

Jane's Diary for 1953 & 1954

Sat. May 2, 1953 - Youth Achievement Roundup. Met Judy Parry, real cute and nice, 514 73rd, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Stayed over night with the twins from North Shore. Ma made me a new skirt for the occasion. Scott Morgan is kind of cute! But I can hardly wait till Pop gets an assignment in Milwaukee!!

Sun. May 3, 1953 - Testimony Meeting. Saw two cute boys, Grant and Gordon Meyer. Grant 14, Gord, 16. Judy Parry and I were drooling. They kept looking (staring) and talking and grinning. Judy is so cute! [She's] from Racine. The twins were there. Grant bore his testimony, said, "So glad to come so I could meet the girls....and boys," and they both looked at us!

Sun. May 10, 1953 - Today is Mothers Day. I gave Ma some three-colored stationery in a big box. EC gave a box of candy, Gary and Nana some pearls and flowers. Dad, the best of all, love. Had Conference. Janet and I took care of the nursery for a while. Saw Judy Parry [whom I had] met at Youth Conference. Went to museum, [saw] an army display. Real cute soldiers kept looking at us. Wow!

Mon. May 11, 1953 - I forgot to say that yesterday when Pat Orgler and I were playing baseball a cute Mexican drove by and stared at me. In school Paul and Greg said that Riggy, Pat L. and I had "it," but wouldn't say what! Barb Fromm's slip strap fell out of her sleeveless blouse. Paul and Greg kept looking at my "-----!" Us kids tried to get it out of Paul and Greg but they wouldn't tell. They keep watching me!! I love Greg!!!

Tues. May 12, 1953 - Cooler today. Judy Carlson and I were going to go over to Jake Merino's house after school, but then it started to rain. Pat Orgler stayed home from school to get her graduation dress. And I'm going to serve for graduation!

Wed. May 13, 1953 - Wow, was it cold! It barely got to 50 F all day! B-r-r-r. Greg said I didn't have "it" today. He says he doesn't like it, and neither does Paul. I'm madly in love with Greg!! I hope he likes me. I wrote a postcard to Judy Parry about Greg and they tried to get it. I've got a horrible headache. It's hard to concentrate.

Thurs. May 14, 1953 - Mr. Brunt wasn't there for private lessons. And I can't find "Song of India" for my clarinet. I forgot to take that postcard home and send it, but I left it in my speller, and Paul was trying to get it. Greg was absent. Darn! Mom and EC went shopping in Evanston. Pat L. went to Judy C.'s house and rode our bus home. I'm going to start oil painting. I had a good idea for a grammar game, "Lingo," like Bingo only using parts of speech. We could patent and sell it!!

Fri. May 15, 1953 - Mr. Brunt was absent so we had the period to go outside. Greg and Paul were absent, darn it! Mr. Savage told us about getting into high school and college. What a lot of work! I went with Pop to plow at night. [We sold the Mt. Prospect house after EC graduated from Arlington High. We purchased a house on Grand Ave. much closer to Mother's school. It

had a large lot which was put into a garden, hence the plowing.] Got home at 10:30. Oh, my feet. The lantern was hot.

Sat. May 16, 1953 - My lesson wasn't very good. Just fair, I guess. Bea threatened to tell Mom and Pop about my scale work 'cause exams are coming up real sudden. EC went hunting for dress and shoes. I waited in car for three hours. Then we went and picked Dad up who was plowing at the new house. He got the stuff in just before the rain!

Sun. May 17, 1953 - Didn't go to church 'cause I babysat last night and got home at 2:30. We went to hear EC play the Warsaw Concerto with the band. [This was EC's graduation concert.] She played good, but the band wasn't so hot. Raining in spurts all day. Darn. And it's kind of cool, too. Ugh, school tomorrow! Well, only 3 weeks! Hooray!

Mon. May 18, 1953 - Raining in spurts. Playday tomorrow and I forgot to take home my gym suit to fix it. Sharon opened her big mouth about where that dang postcard was, and Paul snatched it at break. Oh!! And it said that I'm in love with Greg Sheldrip. And now he teases me. Just wait till tomorrow, boy!! Fireworks!

Tues. May 19, 1953 - Playday all day long. Am I pooped!! Oooh! I think that I kind of want to hang around with Judy Carlson and their gang. Bob Carmen (her boyfriend) is real cute. He put his hand under my chin and everything but I said, "Don't get jealous, Judy, he's too small for me." Our relay team came in 3rd. I'm so stiff!

Wed. May 20, 1953 - Had band today. Ugh. We played baseball in gym. Judy missed the ball, so now she has arthritis or something (Ha, ha). Real nice out today. I should have ridden my bike. Judy says Jake wants to meet me. She says he's a doll, and she called him up and told him I wanted to meet him. I think I like Bob C.

Thurs. May 21, 1953 - I met Jake. He isn't too cute. Real short, Italian. I went to Judy's and told Mom we were going to study, but we met the boys. I'm getting to like Bob Carmen more and more (Judy's beau), and he paid me more attention than Judy! Was Mom mad when I got home, 9:00. When I got to Judy's house Pop came and got me and put the bike in the station wagon. Ohhh! Were they mad. So were Judy's parents. Ohhh!!!

Fri. May 22, 1953 - Was rainy and stormy all day. But it cleared up in the afternoon. Bob C. and I were shooting paper wads with rubber bands during band. It was war between me and Heintz and Carmen. Oh, I like him! I hope he likes me.

Sat. May 23, 1953 - Played in a recital, Aragonnais. We left right after I played so we could get to the Beehive Swarm Day, where I played Aragonnais again. Got 4 home badges and my Individual Award. Millie was there. She and Joan M. played a duet. I went to a show with Gary and Nana in Elmwood Park.

Sun. May 24, 1953 - Didn't go to morning church because of my cough and cold! I washed my hair. Mom dropped us off at Gary's and we went with them to North Shore. Gary spoke there.

Mom and Pop went to West Suburban in with choir. We all came to our house and had ice cream and stuff.

Mon. May 25, 1953 - Read hot and so humid it's hard to breathe. Like in a bathroom after someone took a bath! 90 F. Dad and I went to the new house to plow and plant the strawberries and raspberries. I went to get some Pepsi and some guys whistled. I had on the white band with the red shirt open.



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In the summer of 1953 we made a trip to Palmyra, New York to visit church history sites.

Sat. Aug. 29, 1953 - We got a telegram tonight. Uncle Albert died! What a shock. Poor Aunt Ellen! EC was at a pajama party, but Dad had to go get her, 'cause we were going to go to Utah after the funeral, and bring Nana home, so we got EC ready to go to college in 2 or 3 hours. Man! We left at 10:00 at night. We forgot the bug screen two blocks away, but didn't go back.

Sun. Aug. 30, 1953 - Now we are in Nebraska. I started M today. My first time! Holy cow! And on the first day we were away. I might have expected as much. Darn! It's pretty hot right now. And in Chicago it's kind of boiling! They say it's cooler up north, though. I sure hope so!

Mon. Aug. 31, 1953 - Same thing! Just traveling! Oh well, so what.

Tues. Sept. 1, 1953 - We got to Aunt Ellen's place this morning at 6:00. She started crying. Poor Mary and Carl. How are they going to exist! The funeral is today. Just everybody was there. And they all said nice things to us about Uncle Albert. He was smiling when he died. He had a heart attack (working too hard).

Sun. Sept. 6, 1953 - We got home today, at last. Hooray! Man, are we all tired. (All three of us.) I sure miss EC and it makes me mad that Nana didn't come with us. I wouldn't be surprised if the baby was born in Nebraska or some place like that. We went to church tonight. Millie wasn't there.

Tues. Sept. 8, 1953 - SCHOOL!! Only a half day, though. I go to Franklin Park again. Goodie, goodie!! Gee, was it hot! Ooooh!

Mon. Oct. 19, 1953 - We had craft today. I painted my papier-mache camel. He's real dark brown. Ever see a mahogany camel? Wow! And his tail is a stub! I wore my saddle shoes today. My feet are killing me. It was pretty hot. Vicki and Judy and I were playing and we lost Mom's rope. Ouch! Well, goodnite. I'm tired!!

Tues. Oct. 20, 1953 - We got our seats changed. Now I'm second in row. Tim's right across from me. Wow! Oh: Duke's so cute and Brad: M-m-m man! But Brad is going with Lori, darn! Otherwise I'd try to get him. Wow, wow! (Yawn)

Wed. Oct. 21, 1953 - Well, tomorrow's my birthday. Finally Robert Matheson won't be able to call me a pre-teenager any more. Billy D. and I stenciled for the paper. Goodnight! (Yawn)

Thurs. Oct. 22, 1953 - Well today I'm 13. I feel more grown up than I did yesterday, but I'm sure it's all in my mind. I still haven't M yet. Oooh! I got two new blouses, saddle shoes, socks, and a half slip, 10 bucks, and two neck ties from Vicki. School was hot! Doherty gave us a test. When he talks to you in private he practically sits on ya. Grrr, Oooh!

Fri. Oct. 23, 1953 - A new girl came in our room Her name is Celia Grillo (Italian). She can hardly speak English. She's smart, though. I think Ronnie might like me a little. Linda says he's dirty, though, but I don't know (he's cute). It turned cold today. I wore my new blouse. Real snazzy. Wow, wow! Duke and Ronnie (Eenie, meeny, miney, mo!)

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Sun. Apr. 15, 1954 - I know this is out of place, but today is Easter. A real nice one, too. Horrible weather, though! Mother put a ruffle on my crinoline, and it cut my new nylons to pieces. I wore my New Year's dress. Kathy [Kay Weaver] looked real cute. Nana wore EC's hat. We had a ham dinner. I'm not sure, but I think Dave likes me again. I hope so! I love him so much!!!



Right: Jane and Dave Montgomery

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