healthy. Tom Keene, the editor, told Beardsley that they took aspirin and baking soda at the first sign of illness and did not succumb to the flu.

Beardsley asked his chief chemist, Maurice Treener, to come up with a concoction that the company could market. Treener made up something. Beardsley took 100 of the tablets with him on a cruise and as people became ill with the flu, he passed out his free samples and found that they worked. One Alka-Seltzer dropped into water made a refreshing drink.

The mixture is effervescent, caused when an acid mixes with the baking soda whose chemical name is sodium bicarbonate. It worked well to ease indigestion while the aspirin in the drink helped to ease minor pains. The brand mascot was a funny little guy made of an Alka-Seltzer tablet and wearing a second one as a hat and was named "Speedy" to help get the idea across about how quickly the drink worked. Speedy had a high-pitched voice provided by Dick Beals.

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June 24, Monday

Mrs. Downs came over this morning to use my sewing machine. I wrote a letter to Hattie and started one to Frances Helman. I went to Sr. Stead's to meet the others, Srs. Chandler, Marsh, Stead, Lillian, and Audrey Tacy. We rode in Sr. Tacy's car out to Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Sr. Gledhill died on her way back after visiting the Salt Lake Temple. They say she was just about a block and a half from her house when she passed away. She'd been ill most of the trip back home to Burbank. She had very lovely funeral services, under the direction of Bishop Nephi Anderson of the Burbank Ward. Lots of friends and flowers. It's a beautiful little church, the Wee Kirk O Heather, with birds singing, lovely flowers and plants and statuary. We visited Annie and played with the baby for a while tonight, cute thing. Came home and sang songs, the four of us. I sang alto once, just once. P.S. Lorene took Bonnie, Mary, Bette, and Shirley up to a show.

June 25, Tuesday

Sr. Marsh had tonsils out this morning. [Florence turned 51 years old on June 5.] June's sister, Clara, came again yesterday. I do wish June hadn't asked me to say I didn't know where she was. I feel awful about it. I'm sure she'll find out sometime that they went to Salt Lake, and then what will she think of me? Oh dear, Mrs. Downs came over this morning to bring some milk, she's going to visit with her daughter, Olive, for a few days. Gladys is spending her vacation at the beach. I washed this morning. Bette, Bonnie, and Shirley



Shirley & Bette Hoglund circa 1929

came over to visit with me. They were on their way over to see Mary. Bette had a letter from Aunt Violet, she was anxious to have Bette visit them in their mountain home, said she'd like us all to come. I'd surely love to go see her and the kiddies, we've never seen Yvonne. Annie had Bonnie and the girls to lunch. Beverly went to Lorene's to get them in the car. Miss Peterson came for rent; she'd been out to the beach for a week. She's starting work again Monday. Donna went with Louis this afternoon, after work, to get his glasses, she is going to have her eyes tested, too, but must wait until after Friday. The doctor wants to put drops in her eyes Saturday. Went over to Sue's tonight.

June 26, Wednesday

Donna came home at noon today, she didn't feel well. Sr. Marsh is still quite sick from her tonsil operation. She is home now. I pulled thread and got Donna's big table cover and napkins ready for the hemstitching. Sue gave her the Indian head linen, enough for a large dinner cloth and eight nice napkins. I crocheted on Sue's, and Elaine's dinner set, so she gave Donna the linen for her set. I took it to Relief Society to give to Sr. Wood, but she wasn't there, so Bill and Annie took me down to her house after. She is going to hemstitch it for us. I took Donna's white coat to the cleaners, and sent two big quilts to the laundry. This was our last Relief meeting



Youngberries are similar to Blackberries

until the fall. Lorene didn't feel very well; she had to go out of the meeting for a while. This evening Donna and I took the car and went to make an appointment for a wave for her in the morning, we called in to see Annie and baby. Bill gave us a can of meat and some youngberry jam. They were going out to see Em and Art. Br. Hill brought Louis's watch ring tonight. Rex and Donna made olive sandwiches tonight.

June 27, Thursday

Last night I gave Donna an olive oil massage on her scalp. We left the oil in her hair all night and I shampooed her hair this morning with castile soap. She went to Kelly's for her finger wave at nine o'clock. Al gave her this wave. I had a rather bad night with asthma, Louis didn't wake me this a.m., he went to work without the song book he wanted to be sure and take, so Donna went to the hospital on the bus, to give it to him at his lunch time. She took his Ford over to Marshes' until time to call for him this evening. Sr. Marsh is very sick; she had her tonsils out last Tuesday morning. The missionaries held a cottage meeting at Marshes' tonight. Lillian Stead and Ann Madsen sang, Donna played for them. Rex and Louis went down to the hospital to practice singing with some of the boys that work there. I sat in the bedroom with Sr. Marsh. Ernie, Florence, and babies came for a few minutes.

June 28, Friday

Beverly and Glen brought the baby over early this morning when they came for the vacuum, he's surely a darling. Mrs. Downs is back from her visit with Olive. Most all my neighbors have had a vacation this June. Well, we had a grand one last June. I cleaned the bedroom and took my bath, was ready waiting when Bill came. He took Sr. Treu, Sue, Annie, and me down to the Relief Society stake program and party. We had a very nice time, the program was very good. After it was over we all went out on the lawn, it looked so pretty, they had chairs, and lovely big beach umbrellas. We enjoyed a fine S.E.R.A. orchestra outside. The stake Relief Society served ice cream and cakes. It looked good, on a warm afternoon, but I didn't want any cause I've been bothered lately with asthma. I must overcome that. We had a nice visit with Lorene and family tonight. Br. and Sr. Romig were there, also.

June 29, Saturday

Miss Peterson bought a day bed for the little house, she put the old leather couch out in our backyard, it'll be nice to set on this summer, but Louis doesn't like it there, he worked hard all morning cleaning up our yard, it looks so nice now, and he feels like the couch spoils the looks of things, I think it looks okay, though. June, Harold, and Bobby came home from their visit to Salt Lake this afternoon. I was glad to have them back. They had a lovely time. Louis kept June's yard nice while she was away, too. Donna had drops put in her eyes this evening after work, Louis and Rex met her and went to the doctors with her. They all ate dinner uptown cause the doctor had to keep her there so long. Louis called me up at Sandra's to tell me they were eating in town. I'd already started to make a salad, so gave it to June for their dinner. Our new renter is going to move in tonight. He works at Boy's Market. Miss Peterson came back this evening. We went over to Lorene's tonight to make plans for tomorrow. Louis picked up several sacks of dried fruits and green vegetables. Sr. Wood brought Donna's hemstitching today.

June 30, Sunday

We've had no hot days as yet, and it'll be July tomorrow. Louis and I called for Lorene and Charles and Mary at 5:30 this morning. We enjoyed the ride to San Bernardino in a cool fog; it seems almost like a fine rain at times. The ride up the canyon was beautiful, too. Crest Line and Miller Canyon are just grand, so many tall pines and firs. I'm so glad Lorene and Charles could take this wonderful trip and see the C.C.C. camp Raymond stays at. They bought all the gas for the trip.



C.C.C. camp photo from 1931

Raymond ate breakfast with us in a pretty little camp called "Strawberry." We cooked ham, bacon, and eggs, also potatoes. It surely tasted good up among those tall pines and firs. After breakfast we went on up to Lake Arrowhead. It was nice and warm up there, the sky and water were such a lovely blue, we sat on the lake shore and watched the boats and bathers. We decided to go on up to Big Bear. We had a wonderful trip, ate lunch on our way back to camp in the same little camp we had our breakfast in. Left Ray about 3:55. It was some trip home, trying to make it in time for church. We thought once or twice we'd have to phone and tell them we couldn't be there. Glad to say, Louis got there in time to lead his choir and

Charles to take his minutes. Lorene and I didn't go. She and Mary visited here until the boys came home. We all ate some lunch and took the Clayton's home. Very nice day. Donna and Rex ate dinner here; they prepared it when they came home from Sunday School.



July 1, Monday

I wonder what's next? Rain in Los Angeles in July, that's just what we've got. It got so cold I had to put on the heat. I wrote a letter to Violet. Gee, I'd love to call on

her in their mountain home. It must be nice to have lots of money. Well, even money doesn't buy happiness sometimes, and we do know how to keep happy most of the time. Rex and Donna worked on his M Men book to get them ready to turn over to the new secretary. We all stayed home tonight and enjoyed having the gas on, in July, think of it!

July 2, Tuesday

I was thrilled this morning with a letter from Frances Helman, she told all about their reunion, the 17th annual reunion. She also sent

me a copy of the Jubilee song I composed. It looked real good in print. They had 500 copies made. She sent me the newspaper clipping, too. My name was in it, "Oh hum, I'm getting up in the world, eh?" Well, it was real nice of her to do all this. I surely wish I could be in Salt Lake this month while Frances is visiting there, I'd love to see her. I feel like I know her, after corresponding with her so long. The Salt Lake Genealogy Society is paying her ticket to have her come there and get



Frances Helman

better acquainted with them. Annie and Bill came in this evening, brought us a loaf of rye bread, that baby is surely a darling. Donna went to practice trio at Steads after work. She brought Myrtle home to dinner. They sang at a cottage meeting tonight at Br. Scott's mother-in-law's home. Rex ate here, too. Louis got a ticket for speeding while he was taking the kids over to the meeting. He went to a singing practice at the hospital after he took the kids to the cottage meeting. I guess he didn't feel much like singing after he got the ticket.

July 3, Wednesday

Donna's day off, she had to be at the eye doctor's office at 10 a.m. I couldn't get the washing out in time to leave with her, so I met her later in the office. She will get her glasses Saturday. I took a sandwich to her thinking we could eat in the office, but I didn't want to when I got there. We had to walk over to the Park square on Hill Street to eat, ha, ha, ha! I don't think I'll be taking lunch uptown again, we were short of cash, as usual, and Donna went without her breakfast, glad the park was only a block out of our way. Donna bought an embroidery stamp pattern to stamp on her dinner cloth and napkins. Also the embroidery floss, black and white. She bought some red hiking stockings to go with her boots, Rex wants her to go in the mountains tomorrow with him and Lewie and Miriam. Donna and I walked all the way back to Grand Central Market to get some good vegetables and fruit. We got some real good corn, tomatoes, and cherries, also some good apricots. I worked on one of Donna's napkins tonight. Rex slept here.

July 4, Thursday

Lewie and Miriam came for Donna and Rex about 5:30 this morning. They went up in the mountains hiking and fishing. Louis went to work. I enjoyed sleeping late. I spent the day in a nice quiet way. I did some embroidering, some crocheting, and some ironing. It wasn't quiet outside, though, sounded like the war was on for sure with big kids and little ones sending off their fire crackers and what have you. Bill and Glen brought the baby in for a minute, this morning; he was still in his nightie. I do love that little scamp. Annie and Bill came with the baby this afternoon, it was real warm and he was happy with little fat legs and arms bare. Sue and Al called in too, they wanted Vera and Fred's address, but I didn't know it. Donna and folks came home early this evening, she took a bath, dressed up, and went to Miriam's to eat lunch and send off fireworks. Well, another Fourth of July gone. P.S. Tonight Louis and I took June and Bobby for a ride, we bought some popcorn, went over on a hill in Pasadena and saw the beautiful fireworks from the Rose Bowl. We had a real good place, [*didn't*] cost us a dime, not bad, eh?

July 5, Friday

I fried the three little fish, Lewie caught yesterday, for Donna's breakfast this morning. She left one for me. I'm sorry I didn't think to cook them for Louis this morning, but he didn't call me until it was too late. He got off work at 11 o'clock to go down to court house to see about the ticket he got last Tuesday. They gave him another ticket

and about 10 days to pay it in, \$5.00, pay or go to jail. I guess he'll slow down for a few days, but it won't last long. "Speed King," our Daddy. We decided to paint our bedroom floor this afternoon. We got all the furniture out when Ruth and Aunt Ida came, they had the children along. Mary was with them, too. They picked her up at Annie's. Aunt Ida has been in California a week, they are expecting Wayne next Friday, so Aunt Ida came to visit with Ruth and be here to meet Wayne. He's been away almost three years. Two and a half years on his mission in South Africa, the rest of the time traveling around Europe. Donna went to bed as soon as she got home from work, she can't seem to get rid of her cold. Marshes called in for a few minutes tonight, Rex with them. Donna slept over to June's, and we in her bed.

July 6, Saturday

I had to spend most of the day in bed, the usual thing. Louis' friend, Bill, brought the two rabbits he'd ordered for Sunday. They both went in Bill's car, to sing with the hospital quartet, in a program at the Seventh Day Adventist church. They sang two numbers. Donna said she feels a lot better today. I do wish she'd get rid of that old cold, she worked today. It's surely nice of June to let Donna use her extra bed while our bedroom floor is being painted. Annie and Bill called in and didn't have the baby, that's awful of them. I wrote in Beverly's almanac this morning. Donna got her new glasses today after work, they are so much nicer than the old rim pair, and she looks good in these. I was glad to get back in bed again tonight.

July 7, Sunday

I fried the rabbit this morning, but I surely felt punk. It didn't seem like I'd be able to make it to Sunday School. Well, the Lord answered my prayer, the pain left me and I was able to go to my class. Sr. Bishop gave the lesson, I took care of the roll and the rest exercises. Oh, I'm so thankful for Sr. Bishop's help in our class. Rex and Donna ate dinner at Marshes'. It was Florence's [*Oates*] birthday dinner. It was Uncle Bill's birthday, too. Louis painted our bedroom floor the second coat this morning. He had dinner on the table when I got home from Sunday School Donna and Rex came about 1:30. We all went over to see the "Huntington Library." Oh, it was beautiful, and we spent three hours roaming through the buildings and grounds. Oh, such lovely old art works and etcetera, some hundreds of years old. The flowers, lawns, and huge old trees. It was all so grand. We enjoyed church tonight. The music teacher and wife from Pasadena, Rose and Dick Knost sang. They had



a young lady along, all sang a trio, he sang twice and Rose sang once. Enjoyed rabbit lunch after church.



Huntington Library

July 8, Monday

I washed my bedroom curtains and a few things. Mrs. Downs came over for about an hour. While she was here I had the surprise of my life. Charles brought Violet and her two children in. Oh, talk about dreams coming true, we've seen that baby at last, the darling. A friend of Violet's brought them to Los Angeles for a few days. "Are we tickled?!" She only stayed here a few minutes, she was so anxious to see Annie's baby. The Andersen family were all over to Sue's helping her houseclean. She hired them all for the day, ha, ha! I had a busy day washing woodwork and ironing curtains, got the furniture already for Louis to put back. Rex helped him lift it back in tonight. The floor looks nice in its new coat of paint. Donna and I went over this evening and brought Violet and children back to eat dinner with us. Tonight Louis and I took Violet and the baby over to Lorene's, they slept there, and baby's things were all there. Poor little Dolores was tired out, she fell asleep after dinner. She was going to sleep with Shirley, but we put her in Donna's bed. Donna and Rex did the dishes while we were over to Lorene's, bless them. Sue and family and Annie and Beverly were over to Lorene's, also. Trio practice here this evening.

July 9, Tuesday

Poor little Dolores was so tired last night, she fell asleep after eating dinner, I didn't have the heart to wake her up



Violet Fife & Elaine Vandergrift with Dolores Fife in front.



Dolores Fife—1930



Dick Robinson

to wash, so just put her in bed with little hands and face dirty. I gave her a bath first thing this morning before breakfast. Beverly came for her while she was eating. Annie, baby Dale, Shirley and Bette, came also. They took Dody over to Mary's. Beverly and Violet went uptown shopping. I finished my washing, started it yesterday. This afternoon Shirley and Dolores walked here from Lorene's, they came for Dody's pajamas, and then went to Shirley house for dinner this evening. We all, Hoglunds, Claytons, Renshaws, Vandergrifts, and Rex went over to Andersen's to spend the evening. So we could all visit with Violet. Oh, dear, she is leaving so soon again. It was wonderful of those kind folks to bring her here to see us and make us all so very happy, ate ice cream and strawberries.

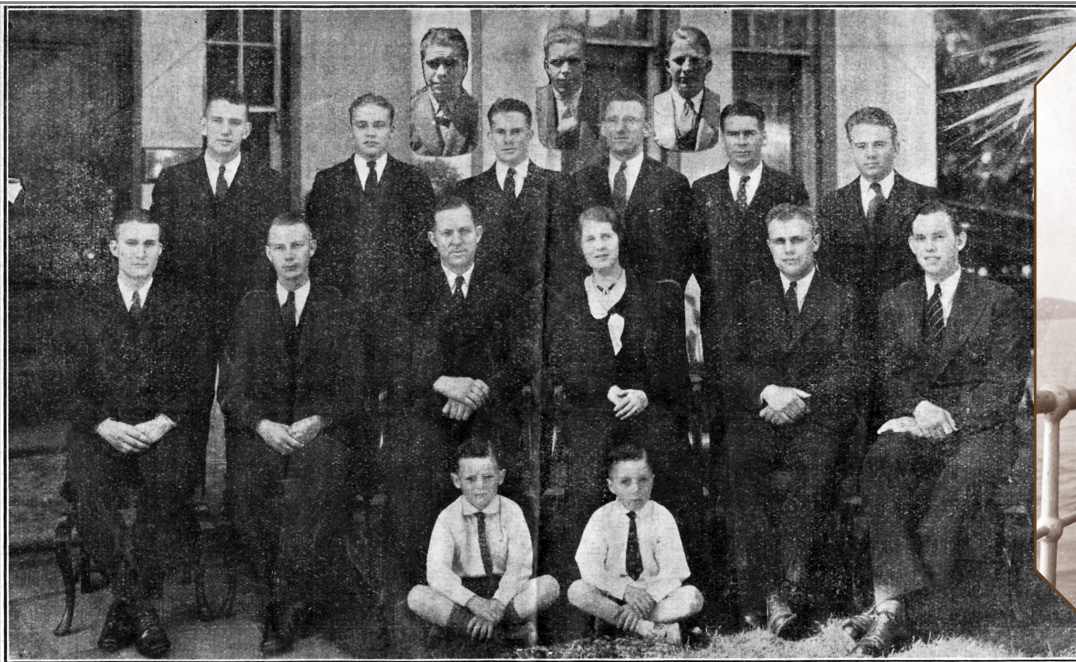
July 10, Wednesday

There weren't enough ladies out today to put a quilt on, it was a shame, too. They fixed a nice lunch for the few of us, anyway. Lorene brought Violet over in time for lunch. Beverly brought them in the car. A few ladies came at noon, but it was too late to get a quilt finished, so they wouldn't start one. I didn't do any sewing over there at all, but I brought some work home with me. Violet and I

walked around in the Kress Store and she went down with me while I paid the light and gas bill. She saw her old friend, Toots, a girl she worked with in Hall's Store. Sue and Al had Violet up to dinner tonight. They took her to a show after. Elaine and Ernie took Violet uptown this afternoon, she had to change something she'd bought for Dolores yesterday. I crocheted on one of Donna's black and white dinner napkins tonight. Louis went to Alhambra. Miss Peterson and mother came for rent.

July 11, Thursday

Sue got a letter from Elsie. Dad is out of work again. And Dick Robinson died and is buried. [Richard James Robinson] Mary's [Dick's wife, Mary Belle Strong] oldest girl, Bernice, is very ill with stroke, she has a blood clot on her brain, and it is all so very awful. [Bernice Grace Robinson was their daughter. Mary Strong was a cousin to Elvie.] We surely have lots of company in and out of our yard since the boys from Boy's Market started living in the little rear house. It was rented to one, but two or three sleep there all the time, one out in the swing, sometimes, about four eat there, too. If Miss Peterson only knew, not me telling her. I don't want the boys mad at me, I buy at that market, ha, ha! Tried composing a poem for Wayne, but didn't get very far with it. Went to bank for Rex, got a new card for the



MISSIONARIES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION CONVENTION, December 13, 1933 to December 27, 1933.
Seated from left to right: Stanford G. Smith, Cape District President and Mission Commissarian; John C. Dalton, Transvaal District President; Don Mack Dalton, Mission President; Geneve J. Dalton, President, Mission Relief Societies; Richard Knight, Mission Secretary; Marcus F. Smith, Port Elizabeth District President; Children, Gerald J. Dalton and George Edward Dalton.
Back row, left to right: Morris P. Woolley; Wayne D. Strong, incoming Mission Secretary; Willard H. Godfrey, Natal District President; John T. M. Wilson; R. Bradfield Jakins, incoming Port Elizabeth District President; Albert E. Carlson, incoming Transvaal District President.

Inset pictures: John J. Bates; W. O. Taysom; John M. Bailey.



Wayne Strong aboard a ship.



Mission photo of South African Mission, December 1933.

President, his wife and boys are in the center. Wayne is standing second from left.

Wayne worked in the mission office. At times Wayne would watch the boys

while President and his wife were out on mission business.

new officers in the M Men to sign, so Rex can turn the money over to them. Louis worked today and then went back after dinner at 5 p.m. to work all night, he got home about 1:30 a.m. Donna and Rex went over to Sandra's this evening to call Aunt Sue to find out when Violet was leaving and if she knew anything about Wayne's arriving. Violet leaves tomorrow about 3:30. Wayne's boat gets in at 8 a.m. tomorrow. Going and coming, are our loved ones. Sue and Al brought Violet and the baby over to say goodbye to Donna, she has to work tomorrow, nice of them.

July 12, Friday

I worked from seven o'clock this morning until two-thirty this afternoon on the poem Ruth asked me to write in honor of Wayne's homecoming. I hope they'll like it, the poem, it was a tough job, I'm sure glad it's finished. Louis and I just got over to Lorene's in time to say goodbye to Violet and children. The folks came for her over an hour sooner than they said they'd be there. It was so nice of them to bring her, so we could see her and the children. I feel so bad about Dad being out of work again, and Mary Robinson having so much trouble, husband dying, and daughter so ill. Oh, it's awful. Bette went back with Violet. Beverly and Shirley are going next week on the bus. Donna and Rex went to the stake M Men and Gleaner Girl dance tonight. She sang in the trio with Lillian and Myrtle, they sang two numbers. Louis and I went to a stage play at Franklin High School put on by the S.E.R.A. It was

good. We saw Lorene, Charles, Mary, and Shirley over at the show tonight. We sat with our neighbor and walked home with her, don't know her name.

July 13, Saturday

It's been a long week for Donna, she didn't have a day off. I had all the house to clean up today, I didn't get a chance to do any cleaning yesterday. We have a dear little birds nest in the vines on Mrs. Downs house, near our kitchen window. I've watched the cute little birds all spring, now the mama bird sets on the eggs, or maybe little babies, now. Anyway she brings food to the nest all day long, surely sweet. Rex came up for Ruth's address, he went down to see Wayne, he and Wayne came in just as we were starting to eat dinner. They took Donna back to Ruth's to eat dinner there with them. Wayne looks fine, he surely is a fine young man. We called for Lorene and Charles this evening. Lorene didn't know whether to go or not, she's been feeling so miserable lately. She suffers with gas; it seems to congest in her chest. They went anyway, and we had a real lovely party for Wayne. The relatives all came. Aunt Lizzie was there, too. Donna read the poem I wrote, they said it was good. Lorene and I helped served ice cream, but we didn't eat any. Rex brought Wayne home with him while he brought Donna home, and then to took him back to Ruth's. They sang my Jubilee song tonight and Wayne told some of his experiences. We surely had a nice time. Blanche insisted on me reading the poem I wrote a few years ago to Hattie.

Poem for Wayne Strong

by Elvie Renshaw

*Wayne, I was asked to write a sonnet,
Or something of the sort
To bid you welcome in our midst,
Since landing in our port.*

*It's nigh on to three years past,
Since we last beheld your grace,
And we don't mind telling you, "old dear",
It's good to see your smiling face.*

*Your relatives have gathered here,
Some are thin and some are fat
But nevertheless, they're proud of you,
Now what do you think of that?*

*Before he left us, this fair lad,
Knew not of such joys or woes
Surely, he thought the world was round,
But now, "By Gosh" he KNOWS.*

*For didn't he, some three years ago,
Bid the statue of Liberty fond adieu
And set forth upon the old Atlantic
To sail the ocean blue?*

*Yes, he just kept right on going,
Farther away from that old shore
And landed in far-a-way South Africa,
Preached the Gospel, then trav'led some more.*

*He visited the oldest bank in the world,
Saw where Christopher Columbus was born,
Walked on streets narrow enough to span,
In Genoa, a land so foreign.*

*So many interesting sights he saw,
There's a famous old cemetery
Where folks marvel as they behold,
The life like statuary.*

*Still on and on to Switzerland,
This same fair lad did go
Saw mountain peaks, and glaciers,
Enjoyed paddling in the snow.*

*Then came Germany and France,
To describe this trip is vain
But it's thrilling just to know he saw
A bull fight, in old Barcelona, Spain.*

*Ah! The beautiful city of Nice,
And Monte Carlo's famous gambling resort,
What's this we hear, you didn't go inside?
Oh, so they thought you too young for the sort.*

*Now on to Venice, the City without streets,
In a gondola, gliding in the breeze,
And the famous old art galleries of Florence,
Which he wandered through at ease.*

*Visited the old leaning tower of Pisa,
And walked in the streets of Rome,
Beheld Saint Peter's Cathedral,
On this wonderful journey home.*

*Then on his way to Palestine,
Traveling through Turkey and Greece
He beheld the Sultan's barem,
Will wonders ever cease?*

*He saw the Sultan's palace
And precious gems, we're told,
Diamonds, emeralds, sapphires,
And things made of pure gold.*

*From Palestine on into Egypt,
Where sphinx, and giant pyramids stand,
In Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus,
Old Jerusalem, the Holy Land.*

*He even rode on a camel,
And visited old King Tut's tomb,
Saw the Red Sea, and Mt. of Olives,
Sometimes traveling by light of moon.*

*Some things he'll have to tell us,
Of Arabia and India too,
From there he journeyed onward,
'till China and Japan came into view.*

*All the time he was getting nearer,
To our dear old Pacific coast,
Then came word, "He is in Hawaii"
And we felt that we could boast.*

*For we knew he'd arrive here safely,
Yes this very self same lad
And after kissing his mother and sister,
Sure, he'd ask all about his Dad.*

*Boy, your journey's nearly over,
Only one short trip to make,
Back to the dear old "Mountain home"
In the Valley by the Great Salt Lake.*

*Well, I started out to write a sonnet,
But it seems I've got past control
After all this lengthy reading,
Guess we'd better just call the roll.*

Read at the Strong meeting July 13, 1935

July 14, Sunday

Stake conference, and we didn't go to the morning session. Donna was so worn out she had to rest. Louis didn't want to get up so I had to stay home. June was disappointed, too. She had words with Mrs. Thomas this morning over the kiddies. I'd hate to get mixed up with her, what a woman! We've had more surprises this summer, about 12:30 noon Ralph Keller came to our door, he was so grown up I didn't know him until he smiled, and then I could see he looked like Lillian and Babe, so guessed who he was. He was tired out from riding all night from Arizona. After lunch he took a bath and went to bed. Donna and Rex went to see Fred and Vera and the new baby, and then they went to the evening session of conference. Rex and Wayne talked until three o'clock this morning. Wayne and Aunt Ida are leaving for Salt Lake this evening. We took June, Bobby, and Ralph to the evening session of conference. Very good meeting. President Grant and J. Rueben Clark had left for home, sorry. June treated to popcorn, so good.

July 15, Monday

I washed, boy it has been hot today. Ralph went uptown this a.m. The Andersen family called in and I rode over to Sue's with them. Beverly and Shirley are all excited over their coming trip to Violet's mountain home. Bette is already there, she went back with Violet. Bill waited while I got some groceries at Boy's Market. He got some things at the government relief station for strikers. Oh, Oh, if Miss Peterson only knew there are four fellows sleeping and eating in the little house, when she rented it to one, and she's paying gas, light, and water this time. I'll not say anything; it's not my business, anyway. Donna and Lillian Stead sang for the officers meeting tonight at the Bishop's. President Cannon didn't come, so they were all disappointed. Tonight we watched the eclipse of the moon; it started about 8:08 p.m. It was interesting and was a total eclipse. We took a little ride, bought boric acid at drug store for Ralph's eyes. Louis and Ralph ate [chocolate] bar and drank root beer. We called in Annie's tonight, too. Frances Helman left for Salt Lake today.

July 16, Tuesday

Donna's day off, and oh, another hot day. Ralph went uptown again this morning to see if Mr. Cooker had found a ride to Salt Lake for him. I washed some of Donna's clothes while she ironed the things I washed yesterday. Ralph came home in time to eat lunch with Donna and me. After lunch he and Donna walked down to Highland Park to the bank. Donna opened a bank account for Rex, just a start towards



*Louise and Ralph Keller, circa 1928.
Ralph was 17 years old when he visited
the Renshaw's in 1935.*

“the big day” in October. Donna treated to ice cream and they came home. Ernie and Elaine came over this afternoon; they wanted the recipe that Uncle Frank gave us for the eyes. Elaine looks so sweet now days; she'll be a little mother in the fall. How times do change things. Louis took us to the beach when he got home from work. Ralph called on his boyfriend, and then he had a swim. We ate in a little café in Ocean Park. Enjoyed the beach this evening. Donna ate dinner at Marshes' with Rex and Ruthie. Br. and Sr. Marsh ate out somewhere.

July 17, Wednesday

I gave the flowers and lawn a good soaking this a.m. Ralph roamed all around the Highlands today, over to where they lived a few years ago, on South Avenue 63, they spent the summer there, to get out of the Arizona heat. Annie called for me to go to Relief Society. I wasn't ready, so they took Sr. Treu over. Beverly

came back for me at 11 a.m. We worked all day on a quilt for Frances Kerner. It was quite warm. We were all tired out when we got through at 5 p.m. We enjoyed cantaloupe and ice cream at lunch time. Some didn't feel satisfied, so we had bread and butter and jam after. Sue went to the doctor to have more teeth out. They are nearly all out now and she surely doesn't make much fuss about it. I never saw the likes of her! Louis took Ralph to the hospital with him tonight, to singing practice; they saw the races from a man's yard after. Donna went to bed early; I worked on a corner of her dinner cloth in black and white. It's going to be very pretty.

July 18, Thursday

Ralph left this morning without saying a word about leaving. I do hope the lad will have good luck thumbing a ride to Salt Lake. I'd feel so much better if I only knew he had a sure way to get there. Well, he's got the nerve to try. I wish he'd stayed with us a while longer, we all enjoyed having him, he's a sweet kid and no bother at all, but he was anxious to be in Salt Lake by the 24th of July, so nothing could hold him. I guess he didn't dare tell me his plans for fear I'd try to stop him. His shirt and sox are still here. I darned the sox and ironed the shirt, he went while I was out watering the lawn. Rex, Donna, and I went over to Boy's to get a watermelon. We called in Doris Putnam's for shoe cleaner she'd bought uptown for Donna. We stopped in Annie's to kiss Beverly and Shirley goodbye. They leave on the eleven o'clock bus for Violet's. Shirley came over to say goodbye to me this afternoon, bless her ole heart. Elaine walked over to get Shirley later.

No. 7 Let the Little Children Come.

EMILY HILL WOODMANSEE.

J. J. DAYNES

1. Fav-ored lit-tle ones were they— Who, to-wards him
2. Je-sus claims the chil-dren love; Je-sus loves them

rit.
Je-sus drew! Who with-in His arms he took—
as of old! Je-sus calls from heavn a-hove—

a tempo
Just as lov-ing par-ents do; Christ the Lord "Our
"Feed my lambs" and guard the fold; When the lit-tle

liv-ing head" This, of lit-tle chil-dren said—
chil-dren pray— Je-sus, is not far a-way!

Let the Little Children Come.

rit. *a tempo*
"Such, shall of My king-dom be Suf-fer them to come to me."
Je-sus, wants the chil-dren near, List-en to His words so clear.

CHORUS
List-en! to the Sav-ior's plea, Let the chil-dren
come to me; Let the lit-tle chil-dren come,
Come to me, come to me, Let the lit-tle
chil-dren come, Come to me, come to me.

July 19, Friday

I wonder where Ralph is now, I'll be happy to know he's okay. Louis got a letter from Lillian this morning. She sent \$5.00 for Louis to try and find a way to Salt Lake for him. If he'd only waited a day longer. Lillian also enclosed a letter to Ralph in Louis's letter. I'll send his letter to Salt Lake, in care of Grama. I'll have to send his shirt and sox, too. We will send the \$5.00 back to Lillian as she didn't want him to have it for spending money. I worked five hours today, embroidering one corner on Donna's dinner cloth. It's going to be beautiful in the black and white. Annie, Bill, Glen, and baby came just as I was going to Boy's Market. They brought us some rye bread, also brought the vacuum back. Bill took me to the market, nice, eh? Donna and Rex went over to Franklin High to see the S.E.R.A. play. The Andersen family spent the evening with us. Bill helped Louis take the rear end of our Ford down.

July 20, Saturday

Bill came over this morning. He and Louis worked all day fixing the rear end of our Ford. They got it back together this evening about 5 o'clock. After all that work, the noise that's been bothering Louis so much lately, is still there. He feels disappointed and low tonight, can't blame him. Donna brought a big birthday cake home for Doris. Her mother had an order for it in her little bakery. Doris was sick and didn't work, or it was her day off. Rex brought Donna home, he ate dinner with us. Louis and I went shopping for our groceries

tonight, also in the drug store for face powder. I wish Rex could get rid of his cold. He's had it such a long time. I don't like his cough. Donna worries about his cough, too.

July 21, Sunday

Our Sunday School children were just grand today. I surely enjoyed giving the lesson. We tried a new Primary song in our singing practice this morning, too, and they seemed to like it, also. It is a very lovely song, "Let the Little Ones Come." The trio came this afternoon to practice songs. Wilshire Ward wants them to sing two numbers in their Sunday School during the passing of the sacrament next month. Louis asked them to sing in our church meeting tonight. They sang two numbers, it was lovely. One during the passing of the water, and then just before Br. Dewsnip spoke. He gave a very fine talk, too. Marion Christenson came to Sunday School this a.m. She came here to visit her folks for one day. She had boots and breeches on. She is thin, hardly looks like the same girl. She asked the Bishop, just before church tonight, for money to get back to her husband in Nevada. Oh, I wonder?? Poor girl.

July 22, Monday

I'm glad the weather is cooler again. I did some washing, and then went to the post office to mail a letter to Lillian. I received a card from Elsie, so sorry to hear that Dad is out of work again. I deposited some money in the bank for Rex

today. Gosh, the boys brought a cat home today, now Dickey will have to stay in our house all day. Darn—Louis got a step ladder and got the little birds out of the nest to show Mrs. Downs and Gladys. Oh, I wish he'd let them alone, the poor mother and father are so upset about it, they, the little ones, can almost fly now. I hope the cats won't get them, they are surely cute, but why can't people leave them alone?? Rex got up to look at them the other day, but he didn't take them out of the nest. Louis and I went over to pay the rent tonight. We called in to give the Bishop some money, too. Brought some popcorn home. Rex was leaving. We went to Pasadena after work this afternoon to make a payment on Louis' suit.

July 23, Tuesday

Washed my hair this a.m. and wrote a letter to Grama Renshaw. I was so tickled when the mailman brought me a card from Ralph, he is in Salt Lake. It surely is a relief to know he got there okay. I sent a card in answer to Elsie's card, too. Blanche sent me a little letter telling about her wedding 25 years ago. I'm to write a poem to be read at the silver wedding anniversary party they are giving next month. Oh, dear, surely hope I can do it okay. I haven't heard the baby birds all day, I wonder if the mother moved them away, or where they are. Dear me, I wish folks wouldn't bother them so much. Bill brought the baby over in his buggy this afternoon. He's growing so fast, the little dear. I went to the post office and mailed Ralph's shirt and sox. I enjoyed a cold drink of buttermilk in the delicatessen. Put Donna's hair up in curls tonight, and crocheted on her dresser

scarf. Rex and Donna enjoyed tiny pictures reflected in her diamond. They decided to go to M Men and Gleaner dance. The dance is tomorrow nite, Donna wanted to go, Rex didn't.



Donna Lillian Renshaw

July 24, Wednesday

I finished the other half of the washing and went uptown. I walked all over trying to find a house dress, I liked for a dollar. There are lots of them, but I wouldn't have any I tried on. I bought some new curtains for Donna's room, green net panels with fringe, and then I came home tired out, had to prepare dinner and bring the clothes in from the lines. I didn't feel much like going to a dance tonight. Donna bought herself a cute cotton dress in Highland Park, green flowered. Louis went up for Ann Madsen this evening, she had promised to go down to the hospital with him to a singing practice, she wasn't home, so he came back for Donna and she was in the tub, he had to go without the pianist he'd promised to bring. I was sorry about it, surely wished I could play then. June let me wear her new house dress to

the dance. She even pressed Donna's and the one I wore. I was bored at dance tonight, all young kids and I was tired.

July 25, Thursday

I had another wash day, third one this week. It was bed spreads, boudoir pillow, and Donna's boudoir doll clothes. I also tinted her satin bed spread and pillow. They look like new again. My rose cotton spread is starting to wear out now, am surprised to find the satin one wearing the



Rex Marsh and Donna Renshaw in 1934.

best. We bought them the same time. The new green net curtains look pretty in Donna's room, too. I was too tired to finish all the woodwork; it'll have to wait until I get rested now. We were all tired tonight; Donna went to bed about 7:30. Louis and I went over to see how Lorene was feeling. The doctor put her on buttermilk for a few days. She looks better now. I hope she'll get well soon. Charles did the washing this week, she told me about it. Sue and Al and Annie were over to Lorene's, also. June is surely tickled, they bought an overstuffed set today, three pieces, I'm glad, too, they do need it.

July 26, Friday

I gave the lawn and flowers a good watering this morning. Boy, I had a bad cramp in my leg this morning about 4 a.m., had to wake Louis up to help me. I've had a lot of them lately, but not as bad as this one, can't seem to get over it today.

I had a strange experience this a.m. about eight o'clock, it felt just like I was going to lose the use of my limbs. Oh, what a life, I worked too hard yesterday, I guess. This afternoon I felt a lot better, so I did the ironing. Annie and Bill brought the baby over this afternoon, he is surely a darling. Donna and Lillian Stead were here practicing songs. Lillian Stead ate dinner with us, her folks were at Inglewood for the weekend, she took John Treu to the stake Leap Year Dance tonight. Bill and Annie took me shopping at The Rose Market with them. I bought some very fine golden bantam corn. We surely did enjoy it. Rex, Donna, and I went to the Franklin High School to see three one act plays. They were all good. Louis took the rear end of his car down tonight.

July 27, Saturday

I washed Donna's uniform and a few other things. She helped me finish up the work, and then we left for town, about 11:20. Louis' friend, who used to work at Fords when he did, came over this morning to see if he could help him find the trouble in his car. He told him what he thought was wrong and Louis bought more new parts and worked all day again. Well, there was another disappointment when the job was finished. The same old knock is still to be heard. Louis and Bill worked all last Saturday on the thing, too. Donna and I shopped, she bought Rex's birthday gifts, two nice white Arrow shirts, a white silk tie, two pair of pajamas, blue and tan, two linen hankies, and some shaving cream and lotion. We enjoyed a show after she got through buying. Oh, yes, we forgot to tell our men folks anything about the show, maybe later?? Why upset things, bless their hearts. Donna bought some blue silk pajamas for herself, Japanese. P.S. I'm sorry we had to miss the pioneer celebration today in Inglewood. The Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir sang last night, and they had a church pioneer play tonight. Louis fixed some light plugs for June today, also.

July 28, Sunday

The Marsh family invited us to dinner today, but Louis wouldn't go. I'd love to have gone, but stayed home with Louis. Rex felt hurt, I'm so sorry about that. It was real hot in Sunday School today, I felt sorry for the children. There was a big brush fire on the hills back of Sycamore Grove this afternoon. Louis and I watched it from our front porch. Donna went to Marshes' for dinner. Louis treated me to a milk shake this afternoon, it was really good, pineapple. Donna and Rex brought Fred, Vera, and baby John Chandler, over this afternoon. He is a cute little fellow. They all went

over to Vera's. Louis and I went to church this evening. Bill asked me to sit with his two cousins who were visiting our ward. Annie didn't come tonight, so I tried to make them feel at home. They were brother and sister, I think. After church we took June and Bobby for a ride. Louis called on his old friend, Lavel Kimble Scott. We sat out in the car while he talked to her in her little store.

July 29, Monday

I outlined the incidents of Blanche's wedding this morning, from the letter she sent me. She asked me to compose a poem to be read at her Silver Wedding Anniversary, August 31. They were married 25 years ago, September first, but that comes on a Sunday. I had too many wash days last week, I can rest until the end of this week, I guess. Annie and Bill brought their darling babe over, I do surely love that little fellow, and he's so sweet. They gave me a can of government relief beef and some beets and turnips, nice of them, eh? I hope Bill finds a job soon, poor fellow. I finished my darning, and did some crocheting for Donna. Rex called for her after work, he took her to his house for dinner, it is his birthday today. We didn't know she was at Marshes' so worried until Lillian Stead told us when we went down there to ask about her. Donna gave Rex his gifts Saturday evening. Louis and I rode over to see how Lorene was feeling. She says she feels better today, but I can see she's getting so thin.

July 30, Tuesday

I worked on Blanche's "Silver Wedding" poem, did six verses, but am not just satisfied; I will have to work it over again when I feel better. It was a real warm day. One of the boys moved away from the little house yesterday. Three living there now. The two brothers both got laid off at Boy's Market a few days ago. Now only one boy is working. I don't think they'll be here very long. They wouldn't last at all if Miss Peterson knew how many were living there. June washed Louis's underwear in her washer today, nice neighbor, eh? We all went to bed early.

July 31, Wednesday

We still have four boys living in the little rear house. John took in a new boy, a very young lad, blonde, looks about 17 years old. Miss Peterson will surely be down on me for not telling her, but I do hate to get them into trouble, especially when they are out of work and down. Mrs. Downs say she'll tell if she gets a chance, they are noisy, and go in and out with only shorts on. I don't like it either. The girls they bring are dressed in shorts and a kerchief top, What a life! I worked on Blanche's poem most of the day, goodness! I'll be happy when it is finished. Louis did the shopping at Boy's Market this afternoon for me. I wasn't well enough to walk over and carry the things home. Tonight we all went over to Ebell hall to hear a lecture, and see slide pictures of Old Mexico, and South America, it was interesting.

August 1, Thursday

Another July has passed, how time flies. I cleaned through the house good today. Annie will use the vacuum tomorrow, and I can go over things a bit on Saturday. I couldn't get

KHJ this a.m., so heard my story over June's radio. I was glad to find out the trouble wasn't in our radio, it was KHJ. Mrs. Downs couldn't get it either, it came on the air just after I went over to June's, she said. I worked a few hours on Blanche's poem today, I'll surely be glad when it's finished. I went to bed early tonight, had bad pains in my head. I was also suffering with asthma and gas. Surely felt ill. Donna and Rex went to Highland show to see "Les Miserables."



From the 1935 movie *Les Miserables*

August 2, Friday

It was Donna's day off. I washed this morning, I haven't been well enough to do it before this week. I shampooed Donna's hair, she put the wave in and I put it up in little curls. Bill and Glen brought the baby over this morning when they came for the vacuum. Oh, that baby is cute, he's just crazy about his Daddy, too. He makes a big fuss when he thinks Bill is going without him, he says "Da, Da" now. The little dear is surely a blessing in that home, they all love him, so, me too. It has been such a pleasant day, not at all too warm. Donna cleaned out her cedar chest and clothes closet. I gave several of her dresses to Mrs. Roose for her girls. Mrs. Roose was visiting with Mrs. Downs. She seemed happy to get them, her husband is out of work. Tonight we went over to Franklin High School to see a play "The Master Builder," very deep, but had a good moral. I crocheted while waiting for the play. We sat by Sr. Stead and Lillian. Sue was there with Lorene, Charles, and Mary. Donna and Rex sat near them. Annie and family called in this evening.

August 3, Saturday

Donna insisted that I stay in bed this morning cause I haven't been well. I had asthma last night, but I slept good, so I got up and fixed her breakfast and lunch. I can't seem to get over the asthma this time, it's been giving me trouble for months off and on. Oh, dear, I don't want to have it like some poor folks do. Louis rode up to see how John and Br. Picket and Br. Egan were coming with Florence's new home. Br. Picket asked John to have Louis help him today, so John gave him work this afternoon, he also said he could work up there on his days off, they will be Thursdays and Fridays for a while, so that will help us out a whole lot. Louis was tickled as a child with a new toy, to be doing his own beloved carpenter work again. After we'd had our dinner this evening we went out car hunting with Rex and Donna in our Ford. We didn't find anything worth buying for their price. I wish I could give them a nice new car. Oh, dear! Donna treated to some good popcorn, Rex treated to ice cream cones. June's new overstuff came today.

August 4, Sunday

Louis had to work at the hospital today. I fried two rabbits this morning and slowly baked them for an hour. Boy, they were delicious at dinner. Donna, Rex, and I ate dinner here, Louis enjoyed his after work this afternoon. Elaine

and Ernie spent the afternoon over here. We enjoyed their company. Sr. Stead called to invite me to a stork shower on Sr. Carter, she wanted to have the party here, but decided they better find a little larger home, so they are going to use Sr. Hansen's home. Sr. Van Essen is helping Sr. Stead give the shower. Donna and Rex went over to Elaine's after church. Louis and I had a nice ride before coming home. Melvin Peterson sang for us in church tonight. Donna played for one of his numbers. Sr. Marsh and Florence are giving a shower on the 19th of August.

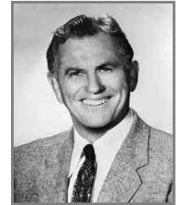
August 5, Monday

Sr. Stead called in this morning, she's been over to see Sr. Treu about the stork shower for Sr. Carter. We had a nice visit. I worked most of the day on Blanche's wedding poem, boy it's a big job. I finished another one of Donna's dinner napkins. After work, Louis and Charles rode over to El Soreno. Charles wanted to look at a house and Louis wanted to see a man about fixing his Ford. Annie and Bill brought the baby over for a visit, he's such a darling I got a nice letter from Beverly and a card from Hattie today. This evening Donna and Rex went to hear a lecture in the Trinity Auditorium, given by Paul C. Bragg, on health. They took the Ford. Louis fixed his steel tape, and painted the hall floor tonight. Paul Bailey asked me to help with the little ward bulletin again. I tried to get out of it, oh dear, I don't like that job. I talked to him in church yesterday.

August 6, Tuesday

Donna and Rex were thrilled with Mr. Bragg's lecture on health, they want to hear them all now, and want me to go, too. Oh! Oh! What'll I give them to eat now, so they will enjoy it??? Well, they'll be able to work it out for themselves soon. I'm surely glad it's good health they are after, and hope they have the key to it. I worked for several hours on Blanche's wedding poem, I'll surely be happy when it is finished. I'm only half through, and got about thirty verses written, it's the biggest job I ever undertook. Louis has been working over in the Old Hospital today. Sr. Marsh saw that he got some good food to eat, he wasn't a bit hungry at dinner time. Donna tried so hard to get her Daddy to go to the lecture tonight, but nothing doing. I went with them and enjoyed it. He gave a demonstration he called, "The Death Dinner." We stopped in Boy's Market on way home. Rex bought a vegetable and herb laxative from Mr. Bragg. Donna and I tried it tonight.

Who was Paul C. Bragg?



Born as Paul Chappius Bragg, Bragg claimed he was born in 1881 in Fairfax County, Virginia, but genealogical research indicates he was born on February 6, 1895 in Batesville, Indiana. . .

Bragg grew up in Washington, D.C., with his parents, Robert Elton Bragg and Caroline (Chappius) Bragg. He had two brothers, James Elton and John Harrison Bragg. His father was employed by the U.S. Printing Office. . . . However, in the 1972 Edition of the Bragg Apple Cider Vinegar System booklet, at page 12, and in later editions, Bragg claimed both that his father was "a splendid farmer" and that "I am the oldest of 16 children." . . .

Although Paul Bragg had claimed participation in both the 1908 and 1912 Olympics as a member of the U.S. Wrestling Team, the "Encyclopedia of American Wrestling" does not show any such person as a member in either year.

In 1915 Bragg married Neva Parnin at the Chapel of St. Barnabas in New York City. They moved to Indianapolis, where Bragg became an agent with The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Several years later, Bragg returned to the East Coast and was employed by various YMCAs & school districts in physical or athletic director capacities, his last known position before moving to California being football coach for the 1920 season at Connersville High School, Connersville, PA. . . .

In 1921 Bragg and his family, now also including two young daughters, Neva Pauline/Polly and Lorraine Agnes Bragg, . . . came to California, where Paul was again employed by the YMCA. . . . Son, Robert Elton, was born in Los Angeles County on March 25, 1922. It is unknown how long Bragg stayed with the Los Angeles "Y," but in 1924 he was a physical education teacher at Redondo Union High School, Redondo Beach, CA. . . .

Circa 1926, Paul Bragg apparently left paid employment and became an entrepreneur in the health field, first by opening an establishment on N. 7th Street, Los Angeles, called "Health Center of Los Angeles" and then, in 1928, "Bragg Health Center" on South Hill Street, Los Angeles. Likely to publicize these businesses, he also wrote a weekly health column (in the early days they were "advertorials") in The Los Angeles Times from 1926 to 1928 which he sometimes called "Newslets" and other times "Health Notes." The health services that business endeavors offered are described in the advertorials and columns.

1929 was the beginning of Paul Bragg's health lecture tours where he went to various American cities . . . rented a facility, advertised heavily, and then gave a series of lectures—usually over a period of five or six consecutive evenings. His lectures were free, but he did charge a fee for post-lecture private consultation.

1929 was also the copyright year of the first health book attributed to Paul Bragg as author, "Cure Yourself." Since book stores or book departments in retail stores in that era were usually only accessible in the more highly populated areas, another purpose of Bragg's lecture tours was most likely to promote and sell his books. . . .

Although Bragg claimed advanced scientific degrees in newspaper and magazine interviews, including, but not limited to, his 1975 *People* magazine article, it is unknown if these claims are accurate. The most recently released 1940 Federal Census, showing him living on National Avenue in Burbank, California, gives his age as "45" and the highest attained academic grade for him as "H1", which would be only one year of high school. None of the known Bragg books refers to any specific educational accomplishments, although a 1977 publication "The Shocking Truth about Water" he co-authored with Patricia Bragg appends the titles of N.D. and Ph.D. behind his name.

Bragg advocated using deep breathing, water fasts, organic foods, drinking distilled water, juicing, exercise, listening to one's body and many other techniques as methods of prolonging life span. Until he died at a claimed age of 95, but believed to be actually 81, he claimed that every human being could, at least in theory, live to 120 by following his regimen.

Bragg was the inspiration and personal health and fitness advisor to top Olympic stars. . . . and Jack LaLanne, the original TV Fitness King said, "Bragg saved my life at age 15 when I attended the Bragg Crusade in Oakland, California."

Paul Bragg also wrote many successful books, such as "The Miracle of Fasting," as well as the "Live Food Cook Book and Menus." Bragg was reported to have died of a heart attack in the emergency room of South Shore Hospital in Miami, Florida, on December 7, 1976.

-Wikipedia

August 7, Wednesday

My okay laxative got me up about 5 a.m. and he [Paul C. Bragg] called it mild! Oh me, I'd surely hate to try one any stronger. Sr. Tacy came over with Sr. Stead yesterday afternoon, she brought Donna's certificate of graduation from the Primary. She's had it all these years. Since November 16, 1930. The lady brought my box of silk hose, \$2.25 for three pair. They are very nice and I surely need them. I got a card from Bette, the dear child, she's such a sweet little lady. We miss them all. Beverly, Shirley, and Bette all visiting Aunt Violet in the Charleston Mountains in Nevada. Louis got paid today. We didn't go pay the rent tonight cause we wanted Donna and Rex to use the Ford to go downtown to their last lecture given by Paul C. Bragg. Louis and I went to bed early.

August 8, Thursday

Donna was very happy this morning singing all the while she got ready for work. I hope she'll be as happy tonight. It was a lovely morning, but hot day. Louis went over to work for John Marsh on Florence's new house. He'll be happy at this beloved job. I cleaned the house up good and wrote Bette a card and Beverly a letter. I also sent Shirley some pennies for her birthday, 36¢, pasted on a card. Annie, Bill, and boys came while I was writing to Beverly. Annie wrote a page to her, too. I took care of Dale while they went to Boy's Market; they bought groceries for me, also. Dale had a good time standing in my sink with the water running, he's so cute. Donna was too tired to go over to see the play at Franklin High tonight. Louis didn't want to go so Rex and I went. It was the best one yet, "He Knows His Onions," comedy. Louis went over to pay the rent, he spent the evening with Hills. Donna entertained the Clayton family.

August 9, Friday

Another hot day, I washed and walked to Highland Park. I bought a house dress for me, brown and white, \$1.00, very nice. I also bought things for dinner and was all in carrying the things home in the heat. Louis was very tired tonight, too. He worked until 4 p.m. They worked until six o'clock yesterday, but he was glad to quit at four today. Bishop came over for Louis this evening, he wanted him to help him administer to Elaine, she's had little pains all day. I surely hope she'll be able to carry her baby its full time. She has a month to go yet. Donna and Rex went to see the opera, "Martha," with Ed and Heber [Robinson] in it. Sue and



Al went, too. Ed gave them complimentary tickets. Annie had her permanent wave today. Sue paid for it, she gave Annie some silk for a dress and some clothes for Dale, nice of her. We stayed with Elaine until Sue and Al came, so Annie could go put the baby to bed.

August 10, Saturday

I hurried through the work this a.m. and took Rex's check to the bank for him. Boy, it's surely hot. I hope this weather doesn't last long. I got a cute little letter from Louise Keller,

it must be hot over there in Arizona, poor child, I wish she could visit us for a change. It's not as hot here anyway. Louis worked at the hospital today. Rex ate dinner with us this evening, he brought Donna home from work, tonight was the night they were going to have dinner over to Elaine's and go to a show after, as Ernie's guests, but Elaine being sick "knocked that." I did the dinner dishes while Donna and Rex went over to see how Elaine was feeling. When they came back we went in our car to look at cars for Rex and Donna. They almost decided on a 1926 Chrysler, \$95.00, came home without buying.

August 11, Sunday

Louis worked at hospital again today. Rex slept here last night, he and Donna got up early and drove Louis to work so Donna could use the car today. I missed Sr. Bishop in our Sunday School class, the children were rather restless, it was so hot, anyway. Donna, Lillian, and Myrtle sang two numbers in the Wilshire Ward Sunday School this morning. Donna drove them there in our car. Harold Stead lead our Sunday School singing, very well. Sr. Marsh had Rex come over to the house to get me; she insisted that I go to her place for dinner. We had a lovely chicken dinner, they fixed some dinner for Louis after work, too. Rex and Donna went out and bought the Chrysler car they looked at last night, \$95.00, he gave them \$15.00 on the old Nash. I hope it will work as good as it looks. We all went to church, Dee Sharp was released from the Mutual, Paul Bailey put in his place, Howard Hansen his first counselor. Ruth B. Kitchens and Sr. Heart were put in as Sr. Marsh's counselors. I'll have to fix things up with Bobby. He says he's not going to Sunday School anymore. Jay Shupe [Jay Berkley Shupe] tried to choke him. Such kids! It happened before Sunday School started, while I was in prayer meeting.



1926 Imperial Chrysler
This may not have been the model that Rex bought
but it is the brand and year.

August 12, Monday

We enjoyed cooler weather today. I forgot to say the trio sang in our meeting last night, it was good. They sang two numbers. I ironed the things I'd washed last Friday, and went uptown to look at the big sale at May Company on winter coats. I met Sue and June up there. They went to get a shower present for Donna. Lorene, Sue, Annie, and June bought her a beautiful lace bedspread, isn't that grand? Gee, I hope she doesn't look in my diary. We met Sr. Marsh

and Florence, buying things for the shower, too. Donna came down after work, she and I both picked out our coats. We paid \$3.00 on each to hold them until October. Mine is black with gray wolf collar. Donna's is dark green with gray "tuna fox" collar, \$15.00 each. Louis and I took a ride in Rex's new car to Annie's, she wasn't home.

August 13, Tuesday

We had a surprise from the weather today, real thunder, and a nice shower. It made things cool this morning, but the old sun got busy this afternoon. I did my washing today. If I had only known what my husband was planning, I'd have waited a few days. He got off half a day to vote, they always give the employees time off to vote. What did he do but go to the Eastern and buy a washing machine, we'll be in debt again, but I'll surely be tickled to get out of all the rubbing, scrubbing, it was just about getting me down. We'll pay for it somehow I guess. The boys in the rear had a lady come and do their washing and house cleaning today. Louis and I rode over to Annie's after dinner. Louis helped Bill fix his fender. Poor Bill took a long hike with the kids today, he can hardly walk. Rex brought Louis's check up tonight. I got a letter from Beverly, and one from Bette, and a card from Shirley. We brought Dale home with us this evening, he cried so hard we had to take him right back. Donna went to Mutual meeting at Marshes'.

August 14, Wednesday

Mrs. Downs found a house on Ash Street and Avenue 54, rented it, they are moving out sometime this week. I hate to see them move away, cause they are very good neighbors, but I'm glad they can better conditions for themselves. I went over to Sr. Hansen's home this morning to help quilt on a beautiful silk taffeta quilt. I'm so thrilled about it, because it's for Donna. Sr. Hansen and her four daughters are giving it to her for a shower gift at Marshes' next Monday night. It is lovely! Grace Hill, Annie, Sue, Sr. Hansen, Zelda, and I did the

Will Rogers

Will Rogers, died in a 1935 plane crash with his best friend, Wylie Post.

He was the "most popular and highest paid actor in Hollywood" in early 1930s. At his untimely death in a plane crash in 1935, Will Rogers' ranch consisted of a 31-room ranch house, a stable, corrals, riding ring, roping arena, polo field, golf course, and hiking trails—in 1944, the ranch became Will Rogers State Historic Park, Pacific Palisades, near Santa Monica in Los Angeles County, California.

He gained world-wide fame as a columnist, philosopher, radio personality, rodeo and movie star, William Penn Adair Rogers (November 4, 1879 – August 15, 1935) an American cowboy, comedian, "political humorist."

Some of the humorous sayings of Will Rogers:

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

"When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra."

"Never miss a good chance to shut up."

"Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf."

"After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut."

"Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco."

"History has proven that there is nothing in the world as alike as two candidates. They look different till they get in, and then they all act the same."

"The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket."

"If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging."

"There are two theories to arguing with a woman: Neither works."

"Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved."

"Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it."

"The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for."

"You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks."

"One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young."

"Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable."

"If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old."

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quilting. We didn't quite finish it today so Sue and I are going back in the morning. It is pink on one side and blue on the other. The ward gave a weenie bake party in Arroyo Seco Canyon tonight. Donna and Rex went. June, Bobby, and I went to York show. Louis took us and called for us, but he didn't want to go. He didn't miss much; I was disappointed in the show. June paid my way, nice, eh?

August 15, Thursday

Sue and I went to Hansen's and finished the quilt. Zelda and Sr. Hansen quilted, too. It's just grand; I know Donna will love it. Donna went uptown to meet Helen, bakery friend, this morning. They looked at lace dresses, and lace material, for a wedding dress. Donna found one she liked in the Broadway Department Store. A white lace gown. It's a lovely thing, and she looks so sweet in it. She and Helen met me at two and took me to see the dress. She paid a deposit to hold it so now that is off her mind. Helen left us, and we went shopping for a fall dress for Donna. She bought a very pretty dark green one. She also bought black shoes. I bought stork shower gift for Mrs. Carter's shower. I also bought a Japanese kimono, silk crepe, dark blue, to take to Donna's shower at Marshes' Monday night. Donna and Lillian sang at a cottage meeting tonight. Bobby is visiting his Grama Hays. Louis worked on his car this a.m. and all afternoon he worked on Donna's radio. He got some wood down at Al's mill this morning. Louis sent the washer back when it came, wrong cycles.

August 16, Friday

I was shocked to hear over the radio this morning about eight o'clock, that Will Rogers, famous comedian, and Wiley Post, globe girdling flier, were killed when their plane crashed 15 miles south of Point Barrow, Alaska, about 8:18 last night. They were on a vacation trip. It is surely too bad. This country will miss them. Mrs. Downs moved away from our neighborhood, I feel badly

about that, too. I'll surely miss her. They tell me the place is rented already to a Mexican family, several children. Oh, oh! Louis worked on Florence's new home all day. Annie didn't send for the vacuum, I wonder? Well, I did my cleaning before going to Sr. Carter's stork shower at Hansen's. St. Stead and Sr. Van Essen gave it. Nice time and pretty gifts. We all went to the S.E.R.A. play at Franklin High. Very good. It surely was a sweet play tonight. "An Old, Old Lady," we enjoyed it so much. The orchestra was very good, too.

August 17, Saturday

It was nice and cool today. Louis worked at hospital, Donna at bakery. I ironed and cleaned house. Rex brought Donna home from work and ate dinner with us. After dinner Louis and I went downtown to see about changing washing machines. \$15.00 more, but I believe it's a better machine and our monthly payments are small, because we are getting it through the government housing plan, \$3.54 a month, not bad. I've got to wait another week for it, though, not so good. Donna and Rex went to a show uptown. June and Harold went to a dance at the Civic in Pasadena. Bobby is visiting his Grandmother Hays.

August 18, Sunday

Louis had to work, so I had to walk to Sunday School. Br. Snow picked June and me up near Stead's house. I didn't feel so well in Sunday School and kept getting worse, until Br. Keller brought me home. Arma Hill took my class. I was surely sorry to have to give up like that, but the weakness got me, so I couldn't stand up. I don't know what caused it, I had no pain, but I trembled so I could hardly control myself. I felt so weak and faint, too. I went to bed as soon as I got home and stayed there until Louis came from work, 4 p.m. Lorene, Charles, and Mary came in after Sunday School. Donna and Rex came, too, but I sent them to Marshes'. I felt lots better, and they'd planned to eat at Marshes' and take Sr. Marsh to Mutual union meeting. June kept an eye on me all day, sweet neighbor. Sue and Al called in this afternoon. Elaine and Ernie came over for a few minutes today. Louis and I went to church tonight. I felt better, but rather weak. I sat in a rocker in the Parlor with Annie and baby, and Sue.

August 19, Monday—Donna's First Shower

June was so overjoyed she wept on my shoulder this morning, she got a letter from her sister Ethel saying she and Byron and little daughter, were bringing Mother and Father Brown down for a visit. June was so thrilled and excited, she just had to cry. I'm so happy for her. June washed a few things for me with her washing. Louis took me to Highland Park this afternoon when he got home. We bought some knobs and parts for Donna's radio while we were there. Charles and Mary visited with Louis tonight while we were at the shower. Marshes' had lights out in their front yard, and card tables on the lawn. We played a game called "Wedding bells." The house was decorated very pretty with pink and white crepe paper and a big wedding bell. The table was lovely, too. Donna sat at the head, me on her right, and my sisters around the table. Sr. Treu and Sr. Robinson sat up at table, also. We had lovely homemade ice cream and cakes. After eating, she opened her gifts and they were all just grand. Donna drove June, Sue, Elaine, and me to the shower. Louis called for us; he took one load home, and then came back for us. Rex brought Donna home. Lovely shower.

Government Housing Plan

Historians identify eight major programs directly related to housing. Hoover created three of them in the last year of his presidency, in last-ditch efforts to induce recovery. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC) had the broadest mandate to inject capital into the economy, but its administrators frittered away their opportunity and scandalized the Hoover presidency by saving a few banks whose directors were associates of RFC directors. The New Deal, typically, invigorated these Hooverian programs, transforming them into potent instruments of massive, national relief and recovery. The eight major housing programs were:

1. Federal Home Loan Bank System (1932)—purchased mortgages from banks to stimulate home loans;
2. Reconstruction Finance Corporation (1932)—issued bonds to banks as the basis for banks to make mortgages;
3. Home Owner's Loan Corporation (HOLC) (1932; ceased taking loans in 1936)—refinanced home mortgages;
4. Farm Credit Administration (1934) and Farm Security Administration (1937);
5. National Housing Act (1934)—loans for modernization of existing housing, including appliance purchase, and for construction;
6. Reconstruction Finance Corporation's Mortgage Company (1935)—purchased FHA mortgages on individual homes and on large housing projects;
7. Wagner-Steagall Housing Act (1937)—established United States Housing Authority to loan housing construction funds to states and other governmental subdivisions for publicly owned and rent-subsidized housing projects;
8. Reconstruction Finance Corporation's Federal National Mortgage Association (1938)—bought mortgages on new homes and large housing projects and authorized after World War II to purchase Veterans Administration home loans.

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Donna Renshaw

August 20, Tuesday

Well, Donna's first shower is over, she is so thrilled over her gifts, they are surely lovely. Sr. Marsh and Florence went to a lot of work to have things nice. Everything was lovely. I've never seen such wonderful gifts at a shower. Donna is very lucky to have such nice "in-laws" and friends. June asked me to go to Highland Park with her this a.m. She bought a pretty tablecloth



Rex Marsh
Feelings hurt, wonder why?

to give her mother-in-law at her house warming tonight. I wrote a letter to Louise Keller, and cards to Beverly, Bette, Shirley, and Dolores. I mailed them while in the Park. Rex called for Donna after work, he brought all the shower gifts home, too. We wanted him to eat dinner with us and thought he was going to, but he stayed in the bathroom until we'd finished. I wonder what's wrong now?? I can't understand the lad sometimes; hope I didn't hurt his feelings. Donna surely felt hurt at him and he went home feeling bad, so sorry.

August 21, Wednesday

We got two wedding invitations for the same night. Blanche's silver anniversary and Volney Anderson's wedding. I'd like to go to both, I wonder?? Donna met Aunt Sue uptown at 2 p.m. Sue helped her shop. She bought white goods for a dress to wear in the temple, a cute flowered silk nightgown, and a lovely white satin slip, and made a deposit on a white satin nightgown. She also bought a dark red twin sweater set, very cute. She bought a gift for us to take to Grace Hansen's show next Monday, and paid \$3.00 on her wedding dress. I think she did quite well. I washed Donna's uniform and cap, and ironed them, and a few other things, too. I've just about finished Blanche's poem. Annie and Bill brought the baby over. Glen wanted to see Donna's shower gifts. Louis brought Mrs. Alness, or Walness (??) home while he got me, we went to Pasadena and paid for his suit, took her home first. I'm surely glad Louis' suit is paid up. He paid for a retread tire, too. I went with him to get it. We had a malted milk and sandwich at Jack's Place on York Boulevard. Bill has a job at last, I'm so glad. They drove me over to Sue's tonight. Rex didn't come up tonight, oh, oh!

August 22, Thursday

I guess my ice cream malt wasn't good for me. I had asthma most of the night and surely felt bad all morning. I curled the ends of June's hair for her this a.m. She went to Primary union meeting, as a substitute. She is not going to work in Primary this year. Oh, boy, it has been hot all day. Lucille Snow came over this afternoon to use the typewriter. I felt so sorry for her, after walking in the hot sun, she was about cooked. Donna had loaned the typewriter to Doris Putman, so of course Lucille couldn't use it. She rested here until Louis came home. The old asthma made me very unhappy for a while; it was bad enough to suffer the heat without asthma, too. I had to excuse myself from Lucille and inhale some asthma powder smoke. I did it in the garage, so the awful smell wouldn't be in the house. I felt much better after and showed Lucille Donna's shower gifts. Donna and Lillian sang at a cottage meeting tonight, and then Rex and Donna left and went out to see Lloyd Pack. He is going on a mission to Germany soon. They thought maybe he'd like to buy Rex's steamer trunk.

August 23, Friday

Donna brought some lovely big tomatoes home from Pack's place last night, also some lovely flowers. I felt a lot better today, cleaned the bedrooms. Charles brought Lorene over to visit with me this afternoon. We enjoyed the front porch in the breeze. I read Blanche's silver wedding poem to her.



"Modern Laundress"
for sale on eBay in
January 2014
for \$149.

My new washer came today. Modern Laundress. Louis and I did the washing this evening, after he got home from work, it surely is a treat not to rub on the old [wash] board. [Tonight] We did two weeks [worth of] washing, [because] I didn't do much washing while I was waiting for our washer to come. I embroidered a little pair of pongee silk rompers for Dale this morning. Glen did the art work, he drew a little rooster on the front of them and I embroidered it. Annie and Bill went to a church fund dinner at Scott's tonight. I went over to stay with Dale, but Glen took care of him mostly. Elaine and Ernie took me over to Annie's, Bill brought me home. I put Elaine's hair up in little curls tonight over at Annie's

August 24, Saturday

I walked to the post office to send money order to Salt Lake for insurance. On my way back I met Miss Peterson, she's been over for the rent, she brought me home and I paid her. She's found out about the boys living in the little rear house and has given them notice to move. I'm glad, but I do feel sorry for them, too. I hope they can find another place. June took Bobby to Dr. Gaspard today to see about the mucous in his nose. Our bird hasn't sung for over a month now, his new feathers are coming in now, hope he'll sing again soon. Donna went downtown after work to see about our coats. And pay for her white satin nightgown. Rex brought some oranges and made us some orange juice, he waited for Donna and ate with her. Louis worked on Florence's home today instead of the hospital. It rained tonight, but is still awfully hot. I brought home another pair of rompers to embroider for Dale, last night. June is very much upset cause the doctor is so concerned over Bobby's lungs. He had an x-ray picture taken of them, she'll hear more Monday.

August 25, Sunday

Rex called for Donna and me this morning, to take us to the nine o'clock local Sunday School board meeting. I wasn't feeling very well, but I'm so glad I went. The Bishop and Br. Gunn gave me a blessing. Oh, it was such a wonderful blessing, Al gave. I felt a lot better after, and got through my little class work very well, I felt weak, but had no pain at all. The children were very good to me and I surely do not deserve so many wonderful blessings. I ate dinner all alone again this Sunday, sorry Louis has Sunday work. I had Fred Reich's little 9 year old niece in my class today. She's a sweet girl, they are visiting from Arizona. Her father resembles Fred a little but much better looking. Rex and Donna ate with Louis this afternoon. Louis and I took a ride after church, enjoyed popcorn.

August 26, Monday

A big frog got run over by a car, or something this a.m., it crawled up to my front steps and died. I couldn't eat breakfast for thinking of that poor old fellow. There was blood all over the pavement, ugh! Glen called on me this a.m. I read him some of my poems. He is such a sweet kid. I ironed this afternoon, but couldn't finish it all, because my back and lungs hurt too much, after resting for a while I felt better. June feels better after seeing Bobby's x-ray picture, and talking to the doctor again. His lungs are weak, but no danger, if he will rest two hours a day. I was relieved too, I'm sure June will see that he gets his rest okay. We all went to Grace Hansen's Gleaner shower tonight. They had it at Marshes' this time. Donna took Sue, Annie, Lorene, and me in our car. We had nice time, she got some lovely gifts. Served Jell-O and cream and cakes.

August 27, Tuesday

I wrote a card to Glen Moose, and one to Violet and Dolores. Lucille Snow came over this morning to use Donna's typewriter. It rained this morning and last night. Nice and cool today. It was Donna's day off today, she slept with Ruthie last night, so she could take Rex to work this a.m., and then use his car to go over to Vera's today. Vera is going to make Donna's white dress to wear to into the temple. I finished my ironing this afternoon, Sr. Niles and I went block teaching. We got through in a short time, only three families to visit now. Louis started painting his car wheels this evening, green. Beverly, Bette, and Shirley came home this morning from their visit to Violet in Nevada. Ernie went to the station for them. Beverly brought Annie, Glen, Dale, Mary, and Lorene over this afternoon. They took me to Boy's Market.

August 28, Wednesday

Oh dear, this asthma, I haven't felt very well today. I finished Blanche's poem at last 68 verses. I curled June's hair on the irons, she helped serve at the ward dinner this evening. The elders are giving this dinner and dance for the building fund. Donna and Rex went over for dinner. Louis wouldn't go, so I went to bed disappointed. Louis got his own dinner when he finished painting. Grace Hansen was married tonight by Bishop Al. They had their bridal party at the ward house with the rest of the ward folks, at the dinner dance.

August 29, Thursday

I went uptown with Sue and the kiddies, Bette and Shirley. I called Annie before we left; she arranged to meet us at the May Company at noon. Sue bought four school dresses for Shirley and one for Bette; she also bought two for Dolores and two for Yvonne before we met Annie. Then we all went upstairs to buy wedding gifts. I sent a pretty crystal white vase to Volney Anderson and wife. Annie sent the creamer and sugar in same crystal. We picked out a pink crystal dish

for Lorene to send. Sue bought her gifts last week. Then we went to the silver ware downstairs and bought Blanche's silver wedding gifts. I sent a crystal relish tray with a silver stand. Annie and Lorene sent a lovely white crystal bowl, inlaid with silver. We left Sue and kiddies; she had shoes to buy for them. Annie and I ate lunch in May Company and came home. I sat over to June's tonight while she went to a show with Mrs. Sandra. John had no work for Louis today, but the man building in next lot, let him work for him, he told him he could work tomorrow, too. Also next week's day off. Beverly and Elise came this evening to see Donna's shower gifts.

August 30, Friday

I cleaned through the house today. Louis worked on the house next to Florence's. Rex met Donna after work and went uptown with her. She bought a little dress and slip to give Elaine for the "surprise baby shower" tonight. A few of the married Gleaners took gifts over to Elaine. I was too tired to go over to Sue's with Donna tonight. Rex ate dinner with us. Donna typed Blanche's poem for me before going over to Elaine's.

Elvie worked on the anniversary poem on nine different days, sometimes spending most of the day on the poem. When Blanche asked for the poem to be written, she probably had no idea of the big assignment she was giving to Elvie!



LaPriel Strong, Blanche & Bill Hoglund, Ernest Spiers, William and Clara Strong—circa 1919

August 31, Saturday—Blanche's Silver Wedding

I dyed my pink crepe dress this morning. It took a good even brown. I sewed some ecru pointed lace on the sleeves and collar. Beverly helped June today, she has so much work to do before her folks arrive next Monday and she needed help to get through. Br. Egan brought Louis check for his work on the house next to Florence's. This afternoon when he came from the hospital job we went to Highland Park shopping for Louis. Bought him two shirts, a tie, belt, suspenders, and two suits of underwear. I did a little shopping in Kress for silver ribbon, and some paper in White's store. Donna typed the poem over again and Rex fixed it in a booklet. Louis went over for Lorene and Charles, but they didn't feel like

going. Rex and Donna went with us. We tried to find the Angeles Mesa Presbyterian church to see Volney Anderson [*Son of Hazel Lillian Bailey*] and Edith Carr [*Edith Mildred Carr*] married, but we couldn't find it, so we went on to Blanche's. Donna read my poem lovely, they seemed well pleased with it. We had a lovely time, played wedding bells. Donna was bridesmaid and Rex was minister, in the mock wedding. I saw old friends and had lots of fun. There were four Bishops present. Bishop Allred, Bunker, Collins, and Hoglund. Also President Muir and wife.

September 1, Sunday

Rex took us to Sunday School, he slept here last night, Louis worked. I enjoyed my little class today, had 23 kiddies, I think. They were very good for a long fast day. Donna and Rex bought some vegetables for dinner, they helped me prepare dinner, too. We all went to Sunday School union meeting, but was late for the count, so sorry. I went in with kindergarten teachers; we didn't have a Primary class teacher today. My trip down didn't help me at all this time. It was Mutual conjoint tonight; we had a very wonderful meeting. Paul Bailey had his first experience as Mutual President. Florence Oates introduced the new slogan, she gave a fine talk. [1935-36 Slogan: *We stand for spirituality and happiness in the home.*] George Wilson gave a good talk, also. Lillian Stead and Louis sang a duet, very good. Patriarch George Bowles spoke, just grand. We brought June and Bobby home, she was tired out. Took a ride, enjoyed popcorn

September 2, Monday

Louis worked most of the day on his Ford, he painted it again, black. It looks like new. I ironed five of Harold's shirts and a night shirt, for June. Her folks came this evening; she has been busy working and cooking all day, looked so tired. Five of them all at once, Br. and Sr. Brown, [*David Robb Brown & Antonette Christensen Nielsen*] Ethel, [*Bryon's wife and older sister to June Ethel Brown*] Byron, [*Byron Ashman Strong, son of Uncle Art*] and Peggy. [*Margaret Jean Strong*] June is surely thrilled with their visit, though. Rex and Donna went uptown to a show, he slept here last night. Annie and Bill came this evening, they invited us to ride out to Clara's with them. [*Clara Andersen one of Bill's older sisters*] We called at York show for Beverly and Glen first. Clara is so thin now I hardly knew her. She surely has changed, looks more like Frances now, she's been very sick, too. [*Frances Marymadaline Andersen, Bill's oldest sister*]



Antonette and David Brown—Wedding photo of June's parents.

September 3, Tuesday

I didn't rest very well last night, asthma. But felt better this morning. I did the washing and it was a big one because we didn't wash last week. I washed a few things for June, also. It's the second time I've used my new machine and I surely do like it. I enjoyed a nice nap after my work was finished. Elaine came about the same time Louis did this evening. She's washed her hair and wanted me to put it up in little curls for her. The doctor says she can expect her baby any day now, "Bless her little ole heart," I'll surely be glad when she is all over with her sickness. Donna and Rex went to the M Men and Gleaner Banquet at Lankershim Ward tonight. Louis took me over to Bishop's to get some asthma powder. Annie and family were there. Sue and Al had gone to a show. I do feel punk!

September 4, Wednesday

Had a bad night with asthma, went back to bed after my folks left for work. Got up at nine o'clock feeling much better, did my ironing and a few pieces for June. Bobby took his two hours rest in Donna's bed this afternoon while June went shopping with Sue in Highland Park, for Donna's shower that they are giving. Byron and Ethel went to spend the day with friends. Br. and Sr. Brown went to call on friends, too. So June was free to go with Sue. I've talked to all of her folks, but Ethel. I guess she's too busy to run over. I went over once and she was busy with little daughter, so I haven't seen her yet.

September 5, Thursday

Mrs. Downs called on me just as I was starting to get ready for town. I was glad to see her again and showed her Donna's shower gifts. I had made a vegetable and meat stew this morning, so she ate a bowl of it. She said it tasted real good, glad I made it. She left about 2:30, and I went uptown to get something for Donna's shower tomorrow night. June and Sue are giving her this shower at Sue's. I bought a house dress and kitchen aprons, and some handkerchiefs, hope she'll like them. Louis worked on the house next to Florence's today. After working this evening, Louis went down to Marshes' to help Rex fix up his old Ford, but they have given it up as a bad job, can't be fixed. I guess he'll just have to junk it. Too bad. Donna practiced a hard piece a lady sent, she's going to play the violin next Wednesday. June ate with me; her folks are at the San Diego Fair today.



Ethel Brown, Bryon Strong, Edith Strong, Art & Alice Strong circa 1914—Alice passed away in May 1935.

September 6, Friday—Donna's Second shower, given by June Brown & Sue Hoglund

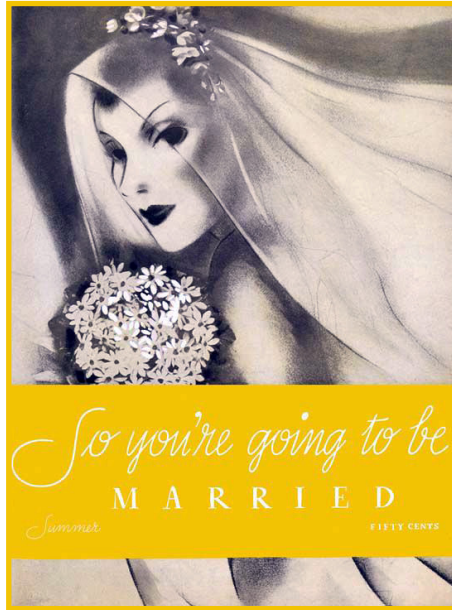
Beverly, Annie, Glen, and that cute little Dale called on me this morning before I was dressed. I was up early, but spent the morning reading the dollar day specials and writing in my diary. Beverly took a game over to June's, that's why the early call. I cleaned all through the house today, so I'd be free to go uptown with Donna tomorrow. This evening Donna drove our car and took Ethel, Sr. Brown, and me over to Sue's to her shower. We had a small crowd, but surely had a lovely party, everything was just lovely. Sue and June worked real hard. We played a few games and then they served a delicious buffet luncheon. It was so nice, and looked pretty, too. Ethel sang several numbers, also. Donna got some very lovely gifts. I was sorry that Blanche was sick. She seemed so anxious to come, too. Virginia [Clara Virginia Strong] is in L.A. now. Ruth [Strong Cartwright] has moved again near her other place. Babe [Elsie Lavina Hoglund known as Babe] moved today, Gene and Norman [Judd, Babe is their Aunt] are going to live with her now. We expected Blanche, Helen, [Blanche's daughter] Virginia, and Babe at the shower, but they couldn't come. Ruth was the only one from down that way, she drove out all alone.

September 7, Saturday

I washed Donna's uniform this a.m. and a few silk things, and then Donna and I left for town. It is the first big \$\$\$day sale I've ever gone to in L.A. and I think the last. I never saw so many people in my life. Donna and I just couldn't take it. We kept out of the big stores. Bargains or no, we didn't want any of the awful crowd. We were glad to get out of the May Company alive, ha, ha! Well, I got two lovely pair of shoes out of the sale. Wetherby Kayser had a sale for summer shoes, lovely soft kid, one pair for \$2.90, and another pair for a dollar. I took one pair tonight to be dyed black. Donna bought her white kid wedding pumps there, too. I bought a nice black felt hat for a dollar; Donna bought one for \$1.95, surely cute. She also bought three pair of hose and some house slippers. We met Rex and Foreman and Clarks. He bought a nice dark suit for the wedding. I came home and they went shopping, bought an overcoat for him and some shoes. The Andersens came over this evening. Bill ate some onions and ground steak with us. Beverly and Glen had had bread and jam. I couldn't get Annie to eat anything. Louis and I rode to Ernie's station for gas. He paid Louis for the day's work he'd done on his house.

September 8, Sunday

After Louis went to work, I ironed Donna's uniform and cap, and pressed my dress, and then I marked three of his garments. Isn't that awful for the Sabbath day?? Well, I got



The summer 1935 cover of "So you're going to be Married" (later renamed "Brides") magazine.

to church in time for the early meeting anyway. We surely had a large crowd in Sunday School this morning. I had 30 kiddies myself, I also had a lady visitor who brought her child for the first time, nine years old, and wouldn't stay without her mother. Bobby brought Peggy [Strong] with him today. Donna and Rex ate dinner at Marshes', and then went up to Raymond's camp in Miller canyon with him. He is quitting the camp and going to school this winter. They wanted to bring him back, but he has to wait until the doctor gives him an examination. This evening I went with Louis to see a friend about a garage he wants him to build. Oh, yes, June insisted that I eat dinner with her and her folks, nice? We had a nice meeting tonight. Bishop Hunsaker spoke. Louis and I stopped in next door, where Louis has been working, popcorn, too.

September 9, Monday

June and her folks went to the beach today. I decided to write letters, just got a good start on one to Grama Renshaw when Bette and Shirley came, they brought a gift from Aunt Blanche to Donna, she was sick the night of the shower, so of course couldn't be there. Helen sent her gift in with her mother's. One bath towel, two pot holders, two tea towels, and a cute little needle case. It was all very nice. The kids want to see Donna's shower gifts, from Marshes' shower; they were in Nevada with Violet then. I showed them everything. It was time to prepare dinner when they left, so no more letter writing this day. I'm always happy to have my little nieces visit me anytime. Louis drove Donna and me over to Vera and Fred's tonight. She tried her dress on, it fits well, is white to wear in temple. They treated to watermelon. Vera's place is real cute. We paid rent on our way over.

September 10, Tuesday

I washed this morning and did several pieces for June, so she can get along without having a washday while her folks are here. I would like to have all of them over to lunch or dinner, but I really do not feel well enough to have all the bother and fuss. I need new dishes before I can have so many, too, and with our wedding coming up and all, oh well, "I hope they don't feel hurt." Louis took me to Highland Park to pay gas and light bill this afternoon when he came home from work. I was surprised to see Elaine coming out of Kress Store, we all thought she would be in the hospital today; she has had pains off and on for over a week. The doctor gave her something to start labor. Sue was up with her all night, but she says the pains stopped at daylight. Rex and Donna took me over to Bingham's tonight, to see about face powder, Sr. Bingham was out. The kids want to postpone the wedding a week now, to get away from the conference crowds.

September 11, Wednesday

I wrote letter to Grama Renshaw and Violet. I haven't felt so well today. I was bothered last night with asthma, it always leaves me weak the next day. I walked to the post office to mail my letter and buy some stamped cards. I wrote a card to Lydia and one to Elsie. I told all the folks the kids had decided to postpone their wedding one week on account of the big crowds in the temple at conference time, and then they inform me tonight, they are going as they planned at first to be married October 7th or 8th. Br. Marsh is going to have the Oakland fixed, so Rex can use it on the trip. He won't have to spend a lot to fix his own car up now. Nice, eh? We all went over to the opening program and dance of Mutual. Paid our dues for the year, enjoyed ourselves and came back, took Sue and Bette home. Al is working.

September 12, Thursday

Louis went up to work for the Swede, on the building next to Florence's house, but he didn't have anything for him today, so he came home and started to make a work bench for himself. He polished his Ford with the polish Rex brought from Fuller's. It looks swell, like new, he painted the Ford Labor day, and gave it a good rub down with something a garage man gave him, and today finished the job up by polishing good. I cleaned through the house and did my ironing. My green dress came back from the cleaners this afternoon. It looks lovely. I was afraid they'd not be able to get the fruit stains out. Florence spilt some punch on my lap at Garvanza Park last fall. Br. and Sr. Brown and Byron and Ethel came over this evening. I showed the ladies Donna's shower gifts. The men ate in the kitchen. Louis and I went over to Lorene's for a while this evening. Donna sang at a cottage meeting down to Marshes', with Lillian Stead and Lillian Peterson. Ethel and Byron are worried over a sore in Peggy's nose, her face is swelling. *[Peggy is almost 9 years old]*

September 13, Friday

The swelling had gone into Peggy's eye, so they got frightened and took her to a Dr. Judd that Byron Knew. She has a temperature, so the doctor said they must put her to bed and keep Epsom salts packs on all day. They wanted to leave for home today, but can't now. The trouble was caused from a little pimple in her nose. Donna and I went uptown, she bought two cute house dresses, a knit nite gown, some underwear and girdles, and a few other things. I bought some handkerchiefs to take to Lloyd Pack's missionary shower. Donna treated me to lovely lunch in the Health Cafeteria. It is surely a nice place to eat. We were both tired out when we got home this evening. Jack Marsh came over to practice on his violin with Donna at the piano. I went over to June's to see how little Peggy was feeling. I think she'll get along okay now they've got the swelling checked. They are anxious to start home. Louis had the Ford striped a green stripe while we were uptown, cost \$1.00. It looks real nice. The M Men gave John Utvich a going away party at Marshes' tonight. They gave him a pen and pencil set. Donna bought the set for the boys uptown today.

September 14, Saturday

June's folks left for home this morning about 6:30. Peggy's face was still a little swollen, but her temperature had gone, and they felt it was safe to take her. Donna didn't start work until nine o'clock today, work has slackened up some. Mr. Sandra had to go after Mrs. Sandra today. She was taken very ill at work. The doctor came; he thought it was an attack of appendicitis. I called in to see her this afternoon. She was feeling a lot better. Rex brought Donna home from work this evening, he wouldn't eat dinner, though. I worked all day cleaning and mending. Rex and Donna shopped in Highland Park, bought pajamas to take to Lloyd's missionary shower. They went to the Highland show after. I'm tired tonight, will go to bed early.

September 15, Sunday

I curled June's hair up on the irons this morning. She and Bobby walked to Sunday School with me. Oh dear, but we were crowded in our first period this a.m. We have so many new children coming out now. I had 32 children in my own class. It was hot today and they all got restless. I was really glad when Sunday School was over. Rex and Donna ate dinner with me then they left for Mutual union meeting. Donna was dishing up the lima beans for dinner and spilt some boiling juice on her hands. I'm so sorry it happened. Louis thinks this will be the last Sunday to work; they are going to give him Saturdays and Sundays off again I surely hope so. We had a very nice meeting tonight. Dr. Peddit talked. Louis took Br. and Sr. Imesen and June and Bobby with us after church, for a nice ride. We sang songs.



June Brown

September 16, Monday—It's our 21st Wedding Anniversary

Sue and Al gave us a pretty anniversary card, nice? I celebrated by doing a big washing, it's a pleasure now, with the new washer. Viola Niles and I went block teaching this afternoon. Sr. Auldridge says I look a lot better. She's sure I'm putting on some weight, nice, eh? I wonder? John Marsh told me Sunday I was getting thin?? And looked bad. Oh, oh, can't all be right. *[Home bathroom scales did not exist in 1935. Until the 1970s, scales at train stations and public places reminded people to weigh themselves regularly with the inscription "Check Your Weight."]* Rex brought Donna home from work and ate dinner with her. Some of the ward folks met at Chandler's this evening at 7:30. We left for Alice Pack's home, she gave a shower on Lloyd, he is going to Germany on a mission. We had a very nice time, Alice and Paul are moved into their new home now, it is lovely. The doctor told Annie today she must wean the baby, he isn't gaining now. Annie had to go to the doctor with her infected toe again.

September 17, Tuesday

Another lovely September day. I cleaned through the house. I just got home from Boy's Market when Annie came with Dale in his buggy. She wanted me to walk to the bank with her. I was going to iron, but decided it would wait until

tomorrow. We did a little shopping in Kress Store, also. I bought two light globes and some tooth paste. Annie came back here and rested before going home. Dale is surely getting smart, cute thing! Poor old Mrs. Smith told me some of her troubles with her son-in-law and daughter. She asked me to pray for her, she's ill. I feel sorry for the old lady, but I'm sure she's at fault a lot, too. How folks do live in the dark. Donna's friend, Helen, came home from work with her, she is a fine seamstress. After dinner she remodeled Donna's wedding slip, built it up and put sleeves in. Donna showed Helen all of her shower gifts when the slip was finished tonight. Helen slept with Donna. Louis went to the hospital tonight to see friend, Steve, who works in salvage department.

September 18, Wednesday

Helen doesn't eat breakfast, all she wanted was a glass of tomato juice, easy, eh? I received a nice letter from Violet today. I do hope, with her, that Otto can keep his foresters job this winter. I did my ironing today; it tired me so I had to take a nap. We had a very interesting class in Mutual. Br. Goodsell and Sr. Craddock are both very fine teachers. We nominated the president and assistant for the class. I nominated Br. Holstead for President by request, he was voted in. Br. Plusever was voted the assistant, and Sr. Chandler as treasurer. Wanda Egan wanted me to give a short talk in the Gleaner class next month, but I got out of it, thank goodness, on account of being busy for Donna's wedding and all. We took Sr. Giggie home from Mutual so we could talk to Br. Giggie about wedding announcement and cards. He's going to print them.

September 19, Thursday

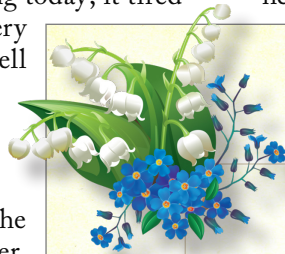
Our wedding announcement will cost about \$12.50, for 150, and 100 cards. Not so bad. Br. Giggie is going to take care of them for us. I didn't do much work today, a little darning and mending. I spent most of the day on the couch, my painful cramps kept me down. Beverly and Annie brought the baby over this evening for a few minutes. The doctor says she'd better keep him on the breast awhile, she started him on cow's milk today and his eyes started to swell and get red. The doctor was the one who told her to wean him, it's a worry to know just what to do. Sue and Al came for a minute. He wanted the ward record he's let Donna use. Louis rode over to Lorene's with them. He gave Charlie the suit of clothes he got the other night at the hospital, just fits him. Charles bought an electric washer, and ice box, and some cooking pans, on the new government plan, [see page 48] \$5.00 a month, nice, eh?

September 20 Friday

I cleaned the bedrooms and mended clothes and sheets. I went to the bank to make a payment on our washer. Met Sue on the Avenue. She went in the bakery with me to price their wedding cakes. We can get a very lovely cake for ten dollars. The clerk gave us a sample of the cake. It was good. Ten dollars is a lot of money for a cake, yet most bakeries charge \$15.00 for that large a cake. Louis worked on Florence's home today. This evening we went over to pay our rent. We took a nice ride after. Donna got her permanent wave from Kelly Keele's tonight after work. She came home and ate dinner first. She got the new wave, without the machine heat and etcetera. He hair looks lovely, it cost \$6.50. Mr Keele gave her the permanent.

September 21, Saturday

Somehow my blood pressure has bothered me a lot today. [Wedding planning and money concerns may equal stress.] I haven't felt at all well. It's hard to do housework with one's head feeling so badly. Louis worked on Florence's home



Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Renshaw

announce the marriage of their daughter

Donna Lillian

to

Mr. Charles Rexall Marsh

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again today. Donna went over to Marshes' after work; she came home in Rex's car and ran out of gas. She didn't have a cent with her. The station man couldn't cash her check, but he let her have two gallons of gas. She went back and paid him later. Rex was home working on the Oakland car. Annie and Bill called in this evening. They've bought a new electric washing machine and a new range, on this new government plan. I'm so glad for them. The baby isn't feeling well, so Annie isn't going to Br. Hill's party. Louis and I went and had a nice time. I took sandwiches. Br. Hill was surprised. We all gave him a nice book. It was his birthday. Miss Peterson brought a very beautiful Irish linen dinner set over for Donna today. It is just grand.

September 22, Sunday

I had a very happy surprise in Sunday School this morning when I saw that Sr. Effie Bishop was back from her vacation. She has been gone six weeks from our little class, the children were all happy to see her again, too. Louis worked on Florence's house all day. Donna and Rex ate dinner with me. Donna came home early from Sunday School and got the dinner ready, treat for me. They left after dinner, Rex is painting the Oakland. His folks are letting him take it on his honeymoon. Donna took her typewriter with her, so she could type clues for Dee and Jen Sharp. They are arranging a "treasure hunt" for our ward building fund. Beverly brought Annie, Glen, baby, and Grace Hansen over. I showed Grace Donna's gifts and etcetera. We took Marshes home from church. June and Bobby rode down, also. June treated Louis to chili at Chili Ville, after we took Marshes home. I had popcorn.

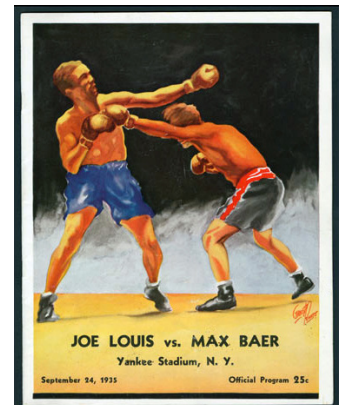
September 23, Monday

I walked to Highland Park this morning. I talked to the cashier of the bank about a loan, the interest is too high for us, so that's out. He was very nice to me and now he knows all my business. They surely can ask the questions and get away with it. I did my washing when I got home didn't get started until eleven o'clock. I had a very big washing, it would take me three days to do it by hand. Louis had nice shirts in this week, five of them he brought home from work. Donna went home with Helen Nicolas from work, she ate dinner with Helen. Rex called for her. I was so tired this evening; I got in bed at seven o'clock. Sue, Elaine, Shirley, and Bette walked over here, I'd been in bed only a few minutes, but I got up again. I showed them the lovely dinner set Miss Peterson gave Donna. Jen and Dee Sharp came to see Donna and Louis about music for Wednesday night. June came in to talk to me about

Bobby tonight, also. Donna sent a little thank you letter to Miss Peterson this morning. Rex's boss says it is okay for him to have two weeks off, to have his honeymoon. I guess we leave on the 4th of October.

September 24, Tuesday

I couldn't finish the ironing without resting an hour. It surely was a large one. Louis took me over to Boy's Market when he came from work. We ate dinner alone. Rex met Donna after work, they went uptown to look at wedding rings, and they ate in town. Louis had to hear the big fight over the radio at six o'clock. Maxie Baer and Joe Louis. Baer was put to sleep in the fourth round. I



was thankful it didn't last any longer as I hate fights. Too bad they can't all be put to sleep, fighters, I mean. We went over to Sue's to get the bulletin news from Al. He hadn't finished yet. Elaine went to see her doctor today. He advised her to go to the hospital and let him start labor for her. He doesn't feel it's wise to wait any longer. So our little Elaine is in the hospital. Sue and Al are so worried, I feel sorry for them. We are all anxious to hear that it is over. I took Primary news to Paul Bailey. We took Beverly home from Sue's tonight. She has a bad cold, poor kid. Annie and Bill have their new electric washer and O'Keefe Merritt Range. They are swell. Frank Nelson [*Samuel Francis Nelson*] went to Utah and married Norma Bingham today, oh, oh! [*In Brigham City.*]

September 25, Wednesday

New baby girl in our family. Al came over before going to work this morning to tell us the good news. Elaine has a 7½ pound baby girl. I'm so glad she's here at last. Al looked worn out, poor fellow. He didn't get home until five o'clock this morning. He and Ernie stayed at the hospital. I guess poor Sue didn't sleep either. It's a good thing [*to be*] over with. The baby came over 3:15 a.m. The doctor had to start labor, but everything went along fine. Sue and Annie, and Sr. Burnett, and Grace Hansen went over to the hall today and made chili for the ward party tonight. One of Annie's front teeth came out today, poor dear! I know about how she feels. When Mutual was out tonight, the people tried to learn the song Jen Sharp wrote. They had to learn it before they could start on the "treasure hunt."



Ann Vandergrift born September 25, 1935

Eleven cars started out. We paid our way, cause it is for the building fund, but we didn't go. Louis, Donna, and Rex ate some chili, and then we came home. Tonight the blackboard in Mutual read, "Bishop is a Grandpa!" Ha, ha!

September 26, Thursday

Donna's day off. We went uptown shopping. I got a nice rust colored crepe dress for the reception. Donna bought a pretty rust colored satin and crepe combination dress. She also bought a cute little dark green wool suit, and a black purse. We ate lunch at the Health Cafeteria. We met Rex at 5th and Broadway. They went to look at wedding rings I went to meet Louis at the Industrial Loan on 9th and South Spring Street. The place closed at 4 p.m., so it was too late when Louis got there. I got in the car and we came home. Donna and Rex ate their dinner uptown. Louis got his own dinner, a favorite of his, liver and onions. We went over to Sue's to wish her a Happy Birthday. They were going to the hospital to see Elaine. Bob Stanton and John Treu came tonight to get Donna to go play for them to practice singing.

September 27, Friday

Rex has taken Donna to work every day this week. He's been taking his father up to Florence's house, too. I met Louis uptown at eleven o'clock this morning at the Industrial Loan. We went down to Al's work about noon, to see if he'd sign a note, so we could get said loan of \$50.00, to see through Donna's wedding reception, and all. He told us not to bother with the loan cause he would let us borrow the money without paying interest. It's surely nice of him. Louis bought an auto tube and pump in Sears Roebuck on way home. He didn't get back to work this afternoon, but went to Ernie's station to have his car greased for our trip. I stopped in Highland Park to make arrangement for a permanent wave at Kelly Keele for tomorrow morning at 9:45. One of our new retread tires blistered a way out, I hope they'll give us another one. Tonight Lillian Stead, Frances Koerner, and Shirley ? gave one of the bakery girls a shower at our house. Sr. Stead made chili for the party. It was very good. The girl got some nice gifts.



*Al Hoglund at work
The loan he offered was a big
blessing for the Renshaw's*

September 28, Saturday

I went in Kelly Keele's at 9:45 this morning. It was after two when I walked out of there with my new permanent wave. It feels so strange to have my long hair cut off, but I like the wave real well. Joe Rutsforth gave me my permanent, she gave me the last one I had over three years ago, too. I didn't tell Donna I was having it, so she was surprised to

see me tonight with the short hair. We got different waves. I only paid \$3.50, she paid \$6.50 for the new machine-less wave. It is lovely, too. Sorry I couldn't afford one. My wave is nice though, I'm very well pleased with it. Donna went to town after work for her coat. She and Rex went to see Helen Nicolas' sister married tonight in a Catholic church. They got their wedding ring today, it is beautiful.

September 29, Sunday

We went over to church in a hurry this a.m. for our local board meeting, only four of us there, so Br. Watkins said we wouldn't bother to hold a meeting. Oh, dear, after hurrying to be on time, too. Our kiddies were so good today. I just love them when they are like that. Bill sat in our class for a while. I told a short story to both classes this morning. The all sat so still, it was a treat. Donna took Rex's class this morning; he had to finish the paint job he started on the Oakland. Donna and I ate dinner alone. Louis worked on Florence's home. Fred Reichie came again when Louis got home, they put a lovely new Troy radio in the cabinet for Donna and Rex. Oh, it is grand, we can get Salt Lake as clear as KHJ now, and they can get anyplace. I couldn't go to church, had to get Louis some dinner. We went over after and took Marshes home from church, also got money from Bishop, \$50.00. Donna and Rex went over to Vera and Fred's tonight. They missed church, too. Sue and Al took Donna and I to the hospital to see Elaine this afternoon. We didn't see the baby. June brought Mrs. Hayes to see Donna's gifts today.

September 30, Monday

Rex called in this morning about 7:30 to tell us Lewis hadn't gotten home from his fishing trip, and they were going out to look for him in the canyon. It surely upset everyone. I was so relieved when John and Florence called to let me know they'd found him and he was okay. The boyfriend with him gave out, so Lewis had to stay with him all night, couldn't leave him alone sick. I wrote cards to Violet, Lillian, and Mother. Harold and June had to take Bobby uptown to the doctor (head specialist). He is having a lot of trouble with mucous in his head. I rode up with them I paid for my coat, took Rex's wedding ring to be engraved, bought a blanket for Rex and Donna, from his Uncle Jim, and a few other little things. Hurried home, pressed Donna's dress, after fixing hem and belt. Sewed buttons on her coat while she made salad for dinner. We rushed over to Tillie Mosely's to Donna's shower. It was given by the Gleaner girls. Had a real nice time. Donna got some very lovely gifts. Donna and I took Martha home up the hills, after the shower. We brought all the gifts home, too. Surely had a load in back seat. We had thunder shower tonight, also. Louis made me a cute little wash bench.



Tillie Mosely

October 1, Tuesday

Oh dear, where to put all of Donna's shower gifts?? They're all over the place now. I washed today, but brought the clothes in almost as wet this evening, as when I hung them out. We had a fine rain, or a heavy fog, most of the day.

We'll soon be on our way to Salt Lake, if all goes well. I'm very tired tonight. I feel sorry for Hattie, [*Harriet Eliza Strong*] she must be lonesome without Ernest [*Ernest Spiers*] to care for, he died Saturday or Sunday. The way we'll all travel someday. [*Ernest was almost 29 years older than Harriet. He was 70 when he died and Harriet was almost 41.*]



Ernest Spiers

October 2, Wednesday

Donna's last day at Grandma's Bakery, and is she glad! I hung all of the clothes out again this morning; they were dry enough to iron in a short time. I ironed all of Donna's fourteen dishtowels, too. I was too tired to go to the opening social in Relief Society, so I took a nap instead. Louis and I rode over to Lorene's to borrow a suitcase this evening. Donna wasn't hungry when she got home from work this evening. She and Lillian and Frances ate hamburgers and had a milk shake after work. We all went to Mutual. Donna and Rex left after the opening songs. They went to their friends to get the temple clothes they are borrowing. They also called in Vera's for Donna's white dress.

October 3, Thursday

Well, at last we have Donna's shower gifts all put away, out of sight. June came over to see them first. Donna went uptown this afternoon to do some last minute shopping. I sewed most of the day on her clothes, a clasp here, or a button there and the belts all to shorten. Annie brought the baby over for a visit, he's surely a darling. It doesn't take him long to cross the room now, he crawls. Kelly Keele gave June a permanent wave this morning. The same kind Donna got. Rex ate dinner with us tonight, went home early to pack, came back later for a while. Donna and I rode over to Annie's and Sue's for addresses. Louis made a rack for his suitcases for the back of our Ford.

October 4, Friday

The excitement has surely been on all day. I pressed all of our temple clothes, for Donna and Rex and Louis to wear. Elsie is going to have mine ready when we arrive in Salt Lake. Charles came over and invited us to dinner. Lorene cooked a lovely dinner, leg of lamb, and ice cream and etcetera. Louis couldn't go because he had the packing to do. Our passengers arrived here before he was through. Beverly took me over, Donna went over to Elaine's. Elaine and the baby got home from the hospital today. I am so sorry I couldn't get over to see them. We all left from our place at 6:30 p.m. Sr. Marsh with Rex and Donna. Lillian Stead, Frances Kerner, and her mother in our car.

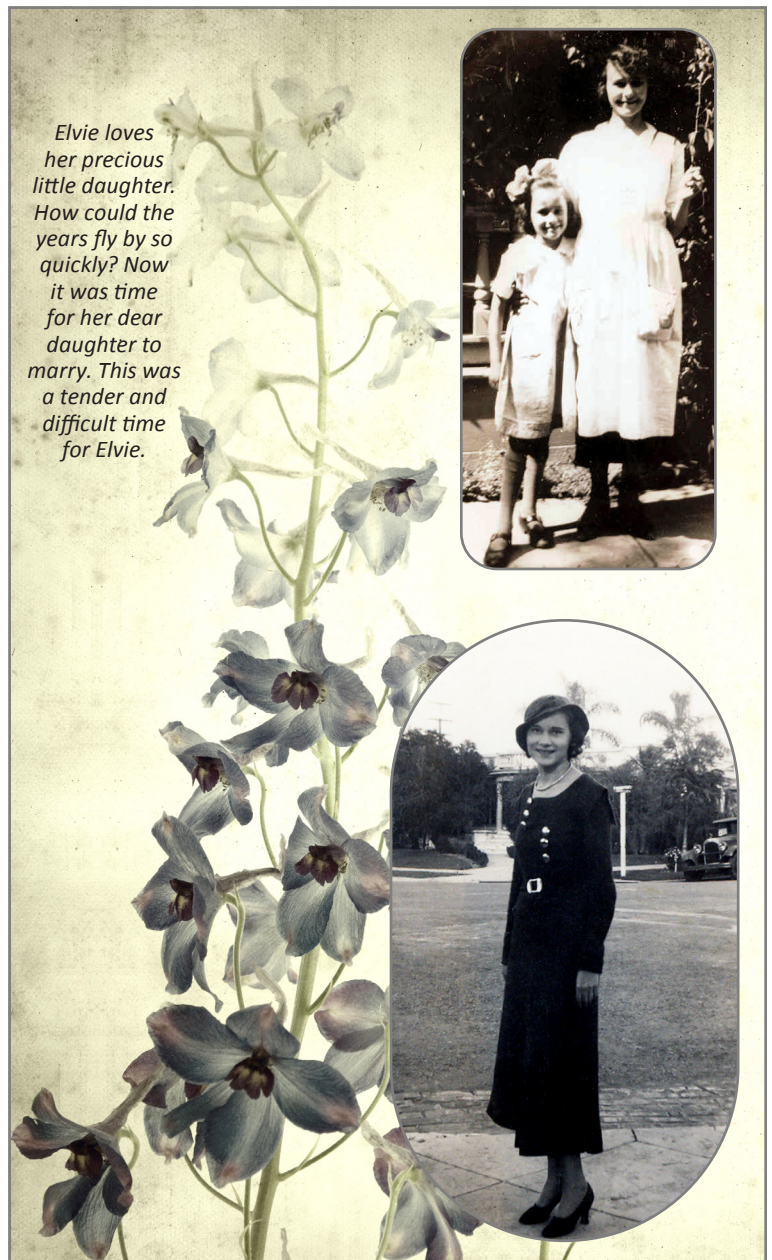
October 5, Saturday

We stopped in San Bernardino for gas, next stop Barstow. Then on again until we got to Las Vegas. We had to stop to fix a flat tire somewhere in the desert, left the old tire there. Next stop, Kanarra, Utah. Our last stop for gas in Fillmore, Utah. Sr. Marsh came to Grama's with us. She gave us all a grand welcome

and nice rooms, all took a bath. I was too sick I went to bed. Grama cooked us a lovely dinner, but I was too ill to eat.

October 6, Sunday

Lou, Florence, and I left a few minutes after eight this morning. We got good seats in the Tabernacle. We went to hear the organ broadcast and choir sing. It was lovely. The place was crowded. We met Dad, [*Owen Albert Bailey*] he took us home to dinner. Garry [*Lewis Garrett Strong*] got it ready. Elsie [*Elsie Daisy Garrett*] was down to her mother's home, her brother isn't well. We went calling when she got home, they went with us. We called on Owen [*Owen James Bailey*] and Lydia [*Lydia Hoglund*]. Br. and Sr. Brown [*June Hays' parents*] gave us some pillows for Donna and Rex (wedding gift). We called on Maude and Andrew [*Petersen*], and then called on Hattie, back to Elsie's for a good supper. We had a real nice day. Sr. Marsh went with her father and brother after the morning session. Donna and Rex were with Beth. P.S. Florence and I enjoyed a breakfast of orange juice and hot water, ha, ha!



Elvie loves her precious little daughter. How could the years fly by so quickly? Now it was time for her dear daughter to marry. This was a tender and difficult time for Elvie.

A page from
Elvie's scrapbook



Lou & Elvie 1934

Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Renshaw
announce the marriage of their daughter
Donna Lillian
to
Mr. Charles Rexall Marsh
on Tuesday, the eighth of October
nineteen hundred and thirty-five
Salt Lake Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah

Reception
Friday Evening, October eighteenth
from eight to ten
354 North Avenue 53
Los Angeles, California

October 7, Monday—Donna and Rex's Wedding Day

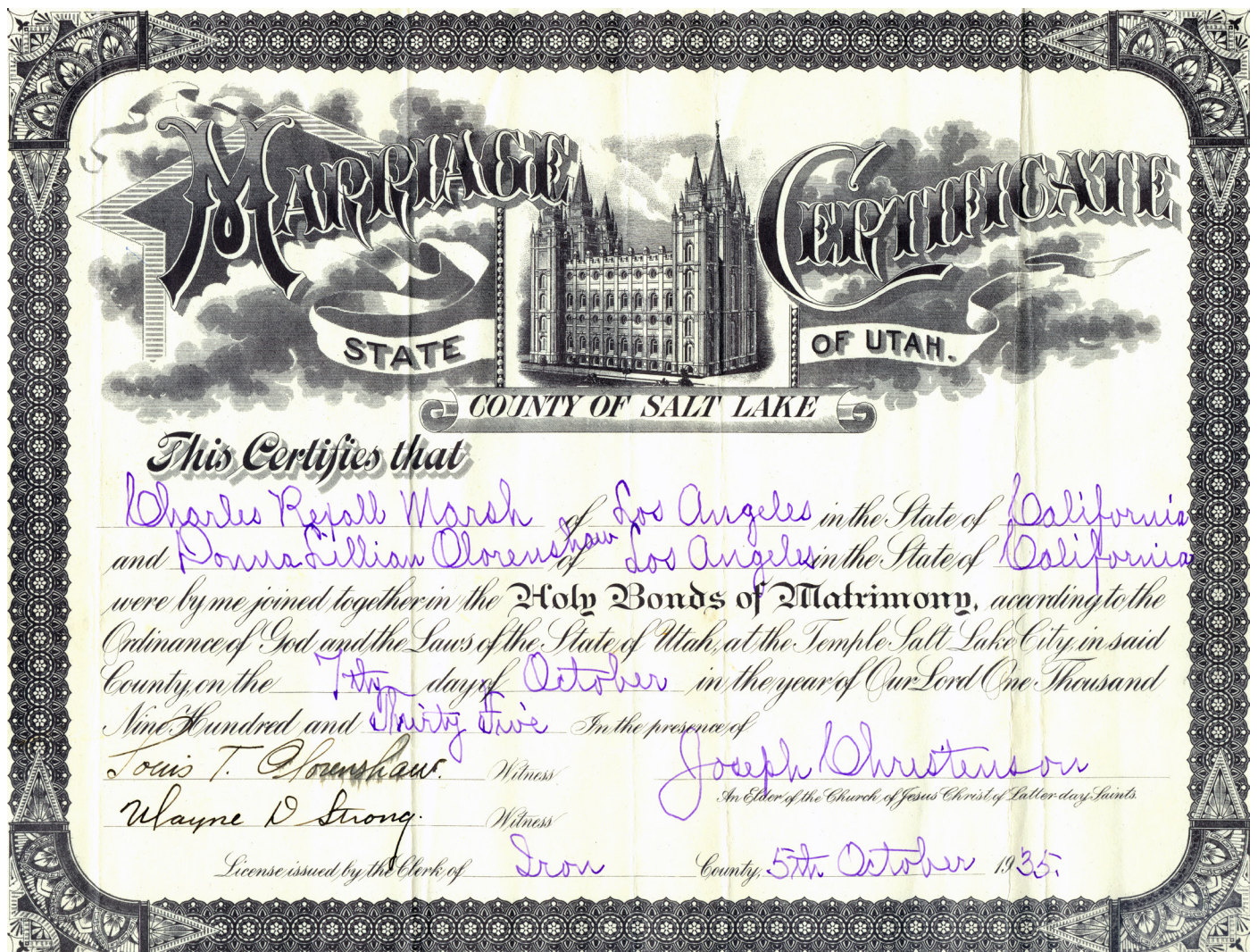
The kids had planned to be married on the 8th, but found out when they got here that the temple was closed tomorrow, so Donna is having a shower on her wedding night tonight. We left about 8:30 this a.m. for the temple. Rex had slept with Wayne, and came with him. Donna had spent her last night with Beth [Elizabeth Strong]. Wayne Strong went through with Rex and was a witness to the marriage. Grandpa Green went through to be sealed to Florence, I stood for Mrs. Green. Large crowd in our company. It was beautiful. Donna looked so sweet. Bishop Christenson married them and sealed Florence. Sr. Pack saw Donna and Rex married, too. We ate lunch at Grama's, rested, and got ready to go to Lydia's. Rex and Donna took Grandpa Green home. Grandma Renshaw gave Donna and Rex \$20.00 for a wedding gift. Grand! She's so good. We had a lovely dinner at Lydia's, Louis and I. Went to see Mrs. Barker, poor old dear is in an awful condition since her stroke. Mrs. Donelson was with her, they were both so glad to see us. We called to see Aunt Ida and then back to the delicious dinner at Lydia's. Bob and Mildred did up all the dishes, bless them. At 8:15 tonight we went to Donna's shower at Aunt Ida's. Beth and her mother gave it. We saw a lot of our relatives, played a card game, had a wonderful time. Donna got some lovely gifts, how to get them home?? The boys went swimming. Sr. Marsh left with her brother for Idaho.

October 8, Tuesday

Donna and Rex stayed at a real nice hotel here in town last night. I don't know just where. Lou and I went up to pack the shower gifts, had a nice visit with Aunt Ida and Diana, Dorothy Pitts was there, too. We called in to see Mary S. Robinson, my heart aches for them, Bernice would be better off dead, the dear child, it's so sad, I've felt blue all day since seeing her. Lunch at Mother Renshaw's, her friend Lizzie Phillips and daughter, Lula, called. This afternoon mother took Louis and me to the Capital Theater, saw two pictures. She treated us to dinner after the show. We came home. Donna and Rex were getting ready for a canyon trip with Wayne and Beth and their friends. Louis and I went up to see Babe and Winnie; she looks bad, just got home from the hospital. The dear little boys sang for us, they are surely sweet; the baby girl is darling, too. So sorry for them all. Called in to see Margaret and Mel and family.

October 9, Wednesday

Donna and Rex went calling this a.m. Thanked the Browns for the pillows, called on Winnie and Margaret. I rode over to the county building with Louis to pay a bill for Mother R. We saw Margaret and Jack, later we helped the kids do their packing. They went up to say goodbye to Grandpa. We called for Dad and Elsie and Bonnie. Donna and Rex were just leaving their place. Aunt Maude had a lovely dinner



ready for us. Grama Renshaw went with us. We enjoyed the evening visiting and listening to the radio program, "House of Glass." Lovely time. Donna and Rex are on their way. I do hope they'll have a lovely "Honeymoon" trip. I know God will bless them, they are good children.



Publicity photo of the cast of *The House of Glass*, a short-lived radio show by Gertrude Berg. Berg played the owner of a hotel. Cast: standing, rear-Arlene Blackburn, Paul Stewart, Bertha Walden, Everett Sloan, Joseph Greenwald. Center-Gertrude Berg. Seated-Celia Babcock, Helene Dumas. The program premiered on NBC Radio 17 April 1935.

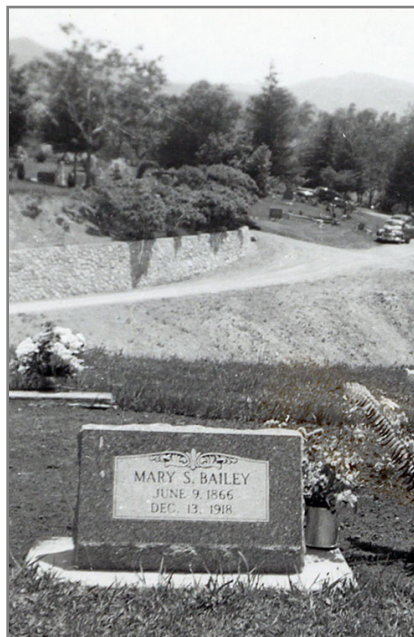


October 10, Thursday

Florence left for the temple this morning about 8:30. I decided I'd go, also. I had to rush through my dressing and Louis took me. I was seated in the temple when Florence came in. It gave her the surprise of her life. Ha, ha! My hat was taken off my suitcase by mistake; I found it in the dressing room downstairs. They gave me the wrong garments, sorry about that mistake, they were Elsie's. Missionaries went through today. Lloyd Pack was there, too. Florence and I both took a Strong name. We enjoyed going through again. Florence was ill for a few minutes. I thought she was going to faint. We had a nice fish dinner when we got out at 3 p.m. Went calling tonight on Dad and Elsie, Owen and Lydia, Edna and George [Donelson], Ida and Ern [Eliza Davies & Ernest James Strong], Uncle Alvin [Alvin Charles Strong], Ida [Ida Rich] was out, Mayo and Marge Wetzell. Took Florence.

October 11, Friday

We ate a good breakfast at Mother's, Louis and Florence cooked it. We took a ride after breakfast to see Lillian and Frances about going home, saw Uncle Ralph [Renshaw] on 7th East. We called on Aunt Hattie [Mary Harriet Bailey] and Uncle Frank, [Francis Tracy Bailey] he wasn't home, left him a note. Florence called on an old friend. Drove up to Mother's [Mary Elizabeth Strong] grave. Shopped in Kress, met Sr. Pack and Lloyd. Bought things for lunch, back to mother's hotel and enjoyed same, took naps, packed clothes and statue. We spent



Mary Elizabeth Bailey's headstone

the evening with Grama. She wanted to have one grand celebration, so we did. She bought lemon pie, and delicious chocolate cake roll, and some black walnut ice cream. I ate some of all, and am still here to tell the tale, ha, ha! I even slept well, while others couldn't. Florence, Louis, and I took a nice long walk before going to bed. I called Dad up to say goodbye again.

October 12, Saturday

Gramma called us this a.m. about 4:30. Louis had been awake most of the night; he was just going to get up when she called us. I slept fine. We picked Mrs. Huffman up, and then went to Murray for Lillian. Louis packed the suitcases and statue in the back of our car and we got started on our way. Was a lovely morning, and we enjoyed the ride through the little farm towns in Utah, sang songs and had a good time. Stopped in Cedar City to see Mrs. Fife and Elder Miles. He gave us a big watermelon and sack of tomatoes and quart of milk. We enjoyed them along the way. We arrived in Las Vegas this evening a few minutes to six o'clock. We stayed overnight at the Oasis camp, had a nice clean cabin and bed. Ate dinner and went to bed early. Florence, Lillian, and Mrs. Huffman walked into town for their dinner tonight, over a mile.

October 13, Sunday

We had a wonderful nights rest, a good breakfast in Las Vegas. We left for Boulder City and the dam about 8:45 this morning. It was a lovely ride up to the dam, such a wonderful sight to behold. I'm surely glad I was able to see it. [Hoover Dam was started in 1930 and completed in 1935.] Boulder City is a beautiful little spot, too. [In 1930 the government decided that a federal-controlled town, Boulder City, would be erected for the dam workers.] Pretty homes, lots of flowers and lovely green lawns. We stopped at the LDS church in Vegas, on way back. We saw Bishop and La Priel, and Hattie. They invited us to eat dinner, but we were anxious to be on our way. It was nice of them, anyway. We enjoyed milk and coffee rolls for our dinner. I enjoyed every minute of this

trip cause I had a good night's rest on the way. Louis and I got home after leaving folks off; about 7:45 p.m. Louis had a sick stomach tonight. Sue, Al, and Bette came in after church. Annie, Lorene, and Violet called in too, also June. Louis went to the market, I went to bed early.

October 14, Monday

I enjoyed my new washer again today and I surely did have a big wash, too, three of June's lines filled, also. I brought some of Rex's shirts home to wash, had ten shirts of Louis', too. Elaine took her baby out for a ride in her new buggy, for the first time. I felt very much honored to have them call on me. The baby is a darling; she looks a lot like her daddy. Annie and Violet called in for me, they had both babies in Dale's buggy, and we all went over to Sue's. I took Rex's suit to the cleaners on the way. Aunt Rae [Rachel

Whitaker], Esther [*Esther Faust Bailey*], and Hazel [*Hazel Lillian Bailey*] came and we enjoyed the afternoon visiting. We bought some ice cream and cake to serve them. All five of us sisters were there, nice! Louis and I went to pay the rent tonight, Miss Peterson gave us a very pleasant surprise, and she told us she was going to cut our rent to \$14.00. Louis is going to take care of her garden. It rained hard while we were out. We called in Annie's and visited a while with Annie and Violet.

October 15, Tuesday

We surely do get a lot more light in our house now they have cut down all the big eucalyptus trees north of us. They cut them while we were away last week. We received two cards from Donna yesterday afternoon. One from Reno, and other from Lake Tahoe, they are having a lovely time. I ironed for five hours today, had ten shirts to do. [*Ironing was a very labor intensive job in 1935.*] When Louis came we dressed up, went to Sue's to get Elaine's bride and groom ornaments for Donna's wedding cake. Went to order the cake and inquire about ice cream. We took Ruth Kitchen's suitcase and temple robes home, and then we went over to Treu's, to the church fund dinner. She and Sr. Burnett gave it. They served a lovely dinner to a large crowd. We went over to ask Ann Madsen to sing at the reception. She wasn't home, we visited Lorene and family.

October 16, Wednesday

It has been a very beautiful autumn day. I spent the morning darning sox, cleaned through the house and walked to Highland Park. Met Sue, and then Annie and Violet, they were just going in the bank. Violet cashed her check and gave me \$15.00 for the care of Dolores. I've never felt bluer about anything, to think I'd accept money from my own sister for the care of her child, she insisted and said Otto would be mad if we didn't. We went over again tonight, to Annie's. I tried to make her take \$5.00 back, but she wouldn't. We ordered our ice cream tonight from the Blue Bonnet for the reception. Rex and Donna came while we were out, they've had a wonderful trip up north, both look happy. I'm glad they're home okay. Little Dale had a fall today that made him go unconscious for a short time, scared Annie awfully.

October 17, Thursday

Another beautiful day. I washed a few things out for Donna and Rex this morning early, she hung them out. Al gave me a shampoo in Kelly Keele's this a.m. and he surely gives a good one, I like his wave, too. I went to Sue's after having my wave, and shoes shined. I helped clean house. I did so much scrubbing, my poor knees are sore. Rex and Ernie moved the furniture out of front bedroom. Louis took Sue and me to Highland Park shopping. I bought paper plates and napkins, candles and



October 16, 1935
The Honeymooners Return

Rex and Donna's honeymoon photos at Lake Tahoe. They took all the camping supplies and tent in the Oakland and they had a wonderful time!



flowers for the reception. Donna got dinner tonight. They went out to call Helen, about her sister's veil, also looked at a house, they called in Marshes'. Fred and Vera came, baby is cute. Fred finished the radio, looks swell. Lorene got a letter from Owen, he said Bernice Robinson died Friday night. They held her funeral Sunday. Poor little dear, I'm glad for her sake.



*Bernice Grace Robinson
Died after a long illness at age 18.*

October 19, Saturday

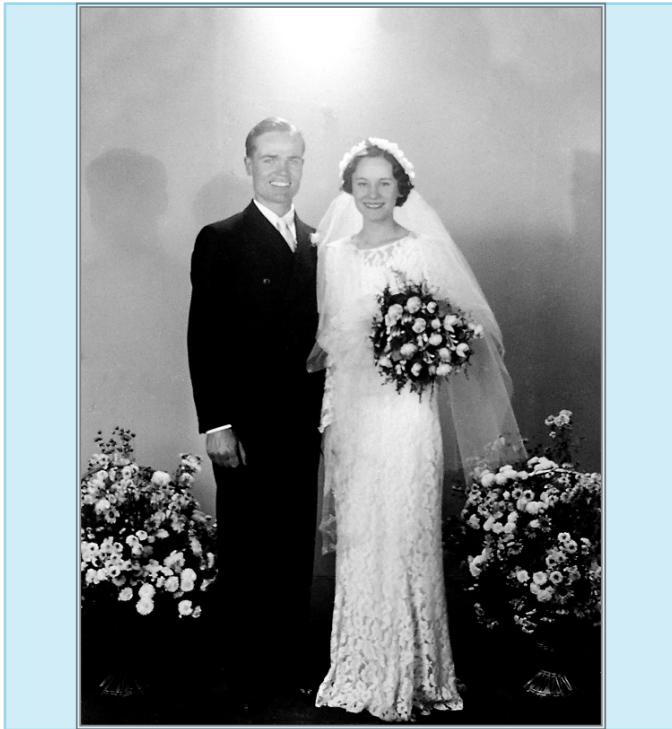
After breakfast we went to White's with Donna and Rex to have their pictures taken in their wedding outfits. Mr. White took some snap shots in his studio for me with Donna's little Kodak. It was nice of him. The folks in Kelly Keele's saw her, too. Louis went to work in Peterson's yard. Lillian and I went with kids to take some of their gifts to their apartment. We all ate lunch at Sue's after Bette and I went to the store for the groceries. Lillian went uptown to change her shoes. Louis helped Sue get her furniture back in place. Rex and Donna worked hard all afternoon, cleaning up their little house. It'll look real sweet when they are through. Louis and I went over this evening. They are tired, but happy. Little diary, my old heart cracked today. It seems almost as if I have lost my Donna. I had to have a good cry on my husband's shoulder, but I want her happiness most of all.

October 18, Friday— Donna and Rex's Wedding Reception

They have apartment on South Avenue 63. It was busy day for all of us. I worked at Sue's most of the day. Donna had a shampoo and wave. Wedding gifts came all day long. They surely got some beautiful gifts. Aunt Lillian came this evening. We are so happy she could come to the reception. Louis and I went for the wedding cake, it was decorated lovely. It cost \$10.00. We had two sheet cakes, also. The ice cream had a red heart in center, pretty, too. Donna looked very sweet and lovely. She was a very beautiful bride. Florence was a gracious and lovely hostess. Raymond cut ice cream, and Sr. Treu cut cake, bless their hearts. Annie was going to cut the cake, but Dale was sick, she couldn't come early. Lewie Marsh was to cut ice cream, he didn't show up. Ruthie helped with the gifts and wraps. We even had Aunt Lillian busy unwrapping the gifts and serving ice cream. It was all very nice, but we're glad it's over. Lillian slept with me, Louis out in the swing. Rex and Donna in her room. Ann Madsen sang four numbers at the reception.



Rex and Donna Marsh



Rex and Donna wedding proof photo.

October 20, Sunday

I walked to Sunday School. It was a very beautiful morning. I wore my new rust dress, folks said nice things about it, and I like it, too. We had Violet and baby, Donna and Rex, and Aunt Lillian to dinner. We took Violet and Lillian through Florence's new home. It's surely lovely. I guess they'll be moving in it soon. We looked up some people in Huntington Park that are friends of Lillian's. They invited us to come down to their ward dance next Tuesday. Lillian visited with her friends a while in our car, at their gas station, his wife's sister took us to the station, where they work. We spent the evening with Ruth and Clarence. Ruth fixed a nice little lunch which we all enjoyed. Clarence had a flat tire on his way home, so he was late. They are going to Salt Lake for a week and are taking Violet as far as Las Vegas. We enjoyed some music tonight, also. Lillian at the piano, Clarence the saxophone, and Louis, his violin, Ruth and Lillian sang, and Violet and I wisecracked to ourselves.

October 21, Monday

How strange things seem without my little Donna here, will I ever get used to it all?? I must not let her know the hurt in my heart. I wouldn't have it otherwise, they must have their chance in life, too, bless their hearts. Just as I got ready to start the washing this a.m. Mrs. Downs came with a wedding gift from herself and Gladys for Donna and Rex. She visited about two hours. I was glad to have her, too. She brought two lovely pottery plates. Hattie Spiers sent a beautiful linen luncheon set. We took the gifts and the pictures, snap shots, also proofs, over tonight. Rex was painting the stove; he'd painted the water tank and radiator. They've worked so hard, but the little place looks real nice now. We called in Annie's on way back. Lorene

and family were there. Beverly came for my poems to read to Violet. Blanche's and Wayne's [*poems*]. We brought the kids electric clock home. It won't work in their apartment. Lillian went uptown for the day. I washed this afternoon. Br. Chandler came for Donna. I sent him to her house. He wanted her to play at a funeral for Mr. Compora to sing.

October 22, Tuesday

Another pretty day. This is surely "God's Country." Goodness, but I miss my Donna, and her pen. [*Imagine a home with just one good pen!*] Lillian and I went uptown this a.m. We enjoyed window shopping and a nice lunch in the Health Cafeteria. Went to the Los Angeles picture show house and saw a good picture. I stayed on the street car, rode over to Annie's to say goodbye to Violet. She left with Clarence and Ruth this evening about 5:40. Cartwright's are going to Salt Lake for a week. Violet will get off at Las Vegas. It was hard for Violet to leave little Dolores here, but I'm sure it is for the best. [*So Dolores could attend a good school.*] Oh, these partings, how I hate them. I surely wish Violet lived out here. Lillian cooked our dinner while I was over to Annie's. Louis took Lillian and me to Huntington Park Ward Mutual. Lillian read to class, we stayed to the dance after. I left the dance on account of asthma caused by dust. Louis took me to the drug store for aspirin.

October 23, Wednesday

I slept late this morning and surely did enjoy it. I read some of my poems to Lillian, over our breakfast cups this a.m. We had hot chocolate and toast. Lillian went uptown later. I cleaned up the house and walked over to Relief Society. I met Sr. Shoemen and we walked to the hall together. I took care of Dale while Annie took care of her minutes. Donna came to Relief Society; I was delighted to see the dear child. It seemed like a month since I'd last seen her. [*It had been three days.*] Sr. Worsely gave the lesson very well, as usual. I stopped in the bank to pay on our washer. Shopped in Kress with Donna, Sue, and Annie. Lillian stayed uptown for dinner and a show. We went to Mutual. Donna and Rex came over after Mutual. We had some music with Lillian. Went over to Donna's house, ate ice cream and cake there. I received a little note from Miriam Marsh today, apologizing for not coming to the wedding reception.

October 24, Thursday

Lillian went uptown again this a.m. I ironed. Donna came over this afternoon. We took pictures when Lillian got home. Donna and I walked to Boy's Market, she took the street car home from market. Rex got home a car ahead of her and was upset cause she wasn't home, he came to see if she was here, oh, oh! I prepared a nice dinner. We took a picture of Louis and Lillian when he got home. After dinner we went over for Donna. Rex had a meeting at Fuller Paint Company. We all rode to the bus station to see Aunt Lillian off. Louis took Donna and me to the Los Angeles Theater after. We saw two good pictures. I hope Lillian will arrive okay.

October 25, Friday

I cleaned bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, and porches before going to Highland Park. I met Donna at two o'clock. We went in Hall's Store and bought our shower gifts for Norma Bingham Nelson, a pretty set of towels, and wash cloth in blue. We left a film in White's Art shop, to be developed into ten pictures of Rex and Donna in their wedding clothes. I paid the light and gas bills, came home



Baskets returned for \$2 deposit.

and cleaned two front rooms. We went over to Dolores, but Shirley wanted her to stay until tomorrow. She is invited to a Halloween party with the kiddies tomorrow. We took Sue and Al over to Saxelby's, their car is down again, they were invited there to dinner. We dropped off some garden cuttings on our way. Took flower baskets back, and got back our \$2.00 deposit. Rex took Donna and me to Bingham's to Norma's Gleaner shower. We had a nice time. Florence Oates brought me home.

October 26, Saturday

Louis went uptown this morning to the Hall of Records. He made an application to take the civil service examination for a carpenter job with the county. I went to the post office and mailed a money order to Salt Lake for our insurance. I bought things for lunch, but Louis had fixed his own lunch, he was eating when I got back. Bill and Annie brought the family over for a few minutes. Louis took Bill, Raymond, Charles, and me to conference tonight. Of course it was the priesthood conference, they had their reports to make. It's never as interesting to me. We found a note from Donna and Rex when we got home. They'd spent the evening at the piano.

October 27, Sunday

It was a treat not to have dinner to prepare this a.m. Louis and I called for Sue and Al about 8:30. We all went to conference. The morning session was very good. Paul Bailey gave a splendid talk in this session. We ate dinner at the stake house. Ruthie Marsh ate with Louis and me. I talked with Romania Hyde Woolley, [*Romania Jeanette Hyde was born in Salt Lake and was two years younger than Elvie*] between the two sessions. She is visiting here from Honolulu. She has lived on the islands for 15 years now. We came home after the afternoon session, brought Sue and Al and Donna and Rex home. We stopped in Sue's while Dolores got her clothes together. She came home to live with us this winter and go to school. I bought a few groceries from Boy's Market, Donna and Rex came home with us and ate a bite. Rex brought their laundry here tonight; he ran out of gas and had to walk home.

October 28, Monday

I got Dolores ready for school. It seemed strange to have a little school girl in our home again. Donna came early and walked to school with Dody to show her where to cross the streets for safety. We had a big washing, Donna hung them all out. Our two new lines came in handy. Donna had a new ironing board sent out here, so Daddy could help her pad it. I helped him while she prepared dinner. It was nice to have them home again. Otto sent Dolores a box of pine nuts and a letter, also a letter from Violet. She was tickled with them. We all enjoyed the pine nuts. Annie and Bill brought the baby over this evening. Lorene and Mary visited us, too. Charles went to a meeting. Rex and Donna went to Mutual social at Marshes'.

October 29, Tuesday

I walked down to school with Dody this morning, and brought her sweater home. She left it at school yesterday, so she had to wear a coat this a.m. I met her school teacher, she is very nice. I stopped in Boy's Market and bought things to make a stew. Mrs. Downs was here when I got back. She came for my apron pattern. I made the stew, Annie brought Dale over for me to tend while she went uptown to buy Beverly a skirt to go with her graduation sweater. Poor little Dale missed his mother so I had to keep him outside in his buggy all the time. Clara came to see June. She waited over two hours for June



*Shirley Hogle, Yvonne and Dolores Fife
Taken in August 1935 when Shirley, Bette, and Beverly
were visiting the Fifes in the mountains.*

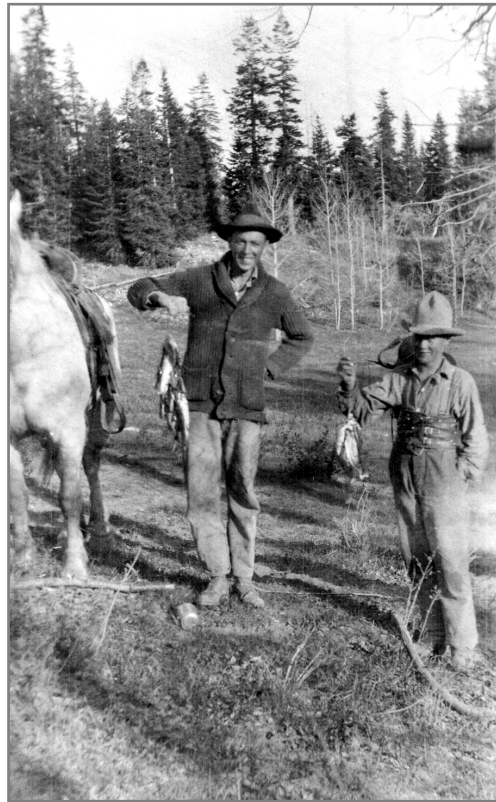
to come home. Dolores walked home with Annie. Shirley came, we took her with us to Donna's. I gave Donna and Rex some stew. Picked up Dody on our way to Donna's. Glen was bringing her home. I read stories and played a game with Dody tonight. Donna's friends, Gladys Kilson and Helen Martinez, went to visit them tonight.

October 30, Wednesday

Annie surprised me with an early visit this morning. They are redecorating her house; eight men came to work in it today. Annie and baby Dale had to get out somewhere, was happy to see them. I ironed until time to go to Relief Society. Annie left her rings home, so she went back to get them while I took Dale to Highland Park in his buggy. She met me at Ivers, where she bought baby a new pair of shoes. I took care of the baby while Annie wrote the minutes; she walked home with me after. Donna was home here, she had been typing, and they walked home together. Louis and I went to Sue's for Dolores. She played with Shirley while I went to Relief Society. We three took a walk over to Annie's tonight. Saw goblins and spooks. Rex and Donna came while we were out tonight. They called in Annie's, also.

October 31, Thursday

It is cold at nights, but warm in the daytime. I surely wish I had more bedding, so I could give Donna some, I'm afraid they won't be warm enough these cold nights. With little Dody here, I have to keep the bedding because she must sleep warm or her old kidney trouble may return. I wish Fuller's store would give the blanket they promised Rex soon. Sr. Stead went Relief Society visiting with me today. We called on her neighbor, and old Sister Niles who is very ill. I enjoy teaching with Mary Stead. Dody had a yard full of kids here when I got home. Five boys and one girl. There were seven counting herself. Miss Peterson would pass out if she saw that. That child can make friends fast. Beverly and Dale paid us a visit this afternoon. We took a walk to Highland Park tonight, enjoyed hot popcorn. The kids were having a wonderful time down on the Avenue, all dressed up for Halloween. Dolores got a kick out of the costumes, too. Andersens and Claytons called on us, we enjoyed their visit a lot.



*Otto Fife and friend
Nov. 1, 1935 Otto turned 35 years old.*



November 1, Friday

Oh, my, we'll soon have Thanksgiving Day. We are still enjoying lovely sunshine each day. I cleaned the bedrooms and bathroom. Annie and I walked to Boy's Market to buy things for dinner. Dolores went along. The Andersen family ate dinner with us this evening as their house is all upset. The men are painting the kitchen and back porch today. They are doing some work in every room in the house. It is surely awful to try and live in the home at this upset time. Beverly stayed with the kids tonight while Annie, Bill, Lou, and I went over to Sue's to the Strong's Genealogy meeting. Oscar, Blanche, and Helen were the only ones who came from down that way, so we didn't hold a meeting, just had a nice visit. Enjoyed Jell-O and cream. Beverly slept with Dolores. It is Otto's birthday!

November 2, Saturday

We had a nice rain in the night. June didn't think it was nice, though. Her washing was out. Mary called for Dolores this a.m. They met Shirley on the corner and all went to Primary. June has had a house full of her Sunday School children all day, she's had some of them there all week, getting their scrap books ready for the union meeting tomorrow (Church History contest). Andersens have been here off and on today, their house is all upset. The owners are cleaning it all through. Shirley came home with Dolores, she slept here tonight. They've had a wonderful time together. Mary came in for a while, but not long. Tonight Louis went with Bishop to help dress a man in the Temple robes for burial. Donna and Rex came in tonight for a minute. Rex and Ernie went to play basketball for M Men. Donna stayed with Elaine.

November 3, Sunday

I missed the nine o'clock meeting this a.m. I'm not used to having two little girls to help get ready for Sunday School. I had to make Dolores's new dress shorter. I didn't know it was too long. I'm glad fast day is over for a month. It's too long to hold little children in class. Sr. Marsh invited us to dinner. It was nice of her, but we came home. Br. Keller was calling for me to go to union meeting. Rex and Donna ate at Marshes'. Our stake

union teacher got married this summer and resigned. We'll all miss her. We had a new instructor today, she will be very good, I think. Dody ate dinner with Shirley and stayed there tonight while we went to church. We called in for her after. A new boy moved here from Summit County, Utah. He wants a home with L.D.S. family, nice lad. Louis caught cold yesterday working in Peterson's wet yard. He went to bed all afternoon.

November 4, Monday

Boy, it was cold last night. We had white frost outside this a.m. It didn't take old Mr. Sun long to do away with Mr. J. Frost though. I got Dody off to school before starting the washing this morning. Donna came to help. We had a nice visit, the clothes all got dry. It was a beautiful day. Violet sent Dody and me a letter, poor darling; I know it is awful without her little Dody girl. I have to shed a few tears every letter we get from her. This evening we took Donna's laundry to her. We called in Annie's on way back. Her kitchen and back porch and bathroom are all finished. They look lovely. The other rooms are still upset. Rex was going to practice basketball tonight. Florence and Donna were going to Ruth Kitchen's to rehearse a Mutual play. Fuller's Paint Company gave Rex and Donna a beautiful all wool blanket. I'm so glad, they will keep warm now.

November 5, Tuesday

Jack Frost came in the night again, but good ole Mr. Sun chased him away. I spent the day at home cleaning, ironing and watering the lawns and gardens. We enjoy having little Dolores here. She's a sweet child, and it helps to take away the hurt in my heart, caused by my own little girl leaving home. Dolores and I walked to the little store on Aldama Street this afternoon. We had a very pleasant evening of music. Rex and Donna brought Inis and Bob over; Bob practiced his songs with Donna. Rex went to basketball practice. Louis enjoyed his violin again; he got the new strings last week. I'm glad it was in order for him. Donna, Louis, Rex, and I sang and played church songs before they left.

November 6, Wednesday

I'm so glad Rex and Donna got that lovely wool blanket from the Fuller's Company. I was worried about them these very cold nights. I got my darning done before going to the 12 o'clock teachers meeting. I took care of Dale through both meetings. The little dear slept all through the Relief Society meeting, so I enjoyed Sr. Wood's lesson. The testimonies were very interesting, too. I walked through Kress Store, and home. Dolores ate dinner at Sue's. She

stayed with Shirley while we went to Mutual. We had several stake workers visit our Mutual tonight. I made myself acquainted with Sr. Salter. Her husband is a stake worker, he was in the officers meeting, she sat alone, and she is very nice. I'm so relieved that Al is going to write the history of our ward for our Souvenir bulletin, am I glad! He said he'd enjoy doing it. Florence Oates invited us to the married Gleaner's dinner tomorrow night. We can't leave Dody alone, and she must get to bed early.

November 7, Thursday

I wrote poems for Lillian Stead. She is giving a kitchen shower for Frances K. and wanted the invitations in verse. I also wrote a letter to Grama Renshaw, and a card to Dad, and one to Violet. I watered flowers and lawns. Louis took Dody and me to Boy's Market when he got home from work. After dinner we went over to pay Miss Peterson the rent. We rode past Annie's. Dody and I intended visiting Andersens while Louis went to a county employee's meeting at the hospital, but the house was in darkness, they were out riding, I guess. We got out in Highland Park and enjoyed window shopping and hot popcorn, also the walk home. I am enjoying my Dody girl a lot.

November 8, Friday

Beverly came in this morning early for the vacuum. Boy, its cold out these mornings. It makes you feel the Thanksgiving and Christmas spirit alright. I cleaned the bedrooms and bathroom and then went to Steads to take Lillian the poems she asked me to compose for her. She wanted them for the kitchen shower the bakery girls are giving Frances K. I called the Franklin Beauty Shoppe and made an appointment for Sammy to give me a shampoo and wave. After the wave, I came home to Dolores. Aunt Dell [*Alice Adella McKnight*] and Hazel came just as we were leaving for Highland Park. They'd been over to see Donna, but she was out. They said Aunt Dell had a wedding gift for the kids, and she left it here for me to give them, linen napping, real nice. Louis stayed home with Dody tonight. Fred and Vera gave Rex and Donna a pantry can shower tonight. It was a surprise on the kids. We had lots of fun, real nice party. They had everyone take off the labels from the cans they brought. Poor kids will have a time.

November 9, Saturday

I washed Dody's hair, gave her a bath and curled her hair before she went to Primary. Mary and Shirley both called for her. Louis took them to Primary. He bought some walnuts on Avenue, about 5 pounds, I guess, 15¢ a pound. I was slow getting through my work today, not much pep.



Alice Adella McKnight circa 1890

Glen walked over with the vacuum this morning. They couldn't find the car keys. The three kiddies came here after their Primary. I fixed them some lunch; they went over to Mary's from Sue's. Sue took Dolores and Shirley to a show tonight. We went to a church fund dinner with Br. and Sr. Hill over to Sr. Prices. Ruth and Homer Kitchens were there, also. We had a lovely dinner and nice visit. We took the Hills to Boy's Market after dinner to get their groceries. His car is out of order. The Hill's have a nice new gas heater; Sr. Hill had her new teeth, too. Donna and Bob Stanton practiced there, while we were out tonight.

November 10, Sunday

Louis took me down to Sunday School, but he came home and worked in the yard. He worked all day yesterday, too. What a man! We had such a large class today, 42 children. It is just too many for one class. Poor June had an awful time of it today. She had to call in the superintendent of Sunday School. I coaxed Rex and Donna to come home and eat dinner with us. Dolores ate at Shirley's. Rex took his car down to Ernie's station to have his battery recharged. Paul Bailey and his wife came over this evening before church time. They left a wedding gift for Rex and Donna. It was a lovely blanket. Kids came over after church and got it. Louis and I went over to Sue's for Dolores. Sr. Burnett and Sue were planning their church building fund dinner.

Car Troubles

In the 1930s car trouble was very common place. Whether it was a car that wouldn't start, tires that went flat, running out of gas, rattles, noises, dead batteries and a host of issues; cars were great but they were not as dependable or reliable as most cars are today. Going on a long road trip was an act of faith!

November 11, Monday—Armistice Day

We slept until nine o'clock, I wasn't asleep, but the warm bed felt too good to get out in the cold. Louis worked all day in the yard, and on his car. I didn't do much of anything. Annie, Beverly, Glen, and Dale came to call; Dolores and I went home with them to see how their house looked, now that it is all finished. It surely looks nice and new, has been papered and painted inside all through. Bev took Dody to the Highland Theater this afternoon. Lucille Clybourn and husband came over to show us their new daughter, three weeks old. Donna came over; we rode over to Elaine's while Louis took a nap. There was a gift from Sr. Pack at Elaine's for Donna and Rex. She's in Salt Lake. It was a pretty lace scarf. We called for Rex and Donna tonight, went to Laura Johnson's to an aluminum dinner. [*Perhaps this was a cookware demonstration.*] It was very good. Louis and I won the prize, a little dipper.

November 12, Tuesday

Donna came over this morning, we washed. It was a beautiful day, the clothes dried in short time. The aluminum man [*selling cookware?*] came at four o'clock, he waited until 4:35 for Lou, but left without seeing him, cause Louis worked an hour over time. I told the man we couldn't buy,

anyway. I'm sorry he wasted his time, though, he was a nice fellow. After dinner tonight we took Donna's laundry home. We got there just in time for a dish of ice cream. Rex bought a little freezer today, so he tried it out this evening. It was very good ice cream, had bananas and nuts in. Donna had a play rehearsal for the Mutual play, Rex went to basketball practice. We went over to Sue's to get my hot water bottle. They had their building fund dinner tonight.

November 13, Wednesday

I wrote a card to Violet, she sent a check for some galoshes for Dody yesterday. I did part of the ironing then went to Relief Society "church fund" luncheon. June, Harold, and Bobby went, too. I rode down with them. I got baby Dale to sleep in his buggy while Annie helped prepare the luncheon. There was a letter from Otto when I got home, with a check. Dolores and I went back to Highland Park. We bought her some new school shoes, three pair of sox, and a pink silk slip. Oh, and some galoshes, also. She bought twin dolls and candy in Kress Store. Louis went to Mutual tonight. I stayed home with Dolores. We played paper dolls. I made some furniture out of the butter wrappers I've saved. Was cute! Louis went over to talk to Mr. Ross about fixing our car. I guess they'll do it Saturday and Sunday.

November 14, Thursday

I put an Epsom salts pack on my throat last night, it helped me a lot. I'm glad I feel better, but I'm still miserable. I wrote a letter to Violet and finished the ironing. Louis went to the market this evening. He brought home some salmon. I baked it, and it was delicious. I played paper dolls and a game with Dolores tonight. Ed Robinson came over for some music for Bob Stanton. They are having an elder's party over in Pasadena Ward in honor of Br. Romige. Donna is going over to play for the boys to sing. I put on another pack and went to bed. Viola Niles mother-in-law died a few days ago. They are taking her body back to Ogden, Utah. Check from Otto, \$15.00.

November 15, Friday

I cleaned bedrooms and darned sox, and mended. John Marsh brought Lou's tools home this afternoon. I rode as far as Boy's Market with him. Beverly came over this evening to read Violet's letters. Dolores said she had a headache, just before dinner. I didn't lose anytime giving her soda. Violet said that a headache was the first sign of a spell with her kidneys. Soda is the best thing to give her. She seemed to feel alright after dinner. John and Florence came over tonight. They had taken Ruthie to a party over to Knighton's. They visited with us until time to go for Ruthie. Louis has been studying for his examination tomorrow, county carpenter.

November 16, Saturday

Louis worked over to Peterson's this morning and this afternoon he went uptown to take the county civil service examination for carpenter work. Mary and Shirley called to take Dolores to Primary. I didn't know she was to be there at nine o'clock today, to practice for the conference, so they had to wait for her. Shirley came home with Dody and ate lunch with us. This afternoon I took both kiddies uptown.

We bought a girdle and sent it to Violet, she sent for it. Then we bought Dolores a rain coat and hat. We spent the rest of the evening in Toyland. The girls got a prize box each. I had to buy a shopping bag to bring them home in, so large, ha ha. Annie, Bill, and baby Dale came over tonight. Shirley slept with Dody. I bought ice cream and nuts for the kiddies uptown.

November 17, Sunday

Lou went over to Mr. Ross's to work on his car, he left early this morning. It was raining when we got ready to go to Sunday School. I called Sue from Sandra's, but Bishop was down to the L.A. Stake house to a Gen. convention. June said Harold would take the children to Sunday School, so we walked in the rain. We had to be there early to an officer's meeting. Rex couldn't get his car started, so he came on the bus. Florence and Ernie took us to his house after Sunday School. June and Harold took Shirley and Dolores over to Sue's. Donna had a lovely dinner ready. Louis came over long enough to eat. It rained most of the day. The kids insisted that I rest while they did up the dishes. A wonderful meeting tonight. Br. Haddock spoke. We took Donna and Rex home from church and had a nice lunch. Twice in one day. Her French apple pie was delicious. Rex lost his wallet in church, \$19.00 in it. His dad found it, lucky, eh?

November 18, Monday

I took a chance and washed, am surely glad I did. They all got dry. Br. Hill talked Donna into going to work at Mr. Anderson's jewelry store for a few days. She worked Friday and Saturday and is going to work all this week. Rex doesn't like the idea at all, but Donna is enjoying it and wants to earn a little Christmas money. They are eating their evening meal with us this week. I surely enjoy it, too, cause my girl is home again. Inis and Bob came over this evening. Donna, Bob, and Inis were all on the floor trying to wrap the shower gifts that Inis took for Frances. Rex had to do the job after all. Br. Scott came teaching and brought his wife tonight. Bob and Rex went to York show. We had a nice time at Egan's tonight. The Gleaner girls gave a shower on Frances K. Donna took our car. Gleaner girls sang their conference songs.

November 19, Tuesday

My blood pressure has been bad the last three days, it is hard for me to get my work done, and almost impossible

for me to concentrate on anything, writing and composing are just out when I feel like this. "What a life." I'm worried about the ward history we are to have ready for the December souvenir bulletin. The time is short and Bishop hasn't given it to me yet, he spent hours on it, and then lost it. Oh, dear! I did our ironing today. Louis and I went to Franklin High School to vote yes, on school bond this afternoon. Dolores went along. I prepared dinner for Donna, Rex, and Dody. Louis and I ate over to Sue's. Sr. Gunn and Sue gave a "church fund" dinner for 20 people. It was a lovely dinner, tables looked beautiful, too. We had lots of fun after the dinner tonight. Played a "blow the egg" game and some guessing games.

November 20, Wednesday

I wrote a long letter to Violet, she keeps me busy answering questions about her child. I know she must miss her something awful, I feel so sorry for her. It's too bad there isn't a good school and a good job in the same town for Otto, so their little Dody could be with them. I'm happy to have her, she helps me over the lonesome feeling Donna left. I helped quilt at Relief Society today; they put on two quilts, one small one. The Primary had conference practice today, so Shirley brought Dolores down after school. She is going to sleep with Dody tonight. Bob Stanton gave a musical program after Mutual tonight. I didn't go to Mutual, but walked down in time for the musical. It was a splendid program and they took in \$19.00 and a few cents. Louis stayed with the kiddies. The money taken in at Bob's program tonight went into our building fund, nice, eh? Bishop and Sue brought Sr. Evan and me home.



*Violet & Dolores, November 1929
Violet misses Dolores so much in November 1935.*

November 21, Thursday

I have enjoyed having my children, Donna and Rex, eat dinner with us each evening this week. It seems more like home used to be when I my little girl lived here. Donna is enjoying her work at the jewelry store, too. I started to embroider the pillow slips for the Relief Society bazaar today. I'll have to hurry to have them finished in time now. Annie left Dale here when she went to Relief Society union meeting, he likes to stay with me now, and he knows me better. Beverly came for the baby after school, but she had to leave his buggy here, cause she brought the auto. Bill came for the buggy tonight. Shirley came home from school and took Dolores over to her house, they ate dinner over there. Louis and I went to pay the rent, and then he

and Al administered to a sick lady. I talked to Sue and kids in their car. Got a letter from Mother Renshaw. Louis answered it before dinner. We took my Sunday School Instructor down to Marshes' for Sr. Marsh. Mr. Anderson put the tiny diamond back in Donna's wedding ring today.



Mild of Magnesia bottles over the years.

November 22, Friday

I embroidered on pillow slips all morning and enjoyed radio; it rained a little this a.m., but didn't amount to anything. This afternoon I walked to the bank to make another payment on our washer. Stopped in drug store and bought "Milk of Magnesia" for Dolores. She complained of an ache in her side. Boy, it surely upsets me when that child says she doesn't feel well. I gave her some soda, too. She was full of pep all evening, so I guess she's okay I bought her a white chain for her hair, and some drawing paper. Rex and Donna left right after dinner tonight. She had two practices, one song, and one play. Bill, Annie, baby, and Glen visited with us tonight while Beverly was practicing over at Egan's (Gleaner conference songs). I gave Dolores a bath before putting her to bed. Louis got off work this afternoon to take the oral test for carpenter county work. The examination was given at Hall of Records.



Hall of Records in Los Angeles

November 23, Saturday

Louis went down to Marshes' this morning to make the big "folding table" that they are going to use on Thanksgiving Day, for the big dinner. The table will seat about 16 people. We are invited to their dinner again this year. They just insisted on us coming, it will make seven or eight years we have eaten Thanksgiving dinner at Marshes'. We surely do enjoy it, too. Shirley came home from Primary with Dolores; I fixed a little lunch and took it out on the lawn. Fixed a little table out of my little wash bench, they sat in swing and ate it. They thought it was great fun! Shirley ate dinner with us tonight and slept here with Dolores. We took them to Boy's Market and for a nice ride after. Elaine and Ernie left the baby with me for a short while this afternoon. Annie, Beverly, and Dale came for a few minutes, too. Donna got off work this afternoon, had a wave, and met Rex, they went shopping.

November 24, Sunday

We had a 9 a.m. local Sunday School board meeting this morning. Bishop and Bill were excused to go to Relief Society convention in the L.A. Stake. Sr. Bishop and I tried dividing our Sunday School class this a.m. we each took half. I think it will be better that way. We had them sit around a big table. Shirley came home to dinner with us. Louis stayed home this a.m. and worked on his car. I read stories to the children this afternoon to keep them quiet (Shirley, Dody, Bobby, and Lawrence). Annie, Beverly, and baby Dale, came to visit us about five. Dolores and Shirley left early to get dressed for the Primary conference. They wanted them down to the church at six o'clock. I enjoyed seeing all the dear little Primary children take part in the conference tonight, very good. Rex brought the laundry over tonight. Donna is going to work this next week, also. Paul Bailey talked to me about bulletin after church.

November 25, Monday

I got a good early start with the washing, had the third run in before I got Dolores up for school. They all got dry even though we had very little sunshine today. I surely do enjoy the washer, wasn't at all tired when I got the washing out, and it was a big washing, too. Dolores brought a little girl home today who lives on Hub Street. Her name is Susie Bailey. I had a strange thrill when she told me her name. Shirley Rowe came to play with Dody this afternoon. Donna is working this week, too, but they are eating home. They came for laundry, but I wouldn't let them have it, I can do it, the ironing, a lot better than having them iron at nights after work. Donna had a Mutual Gleaner Girl song practice over at Egan's tonight, so they didn't stay only a minute. Beverly called in to give Louis \$3.00 Annie had borrowed Saturday. She went to Egan's, too. Dolores and I played guessing games tonight with my old Christmas cards. Her cold has cleared up, thank goodness!

November 26, Tuesday

I had five shirts ironed before eight o'clock this morning. I finished the rest of the ironing after Dolores had gone to school and the work was done up. Annie walked over with Dale in his buggy this p.m. She wanted me to walk to Highland Park with her; she had to go to the bank. I paid Donna's light bill when I was down, she gave me the money last nite. Dolores went along and pestered me until I bought her a little doll in a high chair. It doesn't pay me to take her in Kress. I had to buy her two little twin dolls last time we went in. Tonight Louis took us over to Bishop's. I got the ward history for bulletin. Beverly had been ironing at Sue's, so we took her home. Lorene and Sr. Scott were helping Annie write cards to send out to the ward people, inviting them to the Relief Society Bazaar and asking for a donation. Sue said Clarence called to say Aunt Ida's [Eliza Davies] sister, Nellie, [Ellen Davies] had been killed in auto accident.

November 27, Wednesday

I was sorry to hear last night about Aunt Ida's sister, Nellie, dying from an auto accident which she was in a few weeks ago. I wrote a long letter to Violet and finished the

embroidery work on the Relief Society pillow slips. Annie and Sr. Treu left the three little children with me today for about 2 ½ hours while they went shopping with Sr. Robinson to buy the food for baskets they are giving to the poor on Thanksgiving, tomorrow. I took my slips to the hemstitchers this afternoon, Dolores went with me. We met Sue and her two children on their way to Highland Park. Dody coaxed to go along so I let her. Tonight we took Donna's laundry over, but they weren't home. Went to Marshes' with the rabbits, celery, and olives. Table looks lovely Rex bought the rabbits for the dinner tomorrow. Louis got them for him. He got one for us for Sunday, she put it in Charles' electric ice box. Tonight Dolores and I went over to see the two one act plays the Mutual gave. They were both good. Donna was in one.

November 28, Thursday—Thanksgiving Day

Ah, we didn't have to get out early this morning. Surely enjoyed the nice warm bed until eight o'clock. Al and kids came in for a minute; he brought more of the ward history. I did some crocheting on the pillow slips for bazaar. I got Dolores ready, curled her hair so she'd be happy for the occasion, dinner and show with Shirley and Bette. I walked over to Avenue 53 with her. Louis and Mr. Ross worked on our car all morning, trying to get it adjusted, there is just some little thing out of kilter since they had it apart. We took our bath and left for the big Thanksgiving dinner at Marshes'. The big table, Louis made, looked just beautiful. Orange and white flowers, favors and corn candies and nuts. Everything to eat, turkey, rabbit, chicken, mince and pumpkin pie, and all the trimmings. Rex washed all the dishes. We did the drying, other men folks took naps. Sr. Marsh had to go back to work this afternoon. I crocheted on pillow slips while some of the young folks played table tennis. We all went to show tonight. Saw the three Marx Brothers in "A Night at the Opera." Went back to Marshes' ate more turkey and pie.

November 29, Friday

Lewie gave us three fish last night; he went fishing early yesterday morning. Dolores spent the day with Shirley yesterday and slept there all night. She came over this morning about ten o'clock, said Sue and kids are going to town. I worked on Al's ward history for our December souvenir bulletin. Glen came to visit for a few minutes; he was on his way to Mary's. Dolores coaxed to go with him, so he took

her. I was glad, cause she gets lonesome when I am busy writing. Beverly and Glen came with Dody this evening to tell me they wanted her to stay for dinner at their house tonight. So Louis and I ate our baked fish and scalloped potatoes by our lonesome. I hope Donna's feet feel better today. She was going to Marshes' after work, she and Rex were invited to come and help finish up the turkey. She also is to practice tonight with Sr. Marsh's friend who plays the violin. Mr. Sandra brought Dody home. Beverly is staying with Bob while June and Mrs. Sandra go to a show.

November 30, Saturday

And now November 1935 comes to a close. I gave Dolores her bath and off to Primary she went with Mary and Shirley. Louis took his car to George Hunter's garage for a little fixing. I had the whole house to clean up today. This afternoon Louis fixed the leaky tap in the front lawn. Shirley and Dolores played here all afternoon. Mary came for a short time; I fixed lunch for all three. Annie, and Beverly brought the baby over for a while, they took Mary home in their car. Shirley slept all night with Dody. We took the kids for a little ride tonight. Called in Lorene's to get our rabbit from her electric ice box. Donna ran in and out again tonight. Rex was shopping in Highland Park. He didn't know she was coming over, she had the car. Elaine and Ernie visited with them tonight.

December 1, Sunday

I fried the rabbit this morning, got the vegetables prepared for dinner, and got Shirley and Dolores up and ready for Sunday School. Shirley had to go home and change her dress and shoes before she could go. Louis took June and me over to the 9 a.m. officers and teachers meeting. President David Cannon was our speaker. It was a wonderful meeting. I enjoyed my Sunday School class so much. The kiddies were just grand. Sr. Bishop took half, I the other half. Louis had dinner on the table when Dody and I got here. We were disappointed cause Rex and Donna didn't come to eat with us. She didn't go to Sunday School, but I told Rex to be sure to bring her over to eat. They came in the evening and ate some lunch with us before church. They couldn't get the car started at noon. Dody spend the afternoon and evening at Glen's. Br. Carter got a ticket for crossing over a white line, on our way home from Sunday School union meeting. I'm so sorry about it. The Hoglunds went to a turkey dinner at Hill's today.

December 2, Monday

We enjoyed another lovely day. I got a good start with the washing, had a big one, but everything was dry by 2 p.m.



Shirley came over after school with a note from Bette, asking me to write a poem in the form of an invitation. She and Coleen Gunn are giving the Beehive girls a party, December sixth. Dolores went home with Shirley and stayed to dinner. Bette came for poems on way from school. I had three for her to choose from. I worked on the ward history Bishop gave me for the bulletin. Louis and I ate alone. Donna and Rex came in for a few minutes tonight. They took the temple clothes back tonight they'd borrowed to be married in. They also took a gift to the young couple, salad set, I think. Louis and I went after Dody. Baby Ann, and Dale were there. Bill had a meeting with Al. Glen was watching Dale. Annie and Beverly had gone to a show, and also Elaine and Ernie to some show. That's why both babies were out visiting tonight.

December 3, Tuesday

I got part of the ironing done before Dolores got up, it seems strange to have to stop and get a little girl off to school again. She's a dear little thing, though. I worked most of the day on the ward history for the bulletin. It was cloudy and cold all day, but didn't rain until tonight about eight o'clock. It rained most of the night, I think. Donna and Rex came to dinner, she had a practice with the Gleaner girls tonight for their conference. Wanda wants Donna to take care of the chorus work. Louis is helping, too. There are about ten girls in it. They sing two songs. Annie, Bill, Glen, and Dale dropped in for a few minutes this evening, also. I surely enjoyed the music while I worked on the ward history. Rex went to basketball practice. Elmer H., Bob Stanton, and Ed Robinson called in for their girls tonight; we had lots of company, like old times.

December 4, Wednesday

I finished the copy work on the ward history Bishop gave me, this a.m., and also finished the pillow slips for the Relief Society, then ironed until it was time to go to the Ebell to take the things. Louis took Dolores and me in the car. I bought two aprons in Hall's Store, one for Donna to give and the other one for me. They had some very nice things on sale at the bazaar, but I couldn't buy, as usual. We took Dolores over to Mr. Demille's barber shop and had her hair cut. Louis had a shave and a haircut, also. We went back to the Hall and ate dinner. It was a lovely dinner. It was a treat not to work in the kitchen or on table. I enjoyed being the lady for a change. We came home to get the ward history for Paul Bailey. Bishop read it over to check on it. Dolores went to the show with Bette and Shirley. Claude Hansen was hurt in auto accident tonight. Sr. Hansen had to leave and go to the hospital.



Lou and Elvie Renshaw, 1932

December 5, Thursday —Ah! My Birthday Again, 43 years I've enjoyed life in this good old earth of ours.

Sue came over this morning with a very beautiful bouquet of large yellow chrysanthemums for me. Anne brought Dale over in his buggy; she was on her way to Highland Park. Little Dody wanted to give me a birthday gift, so Annie took her to Kress Store and she bought me a very pretty handkerchief, bless her little ole hart. Beverly took me to Boy's Market in their car. Rex and Donna came to eat dinner with us. I baked salmon and potatoes. We had a nice dinner. I was so happy to have them home. I also made French apple pie, which was good. But best of all was the very lovely gifts my loved ones gave me. A beautiful dictionary, and Sheaffer's pen, the new vacuum filled, [vacuum filled: Donna moved and took her pen and dictionary] from Louis, Donna, and Rex. The card was so pretty, too. Rex picked it out. Lorene and Charles came this evening and brought

a lovely sofa pillow that Charles had made for me. I'm so happy, I love my pen. P.S. Louis wrapped his overcoat to send Babe, and Donna and Rex's picture to send Grandma tonight. Dolores got a letter from Otto; he says they can stay in the mountain home and [his] job [with the forest service].

December 6, Friday

I've been seeing little spots and etcetera off and on all day. Something wrong with this old head of mine, I guess. I cleaned all through the house and did some darning, regardless of the dots and dashes before my eyes. Shirley came over after school and took Dolores home with her to dinner. We went over this evening to get them. I tried to call Paul Bailey on the phone to make a correction in the bulletin. The line was busy so Al said he'd call him. We took the children over to Annie's to see the big Highland Park Santa Claus parade. We waited in the house over there until time to go out and see it pass. We went, after seeing parade, to the York junction triangle, where the beautifully decorated 30 foot Christmas tree was lighted, also at each point of the triangle was a 14 foot candle with lights. A little electric train was winding in and out around the tree to the delight of the kiddies. We took the kiddies for a ride and bought them some popcorn. Shirley slept with Dody.

December 7, Saturday

I had rather a poor night, my arms kept going numb, it really had me frightened once, I woke Louis up to massage one of my arms. I'm still on the job, anyway. I gave both Dolores and Shirley a bath before their breakfast this a.m. Mary called to take the kids to Primary, or go with them, I should say. They were all excited because Uncle Al had



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promised to take them uptown to see the Christmas stores after Primary. Elise Elkins came over again this afternoon to type more Gleaner programs for their conference tomorrow night. Louis worked over on Peterson's yard this morning. I got a letter from Violet; she sent \$5.00 to have Dolores's teeth taken care of. Elaine and Ernie left the baby here this evening while they did some shopping in Boy's Market. Sue and kiddies came. Dody wanted to sleep with Shirley. Louis and I went for a ride; I bought a few things in Kress first. Sue got her new teeth today, they are very natural looking. Donna and Rex called in and ate a bite with us this evening. She stayed with Elaine while boys went to basketball game.

December 8, Sunday

I got through Sunday School class alright, happy to say, it was my day. Sr. Bishop told a nice story to both classes on the stand. The teachers are all going to take turns now, so it'll be a lot better. Lillian Stead is going ahead with the Christmas program. I'm surely glad of that, too. Dolores wanted to eat over to Shirley's, so Louis and I ate alone. He washed dishes for me, and then took his nap as usual on Sunday afternoon. I read my Sunday School lesson over for next Sunday. Br. Imsen came this afternoon, he is taking his family to Utah next week and came to borrow some canvas from Louis. They are going to the temple to be sealed and have the children sealed to them, he is so happy about it. I'm glad for them, too, nice folks. I went to Gen. meeting tonight. Louis practiced with the Gleaner chorus. The Gleaner Conference was lovely, the girls all did well. Donna gave Joseph Smith's vision in a reading. Rex and Donna came over after church tonight and ate with us. We went to Lorene's for Dolores first.

December 9, Monday

It was a beautiful day and I couldn't wash on account of not being well, surely hurts my feelings, too. I wrote a long letter to Violet. Annie left little Dale with me this afternoon while she went uptown. He is used to me now and likes to visit with me. He saw his mother take her leave and didn't make any fuss. Glen came over to get the baby after school. Shirley came home from school with Dolores and they coaxed me into letting Dody go over to Shirley's for dinner. I don't know how Sue feels about it but Shirley is sure her mother will like it okay Daddy and I ate alone, leftovers from yesterday. Donna and Rex came in tonight for a few minutes, they brought their laundry over. Louis put the car away before he thought of going for Dolores, but Rex said he'd go get her. They went to Boy's Market, and then for Dody.

December 10, Tuesday

We enjoyed a nice warm day, the clothes all got dry. I had a very large wash, but got a good start at it. I went over to see the school Christmas program to please Dolores. It was very good, the teachers have worked very hard to put it on. Bobby Hays was a Christmas tree, he took his part fine. Dody sang with the little carolers in the program. Louis took Dolores and me to Highland Park after work this p.m. We went to see Dr. Watkins about Dody's teeth. Sue was there, she had an appointment with him, so I asked her to take Dolores in with her and let him see her teeth. I waited for them. Doctor said it will cost \$6.00 or \$7.00 to do the work. We took Sue

home. Paid Donna's gas bill for her while in Highland Park. Louis took a walk down to Highland Park tonight. I was too tired to go.

December 11, Wednesday

Annie brought Dale over on her way to Relief Society. I had decided not to go cause I had so much work to do. Boy, but I had a big ironing, and I wanted to finish it before Donna and Rex came to get their laundry. I told her to leave the baby with me and she did. He just couldn't see why I must iron when he wanted to play. Well, I didn't get anywhere with the ironing until after he'd had his dinner and was in slumber land. Dolores went over to Shirley's after school, she'd gone to a party, but Dody visited with the little girl across the street, instead of coming home. Beverly went over after her in their car. She took her home to have dinner with them. I was so tired when Louis got home we decided we'd eat our dinner at Eddie's Place. Went to Mutual from the restaurant. We took Lillian, Harold, and Sr. Stead for a little ride after Mutual, to see Christmas lights and decorations on York Boulevard. We called for Dolores at Annie's first.

December 12, Thursday

I washed bedroom and bathroom curtains this morning, and then rushed to the beauty parlor for shampoo and wave from Sammy. I came back home and ironed the curtains, and then Dolores and I hurried over to the dentist for her appointment at 3:30. I bought things for dinner, chicken pies and vegetables. Finished washing windows and got the curtains all up while dinner was baking. We all enjoyed our dinner tonight, everything tasted so good. Louis and I got dolled up this evening and walked over to the studio on Monte Vista Street, near here, and had our pictures taken. The photographer showed us the proof of baby Ann's pictures, they are darling. Sue had them taken without Elaine knowing, she wants to surprise her on Christmas. We hope ours will be as good, we are surprising Donna, too. Dolores went with us; we all walked to Highland Park after, bought hot popcorn. The stores are all open until 9 p.m. until Christmas. We enjoy looking through them at night. Got a special delivery letter from Violet. She gets here tomorrow night 10:30 on the Burlington Bus.



December 13, Friday the 13th!!

I had a busy day cleaning, washing and ironing curtains, and etcetera. I was real tired this evening; we had a nice rest before going down to meet Violet. Donna stayed here with us while Rex went block teaching with Raymond. They

went to the bus station with us tonight when he got back. The bus got in about eleven o'clock. We had almost an hour to wait, but Rex took us for a ride. We enjoyed looking in the May Company windows at their Christmas display. It surely is clever. Dolores had to go to the rest room, after waiting so long to see the bus come, and just as soon as we left to go, the bus came in, so she missed seeing it arrive. Well, we were all excited and thrilled at seeing Violet and Yvonne again, anyway. We got into bed about 12:30. Rex treated to popcorn while we waited for the bus.

December 14, Saturday

Our baby was awake and ready to get up at 7 a.m., she's so cute. Dody is all excited over having mother and sister here to stay with her, we are all glad to have them. Mary and Shirley came to take Dolores to Primary. Louis brought our proofs home, they are all good, and we had a time to decide which one to have finished up. We took Violet over to Elaine's to see her cute little house and baby. After we'd eaten this evening, we went over to Lorene's, she's been sick in bed for two days, I do wish she felt better. Louis borrowed a little nursery chair from Bob tonight, he came home and made one like it for Yvonne. He also fixed a light in the front bedroom for Violet, on the bed where she can reach out and turn it on. We borrowed a cot from Jennie and made a bed for the baby, they didn't rest very well last night, all three in the bed. Elaine and baby visited with us tonight while Ernie went to play basketball. Sue let us take her high chair and little nursery rocker chair for Yvonne. June loaned me a quilt. I composed a poem for Bette to send to Audrey Treu.

December 15, Sunday

I slept so sound all night and didn't wake up until eight o'clock. Surely had to rush to get dinner started and be over to the church for my 9:30 meeting. Violet got Dolores ready for Sunday School, and finished the dinner. Dody ate with Shirley, Louis took Violet, Yvonne, and me over to Lorene's, she is feeling a little better, but still in bed. I do wish we knew what Lorene's trouble is, and that she felt better than she does. Annie, Beverly, and Glen came to Lorene's while we were there, they took Yvonne home with them, and we called over to Annie's for her. Violet stayed home with the children tonight, Shirley, too. Louis and I went to church. The Relief Society had a very nice conference. Charles stayed home with Lorene. Raymond took the roll call for his dad. Jack Rich and family came to church. We invited them to Christmas dinner with us all. Donna and Rex brought their laundry over after church. Sue and Al and Bette came for Shirley. We all had a nice visit.

December 16, Monday

Beverly came over this morning and gave Yvonne her bath, she

also got her to sleep, and did my dishes, sweet child. Violet went over and did Lorene's washing and housework. Beverly couldn't get the car started this morning, so Violet had to walk to Lorene's, but Beverly brought her home in the car this afternoon. I couldn't take Dolores to the dentist for her 1:15 appointment today. No one to leave the baby with. June started to wash this afternoon, she went to a funeral this a.m. Violet and I were tired from our day's work, Lorene gave her a list of Christmas shopping to do for her, Mary's things. Poor Lorene, I do hope she'll be better soon. Donna and Rex came over this evening, they had some Christmas gifts sent out to our house and came to see if they arrived okay. Donna brought some gold watch chains home for Violet to choose from, for Otto. She had one for me to give Louis. Louis "let the cat out the bag" about our picture, so we can't surprise Donna and Rex, but oh, it was funny, ha, ha, ha!

December 17, Tuesday

I started ironing before seven o'clock this morning and kept it up for almost five hours. Violet went uptown about noon to do some Christmas shopping for Lorene. I'm so glad Lorene is feeling better today, she got a bottle of tablets that Violet wanted her to try, the gas hasn't been bad since taking one. Violet went to Lorene's from town and ironed some shirts. Beverly did the rest of Lorene's ironing, poor kid, she has had a day of ironing. She ironed all morning at Sue's; she took Dody over to Lorene's with her. I was glad to get rid of the noise. Dolores had two little girls in the house playing all afternoon until Beverly took her. Yvonne was so tickled and excited over her friends. Donna and Rex came in for dinner with us, she was too sick to go to work today, poor little dear, how I wish I could relieve her of some of that awful sickness. I feel sick about it, but it doesn't help her any. [*This is the first hint that Donna is pregnant.*] It surely was a treat to have Donna home to play and sing again. Rex went block teaching tonight.

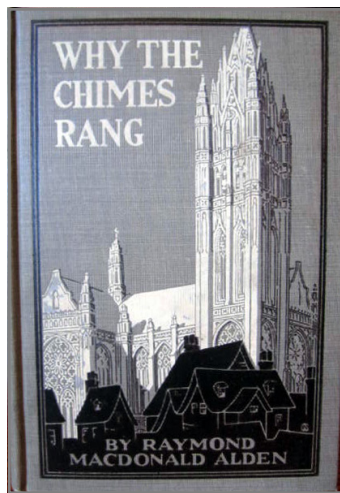
December 18, Wednesday

Violet took Dolores up to Highland Park to do her Christmas shopping this afternoon. These little kiddies have a wonderful time buying their gifts. They wrapped the gifts to send to Otto when they got home. Donna and Rex came to dinner this evening. She managed to stay at work today. Oh, dear, I'll be happy when she is well again, always something to worry about. I sewed tinsel on Dody's Primary costume and fixed some for her hair, she sang with the other little girls in her class at the Sunday School and Primary "Christmas Party" tonight. We all went over and enjoyed the program. Santa came and gave the kiddies all a stocking with candy and nuts. Uncle Bill made a very nice Santa. Yvonne enjoyed the party, too. She was too darn cute. Louis went for our pictures this evening, but he didn't have them finished yet.



December 19, Thursday

I gave the baby her bath while Violet got ready to go uptown. Beverly went with her. I took the rose color out of my dining room drapes, white Rit, and tinted them a gold, it was some job, but I like them a lot better now. Shirley came over this a.m. and played all day with Dody. Al let Violet take some money until Otto sends her some. Louis got his pay check today, so we brought a grocery order home from Boy's Market. We got our pictures from the studio this evening. They are very good, I think. We got one of them ready to send to Mother Renshaw. Annie and Beverly called in for a few minutes tonight. Little Dale has been sick; he is having a time to cut his teeth.



December 22, Sunday

I had to be down to church at nine o'clock this morning to help get ready for our Sunday School Program. The program was nice, but a little too slow going making the changes, and much too long for comfort. Louis and Violet got the dinner ready while I was in church, they burnt the string beans, so we couldn't use them, ha, ha! Dolores ate over to Shirley's. We took a ride this afternoon, called in Sue's and Annie's and Lorene's. Lorene feels a little better. I do wish she'd get well. We all went to church tonight to see the Junior Girls present the play, "Why the Chimes Rang." It was very beautiful and they surely did present it well. Miriam Marsh was their

director. I was sorry we had to take Yvonne cause she got so restless. Violet and I had to walk with her in the parlor all through the program. Louis and I took a little ride after we brought Violet and kids home.

December 20, Friday

I walked over to the post office to mail my Christmas cards and our picture to Grama Renshaw. Violet took Yvonne for a walk to Highland Park this afternoon. I should say for a ride, as she went in Dale's buggy. Glen brought the buggy over this morning. I did the cleaning while she was gone. I can't use the vacuum when the baby is in the house, she is frightened of it. Shirley and Bette called in to see Violet and the baby; they were disappointed to find them out. Donna and Rex went home right after dinner tonight, she felt miserable, I'm so sorry for her. Louis and I went downtown tonight to the Health Cafeteria and bought a juicer for us to give Donna and Rex for Christmas, \$6.12. We bought silk hose for Donna and Violet, a purse for me.

December 23, Monday

Violet went over to Lorene's to do her washing and clean up her house. Charles called for her about eight o'clock this a.m. Beverly came and gave Yvonne her bath and got her to sleep. Bette and Shirley came later, and Bette took care of Yvonne while I finished my washing. Beverly had to go home and take care of Dale while Annie went uptown with Glen. Violet

December 21, Saturday

I went to the bank this a.m. to pay on the washer. Bought ten handkerchiefs and some groceries for lunch. After lunch Violet took her kiddies over to Elaine's for an outing, she had Dale's buggy. I made ten little parasols out of ten little candy canes and the handkerchiefs. I'll



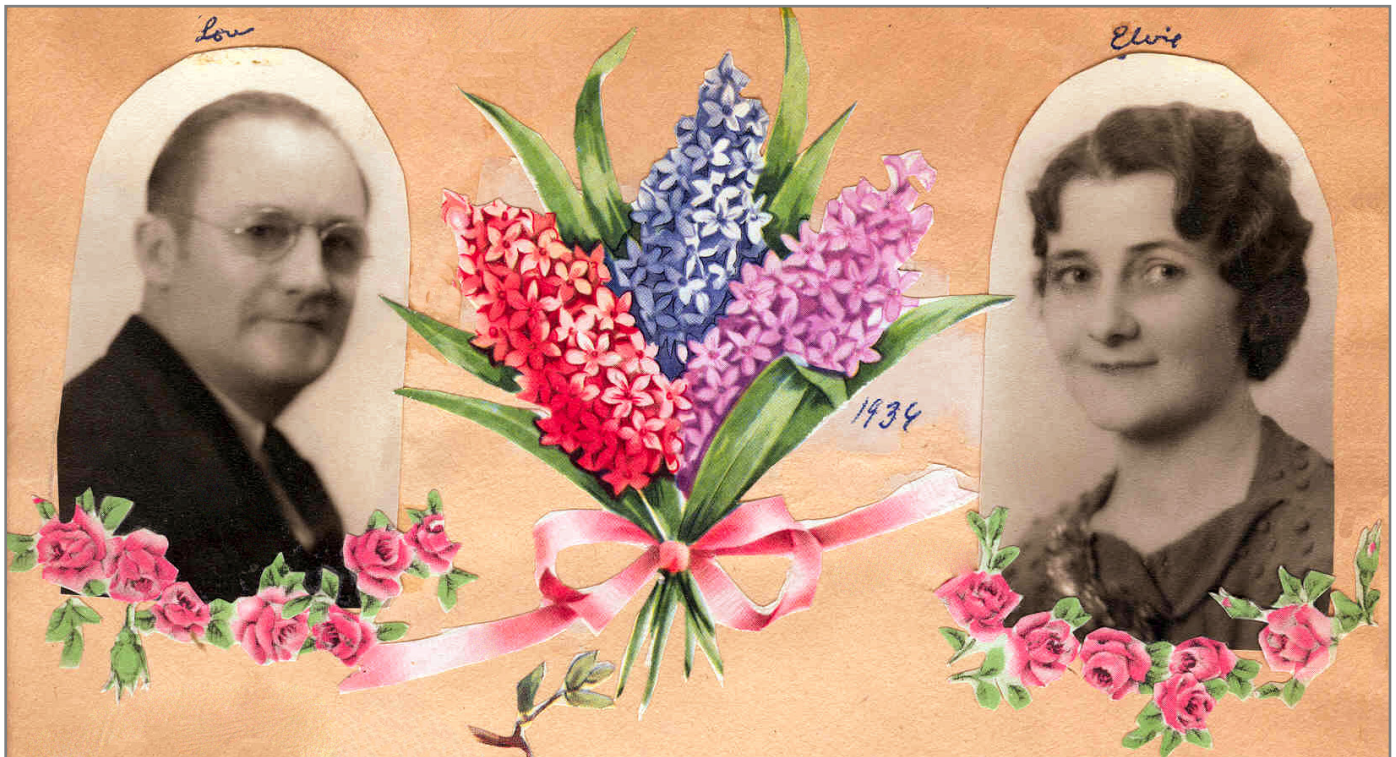
Sue Hoglund, Violet & Otto Fife, Beverly Andersen, Elvie & Louis Renshaw with Dolores in front

have them on the tree for the kiddies. Louis worked over at Peterson's this morning. Annie and Bill brought the baby over for a few minutes. Violet and Dolores took Yvonne in Dale's buggy over to see Elaine this afternoon. Louis and I went to Boy's Market tonight for our groceries. We bought a little Christmas tree, came home and trimmed it. Elaine and Donna stayed here while the boys went to play basketball. Sue and family called in tonight; also Donna and Rex went to the hall after, to practice for Christmas play. Shirley brought a little doll from Kress Store over to Yvonne this a.m. It is cute only one leg's missing.

and I went uptown after dinner tonight; we bought some cute doll clothes in Grants Store, for Dolores's doll. We also bought some little trinkets for the kiddie's stockings. Violet did some shopping for Raymond, a house dress, and satin slip for him to give Lorene for Christmas. She bought a book for Lorene to give Mary. We came home tired out, but had a lot of fun anyway. Sue and Al brought the turkey over for me to cook. She kept the other one.

December 24, Tuesday

Otto surprised us this morning about six o'clock. Dolores was out of bed as soon as she heard her Daddy's voice. We were all tickled to see him, but surely disappointed when he informed us he had to go back tonight. That's awful, can't even eat Christmas dinner with us all tomorrow. Otto and Dolores went uptown, after breakfast. Beverly called in on her way to Sue's to iron and said she'd come back this afternoon and take Otto and Violet around to see the folks. They came just as we were going to eat lunch, Beverly, Shirley, and Bette.



*From Elvie's scrapbook and dated 1936.
Maybe these be the photos that were taken in December 1935?*

I insisted they eat with us. I cleaned house after they left. Surely was a busy day for me. I didn't get to do work on the turkey until this evening. I was too tired to make the dressing tonight. Louis took Otto over to see Donna and Rex tonight after dinner. Donna is sick with bad cold. I walked to Kress while they were over to Donna's. Louis came for me and we went over to see Donna. They are tickled with the juicer we gave them. Lou and Violet took Otto to the station tonight. I saw Annie and Bill in Highland Park tonight. Dody went to a party at Craddock's.

December 25, Wednesday—Christmas Day

It is the first Christmas day without our Donna home. We got some very nice gifts, ties, silk hose and money from Grama. Nice lace scarf from Lillian, purse and perfume from Louis, I gave him a gold chain. Donna and Rex gave us a stainless steel roaster and box of fruit and nuts. I got the turkey in the oven about nine o'clock. Sue borrowed a big roaster for me from the Ebell Club. Louis and Raymond went to Marshes' for the banquet table; they almost hit another car on the way home, brakes in Charles' truck bad. Al came in twice and looked at the turkey, helped me turn him over once. The children all called in. I gave them each a little candy cane parasol. Dolores was surely tickled with her presents. She got a lot of nice things, and she loves her rubber doll, and its little pink crib. Dolly was undressed and dressed a few times before she was dressed herself. Yvonne was so cute when she saw what Santa left her, too. Violet went over to Annie's to candy the yams; our oven had too much turkey in. She cooked a turkey, too. They both cooked just grand, so tender. Twenty-five of us sat down in Sue's house to dinner. The tables just groaned with good things to eat. We did the groaning after dinner. Jack Rich and

family were our guests. All the children went to a show after dinner. Donna and Rex took Beverly to a show at night. We had a very nice day.

December 26, Thursday

Christmas is over for another year, I'm glad. Yet we did have a lovely time together yesterday. I hope Lorene is well next year so she can enjoy the dinner, too. Beverly brought Annie, Lorene, Mary, and Dale over this morning just before noon; they took us over to see Elaine's Christmas gifts. Sue and her two kids were there when we got there. We had a lot of fun in that little house. Elaine gave us some fruit cake, we went to Highland Park, I paid my light and gas bill, Annie changed some rubber pants in Kress, that I bought for Dale and got them too large. Mary got her box of stationary that she paid for and forgot to take home Christmas Eve. We called on Donna. She is still miserable with a cold; she treated to candy and displayed her gifts. Then to Annie's, more cake and candy. Lorene wouldn't eat any. Sue and Al took Violet to a show tonight. Louis and I took a ride to Marshes' last night after we brought Violet and children home, they were out, but we left a note wishing them a "Merry Christmas."

December 27, Friday

I did my ironing, Violet ironed most of her things, she took both of her children for a walk over to Lorene's. Mary and her little friend, Margaret, called in to visit with us for a few minutes before Violet left. Donna came as Violet and kiddies were leaving. Shirley came a few minutes later, she ran to catch up with Violet, and so she went to Lorene's with them. Annie has let us borrow Dale's buggy, so Violet can get out with the baby. We've had it a week. Donna

tried on her new Christmas dress. I basted the seams so I can fix it for her; it's too large as is. I gave Donna a few slices of the fruitcake, Violet made, so they can treat their company tonight with Christmas cake and cider. One of the women that works at Fuller's with Rex, and her son and his sweetheart, are coming to call on them. Charles brought Violet and kiddies home tonight, they ate dinner with them. Annie and Beverly came calling tonight. Violet is buying a highchair; Charles is getting it for her and sending it, also, nice, eh?!

December 28, Saturday

I did the cleaning all through the house today. Violet took her kiddies over to Annie's while I used the vacuum. The baby is so frightened of it. We were getting ready to go for our groceries this evening when Rex and Donna came. They invited us to go with them to a show uptown. We did, and enjoyed it very much. We went to the Paramount, saw "Thanks a Million," Rad Robinson [*brother to Ed Robinson*] sang in it. He looked natural. Both pictures were good, I've forgotten the other one's title. Sue and Al called in with baby Ann.



December 29, Sunday

It was raining when we left for Sunday School. We had a small class; the children were just grand today. The sun showed up a few times today, but Violet had a hard time getting baby clothes dry. We had to buy our dinner after Sunday School on account of not getting our groceries last night. Louis took me over to Miriam Marsh's; she had June's brown drapes with her things. I was surely glad to locate them. We called in to see John and Florence; they treated to mince pie and ice cream. Rex and Donna were there, they ate dinner there. I came home so Violet could go to church, but she didn't want to, said she had a headache. Louis and I went. George Bowles spoke fine. We took a little ride after church, enjoyed popcorn. We were surprised to find Ralph Keller here when we got home. Ralph got him a room before we got home, cause he saw we had Violet and kiddies here.

December 30, Monday

We managed to get our clothes all dry. Mrs. Sandra let me fill her lines, too. Donna left for her wave a few minutes to one. She had an appointment with Sammy. Ralph came

up this morning, he wouldn't let me fix breakfast, said he'd eaten, but he did drink a glass of orange juice. He visited a while with Donna while I washed, and then he left for town. Donna called in Fuller's and asked to speak to Rex. They sent Lewis to the phone, she gave him her message, but Rex had left, so it was too late for him to tell Rex to call here for her, so Daddy took her home. It was raining when they left about 4:40. Ralph came home and ate dinner with us. We took Violet and kiddies and Ralph over to see the Christmas trees. We called in to see baby Dale on our way back and enjoyed one of his birthday cupcakes. He is one year old today. Took Dolores over to sleep with Shirley. Violet gave me a scare tonight just after dinner, she had a bad pain in her heart, and we got her powders from Annie's.

December 31, Tuesday

Ralph slept with Louis last night. Violet and I didn't get much sleep, our baby was very restless. After breakfast Ralph took his bag and said "goodbye," he expects to leave for home this evening. Violet had an appointment for a wave from Sammy at eleven o'clock this morning, so I got Yvonne to sleep. Donna came at one o'clock, she and Violet went uptown. Donna bought flowers for her hair, and Violet changed Mary's Girl Scout dress. Louis took Violet and kiddies calling on Lorene this evening. I waited for Donna to come, so I could help her dress for the dance. She looked very lovely in her white lace (wedding) dress and the dark red rosebuds in her hair and her corsage. I hope they'll have a lovely time. Louis came back for me; we stayed over to Lorene's tonight. Ate candy and nuts and fruitcake. Annie, Bill, and baby called on us earlier in the evening before Louis came for me.



Double use for wedding dress by losing the bouquet & veil and then adding red rose buds in her hair and a corsage.