

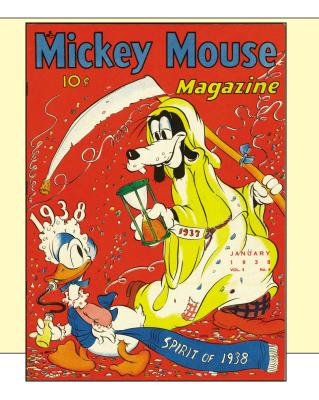
Elvie Renshaw's 1938 Diary





Cast of Characters in Elvie's 1938 Diary

- Elvie Renshaw: married to Louis Renshaw, Donna Renshaw: their daughter.
- Rex Marsh married to Donna Renshaw Marsh and daughters, Janet Eileen and Elvie Joan who will arrive in September.
- Sarah Renshaw: Lou's mother.
- Lorene: a sister living in Los Angeles, California; married to Charles Clayton; children, Raymond, and Mary.
- Sue: a sister living in Los Angeles, California; married to Al Hoglund who is the Bishop of Garvanza Ward. Their children are Elaine, Bette, and Shirley.
- Ernie Vandergrift married to Elaine Hoglund and daughters Ann and Carol Sue who will arrive in March.
- Annie: a sister living in Los Angeles, California; married to **Bill Andersen**. Their children are **Beverly**, **Glen**, and **Dale**.
- Owen James Bailey: a brother living in Salt Lake City, Utah; married to Lydia Hoglund (Al's sister). Their children are Mildred, Bobbie, and Billie.
- **Violet:** a sister living in Los Angeles part of the year; married to **Otto Fife**; daughters **Dolores** and **Yvonne.** This year Violet and girls move to St. George where Otto finds work with the Highway Patrol.
- The Marsh family: parents John and Florence, children Lewis, Rex, Florence, Ruth.
- Lewis Marsh is married to Miriam Chandler and daughter Robin.
- Ernest Oates is married to Florence Orzello Marsh, children Ernie, Elaine, Irene, and Diane.



January 1, 1938, Saturday—I am thankful for the many blessings of 1937, and hopeful for many blessings in 1938.

We got to bed at three this morning, went to the midnight show at Highland Theater. I got up at eight o'clock, got ready to go to Pasadena on the train, Louis decided he'd go, also. There was an awful big crowd waiting for the train, we stood up all the way. We walked until we found a place on Colorado Boulevard where we could view the parade. It was a grand procession, seems more beautiful each year. Had a long wait for the train to bring us back again. (Never again on the train, we think.) The parade was such a long one, we got tired of standing up. Annie, Bill, Beverly, and Dale went on the train, too. We met Bill while waiting in Pasadena for train. Rex and Donna took Wayne and Martha in Wayne's car. Louis and I ate dinner in Rite Spot, he slept all afternoon. I played with Janet while her folks ate at Rite Spot with Wayne and Martha. They took a nap before coming for baby at 7 p.m. I gave Janet her dinner. Louis and I visited Annie and Bill tonight. Very happy New Year!



Float from the 1938 Rose Parade.

January 2, Sunday

Br. Arthur Sconberg spoke in our officers and teacher's nine o'clock meeting. For ten years he has been our speaker on the first Sunday in the New Year. We all look for his annual visits to our ward. We do not have to meet with kindergarten children on Sundays now, I'm very glad of this change in our Sunday School. It is much better. Louis took me over to the Sunday School union meeting in Glendale this afternoon. We called in Donna's on way home, I fed Janet while Donna got ready for church. She had to go up to practice with Josephine Howells before church. I took care of baby in the parlor at church. Sr. Marsh gave a nice talk, and Josephine sang two lovely numbers. It was Mutual conjoint. Was hungry after church, so fixed a little lunch for Louis and me.

January 3, Monday

Lovely day, like summer, the clothes were dry by noon. Elaine came to measure windows in the house next door, so she'd know how many curtains to buy. Mrs. Allen left the key with me cause she was going to be uptown when Elaine came. I'm very happy to have Elaine move next door to me, surely wish Donna lived near, too. Tonight the Marshes called to say "Happy New Year." Louis had to leave for his choir practice. Marshes waited to see Janet, but Donna was late, so they thought she's left her at Laura's and left. Donna came just after. Rex went to play basketball with Ernie; he got over to choir late, came home with Donna to get Janet. I enjoyed my baby. Louis has a head cold; I hope we can check it now.

January 4, Tuesday—Glen's Birthday, 17 years old!

Another beautiful day. I did my ironing, a big one, too. Donna brought Janet down; she went on to the Gleaner meeting at Marie Kendrick's. My baby and I enjoyed our visit, "bless her." Donna had their car today. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have been cleaning up the house next door. Elaine will move in about Thursday. Louis took Donna and me to Nardinis' Market after work this p.m. Tonight Louis and I went over to wish Glen a "Happy Birthday," we enjoyed a piece of his lovely cake. Lorene, Mary, Charles, Sue, Elaine, Bette, Shirley, and Stan Farnsworth were there when we got there. I went to Effie Bishop's with Bishopric tonight. Her father died this a.m. [Frederick Thomas Bishop], she and mother are taking his body home to Salt Lake for burial. Sorry for dear old

Sr. Bishop. Phyllis Cloward is very ill in hospital, Bishop and Bill administered to her this evening, she is one of our Sunday School children. So sorry about it.



January 5, Wednesday

We surely do enjoy the grand weather in this country. I mended and darned before going to Relief Society. We had a very interesting class in the block teachers meeting. Lorene gave the lesson as usual. Isabell Thomas gave the lesson in Relief Society after. It was very well given, also. Sr. Woods wasn't able to attend, Br. Woods is still ill in hospital, so sorry

for them. Tonight Louis and I went to the dance given by the Junior Genealogical people of our ward. Glen, Bette, Mary, and their crowd. It was a "hard time" party, they had the hall fixed up so cute. A line of clothes hung across the ceiling, a dog house in one corner, and cans and etcetera in another. Nice big crowd, good music, and nice time. Louis and I went to Chili-Ville after dance, he ate chili, I drank orange juice. Donna and Beverly felt very badly tonight to hear about their beloved school teacher, Miss Perkins, passing away. [Helen S. Perkins was 38 years old when she died.] Mary Clayton told them at dance tonight. It is very sad. She was her parent's only child [Emory and Edith Perkins].

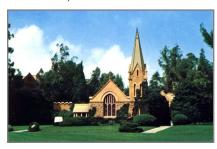
January 6, Thursday

Our new neighbors moved in tonight. We all had a hand in it. Br. Burnett brought Elaine's range over this morning and connected it up. The telephone man came; I let him in to call Elaine. He was going to take the phone out, and I knew she wanted it in, so he left it. Elaine came about 11 a.m. I helped her clean range, clothes closets, and washed her dishes; she dried them and put them in the cupboards. Rex got his dad's truck and they moved Elaine's furniture in tonight. Lewis Marsh helped. Al and Ernie brought big loads up before the truck got there. Donna and Janet came over; she drove Aunt Susie and Shirley up in Ernie's car. Claytons and Andersens came in, also.

January 7, Friday

Sue came up and helped Elaine all day. I did my cleaning. Donna came for me about 2 p.m. in Rex's car. We went over

to Annie's, left Janet with Annie and Dale while we went to the "Little Church of Flowers" in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Beverly drove us over in their car. It was Helen Perkins's funeral. It just doesn't seem possible that Miss Perkins is dead. Donna and Beverly had her for home room teacher at Luther Burbank Jr. High. They both loved her so much, have been good friends for years. It's been ten years Donna has known her; she called to see Donna and Janet the week before Christmas. We had a nice Strong's meeting at Ruth's tonight. Wayne had Sr. Sego talk to us on Genealogy. Ruth and I served carrot pudding and punch. Ruth made it all, nice!



Little Church of the Flowers, Forest Lawn, Glendale.

January 8, Saturday

Sue made some lovely silk drapes for Elaine's living room windows. She hung them this afternoon. Shirley came up to Elaine's after Primary. Louis cut and trimmed the trees and rose bushes in front of our house, also did some cleaning in Elaine's front yard, he put up her curtain rods and fixed a few things for her in the house, too. This evening we went to Highland Park, bought high chair pad to give Lillian Rogers from Donna and me. We took Donna and Marie Kendrick to the hospital to see Lillian [Lillian Stead Rogers]. She looks grand. We couldn't see the baby boy; have to have a pass to see babies in St. Vincent's hospital now. Victor, [husband] Albert, [Albert Stead, brother] and Martha [mother] were there when we got there. Vick looks so proud. Elaine kept our baby at her house. Louis bought hot dogs for him and Donna.

January 9, Sunday

I missed Sr. Bishop in Sunday School. She went to Utah to bury her father. Rad Robinson sang in Sunday School after we'd separated for classes, so I didn't get to hear him. Donna played for him. She and Rex and Janet went to eat dinner at Marshes'. Rex is helping his father kalsomine the front rooms [white wash]. He helped yesterday afternoon, too. Lewie is helping, also. I sat out in our car and read the paper while Louis took his usual Sunday afternoon nap. It was nice and warm in the car. I took care of Janet in church tonight, we stayed in the parlor. President David Cannon spoke, very fine. I made myself acquainted with a Miss Olson after church; she was a stranger from Provo, Utah. We took her home. I felt sorry for her, she is so lonesome.



Miss Helen S. Perkins, photo taken by Donna Renshaw at Luther Burbank Jr. High School.

January 10, Monday— Phyllis Cloward's funeral

I washed a few things out by hand, it was a very lovely day. Elaine and I walked to Highland Park, she is still looking at curtain goods. We saw Donna and Alta Thompson going in Cresse Mortuary. They were going to practice songs before the funeral. I went up to Cresses in time for the funeral at 3 p.m. The services were lovely. The girls sang three numbers, "Oh, My Father," "Whispering Hope," and "Sometime We'll Understand." Bishop (Al) spoke very well. It surely is sad to see a sweet little 11 year old girl like Phyllis die so young. She was in my Sunday School class last year. Janet and I visited Elaine and Ann tonight while folks went to choir. Ernie and Rex played basketball at Franklin High Tonight. Ernie and Rex brought ice cream home after the game.

January 11, Tuesday

Laura and Donna went to the clinic this morning with the babies. They came over here after. Donna and Janet stayed all day. I surely enjoyed having my darlings home. Rex had his afternoon off, he went to his mother's to help kalsomine. He stayed there until time to go play basketball tonight. Donna and baby ate with us, we took them out to Monrovia to see Daddy's Uncle Tim, [Timothy Olorenshaw] and wife Lizzie, (Eizzie), [Elizabeth East] who are staying with their daughter, Pearl [Pearl

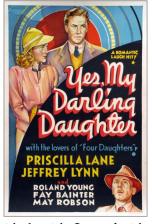


Timothy and Elizabeth Olorenshaw

Phebe Olorenshaw] and husband, Mr. Redborg [Enoch Reuben Redborg]. She wrote a letter to Louis at the hospital telling him her father wanted to see him. Janet had a grand time letting their little dog, Blackie, kiss her hands and face. Pearl had gone to show, her husband gave us a big sack of oranges from own trees. Donna and I picked oranges from tree.

January 12, Wednesday

Elaine isn't feeling so well, has cold in head, neuralgia, I think. One side of her face aches. Annie brought Dale over about 10 a.m. He stayed with me until Donna and Laura came for me at one o'clock. Elaine kept Janet and Dale this afternoon while we went to the Biltmore theater to see "Yes, My Darling Daughter" with the Gleaner girls. Sr. Marsh went, also. There were 13 of us. We had a nice time. I rode in Laura's car, Florence Oates took



her car, too. It was nice being out with the girls. I stayed with Elaine and Ann tonight while Ernie went to Mutual. Lorene came in, Charles stayed over here with Louis, he wanted him to take him over to Sr. Smith's, but something went wrong with the car lights, it was too late when he got them fixed, he took Lorene and Charles home.

January 13, Thursday

Elaine still feels miserable with the neuralgia, she called the doctor and he told her what to get for it. I went up to the little Garvanza drug store, but the man didn't know what I was asking for. Elaine called the doctor again, had him spell it out, Ernie got the right tablets this evening. I bought meat for me and Elaine at Nardini's Market. Tonight Louis went to choir practice in Glendale. Sue and Shirley came over to Elaine's while Al went to a meeting at stake home. I visited for a while with them. I wrote a letter to Lloyd Pack, who

is on a mission in Germany. Also wrote to Mother Renshaw and Violet. Louis and Bishop gave Elaine a blessing tonight.

January 14, Friday

We had a little rain this a.m. for a change, I did the cleaning and made up the little apron that Donna cut out and started down here the other evening. I also turned one of the collars on Louis's shirts, have several more to fix yet. Elaine feels much

better today. The neuralgia has almost gone. Her dad gave her a lovely blessing last night. My husband invited me to a movie tonight. We went to Franklin show house; saw one good picture, the other not so good. Peter Lorre and Virginia Field in "Think Fast, Mr. Moto," was good. Sue Shirley, and Al sat in front of us in the show.



January 15, Saturday

Louis fixed a few more rods for Elaine's curtains, and did some small jobs over there. She's fixed up nice and cozy now. It is nice to have her so near. Louis cleaned and polished his car, I cleaned the car windows with the cleaner Rex gave us. It works swell and easy. I also helped polish the car. Donna, Rex, and Janet came over this afternoon, poor little Janet isn't feeling well. She's had a fever for two days; her *stomach teeth are coming now. We kept baby here while Rex took Donna to Boy's Marker for their groceries. Stan Farnsworth gave Rex a ticket for the dance tonight in Glendale. The bakery drivers gave the dance. I stayed at Donna's with baby while they went.

*Stomach Teeth

Stomach tooth, *noun*; a lower canine milk tooth of infants. *Origin*: 1870-75, Americanism; so called because its appearance is often accompanied by gastric disturbance.

Dictionary.com

January 16, Sunday

Little Janet feels better, I'm so happy. Dale came to Sunday School with his new overcoat and cap, he surely looked cute. Donna says that they had a lovely time last night at the bakery dance in Glendale. Beverly and Glen were there, and the Gibbys, the Thompsons, and several other ward folks. Louis led the singing in Sunday School again, John Treu just doesn't show up anymore. [John's father, Karl Treu, is out of the family now and also not attending church.] Sr. Christenson has played the piano in Sr. Hurbert's place for a few weeks, too. We went over to tell Donna that Ann Madson wanted her to play for her, she's trying to sing two numbers in church tonight. President Leo J. Muir was our speaker in church tonight, very good meeting. I enjoyed the choir, too. Janet and I stayed in the parlor with Annie and Dale. We went over to Andersen's after church.

January 17, Monday

I was very lucky to get my clothes dry and in before it started to rain. Louis and I had a nice visit with Annie and Bill after church last night. I said I'd like a baby crib for when Janet was here and Bill said he'd get one for me from the storehouse before they took them all over to the storehouse in Glendale. The stake president has put Br. Burnett in charge of the Glendale storehouse Elaine says. Louis went over to Bill's this evening and brought the baby crib back. It is a cute little bed and will look nice when cleaned up. I stayed over to Donna's with baby tonight while folks went to choir practice. Rex sang

a solo part in the choir practice tonight. Louis wants him to sing it in church next Sunday night.

January 18, Tuesday

It rained most of the night and all day. I did the ironing and made a rice pudding. Louis brought some lovely sweet peas and carnations home this evening from the hospital. Br. Woods left the hospital today I hope he'll get along okay now. Sr. Schumann is better today. I guess she'll be able to go home soon. Br. Peterson is very ill in the hospital. Br. Imsen was taken home a few days ago, he had scarlet fever. We've had so many of our ward folks sick in the hospital lately. Well, we put the baby crib up in our bedroom, now baby Janet has a bed at Grama's house, too.

January 19, Wednesday

Annie brought Dale over this morning; she went to the hall to help finish a quilt. I was to keep Dale until time for me to leave for Relief Society, and then he was to stay next door with Elaine and Ann. He worried all through his lunch about me going away, and when I got ready he cried so hard I had to take him to Relief Society with me. He was a very good boy in meeting. We sat in a big rocking chair and he went to sleep. I met Elaine and

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Dale Andersen circa 1936

Ann on the Avenue after meeting, went in Woolworth's with her to buy ribbon, we walked home together. I went to Mutual tonight with Elaine, and Ernie and Ann. Rex came to Mutual. Donna and Janet came up to our house. If I'd known my children were coming over tonight, I'd have stayed home. June brought Mrs. Sutherland to Mutual. Rex went to store to buy ice cream for Ernie and us, but he wouldn't stay to eat any.

January 20, Thursday

Rex started his new work at the Beverly Hills store today. I'm so glad he's getting on so well at Fuller's Paint, but oh! What will I do if he takes my Donna and Janet out there to live?? I know it's an awful long way to drive to work, dearie me! I went to the Broadway store this a.m., bought two rag rugs, and two little chenille rugs. They were on sale, 50¢ each. Donna and I will give Wanda the chenille rugs at

her Gleaner shower next Monday evening at Elise Elkin's home. I will use the rag rugs here. I went to Donna's from town. She fixed a nice lunch for us. Janet and I had lots of fun until time for her nap. Helen Thomas came to practice a song. Donna ironed while I visited. Louis went to stake choir in Glendale. I enjoyed the picture show in the Park Theater. Louis called for me later.

January 21, Friday

Another lovely sunny day. Louis got a birthday card from mother, it's a very pretty card with his horoscope, which



Sarah Renshaw sent Lou a birthday card with his horoscope inside, which was Pisces.

exactly like him, and birthday flower. the carnation. She sent him a dollar bill in it, too. She has never forgotten her boy's birthday. Elaine and I kept very busy cleaning all day, so didn't visit at all today. I surely enjoy having her for my neighbor.

Tonight Louis and I went over and visited with Lorene and family. Mary was staying with the Nordgren kiddies.

January 22, Saturday

We went up to Donna's this a.m. about 10:30. Baby Janet was playing in the sand box, in sunshine, with Billy and Ray. The poor little dear's nose, mouth, and forehead, were all bruised. She'd @tried to climb out of her bed and had a bad fall over the end of it. We're so thankful she wasn't hurt worse. We took Donna, Janet, Annie, and Dale for a ride up to Mt. Wilson. It is such a lovely drive on a beautiful day like today. We enjoyed walking around the trails. There was enough snow in a few places in the shade for Dale to get a big thrill, he had to have some snowballs, wanted to bring them home. We wished we'd taken our lunch when we got up there. The air made us hungry. Dale and Janet ate their lunch up there. I bought Daddy his birthday gift tonight, tie and tie clasp. We went to the Franklin show house.



Mt. Wilson

January 23, Sunday—My Sweetheart's Birthday, 48 years old!

I was pleased to see Sr. Bishop in Sunday School. She gave the lesson. We enjoyed our children all day. Donna, Rex and Janet came over to dinner. Janet had her first nap in the little bed Uncle Bill gave us. Rex and Donna gave Daddy two nice frames for the auto license Mother plates. sent a nice card and dollar bill. Sue invited some of the ward folks in after church tonight, and they gave Louis



From Elvie's Scrapbook

a nice surprise. We had a lovely time, songs, and poems. She served sandwiches, hot chocolate, and twisted glazed doughnuts. Louis was very much pleased, it was nice of Sue. Rex sang his first solo in the choir tonight. It was very good. P.S. Raymond bought a Plymouth coupe 1933, yesterday.

of Ann and Janet until Rex got there, at Elaine's. He took Janet home and put her to bed. Louis took them up home in his car. Wanda got so many lovely gifts; there was a very large crowd. It took a long time to open all the gifts. We had a nice time. Louis called for us. We took Lorene home in our car tonight. Beverly gave Janet a doll tonight, one of the Christmas toys Mr. Goodsell [manager of Kress Store] gave Bill for the church children, toys they didn't sell.



Examples of toys from 1937 and 1938. These may have been the type of toys that were sold at Kress.





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Restored 1933 Plymouth coupe

January 24, Monday

I called Sr. Thomas up this afternoon to see when we were going teaching. She is sick in bed with a fever. We had planned to get it done today. Elaine, Ann, and myself went up the hill to Nardini's Market this afternoon. It's been lovely and sunny all day. Beverly and Annie called for Elaine and me tonight to go to Wanda's [Wanda Rozanne Egan] Gleaner shower. Donna came late, after choir practice. She drove Rex's car. Bette and Shirley took care

January 25, Tuesday

Sr. Evans told me at the shower last night that the program committee wants me to give a reading at Bishop's birthday party tomorrow night. I have to compose one about Al, and give it. Oh, Me! I'm sometimes sorry I ever gave the first poem in this ward. It isn't easy when my head hurts like it does lately if I work it too much. High

blood pressure, I guess. Laura and Donna called to get Elaine this afternoon. They went to see Lillian and new baby boy. They say he looks like Daddy Victor. Donna and Elaine made an appointment with Sammy to give them a permanent wave next week. I took care of Ann, she slept all the while. Donna and baby came down tonight. Rex and Ernie played basketball. I composed the poem for Al's birthday program. Donna and I visited with Elaine. Louis went to bed early.

January 26, Wednesday

I walked to Nardini's Market with Elaine and Ann about noon. Elaine had so many things to carry I went to help her. She had three rabbits to fry, and a sack of groceries. I walked to Relief Society and enjoyed the meeting very much. Sue walked home with me after meeting. She came up to help Elaine with the birthday dinner for Al. Elaine had the family all over for dinner this evening. We all went to Mutual tonight. I took care of Janet. The ward folks gave a party for Bishop after Mutual. Nice program and dance after. They served punch and cakes. Donna and her Daddy put over my song about Al very well. Folks seemed to enjoy it. They joined in the chorus.

Poem that was sung at ward party for Bishop Al is below.

January 27, Thursday

We are enjoying such lovely weather. Elaine, Ann, and I walked to Highland Park. We ate some ice cream in Loy's. Elaine called Donna to see if she'd like to meet us down there, but she couldn't come. We looked at yarns for her, but couldn't get the kind she wanted. Elaine's mother-in-law and sister-in-law and Aunt, drove up to her house just as we came down the hill. I gave our lawn and flowers a good watering before Louis got home. Rex and Donna left baby Janet here tonight while they went up to the P.M. club at Florence's. I

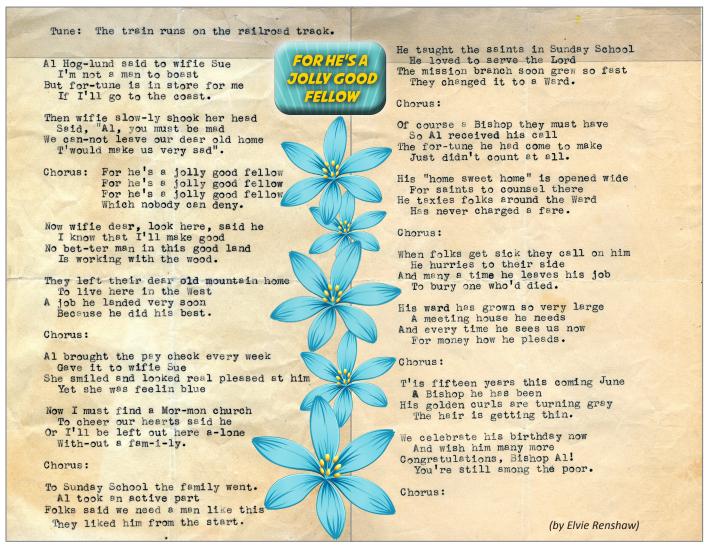
was glad to have my darling; we had a lovely time together. Louis went with Br. Carlson to the stake choir practice.

January 28, Friday

Annie brought Dale over this morning, Audrey Tacy brought them. He stayed with me while Annie went to Relief Society union meeting in Glendale. I fixed lunch for Ann and Dale. Annie came for him while he was eating. I did my cleaning today, as usual. Tonight Louis took me up to see Donna and Janet. Rex hadn't got home from work yet. He has such a long way to come from Beverly Hills. Gets home about 6:30. Louis left me at the show (Park), he went to stake choir practice in Hollywood. Sr. Walness served chili to the choir. Louis called at show for me.

January 29, Saturday

It was raining when we got up this morning. Louis and I went up to Donna's bout 10:30. I helped her do the breakfast dishes. Janet and I played while Grampa and Donna practiced some choir music. We brought Donna and baby down here to eat lunch. Donna and I visited with Elaine, Bette, Ann, and Shirley while Louis and Janet had their naps this afternoon. Tonight Rex and Donna left baby with us while they went to a show with Elaine and Ernie. We surely do enjoy our darling babe. Florence Oates brought a note for Donna and Rex. John Marsh called while we were at Donna's today.



January 30, Sunday

Louis and I took Sr. Estella Shirtleff to the stake conference in Glendale this morning. Both session were very good. Apostle Stephen L. Richards was our main speaker. Louis and Estella sang in the choir. We ate the lunch I'd prepared, in our car. It tasted good. Came home after the afternoon meeting. Estella treated us to ice cream on way back. Rex and Donna left Janet with us tonight while they went to conference. They did not serve a lunch at the stake house today. It's the first time for several years and lots of people were disappointed cause they had to go out to buy their dinner. I was glad; I feel it's a shame for the sisters to work so hard on the Sabbath day. I was tickled to have my baby tonight. The choir sang some very lovely numbers today. Florence, Ernie, and Lewis went up to the snow today. Marshes went to Palmdale.

January 31, Monday—Wanda Egan's Wedding at Sue's home

I hurried to Highland Park this morning to buy gifts for us to give Wanda at her wedding tonight. I expected to go teaching at noon with Sr. Thomas, but she called Elaine's to say something was wrong with her car, I'm sorry, cause it's our last chance this month. I put off my washing, too. I visited with Elaine and Ann. Elaine lined her bassinet with a pretty blue dotted voile, it looks so dainty. Beverly and Annie called for Elaine and me tonight. Donna was at Elaine's, too. So she went with us to the wedding. She played the wedding march, and for Bob and Ed to sing their solos. Wanda was a very lovely bride, Inis and Myrtle looked sweet, also. Beverly, Annie, and I unwrapped gifts. I also helped cut and serve ice cream and cake. Louis came after choir practice; Rex after basketball game. I washed silver and glasses after. Shirley stayed with Ann and Janet until Ernie got home. Rex brought her home.

February 1, Tuesday

Shirley and I cleaned up the kitchen after the wedding last night. She's a sweetheart. The Egan girls looked real nice in the beautiful dresses Inis made. Wanda's wedding dress white taffeta, Myrtle's blue taffeta, and Inis', pink taffeta. Elaine and I both washed today, there was a nice breeze, the sun shone all afternoon. Rex and Ernie played basketball again tonight. Donna visited with

Elaine and us. We went over to Elaine's while Louis enjoyed the radio program here. The babies made so much noise they took them to Elaine's. Rex got Louis's auto license for

him today, number 2R-4666. While I was at Elaine's, Louis put the new license, in the frames Donna and Rex gave him, on our car.



Example of California 1938 license.

February 2, Wednesday

I did most of the ironing before going to Relief Society. It was raining, but I had to go cause I'd promised to meet with the

other sisters to plan the luncheon we are to give next Wednesday. Annie left Dale with Elaine; Lorene gave a very interesting teacher's lesson. I was disappointed that Sr. Wood couldn't come to give us her lesson in Relief Society, but Sr. Robinson did very well on last minutes' notice. I was glad the rain had stopped when we got out of meeting. I did some shopping for Elaine, ribbon and quilting thread. Tonight Louis and I went to Mutual; we didn't stay to the dance after. We had a grand testimony meeting today in Relief Society, most of us bore testimonies.



John Rhodes & Wanda Egan



February 3, Thursday

It rained all night and most of the day. Louis didn't go to work today, he had to go to court as a witness, some lady fell on the waxed floor in 1934. She claims it started a cancer. Louis picked her up, so he was called in to court as a witness. Annie quilted at Bingham's all day. Art Bingham is getting married the quilt is for he and his wife. I'm invited to a shower on her next Thursday, don't know her, but shower is at Bingham's. I was asked to quilt also, but had to tend babies. Elaine and Donna had permanent waves this afternoon. Sammy gave them "end curls," \$2.00 each. I had Ann, Janet, and Dale, some job with three of them. I couldn't do anything, but entertain them. Louis and I ate lunch with Donna, brought her and baby down in big rain storm, he took girls to beauty shoppe for waves. Rex called for Donna and

baby here after work. Girls look real sweet with curls. Louis and I visited Andersens tonight, they gave us a quart of peaches and quart of pickles, nice, eh?!

February 4, Friday

Rained most of night, Donna hasn't been able to wash this week, only some baby things she dried in garage and house. I did the cleaning this morning. Isabell Thomas and I went teaching this afternoon. It was sunny and lovely all afternoon. Isabell's neighbor, Daisy, and her daughter, Helen, went with us; they stayed out in the car. Helen read a book and Daisy crocheted on a chair set. I was happily surprised when Louis said they had been paid today. We thought we'd have to wait until Monday for our money. We took the auto license money we'd borrowed from Rex up to them tonight. Also paid our auto gas bill on way. Went to Park show, saw two good pictures.

February 5, Saturday

I went to Highland Park this a.m., paid light bill, and ice box, and stove. It is Dollar Day in Highland Park. I bought a cute \$2.00 print dress for \$1.00. I also sent our insurance off to Salt Lake and did some shopping in Kress Store for Elaine, thumb tacks. Sue and Al came to take Elaine and Ann out. Lucille and Mary Evelyn Evans came to see Elaine; they visited with me for a while, sweet girls. Too bad Elaine wasn't home. They were disappointed cause they didn't get in to see her cute house. Elaine has fixed the little place up very nice. Rex came to Elaine's tonight, said Donna was tired, she'd done a big washing and cleaned house. Elaine and Ernie put up their new bed and covered vanity dresser with green silk taffeta. Ernie stained their chest of drawers, the bedroom looks real nice.

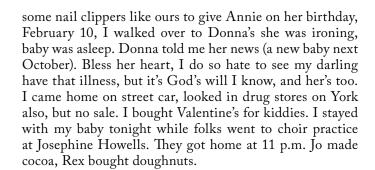
February 6, Sunday

Louis and I went to the officers and teachers nine o'clock meeting this a.m. Bishop gave a fine talk. Sr. Bishop and I had a large class. We just did get them all in our little class room, the kitchen. Br. Carlson called to take Louis

and me to the Sunday School union meeting in Glendale. Rex, Donna, and Janet went to Marshes' for dinner. Janet has a cough, they brought her here before church time, but they didn't go to meeting cause of baby's cold. We had a fine meeting, the Boy Scouts had charge. Br. Charles Norberg was the main speaker. We visited with Andersens for while after church. The Hoglunds ate over to Elaine's today. Elaine cooked their ham for them. I bought my baby a Valentine last night in Highland Park, little red dress.

February 7, Monday

I washed a few things out by hand, and put them through Elaine's wringer as she did her washing today. I walked to Hall's Store in Highland Park, bought some tea towels to take to shower at Bingham's Thursday night. The shower is for Art's bride to be. I went in all the drug stores trying to find



February 8, Tuesday

I shampooed my hair this a.m. and put it up in curls, which is a big job. Elaine had the Gleaner officers over this afternoon; she made a lemon cake and chocolate drink for them. Donna brought Janet in here, so Grama was happy, too. Baby had a nice long nap in her little bed, also. I kept Janet until Donna got home from Elaine's stork shower tonight. Ernie's sister, Em [Mary Emma Vandergrift], gave the shower in her new home. It was a surprise on Elaine. (They think so, anyway.) I think Elaine had a hunch of what was going on, ha, ha! Our baby has quite a bad cold or cough. I hated to see her go home in such a rain storm.

February 9, Wednesday

It rained all night and all day hard, the wind blew hard, also. Lots of damage was done in parts of California in and around San Francisco. Six people were killed and several injured up there, so the newspapers say. Charlie Elkins brought Annie and Dale over to Elaine's, he took Annie and Sr. Treu to the church, and then came back for me. I was very thankful to ride, as the rain was so awful. Srs. Seguine, Horrocks, Keller, and I cooked our dinner with hopes that the ladies would come out and eat. We served 16 or 17, more than I expected in such weather. We had a nice dinner. I quilted all afternoon. Sr. Wanker brought me home; her car broke on our hill. Louis and I went to the dance after Mutual, mostly youngsters, we didn't dance much.



Annie and Elvie Bailey, 1910

February 10, Thursday—Annie's Birthday!

I wished her a "Happy Birthday" on phone. I was so sorry that Sr. Wanker's car broke yesterday after she'd brought me home, she had Sue and Annie in the car, too. They were on our hill, Annie called Bill and he took them home, the garage man took her car to fix it. I took care of Janet and Ann while their mothers went to the Gleaner luncheon at Florence's. The children both had a nap. I wanted to go to Art Bingham's girl's shower at Bingham's tonight, but I had a cold in my throat, Louis made such a big fuss, I decided I'd better stay at home. Sue took my gift over, Donna called to take me, "Bless her heart." I'd loved to have gone, but guess it wasn't wise. Louis has started the Evening News, first time we've taken a daily paper since we quit when Donna got married and we all went to Salt Lake over two years ago.

February 11, Friday

I'm still miserable with this crazy cold in head and throat, I kept Epsom salts pack on all night. Got my cleaning done after a fashion. It rained hard most of the day, the wind blew, too, it got dark as night almost, it has rained all week off and on. Oh, I do hope I'll be well enough to take my Sunday School class, as Sr. Bishop won't be there. Louis and I enjoyed the radio this evening. We went to bed early.

February 12, Saturday

I didn't sleep so very well on account of head cold. I'm very thankful the asthma isn't bothering. I feel bad enough as is. A lady came, Mrs. Short, for Louis. She took him to her house to plan on a remodeling job she wants done on her house. I sent some Valentines to the little kiddies today through the mail. Mrs. Short brought her nephew with her, he's going to help Louis. We went up to Donna's about noon, she insisted on us eating lunch, some good soup. We took her to Sammy's for hair curl, but she couldn't take her until 4:15. Called in Annie's to get ear drops. Shopped in Boy's and Nardini's. Kept baby here while Rex and Donna went to P.M. club tonight. Rex and Donna decided to leave baby all night, it was so cold when they got here at 12 p.m., she was warm and comfy in her little bed.

February 13, Sunday

I got to sleep about daylight, this awful head cold kept me from sleeping well. Janet slept grand all night, kept the covers on like a grown up. I got up at seven to start the roast, and study Sunday School lesson. I heard my baby giggling a few minutes after I got up, went in and found Grampa had her in bed with him. She was dressed and had breakfast when her Daddy came for her. We went to local Sunday School board meeting. Dr. Watkins had us all say a few words. Rex and Donna ate dinner with us, baby enjoyed her nap. Everyone, but me, slept this afternoon. Sr. Marsh called at Allen's, invited us to their home after church. They had Christensons, Sue and Al, Florence and Ernie. We had a nice time and good eats as usual. Donna, Rex, and Janet went to Marshes' too. I took care of Janet in church. We spent last half in the parlor.

February 14, Monday

It was raining when I got up this a.m., but I couldn't have washed anyway, cold is worse again. I'm so disgusted, but still thankful the asthma isn't bothering, too. My sweetheart brought me a lovely Valentine this evening, a box of chocolates, and sweet card, bless him, he's good to me, and little diary, I love him. Ann stayed with me while Elaine went



Rex bought three heart boxes of chocolates. One for his wife one for each of his "mothers."





Lee & Lucy Johnson later in their married lives.

to Nardini's Market, she made coconut cake, gave Louis and me some, sweet child. I'll be so glad when she is over her illness, hope it's a boy. Little Dale came over to send Valentines, he was so excited when I opened the door, I heard his little high voice from his hiding place, "It's a balentine, Aunt Elvie, for Janet." Cute kid! Beverly had him, they came in. We went up to play St. Valentine to our children. Baby Janet said, "Oh! Oh!" so darn cute when she saw her little red dress. We gave Rex and Donna small box of See's candy. Janet had her first candy sucker tonight, on the Valentine Dale sent. She surely thought it was grand. We enjoyed it as much as she did, just watching her. Rex brought lovely heart boxes of chocolates home this evening to Donna, his mother, and me, and a sweet card for each. So thoughtful of him. We took Donna and Janet down to Marshes' after choir, she took the box in. Rex was at ball game. Donna left candy on back porch; the folks were out, or in bed.

February 15, Tuesday

Elaine washed, we had very little sunshine, but her clothes dried. It's nice not to have rain anyway, I'm having an awful time to rid myself of this cold. I had to tie my throat up again today. I surely wish I could get back to normal, my poor husband must get awfully tired of coming home to an ailing wife. I know I'm disgusted with myself, but oh, so thankful no asthma to torture so far, seems there's always something to be glad about. Lucille Evans helped Elaine quilt her second little baby quilt this evening. She did one last week by herself. Br. Aley and Br. Gunn came teaching tonight. Nice visit.

February 16, Wednesday

Lee Johnson [Leland Edward Johnson] and Lucy Dudley are being married by our Bishop (Al) this week, today I think. They are going to live on a farm in Vernal, Utah, with her folks, or near them. We had lots of fun watching folks congratulate Earl, Lee's twin, [Erland Edward Johnson] after church last Sunday night. [Erland married in December of 1940.] Annie brought Dale over to Elaine's but when he found out I was staying home from Relief Society, he spent the day here. We all ate lunch here, Elaine brought Dale's vegetables and some good rice pudding, all I furnished was toast and jelly. We visited more of the day. My washing and her ironing are still pending. Mrs. Vandergrift and Elizabeth came to see Elaine this afternoon. Glen came for Dale. I wanted to go to Mutual and hear Rex and Ernie sing their solos, but this cold kept me in, we enjoyed our radio.

February 17, Thursday

Elaine says Ernie and Rex sang their songs very well in Mutual last night. Br. and Sr. Marsh took care of Janet. I haven't seen my baby since Monday, this old cold is keeping me from a lot of fun, darn it. Elaine and Ann went to visit Sue today. It's been lonesome and quiet around here. I'd better get well enough to wash soon, or we'll be out of luck for clothes. This is the third week since I washed, only a few things by hand, of course. This old cold surely hangs on, but, oh, I'm glad the asthma isn't bothering me. I've been free from it for several months only once I felt it a little since I had this cold. I defrosted the Frigidaire and cleaned house a little, but no pep for work.

February 18, Friday

My cold kept me feeling miserable, but I managed to do the cleaning, anyway. It was dark and gloomy, rained most of the day. I got a nice letter from Elsie, she says Bonnie wants my family tree poem for her "Book of Remembrance." Bless her heart; I must add her on my tree, too. [See nine years earlier on February 19, 1929, for the Family Tree Poem. That has the additional verses that were added in 1938.] We enjoyed our warm and cozy house and radio tonight. Donna and Janet called in for a few minutes this evening. They were on their way to Gammon's, Rex had gone teaching, he was going to meet them there.

February 19, Saturday

Louis and I did our three weeks washing this morning. He did the most of it, so I didn't have to have my hands in the water long with this cold and cough. It was a beautiful day after our rain last night and yesterday. We've had lots of rain the past eight weeks. We rode over to June's to invite them to bring their folks (Browns) to our house to dinner tomorrow. We had our baby. Donna was down to Marshes' helping Florence and Marie cook the big banquet for the P.M. club tonight. John helped (bossed the job). So we know it was good. Louis took Dave Brown out to see his Uncle Tim in Monrovia. They knew each other years ago, drove street cars in Salt Lake. I enjoyed my baby, bless her heart, she slept with us all night.

February 20, Sunday

I got up 7 a.m., fried two rabbits, got vegetables ready, and gave my baby Janet, her breakfast. The little dear slept sound all night and woke up so sweet and happy, we surely do love her. Rex came for baby about 9 a.m. I left the Sunday School class a few minutes early, Louis brought me home. I wanted to put house in order and have dinner ready when June and Harold brought the folks to dinner at 1:30. We had a nice dinner and enjoyed a visit this afternoon talking about the "old times" in 10th Ward. The Browns are going back to Salt Lake next Tuesday. Rex, Donna, and baby went out to Whittier to see Ruth and Wayne, and brought Wayne back to church. We brought Janet home from church while they took Wayne back home. Beverly stayed in the parlor with Annie and me and babies tonight in church.



Mabel Minor Bidgood

February 21, Monday

Elaine told me this morning that Mable Bidgood died, [Mabel Minor Bidgood] I feel so sorry for her mother, [Nora May Cave] Mable and Viola [Viola Bidgood] are her very life, seems she just lives for her girls, it will be hard on her. [Nora had four children but only two daughters.] I feel much better today, still this awful cough and headache are with me. I did half my ironing, and then rested on couch. Inis and baby came to visit Elaine, just as she got started good at washing this a.m., and then Florence and little Suda [nickname for Elaine Oates] came, girls, helped, they ate lunch and then Florence called in to say hello to me when she was leaving. Inis called in when she left. Srs. Imsen and Milson came her this evening to go to choir with Louis.

Bishop took Elaine, Ann, Janet and me down to Sue's. I helped quilt on the beautiful pink and blue satin crib quilt Sue is making for Elaine.



Doris Strong, Gary Strong, Bonnie Jean Bailey, children of Elsie Bailey.

February 22, Tuesday

spent morning all composing. I've Bonnie Jean, Elsie, Doris, and Garry to "My Family Tree." Elsie wrote and asked for a copy of the poem, so I thought it would please her if I added them to it. This afternoon I finished my ironing. Al came for Elaine and Ann, he has a holiday, and he took Elaine to her doctor. Louis could have been off today, but he's taking his holiday Friday, so he can have his days off together. Tonight we went to the picture show at Franklin, saw "Something to Sing About" and "Danger, Love at Work." Amusing.



February 23, Wednesday

The doctor told Elaine she could expect to go to the hospital anytime now. I'll be glad when she's over her illness, too. Annie left Dale with Elaine, he cried to go to Relief Society with her, but he wasn't cleaned up so she wouldn't take him. I got ready to go later, but Dale carried on so I wouldn't leave him with Elaine like that, so I stayed home. Rex and Donna left Janet with me while they rode up to the snow, she had a nice nap. They came for her about 7 p.m., both tired and hungry. I insisted on them eating a bite here. Poor Donna doesn't feel like preparing foods now days. [Donna is in her first trimester of her second pregnancy.]

February 24, Thursday

I got up and fixed Louis's breakfast for a change, made a rice pudding and washed a few things out by hand, wrote a card to Violet. Donna called about noon to see why I wasn't up there, she sent Florence down for Elaine, Ann and me. I had eaten my lunch, but Elaine and Ann ate with Donna. Florence and her kiddies ate over at Laura's. It was a beautiful day, we visited all together out on the lawn, the babies played in the sand pile. Donna typed three copies, with carbon, of my poem, "Family Tree." Florence brought Elaine home; I waited for Louis to come. Annie, Bill, and Dale came over tonight; Louis went to Charlie's for a carpenter tool. Laura and Donna came over tonight in Laura's car. Elaine went to bed, but could not sleep, so got up and came over to visit with us.

February 25, Friday

Louis went to work on Mrs. Short's house this morning. Annie left Dale here while she went to Relief Society union meeting. I wrote a letter to Elsie, sent copy of "The Family Tree," also wrote a card to Lydia. Dale and Ann ate lunch with me; Annie came for him about 12:40. I walked over to Dr. Haig's office, paid \$4.00 of the \$8.00 I owe him and made an appointment with him for 11 a.m. Monday. I must get my teeth fixed if I expect to keep them. Elaine took Ann with her to Sammy's while she had a curl; I shampooed her

hair yesterday. Louis came home tonight tired and dirty. I like the hospital job best. Donna and Elaine went to stork shower tonight on Marie Kendrick's sister-in-law. Ernie entertained the M Men while Elaine was at shower. Louis and I enjoyed radio.

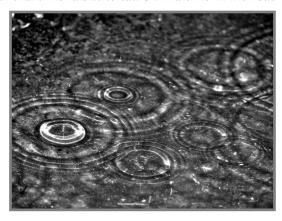


February 26, Saturday

I got Louis's breakfast, he went again to work on Mrs. Short's house. They gave him lunch yesterday, and will today, nice, eh?! I don't like to put up lunches, glad he'll get a nice cooked one. Sue took Shirley up to Dr. Watkins's office this morning at 10:30. He took her tonsils and adenoids out. Al stayed with her until evening when the doctor let them bring her home. I hope she'll feel better now, poor little dear has been sick too much lately. Donna and Rex left Janet with us tonight while they went to a show. We took our baby for a ride, did a little shopping in Highland Park first. When the kids came for Janet it was raining, so we thought it best to leave her all night.

February 27, Sunday

Rained hard all day, poor Shirley feels badly, she has a fever. Al says they were up most of the night with her, she was operated on yesterday. I was glad Donna, Rex, and baby spent day with us, It didn't seem so dark and gloomy with our little sunshine here. After Louis's nap, he and Donna went up to practice choir music. Janet and her Grama played while Daddy Rex enjoyed his nap. We kept Janet here until church, and then took her with us. It was so wet we had very few out to church. The choir didn't sing, so Rex helped take care of Janet. I heard most of the meeting. Our children came over after church for a bite to eat. Sr. Marsh is ill with bad cold.



February 28, Monday

Rained all night and all day, some parts of our city are flooded. We, here in Highland Park, never have that trouble. I went to the dentist at 11 a.m. He lectured me for an hour about having my upper teeth out and a plate made. Oh, how I dread it, he says he can save the lower teeth. I stayed up to Donna's while folks went to choir practice. Oh, how it rained. Louis got stalled coming home; Rex brought me down and found our car in front of library. Louis was out trying to get help. Tillie was in the car. Rex pushed our car home and then took Tillie home. Louis dried wires before retiring. Josephine treated choir to popcorn, Louis brought me some.

An Hour Lecture from the Dentist?

That does not sound like the most effective way to win over patients and make folks happy to follow your advice.

March 1, Tuesday

It rained most of night, but cleared some today. Elaine did her washing and it got dry. Little Ann was in and out my house most of day. I think she is lonesome, no children to watch when school is in session. Rex and Donna left Janet here while they went to see Dr. Robinson this afternoon. Janet is going to have a little sister or brother next October. I'm thankful Donna is going to have Dr. Robinson again. I have faith in him. Baby ate dinner with us. Rex and Donna ate before coming home. Ernie and Rex played basketball tonight. Donna stayed with Elaine, I visited over there. Elaine made fudge. We put Janet in her little bed here after she'd visited with Ann for a while. It started raining hard tonight about 9 p.m.

March 2, Wednesday

Rain and floods and excitement all day long. Elaine and I spent most of the day together, either here or in her house. We listened to the radio reports of the flood condition, many bridges washed out, several people lost lives, lots of homes washed down. It is Los Angeles worst flood, I think. The water drained away from here very fast, Highland Park is a good place to be in at a time like this. Louis had to have his car towed home this evening, it stalled on his way to work this a.m. in the downpour. He had to leave it and go to work. It got filled with flood water and mud, awful mess, it'll take days to dry out, he washed mud out tonight. The bakery Ernie works at was damaged a lot; they feared the L.A. River would wash it all down. Glad for once Donna lives on that hill. It's the lowlands gets our floods. We could hear the water rushing down the Arroyo Seco from our house. Glad Elaine didn't have her baby today. Elaine, Ernie, and Ann came over tonight, brought big can of popcorn, good. A big tree fell across our street today. Our lights went out tonight for almost an hour. Sue and Al came to see Elaine this evening.

March 3, Thursday

I got up early to get Louis's breakfast, he went on bus. It rained some in the night, but didn't do much harm. We had a few showers this a.m., but sun came out, too, and it was welcome. There'll be lots of work building new bridges, and homes and fixing up the roads. I went to dentist at 11:30, stopped in Nardini's Market on way home. Sue and Al invited me to go for a ride, they'd come to take Elaine and Ann. We called for Donna and Janet. Al took us around to see the damage done to parts of our city, railroad tracks washed out. The L.A. River is still madly rushing and boiling toward the ocean. Oh, it was a terrible flood, they don't know how many dead, haven't found them all. We in Highland Park were blessed, a few lives lost and some homes, but few compared to other parts. Donna and Janet ate dinner with us tonight; Rex went to a Fuller Paint meeting. We took Donna and Janet home in Ernie's car.



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March 4, Friday

Our city is getting back to normal, but the damage and death toll is awful. It'll take months to build it up again, so many bridges washed out and lovely roads washed away. It was a bright sunny day, we had our car seats and floor coverings out to dry. I did my cleaning; Louis has a bad cold and cough from getting so wet Wednesday evening. Al took me, Annie, and Lorene to Compton with him and Sue and Shirley tonight to Strong's meeting at Nora's home. We had nice meeting and fun after playing hearts, to celebrate our eight year anniversary. Rex won first prize. I won the booby prize. Donna and Rex brought me home. Louis took care of Janet.

March 5, Saturday

I went to Highland Park to pay bills this morning. Louis got his car to running, we are glad to say. He had it greased good, has worked on it all day. I went to L.A. town this afternoon to the 3rd Street Store opening, bought house dress for me, \$1.44, cute dress for Janet 50¢, nice big bath towels, four for \$1.00, and bedspread for Donna, \$1.00, all bargains. I went to Donna's from town. I called in Annie's on way home to give her belated birthday gift, nail clippers and bath towel. Wayne came to stay tonight with Rex and Donna. They ate dinner out, at the Rite Spot. We kept our darling babe here all night. She had on her new dress, looked cute. I colored pictures for my Sunday School class tonight, Janet was a big help, oh, yeah! Borrowed Ann's story book for a story for my class.

March 6, Sunday

President David Cannon gave a good talk to us in our 9 a.m. officers and teachers meeting. I took care of the opening exercises in our Sunday School class and Sr. Bishop gave the lesson. We had the children color pictures the last half of class period. Lots of babies blessed in fast meeting. Lillian Stead Rogers and Marietta Scott had their babies blessed, also. Rex and Wayne drove me up to Donna's to dinner, Louis walked up, she had a lovely dinner ready for

us. Donna drove us to church after. Br. Keller took us to Sunday School union meeting. Sr. bishop brought us home. We didn't go to church tonight. Louis didn't want to go. I've been to three meetings, so I guess I can miss tonight. I stayed an hour with Elaine; her pains came 5 minutes apart before she decided she'd better leave for the hospital. She left about 8:30 p.m. for St. Vincent's Hospital. Boy, we'll all be glad when the baby is here.

March 7, Monday

Elaine's [baby] daughter came this morning about 6 a.m. Sue called Mrs. Allen, she told me. I was very happy to know the baby was here, but was surprised it wasn't a boy. I had expected a boy. Elaine looked so different this time. Well, the little girl is grand for Ann and we're all happy to have the little darling in the family. I did my washing and it was a big one. I went to Elaine's and called Sue to get details about Elaine and baby. I brought Elaine's ironing over and dampened it, also did my clothes. Tonight I stayed with baby Janet up to Donna's, while the folks went to choir practice. She is a precious darling, I love her so much.



Elvie trimmed many flowers out of greeting cards for her scrapbooks. Image on the right is one of the pages from her scrapbooks.

March 8, Tuesday

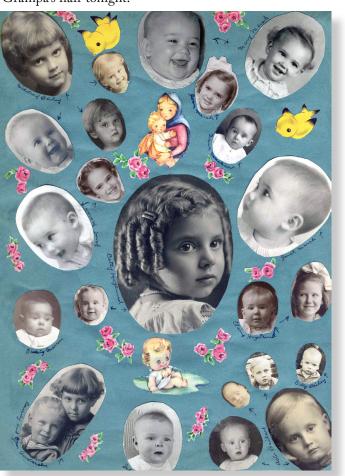
I did Elaine's ironing this morning, and then went to the dentist, shopped in Nardini's Market, finished most of my ironing this afternoon. I feel a smarting in my nose. Oh, my! Am I going to have another miserable head cold? Louis worked on his car until time to eat. He packed the wheels. Our teacher came tonight. Br. Gunn told about awful flood conditions in Van Nuys, it is surely awful.

March 9, Wednesday

I ironed some before going to Relief Society, we had our luncheon that we should have had last Wednesday, but had to be postponed on account of our awful floods. The ladies made some good old stew for luncheon, it was very nice. I bought some Hill's nose drops to see if I can stop this miserable head cold before it gets me down again. I called Elaine at the hospital this afternoon. I'm surely anxious to see that darling baby; she says she has dark hair and eyes, she thinks. That'll be some contrast with little Ann.

March 10, Thursday

I heard Elaine's phone ringing this a.m., thought maybe Annie was trying to get me, so went over and she was. She wanted Dale to stay here while she went to Highland Park to pay some bills. I fixed a little lunch for the three of us when she got back. Laura brought Donna and Janet down in her car, they went to Gleaner club, baby stayed with Grama. I was tickled to have her, hadn't seen my darling since Monday night. She took a nice nap this afternoon. I did some work on my scrapbook. I called Elaine on the phone at the hospital. I don't want to go to see her until this old cold has left me. Rex and Donna went to see her tonight, we kept Janet here. Our baby is getting so darn cute, she watched Donna shampoo her hair yesterday, so she did mine and Grampa's hair tonight.



March 11, Friday

My vacuum wouldn't work, so I didn't do the cleaning today. Louis fixed it when he came home. I worked most of the day on my scrapbook. My cold was so miserable; I called Dr. Haig, the dentist, and asked for another appointment. He gave me Monday 1:15. Oh, it started raining again tonight. I'll bet the poor flood sufferers are blue. I'm tired of it myself, we've had too much now, but the grass, trees, and flowers are lovely from it. Always something nice about everything, eh? Louis and I enjoyed radio program tonight.

March 12, Saturday

I did cleaning today; Louis wrote a letter to his mother. I sent her a copy of my poem, "It's Fun to Be Poor." She is kind to me and my amateur poetry. It rained most of the night

and off and on all morning, but cleared in the afternoon. We rode up to Donna's this evening, and brought Janet home. Rex and Donna went to their P.M. club at Marie Kendrick's tonight. They were expecting a lot of fun, were prepared to initiate some new members, Laura, Bill, Marion Leaver and husband. We kept our baby here all night; her little bed surely comes in handy down here.

March 13, Sunday

Janet seemed real pleased to wake up and find herself in our house. She likes to visit Grama and Grampa. We went to the Sunday School local board meeting Donna played for Ruth Christenson in Sunday School. Br. Christenson had his nose operated on yesterday. It was a wet gloomy day, but I enjoyed it, my children came home to dinner. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon nap, but me. Janet has a little head cold. We all went to church tonight, baby and I spent last half of meeting in the parlor with Sue and Ann. Rex has no lights on his car, so we brought them to church and took them down to Marshes' after. All ate ice cream. Rex, Donna, and Louis ate sandwiches. I met Hazel and Bud ?? in church tonight. I think his name is Laythem.

March 14, Monday

I washed a few things out by hand this morning, went to the dentist at 1:15, and then uptown, bought a little white sweater and booties for Elaine's new baby daughter. I also bought some bath towels and wash cloths to send Violet for her birthday. Charles came over and took the middle cushion from our couch; he's going to make it fit better. I called Elaine at hospital, she says her eye is swelling up, a little infection in it; they called her doctor to see it. Donna and Laura went to see Elaine, they came here to leave Janet, but I was out so took her back home. Sr. Putnam looked after her.

March 15, Tuesday

I mended underwear and darned sox this morning. Rex came for me about 2:30, he and Donna took Janet with them to see Dr. Robinson this afternoon. They took me to the St. Vincent Hospital to see Elaine and picked me up on their way back. Marie K. and her sister-in-law met me on my way up to Elaine's room, they told me that Elaine had been taken to the nursery to see a baby's bath by nurse; I waited for Elaine in her room about 30 minutes. She looks different with swollen eye, she liked little sweater. Donna came up in Elaine's room for me. Elaine treated us to chocolates. Sue and Ann slept at Elaine's tonight. Lorene and Charles came this evening; she brought a birthday gift to me from Violet, ha, ha! Violet sent us each a birthday gift, kitchen aprons, nice.

March 16, Wednesday

I got up early, cooked breakfast for Louis. I made a rice pudding, a big one, for Sue, to help out with her dinner tonight. I helped her clean up Elaine's house. I picked my violets to put in Elaine's bedroom. Sue bought some flowers, (daffodils). I went up to Nardini's Market, bought meat for Sue and myself. I went to the party at Relief Society this afternoon. It was the Relief Society anniversary party. We had a nice time playing "pick-up sticks," at the table upstairs Sr. Worsely gave us two comic readings and Sr. Horricks gave a short history of our Relief Society. Donna and Sue went to hospital to get Elaine and baby girl in Al's car. The baby is darling, dark hair. Louis and I took Donna home, we went up to Mrs. Short's for horses (wooden). Annie, Beverly, and Glen came over before Mutual to see new baby.

March 17, Thursday— St. Patrick's Day! "Top o' the mornin' to ye."

I gave little Carol Sue her bath this morning. She's a darling baby. I think she'll have curls, too. Elaine feels fine; she'll soon be back on the job. I wrote a letter to Violet. Tonight Louis took Josephine Howells and Tillie Mosely to stake choir in Glendale. I went to Park Theater and enjoyed two good pictures. Louis called for me after.

March 18, Friday

I gave baby Carol Sue her bath this a.m. I did my cleaning and went to Dr. Haig's. He says I won't need any more treatments on my gums. I'm glad cause it was so expensive, now I must save to get the other work done on my teeth. Marietta Scott and baby called to see Elaine this afternoon. I met her on way home and walked over with her. She has a darling baby girl, 3 months old. They adopted her a few weeks ago. Louis blocked his car up tonight ready to start working on it in the morning.

March 19, Saturday

I gave little Carol Sue her bath again, she likes the water in the tub, but doesn't like the dressing and undressing. She's a darling and her hair curls up when it's wet. Louis worked all day taking parts off his car. Bob Stanton is going to help put the new parts on tomorrow morning. Donna and Janet came down on street car. Janet and Ann had lots of fun playing in my yard. Al vacuumed Elaine's rugs, Sue did a big washing. Both Janet and Ann had naps this afternoon. Louis and I walked to Kress Store tonight, bought Listerine to massage his head, enjoyed chocolate orange sticks on way home. It has been a lovely day. Elaine came out for a few minutes. Bette, Shirley, Donna, Sue and I enjoyed the lovely day watching Janet and Ann play.

March 20, Sunday

I gave Elaine's baby her bath this a.m. Bishop took me to Sunday School. Bob Stanton brought a friend over to help do up the job on Louis's car, they had it running by 1 p.m. Lillian Rogers led the singing in Sunday School for Louis. Sr. Bishop and I had such a large class we could hardly all get into our classroom, too crowded for

comfort. Lorene and Charles called on Elaine this afternoon. Beverly saw me at market, brought me home after Sunday School Louis worked all afternoon on his car. Sue and family ate at Elaine's; she thinks she is going home tonight. Ernie is anxious to get home again. [Perhaps he was sleeping at his mother's home while Sue was staying there?] He says he'll help Elaine with baby and work. Rex, Donna, and Janet called in for a few minutes before church. Rex took Janet home to stay with her, she had a chest cold. Ruth Cartwright and Ed Robinson sang in church tonight, very good. Louis and I went for a nice ride after meeting.

March 21, Monday

Elaine gave her baby her bath today for first time. I stood by in case she needed me, she didn't. I gave Ann her breakfast while Elaine was feeding baby Carol Sue. I also washed out baby clothes and a few things. Sue got there in time to rinse and hang them out. I decided to do my own washing after Sr. Thomas called to say she couldn't go teaching. Annie called to say Beverly was called to work, so they wouldn't leave Dale here. They are going uptown together. Sue let me use her bus pass to go to bank. I took our \$10.00 for Louis to pay Bob for auto parts, my teeth money, oh, oh! Louis and I enjoyed radio programs tonight until time to go to choir practice. I stayed with Janet up to her house while her folks went to choir.

March 22, Tuesday

I got Elaine's baby washing ready for the rinsing when Sue came. She finished the job. I ironed most of the day, a big ironing. I'm sure enjoying this lovely spring weather. Louis and I spent the evening enjoying our radio.

March 23, Wednesday

Sue came up to Elaine's earlier this a.m., so I didn't get started with the washing. I darned sox and patched underwear before going to Relief Society. Dale sat on my lap all through the meeting. He was very good. Sr. Worsley

gave play reviews on three short plays, we enjoyed them. Isabell Thomas brought me home. Donna called me this evening from Florence's. They ate dinner there. They left Janet here while they went to Mutual tonight. Sr. Nellie Imsen brought Mabel O'Brien over after Mutual to make arrangements to take me teaching in her car. Isabell can't go this time. We are going tomorrow afternoon. Our baby Janet is surely growing up and learning fast, cute thing.

March 24, Thursday

I gave little Carol Sue her bath and enjoyed it, we both did. She was just grand, is getting used to the idea of a bath every morning,

maybe. I did baby's washing and mopped the kitchen floor. Sue didn't come up to Elaine's today; she went to help the sisters cook the building fund dinner for tonight at church. I did a small ironing for Elaine, also. Mabel O'Brien went teaching with me this afternoon. She's a sweet girl, we had a nice time. Isabell Thomas is getting ready for her visit to Salt Lake, she couldn't go this

6:30. It was a very good dinner, the baked ham was delicious. I washed dishes from 7:30 to 10:20. Effie Bishop wiped for me. The Sunday School teachers (sisters) washed all the dishes from the dinner. I was almost too tired to enjoy the

time. Louis and I went to the dinner about

dance after.



Laura brought Donna and Janet down this morning. I enjoyed the day very much with my darlings. We ate lunch at Elaine's. Sue brought some fish up with her, I had some scalloped potatoes and peas, we had a swell lunch. Elaine had peaches and cakes. Laura came back for Donna at 1 p.m., but we'd persuaded her to stay until Daddy came to take her home this evening. Janet and Donna took a nap this afternoon, I went to Hall's Store, used Sue's bus pass, and bought a luncheon set for Donna and me to take to the shower. Donna took me in our car. Rex took his Sunday School class skating. Louis took care of baby Janet.



Owen A. Bailey, Elaine and Ernie Vandergrift

and Lydia Bailey in Salt Lake City.

Baby Elaine, Al and Sue Hoglund, and now Elaine has her second baby. Time Flies!

March 26, Saturday

I got up early. Louis went to work on Mrs. Short's house. I made a rice pudding and cleaned house before doing Elaine's baby wash. Sue didn't come up today; she had too much to do at home. She cleaned Elaine's house good yesterday. Elaine's water heater wouldn't work again today. John worked on it for two hours or more today, got it going again, hope it'll be okay, this time. She needs lots of hot water with the new baby. I washed the things over here. Annie and Beverly brought me some lovely big pussy willows from their tree, and the sand to stick them in, nice, eh?! Rex and Donna went roller skating with P.M. club tonight. We kept our darling Janet here all night, she likes to sleep at Grama's house. We love to have her, too. Keith Gunn ran into a milk truck while riding his bicycle today. He's in the hospital with broken leg, and bad cut on head, and concussion. I'm so sorry.

March 27, Sunday

Louis left Sunday School after the singing practice was over. He went up to work on Mrs. Short's house to get roof finished enough so the rain can't do any harm if it comes. Sr. Marsh invited me to dinner with Rex and Donna. We had a lovely dinner as usual. Donna drove Sr. Marsh and me and Janet down to Marshes'. Rex, Ruthie, little Ernie, and Suda [nickname for Elaine] came down on bus. Rex brought us home. Donna had a three o'clock practice with Gleaner girls for their conference tonight. I came home and enjoyed the radio and a nap. I walked to church tonight. Louis didn't get home in time, he called for me after. We took Tillie and some chairs to her house after meeting. I took care of my baby Janet in church.

March 28, Monday

I washed Elaine's baby washing, also gave little darling her bath. Elaine went uptown to meet Sue. She took Ann. I took care of Carol Sue, She was very good, slept most of the time. Sue bought an Easter outfit for Ann, a darling white and red dress with coat, and little red hat, also lovely dress and slip for Carol Sue to be blessed in. Tonight Louis and I went to the choir party at Tillie's house. We had a lot of fun; it was a very well planned party. Good games and music. Laura took care of baby Janet, so Donna and Rex could go.

March 29, Tuesday

I wrote a letter to Violet and mailed her a birthday gift, bath towels and wash cloths. I also wrote to Frances Helman. I

washed out a few baby things after Elaine gave Carol Sue her bath. Elaine wouldn't let me do all the diapers cause she is going to do them in the washer every other day now. I'm glad she is feeling so fine; the baby is surely a darling. I did a little shopping for Elaine in the 15¢ Store on my way to post office. I also sent a card of condolence to Hanna Helman, her mother died a few days ago in Indiana, PA. Sue and Shirley spent evening with Elaine, I visited them, also. Ernie played basketball.

March 30, Wednesday

I haven't seen my children since Sunday, it seems a long time. I surely long for my baby Janet. We are enjoying lovely spring days now. Elaine did a big washing today, She's back on the job okay now. Vera Reiche brought her two children to see Elaine this afternoon. I started some poetry for Aunt Ettie, didn't get very far with it before I had to leave for Relief Society. Dale was very good, sat on my lap all through the meeting. Louis brought Mrs.

Short home from work while he changed his clothes to go up and work on her house a few hours. Tonight I stayed with Elaine's baby, she went to see the M Men program at Mutual, they took Ann, several of the wards participated in it. Rex and Donna left Janet with me, also, so I had my darling after all. Louis and Bishop went to hospital to administer to a lady. Carol Sue was surely good, she slept most of the time they were gone. Folks said the program was very good. We kept Janet here all night.

March 31, Thursday

Little Janet was happy to find she was at Grama's house this morning when she woke up, so was Grama. Elaine took baby in buggy, Ann walked, they went to Highland Park. They met Donna down there, did some shopping, showed baby to Sammy, and walked home with Donna. Janet and I walked over to the playground; she had fun in the little swings and the sand pile. We came home with Donna and Elaine when they passed the playgrounds. We ate lunch at Elaine's after kiddies were in bed for afternoon naps. We all took things over, fun, eh?! Louis took Donna and Janet home after work. He went to stake choir in Glendale tonight; I studied for the union meeting lesson next Sunday afternoon. Oh! Donna brought me awful news last night. Br. Le Cheminat wants me to give the lesson to the teachers in Sunday School union meeting Sunday!!

April 1, Friday—Violet's Birthday!

I raked leaves from our front lawns, they

to fall, will keep it up all summer. For the past two months the camphor berries have fallen all over the sidewalks and lawns. Now the leaves start, it's a job to keep the yard clean, but the camphor trees are pretty, and give a nice shade in summer. Beverly brought Dale over to me; she and Annie went uptown to buy Bev a new dress. Beverly told Dale if he'd take a nap here, after lunch, she'd take him to a show this afternoon. I had no trouble getting him in Janet's bed, even if Ann was here to play with him, ha, ha! Sue came up to help Elaine do her cleaning, they surely had a time getting through, had callers all day, first

Grace Hill and Arma, then Mr.

and Mrs. Vandergrift, Elizabeth

and her little daughter. I helped

Louis polish the car this evening.

I colored pictures for Sunday

School work this a.m., and

tonight, worked on union meeting

lesson. I don't think they'll get me

on it again, not if I can help it!



Example of Camphor tree above and berries below.



April 2, Saturday

Oh, such a beautiful morning, Louis went up to work on Mrs. Short's house. I did the cleaning and worked on the Sunday School union meeting lesson that I have to give tomorrow. I hope they never ask me to give the lesson in union meeting again. There are many teachers in our stake better able to give it, I know. Rex brought Donna and Janet over for a short visit tonight. I went up to the library for some colored pictures to use in lesson tomorrow. Donna and Janet visited with Elaine and Ann. Louis and Rex slipped away in our car for a root beer, they said.

April 3, Sunday

I went to the 9 a.m. meeting this morning. Louis took me down, but he visited with Donna and baby instead of coming in. Bishop called on several of us to bear our testimonies. We had a very wonderful spirit in that meeting. Elaine and Ernie brought new daughter to fast meeting for blessing and name. Her grandfather blessed her, of course. Carol Sue Vandergrift! The baby looked darling in christening clothes, so did little Ann in her new red and white outfit that Grama Sue bought her. Br. Carlson took Louis and me over to union meeting. I gave the lesson to our Primary department. Rex brought Wayne to union meeting with him. We called at Florence's for Janet after church, took a nice long ride out to San Fernando, Rex drove. Uncle Will Bailey [William Esau Bailey] was up to see all of us today. Wayne lost his job, poor fellow.



Esther, William, and Frank Bailey, circa 1904. Esther's mother, Esther Josephina Faust, died 9 days after giving birth to her daughter, Esther Faust Bailey. This is Uncle Will mentioned above.

April 4, Monday

I wasn't feeling well so couldn't do my washing today. Just read Sunday paper and rested. Went to Donna's to stay with Janet while folks went to choir practice tonight. Donna made a little chocolate nut cake for Tillie. They took it over to her tonight after choir. My baby Janet can say so many things now; it is wonderful how fast the little things learn. We have lots of fun on Monday nights when the folks are at choir. She likes Grama Elvie to come and play with her. Sue went uptown and bought a beautiful dotted Swiss dress and bonnet in pink for Elaine to give Ann for Easter. Shirley came up on the bus to bring Ann's Easter bonnet and dress this afternoon.

April 5, Tuesday

Still not able to do big washing, but feel better. Elaine and I walked to Highland Park this afternoon. We took baby in buggy, little Ann walked both ways. We met Sue on the Avenue. She went shopping with us. I bought some white dotted Swiss to make Janet a dress and bonnet, 35¢ a yard, also, and the goods to make a little coat for her. Elaine says she'll help me. Sue paid for the coat goods, 53¢, she wanted to. Elaine bought enough to make Ann a coat, also, and the goods for a bonnet, too. It was sweet of Sue to buy the coat goods. Louis went to work at Short's home after his work this afternoon. Elaine cut Janet's dress and bonnet out tonight. I did a little basting on dress over there. Donna and Janet came for a few minutes.

April 6, Wednesday

I helped Elaine a little this a.m., cleaned her front rooms while she gave Carol Sue her bath. I went to the Relief Society teachers meeting at 2:30. Lorene gave a very fine lesson, as usual. Sr. Ida Woods came to give her lesson, but took so ill they had to take her back home before the meeting started. Sr. Farnsworth of the Relief Society stake board came to visit. She gave the lesson, it was very well given. Lucille Hansen Clybourne Giles called on Elaine. She brought her little girl. [Mary Lynne Clybourn Giles] She says she is very happy in this new marriage. [Daughter, Mary, was from her first marriage.] I surely hope her happiness will last. [It appears on Family Tree that the marriage did last and they had at least a son. Other children may still be living. Lucille did marry a third time but that was a year after Lewis Henry Giles died in 1983.] Louis and I went to the Eagle Theater tonight, saw two good pictures. Rex, Donna, and Wayne went, also. Elaine took care of Janet. I brought her over here and put her to bed when we got home, she slept here all night.

April 7, Thursday

Our baby slept sound all night, she was happy to wake up at Grama's house. I took Janet and Ann over to the playgrounds about eleven o'clock this morning. Annie brought Dale, the kiddies had lots of fun in the sand pile and the little swings. They didn't want to come home for lunch, but we did! Both Ann and Janet took a nice nap this afternoon. Elaine and Donna went with several of the girls and Lorene and Sue out to a luncheon at Doris Putman Sandstrom. They left at noon, got home about 6:30. Doris lives in Santa Ana. I gave the children their dinner this evening before the girls got home. Inis brought Elaine a darling pink silk coat for the

baby, she made it herself, left it here. Laura came for Janet tonight as Rex didn't get home until late. Louis worked all night tonight. Elaine and baby visited for a while, Ernie and Ann were in bed.

April 8, Friday

Louis worked until 2 a.m., he got home at two o'clock, I should say. But he got up at 8 a.m. and went up to work on Mrs. Short's house. Sue came up to do Elaine's cleaning, Elaine did a big washing. I did my three weeks washing, also. I went to the bank to pay on stove and icebox, also put \$10.00 in for my dental work.

April 9, Saturday

I did my cleaning and made the little dotted Swiss dress for Janet's Easter. Elaine came over and made the bonnet for her, I put the ribbon bows and ties on it. Rex and Donna called in this evening, we tried the dress and bonnet on Janet, and she looked like a little doll in them, white is very good on her, like it is on Donna. They took Janet down on the avenue to buy her some new white shoes. Sue, Bette, and Shirley came over to see how Janet looked in her Easter things; they stayed with Elaine's babies while she and Ernie went to the P.M. club at Inis and Bob's. We kept Janet here all night; they went to the P.M.

club, also.

April 10, Sunday

I surely enjoyed my baby this morning. She is so darn cute when she wakes up in the mornings here. Rex and Donna came down for her; Donna brought her to Sunday School later. Sr. Bishop had voice trouble again, so I took full charge of the class. Our children came to dinner; Donna brought some cream and *fruit cocktail. Wayne came to see Rex and Donna this afternoon. They went to Marshes' to get John's truck to take their couch to Uncle Charlie. He's fixing chair and couch [in trade] for some paint. Bishop Hill and his Young Men and Women choirs, with Br. Barton in charge came to our ward tonight, very fine meeting. Louis took Janet and me to visit his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stober this afternoon. They were lovely to us, she gave me a lot of clothes, dress, coat, hat, and he gave Louis two brown suits.

April 11, Monday

Mrs. Stober is in some kind of welfare work, she handles clothes from well to do folks, to the poor ones. That's how I came to get the

things yesterday. I'll get some wear out of them after I get them fixed up. I tried to fix the blue dress, but am afraid it's a little small now the seams are sewed up. I did part of my ironing today, Elaine left the baby with me while she went to Marietta Scott to call in Elma Van Essen to invite them to their club. I stayed at Donna's tonight when she and Daddy went to choir practice. Rex went to beach with his folks, they have a relative here. Janet and I had fun as usual. Louis paid for a big can of popcorn for me. Josephine Howells is going to get our popcorn wholesale for us. I guess Louis is determined he'll give me my fill of popcorn for once, ha! Ha!

April 12, Tuesday

Elaine took the baby to the clinic this morning. Ann stayed with me. I finished my ironing. Rex took Donna to see Dr. Robinson this afternoon. Janet stayed with me, she wasn't feeling well, had a fever. I guess more teeth. Bette took Ann to the picture show this afternoon, and then she stayed with baby and Ann while Elaine and Ernie went out tonight. Donna came there to get me to help make a devil headdress for Rex to wear in the program tomorrow night. He went home to clean Wayne's room, the garage. He's moving in Saturday. My sweetheart got his own dinner while we sewed. We fit the outfit on him, also. (He's a darling!) I visited with



This image is an original can label from a printers archive from 1934. Long before ingredients were required to be listed on the label.

*Fruit Cocktail

A website devoted to the history of the Del Monte canning factories explains that fruit cocktail was created "as a way to make use of fruit scraps when bruised or damaged fruits could not be used in canning." The exact origins of the fruit cocktail, the site explains, remain a mystery:

A California fruit canner, J.C. Ainsley, began marketing a product called "fruit salad" in 1893 ... the fruit salad contained cherries as well as diced fruits. But the product was never called fruit cocktail. In 1958, an article titled "100 Years of Canning in the West" in the journal Canner and Packer credited Herbert Gray of San Jose's Barron-Gray Packing Company with the invention of fruit cocktail in 1930."

The cocktail part of the name may have come from an early 20th century salad recipe that actually combined canned or fresh fruit and alcohol. A cookbook from 1902, Mrs. Rorer's New Cookbook, weighs in on this subject with great disdain:

"In these latter days, many American cooks make a mixture of fruit, sugar and alcohol and serve them as 'salad.' These are not salads ... they are heavy, rather unwholesome, and will never take the place of a salad. I prefer to call them fruit cocktails and serve them as a first course at a luncheon or a twelve o'clock breakfast."

Modern fruit cocktail -- the canned variety in the supermarket—doesn't contain booze, but it does require, according to the USDA, the following fruits: pears, grapes, cherries, peaches and pineapple. Without those fruits, the mixture can't be called fruit cocktail.

http://www.pitch.com/FastPitch/archives/2010/05/12/fruit-cocktail-a-reverie

Bette tonight. Bishop called, gave Louis the distressing news that Ann Madson wasn't coming to sing her solo part in the Easter program Sunday morning. He had to hustle someone else. Lillian Rogers is going to sing it.

Early L.D.S. "Traveling Musicians"

The practice of using singers and musical talent from other wards and areas in the 1930s was very common. It would appear that talented voices like Ann Madson were in such high demand they were seldom able to attend their own wards. As the years went on the church discouraged using members from other wards. In the Church Handbook 2 it is now spelled out:

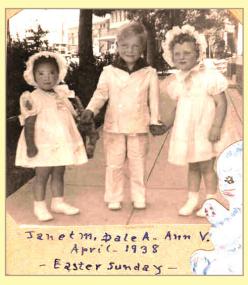
21.1.20 Guest Speakers or Instructors [Also applies to musical numbers]

For most Church meetings, speakers and instructors should belong to the local ward or stake.

The bishop's approval is required before guest speakers or instructors may participate in any ward meeting, including auxiliary meetings. The stake president's approval is required for such participation in stake meetings.

The bishop or stake president carefully screens guest speakers or instructors and the subjects of their presentations. This may include contacting the person's bishop. The bishop or stake president ensures that:

- 1. Presentations are in harmony with Church doctrine.
- 2. Guest speakers or instructors are not paid a fee, do not recruit participants, and do not solicit customers or clients.
- 3. The travel expenses of guest speakers or instructors are not paid, either with local unit budget funds or by private contributions.
- 4. Presentations comply with the guidelines for using Church facilities.



From Elvie's Scrapbook

April 13, Wednesday

Louis was surely upset last night when he found out Ann Madson wasn't going to come and sing her solo part in choir Sunday morning. Bishop called Bishop Hill, he tried to get a good soprano for him, it ended up that Lillian Rogers would sing it. I darned sox and did mending before cleaning up house, wrote cards to Violet and Mother Renshaw. I went to the Relief Society luncheon, it was very good. Sue helped serve this time. Babe [Elsie Lavina Hoglund] brought Elaine and babies down to hall; she visited with ladies while Elaine and I shopped on the Avenue. We bought satin for slips, pink and white, for Ann and Janet. Babe drove us home, her mother-in-law was with her. Elaine and I walked to Nardini's Market, took the kiddies along. I sewed on Janet's little coat. Bill and George (Glen's friend) walked home with me tonight. Annie and Bev had car at show. I went to the Mutual "Hi Jinks" program tonight. Rex made a very fine devil. I enjoyed all of the program, the stunts were good. The Mutual adult band won first prize. Louis worked at Short's.

April 14, Thursday

Louis gave me \$5.00, told me to get new hat or something to wear for Easter. I went uptown at nine o'clock this morning, bought a pink lace collar and cuff set to wear on my powder blue dress. It was a \$2.00 set on sale, today only for \$1.00. I bought a black straw hat, \$3.95, and two pair sox, 88¢. I did a little shopping in Kress Store. Came home in time to tend my baby while Donna went to the Married Gleaners club. Shirley came up to stay with Ann. Elaine took the baby. I wore the blue dress, that Mrs. Stober gave me, tonight down to Sue's. I split it down the back when I stooped over to pick up some popcorn. We had a nice time. Sue had Helen and George Crawley to dinner, and then she invited the rest of us down tonight. There were the Kendricks, the Oates, the Vandergrifts, the Rex Marshes, the Holdens and Mrs. Crawley. We enjoyed Donna's story game. Helen had asthma so bad, they left early.

April 15, Friday

We got our 50 pound lard can of popcorn today! Louis rubbed my back good last night. It felt better this morning,

but I sat at machine sewing all day and made it worse again. Annie and Bill left Dale here while they went uptown to buy a suit for Bill. Dale slept all the while, sweet child. I finished the little coat and made pink satin slip for Janet. Shirley came to help Elaine with work. They left baby here while they went to Nardini's Market this afternoon. Louis and I rode down to Ann Madson's in L.A. to get his music, but she was out, he left a note. Rex and Donna came tonight, brought us a beautiful Easter lily, four big blossoms. Sweet kids, just will spend money on us.



Janet's new coat.

April 16, Saturday

Louis started out for Short's house this a.m. about seven, he had a blow torch in the car, and as he turned a corner, it fell over. He turned to set up it upright, his eyes off the road for just a split second, his car went over the curb and crashed into a big pepper tree. Our car is wrecked it'll cost \$125 to fix it in shape again. He just got it fixed up from the flood waters, too. Well, we are thankful our Daddy wasn't hurt; it surely could have been lots worse. Donna brought Janet down this a.m. They'd been shopping on the Boulevard first. We got Janet's Easter things all finished and pressed. Sue took Elaine to Highland Park, bought her a pretty new dark blue dress, pink collar and cuffs and belt. I cleaned my powder blue dress, put pink lace collar and cuffs on it. Rex called for Donna and Janet tonight after work. I stayed with Carol Sue while Elaine and Ernie went to buy Ann some shoes. Louis took a walk on the Avenue. Rex brought Janet a darling Easter bunny.



Irene & Ernie Oates, Robin Marsh, Florence Marsh holding Diane Oates, Elaine Oates and Janet Marsh April 1938 Easter Sunday

April 17, Sunday—Easter Sunday

Louis walked to church early to get the choir chairs fixed. Beverly called for me. I enjoyed seeing all the dear little children in their lovely new things. Dale looked darling in little white suit and Ann was a doll in her pink dotted Swiss dress and bonnet. Our Janet was a beautiful doll, too, in her white and pink (white dotted Swiss dress and bonnet, with pink satin slip) and little pink ribbon bows on dress and bonnet. The Sunday School folks all looked lovely on this beautiful Easter day. I was sorry I couldn't hear Donna's reading, and Louis and Lillian Rogers sing duet, the choir music sounded good. I was outside with Janet most of the time. Br. Carlson took us over to Glendale this afternoon to stake conference and Sunday School convention. Florence's and Lewis's children looked darling too. More white dotted Swiss. Wayne moved in with Rex and Donna today. I wore

powder blue dress with pink lace collar and cuffs, also new hat, black straw, tiny pink flowers. Elaine and Ernie came over and ate sandwiches with us tonight. Rex, Donna, Janet, and Wayne called in, also. We ate popcorn.

April 18, Monday

We have summer with us at last. I washed a few things out by hand. Elaine received a darling baby bonnet from Lydia this morning. White taffeta trimmed in pink. Louis went to the bank, talked with Mr. Staff. I guess we'll have to take out a loan to pay for the fixing of our wrecked car. It's going to cost \$125. Oh, dear, I was so happy when we got the loan paid up last February, but I am thankful Louis did not get hurt or killed in the accident. There's always something to be happy about in this dear old world, I find. Wayne stayed with Janet while folks went to choir practice. Rex and Donna came over after Rex signed the bank note for Louis.

"There's always something to be happy about in this dear old world, 9 find."

April 19, Tuesday

I worked with my flowers this morning, pulling weeds until I was tired. Elaine planted sweet peas and some lily bulbs I gave her, mine [lilies] were too thick. Elaine left Carol Sue with me this a.m. while she took Ann to the clinic to be vaccinated for small pox. The baby had a little colic, so I had to hold her most of the time, but she was asleep when Elaine got here. I walked over and paid Dr. Haig \$5.00 for my dental work, he was feeling low, his wife is very ill. I feel so sorry for him; do hope she'll get over this illness soon. Wayne gave an illustrated lecture in the

Wilshire Mutual tonight. Rex went with him. Donna brought Janet over to see us. Elaine and children came over here.

April 20, Wednesday

I burnt leaves this morning in front of Elaine's and my home. Our leaves fall in the spring here instead of the fall. Little Ann dropped a quart of milk on Elaine's back steps this morning. She came over for me to clean it up. She's the limit. She wet her panties a short time ago and came over for me to get a dry pair from her house, ha, ha, some child! Elaine and Ernie took Ann out to eat dinner in café for a change tonight. I kept Carol Sue until they got back, they went to Mutual, also. The baby cried hard for an hour before they got here. Louis worked until after eight o'clock this evening on Mrs. Short's house. They gave him his dinner. I had an attack of asthma this evening, first for several months.



Ann Vandergrift and Janet Marsh on Easter Sunday 1938.

April 21, Thursday

I cleaned up leaves in front lawns' also burnt some of Elaine's this a.m. before seven o'clock. I started a poem to Aunt Ettie; hope I can finish it soon. Donna called me at Elaine's phone. She wanted to know when I was coming up. I was ready to leave, so went to the bank first, to take the papers Louis had asked me to leave there. I took the street car from there, after buying two little story books for Janet in Kress Store, and two bath towels for Lorene's birthday in Hall's Store. Janet was playing in the yard with Laura's children. She was tickled to see me. Donna and Lillian Rogers went uptown this afternoon to buy some music for trio. Janet had a nice nap. I made a creamed tapioca pudding for Donna. Came home on street car. Louis had one of his friends from work take him around looking for auto parts to fix his car. The garage man came to say he couldn't get the parts as planned.

April 22, Friday

I started the cleaning a few minutes after six this morning. Sr. Horricks met me at the library at 10 a.m. I enjoyed the ride in her lovely car over to the stake house. Sr. Robinson asked me to go in the Theology class and substitute for Sr. Woods, who is ill. We had a very interesting lesson, Sr. Farnsworth gave it. Sue came up to stay with Elaine's children while Elaine went to town to buy Ernie his birthday gift, his birthday is next Monday. I went to Nardini's Market this afternoon, also called at shoemakers for Elaine's shoes. Louis worked late tonight on Short's house, he ate dinner there.

April 23, Saturday

Lucille Evans and Mary Evelyn called on Elaine this a.m. I was out burning leaves. Louis went to see if Charles could take him around to buy parts for his car. That accident is surely costing him a lot of money and worry. Donna, Rex, and Wayne went to a picture show tonight, and left Janet with us. We kept her here all night. Beverly and Annie drove over to see if we wanted to use their car to get grocery order. They took us for a nice ride. Beverly bought Dale a little train, and five little quintuplet dolls for Janet. They were both thrilled with their gifts. We bought our groceries at Boy's Market, Louis treated to ice cream cones.



The Dionne Quintuplets

Born May 28, 1934 are the first quintuplets known to survive their infancy. The sisters were born just outside Callander, Ontario, Canada, near the village of Corbeil. The identical quintuplet sisters were (in order of birth): Yvonne Édouilda Marie Dionne, Annette Lillianne Marie Dionne, Cécile Marie Émilda Dionne, Émilie Marie Jeanne Dionne, Marie Reine Alma Dionne.

The family was headed by father Oliva-Edouard (27 Aug 1904 - 15 Nov 1979) and mother Elzire (Legros) Dionne (07 May 1909 - 22 Nov 1986), who married on September 15, 1926. They lived just outside of Corbeil, in a farmhouse in unregistered territory. The Dionnes were a farming family with five previous children, Ernest (1926–1995), Rose Marie (1928–1995), Thérèse (b. 1929), Daniel (1932–1995), and Pauline (b. 1933), who was only eleven months older than the quints. A sixth child, Léo (b. 1930), died of pneumonia shortly after birth. The Dionnes also had three sons after the quintuplets: Oliva Jr. (b. 1936), Victor (1938–2007), and Claude (1946-2009).

The Dionne girls were born two months premature. After four months with their family, they were made wards of the King for the next nine years under the Dionne Quintuplets' Guardianship Act, 1935. The government and those around them began to profit by making them a significant tourist attraction in Ontario.

Elzire suspected she was carrying twins, but no one was aware that quintuplets were even possible. The quintuplets were born two months premature. In 1938, the doctors had a theory that was later proven correct when genetic tests showed that the girls were indeed identical and were created from one single egg cell. Elzire reported having had cramps in her third month and passing a strange object which may have been a sixth fetus.

Oliva, already poor with five children, was approached by fair exhibitors for Chicago's Century of Progress exhibition within days of their birth, who wished to put the Quintuplets on display and show them to the world. The parents were persuaded to agree, and although the contract was revoked before it was ever put into effect, it raised the issue of exploitation of the children. Four months after the birth of the sisters, the Ontario government intervened and found the parents to be unfit for the quintuplets (although not for their previous children). Custody of the five babies was withdrawn from their parents by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, on the advice of Premier Mitchell Hepburn, in 1935, originally for a guardianship of two years. Although Oliva Dionne remained part of the guardianship, the children were put under the guidance of Dr. Dafoe and two other guardians. The stated reason for removing the quintuplets from their parents' legal custody was to ensure their survival. The government realized that there was massive public interest in the sisters and proceeded to engender a tourist industry around them. The girls were made wards of the provincial Crown, planned until they reached the age of 18.

Across the road from their birthplace, the Dafoe Hospital and Nursery was built for the five girls and their new caregivers. The girls were moved from the farmhouse to this nursery at the end of September. The compound had an outdoor playground designed to be a public observation area. It was surrounded by a covered arcade that allowed tourists to observe the sisters behind one-way screens. The facility was funded by a Red Cross fundraiser. It was a nine-room nursery with a staff house nearby. The staff house held the three nurses and the three policemen in charge of guarding them. A housekeeper and two maids lived in the main building with the quintuplets. The buildings were surrounded by a seven-foot barbed-wire fence. The sisters were brought to play there for thirty minutes two or three times a day. They were constantly tested, studied, and examined, with records being taken of everything. The Dionne sisters, while living at the compound, had a somewhat rigid lifestyle. They were not required to participate in chores. They were privately tutored in the same building where they lived. Cared for primarily by nurses, the children had limited exposure to the world outside the boundaries of the compound except for the daily rounds of tourists, who, from the sisters' point of view, were generally heard but not seen. They also had occasional contact with their parents and siblings across the road. Every morning they dressed together in a big bathroom, had doses of Continued on next page.

orange juice and cod-liver oil, and then went to have their hair curled. Then they said a prayer, a gong was sounded, and they ate breakfast in the dining room. After thirty minutes, they had to clear the table, even if they were not done. Then they went and played in the sunroom for thirty minutes, took a fifteenminute break, and at nine o'clock had their morning inspection with Dr. Dafoe. Every month they had a different timetable of activities. They bathed every day before dinner and put on their pajamas. Dinner was served at precisely six o'clock. Then they went into the quiet playroom to say their evening prayers. Each girl had a colour and a symbol to mark what was hers. Annette's colour was red with a maple leaf, Cecile's colour was green and her design a turkey, Emilie had white and a tulip, Marie had blue and a teddy bear, and Yvonne had pink and a bluebird.

Approximately 6,000 people per day visited the observation gallery that surrounded the outdoor playground to view the Dionne sisters. Ample parking was provided and almost 3,000,000 people walked through the gallery between 1936 and 1943. Oliva Dionne ran a souvenir shop and a concession store opposite the nursery and the area acquired the name "Quintland." The souvenirs pictured the five sisters. There were autographs and framed photographs, spoons, cups, plates, plaques, candy bars, books, postcards, dolls, and much more at this shop. Oliva Dionne also sold stones from the Dionne farm that were supposed to have some magical power of fertility. Midwives Madame LeGros and Madame LeBelle opened their own souvenir and dining stand. In 1934, the Quintuplets brought in about \$1 million, and they attracted in total about \$51 million of tourist revenue to Ontario. Quintland became Ontario's biggest tourist attraction of the era, at the time surpassing the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. It was only rivaled by Radio City Music Hall, Mount Vernon, and Gettysburg in the United States. Hollywood stars who came to Callander to visit the Quints included Clark Gable, James Stewart, Bette Davis, James Cagney, and Mae West. Amelia Earhart also visited Callander just six weeks before her ill-fated flight in 1937.

The sisters, and their likenesses and images, along with Dr. Dafoe, were used to publicize commercial products such as Karo corn syrup and Quaker Oats among many other popular brands. They increased the sales of condensed milk, toothpaste, disinfectant, and many other products through their promotions. The Dionne sisters were becoming very famous.

In November 1943, the Dionne parents won back custody of the sisters. The entire family moved into a newly built house within walking distance of Quintland. The yellow brick, 20-room mansion was paid for out of the Quintuplets' fund. The home had many amenities of the time, including telephones, electricity and hot water. The mansion was nicknamed "The Big House." The building is now a retirement home.

The nursery was eventually converted into an accredited school house where the sisters finished their secondary education along with ten girls from the area that were chosen to attend. In later years, it was used by the Recluses of Corbeil as a convent.

The quintuplets became emotionally closest to their sister Pauline. While the parents claimed that they wished to integrate the quintuplets into the family, the sisters frequently traveled to perform at various functions, still dressed identically. According to the accounts of the surviving sisters, the parents often treated them at home as a five-part unit, and frequently lectured them about the trouble they had caused the family by existing. They were sometimes denied privileges the other children received, and were more strictly disciplined and punished. They also received a heavier share of the housework and farm work. They were unaware for many years that the lavish house, the expensive food and the series of cars the family enjoyed were paid for with money they themselves had earned.

In particular, the father was resentful and suspicious of outsiders as a result of his having lost custody of his children. In 1995, the three surviving sisters asserted that their father had sexually abused them during their teenaged years.

The quintuplets left the family home upon turning 18 years old in 1952, and had little contact with their parents afterwards.

—Wikipedia

April 24, Sunday

Baby slept well as usual, she was tickled to see her five little dolls again this morning. (Babies, she calls them.) Beverly is very generous. Bill and Beverly called for us this a.m. Louis rode with them, I went with Donna, she called for Janet. Sr. Bishop gave the lesson this morning. We turned \$1.65 over to the Bishop from our little class building fund. The children put their pennies in the little bank we bought. Andersens brought us home. Louis enjoyed his nap this afternoon. I, the radio. It was raining hard tonight at church time. Ernie told Louis to use his car. He was going to call Bill and ask him to call for us. Uncle Will Bailey was in church tonight. Beverly took him for a ride today, he was there to dinner. He is leaving for Nevada this week.

April 25, Monday

It was sunny when I started the washing, but was raining before I got through. I put them all in my bathtub thinking I'd hang them out tomorrow, well, the sun came out and a good breeze along with it, so I hung them on Mrs. Allen's lines, they were dry in less than two hours. The sky got dark, so I hurried the clothes all in just as it started to rain real hard again. The rain kept it up until dark, so you see the weather Gods were with me today, anyway.

April 26, Tuesday—Lorene's Birthday

I did my ironing this morning. Sr. Thomas called for me about 1 p.m., we did our teaching, her neighbor, Daisy, went along, she stayed in the back seat and crocheted. Rex and Donna came for me just after I got home. We went up on the Avenue where the carnival is, and enjoyed watching our baby, Janet, get a thrill out of the merry-go-round ride, she also had a ride in one of the miniature autos. She didn't want to stop riding either time. I kept Janet while Rex and Donna went to see Federal Housing California Home Show program. Beverly and Annie called and took Elaine and kiddies, and Janet and me over to wish Lorene a "Happy Birthday." I gave her two bath towels. Lorene served cookies and orange dessert. Louis came later. Rex and Donna called at Lorene's just after we left there. Beverly gave Lorene box of dates. Annie made her an apron; Sue gave big tin of popcorn.

April 27, Wednesday

I darned sox and mended underwear before going to Relief Society. Dale sat on my lap through the meeting, he was a good little dear, bless his heart. The hall looked pretty decorated for the Green and Gold ball tonight. Louis brought the car home tonight, first time since the accident last Saturday April 16, he took me with him out to DeSota Street to buy a bumper, got a new one for \$3.50. Bishop and Shirley stayed with Elaine's children tonight while they went

to the Green and Gold ball. I went over at 10 p.m. to change and feed the baby, got her to sleep before coming home. I was disappointed Donna didn't bring our baby down, thought surely she would. Wayne took Bette to the dance.

April 28, Thursday

I called Sue and made arrangements to meet her uptown at the Broadway at 12:30 noon. I've been home so long, only out to church, that I just couldn't resist the strong desire to go uptown or out somewhere this lovely spring day. We enjoyed the stores and all the pretty things for a while, and then went to a picture show, saw two good pictures, "Jezabell" and "Walking Down Broadway." Had a very lovely time, will have to do it again someday, eh?! It was

lonesome without my husband tonight, I do not like night work. I had hoped my children would call, but they didn't. Louis left the car in garage for a much needed paint job.





April 29, Friday

I marked two pair of garments for Louis, and made two little white satin slips, one for Ann, and the other for Janet. Elaine cut them out for me while I played with baby, Carol Sue. She gets cuter all the time, she is a very pretty baby. I'm just longing to see my Janet baby, and her mother, haven't seen them since Tuesday night, it seems so long ago. Louis worked on Mrs. Short's house all day. He worked all night last night at the hospital, got in about 2 a.m.

April 30, Saturday

I did my cleaning today. Louis worked up on Mrs. Short's house all day. Shirley came over to help Elaine iron. Sue and Al took Elaine to Highland Park shopping. Bette and Glen stayed at Elaine's while she was out. Tonight Louis and I walked to Kress Store; he bought a few things he needs on the job at Short's house. We went to the Park show on our way back.

May 1, Sunday

Louis worked on Mrs. Short's house all day. I went to 9 a.m. meeting, Br. Ray Haddock gave a very fine talk. The children were very good in our class while I gave the lesson. Sr. Bishop told a story while I got the tables ready for the kiddies to color. Lorene helped me put up the tables. Bill took me after Sunday School to give the little bug pins to Mary. I forgot her birthday, but we was happy with the little "love bugs." Bette and Shirley both have some like them. Bill took me over to look at our car, Louis wanted me to see if I liked the paint he'd put on the gill. I don't, I'd rather it be nickel like it was, he's going to remove it. Br. Keller called for me; he took me to union meeting. Dr. Watkins brought me home. Donna brought Janet over while she went to church to practice. We left baby with Louis while we went to meeting tonight. Rex and Wayne are painting Wayne's car. They all ate dinner at Marshes' today. Sr. Marsh invited me, but I had union meeting. Bill also asked me to eat with them, he's so sweet, but I had to be home when Br. Keller came for me.

May 2, Monday

Elaine took my picture with Ann and Carol Sue on my front steps this morning. I wanted a picture of my house while the roses are so pretty climbing up the porch. There are over a dozen big pink roses out and lots of pretty buds now. I took care of Elaine's children while she went to the hospital with

> Marie K. to see Johnnie's sister, who has a new baby boy. Donna called for her Daddy tonight; she left Janet here with me while they went to choir practice. Rex stayed home to help Wayne paint his auto. Elaine and children visited with us a while tonight.



Elvie Renshaw, Carol Sue and Ann Vandergrift, May 2, 1938.

May 3, Tuesday—Elaine's Birthday

I gave Carol Sue her bath while Elaine got Ann and herself ready to go down to her mothers. I helped her with the babies up to the bus, Sue met her at the other end, she left baby with Sue and took Ann to meet Ernie. He gave her a lovely slack suit for birthday, but got it a size too small. They were going to change it today. Louis got his car from the

paint shop this evening it looks swell, dark blue. We cleaned windows, and seats off, and then rode over to Annie's, and then up to see Rex, Donna, Janet, and Wayne. The boys are doing a good paint job on Wayne's car. John Marsh came, he rode down to Sue's with us. Donna took Tillie a cake on the way. Sue treated us all to birthday cake and Heavenly Hash. The P.M. club gave a surprise party on Elaine tonight.

May 4, Wednesday

I raked and burned leaves this morning, went to the 12:30 teachers meeting, Lorene gave us a very interesting lesson. Sr. Bird gave the Relief Society lesson. It was well given, also. We had a very fine testimony meeting, too. Elaine brought the babies down to the hall, I brought Carol Sue home in her buggy, Elaine took Ann to the bakery to meet Ernie, she couldn't get the right size for her slacks, so got her money back, \$4.50. They got home about 6 p.m. I had fed the baby. Louis worked late on Short's house. The Mutual gave a program free tonight. They had all the numbers that were highlights in their years' work on the program. I walked down, Bill brought me home. Annie got a letter from Violet. She's been ill, had to go to the hospital for an operation. Had it done in Las Vegas. I got a card from Dolores.

May 5, Thursday

Sue has invited all of her sisters and their daughters to a show Saturday. We are leaving about 10 a.m. nice of her. I've always want to do that very thing, I'm glad she can. I mailed a Mother's Day card and a dollar bill to Mother Renshaw, and a card to Violet, one to Dolores. I walked to Donna's,

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did a little shopping in Kress first, some tin dishes for Janet, dish cloths and chore boy for Donna. I was glad I went up, the poor little dear had too much to do, she made two big cakes for Rex's Sunday School class party tonight, had to practice trio at Lillian

Rogers, go to bank, and buy prizes for party, plan games, and a dozen other things. I helped with work and stayed with Janet. They brought Janet here tonight. Sue and Elaine went uptown today. Annie took care of children for Elaine. Elaine bought white coat and hat with her birthday money.

May 6, Friday

I enjoyed the lovely dinner Donna cooked last night. She's a splendid little cook. Wayne is a dear boy; we all like him so much. Donna and Rex are enjoying his stay with them. I cleaned all through my house, so I'll be free to go in the morning with the girls. Sue is taking her sisters and their daughters to a show in Los Angeles for a Mother's Day gift, isn't hat sweet of her! Louis worked last night at the hospital so he was home this a.m. He changed the carburetor on his auto, put the old one back on, John, our neighbor, helped him. The Western Auto gave him his money back for the new one, it didn't work right. Louis worked up to Short's all afternoon. Donna left Janet down to Marshes' all night. We had our Strong's meeting at Annie's tonight. Thelma [Thelma Naomi Strong Upham] came with Ellen [Ellen Alice Strong Scott] and Nora, [Nora Elizabeth Strong McKay] first time she's been in our meetings over a year, I guess. [Naomi,

Ellen, and Nora are sisters.] Bishop took Shirley and Bette with him to the Arizona temple. Glen and several young folks from the ward went, too.

May 7, Saturday

I went to Nardini's Market this morning, bought a nice leg of lamb for tomorrow. Wilmia Robinson came over to stay with Elaine's children. Sue paid her a dollar to tend them while we went to the show. Donna left Janet at Marshes all night, so she'd be on time. We all met at the Loew's State Theater. Sue treated us, Lorene, Mary, Annie, Beverly, Elaine, Donna, and me. Bishop gave her money for Mother's Day gift. We saw "In Old Chicago," it was a grand picture. Sue treated us to dinner at Clifton's Cafeteria after show. She gave us all the tokens for street car fare, also. It was surely lovely of her, "bless her heart." It's just what I'd love to do, but never have enough money for such nice treats. We had a lovely time. Donna bought me a pink felt hat for Mother's Day gift. Louis gave her a \$1.00 to help buy me a gift, sweet, eh?!





Clifton's Cafeteria, once part of a chain of Clifton's restaurants, is the oldest surviving cafeteria style eatery in Los Angeles, California, and the largest public cafeteria in the world. Founded in 1931 by Clifford Clinton, the name was created by combining "Clifford" and "Clinton" to produce "Clifton's." The design of the restaurants included exotic decor and facades that were "kitschy and theatrical."

The restaurant chain was noted for each facility having its own theme, and for aiding those who could not afford to pay. This approach to business reflected the owner's Christian ethos—he never turned anyone away hungry and maintained a precedent set by the first restaurant on Olive Street, known as "Clifton's Golden Rule."

—Wikipedia



May 8, Sunday— Mother's Day

We surely had a lovely time yesterday with my sisters and daughters. Sue treated us to the show and dinner. I had another grand day today. Louis bought me a lovely bouquet of sweet peas this a.m. I had my dear children and Wayne home to dinner. It was a perfect day. Wayne and Rex left to work on Wayne's car



Donna, Elvie & Janet circa 1937. A Mother's Day spent with Donna and Janet was just right!

after dinner. Donna took a nap while Louis and I took Janet, Annie, Glen, and Dale for a long ride out to Pomona. We had some orange juice on our way back. Janet drank three glasses her little self, it was so nice and cold, we were all warm. I wore my new rose pink felt hat today. My children and Louis bought it for me. Donna and Rex gave me a beautiful card and hankie, too. We all went to church tonight. I took Janet for a walk last half of meeting.

May 9, Monday

I did my washing before going block teaching; Isabell Thomas ate a bite of lunch with me before we left. It was a lovely warm summer day, the flowers are beautiful everywhere. Sue came over to visit Elaine, she was there when we went in to do our teaching. Little Carol Sue is growing so fast and is getting prettier every day. Ann's little face was sun burnt a few days ago, is looking better now, but was a sight. Nellie Imsen came here tonight to ride to choir with Louis. Rex and Donna brought Janet down to me while they went to choir. We had lots of fun, little Ann came over for a little while, too. More fun!

May 10, Tuesday

I did my ironing today, Rex brought Janet about 2 p.m., she played a short time with Ann, and then I put her to bed for her nap. The little dear slept until 6 p.m. I woke her up, was afraid she'd never want to go to bed tonight. Rex took Donna to the doctors this afternoon, and then they went to a show this evening, so Janet stayed up until they got home tonight after 10 p.m. We played tea party with the

little dishes her mother had when she was a little girl. Janet thought it was lots of fun. Louis worked until about eight o'clock on Short's house.

May 11, Wednesday

I gave the lawns and flowers a good watering this morning. The flowers Elaine planted in our yard are coming up, we're thrilled over them, she's got flowers planted all around her place. Sue called Elaine and invited her to the Relief Society luncheon. I told her to call Donna and tell her I'd treat her to lunch if she'd come down. She was up to Florence's; she stays with Florence's two youngest while Florence takes the other two to a kindergarten class on Wednesday mornings. Donna drove Florence's car down to come to the luncheon. I walked to the church with Elaine and babies. We had a very nice luncheon and good turnout of sisters. Sr. Marsh and Sr. Oates were there. June Hays was on the committee to help serve this time. Elaine and I stopped in Fry's Pie Shop, drank cold glass of punch, I bought a berry pie. I went to the York Theater tonight alone, to see "Bringing Up Baby." Louis worked late on Short's house; he called for me after the show.



May 12, Thursday

I did my darning this a.m. Beverly got a letter from Ramona saying Mrs. Donelson [Angeline Aldous] had passed away. I'm glad the dear old soul won't suffer longer. I wish Mrs. Barker could go home, too, she's been ill so long and she'll be lost without her old pal, Mrs. Donelson. Ramona said Beth's boyfriend, Dick, was down here in L.A. looking for work and that Beth was coming down this summer to be with him. Sue came up to stay with Elaine's children while she went to the Gleaner club. Donna left Janet with me; Laura brought her down to me. She had a nice nap after her lunch. Little Ann has a bad cold; I hope the baby doesn't get it; both Elaine and Ernie have colds, also.

May 13, Friday

Elaine felt so miserable with her cold she called Beverly, it was her day off, and asked her to come over and help. Beverly gave baby, Carol Sue, her bath and did the ironing, also helped with cleaning. I did my cleaning, mended underwear and shirt and went up to help Donna. Beverly took me up in her car, Ann rode up with us. I paid my gas bill on the way, and Beverly took their car over to Oram's to have the

brakes adjusted while I was buying a few things in Safeway. Florence and her four children were visiting with Laura today. Florence offered to call for me on her way, but Bev and Ann wanted to take me over, sweet of them all. Donna made cakes, one for Tillie; I helped her make date rolls for her P.M. club tomorrow night. Daddy called for me after work. Donna insisted we stay to dinner, Lima beans and ham. We walked to little store, bought ice cream. Enjoyed dinner. Br. and Sr. Marsh brought ice cream nut roll up to Donna's tonight. Wayne went out to a show. We took Janet to store; she rode on Grampa's shoulder, fun! Elaine got her electric ice box this a.m.

May 14, Saturday

Louis took our car over to have the fenders retouched by the painter. I gave baby Carol Sue her bath and washed her diapers and clothes. Elaine has such a cold she didn't want to get near the little dear. We do hope she will not get the cold they've all got now. Louis and I rode out to Monrovia to his cousin Pearl's, [Pearl Phebe Olorenshaw] to see Uncle Tim and Aunt Lizzie [Pearl's parents]. I guess they've gone back to Salt Lake. We found no one at home and the place looked like no one had been around for a few days. Louis helped himself to the oranges on their trees, they were loaded down. Donna and Rex left Janet with us all night, it was their turn to entertain the P.M. club, and they had the party at Florence's. Louis took two brown suits that Mr. Stober gave him to Mr. Henry the tailor. He's going to fix one to fit Louis and keep the other one for pay. Louis will give a dollar, also.

May 15, Sunday

It was raining this a.m. when I got up. Janet slept well, but I'm so sorry she has a cold, bless her little heart. We do enjoy our darling. Rex and Donna came for her about 9:30. Our Sunday School class was just grand this morning. It's surely a treat when they are so good. Louis filed his saws after dinner, also one for Mr. Allen. Blanche, Oscar [Hoglund], Helen [Blanche and Oscar's daughter], and kiddies came to see Elaine. Sue and Al brought them up I went over to see them. Elaine came for me. Janet was good in church tonight; I didn't have to take her out until it was almost over.

It was Aaronic priesthood night in our church (one hundred ninth anniversary). The young boys did well in their short talks. Glen gave a good talk, too. We brought Janet home from church. Donna, Rex and Wayne went for a ride to the little Spanish colony in L.A.

May 16, Monday—Ray's Birthday [Ray Clayton]

Cloudy and cool today. Elaine did a big washing, I didn't do much of anything. I tried to compose some poetry for Aunt Ettie, but no inspiration. Oh, dear! I wish I could get a poem off to her, she asked me to do one for her last summer when she was here. I've got part of it finished, but can't seem to find the right ending. Louis took me up to stay with Janet while he went to choir with Donna, Rex, and Wayne. Poor little Janet has a cold, the darling had a time to get to sleep tonight, but she was so good all evening, played with me so cute. I gave Carol Sue her two o'clock feeding. Elaine was too busy with her work.

May 17, Tuesday

Another cool cloudy day. I composed a few more verses to the poem for Aunt Ettie. I'll be glad when I have it finished. Rex brought Janet here about 2 p.m. She went in her little bed and had a good nap until 4:35. Both Rex and Donna had appointments with Dr. Watkins, the dentist, this afternoon. They left baby here again this evening while they ate at the Rite Spot, Wayne ate with them. Elaine went to Dr. Robinson for her final exam this evening; they took the children down to Sue's. Little Ann brought Janet over a chicken balloon tonight; they had a grand time until Ann sat down on hers and "pop." Beth's boyfriend, Dick, called here tonight looking for Donna, Rex, and Wayne.

May 18, Wednesday

He'd been to their house, they passed on the

I washed a few things out by hand, it was another gloomy day. Felt like it would rain any minute, but didn't. Elaine had so much company this a.m. (Bob, Inis, and Rulon). She had an awful time getting ready for Relief Society. I gave Carol Sue her bath and washed her little clothes while she got Ann and herself ready. It was "Mothers and Daughters" day in Relief [Society]. The daughters took charge. Elise Elkins as the president, Helen Thomas as counselor, Elaine Vandergrift as secretary, Lillian Rogers, chorister, Donna Marsh, organist, and Florence Oates

class leader. She gave the lesson very well. It was a grand meeting; the young women surely did themselves proud. The leaders of "our tomorrow," they'll be a lot better than we are, bless them. I was so thrilled. Louis took me to the Park Theater to a picture show.

Beverly Andersen, Oscar Hoglund, Elaine and Al Hoglund,

and Beth Strong circa 1920

May 19, Thursday

I called Annie this morning to find out if they'd got someone to go in my place to the church storehouse. I was afraid handling the old clothes might get me an asthma attack, (lint and dust). Annie said Bill was off work today, they were going out to North Hollywood to see Clara and Em [Bill's sisters]. They invited me to go for the ride. I did, and enjoyed it very much. Em gave us some lovely fruitcake. Clara treated to sandwiches, fruit and cake. She gave us some of her good canned peaches and some apricot jam to bring home. Louis worked until 8:30 on Short's home tonight. Rex and Donna left Janet with us while they went to a show with Wayne. It is Wayne's birthday. Elaine and Ernie went to a show, too. Sue, Al, and Shirley stayed with children. Louis, Janet, and I visited with Sue and Al in Elaine's for a while tonight. Sue had her new glasses; she and Lorene got new glasses today.

May 20, Friday

The sun shone early this a.m., but the old clouds came again. We've surely had cloudy weather lately, no rain to speak of. I spent the morning composing a poem for Shirley to give with a gift she is taking to Sr. Booth, at her Primary stork shower. The Seagull girls are going to be at the party tomorrow night, also. I cleaned my two front rooms this afternoon. I read in the little Highland Park paper that Dr. Haig's wife has passed away. He's my dentist. I'm so sorry for him, I know he loved her very much, and she helped him in the office in the morning. I just know he'll miss her a lot. We visited with Annie, Bill, and Beverly tonight.

May 21, Saturday

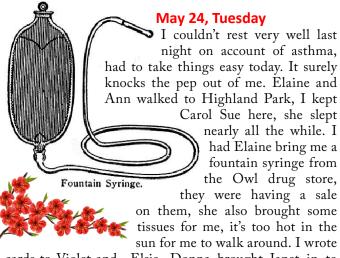
Louis worked all day on Mrs. Short's house. I finished my cleaning in back part of house and studied Sunday School lesson. Wayne brought Donna and Janet down for a few minutes. Donna wanted to borrow my roaster; she's having Dick Johnston to dinner this evening. Louis and I rode to Highland Park after dinner and bought him a pair of tan shoes to go with his new brown suit. I walked to Nardini's Market this afternoon, bought a rabbit for tomorrow, also some groceries. Rex and Donna left Janet with us tonight while they went out to Ocean Park with Wayne, Dick, and P.M. club friends.

May 22, Sunday

I fried my rabbit this a.m. The sun was shining lovely this morning at six o'clock. It is surely a treat after such cloudy weather. We had a big Sunday School class. The kiddies were very good while I gave the lesson, too, which always makes me happy. We drove Sr. Marsh, Ruthie, and LaVon home after Sunday School. She insisted on us staying to dinner. We had a lovely dinner as always. We took Sr. Marsh and LaVon out to Monrovia with us to see Pearl Redborg [Louis's cousin]. She treated us to cold orange juice from own trees, and some lovely nut and fruit cake. She took us over to her sister, Lutie's, [Lutie Violo Olorenshaw] where Uncle Tim and Aunt Lizzie were staying. They were all very nice to us; we surely enjoyed our visit very much. Donna and most of the P.M. club members took lunch to Griffith Park today. The children enjoyed the zoo. Wayne gave talk in church, very good.

May 23, Monday

Wayne's talk was very interesting in church last night; he showed and explained many things he brought from other lands and South Africa. I had a very large washing today, just too much. I had a spell of asthma tonight while up to Donna's. Stan Smith and another one of Wayne's boyfriends, who were on a mission with him, called to see him tonight, he and Rex had gone block teaching, but Donna phoned Bishop's and he told Wayne when he got to his house. Janet and I spent the evening in bedroom playing with her blocks while the boys talked over old times in living room. Louis and Donna went to Choir practice. Rex went later.



cards to Violet and Elsie. Donna brought Janet in to see us; they had just come from Dr. Watkins. Both Rex and Donna are having their teeth fixed now. Donna called on us while Rex was having his work done. She left Janet with us for a while. Beverly, Annie, and Dale called on us tonight. Elaine brought the children over. Louis went to the hospital to see a wax job demonstration.

May 25, Wednesday

I finished my ironing; Annie called to see if I was going to Relief Society. I thought of going down on the bus, but when twelve noon came I felt too tired, weak, or something, so called Annie and told her I thought it was best I stay home and rest this afternoon. The asthma spell Monday night was too tough for me. I felt better this evening when it was cool. Ernie took Elaine and children and me to the church to see the Primary children in their May festival. We enjoyed the program very much. The children were beautiful in pretty colored costumes. Louis called to bring us home; he ate a hot dog from Primary party. The Primary sold hot dogs, and had a fish pond for the children after the program.

May 26, Thursday

I did Elaine's dishes to help her got off this morning. She took Ann uptown in L.A. I kept Carol Sue. We received a nice letter from mother and some snapshots of her, with Lillian, Shirley and her boyfriend taken in Provo on Easter Day. Louis worked all day and doubled back tonight again, so he could have Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday off for our trip to St. George, Utah. I sat up late composing a poem, the one I started for Aunt Ettie.

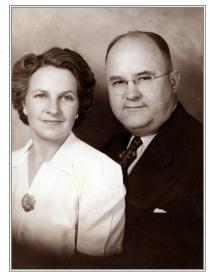
May 27, Friday

I took my bath, washed out silk underthings, and cleaned front room good before Audrey Tacy came to take me to Relief Society union meeting and social, in Glendale. We had a lovely program and luncheon for our closing union meeting. Louis got our car ready for our trip. When I got home Ralph Keller was here. He came to take back a new 1938 Chevrolet for Jack's company. They traded in the Plymouth company car. Ralph stayed here. We went up to say goodbye to our children. I drove up with Ralph, he went to show after. Louis, Annie, Beverly, Dale, and me left for St. George, Utah tonight at 9 p.m. We tried several times to get Violet on the phone before leaving, but couldn't.

May 28, Saturday

I guess we got off to a bad start last night. Louis had to fix a puncture in the dark just before we got to the pass. We didn't even have a flash light; the 15 minute job took almost an hour. We got in Las Vegas, Nevada about 6 a.m. Beverly was at the wheel, we stopped in the busy section to let a car pass, and couldn't get started again. Louis had 4 ½ hours hard labor after driving all night. He had to put in a new clutch before we could go on. We ate breakfast at Wimpy's Café, and then

walked to La Priel's house. She and Bryan were just getting up. [La Priel Strong and her husband Bryan Bunker.] They were expecting Blanche and Oscar. Bryan drove me over to see how Louis was coming about noon. La Priel had lunch ready (the breakfast she'd cooked for Blanche and Oscar). We enjoyed it very much. Oscar drove up just as we were leaving, about 12:30. We arrived in St. George about 6 p.m.



LaPriel & Bryan Bunker

May 29, Sunday

Was very disappointed at the condition we found Violet in last night. She was ill, or very weak, and so depressed. Can't do her housework. Little Dolores had been doing it best she could. Violet and Otto went to a banquet the Patrol men gave Saturday night. We bought few groceries, ate dinner and went to bed early last night. Louis got breakfast this a.m. Enjoyed it very much. Violet opened some delicious bottled raspberries, haven't eaten any cooked for years. Annie, Beverly, and I cleaned Violet's house good, washed all the dishes in her cupboards, she isn't able to do hard work. I believe she felt a little better today. She made some ice cream from orange Kool-Aid; it was real good, too. Otto worked until 4:20, we had our cooked dinner about 5:30. It surely tasted good. Louis took Violet, Annie, Bev, and me for a ride around the city. The temple is going to be lovely when they get through fixing it up. We brought some candy



Violet and Otto Fife with daughter Dolores in St. George in 1937.

In 1936-37 Otto was working for the forest service. Because there wasn't a school for Dolores to attend, she spent time in Los Angeles with her aunts. Then for several months Violet and Yvonne moved to Southern California to be with Dolores and Violet's sisters. In April of 1937 Otto found a job with the State Highway patrol in St. George. At the time Violet and daughters were still living in Los Angeles. June 2, 1937, Violet and her daughters boarded a bus for Las Vegas. Otto met them in Las Vegas to bring them home to their new home in St. George. They were visited by family members twice in September. Elvie recorded they had a nice house. Elvie also said, "Never saw Otto look so well." November of 1937 Elvie writes yet another letter to Violet and comments, "Why doesn't she write?" Elvie continues to send cards and letters but doesn't mention getting any letters from Violet. When they arrive for a visit in May of 1938, it had been six months since Elvie made the comment about Violet not writing. It must have become very apparent why Violet had not been writing. Violet was suffering and didn't have the energy to do much of anything.

back to the kiddies. Dolores is such a dear child. I'd like to have brought her back, but Violet needs her so much now. I hope she can come later when Violet feels better. Oh how I wish they lived nearer, so we could help Violet while she's so down in her feelings. Otto went to bed soon after dinner; he's tired out from going and doing so much lately. Yvonne and Dolores both look fine, they are darlings. I wish Violet looked as good. There is surely something wrong with her. Dear me, I'd love to be able to do something about it. Lydia has a baby boy, born Friday.



When the Renshaw's were in St. George they enjoyed seeing the temple. It was closed for maintenance for several months in 1938.

May 30, Monday

Louis cooked our breakfast again this a.m. We did the dishes and put Violet's house in order before leaving this morning at 8 a.m. I believe Violet felt some better this morning, but not like her old self by a long way. She is so blue and depressed. My heart felt like it would break to leave her this way. We stopped the station to say goodbye to Otto. I asked him to take care of Violet and could hardly talk for crying (big boob) cried for miles, and all I got was a headache and sore eyes, to say nothing



Babe Hoglund and Violet Bailey. Elvie wants her happy sister back.

of red nose. Beverly very kindly let me wear her dark glasses as I could hardly see out of my eyes in the bright hot desert. The car surely performed wonderfully on the trip home, so we are glad of that. We made very good time and enjoyed the trip back much better than the one going. Called in LaPriel's for my sweater on the way. Allen, her boy, got it for me. They were out with Oscar and Blanche. Bill Hoglund and sweetie were there. We bought sandwiches in Las Vegas, took them in the car with us. I enjoyed a delicious cold chocolate malted milk in Barstow, California. Arrived home this evening

about 5 p.m. tired, but happy to get home. Ralph Keller had left a note thanking us for the use of house. He left yesterday. Donna, Rex, and baby come tonight. Annie and Bill drove over tonight to settle up expenses.

May 31, Tuesday

Glad to be home, can't get Violet off my mind. Surely wish she felt better. Little Ann got a sunburned face at the beach yesterday with Grama and Grampa Hoglund. She's bright red. Elaine's sister-in-law came today, Elizabeth. Sue got a letter from Beth; she wants to stay at her home this summer. I wrote letters to Mildred and Mother Renshaw, also a card to Violet. We received a card from Mildred telling about the new baby boy Lydia has. [Mildred is Lydia's daughter who will turn 16 on June 15, 1938.] They held choir practice tonight because yesterday was Memorial Day. I stayed up to Donna's with Janet. Wayne was home, also. He wrote letters. The practice was at Sr. Alta Thompson's tonight. I gave Donna a birthday card and \$2.00 from Louis and I. We gave her a hat a few days ago.

June 1, Wednesday—Donna's Birthday

Grama Renshaw sent Donna \$2.00; she has never forgotten her [Donna's] birthday. I walked to Highland Park, bought shampoo and wave set, came home and shampooed my hair, put it up in curls. I called Donna at Florence's to wish her "Happy Birthday." She goes up there on Wednesdays to stay with Florence's babies while Florence takes older children to kindergarten school. Rex had his afternoon off today. They ate dinner at Florence's, and then went to town, bought Donna some white shoes, white purse, and cute smock. I kept Janet here. We gave her a white felt hat and \$2.00. Marshes gave her a lovely peach satin nightgown. Wayne treated Rex and Donna to a show tonight. We kept baby all night. Sue sent lovely bouquet of flowers to Donna. Laura gave box of homemade candy. Annie and Bev gave her \$1.00.

June 2, Thursday

I surely enjoyed my baby this morning. We had lots of time to play. It's different on Sunday mornings, cause I'm in such a hurry for Sunday School, and preparing dinner, too. Effie Bishop sent me a nice letter and some paper to print Sunday School pictures on. She is so thoughtful. Elaine and I took the babies, Janet, Ann, and Carol Sue, over to the playgrounds this a.m. They had a wonderful time in sand pile and swings. I saw Donna get off the bus and called to her. She came over, too. Sue came up to Elaine's and ate lunch with her. Donna and I ate over here. Janet had a nice nap after lunch. Sue, Elaine, Donna, and I had a nice visit this afternoon. Louis took Donna and Janet home. We rode up to Short's house first. Louis and I visited Lorene and Charles tonight. He is building a bedroom and kitchen on back of house. They gave us some radishes from garden, nice little garden coming up.

June 3, Friday

Elaine, Donna, and all the P.M. club young folks are excited about a weekend trip to the beach. Elaine said Aunt Annie will tend her babies. We'll have our darling Janet, of course. They are leaving tomorrow evening. Louis accepted a dinner invitation for us tomorrow evening at 5 p.m. at

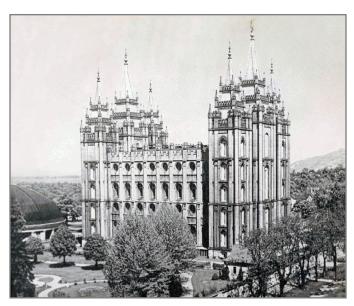
Mr. and Mrs. Stober's home. We'll have to leave our baby with someone until we get home. I did the vacuuming today. Mr. Allen told Elaine he'd have his brother come and paint her kitchen next Monday. He painted the fence for her the other day. Louis made a big screen for Mrs. Boshell's front window.

June 4, Saturday

Louis finished Mrs. Boshell's front window screen and put it up for her this a.m. She said she'd send the money over later? [Elvie wonders if the money will come later.] I cleaned the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom. The young folks left tonight for the beach. Annie and Dale stayed with Elaine's children all night in Elaine's house. Annie kept Janet there until Louis and I got home tonight from the dinner party at Mr. and Mrs. Stobers. He cooked us one of his weenie and waffle dinners. We enjoyed the evening and dinner. Mrs. McDonald, an old lady, told us our fortunes with cards, it was fun. Mr. and Mrs. Henrickson were there, also. Mr. Stober and Henricksen work at hospital on Louis's crew. Mrs. Stober gave me some potholders she's made, nice. She also gave us some more old clothes to give our church poor.

June 5, Sunday

Janet slept sound all night. She was very good all day. We took her to Sunday School. Louis had her after opening exercises. I took her in my class last half when children colored the pictures. I gave the children an exam on the blackboard. Rex had given it to me; they seemed to enjoy it for a change. We invited Wayne to dinner; he helped me with dishes after, nice fellow. While Janet and Louis enjoyed naps this afternoon, Wayne and I went over to look at the cute little house he has rented for him and Martha. He is leaving for Salt Lake next week, going to be married in temple and bring sweet bride back here to live. I hope she'll like L.A. and be very happy. We took Janet to church tonight. Rex and Donna were here when we got home. Annie cooked dinner for her family and Sue's family at Elaine's today. Sue stayed with Elaine's children this afternoon until they got home.



Wayne Strong will marry Martha Bush in the Salt Lake Temple.

June 6, Monday

Mr. Allen's brother is painting Elaine's bathroom today. He's going to do the kitchen, too. I washed a few silk underwear things out by hand, and went block teaching with Sr. O'Brien. We got through early cause so many of our people were not at home. June Hays is having her house papered and painted, inside and out, nice, eh?! I went up to stay with Janet tonight while Donna and Louis went to choir practice. Rex, Wayne, and Dick went roller skating. Dick ate dinner at Donna's tonight; he is expecting Beth Saturday evening.

June 7, Tuesday

Elaine gave baby Carol Sue her bath in my house this morning. She and Ann ate breakfast and lunch with me, too. The painter is working in her kitchen today. I started washing about eleven o'clock this morning, had a big washing, and so was tired when finished. Elaine left baby with me while she went to Highland Park to pay gas bill. Rex took Donna to see Dr. Robinson this afternoon. They left Janet here, she had a nice nap. Donna and Rex saw and talked to Mr. Haight in town today. [Donna worked for the Haight family a few years ago.] I dampened clothes and went to bed early. Tired, a little asthma trouble, too.

June 8, Wednesday

I did half of ironing before going to Relief Society quilting. They served a very nice luncheon, 25¢ for building fund. Elaine called me at church, wanted me to do a little shopping for her. I met a new lady in our meeting, Mrs. Brooks; she is not a member of our church, but met Brs. Gibby and Olmstead. They invited her to come to our meeting, she seemed to enjoy helping us quilt. I went to the Highland show tonight with Beverly, Annie, and Elise Elkins. We saw a good show, and each got a pretty dinner platter.

June 9, Thursday

I gave little Carol Sue her bath this morning and kept her here while Elaine got her work done. She and Mae Scott entertained the "Married Gleaners" this afternoon. They served little chicken pies for lunch; she brought me over a plate and ice cream and cookies. Janet stayed here while Donna was at Elaine's, she had a nice long nap, was asleep when Donna came for her. I kept her here until about 8:30 tonight. Donna went home to get dinner for Rex and Wayne. Wayne is leaving tomorrow for Salt Lake City. We surely do enjoy our baby Janet. She's getting so darn cute.

June 10, Friday—Garvanza Ward Anniversary

Elaine and I walked to new baby shop that is having its opening sale today and tomorrow. I bought two pretty little dresses for Janet for the price of one. She bought two for Ann. We bought pink sweater suit, cap, white kid shoes, and pink sox, to send to Lydia's new baby boy. Elaine, Donna, and I are sending them. Louis and I took Donna and Janet over to the Sycamore Grove this evening to the ward party. Rex wasn't home from work. John Marsh took Donna and Janet home later, so they could be home when Rex got there. We had a nice program and fun in the park.

June 11, Saturday

Louis cleaned the yard up real nice this a.m. I did the cleaning inside. Donna called and asked me to meet her at the car line and bring Janet here while she went on to Highland Park to do some shopping and pay bills. Charles picked Donna and Janet up so when Ann and I got up the steps to car line, we saw Donna getting out of Uncle Charlie's car. He brought the babies and me home, he wanted my heating pad, he has a bad back. Louis took us to Beverly Hills to bring Rex home from work. We ate dinner at Donna's. Beth came in on the train 10 p.m. Rex and Louis went to look at a motorcycle tonight. I'm afraid Rex has made up his mind to have one.

June 12, Sunday— Sunday School Conference

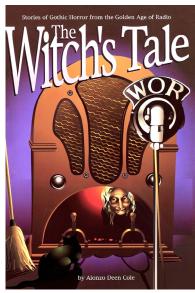
I cooked a leg of lamb this morning and went to the Sunday School local board meeting at 9 a.m. Rex called for me, he had our car, they kept it last night for when Beth and Dick came. Louis walked to Sunday School, lovely sunny day. Rex bought his motorcycle and he's surely tickled with it. They came here to dinner, but our boy spent the day on his cycle. Louis and Janet took naps. Donna and I drove, in our car, to Sue's, to see Beth. We also went to Marshes' and enjoyed a dish of ice cream. Br. (Dr.) Watkins called all Sunday School teachers on the stand tonight in conference. We were all called upon to say a few words. Donna took care of Janet. We brought children home for lunch after church. Louis and I rode to Sue's. He wanted to see Bishop about music for ward conference.

June 13, Monday

I went over to pay Dr. Haig the \$1.50 I owed him. I feel so sorry for him; he looks so down, since his wife died last month. I walked to Highland Park to pay gas bill and shop in Kress. Saw Donna buying vegetables at Safeway store. Tonight Louis took me up to stay with Janet while they went to choir practice. We picked Ann Madson up at the car line. Janet was tickled with the picture book I took to her, we had lots of fun before Mr. Sandman came to call on my darling. Louis and I took Ann Madson home after she'd heard the radio program in our house, "The Witch's Tale." She lived on the other side of town, so we had a nice long drive. Letter from Betty Renshaw, she wants to come to L.A. for two weeks. Louis and I looked at studio couches; I guess we'll have to buy a bed of some kind.



Beth Strong & Dick Johnston were married December 20, 1938.



The Witch's Tale

The Witch's Tale was a horrorfantasy radio series which aired from 1931 to 1938 on WOR, the Mutual Radio Network, and in syndication. The program was created, written, and directed by Alonzo Deen Cole (February 22, 1897, St. Paul, Minnesota - April 7, 1971).

Cole's spooky show was hosted by Old Nancy, the Witch of Salem, who introduced a different terror tale each week. -Wikipedia

June 14, Tuesday

Elaine took baby to clinic this morning. I dressed Ann when she awoke, and gave her, her breakfast. I helped Elaine and children to the bus about 11 a.m. She went to her mother's for day. I walked over to Annie's, she was ironing. I finished her ironing while she cut out three aprons for me. I'm going to send two of them to Mother Renshaw for her birthday June 22. Donna brought Janet over to Annie's she drove us both home, and then went to the dentist where Rex met her. They're both having teeth fixed. Janet had a nice nap; I fixed her little dress which was too tight. Rex and Donna ate dinner with us. He brought his new tailored suit home this p.m., nice. I wrote to Betty Renshaw telling her to come, she is welcome.

June 15, Wednesday

Rex's new tailored suit is very nice. He looks swell in it. Glad he has such a nice suit. I went over to Annie's this afternoon. We made three aprons; two I'm sending to mother, the other one is mine. Annie did most of the sewing while I darned sox for her. I bought two nice Father's Day cards at the corner drug store, one for Annie to send; we each sent \$1.00 bill in the card, wish it was \$100.00.

June 16, Thursday

Elaine asked Sue and Beth up to lunch, she called Donna and invited her, also. I told her I'd help buy the lunch when she invited me. Donna brought can of fruit cocktail, between us we had a nice little lunch. I walked to post office to mail dad's Father's Day card. I bought things for lunch. We had a nice visit with Beth at Elaine's. I made the toasted tuna sandwiches over here. Janet enjoyed a nice nap this afternoon over here in her own bed. Louis took Donna and baby home this evening after dinner. Rex had to be late, Fuller Banquet.

June 17, Friday

My vacuum blew out this a.m., so I had to finish sweeping rugs with broom, I don't like that! Donna and Janet came down in their car this a.m. Elaine left baby Carol Sue with me while she went to Highland Park. After lunch Donna and I went over to Wayne's house and swept and dusted, she put fruit and cupcakes in kitchen. Janet was asleep over there, Elaine looked in on her. Elaine and Donna went over with some flowers later. Elaine and I bought them. Louis took Donna and me to Highland Park to shop. She bought

Father's Day card and ties for her two fathers, and a pretty tie for Janet to give Rex. Beverly, Annie, and Dale called in to see us tonight, also Lorene and Charlie.

June 18, Saturday

Louis cleaned the yard, and had his hair cut while I did housework this morning. We went to town and bought a studio couch from the Famous Department store, \$19.95, on sale. We had good lunch in town, hot turkey sandwiches, pie, and ice cream, and then we went to the Orpheum, saw good show. I had headache when I came home, so didn't eat any dinner. Tonight we went to the beach (Santa Monica) with about fifty Garvanza people. We were guests of the P.M. club; each gave 25¢ for church building fund. Donna and Rex rode with Beth and Dick; they were to Donna's for dinner. Louis and I rode in Bishop's car. Ernie Vandergrift hurt his knee wrestling with Lewie Marsh. Janet stayed at Florence's tonight. We had nice time; I didn't eat any hot dogs or marshmallows.



Martha & Wayne Strong

Could this be in their first apartment with the lamp Rex and Donna gave them? Elaine. Our studio couch came about six o'clock this evening. I bought iron rods in Kress Store; I'm going to use them to stretch my curtains.

June 21, Tuesday

I had very big ironing, had to rest between sessions. The sun came out this morning early; it's a treat after such cloudy skies. Enjoyed radio programs while ironing, it's the nice thing about ironing can hear so many nice programs. Rex and Donna left Janet with me this afternoon while they went to buy Wayne and Martha a wedding gift. They bought a lovely stand lamp, a reflector, three-way light. Rex and Lewie went to the gym tonight. Donna and I went to the Franklin picture show. Louis kept our baby Janet here. Glen brought Aunt Julia [Julia Ann Strong] and Uncle Joe [Joseph Evans Paul] over to see me, Annie came, too. Aunt Julia and Uncle Joe are staying with Aunt Dell [*Alice Adella Mc Knight*] while here.

June 19, Sunday—Ward Conference

I got up tired at 7 a.m., cooked veal roast, prepared vegetables and looked over Sunday School lesson again. Louis and I went to the nine o'clock session of our conference. Very fine meeting, several stake visitors. President Rulon H. Cheney conducted the meeting. We had our children home to dinner; all but me enjoyed naps this afternoon. President David Cannon conducted our conference session tonight. It was a very fine meeting, also. Louis's choir sang grand in both sessions. Br. Keller sent a helper up to our class, so I could go into conference last part. Wayne and Martha are back from honeymoon. Happy kids. Donna, Rex, Wayne and Martha came over after church for lunch. They brought ice cream and cake. We got a big can of popcorn from Josephine Howells. Dark, gloomy weather lately.

June 20, Monday

Wayne and Martha took us over to see how cute they'd fixed up the little house last night. It surely looks sweet with pretty wedding gifts out. I washed and went to the bank this a.m., took out \$20.00 to pay for studio couch. I got a letter from Betty Renshaw saying she was going to come soon for her promised visit to L.A. Her dad has promised to bring her down on his next trip here. Elaine took Ann up to Highland Park this afternoon, she left baby with me. I stayed with Janet, up to Donna's, while folks went to choir practice at Josephine Howells tonight. Rex borrowed his dad's truck this evening to bring Sue's couch down to Elaine's. Beth is going to stay a few days with



Alice Adella McKnight Bailey circa 1890



Julia Strong circa 1892



Joseph Evans Paul

Aunt Julia & Uncle Joe Visit Aunt Dell

Aunt Dell (Alice Adella McKnight) was married to Jacob Ralph Bailey in 1890. Dell and Jacob had one son, Tracey Ralph Bailey in 1891. Jacob Ralph Bailey is a younger brother to Owen A. Bailey. Owen was married Mary Elizabeth Strong who was an older sister to Aunt Julia (Julia Ann Strong). Uncle Joe (Joseph Evans Paul) is Aunt Julia's husband.

In 1911 Jacob Ralph Bailey married a second time to Mary Hannah Parramore. Jacob and Mary had two sons, Edward Owen Bailey in 1913 and William Henry Bailey in 1916. Sometime after Dell and Jacob divorced she moved to Southern California. The connection between Aunt Dell and Aunt Julia is not obvious now, but it could have been from family ties, growing up in Salt Lake together or some additional reason.

June 22, Wednesday

I washed curtains and woodwork in our bedroom today. Enjoyed using my new curtain stretchers, they work swell. Louis put rods up on side of house. I run iron rods through bottom of curtain hem after hanging curtains up. Its lots easier than using the curtain stretchers and they look just as good, I think better. Sr. Burnett's brother was buried today, they had his funeral in Kresse undertaking parlor. I intended to go, but forgot until I was too tired, from house cleaning to get dressed and walk down there. Beth went to play organ, but the Kresse organist, Mr. Strong, was there, funny both have same name [last name].

June 23, Thursday

I washed dining room curtains and woodwork this morning. Donna brought Janet about 10:20. Sue came up to stay with Elaine's two children. Beth invited Donna and Elaine to go uptown with her and have dinner, they ate in Clifton's café, and then went to see "The Modern Home," in Barker Brother's, or "model home," I think is it called. Tonight Louis and I rode over to visit with Lorene and Charlie. Ray has his car all apart; he's going to repair it himself after work, and on his days off. We brought fish home, we bought it from a man who came to ask Charlie to buy one (25¢). The man belongs to our ward; he is a relative of the Maude Marsh family.

June 24, Friday

I washed dishes in both cupboards, also woodwork, and put new paper on shelves. I vacuumed the rugs this afternoon. Louis took a car full to the

stake choir practice in Hollywood tonight. I was tired out from day's work. I studied my Sunday School lesson tonight.

June 25, Saturday

Louis went to lumber yard this morning. Mr. Allen gave him money for lumber to build a clothes closet on the back of our house, off from bedroom. He's going to take the closet out of our dining room, so we'll have more room in there; he worked most of the day on it. Rex, Donna, and Janet came over tonight; they took me to the market. We bought things to take on our picnic dinner tomorrow in Victory Park. Aunt Julia, Uncle Joe, and Aunt Dell, Beth, Dick, Wayne, and Martha are all going to be our guests, or guests of Claytons, Hoglunds, Andersens, Vandergrifts, Marshes and us.

June 26, Sunday

Sr. Bishop wasn't at Sunday School, I had the class alone, got along just fine, We took Aunt Julia, Uncle Joe, and Aunt Dell, to Victory Park after Sunday School. Wayne

and Martha brought Donna and Janet to park. Rex worked with Lewie up at Florence's, painting all day. We had a nice dinner and visit, with Aunt Julia, Uncle Joe and Aunt Dell. We were all there, Claytons, Hoglunds, Andersens, Vandergrifts, Marshes, Beth, Dick, Martha, and Wayne. Louis took Aunt Julia, Uncle Joe, and Aunt Dell to see Clarence Baxter, and then we took them home to Aunt Dell's [Clarence Otis Baxter, a friend from Salt Lake]. We all went to church in the Matthew Ward tonight. Aunt Julia and Uncle Joe are leaving tomorrow morning.

June 27, Monday

I got all my curtains in the wash, from the living room, nine of them with door curtain, when Donna came in her Ford with her bedroom and living room curtains. It was a lovely day, we washed and stretched eighteen curtains, also did my living room woodwork. Janet and Ann had a nice time in Ann's sand box, our baby enjoyed a nice nap after lunch, also. Rex stayed with Janet while Donna went to choir practice. I was so tired; I stayed on the couch all while Louis was at practice.

June 28, Tuesday

I didn't do much today, I was too weak, guess I worked too hard yesterday. Glen, Annie, and Dale called on me before noon. I treated to popcorn. Ernie is on his vacation this week. He took folks out to the beach today. Ernie brought two big sacks of sand home for Ann's sand box. Elaine and Ernie entertained Inis and Bob, and Marie, and Johnny, tonight in

their home. Rex and Wayne went teaching tonight. Donna brought Martha and Janet over in their Ford. Rex and Wayne came here for folks after teaching. Louis will soon have our new clothes closet finished.

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June 29, Wednesday

Mr. Allen painted outside of our new clothes closet this a.m. He also painted floor of it, first coat. Elaine and family have been out all day enjoying Ernie's vacation. I wrote cards to Violet, Lydia, Dad, and Mother Renshaw. Our neighbors moved out across the street. I wonder what's the matter, it's the fourth family to stay about a month and move out?! The Vermont Ward gave a very fine program in our ward tonight. The proceeds went to our building fund. Elaine and I walked down to see it. Sr. Pack and Lloyd came. He has just returned from his mission in Germany. We were all glad to welcome him back home. Blanche, Oscar, Helen, Esther, and several others we know were in the program. Al brought me home tonight. Louis and I sat over to Elaine's while Elaine and Ernie were at the dance after the program.

June 30, Thursday

I went over to Donna's this morning on the street car. We washed all the dishes in her kitchen cupboards and some of the woodwork. Rex did the ceilings and top of walls tonight. Louis took a car full of folks to the stake choir practice tonight, he let me off at the Franklin show. I

enjoyed both pictures, he called for me after practice. He saw most of the best picture. He called for me after work at Donna's, also. Marie and Johnny Kendrick visited with Rex and Donna tonight while Rex washed walls. Johnny made malted milks for all.

July 1, Friday

Donna and Janet came for me in their Ford this morning. We finished all cleaning in bathroom and kitchen, and hung clean curtains up. Donna had washed curtains before coming for me. Her little place is nice and clean again. Louis called for me after work; he left Mrs. Bush in Boy's Market buying groceries. We took her and large box of groceries home. Louis got a special

delivery letter from a Mr. Gill asking for Herbert Renshaw's address. We don't know a Herbert Renshaw or Mr. Gill, too bad. Louis wrote him a card saying so. Elaine, Ernie, Beth, and Dick had chicken dinner at Willard's tonight, \$1.50 a plate. [\$1.50 in 2014 dollars would be \$24.98 for a chicken dinner.]

July 2, Saturday

I cleaned through house while Louis worked on our new clothes closet. It's going to be real nice and handy, much larger, too. Donna brought Janet down in Shirley Hoglund, Dolores Fife & Bette Hoglund their car about noon. They'd been to the

bank. We had lunch. Janet couldn't get to sleep because of the hammering, but she was good. She played in her bed about two hours. Elaine and Ernie are enjoying their vacation this week, been somewhere each day. They went to P.M. club at Marie Kendrick's tonight. Donna and Rex went to a show with Martha and Wayne. We kept our baby all night. Florence and John came while we were eating; they had a cup of conjoin tea, too.

July 3, Sunday

Lucille Snow helped me in the Sunday School class today. Violet called me on Elaine's phone about 7:30 a.m. I was surprised and happy to hear her. A man brought her and the kiddies for \$7.00. They went to Annie's. Beverly brought her over and the kiddies before Sunday School. Violet looks much better, I'm so glad. We rode over to Annie's this afternoon. Beverly took Violet, Annie, and me, oh, yes, Glen, too, down to Sue's. Jim Strong [James L. Strong] was visiting with an Elder Sorenson there, we had a nice visit. Sue had Elaine's baby, Carol Sue. Elaine, Beth, Dick and Ernie were out to the beach all day, they had Ann. Louis worked on our closet instead of going to church. I walked down. Donna and Rex brought me home, had lunch.







Janet Marsh in June of 1939.

July 4, Monday

Louis cleaned yard and car, also garage. I didn't do much of anything, visited a lot with Elaine. She did a big washing, her vacation is over, and Ernie had to be on the job this a.m. She'll have a job catching up on ironing and etcetera. Mr. Allen painted our new clothes closet inside and out this morning. It'll need another coat. Louis and I had a nice ride this afternoon. We called in Annie's; she and Violet were going with Beverly out to North Hollywood to see Clara [Clara Andersen Sargent]. Bill went to show, he stayed with Dale and Yvonne tonight while Annie, Beverly and Violet went to the show. We took them and enjoyed show, too. "Mad About Music," very good. Rex and Donna

> went with Lewie and Miriam to beach to try out new motor in boat, they took children. Elaine and Ernie went up to Florence's to have fireworks for kiddies.

July 5, Tuesday

I did a big washing this a.m. Rex came for me about 2 p.m. Janet was asleep up home and they had to go take Donna to see her doctor. Donna brought me back home about 4:35. She left Rex at dentist. Violet and Yvonne came over to Elaine's for lunch. Elaine invited me to eat, also. It was sweet of her, and surely tasted good after working so hard. I

invited Violet and Yvonne to eat dinner with us this evening. Louis and I took them over to Annie's tonight, we visited them a while. Dolores is enjoying herself with Shirley. We don't see much of her.

July 6, Wednesday

I spent most of the day ironing. I'm always glad when that two weeks ironing is finished. Louis and I rode over to Donna's tonight. I took some silk scraps to Sr. Treu on the way. Florence and John Marsh came up to Rex's while we were there. We had a nice visit together. Our little Janet leaves off the Grama and calls me "Elvie," and Florence, "Marsh." It sounds so darn cute to hear her say, "Don't Marsh!" or "Don't Elvie!"

> Little Janet was independent and "in charge" from a very early age. Her independent spirit continued that way for all her time on earth.

July 7, Thursday

Mr. Allen gave our new clothes closet the second coat of paint this morning. We'll be able to hang up the clothes tomorrow, I guess. I cleaned out boxes and etcetera in old closet, getting ready to move into the new one. Donna brought Janet down about 12:30; she left her with me while she went to luncheon at Elva Spainhowers. It was a surprise on Florence Oates and Laura Johnson. Florence's birthday, and Laura's wedding anniversary. The girls took handkerchiefs and wash cloths. We had Janet tonight, also. Donna and Rex went over to have dinner with the bride and groom, Wayne and Martha. Clarence and Ruth [Cartwright] brought Aunt Ida and Uncle Ern [Strong] up to see us this evening. They drove to California in their car. Louis went to stake choir practice tonight.

July 8, Friday

I walked to Highland Park this morning, paid bank notes and light bill, bought groceries in Safeway store, toothpaste and toy turkey of sponge in drug store, candy in Kress, also face powder. Mary and Bette took care of Dale, Yvonne, Janet, and Ann at Elaine's and my house today while we all went to Blanche's to a shower on Bill Hoglund's [William Strong Hoglund] wife [Ruby Marie Minson]. They were married last week in Salt Lake Temple. We had a nice time, played wedding bells. She is a sweet girl bride, 17 years old. Glen drove Bill's car, took Elaine, baby Carol Sue, Beth, Sue and me. Aunt Lizzie came with her girls. Ruth brought Aunt Ida. Donna and Janet stayed to dinner tonight. Rex took boss to beach, he's on vacation. Rex is going to use his car while he's away.

July 9, Saturday

Louis started taking the old clothes closet out, in our dining room after work yesterday. He had the cabinet all back together before he went to bed. He bought the floor board this a.m. and fixed the floor, it's all finished but painted and papering room now. Is so much nicer. We have Rex's Ford in our yard while he's using the boss's car. His boss is on vacation and told Rex to use the car. Mr. and Mrs. Allen came in to see how the house looked; they seemed real pleased with the change. They told Louis he could make the big opening between front room and dining room, also. It will be swell then. Tonight we went to Famous Store, bought knife and fork for Martha and Wayne.

July 10, Sunday—Stake Conference

We took the carving set over to Wayne and Martha this morning before going to conference before going to conference in Glendale. We called for Lillian Rogers, Tillie Mosley and Alta Thompson, also called to see Donna and Janet before getting folks. Rex had gone to beach with his dad, Uncle Jim, and Lewie. Joseph Fielding Smith gave a wonderful discourse in morning and afternoon sessions. The music was grand, also. We ate lunch at stake house; LaVern Olson ate with us. Lloyd Pack spoke fine in afternoon meeting, he had just returned from mission. We brought Br. Stead and LaVern Olson home. Rex and Donna left Janet with us tonight while they went to conference. They called in Sue's after to see Beth and Dick. Took Dick home.

July 11, Monday

I had bad pains in stomach and back this morning when I got up, started to chill, got so ill I had to spend day in bed. I chilled for half the day, and then seemed to burn up other half. I ached all over. Don't know what caused illness, but I surely was sick. Harold Hays called Louis this evening, said his car had been stolen, they had located it out in Van Nuys. He asked Louis to take him out to get it. It was about 45 miles away, but they brought it back okay. Elaine came in three times to see if I needed anything.

July 12, Tuesday

I am very thankful that awful pain in my back and head have left me. I got some rest last night, feel so much better, but weak. Wonder whatever caused the illness yesterday anyway? I looked over the Pennsylvania relatives in reunion picture that Frances Helman sent us. She had written the names so we could tell who they were, they are fine looking folks like you'd expect Strong's to be. It was nice of them to think of sending us the picture. I wrote Frances a letter. Elaine bought some picture postcards for me; I'll send some to the folks. Frances asked me to send cards to those who contributed to sending us the picture of their reunion group. Rex and Donna ate dinner with Elaine and Ernie this evening. We took Janet over to Annie's for visit, I fed her here.

July 13, Wednesday

Since Louis stared remodeling our house inside, I've been on the job with broom and dust pan day and night. He works late every night, we had our clothes moved into our swell new closet and the china cabinet is now back into new place. Tonight Louis made the big opening in wall between living and dining room. It is surely a wonderful improvement; I'm

Joseph Fielding Smith

10th President of the Church (July 19, 1876-July 2, 1972) Years as President: 1970–1972

"Our mission is to preach the doctrines of salvation in plainness and simplicity as they are revealed and recorded in the scriptures."

Joseph Fielding Smith, the son of Joseph F. Smith, was born on July 19, 1876, in Salt Lake City and spent his entire life in Church service. During nearly three-quarters of a century, he was a missionary, Church historian, president of the Genealogical Society and of the Salt Lake Temple, an Apostle, and Church President. In addition, he supervised the evacuation of LDS missionaries from Europe prior to World War II, dedicated four countries in the Far East for missionary work, and inaugurated the first area conference of the Church in 1971. He became President of the Church on January 23, 1970, at the age of 93.

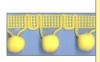


As one of the Church's most prolific writers, Joseph Fielding Smith's numerous books and articles helped educate generations of Latterday Saints about the history and doctrine of the Church. Under President Smith's administration, missionary work continued to grow, the Ogden and Provo temples were dedicated, several Church departments were restructured, and the Church magazines were consolidated. On July 2, 1972, President Smith died quietly at his home in Salt Lake City. www.lds.org/churchhistory

surely pleased with the change. The Allen family like it, too. I walked to the Relief Society luncheon with Elaine and kiddies, Violet, and Beverly. There was 12 of our family at luncheon. Sue, Elaine, two kids, Shirley, Dody, Beth, Donna, Annie, Beverly, and me and Bette. Bette slept at Elaine's last night to help her today, she is having Emma and husband to dinner.

July 14, Thursday

The Married Gleaners went to Victory Park for lunch. Donna took Janet. I went uptown this morning, bought lace to sew on chair sets, and some little yellow fluffy balls to sew on my new kitchen and bathroom curtain, and two hand towels, two little sun suits for Janet, three scarfs for front rooms. I had a swell time by myself shopping in Grants Store, ha, ha! Oh, yes, I bought Rex's birthday gift (four pair of sox, and a suit of underwear). Donna and baby came here from park. She cleaned my windows while I finished the curtains. They look real nice with little yellow and white balls hanging. Rex called for folks, we all ate dinner here. I'm surely thrilled with how nice the house looks now with big new opening in wall.



Elvie loved to have her home clean and attractive. She would agree with Laura Ingalls Wilder: "Home is the nicest word there is."



July 15, Friday

I cut the old fringe of my chair covers and sewed on pretty pointed lace I bought yesterday. They look much better. I shampooed my hair and put it up in curls before starting my work. Violet took Yvonne to the playgrounds to swing and etcetera this morning, they walked down here after. I gave them some lunch. Ann ate, too. Glen came in time to eat, also. He came to drive Violet and kiddies home again. Louis finished the patching job on the dining room wall this evening. We are going to like our house very much when done.

July 16, Saturday

Louis went under the house and changed the light plug. I defrosted the Frigidaire and washed it out while lights were off. He also went to lumber yard for material to case in the opening he made in wall between living room and dining room. This little place is going to be real nice when finished. We've got to paper and paint now. Mr. Allen is going to fix the foundation of our house before we paper. We have found termites in the underpinning. Donna and little Janet walked all the way over this a.m. She left Janet here while she went to have her hair waved. She took our car. We had a nice time with Strong's in South Park tonight at our picnic. Wayne and Martha had planned real nice games for us tonight, lots of fun. We gave them a nice luncheon set from our Strong Society. Aunt Lizzie [Louise Elizabeth Underwood Strong] came out with her family. Beth and Dick took Donna and Rex to a show tonight after picnic. We brought Janet home, she slept here.

July 17, Sunday

I was glad to see Sr. Bishop in Sunday School. She's been away three Sundays. I gave the lesson, and she told the story. Martha came up to visit our class. I think she's going to help me next month while Effie is on her vacation. Lillian Rogers took care of last song for Louis; he came home to help Mr. Allen put new foundation under our house. Rex took me up to his place to dinner. Donna had nice cooked dinner ready, homemade ice cream, too. Louis was too busy to come. I stayed with Janet this afternoon. Donna and Rex went with Wayne and Martha to look at a motorcycle, Wayne bought one. Hazel brought her sister, Frances Budd Johnston, to see us in church tonight. Shirley and Dolores slept here.

July 18, Monday

The girls got their own breakfast this a.m. while I was washing. They did the dishes and went over to help Elaine clean her house. My darn washer gave me an awful scare again; I was just finishing up when it got charged with electricity and gave me a shock every time I'd touch it. I'd surely like to know what caused the trouble this time. The last time, a year ago, it was because the motor was wet, but I'm

sure it wasn't wet this time. I do hate that to happen to me, never did like to be shocked. We had a family weenie bake at the beach tonight. We called for Sue and Beth also took Elaine and Ann. Charlie took Shirley, Bonnie [Bonnie Jean Bailey] and Dolores, Bill took Violet and Yvonne. We had a nice time, went wading. Charlie went over to get Bonnie at Gordon's this afternoon. She came to California with Uncle Joe and wife last week.



Bonnie Jean Bailey July 16, 1938 Bonnie turned 14 years old.

July 19, Tuesday

I did half the ironing before the kids got up, they went to the playgrounds after dishes were washed. Elaine took baby to clinic; Ann had a swell time in wading pond, too. Mary brought Bonnie over this morning. Elaine came over to make sun suits for Ann and Carol Sue on my sewing machine. Rex came for his Ford this afternoon, his boss is back and Rex has lost the use of his swell car, grand while it lasted. I only wish they owned it, or one as nice. I got a letter from mother saying Mel was back from San Francisco and Betty was visiting with her friends there. We expected her to come here. I went to the Hollywood Stake tonight to "Social Security" meeting. Annie asked me to go to the meeting in her place tonight, her toe is bad again. Bro. Scott took Bill, Br. Nordgren, Sr. Thomas and me tonight. Sr. Robinson has gone to visit Harriet.

July 20, Wednesday

I finished the ironing this morning and got breakfast for Dolores and Shirley. They went over to visit with Violet before time to go to the picture show. I gave them each a dime to pay way. Elaine gave each a nickel for doing her

dishes last night, so they were very happy. [In 2014 dollars 15¢ would be equivalent to \$2.50.] Ellie and Babs went to the show with them. I had dinner early so Louis and I could go to the station in Highland Park to see Violet off. I went over today, while kids were in show, to see Violet, gave her a pair of silk hose. Bonnie and Mary were there, also. The kids got out of show in time to say goodbye to Violet and Yvonne. We brought all four kids home after. Louis called to see Alta Thompson about singing in Clarence's ward next Sunday. Louis brought watermelon from Scout party home tonight. Violet and Yvonne left for St. George.

July 21, Thursday

It was cool and misty this morning for a change. Dolores and Shirley slept late, and they went over to Lorene's after doing their breakfast dishes. I helped Elaine on the bus with her babies and bags. She's going to her mother's for the day. Glen came over for a few minutes this morning. I wrote a letter to Mother Renshaw and a card to my dad. Annie mashed poor little Dale's toe under the door yesterday, it almost made her ill. He can't wear his shoe.

July 22, Friday

Sue called on Elaine's phone, and invited Dolores and Shirley to go to the Fox Highland picture show this afternoon. The kids are going to her house after. She and Bette [Hoglund] met them there. Mel called me on Allen's phone to tell me Betty [Renshaw] was here, he'd already called the hospital, left a message for Louis to come after her. He was busy loading until about 10 p.m. Louis brought Betty home about 5:30. She took a bath while we went to market. Betty forgot her purse and suitcase, so called the office to have Mel notice and not leave town with them in truck. We took Betty over to Glendale to the 24th of July celebration of Pasadena Stake tonight. Nice program, dance, and refreshments. Betty is a lovely young lady.

July 23, Saturday

Louis put another floor plug in our living room today. Charlie and Raymond worked most of the night to get Ray's car together and it won't go. Lillian called me on Elaine's phone. She and Ralph are in Los Angeles, have been to

Long Beach for a day, and San Diego, also. [Lillian and Ralph Keller, Lillian is Lou's sister Ralph is her son.] He is having some work done on the car. She came out on the street car, but he got here first. Betty and I rested most of the day. We all went to Ocean Park this evening to celebrate Utah Pioneer day. Called to see Donna and Janet first. We saw lots of Utah folks we knew. Maude Baine was glad to see Lillian. Surely had nice time. Had awful scare at beach, though. Lillian went to treat hot dogs, found her money gone. She'd cashed a \$100.00 check. Thank heavens! It was here on our bed.

July 24, Sunday

Everyone helped themselves to breakfast this morning, and all but Ralph went to Sunday School. Had a surprise to see Elsie [Elsie Daisy Garrett] and Gordon in church. They came a week early (Garry [Lewis Garrett Strong], Elaine [Julia Elaine Coles] and Elsie). She surprised Bonnie, too. I cooked the leg of lamb before Sunday School this a.m. After dinner we took a ride to see Ruby Renshaw [Ruby Clara Olorenshaw] and husband, [Gordon Bulmer Hodges] can't remember their married names, and then called on Pearl [Pearl Phebe Olorenshaw] and hubby [Enoch Reuben Redborg]. Kate Burns and husband were there. We also called on Lutie [Lutie Violo Olorenshaw] and Uncle Tim [Timothy Olorenshaw] and family. Donna and Janet went with us. John brought her up in truck. She and Rex ate dinner there at Marshes'. Lloyd Pack talked in church and I couldn't go to hear him. We got home too late. I gave Lillian and Ralph sandwich, they went to Long Beach to get clothes and etcetera. Ruth Christenson played for Donna tonight. She was too tired after long ride. I'm glad she's going to be relieved it's too much for her now. Betty and I walked to church in time to ride home with Louis.

July 25, Monday

Sorry I couldn't get to church until it was letting out last night, but glad to get there in time to ride home before Louis left. Betty and I wanted a little outing. We bought a few things in Boy's Market before coming home. This morning Betty and I were going uptown, but Beverly invited her to ride to Hollywood with them, Bonnie, Mary, and the car full, I don't know who else. It was nice of her to take Betty. We can go uptown anytime. Elsie, Garry, and Elaine went along in their car, too. They got lost on way over and had to call Annie up. Lillian and Ralph came in from Long Beach this evening. We ate dinner and talked. Beverly called for Betty, went to Highland show. Lillian and Ralph slept here tonight.

July 26, Tuesday

Lillian and Ralph went to Pasadena this morning. She did some shopping. Betty went to Highland Park with Bette Hoglund. They went to a show. Bette Hoglund had been out to the beach all day with the Olmstead boy. Lillian bought



Ocean Park, California

me a nice new broom, which I needed. After dinner this evening Ralph and Lillian left for home in Arizona. We all went up to say goodbye to Donna and Janet. Sue, Lorene, Annie, Beth, and Elaine came over this evening to make plans for our park picnic tomorrow. Louis made us some good lemonade.

July 27, Wednesday

I fixed the deviled eggs this morning, also defrosted ice box. I surely worked under difficulty with the awful cramps and backache. They were worse this time because of missing last month, I guess. Glen called for Elaine and children, also Betty and me. Then he went down for Sue and her lunch. Sr. Burnett helped fix the lunch at Sue's this a.m. Beth deviled the eggs while they made the salad, stuffed tomatoes, for the group of us. Elsie and Beth walked up to the park (Sycamore Grove). I fixed a dozen eggs, too. Frances Budd Johnston and sister Hazel, were our guests. We had very few Garvanza ladies out. Louis called at the Grove for me tonight, 5 p.m. We took Lorene home. Glen took Betty Renshaw to our house. Donna and I went to the program elder's gave tonight in hall. Betty went to show with Beverly.



Standing; Betty Renshaw, Bette Hoglund, Glen Andersen, Mary Clayton, Bonnie Bailey, in front, Shirley Hoglund and Dolores Fife, July 1938.

July 28, Thursday

Louis and Mr. Allen started building the frame for our foundation tonight. John Marsh is going to pour cement Sunday morning. The folks went to the beach tonight for a weenie bake. Annie said they'd have room for Betty. I surely think it was nice of them to take her along. Louis wouldn't go, of course. He was busy and did promise Mr. Allen he'd help him.

July 29, Friday

Elaine and I took our lunch together at Brookside Park this evening. We all cooked meat balls at home, and cooked our corn in the park. Gordon [Gordon Eugene Garratt, Elsie's brother] and Lonna [Lonna Arrington, married to Gordon], Elsie, Garry, his sweetie, Elaine, Bonnie, also Betty Renshaw were our guests. I rode over with Ernie and Elaine.

Louis worked on our foundation, of course. Betty went with me. The Claytons, Andersens, and Hoglunds were all there, but Raymond and Glen. They took Beth to a concert in the Hollywood Bowl. We had a very nice time together. Betty and other young folks had a swim. Andersens brought us home from park. Ernie and Elaine came home early because of the babies.

July 30, Saturday

Elsie and her folks went to Gordon's last night from the park. They are leaving this a.m. for short visit in Santa Ana with Elsie's cousin, and then to San Diego for a visit with Elsie's sisters, Beat [Beatrice Ethel Thompson], and Gladys [Gladys Maud Garratt]. Louis worked most of the day getting the foundation ready for cement in a.m. Betty went to Highland show with Bette Hoglund this evening. We rode up and got Donna and Janet this evening. Louis bought lamb chops for Donna and steak for self, I didn't want anything to eat, was bothered a little with asthma. Rex is on his vacation, but has worked for a lady all week painting her house. Also some extra work up to Florence's. We took Donna and Janet up to Florence's tonight for few minutes. Rex came on his motorcycle. We kept Janet while Donna and Rex went for ride to Mexican village with Wayne and Martha.

July 31, Sunday

Martha gave the lesson in our Sunday School class. She's very good. I'm surely thankful she is going to help me while Sr. Bishop is on her vacation. After dinner we took Betty Renshaw, Bette Hoglund, and Glen for a ride. Louis treated to ice cream cones. We rode to Ferndale, and then to the planetarium. Spent an hour or more looking around the building, very interesting, makes us stop and think. We rode around Forest Lawn cemetery. The kids went in to see the Little Church of Flowers. Betty didn't go with us to church tonight. Shirley stayed at Elaine's, Dolores, too, so Betty visited them. We brought Donna and Rex home for a sandwich. Wayne and Martha came up. They bought some ice cream and cantaloupes and ate with us after church. We kept Janet all night. John Marsh poured cement in foundation this morning.



Planetarium, Griffith Park, Los Angeles, California

August 1, Monday

Wayne and Rex bought some lumber; they're going to make some flower trellises to sell "on the side." Janet was tickled to wake up in "Elvie's house." She played with Ann all day until time for nap. Elaine gave them a tub of water on her front lawn. She had a grand



Janet Marsh & Ann Vandergrift in a tub, photo taken by Mrs. Allen (The Renshaw's landlady).

time in it with Ann. Mrs. Allen took a picture of them in the tub. Rex and Donna took Sr. Marsh to a show in town today. They came for Janet about 6 p.m. in Wayne's car. Beverly and Annie took Betty Renshaw to the Franklin show tonight. They also took Dolores. Shirley is staying with Elaine while Aunt Ruby [Ruby Angeline Donelson] and Neva [Ruby's daughter, Neva Mae Strong] are at Sue's house. They came last night from San Francisco where son Glenn is [Glenn Albert Strong]. Glen and Annie brought Aunt Ruby to see us this afternoon. Neva went to the beach with Bette, two Olmstead boys, and Wallie Gunn.

August 2, Tuesday

I worked on pictures for Sunday School children to color next Sunday. Elaine took children to the clinic. Shirley went to help with Ann. She's staying at Elaine's since Sunday. Dolores took Dale over to swim in pool and playgrounds. He and Ann had a grand time. Bette walked up to watch, she came back with Elaine, Shirley, and babies. Rex and Donna went to the doctor this afternoon, and they took Janet and went in our car. Louis went to work on the bus. This evening Rex and Donna took Betty to dinner at Rite Spot, and then to the Open Air show after. We kept Janet here. Sue and Al brought Beth up to Elaine's, and took Shirley home.

August 3, Wednesday

I took a bath before dressing. Shirley Hoglund called Betty R. on phone this morning before Betty was up. They went to the Highland show at 2 p.m. I walked to Nardini's Market, bought meat and groceries for Elaine and me. We both made

meat loaf for dinner tonight. Beth is staying a few days with Elaine. Al and Sue took Aunt Ruby, Neva, little Ann, and Beth up to Lake Arrowhead today. Al laid off work to go. Wayne came this morning for more of Louis's tools. He and Rex are busy installing their saw in workshop (Rex's garage). Mr. Allen and Louis worked on our house foundation, took lumber off cement and set house on it.



August 4, Thursday

Elaine and Beth went uptown this morning. Bette Hoglund came up to stay with children. She and babies were here most of the time with Betty Renshaw and me. This evening we rode down to see Aunt Ruby and Neva at Sue's. Called to see Donna on way, but she and Rex were out to beach with Florence and Ernie. Jim Strong came up to Sue's to visit with his mother and sister. They are leaving for Salt Lake tomorrow evening. We are going to take them to the bus. Sue is going to the beach with fun party.

August 5, Friday

I got a good start at my cleaning, had it finished before it got too hot. Betty R. was a help, also. Elaine and Beth went uptown again today about 10:30. They took Ann, but left baby Carol Sue with us. Elsie, Garry, Bonnie and Elaine (Garry's girlfriend) came back from San Diego today. They brought Bonnie and her suitcase here, cause no one was home at Annie's. Bonnie came back to go to the M Men and Gleaner party at Fun House tonight. Betty R. wore my slack



Fun House at Venice Pier

suit. Bette H. came up to go down to church with girls to meet rest of party. Beverly drove Bishop's car. Glen drove their car. Louis and I called for Annie and Dale this evening.

took Aunt Ruby and Neva to the bus station. Jim met us at station, drove them to the planetarium to see city at night before bus time.

August 6, Saturday

Louis finished the foundation job today, put the skirt around it. Betty R. and I went uptown this morning. I took her through several big stores. We rode escalators to top of some. I bought two cute little dresses for Janet's birthday, August 14. We ate lunch in Owl drug store, and went to a show in the Tower. This evening we took Rex, Donna, and Janet for ride. Rex drove while Louis enjoyed ride in backseat with Betty and me. Rex and Donna bought a little red treadle bicycle (tricycle) for Janet for her birthday. She is crazy about it, could hardly give it up to go to bed. It had to

be where she could reach it through the bars of bed. After she got to sleep, the precious gift was put away till birthday.

August 7, Sunday

This is a "Red letter day" in our lives. Louis blessed and named Mildred Anderson's baby girl. The only girl after five boys (Sharon Ruth). Mildred [Mildred Mae Schumann] is Br. and Sr. Schumann's daughter. She asked Louis a month ahead, so he'd be prepared. I got excused from my class to hear the

babies blessed. It is the first baby Louis has named, also. We are all thrilled. After dinner we took Betty R. to see a girlfriend, who is also visiting in L.A., but she wasn't in. We enjoyed a lovely ride up in the pines around Griffith Park mountains. Surely is beautiful. Lorene, Charles, and Mary came for violets. She must have them for Mutual program. We put fresh leaves with them, they looked real then, and my violets are not in bloom this time of year. I also fixed a chrysanthemum on real stem for Glen. Program was nice we went to Marshes' after church. She was sick in bed, but would get up. Betty R. and Bette H. went with Olmstead boys after church to play a game of miniature golf.

August 8, Monday

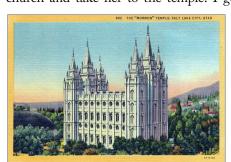
My washer gave me another shock, so I had to do the things out by hand, sent half to the laundry. Louis took the motor to George Conely. He's going to try and find the trouble. Betty went to beach with Bette Hoglund and three Olmstead boys. They left at 10 a.m., got home about 6 p.m. She is surely sunburned good, I hope she won't blister, her throat was a little sore tonight, so I rubbed it with Vicks Vapor rub. I was too tired even for a ride this evening after my hand washing today.

August 9, Tuesday

I received a letter from Margaret [Betty's mother]. Mel [Betty's father] is coming for Betty about the 15th. Sr. Viola Sorenson and I went block teaching and we found most of our people out, so got through early. It's her first time. Betty walked to Highland Park with Elaine and children; she met Bette H. at Highland show and went in. This evening we rode over to Donna's. Rex was out playing ball with the boys from Fuller Company. We took Donna and Janet with us to Marshes'. John took Donna, Betty, and Ruth out for an ice cream treat, they brought a nice watermelon back to us. Ruth invited Betty to stay with her next Thursday and Friday night.

August 10, Wednesday

June and Harold Hays have gone to Salt
Lake to be sealed in the temple. I'm surely
glad, she's so thrilled to have him join our
church and take her to the temple. I got my laundry back



June and Harold Hays are sealed in the Salt Lake Temple 1938

today, \$1.00, and I did the biggest half myself. Sorry my washer is out of order. Elaine and I walked to Relief Society she came back after the luncheon. She had Ann with her. Betty R. took care of Carol Sue.

I quilted all afternoon. This evening Louis went to see if Mr. Conley had fixed our motor for washer. He's been on a drunk for 2 days. Betty R. and I walked on the Avenue went in library and through playgrounds. Elaine and family went to see Rex and Donna tonight. Rex was painting up at Florence's. They drove Donna and baby up there for visit, also.

August 11, Thursday

I got up early to get breakfast for Louis, got a catch in my back and could hardly stand straight. Elaine went to a show with Married Gleaners. Bette H. came up to take care of her children. Betty R. stayed home from town to be with her. I met Donna and Janet on the street car about 9:15 this morning. We took our baby uptown for first time in her little life. I bought her a little blue winter coat for her birthday. She looks darling in it. Donna bought three pairs of sleepers for her in the cold weather. Janet is such a good little thing. We walked her from Eighth and Broadway to Fourth, Trying to find a hat to go with coat, but didn't buy any. All too large for her. She is too big for the baby bonnets. There was one in May Company for \$1.95, but we thought that was too much money. Sorry I didn't get it now. Rex was late, he played ball after work. Donna insisted we go to her house for dinner tonight, so Louis and I went. Betty R. stayed here to be with Bette H. Olmstead boys were calling on them tonight.



Bette & Shirley Hoglund, Glen Andersen, Dolores Fife, Mary Clayton in 1938.

August 12, Friday—Shirley's Birthday

Wayne and Martha sent for her little 12-year-old brother, Bud [John Wayne Bush]. He came the other day. Rex and Wayne have made several nice rose trellises. I think we'll buy one for our front porch, where the climbing rose is. I did the ironing that I sent to the laundry today, so the cleaning had to wait until tomorrow. Elaine and Bette took the children down to Sue's for the day. Bette H. stayed with Elaine last night. Sue had a birthday dinner for family. We rode down to wish Shirley "Happy Birthday." We called for Donna and baby first. Andersens Claytons, Bonnie, Beth, and all of us were there. Sue treated to ice cream and cake. Birthday cake was beautiful.

August 13, Saturday

Louis went to George Conley's and brought the motor to our washer back. He cleaned and polished our car. I cleaned car windows. Betty helped. She went uptown to a show this afternoon with Bette Hoglund; they met at Fourth and Broadway at 12:30. I went to car line with Betty to show her where to catch it. She's never been uptown alone here. We got up early today, 6 a.m. I was almost too tired to enjoy the show Louis took Betty and me tonight at the Franklin, "Tom Sawyer." It's my baby Janet's birthday tomorrow, "bless her heart." I've invited them to dinner.



August 14, Sunday—Baby Janet's Birthday, Two years old!

Our folks all called to say "Happy Birthday;" she got lots of nice little gifts from them. Br. Keller and Carlson are both away on vacations. I felt sorry for Br. Wright all alone in the Sunday School superintendency, and just put in new. There is so much work getting class rooms ready each Sunday and etcetera. I gave two poems in our prayer meeting. Br. Keller assigned three of us to give one each Sunday, he's away. I was first. I'm surely glad Martha is helping me while Sr. Bishop is away. She's good! We went up for Donna and baby after Sunday School Donna wasn't ready, she was cooking own dinner, cause I hadn't said any more about their coming since last week. We brought them anyway. Rex came on his motorcycle. Janet had grand time on her tricycle that Rex and Donna gave her. Donna and Betty R. took pictures.



Janet on her new tricycle

August 15, Monday

Janet looked cute in the little fruit print dress we gave her. She wore it yesterday on birthday. We also gave her little fall coat, blue wool. She had a lovely birthday, little darling; some pretty pairs of sox from Marshes, Bev gave her a cute yellow kitty dressed in brown dress. Hoglunds gave her 50¢, Ann gave crayons and sox. I gave her a big book for coloring pictures, oh, she got several nice little gifts. I don't remember all. Bonnie received a letter from Elsie telling her that Mel was coming for Betty. They

wanted her to come back with him. He told them he'd bring her if she wanted to come. She is surely disappointed to leave sooner than expected. Margaret wrote Betty, also, saying Bonnie was coming back. Mel told Otto he'd bring Dody back, too. Betty and I walked over to Annie's after dinner, this evening. Louis did our dishes. We rode down to Sue's and over to Robinson's with Bill, Annie, and Glen and Dale. Bishop helped Annie with report. Mel arrived today; he came out to see Betty tonight, treated to chili.

August 16, Tuesday

Poor little Bonnie is disappointed to have to go home before visiting me. I'm sorry I couldn't have her, also, before she had to go back, but it just happened that way. Maybe another time I won't have company when she's here. Well, our guests will all be going home at once, if Mel takes Dolores, Bonnie, and Betty. Beth will be leaving soon; too, she has gone with Bev, Sue, and Shirley to Catalina, for the day. I wish Betty R. could have gone with them, but I couldn't pay her way, sorry. She went to show uptown in L.A. with Glen and Betty H. I got Dolores from Lorene's, and met Annie uptown at May Company, at eleven o'clock this morning. We bought two school print dresses for Dody, and some sox for Lorene to give her. Sue is giving Dody a new dress and sox, also. We bought four little print dresses for Yvonne, Elaine is giving one, Annie one, Sue one, and I'm giving her one. Also sox for Yvonne, five pair.

August 17, Wednesday

We had Bonnie and Dolores sleep up here last night. Bonnie in my house with Betty R., and Dolores over to Elaine's, so they'd be here if Mel came early. We had house full of company last night. My Donna and baby Janet, Rex, Wayne, Andersens, Claytons, Hoglunds, Jimmy Gale, Ted Leaver, and Beth Strong, all saying "goodbye" to girls, (Bonnie, Dolores, and Betty R.). Wayne and Martha gave Janet a cute baby doll for birthday. She's surely in love with it. I read poems to girls until my darling hubby yelled at us last night. He couldn't get to sleep. I got up to fix Louis's breakfast, but left the girls sleep late, 9 a.m. Betty called to see why Mel hadn't come or called, he was out, but the office girl said she thought he'd be here about 2 p.m. He

called twice later and finally decided they'd leave at 5 p.m. I put up a lot of sandwiches, Lorene bought fruit. Elaine made some cookies. I bought 20¢ candy for them to take. They ate cooked dinner at 1 p.m. here. Louis and I took them to meet Mel and the big truck at 4:35 p.m. Annie, Bev, Beth, Glen, and Dale all walked over to see girls, they brought Bonnie some watermelon. She treated the others. Mel met us at Mission Road and North Broadway at 5 p.m. He insisted on me taking \$5.00 for Betty's eats and etcetera. She was here three weeks and five days.

August 18, Thursday

Well, it seems quiet this morning after five weeks of company, young girls, but I'll admit I'm enjoying the rest. Betty R. was with us almost four weeks, Dolores and Shirley were here the week before Betty came, then Lillian and Ralph about four days, too, so we had lots of fun. I'll be glad when I know the girls have arrived home safe and sound. It was surely nice of Mel to take Bonnie and Dolores back free. Elaine took the children to her mother's this morning. And then Sue went uptown with Elaine and Ann, they left Carol Sue with Bette and Shirley. Elaine bought two pretty summer dresses on sale, \$1.95, each. I went uptown alone, bought white sports dress, \$1.00, and hat, 44¢, very good bargains. They're selling out the summer things cheap. I also bought pretty lace collar for my green dress.

August 19, Friday

I had to hurry to be through the cleaning before they came for me. Beverly took Annie, Beth, Sue, Lorene, and me to Hazel Anderson's [Hazel Lillian Bailey] to the dinner she gave in honor or Frank [Frank William Bailey] and his wife, Vivian [Eunice Lovenia Jones], who are visiting here from Salt Lake City. They have their two children along, also. Aunt Dell and Mickey, [Edith Mildred Carr] Volney's wife, helped Hazel prepare a grand dinner. Corn on the cob, stuffed peppers and eggplant casserole and everything was so delicious. It was served out of doors, in her lovely patio. We had a lovely time. Elaine and Donna were invited, too, but they had promised to go to a birthday on Inis Stanton. Donna and Janet ate here this evening. Rex was late playing ball. We took them home.

August 20, Saturday

Louis helped me to do a big washing, the machine worked alright (no shocks) so I guess the motor is okay now. I'm surely nervous to use it, will be glad when I get over it. Louis put the rose trellis we bought from Wayne and Rex up in front of porch this p.m. It looks nice, I think. Marshes left with Lewie and Miriam for vacation trip this afternoon. Louis and I called at Donna's, but they were out so we went to the Franklin show. Beverly and Annie were there, also. Bill spent the evening looking at cars, he is going to turn his Chevrolet back, it's a lemon. He was looking at a Plymouth when we came out from show. Donna and Rex left Janet with Shirley at Elaine's, until we came home from show. They went to a late show after going to a chili party at Sr. Pulsipher's.

August 21, Sunday

Martha and Wayne took her brother Bud, to see San Diego, yesterday. They got a late start, so stayed overnight. I had the class alone today. They were very good children, of which I'm very thankful. Raymond had turned his Plymouth in for an Oldsmobile. Bill and family had an Oldsmobile to church is a.m., but have decided it takes too much gas, so are trying out a Plymouth. Beverly drove Louis and I to the garage this afternoon in the Oldsmobile, we came back to her house in Plymouth. Nellie and Henry were visiting there. We walked home for the walk. We invited Rex, Donna, and Janet over after church to eat some lunch. They have John's truck while

he's away. Al's brother, Bert, [Berthal Oliver Hoglund] and wife [Loral Wilma Garrett] are visiting from Salt Lake City. They called to see the folks, but they were out to dinner.

August 22 Monday

We have our warm weather back again. I did my ironing today. Elaine did a big washing. I shampooed my hair this a.m. and put it up in curls. I was too tired to dress my hair, so left it up all evening Louis went over to see if Bill had decided to buy the Plymouth car after dinner tonight. He said they had decided to keep their own Chevrolet, too much money involved in the "trade in." I enjoyed yesterday's paper, and the radio program this evening, too tired to go out.

August 23, Tuesday

I received a nice long letter from Violet saying Dolores arrived okay and thanking all of us for the dresses and sox we sent to Yvonne and Dody. I also received a letter from Betty Renshaw thanking me for the grand time she had while visiting us. She said it was the happiest summer she'd ever had. I'm glad she could come and have such a nice visit, she is a sweet girl. I wrote letters to Violet, Mother R., Betty R., and Frances Helman. Rex brought Donna and Janet over in Marshes' truck this evening. He left them here while he went to see a lady about a trellis they're making



for her. He also went to the dentist. I shortened the sleeves in Donna's silk smock. They ate here. Donna's school friends, Helen Martinez and Catherine Garcia, called on her today. Tonight Louis and I went to Lorene's to let her read Violet's letter, but she and Mary had gone to a show. We had a ride in Ray's new Oldsmobile, swell car. We went to the Franklin show to see Blue Beard's 8th wife!

August 24, Wednesday

I walked to the post office this morning to mail the letters I wrote yesterday. Elaine and Lucille went uptown yesterday. Sr. Evans took care of the babies. Lucille came home with Elaine, and stayed all night. She visited us for a few minutes last evening while Donna was here. Lucille went home this afternoon about 2 p.m. Tonight Louis and I went to the Primary "building fund" dance. We had a nice time. The hall was decorated very pretty. Brother Stanley Farnsworth and Alta Thomson sang with orchestra several dance numbers, a little girl tap danced, very good, and the Raiser boy sang two solos during the intermission. Nice crowd, good punch. Sr. Pack and daughter, Clara, came to dance with Lloyd. They also brought Clara's cute daughter, Beth.

August 25, Thursday

Donna called on Elaine's phone, she invited me to spend the day with her. I went over on the York Street car and enjoyed a nice visit and lunch with my darlings. I left a note for Louis, so he came for me this evening. We got home in time for him to hear his favorite radio program, "Major Bowes Amateur Hour," 5 to 6 p.m. Tonight we rode over to take Martha her library story books she left with me last week. We enjoyed a nice ride before coming back home.

August 26 Friday

Sr. Wankier came for me about 10:10 this morning. She had Lorene and Isabell Thomas. We called for Sr. Robinson then went to Glendale to the Relief Society Union Meeting. I went in Lorene's department because all the teachers came. They didn't need me for a substitute. I did my cleaning this afternoon in the heat! We rode over to see Rex, Donna, and baby tonight. Louis and Donna sang and played while

Janet and I went with Rex, in Marshes' truck to get some gas. I guess Marshes are having a lovely time on this vacation trip with Lewie and Miriam.

August 27 Saturday

Donna brought Janet over in the Chevrolet truck this a.m. Louis lined our living room walls with plasterboard. He worked all day on it. Donna drove Janet and me to Highland Park. I did a little shopping in Kress. We bought meat, for beef loaf, in Nardini's Market on way back. Ann went to a neighborhood birthday party for two little sisters, across the street, not twins. She was thrilled about it all. I bought color books and crayons for Elaine to send over. Donna and Janet had naps this afternoon. I worked on Sunday School lesson. Louis and I rode to Boy's Market tonight, took a watermelon up to Donna and Rex. Left it in ice box. We saw Rex and Donna on our way home, eating ice cream cones.

August 28, Sunday

I think the heat has bothered me more today than anytime so far this summer. Martha helped in the class, she and Wayne took her brother, Bud, out to the beach this afternoon. He's going back to Salt Lake tomorrow night. My children came down to dinner. Donna brought some delicious cupcakes she'd made, chocolate and coconut. Janet and Ann played on their tricycles. Janet had a nice nap. Rex went to Beverly Hills to talk to a lady about making her some rose

trellises. Wayne went, also on his way to beach. We all went to church tonight. Br. Harlan Goodsell gave a very fine talk. Louis and I walked down to church. Rex brought Donna, Elaine, and children. Louis walked home, I rode in our car with Rex and others. I made sandwiches for all of us tonight.

August 29, Monday

Another hot day. I washed a few silk underclothes out by hand. I gave Carol Sue her bath this morning, while Elaine was talking to Beth and Sue over phone. She is such a darling, getting so fat and cute. Frances Helman sent me a nice letter to read to our Strong's meeting on Friday night. I also received a card from Frances saying

> Lawrence and Hazel Strong Miller are on a trip west, and intend calling on us. They have Sue's and my addresses. Sue says our Strong's meeting has been postponed until October. Blanche has an important church function. She and Beth went uptown today, bought all our shower gifts for Bertha Strong's shower at Nora's in Compton next Thursday. Beth came to Elaine's from town. Al and girls went to a show. Sue spent evening with us, Beth, Elaine, Ann, Louis, and me on our front porch. Beth treated to See's peanut candy. Elaine made punch. Beth, Elaine, and Ann ate at Rite Spot tonight. Ernie went to a banquet.



Rex Marsh and Wayne Strong enjoyed a friendship and family relationship that spanned many, many years.



August 30, Tuesday

Warm again today. I wrote a letter to Frances Helman and a card to Ida R. Rex took Donna to see the doctor this afternoon. They left Janet here, she took a nap. I went to vote this evening about 4:30 pm. Louis wasn't registered, so he couldn't vote

this time. Rex and Donna ate here, and then went to their district to vote. Donna and Janet stayed with us tonight while Rex and Ernie V. went to the picture show, one of the Olmstead boys went, also. They saw "Frankenstein" and Dracula," spook pictures. The girls didn't want to see them. Annie, Beverly, Sue, Beth, Bette, and Shirley called in Elaine's and here. Bev drove them up. Bishop had a meeting home. Louis met Stan Farnsworth after work yesterday. They looked at a dance hall. I hope they'll decide against running it. I don't like the idea. Beth borrowed our old suitcase, she's going home soon.

August 31, Wednesday

I was bothered with asthma most of the night first time in several months. It took all my strength, I wasn't able to do anything much but rest today. Rex and Donna called for me tonight, Martha was with them. We went to the ward hall to see The American Opera Guild present, "An Intimate American version of the comic opera, Martha." Louis wouldn't go, so he took care of our baby, Janet. Two of our ward boys were in opera. Heber Robinson, as Plunket, a wealthy farmer, George Snow was the Sheriff of Richmond. We enjoyed it very much. Some lovely voices in it. Florence took Martha home, all had ice cream sodas at drug store, all but me. The opera was sponsored by our ward genealogical society.

September 1, Thursday

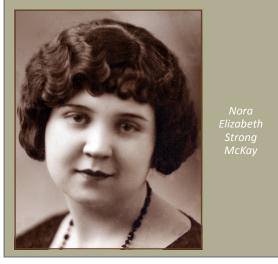
I slept fine last night, so hope the asthma has gone forever? Donna brought Janet down in Marshes' truck about eleven o'clock. She brought her lunch, so she could feed her and put her to bed here before we left. Bette came up to take care of Elaine's children and Janet. We took Elaine in truck to Sue's, and then Sue, Elaine, Beth, me, and Donna rode in Bishop's car to Compton. Donna drove. Beverly drove Martha, Annie, and Lorene. Nora [Nora Elizabeth Strong] gave Bertha [Bertha Pearl Strong a nice shower, house was decorated pretty in ferns and pink and white crepe paper. We played "Wedding Bells" like Keno. Went up to see Bertha's cute little doll house in rear, over Nora's garage. Called in Al's saw mill on way back. Ruth Cartwright led way to it. Ten of us went in, Al and his boss showed us around, it was interesting, they make venetian blinds. Al gave me some oil of cedar wood, he thought it would cure me of the asthma, try anything once!

September 2, Friday

I defrosted icebox, cleaned through house, washed out some silk undies, and took care of Carol







Sue for Elaine while she and Ann went uptown with Sue. Baby slept from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. I fed her at 2 p.m. Elaine got home about 5:30 p.m., baby was very good. Sue bought Elaine a hat, purse, shoes, and belt, all to match in the new shade, don't know what they call it this year, but it was plum when I was young. She bought wool for a dress for her last week, royal blue. Nice to have a mother with money, and generous, too. Al told me last week his check for this pay day was \$178.00 for two weeks, not bad? Wish I could do the same as Sue, for my lovely girl. We rode over to Donna's tonight. John and Florence were there. They brought Rex and Donna some fish from their trip. Louis enjoyed fish. Mr. Allen asked Louis to go with him to the ranch tomorrow. He wants him to fix up a little cabin for them to live in while they are out there.

September 3, Saturday

Louis left this a.m. about five o'clock with Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Ellie. They are taking him to the ranch to fix up a little cabin for them to live in while they are on the ranch. I made 30 hectograph pictures for my Sunday School class to color Sunday. It is lonesome and quiet around here without Louis. He's always home on Saturdays.

This evening Beverly and Annie came for me. We went to the Franklin show, after going for Bill and Dale. Beverly and I sat together. We Burns saw and Allen in "College Swing," and Joan Blondell and Melvyn Douglas "There's in always Woman."





September 4, Sunday

Bill and Beverly called for me this morning, nice of them. Bev went down to Sue's to help Beth do her packing. We had a large class today, 32. Jack Pulsipher gave Martha a lot of trouble while I was out fixing tables for the kids to color on. He is surely an awful problem for us at times. His own mother said she can't manage him at all. His twin sister, June, is no trouble. Rex and Donna went to Martha and Wayne's for dinner. They left Janet here so she could have her nap in own little bed. Allen's came home about 5:30. Louis was tired out, he took me to church, but came back, too tired to stay. The Seagulls graduated from Primary into Mutual. They had a nice program in church. Shirley was one of the girls. She gave a nice reading, also short talks. It was very nice. Mary welcomed them to Beehive class.

September 5, Monday—Labor Day

Yes, Labor Day, and I did just that. I did big washing. Ray and Glen got home from their auto trip to Utah this a.m. Ray came over this afternoon. Violet has moved across street from post office in St. George. Lucille Evans came over to visit Elaine this afternoon. They all went to an early show. Shirley and Mary took care of baby, Carol Sue. They took Ann to show with them. Louis worked at the hospital today. Donna and Rex went to a show with Martha and Wayne. They let Janet go to the beach with Lewie and Miriam and little Robin. Glad I didn't know it until she was home again. Louis and I went to the Franklin show.

September 6, Tuesday

I did my ironing this morning while it was cool. Elaine had Glen take her and the children in Andersen's car, to her mother's. She went uptown shopping this afternoon, also made Ann a cute little dress while at Sue's. Mr. Allen is taking some furniture out to the ranch tomorrow to put in the cabin Louis fixed up for him. He's been packing his car all day. Louis helped him some this evening. We rode over to see Donna and family. She and Rex weren't home. Janet

was in Laura's. The folks came before we left, they had been to take Martha to see Dr. Robinson. She had bad cramp pains, so had called Donna up.

September 7, Wednesday

This morning felt like real Fall weather. Allen's left for the ranch about 6 a.m. I'm to feed her two cats. She left food for them. Elaine and I played with Carol Sue instead of working this morning. She's such a darling babe, so full of life and happiness. I wish Donna's was here and as happy. Louis got his pay check today. We decided to take in a show and get our grocery order after. Went over to Donna's first, as the picture show wasn't open until 7 p.m. Martha was in bed at Donna's but feeling better. Donna brought her up there this morning. Wayne came to dinner there this evening. We didn't find a picture we liked, so bought groceries and came home.

September 8, Thursday

Elaine dyed her pale pink sheer dress black this morning. It is new, only wore it once, but didn't like it so light. The dress took a lovely black, she had lots of good dye left, so I put my black crepe dress in, to see if light spots would dye. They did, it looks much better. It is some job ironing the dress, glad it is done. I mended and put new tape on Janet's baby nightgowns, they are ready for baby sister or brother? Our children came just as we were getting ready for bed tonight. Louis was in bed, but got up. They'd been over to see how Martha was feeling. Glad they came, I'd been longing for my baby all day.

September 9, Friday

I made a rice pudding, first thing this morning. My hubby sees to it that I get his breakfast every morning now. Guess our honeymoon is over now, ha ha! Well, I got a good early start with my cleaning; that's one advantage of getting up early, eh? Sr. Sorenson called for me at one o'clock. We did our teaching. We had two new babies on our district; we saw both. Sr. Booth's baby boy, and Eva Snow Royal's baby girl. Lovely babies. Eva looks fine, but Sr. Booth had a bad time. She looks very pale and weak.

September 10, Saturday

Louis and I went to Highland Park this morning and paid our bills; light, gas and bank note. We rode over to Donna's to get her tax notice, but she couldn't locate it. Janet rode with us to the car line where I got on the street car and went to the Hall of Justice to pay our personal taxes. I had a new bill made out for Rex, so I could pay their taxes, also. We had to pay a penalty, 12¢ on ours and 26¢ on Donna's. It was "Dollar Day" in town. The crowds of people made walking hard on Broadway. I bought a white collar and cuff set for my black crepe dress, half price, 59¢, two pair sox,W bath towels for Sue's birthday, and a shower gift for Gene's girl. Tonight Louis and I went to the Franklin show. Louis painted the first white coat over dark woodwork in

our dining room.

September 11, Sunday

Louis hung a curtain upstairs in Sunday School, so we could have our class in the big room, but Oh, dear! I don't like it out there, too noisy. We are too large a class to get in the kitchen now. The Pulsipher kiddies were real good today. Martha wrote a nice little letter to Jack, wise girl, he'll be her friend for life now. We went as guests of the Marshes' to the Griffith Park for dinner. We took fruit and olives. They had a lovely dinner. Florence and family, Rex and family, Lewie, alone, and cousin Mable, and some of her friends. John treated me to a ride on the merry-go-round, first time for about 20 years, ha, ha! President Cannon had us start our meeting tonight at 6:30. We don't like that so well. Brother Haddock spoke fine, as always.



Ann Vandergrift & Janet Marsh in 1938.

September 12, Monday

I washed a few things out by hand, ironed them, too. The children started back to school this morning. It was quiet around here. The much talked of, Mr. Douglas Corrigan, who started from Long Beach in his plane and landed in Dublin, Ireland, is expected to visit L.A. this morning. The city is making a big fuss over this boy. One parade this a.m. and another this afternoon for the school children. It has been hot today. Tonight Louis and I rode down to Sue's. I paid her for the shower gift she bought for Donna and I to take to Bertha's shower at Nora's. Bishop gave Louis a check for some choir music books. He also gave him a suit President Cannon had given him, just fits. Sue was overstocked with milk. She gave me a quart and one to bring home to Elaine. It was a very profitable evening for us with new suit and all.



Douglas Corrigan (January 22, 1907 - December 9, 1995) was an American aviator born in Galveston, Texas. He was nicknamed "Wrong Way" in 1938. After a transcontinental flight from Long Beach, California, to New York, he flew from Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, New York, to Ireland, though his flight plan was filed to return to Long Beach. He claimed his unauthorized flight was due to a navigational error, caused by heavy cloud cover that obscured landmarks and low-light conditions, causing him to misread his compass. However, he was a skilled aircraft mechanic (he was one of the builders of Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis) and had made several modifications to his own plane, preparing it for his transatlantic flight. He had been denied permission to make a nonstop flight from New York to Ireland, and his "navigational error" was seen as deliberate. Nevertheless, he never publicly admitted to having flown to Ireland intentionally. -Wikipedia

September 13, Tuesday

Oh, it has been hot again today. I gave Carol Sue her bath over here this morning while Elaine got ready for the clinic. She did her washing first, so

had to hurry to get baby at clinic by 10 a.m. Beverly is out of work now. The bakery was burned almost to the ground yesterday. She and Annie and Dale drove over this a.m. Mrs. Allen bought two squares of my whipped butter today. She said it was the best she'd ever eaten. Rex called me from

Fullers to ask about the paint Louis wants. It's his afternoon off. They left Janet here while they went to the doctors. Louis fixed a clothes line up for our new neighbor, a new house on Arroyo Glen, earned \$2.25. My children ate dinner with us tonight and made me happy as usual.

September 14, Wednesday

I had asthma and cramps last night, so didn't feel very well today. Beverly came over this morning to Elaine's. She said she'd take me to the Relief Society building fund luncheon at 12:15. Elaine went to the market with Mrs. Boshell and left babies with me. She thought surely she'd be home in time, but didn't get here until 1:15, so I fixed lunch for Beverly, Dale, Ann, and myself here. Out little neighbor, Ruth Pierce, went to the hospital Monday night and hasn't had her baby yet. We are all anxious about her. They say she is suffering awfully. Louis and I went to the opening social and dance at Mutual tonight. They had very good music and nice crowd. I didn't dance much, not well enough. Elaine had Lucille Evans, Lloyd Pack, and Dick Johnston to dinner this evening, they went to dance after.

September 15, Thursday

Donna and Janet came down in their Ford, wanted me to go to Highland Park with them to buy shoes for Janet. Bought them in Berks store. We met Beverly, Annie, and Dale on way to Sears Roebuck. They invited us to ride with them, so we left our car parked in back of Kress and went along for the ride. Annie bought cotton bats for Relief Society quilts. Beverly treated to candy. Our little neighbor, Ruth Pierce, had her baby girl this afternoon, after three hard days of suffering in French Hospital. I feel so sorry for her mother and husband, they were worn out, never left her hospital, but once for a few minutes. We are all relieved to know Ruth and baby will live.



Lou & Elvie May 27, 1938

September 16, Friday—Our Wedding Anniversary, I love him still! 24 years.

Louis took the day off, we had a grand celebration. Left home at 10 a.m., I voted for Judge Fletcher Bowron, and then we went to town. Called in Bishop Hill's office had a nice visit, and left Louis's watch to have new crystal. Went to Mission house for choir books before stopping in town. Ate ice cream and pie, went to Loew's State and saw "Boy's Town" and "Speed to Burn," both good pictures. Ate very good dinner in Clifton's while enjoying lovely organ music and girl's solo. Louis bought me a cute perfume bottle, and two grams of lovely perfume in Bullock's store, he also bought two pair of nice silk hose for me, we bought tie and suspenders for him. We bought some very good chocolates to eat in the show from candy store. We finished up our very lovely day by going to the Orpheum, saw, "Mr. Moto Takes a Chance" and "Sky Giant." The vaudeville was good, also. It was Amateur night, they were very fine too. Wonderful time, best ever! P.S. Mayor Frank L. Shaw was recalled by L.A. vote. Our new mayor is Judge Bowron.

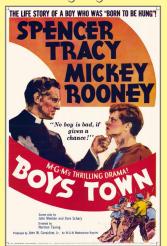
September 17, Saturday

I'm still thinking about the lovely day my sweetheart and I had yesterday on our 24th wedding anniversary. I feel sorry for Mayor Shaw, but so many people "can't be wrong?" I washed a few silk undies out. Louis worked at the hospital today to make up for his day off yesterday. I called Nardini's Market from Elaine's phone. They sent me a nice little beef roast and few groceries. This evening Louis and I rode over to Donna and Rex's. Rex and Wayne were busy making a round bench and some trellis for a lady in Hollywood. Louis helped a little. Donna, Janet, and I walked to the car line to meet Martha, who had been to the beauty parlor for a wave. We missed her, she came later. It rained hard for a few minutes tonight, but was still hot out.

September 18, Sunday

Dr. Watkins, our old Sunday School Superintendent, now of the stake Sunday School Board, visited our Sunday School this morning. It was nice to have him back with us. He came in to visit our class for few minutes. Rex, Donna, and Janet came to eat dinner with us. Rex left with Wayne and Martha at 2 p.m. The boys went to Hollywood to install the bench and trellis's they'd made for a lady there. Janet had a nice long nap. Louis and Donna took naps, also. Elaine took both children to Sunday School, they ate dinner at Sue's. Louis, Donna, Janet and I went to church tonight. Rex didn't get home in time for church. They came here for a little lunch after meeting. Happy day with loved ones.

Anniversary Day Movies:









September 19, Monday

Another bright sunny day. I did a big two weeks washing. Elaine took Ann uptown this morning. Beverly brought Sue up here, and then took them all to the car line. I took care of little Carol Sue. She was a good little soul, is surely a darling babe. Elaine got home at 6 p.m. She was two hours or more getting here because of the Legionnaires and their fun making. They are turning our town upside down. The legionnaires are having their twentieth annual convention in L.A., they are here from everywhere. We visited Annie tonight. She treated to orange ice cream Beverly had made. Surely good. Bill was working at mill in Glendale. We called on Lorene and Charlie after we left Annie's. John Treu and Beverly went to union meeting tonight. Elaine bought her[self] an electric sewing machine today.

September 20, Tuesday

Big Legionnaires Parade, largest in history, radio says. Oh, another hot day. Elaine did her washing and I did my ironing. We got a good early start, I kept my house shut up to keep the awful heat out, best I could. I defrosted icebox after ironing. Sue bought Donna a lovely pair of blue silk pajamas yesterday to take to the hospital with her. Real sweet of her, she's so good that way. I didn't go to the legionnaires parade. That awful crowd scared me away from town. They act like they are going crazy, anyway.

September 21, Wednesday

I had a spell of asthma last night, so feel a little shaky today. I rode to Relief Society on the bus. It was hot again today. I did some shopping for Elaine in Kress, also for me. Louis and I rode over to see our children tonight. Janet is getting cuter every day. She can say most everything, will try it anyway. Louis visited Charlie and Ray tonight while I went to Mutual. I walked down to Charlie's after Mutual with Mary and Lorene. Lorene gave a fine talk on "friendship" in the preliminary program.

September 22, Thursday

I went uptown this a.m. with Martha. She wanted me to help her select a coat. She bought a very pretty fur fiber swagger coat in dark gray. She also bought a cute black tam hat, and some Kant Run hose. She bought a lovely blue crib cover to work up. It has little white woolie lambs to appliqué on. She's going to give it to Donna for new baby. Martha came home with me and

ate some lunch. Elaine left baby Carol Sue with me while she went to see Ruth Pierce and new baby girl in French Hospital. Mrs. Boshell took Elaine and Mrs. Carry in her car. They left Ann with Annie.

September 23, Friday

It was block teachers convention at Glendale Stake house this a.m. I rode with Lou Blackmer, met them at Annie's at ten o'clock. Sr. Olmstead, and Sr. Treu were in the car with Lou, when she arrived. We had nice convention and flower show after, also a plate luncheon for 15¢. Donna went to Sammy for her permanent at 1 p.m. She put Janet in her bed here, Elaine kept eye on her for me until I could get home she was standing up in bed when I came at 2 p.m., not a stitch on, cute thing. She wanted her "Grama Elvie." Went to sleep soon after I got home. Louis and I enjoyed a lovely ride in sunset. Went over in Altadena around the beautiful mountains and lovely homes, just as the sun went down.

September 24, Saturday—Gene Judd's Wedding Day, Uncle Al Married them.

Sue, Elaine, and Bishop went to wedding. [Eugene Ray Judd, Inez Hoglund and Millard Ray Judd's son.] Louis gave our dining room it's second coat of paint today. One more coat and it'll look swell. It takes a lot of paint to change from that dark brown woodwork, the room is much lighter now. I cleaned up house after he'd finished painting. We rode over to tell Donna and Rex we expected and wanted them to come to dinner tomorrow. Went to Boy's Market for groceries and vegetables. Bought milk at new milk station, also half pint cream. Came home, ate lunch. Wayne and Martha came to show us their new automobile. It is surely cute, so tiny compared with the big Packard they had. They're tickled with new toy, cute.

September 25, Sunday

I went over to see what little Ann thought of her birthday gifts when she got up this morning. She was so excited about her birthday, she couldn't get to sleep last night for a long time. Elaine had a birthday dinner in honor of Ann and Sue, a very pretty cake with Grandma's and Ann's names on it, also. Elaine treated all guests to birthday cake and some punch. She had a house full most of the day. The Evans, and Lucille and Lloyd, Andersens and Rex Marshes who were here to dinner. Donna brought us some of her delicious cupcakes. The Vandergrift's called too. We brought Sue home to Elaine's after Sunday School. Bishop worked until 1 p.m. Ray Clayton called in Elaine's also. Wayne gave fine talk on Strong family genealogy in church. John Marsh invited us all down after church. We had some of his good homemade bread and ice cream, Wayne, Martha, Rex, Donna and us. We had very nice time.

September 26, Monday

A beautiful sunny day. I watered lawn and flowers this a.m. Louis went over to Mrs. Allen's friend's house to look over the job she wants him to do, fixing the foundation of her house. I heard Chancellor Hitler speak from Berlin, Germany, over our radio today. Oh, dear, it looks like war is on the way, I do hope not, though. I'm surely glad I live in America. Louis worked on the job all day. Tonight he took me to the York Theater to see "Love Comes to Andy Hardy." Mickey Rooney is surely good in this picture, cute kid. "My Bill" was also good picture. Louis went block teaching with Blaine Shaffer. He came to show for me afterwards.

September 27, Tuesday

We got a special delivery letter from Louis's cousin, Pearl. [Pearl Phebe Olorenshaw] of Monrovia, California. She says her mother [Elizabeth East] is very ill, don't think she'll last long, and they want information about where to get temple garments and etcetera, in case anything should happen. I called Annie and she gave me several places where they can buy the temple clothes.



Elizabeth East Renshaw

Rex brought my baby Janet here while he took Donna to see the doctor. Elaine had a girlfriend spend the day with her, she used to be a neighbor of Elaine's. They left baby in my care while they went shopping to Highland Park. She slept all the time. I called Effie Bishop and talked about Sunday

School work. We rode out to Monrovia when Louis got home. Aunt Lizzie is suffering with a bad cold along with her old illness. She's 80 years old, it would be a blessing if she could go.

September 28, Wednesday

We stood over an hour last night in Franklin show for seat to see "In Old Chicago," had to go to second show because of going out to Monrovia first. When Rex came for Janet last evening, he said he didn't take Donna to the doctors because their old Ford broke down again. He was surely disgusted, he sold it to the junk man for \$15.00. They went to the York show to see Andy Hardy, Laura took care of Janet. I went to Relief Society this afternoon. Sue is going to move over near Sr. Burnett next week. Louis and I drove up to Donna's this evening. He spent the evening in music with Donna: Rex and I went to Mutual. Our class collected 80¢ for me to get membership cards with. Br. Bailey,





our teacher, asked me to bring the current events.

September 29 Thursday—We have a new grandchild!

Our Donna went to hospital and gave birth to a baby girl, without letting us know a thing until it was all over. I was in the York Show tonight when our baby was born in the St. Vincent's Hospital. Laura Johnson took Donna about six o'clock this evening. The baby came about 8 p.m. before the doctor had arrived. The house doctor had to deliver her. We're surely glad she got through it so grand. She didn't expect to go until the 15th of next month. Rex came and told us all about it tonight. We went up to get Janet. Bill Johnson had put her to bed while Laura was at hospital with Donna. Rex got there just before the baby came. Wayne lost the key to his little car at Rex's. They spent 45 minutes looking for it, I found it.

September 30 Friday

Janet was tickled to find we had her high chair and little nursery chair here this morning. I ironed the clothes we washed yesterday, so Louis could have his things to go on trip with. Elaine gave Janet a bath with Ann. She curled her hair so cute, too. She took them both down to Strong's Genealogy meeting at Sue's tonight. Louis and I went to the hospital to see Donna. She is feeling just fine, and looked so lovely, bless her heart. The Lord surely answered our prayers in her behalf. We couldn't see our little new baby. I'm so anxious to see her. We took Sr. Marsh and Ruth over to Sunday School stake party in Glendale tonight. Rex rode to Glendale with us tonight. He was on the program in the circus stunt. He left his motorcycle at Marshes and he slept there all night.

October 1, Saturday

Ann is coming down with a head cold and I can't keep Janet away from her. Oh, dear, I hope she doesn't catch cold now. We must all be well when Donna brings the



Elvie Joan Marsh, six months old.



Janet, Donna, and Joan Marsh



Joan with big sister Janet

baby home. I did the cleaning and marked two pair of garments for Louis. He went shopping, bought sox, hankies, and garments to take on trip, he also bought a cheap suitcase. The Andersens called for Louis; they took him and Bill to the Union Pacific bus here in Highland Park. Rex drove me to the hospital to see Donna in our car. I saw our new baby, I can hardly wait to hold the darling in my arms. She doesn't look much like Janet did, but has black hair like she had. I could see Ruthie Marsh in her. Rex slept here. Louis and Bill left on the bus for Salt Lake City. Hope they'll have a grand vacation. Shirley took care of Janet tonight while I went to hospital.

October 2, Sunday

Elaine kept Janet this morning while we were in Sunday School. Sr. Bishop came, first time for two months or more, I was surely glad to see her. She told the children a fine story after Martha gave the lesson. I took care of opening exercises and picture coloring. I'm going to stay home next two weeks to help Donna with babies. We opened our building fund back in Sunday School The children's pennies came to \$3.32, nice eh! Rex ate dinner with Martha and Wayne. He went to Sunday School union meeting with them, too. I stayed home with Janet. She has a little cold in nose, I was afraid of it. Elaine and Ernie went to see Donna this afternoon. Wayne and Martha took Rex to the hospital tonight. I stayed home with Janet. Hope my sweetheart has a grand visit in Salt Lake. I guess Louis and Bill are in "old home town" now. Both Rex and Wayne taught classes in Sunday School union meeting today.

October 3, Monday

Rex took me up to his house Saturday night after we'd been to the hospital. I brought clothes for Janet, and Donna's laundry bag with soiled clothes in. Rex brought all food from ice box. I washed Donna's clothes today. Elaine and Florence both washed, so I had to hang my washing on my lines in the





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Joan was blessed by her great Uncle Al Hoglund and her great Uncle Charles Clayton was the clerk who filled out the certificate.





Joan and Donna Marsh in June 1939.

shade, a very poor place to dry, but it was a nice day, so the things got dry, anyway. I put Janet's hair up in pin curls; she looked so darn cute when it was combed out. Rex came tonight after work. I gave him some dinner, he said he'd take me to the hospital, but I thought it best to stay here and get Janet to bed early.

October 4, Tuesday

Janet sat so still and cute while I put her hair up in curls. I put a net on her hair while the curls dried, she was pleased cause it was like Grama had on. Her hair has a natural curl in the ends, but the top isn't too curly, and I'm trying to help it a little. I made pin curls on top and just brush ends around a pencil, it curls easy. Elaine took Ann to her mother's; she helped her get ready to move tomorrow. I kept Carol Sue; she is surely a good little soul. I did Donna's ironing this afternoon and evening. My eyes feel a little better, but still swollen and inflamed. I kept boric acid packs on them all night last nite.

October 5, Wednesday

I called the hospital this a.m., but they said not to come for check cause they did not intend paying until tomorrow. My eyes feel some better, but still look awful. I kept boric acid pack on them again last night. Rex took me to the hospital to see Donna this afternoon. Janet was asleep. Elaine kept watch over her for us; she was asleep when we got home. Rex woke her and we took her with us shopping, things for Donna and new baby. We also brought Janet's doll and buggy down, and some of her clothes. I saw the baby again today, she is very sweet, can't wait to hold her. Rex ate dinner with us, and then went to hospital this evening again; he took 80 postcards I'd bought with our class money to Paul Bailey at Mutual for me.

October 6, Thursday

I went to the General Hospital for Louis's paycheck. He gave me a note and his card, so I got it okay. Went to bank and deposited check, and then drew out enough to pay bills and run on for a few days. I bought several things for my Janet; I'm surely enjoying her, sox, panties, bobby pins, and little broom. She and Ann have had so much trouble over Ann's little broom, I thought I'd better get her one. Marty [Nickname for Martha Strong] stayed here with Janet, Annie took care of Elaine's children while she went to hospital to see Donna. She took baby a darling bonnet, and Gleaners sent a lovely big bath towel.

October 7, Friday

I got a letter from my husband; he and Bill must be having a wonderful time. Well, I'm glad, I wanted this to be a nice vacation, he's earned it, and so has Bill. First time Bill has been back home for 11 years. Louis said in his letter they were going to Aunt Lizzie Renshaw's funeral.



Elvie Joan Marsh with her curly hair in October 1940.



I'm so glad she has been relieved of her suffering. I do hope I can get Janet over this cold before Donna brings the new baby home. I talked to Donna this afternoon on phone. I wrote a card to Louis and one to Frances Helman, they are planning to have a Strong family society meeting like we do, in Pennsylvania.

October 8, Saturday

Something went wrong with our gas service today, and we had no gas from early a.m. until 5 p.m. I needed it so much today, too, with Donna and baby coming home from the hospital tomorrow. I wanted to cook several things, and do my kitchen and bathroom cleaning. I worked late this evening after gas was turned on again.

October 9, Sunday

I had a busy morning cooking leg of lamb, and preparing dinner, curling Janet's hair and getting her ready to go for Donna at the hospital. She was so excited about getting her mother; she could hardly wait for the nurse to bring her out to us. Rex went up in the hospital for Donna. The doctor kept us waiting as he didn't get there until 2 p.m., like we expected. We had several callers this evening, Marshes, Andersens, Hoglunds, and Oateses. We are thrilled to have our darlings home. The baby is so darn sweet. Janet likes her "baby sister" a lot. We are all tired tonight after our exciting day.

October 10, Monday

Florence Oates brought a nice lunch down to Donna and enough for Janet and me. Marty took Janet and Ann for a walk to playgrounds this morning. It helped us a lot.

Everyone is so nice to help. Florence made the baby's formula while she was here, the lunch was corn chowder and chocolate tapioca pudding, it was very good. Elaine gave the baby her bath; she has been so good to help us. Louis surprised us when he walked in this afternoon. I thought he'd surely stay two days longer. He brought a box of candy to Donna and me. We're glad he's home, though.

October 11, Tuesday

We are surely tickled with our baby's curly hair. It goes into little tight curls all over her head when it is washed. Lillian Rogers and baby boy ate lunch with us. She had been to the clinic near here with him. She brought Donna a sweet little dress for her baby, also a rattle. Our new baby is very good. Lorene did some ironing it was sweet of her, and she has a cold, is not well herself.

October 12, Wednesday

Louis and I did a big washing, he took over all the hard lifting and etcetera. Janet is cross at times because of her cold, she doesn't want to eat and it worries us. Our tiny baby was grand all day, slept most of the time, but she fussed from 10 p.m., until 2:30 a.m., off and on. I stayed up with her until 12:30, and then Rex took over. Poor boy was tired from painting and papering at

his house to surprise Donna. My eyes starting swelling and getting inflamed again this afternoon. Marty got dinner for us while I rested. Sweet girl! Henry Bailey [William Henry Bailey] called on us, Uncle Ralph's boy [Jacob Ralph Bailey]. Louis and I took Rex up some dinner. Janet went with us. Rex was over to Lewie's. Marty and Lorene took our washing home to iron. Nice, eh?!

October 13, Thursday

Louis started back to work this morning after his two weeks vacation. He had almost three weeks off. We got along fine with baby and days' work. Elaine gave baby her bath, I washed her clothes. Little Janet feels better, she wasn't as cross. Sue came up to take care of Elaine's children while Elaine went to "Married Gleaners" club. Rex went to his house from work again. He is painting and papering Donna's bedroom to surprise her. After work Louis took me to the eye doctor in Highland Park. He tested my eyes, said I was very badly in need of glasses. I hope they'll clear up this inflamed condition around my eyes. Marty did some ironing. We curled Janet's hair yesterday and today. She looks like a big doll, her hair has a natural curl in, so is easy to do.

October 14, Friday

We all slept well last night. Our baby went over her feeding time an hour each feeding. The kiddies in our neighborhood had a thrill when a man came around with a pony. He gave the little children a ride and took their picture while on it. Janet and Ann were afraid at first, but thought it fun to ride before he left here. I made a big pot of vegetable soup; Donna sat in a chair and helped me prepare the vegetables. Mary came over this evening and took Ann and Janet for a walk. She ate some

of our soup and chocolate pudding when she came back. Donna made the pudding. Louis wrote to Mother Renshaw. My eyes are better today; I kept boric acid packs on last night.

October 15, Saturday

I got a good early start this a.m. Donna got up and ate breakfast with me before Janet got up. I had the baby's washing out before her bath, so did the few bath clothes out later. Little Carol Sue is so good while Elaine is giving our baby her bath. Donna got dressed for first time since baby came. We took her to Highland Park. She bought Janet some new white shoes with the money Grama Renshaw sent. Louis and I took Janet with us to buy some rabbits. We brought Rex down here from his house for a bowl of soup. Louis and Rex put new light fixtures in bedroom. Margaret and Betty Mae [Renshaw] sent a pretty little pink silk dress and slip for baby Joan. I got my new glasses this evening.

October 16, Sunday

I was excused from my Sunday School class again today. Donna is feeling so fine I'm having an awful time keeping her down like she should be. She helped me fry the rabbit after I gave baby Joan her bath. I just had to give my baby one bath anyway, before they took her home. Elaine has given baby her baths all week. Louis had an awful headache when he came from Sunday School It was the watermelon he ate before going to bed last night, I think. Rex finished the cleaning up job in his house this a.m. He took Janet up with him. He has painted the bedroom, floor, woodwork, and ceiling, and papered bedroom. Lewie, his brother helped him all last week at nights. He even put new light fixtures in the room. It was all a surprise to Donna. She knew he was "up to something," but what?? Louis and I went to church tonight. Rex was moving their things out most of the afternoon. He took Donna and baby about 4 p.m. Janet was asleep, so we took her up later. Louis had a choir music practice with Sr. Carlson at Alta Thompson's house this afternoon.

October 17, Monday

It has surely been lonesome around here without Donna and babies. I had Janet almost three weeks, and Donna, Rex, and baby Joan, one week. Now they've all gone at once. I had to keep busy so as not to feel too badly. I took a bath first thing this a.m., and then washed out a few things by hand. I shampooed my hair and put it up in curls. Marty called Elaine to tell her to let me know she was going up to help Donna this morning, so I wouldn't worry about her. It was sweet of her. Everyone has been grand. Louis left me at Donna's tonight while he went to his choir practice at Lillian Rogers. Helen Martinez brought Donna's baby two

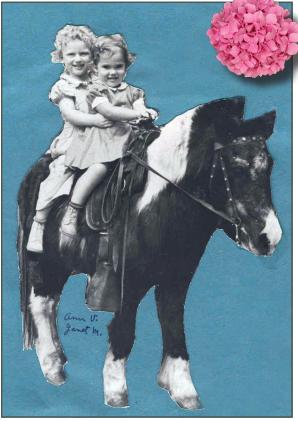
dainty little hand embroidered bibs. Rex's brother, Lewie, called while I was up there tonight. Donna's little house looks so nice and clean. Rex did a good job; he even bought flowers to put around. Sweet boy.

October 18, Tuesday

It is getting cold at nights and in the mornings now. Little Carol Sue got quite a bad burn on her little hand and forehead when she touched Elaine's heater this morning. Elaine ran over here with her, I had some burn ointment, from the hospital. She

Rex "Renews" the House While Donna is in the Hospital

To surprise Donna, Rex with the help of his brother Lewis, replaces light fixtures, paints and wallpapers. Rex also cleans the house and puts fresh flowers around. (The landlord must have been pleased. See November 20, he asked them to move. He wanted to move into their place.)



Ann Vandergrift and Janet Marsh ride a pony.

stopped crying soon after we got it dressed, poor little dear, it was a shame. Elaine took her to the clinic. Ann ate her breakfast over here with me. Elaine was getting ready to take Carol Sue to the clinic when she burned herself. Mr. Allen put some more clothes lines up over the garages this a.m. I guess we can both wash same day now, nice, eh?! Ann hasn't felt very well today, she has a fever tonight, and her eyes are red. She looks like she is coming down with measles, hope not. We enjoyed our radio this evening. I was wondering all the while how Donna and babies were. Marty was up there, I think.

October 19, Wednesday

Elaine kept Ann in bed all day; she surely acts like she's coming down with measles or scarlet fever. Her eyes look bad, so red. She's had a fever most of day. I sat with her while Elaine went to the market with Mrs. Boshell, in Mrs. B's car. It's a job trying to keep Carol Sue away from Ann. Boy, I do hope that little thing isn't going to have a bad illness. I went to Relief Society on the bus today, didn't feel like walking. I got excused from meeting 5 minutes early, so as to get to the bank before they locked me out. I just did make it. We rode over to Donna's tonight. Baby kept her up

until 2 a.m. this morning. She looks tired out; she has a bad headache, too.

October 20, Thursday

I used the new lines Mr. Allen put up for me over his garages this a.m. It is a swell place to dry clothes. I had a big washing because of my family all here last week. I kept Donna's washing here, also. Sue came over to sit with Ann while Elaine washed. Ann feels better today, no rash to see now, but she had a little eruption under her skin yesterday. We took Sue home this evening, she invited us to eat dinner with them, we did, and enjoyed it. Al is half ill with boils again. I'm so sorry for him. We took Sue to the Thrifty Drug store to get some Van Tage for Al to take. I bought a large can of popcorn at Big Bear market. Shirley went in for it. Bette stayed with Elaine's children while they went out. Elaine and Ernie ate spaghetti dinner at Marie Kendrick's this evening. We took Sue and Shirley over to Donna's tonight. The Marshes and Wayne and Marty were there, too. Our baby kept her Daddy up until 2 a.m. again.

October 21, Friday

I got my big ironing over with today to my surprise and delight. I was afraid I'd have to take two days for it, but I got an

early start, and felt better than usual. Ann was so much better this a.m. Elaine let her be up and dressed but kept her in the house today. I'm surely glad she's not going to have some contagious disease to worry Elaine, and make the poor little child ill. I turned the collar on Louis's and Rex's shirts this afternoon after ironing them. Janet has a

bad cough, she has caught more cold, bless her little heart, it surely bothers me when she isn't well.

October 22, Saturday

Louis worked all day on Mr. Allen's upstairs porch. He is putting on a roof, and screening it in so Mrs. Allen can keep things out there without them getting wet in rainy weather. I did some mending on my machine before starting my cleaning this a.m. This evening we went over to Donna's. I helped Donna put a mustard plaster on little Janet, she coughed most of last night. I held her on my lap for half hour while the plaster was on. She was very good and played with her picture books all the while. Bill brought Bishop home ill from work with his boils; he took him to Dr. Watkins first. Doctor lanced all three boils. We called to see him this evening, he is surely miserable with awful boils.

October 23, Sunday

Louis worked two hours on Allen's porch before going to Sunday School. Br. Keller has put our Sunday School class back in the kitchen. I like it better, too, if only we had enough room. We enjoyed a nice dinner at the Highland Park Café, and then Louis took me for a lovely drive over

to Sunland Park and around Burbank and Glendale. We came home and enjoyed a nap before going up to see Donna and our babies. Janet's cough is much lighter, I'm happy to write. Baby Joan is getting cuter every minute and fatter, too. Just as we were leaving for church, Marshes called at Donna's. Br. Goodsell and Uncle Bill spoke in church. Bishop was so ill with his boils; he didn't come out to church today. Farrel Eckles and wife and two children came to Sunday School to visit.



Sunland Park 8651 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, CA.

A Sunday drive is an automobile trip, primarily in the United States, typically taken for pleasure or leisure on a Sunday, usually in the afternoon. During the Sunday drive, there is typically no destination and no rush.

The use of the automobile for the Sunday drive began in the 1920s and 1930s. The idea was that the automobile was not used for commuting or errands, but for pleasure. There would be no rush to reach any particular destination. The practice became increasingly popular throughout the 20th century. Parkways were constructed for recreational driving of this sort.

—Wikipedia

October 24, Monday

Sue, Al, Elaine, and Ernie's Wedding anniversary, 26 years for Sue and Al, and 4 years for Elaine and Ernie. I watered lawn and flowers first thing this a.m. Washed out a few underthings, darned sox, and ironed a small ironing. I finished the little jacket for baby Joan, embroidered little kitten on this one. Sue, Al, Elaine, and Ernie all went to town to dinner and a show. Bette and Shirley came up to take care of Elaine's children. Tonight Louis went to his choir practice at Lillian Rogers. I stayed home. Mr. Allen has two weeks' vacation; he and Mrs. Allen went to the ranch. Ellie is staying with sister Florence.

October 25, Tuesday

Sr. Viola Sorenson came for me at 1 p.m., we went teaching. We found all but one lady home, so it took us until almost 5 p.m. to do our visiting. This evening Louis and I drove to Donna's. Oh, how I wish my darlings lived near enough for me to run in and help Donna every morning. I'm so

afraid she'll work too hard before her strength is back as it should be. Rex drove us home, Donna and babies came for a ride, she is going to use our car tomorrow to take Janet to Roy Webber's birthday party over in Glendale.

October 26, Wednesday

Louis went to work on the bus, so Donna could use his car to take Janet to Roy Webber's birthday party today. We took the car up last night, Rex drove us home. Donna came for me this a.m. about 10:30, Janet was with her. Laura looked after baby Joan. We did a little shopping in Kress. I went to the bank to draw six dollars from savings account, and bought a few things for our lunch at Safeway Store. Janet looked like lovely doll, in pink taffeta dress, and hair in curls with pink ribbon around head. Louis came for me after getting haircut on York Boulevard. Donna and Janet came a few minutes past 5 p.m. They had a nice time. Leslie took moving pictures of kiddies and mothers. Elaine and children rode to Highland Park with us this a.m. I wore Donna's Indian costume at the Halloween dance tonight. We had a nice time. Wayne took the prize. He was dressed in the African native costume he brought home from mission. Very good.

October 27, Thursday

We drove Elaine, Ernie, Sue, Bette, and Shirley to the dance last night. Al hasn't got his car yet, and Ernie had a "blowout" last evening. He put on a new tire this evening. I made forty hectograph copies of a picture for my Sunday School class to color today. I also mended three house dresses for Donna. Louis was late getting home this evening. He called in Bill's first. I think he helped Bill and Glen put a new axle in their car. Beverly invited us over to dinner next Sunday, generous child. She would think of something nice like that. Just like her folks. We rode over to see Donna and family. Wayne was working late; Martha was there, also the Marshes.

October 28, Friday

Florence called Elaine this a.m., said Rex had called her to say that Donna was ill with fever. He wanted her to get me over there in her car, as he knew the hill climbing is hard on me. I was surely upset to see Donna red with fever, yet chilling. She'd been up to get Janet her breakfast and change baby Joan. Donna has been working too hard, the baby isn't a month old until tomorrow, yet, she's been on the job a week. Oh, it worries me so cause I'm not strong enough to climb her hill and help her until she is well again. How I wish she lived near me, I could help a lot then. I got dinner for all of us at Donna's. Louis waited until I got babies to bed, both have little colds. I got half of Donna's ironing done, she and

Martha washed yesterday. Rex gave Donna a good alcohol rub after we left tonight.

October 29, Saturday

Louis went to do a carpenter job for a friend of Mr. Graves. His wife, Mrs. Graves, is a very good friend of Mrs. Allen, our landlady. He did a job for them a few weeks ago. I rode to Donna's with him, 7:30 a.m. I was so happy to find her feeling so much better. I tried to keep her in bed all day, but she got up in afternoon. Baby Joan is a lot better, too. The Argyrol in little nose last night cleared the phlegm away. [Argyrol is the trade name for an antiseptic containing compounded solutions of mild silver protein, each varying in strength.] Miriam Marsh took Janet away all morning to play with her little girl, Robin. She gave Janet her lunch, it was a big help to us. I made a big pan of soup and cooked applesauce, also finished ironing. Louis called for me, we brought Janet home. Rex and Donna went to the P.M. Halloween party at Elaine's tonight. They had a "scavenger hunt." I kept both babies here. Louis went to a dance in Huntington Park with Br. and Sr. Farnsworth.



Wayne Strong riding in rickshaw. Wayne wore an African native costume for the Halloween party.

October 30, Sunday

It is stake conference today. I've waited so long to go, and my husband was sick in bed, so I couldn't. He started chilling early this a.m., his hand is swollen a lot. We think he was bitten by a black widow spider. He wouldn't let me call the doctor. I put hot Epsom salt packs on it all day. We were invited over to Annie's to dinner; I called to tell her we couldn't come. Beverly and Glen brought a grand dinner over, all hot and ready to eat. They even brought ice cream. We both enjoyed the lovely dinner. It was surely nice of them. Bev brought some of her good fudge, too. Louis's is 101, he stayed in bed all day. Oh, dear, I just got Donna over her fever, now him. Thankful I'm okay.

October 31, Monday

Louis's hand seemed more swollen and he felt worse at 3 a.m., so I got up and sliced a lemon and bound it up on the swollen part. We have been using the hot Epsom salt packs. Mrs. Allen came in this morning, it was then we noticed three red streaks running up his arm. I got frightened and called Dr. Watkins, he was in Utah I found out, after waiting two hours for him. I had Dr. Johnson in same building, come out. He said it was blood poison, the hot Epsom salt packs were best treatment we could use. He gave a prescription, some tablets. Glen took me over to tell Mrs. Bush Louis couldn't drive her to work tomorrow. And over to Donna's to

take the baby powder she left here. He took Sue and Elaine, also. They bought things for Bette's Halloween party tonight. Elaine left the Halloween decorations up in her house from party Saturday night, so Bette could have a party there tonite.

November 1, Tuesday

I feel encouraged today. I think we are checking the blood poison. The red streaks up Louis's arm are getting fainter and his temperature is going down. I walked to the drug store for more tablets, the druggist said he'd send them down, but the girl couldn't find our house, so she took them back. He was sorry I had to come for them, so was I. But I wanted Louis to have them tonight. Ralph Keller came with a 1939 Plymouth car for his father's company. He brought two of them back from Detroit, Michigan. Rex called to see how Louis was feeling, also. Lorene and Raymond came. Ralph slept here; he was tired out

from driving so long. I took a bath before going to bed.

November 2, Wednesday

Ralph left soon after breakfast, he intended to shop in town, and leave for home this evening. Louis feels much better today, so of course I do too. Sue called on Elaine's phone, she thought we should postpone our Strong's meeting Friday night, cause so few of us can go. Al hasn't his car yet, Bev is using their car, and Louis is ill. She called Blanche and Ruth later, so it was postponed until next month. Wayne and Marty called in to see Louis after Mutual. I'm sorry I had to miss my Relief Society today. Choir members sent Louis a cute get

November 3, Thursday

well card.

We kept the hot packs on Louis's hand all night again it looks a lot better, but we can see some inflammation still in the middle knuckle. He went to the doctor's office and baked it for half an hour under the light. It was his first day up and dressed since Saturday. He felt weak and went to bed when he got home. I did the vacuuming today and changed the bedding. Lillian Rogers and baby and Sr. Stead called to see Louis. Sr. Stead brought our neighbor, Mrs. Pierce, over to get acquainted. Mrs. Pierce sent Louis some buttermilk later. Mrs. Fleming called up to see how Louis was getting along. He was working on a job for her.



November 4, Friday

I got up early and did my two weeks washing. I'm so happy Louis is better, that blood poisoning had me worried. He got up and dressed and stayed up all day today. We took a ride over to Donna's. I was surely longing to see her and darling babies. The tiny one is growing so fast, bless her dear little heart. I made a tapioca pudding for Donna. Janet was glad to see us. Oh, how I do love my darlings.

November 5, Saturday

Louis went over to finish the little carpenter job he started for a lady last Saturday, a Mrs. Fleming at 226 South Olive Street. She is a sweet little old lady; she called up to see how Louis was feeling last Thursday. I rode to the hospital with Louis this a.m. for his check. We went to bank and paid bills there, also light bill

and eye doctor, for my glasses, before he went to job. I went to Donna's, he took me. I helped Donna with work and ironing, she went to Highland Park for hair dress

from Sammy at 3:30. She bought a little brown sweater and overalls for Janet. We, Louis

and I, went down to bring her home and took Janet. I got dinner while Donna nursed baby tonight. We

brought Janet home tonight to sleep here.

November 6, Sunday— Baby Joan was Blessed Today. Janet ate a big breakfast

Janet ate a big breakfast which made Grama Elvie happy. I surely do enjoy having my little Janet stay with me. We took her to Sunday School. I put her hair in pin curls last night; it was real curly this a.m. She looked cute with pink taffeta

dress, and pink bow on hair.
Louis went up for Donna and baby
after the opening exercises. Al gave the
baby her name and blessing. I took
Janet in the fast meeting to hear and
see "baby sister" get her name, "Elvie
Joan." The baby looked so sweet in
little pink silk robe, booties and shawl
that Janet wore when she was blessed.
She had darling bonnet Elaine gave her on.

Sr. Carlson treated us to fruit and bread this evening. We went o Sunday School union meeting in Carlson's car. Br. Carlson gave me some lovely flowers.



Oct. 30, 1939 a year after Joan's blessing by Uncle Al Hoglund.

November 7, Monday

I washed a few things out this a.m. by hand. Elaine did a big machine washing. I spent most of the day ironing. Elaine left her children asleep, in my care, while she went to Highland Park. Louis took me to Lorene's for my temple recommend this evening. [Charles Clayton was in the Bishopric.] I'll mail it to President Cannon in a.m. for him to sign. [No second interview required in 1938.] We took Janet's clothes up to her, too, before dinner. I washed and ironed the little dress and slip, and washed sleepers, she looked so darn cute in new overalls, brown, with yellow trim. Louis went to his choir practice tonight. I enjoyed the radio. I gave Carol Sue her bath over here this a.m. The Mutual meeting last night was very good. Marty gave good talk, also Florence Oates and Lillian Rogers. President Cannon was last speaker. Fine.

November 8, Tuesday

I'm surely glad election will be over today, I'm so darn tired of the radio political campaigning talks on every station. I voted about noon, and then walked to Annie's to let her take some money for a few days. I took the street car in front of Annie's and went uptown. Bought a little black felt hat, some bedroom slippers, also tooth paste. Eva Udall and June Hays came this p.m. to see if I was going on the temple excursion to Arizona Tuesday. Eva was surely happy to hear I was. I went with them to see Marty, but she was out, they

left a note inviting her and Wayne to go also. Lorene and Charlie came this evening. We listened to the election returns. "Ham and eggs" are losing out.



The Ham and Eggs Movement

The Ham and Eggs movement was an old-age pension movement in California during the 1930s. It was originally founded by Robert Noble, a controversial radio personality, and Willis Allen. It grew out of a pension movement similar to the one advocated by Francis Townsend. The Ham and Eggs lobby wanted a massive state pension apparatus and inundated the State Legislature with mail. At one time, their movement had almost one million members. However, their movement was narrowly defeated in an initiative election in 1938.

Robert Noble was later arrested on charges of pro-Nazism during World War II. Willis and Lawrence Allen, brothers who owned a radio station south of the Mexican border, took over the movement. The brothers' advisor and spokeswoman was Gertrude Coogan, an investment counselor. They were proponents of proposition 25, 1938, which was the idea of Irving Fisher.

...anyone qualified to vote in California and aged fifty or older without a job would receive \$30 of "warrants" every week. Each \$1 warrant would require a two-cent tax paid weekly to keep the note valid until redeemed. The warrants would be legal tender for payment of state taxes.

It was assumed that to avoid paying the weekly taxes on the money, the tender would be spent immediately, thus boosting the depressed economy. A cited example was the opportunity to trade up in foodstuffs from breakfast oatmeal to ham and eggs, hence the name 'Ham and Eggs Movement'. While it may not have had an effect on the economy, similar plans gave Social Security a more moderate face. —Wikipedia

November 9, Wednesday

Yes, ham and eggs lost in the election, but gave them a close run for it. It was the retirement life payment plan. Governor Mirriam lost, we'll have a new governor now, Culbert L. Olsen, and our state went Democrat. We didn't have Relief Society today because ladies were preparing dinner and getting material ready for sale, quilts, aprons, flowers and etcetera. It was their annual



Culbert L. Olsen

dinner. Sammy started my permanent at 3 p.m. I was out at 5:15; it was the first end curl for me, not bad at all. I don't think I'll want an allover permanent again. Sr. Sorenson and I did our block teaching this a.m., invited folks out to the dinner tonight. Louis and I ate dinner home; my train fare took our change.

November 10, Thursday

Vera Reiche called to see if we'd take her mother, Sr. Chandler, to the depot with us this evening. Miriam and baby brought her over here. She said she'd take us so Louis wouldn't be late for his choir practice, but Louis wanted to take me down, so Sr. Chandler went with us. Bro. Stead got our tickets for us, about fifty-eight L.D.S. folks went on this temple excursion to the Mesa temple in Arizona. From our ward, four of us, Eva Udall, Helen Chandler, Sr. Daylor, Dave's mother, and myself. Br. Stead made us all comfortable for the night, he made all chairs into beds. Sr. Chandler and I got on the wrong train first, but changed in time to ride with our stake people. Apostle Ballard got on our train, was surprised to find all the L.D.S. people on. He stayed with us on trip. P.S. Sue came up to stay with Elaine's children this morning while she went to the Married Gleaner luncheon at Miriam Marsh's. Vera helped Miriam serve. Laura took care of Donna's children.



November 11, Friday

I didn't rest very well, my coat wasn't long enough to keep feet and shoulders warm at same time. I got up about 4:30 didn't want to crawl back over the large sister on my outside, so I stayed up. I was the first in the diner for breakfast. Got lots of attention from colored waiters, which was embarrassing to me,

not being used to so much attention. I wrote cards to Louis and Donna while on the observation car. Some of the Mesa Saints met us with their cars, at the station, and took us to the temple, lovely people. We went through three sessions. The sisters served hot vegetable soup between first and second session, at noon, also some fresh dates. Eva gave me some lunch in evening. Got out of temple at 10:30 p.m. Good bed in Sr. Hilton's home. Apostle Ballard spoke to us in a group on the train, grand message.



Apostle Melvin J. Ballard

November 12, Saturday

Sr. Hilton was grand to me, wouldn't let me pay for bed. I left some change for her two children. I ate some of Eva's fruit in temple. Everyone is so kind here, grand spirit. We had a nice meeting at 8 a.m., about 23 more of our stake workers came on the train this a.m. We had a large crowd going through

the temple today. I did the work for two of Sr. Valentine's dead relatives yesterday, and one of Helen Chandler's today. I did two names for Eva Udall. also. I asked for Bailey names, but none of our own there. We enjoyed more good soup in temple. We had a wonderful testimony meeting after second session while still in our robes. Ralph [Ralph Melvin Keller] and Louise [Ruth Louise Keller] came for me at 5 p.m., took me to Phoenix. Lillian [Lillian Ella Olorenshaw] had a grand dinner ready. Ralph drove me over to see Fawn and Alta; both have nice families and homes. Tonight we went to town to see the celebration of Fiesta Del Sol, whole town was out.



Ralph, Shirley & Louise Keller circa 1930



November 13, Sunday

Jack and Ralph went on a business trip to Superior, Arizona this morning. I woke Lillian and girls up at 8 a.m. We had to hurry cause their Sunday School starts at 9 a.m. while their new chapel is being built, they use the Second Ward chapel. The Third Ward are in class rooms while the Second Ward is having opening exercises. They hold night meeting together. Lillian took me through their new building, it'll be grand when finished. They're going to use it for a stake house, also. Lillian and I went for a nice long ride around the city. I am surprised that Phoenix is such a large and lovely place, lots of beautiful homes here. We all went to church again tonight. Shirley [Lillian Shirley Keller] made a date for big Mutual dance Wednesday. Flowers and plants

froze last night. Everyone is talking about the cold weather. I didn't notice it so much as they did.

November 14, Monday

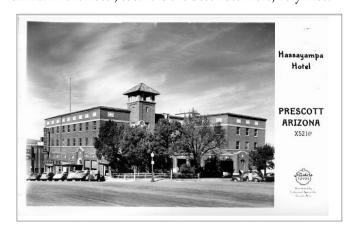
Lillian and I rested all day; I had cramps, so was glad to rest. Shirley came home from work at Capital building to eat lunch with Lillian and me. Jack went out of town again this afternoon, this time to Tucson, Arizona. He invited me to go along, but I wasn't feeling like a long ride. We are surely enjoying the fireplace each evening and morning. I wish Louis was here, too. I have a big bed all to myself, they won't hear of me sleeping on the cot, so Lillian and Jack can have their room and bed. Won't listen to me. It's Louis's choir party in L.A. I hope he has a nice time.

November 15, Tuesday

Lillian and I met Shirley uptown at noon. She treated Shirley and me to lunch, very good. We shopped around after Shirley went back to work. I bought some fruit on way home, also some candy. I bought toys for my babies in L.A., bless their hearts. Wish I had money to buy something nice for all. Jack came back this evening from Tucson. He said I should have gone with him. The folks here think the weather awfully cold, I don't seem to notice it as much. Jack brought some good chocolates home. We played the game Lillian bought for Louise. Marble checkers.

November 16, Wednesday

Lillian took me next door to meet her neighbor. She is a very nice Syrian woman. She took us through her lovely home to see new paint. She is having it painted inside and out. It was lovely and warm today. Lillian and I enjoyed a nice sunbath out in front yard this afternoon. Jack came for me at 4 p.m. We left for Prescott. Lillian had a singing practice, so couldn't go, but she insisted on me taking the trip. Tonight is Shirley's big formal dance. Lillian wanted to help her get dressed, also. The drive to Prescott was lovely. I enjoyed it. Jack got some nice rooms for us at the Hassayampa Hotel. We ate our dinner in the hotel, too. It is the best hotel here, very nice.



November 17, Thursday

I enjoyed a good nights rest, wrote a card to Louis before leaving hotel. Jack left early for the mine. Prescott is a very pretty little town nestled here in the pine trees high up in the mountains. Many of the stores, hotels, and town, out

in Arizona have Indian names, the hotel we are staying in is an Indian name, "Hassayampa." The air is so cool and refreshing, I even ate hot cakes for breakfast and felt grand after. I went in and out of the department stores, walked to Santa Fe depot, and over to the court house, also took nice long walk to hills. I bought some nuts and dates and crackers, went back to hotel, enjoyed same, and took a nap before Jack came. The drive back was grand. Jack treated to pie on way home. We played Louise's marble checker game. Lillian had to go out to sing tonight. Jack, Louise, and I played the game and ate some good chocolates he brought home. Little Betty, a friend of the family, came to sleep I put her in bed with me.

November 18, Friday

Lillian was mad when she found Betty had slept with me, she was afraid she'd kick and I wouldn't rest, but I slept okay. Betty is a sweet child. I enjoyed her company. Lillian took me out to see their beautiful country club. We called

on her friends, the Henreys, and then went to another friend, Laura. She told Lillian to bring me over for lunch, which I enjoyed very much. Shirley and Louise took me for a nice drive this evening while Lillian was preparing dinner. Shirley called for her girlfriend, too. We spent a nice evening in front of the fireplace, my train left at 9 p.m. Jack, Lillian, Shirley, Louise, and a boyfriend, Elmo, went to the station with me. They've been so nice.



Shirley Keller 1938

November 19, Saturday

It was a long night. I can't sleep very well in the chair cars even though I had both seats to myself. We arrived in L.A. at 7 a.m. I was tickled to see my darling husband at the station. I thought I'd have to go home on the street car. We ate breakfast in Highland Park, and then he took me up to see Donna and children. I am surely glad to be home with my loved ones, I missed them so. We brought Janet down home until after lunch, took her back for her nap. I was so tired; I just had to have a nap this afternoon, too. We both slept. We called in Donna's again this evening. Louis took me to the Park show tonight.

November 20, Sunday

I cooked Donna's roast this morning, they came here to dinner. Mrs. Boswell is moving from her house across the street, to one across from Elaine on Avenue 63. Rex and Donna have decided to move into the one Mrs. Boshell is moving from. I'm so happy about it; it'll be grand to have my darlings so near me. I've always wanted it so; they paid the

landlady \$5.00 to hold the place. Mr. Fuller, their land lord, asked them to move from their house. He wanted to move into it. Louis and I went to church tonight. Rex and Donna took the babies home.

Sometimes Wishes Do Come True!

Elvie has written in her diary many times how she wished Donna lived close by. It is easy to imagine how happy she was to have the Marsh family move right across the street from her home.

November 21, Monday

I was sick to my stomach when I got up at 6 a.m., went back to bed after Louis left for work. Got up sick again at 8 a.m., couldn't hold anything down, and was running off the bowels to make it worse. Elaine washed and dyed her kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom curtains, she used my stretcher. I tried to help her put them on, but felt so ill had to go back to bed. After all Elaine's work she finds she is one curtain short for her bedroom, and will have to buy new ones, anyway. Louis went to choir practice tonight.

November 22, Tuesday

Sue and Al called for me at nine o'clock this morning. They had Sr. Burnett along. It was a treat to ride in Bishop's brand new car. We went to town. I bought 15 yards of curtain net in Woolworth's store and some little brown balls to trim with. Sue bought Elaine the same amount for her bedroom curtains. I brought all home and measured mine ready to sew up. Found I needed 3 yards more, it takes 18 yards to make curtains for the two front rooms in Donna's new place. Sue called Elaine from town, so she asked her to bring it to me. I got all I had made up, the strap broke on my machine so finished on Elaine's electric. Sr. Marsh called me on Elaine's phone to invite us to dinner on Thanksgiving. Today little Ann fell in the cactus garden, poor little dear held her breath so long, she passed out. Elaine and I spent a long time getting the spiny thorns out.



2013 photo of Elvie's treadle sewing machine mentioned above in grand daughter Mary Tibbets' home. Perhaps the strap Elvie mentions was the belt that is visible going from the sewing machine to the mechanical area in the knee space. Behind the sewing machine are three of Mary's many beautiful quilts.

November 23, Wednesday

Louis and I went over to Donna's house (the one they're moving into tomorrow morning). We washed all the wood work, windows, inside and out, and floors, in fact we gave the place a good going over. We got her rugs down, curtains up, and clothes hung in both closets. The new curtains I made yesterday look nice. I think they'll be very cozy in this little home and oh, how grand it is for me to have my darling children so near where I can see them every day. I am surely blessed. Donna was busy up at the other house all day. She didn't get down, but Rex brought some things down in our car tonight. We brought a load this afternoon. Rex was pleased and surprised with the new curtains.

November 24, Thursday—Thanksgiving Day, Rex and Donna moved on La Riba Way.

Rex brought the first load in his father's truck before seven o'clock this morning. Louis, Ernie Vandergrift, and his brother, Lewie, helped him move. He brought Donna and children down early. I gave baby her bath and kept children here while Donna helped over at house. Elaine helped Donna all morning. Lewie brought his little Robin girl, so I took care of her, too, while he worked. We all got cleaned up in time for the big Thanksgiving dinner at Marshes' at 2 p.m. We were all good and hungry after working all a.m. And oh, it was a grand dinner. The children sat at one table, six little darlings, [Ernie, Elaine, Irene and Diane Oates, Robin Marsh and Janet Marsh] looked so cute, baby Elvie Joan slept through it all,

bless her heart. We had turkey, chicken, and rabbit, and all the trimmings, mince and pumpkin pie, with ice cream, and a banananut cake that Florence [Oates] made. It was delicious dinner from start to finish. Sr. Marsh had to go back to work. Rex washed all dishes; LaVern Olson dried most of them. Donna helped. Miriam and I cleared off table. LaVern took care of all babies at Florence's tonight while we all went to the Highland theater. Saw good picture, Wallace Beery and Mickey Rooney in "Stable Mates," also Wayne Morris, Priscilla Lane, in "Brother Rat." Went back to Marshes after show, more good eats. A real day of Thanksgiving for me.

November 25, Friday

I did a big washing three weeks of mine, and baby Joan's clothes. Louis helped Donna get things in order at her place. He cleaned her yard up fine, too. Marty came and helped her, also. Louis broke Donna's big mirror, he felt dreadful about it. We are all tired, but happy tonight. Elaine is house cleaning. She cleaned woodwork in kitchen today.

November 26, Saturday

I made curtains for Donna's bathroom, three windows in it, out of some old curtains Sr. Marsh gave her, also made the door curtain for front door, new, like the curtains in front and dining rooms. Louis made a drawer for Donna's knives, forks, and spoons. He put it in the side of her sink. I did my cleaning this afternoon. Louis took Janet with him up to her old home while he did a little cleaning up, garage, and etcetera. She got into some powdered paints Rex had there. She rubbed them on her face; she was a sight from head to toe. Laura washed her face and hands before sending her back. Louis took Rex and me to Boy's Market tonight for groceries.







Attendant Lucille Evans and bride Elaine Hoglund Vandergrift on Elaine and Ernie's wedding day in October, 12, 1934.

November 27, Sunday

Elaine came over this a.m. to tell us that Lloyd Pack had given Lucille Evans an engagement ring. He brought the diamond back from Holland. Br. Keller called Marty and me out of class in Sunday School to ask us to help with the Sunday School Christmas program. Oh, dear, another worry. Marty and Sr. Bishop both plan on going to Salt Lake for the holidays. I'll be left alone with children. Oh, oh! Raymond took Donna and Marty to hear a grand concert of Russian singers this afternoon in the Philharmonic. His friend Dick went, too. They had invited Lucille Evans and sister Mary Evelyn, but Lucille got engaged to Lloyd, and he didn't like her going with Ray, so our girls got a break. I took care of Donna's children. Baby Joan slept all the while,



darling. Janet had a nice nap. I had to wake her up to curl hair for church tonight. She enjoyed the children in the conference. Marshes called in before church at Donna's, also Dick Johnston. We had a house full of company when she and Marty came home. Sue and Al brought Harold Dent over to see us this afternoon. He is on a genealogical convention from Salt Lake. The Primary conference was good. Donna and Rex took both babies.

Monday 28, Monday

I got up early to get Louis his breakfast. It is surely cold in the mornings now, but beautifully warm in day time. I wrote a letter to Frances Helman and sent the poem she asked me to compose for the front page of the book they are preparing for Beth Strong, who is getting married December 20. They are gathering favorite recipes from relatives for Beth and Dick. I ironed all afternoon, still have five shirts left. I had ten shirts in ironing, but it was three weeks washing. Elaine and Donna went to Highland Park this late afternoon. They left me in charge, babies were all four asleep. I did Elaine's dishes, she'd made a lot of cupcakes for the Married Gleaner building fund luncheon tomorrow at her mother's home.

Louis fixed Donna's kitchen light and towel rack. Rex had a cold tonight so Donna didn't go to Marion Stillman's stork shower at Egan's. She sent gift with Florence Oates.

November 29, Tuesday—Uncle Clarence Strong Passed Away.

Br. Cris Peterson [Christian Emil Petersen] and Sr. Haight's daughter, Lillian, both died this afternoon. Wayne got a letter from his folks telling that Uncle Clarence Strong had died. [Clarence Thomas Strong, Mary Elizabeth Strong's brother. He was youngest in the family. He was 56 years old.] I surely feel bad about it. I just can't seem to credit this awful news. They say he was operated on for appendicitis. My heart aches for Aunt Ruby and children [Ruby Angeline Donelson]. We heard of two other deaths today, Br. Cris Peterson from heart trouble, [He was 59 years old.] and Sr. Haight's daughter, Lillian, nervous breakdown, both of Garvanza Ward. [Lillian Bell Haight was 36 years old. She was married and had one 15 year old son at the time of her death.] Elaine left Carol Sue all day with Donna while she had her Married Gleaner building fund party at Sue's house. I went, 25¢ each, we played "Bingo." I won twice, comb and cute little jam dish, gave comb to Alice Schults. We didn't know about Uncle Clarence until tonight, so enjoyed the party. Louis and Mr. Allen put a plaster board ceiling on the children's bedroom in Elaine's house.

November 30, Wednesday—Ward Play Tonight

I can't get Uncle Clarence off my mind. It just doesn't seem right for him to die, too awful. Oh, but I am enjoying my Donna and her babies so near. It is grand to see them every morning. I went to Relief Society meeting. We had



James Thomas Strong and Catherine Swaner Family: Left to right—Arthur E., Mary E., James W., James T., John A., Catherine S., Julia A., Ernest J., sitting on the floor—Ettie I., Alvin C., Clarence T. Strong

stake visitors, President Williams and Sr. Hinkley. I went with Lorene after meeting to the baby shop to buy a baby book. She sent it home with me to Donna for little Joan. It is very lovely, blue silk cover. Louis went to church hall as soon as he got home this afternoon. He and Br. Overlade worked until 7:30 putting up the scenery for play tonight. He took our dining room curtains, four chairs, my bird cage, and my little rugs. The play "The Family Upstairs," was given very well by Garvanza Welfare Committee. Stan Farnsworth in charge. Yesterday I wrote cards to Blanche, Ellen, Nora, and Violet asking for recipes to put in a book Frances Helman is sending to Beth Strong.

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Wayne and Marty. We had a nice meeting. Sang Christmas songs, read letters from Frances Helman, a reading from Sue, a duet from Ruth and Louis, "Star of the East," and had a very nice time. Ruth and I served mince pie and hot chocolate. Annie looks swell with new teeth.

December 3, Saturday

I got up early, while Louis slept, to finish his talk. He insists I read through the chapters and get important parts for him. He really hasn't had a minute to do it himself, I know. I wrote it in story form, had to read through Third Nephi to get it, but enjoyed doing so. It was very interesting and beautiful, "Christ's

Ministry Among the Nephites." Donna typed it for him when I'd finished it. Louis put two windows in Mrs. Allen's upstairs back porch. He had to cut them off first, had trouble cutting the glass, so each has a little crack in which hurt his feelings. Tonight Louis and I walked around Highland Park. We priced table and chair sets for Janet's Christmas. Called in to see Donna and family before retiring. Rex made malted milks. Very good.

December 4, Sunday

I made beef loaf this morning before going to 9 a.m. officers and teachers meeting. Bishop spoke, and then called on several of us, Louis and I included. Very good spirit in the meeting, several mentioned it after. Sr. Marsh invited Louis and I down to dinner. They had Rex and Donna, and wanted

Marty and Wayne, but they were already invited to a friend's house in Whittier, so we went in their place, nice, eh?! It was a lovely dinner as usual.

Louis took Sister Marsh and me to Sunday

School union meeting. We called for Br. Carlson. We ate more ice cream after taking Sr. Marsh home. Louis gave his reading very well in church tonight.

We attended four meetings this day. It was the Mutual meeting tonight. It was hot today, like July-88 degrees.

December 5, Monday— Birthday and Payday, nice eh?!

My darling Janet came over first thing to give me a birthday kiss. Little Ann brought me pretty white rose and she sang "Happy Birthday: for me. Darlings, both! Another warm day, almost too warm for December. I helped Donna a little, cleaning up front rooms, she insisted on making a birthday cake, bless her heart, with all her work. I gave baby Joan a sun bath, the little darling has a head cold again. Louis called me on Allen's phone, wanted me to meet him in front of the hospital at 4 p.m. We went to town, bought a pretty new dress for my birthday gift, the new shade, I've

December 1, Thursday

We had a full house for play last night. The cast did swell. The players were Stan Farnsworth, Nellie Imsen, Inis Stanton, Jimmy Craddock, Colleen Gunn, William Johnson, Rachel Olmstead, Keith Gunn and Alta Goodsell. I spent most of the day in Kresses' undertaking parlors. We had funeral service for Br. Cris Peterson at ten o'clock this morning. Sr. Peterson was too ill in hospital to attend. Lillian and Sr. Hanson are taking his body back to Salt Lake City, Utah for burial. At 1:30 we held funeral services for Lillian Lawrence, Sr. Haight's daughter. I did not know Lillian, but know her mother and sister Kate.

December 2, Friday

Elaine took little Ann with her uptown this morning, but she left baby Carol Sue with me. The poor little dear got a bad bump on her forehead. She tried to climb up to one of my kitchen chairs and pulled it over on top of her. I think I felt worse about it than she, as she was laughing a few minutes later. Sue brought a letter from Mildred [Bailey, Owen James Bailey's daughter] telling of Uncle Clarence's death in detail last nite. Beverly brought me home from morning funeral yesterday, and the Bishop brought me home from funeral in afternoon. Two of Sr. Haight's daughters were in his car, also Alta Thompson and Ruth Cartwright, who sang. Little Carol Sue was good today, bump and all. Janet played in with her until Donna took Janet home for bath and lunch and nap. Elaine's phone is disconnected so no one can call us now from there. I'm so glad my Donna is down near us. We took Annie and Bill with us to Ruth's in Whittier, California to the Strong's meeting tonight.

feeling well, so they didn't go. Sue and Al took Elvie Renshaw, 1936

Called for Lorene and Charles, but she wasn't

forgotten name, but it's a rose lavender shade. He also bought me black purse, and some silk hose. We bought a pair for Donna, too. My folks came tonight. Sue gave hose, lovely, Lorene gave a pretty yellow bath towel, Bev gave box of fresh dates, and Annie brought four bottles of her good pickles and fruit. We called in the baby shop on our way home from town today, and bought a table and two chairs for Janet's Christmas. It is a darling set, I think.

December 6, Tuesday

Janet tickled me so yesterday morning. She came running over calling "Happy Birthday, Elvie," all the way. She says, "I come to kiss you, Grama Elvie." The best gift I got, bless her heart. I thrill all over every time I think of

them living across the street from me, I surely am blessed. Baby Joan is so darling, too. I went down on the Avenue this morning to pay bills, gas, light, ice box, stove, and bank note. I can surely get rid of the money, eh?! Elaine thought she paid her gas bill last month, but they sent another and she cannot find her receipt, so it's her hard luck, I guess. Rex drove Donna and me, in our car, over to Chandler's home tonight. Miriam Marsh gave a building fund party, 25¢ each. We had a nice time. Louis wouldn't go; Marty took care of Donna's babies.

December 7, Wednesday

I shampooed my hair this a.m. I intended going to teachers meeting at 12:30, but my back aches so darn bad, I stayed home all afternoon. Sorry to miss the Relief Society meeting, too. My head ached all day yesterday; I can still

feel some ache, but not as bad. I ate lunch with Janet and Donna. I went over to see baby Joan when Donna called to tell me she was awake, and smiling so cute. She's growing so lovely. I curled Janet's hair again this morning, just brushed it around a pencil, it stayed in fine, too. Louis worked all evening on a little cupboard he is making for Janet's Christmas. He's making it out of some Fuller paint boxes. Rex and Marty went to the M Men amateur show. Wayne worked late. Donna stayed with babies. Annie and Bev came over this evening. Bill received a telegram from his sister Jocie, her husband passed away today [Harry Middleton Courter married to Josephine Andersen].

December 8, Thursday

It has been another lovely warm day. I watched Donna give baby Joan her bath this a.m. She's growing so lovely, was all smiles. Br. Barton came over to Donna's looking for me. He wants Louis to bring his choir over to Glendale for practice tonight. I brought Janet back to my house while I curled her hair around the pencil. She looks cute with it curled. This afternoon I addressed the last of my Christmas cards. I did the others yesterday. Donna was going to choir practice with Louis but Rex didn't get home from work in time. I went over to stay with the babies, but she hadn't eaten, so stayed home. Elaine and Ann came over, also Marty. John, Florence, and Ruth came up, too. Donna and Marty have sold almost all the punches on their building fund board. They are giving the lucky winner of their punch board, a five pound box of See's chocolates. We have three chances, but??



Janet, the "apple of Grama's eye!"

December 9, Friday

I did the cleaning through my house this morning. Elaine got a blouse almost made for Bette's Christmas, when she saw it had a flaw in the material right in the front of the blouse. She went downtown to see if the store would make it good. They didn't have the same shade of yellow taffeta, but gave her money back. She bought henna taffeta, had to pay a little more. Now she has decided to make the yellow one for Bette, anyway, a blouse for herself, too, ha, ha! Sue came up to stay with Elaine's kids. Donna and I had planned to go uptown, too, but Marty couldn't come over cause Wayne was off work, and wanted her to go uptown with him. Something went wrong with their little car; they've put it in the shop, so it'll be ready for the trip home. I received the Christmas cards Ruth Cartwright painted for our Strong Society to send to the Utah and Pennsylvania Strong's.

They are very pretty. I took them over to ask Glen to letter my verse, he does such lovely lettering. He was out to a school dance, but Annie said she'd tell him.

December 10, Saturday

Annie is getting used to her new teeth now. She looks fine. They are very natural looking, she got them first of December, wore them to our Strong's meeting on the second, and not one of the relatives noticed she had them. This morning Louis installed a hot water tank in Alta Thompson's house, made \$3.00 on the job. We took Janet to town with us this afternoon; Elaine took care of baby Joan. Donna bought a pretty doll dressed in pink and blue for Janet's Christmas, also a little blue celluloid doll for baby. She bought some little pans and dishes for Janet. The crowds were awful uptown. We went in Famous and Kress. Louis kept Janet while we shopped. Louis took us to Sears Roebuck while he priced

toilet bowls for Mr. De Miles, the barber. After talking

December 14, Wednesday

to the barber again, Louis and I went back to

It rained most of the day. I went over to Donna's

Sears and bought the toilet bowl tonight. He is going to install it tomorrow morning in one of Mr. DeMiles's

houses.

December 11, Sunday

Louis went over to install the toilet bowl for Mr. DeMiles at 7 a.m. He got back in time for Sunday School, made \$3.75, too. Rex and I walked to church; we had a Sunday School local board meeting at nine o'clock. Marty didn't come today, Wayne had an ad in the paper, trying to sell his saxophone. I watered the lawn and flowers good this afternoon. We've had such warm dry weather, surely we need rain. Louis slept all afternoon, I stayed with Donna's babies from four to six, while they were over to visit Wayne and Marty, and they made candy. The Boy Scouts had charge of our meeting; it was a very nice program, good speaker. Glen brought the Strong's Christmas cards, beautiful lettering he did

December 12, Monday

made, delicious!

I had a big washing. Donna had most of hers out before I got started. I thought I was early. My child has it all over me. Elaine took Ann down to Highland Park with her this morning, left Carol Sue in bed asleep, I kept a look out for her. Shirley Pierce invited Janet to play in her yard. Janet said they had "a party," grape juice served in little cups. She was thrilled, oh, she's cute. I didn't have time to curl her hair yesterday or today. I made red envelopes to fit the cards Ruth painted for Strongs. I went over to stay with babies while Rex took Donna to Boy's Market tonight.

on them. After church we went over to Andersen's to get

the envelopes. Glen forgot to bring them with cards today. They treated to orange ice cream and chocolate cake Bev

December 13, Tuesday

I spent most of the day ironing. Janet came over to have me curl her hair, she looks so sweet with the little ringlets, and her hair curls very easy around the pencil. Annie, Beverly, and Dale came to call; they found me in Donna's. Rex got home early, half day off, he painted the chest of drawers he brought from Marshes'. Donna will be glad of the drawers, she needs them badly. Louis fixed two chairs for Donna. They are dining room chairs the landlady let her use, but all four are coming apart. Donna made a pie shell for me, I made chocolate filling for it.

about 9:30 this morning expecting to get her ironing to do, but it was all finished. The child had been up since baby's feeding at 5 a.m. I thought I'd be a big help to my Donna, but she's such a good manager there is very little I can do. I put some lines up in her kitchen so she can dry baby's clothes when it rains. I walked to Relief Society in the rain and enjoyed it. We quilted on Sr. Goodbid's quilt. She's giving it to Dr. Watkins for his kind services to her daughter who passed away a few months ago. The building fund luncheon was very good. Louis and I went

to Mutual tonight. We enjoyed

the moving picture show after, of Garvanza Sunday School taken three weeks ago. Also the one act play after picture.

Arizona Drought

A period of low rainfall starting in 1934 turned disastrous in 1938, leading to one of the worst droughts in Arizona history. By September 1940, Roosevelt Lake was practically dry.

After years of little rain, the residents of Phoenix celebrated the full reservoirs, April 26, 1941.

December 15, Thursday

It rained real hard throughout the night. I listened to news on radio this a.m. the L.D.S. people in Arizona are having a special prayer day for rain, Sunday the 18th. They've had such a long dry spell; the Indians will lose all crops if rain doesn't come soon. I had a house full of company for a short time about 11:30 a.m. Donna and babies, Elaine and children, Annie, Beverly, and Dale. Then Florence came to see Elaine and Donna about a Christmas party the Married Gleaners are giving their kiddies. She had her four little ones. All visited here because the girls were here. Mr. Allen is painting Elaine's front bedroom now. Sue and Al have decided to take Bette and Shirley to Salt Lake City for Christmas. Donna went to bed about 6:30 this evening; she had bad backaches, and felt chilly. I went over and helped Rex with the babies and did dishes.

December 16, Friday

I went over to Donna's this morning, washed the baby's clothes and cleaned up rooms. She was feeling better, but still her head and back aches. Marty stayed with Donna this afternoon while I went to town to do a little Christmas

shopping. I bought a shirt for Rex and a pretty little dress and slip for Elvie Joan. I sent Mother Renshaw a cute little white Christmas tree with tiny bottles of perfume hanging on the branches. I sent it from May company, going to send a card tomorrow with 2 dollars in, also. Lorene, Annie, and I sent dad a five pound box of Mrs. Putnam's homemade candy. Glen is working in the York Boulevard date shop during their Christmas rush. Sue sent dad candied fruit on silver try. I gave baby her bath this a.m., too. Yesterday Elaine won the 5 pounds of See's chocolates; her lucky name was a free punch, too. Donna and Marty took the seal off while Gleaner girls, Winnie Wright, and Elaine were at Donna's yesterday afternoon.

December 17, Saturday

I did my cleaning this a.m., washed baby's clothes, also. Donna felt a lot better today, I'm thankful to write. Louis cleaned car and yard. I stayed with Donna's children this evening. Rex took her out to dinner in Beverly Hills and a show after. They went in our car. Andersens called; they bought a Christmas tree and trimmed it this evening. It rained on and off all afternoon, but came down hard tonight. I was glad when Rex and Donna came about 12:30 p.m. I was a little worried when it rained so hard, and our car gets stalled when too wet. Louis walked over to Nardini's Market to buy veal roast for us. I invited our children to dinner tomorrow.

December 18, Sunday

It rained all night and most of the day, coming down real hard some of the time, damage was done in some parts of our city. Rex rode to Sunday School with us. We had a very small class, but I surely enjoyed the room, and quiet. It was grand not to be crowded as usual. Donna and family ate dinner with us. Wayne and Rex did their teaching this afternoon. Marty visited with us. The Marshes called, they'd been up to Florence's for dinner. Sue and family ate rabbit dinner at Elaine's. Sue bought rabbit and Elaine fried it. They said it was their Christmas dinner, as the Hoglunds are going to Utah for Christmas. I stayed with babies while Rex and Donna went to church tonight. Lloyd and Lucille came home with Rex, Donna, Marty, and Wayne in Lloyd's car, after church. They made sandwiches and malted milks, brought the ice cream with them.

December 19, Monday

Still raining. I washed baby Joan's clothes, but Donna had to dry all in kitchen. Elaine and I walked to Highland Park, I mailed Christmas cards in post office, went to gas company with her to pay bill. We shopped in Kress Store; I came back alone to be here at one o'clock in case Sr. Sorenson came to go teaching. She didn't, because of the rain. Annie, Bev, and Dale came over. Dale was thrilled with Christmas card from Santa Claus and had to show the kiddies, cute. Marty came to Donna's to talk about the games she's planning to play at their party at Florence's for the children of Married Gleaners tomorrow. Bev came back at 3 p.m., took Donna and me uptown to Highland Park. It was raining hard, I bought some overshoes. I also bought a dress for Donna's Christmas, she looks sweet in it. It is black with red apples and flowers in. We shopped in Kress, too. Rex brought a lovely tree tonight and trimmed it. He and Louis painted Janet's Christmas furniture. Louis varnished the four dining room chairs, and Rex helped him do table for Donna's house. Marty helped Elaine with her dress; she ate dinner at Elaine's tonight.

December 20, Tuesday

It rained hard in the night, woke me several times. Was raining this morning, everything is lovely green from so much rain, but we're tired of wet weather now. I was glad I wore my rubbers and took the umbrella to Highland Park with me this afternoon. It was surely raining hard when I was walking. I visited with Donna and babies. [Beth Strong and Dick Johnston were married today.]

Beth Strong's Betrothal Announced

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Strong, 851 East Fourth South street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Beth Strong, to Richard W. Johnston of Los Angeles, formerly of Salt Lake City. He is a son of the late Martha B. Johnston. The marriage will take place December 20 in the Salt Lake City L. D. S.

The bethothal of Miss Strong and Mr. Johnston was made known at a luncheon given Saturday by her sister, Mrs. A. A. Selander, at her home, 1779 Yale avenue.

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The table decorations consisted of a miniature bride and bridegroom and tiny vases of pink and white blooms. Small books containing pictures of the couple marked the places for 24 guests.

Miss Strong is a graduate of the University of Utah and a member of the Delta Gamma sorority.





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December 21, Wednesday

We had a cloudy day, but no rain. I stayed with children while Donna went up to Highland Park to do some of her Christmas shopping. The washing dried outdoors for a happy relief today. Elaine and kiddies rode down with us in our car. Rex drove us down, and then he came back to paint on Janet's Christmas furniture. Ernie called for us after the party. He'd been painting toys and etcetera for Ann over to Sue's at nights the past week. Janet was thrilled when Santa came into the party. She went over to him for her bag of candy. Ann was too frightened she had to be taken out, poor little kid.

December 22, Thursday

I took a few of my things over to Donna's this morning to wash in with her baby's washing. I did the washing in her washer while she bathed and fed Elvie Joan. Elaine and Ann came over. Janet and Ann had a wonderful time running through the house while their mothers were trying to hear a radio program. I went to Highland Park and finished my Christmas shopping, I hope. John and Jim Marsh called in to see Donna. The Valentine boys, Ted and Roy, came to practice their violin duet with Donna. They are on our Sunday School Christmas program next Sunday morning. Louis put the last coat of paint on the little benches they made for Florence's children tonight. Elaine had her folks to a chicken dinner this evening; they opened gifts at her house. I met Bev and Annie in Highland Park, let Bev take \$2.00 until she gets her check tomorrow. Dale stayed at Donna's while Annie and Bev went shopping today.

December 23, Friday

I cleaned front rooms and washed porch. Wayne and Marty left for Salt Lake City this a.m. at three o'clock. Sue and family left at 4 a.m. this morning. I hope they will all have a grand time, yes, a wonderful Christmas in the snow. I'll be anxious to hear about them, I do hope Wayne and Marty's little car will make it okay. They came to say goodbye to Donna and Rex last night, but they were at choir practice. Elaine was sick today, I gave children their breakfast and did breakfast dishes. Donna made her beds and gave Ann her lunch, so Elaine could rest. I did her supper dishes. Sr. Viola Sorenson and I went block teaching this afternoon.

December 24, Saturday

Elaine got a special delivery letter from Beth yesterday. She wanted Ernie to go to the Union Pacific depot and get a small steamer trunk of hers, a friend brought it on her ticket. Beth sent the check. Ernie was too busy to go until after Christmas, so Louis went after it this morning. He paid 25¢ storage overnight. Louis took the trunk to Beth and Dick's little apartment near us. The landlady took care of it. Donna and Rex went to Highland Park this evening to do some last minute Christmas shopping. I stayed with the children. Elaine and Ernie went out to Vandergrifts and Evans tonight. Louis and I stayed with her children until 1 a.m. Bob Stanton brought his 35 carolers to carol Louis tonight at 12:30. It was grand. However I was taking a bath when they came, Louis was over to children at Elaine's. I helped Donna play Santa for my darlings tonight.

December 25, Sunday—Christmas Day

We had a beautiful sunshiny day. We went over to see how Janet acted when she saw her Christmas things this a.m. She was thrilled, but just stood still, like her mother did at her age, looking with awe at her little table and chairs, cupboard and dishes, her baby doll in pink and blue, with toys for both Janet and baby Joan. It was too much all at once. They have a lovely big tree, also. It was a job to get Janet away from her playthings to go to Sunday School, but we had to take both babies cause Rex and Donna were both on the program. I had to be with my class. Louis was pleased with his program, it was very good. We all went to a grand dinner at the Marshes'. Went to church at night and back after for more turkey and etcetera. Marshes invited Br. and Sr. Reece to eat after church, too. We all went up to see Florence and family tonight. She had the Oates family to Christmas dinner today. Donna stayed home with babies tonight; Rex took some turkey home to her. Elaine and family went calling this morning.

December 26, Monday

We surely had a grand Christmas. Rex and Donna gave me a lovely satin slip, silk hose, and fruit cake. They gave Louis a very pretty white shirt and tie. Louis gave me gold satin blouse and two pair of silk hose and a gold colored pin to wear on blouse. I gave him a white silk shirt with little satin stripe in, and three pretty dies. Mother sent us \$5.00, also \$5.00 to Donna and Rex. Sr. Marsh gave us a little carrot pudding. Louis and I called at Andersen's this noon, but they were out. We went to Clayton's. Louis played Ray's gambling game

and took his pennies away. We went to Arroyo Theater this afternoon, saw two good pictures, "Cowboy and the Lady," and "Drums." I stayed with Donna's babies tonight while they went to see same shows.

December 27, Tuesday

Louis had a cold in his head, so decided to stay home from work. I did my two weeks washing; he fixed Wayne's little power saw, so it would run true. We heard from





Sue and folks, Violet sent Elaine a letter to say they'd called on her. Wayne and Marty were with them. They had to leave their little car in San Bernardino where it had broken down. Sorry about it, but glad it wasn't in the desert. Donna went to a surprise birthday party at Helen Martinez's house on Gladys Kilson tonight. I stayed with the babies while Rex took her in our car and called for her after party. She had a lovely time with old school friends. Bill got special delivery letter from Beth. Went to depot for suitcase. Little Janet has cold and bad cough. She vomited all over bed, I had to change her sleepers and sheet tonight.

December 28, Wednesday

Louis felt better and went back to work this a.m. I spent morning ironing. Donna went uptown this afternoon. I stayed with children. Little Janet is feeling miserable with cold and bad cough. Bill went to the depot for Beth's three suitcases. She sent him a special delivery letter saying, "Aunt Andrea was here, and brought them on her ticket." She and Dick are coming back with Sue and Al. Marty and Wayne will come on the bus, I guess. Poor little Carol Sue is feeling miserable, too. Cold and fever. I surely hate having the dear little ones sick. Donna bought her cute black felt hat with feather, also pretty blue house slippers.

December 29, Thursday

Little Carol Sue was still feeling miserable. I wish the little dear would get better. She isn't at all like her own happy little self. I wrapped Janet in a blanket and brought her over here for a few minutes. She coughed so much I got worried, took her home and helped Donna with mustard plasters. We put one on her chest and another on her back. She fell asleep in my arms, so the plasters were on half hour. Her breathing was better; she stayed in bed all afternoon and was much better tonight. We put another plaster on her chest tonight. Got a nice letter from Mother Renshaw. She wonders who sent the cute little Christmas tree with perfume tied on, my card got lost.

December 30, Friday

I did Elaine's dishes this a.m. Carol Sue is still ill and Elaine couldn't get her supper dishes done last night either. She had

Dr. Watkins came out to see the baby this afternoon. I helped her put mustard plasters on little Carol Sue's chest and back. The doctor said her lungs were congested. I went to Highland Park, paid the final payment for Donna, on their washing machine, good to know it's paid now. I got nose drops the doctor ordered for Carol Sue. Janet Anderson called to see Donna and babies this afternoon. She brought Elvie Joan a cute little knitted cap.

December 31 Saturday

I mended five pair of garments this morning, and then did my cleaning. Louis went to work at the hospital today to make up for his day off Monday. Beverly came over to tend Carol Sue for Elaine while she went uptown. Carol Sue is still feeling miserable, poor little dear. Beverly ate lunch with me. Alta Thompson brought a slab of bacon to Louis for his good job installing her water heater so cheap, she says. Sr. Carlson and Sr. Dewey came with Alta. They invited us, and Donna and Rex, to a New Year's party at Alta's tonight. We went and had a nice time. They reserved thirty seats for us at Fox Highland theater for ten o'clock, but when we got there the ushers had made a mistake and let people in them, so we all, but Rex and Donna, went back to Alta's and had fun. She served a lovely lunch after midnight. We got home about 2 a.m. Rex and Donna stayed at the show. Lorene stayed all night at Donna's with the children. Louis and I went to ask her if she would tend them. Elaine and Ernie had to stay home, couldn't find anyone to stay with children, but baby is still feeling miserable, so maybe it was better than way.





Christmas 1928 Sue Hoglund, Donna Renshaw, Elaine Hoglund, Elvie and Lou Renshaw, Shirley and Al Hoglund. In front Ralph Keller, Shirley Keller and Bette Hoglund.

