

Diary of Ellen Claire Weaver - 1950

Sun. Jan. 1 - Wanted to go to museum but didn't. Mom and Beryl both had a tooth pulled. I have 8 cavities. Went to Imburs. They have a lovely new home.

Mon. Jan. 2 - Saw Gary off at 7 AM.. The Wilcox boys are also going back [to BYU], Carl, Clyde, Ray and Ray's beautiful wife. He got married last summer.

Tues. Jan. 3 - I decided that I would ask Nancy Walker to ask Joann if she liked me and if her girlfriends liked me.

Wed. Jan. 4 - I asked Nancy Walker to ask Joann Sandahl if she liked me and so on. I am waiting for results. The high class, well dressed Druscilla Inkson talked to me and seemed real nice.

Thurs. Jan. 5 - Went shopping with Mom. Almost bought a dress. It was brown wool, raglan sleeve and pleated skirt. I'm in love with it.

Fri. Jan. 6 - Mom called up and had the dress put away (yesterday's). Went to Mutual. Lou Ann Wheeler, Mutual teacher, had a lesson on friends and boyfriends.

Sat. Jan. 7 - I had a wonderful piano lesson. "You have what it takes," said Bea Ward. And to top it off I got my brown dress. [It was a two piece brown wool with knit cuffs and collar - my all-time favorite outfit - and I wore it for years, actually wore it out.] I watched television at Marker's house.

Sun. Jan. 8 - There's a real cute Samoan boy at church [He was in the navy stationed at Great Lakes]. Went to Fireside at Ed Smiths and he was there. Went to Hannah Mae's for dinner with Marilyn and Joy. I got mad at Alice when she hurt Ora White's feelings (jokingly).

Mon. Jan. 9 - Had to stay after school, 10th period to practice 2nd fiddle section. Couldn't practice very well. Am going to read the book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

Tues. Jan. 10 - I was in the hall showing the hall guard my pass and Don Santi and his friend came along and kidded that I didn't need a pass. Dad sponsored a swell talent show at school.

Wed. Jan. 11 - Went to hear the opera "The Old Maid and the Thief," starring Beryl. Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful! A real hit!! At school I got loads of compliments on my brown outfit.



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Thurs. Jan. 12 - An army band played today in assembly. I had to stay 10th period to practice. Nancy Walker found out that Joanne likes me but thinks I have my own friends.

Fri. Jan. 13 - Hannah Mae felt real terrible because (it's a secret) Ray Linford loves Jean [Hannah Mae's older sister] and she egged him on. And now Jean is engaged to a certain Jack and it's going to break a heart.

Sat. Jan. 14 - Had a lesson and bought Levis for \$4.00. Watched TV at Marker's while folks were at a show. Saw opera "Down in the Valley" on TV.

Sun. Jan. 15 - Decided to ask Alice to Hannah Mae's farm next summer - that will make 9 of us. Sat and talked until 11:10, the usual Sunday night chat [with parents. These were wonderful times as I recall. We had such great gospel conversations. I loved it!]

Mon. Jan. 16 - LeRoy, the boy who took lessons from Mr. Bergh and who also drove me home that time, was at school today. He graduated two years ago.

Tues. Jan. 17 - Mom is planning on going to BYU during the summer, taking Jane and leaving me and Dad, but we will go out there at the end of the summer.

Wed. Jan. 18 - I was going to have Joann and her gang over the 26th but think I will ask church kids instead. Rumors about Frank Flamini and a Miss Roach had a real sexy affair.

Thurs. Jan. 19 - Went to dentist and had two front cavities filled. 20 more weeks of school. One week and I will be a "Freshman - A." I'll be a big shot. Ha, ha.

Fri. Jan. 20 - The police picked up two girls, 18, also are expecting, about 8 months, for carrying on on the BUS. Beryl can't make up her mind to stay or go home.

Sat. Jan. 21 - On subway a man put his hand between the seat and my leg and scared me stiff. [This was one of the most frightening experiences I had growing up. I remember looking down to see what was touching me and was shocked to see a hand. I turned around to see who it was attached to and oh, was I in for a shock! It was the creepiest face I'd ever seen. For a moment I froze in terror, then I collected my wits, moved and went to stand beside the conductor of the subway. I got off at my stop and fortunately that disgusting, degenerate creature stayed aboard.]

In the evening I went to banquet and served and had a good time dancing. For my [14th] birthday I got a bracelet and perfume.

Sun. Jan. 22 - We had Ken, Claude, Darrell and Princess Yogadi for dinner. Rollinses came over after church. That Craig is SO cute. He's about 5' 8 1/2" at just 13.

Mon. Jan. 23 - Beryl is leaving for Kansas City Thursday, then to Provo for three weeks or else until Sept. Plans are indefinite. I practiced piano 3 hours and 15 minutes.

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Tues. Jan. 24 - A girl passed out by my locker and died (heart attack) one hour later. It made front page of Chicago Daily News. Gary sent me a pair of Levis. Too bad I just got some.

Wed. Jan. 25 - Beryl is all packed and leaves at 9:30 in the morning. She is doing her opera again tonight. Dad looked up my [new] program [class schedule]. I got 1st to 8th with 5th period lunch.

Thurs. Jan. 26 - Went downtown, got a little purse. Met Marilyn and Joy and saw "Dancing in the Dark," at the Chicago Theater (it was OK). Joy was holding hands with a strange boy. I was shocked!

Fri. Jan. 27 - Got my new school program - nice. Good teachers, too. I caught a real bad cold. Should have stayed home but went to Mutual dance.

Sat. Jan. 28 - Went to Dr. Olson in Evanston. Jane and I both have to wear glasses. I am mad. Went to bed early to get rid of cold.

Sun. Jan. 29 - My cold was quite a bit better. I wore my new maroon sweater to church and nylon scarf. Served punch for the missionary farewell of Revere Nelson.

Mon. Jan. 30 - A1B, Dorothy Coope, from Locke [elementary school] whom I used to know real well is in my gym class. Jane and I couldn't get the alarm clock to work. It's wasn't wound.

Tues. Jan. 31 - School - not much else exciting - weather is cold. Dad and I went to Orchestra Hall to hear the Civic Orchestra. There we saw a character all in white fur.

Wed. Feb. 1 - Just another school day. Joanne Sandahl, Jean Nelson and I snuck out of gym 4th and went to the lunchroom.

Fri. Feb. 3 - Went around today with Irene Bianchi (1A) who belongs to the "Sweets" a high class sorority. She said she would talk to the others about my joining.

Sat. Feb. 4 - Dad did an old time fire engine out of wood for Spike Jones. [This was a great commission for Dad, as the Spike Jones band, touring the U. S., was very popular in those days.] Had music exams [at Chicago Musical College]. Met Mabel Rollins and we went around town together.

Sun. Feb. 5 - Today was a great event in my life. It was the first time I ever bore my testimony. I was so nervous! Hannah Mae did too. She also came over.

Mon. Feb. 6 - I can't make up my mind about joining the Sweets club. I just don't know. I have to get in 3 hours on piano and should get an hour on fiddle. Well - there goes the time.

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Tues. Feb. 7 - I think, not sure, that I won't join the Sweets club. Marilyn is taking piano lessons from Bea. The Patricia Stevens modeling school called and asked me to tour their school Monday.

Wed. Feb. 8 - I told the kids I wasn't going to join their club, so now that's off my mind. [I can't believe I would offend them by refusing, and then join or form another club just a few months later!] Mom is now taking a course at Wright College.

Thurs. Feb. 9 - Two Mormon missionaries in Red controlled Czechoslovakia were jailed and haven't been heard from, 13 other missionaries in Czech. are considered "dangerous" to the government! [It was during Wallace Toronto's mission presidency. He negotiated for their release.]

Fri. Feb. 10 - Mom said I could probably have some church kids over to sleep next Friday after we see a horror movie after Mutual at the Belmont Theater.

Sat. Feb. 11 - Started new schedule at Chicago Musical College. Don't get up till 8 am. Went to Valentine dance and fixed up and ran a rubber dart shooting booth.

Sun. Feb. 12 - Hannah Mae can't go to the horror show, so don't think we will go. Went to Williamses' after church with Edmunds. They sure have a quiet little baby (Edmunds).

Mon. Feb. 13 - A holiday. Planned to go to Leyden 'cause they had school, but didn't. Snowing a lot, then rain forming ice over snow and trees. Betty Harms came over and ate lunch. I went to her house to watch TV.

Tues. Feb. 14 - Grandma is planning to leave for Canada in about a week. A sloppy day of snow and rain with a nightfall of snow wonderland. Did some poetry for English.



Photo right: Grandmother Holmes, age 87 here, was my mother's mother.

Wed. Feb. 15 - Mom is taking a course at Wright College and planning for "Y" in summer. Life for me is dull except for the expectation of next summer.

Thurs. Feb. 16 - Betty, Weeder kids and I were playing where they are building a new building in back of Markers. Also finished my 18 page science report.

Fri. Feb. 17 - Haubrick, Weeder and Wingel were climbing on the beams of the new building. I acted real stupid in Beehive class. We were learning about bandages, a real riot.

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Sat. Feb. 18 - Went for music lesson. In my recital I am only going to play "Crescendo", not "Will-o-the-whisp." I'm not quite ready. Conference tomorrow! [quarterly Chicago Stake conference, always held at the University Ward near the U. of Chicago]

Sun. Feb. 19 - Went to Conference. Hannah Mae, Keith & Robert Matheson and I went to the museum till 2 PM, came back for the afternoon session and in the coat room we talked of everything from A to Z.

Mon. Feb. 20 - I know now how much it means to have a friend like Hannah Mae. At Steinmetz everyone smokes and drinks and you can't be real good friends with any one person. However, I know some nice kids.

Tues. Feb. 21 - Hannah Mae and I are going to a show tomorrow since it is Washington's birthday. I think it would be fun if she and I and Keith and Robert could get together.

Wed. Feb. 22 - Hannah Mae and I went to see "Cinderella" downtown. Snowing, and I forgot my boots. Were mobs trying to get in, too. Hannah Mae called and we talked on the phone for 1 hour and 15 minutes!!

Thurs. Feb. 23 - Was sitter for Veldron and expected Hannah Mae to come over, but no. The coal shortage is getting terrific. No street lights on or heat on streetcars.

Fri. Feb. 24 - Mutual. I hear there will be no school any more on Fridays because of the coal shortage. Robert was there and only danced with me once. Beryl arrived from Utah.

Sat. Feb. 25 - Beryl is living with Maureen Maxfield from Provo. I had a recital and messed it up. Had to start over. Madam Hussie and Senia Greve gave concert at church.

Sun. Feb. 26 - Went to Gary, Indiana and took Karl Gwilliams and Beryl. I accompanied her. On the way home she told me all about her cousin, Vaughn Rassmussen, and got me interested.

Mon. Feb. 27 - Because of the coal strike which has lasted several months now, there will be no school on Fridays. Steinmetz uses 6 tons per day to heat it.

Tues. Feb. 28 - Dad got a book on how to build your own home. That we are thinking about. I am getting up mornings to practice three hours a day.

Wed. Mar. 1 - March already. Boy! Does time fly. Summer will be here in no time. Today was very cold and real, real windy.

Thurs. Mar. 2 - A full moon tonight on the cold crusty snow. Very beautiful and romantic which turns my thoughts to meeting Vaughn this summer.

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Fri. Mar. 3 - Coal strike - no school. Dad and I cleaned house. Family went to show at 4 PM to see "Ambush." When I was at Mutual I danced all the time with John Dalton, couldn't ditch him. I fell and hurt my foot.

Sat. Mar. 4 - My foot was bad from last night's fall. Couldn't walk so Dad took me downtown [for piano lesson]. Coal strike is off! Went to Olesons for dinner and TV, Williams family there, too.

Sun. Mar. 5 - Beautiful weather and warm. Baked a very successful cake today. Relief Society sacrament meeting [featured us] Weaver family in a silent skit.

Mon. Mar. 6 - Got a blouse pattern for me to sew. Am going to try a lot of sewing now. Grades tomorrow. I really think I'll get a bad grade in algebra.

Tues. Mar. 7 - Poor Jane. She broke her arm again. Just above her elbow (left). Cut out most of blouse for my new summer dress.

Wed. Mar. 8 - In my course book I got 2 E's, 1 S and a B in algebra. Got on Honor Roll. Very cold today. Cut out my skirt and started sewing it up.

Thurs. Mar. 9 - Had an awful headache. Sewed up my skirt. Am trying to decide about my hair. It's just an in between length.

Fri. Mar. 10 - At Mutual we saw "Calling all Cars," a cute play with Sharon, Allan, Gus, Lenny and more. Keith and Robert were there but they're so shy it's hard to talk to them.

Sat. Mar. 11 - Today is Grandma's last day here. She leaves at 1:00 Sunday. She has been so good and helped so much with necessary odds and ends and we all love her so.

Sun. Mar. 12 - Went to church - took Grandma to Union Station - came back to church. Took a bus to Hannah Mae's. Went to [evening] church. Beryl sang and Sister Stewart gave review of Book of Mormon.

Mon. Mar. 13 - We sure miss Grandma and I hope Beryl can come again. Heard "Little Women" on radio and I pray that I will lead as beautiful a life as they did.

Tues. Mar. 14 - Went to church to practice play. Went through it once 'cause Lou Ann had to go home. Monkeyed around with Dick and helped with tooth-paste [we had a welfare project at the church of producing tooth-paste.]

Wed. Mar. 15 - I practiced 6 hours today, which I think is quite a feat. Had an algebra test. It is my poorest subject. I hope I did good.

Thurs. Mar. 16 - Aunt Ethel is in the hospital from a heart attack (pretty bad). Changed my room around with 1 bed. Started reading "Ben-Hur" the story of Christ.

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Fri. Mar. 17 - At Mutual Hannah Mae, Alice and I put on a skit which was funny, as I played a boy in Dad's suit and proposed to Hannah Mae. [I was a lot taller than her.]

Sat. Mar. 18 - Keith Matheson asked Hannah Mae to two Gold and Green Balls. [Each ward had one, and the Matheson's went to North Shore ward.] We went to a shindig at church with smorgasbord and movies. I sat in the balcony with John M., Keith and Hannah Mae, Marilyn and Glen and George and Norm.

Sun. Mar. 19 - Looked up in Book of Mormon that God the Son created the earth and Mom and I talked about it. Mom and Dad went to North Shore ward and Jane and I went to Logan Square.

Mon. Mar. 20 - I talked to Mom about letting Beryl come here again. She didn't say no, so it may be yes. I hope. The school pool still isn't open.

Tues. Mar. 21 - Very smoggy out. Went to church to make candy but watched play practice. I hope I can go to the Gold and Green Ball.

Wed. Mar. 22 - Kids in orchestra wanted me to join a quartet but I didn't. I read the whole book, "Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase," mystery in two hours.

Thurs. Mar. 23 - A beautiful day, 40 F. Babysat for Veldron at 5 PM. I keep asking Mom about Beryl staying and she hurt my feeling by telling me to keep out of her business.

Fri. Mar. 24 - A very dreary day and I felt kinda blue till Glen Smith asked me to the Gold and Green Ball. Tomorrow night there are four plays at church.

Sat. Mar. 25 - Bea said I had a good lesson. She is thinking about Mabel and I putting on a concert-recital in June. The plays at church were real good.

Sun. Mar. 26 - A dreary day, but warmer. Marilyn Wheeler feels awful bad 'cause Glen asked me to the G & G instead of her.

Mon. Mar. 27 - A beautiful warm day, the real first spring day. School sure does get boring. Seems like all I ever do is practice.

Tues. Mar. 28 - Had a miserable night and stayed home from school. I am over ½ through with "Ben-Hur," a really good book.

Wed. Mar. 29 - I read over some truly wonderful material about Christ as I am preparing a 2 ½ minute talk for Easter Morning at church.

Thurs. Mar. 30 - Had to check in "Ben-Hur," but I'm not through. Will get it from Hannah Mae. We couldn't decide exactly what to talk about for my 2 ½ minute Easter talk.

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Fri. Mar. 31 - At Mutual Dave, the Samoan boy, wanted me to go to the show with him. Hannah Mae said Marilyn said that George persuaded Glen not to take me to the G & G.

Sat. Apr. 1 - Had a fair lesson. Bea told Dad at the "Nite of Entertainment" that I had the makings of a concert pianist. I makes me feel funny to think about what my life will be like.

Sun. Apr. 2 - Went to hear Beryl's choir at the 4th Presbyterian Church on Michigan Ave. [She was paid to sing there.] I am in the dance ensemble for the G & G with Glen Smith.

Mon. Apr. 3 - A lot of rain. Wrote my talk for Easter. I am 2/3 through with "Ben-Hur," a tale of the Christ—very good!

Tues. Apr. 4 - Eleanor Warber, in my division, is singing solo in Music Festival and she has a good voice. Went to Relief Society for exercises - nobody there, so worked on my talk.

Wed. Apr. 5 - Had a lot of fun in gym with Irene Bianchi (Sweets Club). I worked a lot on my talk. Guess what? Snow, but it melted by evening.

Thurs. Apr. 6 - Went to Oak Park shopping for silver shoes, sash and bra. Got none, but will get them Saturday. Will go to Hannah Mae's house tomorrow.

Fri. Apr. 7 - Got my shoes and sash and went to Hannah Mae's. She got her new suit. We went to Mutual on the bus and were messy when we colored eggs at 12 AM.

Sat. Apr. 8 - Got up and went to lesson from Hannah Mae's house. Went to Gold and Green Ball with Glen. His folks took us and brought us. We had a bad time fixing my hair. Party was real nice.

Sun. Apr. 9 - Gave my Easter talk through a hoarse voice. What an Easter - rain, snow and ice over all. Beryl came home to sleep all night after church.

Mon. Apr. 10 - Last night two missionaries from Czechoslovakia gave talks. [They must have been passing through after their release.] I stayed home from school because of a cold and I finished "Ben-Hur" a novel of the Christ. Mom is working real hard for her speech class.

Tues. Apr. 11 - This weather! Yesterday warm - today cold. What next? I made the honor roll with all E's and an S in orchestra. Beryl left for Provo.

Wed. Apr. 12 - Eleanor Warber and Sabina Zaluska found out who Dad was [a teacher!]. Betty Riedel was talking to me about how bad the Mormons were. [This was not my first experience with religious prejudice.] Bea gave me a [piano] lesson at church.

Thurs. Apr. 13 - Mom and Dad and I discussed how to decorate the front room. We also plan to paint all the woodwork and some ceilings.

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Fri. Apr. 14 - I have my recital tomorrow and I got disgusted practicing. It was a nice but cool day. I am going to a youth banquet tomorrow at University ward.

Sat. Apr. 15 - Had my recital and messed it up again. Also saw the Van Gogh show [at the Art Institute]. Went with Hannah Mae to youth banquet at University ward. I met and danced a lot with a (?) Kaiser. Les and Veldron took Joy and me home.

Sun. Apr. 16 - A beautiful day and warm. Mabel came to church and told me that Craig was going to ask me to the Gold and Green but thought that I wouldn't like it. Mom and I talked of making a formal.

Mon. Apr. 17 - Nice and warm. Went to Oak Park looking for organdy material for a formal. Got all mixed up but finally decided.

Tues. Apr. 18 - Bought material (silver/gray) taffeta for formal. Went to and played in Steinmetz music festival. I told two band members who my dad was. [I guess I decided to stop trying to keep it a secret.]

Wed. Apr. 19 - Went to church to practice. We got pink nylon costumes. Maureen Maxfield tried on a strapless, real low, heavy white brocade gown.

Thurs. Apr. 20 - Went down to the Edgewater Beach Hotel to practice for the stake Gold and Green Ball. It was a dress rehearsal and the Logan Square kids didn't have their costumes. Came home with Glen by bus.

Fri. Apr. 21 - Stake Gold and Green Ball. Went with Glen Smith and his folks. He is rather boring, also rather conceited. Wore my new taffeta dress Mom made. We waited one hour for the exhibition dance.

Sat. Apr. 22 - It's 75 F. outside and in. Dad came home from the Student Council Convention in Peoria. We outlined 1001 things to do during clean-up week [spring break].

Sun. Apr. 23 - Rain - peeled off some wallpaper in dinette. We have a huge list of things to be done. Went to West Suburban for church.

Mon. Apr. 24 - Worked very hard taking off wallpaper in dinette and front bedroom. It was like scraping off airplane glue. Rain, lots, and chilly.

Tues. Apr. 25 - Dad bought \$42.00 worth of painting material. Painted one ceiling and monkeyed with a new dinette lamp.

Wed. Apr. 26 - Put undercoatings on walls. Plan on doing my room upstairs in chartreuse. I tried hard to be very sweet to Jane to make our family a happier one.

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Thurs. Apr. 27 - Went with Betty Jane Schultz and kids to see Cubs play ball. No game because of cold weather. I felt kinda bad because of my failures but I talked to Mom and I fixed it up.

Fri. Apr. 28 - Painted my room chartreuse (greenish yellow). At Mutual they had just a program and Hannah Mae gave a spur-of-the-moment talk- good, too.

Sat. Apr. 29 - Cold weather - went to dedication of farm [new church farm, I presume]. Rode horses and monkeyed around in the hay with Hannah Mae, Keith, Jan, Margaret Smith and Dan Taylor.

Sun. Apr. 30 - Bore my testimony. Went to Hannah Mae's and cooked our own meal. Mrs. Kennedy picked us up and we went to her house then to North Shore and spent the meeting in the basement with the Matheson boys. Drove to Hannah Mae's with Matheson boys and Mom came from Logan Square to pick me up.

Mon. May 1 - Got a letter from Beryl. It is snowing in Provo!

Tues. May 2 - Will practice accompanying Eleanor Warber. Played baseball at Shabona Park. Went to practice chorus, directed by Lou Ann Wheeler, for Music Festival Saturday.

Wed. May 3 - I was elected "teacher" for division Monday. All the classes elected pupil teachers. In gym I got all stiff and sore from running and jumping. Played piano for Eleanor and talked to Lippe at lunch.

Thurs. May 4 - Had the worst "charlie horses" in my legs. I could hardly walk. Today it was the warmest yet, 78 F. At church we heard the well-known Sam Campbell [talk and show] his color movies.

Fri. May 5 - Windy and hot, 84 F. Went to Mutual to practice for tomorrow's music festival in which Logan Square is doing "Old Black Joe," etc. I am playing two piano solos for Sunday night Fireside.

Sat. May 6 - After lesson I went to church to practice. Music Festival at 8 PM and we got on all our grease paint and did "Old Black Joe." Tomorrow is Conference and Glen asked me on a picnic with Hannah Mae, Keith, etc.

Sun. May 7 - Met the 12-year old son of Apostle Moyle, the multi-millionaire. Kinda chilly but John, Keith, Glen, George, Hannah Mae, two others and I went on a picnic between conference sessions. Played piano solo at Logan Square Fireside.

Mon. May 8 - Poor Jane. Mom really gets after her at everything she does wrong. Today in school the pupils took place of teachers and I was the teacher in division. Bea called [to get a report] about yesterday.

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Tues. May 9 - Warm and windy. After supper I went with the neighborhood kids across Belmont to play on dirt piles! Cris, Ken, Betty, Ellen, etc. We sat on Betty's steps till 9:45 PM.

Wed. May 10 - Every lunch period I play piano for Eleanor Warber, singer. I signed up for the girls track meet. Nice day, but just slightly chilly, not too warm as I wish it would be.

Thurs. May 11 - Today was Bow Day at Steinmetz, 5 cents a bow to raise money. We're having good weather and the trees are in bloom. I practiced a little running and Dad helped me with algebra till 11 PM.

Fri. May 12 - Today I felt strangely lonely and wanting something I didn't know what. At Mutual we talked about the Catholic Church with Mae Rigsby. I went home immediately after.

Sat. May 13 - Very beautiful day. Hannah Mae came over to play tennis but we got wet from some jerks with squirt guns. We went for a bike ride, she ate, then left at 9:30 PM.

Sun. May 14 - Mothers Day. I gave Mom a 3 lb. box of candy and Dad got her a corsage. The LDS girls and younger women passed potted plants out [to the mothers] at church. Today was a beautiful day and warm.

Mon. May 15 - Slightly chilly but fair. At school a Bob Majesky asked me out Friday, but I don't think I'll go. Practiced baseball with Betty, Joan for game tomorrow.

Tues. May 16 - Of all exciting things: Mr. Groom [orchestra teacher] asked me to play piano solo at the Fine Arts Guild program next Friday. I will play Sonata, Op. 13, No. 1 by Kabelevsky.

Wed. May 17 - Spring brings baseball and I am on Betty Schultz's and Bonnie Ossler's team. Yesterday we played and won, 20 to 2. Warmer today, but not much.

Thurs. May 18 - Got out real early because of Orchestra contest. We played Handel's Sonata in F and Herbert's Festival March. We rated only an E. It was held at Harrison High on the south side, an old school.

Fri. May 19 - Nice weather. Had a good time at Mutual. Danced a lot and Lenny talked to me about psychology and John Matheson talked about swimming. Dad came for me.

Sat. May 20 - It was real nice today. It was Swarm Day for the Beehive girls and Hannah Mae, Alice and I fooled around with Dick in the kitchen till 6 PM. The church is changing the Mutual all around.

Sun. May 21 - Got up at 6 AM to do piano. It was a beautiful day. At night church Hannah Mae brought her Catholic girlfriend and Keith Matheson. Mom leaves for Provo two weeks from yesterday. How times flies.

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Mon. May 22 - Will play 2 solos at University Ward Mutual tomorrow night. School is getting real boring. Watched a good Clark Gable movie on TV at Ellen Marker's.

Tues. May 23 - Went shopping downtown. Got Mom shoes and suitcase. Played at University Ward. Did OK with no serious mistakes. Had a nice talk with Mom on the way home.

Wed. May 24 - Very hot. At school the North Central Assoc. is to rate the school - they came and yesterday everything got slicked up. Near candy factory fence us kids rigged up a volley ball field.

Thurs. May 25 - In my course book I made the Honor Roll. I got E, E, S, S, S. It was warm and then turned cool after a rain. I am quite worried about my solo tomorrow.

Fri. May 26 - At school I played my solo OK with only 1 or 2 mistakes. I only attended 2 classes. At Mutual there was a dance and some guy dressed like a soldier along with Robert and Glen spoiled Hannah Mae's lipstick and got her mad.

Sat. May 27 - The choir had its concert. Very wonderful. Mabel Rollins played three piano solos. Very wonderful. Talked with Craig and Mabel. I ushered in my formal. This PM I shopped and got a red bathing suit.

Sun. May 28 - Mother is under quite a bit of strain, as she leaves for Provo this Saturday. Today I gave her a permanent, a Toni. Am planning a church girl-boy party for June 16.

Mon. May 29 - Miss Kilgour at school told Dad how good I played Friday. Shopped!! Got Mom a coat and dress and am rather disappointed 'cause I'm not getting one. Oh, well.

Tues. May 30 - Holiday!! Practiced real hard with my record. [My piano teacher would have me buy recordings of the numbers I was working on, and listen to them to try to replicate the performance.] Beautiful day. Princess Yogadi came and we ate supper in the yard. Practiced archery with Al Lundsgard.

Photo right: "Princess" Yogadi, an art student Daddy met. We were all very fond of her and her eccentricities.



Wed. May 31 - I played my Chopin records today. Certainly enjoy them. Beautiful weather. Voights came over for a while and we talked about the trip.

Thurs. June 1 - Mom is quite hurried since she leave Sat. morning. That pesky Bob Majeski asked me to accompany him but I told him no.

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Fri. June 2 - Rain! Rain! Rain! Went to church to address cards (party invitations) and the underpass was flooded and streetcar line was broke. Three Matheson boys were there. Church basement flooded, too.

Sat. June 3 - Had a good recital. Played "Will-o-Wisp." Went to New Laurence Hotel swimming with Beehive girls and then went to Lou Ann Wheeler's apartment. She is getting married in three weeks.

Sun. June 4 - Hannah Mae and I might go to Riverview dutch treat. I think I will ask John Matheson. I got my first driving lesson. Also, Dad and I did washing at 10 PM.

Mon. June 5 - Hung out the wash and went back to school to play a game. We won by a forfeit. Dad fixed the plumbing troubles. We are getting along pretty good without Mom.

Tues. June 6 - I did the first ironing with that crazy iron Mom brought from Franklin Park so she could take ours. Had my 2nd driving lesson. I drive around the open block, one block, anyway.

Wed. June 7 - Very hot. School is boring. Sure miss Mom. Had another driving lesson. Am practicing piano hard for my contest.

Thurs. June 8 - Cleaned house. What a task. Very hot. Dad is doing paintings for Mr. Groom and for Mr. & Mrs. Birdnick, across the alley.

Fri. June 9 - A red letter day. Dad graduated, got his Masters Degree. Went to see "Samson & Delilah." Went to Mutual. Carl Wilcox is engaged. Someone stole my wallet.

Sat. June 10 - Played in my 2nd grade contest. There were two participating. I got second. A judge said it was better musically, but it was messy.

Sun. June 11 - Went to Lincoln Park Zoo. Joy, Marilyn, Alice, Margaret, H.M. and I. Played piano solo at church. Had company over. Dad made ice cream. Hannah Mae stayed over.

Mon. June 12 - Hannah Mae went to school with me today as a visitor. We went shopping and got a dress at Morris B. Sach's. Made chicken supper at 10 PM.

Tues. June 13 - Our baseball team played for 2nd place against the seniors. We won by a forfeit, not enough players. They were real mad. We now play for first place.

Wed. June 14 - Warm and so humid. Had English and science finals. Went to church choir pot luck party. Margaret was there. We all played a game using sayings.

Thurs. June 15 - Tomorrow we get our Annuals. Today went to dinner at "Casa Nova" on North Ave. near Harlem. I sat across the table from Mr. Fitzgerald [Steinmetz principal] and a cute blond boy. It was the Green Curtain Players dinner.

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Fri. June 16 - I'm really not prepared for piano exam tomorrow. Stayed home from school to practice. Dad brought home the Silver Streak (annual). Had our church girls party. Got fed up with decorations.

Sat. June 17 - Had my exam. They only made me play parts. I got A in everything. So did Mabel. Craig got B+. Went shopping with them and got shoes. Dad and I took off the north bedroom wallpaper. Cold weather weekend.

Sun. June 18 - Fathers Day - real cold and pouring rain. Margaret Smythe came over for dinner. After church we went to Williamses'. Keith and Robert and Margaret and I were together.

Mon. June 19 - Had kids at school sign my annual. Bonnie and I were walking home and some man asked to take us home in a car. Was I scared! Did quite some shopping and housecleaning and washing.

Tues. June 20 - Had final algebra exam. At Mutual (new day) John Matheson asked me to go sailing tomorrow noon, but Dad said I had to go to school. May go in evening if I can get out of baby sitting.

Wed. June 21 - No work at all in school. Went sailing at 5 PM with John. Didn't enter in the race. It was quite rough. After dark I went out again with John, Keith, George and some other boys. Got home at 1:30 AM.

Thurs. June 22 - Did ironing and the WHOLE housework by myself. Very warm. Am planning on going to farm tomorrow. We get out of school at 11 AM.

Fri. June 23 - Went to farm after some school. Stayed at Hannah Mae's with Jean, Margaret and Helen till 10 PM.

Sat. June 24 - Lou Ann Wheeler became Mrs. Kuhlman, (he's a non-member) today at North Shore.

Sun. June 25 - Very hot. Dad gave a talk in Sacrament Meeting (evening). Hannah Mae went to Indiana for a weekend. Tuesday there is a radio program downtown, for Mutual, and Marilyn and I got tickets for it and three Matheson boys.

Mon. June 26 - Went to school to help Dad make some posters. Drove home. Laid out in the sun a while trying to get a tan. Got letters from Mom, Beryl and Mary Winkler. After supper raked the field behind Ellen's house.

Tues. June 27 - Went to WGN radio studio to hear "Northerners." Met Hannah Mae, Keith, Marilyn, Robert and John. Each boy took a girl home. John took me home. Got in by 12:00.

Wed. June 28 - Scraped glue, etc. off front room walls today. Watched TV at Marker's. A Boris Karloff picture was on. I certainly do miss Mom, Jane and Gary. Wished we lived out west.

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Thurs. June 29 - Went to Riverview with John. Hannah Mae and Keith, Marilyn and Robert went too. Had fun. John asked if he could kiss me goodnight. I said no and laughed it off. Quite funny [but he felt bad about it- and I knew I didn't handle it right].

Fri. June 30 - Spent from 6:00 till 1:00 at Northwestern Station waiting for Tom Holmes on his way through. [Tom was one of my Canadian cousins.] At Mutual there was shown the "House of Seven Gables." John wants to take me sailing Wed.

Sat. July 1 - Dad painted living room a grey-green. He changed the dinette from green to sand. Watched TV at Marker's. Can hardly wait to go west.

Sun. July 2 - Bore my testimony this morning. It was such an inspirational meeting. Brother and Sister Hill from Raymond (he is a school teacher) from Raymond [Alberta, Canada] came through and stayed all night. Very swell people.

Mon. July 3 - I took Mr. and Mrs. Hill around town. Mr. Hill went to ball game and Mrs. Hill and I went shopping. He got lost.! Waited two hours at 63rd street. Went to Museum of Science and Industry. Got to bed at 12:30 AM.

Tues. July 4 - Dad and I went to Rollinses'. Mabel took me to a dirty old lake with some of her smoking girl friends. She had to leave to sleep over somewhere else. Really, Craig and I had more fun playing, talking etc., after she left.

Wed. July 5 - Was very tired all day. Dad took wallpaper off hall. Played baseball for first time in new field. Cool weather is holding out fine.

Thurs. July 6 - Dad thinks we might stay another week to finish our work. Our cool weather is holding out unbelievably well. I cut the sides (tapered) of my hair. It's quite long.

Fri. July 7 - Started to learn my talk on "Reputations" for Sunday morning. Tomorrow night after picnic Hannah Mae and Marilyn are sleeping over. Tonight were movies at church.

Sat. July 8 - Marilyn, Hannah Mae and I and three Matheson boys did a lot of boating. Got home at 9:30. Sat in the car till 12:00.

Sun. July 9 - Last night was the first time Keith kissed Hannah Mae and they're been going together for nine months. Today was Marilyn Wheeler's last Sunday. She is moving to the south side and University ward.

Mon. July 10 - Tired. Did the biggest washing. Was 1st on the block to have wash out. Dad did his hardest job: scrubbing the floors ready to put on the varnish. We are leaving next Tuesday morning.

Tues. July 11 - Went downtown for final lesson. Varnished floors and did ironing. Ellen Marker's grandparents from Denmark arrived Sunday. They speak only Danish.

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Wed. July 12 - Started and almost finished putting house back together again. Hot and dirty mess. Tomorrow will finish it and garage (painting it).

Thurs. July 13 - Cool and beautiful. By surprise the Godfrey Holmes family [mother's brother from Alberta, Canada] arrived and I took them to Brookfield Zoo. Then we went shopping. Godfrey, Virginia, Johnny, Carol and David.

Fri. July 14 - Took Godfrey Holmes family around the Tribune Tower, Art Institute and Field Museum. Boy! John is sure cute! Cool weather. David is cute and funny.

Sat. July 15 - Worked hard. Did a wash with 9 sheets! Helped Dad make canvas board to paint on. Then went to a drive-in to eat afterward. Only two days till we leave.

Sun. July 16 - Went out to eat with Hannah Mae, Jean, her dad, my dad. Then went to her house. After church went to Smythes for french fried shrimp. Margaret says Glen is jealous of John Matheson because of me. Ha, ha.

Mon. July 17 - Worked hard. Cleaned garage and basement and packed. Maureen Maxfield slept all nite. She is going with us. Got to bed at 11:30.

Tues. July 18 - Got up at 4:00 and got Carl Wilcox and were off. It rained and poured all through Iowa and Nebraska. Got tired of sitting!!

Wed. July 19 - Today beautiful and clear. I drove about 100 miles in Wyoming. Got to Provo at 4 PM. Was real glad to see Mom, Jane and Gary.

Thurs. July 20 - Mom and Gary went to school. Mom came home and took Dad and me around lower campus. Those old buildings! Something need to be done.

Fri. July 21 - Gary was happy about an A for final grade. Mom had her test. Canoe came in and we got equipment. Went to airport, but didn't go up. [Gary was taking flying lessons.] Saw Jensens [Beryl's family] after.



Photo right: Gary, E.C., Margaret, Jane on wing.

Sat. July 22 - Hiked up one side of Timp!! Boy, what a chore. Went in the cave. Temp. is 40 F. Went to the reservoir canoeing with Gary and Naomi.

Sun. July 23 - Went to church at Joseph Smith Building on campus. Drove around in afternoon and went to University ward. Slept all night with Naomi.

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Mon. July 24 - Went up to Bountiful [where Mother's sister, Martha Mitchell, and family lived.] Kay might come down to Provo some week. Had a picnic in their yard. I met Ken Mitchell's wife and baby.

Tues. July 25 - Went to airport with Dad and Gary. Went up for a minute. Dad and Gary got camping stuff together. Beryl came home from California and came over.

Wed. July 26 - Went with Beryl, her mom, Jane, and Mom to Weights cabin in Provo Canyon. Beryl has a fellow she's in love with in California. He's a non-Mormon.

Thurs. July 27 - Mom seems so much on edge and Jane never carries out her work. Went over to Beryl's. Maureen and I heard the recorded opera.

Fri. July 28 - I am writing this a week late and I can't remember what I did on this day.

Sat. July 29 - Kay and Jane Ann came for the day [our cousins]. We played duets at piano hall. Went to show with June Barlow, former Miss Utah, and she is going on a mission. Then we walked around town. Walked a total of 7 miles.

Sun. July 30 - Went to Manavoo Ward Sunday School and Campus Branch Sacrament meeting.

Mon. July 31 - Jane's clarinet teacher tells her she needs a new mouthpiece. Jane goes up to a high school for dancing lessons.

Tues. Aug. 1 - It's quite boring sitting around the house with nothing to do but work a puzzle and do a little knitting. [Gary and Dad had gone to the Teton Mountains on a camping, canoe trip.]

Wed. Aug. 2 - Jane and I went up to practice and she got sick. Mom called up Unger girls and I went over there. Gloria took me to her friend's house.

Thurs. Aug. 3 - Didn't go up on the hill [upper campus] today. Stayed home and monkeyed around with the kitty that came back. At 8 PM went up on campus to hear archeology lecture.

Fri. Aug. 4 - Went downtown. Mom might get me a green winter suit! We went to show with Karleen, Jane and Mom. Saw "Nevadan."

Sat. Aug. 5 - Shopped a while for suits. Saw some nice ones. We are going to Bountiful in morning. Will take Betty [Mitchell Empey].

Sun. Aug. 6 - Went to Kay's Sunday School. She teaches a class. Kenneth blessed his baby. Mitchells are going to Canada for a couple of weeks.

Mon. Aug. 7 - Jane Mitchell came to Provo and I stayed in Bountiful. I gave Kay an end permanent. Went to show with Richard and another girl. Saw "Three Came Home."

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Tues. Aug. 8 - Kenneth got Jane and brought me this morning. Got letters from Dad and Gary. Mom is working hard with studies.

Wed. Aug. 9 - Practiced on campus. Fiddled around all afternoon and went to a highway market for food. Called Beryl a couple of times.

Thurs. Aug. 10 - Went to see "Our Very Own," starring Farley Granger and Ann Blythe. Went with Beryl and her friend Elaine. The show was about an adopted girl. Very good.

Fri. Aug. 11 - Jane was sick today. After lunch I went to library and bought me a Toni for an "end curl." Am reading "David Copperfield," by Charles Dickens.

Sat. Aug. 12 - I cleaned house and mopped the floors. Went out for corn at 7:00 and went to a band concert to hear Beryl sing.

Sun. Aug. 13 - Conference, so I didn't go to church. Read my book, "David Copperfield," all day. Went to University ward, Beryl sang. Went to Jensens' afterward. Discussed war, etc.

Mon. Aug. 14 - Read on in David C. Got a letter from Dad. We expect them any day or minute.

Tues. Aug. 15 - Mom gave me my first permanent, a Toni. Jane, too. Another letter from Dad. Expect them Wed. at 6 PM.

Wed. Aug. 16 - Dad and Gary arrived at 9 PM with long beards and 13 fish, rainbow trout. They left 3 at Bangerters' on way home.

Thurs. Aug. 17 - Bob Holmes and wife are in Provo, got jobs and will go to school. Beryl and some kids took me swimming at the Scera pool in Orem.

Photo right: Dr. Jensen, Beryl Jensen, Gary, E.C., Darrell Evans, Jane in front.



Fri. Aug. 18 - Dad gave a lecture in Mom's class about Chicago schools.

Sat. Aug. 19 - We looked at property. Saw a few places. We liked best a "Farley" place in Orem, red brick 5 rooms with 2 1/2 acres. It's \$15,000.

Sun. Aug. 20 - Went to Salt Lake to church broadcast. Met Gary and Naomi, went to Bangerters' and took our family, Mr. & Mrs. Bangerter, Naomi and David (age 10) to Big Cottonwood Canyon in the afternoon.

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Mon. Aug. 21 - Are thinking more about the Farley place. Wed. will go to Lagoon [amusement park] with Beryl and cousins. Will stay with Naomi Wed. night and Thursday.

Tues. Aug. 22 - Went up to Salt Lake. Took LaMar Empey. Gary found out about mission. Glen Turner fowled it up so he won't go till October. Talked to Naomi (she works in church office). La Mar and Betty and Walkers came over to look at pictures, etc.

Wed. Aug. 23 - Went to Lagoon with Beryl. Met Naomi in Salt Lake. Went home with her. Later Gary and Naomi, Norman and I went bowling. My average is 94. Also I met Beryl's cousin.



Thurs. Aug. 24 - Naomi did some washing and then we went in to Salt Lake to shop. After quite late, Naomi's brother and wife and Naomi drove me down to Provo.

Fri. Aug. 25 - Helped pack and Gary and I went to Naomi's. She got ready for our trip to Chicago. Gary got his call to the Texas-Louisiana mission. Leaves Oct. 2.

Sat. Aug. 26 - Got up at 2:45, ate and met the folks in Evanston, Wyo. Riding is sure tiresome. Rode with Mom and Dad and Jane [Gary and Naomi in the other car.]

Sun. Aug. 27 - We had a little Sunday School lesson in the car. Arrived home safely at 8:00. It's really wonderful to be home! Mom really likes our decorating job.

Naomi "Nana" Bangerter

Mon. Aug. 28 - Mom got the whole gang out to weed the yard. Ate three late meals and looked at slides on screen. Called Hannah Mae who had written a letter too late for me to get it.

Tues. Aug. 29 - Polished furniture, etc. Went to Mutual with Gary and Naomi. Things haven't changed much. Doc Williams [Hannah Mae's dad] had to pay \$20,000 in back taxes!!

Wed. Aug. 30 - Cloudy and rainy weather. Worked around all day. Babysat for Veldron. They have a new TV set! I like it.

Thurs. Aug. 31 - Work again today! Plan on Maxwell Street tomorrow. Gary and Naomi went to the Aragon dancing. Betty Pilch came over for a while.

Fri. Sept. 1 - Gary and Naomi went to zoo, so no Maxwell St. Worked all day. Mom went to a shower for someone and rest of us went to the drive-in. Came home and played piano and fiddle.

Sat. Sept. 2 - Went to Tribune Tower, Conservatory, Skid Row and Maxwell St. What a place!! Never will I forget. Gave Mom a permanent and got through at 12:00 midnight.

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Sun. Sept. 3 - Conference - Hannah Mae, Keith, Marilyn, Robert, Glen and I went to the museum. They have a lot of new exhibits.

Mon. Sept. 4 - Had to wait for Mom to wash before we could go to Lake Villa. Canoeed, but was windy and cold. School tomorrow!!

Tues. Sept. 5 - First day of school. Not exciting, not boring. Rather chilly lately. I have 1st to 9th, and NO study hall.

Wed. Sept. 6 - Mom seemed so mad about everything this evening - how the situations lie about Gary, Naomi, mission, work, etc. Maybe I shall stay home from school.

Thurs. Sept. 7 - Boring school. Ho! Hum! Tomorrow will probably stay home to help Mom get ready for party. Babysat for Veldron, still only \$.25 per hour.

Fri. Sept. 8 - Stayed home from school to help get ready for party. It was a big success - about 40 people. Boy! I'm SO tired. Time now: 1:40 AM.

Sat. Sept. 9 - Slept late. Mom washed. Clyde and Gary flew plane over our house, came back and Mom rode on motorcycle. Went to Lenore Hatfield's wedding and reception. Hannah Mae and I sat and talked in the car.

Sun. Sept. 10 - Gary's farewell - a huge crowd to church. I played piano and left ½ out. Carl and wife, Nadine, and Ray Linford go with Gary and Naomi. Wilcox's and Nickels [and us] saw them off for two years!

Mon. Sept. 11 - The house seems empty with them gone. Mom canned and I babysat. Beryl might (???) room again this year with us. I felt ashamed of the way I played last night.

Tues. Sept. 12 - So much homework! I can't get any practicing done. Gary left his violin home which Mom and Dad are mad about.

Gary

Wed. Sept. 13 - Boy, am I low on clothes! I sure will have to get some. Weather is still cold, chilly. Haven't heard from Gary yet.

Thurs. Sept. 14 - Haven't heard from Gary yet! The South Koreans are gaining a foothold. School is interesting. Beryl will be here Wed.

Fri. Sept. 15 - I was made secretary of the Primary! Mutual was tonight. First piano lesson tomorrow at 9:30 AM. Will go to M. Harvey's to work on Primary.



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Sat. Sept. 16 - Had lesson and made my change in courses at Chicago Musical College [prep school]. Went to church to work with Mildred Harvey (Primary work) in afternoon. We had a roast chicken dinner.

Sun. Sept. 17 - Hannah Mae came over and we got the idea of a "cowboy" party in our garage or at the farm in the barn. I was officially made Primary secretary.

Mon. Sept. 18 - Collected weeds!! Practiced till late. Too much homework. Beryl will be here Wed. Heard from Gary and [also] Mrs. Bangerter. He is staying there two weeks.

Tues. Sept. 19 - The Americans are giving the Reds a licking in Korea. Am having a hard time with piano. Will give a 2 ½ minute talk Sunday.

Wed. Sept. 20 - Beryl arrived, will live here. I went to church to a Primary officers meeting. Bea was surprised when she found out that I only had a spinet piano.

Thurs. Sept. 21 - Got out of school early, (2:00), got home but was locked out. Went shopping. Got automatic hot water heater. [Also] gym suit and pattern for a suit that I will make.

Fri. Sept. 22 - Steinmetz has a good football team. Went early to opening Mutual party. Mildred Waldvogel is the new president. I put up decorations. Big crowd. I was going home with John, but went home with Mom.

Sat. Sept. 23 - Had lesson, met Mom & Dad, went shopping. Got some navy oxfords at Fields. Laid on bed and talked with Beryl about her Dick Armbrust.

Sun. Sept. 24 - June Barlow, Miss Utah of 1949, on her way to British Mission, came to dinner. A lot of missionaries came to church. Beryl's aunt and uncle, the Rasmussens, from Sandy, Utah, were also at church. They are in Chicago on a convention.



Mom & Dad

Mon. Sept. 25 - Started to plan how to cut out my blue suit. Discussed other clothes, and will make a skirt. Still have plenty of homework.

Tues. Sept. 26 - Went to a Primary officers and teachers meeting. Claudia Prisca's boyfriend, John, was baptized today and will be confirmed Sunday.

Wed. Sept. 27 - Had pictures taken for the year book. Baby sat for Veldron. Mr. Groom came for his "sea" painting that Dad did. [It was a wonderful, large oil painting.] Also, the hot water heater came.

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Thurs. Sept. 28 - The North Korean's (Russians & etc.) are about licked and are evacuating. I got material and pattern for a suit and a skirt. Cut out skirt.

Fri. Sept. 29 - At Mutual John, Keith, Hannah Mae and I went down to the yacht club and walked around. Got a ride in the dinghy. Came home and went with Mildred Pilch on the bus.

Sat. Sept. 30 - Went for lesson and rode to Loop [Chicago's downtown area, called the "Loop" because of the elevated train that circles it.] with Mom. Warm, beautiful fall day. I prepared my 2 ½ minute talk for tomorrow. Paid \$40.00 tuition for piano lessons.

Sun. Oct. 1 - Went to Hannah Mae's for dinner. Her folks are in Salt Lake City for General Conference, so Pearl Ritz was there. Hannah Mae and I walked about 5 miles from her house to church!! Dad showed slides at a Fireside Chat.

Mon. Oct. 2 - Very warm for October. Mom and I went to Goldblatts and got pattern and material for a green wool dress. Today Gary is in the Mission Home in Salt Lake.

Tues. Oct. 3 - Went down to church to help Mildred with records. Beautiful day but cold. Yesterday was hot! Beryl gets letters every day from her Dick.

Wed. Oct. 4 - Le Roy something (takes violin lessons from Mr. Bergh) called and wanted to take me out. I don't want to so I told him I was busy! Beautifully clear but cold.

Thurs. Oct. 5 - I have been going without my lunch period lately so I can go to the library to do English research. I finished my green tweed skirt.

Fri. Oct. 6 - Carol Martin is engaged and will be married in two years when she graduates. Went to Logan Square and then to North Shore party with John, he is SO boring!!!

Sat. Oct. 7 - Rainy day. Had a real good lesson. Went to show with Hannah Mae at the Harding. Have to play a hymn tomorrow at Sunday School.

Sun. Oct. 8 - Went to North Shore Ward with Mildred Harvey and Hannah Mae for a Union meeting. Dad gave a talk at church. Elaine and Hannah Mae at dinner after Union meeting. Came home in the truck with John and kids.

Mon. Oct. 9 - Beryl got a job working at Fields. I get up at 6:00 to get an hour practice in. School is a bore and also work. Gary leaves Salt Lake tomorrow for Houston, Texas.

Tues. Oct. 10 - Turned out to be a nice warm day and very pretty with turning leaves. I walk home, now, with Marilyn Motzer and Ingaborg Mademan.

Wed. Oct. 11 - I decided I wanted a "cowboy" party. I hope Mom decides so, too. No school tomorrow, Columbus Day!! Gary leaves today for Texas.

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Thurs. Oct. 12 - Columbus Day. Helped Dad put up storm windows. Generally took it easy and went for a little shopping with Mom. Working on my green wool dress.

Fri. Oct. 13 - Carol Roseman asked me to join her club. I think I will. Finished my new wool dress and went to North Shore party with John. Didn't dance too much with him. Got a stiff neck and sinus headache.

Sat. Oct. 14 - After music lesson we went to farm and picked up Hannah Mae. The Boy Scouts were up there and we all rode Pal bareback. Went over to Cedar Lake and got [bunches] of leaves.

Sun. Oct. 15 - Mom and I had a flat on way to church. Went to Hannah Mae's and practiced 1 ½ hours. Jewel [Stensland] and her groom-to-be each gave a little talk. Dorothy Jacobs was married last week in a courtroom during her lunch hour!

Mon. Oct. 16 - After a two hour film on the Alaskan Highway I met the rest of the club I didn't know. Our Sunday School class had a party where we cut pictures for tiny tots.

Tues. Oct. 17 - Very hot! Elisabeth Killinger(Franklin Park) called about Steinmetz vs. Leyden game. I will go to it, then to Mutual and then to pajama party at club. Friday Jack Greineke and Bill Phillips came and I wasn't home.

Wed. Oct. 18 - Officers and teachers meeting. Hannah Mae came later and Keith and she and I sat in car and went for a secret ride (Keith isn't supposed to drive). Van Ward [he was my piano teacher's husband, the assistant conductor of the Chicago Symphony, and director of the Chicago Stake Choir of our church] auditioned me to be in choir. Maybe, maybe not.

Thurs. Oct. 19 - Decided I couldn't possibly go to the game, Mutual and p.j. party. So I will skip Mutual, however I hate to. Our weather is just like summer, 85 F. and more at times.

Fri. Oct. 20 - Went to Leyden vs. Steinmetz football game (tie score, 13-13) with the club. We and a bunch of other kids walked down Belmont (past cemetery and forest) to bus. About 20 cars stopped to pick us up. Went to p.j. party.

Sat. Oct. 21 - From the pajama party I went to my piano lesson and was late! Boy am I tired! Went to Jewel Stensland's wedding. She married returned missionary, Ken Newman.

Sun. Oct. 22 - I think I shall start violin lessons and not join the club. I would rather join the choir and learn sewing in my spare time than be in a club. [This was Mother's idea.]

Mon. Oct. 23 - Went shopping and bought a sweater, got home and tried it on and it was too small so took it back. John Dalton just leaving Salt Lake for mission (he lived in Logan Square) was drafted!!!

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Tues. Oct. 24 - The club gets their jackets tonight. I babysat for the Rigbys and Paul Smiths: 4 kids and a tiny baby with a bad cold. Got \$1.50, 8 - 11:30.

Wed. Oct. 25 - The club's jackets are nice but could be better. Babysat for Veldron. Mr. Bergh isn't teaching violin, so I'm out again.

Thurs. Oct. 26 - We are starting practicing air raid drills. We wonder about living in a trailer! At dinner we talked about these flying saucers. I think they are from another planet.

Fri. Oct. 27 - Before Mutual we all went to show and I left early to go to Mutual. I will start work on my scrapbook for my lifetime [a project called "Treasures of Truth"].

Sat. Oct. 28 - After a good piano lesson I came home and went to Primary Halloween party. Came home and then Hannah Mae and Keith came over about 8:00, went to Mutual Halloween party. Hannah Mae and I were Arabs.

Sun. Oct. 29 - My finger still hurts from last night when Hannah Mae slammed it in the car door, accidentally, of course. Our weather is about 75 F and just beautiful. Baked a cake and forgot it in the oven. It burnt.

Mon. Oct. 30 - Very warm, about 80 F. Went shopping and got gray skirt material; cut it out and started sewing. I think I will go to a party tomorrow at Ingaborg Mademan's house near Normandy St. and Roscoe.

Tues. Oct. 31 - Went to 10th period swim, dentist and Ingaborg Mademan's party. The club came for a little while. It was a perfect night and real warm, 75 F.

Wed. Nov. 1 - Last night at Grand Ave. and Harlem there was a big riot and a lot of damage done. Went to choir [Chicago Stake Choir] for 1st time. John asked me out to basketball game and dance Saturday. I'm going.

Thurs. Nov. 2 - Boy! Is it cold today. What a change. Am going to Austin football game tomorrow. Beryl gets a letter every single day from Dick.

Fri. Nov. 3 - Went to football game against Austin. Lost by ONLY 32-0! Last year was 86-0. Am going out with John [Matheson] tomorrow. Glen asked me too, but too late!

Sat. Nov. 4 - After a good lesson I bought a grey jersey. Went to Logan Square vs. North Shore basketball game with John, Hannah Mae and Keith [Matheson, John's brother], then to Logan Square barn dance. Had a lot of fun and had a professional caller from Milwaukee.

Sun. Nov. 5 - Mom and Dad and Jane went to South Shore ward and Beryl and I went to Logan Square after which we had a sundae at Pelligrinis by the Harden Theater and went home and had a long talk about everything.

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Mon. Nov. 6 - After school and after supper our whole family went to Williamses' to watch the opening of the Metropolitan Opera Co., the "Met" do first night "Don Carlo," by Verdi.

Tues. Nov. 7 - Slept all night with Hannah Mae and went to North Park with her. It's a Swedish Covenant school (we had a holiday - elections). I really liked North Park and had a lot of fun.

Wed. Nov. 8 - Rehearsed with Eleanor Warber for the talent show. Wrote several letters and straightened up the house.

Thurs. Nov. 9 - Tomorrow night I am playing both in the talent show and accompanying Eleanor Warber, singing at French club. Went to look for shoes and went to church and practiced while Mom was at a party.

Fri. Nov. 10 - Fall Festival! It was wonderful. Eleanor Warber did wonderful in both Talent shows and both French club shows (so did I). The unexpected Lynn Just was queen.

Sat. Nov. 11 - Went to Franklin Park Grade School carnival. I saw Diane Swanson, Eliz. Killinger, Jackie Doss (graduated with me) and we went to our old 8th grade room to talk over old times. Had nice time.

Sun. Nov. 12 - In afternoon went to Primary Union Meeting at Logan Square. Keith was there and we went to get a sundae. We talked to David Loa, (from Samoa) who is now in U. S. navy!

Mon. Nov. 13 - Poor Mom seems to be of bad disposition lately, grouchy, quick tempered, etc. Dad shaved off his 6 year old mustache Saturday night and I was the only one in the family who noticed it.

Tues. Nov. 14 - I might have to play the Revolutionary Etude [Chopin] on Dec. 2. I got the best course book today that I ever have, 3 S's in majors, 1 E (maj.) 2 S's (min.) 2 E's (min.).

Wed. Nov. 15 - I went to Corrine's (Klub) birthday party. We ate, watched TV and gabbed. Tonight's weather is damp and warm.

Thurs. Nov. 16 - Went to Oak Park and got a red sweater at Wiebolts grand opening. Mom's been in a good mood lately. We've been thinking about selling this house and getting a trailer.

Fri. Nov. 17 - Will ask Bea to let me play a new Chopin Etude, Op. 10 #3. It has the most beautiful melody!! At Mutual Hannah Mae and I and Sharon Turner taught the Boy Scouts to dance.

Sat. Nov. 18 - Stake Conference and Birthday. Bro. Romney is here from Salt Lake. Helen Smith, Jasper's wife is expecting a baby. Beryl sang tonight. Had a swell time. Hannah Mae had to babysit and couldn't come.

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Sun. Nov. 19 - Conference. Saw Marilyn Wheeler. We all ate at Museum. Went to North Shore for Fireside and saw slides from Finland and Europe. Only three days of school next week.

Mon. Nov. 20 - Snow, just a little but cold. Gary has been transferred to western Texas where it is high and dry 'cause Houston's damp climate gave him sinus trouble.

Tues. Nov. 21 - Another flying saucer was reported today. I certainly don't know what to make of them! Are they ours? Or another planet's?

Wed. Nov. 22 - The Boy Scouts had a party at church and invited the girls. They are just learning how to dance. They were excited and wanted another party.

Thurs. Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving - Elaine Carlson came and stayed all nite. Princess Yogadi came late and we all went to show. She has a hard time just keeping alive. Poor soul.

Fri. Nov. 24 - Gary is in Sweetwater, Texas now. Today I went to the Harding [theater] with Hannah Mae. It sure is cold out. I have a recital tomorrow. Will do "Cat and Mouse."

Sat. Nov. 25 - Had best recital yet. Played "Cat and Mouse." Looked for coats [shopping]. Went to square dance at church and washed dishes and got tired. Didn't have much fun.

Sun. Nov. 26 - Keith Brown wanted me to play "Cat and Mouse" in church but I refused. Beryl sang tonight and we got a ride home with Smiths. Lots of snow.

Mon. Nov. 27 - Was going to see "Mid Summer Night's Dream," up in Evanston, but went to foot clinic on Clark Street and got an X-ray taken. Still lots of snow and cold.

Tues. Nov. 28 - Moved my vanity and all my clothes out of Beryl's room into studio. Jane, maybe, will come up here. Moved Dad's desk into Beryl's room.

Wed. Nov. 29 - Had picture taken for Star for music festival. I went to the 400 Theater with Ella Rosenvinge and Inky Mademan and saw "Mid Summer Night's Dream," Shakespeare.

Thurs. Nov. 30 - Went to foot clinic and got my feet taped. Have to go twice a week. I sure need practice for my recital. Probably won't go to Mutual.

Fri. Dec. 1 - Stayed home from Mutual so I could practice my "Revolutionary Etude," Chopin. Boy! Did I practice. I have a recital tomorrow.

Sat. Dec. 2 - Had a fairly good recital today. Boy, were there the mobs downtown today!! Went to Logan Square bazaar; bought an imported silk scarf.

Sun. Dec. 3 - Heard about the Boy Scouts Glen Smith, Jim Young, Bob Andrews, etc., getting in trouble for throwing snowballs last Friday. Today I went to Jo Nell's birthday party (club).

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Mon. Dec. 4 - Got a letter from Grandma. She is doing poorly. Has eye and ear trouble and doesn't seem to care much any more about life.

Tues. Dec. 5 - Went again to foot clinic and got taped up. Talked with Beryl. Her Catholic boyfriend wants to get serious and she is already pinned to Dick.

Wed. Dec. 6 - Went to club meeting at Dolores Wardzala's house. Had a real good time! Beryl's Catholic friend (who is in love with her) - she told him where he stood, etc., that romance was impossible, etc.

Thurs. Dec. 7 - They can't decided whether or not to evacuate Korea. Can't make up their minds. They say (radio) that U. S. businessmen are supplying the Communists with steel! Dirty crooks!!

Fri. Dec. 8 - Took one hour to get to Mutual. Hardly anyone was at school because of all the snow. Jane didn't get a very good report card this marking period - a couple of D's.

Sat. Dec. 9 - Saw "Macbeth" with Carol and Judy downtown. Got a letter from Gary. He says we should sell this house NOW and Dad get a sabbatical leave, go to the "Y" and hunt for another job! [This added to my parents' war fears.]

Sun. Dec. 10 - Played "Revolutionary Etude" at sacrament meeting. Played fairly. I sure hope Dad can get his sabbatical leave. Lots of snow still!

Mon. Dec. 11 - Dad thinks maybe get sabbatical in September and start building then and stay here the rest of the year. Don't know what to do.

Tues. Dec. 12 - Got a letter from Gary. He says we should go west NOW. But I think we will wait till school is out. Tonight was music festival and I played in orchestra.

Wed. Dec. 13 - Stayed home from club meeting and made some candy that I don't think turned out very well. All I can think of is our plans for the future!?!?

Thurs. Dec. 14 - Went to see foot place again. At school had trouble straightening out ticket and money accounts of orchestra. Think maybe Dad will stay and work and Mom, Jane and I will go west!?!?

Fri. Dec. 15 - An evening at home!! At last we talked about moving, etc. Have made no decisions. The nation is paralyzed by a railroad strike - of all times!

Sat. Dec. 16 - The Messiah was tonight. Bea Ward got sick and Veldron Matheson had to do all the organ work. Had to practice with the Primary kids today.

Sun. Dec. 17 - Bro. Bower and Bro. Smith were released from bishopric and Bishop Turner appointed Bro. Stonesifer and Bro. Wood, our Sunday School teacher.

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Mon. Dec. 18 - We decided to wait until June to move west. Mailed off four little home-made (art classes) wagons of candy to friends and relatives. I will play for "Night of Stars!" Jan. 20th.

Tues. Dec. 19 - Joann Legones asked a club of boys called "Cavaliers" to our party. They're fast and it rather worries me. Today went to foot clinic and then to Relief Society Christmas party.

Wed. Dec. 20 - Beryl is about home to Provo now. She left Monday night with Elaine. We have done hardly any Christmas shopping at all this year. We'll not have but a small Christmas.

Thurs. Dec. 21 - Ran around school trying to play carols under the Christmas tree. Went to Carol's house to decorate for the party. What a mess! We tried to whitewash the walls. What a failure. I ate there, too.

Fri. Dec. 22 - Aunt Virginia [Holmes] called. Grandma is very sick and not expected to live. Mom is preparing to leave any time. Today was Primary Christmas program!! I have a lesson tomorrow on very short notice.

Sat. Dec. 23 - At 12:00 this morning Grandma Holmes passed away. She had a nervous stroke and never regained consciousness. That was the way she always wanted to go - quickly. Mom left on plane for Canada.

Sun. Dec. 24 - Because Mom left we got 6 invites to dinner. Williamses asked first so we go there. After church tonight we went over to Nicholse's for a while. The grandchildren are really growing.

Mon. Dec. 25 - We had a small Christmas, but I got a new grey suit! Doesn't seem like Christmas without Mom. Went to Williamses' for dinner. Watched TV till 12:00. [We have] a blizzard, at least 6 or 7 inches of snow.

Tues. Dec. 26 - Our club party! 4 Cavaliers (boys club) came and I danced a lot with a tall, dark and cute boy named Dick Klatch. Party broke up at 3:00 AM, it was a success and stayed very tame. I slept all night with Carol.

Wed. Dec. 27 - I was so tired all day from last night. Five girls stayed with Carol on one bed! I roasted chicken for 5 hours for supper. I sure miss Mom.

Thurs. Dec. 28 - Washed up some doll clothes and in afternoon went over to Joann Costa's house. She is rather sick. I can hardly wait till school starts.

Fri. Dec. 29 - Went to Betty Matheson's and Jim Harris's [engagement] reception at North Shore and then to Logan Square New Year's Eve party, after which John took me home. He is so repulsive. I had to argue with him not to kiss me.

Sat. Dec. 30 - Dad went downtown and at 6:00 we went to show - saw "Milkman," and "Pretty Girl." I am going out with John (darn it) tomorrow to the Planetarium!

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Sun. Dec. 31 - Went to Planetarium on a boring date with John. Mom came home this afternoon and after church I babysat for Veldron for a measly \$1.00. Jim Harris is marrying Betty Matheson on Jan. 11th.

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