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[Jane was age 10]

[E. C. was age 14, almost 15]

Mon. Jan. 1, 1951 - Ma got home yesterday. We went to Rollins.' Ice-skating pond was mushy. Had a good dinner and supper. Chinook weather. Thawing.

Mon. Jan. 1, 1951 - Went out to Rollins' for dinner (Mom, too) Afterward Mabel took me to a house of some of her friends and we watch TV. Some snow is beginning to thaw.

Tues. Jan. 2 - It rained in the night. No school. Very slushy out. Helped Ma with braided rug. Went to Joan Matheson's surprise party (birthday). Slept till 10 am.

Tues. Jan. 2 - Rain! I saw Dick at school today and could hardly recognize him with his glasses. It surely seems good to have Mother back. [Our grandmother passed away Dec. 23rd and Mother had gone to Canada for the funeral.]

Wed. Jan. 3 - Made a boy stocking doll. Starting a girl. Names: Sammy, Sally. Rained again. Still snow and slush. Sally's almost finished. E.C.'s club came over. Carol is nice. All nice girls. Joanne is loud-mouthed. Bobby is cute. Still drizzling out. I am lonesome for Gary or for someone to cuddle up to. Am hungry for affection, am lonesome for someone to sleep with.*

Wed. Jan. 3 - Carol and I cut 4th and went to lunch. Saw Corky and Wayne (they were at party). I had club meeting at my house for the first time. Terribly foggy and rainy.

* [Up to this point Jane and I had always shared a bedroom with twin beds. This year I moved into Dad's knotty pine studio upstairs. Beryl had Gary's room upstairs. We all shared just one bathroom on the main floor.]

Thurs. Jan. 4 - Snowed last night. I got up at 10:30 in the morning. Started making Sally a dress. Stayed home alone but was not scared like I usually am. E. C. got home around 8:30. I read a chapter in my Book of Mormon. Sweet dreams.

Thur. Jan. 4 - Went shopping and bought a navy chinchilla coat at Sears, \$35.00, very stylish and cute. Dad is thinking of buying a truck and taking our things west in it. [To our property in Orem, Utah.]

Fri. Jan. 5 - I went to school Jan. 4th. Had a bad dream Jan. 5th. Dreamed about my roan horse. Ma washed clothes. Before I got my diary we planned to sell this house, buy a trailer and rent the house out west. [Retirement property purchased in 1950.]

Fri. Jan. 5 - I talked to Dick at school today and think he might call. At Mutual I ran out on John. He wanted to take me home but I didn't want him to. He's such a bore!!

Sat. Jan. 6 - Went downtown. I got home at 2:00. It was snowing dreadfully. I went with E. C. to her piano lesson, then we went to the Art Institute (Vermeer exhibit). Missed some.

Sat. Jan. 6 - Had a good lesson then Jane and I went to the Art Institute. I went roller skating with three girls from club and another girl. I got home at quarter to 12 but folks weren't mad.

Sun. Jan. 7 - Went to church. I fasted and said my testimony. Went to night church. I

Sun. Jan. 7 - Hannah Mae said that John was mad at me. Beryl arrived back today. Was

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am promoted, no longer in Jr. Sunday School. I am with Milly Waldvogel. Beryl [Jensen, our student boarder and "big sister"] got in. E.C. and Pa and I brought her home from the Northwestern train station. I saw beautiful pigeons.

Mon. Jan. 8 - Went to school. Cut my finger very bad. Lost about two thimbles full of blood. Ma went to Helen Smith's baby shower.

Tues. Jan. 9 - I went to school. My seat changed to the back. Had gym. Nobody would dance with me but Linda. Listened to "Baby Snooks," [on the radio]. Beryl is home.

Wed. Jan. 10 - I went to school. Ate lunch at Linda H.'s house. Was going to get new shoes. Didn't.

Thurs. Jan. 11 - My foot hurts. Had a big bump on it. Cleaned house. Played with Joan H. in the prairie. The hard snow was kind of soft. Didn't get homework finished.

Fri. Jan. 12 - Went to school. My foot still hurts. Doral pushed me down on the ice. I went and got my new shoes. Have a steel shank and a padded heel. Stayed up late. It seems like no one likes me at school. I sit at the back of the room.

Sat. Jan. 13 - Ma and E. C. went downtown. I got up early, and Pa and I went out to Glenview to see some houses. My shoes felt fine. E. C. and I stayed home alone.

talking to Mom and Dad [asking] if I could go out with Rich if he asks me and they said OK!!!

Mon. Jan. 8 - The foreign situation is getting worse! Gary says we ought to buy a truck and a tractor. He is doing fine in his missionary work.

Tues. Jan. 9 - Saw Rich again today and he asked me if I was going to the social Friday. I went down to foot clinic and they took casts. Then we went to Relief Society.

Wed. Jan. 10 - Rich asked me out!! (For Feb. 2nd) O, boy. He's so cute. JoNell called me up and we were talking for a while tonight. [She said] Rich lost his supporter yesterday after school at the locker. Very embarrassing, but I'd already left.

Thurs. Jan. 11 - Joann Costa and I cut 4th and walked around outside [till] 6th. Tomorrow night I am going to the social at school.

Fri. Jan. 12 - Went to school social and danced with Rich. He walked me home (so did some other jerk). Benedetto, of Cavalier Club, won election of Student Council president.

Sat. Jan. 13 - Had good lesson today. I am taking a two day course next semester at Chicago Musical College. John asked me out tonight but I refused! Maybe I should be an old maid.

Sun. Jan. 14 - Had Primary Union meeting during afternoon. It is rumored that Lucy

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Sun. Jan. 14 - Got up early, went to bed late. E. C. and I went to morning church. Did not go at night. Made pipe-cleaner people. Wrote two letters. Temperature, 29 F.

Mon. Jan. 15 - Got up at 7:30, went to school. Had a good day. Ma and I went shopping for me a coat. No coat. Gone three hours. My feet hurt. Didn't get homework done. Will do it.

Tues. Jan. 16 - Got up very hoarse. Went to school. Had clarinet after school. Went out. Couldn't find Ma. Went to the dentist office. Found Ma and Pa. Ma went to Relief Society. Didn't catch on to division homework. I went to bed at 9:00. Eyes hurt. Had a bad time with homework. Got a rash on my forehead.

Wed. Jan. 17 - Went to school. Had a fair day. Warm. Took clarinet. Am doing well in it. Read Louisa M. Alcott, some of "Little Women." Went to PTA [with Ma]. Pa had choir and E. C. meeting. Just as Mother left, Birdie [Beryl] came home and saved me from staying home alone. [Jane hated being left home alone, had a lot of anxiety about it, naturally. Perhaps our parents had unrealistic expectations of her, or perhaps they just did it for expediency.]

Thurs. Jan. 18 - Got up tired. Very warm, 55 F. Saw "Peter and the Wolf" at school (play). Started reading "The Bobsey Twins at M. M." We went to eye doctor's, Wiebolts and the closed tractor thing. Mother has glasses. I might never be without glasses. I wish Gary were here. I want someone to sleep with.

Wilcox is going to be engaged to Lenny Doty, but I don't know.

Mon. Jan. 15 - Got letter from Martha. Dad could easily get a job as art director at McCuen school of music for September. Mom and Dad are both rather upset! [They felt a lot of anxiety about their plans for the future. They certainly wanted to leave Chicago, but really couldn't afford to give up their good jobs.]

Tues. Jan. 16 - Rich found out who Dad was. His cousin told him! He called up too, after school. He is really a nice boy. Dad may be assistant principal next semester.

Wed. Jan. 17 - Rich was going to walk me home from school but I had to go to the library! At club we decided to have a new name, the Sharps ##. We might be popular at school.

Thurs. Jan. 18 - After school went shopping at Evanston and went to see Dr. Oleson about our eyes. Mom has to wear glasses. Warm out today, 50 F.

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Fri. Jan. 19 - Kenneth [Mitchell, cousin] and Jeanette came last night with baby Kenny. The day past slowly at school. I wheeled the baby in my buggy and gave him a bib. Time, 10:00. E. C. gone to Logan Square to sleep.

Sat. Jan. 20 - I like the baby. I tended him. Ma, E. C., Pa went to DT. Birdie was home. Took Ken, Kenny and Jeannette to Northwestern Station. We went to Night of Stars. Swell crowd. E. C. and Birdie played and sang.

Sun. Jan. 21 - E. C.'s birthday. Had a surprise party at Hannah Mae's house. Ma didn't go to morning church. We all went to night church. Lee Dalton spoke, a very good talk. Very cold. I baked E. C. a little loaf of bread. Got to bed at 10 PM. E. C.'s bed is upstairs.

Mon. Jan. 22 - The day went fast. Had a little trouble with fractions. We went to dentist after school. Very cold, 29 F. Ma and Pa are shopping. Listened to "[?]" Birdie isn't home, just me and E.C.

Tues. Jan. 23 - Had Bar-B-Q at school. Bob and Robert threw snowballs at me. Said I was a baby 'cause I couldn't fight B. & R. Pa went to \$4.00 banquet. Listened to "Baby Snooks." Ma didn't go to choir. EC home, too. I hope I don't have to stay home alone tomorrow [night].

Wed. Jan. 24 - Took C. to school. Had no "1:40 band." Had art. Forgot about band. Was 10 minutes late. Ma and EC went shopping. Then Ma and Pa went to choir. EC came home on bus before Ma went to choir. EC got home at 8:15. I fell down and

Jan. 19 - At school someone stuck a "Kiss Me" sign with scotch tape on me and I didn't know it, and I was walking around school and Dick saw too!! Ken Mitchell and family on their way to South Africa are here.

Sat. Jan. 20 - Uncle Snow [Mitchell] called and wants Ken to come back to Utah. They left 7:15 PM for Utah. I played the Revolutionary [Etude, Chopin] and "Cat and Mouse" for Night of Stars and did quite well, I think, tonight.

Sun. Jan. 21 - [Age 14 today] Hannah Mae had a surprise party for Alice and me and it was really a surprise. I got some nice jewelry and gifts from the girls. I am so blessed with so many wonderful things!

Mon. Jan. 22 - Rich asked me to go to a show Saturday, but I have to go with the folks to Strong's for dinner, so I'll have to tell Rich tomorrow. Very cold today. Had two final tests today, too.

Tues. Jan. 23 - Instead of going to show with Rich Saturday I'm going Friday. Today he walked me home from school for 1st time and he stayed about 20 minutes.

Wed. Jan. 24 - Last day of semester. Cut 4th period and went to lunch. I have fun at school, not at all like last year. Went down to pick up appliances for my feet. Tomorrow no school.

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hurt my kneecap at school. Am doing better in fractions.

Thurs. Jan. 25 - Had a bake sale at school. Didn't buy any. Broke EC's necklace. Probably Ma & Pa looking at trailers. We might move and sell this house and live in a big trailer till we are settled. Went to bed at 9:30 Got A on my handed-back fraction paper. I feel lonely, but I don't know what for. (Ever since Grandma died.)

Fri. Jan. 26 - Nothing special at school. Doral let me read the "Bobsy Twins at Indian Hollow." Snowed 1 inch. Got some paper for school. Had fun outside. Ma washed. I was grumpy about doing dishes. I am so mean when I don't mean [to be]. I am so lonesome for something, for something unknown. I feel lost. I need Mother and Father to help me.

Sat. Jan. 27 - Was downtown from [?] to 1:30 PM. Went to Strong's for supper. I was stuffed. Mrs. Strong said that Diane simply couldn't squat. We all laughed. My left eye hurts very bad.

Sun. Jan. 28 - I did not go to Sunday School. Got pinkeye. EC's club came over for a party. I went to ward conference. I helped Aunt Jean with the little brats. She gave me some cutouts. Pa got salve for my eyes. I hope I don't stay home alone tomorrow. Pa puts salve in my eyes before I got to bed or sleep.

Mon. Jan. 29 - Stayed home. Slept all day. No radio. Went to bed at 9:00. Birdie left at 11:30. Pa thinks I can go to school tomorrow. Left eye stings.

Thurs. Jan. 25 - No school. Ironed curtains for three hours. Rich called up and we talked for ½ hour. I started working on a red lamp shade for front room. Folks looked at trailers.

Fri. Jan. 26 - We got our new programs. I am now 2A. What fun! Rich took me to show and we doubled with Ted Buschinski and Marlene Klasky. She's in my division. Good time.

Sat. Jan. 27 - Got up early, went for lesson, shopped, went to Evanston, shopped and went clear to 113th South for dinner at Strong's. Hatfields and Vances were there. Got home at 1:30. Tired!!!

Sun. Jan. 28 - Gary had an article in the Church News about one of his experiences! Had girls in club to a party here. (My birthday, one week late.) Got \$10.00 bill to pay for my jacket. [I remember how unhappy it made Mom that I HAD to have a club jacket.]

Mon. Jan. 29 - It's 10 below zero. Was almost late for school. In English Joann Legones was absent and Carol Roseman came in our class, (she has no lunch period) and she said she was Legones and we both got a check for talking. What fun!

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Tues. Jan. 30 - Took Claire [clarinet] to school. Had gym. Left Claire at school. Have to play her tomorrow. I got a pen for school. 20 F. We started pens yesterday. I got no ink. Got a pen. Birdie came home 'bout 10 min. after I was in bed.

Wed. Jan. 31 - Gary chased Eileen and me at noon. Very cold outside. It snowed. Ma and I got stuck. Tow truck pulled us out. Used it today. Under the snow is ice. When we got home my feet were very cold. Ma's fingers almost froze. EC went to club meeting. Ma and Pa to choir. I got clarinet.

Tues. Jan. 30 - It's 20 below zero. School I enjoy much more lately. During lunch periods there is dancing on the stage. Mon. is solo contest and I am accompanying Idalyn Bergh (clarinet), so we need lots of practice before Monday!! Oh, boy!

Wed. Jan. 31 - Rich asked me to Cavaliers Club party on Feb. 11th. Hope Mom says I can. Club meeting tonight. Got home late. I felt emotionally upset and felt like crying. Nell and I were talking about it.



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Mom and Dad

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Thurs. Feb. 1, 1951 - Got along fine at school. Made Ma's Feb. calendar. At noon the teacher put me in charge of the room. Jerry was bad. Had about 25 [stay] in. He thought he could do what he wanted. George & Elmer were bad, too. Jerry had a rubber frog which he made to spit water at me. Then he went through my desk. I told teacher when she came. Jerry was mad. He said he would beat me. I hope not. So far nothing has happened.

Fri. Feb. 2 - Had fun at school. Stayed in all day. I went out with dark glasses after we got home. EC went to Mutual. Ma is washing.

Sat. Feb. 3 - Pinkeye came back. Went to June C.'s house. Called her three times before I got an answer. I saw kite, the parakeet. We played with her doll house. EC went tobogganing then to a show. Pa [went] to a Boy Scout jamboree, Ma and me [stayed] home.

Sun. Feb. 4 - Went to church. Church let out at 7:30, one hour early. Boy Scouts had program. Jimmy Young played the tuba. Richard Mulnix played the flute. A piece of toothpaste got in my eye last night and it hurts.

Mon. Feb. 5 - Nothing special. [Ma had] teachers meeting. My left eye is swollen. Did go to school. The old feeling is back ever since Grandma died. I cry at night for an unknown purpose.

Tues. Feb. 6 - Snowed a lot, then froze. Had band. Got out early. Told Daddy finally about my crying each night for

Thurs. Feb. 1, 1951 - Felt awful today. Mom thinks I am neglecting church work and Dad thinks I shouldn't be out alone at night. They probably won't let me go to that party.

Fri. Feb. 2 - Felt better today after a good night's rest. 15 below zero. The cold wave has hit the whole continent. Dad drove me to Mutual and met me at Belmont. Keith is having a surprise party for Hannah Mae Feb. 15th [her 15th birthday].

Sat. Feb. 3 - Went downtown and took piano exam. Did fairly good. At 4 PM went tobogganing at Whalen Pool with Hannah Mae, Keith and John. Came home, changed and went to see "King Solomon's Mines."

Sun. Feb. 4 - Idalynn Berg was supposed to come to practice clarinet solo, but she didn't come. Solo contest tomorrow! (Doubt if we'll play.) Boy Scouts put on program in Sacrament Meeting.

Mon. Feb. 5 - I wore my new shoes today! Such big clod hoppers! [I remember how embarrassed I was to wear those orthopedic shoes.] The solo contest isn't until Thursday, thank goodness. Mom consented for me to go to the Cavaliers party Sunday night.

Tues. Feb. 6 - More snow! Jane has the highest I.Q. of the 5th grade, so said Mom. Lynn Berg came over to practice on the clarinet solo. I hope we do OK.

something unknown ever since Grandma Holmes died. Ma went to Relief Society.

Wed. Feb. 7 - Did not stay home alone. Got to bed at 9:00 'cause of my homework. Very cold and frozen. Hurt my knee at school. Saturday I start piano again after stopping for left broken arm and broken foot. Something has come over me, changed me. I will never be happy.

Thurs. Feb. 8 - Time passes so fast! I am chosen (and Linda and Ann) to make the girls Valentine Box. We are going to have a Valentine social after school on V. day. My eyes are worse. I wrote a letter to Gary. Birdie came home. This morning it was 15 below. My homework is Mozart. Have not done anything 'bout getting a trailer yet.

Fri. Feb. 9 - Stayed in all day but recess. It is now light at 5:00. Ma is doing the washing. I can hardly wait till tomorrow. I copied Mozart neater and in better order. Both eyes are swollen. I went to bed without that salve. Pa said I might have a reaction from it.

Sat. Feb. 10 - Had my lesson with Miss Wolcott. She is fat. For my piano lesson I got "Penny Whistle" and "Where is Mary." Went and saw trailers, long ones. The ones Pa and EC liked are on a sheet of paper in back of this diary. The trailer I liked had 3 beds, 2 bedrooms.

Sun. Feb. 11 - Everyone got Valentines at church. I made some to deliver tonight. Sr. Mulnix was pleased with her Valentine from me. EC has a date with Rich. I sat with Karen Smith in church. Her hair is black and naturally curly. We went to see trailers again. The trailer I and EC liked was 35' long and cost \$4,500.

Wed. Feb. 7 - I cut 4th period English (Roy, teacher). Saw Rich quite a bit. Very cold and windy again. Joan Kawal was talking to a fellow in my division who thought I was cute. Solo contest tomorrow!

Thurs. Feb. 8 - Rich was absent today. He had a cold yesterday. I went with Idalynn Berg to Marshall High School for clarinet solo contest. She got G (good). Went back to school. Wanted to have JoNell over but Mom said better not.

Fri. Feb. 9 - Rich was absent again but he called after school; he's coming 8:30 Sunday. Janet Botany is going too. I was playing the organ at school. Went to Mutual and helped Mildred (came early) with books [I was Primary secretary].

Sat. Feb. 10 - Started new semester at Musical College. So did Jane. Looked at trailers on south side [of Chicago]. Tonight was M-Men and Gleaner Girl banquet. I stayed home. Both John and Glen asked me but after telling John NO I couldn't tell Glen YES. (Dumb John).

Sun. Feb. 11 - Played piano for Sunday School. Looked at trailers, went to church and came home late! Rich was already there. The party, at Ted Feducci's, was really swell! Had lots of fun. Sloppy weather. Got home 12:45.

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Mon. Feb. 12 - I got in bed with Mother and planned the day. I practiced 2 hours before EC got up. Joan M. came over in the afternoon from 2:00 till 5:00. Helped Pa bottle pills and listened to [radio] "My Friend Ernie," and "Battleground."

Tues. Feb. 13 - Today is Grandpa Holmes' birthday. He would be 92 years old. I brought my Valentines to school. For once I got my health drawings. Listened to Beryl. I am going to tell her I am lonely.

Wed. Feb. 14 - Had the social. Eileen stuck up her nose at me in band 'cause I had my red taffeta dress on. I went with Howard to the social. I received 31 Valentines. Stayed home alone [evening]. We are going to give Beryl a surprise [birthday] party.

Thurs. Feb. 15 - Miss Gates came and gave us an art lesson. I can play my piano piece good. Dennis pushed me and I pushed him in school. He is always tripping me when I walk down the aisle. Ma and Pa went to the funeral home to see dead Sister Moss. EC is at a party and Beryl went out to dinner. I am alone.

Fri. Feb. 16 - I was reading when teacher explained adding unlike "f." [fractions?] I felt so lonely when EC left me to go to the church. She went to Mutual. Ma is washing. I feel so left out of everything. When I was in the closet changing clothes I cried. I am lonely. I wish Ma would spend some time with me.

Sat. Feb. 17 - We all went downtown. Miss Walcott said I had a very good lesson. EC and I went to the Art Institute to wait for Dad and Ma. We met Princess Yogadi alone freezing [no coat]. At home I played with Joan M. Very warm. We were going to see trailers, [but] no. Ma and I stayed

Mon. Feb. 12 - No school. Mom and Dad went downtown. Dad picked up my club jacket. Size 40! Oh, Boy, is it big! Talked to JoNell and Carol over phone. Dad looked at trucks and cars.

Tues. Feb. 13 - Icy, snow and cold! Mom is going to get a sewing machine from another dealer and save \$50. Pat Victor likes Corky and I think he likes her and we're trying to get them together! I wore my jacket.

Wed. Feb. 14 - We had some 400 in a Negro choir at an assembly today. Went to [stake] choir [rehearsal] and Keith and I made plans for party tomorrow. Had a little surprise for Beryl [her birthday] with cake, ice cream, fudge.

Thurs. Feb. 15 - Went to Keith's house and got ready for surprise party at 6:00. Ten kids came: George Laturner, Carol Oleson, Karen Decker, Margaret Smyth, Jim Young, Matheson boys and me. Got home at 12:30.

Fri. Feb. 16 - Got up at quarter to 8. I made it to school 'cause I got a ride from Dad in the car. He had to take Mom to Franklin Park and take car back again to go to Sr. Moss's funeral. Went to Mutual and rode home with Smiths.

Sat. Feb. 17 - Had a good lesson in piano and harmony class. Got a concerto by J. C. Bach. Conference tonight at Logan Square and the elders really put on some good entertainment. Bro. ..., wife and daughters stayed all night.

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home. EC, Pa, Beryl went to conference. I am happy.

Sun. Feb. 18 - Raining hard. We were at conference all day. Had a good lunch. Logan Square fixed it. I sat with Karen Smith. Then went to see trailers. Friday Mrs. Kennedy asked me to write up a story on Great Salt Lake and Pa did it for me. Beryl isn't home. I hope it doesn't get 32 [freezing].

Mon. Feb. 19 - It was very cold at school. Joyce passed paper flowers. Mrs. Kennedy gave us home work. We put our coats on in school for ½ hour. At 10:00 we went home 'cause the furnace broke down. Mother made choke cherry jelly. Pa went bowling.

Tues. Feb. 20 - I wish the furnace broke down again. Nothing to tell.

Wed. Feb. 21 - Stayed home alone. I read, "Little Women." Beth died and I cried. I almost missed morning band. I missed P.M. recess. I feel very sick.

Thurs. Feb. 22 - Washington's Birthday [holiday] I stayed home alone. I am sick, don't know what's the matter. I thought and cried a lot for Grandma Holmes. I love her so. Birdie [Beryl] came home early. EC to club meeting. Ma and Dad went to see trailers or travel show. When Pa went in the morning he saw 73 trailers. Came home 1 hour late for lunch. My head hurt.

Fri. Feb. 23 - Went back to school. It seemed like Thursday. Joan K. is a cheater

Sun. Feb. 18 - Conference. At lunch I sewed and later went to the museum [of Science and Industry] with kids. George Wheeler had the car. After conference went and looked at trailers. Last Friday Hannah Mae had a fight with Keith, but they are made up now.

Mon. Feb. 19 - Roberta is back from Florida (my locker partner) and she looks like a Negro. Rich walks me to some of my classes. John called up for a date Saturday. I told him NO.

Tues. Feb. 20 - I was going to get my biology changed but I couldn't and I got voted attendance secretary for the class. I take back what I said a year ago. There ARE nice kids at school - club for instance. Rich for another.

Wed. Feb. 21 - Went to Preparation meeting for Primary. No school tomorrow. I'm going to Northwestern Medical School for tour with Hannah Mae, Carol Kennedy, Karen Decker and then to a show.

Thurs. Feb. 22 - I went with Hannah Mae and Karen Decker and class from North Park to Northwestern Medical School for tour. Saw dental clinics and animals and a human [cadaver] dissected. Went to show. Came home and went to club meeting.

Fri. Feb. 23 - After Mutual went to social [at school]. It was really foggy out.

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at jumprope. She is never out. I don't have piano lesson ready. Ma said I had chicken pox Thursday.

Sat. Feb. 24 - Had my music lesson. Pretty good. Ma and Pa saw trailers. Came home at 2:00. Had fun outside. Robert and I played hopscotch and jump rope. Also, Robert teased Chipper with his hat. But he got it back. EC [and I] went to bed the same time.

Sun. Feb. 25 - I went to morning Sunday School. Ken Draper ate [crossed out] witnessed our turkey dinner. Mother is kind of sick. I can play "Did You Think to Pray." EC wouldn't give me any gum and I made a fuss. Pa boxed my ears. Now I am more lonely than ever. I think of Grandma Holmes every night but don't cry as much. Ma and I stayed home [from] night [church]. [Corporal punishment was rare in our family-but a different approach would be used now.]

Tues. Feb. 27 - A little dog followed me at school. He liked me. When the cop came to take him away he went to be protected. I told Ma and Pa and EC. Ma and Pa went to choir. I helped EC with her play part.

Wed. Feb. 28 - EC didn't care [about the dog], but Ma and Pa did. But no, I can't save his life. When we go out west I will have a pony, dog and cat. Got a new seat in band. Ma said Joan and me [could have] a sewing club.

Afterwards, Corky had car and took some club girls home and then Corky, Pat, Frank, Bobbie, Rich and I went to eat. We had an accident because of the fog. Broke the windshield. Got in at 1:45.

Sat. Feb. 24 - I stayed all night with Bobbie 'cause her folks aren't back from Florida yet. Mom and Dad came by in the morning and took me to my piano lesson. A beautiful day today. First time sun has shown in weeks. Warm, too.

Sun. Feb. 25 - Ken Draper came to dinner as Beryl's guest. We had turkey! Ken is 24, from Idaho and served a mission. He likes Beryl (so said Sharon Turner). I think he's real cute. He doesn't act 24.

Mon. Feb. 26 - Rich has been avoiding me all day and I don't know why!?! Beautiful spring-like weather. The Pfaff sewing machine came and the man showed Mom how to work it. It's wonderful!

Tues. Feb. 27 - I am beginning to think Frank Muneo bosses Cavaliers around! He gives me a pain. Went to church and read over play. Friday will practice from 7:30 - 8:30 so I can go to social, too!

Wed. Feb. 28 - Mr. Groom wasn't here [orchestra director] today so we took his pass and were talking to Rich on hall guard duty 3rd period. There is a real jerky girl who eats lunch with us! Can't seem to get rid of her.

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Thurs. Mar. 1, 1951 - Someone took Red [the dog]. I am glad. It's nice out. Ma tried out our new sewing machine. House cleaning. Karen and I were playing. Jimmy bothered us. I hit him. He Boo-hooed. Then Bobby threw stones and trampled on the grass and wrote on our sidewalk. We did, too. Pa came out and made me go in. I feel like a prisoner in my own house. I wish for the wide open spaces. I cried. It added to my loneliness.

Fri. Mar. 2 - Nothing to tell.

Sat. Mar. 3 - E.C. and I went downtown alone on bus to music lessons. Then Ma, Pa and I went and saw the trailer show. Then we saw "King Solomon's Mines," and "Prehistoric Women." P. W. is a dopey picture.

Sun. Mar. 4 - Went to both (AM and PM) church. Ma and Pa went to Aurora to night church. After, Beryl, EC and I went to Williamses.' We had trouble getting Ma, but they came and we had ice cream. Ken Draper went, too. He reminds me of Gary. He acts like Gary. I don't see how Beryl CAN'T fall for him.

Mon. Mar. 5 - We had gym outside. After school Billie and I bumped heads in the doorway. Ma and Pa went to get apples. I helped EC with her play. She told me my faults - said she could hardly trust me. I told her everything, then broke down. She said to cry so I would get it out of mind.

Tues. Mar. 6 - Very warm out, 70 F. I forgot to listen to "Baby Snooks." My head still hurts. We had gym. Very hot at night. I slept mostly uncovered.

Thurs. Mar. 1, 1951 - I was quite shocked to see Anita Endler smoking! She seemed so sweet and nice. Was a beautiful day today but kind of chilly.

Fri. Mar. 2 - After play rehearsal I went to Valentine dance (had been postponed). Wore red and blue pleated skirt Mom made. Pat felt real bad 'cause Corky took Sandy home after. Frank Kosh had car and took home Bobbie, Judy, Pat, Ella, Rich and me.

Sat. Mar. 3 - Had a poor lesson. Went to basketball game. Logan Square beat North Shore. Went to square dance afterward at North Shore. John knows I've been going out with Rich and he thinks I am getting a bad reputation! Mom didn't know I went tonight.

Sun. Mar. 4 - After church went over to Williamses' with Beryl, Jane and Ken Draper. When Mom and Dad and Louise Williams got back from Aurora they came too. Played Doc Williams' record collection.

Mon. Mar. 5 - Took charge of a club meeting in Spanish class. Yesterday I made up two cross-word puzzles!! Today it was 57 F, beautiful and sunny. JoNell had really a weekend. Her boyfriend, Lee, is leaving for the army.

Tues. Mar. 6 - Corky asked Bobbie to go out. She said NO. JoNell asked Rich why he wasn't around lately and he said he didn't feel well. Went to play rehearsal. I know my lines fairly well.

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Wed. Mar. 7 - Colder, only 45 F. Had fun at band. Mrs. Thurn recorded us, then played back. Holy Cow. Missed both recesses 'cause of band. Ma and Pa went to choir.

Thurs. Mar. 8 - Very, very cold, 30 F. I got 7 marbles off of Charlie. I asked for them, "Kin I have some marbles? Please?" And Howy gave me 2. We did our arithmetic lesson twice.

Fri. Mar. 9 - Got my band uniform today. Cold, 30 F. Brought my marbles to school. Lost 6, got 8. I hope I have a good lesson tomorrow. Please let it be warm.

Sat. Mar. 10 - EC and I went downtown alone. Ma and Pa went to the trailer show again. Very warm.

Sun. Mar. 11 - Just the usual thing. But - - we had fun in gym (outside). Got a new boy. Started making trading cards.

Tues. Mar. 13 - The same thing. I danced with Mr. Doerhty at gym time. Aunt Lavonna and Uncle Carl [Beryl's parents] will be here tomorrow.

Wed. Mar. 7 - I thought Rich wasn't in school but he was! Corky asked Bobbie to go out (again) Saturday to a circus, triple date with Rich and Muneo. She probably will. I wonder if Rich will ask me? Maybe it will be better if this is the end.

Thurs. Mar. 8 - Rich wasn't in school today and he didn't call either, so I guess I'm not going Saturday night. Yesterday Bobbie, JoNell, Judy and I cut English and we didn't get any cuts. Report books were out Tuesday. English=E, Geometry=E, Spanish=S, Biology=S, Art=S.

Fri. Mar. 9 - Rich wasn't in school again. I wonder if there is any hope for me left. Gary is really enjoying his mission and his letters are wonderful. John called me at church and I told him NO when he asked for a date. Practiced play till 11:30.

Sat. Mar. 10 - Had a good lesson. Tonight was stake Rose Evening for Mia Maids. I had to wear a formal and bring a rose. Helen Johnston took me home. Mom brought me but left early.

Sun. Mar. 11 - We went out to Rollins.' They are selling their house. We will put our house up for sale in a few weeks. We have two or three of the best trailers in mind.

Mon. Mar. 12 - Rich was in school today but he didn't stop to talk at all. Ella and I went to show at the Will Rodgers [theater]. We saw "Kim," and "Dallas" - really good and exciting. Snow and slop again!!

Tues. Mar. 13 - Saw Rich. He asked me if I had been sick! I can't figure him out. Going to play rehearsal I met Wayne Walker on the bus going to Cavaliers club meeting. Boy! Am I tired. Not one night will I be at home this week.

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Wed. Mar. 14 - Didn't go to the basketball game. Went to Beryl's opera instead. Her folks were here. They are A. V. and V. C. They said they would come over tomorrow. They didn't stay at our house.

Thurs. Mar. 15 - Aunt Lavona and Uncle Carl didn't come. I'm MAD! U.C. got sick. Nothing speashal [sic].

Fri. Mar. 16 - Mother washed clothes. EC went to Mutual. I forgot to bring my band uniform. I think I have an unusual voice. Bed at 9:00 PM.

Sat. Mar. 17 - Had a good lesson. Went to St. Patrick's Day church party. Had a lot of food and fun. FREE. Also showed a movie.

Sun. Mar. 18 - Had fun in church. Papa gave an evening talk. Went home early. Joan Matheson came here and then I went there. She cut her finger. Her lesson in Sunday School was first aid. I cut my finger, too.

Mon. Mar. 19 - My finger still hurts. I forgot to do my weekend homework. Had gym. EC went babysitting. Pa's bowling team won 3 straight games.

Tues. Mar. 20 - Forgot to bring my clarinet. Couldn't listen to "Baby Snooks." I sang a solo in music. When I went by Joan, she said, "Doral and I can sing lots better than

Wed. Mar. 14 - Last night Jack Cofield, a red-haired boy from Iowa, asked me to go roller skating in a couple of weeks. Today I had a cold and sore throat and cough. After school I slept till we left for Beryl's opera. We saw the Jensens.

Thurs. Mar. 15 - Got a letter from Gary. He has been arrested for "disturbing the peace." They sure are causing a commotion in that town. In the Book of Mormon I have come to the part of the coming of Christ. [I read the entire Book of Mormon for the first time that year. It was wonderful!]

Fri. Mar. 16 - The BYU won another basketball game and tomorrow night they play for the national title! That would really mean a lot if they could get it. Had play rehearsal and laryngitis.

Sat. Mar. 17 - I have a cough and hoarse voice. There was a smorgasbord dinner at church after which a group watched basketball on TV at Keith Brown's. BYU lost national title against Dayton, 68-43.

Sun. Mar. 18 - Hannah Mae said John said I chased every boy that came along! Boy am I mad! I still have laryngitis. Had union meeting after church. Hannah Mae and I talked. Dad gave talk in church.

Mon. Mar. 19 - Got excused from school after 7th on account of laryngitis and I babysat for Veldron. I watched the senate crime investigations on TV. Very interesting.

Tues. Mar. 20 - I have to accompany Eleanor two numbers, two for Dad's violin solo (Sunday night) and also for the dance class! Lucy's reception, too!

you any old day! Your singing stinks.” (I can sing a lot better than them, though.)

Wed. Mar. 21 - What a spring! EC and Beryl are home. Ma and I got a flat tire. Mr. Doerhty had to help us. Joan K. and I made up. Barbara didn't Joan H. wasn't home. Had band.

Thurs. Mar. 22 - Can hardly wait for tomorrow. We had no afternoon lessons. Very, very warm. I hope we have a nice Easter and tomorrow and week. Went to see some more trailers. Got home at almost tomorrow.

Fri. Mar. 23 - Slept late, 8:30. Kind of warm. Cloudy. Rained [snowed] about 4." Joan H. and I played almost all day. Had fun. I hope it pours tomorrow or be nice and warm.

Sat. Mar. 24 - Don't want to go downtown. EC didn't have class. Met Mabel. She said Craig had a Mad Crush on EC. I hope EC likes him. Went to plays. Ours was the best.

Sun. Mar. 25 - A very nice Easter. Mother made me a new outfit. No school tomorrow. Hurray! Went to Bishop Turner's birthday party.

Mon. Mar. 26 - Beryl called 9:15. Said a Negro came in and asked her if he could practice. When she got to the door he grabbed her arm and pulled a knife. "Don't you dare scream," he said. She got free and ran into the hall and screamed. People came out. Her purse was gone, keys and

Wed. Mar. 21 - Very cold for 1st day of spring. Sandy took pictures of the club today after school. Saw Rich a couple times. He's no more than a friend to me now. I fixed a blouse. Blue cotton with white collar and cuffs.

Thurs. Mar. 22 - Today JoNell was asking about my religion. I did some explaining (not much). I got shoes at Niermans' and we looked at trailers way on the south side. No school tomorrow!

Fri. Mar. 23 - At Mutual we did a dress rehearsal. Went off pretty good. Hope for better tomorrow night. A snow storm blew up tonight and all the traffic is tied up again! What a winter!

Sat. Mar. 24 - At Musical College I saw Mabel. She told me Craig (who is sick today) had a crush on me! He is so wonderful. The play went off swell. It was a real hit. Everyone said we had the best play.

Sun. Mar. 25 - Easter. I wore my new outfit. Blue jacket and red pleated skirt. Mom made both. [I still wear the blue blazer 50 years later!] Had a driving lesson, first in a long time. I'm hoping Craig will ask me to the Gold and Green Ball.

Mon. Mar. 26 - Today when Beryl was in a practice studio down at Roosevelt College a Negro came in and grabbed her arm, pushed her against the wall and had a knife or something in his hand. She finally fought her way loose but he got her wallet and purse.

address. We have to change the locks.
Very nice out, warm.

Tues. Mar. 27 - Listened to "Baby Snooks."
Very funny. Very warm, 50 F.

Wed. Mar. 28 - Went to choir. I wanted to
go to club with EC. She invited me. I hope
I can read my writing (scribbling).

Thurs. Mar. 29 - Played with Bobby and
Karen. Had hunts. Jimmy, Don, George,
Tom, Freddie, Bobby and I played. Kids
password = [cannot read]. Our password
(Bobby, Karen and me) "Man of the
desert!" Rained, warm outside 65 F.

Tues. Mar. 27 - Last night Chuck Rodebeck
called and asked for a date for Gold and
Green, but I refused. Beryl got her purse
back but her money and keys were gone.
Dad changed our locks. Tonight I worked
on records at church.

Wed. Mar. 28 - I still have laryngitis. Went
to club meeting at Carol's house. Mom and
Dad still can't decide whether or not to sell
or just what to do - whether or not to buy a
trailer [house].

Thurs. Mar. 29 - This is Mom's week off
and she is going through all the summer
clothes and sewing things, making rags and
doing correspondence lessons. Practically
positive we'll buy a trailer.

Fri. Mar. 30 - Went with dance class to
Chicago stadium and I sat in the organ loft!
I went to social. Rich was real chummy and
took me home. Can't figure him out.

Sat. Mar. 31 - Craig and Mabel weren't at
lessons. I probably won't go to Gold and
Green after all. Went out to look at trailer
camp. Played "Norwegian Bridal
Procession" at Lucy's reception on an old
piano. Berneda Lang is engaged.

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Sun. Apr. 1, 1951 - April Fools' Day. We went down to South Whiting, Indiana to a trailer factory. Started at 8 AM and got back at 8 PM.

Mon. Apr. 2 - Started school again, darn it. Had fun in gym.

Tues. Apr. 3 - Played a clarinet solo in music time. Played kick ball in gym.

Wed. Apr. 4 - President Smith [of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints] died today. I almost cried when I heard he died. I didn't have to stay home alone. Goodie!

Thurs. Apr. 5 - This week has gone fast. Wore flowered beanie to school. Sang a solo in music. Very warm, 70 F. Got to bed at 9:15.

Fri. Apr. 6 - Rainy, drizzling. Kind of cold, too. Ma and June and I went uptown to get ice cream bars. Was 10 minutes late for school in PM.

Sat. Apr. 7 - Had a very good lesson. My next lesson will be Thursday 'cause of band concert. Rainy and cool. Joan H. came over and we played. Bed, 10 PM.

Sun. Apr. 8 - Went to church with Veldron. Very nice day.

Sun. Apr. 1, 1951 - Unusual Sunday. We left at 8:30 and went clear to Whitley, Indiana just to see the trailers. Spent whole day, 162 miles. He will give us a 36 ft. at \$3900.

Mon. Apr. 2 - Corkey is taking Bobbie to the Junior Prom. I sure wish I could go. Rehearsal today for Green and Silver Frolics for Friday. I wish I was going to the Gold and Green Ball.

Tues. Apr. 3 - JoNell wants me to read "Gauntlet," by J. Street and I will let her take "The Robe," tomorrow. Pat and I got out of biology and cut 9th and went home. There was a man substitute.

Wed. Apr. 4 - President George Albert Smith died today in Salt Lake City. I sewed my blue skirt till I was blue. Ripped out all the seams about 3 times!!

Thurs. Apr. 5 - Today during rehearsal for Green and Silver Frolics a boy names Tom started talking to me and walked me home from school. He wants to pick me up tomorrow in a '49 convertible.

Fri. Apr. 6 - Tom couldn't get the car. The program (Green and Silver Frolics) went off OK. Dad did swell and so did Eleanor. The program was pretty long. Andy in Campus Crew [high school jazz band] has been very nice to me lately.

Sat. Apr. 7 - Had a good lesson. Went to Spanish movie, "Don Qxiote" with Pat, Victor, Joann Costa and Elaine Broszek, a very nice girl. I would like her in our club.

Sun. Apr. 8 - Had a late dinner and after church Beryl and I sat talking about her

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Mon. Apr. 9 - Wish it was Friday. Very warm.

Tues. Apr. 10 - An angora cat went into the school. Joan K. got him. [I am keeping him] till the owner shows up. I might have to bring him back tomorrow. (Yellow cat.) Very warm day.

Wed. Apr. 11 - The band contest is sure coming up fast, and so is my piano lesson. Ma said I could keep Rusty if I took good care of her. She is going to have kittens. Rusty sleeps in the garage. Very rainy. I'm home alone [tonight].

Thurs. Apr. 12 - I had a good lesson. Got 2 cans of dog food for Rusty. Wrote a letter to Gary. Foggy. I love Rusty. She loves me.

Fri. Apr. 13 - Sposto [It's supposed to] be an unlucky day. Ha! Heavens! Contest tomorrow. I hope we get 1st or 2nd place. Teeth = "chatter, chatter."

Sat. Apr. 14 - Lucky us, 1st place! We get to go to Bloomington to try for State. Ma went with us to Harvey [Illinois] and back. Treated Jasmine. She is a very nice girl.

problems. She told me some interesting facts about Phil and what he asked!!

Mon. Apr. 9 - Didn't see Tom at all. Miss Peterson was peeved because I didn't have the music! I have to learn a Pan-American Day number by Friday. Gave Beryl a permanent.

Tues. Apr. 10 - I saw Tom with a real hoodly girl. JoNell's boyfriend, Lee, came home from Florida. I feel awful 'cause of the dance class music (I can hardly play it) and everything. I am so tired.

Wed. Apr. 11 - Terrible rainy night. Had club meeting at Ella's house. Only 5 were there. She showed us her antiques. President Truman fired MacArthur, head of the war department.

Thurs. Apr. 12 - I found out that Tom goes steady. Mrs. Young's daughter, from Sayre Branch, was at school today (2A-3B counseling). She's real cute. Marilyn Wheeler called me up from the south side. Her mother is expecting.

Fri. Apr. 13 - Went to [school] social. (It's the night of the Gold and Green at church). I had fun. It was the last social. Rich asked me to Cavaliers' party Saturday. I said yes. Carol, Joann and I went to a drive-in and Rich and Corky took us home.

Sat. Apr. 14 - Beryl said last night's ball was only fair. Craig took another girl. I went to Eleanor Warber's birthday party. All German folks [speaking German] and some kids just came over. Got home at 2 AM.

Sun. Apr. 15 - Was very embarrassed when I couldn't find the page when playing piano this morning. David O. McKay is our new

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president of the church. Washed hair so got to bed late again.

Mon. Apr. 16 - It is so cold! It snowed hard today. After supper Mom, Jane, Beryl and I went to the show. Saw "Bird of Paradise," about Hawaii. Bill Rollins is in hospital from a car accident.

Tues. Apr. 17 - Forgot clarinet. Got sick. Had homework (½ x 18 - like that). Very warm. I still don't feel good. Ma went to Relief Society. Nothing else.

Tues. Apr. 17 - A real estate man came to look at house. Real estate wants 5% and the government wants 20% of total sale of house. We want between 19,000 and 22,000. Dad was talking to Beryl and me about "Masters of Far East."

Wed. Apr. 18 - Sick. Stayed home, tonight too! Pa is fixing the front room ceiling. Paint it tomorrow. I stayed home and [it was] a nice warm day.

Wed. Apr. 18 - Tryouts for talent show were today after school. I played for Shirley Puckett and Rita Urban. Went to [Primary] Preparation Meeting. Cloudy all day, then it rained and then it was beautiful.

Thurs. Apr. 19 - Went back to school. Had my seat changed. Sit in front of Jimmy B. What a pest. One of these times I'm going to whop him. Very warm, almost as warm as yesterday.

Thurs. Apr. 19 - Today we heard General MacArthur's talk. Very wonderful. I think Truman had no right to fire him. Played for dance class for 8A assembly. Mom said I could have pajama party for club next week.

Fri. Apr. 20 - I could have killed Jimmy. What a brat. Heavens! Piano lesson tomorrow. EC went to Mutual.

Fri. Apr. 20 - Eleanor Warber sang today. Ruth Bourland played for her and messed it up. On my way home from Mutual Diane Domko and her father picked me up. She will come over Tuesday to practice because I play for her Wednesday.

Sat. Apr. 21 - Ate lunch in the Art Institute cafeteria. Pa went, too. EC had a recital. Ma burnt herself. [Evening:] Pa, Ma, party; EC a party; Beryl a dance. Me, home. Darn it!

Sat. Apr. 21 - Played Chopin Valse in recital (OK). I went to Cavaliers' party at the house next to Rich's. It was in the front room. Had fun. Bobbie and Sharon and I were in bathroom laughing our sides out. Got home at 12:30 AM.

Sun. Apr. 22 - Very nice day. Joan M. went downtown. Got back at 6 PM. I went

Sun. Apr. 22 - Finished reading "The Gauntlet," by James Street. Very good. Went to church alone as Mom and Dad were

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and stayed with her till 10:00, watched television. Had fun.

Mon. Apr. 23 - Lucky EC and Dad: Cleanup Week [spring break]. Very nice day. I might get a yellow canvas jacket. Had gym. Pa said I could be a cheer leader.

Tues. Apr. 24 - I got my medal. Drizzly day.

Wed. Apr. 25 - EC has a slumber party. They went to a horror show first. Windy and warm. I wore my flared skirt. Wow!

Sat. Apr. 28 - Boy, 90 F! Rained, double rainbow. Took a bath. Joanne Marker played with me under the tarp. Caved in on her. It was broiling.

Sun. Apr. 29 - Hot. Milly Waldvogel came and ate. We fixed up a tent and went

at University Ward and Beryl was at Batavia. I feel very interested in reading books!

Mon. Apr. 23 - This afternoon I went to Ella's birthday luncheon for the club girls. I finished reading the Book of Mormon. It certainly is wonderful!

Tues. Apr. 24 - Practiced 4 hours. I am not going to play for Diane Domko (she is too busy). Mom and I went down to foot clinic. I started reading "Hunchback of Notre-Dame," by Victor Hugo.

Wed. Apr. 25 - The club met here and all went to show. Got a ride from some boys in "Spooks" club. Saw "Frankenstein and Dracula." Had pajama party here and sang songs, took flashbulb pictures and got to sleep about 4:00. Fun!!

Thurs. Apr. 26 - Gen. MacArthur arrived today to visit Chicago. Had a parade. We listened to it over radio. Crowds were wild. Three or four million people. Had a speech by Mac A. and fireworks at Soldiers' Field.

Fri. Apr. 27 - Last day of Clean-up week holiday [spring break]. Real warm out! Cleaned house. Went to Mutual. Jack Cofield (redhead) is leaving in 3 or 4 weeks for the army!

Sat. Apr. 28 - Very warm, 85 F. Left on bus for Milwaukee [Youth Conference] at 3 PM. Had a dinner, program and dance. Loads of fun. Met so many kids! Danced a lot with Walter Wilkening. Hannah Mae, Alice and I and three boys stayed at the home of the Jensens. Beautiful!

Sun. Apr. 29 - They had a special testimony meeting for the youth (114 present). I bore my testimony. Never before have I ever felt

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barefoot. Ma didn't know, but we washed our feet. (Dirty wash rag.)

Mon. Apr. 30 - Hot. Still dirty wash rag. Rusty acts funny. I think she is going to have her kittens. Am going to play "Italia" Friday.

so strongly overcome by the spirit of the Lord. I'm so happy and thankful. So many others did too.

Mon. Apr. 30 - I thought and prayed very much about whether or not we should sell our house, but selling is about the best thing to do. A woman came to look but isn't interested in buying.

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Tues. May 1, 1951 - Very hot. Had gym.

Tues. May 1, 1951 - Mr. Schorsh was coming over to sign an exclusive when Khene walked in with someone, so Dad told him to wait. Very warm.

Wed. May 2 - Very hot in school. Stayed after to rehearse for talent show. Went to Jasmine's birthday party. All the kids from church were there. John took us home (Thrill! Ha.)

Thurs. May 3 - Carol said Rich said he called yesterday and I wasn't home, but nobody said he called. 8th period Anderson (Campus Crew-jazz band) walked me home to get music for talent show and back to school. He's real nice. I cut 4th per. English. Ella and I played tennis after school.

Fri. May 4 - 8th per. Andy wanted me to go up to 400 [4th floor where band and orchestra rehearsal halls were located] but I went to Library with Pat and got a pass; went up to tell him where I was. Played solo and accompanied for Mutual. Weaver Family put on the program. Ken Draper is really in love with Beryl.

Sat. May 5 - Had a recital; did VERY WELL! Saw Craig for 1st time in weeks. Went to [church] music festival. I brought JoNell along. It didn't go off too well, but I think she enjoyed meeting my friends. Walter from Milwaukee sat behind us.

Sun. May 6 - Conference. I suffered with a terrible cold. During lunch we sat in Williamses' car. Jimmy Young and Louise Nixon (Milwaukee) gave spur of the moment talks. They were wonderful. I cut my hair.

Mon. May 7 - Orchestra was terrible. We rehearsed on stage and everything was terrible. I did everything wrong. I had a



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driving lesson. We can't seem to sell our house!!

Tues. May 8 - Rich asked me to the Junior Prom and Mom said I could go! Maybe I'll get a new dress. Wish I could go to Senior Prom with Andy. Had another driving lesson.

Wed. May 9 - Nice day. I lost Rusty. Freddy got hold of her and a lady took her away from him. Rained in the night.

Wed. May 9 - Talent show at school. I accompanied Shirley Puckett and Joanne in a "bums" act. Campus Crew [jazz band] played, were real good. Ella and I went to see "The Titan," story of Michaelangelo.

Thurs. May 10 - Raining. So sign of Rusty. Our school room was full of water. I hope Rusty comes home tomorrow.

Thurs. May 10 - Cold, rainy and windy. I told Rich that I could go with him to prom. 8th period I was talking to Andy. We rehearsed Liebesfreud. I had a big argument with Mom about fixing a skirt.

Fri. May 11 - Very nice. Mrs. Baker had Rusty. I got her back. Yea! Yea! I bought her a Mothers Day pin.

Fri. May 11 - Mother has been hollering about more work around the house. John drove me home from Mutual. He wants to go to the show Saturday. I wish I could get away from it all.

Sat. May 12 - Went to Bloomington band contest. Got lost. An hour to Pontiac. Got back at 9 PM. Pa came at ten. I missed him. Jasmine and I took a cab to her house.

Sat. May 12 - Had a very good lesson. Am playing at a recital at Bea's house Friday. Went shopping for formals. Saw a cute strapless. But NO soap. Worked on my Mothers Day talk for tomorrow.

Sun. May 13 - Very nice day (Mothers Day!) From church Ma got three plants (pinks). I transplanted them with some violets.

Sun. May 13 - I gave a Mothers Day talk. Good. After dinner I went to Roberta's [Bobbie] house. She isn't going to the prom. Corky is going with someone else. Went to 4th Presbyterian to hear Beryl in choir [she received payment for her services].

Mon. May 14 - Very hot. The flowers look fine. Wed. is Open House and I got 3 F's! Ma will see them. Kitty is getting very, very big.

Mon. May 14 - Mom bought me a chartreuse sleeveless blouse for summer. The weather is beautiful. I don't feel like going to the prom now that Bobbie isn't going.

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Tues. May 15 - Have a band social tomorrow, BBQ. I missed band. Thurs. morning we go to high school for band rehearsal.

Wed. May 16 - Tonight is open house! I stayed home alone. Social was nice! Somebody broke my glasses! Joan came over from 8 till 8:30 and we played cards.

Thurs. May 17 - Cool (cold) 60 F. I got to the high school at 8:15. Almost froze. Joan and Ronnie [told] Ma about my glasses. Joan pitched a league ball into my eye. I got a black eye.

Fri. May 18 - This morning Rusty came out, then darted back in the garage. She had her kittens! Three of them, all yellow. Very hot. Played baseball all day.

Sat. May 19 - No lesson. Miss Walcott fell and hurt herself. The kittens are BEAUTIFUL! My [heart]- [pants]- 4- them.

Sun. May 20 - Milly came over. She wants a kitten. I forgot about the band! Boy, is it hot! 93 F.

Tues. May 15 - Beautiful weather. Another real estate man came to get a listing on the place. Beryl and I went to the show (Harding), saw "Father's Little Dividend," Liz Taylor and Spencer Tracy.

Wed. May 16 - Laid in sun for one hour because I got off early. Orchestra competition. Played Bach Chorale and Fugue and Rachmaninoff Prelude in G minor. We got an S rating. Was talking to Andy. He's very funny.

Thurs. May 17 - Cold and cloudy. Practiced 5 hours for recital at Bea's tomorrow. John called and I am going to BBQ and dance at North Shore Saturday. Yesterday Miss Boller showed us results of our 2A tests.

Fri. May 18 - Carol, Nell, Cor, Andy and I came home 4th period to see the kittens that were born last night. Mom got two formals I might use from Mrs. England. [Her daughter had worn them. They were waffled pique, one white, one yellow, both strapless.] I drove Mom to Bea's for the recital. Went swell!

Sat. May 19 - After lesson went shopping. Mom got three blouses for me. Went with Mabel to beach for a while. John and Keith came before I was ready. Went to BBQ at North Shore then went to Yacht Club. Full moon, beautiful! Loads of fun. [That beautiful evening sailing--seeing the magnificent Chicago skyline from the water, has been a treasured memory for a lifetime.]

Sun. May 20 - The Rollinses came to Sunday School! I drove home from church. Laid in the sun for a while. Mom cut out pink dress and gray skirt for me. Beryl went with Ken [Draper] to Zion [Illinois] to the Passion Play.

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Mon. May 21 - Very warm, 83 F. Barbara and I played baseball. In gym we had baseball. I hit it! The kittens are cute! I stayed home alone. Grrrrr.

Tues. May 22 - Baby Snooks was funny. It was rainy and cool. I went to Steinmetz. The course stunk! The band and [?] were good.

Wed. May 23 - I got hit with a door and -- blood. Then I hit myself on the same place. Cool in the morning, warm afternoon. I was silly in school.

Thurs. May 24 - Had band. Tomorrow is our festival. The band is in it. I played my piece in music today. We had a visitor. Very warm.

Fri. May 25 - I made a wooden doll in school. Hester [the principal] took it. I went to the store with pugs. I got a candy bar and got caught in the rain. Got home drenched. Went to the festival. Played in the band.

Sat. May 26 - Kind of rainy. I came home alone after my lesson. The kittens got their eyes open.

Mon. May 21 - After school I went downtown shopping and got a white NYLON blouse for tomorrow night. [sheer nylon blouses were stylish just then]. Soooo tired. Tomorrow [we get our] course books [grades]. Decided to wear yellow formal.

Tues. May 22 - Made the Honor Roll!! Music Festival tonight. Played in orchestra and accompanied the dance class. It went well. The Campus Crew ended the program. I was mad because Mom left and walked home [just a few blocks].

Wed. May 23 - Yesterday Rich gave me a letter. Very mushy and I didn't know what was coming off, [it was a joke, of course] ended by asking if the Lone Ranger would sell his horse if he got drafted. I nearly died [laughing] and so did Mom and all the kids!

Thurs. May 24 - The other girl Corkey was going with broke their date for the prom, so he called up Bobbie to ask her again. She said NO but maybe will say yes if explains better. Went to Oak Park and got me a gray coat for the prom.

Fri. May 25 - Went home for lunch and was late for Art class. Another fellow asked Bobbie to the prom. Beryl and I went to "Pound Party" at Mutual. Jack Cofield is being drafted in the army! Poor kid.

Sat. May 26 - Bea decided to enter me in the contest. I have to memorize my concerto by Wednesday when I go to Bea's place. Choir had concert tonight. Mabel played and Beryl sang. Choir did wonderful. [The Chicago Stake Choir's director, Van Ward, was my piano teacher's husband, and assistant conductor of the Chicago Symphony.]

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Sun. May 27 - Mothers Day at church. Ma stayed home and Milly's ma had to teach a class. Two ladies came and ate with us. I had three dixie cups, 4 cookies and 3 mints.

Mon. May 28 - Ma's class went on their trip. My whole class had to stay after school. EC was teasing me, so I pretended to kick her and she grabbed my leg and I bit her. Pa hit me with a book and banged my head against the wall and kept slapping me.

Tues. May 29 - Have a bad cold or sore throat. Tomorrow is Daddy's birthday. He has a cold, too. I went to church and painted platters for the fish pond. Sister Nutt was there.

Wed. May 30 - Very uncomfortable last night. Had to breathe through my nose [mouth]. Pa had a nice birthday. We went to Schiller Park with the church gang. Sandy and I had to go, so we went in the woods with the mosquitos. Daddy is 55.

Thurs. May 31 - Tomorrow we go to the roller rink! I didn't go to my school program. I went to TV review. Got a balloon and a bean bag. Ice cream, too, and I am stuffed with candy and popcorn.

Sun. May 27 - Played for Beryl's two solos in church. Charles Oniones gave his [mission] homecoming talk. He definitely thinks that this is the last time for the missionaries to work and that the second coming of Christ is not far off.

Mon. May 28 - Got up at 6 AM to practice. Practiced all the time after school until bed time. Jane got a spanking [a rare occurrence in our household] today for being such a brat. I am beginning to get excited about the prom.

Tues. May 29 - Nice weather finally! After I practiced three hours I went to club at JoNell's house on my bike. Rode Sandy home and got home at 10:45. Dad was angry!!

Wed. May 30 - Holiday! Dad took Beryl's things to the station and I went to Bea's house to practice on Bach concerto. It takes so long to get down there. I sure wish this weekend was over - Prom and Contest!

Thurs. May 31 - Did not go to school. Went downtown to deliver check to J. A. Colby for the furniture. Bought material for sash and silver purse. Bea called, I have a lesson tomorrow at 1:30 with Mr. Ganz.

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Fri. June 1, 1951 - Went to the roller rink on North Ave. Came home (walked) from school to the bus stop, 1 ½ miles. Boy is it hot. I fell down 4 times. I took a shower when I got home.

Sat. June 2 - Had a pretty good lesson. EC went to the prom last night. She got 3rd place in contest. Very nice. Last night Rusty was fighting a tom cat to save her kittens.

Sun. June 3 - Fast Sunday. I fasted. I did not bear my testimony. Sister Kerr's and Chuck's impressed me. It was light when we got home from church.

Mon. June 4 - Last day of school. Very cool. We checked our books in. Teachers meeting. June and I and Linda played school.

Tues. June 5 - My lesson is tomorrow. I stayed home alone. No more school. We went and saw "Only the Valiant." Then Ma went to Relief Society. We waited in the car. I met a nice cat and her kitty. Ma brought us ice cream (EC and me). We were sleeping.

Wed. June 6 - I got a merit award. I passed. Ma drove me to the bus stop. Stayed up late. I went to my lesson. Waited from 3 till 6:30.

Thurs. June 7 - A very nice day. Boy, summer is here! I stayed up till 10:15. Mother went to a show and EC out. Dad and me home.

Fri. June 1, 1951 - Had a lesson with Mr. Ganz today (I didn't go to school.) Went to Prom, wore yellow cotton strapless with rhinestones. It rained cats and dogs. We doubled with Frank Muneo in his Cadillac. [After the dance] we saw the ice show at the Boulevard Room [big downtown hotel].

Sat. June 2 - Was so tired after four hours sleep. I got 3rd place in contest, Mabel got 2nd and a 10-year-old genius got 1st! Went to Logan Square Fun Festival and got my picture taken with Nat.

Sun. June 3 - Drove home from church. Want to get my driver's license this week. Union meeting today, so I was at church all afternoon. This was Jack Cofield's last Sunday here. He's a real swell kid.

Mon. June 4 - After school we were going to the show, but didn't. I wanted to lay down a while (6:30) and I woke up at 7 AM the next morning.

Tues. June 5 - The new furniture came. JoNell came home for lunch and she borrowed my new coat for her prom tonight. Mom and Jane and I went to show, saw "Only the Valiant." Terrific!

Wed. June 6 - Had a bad geometry test! I got 1 out of 5. After school I played Brandenburg Concerto (Bach) with Sigrid Braun for a while. I would like to have her in club.

Thurs. June 7 - Got pictures from the prom. I had my eyes closed! Went to Lieselotte's shower and Veldron's car broke down on the way home and we took the bus.

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Fri. June 8 - Aunt Melba and Uncle Myron [Holmes] came today. I am not prepared for my lesson. One of the kittens has a very bad eye. Pa showed the slides and after we had an ice cream and cake roll. Got to bed at 10:34. Sweet dreams!

Sat. June 9 - Not a very good lesson. A work day at church. I am a Seagull [class in the Primary]! We went to Palmer Square. [We took] Uncle and Aunt to the Morton Arboretum. EC went to a movie with the gang.

Sun. June 10 - Had open house. Very warm. Won some horses. Am going to crochet a belt. Milly W. took me home. Sweet dreams.

Mon. June 11 - Very warm. Went house looking. Found a nice one in Bensonville. Ma, Dad and EC went away. I stayed home. I was locked out. Sweet dreams.

Tues. June 12 - Warm and rainy. Can't find Rusty! Some people came over. They might buy the house. When Joan and I were at Shabona Park a cop caught us on our bikes. EC said that maniacs hang out there. When I went to Joan's, Betty wanted to get rid of me. She said, "Isn't it kind of late to be out?"

Wed. June 13 - Went downtown alone for my lesson. Got an orange sherbert ice cream cone. Walked too far. Missed Belmont Ave. on the streetcar. Went past Montrose. When I got home, Petersons had the key. I called Mother at church. Went to bed at 11:30. Sweet dreams!

Fri. June 8 - Aunt Melba and Uncle Myron [Holmes, of Raymond, Alberta, Canada] came about noon today. Had big supper and showed slides afterward. I got an early morning study from Miss Thorson for being late. [Extra study hall periods were assigned for tardiness.]

Sat. June 9 - Had final exam in harmony [class]. Went to show with the kids and went to eat at Stevens and Hardings both. Went down to the lake and took a boat ride. Sailors galore downtown. Got home at 8 PM. Mom [and Dad] had Christensens over and showed slides.

Sun. June 10 - Worked on [Primary] records with Mildred. We sold the house to an agent for \$20,000. We saw a little place in Franklin Park for \$4,300 that has possibilities. Will look into it further.

Mon. June 11 - After school we went out to Lombard and looked at places to build, \$8500 doing our own carpentry work. I drove home. I wish we knew what to do. ??

Tues. June 12 - Today some Polish people who had been here Sunday came back and bought the house for \$20,000. We have five months to get out and we dropped the deal with the other fellow.

Wed. June 13 - At club we decided to have Sigrid Braun in. We will ask her to go to Riverview [amusement park] Friday. We decided to organize a little chorus and do some singing, too.

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Thurs. June 14 - The kittens can get out of the basket. We might buy a lot in Lombard. I ran down that hill in a flash. I chased a gopher. Very nice day. I got Barb's letter finally.

Fri. June 15 - I think my lesson tomorrow will be a flop. Dad and I went to a wedding. EC to Riverview. Jimmy spilt Rusty's milk. Joan M. came over and got me a popsicle. At 8:45 I'm home alone.

Sat. June 16 - Very warm. EC took her exams. Sold the house! Joan H. and I almost went to a movie at 12:00. It didn't open till two, so we went home. Will go Thursday.

Sun. June 17 - We bought the house in Arlington. Our next door neighbor is an organist, and she is an artist. We had the Lark welcome at church (a party for the Larks. I am now a Seagull).

Mon. June 18 - Some people came and took Bootsie. Rusty bit them. Took Tim with me in bed for a nap. Joan wanted to keep Cuddles overnight. Boy, am I dirty (from my bike.) Temp. 91 F.

Tues. June 19 - Went to church to help pack with Mother. Some boys chased Joan and me on our bikes and kissed US. Joan knows them. Are they cute (the boys)! We were on our bikes, but they made us get off of them.

Wed. June 20 - Went to the show with June and Linda C. Saw "Soldiers Three," and "The Sword of Monte Cristo."

Thurs. June 21 - Made up a story for "Ballade." I can play it all! Rained. Took

Thurs. June 14 - Nell asked Sigrid to go Friday. I don't think she can. I felt real despondent today. Got home and cried. Went out to Lombard again. Plan to buy, I think.

Fri. June 15 - Mom drove me to Bea's house for a lesson. We got our annuals today. We went to Riverview. Did I feel sick! What fun - got in at 12:15.

Sat. June 16 - Had piano exam. Forgot a part of a piece but the rest was OK. We looked at homes in Wauconda, Arlington and Lombard. Quite interesting brick deal in Arlington.

Sun. June 17 - Mom and I looked at several different places. Junk heaps! While I went to church Mom and Jane went back out to Arlington and bought the house we saw yesterday. \$12,000.

Mon. June 18 - I finished my soap carving of a little fish. Turned out pretty well. Dad went downtown to straighten out the deal at Arlington. We start work next Monday.

Tues. June 19 - Rehearsed for talent show tomorrow. They needed a fill-in number for 4 periods, so I called Sigrid and she came over and we learned a duet. I told her all about club.

Wed. June 20 - Played for Key Club talent show every period!! Had club meeting at my house. Sigrid couldn't come so we walked two miles to her house in Elmwood Park at 10:30.

Thurs. June 21 - Bobbie and I played tennis. We walked over to school, to Carol's house

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T. and C. into the house. I borrowed a mystery from Joan Harms. The garage roof is leaking. [Our garage was a detached building that was entered from the alley].

Fri. June 22 - Went to the wedding of Lee Knoblock and Dick Shilling. I wish I was older. I made a pie and helped EC make a cake. Sweet dreams!

Sat. June 23 - My lesson was not very good. It was at 10:30. EC, Hannah Mae and I went and saw "The Great Caruso." We want to see "G.I. Love," and "Valentino." Ma and Dad went to a wedding.

Sun. June 24 - Had company for dinner. I made a work bag or purse. Milly W. was supposed to come and get her kitten.

Mon. June 25 - We started to work on the new house. Got the bathroom done. Phew! There are some small kids living across our street.

Tues. June 26 - Worked at the house. Helped Marie fly her kite. I met Chi Chi, a deaf girl. My pay is a quarter a day. Rusty chased Chipper. Poor Chip! Sweet dreams.

Wed. June 27 - It rained at the house. Chi Chi came over and stayed with me. She can talk! Thanks to me. God bless her. She

and to Jo Ann Legones' house. Mom was mad 'cause I got home so late! I have a terrific headache. Sewed buttons on my new light gray suit.

Fri. June 22 - Went to school at 9:00. Got a lousy program [for the next semester]. Went to Lee and Dick Schilling's wedding. Accompanied Dad on the violin. Hannah Mae and Jean and a few others went over to have fun at their [the newlywed's] apartment.

Sat. June 23 - Had last lesson with Bea for this semester. Went to show with Jane and Hannah Mae to Belpark and saw "The Great Caruso" with Mario Lanza. TERRIFIC!

Sun. June 24 - The Smyths came over for dinner. Went to North Shore Ward conference. Drove home. JoNell called. Last night she went to a party where all the kids got drunk.

Mon. June 25 - Started work today [on the shell house we bought at 612 Larkspur Lane, Mt. Prospect, Illinois]. Worked pretty hard. Cool weather, thank heavens! The man across the street helped Dad put on the ceiling [sheetrock]. We did the bathroom. [Dad paid me \$25.00 a week to help him that summer. It was some of the hardest physical work I have ever done.]

Tues. June 26 - Worked 13 hours today. Mom came out and we did almost all the ceiling. Finished utility room. Went to club meeting late. Will have to get up at 5:30 again!

Wed. June 27 - I was tired from yesterday. We made quite a few mistakes in doing the

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can write my name. Her real name is Veronica.

Thurs. June 28 - Went out to the house. Ma was there. "Oh, dear!"

Fri. June 29 - Rained at times in the afternoon. Uncle Frank [Weaver] came! Robert, Bobby and I spied on two girls and two boys who were flirting. They made the girls smoke. The girls had hardly any tops on [drawing of halter tops].

Sat. June 30 - Had fun with Uncle Frank. He smokes (a bit). He took a picture of Tim and Cuddles and Rusty. What scamps!

walls. We came in early because Dad had to go to a High Priests' meeting.

Thurs. June 28 - Work again. I shopped with Mom and bought a green Jantzen swim suit. Mom and Dad went to see "The Great Caruso." Jane was crying 'cause she felt lonely and unloved, poor kid.

Fri. June 29 - Worked hard and accomplished much. Went to a swimming party at Edgewater Apartments pool. Nice! John took me home after. Uncle Frank [Weaver, Dad's brother] arrived.

Sat. June 30 - Slept late. I got my drivers license! Dad and I took Uncle Frank downtown. Went to church to hear the Andelin Family [they were related to us] Concert. Darrell Ensign was aboard a plane that crashed.

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Sun. July 1, 1951 - Uncle Frank left before I got up. The Andelin's are my cousins. I will go swimming with Joan M. and Barbara Tuesday.

Mon. July 2 - Worked at the place. The plaster board is almost up. A huge piece fell on my foot and I got a black blood blister (in the morning). I worked a little in the afternoon. Did not go swimming.

Tues. July 3 - Darn Ma! She wouldn't let me go swimming. I made paths in the weeds to little rooms and laid hunks of plaster board down (for Chi Chi and me). I named the paths like streets. No fireworks.

Wed. July 4 - What a bum day. I went to the picnic. It was cold! And rainy. Never saw 1 single firework. I lit a sparkler when EC and I got home from the show at 1 AM.

Thurs. July 5 - EC and Dad left before I got up. Went barefoot all day. Ma and EC went shopping from 7 PM till 10 PM. I did 3 sparklers. So did EC.

Fri. July 6 - Went to the house this morning. Also went downtown. I quit piano for the summer. Dopey EC stole my pillow, and Ma got mad at her.

Sat. July 7 - Was going to go to Grant Park. We went to the show and saw "Valentino." Warm day. Joan M. came over and we went in the tubs.

Sun. July 8 - Raining all day. Milly did not call me. She is sleeping with me. What a night gown [drawing].

Sun. July 1, 1951 - They identified Brother Ensign's body among the wreckage. Went to Hannah Mae's. We ate out. H. M. and I practiced piano duet. We'll play next Sunday.

Mon. July 2 - Almost finished with all the plaster board! Went to Sears before going home and waited three hours. JoNell called and wanted me to go to Grant Park concert, but I said no.

Tues. July 3 - Finished all the plaster board. Started floors. We are going to work tomorrow, the 4th. Today Gary started out to Houston "without purse or script."

Wed. July 4 - Rainy and cloudy. Dad and I work. Jane and I went to see "Lemon Drop Kid," and "Santa Fe." I have a case of athlete's foot.

Thurs. July 5 - Started Perf-a-taping the walls. Going OK. Looked at suits for \$20 and \$50 at Six Corners. Maybe will go downtown tomorrow.

Fri. July 6 - In the morning went downtown and bought a beautiful tan-colored suit, \$25. Drove out alone to work in the afternoon. John called and he is going to Palmyra [New York, site of the church's Book of Mormon pageant].

Sat. July 7 - Didn't work today. The deal on this house is all paid for. Hannah Mae came over and we practiced and then went to show: "Caruso," again and "Valentino."

Sun. July 8 - Hannah Mae and I played duet in church. There were a group of Baptists there. Rain! Rain! Little Mildred Waldvogel slept over.

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Mon. July 9 - Milly, Joan and I went swimming at Steinmetz. Last night I sleepwalked. I turned on the light and went back to bed! Ha! Ha!

Tues. July 10 - I went swimming with Joan and Barbara. Babs took me home on the bus. Joan rode her bike. Very warm.

Wed. July 11 - Our folding staircase arrived today. Aunt Martha [Mitchell, Mother's sister] will come this weekend. It rained. We were at the house.

Thurs. July 12 - Aunt Martha can't come. Nerts! Went to the house.

Fri. July 13 - My, how time does fly. Went to the house an hour earlier (by mistake)! Dad spent hours on one piece of molding.

Mon. July 16 - We are going to Palmyra! Timmy was sick with flea powder. Had to bathe him. EC got the measles. I couldn't go swimming. A nice day.

Mon. July 9 - Did quite a bit of Perf-a-taping today. Rather hot! They delivered our oak wood flooring.

Tues. July 10 - They delivered our disappearing stairway. Also strung the wires. We Perf-a taped bedroom, hall and closet. Still good working weather.

Wed. July 11 - Put in the disappearing stairway. They delivered the trim and we put it upstairs. Mom took her final exam for her correspondence course and went to a luncheon.

Thurs. July 12 - Couldn't sleep last night. Felt awful all day. We all went out to work and I drove Mom home, then I came back alone. They fixed sidewalk and put in water.

Fri. July 13 - Got a letter from Martha. They aren't coming! What a disappointment!! Stayed home 'cause I was sick. Ella came over. I went to club for a while. John came over and showed the pictures of his trip.

Sat. July 14 - I have athlete's foot on my hands. I have pinkeye too and canker sores in my mouth. John came over to take me to the show but I didn't go. Too much else to do.

Sun. July 15 - After church I laid out in the sun and while I did I broke out with measles. I called JoNell and I think she has it too. I feel fine, however. Hot weather!

Mon. July 16 - Stayed home out of sunlight, but Dad says I can't go to Pat and JoAnn's birthday party tomorrow. Sewed carpet rags all day. Dad and Jane came home late.

Tues. July 17 - Called up Dr. Williams and he said I didn't have measles at all, only an

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Wed. July 18 - EC and I decided on a diner for Saturday for Mom. Then we will go to Lake Villa. Went to the house.

Thurs. July 19 - Did not go to the house.

Fri. July 20 - Did not go to the house. Tomorrow [actually the 20th] is Ma's birthday. I made her a foot scraper from bottle caps.

Sat. July 21 - Had a wonderful family birthday party. Daddy was so overcome he couldn't say the prayer. We took Milly and went to Lake Villa and went swimming. We let Dad off at the house. Hot and rainy all day. EC's present was a little plant in a jug.

Sun. July 22 - Dad went to North Shore this morning [with his duties as High Council member]. Ma, EC and I went to Sunday School. Dad went to Chain-O-Lakes [branch - in the evening] and EC and I went to church [Logan Square].

Mon. July 23 - Worked all day. I am scared of Mother. Freddie hurt Timmy [kitten]. Wait till I get my hands on him! Oh, Boy! Milly came to go swimming.

Tues. July 24 - Darn Dad wouldn't let me go swimming. When I jumped over his work he hit me, hard. I jumped out a

acid rash. Club had a double surprise birthday party for Jo Legones and Pat Victor. Fun!

Wed. July 18 - Worked on sanding today. Very hot, but we quit early. Got a letter from Gary. Started reading a book by W. Somerset Maugham, "Then and Now."

Thurs. July 19 - Read between jobs (much to disturb Dad), "Then and Now." Finished it. Was interesting but not too good. My hands are worse than sandpaper, with athlete's foot on them, too.

Fri. July 20 - Worked pretty hard and got home real late. My athlete's foot is terrible. Mom's shoulder is all sore and she can hardly raise her arm. Today the King of Arabia was killed!

Sat. July 21 - Jane and I cooked up a real dinner for Mom's birthday: cake, ice-cream, chicken, hot rolls, etc. Mom and Dad were so happy! Dad could hardly ask the blessing. Went to picnic at Lake Villa.

Sun. July 22 - In my Primary class the kids were all real good. They're so cute when they're good. Theresa Anderson gave her mission report. Old Sister Johnston was put in Dunning [mental institution].

Mon. July 23 - Did quite a bit out at the house. Painted utility [room] final coat. We figure two more weeks work and then move in. Have decided definitely to go to Palmyra August 9-11.

Tues. July 24 - We started laying flooring. Furnace man came. We went as far as Des Plaines to call the paint store, but the paint

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window and hid behind the dirt pile for ½ hour.

Wed. July 25 - Did not go to the house. I went to Narragansett St., then to Belmont and Central for errand. I bought a sundae, too. Ma found out.

Sun. July 29 - A new girl is in both of my Sunday School classes. Her name is Ellen Knapp and she just came from Germany. She can hardly understand or speak American. She is a member of the church. Milly was not there.

Mon. July 30 - Milly, Joan and I went swimming. M. & J. passed the deep water test and I didn't. I can do a handstand and somersault in the water.

Tues. July 31 - Joan and I went swimming. We met Betty Turner. She and Joan got 3:00 cards and went swimming. I didn't. Just watched.

wasn't in yet, so went back and worked two hours.

Wed. July 25 - Did a small portion of floors! Boy, that goes slow. The Martins brought over some ice cream and raspberries. We came in early and got corn (not too good).

Thurs. July 26 - Finished flooring in north bedroom. Got a letter from Beryl. Cliff Voigt is in Provo and is in the BYU orchestra. He had been going to college here.

Fri. July 27 - They're trying to settle the peace talks in Korea. Hot and humid! Triple dated with Jean and Lloyd Woolie and Hannah Mae and Keith and me on a blind date with her cousin. He was kind of a schmoe.

Sat. July 28 - Finished south bedroom floor. Jane is certainly developing. It keeps Mother jumping to answer her questions.

Sun. July 29 - Took car over to JoAnn Costa's house for a while (Jane, too). Larry, my blind date, played two numbers in church. Wonderful! [But] it makes me feel so discouraged! Saw Craig [Rollins] this morning.

Mon. July 30 - Almost finished with floor. I keep trying to decide whether or not to go to Steinmetz [or Arlington Heights High School]. I can't make up my mind.

Tues. July 31 - Finished all flooring. Quite hot! Still having peace talks in Korea, but they say war is more inevitable now than ever?!? Crazy!

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Wed. Aug. 1, 1951 - Dear Diary, Went to the house. No fun. We were going to take the cats, but we locked the garage and left them out. Love, Janie

Thurs. Aug. 2 - Might not go to Palmyra. We left the cats out again. Couldn't find them for a while when we came home from the house. EC can't go swimming tomorrow because of her feet. Darn! Now none of us can go!

Fri. Aug. 3 - Cold today. Couldn't go swimming 'cause of the weather and EC's feet. Joan spent most of the day here. Made two sets of twin cutouts.

Sun. Aug. 5 - Primary stuff at church. When we sang, Ellen [Knapp] had a strong grip on my hand. I introduced my family to hers. Her little sister is Krista and her little brother is Klaus. Her mother is very nice.

Mon. Aug. 6 - I went to the house. Ma and I came back at noon so I could swim. I went at 3:00, too. Judy, Joan's cousin came too. It is kind of rainy.

Tues. Aug. 7 - Barely made it to swim time. Did not pass the test. Tried twice. Copied three long letters for Dad. 10 cents a letter.

Wed. Aug. 8 - At the house for the day. Dad and I dug the hole for the mailbox post. Three more letters. Ma spent two hours to get them from the house.

Thurs. Aug. 9 - Went half day [to the house]. We didn't go to Palmyra. Oh, dear

Wed. Aug. 1, 1951 - Daddy put on a closet door. Mom and I painted bathroom and kitchen. JoNell called. We might go to a lake when she gets her week off.

Thurs. Aug. 2 - Worked real hard. Sized 1 ½ bedrooms, painted (undercoat) 1 bedroom. Painted (finished) bathroom. Mom and Jane were there too. Stopped at paint store.

Fri. Aug. 3 - Very cool but beautiful. Finished painting kitchen. Undercoated 2 bedrooms and hall. Mom had a terrific dinner when we came home.

Sat. Aug. 4 - Dug up around front and back of house and planted flowers we transplanted. Most beautiful. Weather not too warm!!

Sun. Aug. 5 - Played 9 songs pinch hitting for the regular [Primary] pianist. Hannah Mae directed the Primary program. We went with the Williamses to band concert but it was rained out.

Mon. Aug. 6 - About noon I took Jane and Mom back home so Janie could swim. Came back and painted undercoat in front room. I still don't know if we will go to Palmyra or not.

Tues. Aug. 7 - Finished with all the painting! At last! Tile men are coming tomorrow. Corrine called. I'm supposed to go to club Friday.

Wed. Aug. 8 - Had lots of trouble with closet door. Mom said JoAnn and Roberta came over today to see if I was home. The tile men didn't come. Got a letter from Gary.

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God, why? I cried all night about my troubles.

Fri. Aug. 10 - We put up all the cabinets and the mailbox is snappy. EC and I fixed the boxes into a little house.

Sun. Aug. 12 - EC and I went to church (Sunday School). Ma, EC and I went to Ravinia. Pa stayed and worked at the house.

Tues. Aug. 14 - Went swimming twice. EC went downtown with \$12.00 for John K. Edmunds [attorney friend and our Chicago Stake President]. EC bought me a beautiful purse.

Wed. Aug. 15 - I can't find Rusty anywhere. Oh God, bring her back. Timmy and I took a nap on my bed.

Fri. Aug. 17 - Rusty came back! Oh God, thank you SO much!

Thurs. Aug. 9 - The kitchen cabinets and sink came today. So we decided not to go to Palmyra. Dad said I could have the car Friday night.

Fri. Aug. 10 - We set up kitchen cabinets. I like them, but we didn't get all the parts! Went to Mutual beach party. Water cold, not very many people there. Left party early.

Sat. Aug. 11 - Went to West Chicago to look at pre-fabricated garages and stopped at Wilcoxes. They came back with us to look at homes for sale.

Sun. Aug. 12 - After Sunday School we dropped Dad off at the house and we three went to Ravinia open air concert. Real nice - up in Glencoe. Dad worked on sink.

Mon. Aug. 13 - Didn't feel very much like working. Dad bawled me out for poor driving. The guy came today with tile. We finished doors.

Tues. Aug. 14 - Went downtown to deliver letter to J. K. Edmunds, lawyer. Went to show with JoNell. She told me of her new boyfriend, Dick, whom she met at camp and how she and Nancy prayed in the woods for a pastor and he came along then.

Wed. Aug. 15 - Finished putting down all base mold. The screens came, plumber did not! Electrician came and will finish fixtures tomorrow.

Thurs. Aug. 16 - Electrician finished up and the plumber finally got started. Started painting woodwork. Mom and I went to J. C. Penney grand opening at Belmont and Central.

Fri. Aug. 17 - The plumbers finally finished. Went to club. I can get the car Thursday and

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we (7 of us) are going to Cedar Lake. Got home late.

Sat. Aug. 18 - Dad and Jane spent the night at the house. I did not go out. I helped Mom sort some stuff. I prepared my talk for tomorrow.

Sun. Aug. 19 - I gave Timmy to a strange girl. O, my Timmy. Oh, God, keep him safe. My heart is broken. I'm a sobsister [sic].

Sun. Aug. 19 - Gave my 2 ½ minute talk. Pretty good. Took Jane and drove to JoNell's house and after a few tries dropped Timmy, the cat, with a little girl.

Mon. Aug. 20 - I think I won a quiz program. Joan and I wrote unsigned notes to people and delivered them.

Mon. Aug. 20 - Slept with Jane. She feels bad about the cat. Got a letter from Gary. Says he may send Naomi a ring for Christmas. She is really true to him.

Tues. Aug. 21 - Cleaned stove and took it out and hooked it up. Staked out garage. Electrician put in chimes. Very nice looking. Yesterday Jane answered a mystery question [correctly] and went downtown and got \$10 free photos coming.

Wed. Aug. 22 - Got cinders and forms for garage. Dad stayed out [at the house] all night. Only 4 of us girls are going tomorrow.

Thurs. Aug. 23 - Very exciting day. We went to Bangs Lake to Sigrid's friend's cottage and broke the glass to get in. [I remember having the opinion that we could easily replace the glass like I'd seen Dad do.] A lady called the police. Was I scared! The police were real nice [when they realized it was a serious error in judgement, not malice]. We then drove to Cedar Lake.

Fri. Aug. 24 - Never worked so hard in my whole life. We ran short on concrete for garage floor and we handled 40 lb. blocks, rocks, etc. to dump in. Whew! Mr. Bishoff helped. Swell people.

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Sat. Aug. 25 - We laid the cement for the garage. Warren told me he loved me.

Sat. Aug. 25 - Five men came to help Dad with garage and got all framing up and part of siding. I gave Jane and Mom end permanents. We stopped around at Montgomery's.

Sun. Aug. 26 - We three women went to church and then went out to Dad who worked on the place. He took 9" height off garage. Looks better.

Mon. Aug. 27 - Helped put on siding. The guy came to wax the floors. We're going to do the doors ourselves.

Tues. Aug. 28 - We all stayed out all night and I helped Dad with siding again.

Wed. Aug. 29 - I stayed myself Tues. night. Kind of scared at first. The guy came to put on screen doors today.

Thurs. Aug. 30 - Last night Jane and I stayed out [at the new house] together. Put up end pieces of garage today.

Fri. Aug. 31 - Finished putting up roof boards. Terribly hot, but turned real cold about 4 PM.

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Sat. Sept. 1, 1951 - Did half the garage roof. Mother hurt her foot bad!

Sun. Sept. 2 - Conference. We took Mother to get her foot x-rayed. Mathesons got a cocker pup. It's name is Frisky. It is blonde.

Mon. Sept. 3 - We moved the day before school. We left the old home (sob, sob). Now I begin to appreciate it. I waved my last farewell to Joan and HOME. No Rusty or Timmy, either. I'm lonely.

Tues. Sept. 4 - Mother and I went to town while Dad and EC went to school. I took a nap in the morning and Rusty got on the bed. The house is SO empty. School tomorrow. Hooray!



Jane, helping Dad (cap) and Mr. Fridley

Sat. Sept. 1, 1951 - Put half roofing on. We called moving company, etc and Mom turned her ankle bad. Possible sprains or break. Shampooed rugs this morning.

Sun. Sept. 2 - After Mom got foot x-rayed at hospital we went to conference. Dr. Williams announced that he was leaving for Utah next year. Got a position at the "Y." [He became the campus health center physician at Brigham Young University.]

Mon. Sept. 3 - Moved today. Got Jasper, for a while, and Glen Smith to help. It sure is a problem where to put everything.

Tues. Sept. 4 - We got awful lockers up on the 3rd floor. I got classes, too. I looked up Nancy Walker in Mt. Prospect and will visit Arlington H. S. tomorrow.

Wed. Sept. 5 - Rode with Nancy on school bus. I talked to the dean and then walked 3 miles home. I'm trying to decide which school (probably Steinmetz). The Martins came back today.

Thurs. Sept. 6 - I have a nice program and I like Steinmetz lots better but Dad can't risk it, so I am heart-broken about transferring. \$400.00 tuition otherwise.

Fri. Sept. 7 - First day. Got Nancy in 3 of my classes. Was surprised how nice everyone was to me. They had a party for the new girls last period.

Sat. Sept. 8 - Dad fixed doors and windows in garage. Mom, Jane and I went in [to city] for another load of stuff. Another load should do it.

Sun. Sept. 9 - Got to Sunday School late. Came home (6612 W. Melrose St.) And canned beets and tomatoes and took another

Jane

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E.C.

Mon. Sept. 10 - Bergy and I played with Marge Blome. We went to Killinger's [hardware and school supplies store] and we stole things. I stole a little notebook.

Tues. Sept. 11 - Today I stole a blue-grey 50 cent pen and a bottle of 10 cent ink. Bergy stole a \$1.00 one.

Wed. Sept. 12 - We had band today. All went well. I think I will return my stolen things and ask God to forgive me.

load. The house is clear except for a few things in the garage.

Mon. Sept. 10 - Nancy's crowd asked me to eat lunch with them every day. School went OK. I wrote a letter to JoNell.

Tues. Sept. 11 - School is very interesting. Everyone tries to do better here than at Steinmetz. I am now interested in reading books.

Wed. Sept. 12 - Very hot and WINDY - 20 mph and more. Terrible thunderstorm. I am reading "The Sea Wolf," by Jack London. Gave my speech about the new house. Very good.

Thurs. Sept. 13 - We are now on a magazine drive. The same man talked at Steinmetz. I thought his speech was awful! Worked hard on chemistry. We're beginning to clean out garage.

Fri. Sept. 14 - Had pep assembly for first game of season. Went to show in Des Plaines with Glen Smith and had a very nice, also fun time.

Sat. Sept. 15 - Mom tried to wash, which peeved me 'cause I thought we wouldn't make it to music lessons, but we did. I got my gym equipment. Worked around and I cut Jane's hair.

Sun. Sept. 16 - Went to church. Mom and Dad had meetings so I stayed all day. Hannah Mae arrived from Utah at 3:00 so I went and picked her up and brought her to church.

Mon. Sept. 17 - Mom was very upset because Mrs. Fossell, who started riding to Steinmetz today, had to wait here till her husband came. It really puts a strain on us.

Jane

1951

E.C.

Tues. Sept. 18 - Stayed for Pep Club meeting after school. I miss Steinmetz so much. I wish I was back there with all the kids.

Wed. Sept. 19 - Judy Peterson picked me up and we went to Youth Center at Arlington. She said Dick McCaliff (tall, and Jr. class pres.) Was interested in me. Had lots of fun.

Thurs. Sept. 20 - Cliff Voigt came out tonight. He's going back to the Y. Dad finished putting up big garage door. I started to read Tarkington's "Seventeen."

Fri. Sept. 21 -Went to football game. Picked up some kids. It rained!! We all got drenched. We tied the score. Went to Youth Center for a little while.

Sat. Sept. 22 - Had a good lesson and theory class and shopped but bought nothing. Went to Logan Square dinner and movie. Delicious.

Sun. Sept. 23 - Played for Sunday School. My Primary class was real noisy. I will be Primary organist and not teach. Jack Cofield is on furlough from Oklahoma. Hannah Mae told Keith she didn't want to go steady.

Mon. Sept. 24 - Got home from school and dug driveway out. Worked real hard. Mom and Dad went to choir and Jane and I read till late.

Tues. Sept. 25 - Stayed after school. I made the Pep Club - Lucky! Had a terrible history test. Wrote a speech and [did] lots of homework.

Wed. Sept. 26 - Went to Youth Center and danced with Dick McCaliff, real tall and nice and a shorter "Butch." Had a nice time but some of the girls had an awful time.

Jane

1951

E.C.

Thurs. Sept. 27 - Finished reading "Seventeen." Very cold. Had magazine drive assembly. Storm windows and tractor came. Got letter from Beryl: She is taking lessons from John Charles Thomas and Lottie Lehman!!

Fri. Sept. 28 - I went to Darlene Mierhoffer's house to work on float. Went to Youth Center after - had an awful time parking car. Dick asked me to Homecoming dance.

Sat. Sept. 29 - Had a good lesson (I drove to Logan Square) [From there you could catch an "L" train to the Chicago Loop.] Saw Mabel and Craig and a few friends. I bought two sweaters and scarf. Came home and worked on yard all afternoon.

Sun. Sept. 30 - EC and I went to morning Sunday School church. Dad and I at night went to Chain-O-Lakes [branch]. I met Judy and Joan, identical twins.

Sun. Sept. 30 - Played for Senior Sunday School and Primary (I am no longer a teacher). Worked on yard. Nancy Walker came over for a minute. We're tripling [date] with her and Barb Hahn for Saturday night.

Jane

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E.C.

Mon. Oct. 1, 1951 - I got an invitation to Linda's birthday party. I'm going.

Mon. Oct. 1, 1951 - Real warm for Oct. Went into town when Mom and Dad went to choir. Shopped and talked to NoNell on phone. Sigrid is running for Steinmetz Homecoming queen.

Tues. Oct. 2 - Felt pretty disgusted [because we] had to take out walk by garage. Went to work on float. Dick came for a while and we all went home. Does he live in a beautiful house!

Wed. Oct. 3 - Went to Linda's party and got her a small gold eversharp. Ma and Pa went to choir. EC to decorate her school float and me, guess what! [Home alone.]

Wed. Oct. 3 - Nancy Walker came and we went to work on float. Dick came and we went over to the Youth Center. Some boys were talking about a fight with Main boys. Nancy took me home.

Thurs. Oct. 4 - Took car to work on float at Bud Matt's house. Worked till 12:15 and took a couple of kids home. Mom and Dad were mad and worried because I was late.

Fri. Oct. 5 - Rode in parade and we won honorable mention. We burned Norm Sargeant's sweater in the bonfire! We lost the game. At Youth Center there was almost a riot! I danced with some ickey guy from Taft and was real embarrassed and everyone laughed.

Sat. Oct. 6 - It rained, but had just a wonderful time at the dance. Dick and I tripled with Tom & Barb, Nancy & Marsh. After the dance we went to Sally's and had loads and loads of fun.

Sun. Oct. 7 - Played well for Sunday School. Went to Rollinses' for the afternoon. They're re-modeling their new home. Our house is so small with no privacy, it seems.

Mon. Oct. 8 - We went to Hoffman's room for music with Miss Fuerella. We had two

Mon. Oct. 8 - Cold today. Went in with folks to choir and I bought pajama material

Jane

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E.C.

fire drills. We had a fire drill with the town firemen watching us. Warm day.

Tues. Oct. 9 - A week from tomorrow we get report cards. We went to music and I sat with Linda. Lin and Anne [are] from our room. Anne sings like a frog. Ugh! Everyone wants me to be the city slicker instead of Anne. Linda told our music teacher, Miss Fuerella, her opinion. I hope I get it. I don't know what Miss F did yet.



Daddy and his girls

and black jeans. Worked on English world till 12:00.

Tues. Oct. 9 - Stayed after school for Pep Club meeting. Cut out pajamas and didn't have enough material! Dad's almost finished painting windows.

Wed. Oct. 10 - I cut my hair and everyone liked it at Youth Center. Barb and I, Dick and Tom cleaned up after and Tom took us home. Dick is so silly but I had a nice time.

Thurs. Oct. 11 - While other kids had a movie from the magazine drive, I had study hall and some nasty boys were giving me a hard time. I started sewing on my pajamas. Coming OK.

Fri. Oct. 12 - Got the car tonight. Picked up Mt. Prospect kids and went to Barb Mayer's and three cars full went to show in Park Ridge. We dropped around by Maine's Youth Center. The girls I was with were smoking - just having fun.

Sat. Oct. 13 - Had a good lesson. Walked all over shopping. Got a new green sweater. Babysat for Bischoffs across the way. Got 40 cents per hour. [Veldron paid me 25 cents.]

Sun. Oct. 14 - Painted back of garage. Worked on my pajamas. Cut Mom's hair and set it. Washed and trimmed 1 inch off mine. Mom baked - everything was good.

Mon. Oct. 15 - Our warm weather is still holding out. Third period was cut and we had the DeMillo concert artists. Boy, did they stink! Dick walked me from my locker to front door after school.

Tues. Oct. 16 - In gym Dick was playing basketball while we were playing hockey

Wed. Oct. 17 - We put on a PTA program. I had gum on my shoe and someone put on the wrong square dance record. Only 5 days till my birthday.

Thurs. Oct. 18 - We put on our program for the kids today. I was joking with Mr. Hoffman and he put down with a smirk, "Jane W. Geography - F; Science - F." He was only joking (I hope).



Janie and Dad

Mon. Oct. 22 - My Birthday. We went downtown and got me a mohair coat. Dad gave me 11 bucks and Grandma Weaver gave me a dollar. Mrs. Fausel gave me a horseshoe pin made of blue rhinestones by a crippled woman.

Tues. Oct. 23 - Mr. Doherty said that 6 people will get F's in department. I hope it is not me!

outside. Dad is putting up storm windows. The world situation is growing worse and more complicated.

Wed. Oct. 17 - Had another history test and a lot of homework. Went to Youth Center. Went home with Dick and Barb and some kids in Tom's car. Jane was in her PTA program tonight.

Thurs. Oct. 18 - Played volleyball in gym. Got pictures for annual today and missed the bus [I rode a school bus to and from school]. Went into church to bring music for Primary affair. Mom and Jane went in too.

Fri. & Sat. Oct. 19, 20 - Day off. After Mom came home from teachers meeting I went to Steinmetz to pick up Dad. Visited club members and teaches. Went to Nancy Scott's pajama party. First went to Youth Center and after Dick and I and Eunice and Chris ran around the track. Had a good time at party and got ½ hour sleep. Mom came for me and we went for lessons and Jane and I went to Evanston to meet Mom. Went to Logan Square for program and I slept in the car.

Sun. Oct. 21 - Woke up stiff from running. Went in to church. Stayed all afternoon at church (Dad had meetings). Was talking seriously to Lenny Doty and Chuck Oniones about God, etc.

Mon. Oct. 22 - Mom and Jane stayed in town and shopped. I got in a good practice. Got letters from Gary and Beryl. Had chemistry experiment. What fun!

Tues. Oct 23 - Rain. Had Pep Club pictures taken. Pep Club meeting after school. I

Jane

1951

E.C.

Wed. Oct. 24 - Report cards today. I got F in deportment and in self-control. Dad and Mom were mad. Dad said he would see Mr. Doherty. Oh, dear. I forgot my clarinet. Connie, Joan B. and I made a tin can phone at noon.

Thurs. Oct. 25 - Ma didn't see Mr. Doherty, yet. Boy, do I have the music. I got 30 5-cent raffle tickets sold for the band. I have to write up on condor hunting for English. Barb is going to paint on the windows. I am her helper. [It was a Franklin Park tradition for the school kids to decorate all the store fronts in town for Halloween. It was always a fun project and some of them turned out to be quite wonderful.]

Fri. Oct. 26 - Joan K. and Barbara got picked to paint on windows. I am Barbara's helper. Ann, the brat, is mad because she wasn't picked. I babysat for the Fridleys [our neighbors] for \$1.75.

Sat. Oct. 27 - Had a good lesson. Nice day. Babysat for Webers \$3.00. They have the cutest puppy, Butch. I caught cold.

Sun. Oct. 28 - Got home from Weber's at 3 AM. Slept till 10:30. Ma and I didn't go to Sunday School. Ma, Dad and I went to North Shore at night. Between times Warren and I had a marshmallow roast.

Mon. Oct. 29 - Got up late. Got 100 in Geography. Bergman and I painted on windows. I was the helper. The storekeeper gave us a 25-cent milk chocolate bar. I lost my white head scarf. I

washed and stretched two sweaters. Dad went to Hub for Steinmetz skating party.

Wed. Oct. 24 - I think my white sweater Aunt Ellen knit is ruined. It turned out real awful. Went to Youth Center. Dick asked me for Saturday. Going with Tom, Barb, Bob, Jerry.

Thurs. Oct. 25 - All juniors had I. Q. tests today. Nancy and I stayed after school to work on chemistry. I worked till 12:00 on my speech for tomorrow.

Fri. Oct. 26 - Some teachers from foreign countries visited school today. In history a man from Egypt and Holland talked to us. Got car and went to Youth Center.

Sat. Oct. 27 - Got some new shoes. Miss Wolcott's harmony class is really good. I went to show in Park Ridge and saw "Capt. Horatio Hornblower" with Dick, Barb, Tom, Jerry and Bob.

Sun. Oct. 28 - Played for Sunday School. Talked with Hannah Mae. She is going out with other boys now, really glad she broke up. North Shore Ward's bishopric was changed. Now Paul Jespersion [is bishop].

Mon. Oct. 29 - I've been awfully moody lately. I don't know what's wrong. I'm not doing too well in music or school either.

Jane

1951

E.C.

don't know what to wear for Halloween.
Cold morning and night. Cool afternoon.

Tues. Oct. 30 - We decided for me to go to
the Halloween party.

Wed. Oct. 31 - I went with Bergman. We
saw four short movies and had an apple and
donuts (at the high school).

Tues. Oct. 30 - Got an A on my
demonstration on how to install
plasterboard. Was in a good mood today.
Mom was telling me of Grandma Holmes'
interesting life.

Wed. Oct. 31 - Played volley ball with the
boys. Went to College Night. Still want the
BYU, though. Went to Halloween party at
Youth Center. Dick got car and took me and
Barb and Tom home. I don't know if I like
him or not.

Jane

1951

E.C.

Thurs. Nov. 1, 1951 - Ma and Pa went shopping. I made cutouts to sell. Teachers meeting. Got out at 2 PM.

Sat. Nov. 3 - I went to EC's recital. I, or we, bumped into a guy who stopped suddenly on the ice. We went to the church birthday party (all of us). The first snow (a lot of it).

Sun. Nov. 4 - We went to conference. I sat with Janet Edmunds. Got a sore throat, had to take some awful pills. We took Sister Kerr home. She lives in Itasca. It is 42 miles to Conference [mostly city driving]. Most of the snow is melted.

Tues. Nov. 6 - Boy, a lot of snow. The wind drove the snow like sleet into my face when Warren and I were making our fort. It is almost all ice, now. Judy and Connie are librarians. I and seven others are going to have a spelldown at 8:00 tomorrow. The three best will try for the school championship.

Thurs. Nov. 1, 1951 - Very tired from last night. Rather moody again. Mom and Dad went in to choir. I signed up for Intermural volleyball after school and Carol Glaser drove us all home.

Fri. Nov. 2 - Mom and I drove in to Mutual for Mia Maids Mother-Daughter night. We had a very serious talk on the way home and I feel wonderful.

Sat. Nov. 3 - I really played good today in my recital (for a change)! Had my first accident on way home. Slid on some ice and hooked bumpers. Went in to Stake Birthday party.

Sun. Nov. 4 - Conference. Joseph Fielding Smith was here. I didn't hear much though, served dinner and tended kids!! After [conference] 11 kids were packed into Chuck Rodebeck's car and we drove around.

Mon. Nov. 5 - Had a real hard chemistry test. After school I read a book, "Nathan Hale," to report on for history and studied for test till 11:00.

Tues. Nov. 6 - The history test wasn't so bad. I gave my book report orally to her after class. Read part of a book for speech class. Snow, snow - about 4 to 8 inches.

Wed. Nov. 7 - Got fairly good grade on history test, 14 wrong out of 125. Had to read a source book after school for my credit. Dick asked me out Saturday but I have to babysit.

Thurs. Nov. 8 - Gave our pantomime in speech today, "Drive-in Theater," and will finish it tomorrow because the bell rang. I would like to study violin but I don't know.

Jane

1951

E.C.

Fri. Nov. 9 - I paid for my own milk money. No school Monday! Hooray! I want to go home [back to 6612 W. Melrose St., Chicago]!

Sat. Nov. 10 - I wish I could go home! Such a nice day. Ma and Pa went to Milwaukee for a concert. EC and I stayed home. I danced to records. I dance very well (pardon my boasting). I hate it here [in Mt. Prospect].

Sun. Nov. 11 - I put bells on my shoes and house slippers. EC and I went to night church. I sat with Karen. I wish I had long fingernails. Our new [wheat] grinder came. Gary's birthday [today]. We had ice cream. Gave Bishoffs and Fridleys [neighbors] cones.

Mon. Nov. 12 - A holiday. Rain. Darn! Dad put up my blackboard in the utility [room]. EC had school. Dad went to Elgin to get wheat for the new grinder.

Thurs. Nov. 15 - Very warm [then] coolish. No bad weather. Bergy and I and a whole bunch of other kids had to stay after [school] for geography for [Mr.] Hoffman.

Fri. Nov. 9 - School let out at 2 PM and we all went to the football game. Last one of the season. We lost. Went to Youth Center. I dreamed last night that Craig Rollins died. [I am stunned reading this now, in 2002, because Craig *did* die just a few years later.]

Sat. Nov. 10 - Had pretty good lesson. Bought pattern and jumper material. I stayed home with Jane (could have gone to show with Dick and kids) while Dad and Mom went to Milwaukee for choir concert.

Sun. Nov. 11 - At church there were two new, real cute boys. This afternoon we had the Martins over for ice cream (also today is Gary's birthday). Jane and I went in to church together. Hannah Mae wasn't there but that real cute boy was.

Mon. Nov. 12 - Mom and Dad had no school. Slept till 7:30 and Dad drove me. Rain, and fairly warm. Kept thinking about that new boy at church. Can hardly wait till Friday. Maybe I'll stay all night at Hannah Mae's.

Tues. Nov. 13 - Was in a poor mood because I feel unprepared for recital. Lots of homework. Got a really wonderful letter from one of Gary's converts in Texas.

Wed. Nov. 14 - Got fitted for the style show. Am wearing sport outfit and ski jacket. Went to club birthday party at Cor's house. Sigrid is going to Colorado at Christmas and can take two girls. [Her parents were going to put in a ski lodge there]. Maybe I can go.

Thurs. Nov. 15 - I really don't know if I can go to Colorado or not. JoNell can! I really want to. Modeled tonight at Central School, a sport outfit. Barb, Judy, Eunice did too.

After that, Bergy, Bev. And I did cheerleading out in front waiting for teachers meeting to be over.

Fri. - Nov. 16 - EC went to Hannah Mae's over night. Windy day.

Sat. Nov. 17 - Had a good lesson. I heard EC's recital. Mother was late coming to hear it. EC went to a basketball game at night. Dad went to keep an eye on her.

Sun. Nov. 18 - I can't find my Seagull diary. Darn! Nice day. Yesterday I began [continued] "Little Women." Today I finished it.

Mon. Nov. 19 - We went into Chicago for choir. Did not go back home before going. We had a supper of bread and milk at the church. Had trouble in arithmetic (No. 8, especially).

Tues. Nov. 20 - I missed the hard arithmetic problem by 2 cents. Daddy wouldn't let me put cleats on my shoes. Bergy and I did cheers at noon. Dad and I found my pin for my glasses (to fasten on the things that go behind my ears.)

Fri. Nov. 16 - Got A in speech; B in chemistry; B in English; B in history. Went in to Mutual (rode with Mr. Fossell) and stayed all night with Hannah Mae. She has a case on [infatuated with] Dale Taylor from Provo who is quite a bit older than her.

Sat. Nov. 17 - Played fair in recital. Saw Craig for a moment. Went to basketball game at Evanston. Logan Square lost. Carol Oleson and I kept score. Met a Calder S. from Logan, Utah, and two of his friends from school where he is at [a technical or vocational school]. He sure is a doll!

Sun. Nov. 18 - Jane Eddington, from Lehi, Utah, is sure nice. She is visiting only till Dec. 10th. After Mom and Dad left for Milwaukee, Sigrid, JoNell, Roberta and Sigrid's brother drove out to see me. I would really like to go to Colorado.

Mon. Nov. 19 - Mom and Dad stayed in town so didn't get to see Sigrid's folks after all. I typed up my 8 minute speech. Took me three hours. Williamses are coming for dinner Thursday.

Tues. Nov. 20 - I was really mad at Dad this morning because he forgot to tell Sigrid we couldn't come last night. In speech today I tried out to be the narrator of the "Night Before Christmas" with the band.

Wed. Nov. 21 - Heard debate: Arlington vs. Evanston. Got out at 2:00. Called Judy and asked her to tell the kids to pick me up for a show but they didn't come. Wish we had a phone. [I don't remember that we did not have a phone. It must have been a temporary thing in that new subdivision.]

Jane

1951

E.C.

Thurs. Nov. 22 - We had Williamses for dinner and Claude Westonscow. Claude, Hannah Mae, EC and I went to show. We saw "Warpath" and "Angels in the Outfield." Dr. W. made popcorn (it's real name is "hop corn.")

Sat. Nov. 24 - Had a fair lesson. Practiced much today. EC and Dad went to a stake dance. I wish I could have gone. Gary and Naomi are engaged. Oh Boy! Oh Boy! They will get married next Sept. But where will they live? Maybe I'll soon be an aunt.

Mon. Nov. 26 - Mr. Thomas moved my seat. I am the last one in the row. Darn!

Tues. Nov. 27 - Mr. Doherty moved my desk almost into the corner.

Wed. Nov. 28 - I got some music for my clarinet to play at church. I also got a new reed. I think I will play "O Holy Night."

Thurs. Nov. 22 - Had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. Williamses and Claude came out [for our] 19 lb. turkey. Showed them around town and went to show in Arlington. Played [piano] for them, etc. and ate, ate and ate! They left at 11 PM.

Fri. Nov. 23 - Worked on my red jumper. Drove with Jane in to church. No Mutual, just dancing. Drove Nat, Bob, Eddie, Dick part way home.

Sat. Nov. 24 - Bought a cute black belt for my red jumper downtown. Dad and I went to stake Harvest Dance. Danced with a certain Calder S. from Logan, Utah. He's real nice and I had lots of fun.

Sun. Nov. 25 - Played for church this morning. Stayed there all afternoon and for Sacrament meeting when Mom and Dad went to University Ward. Felt awfully blue and kinda homesick because we live too far from church.

Mon. Nov. 26 - Stayed after school for Girls' Club and Pep Club. Found out Dick came over Friday and Saturday nights! (I wasn't home.) I kept thinking of Calder, wondering. Didn't do my homework.

Tues. Nov. 27 - At supper Mom, Dad, Jane and I were talking over the times when we were small. Went over to Jerry Mailings' to plan for party after dance Saturday.

Wed. Nov. 28 - In a good mood today. Nothing unusual happened. Wrote out my talk for Sunday night. Going to try to invite someone home for dinner Sunday.

Thurs. Nov. 29 - Junior class meeting today instead of Home Room. Last Saturday (forgot to say) we got a letter from Gary and

Jane

1951

E.C.

Fri. Nov. 30 - Report cards come out on Wed. I think I will get a good department grade (I hope). We went to Miss Fuerella's room for the voice choosing. Killinger sounded like a frog in a fog horn. Linda, I and two other girls are chosen.

he gave Naomi an engagement ring when she and her folks came through Texas.

Fri. Nov. 30 - What a day. I missed bus after school (had to let in the piano tuner) so played volley ball. Went to Jean Beatty's party and then got Dad and went to Primary meeting and Mutual. Disappointed because Calder wasn't there.

Jane

1951

E.C.

Sat. Dec. 1, 1951 - I didn't have too good a lesson. Just fair. Ma and I went to the [church] bazaar. I bought a little upholstered chair for 2 cents.

Sun. Dec. 2 - We had Milly for dinner. For the first time in a month I went out to play. We had fun. What a drab testimony meeting. I didn't bear mine.

Mon. Dec. 3 - We didn't practice for play after school - teachers' meeting. Barb and I went to Gail's house. She said she would give me some white shoes. She couldn't find them. Maybe she will give me her good white ones.

Tues. Dec. 4 - Gail brought me the new shoes. They kind of hurt my toes. I got Ma a bottle bag from Mrs. Fossil. I paid 25 cents for it (to keep valuables in).

Wed. Dec. 5 - We got our report cards and I got an F in self control, D in deportment, A in science, A in English, Reading, Literature. It rained in the evening. I completed my first composition for the piano.

Thurs. Dec. 6 - Gail gave me a bottle of perfume. Mr. Doherty, some of the girls and I were doing acrobatics at noon. Linda and I did it after school. I am a substitute for Mary Jane R. in the Christmas play. I am supposed to go to the gym tomorrow at noon with my gym shoes. I wonder why. Nice day out.

Sat. Dec. 1, 1951 - Had a good lesson. Baked a cake and finished my red jumper for the Turn-a-bout. The dance was OK but the party after, at Jerry's house was a flop. Rather disgusting.

Sun. Dec. 2 - Went to Jerry's house to get the cake and apples from last night. Beautiful warm day! Gave a 5 minute talk in church tonight. Jane Eddington introduced me to a friend of hers from Lehi [Utah] in church. He's in the Air Corps.

Mon. Dec. 3 - Found out that I am doing "The Night Before Christmas," with the band next Sunday, so I really have to work. [I had to memorize the whole thing.] The folks stayed in town and it's rather lonely with them gone.

Tues. Dec. 4 - Did the N.B.C. with the band and I was kinda mad 'cause Dick criticized it. Wrote an essay in English on "My Public Performances" which I thought was pretty good.

Wed. Dec. 5 - Did my narration again with the band. Played volleyball after school and won. Am looking forward to Friday (party after Mutual). Hope Calder will be there!

Thurs. Dec. 6 - Had to practice my narration in front of Mr. Mott's 1st hour class! Also had a dress rehearsal after school. Terrible rain storm and windy. Our chimney leaked, too!

Fri. Dec. 7 - Rehearsed after school on Christmas program. Went to Mutual. Not very many there. Jane Eddington was there. Also a Neil from Lehi that she knew. He is real nice (in the Air Corps).

Jane

1951

E.C.

Sat. Dec. 8 - After Mutual we had a pajama party at Browns (our teacher, Sister Phillips lives there). Had a real nice time. Got to bed at 5:30 AM. Was so tired and headache that I stayed home from basketball game.

Sun. Dec. 9 - Had just a glimpse of Calder this morning at church. Went to school at 1:30 for rehearsal and the program went off OK. I did pretty well. [I went blank on the name of the last two reindeer, and felt mortified, I recall.] Eddingtons left this morning for Utah. Will see her next summer.

Mon. Dec. 10 - Made kind of a flop in volley ball. I'm not very good at it.

Mon. Dec. 10 - Dick asked me to the Senior Ball Dec. 22nd. Mom and Dad and Jane stayed in town and I went to show in Mt. Prospect with Barb Mayer, Eunice, Barb R and saw "A Place in the Sun," really terrific.

Tues. Dec. 11 - We did pipe cleaner figures in school. I missed half the period 'cause of band. I have to stay home alone. I made some more pipe cleaner figures.

Tues. Dec. 11 - School is getting awfully dull. I can't make up my mind where I should go Friday. Would rather go to Mutual but feel obligated to go to [school] basketball game. [There was always a big split in my life between my school friends and my church friends, and earlier, my neighborhood friends.]

Wed. Dec. 12 - Snowed a little. Roxanne and I are to go down Friday at noon for volley ball practice. We (and some other kids) decorated the room.

Wed. Dec. 12 - Had a bad history test! Went to Youth Center and came home with Dick and Herbie and Paula. I keep getting teased because I forgot "Donner and Blitzen" when narrating last Sunday.

Thurs. Dec. 13 - Things are going bad with me at noon, the same kids, but we went in to decorate some more. Mr. Doherty didn't want me in. Even my best friends snub me 'cause Ma's a teacher and I got the same privileges as they did. I can't tell all of the unpleasant ordeals. None of them want me.

Thurs. Dec. 13 - I made the all-star volleyball team! Wrote letters to Gary and Naomi. Decided what to wear to the ball - the skirt to an old formal and new velvet top.

Fri. Dec. 14 - Snow! About 10 inches. So I couldn't go to Mutual. Went to basketball game and coke dance. We lost 36-39. Went

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Tues. Dec. 18 - Goodness! Only one week till Christmas.



Dec. 21 - We got out of school at noon. I took the bus at Grand and Harlem and by accident, put [that's all]

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home with Dick, Herb, Paula, Marsh and Nancy. Got stuck in the snow.

Sat. Dec. 15 - Below zero! Last night after I got in bed the doorbell rang and it was Paula, Herbie and Dick. They were stuck and needed a shovel. Today I shopped downtown all day. What a mess.

Sun. Dec. 16 - Spent all day at church [probably to avoid an extra back and forth in the snow]. Hannah Mae came early and we talked to Neil Manning (Air Corps, from Lehi) who came early, too. He's real cute and nice. Dad gave a talk and I played the piano.

Mon. Dec. 17 - Had my 1st student-faculty committee meeting. Also, a lot of homework. We have more snow. Very pretty (cold). Was home alone since the folks stayed in town.

Tues. Dec. 18 - The black velvet bodice Mom got for me last night is too big! I went to Girls Club Christmas pot luck dinner. Very nice. Made out Christmas cards.

Wed. Dec. 19 - Got A on a speech I gave today about Christmas. Mom, Dad and Jane stayed in tonight. I listened to the radio with Christmas music and everything. I really got the Christmas spirit.

Thurs. Dec. 20 - I ditched school today and went into Chicago to shop. Got top to formal in the right size. Went back to Steinmetz and saw most of the kids. More snow - so far about 50."

Fri. Dec. 21 - Had a little party in Speech class. I was the M.C. [Master of Ceremonies] It turned cold, below zero, winds of 40-50 mph. Drifts 5 ft. deep. Couldn't go in to the Christmas program at church. Decorated Christmas tree [at home].

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[The following notation in Jane's diary] - a year ago on Dec. 23, 1950 - Grandma Holmes died at 11:00 AM Canadian time, 1:00 PM American time.

Mon. Dec. 24 - I don't seem a bit excited about tomorrow. We sang carols and played "The Littlest Angel" [a record album we LOVED]. EC and I hung up our stockings. Much snow. Very much.

Tues. Dec. 25 - Boy, did I get some nice things. I got a King James Bible, a book on drawing horses, a blue cashmere sweater, two blouses and yellow gloves with blue trimmings. The pheasant and chicken were under done. The pheasant was no larger than an overgrown robin.

Thurs. Dec. 27 - Gary's gift to the family came today. Mom and EC and I got beautiful hand-tooled Mexican purses. Daddy got a Mexican hand-tooled wallet. Boy, are they nice.

Fri. Dec. 28 - I didn't go to Warrens today with Pop like I did yesterday. I saw Rita nurse her new baby yesterday. I had to stay home alone tonight. Darn!

Sat. Dec. 22 - Since we were snowed in we could not go to our lessons. Senior Ball! Went with Dick McAuliffe and doubled with Tom and Barb. We went to Elliotts Pine Log Inn afterward [to eat]. Got in at 2:30 AM.

Sun. Dec. 23 - Went in to church. Found a dead, frozen pheasant near Foundry Rd. so took it home. Hannah Mae said that Neil was getting back to Chicago a few days early [after Christmas leave] and that we should plan something.

Mon. Dec. 24 - Did hardly anything today. Went to show but it wasn't open. Sang carols with the folks. This is our first Christmas in our new home.

Tues. Dec. 25 - Gary was accepted at Northwestern University Dental School! Had a nice Christmas. Got a darling little clock and a cashmere sweater and skirt material! Read "Hunchback of Notre Dame."

Wed. Dec. 26 - Mom and Dad went to dinner at Lows' and Jane and I went to Logan Square to meet Roberta and Carol and go to a show. Had to wait for a bus SO long.

Thurs. Dec. 27 - Went to a party at John Matheson's. Just as we were leaving Dick was coming to bring our shovel back. [An embarrassing moment when the two boys met, I am sure.] At the party there were 5 girls and 6 boys.

Fri. Dec. 28 - Glen [Smith] and Keith [Matheson] came for me in Glen's little Crosley and we met the other kids at Whalen Pool park for tobogganing. Then went to Reis Park [a better tobogganing hill] and had

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Sat. Dec. 29 - No [piano] lesson today. Got up at 10:00, went skating at Arlington with Dad. Slushy weather. Met a new girl. Her name is Gerry Montague. She lives at 1436 Bob-o-link Road, Mt. Prospect, Illinois. Her birthday is Oct. 24th.

Sun. Dec. 30 - Went to church with my new purse, but my black velvet dress isn't done. I wore my red taffeta. We went to Bishoffs' for a housewarming. They put rum in the eggnog. Boy, did it taste horrible!

Mon. Dec. 31 - Well, it is the last day of the year. We spent New Year's Eve at Nicholsons. They said Rusty, their dog, didn't like candy, only put on an act. But he did! What a boring evening. Got to bed at 3:00.

a rough ride. Hurt my jaw and skinned my chin. Ate at Mathesons.' Hannah Mae got sick. Later we went to show. Missed the folks at church so stayed at Williamses and came home on train Saturday PM. Dick wanted me to go to basketball [game] but I was too tired and beat.

Sun. Dec. 30 - Jane is certainly growing up! Can't get over it. Practically a young lady now. We went over to Bischoffs' for an open house this afternoon.

Mon. Dec. 31 - Went to Nicholsons' then Grace and Bob drove me to the ward dance. Not too many there, but really had fun till Dad came just before 12 and took me off. Boy, did I burn!



Jane and the new tractor/snowplow



EC ready for the Senior Ball