

Diary of Ellen Claire Weaver, 1949

Saturday, Jan. 1, 1949 - Came home from New Year's Eve party at the church at 2 AM. Dad had left the gas on and nearly blew the house apart. We came home just in time. Gary left on bus for [Brigham Young University] Provo, Utah at 2 PM.

Sunday, Jan. 2 - Hannah Mae [my best friend] came for dinner. Dad [an artist and art teacher] drew a sign for Sully Richardson. We went to choir practice. Ray Wilcox gave a report of his mission.

Monday, Jan. 3 - Horrible rainy weather. Just another school day. Pat and Joanne drew diagram of flower on board. Kept working on science reports.

Tuesday, Jan. 4 - Same terrible weather. School work is quite easy. Norma Desonia lost wallet in room. I have suspicions of theft. Had music (piano) lesson from Veldron [Matheson]. Plan on more practice, 2 hours.

Wednesday, Jan. 5 - Weather: cloudy and colder, low today 28, high about 30-32. This morning I got up at 6:15 to do my music. Will try the same tomorrow.

Thurs. Jan. 6 - Fair and cooler. Miss Nelson (second grade teacher) came to supper and went with us to the Goodman [Theater], since Beryl [Jensen, our boarder, a music student from Provo, Utah who occupied Gary's empty room] has not arrived as yet.

Fri. Jan. 7 - Fair and warmer. This January weather is beautiful. Lois Nolte arrived safely in Provo. Betty Pilch [neighborhood friend] went to Mutual [church youth organization] with me.

Sat. Jan. 8 - Fair and warm, 54. Went to the library at Sayre Park for reports. Helped Veldron at Joan's party from 2 - 5:30. Les [Matheson] offered me \$1.00 but I did not accept. It was my good deed for the day (Mutual).

Sun. Jan. 9 - Jane [my little sister], Hannah Mae and I were at Williams's for dinner (we cooked it and what a dinner.) Jane didn't eat a thing. We played with puppets, a clown and a Negro for Cinderella. The stage fell apart.

Mon. Jan 10 - Beryl arrived back from Provo to start back to school today. She was 8 hours late. She came on the "Pony Express" [train] instead of the streamliner.

Tues. Jan. 11 - Got angel hair all over me today at school. Went with Mom and Beryl to University Ward to see Mr. Charles of Marshall Fields. Decided to cut my hair.

Wed. Jan. 12 - Very cold. Supposed to have separate pictures taken at school but photographer did not arrive. The girls didn't speak to any boys.

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Thurs. Jan. 13 - Fair but muddy and cold. Had fun playing double tag at noon. Finished "Dick & Schick" reports for science. Had social science test.

Fri. Jan. 14 - Can go to game Monday, am real glad. Went to Mutual not know that I was going to basketball game to see Logan Square play West Suburban. L.S. won.

Sat. Jan. 15 - Very warm and damp. Just a thin coat. Planned on taking picture of hair but too cloudy. Cleared up when we went to dentist, but too late when we got back. Went to bed early.

Sun. Jan. 16 - Asked four girls in Junior class to come to birthday dinner next Sunday. Stayed home from church [evening] alone to do a report and get to bed early. (Tomorrow = the game)

Mon. Jan. 17 - Cold. Stayed at Franklin Park and ate supper at Joann Nielsen's house and went to game. We won 42-24 against Columbus. We monkeyed around Farver's Drugs while waiting for Dad. [It was inconvenient for me to attend evening activities because school was so far from our home. We did not attend the neighborhood schools after Mother started teaching at Franklin Park. We went with her and there was no bus line to get us back and forth, so it always required driving the one and only family car.]



Tues. Jan. 18 - Snow, sleet and rain = one heck of a mess. Joanne Korda is having love troubles because of Paulette and Marilyn. Marilyn wants Jack.

Wed. Jan. 19 - Snow and icy and 14 above - cold. Dad took four pictures of my 32-inch long hair today. Was cold, but the sun was out.

Thurs. Jan 20 - Listened to part of presidential inauguration. Had Andie (at Klausen) cut my hair, shorter than I wanted it. Beryl set it, (4 ½ inches now, 32 then.)

Fri. Jan. 21 - [13<sup>th</sup> birthday] Hair turned out very curly. Everyone liked it. Kids at school sang "Happy Birthday." Doss broke up with Marilyn and Paulette. I got a garter belt from Jane, wool gloves from Beryl. Everyone at Mutual liked my hair. I forgot that I have to give a talk Sunday night.

Sat. Jan. 22 - Started to memorize 2 ½ minute talk for Sunday night. Planned on going to stake affair at Logan Square which Beryl was to sing, but babysat for Veldron instead. Got metronome and a chin rest [for violin] from Dad.

Sun. Jan. 23 - Had Hannah Mae, Marilyn and Alice for birthday dinner. All family except me went to South Shore Ward [Dad, previously the bishop, was now a visiting high councilman]. I

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gave my talk on "Manna from Heaven." Hannah Mae came home with me to stay until her parents could come for her.

Mon. Jan. 24 - Stayed in during lunch period at school. Pat is planning a surprise party for Joanne Korda on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and Dad says I can probably go. I hope I can.

Tues. Jan. 25 - Bar-B-Q day at school. Stineke and Neuzil acted like pigs. Bradley was real decent to sit at back of room. I told Marilyn Hill off: to quit bothering Joanne Korda.

Wed. Jan. 26 - We got report cards. I got 3 A's and the rest B's. The teachers are real crabby. Miss Bijak got Phillips and Rende and Bradley into trouble over nothing.

Thurs. Jan. 27 - We stayed in for noon and gym because of rain over icy playground. We monkeyed around on blackboards. I was on the Honor Roll, so was Joann N.

Fri. Jan. 28 - [Miss] Bijak went off her nut again. She wouldn't let the girls stay for the game wearing jeans. She said, "The boys deserve to see something if they take the trouble to look." I = mad.

Sat. Jan. 29 - Clear, fair and zero. The day seemed free cause I had nothing to do. Went to Betty Matheson's farewell at North Shore Ward. Will fix meals tomorrow.

Sun. Jan. 30 - Found out Hannah Mae and I had to play duet in church next Sunday night. Beryl asked me to come west with her this summer. Won't ask Mother till spring. I made Sunday dinner.

Mon. Jan. 31 - Clear, fair and cold. Ice galore was on the playground and [we] had more fun sliding. Washed and set hair. Mom and Dad went over to see Harold and Reva Davis.

Tues. Feb. 1 - We all told off Marilyn, Paulette and Doss and had a great big argument. Doss isn't breaking up. We were going to get it settled once and for all until Joanne Korda cried. Practiced duet with Hannah Mae for church.

Wed. Feb. 2 - Walked up town with Marilyn Hill. Went to Mother-Daughter banquet at school and sat next to Elizabeth. I got to know Rita, Arthurine, Marilyn Low and Theresa Prino better.

Thurs. Feb. 3 - This morning we (only the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls) saw a film on sex, in the band room, produced by Walt Disney. I heard that Mr. Thomas let John, Jack, Dean and Herman see it. Plenty of snow and me without boots.

Fri. Feb. 4 - Had a great big snowball fight at school. Went to Mutual and stayed over night with Hannah Mae (I am writing this Saturday 'cause I wasn't home.)

Sat. Feb. 5 - Practiced my piece, went to Williams's farm, saw part of an auction, saw all the animals, saddled all the horses (2) but then didn't ride. Met Joann who lives at the farm.

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Sun. Feb. 6 - I played at church tonight (duet with H.M.) I gave up hope of going to Provo after talking to folks. The weather is snow, 3-4 inches, and fairly cold.

Mon. Feb. 7 - The west has had it's 6<sup>th</sup> similar blizzard. All traffic, trains and roads blocked. Chicago is very lucky. Everyone is kicking up a fuss about a trial of a Catholic cardinal who is on trial for treason.

Tues. Feb. 8 - Warmer weather making the snow slush. The Catholic cardinal was sentenced to life. Miss Gauron gave a real long literature assignment. Marilyn Hill now sits in front of me.

Wed, Feb. 9 - There was a game at school but I didn't go. I misunderstood and had both the social and the banquet lined up for Friday. Lou Ann Wheeler bought banquet ticket for me.

Thurs. Feb. 10 - Went to Goodman Theater to see "Henry IV." Very long and drawn out but the end had several funny accidents when [the actors were] sword fighting. On the way home a little Austin-Healy ran into us and got our bumpers hooked - a lot of policemen.

Fri. Feb. 11 - Social, had real lot of fun. Danced mostly with Joe Scardino (7<sup>th</sup>). I was in a relay of dressing in the opposite sex's clothes. Paulette was taking off her pullover and her own sweater came off with it.

Sat. Feb. 12 - Went to the Chicago Theater to see "Words and Music" and to see Barbara Ann Scott, winner of championship figure skating in the Olympics. She was in person and skated on real ice.

Sun. Feb. 13 - Went to North Shore Ward and Beryl sang. Dad spoke [was the speaker] and then we went back to Logan Square to see Ray's slides (didn't see many slides). I got my brains loaded [listening] to Beryl and Jewel [a girl Beryl's age whom we all admired]!!!!

Mon. Feb. 14 - Jim Harris composed a poem for Beryl (of her singing). It is marvelous. I think he wants to take her seriously, but I know she does not.

Tues. Feb. 15 - Jane and I stayed home from school. Everything was a solid sheet of ice. Ellen Marker and I were breaking puddles of ice, and at Ham's house she took a great big jump on some ice, it broke and she sank in two feet of water.

Wed. Feb. 16 - Afternoon off because teachers had art. Betty and Ellen Marker and I went breaking ice and got our feet wet. Betty said that Bonnie said that Rosemary Martin who lives on Newcastle St. is going to have a baby.

Thurs. Feb. 17 - Another half day school. Got my \$1.00 windbreaker (it's big). Jack Callfras, a former Franklin Parker, was killed today by a train in Franklin Park. Oden Farris and two other boys were almost fatally injured. [The Chicago commuter trains ran right through the center of Franklin Park. We had to cross the tracks every day to go to school, and sometimes if we were

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running late, Mother would drive around the lowered gates. It terrified me, and gave me a life long fear of trains.]

Fri. Feb. 18 - Went to Mutual and only 1/3 of my class was there (only one person: me). Went to Austin Town Hall basketball game to see Logan Square play West Suburban. L.S. won. I lost my green glove.

Sat. Feb. 19 - Went on a long, long bike ride with Beryl. I was going to model a blouse at church but my hair was still wet so I went with my hair up and mother was sort of mad. Had a good time anyway.

Sun. Feb. 20 - Conference (Sat., yesterday was also part of conference). Logan Square served a hot, good lunch. Hannah Mae, Carol Kennedy, three Hicks girls and I went to the Museum [of Science and Industry]. Two North Shore [ward] boys tagged along. [Every three months the various wards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Chicago area got together for a quarterly conference at the University Ward chapel in Hyde Park.]

Mon. Feb. 21 - Doss is trying to get it out of Rende that there is a party Friday (she isn't sure). Tonight I tried chalk stencil for art. Holiday tomorrow, Washington's birthday.

Tues. Feb. 22 - Mother is fairly sick with a cold. Beryl and I saw "That Wonderful Urge" with Gene Tierney and "3 Godfathers," which is a cowboy picture. Both real good at the Montclare theater.

Wed. Feb. 23 - Have been very sleepy today. Was sitter for Veldron. [I recall that I earned \$.25 per hour.] Picked out some nice dresses out of "seventeen" magazine for graduation.

Thur. Feb. 24 - Excited about Joann's party. They asked Marilyn Hill to come. It was OK with me. Got a bad headache and am going to bed early.

Fri. Feb. 25 -Went to Joann's surprise party. A good time had by all. But it was sort of rough the last 10-15 minutes. Dad picked me up by accident [?] as I was walking along Grand Ave.

Sat. Feb. 26 - Nothing seemed to go right today. I don't know whether it's me or not. Got a letter from Gary saying to save up my \$ so he and I can buy a convertible.

Sun. Feb. 27 - Wanted to go to Wheeler's but had to stay home. Wilcoxes came to dinner. I like to kid Beryl about Ray (Ha, ha.) I met a Nancy Sclander at church. Her mother is Mormon but father not.

Mon. Feb. 28 - Started, almost finished, sketching art contest. Today at school I was chasing around the room and outside trying to get my gloves and wallet.

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Tue. Mar. 1 - We're teasing Pat about Jim Magnum (I think it's false though). Postponed my piano lesson to go see "So Dear to My Heart," "The Boy With Green Hair," and "Shockproof," three real good shows.

Wed. Mar. 2 - Nothing seemed to go right today. Got into trouble at school, but don't feel too bad. Got a letter from Hannah Mae who went on a trip to Mexico.

Thur. Mar. 3 - Went to Oak Park shopping. Looked at graduation dresses and spring shorties. Weather = cloudy but dry and muddy and dusty.

Fri. Mar. 4 - Elected class officers: Wadsworth, Rubino, Haese. Went to Mutual and saw movies of 5 or 6 years ago. Marilyn Wheeler me asked if Beryl liked James Harris. "As a friend," I told her. Mother said I shouldn't have said that 'cause it might make trouble.

Sat. Mar. 5 - Played volley-ball and flew a kite. Last night Beryl told me about Bob Clark, the shy fellow, and how she got to know him. Today she went to a matinee with Jim. She decided not to go out with him again. They had a sort of quarrel.

Sun. Mar. 6 - James Harris bore his testimony declaring he still loved the people of the ward even though he offended them, insinuating his quarrel with Beryl. Ha, ha, very funny. Beryl found her true love = me! She said so.

Mon. Mar. 7 - Fair but cold. Dad bought two kites for Jane and me which we fixed up. Started reading "An Old Fashioned Girl," finished "Dan Boone on the Indian Trail."

Tues. Mar. 8 - Mrs. England spent math class talking about personality in high school. We got our pennants - gold with blue letters and insignia.

Wed. Mar. 9 - Am reading "An Old Fashioned Girl" about a country girl who visits a city girl and feels all out of place. I almost finished my lamb with spackle.

Thur. Mar. 10 - Knocked over the Red Cross money on Miss Bijak's desk and she was kidding me about it when Mr. Hester [principal] walked in and overheard. At the Goodman Theater [we saw] the best show, a war story.

Fri. Mar. 11 - Had a lot a fun with Beryl and teased her about Jim and her. She plays she is my true love and I love her too- a regular grand time!!

Sat. Mar. 12 - Flew my kite with Ellen Marker and Betty [neighborhood friends]. After getting it caught in wires, landing on candy factory roof and dragged on the gravel it wasn't even battered at all.

Sun. Mar 13 - Hannah Mae got her hair cut. Went to Marilyn's girls' party. We were calling up people we didn't even know and saying silly things. I painted huge lips and eyebrows on Elisabeth Killinger (funny).

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Mon. Mar 14 - Went downtown (Betty went with me) to get duet music for Hannah Mae and me to play in two weeks. I got two nice books of well known classics.

Tue. Mar. 15 - Went down to Relief Society meeting [Mother went on Tuesday evenings] to practice duet with Hannah Mae. We are practicing three and then will decide. I finished my art picture.

Wed. Mar. 16 - Square danced at school. Mother ate at Loffgren's and went to PTA meeting after.

Thur. Mar. 17 - I am on committee to decide about our school newspaper. I finished reading "An Old Fashioned Girl," a very tender story.

Fri. Mar. 18 - A hectic day. A rumor (I don't know if it's true or false) is going around school about Jesmita (7<sup>th</sup> grade) is expecting a child! [The rumor] involved Geraldine Shultz and it's all in a mix-up. Mrs. Stusse called the involved kids out of chorus.

Sat. Mar. 19 - Set my whole head [hair] in bobby-pins. Alice came here. Beryl with us two met Hannah Mae and Marilyn to go see stake championship game. We won. Went to church afterward. Jane was pesty.

Sun. Mar. 20 - Hannah Mae came over to practice duet. I was sitter for Veldron. I read a book, "The Questions Girls Ask" about how to be charming and how to act.

Mon. Mar. 21 - Got a real bad cold. The temp. is 60 F. at 8:00 at nite!!! Planned for a baseball field across Belmont Ave. Tried burning some old dry weeds.

Tues. Mar. 22 - Had a class meeting to discuss graduation. Went to church to practice duet with Hannah Mae. We only played it once and the rest of time we watched the play rehearsal.

Wed. Mar. 23 - I am captain #5 on Round Robin of girls volley ball. Our first game is Monday. Redrew my art contest picture and carbonned it onto the drawing board.

Thurs. Mar. 24 - Miss Wegryzen got pretty mad at me and Mrs. Dollinger for sending me in there all the time to make announcements about the newspaper. My volley-ball team practiced after school.

Fri. Mar. 25 - Betty Pilch has her arm in a sling because Jay Phillipi hit her arm and separated the two bones, but it did not break. Most beautiful weather. Grass is starting to get green.

Sat. Mar. 26 - Stayed home. I thought Hannah Mae was coming here and it was a mixup so I went there. We went to the play put on by the stake Relief Society. I saw the most cutest boy from West Suburban. Wow!! I don't even know his name.

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Sun. Mar. 27 - Hannah Mae came over here to practice duet. We played "Bercuese" by Goddard. We did pretty good. Mother finished my new cotton suit and I wore it.

Mon. Mar. 28 - My team played Arthurine's team and lost 15-2. We had only a few players and they all came at the end of the game. At home played baseball [with the neighborhood kids, I presume.]

Tues. Mar. 29 - I lost my second volley-ball game today against Diane Swanson. Score was 15-13, good game.

Wed. Mar. 30 - I am suffering with three losses in volley ball. Babysat for Veldron and read (Readers Digest) "Cheaper by the Dozen."

Thur. Mar. 31 - Went to Mae Rigby's house with Hannah Mae and Alice. We had a lesson and made fudge. Mae drove us all home. Mother was rather peeved because we were late.

Fri. Apr. 1 - Went to the school social and Miss Dulskeys' husband's three piece orchestra played. I waited at Diane Swanson's house for Dad to pick me up.

Sat. Apr. 2 - Jim Magnan and Bill Phillips came all the way from Franklin Park (five miles) to my house! Went to a banquet [which] turned out to be a sandwich and you had to stand up.

Sun. Apr 3 - Went to Marilyn Wheeler's and came back to church at 3:30 and Dick Schilling told a story about "Zeke" a mystery in the chapel.

Mon. Apr. 4 - Had another loss in volley ball. We played Marilyn Zwolanek. Score 15-12, a real close game. Elisabeth Killinger said that Jack Grineke liked me (?).

Tues. Apr 5 - Have to give a speech tomorrow in an assembly about the school newspaper. No volley ball today.

Wed. Apr. 6 - Gave my speech. Joanne Korda got a note from Jack saying he wanted to make up. Joann Nielsen likes Don Hall.

Thur. Apr. 7 - Practiced volley ball and went to Goodman Theater to see "George and Margaret." Beryl didn't go so Reva Davis did. [We had season tickets to the Goodman, which was the theatrical arm of the Art Institute of Chicago.]

Fri. Apr. 8 - I WON a volley ball game over Jacqueline Doss. I was so happy I couldn't see straight. Went to Mutual and practiced the coronation [for the church's Gold and Green Ball].

Sat. Apr. 9 - Went to library to finish reports. I was a page girl at the ward Green and Gold Ball in a silly little costume. After, I danced with V. Miller and G. Smith.

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Sun. Apr. 10 - Went to Betty Pilch's church (Lutheran) to see her confirmed. In afternoon had a party at her house and played "The Spirit Moves Me." Didn't go to night church 'cause of Iowa tests tomorrow.

Mon. Apr. 11 - Had first part of Iowa tests (standing for H. S. record) the arithmetic. Babysat for Veldron and got home real late.

Tues. Apr. 12 - Had second part of Iowa tests, the reading. Diane Swanson lost her first game in volley ball. I watched an eclipse of the moon till 10:00.

Wed. Apr. 13 - Had my last loss in volley ball. Mother found out that Glen Smith was going to ask me to the Gold and Green Ball but I wasn't there Sunday so he asked somebody else. Had a long talk with Beryl and she told me all her secrets. Ha, ha!

Thur. Apr. 14 - I am real mad at Mr. Hester for not giving us our pins so we could wear them for Easter. Went to show to see "South of Saint Louis" and "Family Honeymoon," pretty good shows.

Fri. Apr. 15 - Good Friday, so we had today off. Spent from 9:30 - 7:00 downtown shopping. Got a new skirt and pattern for Easter blouse. Put some mange medicine on my scalp. P-U oy-oy-oy it stinks!

Sat. Apr. 16 - Finished my lamb. Beryl and I took a long walk to Central Ave. and Diversy then home, about five miles in all. Mother made me a satin blouse with lace insertion in front.

Sun. Apr. 17 - Beryl sang in church and I said my poem. Rollinses came to dinner. Craig and Mabel are sure growing up. Gary got a 1.8 average in school instead of 2.0

Mon. Apr. 18 - Had school off - Easter Monday. Gary called long distance from Provo about 11:00 last night. He feels terrible about his grades and is ready to quit and go on a mission.

Tues. Apr. 19 - I am tied for last place in volley ball with Penny Heale, 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We got our graduation pins today. I am about ½ through with "Under the Lilacs."

Wed. Apr. 20 - Headlines: "China Reds Battle Two British Warships." The situation is growing worse all the time. I can't see how a war can be avoided.

Thur. Apr. 21 - Did 1 ½ hours of piano practice today and yesterday. I have "Rustle of Spring" by Sinding and Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in C# Minor." The former is nine pages long.

Fri. Apr. 22 - I won Penny in volley ball 15 - 1. Instead of Mutual we went to church to hear Mr. Swortwoods review of a novel, "The Big Fisherman." Beryl sang.

Sat. Apr. 23 - Went to the show with Beryl to see "The Sun Comes Up" and "Enchantment." The latter is, I believe, the saddest movie I have ever seen. I bawled!!

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Sun. Apr. 24 - Mom and Dad went with the Williamses to Milwaukee for church. Jane and I went to Hannah Mae's for dinner and after church she came and slept here since she has no school (all city school's are off).

Mon. Apr. 25 - Hannah Mae and I have decided that we need some new boys in our ward that would be the right age. Played volley ball at school. Beautiful day.

Tues. Apr. 26 - Achievement tests!! Four this morning and four tomorrow. Veldron was very proud of my piano lesson. Dad had been helping me and most days I have practiced over an hour.

Wed. Apr. 27 - Finished achievement tests. I only got one wrong in spelling. I got a basket for my bike and went to the Rose Theater in Franklin Park to a free show. Babysat for Veldron.

Thurs. Apr. 28 - Went to Malstroms and they have a Hammond organ in their home. We discussed religion. Dad read some scripture and rather translated it.

Fri. Apr. 29 - I don't think I want to try out for track. Went to Mutual. Alice Schadigg sure is a pesty one! Jane wet the bed as usual and mom is MAD.

Sat. Apr. 30 - Went shopping in Oak Park and bought Mom a dress. Saw John Wholle's art exhibit in Maywood. Went to Amlings and bought a hedge and planted it.

Sun. May 1 - At 5:00 I went to Ellen Marker's gymnastics exhibition, dancing afterward. I had a good time.

Mon. May 2 - Joann Nielsen has a secret I am trying to find out. Played volley ball with Schiller Park, won all three games. Beautiful warm weather.

Tues. May 3 - Got lockers (us girls who are out for sports) in the locker room. Practiced track and on my 1<sup>st</sup> broad jump made 15 ft. 6 in. Hot weather, 91 degrees.

Wed. May 4 - Diane told me that Bob Bradley said that he would like me if I were going to Leyden High. Marilyn Hill said that Jack Grieneke would take either me or Jackie Hartsel on our hayrack party.

Thurs. May 5 - Yesterday (I didn't have enough room in diary) we worked real hard on the front of the school. I was hot, tired and dirty as a pig. The temp yesterday was 90. We got ½ day off school. Went to Goodman Theater.

Fri. May 6 - Very hot. Stayed after school for track. I kept scratching in broad jump. When I got home a north wind blew up and the temp. dropped from 90 to 55 in 30 minutes.

Sat. May 7 - Went to Conference and Logan Square and heard also the Music Festival - Beryl sang. I met a jerk, a boy named Carol Barker, who was either a showoff, girl crazy or a fairy!!!

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Sun. May 8 - Went to Conference at University Ward. I gave Mother two pairs of nylons for Mothers Day, today. H. M and I went to the Museum [of Science and Industry]. Also saw the Hull House today.

Mon. May 9 - Veldron called and asked me to go hear the Chicago Musical College's spring concert at Orchestra Hall. Got home at midnight.

Tues. May 10 - Will be auditioned tomorrow at school for playing at graduation. Mother is only a certified teacher and did not get a raise. Temp = the usual 50.

Wed. May 11 - Was auditioned today by Mr. Thurn, band director, and I will accompany Bob Spies baritone solo. M. Z. will also accompany. Got a hair cut appointment.

Thur. May 12 - Will have my hair cut by Mr. Charles of Marshall Fields. Worked on running broad jump today. Beautiful spring weather - 75 degrees.

Fri. May 13 - Got my hair cut about 1 " below the neckline. Beryl and I went to the Will Rodgers to see "Johnny Belinda" and "Treasure of Sierra Madrid."

Sat. May 14 - Set my hair and it turned out OK but will keep brushing it up instead. Swarm Day at North Shore Ward for [Beehive girls] of whole stake.

Sun. May 15 - Got a bad cold and my lips are chapped. I stayed home from night church to help it out.

Mon. May 16 - The hay ride party was called off and I'm invited to Rita Romano's (7<sup>th</sup>) instead. Hope I can go.

Tues. May 17 - Yesterday we heard Beryl's opera (Faust) which was very good. Nice weather and warm. Rain in afternoon.

Wed. May 18 - Slightly cooler with showers. Can go to Rita's party on Saturday!! Monday I got my graduation dress, white eyelet.

Thurs. May 19 - Amazed about Rita's party - will meet Diane at 4:30 at Montclare (shopping) and the party!!! Went shopping today. Got brown oxfords, nothing else my size. And a red autograph book.

Fri. May 20 - Took graduation pictures. 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation social. I danced almost every dance with Bob Bradley. I think he likes me. I don't know, however.

Sat. May 21 - Went to Rita's party (before it I went and got a polo shirt with Diane Swanson.) The party was all screwed up. Didn't feel good and didn't have a good time.

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Sun. May 22 - Didn't feel so hot and didn't go to evening church. Found out I could have had a date next Fri. with Glen Smith except for Music Festival.

Mon. May 23 - Ball game at Cubs Park. They played Boston, Cubs won 11-4. Bob Bradley, who sat in front of me kept score on my program for me. Went downtown, got shoes and shorts.

Tues. May 24 - Track meet. I got 1<sup>st</sup> place in the preliminary 50 yard dash, second place in finals. We took 1<sup>st</sup> place. Ray school came close to us.

Wed. May 25 - School isn't half so boring lately. Babysat for Veldron.

Thurs. May 26 - Practiced music festival at school and was very disgusted at Mr. Hester [the principal - no explanation as to why]. Lows came over and Dad told them all about teaching school.

Fri. May 27 - I am an honor graduate and am on a panel discussion for graduation. I was on the ballot for the "Legion Award" (personality). Music Festival!!

Sat. May 28 - Beautiful day- not a cloud in the sky, but very cold for this time of the year, 58 F. Saw "Little Women" at the Montclare.

Sun. May 29 - Beautiful day, warm - went to school music festival, outdoors at Leyden High. Mother and Dad came by to pick me up to go to Aurora for evening church.

Mon. May 30 - Holiday: Decoration Day and Dad's birthday. Warm. Beryl and I laid out in the sun. Made a freezer of ice-cream and went out to Rollins's - nice time.

Tues. May 31 - Practiced for graduation all day - marching and singing - oh - my aching back!!! I am marching with Jack Grineke. Warm weather.

Wed. June 1 - Did nothing today but practice for graduation. Hot, 88-90 F. Am sort of fed up 'cause Mom said they might ask me to play for graduation. I think it unfair-too short notice.

Thurs. June 2 - Practiced for graduation. I started to play a solo and messed it up and was embarrassed. Got a pair of tennis rackets and some balls for graduation. Made application for Steinmetz High. [This is the high school where Dad taught, and was within walking distance of our house, whereas Leyden High, where all my classmates would be going, was out in Franklin Park.]

Fri. June 3 - Graduation! I accompanied and gave my speech without much trouble. I cried, I just couldn't help it. Elisabeth Killinger got the American Legion award, a long story.

Sat. June 4 - E. K. got the legion award even after I had won the election. They thought they should "distribute" the honors. I am fed up. [This was SO painful, as I recall, because the legion award was the most coveted prize, and they wouldn't let me have it after I'd earned it.]

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Sun. June 5 - Darrell Lee arrived for the summer at 2:00 and Jensens and Gary & Cliff at 2:30!! Gary is fine and taller than ever, 6'3."

Mon. June 6 - No school. Gary and Darrell got night shift jobs at American Can Co., \$1.40 and \$1.50 per hour. Beryl has another opera [performance] tonight.

Tues. June 7 - Betty and Ellen and I played tennis until 6:00 - had fun doing so.

Wed. June 8 - Jensens are at the Congress Hotel. We are going to an opera Friday, picnic Saturday, party at our house on Sunday. Mom is swamped.

Thurs. June 9 - Went downtown with Gary and Darrell and saw the planetarium (with Beryl and the Jensens), then Evanston and Glencoe. Wow! What estates!

Fri. June 10 - Went on our picnic with Jensens, played volley ball. Gary and I had a water fight. I really got soaked.

Sat. June 11 - Spent almost all day preparing for our party Sunday night. Whew! Hot and humid!!

Sun. June 12 - Our party turned out very well. I, for one, had a swell time. Mable and Craig Rollins came, too.

Mon. June 13 - Jensens left this morning in their big beautiful Buick, invited us to come and visit them this summer. Beryl also went just for the summer.

Tues. June 14 - This weather!!! Terrible! It rains, then it stops, then it dries, then it drizzles, then it pours, It's really bad, and SO humid.

Wed. June 15 - Went swimming at Portage Park indoor pool and met Betty Pilch at Bridge School (city kids still have school) and went with three of her friends.

Thurs. June 16 - I have to get up at 5:00 Saturday to go to the Tremont Dunes, Indiana. Nice weather and warm.

Fri. June 17 - I don't know if I can go to the Riverview Park Monday with Franklin Park kids. Mother's mind is so changeable.

Sat. June 18 - To the dunes! Up early at 5:00 and late to bed 9:30 and in between times swimming in the lake or suntanning, no, sunburning. Ouch, sun burns hurts.

Sun. June 19 - Oh!! My sunburn hurts so much I can hardly sleep. It really hurts. All the kids that went to the dunes are burnt.

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Mon. June 20 - Went to Riverview with 8 other kids from Franklin Park. I went on the parachute and the Bobs 5 times!! Oh, what fun!

Tues. June 21 - Yesterday I spent \$3.50 which Mother thought was too much so I tried to work hard for her to make it up.

Wed. June 22 - My sunburnt back is peeling, oh! WOW!!! Miss Nelson, who teaches with Mom at Franklin Park, came to dinner.

Thurs. June 23 - My back is almost all peeled. Today I wanted to go to Franklin Park and to show with Betty. Neither could I do.

Fri. June 24 - Rather hot - not too, however. Today city school kids let out of school. Summer vacations started. We had supper in the woods [forest preserves].

Sat. June 15 - Very warm!!! Was going to go to the show with Hannah Mae and Marilyn, but neither could go. Went with Betty instead.

Sun. June 16 - Very hot! Hannah Mae, Marilyn, Joy Nelson and I are going to Hannah Mae's farm the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. Went to North Shore Ward.

Mon. June 27 - Very warm. We went to Wilcox's to pick currants and beans. Canned both. I want to go to Whalen pool tomorrow but Mom doesn't want me to.

Tues. June 28 - Today was hectic. I did nothing but help Mother all day while the other kids went to Whalen pool. I'm all pooped out.

Wed. June 29 - Mom went to Batavia to help clean out some people's house. She said it looked like a haunted house and it was filthy, dirty and smelly.

Thurs. June 30 - Sister Christensen died and we went to the funeral home. The services are tomorrow. Tomorrow I go to Whalen pool.

Fri. July 1 - It was almost 100 degrees and almost 100 % humidity and it is SO hot. People don't have any energy at all. Betty Pilch, Betty Harms and I went to Whalen pool.

Sat. July 2 - Went shopping all day, got a fall coat, two play suits, one of which I am taking back, and a pair of shoes. As soon as I got home I went to Whalen with Dad and Gary.

Sun. July 3 - Was up to 103 F. Really hot - Wow! Planning for picnic tomorrow, the 4<sup>th</sup> a big time at Humboldt Park.

Mon. July 4 - The 4<sup>th</sup> picnic at Humboldt Park. I won a race, Gary won a race, together we won a race and Mom won a race. At night we watched fireworks. Two people we know spent \$68.00 together [on fireworks- an unbelievable sum in those days].

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Tues. July 5 - Went swimming at Steinmetz at the 12:00 class. [It was an indoor pool]. Monkeyed around with the babies, trying to float. Next week I go for the 1:00 class. Real hot, also, the first rain in weeks.

Wed. July 6 - Slightly cooler today. Boy, I wish they'd turn off the heat wave. Mother is going to a two-week summer school course now for a \$200 raise.

Thurs. July 7 - I got up at 8:30 and worked around till 12:30. Want to go either swimming or show tomorrow but Mom said NO. Had first violin lesson from Mr. Bergh.

Fri. July 8 - Temperature high, humidity high. Mutual beach party tomorrow night. Got rather mad at Betty and Ellen when they decided to go the show today instead of tomorrow.

Sat. July 9 - Went to Whalen pool with Betty H. and Betty P. Got a navy blue nylon [bathing suit], with or without straps for \$9.47 - Wow! I like it. Went to ward beach party. A drunk ran into Gary, wrecked the whole fender. We have to go to court and all.

Sun. July 10 - This morning Gary gave me a graduation watch. It's beautiful. Today it was cool and beautiful.

Mon. July 11 - Went swimming at Steinmetz.

Tues. July 12 - Going to have a sleep-out in Betty H.'s back yard Wed. Went swimming at Steinmetz for two periods.

Wed. July 13 - Had our sleep-out in Betty H.'s back yard. Got rained out in the tent so we slept in the house. I didn't get any sleep.

Thurs. July 14 - Was real tired from the sleep-out. Will go to Hannah Mae's farm tomorrow. Went for fiddle lesson on the bus.

Fri. July 15 - Went to H. M.'s farm - rode horses. Pal bucked me off and I bruised my face. We slept in tents. A cow came around in the night.

Sat. July 16 - Got up at 7:00, ate breakfast and went swimming and were back to ride horses by 2:00. Am pretty tired and sore.

Sun. July 17 - Rather warm today. My arm hurts from when I fell off my horse. Our vacation will be from the 19<sup>th</sup> of Aug to 5<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

Mon. July 18 - Our vacation will take us to Utah or Canada or both. I'd rather go to Utah. We're probably going to get a '49 Chevy [car].

Tues. July 19 - Mom went to Mr. Imbur's, next door, for cake and found out that they are planning to move. Hot but clear.

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Wed. July 20 - Ellen, Betty and I decided to sew during our spare time. Played volley ball with Ellen, Betty, Chris, Ken, Larry. Cloudy today.

Thurs. July 21 - Very hot and VERY humid. It almost melted me. Candy factory put up a fence along side their road. Went for fiddle lesson at Mr. Bergh's.

Fri. July 22 - Went to Franklin Park with Gary. He went to paint Dr. Low's house. I went to see the kids. Saw and talked to Joanne, Pat, Liz & Diane. Only saw Bob B.

Sun. July 24 - The Mormon Choir sang at the Railroad Fair. It was also broadcast. Hannah Mae and I went around the fair together. Hottest yet today.

Mon. July 25 - Went swimming at Steinmetz. Had more fun!!! We were dancing around under water and trying to talk. Ha! Funny!

Tues. July 26 - Went swimming at Steinmetz. I lost a button and was swimming with a strapless suit. This humidity is really terrible, soooooooo sticky.

Wed. July 27 - Mom washed and bottled applesauce so I couldn't go to Whalen pool with the kids. Babysat for Veldron for \$.82.

Thurs. July 28 - Went shopping with Mom. Weather: cold wave to hit Saturday. News: American Can Co. strike called off. Betty P., Betty H., Ellen and I got cutouts all the same.

Fri. July 29 - Played paper dolls at Betty Harm's house. Went for fiddle lesson. Only have one more lesson this summer.

Sat. July 30 - Chilly today! Hot Monday. Expected Mitchells but they didn't arrive. Saw two very good shows, "Johnny Allegro," and "Barkley Broadway."

Sun. July 31 - Hannah Mae, Marilyn and I are going to the show Friday. Today we went out to Warren Nichols open house (recently built by himself).

Mon. Aug. 1 - Went swimming at Steinmetz. I passed my Red Cross Intermediate test. What a workout! Played croquet at Betty H.'s house. It rained.

Tues. Aug. 2 - Went swimming - did my dive a little better. Mother was disgusted because I was outside almost 4 hours. I'm sick of summer vacation.

Wed. Aug. 3 - Went and saw Ringling-Barnum & Bailey circus. Really good. Spectacular stunts. Wow! [Then] I babysat for Veldron. In Paris the new [fashion] look for 1950 came out. It's the "windblown" look.

Thurs. Aug. 4 - Beautiful day in Chicago! After supper Betty and Ellen came over and we played croquet, painted and I served cocoa and cookies. Nice time.

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Fri. Aug. 5 - Went to the show with Hannah Mae. Saw "Girl from Jones Beach," with Ronald Reagan and Virginia Mayo, plus "Neptune's Daughter," with Red Skelton and Esther Williams.

Sat. Aug. 6 - Quite a dull day. Betty and Ellen are going to camp Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Babysat for Veldron. Got \$1.00

Sun. Aug. 7 - Very hot. Just think - in less than two weeks we're on our way to Utah. Grandma is coming back with us for the winter.

Mon. Aug. 8 - Had an earache so didn't go swimming today. Still hot. Mom did a big washing and (she doesn't know it, but) I ironed all but 3 shirts.

Tues. Aug. 9 - Went swimming. Mom came to watch Jane and me. Jane can swim about two yards. [At the movies] we saw "Sand," (a horse show) and "Green Promise," with Natalie Wood.

Wed. Aug. 10 - Very hot and humid. Looked for night crawlers with flash lights. We are going to Utah for sure the 19<sup>th</sup> of August.

Thurs. Aug. 11 - Rainy and oh, so hot! Went for a fiddle lesson. Bonnie Turner is getting married to a boy from Taber, Canada.

Fri. Aug. 12 - Ellen and Betty leave early tomorrow morning for camp. Betty H. is going to the farm for a week so I will be all alone.

Sat. Aug. 13 - Darrell had to work Sunday so we wanted to go to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, but Gary insisted on carrying out his plans of going to Kansas City, Missouri.

Sun. Aug. 14 - Imburs (next door) are starting to move. Haven't yet sold their house. Went to Hannah Mae's to sleep and so did Marilyn and Joy. H. M.'s folks are on vacation while she has summer school.

Mon. Aug. 15 - Darrell Lee says that Jean Williams and Ray Linford's romance will break up sooner or later. I can hardly wait till Friday.

Tues. Aug. 16 - Gary came back from Kansas City. Said he had a nice trip. Wrote a letter to Kay [Mitchell, my cousin in Utah].

Wed. Aug. 17 - Mom washed. It rained. We plan to leave at 3 AM Friday morning since Dad finished his tests early [He was working on his Master's Degree at the Art Institute].

Thurs. Aug. 18 - Went to Hannah Mae's graduation. We all went crazy with work getting ready. Mom and Dad didn't get to bed until 3:00.

Fri. Aug. 19 - Left at 6:00. Got as far as Columbus, Nebraska. Heard about Chicago's worst gun-battle: 1 Negro against 125 police. He got 55 bullets in him.

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Sat. Aug. 20 - I had my first driving lesson on Route 138 Colorado. I drove 5 miles at 40 mph. Camped in Rocky Mountain National Park. Froze to death.

Sun. Aug. 21 - Came over the pass - the most beautiful scenery!! We were up 12,800 feet. Spent most of the day taking pictures.



Mon. Aug. 22 - Monday afternoon we arrived in Salt Lake. We got a cabin about two miles from Mitchells. After supper went to Mitchells house.

Tues. Aug. 23 - Met Betty [Mitchell's] beau: LaMar Empey. He isn't too tall, but he is nice and nice looking. Immediately after the wedding there is to be a wedding breakfast.

Wed. Aug. 24 - The organ for the wedding came today. I am going to serve at Betty's reception.

Thurs. Aug. 25 - Played the organ and mopped. June Barlow, "Miss Utah," is a bridesmaid. She is going to Atlantic City and may become Miss America.

Fri. Aug. 26 - I was dead tired from the wedding. Betty got more gifts than you could shake a stick at. Went swimming at Lagoon with Kay, David and Richard [cousins].

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Sat. Aug. 27 - Put penicillin in Jane's eyes. She got pink eye really bad from Jane Ann [cousin].  
Went to Bingham copper mine.

Sun. Aug. 28 - Went to [choir] broadcast at Tabernacle [on Temple Square]. Went to Provo to see Jensens and went to Sandy, Utah to hear her sing at her cousin's farewell. I saw her other cousin, age 14, and real cute.

Mon. Aug. 29 - Monkeyed around town in Salt Lake while Mom and Dad went to temple.  
Started to get ready for trip home.

Tues. Aug. 30 - Left about 7:00 AM. Traveled all day and stopped at Cheyenne. I drove about 20 miles.

Wed. Aug. 31 - Traveled all day and stopped at Plattsmouth by the Missouri River.

Thurs. Sept. 1 - Were up before the sun and saw the rising mists. We'll be home at last!!  
Arrived about 9 PM.

Fri. Sept. 2 - Really worked today, changed beds and mopped and washed and washed walls and ironed and Mom said, "I haven't got to first base!"

Sat. Sept. 3 - Were all busy all day and went to Conference and saw two movies on welfare.  
School starts Tuesday!

Sun. Sept. 4 - Went to Conference. Hannah Mae, Marilyn and I sat in the library with Mabel and Craig and watched Donice sleep! It rained.

Mon. Sept. 5 - Getting ready for school, however didn't do much. The Lows came over and brought the kids. Mom was sure mad at Jane. What a rumpus.

Tues. Sept. 6 - First day of high school [at Steinmetz]. Got a fairly good program. Met Bonnie Ossler I used to know at Bridge School. Bonnie will call for me in the morning.

Wed. Sept. 7 - Found my way around a little better. Left my lunch home and got money from Dad. Cut 5<sup>th</sup> English cause I thought it was 6<sup>th</sup>! Met Mrs. Stusse's niece.

Thur. Sept. 8 - Mr. Groom told me I didn't need to take music 'cause I took orchestra, so I can drop music. I'm lucky I had it 9<sup>th</sup> so I can go home.

Fri. Sept. 9 - I now leave school at 2:30. Sunday night I have to accompany two duets played by Gary and Cliff. Cliff came to practice today.

Sat. Sept. 10 - Grandma gave me a crocheted white linen hankie made from her burial clothes. A beautiful day—just perfect! Got two bushels of peaches, 1 bushel pears, 1 bushel apples.

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Photo:

Rear, left to right: Uncle Snow Mitchell, Mother, Aunt Martha, Daddy, Betty Mitchell  
Front, left to right: Grandma (Sarah Jane Godfrey Holmes) Jane Ann Mitchell, Jane Weaver, me.

Sun. Sept 11 - Went to Hannah Mae's for dinner. Played for Gary and Cliff this evening at church. Jim Harris is going to BYWoo. He'll probably get hitched. [So many young people got married during college that they kidded about BYU being BY Woo.]

Mon. Sept. 12 - Went to school, as usual. Mom canned peaches. School is OK but there I stop. Beryl will be here Saturday - oh fun!!

Tues. Sept. 13 - We canned peaches, two bushels, 50 cans. I'm getting to know the kids at school a little better. In gym we have swim on Tuesday, health on Wed.

Wed. Sept. 14 - Babysat for Veldron. Orchestra is quite hard. [No wonder, after only a dozen lessons on the violin.]

Thurs. Sept. 15 - Will take my fiddle lesson Tuesday. Also Beryl will be here then.

Fri. Sept. 16 - I take my first piano lesson tomorrow from Bea Ward at Chicago Musical College. Went to Mutual opening party.

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Sat. Sept. 17 - Went downtown early and had my lesson, was back by 3 PM and went to bed then to get a little sleep.

Sun. Sept. 18 - Went to North Shore Ward and Mission home and met a fellow going to Utah with a new Buick so Darrell, Cliff, Jim and Carl got a ride.

Mon. Sept. 19 - School - quite dull. Steinmetz has a bunch of hoodlums!! I guess I just got the mopos.

Tues. Sept. 20 - Beryl arrived! Also I went for my fiddle lesson. Went swimming at school and got a cold.

Wed. Sept. 21 - My cold is terrible. Could hardly stand school. How miserable. Didn't have to sit for Veldron.

Thurs. Sept. 22 - My cold is terrible so I stayed home. It tightened up. About 3:30 I played baseball. The nights are getting cold and days are cool.

Fri. Sept. 23 - Worked hard when I got home from school. Was either going to Mutual party or show. Went to none - bed.

Sat. Sept. 24 - Had dinner at the Stonesifer's - a beautiful day. We washed, shopped and went downtown for lessons.

Sun. Sept. 25 - We are back on Central Standard Time and I appreciated the extra hour of sleep. Beryl and Gary and I went to night church on the bus and Gary acted silly.

Mon. Sept. 26 - Went shopping after supper and bought a new wool plaid at Lerner's for \$6.00 I write Steinmetz news for the Northwest News [neighborhood newspaper].

Tues. Sept. 27 - Went swimming at school and washed my hair and set it and went for a lesson and got a ride home from a student of Mr. Bergh's.

Wed. Sept. 28 - Decided that from now on I would go by "Claire" instead of "Ellen." [In grade school I was Ellen, but at home I was usually EC.] It was cold today.

Thurs. Sept. 29 - Cold again today. School is wearing on - quite boring. Beryl suggested I go west with her next summer.

Fri. Sept. 30 - Steinmetz football team stinks! Loses all its games. Beryl sang at Mutual. She is going to Northwestern football game tomorrow.

Sat. Oct. 1 - Had my third piano lesson. Dad took Beryl and Jane and I to the wiener roast in the forest preserve with his Student Council.

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Sun. Oct. 2 - Went to church to hear Beryl sing. Old Glen Smith came and sat by us. I really don't care for him.

Mon. Oct. 3 - I'm getting weary of this eternal practicing! And sometimes I wish there wasn't any school. I'm having no fun at all. [I felt like a fish out of water at a new school, knowing so few kids. I didn't much like myself when I was 13.]

Tues. Oct. 4 - Quite rainy. Cut swimming class to write a story for Miss O'Conner.

Wed. Oct. 5 - Babysat for Veldron. I got Orchestra 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> periods now.

Thurs. Oct. 6 - Babysat again for Veldron. Mother has so much work to do she is going to ask Beryl to leave for a while.

Fri. Oct. 7 - Very, very warm (hot) a beautiful day. We are going to the Arboretum Saturday. Betty Pilch and I are going Trick or Treating for Halloween together.

Sat. Oct. 8 - Went for piano lesson. Went to Arboretum. Beryl has an invitation to stay with Warren Johnson's wife for a while. Warren is away for 7 weeks.

Sun. Oct. 9 - Mom felt bad today and it upset me. Beryl, Gary and I went to fireside at Hatfield's to hear Dr. Brinton speak.

Mon. Oct. 10 - I found out that the jerk that sits in back of me in algebra lives just down the street - just moved in.

Tues. Oct. 11 - Didn't have to go for a lesson, so went to outdoor theater with Gary and Beryl to see "I was a Male War Bride," very funny and good.

Wed. Oct. 12 - Columbus Day - a holiday. O loafed and monkeyed around with Betty Pilch. Gary and Dad cleaned garage.

Thurs. Oct. 13 - A conflict about a new car and selling the old one to Gary. Dad gave me the old power tractor to sell. I can have what money I get.

Fri. Oct. 14 - Asked Betty Pilch to go with me to Steinmetz skating party. Her answer = yes. Went to Mutual.

Sat. Oct. 15 - Beautiful day. Went to town for a piano lesson, as usual. [To go for my piano lesson I would walk to the Belmont Ave. bus stop, about a block away from home. Then I would ride the bus to the end of the line near Lake Michigan, where I would transfer to the elevated station. I would catch the "L" train, which would then descend below the Loop to become the subway. I got off at Van Buren St., walked to the Chicago Musical College which was in an old hotel between Michigan Ave and State St. on Van Buren. Then I would take the elevator to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor to Bea Ward's studio. The trip, one way, took about 45 minutes, sometimes more.

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Sometimes Mother would go, too, and she would shop and I would meet her after my lesson. She often kept me waiting a long time at our designated meeting place.]

Sun. Oct. 16 - Decided what to wear for Halloween. Beryl moved her things. Marilyn Wheeler said her brother, George, had a crush on me.

Mon. Oct. 17 - Babysat for Veldron. I felt very good today. I enjoy school more all the time. We are getting a new car!

Tues. Oct. 18 - Steinmetz Halloween barn dance is next Wed. Went to fiddle lesson and then with Mom to Relief Society. They are painting the church.

Wed. Oct. 19 - I teased Bonnie Ossler about Norman Anderson whom she likes. There were 11 kids in her family, 2 died. A volleyball game. We won but it didn't count because not enough showed up.

Thurs. Oct. 20 - School as usual. Jane yesterday got a garage door slammed on her foot. X-ray today: bad bruise and stretched ligaments.

Fri. Oct. 21 - Our new car came today!! Went to Mutual. Lou Ann told me she knew someone who had a crush on me, she didn't say who. Marilyn already said. Gary and I went to Louise Johnson's apartment to see Beryl.

Sat. Oct. 22 - Janie's birthday. I got her "Little Women," then went to the Wheelers party. Lucy and George and I went on a scavenger hunt together to get a love letter, lace panties, etc.

Sun. Oct. 23 - I didn't go to evening services. I stayed home to do English homework. Folks went to North Shore [ward] but I sure wanted to go to Logan Square ward.

Mon. Oct. 24 - Went skating at Riverview with Betty Pilch. A sailor tried to skate with me - no dice. Went home with Dad.

Tues. Oct. 25 - No lesson because Mr. Bergh is still in the hospital with virus pneumonia.

Wed. Oct. 26 - Babysat for Veldron. She is getting new modern furniture for her living room.

Thurs. Oct. 27 - House cleaning, moved furniture in living room. I got my costume figured out. Funny pink low-necked dress, black slip, old shoes painted up face and funny hat.

Fri. Oct. 28 - I really got fixed up for the Halloween party but I didn't have much fun. We didn't leave home till 9:30 and I missed the judging and George didn't even dance with me.

Sat. Oct. 29 - Bea said I had a very good lesson. I went with Marilyn to Lakeview's homecoming game. George directs the band.

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Sun. Oct. 30 - There is going to be a harvest ball Friday at West Suburban ward. Beryl is going with Ken Wright. I'm supposed to go to Lou Ann's house for Beehives Thurs.

Mon. Oct. 31 - Bonnie and I went trick-or-treat. We told people we were on a scavenger hunt and collected a lot of junk and dumped it on Norman Anderson's porch.

Tues. Nov. 1 - Dad and Mom wouldn't let me go to Wheelers to do Beehive work. I had swimming today. Dorothy Nolte is a life guard in my class.

Wed. Nov. 2 - Babysat for Veldron. I am trying to figure out how to get Christmas money. I'm broke. I'm going to Lane Tech tomorrow for a concert.

Thurs. Nov. 3 - Went to hear Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Lane Tech. Looked for Marilyn and George but didn't see either. I'm getting some new clothes.

Fri. Nov. 4 - The governor of Illinois, Adalie E. Stevenson and State Attorney Boyle were at Steinmetz for an assembly. Bonnie and I cut gym for it.

Sat. Nov. 5 - Had a fair lesson. I don't get enough "feeling" [in my music]. Went to Beryl's office and then to a show. We saw "Sword in the Desert." Marvelous.

Sun. Nov. 6 - Went to church and I was only one in the family to go. Mom and Gram and Gary went to Milwaukee. I saw George, but he only said, "Hi." Rode home with John Salton and Sharon.

Mon. Nov. 7 - Mrs. Imbur had twin girls, which was very nice. I was talking to [Frank] Weeder and [?] Haubrock and they beat up Winnel to get my pencil.

Tues. Nov. 8 - Mr. Bergh won't teach any more for a while. He is too run down said the doctor. The swimming pool at school was closed.

Wed. Nov. 9 - I wore my new straight skirt to school. It's heavy wool and is the color of aqua graph paper. Mom made it. Babysat for Veldron.

Thurs. Nov. 10 - Joann Sandahl who sits near me in two classes is real swell and I persuaded her to sign up for orchestra. She played piano 7 years. The weather warm, 76 F., almost hot.

Fri. Nov. 11 - Oh, I am so happy. At Mutual I had to wait a real long time for Helen Smith so I danced a lot with George. He asked me to a formal dance at the Edgewater Beach Hotel (I think) or it might be the Sherman Hotel. I'm getting an ankle length formal party dress.

Sat. Nov. 12 - I surprised everyone and cut my hair real short at Marshall Fields.

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Sun. Nov. 13 - I think my hair turned out pretty well. I'm pretty lucky and excited, getting a formal date. I sure like George. Wow! I hope to get shoes. [Whatever could my parents have been thinking about to let me start dating when I was 13? That is entirely too young!]

Mon. Nov. 14 - Went shopping for a pattern and Mom forgot her purse, but we picked out a pattern.

Tues. Nov. 15 - We got our course books today: Spanish-S; English-E; Algebra-E; Science-E; Orchestra 1 & 2-S & S. I am well pleased. Also E in gym.

Wed. Nov. 16 - We are trying to decide what my dress should look like. We had our first snow. It really came down thick, but not for long cause it melted.

Thurs. Nov. 17 - Couldn't decide how to make my dress. Went shopping and bought a low-necked green dress for \$5.00, a wonderful bargain. I will get new shoes and a necklace and bracelet too.

Fri. Nov. 18 - Went to Mutual. George said I was to be picked up at 8:00 Wed. Hurrah.

Sat. Nov. 19 - Was late for lesson. What a mob downtown - Santa Claus parade. Stake birthday party. Swell program. Danced after with John and Keith Matheson.

Sun. Nov. 20 - Conference. I met Tina, Joanne and some other girls that go to University Ward. I had known them but not good. I snowed some this evening.

Mon. Nov. 21 - We will have swimming tomorrow since pool is back in use. Got my weskit and skirt back from cleaners. Snowed a little today.

Tues. Nov. 22 - George called me (my first date) and said Bob would pick him and me up at my house about 15 to 8 or 7. Mom fixed my dress. It's not cold out.

Wed. Nov. 23 - I went to the dance with George - a swell dance. Then we went to the Fireside Restaurant. Swell dinner. Then we drove around Evanston. Wow, a HOT time. [That meant we kissed in the back seat.] I got a beautiful orchid. Got in at 4:00 AM. [Weren't my parents upset? They probably were, I don't remember.]

Thurs. Nov. 24 - Didn't get up till 11:00 AM. Darrell Evans came to our turkey (20 lb.) dinner and so did Beryl and she brought her recording. Sat and talked till 12:00. Beryl slept with me.

Fri. Nov. 25 - Cleaned house. I think I might have to give a 2 ½ minute talk Sunday. Went to Mutual and saw George. He apologized for not walking me to the door. He was tired.

Sat. Nov. 26 - Went for a lesson - fair. Went to bake sale and play and bazaar. George was there for the play. Marilyn, Glen, George and I sat together. Good play.

Sun. Nov. 27 - I heard that George said that for my first date I did well. Went with Brother Ensign, Kay Wright, Beryl to South Shore Ward. Took wrong road and were one hour late.

Mon. Nov. 28 - Ann Wilke, who sits in front of me in Algebra is really a pig and I decided not to even hardly talk to her or her kids (friends around her).

Tues. Nov. 29 - I decided to do some Mutual work tonight - artists and composers. Warm weather for November, and beautiful.

Wed. Nov. 30 - I'm almost as tall as Mom and Dad. (5' 6") Babysat for Velrdon. I'm really getting a lot of Beehive work done. [Each Mutual class had requirements for awards, much like merit badges.]

Thurs. Dec. 1 - It snowed all day and quit after dark and cleared off. Clear as a bell with moon and stars, a regular fairyland with snow on all the branches.

Fri. Dec. 2 - Went to Mutual while Mom, Jane and Gram went to show. George wasn't there, darn, when I had a good long time to dance.

Sat. Dec. 3 - Went for a lesson - drove down. Mom went to get haircut. Came home, had a hullabaloo. I gave her a Toni [permanent] and later helped set it. We got new seat covers [for the car].

Sun. Dec. 4 - Stayed at church all day to practice. I felt terrible about my date. Bernita has a crush on George and I am all so mixed up. Talked to Lucy.

Mon. Dec. 5 - Mom straightened out my problem of yesterday. [I remember what a big deal this was, talking to her about my feelings about that first date, not knowing what was expected, etc., kissing him more than once, then feeling guilty about it.] We went to Harms' for a beauty demonstration. Had fun with all the makeup.

Tues. Dec. 6 - Music Festival at school. Orchestra played first and then Mom and I went to church, she to Relief Society, and the girls and I made candy.

Wed. Dec. 7 - Joann Sandahl, another Joann and I formed a trio at school today: violin, cello and piano. Babysat for Veldron real late. A little snow.

Thurs. Dec. 8 - Beryl came back here from Louise Johnson's because Warren (her husband) came back from Washington D.C. Real cold out.

Fri. Dec. 9 - Went to Mutual - a good crowd. We had a pound party. Delicious! I can't decide if I like (as a friend) Lenny Doty. He seems nice, but odd.

Sat. Dec. 10 - Lesson as usual. Went to Marshall Fields for a while but didn't shop. I am reading "The Robe," by Lloyd Douglas. The book impresses me very, very much.

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Sun. Dec. 11 - Marilyn, Alice and I went to Hannah Mae's house for dinner and decided to change our play a little. I hope Helen Smith (director) likes it.

Mon. Dec. 12 - I have to give a talk next Sunday night. Paul Leon said next semester Mr. Groom is going to put me in 1<sup>st</sup> fiddle section. Darn, it's hard.

Tues. Dec. 13 - There's a real cute guy in Orchestra 2<sup>nd</sup> - Don Santi. But he is conceited so I don't like him. Went to church to practice play. Jasmine Smith is a real problem. [This was the director's daughter, who, I believe, had learning disabilities.]

Wed. Dec. 14 - Pretty cold weather. I am fairly well into "The Robe," a truly remarkable book. Friday the Beehive girls are putting on the play, "Under the Spreading Christmas Tree."

Thurs. Dec. 15 - I'm sure homesick for Franklin Park kids and all after hearing Leyden High's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Pageant. It was wonderful!

Fri. Dec. 16 - I got a letter from Marilyn Z. (Franklin Park). We put on our play at Mutual. Not bad, but Jasmine Smith flopped.

Sat. Dec. 17 - Got Mom 3 pair of nylons at \$2.82 (sale). Went to the Messiah in which Beryl was one of the four soloists. Mabel Rollins was there.

Sun. Dec. 18 - Gave a talk about John the Baptist Sunday night. All the kids from the Y (BYU) came home. Gary and I went over to Cliff's with Bill Walker of Provo and watched television.

Mon. Dec. 19 - Went to the "Peoples Church" of Dr. Preston Bradley. What a letdown. Not any Christmas spirit whatsoever. Now I really appreciate my own church.

Tues. Dec. 20 - Joann Sandahl found out that Dad was a teacher at Steinmetz [I had tried to keep this a secret]. Warm for December and plenty of rain. Christmas is so close and me with no shopping.

Wed. Dec. 21 - I went shopping with Joann and I got Gary a tie and Mom a gray blouse. I'm trying very hard to make friends with her [Joann, not Mom]. Rain! Rain!

Thurs. Dec. 22 - Fairy's day - Humph. So I can't wear yellow. Went to Montclare and then to church Primary play. Sat in the balcony with George and Dick.

Fri. Dec. 23 - Out of school at noon: at last! Did a little shopping. Went to Mutual party. Not bad. Did I ever dance a lot! George is a cad. After Bert showed up he wouldn't look at me.

Sat. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve. A beautiful white Christmas and a wonderful book to read, "The Robe." It's very inspiring. Too bad Christmas is so commercialized.

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Sun. Dec. 25 - Christmas day. Opened our "gifts." It was a wonderful Christmas. Went to Williams's after church.

Mon. Dec. 26 - Read "Robe" most of the day. Beryl entertained Jim.

Tues. Dec. 27 - Sat for Veldron and helped Joan make some candy on her little stove. Almost done with "Robe." Wonderful!!!

Wed. Dec. 28 - Went to Franklin Park at Marilyn Zwolanek's house. Our old grade school crowd - it was a regular hen party. Good time.

Thurs. Dec. 29 - Today is Fairy's day. Beryl is leaving for Provo (her home) and BYU in four weeks. She's going out with Ken Wright a lot. Doesn't want to fall in love.

Fri. Dec. 30 - Well, Gary is preparing to leave for the Y [BYU] Sunday morning. Claudia Prischa, Ray Linford, Jim Harris and Lee Naublach are riding with.

Sat. Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve. We had a dinner (big one) as Gary's last meal. Went to the dance and got to bed real early, 12:30 for a change.

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