

To the Past,  
Present,  
and Future



Journal of  
Neva Almira Harper Smith

I dedicate this Book to the Past because I came out of it.

To the Present because I live in it.

To the Future because my children shall inherit it.

At the time of this gathering of Neva Harper Smith's writings we have not found much about her early life. This letter is to Betty Chesnutwood about her first 3 weeks of marriage.

5 August 1944

Dear Betty,

I may have to finish this with a pencil but I can type a little faster than I can write and I have a few minutes spare time so here goes.

There is so much to tell and it has been told so many times that it is getting a little shop worn. Of course I enjoy telling it for it was the most perfect 3 weeks I have ever known. As I told so many others, I will give you some of the highlights. Any questions you may have can come later. Don't mind asking anything you have on your mind.

The trip out wasn't so nice for trains were awfully crowded and I didn't have time to get reservations but I was lucky enough to get a seat all the way. From Chicago to Salt Lake they were wonderful seats too. I arrived on Saturday, Theron met me, and the first day was just spent meeting his family and getting cleaned up etc. Then Sunday things got started and things kept happening the whole time I was there. The amazing thing about it was that we only sat back and took things as they came. We made no plans for hardly anything yet it turned out to be one of the most memorable times either of us had ever experienced. Our final decision was made very much as the first step I told you of. After Sunday School we had a great long talk with Theron's Bishop and he gave us some wonderful advice. Nothing to solve the immediate question except to suggest at the end of the interview, that we fast all one day and perhaps that would help solve matters. Sunday afternoon I met people and we went to 2 evening meetings at different wards. Elder Teerlink was giving his homecoming at one and another companion was playing the organ at another and Theron wanted to hear them. At one meeting we saw Clohove Hodge. Afterwards we went to a fireside and then to a returned missionary meeting. So we did pretty good for ourselves huh? But it was fun and I met so many people.

On Monday we took the Bishop's advice and fasted the entire day. We played some tennis, picked some cherries, went over to his brother's house. He's in the Air Corp but he has his wife and 3 children at home and Margaret, his wife is wonderful. She was a real sister from the beginning. In the afternoon I called up Lois and later on we went over to her house for a sorta long visit. It was swell seeing her. Then that night we had family prayer with the family. Theron's mother and father were wonderful to me too. Particularly about his. After they had gone to bed we made our decision. We talked til late and slept late the next day. This was a mistake cause after we told his parents we decided to be married the next day and there was so much to do. Margaret and Mother Smith sorta took charge tho' and we nothing to worry about. Of course we had to run around getting our had blood test, examination, Temple recommend, license, have announcements printed, making telephone calls. Just in time, Theron called Roy Howell and he came down from Blackfoot, Idaho to be Best Man. I wore Margaret's dress, long, white. I really felt like a bride.

We had pictures made and perhaps you'll see them some day. Putting it mildly tho' Betty - The Temple was wonderful. Nothing as I expected but oh how much different it makes you feel about your marriage. I will be as glad when you and Mark can go. It will probably be after the war and I will be living out there - so be sure to let me know when you are coming so I can go through with you.

The following day mother Smith had planned a reception for us. It couldn't be after the wedding because it wasn't over til 9:00. (We went in at 5:00 pm) and she had her hands full as well. Anyway Theron has as many relatives as I and by the time lots of his friends and several missionary companions were called there was a house full. I never met so many people in my life. Never could I

remember who was who. We just had to marvel at it all. We made our plans so quickly and intended it to be only a small affair but by the time this one and that one had done something it had turned out to be a wedding we can remember always.

Mother Smith came in with a bog 3 tier cake for a surprise. Everyone was so swell. Some of his relatives gave us a wool blanket, another a complete set of dishes, service for 6, a missionary companion gave us a set of 18 glasses including 6 fruit juice, 6 cocktail & 6 water. We got 8 sheets and 9 pr of pillow cases, 2 full size table cloths, towels, silver salt and pepper shaker, casserole and other odds and ends. So you see I have a hope chest, just like that. It was almost like a miracle and both of us couldn't get over it all. Everything seemed to be in our favor the entire time. And things turned out so perfectly that it almost scared us.

Roy and Norma had driven down from Blackfoot and they persuaded us at the last 15 minutes that we should to back with them. So tossing our things together away we went. It was a wonderful drive up. I just love the mountains. We spend one night at the Howells and met Toy's family. His mother was so nice. We had lots of fun talking about Nahunta . Then we went up to Boise to Theron's sister's. She is married and her husband is in the Army. They have an apartment there and are so happy.

We spent 2 days there and came back to Blackfoot in time for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We celebrated by going to a Rodeo and boy was it fun. All the Indians from a nearby reservation were in town. I mean I really got my eyes full. That night, all of us, Toy, Norma, Theron & I went dancing. Oh, we had such a nice time. Two days later we went back to Salt Lake. One night we went to a returned missionary picnic, part of reunion for missionaries from the East Central States. I saw so many familiar faces. Old missionaries. President Jensen & his family was there. They were so good to us. Invited us to their house for dinner. But we didn't get time to go. Remember President Tew? He was there too. (I made a rhyme!) Lisa, your Aunt and Uncle, Dorothy & LaRue Carter was there. It was lots of fun.

We went swimming in the Great Salt Lake and had a picnic down there. Every day was full. The last Saturday we went to a night club with 2 other couples and you know how I love to dance. So I was in my glory. Thereon is a good dancer.

On Sunday we went out to Grantsville and Tooele to visit some relatives. Just short visits to lots of homes. We had to be at Tooele by 2 pm for Theron had bee assigned to speak at a meeting there. His Uncle was Bishop there and lo' and behold he called on me too. I had been assigned to speak that night at Theron's ward in Salt Lake so we had to be back there at 6:30. Then after the meeting the Bishop and family had us over to his house for supper. They were so nice. The next 2 days we took fairly easy and I left on Wednesday. So ended the most nearly perfect 2 weeks here ever known. I'm out of breath from all this writing. I only gave you the highlights but details can come later. Thereon is in Camp Roberts, Calif. for his Basic. We write each day, so you see I'm kept busy.

You should have gathered from all this that I was very happy even if it was for only a short time and even if it did seem like a very insensible thing to do. I'm sure I'll never regret the step we made. Of course we are only living on dreams and plans, but when I think of how much we would have missed if we hadn't been married, I shake my head and think how glad I am. And how blessed we were in so many ways.

Now I want to hear all about you and Mark. I haven't heard a thing since he left. And more about your job.

Tell Helen and Wilma hello and let Helen read this. I may not get around to telling it all again on paper.

Love always,  
Neva

The journal begins:

January 1, 1977

This first day of 1977 finds me in Hawaii!!! On the afternoon of Christmas Day. Barbara and I left Salt Lake arriving in Honolulu at 10:30. Lavina and Becky were at the airport to meet us. We have had a lovely week. Becky and Barbara went to the Stake Dance at the Polynesian Cultural Center last night. I stayed up until they came home at 2:00 am. Lavina and I visited, listened to the fireworks. I quilted on her quilt and she prepared us a feast to celebrate the new year. She went to bed soon after 12.

This morning the girls were up at 7:00 and went with a group to Goat Island for the day. A fun trip. You walk over at low tide – about 15 min from the beach down at the Hukilau, the north east corner of Oahu. I slept in and Lavina and I had a very restful day. Some of Becky's friends came over for the evening and sang, play games, and visited.

January 2, 1977

Went to Sunday School and Fast Meeting with Lavina. Bishop Joe A. Quinn led the congregation singing Aloha Oe to me and 3 others after church. A very stirring experience. Becky took us on her tour of the Temple. She acts as a guide 2 Sundays a month. Ben and Rosemary came over to visit and say goodbye – then at 10 pm Lavina took us to the airport. We got the plane for San Francisco at 2 am. She was spending the night with Vivian Halverson in Honolulu so she would be convenient to the Dr. the next morning where she was going for her years check up after her surgery on her Thyroid.

January 2

A miserable night on the plane – Lettie met us and we went right to bed for 3 hours. Then were able to be civilized and had a nice visit with Willmores.

January 4

Went with Lettie to Relief Society. A nice lesson on making goals. Barbara went with Rhett to school. "It's sure different" was her comment. Rhett and Reagan took us to the airport in Oakland and we arrived in Salt Lake at 5:30. Theron was there to meet us. We had only been home half an hour when Blair called to tell us they had a little girl – born 8:28 pm. Mother & Daughter doing fine. Father floating on cloud nine.

January 5

Many things to do to get my house in order, washed all morning, unpacked, returned books to Library, made arrangement to get utilities turned on at Hirschmanns house. And for a carpet cleaner to come in and clean carpets.

January 6

Packed, shopped for groceries, and left about noon for Idaho Falls. After a few stops including one at Wilma's to see what they got for Christmas and pick up baby clothes. I was on my way – driving alone. Which is quite daring for me. Things went well. I made good time until I got to the turn off. The freeway was clear of snow but the exit was a slick sheet of ice and when I hit that I spun around and landed in snow a snow bank on the left side of the road.

I shoveled – got back in the car to rest and bet warm. Then I shoveled some more. After about half an hour a young couple stopped and helped me get out. Finally got to Shirley & Blair's about 8:00 – tired!!!

January 7

I wasn't much help to Shirley last night. Was so tired I went to sleep and really konked out. But when I did get up I felt fine. Did washing and tended kids all day. They are naming the baby Anne Marie.

January 8

Got more done today – washing – cleaning, cooking etc. Theron called – things are fine at home. Will be good for Barbara to have the experience of take care of the home. Scott was sick.

January 9

Spent most of today baking, made a spice cake, doubled batch of blonde brownies and oatmeal cookies. Played with Scott \* Dale more today. They are comfortable with me now. Scott was all better and was a little angel all day. Shirley seems to be doing beautifully. She has plenty of milk and Anne Marie nurses well. I haven't gotten up at night once.

January 10-14

Much the same each day – taking care of Dale and Scott, cooking , washing & cleaning. Haven't had to get up with the baby once. Shirley just feeds her and puts her back to bed during the night,. I bathe her and change her once in a while but that's all. She has surely been a good baby.

15 January

Boy am I exhausted tonight – I left Shirley & Blair's about 11 am – drove straight through with one rest stop. Got home almost 5:00. Found a clean house and Barbara in the middle of preparing for dinner for six “preference ball” Theron took Bryan and I to Sill's for dinner so we wouldn't disturb Barbara's situation. David was up the canyon on a camping trip with Mark Syke's and his father. Barbara is taking my Sunday School class tomorrow so I plan to sleep in

Sunday 16 Jan 1977

Slept in – cooked dinner, showered and washed my hair – then wrote letters. I'm way behind in my correspondence, church and I remember that I had gone to church last in Hawaii. Wilma and Keith came over. Barbara Jean sang, “When He Comes Again” for us. She announced “This is my special song” She and Allan are such a joy. Of course Dale & Scott are too. It was nice getting to know them better this past week.

Wrote more letters – watched “Six Million Dollar Man” and wrote more letters. I'm getting a sore throat and runny nose so to bed.

18 January

Relief Society this morning. Patricia Sykes asked me to give some thought on “Helping children to understand Death” in her Mother Training Class. The rest of the day and much of yesterday was spent cleaning out and sorting the two storage closets downstairs. There is much to do with all I have. Doesn't leave me with as much energy as I would like.

19 January

Barbara & David had road show practice at 5:45 this morning. David took lots of encouraging to get there.

Phoebe Allan and I did our Visiting Teaching – Carol Brown, Maurine Sumsion, Muriel Hansen, and Janice Asay. Everyone is talking about the weird weather. 40 degrees in Fairbanks Alaska and 18 degrees in Florida today. So far Utah is concerned, we are just too dry. There has been so little snow this year.

Vivian and her baby came about 5:00. We visited – Arden and a friend came over about 8:00. He has grown into a fine young man.

20 January

The Presidential Inauguration today. Jimmy Carter President of the United States. If he remains true to his words our country should see many improvements. Marie Hawkins my visiting teacher came. Vivian and I went shopping. I had to scurry to get dinner and then running errands when the kids got home. Wilma & Keith went to the Temple and we tended Barbara Jean & Alan.

21 January

Vivian and I drove out to visit with Dimple and Wilma. Then did some shopping – lots of visiting today. Letters from Wendell, Becky, & Lavina.

23 January

Nice Sunday. Clive arrived this morning when we were at Sunday School. Had a nice class, all present plus one visitor. Jeff & Arden came over for dinner. I made curry. Good! Ryle has been running a fever. The one blot on Vivian's visit. Kept her up lots of the night.

January 24

I rode into Salt Lake with Vivian and Clive. Helped them in the Archives at the Genealogy Library. Clive took us to Battens' for lunch. Then I came home with Theron. A quick dinner and then Home Evening.

Tuesday 25th January

Relief Society: Betty Jo gave an outstanding lesson on Korea. I came home, did some washing, sewing – went to the Road shows. David went to his flying lesson.

27 Jan

Mary and I went to the Temple at 9:30 and didn't get home til after 1:00. We are usually home by 11:30. We waited an hour in the Chapel before beginning the session. The lockers were all filled and we had to go down stairs to some auxiliary lockers.

David had flying lesson again plus a basket ball game.

Jan 29

A busy day and we got quite a bit accomplished. I had put up a baby quilt yesterday but didn't get much accomplished on that. We worked over at Hirschmann's house. Theron & David put a new fixture on the bathroom washbowl. Made some headway on the new garage – painting and putting up shelves. Cleaned the kitchen stove and some cupboards – washed – etc, etc.

2 February

Have been going in slow motion the last few day, went to the Dr today found out I have a good case of bronchitis – gave me pills to take – hope I'll get some energy now. Received the family letter today. Everyone. Well storms and more storms back east. There is full shortage of water in Marin county and they are headlines in the newspaper here.

3 February

I got a good nights sleep – no wheezing at all – we got everything out of the living room and bedroom and the carpet cleaners came & did the carpets. I picked Bryan, David & Barbara up at school and Theron at work and we drove up to Shirley and Blair's got there about 7 pm. Found all well except Pam with a cold.

4 February

Nice visit with Shirley, Blair, and kids. Pam stayed in bed most of the day. We had our meal – turkey dinner at noon since we were fasting as President Kimball asked.

It is to be a special fast for relief from the drought and for relief from the cold back east. Wendell reports it plenty in PA.

5 February Sunday

Anne Marie was blessed. A nice meeting – too bad we couldn't keep the spirit at the sacrament meeting & Sunday. I'm not sure what happened but we had a very unhappy, strained atmosphere coming home. It didn't help any to come home and find our water pipes frozen. Maybe a good nights sleep will help.

Blue Monday

Dunn construction dug up the front lawn to replace the water pipe – machine broke down so they didn't finish. Put in a temporary line for the night. You don't realize how you take common conveniences for granted until you are without them. We had a game time for home evening.

Tuesday

Relief Society work day. Nice meeting. I quilted. They didn't get finished with the water so here we are another night without water.

My funny story of the year.

David had an assignment to give a talk in his speech class. It was to be a talk giving instructions on how to do something. He decided to give his on, cooking bacon & eggs in a paper sack. Well he made a burner from a tuna fish can, rolled up cardboard & paraffin. He gathered all his things together and went to school. When his turn, came for his talk he lit the Bunsen burner, gave his instruction.

As he began the sausage cooking – at the proper time he cracked his eggs to cook – but lo and behold he had taken 2 boiled eggs by mistake.

9 February Wednesday

Finally they got the water fixed – leaving a great big mess to be cleaned up. Lawn to be replanted, driveway repaired or re poured, and I woke up feeling lousy – a whopping cold. Early to bed.

February 13<sup>th</sup>

A miserable week.

February 20

Don't know if I'm physically or emotionally up to driving back into the rat race or not. Wrote letters to Lavina, Becky & Wendell and cooked dinner. In bed the rest of the day.

21<sup>st</sup> February

Wilma & Keith had the family over for dinner. Keith cooked the roast and potato rolls, yummy. Fullmer's were there too. We hadn't visited with them for a long time.

22 February

Wilma's birthday – I went to Relief Society. Betty gave the culture refinement lesson on New Zealand. I gave a 5 min presentation on Matthew Cowley. After bringing Sister Nordmeyer home I spent a couple hours shopping – didn't buy much – cooked dinner. David off to ground school, Bryan swimming with the scouts and Barbara to a stake dance. I'm still taking ampicillin but I think I'm pretty much through with the bug I've been struggling with. Letter from Ben Martin today.

23 February

Did lots of sewing today, baked 20 loaves of bread, generally a day of getting things done – early to bed.



24 February

Wilma and kids over for the day. She went to the Dr. the baby should be here before another month is over. I need a new pen.

27 February

Sunday – Stake Conference – President Dunn counseled us to make the extra push, extra effort to be better. Go beyond the norm. Suggested that being almost good enough is short changing yourself. The salesman who almost makes that sale doesn't get a commission. The plane that almost makes it over the mountain peak is the one that crashes. President Britsch gave an outstanding talk on the question we are asked when we get our Temple recommends. Are you totally honest with your fellowman?

Lavina called from Hawaii. She is concerned about Becky & Ben. What to do?

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Leslie Hovis came for dinner tonight. She is from Titusville, PA where Wendell is assigned. Seems like a nice girl. Had home evening and a nice cozy time chatting. Went to bed worrying about what to do about Becky. Call? Write? Will pray and consider.

Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>

Relief Society this morning. A very spiritual lesson by Janice Asay. It snowed most all day for which we give thanks. Theron stayed in Salt Lake rather than fight the roads. He has a bad cold.

2<sup>nd</sup> March

I spent a good part of the day working on the Sparrow genealogy. Did some sewing, cleaning & cooking. Up late to call Becky in Hawaii. We are concerned about her relationship with Ben Martin. Don't know if I feel reassured or not.

3<sup>rd</sup> Mar Thurs.

Quiet day – worked some more on the Sparrow genealogy.

4<sup>th</sup> Mar Friday

The big thing today – spent 1 ½ hours in emergency at the hospital getting Bryan's head sewed up. He cut a gash about 2 inches long when he was playing basketball. Wilma was over for the day – went to the Dr. I spent a couple hours at Sykes cleaning. She is in bed with complications following the birth of a little girl – making 3 boys & 3 girls for them.

5 Mar Saturday

Regular Sat chores – In the afternoon I picked up some flowers for the Stake and took them to Mary Dunn in the hospital. Visited for almost 2 hours. She is doing fine. Fasted today.

6 March

Continued my fast – perhaps that contributed to the fact that my Sunday School class was so good today – had a nice fast & testimony meeting. Wrote to Becky, Wendell and Wilma (my sister). Early to bed.

7 Mar Mon.

This has been a full day. Began our visiting teaching (Plebe Allan & I) at 9:15 am. Carol Bown, Maurine Sumsion, Muriel Hansen and Janice Asay – nice visits with each. At 1:00 I had an appointment to get my lower dentures relined. Took 2 hours instead of one that they claimed. I was just glad they could do it while I waited. Got home in time to cook dinner and do a batch of washing before home evening. We had an activity and went to a movie. Freaky Friday, a Walt Disney film.

Tue March 8<sup>th</sup>

Theron had the day off today – He took me to the Plank House for lunch – nice, I spent most of the day with odds & ends – genealogy, getting material for Relief Society – The 20<sup>th</sup> ward asked me to do a mini class on Family traditions.

Thurs 10 March

Gave my mini classes tonight and felt they went well and the class seemed responsive. It was good seeing some of the old friends of 20<sup>th</sup> ward. Wilma was here all day. She is getting anxious for the baby to arrive. The last couple of days do drag. Alan is really talking now. So lovable. Barbara Jean shows promise of being an efficient young lady. She spent ½ hour “organizing” (her words) the spare bedroom.

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March

Theron gave me a dozen red roses for my birthday. Lovely

Regular Sat work. David and Bryan had a Pow Wow so didn't get much done. Wilma Hirschmann called about 10:15 to wish me a Birthday greeting and check on their house. They should be coming out this summer.

Sun 13 March

55 years old today !!! no comment. Theron took us to the Chuck a Rama for dinner to celebrate. My Sunday School class was a handful today. Making Abraham interesting didn't quite come off and he is the most favorite Old Testament prophet to me.

Ward conference today. Duane Case, first counselor, was released to the high counsel (Stake) and Bruce Belliston sustained as 2<sup>nd</sup> counselor to Bishop Watkins.

Wilma & Keith came over, Wanda & Becky called to wish me Happy Birthday. I do have a great family.

Mon 14<sup>th</sup>

Spent lots of time today shopping and getting a quilt ready to put up at Relief Society tomorrow. It is a yellow star – set on green - hope we can make headway on it. In home evening we did some exercises on communicating. Theron went to sleep in the middle of it.

Tuesday

Relief Society took most of today. Took one of my star quilts to put up and about 14 sisters worked on it for an hour or 2. Will give me a boost in getting it done. Home about 2 pm and was so tired I had to nap til the kids got home from school. Worked on the garden area then got dinner.

Wednesday

quilted most of today

Thursday 17 March

Wilma and kids were here for the day – quilted, etc. David had his first flying lesson in the air. Snowed this morning.

March 18 Friday

Made headway on my quilt – Theron took the 4:45 plane for Ft Lewis Washington.

19<sup>th</sup> Mar Saturday

Wilma delivered an 8 pound 12 oz son this morning at 3:15 or so. Things went fast – They dropped Barbara Jean and Alan off at 2:30 on the way to the hospital. Got my hair done then took David out to the airport for another flight lesson. Called Theron at Steven's to tell him about his new grandson. Went in to see the baby & Wilma about 3:30.

20 Mar Sunday

First day of spring and some one forgot to tell mother nature. The Belleston family were speaking at church – was proud of Beth – Keith's parents stopped in for a little visit after going to the hospital to see Wilma and the new baby.

21 Mar Monday

Theron got back about bedtime last night. He found Steven's family well – kids growing. Wilma went home from the hospital this morning. I did some outside work and quilted – Home evening as usual.

April 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

It has been a while since I've written. Spent most of the week Mar 23 – 36 at Wilma's helping out and the next week getting caught up at home, looking forward to the company we will have this Easter weekend. This past week end was General Conference. Great!!

Today Pam called. She received her Mission call to the Geneva, Switzerland Mission!

For home evening we went to see "Airport 77," exciting.

April 6

Anniversary of the Saviors Birth on this earth – also anniversary of the restoration of the church.

Mary and I went to the temple this morning. This afternoon I cut out a dress for Barbara and did some house cleaning before starting dinner. Bryan left on his 3 day hike down in Southern Utah with the scouts. We have a busy weekend ahead of us. Oh, letters from Lavina & Becky.

April 7<sup>th</sup>

A hectic day – went visiting teaching in the morning – got a permanent in the afternoon then the family began to arrive. Pam first, then Shirley and family, Wanda just as we were finishing dinner. Nice to have them all home.

April 8

Lots of visiting and cooking – went to the Temple with Pam to get her endowments. A special day. I'm tired.

April 10<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

My class was surely good in Sunday School. A lazy time til time to leave for Wilma's at 2:00. Most everyone had naps. Went to Fast meeting to see Gary blessed then over to Wilma's for dinner. All of Keith's family were there too. Making about 30 of us. A fine afternoon.

April 11

Spent the day washing and generally restoring order to the house. I wrote to Lavina and for home evening we called Becky in Hawaii to wish her Happy Birthday.

April 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Must have been busy this past 2 days but can't remember what I was doing – except Relief Society work day took most of Tuesday.

Today Keith called to say Wilma had a real bad case of the flu so I spent the day at her house helping. Early to bed.

15<sup>th</sup> Friday

We all went to the Gold and Green Ball tonight. A nice dance. David & Bryan danced most of the dances. Wanda came home. She and Don went to give a missionary lesson to some investigators.

\*Wanda and Don announced their engagement this afternoon. If anything else happened this has put everything else in the background. July 15 is the wedding date.

Friday April 22

A miserable cold has kept me low most of this week. Felt better today and went to the Temple with Mary, Wanda came home and brought a couple of girls on her basketball team.

April 24 Sunday

We lost an hour last night with DST a lovely day 75 degrees and fruit trees beginning to bloom.

April 25 Monday

We all went into Salt Lake tonight to meet Becky. She arrived at 8:12. Looks great was wearing the green suit she made and 3 leis. They started on the addition to the dining room today.

May 1

It's been a busy week. Becky bought wallpaper and paint and began decorating her room. Planted more garden. Wanda came home Friday night.

7 May Thursday

I seem to be missing more or each day all the time. Need to be more diligent. It has been a busy week. A lovely Mothers Day today. Wanda & Pam both came home. Received a big bottle of Moondrops from Pam and David. A lovely bouquet of flowers from Steven & Maria, plant from Wilma & Keith, another from Becky & Barbara. Nice programs at SS & church. Nice message from Wendell on a tape & played by Leslie Hovis.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

A nice rain all day today. Should be good for the fruit trees and our gardens. Tonight was first session of our stake conference. Bro George Durrant is with us this time. He gave a tremendous talk. I surely enjoy him.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

The family reported a good conference this morning. I helped in Jr Sunday School with the 3 to 6 yr olds of the stake while the parents were at conference. We had a nice Sac meeting. Mike McClure gave his report on his missionary activities in Venezuela. Then court of honor tonight. Bryan is getting nearer to his Eagle Scout Award. He gave a talk in Sac Mtg on the Restoration of the Priesthood.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

They surely are making a mess with the work on our dining room. Sure will be glad when they are through. We had game time for home evening tonight.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Went to Salt Lake with Theron for the day. Spent the day in the Genealogy Library, interesting. Not necessarily too productive unless we can get Patrick Sparrow's parents. Stopped by Bellistons and picked out carpet for the dining room and kitchen.

Wednesday 13 May

Bought the material for Becky's bed spread and curtains. (green checked) put the part of the bed spread we are quilting on the frames and got it started. We are quilting with wool. Received a tape from Lavina.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May

A busy day with regular household chores. Theron began some painting. He bought a new electric mower and Bryan mowed the law. It was sure long after all our rain. Went to a shower for Dorothy Foster. She is marring Wes. Jarvis on the (number cut off) of June.

June 5<sup>th</sup> 1977 Sunday

It's been a long time since I've written and I'm getting lots done. Wanda got home Friday evening with the rest of her things, They had had a shower for her in Green River so she had a car load to bring. More than she had expected.

Winnie and Jim McLachlan and young Jim came for dinner. Had a good visit.

June 9<sup>th</sup>

Busy week with trying to catch up with gardening & house work. Spent Tuesday in Salt Lake at the Genealogy Library. Tedious going right now.

June 12 Sunday

A very busy day. Sacrament meeting the highlight. Pam spoke for 23 min and cried through 20 min of her talk. Theron spoke for 10 min on communication. Sharlene New (rest cut off) sang a song she composed and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Relief Society song contest, lovely. We had a house full of company all day. People are wonderful. Pam should feel that she is having a good send off. Dee Nielsen came from Wyo (Cody) and is spending a few days. She has a call to the Columbus, Ohio mission.

Monday

We all slept in – spent the day cleaning & washing.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Went to Salt Lake – Becky & Bryan had appointments with Dr. McMMain. Then when we got home Pam & Dee took all the kids up the canyon for the night. Wanda & Don are working long hours on their house.

June 20

A fine weekend. We went to Idaho Falls for the weekend. The Kunz reunion on Saturday in Victor and back to Shirley & Blair's for the night. Pam gave her missionary farewell talk. Dad & I both spoke briefly. People came over to Shirley & Blair's afterwards to visit so it was late before we left and didn't get home til about 2 am this morning. Theron and Barbara drove the truck over to Ray and Margaret's to pick up a beef. They got home about noon.

June 26

Another BUSY week. Shopped for material for bridesmaids dresses, worked on the house, general cooking, laundry, cleaning, etc. On Tuesday Pam and I went with Theron when he went to work at 5:15. Made the 6:30 session of the Temple. Pam's first time at the Salt Lake Temple. Then we spent the rest of the day in the Genealogy Library. This week end Barbara and Pam had friends in (lots) and today the Wood family came over for dinner. I'm going to bed early. Vance Hawkins missionary farewell today. Bryan is getting ready for camp early in the AM.

Jun 30

This was an outstanding morning! Pam was set apart for her mission by President Dunn and such a wonderful blessing he gave her. Becky, Barbara, Wanda, and Don sent with us to the Stake house for the event. Jeff Storey goes into the LTM today too. His family came for a visit last night. It's been a

busy week. Mainly because we have had so much company to cook for. Have all the bridesmaid dresses cut out and mine – David left for Camp at noon.

July 2

Vivian came last night – cast on her left arm. She broke it playing ball with Donna. She brought Gail to help with Ryle. Taking care of a baby with one arm is awkward. Arden is working on a shed he is building out back and extending the patio. Its been a busy day and I'm so tired. I'm botching this.

July 3

Regular Sunday. Prayer meeting, Sunday School, Fast mtg then dinner. Vivian, Gail and Arleen were the company for dinner today. Visited all the remainder of the day.

July 4<sup>th</sup>

Quite a lazy day, at least for me. Vern took Theron and the boys up flying, Wanda picked cherries and canned 12 qt. Vivian left about 2:30. Arden & Rhonda took her to the bus station. Their wedding plans are coming along. Wendell called today, is being transferred.

July 8

Frosts, Bamgarten, gave a shower for Wanda tonight. She got some nice gifts. Wilma was over for the day, sewing on the dresses for the wedding. I've got a bladder infection and it has slowed me down.

9<sup>th</sup>

Don installed the outdoor carpet. It looks nice – busy day – everyone tired.

August 16

My but I have neglected writing for much much too long. Things got so busy with preparations for Wanda's wedding and then all our company that there just wasn't enough energy left over to write more than letters to our missionaries. It was a special wedding. Don is a fine man. But then Wanda is a fine Daughter.

On July 29<sup>th</sup> Steve and Maria arrived from Washington. It was good to see them. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of August they blessed their baby Joel. Theron and everyone came back to our house for dinner. Maria's parents stayed on for the remainder of the day and we visited on into the evening.

Early morning of the 13<sup>th</sup> we all, including Steven's family and ours left for Gooding for the open house for Arden & Rhonda. Lavina had come on the 8<sup>th</sup> and went with us. She gave a great report of her orient trip. Gladys came down one evening & Carl came over to see them with us. When we got up this morning Lettie was sleeping on the couch. We have talked all day. I took time out to go get my hair cut. It feels good.

Aug 21

A lovely Sunday – Sunshine but not too hot, then it rained for ½ hour. The long family gave the Sacrament meeting – nice. Since it is the last day Lavina & Lettie will be here, Wanda & Don, and Wilma & Keith & family came for dinner & the home teachers came so its been a busy day – and a busier week. Had a nice long visit with Lettie last night while Lavina was at Helen Moffet's where she was having an open house for her. Friday we spent the day in Salt Lake at the Library (genealogy) Had lunch at Hotel Utah and stopped at Winnie's on the way home. It's been a nice week.

Sat 27 August

A great week from 7 am to 7:30 pm David and I attended Education week. There were some inspiring classes. Victor Cline, Lynn Scoresby, and of course Lynn McKinlay. David is growing up & he attended the dances every night. I let him sleep in til 9 this morning.

There was a mountain of washing to catch up on and we got 2 bushels of peaches so I have my work cut out for me. Wilma & family were over all day. Keith is painting the house outside.

Sunday 28

The last time I will teach my Sunday school class; Diane Sykes, Jennifer Jeppson, Shannon Larson, Chris Faldmo, Paul Carter, Jared Reynolds (moved) Shane Heaps, Lamoyh Hatch. I will be getting a new group next Sunday.

David Case gave his home coming at Sacrament Meeting too. He has been in Uruguay.

Anna Boss Hart called to tell us she had been called to work in the Swiss Temple.

Mon

A busy day trying to make some headway on housework. I'm surely behind. Canned peaches in between.

Tues. August 30

Really buckled down on house cleaning yesterday but this morning I got up at 5 and baked a cake and made a big double batch of a potato casserole for the Relief Society breakfast. Mary was the food chairman. We worked over at the breakfast (at Ludlows) from 8:30 am til 12:30. Think it was a successful affair. Came home and had an hour nap then got vegetables from the garden and prepared a big vegetable dinner. Theron got off work early and met the 3:30 plane where he picked up Imogene and Pam Comini who arrived from Pittsburgh, PA. A family Wendell knows in the mission field. Pam is going to the "Y" this year. After visiting and dinner we took her up to Deseret Towers and unloaded her stuff in her room. Then I took them on a tour of the campus. Visited with Imogene til late.

August 31

Imogene went with a friend to Salt Lake for the day. I didn't accomplish too much outside of the normal meals, etc. Stake Sunday School meeting at 7:00 – 9:30. Reasonably helpful.

September 1

Wilma came for the day. I canned peaches all day – did some washing – Did a good days work.

Friday September 2

David's birthday – cleaned house – shopped – baked a cake – Letter from Lavina

Saturday September 3

Bryan's birthday. We went to Midway for Swiss day. Stayed for a couple hours. Tried to get some work done in the afternoon, didn't accomplish much.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Teaching 5 year olds is still the hardest job I have ever had. I had ten new one today, a handful. In-service lesson & Fast meeting today.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

Washing, canning and keeping the kids busy took all of this Labor day. The boys went with Wilma & Keith to pick pears for a couple hours.

Tuesday

More canning – then Betty & Mark arrived about 1:00 – so we visited – talked genealogy. Barbara has another sore throat.

Oh yes, took David to the dentist. He had a tooth ache all night. Dr Fairbanks put in a temporary filling.

Theron & I talked genealogy with Betty & Mark late.

Went up to the "Y" to the Library all day today. Becky cooked dinner.

Thursday

Canned all day – Barbara came home from school early and went to bed. A bad sore throat. Betty & Mark spent the day at the Library.

Friday

More canning – Betty & Mark went to Salt Lake – will be at Aunt Esther's. Pam called. She got her visa and will be leaving the LTM Monday AM. A letter from Wendell.

11 Saturday

Lots of home work. Theron and I drive to Salt Lake for the open house from Jim McLachlan and Carrie. BYU beat Kansas in a football game. David & Bryan both went.

September 18 Sunday

Didn't expect to be so long before getting back – over a week – tsck tsck.

The highlight of the week was seeing Pam off at the airport on Monday morning. She looks great. She's already a good missionary. I spent the remainder of the week canning. Didn't even go to Relief Society. Went this morning with Becky. The lessons this month are on Genealogy, temple work, family, Histories & related subjects.

Keven Davies gave his Farewell today. He's going to New Zealand.

25 September 1977

Another missionary farewell today. Allen Carpenter is going to Philadelphia, PA. My Sunday School class of 12 five year olds were a GOOD class today.

Steven called last night – all well – We had the first letter from Pam since she arrived in Europe. She is in Avignon and sounds full of the spirit of missionary work.

Last Friday, Becky had a party. Invited kids from work. One Sat David had his first date. Took Lori Tobler to the Homecoming dance at Orem High and Barabra went with Lane Speirs. I was able to do some catching up on my house work this past week. This week we will pick the grapes and then the canning will be finished.

2 October 1977

Another great conference, 2 days of instructions from our church leaders. Shirley & Blair came down Thursday night. Wilma & kids came for the day on Friday. Wanda & Don came over for dinner on Sat so it's been a family reunion in many ways. Theron, David, Bryan, Don, Blair went to Priesthood meeting last night. Shirley, Wanda, & I visited. Anne Marie is surely a pretty baby.

We have had two night of frost. The squash is all black & tomato vines. Wanda & the boys picked the grapes and we put those up.

On Thursday night Becky & I went to the Stake House for an outstanding presentation (theme; the Circle of a Woman's Influence) Sister Barbara Smith was guest speaker.

On Wed I had an assignment for the class in Relief Society. I gave a presentation on the Family Organization. Think it went well.



9 October 1977

Another full week. I began Monday cleaning and sorting, preparing to get a room ready for Wendell. He only has 2 weeks more in the mission field. From his letters he has grown tremendously. We are proud of him. Relief Society Spiritual Living lesson this week – a favorite. David is going to the dentist to get a root canal done on a tooth that gave him fits. UEA so no school Thurs. & Friday. Bryan went with the scouts on a camping trip down to the sand dunes. Had a great time. Came home tired & dirty. Barbara worked Friday & Saturday. She's working part time in the University Mall business office. Seems to be a challenge to her.

Wendell called Thursday night. He will be going to the Washington Temple on his way home.

Theron and I went to the Les Brown concert at the Marriott Center. NICE For half of the evening he played Glenn Miller style & songs. Ray Eberly was one of the vocalists also the Modernaires

10 Oct 1977

Quiet day, washed, did some cleaning and sewing. In the afternoon pulled the squash & tomato vines & put in compost. Brought in about 1 pk of ripe tomatoes and 2 green ones. We had the last of the broccoli from my garden. I dug the last of the potatoes. David gave our home evening.

12 Oct 1977 Wednesday

Relief Society took most of today. It was work day and I stayed to quilt until 2:00. There was an interesting demonstration on using beans of every description. I baked a batch of "bean cookies" to be used. Wendell called and his mission president has asked him to stay another 2 weeks.

13 Oct Thur.

Theron and I went to the Temple tonight to do initiatory work. My first experience. I forgot to write yesterday that Dunn Construction blacktopped our driveway – surely looks better.

15<sup>th</sup> Oct Sunday

Forgot to note on Tuesday that Mary & I went to the Temple – spent Sat cleaning up inside & out. Surely looks better with the new driveway. David went with Mark Sykes Elk hunting. He just got back. Reported seeing lots of deer but no elk. Normal Sunday today, with meetings and writing letters.

Monday

Went with Mary to the Genealogy Library – found the family group of Robert & Elizabeth Peel.

Becky's boss came for home evening to show us some slides of France that Pam has seen or will be seeing.

Saturday 22 October 77

Another month more than half gone – and I feel ashamed of accomplishing so little this week. I blame it on my cold. The boys have been digging in the rocky ground for a hole to put up their basketball standard. Theron finally helped them get it in this morning. We bought a glass fireplace screen for the living room fireplace and I spent almost 2 hours helping him put it together and installed it. Looks nice.

We are fast approaching the point that I don't ask for any more improvements outside of normal upkeep of the house. Baked bread that turned out better than usual today. Steven called – all well

Sunday

A beautiful day weather wise. All Golden outside. Nice meetings, meals & letter writing in between. Jim McLaughlin & his new bride were over and we visited for an hour.

Monday

What a day. We bought live chickens from Stokes and spent 4 hours killing dressing and cutting up for the freezer. Good price at \$1.00 each. Planted a tree out front. Theron was off work and kids out of school. I'm tired.

Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>

We had a special 4 page letter from Pam yesterday. She is doing great. I went to Salt Lake with Theron

Friday morning – worked in the Library til noon then went to the Home & Hobby show at the Salt Palace for the afternoon. A nice day.

Monday Halloween

Not many trick or treaters.

Bryan went out – would have thought he had outgrown trick or treating.

Thursday

Wilma & kids spent the day – Gary got his shots – Wilma mixed up a batch (triple batch) of cookies, I baked bread, made apple sauce and several such jobs. Helen Moffat got back from Hawaii and brought 6 pineapple from Lavina. Wanda stopped in for half an hour. Orem lost their football game to Olympus this afternoon.

We had an especially good lesson at Relief Society yesterday by Janice Asay. “The trial of young faith.

Sunday – Oct 6

We met Wendell at the airport last night – visited and got to bed by midnight – yes he has matured a great deal. We are blessed with choice children. I am grateful to my Father in Heaven for the blessing of my family. Had a nice letter from Pam. Today was a busy one – to the stake house returned missionaries reporting. Pres. Pinegar asked Theron to respond to the missionaries and advise them. I was proud of him and his remarks. He told them to resolve to pay their tithing, to remember who they are and honor the name they bear.

My class was a handful again today. We had board meeting and I gave a short presentation. Mel Ludlow is the new SS inservice leader.

A nice Fast meeting – hurried home and got dinner on the table just as Winnie & Jim got here. Had a nice visit with them – young Jim & Carrie also. Wanda & Don, Wilma & Keith & family came. A nice visiting time. Barbara Jean sang for us. Lisa Richins and a girl friend came over to visit with Wendell. I wrote to Lavina and tumbled into bed.

Monday

Went with Mary to the Genealogy Library. Leftover for dinner. Then I gave the home evening lesson. Good having Wendell with us.

Tuesday

Many things to catch up on today. Washed 4 batches helped Wendell with his room. We went to the Library – mutual for the 3 youngest. I have a cold.

Wednesday

Work day at Relief Society. I worked on a quilt, a lesson on managing money. Nice lunch. Becky went to a movie with the kids at work. Didn't get home til 1:00 am ?!?!?!?!?

Thursday November 10 Theron's birthday

Mary, Beth & I went to the Temple. Wendell and Barbara tended the kids for Wilma to go work at the cannery. Theron and I went to a dinner with the Presidency, High Counsel & Bishops of the stake. Becky went to a dinner with the Young Adults – Late again.

11 November Barbara's birthday

Still struggling with my cold. Washed 5 batches of clothes. Baked bread – had a nap. Bryan, David, & Barbara got good report cards. Mostly A's and a B+ each.

12 Saturday

Many chores to get done today. It's hard to keep David and Bryan away from the Basketball standard. Too soon though there will be snow on the ground and they can't play.

We celebrated both Theron & Barbara's birthday today. Make one cake – Invited Wanda & Don, Wilma & family for a roast beef dinner. We do have a great family. I am so grateful for each of them.

Pam sent a tape instead of a letter this week. It is a little share to hear but I enjoyed it.

Sunday 13 November 1977

My Sunday School class gave the spiritual presentation in Jr SS today. We gave it on the presidents of the church. We were all scared – but think it turned out well.

Theron, Becky & Barbara went to Ogden to LaMont Hansen's farewell. He's going to Germany.

Monday 14

Vivian & Clive got here last evening. We visited til late. Then got up early and went to the genealogy library. Wilma took care of Ryle. Barbara & Wendell cooked dinner. Wendell showed his slides from his mission for home evening.

Tuesday 15

I tended Ryle and Vivian & Clive spent the day in the Library again. Arden & Ronda ;picked me and Ryle up about 5:45 and we met Theron, Vivian and Clive at Battens' for dinner. Had a nice meal and they left for Gooding.

Wednesday 16

Relief Society and then I put up a quilt and spent the rest of the day quilting.

Friday 18

Theron had the day off. We did some Christmas shopping. He had a Dr's appointment. Everything OK. Wendell took his ATC test. He's been working at the Osmond Studios cleaning up after the contractors finish.

Saturday 19

Busy day with house hold chores. David had his first accident. He went to the Stake dance. It was snowing and roads slippery. He slid as he was turning in another car hit the back of him.

Monday 21

For home evening we went to see Orem High School play, "The Sound of Music" for home evening.

Sunday November 27

Shirley & Family arrived, late Tue evening we all went right to bed on Wednesday. We visited, shopped and I made my pie crusts for the pies for Thanksgiving dinner. All the family went to Wilma's at noon for dinner on Thursday. I cooked the carrots and 3 apple pies & 4 pumpkin. A nice day – nice visiting session. Friday we went to BYU bookstore for the 20% off day. Shopped a bit. Shirley, Blair, Wilma & Keith spent most of the rest of the day shopping. We baby sat and I cooked curry for

everyone. Wendell was super help, washing dishes, cleaning the kitchen, feeding and tending kids. Shirley and Blair left Sat AM. It's stake conference but I went to bed early. Think I've got a bug or something. Didn't go this morning either. Slept late, got dinner and I went to Sacramento meeting for Wendell's Homecoming. He did a fine job of his talk. Barbara Jean sang, "Come Follow Me." It was a very special time for the family. Wendell is a great joy for us. I am grateful for him. Melvin & Linda came over to the house after and we had a nice visit.

Sunday Dec 11

It's been too long since I've written. We were a little taken back that Wendell wasn't accepted at the Y. He's beginning plans to go to Ricks. Will see how things work out. Its been a busy week. Put up our Christmas tree yesterday. No letter from Pam this week one from Lavina on Friday.

Jan 3

There is no way I can catch up – so I will just summarize the past 3 weeks. We had a busy but good holiday season. Got all the shopping done and presents delivered – but didn't mail any Christmas cards. Becky got an engagement ring from Danny Johnson. I suppose parents never fee that anyone is good enough for their children. Do feel better about Danny than did at first. Of course we didn't know him at all. Shirley & Family were down for 3 days. Vivian came down the same day then the rest of her family a day later and just spent the night. We did lots of visiting. Wendell wasn't accepted at the "Y" so he hurried and got ready and left for Hawaii yesterday to start Winter semester. Pat Dunn is going too. Hope they have a good experience.

New Years Eve, we (the family, Danny and Debbie) went to see a production of "Joseph" a one man show by Bryce Chamberlain. It was excellent. I haven't been so moved in a long time. Then the kids all went to dances at BYU. Theron and I went to a neighborhood party at Thurston's. Had a nice time, great dinner. Now I think we are back in school today and I have my house more or less in order. It has been a mess for over 2 weeks with all the comings and goings. Besides I burned some meat and had a dickens of a time getting rid of the smell.

5 Jun Wrote Pam

My first quiet day for a long time, got a number of things done – like washing 3 batches of clothes, scrubbing the kitchen floor, etc.

Had a lovely lesson in Relief Society yesterday. Pat Dunn left for Hawaii today.

8 Jan 1977 [mom wrote 77 but later wrote **1978**]

Friday night we went to Perry Dobson's wedding reception then to Arlette Smith MacCausland's open house. She & Merlyn were married on Thursday in Idaho Falls Temple. Karen, Susan, and Melanie spent the night with us since they still had an open house for Merlyn in Kaysville.

I have a bad sinus congestion and headache. Hope it's not the flu.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

Letter from Lavina & note from Wendell at least he arrived safely and is settling in. We went to the Valley Center Theater to see "The Educated Heart" for home evening. We all enjoyed it immensely. Wish I felt better.

22 January

It's finally snowing – seems to be staying this time. If so it will be the first real snow of this winder season. There isn't much else to report. Spent Thursday at the Genealogy Library. Went to see BYU's basketball team play Arizona State, we beat them. Had a good game. Nice letter from Wendell on Friday. He's having a good experience in Hawaii. Is second counselor in the Sunday School

Presidency in his branch. Loves the school. FAMILY LETTER on Thursday. I wrote today. Pam is transferred to Switz. Winnie & Jim stopped in for a visit. Nice.

Letter from Pam in Switzerland 13 Feb 1978

Dimple & I went to the Genealogy Library today. Tedious searching in the Perquiman's Estate films. Theron bought chicken for dinner and Bryan gave the home evening lesson on the Presidents of the Church.

Now I'll try and catch up on the past few weeks. Thursday & Friday I attended Woman's week at BYU with Emma Jean Comini who had arrived the day before. There were some interesting classes, workshops and panel discussions. Wendell called yesterday – He had to go to the hospital with a bad sunburn, second degree burns.

14 February Tuesday

Did my visiting teaching this morning. Iona Mendenhall is my new companion. Becky's young adult Relief Society tied a quilt for her tonight.

15 February Wednesday

Relief Society, Tricia Sykes gave a good lesson on dealing with the handicapped. Showed the movie John Bakers last Race. Letter from Lavina. Took Bryan's toybox he made for Relief Society nursery. Boys to dentist Thursday.

Worked on my Genealogy records. Put up a quilt and started quilting.

Friday

A busy day, Wilma and kids came. She went shopping. Gary took his first real steps, kept us entertained walking 8 or 10 steps at a time. Baked Bread.

Saturday

Washed, cleaned, a little genealogy. Barbara went to Salt Lake with Vickie and Tracy. Becky spent most of the day with Dana Hunt who is leaving for Australia tomorrow.

Sunday 19 February

Lester Case's farewell today. He goes to Japan K obi Mission, nice meeting.

26 February **1978** Sunday

Wilma and Erwin called last night after I had gone to bed (and asleep), was nice talking to them. All the family went to the 5 pm session of conference. Theme: activating the inactive youth. Theron spent some time with Mary Crowther and Minerva Jesse on their genealogy.

Wednesday March 8th

A miserable week with the flu – spent all of it in bed – Today was the first full day up. It was Relief Society work day so didn't get much done today. Mixed bread and washed a couple batches. Wish I had more ambition.

Wrote the family letter.

Monday 13 March

My 56<sup>th</sup> birthday! Wilma and kids were over for the day. She cooked dinner – a yummy curry. Wanda and Don brought a BIG birthday cake. Theron gave me a dozen red roses. Beautiful! A special nice day. Dorothy Wright brought me a card and a hanky. Visited a bit, she's a very special person.

Letters today from Pam & Steven.

16 March

Spent the day in the Genealogy Library and exciting news. I found Edmund Modlin's birth record. Talked with David. He gave me a summary of the Ballance & Slaughter lines.

March 21

Vivian and Clive came down, had a nice visit. They go to a wedding in the morning. Uncle Rudolph & Aunt Eva are in Utah. They will be over tomorrow.

22 March

Uncle Rudolph & Aunt Eva ate dinner with us, home teachers came – a nice day.

24 Friday

Spent the day in the Genealogy Library. Extended Ralph Fletcher to another Ralph. Visited with Dorthy & John Jacob. They were doing research. Letter from Wendell.

25 Saturday

Busy day with regular Saturday work. Theron has a bad cold.

26 March

Becky received her Patriarchal Blessing. The sun is smiling bright on us. Shirley & family arrived about 9:30. Wanda & Don, Wilma & family came for dinner. A nice visit. Theron went to bed early with a 102 fever. William McKnights missionary farewell. He is going to the Columbus Ohio Mission.

Monday 27

Bought fabric for bridesmaid dresses. Becky had her physical and pre martial exam. Wilma & kids were over for the day. Shirley & Blair left about 4:00.

April

A busy eventful month. A fine April Conference but we didn't get to Theron's missionary reunion this time. On the 5<sup>th</sup> Bryan went for Dr. Fairbank to take out his wisdom teeth. My, what an ordeal. He got the bottom 2 out and then worked for 2 hours on the upper left. Finally it disappeared. Took him over to the hospital for the spanarex. E ray of the face. Learned that the tooth was up in his sinus cavity. He had a rough week. There was a busy time getting ready for Becky's wedding. Sewing, sewing – I made all the bridesmaids dresses plus mine. Lavina arrived on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The wedding on 21. After a weeks honeymoon they settled in an apartment at Wymont Terrace, BYU's married student housing. They will be there for 3 months subleasing from a couple who want to go home for the summer. Lavina settled into Becky's room. She will be here for Spring Semester, auditing classes. It id nice having her here.

May 1978– written in September

A month of recuperation – Bryan from his wisdom teeth ordeal and me from the wedding & preparations. I should note that Ronnie, Rhett, and Regan Willmore drove up the week of the wedding last month and were such a great help cleaning up after the wedding, loading wedding gifts, and unpacking at Becky's apartment the next day.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> we went with a group of 20<sup>th</sup> ward friends to visit at the Roger Billings home and got an insight of what hydrogen fuel might do. Norval and Muriel Andersons daughter Tanya married Roger. It was a lovely interesting evening.

Bryan went to TLD camp the last week in May. On 30<sup>th</sup> Becky & Danny were in an accident coming from Price. She was in the hospital for a week. Cracked 5<sup>th</sup> vertebrae.

## June

Several highlights. Bryan went into the hospital on the 8<sup>th</sup> and had the tooth removed from his sinus cavity and the other upper one. Did well. Took about 10 day for him to get on his feet pretty good. He went with me to Salt Lake on the 21<sup>st</sup> for a day at the Genealogy Library. Went with Theron at 5:30 am – so it was quite a day. Showed him how to use the microfilm and he was lots of help in the archives.

Winnie & Jim came down for dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup> – was nice visiting with them. They went back east on the 23<sup>rd</sup> – Lavina left that same day for Washington D.C. Wilma called to say Nancy had had a stroke and was in the hospital. Lavina spent a week with them then down to Boiling Springs. We went to Idaho on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Kunz reunion. Spent 23 at a motel in Montpelier. Theron coming home with us over

1,000 family group sheets that Lyman turned over to him.

## July

I spent some lazy days. I'm having trouble getting my feet firmly on the ground and a sense of direction. Bryan went to Philmont – High Adventure Camp in New Mexico was gone 17 days. Lavina got back from N.C was here for a week before leaving for Willmore's. Barbara went in the hospital on the 27<sup>th</sup> and had her tonsils out. She thought it was pretty bad – but she got along well.

## August

We (Theron, Barbara, David & Bryan & I) left for California on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> early – got to Yosemite at 2 pm that day – to Willmores early evening of the following day. Spent a week – had a nice time. Barbara left for Hawaii on the 18<sup>th</sup> – (Lavina the 14<sup>th</sup> ) We got home the 19<sup>th</sup> – Sister Eva Miller arrived on the 21<sup>st</sup> spent the week with us and went with the boys and I to Education Week. A glorious week – except for the awkward moment when I fell down the stairs in the Wilkinson center. Wendell got back from Hawaii and came home with us from California. Think he had a good experience there. He went right to work at Osmonds Publishing the day he got home. The boys are in school. David in a flying class at Orem and working a couple nights plus Sat at International Fare. Becky & Danny moved into the Apt at Wanda & Don's.

## September

Have been pleased that Barbara is writing so regularly – and of course Dear Pam – I'm settling down to a new life as mother in a house of boys.

12<sup>th</sup> September

Our Stake began an assignment at the Welfare cannery. I spent the morning peeling peaches. A nice experience.

13<sup>th</sup>

Drove into Salt Lake – spent the afternoon at the Genealogy Library then Theron & I went over to the Lion House for dinner and evening with The Stake Presidency & High Council. Home late but called Lettie had some information she wanted about film for the library ( she's ward Librarian). Nice talking to them.

16<sup>th</sup>

A special experience. I picked up Wanda, Becky, & Ruby Loris and we went to the Marriot Center for a special woman's fireside. The first of its kind. A great message from our Prophet. Sis Elaine Cannon, Sister Barbara Smith and Sister Funk (just released from the MIA)

19<sup>th</sup>

Went to the cannery again. I haven't done much family canning this year. Just a bushel of tomatoes, peaches and hope to get some apples. It snowed Sunday night and Monday.

24 Sept

A busy Sunday – S. S. and a noisy Sunday School class. After dinner and 2:00 Sac meeting which was Clint Sykes Missionary farewell. Theron and I drive into Salt Lake for Larry Deckers Missionary farewell. He is going to Argentina – Clint to Brazil.

28 September

Put up a quilt – haven't gotten much done on it. Have been reading “Beyond this moment.” Also spent half a day shopping – finally bought me a new dress. Theron got him a new suit. We got 4 bushels of apples from Don York and I used the smaller ones for juice – also put up grape juice.

1 Oct 1978 Sunday

Conference weekend – Theron and I went into Salt Lake yesterday for dinner with Betty & Mark. Then to the East Central States Missionary reunion. It was a tribute to Sister Doxey. Becky and Danny spent the day – watched conference with us. Dimple and Carl stopped in for a visit – then Wanda and Don.

Good letter from Lavina this week & sister Miller.

Barbara called – she's moving into a home on Moana St for \$50 a month. Since she is working in the cafeteria and gets 2 meals a day. She should be in a better shape financially.

2 Oct 1978 Monday

Steven went back to Harrisburg, PA to pick up a helicopter. He and his companion Larry arranged the route to come through here. They arrived at Provo Airport about 2:00. We have had a nice visit with them.

3 Oct 1978 Tuesday

Relief Society opened a new season today with a snappy program. I left immediately after so I could get home and get the house in order and dinner started – cooked chicken and an apple pie. Visited some more with Steven & Larry.

Wednesday

Steven got off early – spent the day quilting & house work. Ruby Maples Haws called from Logan – They were coming down to pick up Ollie. UEA tomorrow.

Friday October 6

Wendell started his new job at AB Dick. David, Bryan and I went to Salt Lake. Did some errands – visited with Winnie and then spent six hours at the Genealogy Library – The boys helped me in the Archives and we extended Theron's pedigree chart several generations. Theron took us to dinner at the Tiffany room in ZCMI.

Tuesday 10

A nice Relief Society. The spiritual living class taught by a new teacher, Sister Kathy Griffith. She taught that the ultimate purpose of the Savior's mission was to glorify the Father. Ruby Loris went with me. David quit his job at International Fare on Friday and we are displeased with the way he did it. He just walked out at 5:00 at their busiest time.



### Wednesday

I pitched in to some heavy house cleaning today. Becky & Danny stopped in – visited – Minerva Jesse came over for Theron to copy some genealogy for her – visited with her and Theron tried to get some more leads from her on the Buhler line. I'm reading Pres. Kimball's biography and can't put it down.

### Thursday

Did 6 batches of wash today - plus house cleaning – Ruby Loris went to the annual Stake Meeting for visiting teachers. Brother & Sister Clarke of the presiding bishopric were the speakers. Letter from Pam.

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

We hit the jackpot today with letters from Shirley, Barbara & Lavina. Got up early this AM, washed, cleaned house. ZCMI delivered the shelves for the end of the dining room at noon. Shirley, Debra, Dorthy & Ollie came. Had lunch and visited til 4:00. Wanda & Don were over & Becky. David went to a dance at school.

### Sat 14 Oct 1978

Today was mostly taken up by the Boss Reunion in Midway. A nice group. Nice lunch & Program. Victor Boss & his wife from Switzerland were there. They are visiting for the first time.

DAVID SOLOED TODAY.

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

Fairly good Sunday School class today –

Theron took us out for dinner to honor David for doing his solo flight and Bryan for earning his Eagle. The court of honor was tonight. Melvin & Linda Smith and 2 little girls came, Wanda & Don, Becky & Danny, Wendell & David so Bryan had good support. Bro Harris gave the tribute to him Michael Davis the pledge. There was the Eagle Dance and Bryan was presented with the Order of the Arrow. A nice evening. We are proud of Bryan. Wrote to Barbara, Pam, Shirley & Lavina.

### 17 Tuesday

A good work day at Relief Society. I worked on a quilt – (embroider with wool on checked gingham) while the lesson was given – then a demonstration on cooking breakfasts. We are cleaning the house a bit deeper this week. I miss the girls.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Spent the day showing Viktor & Bettie Boss BYU, the mall, etc. Wore them out. They came home and had a nap while I cooked dinner, Wanda, Don & Becky, and Wilma & kids, came and had a nice dinner and visit. Viktor & Bettie (Elizabeth) are from Gundlischwand, Switzerland. Non LDS – very interesting visitors. Theron took the day off to entertain them.

### 20 Friday

Took Bryan to the Herald office where they took his picture for the paper about receiving his Eagle Award.

### 22 Sun

My Sunday School class was terrible today. For Sacrament meeting we went with Don & Wanda to Church for Marian Ream's farewell. She will be serving in Brazil.

[Marian's mission was to France.]

26 Oct 1978

Spent the day in Salt Lake in the Genealogy Library except for 2 hours when I went over to the Salt Palace for the Food & Hobby show. Letters from Barbara and Pam today.

29 Sunday

My Sunday School class was perfect today. I tried an experiment. I took a cupful of candy corn for each child and if anyone got out of line I took a piece out of his cup and put it in mine.

Sacrament Meeting was Chad Sumsions Missionary farewell. He goes to New Mexico. Wrote letters to Pam & Barbara.

5 Nov Sunday

A quiet week – put up a quilt 15<sup>th</sup> did about half and took it down in a couple weeks since I wouldn't be working on it. Did Christmas shopping – and on the 16<sup>th</sup> rode up to Idaho Falls with Venda Castlebury. Had a good 4 day visit with Shirley & Blair. Early on the 22<sup>nd</sup> David, Bryan, Wendell, Theron, and I flew up to Steven & Maria's for Thanksgiving holidays. Had a good visit with them. Wendell went to Chicago on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> for his AB Dick school.

Steven & Maria have comfortable quarters in Ft. Lewis. We had Thanksgiving dinner at Officers Mess on Post – Shrimp cocktail for appetizers, then turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes & gravy, corn, peas, asparagus, sweet potatoes, salads, assorted pies, assorted drinks, including egg nog, nuts & candy. We got to know the kids better. Met their friends and went to meetings on Sunday. Spent one day sightseeing in Seattle. Went on the Ferry from Bremerton – went up the space needle – toured the USS Missouri. Got home about 1 AM on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1978

It has been a busy month but will try and record the highlights. It took several days for me to get things under control here at home after our trip to Steven's. We are still looking back on our trip with pleasure. David and Bryan got right into Basketball, practice at school and the Ward and stake tournament. We went to a couple BYU games at the Marriott Center. Took Bryan to the eye Dr. But he doesn't need glasses. (13<sup>th</sup>) He had been blinking and squeezing his eyes together a lot. Dr suggested eye drops. I developed another bladder infection – back on Macrochantin. On the 16<sup>th</sup> Theron's office party was at the Golden Apple, a smorgasbord, so we ate too much. David went on his first Cross County.

\*\*On Wednesday night Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Lettie and Don Willmore called to report that they had a letter from Roger. Of course we were stunned. On Thursday night he called – we talked for half an hour. He is married to Carol and has a home in San Francisco. Has a business, spoke of seeing us so of course we are excited. We have had our Christmas present.

25<sup>th</sup> Dec 1978

A good Christmas. Everyone came over for Christmas Eve. Supper – a program – and opening presents – we hung up stocking but we slept in later than our family has before 6:30. Had a relatively quiet day – slept, played games. Roger called – sounds as if they may schedule their trip to Holland to come through Salt Lake.

27 December

Spent the day in Salt Lake in Genealogy Library – found mat for Theron in Archives. We went to Winnie & Jim's for dinner. Had a good visit with them. Her parents are visiting from New Jersey for a month – when we got home Reed Willmore had arrived – Ronnie & Karmelle will be staying at her grandparents home while they are in Hawaii for 3 months. Ronnie will be going to Trade Tech. Reed to BYU.

30 Dec 78

Shirley & Blair arrived yesterday. Good to visit with them. Roger, Carol & Eric arrived late last night. Everyone came over about noon and we visited through dinner til late.

It's hard to believe after 10 years of wondering about Roger that we are establishing a relationship finally. Words cannot describe the depth of our feelings at this time. Nor the complexity.

31 December

Theron took Roger & Family to the airport this morning. I barely made it to prayer meeting. My class gave the spiritual presentation in opening exercises. Sacrament Meeting was Mel Ludlow's farewell. He goes to Sao Paulo, Brazil. To celebrate New Years Theron & I went to Bill Demos where we had a neighborhood party. Lots of snack food and visiting. Got home before 1 AM.

1 January 1979

Shirley & Betty came down to bring Debra to American Fork and on down for a visit. Wanted to hear about Roger. Also Dimple & Carl were here. We went to Wilma & Keith's for supper. They have a family tradition of open house for All Day New Years.

3<sup>rd</sup> January

Pam called tonight from Paul Nielson's in Interlaken Switzerland. Good to hear her.

4 January

Sad news today. Danny called from the hospital. Becky had delivered their baby about 4 AM. Stillborn. I began classes at BYU this afternoon. They named the baby Heather.

5 January

Brought Becky home today. She is doing well. Letter from Barbara.

6 January

Had a good talk with Becky today. Of course it is a sad time and emotions are tender but she has lots of faith. I am proud of her.

9 Jan 1977

School today. I can tell already that I am going to enjoy it. Have finally settled on a vocabulary building class. Sister Walquist is the teacher. Room 18 in the JKBA and communications 199 from Dr Mills. Room 104 JKAB. I park on Canyon Road down by Heritage Halls and walk up the hill and ramp. A nice little workout.

16 Jan 1979

Rhett Willmore came today. Theron picked him up at the airport. He goes in the LTM Thursday. Is going to the Ohio Cleveland Mission. He brought the tape of his farewell and I was particularly impressed with Lettie's talk. I forgot to mention that Reed was with us for a couple weeks til he found an apartment. He was on a mission in Brazil. Is a fine young man. We have enjoyed him.

26 January

Pam got home!! We all went to the airport to meet her. An exciting time. She looks great – reports a great mission. It's good to have her home.

Days that followed

Pam got settled into the bedroom Becky had decorated when she got home from Hawaii. (One wall with bamboo. The other painted a light green) Pam has lots of stuff – she made shelves on one wall from floor to ceiling from bricks and boards. She has them full. She registered for substitute teaching in the area and has lots of calls, is busy 4 days a week.

March 13, 1979

My birthday today! Had a good day at school then Theron took me out for dinner – Nice when we got home the kids met me with a surprise birthday. They had invited Winnie & Jim, Dorothy & Wesley of course all the kids, a good time was had by all.

16<sup>th</sup>

Test in communications – 86%

30<sup>th</sup>

We went to the Gold & Green Ball. Lovely evening. Vivian & Clive came for conference. Clive was called as 1<sup>st</sup> counselor to their Stake President. When their stake was divided a couple weeks ago. Good Conference as always.

9 April

David left for California (Los Angeles area) with his aeronautics class for the week. A nice program scheduled.

15 Apr

Lettie and Don, Regan, Rachel & Ruth arrived about 8:30 last night. Seemed to have a good trip.

21 April

Lettie & Don left shortly after 5:00 this morning. Has been nice having them. Theron took the day off Wed. and we went with Lettie & Don to Logan. Don got lots of Genealogy and Lettie & I visited with Shirley, Ruby, & Dorothy. Went to the cheese factory and brought home a bunch of cheese. It WAS good having them. A nice visit.

Neva Harper Smith Journal beginning with reflections on December of 1979 but written and dated in 1980

It is a mid February—almost a year since I have written. So many things have happened that I could never do justice but will try and touch on some highlights. The past summer was FULL—All the family was here together for the first time in over 10 years. What a great time we had. Pam had a missionary companion Janene Dalman and her sister Arlette here for about 4 months from Belgium. Another friend Isabelle Evangetista from France was here for almost a month. She went with me to Education Week and I got to know and appreciate her—perhaps because she spoke English so well. Anyway having the girls here was a good experience for all of us.

Now back to the family reunion. It took some doing finding enough room for everyone to sleep. Wilma and Keith had Shirley & Blair's family—Loris' next door were on vacation and let us use their house. But most meals were eaten here. On a Saturday Theron made reservations at the Golden Apple, a Buffett—Smorgasbord—for all the family. Roger and Carol bought a cake saying Happy Reunion. It was a good day. They all sang together—Pam & Roger played duets together—as the Bishop (Hemmert) later said there was pretty much low key confusion all the time. But a nice type of fun confusion. On a Sunday Wanda & Don were speaking in their ward and they all sang "To A Child" for the musical number. It was Beautiful. We feel so wondrously blessed by such a fine family.

Schedule for Reunion—Roger & Carol arrived May 26, Shirley & Blair May 24, Becky & Danny May 30, Steven & Maria May 31.

Betty & Mark Chesnutwood received a mission call to Lima Peru—Their Farewell was 8 July 1979. Wendell lived in their house (apt. in the basement) 'til the first of Nov. Then Pam moved in. In Oct Theron and I flew to San Francisco. Visited with Roger & Carol and I stayed a few extra days with Lettie. Before I came home Theron called to tell me Wendell had decided to take the job in Hawaii at the college and Barbara & Jeff had decided to get married at Semester break—between Christmas & New Years.

So it was a busy time. Becky moved up on 10<sup>th</sup> December to stay 'til the birth of her son. He was a few days later than she anticipated—arriving 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.—D.J. they will call him. Then on the 24<sup>th</sup> Steven called to say they had another son Matthew Garrett. Roger, Carol & Eric arrived on the 24<sup>th</sup> and the family were all here for Christmas Eve (the local family). A lovely evening Barbara gave a touching tribute to each member of the family.

The wedding on the 27<sup>th</sup> was lovely. Grant Bangeter performed the ceremony in the Salt Lake Temple. It was a cold day for taking pictures. The reception (?) open house that evening a success. Dimple & Carl took care of the food. Vivian and Clive came—then the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup> Theron & I flew to San Francisco. Roger picked us up at the airport and we got to Corte Madera just in time to change and get to Storey's for the open house at 3:00. It was a nice evening. Theron returned home the next day but I stayed at Lettie's. Slept in a couple of mornings generally loafed. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Jan we went in to the airport expecting to visit with Lavina who had a 7 hr. layover on her way home from the holidays with Hirschmanns. It was so foggy her plane couldn't land neither could my plane leave. Steven had called to say they would like for me to come up so on the 3<sup>rd</sup>—soon as I could get a plane out I went. Had a nice 9 days with them. Enjoyed getting to know the kids—Maria and I quilted 3 crib size quilts and started another. They had a snow storm and Michael was out of school 3 days. They are a nice family.

It took me a couple weeks to get myself on a firm footing when I got home about the 12<sup>th</sup> of Jan. Theron met me at the airport and when we got home a new car was sitting in the garage as a surprise a Toyota Corona. A nice little car but seems kinda frivolous to me.

To back track to Christmas--It somehow got submerged by the wedding but everyone was treated well—Roger had printed a picture of the family in Oil colors, a big 20X24. Lavina gave me a white blouse, Wilma made me a nightgown, David & Bryan gave us a popcorn popper—air type

11 Monday mailed tape

12 February 1980

A quiet day—washed—cleaned—sewed—read—cooked. David & Bryan had a basketball practice. ViAnn Pope called & she and Donna came over for a visit, she is back from her mission to Canada. Would like to get into school. Barbara & Jeff stopped in after the BYU Basketball game.

13<sup>th</sup> Wed

Relief Soc. Since I am the Quilt Chairman I went early (8:30) to help get a quilt put on the frames for Kathy Griffith and Tricia Sykes. We finished Kathy's and got Tricia's half done. Had a nice lunch of stew, salad and cherry pie—oh and homemade whole wheat bread. After dinner Theron & I went

shopping for wedding presents for his stake responsibility. He is in charge of buying the gifts for the Pres. & High Council.

15 Friday

Pam's 27<sup>th</sup> birthday. (She has been living in Chesnutwood's apt) and she came for the night—We had a birthday dinner for her---Wanda, Don, Wilma, Keith & kids, Barbara all came. I baked a turkey—a double angel food cake etc. —a nice evening. Jeff has the flu. (Letter from Lavina. Letter from Shirley —they have all had the flu.)

Sat evening I went with the boys to the BYU game they played Alaska University and won 91-61.

19<sup>th</sup> Tue

Put up a quilt—wild geese flying

20 Wed

Ruby Loris & I spent most of the day at BYU at the Family life Conference—came home and fixed supper then went with Ruby to fashion show & Buffet at her club—"Utah Business Women's Association."

Thus.

Quilted, did grocery shopping—went to school for parent teacher consultation—Both David & Bryan doing well. Watched BYU beat Colo. State on TV while I quilted.

Friday

David and I went to Salt Lake about 2:00 pm. I spent 3 hrs. in the Genealogy Library. Pretty well extended the Pike line 3 generations. David helped in the Print Shop in Internal printing 'til 6:00 when we went to the LeGrand Ward reunion. They are still remodeling the building. It was nice seeing the few families that are still there. Got home about 10:00.

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup>

The weather is surely strange today—It snows—then the sun shines, then rains etc. all over again. Got the house in pretty good shape, baked bread, watched BYU beat Wyoming in basketball on TV. Cooked a company dinner—Pork roast, baked pot., green salad, beets, apple pie. Winnie & Jim came and we had a good visit. She had had an operation on her hands or wrists—both of them for carpal tunnel syndrome. She said it had convinced her that your hands are more important to us than our feet. For over a week she could do hardly anything for herself. Couldn't feed herself, dress herself, comb her hair, answer the phone. She had the stitches taken out Wed. and is able to do the basics now.

Bryan spent the day skiing at Sundance with Mike Asay, Scott Connors, Reid Park.

Sunday 24 Feb

The last Sunday of an Era—The last time I will teach my Sunday School. We begin the new block program next Sunday. In Sacramento meeting I was released from Sun. School and sustained in Primary. The Clayton family were speakers—he is a doctor—they have been in the ward 8 mo.

Monday

For home evening we took Wilma's family and Barbara & Jeff to the Recreation center swimming.

26 Feb

Finished the quilt I had up. Did some grocery shopping in anticipation of leaving for Shirley & Blair's tomorrow. Wilma took Barbara Jean to the Dr to have her leg checked where she had her surgery last July. Gary & Allan stayed with me.

4 Mar 1980

On Wed—Feb 27 I went to Rel. Soc. and then hurried home to change and then picked up Venda Castlebury and we drove up to Idaho Falls. She has a daughter Carlene Mote who lives there—teaches English in the High School. We had a pleasant trip up. It was a nice day—and we talked nonstop. Arrived at Shirley & Blair's just before 6. Had a good visit with them. Blair is head over heels into his Doctorate project—a Parent Child training class. He has prepared written and piloted 7 classes. I enjoyed reading it. On Friday Dale was having a reading marathon at school. I walked with him since he was taking 16 books, a pillow and rug—a big load for him to handle for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile.

Sunday we went to Church for the first time in the new block plan—1:00 pm to 4:00. They are in the Ammon 3<sup>rd</sup> ward. The day was a smashing success. A big increase in meeting attendance.

I picked up Venda Monday midmorning—we stopped at the Crossroads—a restaurant between Malad and Brigham City at the Tremonton turn off and had lunch. Got home about 3:30. Theron and the boys had put up lots of signs to welcome me home and say they missed me. A nice feeling.

For home evening we played Racko and Pit. Went to bed early. Got up to answer the phone. It was Wendell to tell us he was coming home from Hawaii on the 25<sup>th</sup> will be going back to AB Dick in Salt Lake.

5<sup>th</sup>

Went with Barbara to her sewing lesson. She & Jeff ate supper with us. Pork chops.

7 Mar

Steven arrived with Theron when he came from work. Bryan picked up Donna & ViAnn who are going to BYU for dinner. We had a good visit. I made Barbeque Chicken for dinner—carrots, potatoes, & a big green salad.

8 Sat.

A somewhat relaxed day. Pam came down. Theron & Steven worked on the income taxes most of the day. We watched Clemson University beat BYU at 7:00, 66-71 a heartbreaker.

9 Sun.

Another relaxed day. Bryan has the chicken pox and stayed in bed. I taught my Targateer A class for the first time. I have Jonathan Gossett, Paul Carter, Chris Faldmo Shannon Larsen and Diane Sykes. It seemed to go well. Theron took Steven to the airport for a 5:30 plane and spent the night at Pam's. Wanda & Don came over for a short visit. Barbara & Jeff came over for a short visit with Steven before Church and she brought a carrot cake she had baked to try out a recipe.

12 Wed.

Bryan has the worst case of chicken pox I have ever seen. He has been—is really sick. Primary Inservice meeting tonight at Iva Lee Olsen's. David went to the Recreation Center. Pam seems to have a bad case of the flu.

14 Mar 1980

It has been a special day today—Wilma spearheaded a family dinner to celebrate my birthday. She made sweet & sour chicken & rice. Barbara brought a salad and Wanda a cherry cake. They gave me a lovely purse with about 25 compartments in it. I am so grateful for my family. Yesterday received cards from Ilene Olsen, Shirley & Blair & kids, Nancy, Lavina with a very touching "I Remember Neva When...." I'll put it in my "Treasures of Truth, Sacred to Me" section. 58 years old!

David took a load of boys to Salt Lake to the 2<sup>nd</sup> game of state playoffs—Orem is playing East. Wendell called. He will be home Sun. the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Oh, I mustn't forget, Lettie called me yesterday to say Happy Birthday.

15<sup>th</sup> –wrote to Lavina

Went to the Sesquicentennial Ball for a couple of hours. Visited with Muriel & Ron Hansen mostly. Came home early. I'm getting a cold.

23 Mar Sunday

Have struggled with a sinus infection all week. Tues. called the Dr. and got something that helped—picked up Dimple Wednesday morning and we spent the day at the Genealogy Library working on the Pike line. Letter from Lavina on Thursday. Friday stayed in bed most of the day—Dr. called in a prescription for Ampicillin and it seems to have at least halted things and was able to get the washing done and some housecleaning. David moved his bedroom from the corner room to the one next to the family room.

This morning we read 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> chapters of D&C—very appropriate for this 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization of the Church—just a couple weeks before these revelations were received 150 yrs. Ago. Gave an Easter lesson to my Targateers today.

26 Wed.

Wendell got home late Sunday night—began work Monday about noon at AB Dicks.



Sure hope & pray that he can get things worked out in his mind. I'm trying to organize cupboards & closets. We went to the movie "Harry's War" tonight. My but movies have gotten expensive \$4.00 for adults. I can't think of a movie good enough to pay \$4.00 for 1 ½ or 2 hours entertainment.

30 Mar

A lazy week! Tried to do some house cleaning but didn't get up much ambition. Was surely tired all week. Just finished my Ampicillin and hope I'll begin to get some pep. Have lots to do this week. Blair is in Georgia interviewing for a job. Friday evening was a Rel. Soc. Buffet dinner for the Birthday celebration. Husbands were included. They had some nice music and Janeanne Payne was guest speaker.

1 April

Rel. Soc. Work day—a nice evening.

Apr. 6

The Church was organized just 150 years ago today—certainly a special anniversary. The boys were out of school Thurs. & Friday. They helped me get the house in order part of Thursday and spent the rest of the day at the Recreation Center. Bryan went camping with a couple of friends Friday morning. Victor had arrived Wed evening from Canada and Pam brought him down. Shirley & Blair arrived and Vivian & Clive with their 3 youngest so we had a house full. Pam woke us at 1:30 that night to tell us they had decided to get married. At least Victor did the telling. He seems nice—of course we pray for the very best for them. Ray & Margaret & Melvin stopped in late last night. Melvin just moved to Pleasant Grove.

I am sure this General Conference is one that will go down in the annuals of Church History. Sunday mornings meeting with Pres. Kimball's dedication of the Peter Whittmer home was a touching one. He is certainly one great man.

7 Apr

Shirley & Blair left about 2:00 this afternoon—we bought Blair a suit for graduation. For Home Evening we read from D&C sec 27,28 and played Scrabble. David and Bryan are 2 fine sons. I am so grateful for them.

13 Apr 1980

Spent the week getting caught up from Conference weekend—put up a quilt on Thursday—didn't get much done. Friday Muriel & Ron Hansen picked me up about 4:30 and we met Theron and the rest of the Stake pres., & High Council at the Wilford Wood[ruff?] museum where we spent an interesting 1 ½ hours then to the Lion House for dinner. Nice evening but we were late getting home and we were both tired.

Sunday—we seem to have settled into the new consolidated meeting schedule as if we had always done it this way. Talked to Wilma and she disclosed the news that she has been called as Relief Society President in her ward.

Apr 20 Sunday

The highlight of the week was Wed. Rudy Loris and I picked up Dimple and spent the day at the Gen. Library. A satisfactory day working on the Pikes. Letter from Lavina. This week is the end of a winter semester at BYU. Called Shirley Sat. she is packing. They want to be on their way to Arkansas by this time next month. Theron has been struggling all week with a cold. Later Lavina called. She will be leaving the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Monday Apr 28

Tomorrow I start my classes at BYU—spent this past week trying to get sewing caught up—put on a quilt for Pam. Expect it to take quite a while. Am ready to roll once. Planted garden—some petunias out front. David fertilized the lawns and they are looking good. Cherry trees are in bloom and are really loaded! Weather is beautiful. Theron is still struggling with his cold. Dimple and I spent Wednesday in the Genealogy Library. On Friday Sis. Collins picked me up and we went in to Salt Lake for the offices farewell party at the Chuck a Rama. Internal Printing will be no more. Theron's new title is Supervisor of Customer Services in the Church Office Building. Irma will move upstairs but most of the others will go out to Deseret Press. 5 or 6 are looking for other jobs. They have all been on tender hooks for the past few weeks. Hope Theron can settle down now.

May 4<sup>th</sup> Steven's birthday.

It was good being on campus again. Neither class is outstanding so far. Keith Perkins wasn't here for class for my religion class—Had a substitute who just gave us assignments. I spent several hours in the reserve Library reading about Amanda Smith, Parley P. Pratt, George Q. Cannon, etc. ended up reading Parley P. Pratt's autobiography again. Most of it and being more deeply impressed with his powerful life. The sociology class under Phil Kunz seems to be interesting, if a bit tedious.

Theron flew down to San Francisco on Friday. Primarily to see Wilmore's neighbor get the boat he has been building for the past 15-20 years out of his back yard. Hope he has a good relaxing trip.

11 May

Stake Conference today—a good meeting. Mother's Day and a family dinner. Lavina got here Thursday—we've had a good visit. She cooked dinner with the help of Wanda and Wilma. Nice Mother's Day.

Theron had a good trip to California got home Tuesday night late.

18 May

School has me doing lots of reading. Had a quiz in Sociology on Tues.—got a B. have enjoyed having Lavina here. She went up on campus with me Tuesday. It has been rainy—exceptionally rainy for 2 weeks. Don York had a stroke and is in the hospital. Sobering!

Theron, Lavina & I left at 5 AM for Pocatello for Blair's graduation exercises. He received his Doctorate in Education Psychology. A very special event. His parents came. We all had dinner at the "Highway Man" a restaurant near campus. There were 16 of us including Blair's Department

Chairman Dr. Steven Fite and his wife. A satisfying day if lots of driving. Lavina went back with Olson's to Logan to visit with Ruby and Shirley. Pam and Victor will pick her up today and bring her to Gladys.

25 May

On Wednesday Lavina left with Popes in a big camper for Ames, Iowa to visit Arden & Rhonda. I gave my report on B.H. Roberts to the religion class on Thursday. I'm learning lots in that class about the early days of the church. Spent lots of time in the library studying and doing research. It has been a rainy week.

1 June 1980

We called Steven last night. They leave Ft. Lewis in 2 weeks—all well—baby growing. Shirley and Blair called from their new home. They are really pleased and happy with it, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

We spent Friday night in Salt Lake. David & Bryan mowed the lawn at Chesnutwoods. We went to see Oklahoma at Pioneer Valley Playhouse on U. Campus. Enjoyed it very much. Slept at Chesnutwoods—got up at 10 AM—at breakfast at a Dee's restaurant and got home about 1:00. I read, studied, washed a couple batches of clothes and went to bed early. David had a date with Tara Larsen last night. Bryan worked about 10 hours for Carl Wood at the Reams apartments this week. School is out—David graduated Thurs.

June

Ron & Carmelle have a new 7 lb 1 oz baby boy born Friday (30 May)

Don York died Tuesday night. Went to the funeral on Friday.

6 June

It has been a busy week—nothing interesting. Just cleaning, washing, school work, yard work, cooking. Victor put the cement around the garage to seal it in so we don't get water in when it rains or snows. He's scraping paint getting ready to paint the railing on the deck and then the house. "The Provo Herald" surely made a boo-boo in the paper today. They printed Pam's picture and said she was married yesterday. We have gotten quite a laugh out of it since they are to get married July 5<sup>th</sup>.

7<sup>th</sup> June

Pam & Victor drove up to Bern with Theron and I for Aunt Hilda's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was a lovely day and a lovely drive. Aunt Hilda is a remarkable woman. We stopped in at Logan on the way up to see Olsen's. Shirley wasn't home but we visited with Preston a bit. Stopped in at Arthur's (Victor's brother) for some shoes he had left there—broke up the trip. On the way home we stopped at Maddox for dinner. The best steak I've eaten for a long time. Got home about 9 p.m.

29 June

I have neglected writing for toooo long. It has been a busy time. Finished up school.

It has been a nice semester. I enjoyed my reading about the LDS men and women—Eliza R. Snow, Amanda Smith, Ezra Taft Benson, Camilla Kimball, etc. I did my research paper on B.H. Roberts.

We had quite a stir up with Pam's wedding plans. She received a letter saying the Ogden Temple was closed on the 7<sup>th</sup>. We had a rough 48 hours when Theron got things straightened out and the Pres. Will go over to the Temple and seal them though the Temple will not be opened for anything else. Lavina arrived from Dallas on the 27<sup>th</sup>. It is summer weather. Cherries are almost ripe. Steven called, they leave Santa Monica tomorrow. Will be here the next day. Joel had the chicken pox.

July (after the fact)

Steven and family arrived the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, Wanda and Don helped his folks in their move to Denver and flew back on Wed (2 July). Wilma and Keith had their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July breakfast for their neighborhood and all the family went—so I only cooked one meal that day. Of course we got up early the next day and went to Ogden to the Temple where Pam and Victor Werner were married in a private ceremony. We got back to Orem by 1:00 in the afternoon and the Wedding breakfast began at 2:00 served by the Mellor's. (Dimple & Carl). Roger & Carol had arrived late on the 4<sup>th</sup> and Shirley, Anne Marie, & Darla on Wed the 2<sup>nd</sup> so all the family was home except Blair, Dale & Scott. They had moved the last week in May to Arkadelphia, Arkansas where Blair will be teaching at Henderson State University in charge of the Masters program. We went up for his graduation in Pocatello on May 17. But back to the wedding breakfast. The kids all participated in a musical program for almost 2 hours. Pam and Victor went to the Los Angeles area for their honeymoon. On Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>, Lettie, Don, Ruth and Rachel came for a week. Had a nice visit—Ronnie & Karmelle blessed their baby on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Steven left for Germany on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> on the 19<sup>th</sup> Bryan had a tumor removed from his back and a ganglion from his left wrist. Spent the day in the hospital. Things went well.

On Tuesday I went with Carl and Dimple and their 3 girls to North Carolina via Jacksonville Florida. Used a ticket they had gotten for Reed and he decided he didn't want to go. I surely enjoyed it. The day before I left David received his mission call to Lansing Michigan. He is excited.

We arrived in Nahunta late afternoon on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday. Visited with Coston's and had dinner. Visited—walked up to the old home place—It's in such bad shape it is depressing. On Friday Carl took me around to some old cemeteries and one impressive experience was up on a hill in the wood where there was an ancient Aycock cemetery where nothing was left but 2 old unreadable wooden headstones and lots of depressions in the ground. We went to see Lucille Aycock, and Jesse Lee then to Goldsboro to Wilbur Deans for barbeque then down to Albertson to visit. Wilma and Erwin came Saturday and early Monday morning. I left with them for Florida and we visited Disney World & Sea World—camped in a tent—my first experience. We went to Nancy's by noon on Sat—left Tuesday morning. She looks remarkably good. Went to church in the Shelby branch—an interesting experience.

David had his wisdom teeth out while I was gone. Maria took charge of things. He got along remarkably well. I got home Wed. night late (2 AM) on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Everything looked good Maria had managed well. On Sat., Storey's came plus Regan with his Bishop—they came early for their youth conference. I went shopping with Barbara and Sharon.

Had a few days to come down to earth and spend with Steven & Maria's boys. On Thursday took them—Maria to Layton—she was spending 3 days with her parents who were at Glenn's. Bro. Barlow attending the World Conference on records. On Sunday we drove into the airport to see them off for Germany—Thursday afternoon and Fri. I spent in the Gen. Library. Theron and I spent the night at Chesnutwoods. Friday afternoon we drove up to the Girls Stake Camp where Wanda and Don had been all week. Enjoyed a nice dinner and program around a campfire. Mary Dunn was the featured speaker. Sat. afternoon Theron and I went up Hobbie Creek Canyon to dinner with a group Bro. Jolly invited for Aunt Eva and Uncle Rodolph who were out visiting for 3 weeks.

Then on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>, Education week began and I spent 15 hours each day in classes. Pam & Victor picked me up at 7:30 in the morning. Pam dropped us off (Victor went to Ed Week, too) and she went to work (BYU Motion Picture Distribution office under the stadium ). At 6:00 Theron met me for 2 classes and home by 9 pm. It has been a busy time.

Tuesday 26 Aug

The Willmore boys—Reed, Ryan & Regan and David who had spent the last 12 days at their house—got here about noon yesterday. They ate dinner with us and then moved into their apartment.

Today David and I went shopping—spent almost \$500—bought 2 suits, overcoat, 2 pr shoes, socks, ties, and luggage. Whew-w-w---

Reed etc. helped Ronnie move into a new house, up about 2<sup>nd</sup> E. and 4<sup>th</sup> So. Barbara & Jeff will be moving into their apt. at Wanda & Dons.

28 August

Barbara & Jeff moved today to the basement apt at Wanda & Don's. This evening Theron & I went with our genealogy class to see the name extraction program operating in the Orem Stake--very interesting. David went with Regan to an Orientation dance at the "Y" and Bryan to the Rec. Center for a Scuba diving lesson with Pat Dunn.

30 Aug Sat.

A full day—cleaned the house throughout and cooked a big roast with potatoes & carrots plus a big pot of beans etc. and had lots of company for dinner—Becky and Noreen Harper—daughters of Ivey—Diane daughter of Carol. The 3 Willmore boys, Dimple & Carol and Becky and Danny had arrived yesterday. Spent some time with Becky Harper going through the Harper genealogy notes. She wants to get started on some research. A nice evening.

Sunday Aug. 31

This has been a very special day. Lots of family came for David's farewell and everything went well. Theron and David's talks went especially well. The meeting left me with an especially fulfilled feeling. Pam & Victor sang a duet and Pam, Wanda, & Wilma sang "This I Believe." Beautiful!

I taught my Targeteer Class for the last time. They are a cute bunch. All the children and grandchildren plus Willmores came for dinner that Wilma & Wanda prepared, a Big taco salad plus jello & fruit salads, then some of David's friends came for cookies & punch—a full satisfying day.

1 Sept

Labor day and I slept in—somehow couldn't get going—did do some washing and cleaning and spent some time on my genealogy. Theron took Wendell, David, Bryan & I out for dinner to celebrate their Birthdays. Had Chinese food at the "Chiam." Bed early.

4 Sept

Went to the Temple with David to get his endowments. Theron came home an hour early and we went on the 3 o'clock session got home just before 7:00—went shopping with David in the morning and just about finished getting the things he needs for his mission. Bryan is at a Scuba diving lesson—they last too late---will be glad when he is through.

6 Saturday

Washed—cleaned house—had a farewell party for my Targeteer A Class—played games and fed them Banana splits or Sundaes whichever they preferred. I made a Blackberry and a Chocolate syrup they could choose for a topping, 10 of them came.

7 Sunday

Our first Sunday on the early schedule—9 AM. The boys & I had to hustle to make it. A nice lazy afternoon—read the papers ("Provo Herald" and "Deseret News") and then made the family tape to send on to Wilma.

I should back track to Tuesday. The Popes came. They brought 2 big bags of corn. I cooked a big dinner and had the Willmore boys over as well as ViAnn. Vivian and Clive had brought Donna to the missionary Training Center. They went to the Temple in Salt Lake on Wed. Did some shopping and she went into the MTC on Thursday. I kept Ryle while they went to the Temple.

Wed. night was Rel. Soc. work night and they had an outstanding Home Storage Extravaganza—it is hard to write at the bottom of these pages.

10 Sept 1980

A very Special evening. Pres. Dunn came over to the house to set David apart as a missionary. Bro. Higley and Bro. Beckstead gave talks. Nice. Wilma & family, Wanda & Don, Pam & Victor, Barbara & Jeff all came. I cooked a roast beef dinner as a farewell—Wade, David's friend stayed. He had gone flying with David, Jim Hyatt & girl friend in the afternoon.

Last night David had his last date before his mission, Diane Thayne. Regan doubled with him and took her friend Natalie Murdock. I let them take my car.

We have had 3 days of rain.

11 Sept 1980

I took David to the LTM this morning at 9:30. Don met us and went to the meeting with us. Pres. Joe Christensen greeted us—gave a short slide presentation and talked to the parents & missionaries about what was expected. 209 missionaries were entering the Home today.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Housework, etc. Picked a peck of green beans in Loris' garden. For dinner we took Alice and Mel Ludlow to the Heritage House. A nice evening. Wonder how David is doing.

Saturday

In the middle of my 3<sup>rd</sup> batch of pears Theron said, "Let's ride out to Grantsville" so we did. On the way stopped at K-Mart and bought a Polaroid camera in anticipation of his trip to Europe. We went to the cemetery in Grantsville & took pictures of Joseph William Smith, Rachel Anderson, John Anderson & Mary Ann Clark, Steven Smith & Elizabeth Banister's grave markers. Visited with his cousin Beverly Stromberg.

Picked up a bladder infection and was miserable till almost midnight. Sunday business as usual. I've felt perkier. Had a nap. Oh, yesterday Bryan and a friend drove down to "Fish Lake" for Scuba driving.

Winnie called—had a nice chat with her—made plans for a 2 day affair at BYU the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of Oct.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Bottled peaches, pears.

Tues

Welfare cannery for 4 hours sorting peaches—came home and canned pears.

Wed

Cleaned my dirty kitchen, washed, began getting clothes together, preparing to pack for Theron. He leaves for England Friday AM. Had a choir party this evening—Theron in charge. Cleo Webb looks ill—went over to the mall afterwards and found a raincoat for Theron to take on his trip.

Got Theron packed—letter from Lavina. Thursday

Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

Picked up Dimple and got Theron to the airport before 9 AM. We spent the rest of the day at the Genealogy Library working mostly on the Everetts. Home and to bed early—also slept in the next morning—spent the day at lots of odds and ends. Letter from David—he is settling in well. Barbara & Jeff were over—she is announcing her pregnancy.

Sunday

A lazy day—or course meetings as usual—Eric Jensen’s farewell for church. I read Irene Hunts “Across Five Aprils.” We are to Chapter 93 in the D&C.

Friday 26

A semi lazy week—canned—got a permanent, read several books, worked on my genealogy, cleaned house, shopped, went to Library, wrote letters. Ruby, Ethel and I are still walking ½ hour each morning at 7:00. Talked to Ryan & Reed Willmore this evening on the phone—they are doing well.

27 September

Went shopping with Bryan. He bought wood for making him a water bed. He made good headway starting it. I spent the afternoon working on the 7 generation sheets with Richard Harper. Rushed to get ready and went with Ruby Loris and her daughters Teresa & Susan to the Woman’s Conference broadcast at the Marriot Center. Great .

Forgot to write that on Tuesday. Bryan and I went to see “Black Stallion” at the Scera—a nice film. Just too expensive. \$3.00!!

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

Picked grapes and made juice—Barbara called from work—wasn’t feeling good. I picked her up and took her home. Did some errands—stopped back to see how she was. Dr. wanted her to go to the hospital. I took her and they put her on a IV. Will try to get her stomach settled and some nourishment into her—when she can eat she can come home. Letters from Becky, David & Roger. The adoption finally went through from Eric. [Roger & Carol’s Eric]

Tuesday

More canning—cleaned the kitchen and all 3 bathrooms—card from Theron in England.

4 October

Winnie picked me up early Thursday morning and we went to the “Mosaic of Mormon Culture.” 2 full days of classes. Many of them where outstanding papers were read on various subjects. A panel discussion of the Arts in a Mormon society, slide presentations etc. An enjoyable 2 days and a chance to catch up with some visiting with Winnie. She spent the night—she is a special friend.

Today caught up with house cleaning and watched conference. Popes came. Last night Clive went to the early morning welfare meeting and stayed for the day. I’ve got a bad cold.

Sunday

A nice conference—Popes left after dinner. Barbara & Jeff and the 3 Willmore boys visited for the evening.



## Monday

Got the housework pretty well caught up today. About 7 PM Bryan & I left for the airport to meeting Theron coming in from Europe. We met his plane but he wasn't on it—tramped back down that long corridor to the gates to the TWA ticket counter to learn that his plane from London was late and he didn't make his Boston connection, so we waited for 2 more hours 'til 10:30 when he finally came in. we didn't get to bed 'til late. Theron had a great trip—frustrating times in airports but a learning 3 weeks.

## Tuesday

Slept in then washed unpacked Theron's travel cases—did some shopping, wrote to David—early to bed—still have my cold.

## Saturday

Haven't seemed to get much accomplished this week. Went visiting teaching Wed. afternoon worked outside this morning pulling weeds and generally cleaning up. Carl Mellor called to say they had 2 extra tickets to the Football game so Theron and I rode up with Pam & Victor and met Dimple—saw David briefly.

On Thursday I went with Victor & Pam to Price then Castledale where we spent the night with Becky & Danny. DJ is crawling. He pulls himself along with his arms sliding on his stomach. Got home about 1:30 Friday.

## Tuesday

Spent yesterday at Genealogy Library—Winnie had the day off work and met me. Lunch at Cafeteria. Then this morning Theron and I left home at 6:00 to go to the airport and visit with David for 1½ hrs before he left for Michigan. Regan and Barbara came too—I went with Theron to the office and spent the rest of the day at the Gen. Library. Worked on the Pike and Maudlin lines.

## 18 October

Lavina's birthday so I called her in Hawaii. I hadn't written for a couple weeks—good talking to her.

Becky & Danny came last night—brought a ton of coal for Wanda & Don.

Bryan went deer hunting with Mike Asay and his father and 2 brothers—got home about 9:30. Both Mike & his Dad got a deer.

## Sunday

Good visit with Becky today—she helped me make an apple pie for dinner. We ate it at one sitting. It seems to be Danny's favorite good. Meetings as usual.

## Monday

Wilma & kids were over for the day—Barbara came over. Then Pam and Victor—so we had a good visit for most of the morning. There is no school today. Deer Hunting! (yes, I shake my head.)

Don't quite know how it happened but everyone came to dinner—Barbara & Jeff, Becky, Danny & D.J., Pam & Victor, their friend from France. Wanda & Don, Wilma & Keith, Gary, Alan, & Barbara Jean, Bryan, Theron & I. I had cooked a ham, potatoes, creamed onions, salad of just extended it with some corn, oh yes I made a big dipper apple pie. I am glad the kids like each other, I am grateful for each of them.

Tuesday Oct

Went into Salt Lake with Theron this morning and spent a day at Genealogy Library—spent 6 hrs. on a difficult Yorkshire film for the Bannister line. Moderate success. We went out to Winnie and Jim's and they took us out for dinner to a place called "The Partners." We had a good visit. They are working on plans to restore his grandfather's house in Taylorsville. Winnie is such a special friend. Letter from David. He is in Coldwater Michigan.

23 Thursday

The Family Tape came today—I listened as I prepared veg. for dinner and sat down and recorded mine. The Willmore boys came over to hear it. Dr. Riddle said we could have all the apples we wanted. I picked about 4 bushels—Reed and Regan picked 2 big bags full.

26 Sunday

Picked more apples—made juice, did cleaning and washing—otherwise a very dull 2 days. It has been nice weather. Wilma & Keith came over yesterday and picked lots of apples—wish I knew how to keep them nice and crisp for several months. They are surely good now.

Today meetings as usual. We read Pres. Kimball's editorial message in the New Era together. It's been raining most of the day and turned much colder. Read the papers, wrote letters to Lavina & Vivian.

27 Monday

Baked today—Bread & Cookies. Made a chicken stew for dinner. We read for D&C for home evening we are on Sec. 98 next. Wrote to Delma.

Saturday 1 Nov.

Letter from David yesterday, Roger & Carol today and a tape from Lavina.

Friday I went in to Salt Lake with Theron. After work we went to Chesnutwoods to check on their house. His secretary, Nancy Lord moved into their apartment.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Started a bladder infection! uggg. Meetings as usual—Wanda & Don stopped in. They had been to Denver since Thursday. Bed early.

4<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1980

Election Day and we have a new President for our country—Ronald Regan. Wonder if he is going to be able to make many improvements in our economy.

Wednesday

Sewed, cleaned, cooked, went to Relief Soc. Joyce Long put on a quilt to tie—we got it finished. Pope's came down for the Turner Nephew's wedding---visited with them 'til late—so wasn't much good today (Thursday).

7 November

Spent the afternoon at the cannery doing apple juice—I drove—picked up Linda Marks. \*Letters from David, Shirley and Joan Werner. \*Answered all three on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. Writing letters and cleaning house took most of the day—made about 2 gal. of apple juice. Bryan went Scuba diving today out toward Wendover someplace—Wendell went with them. We are still having nice days—Don't even need a sweater outside. BYU played Northern Texas State and Theron spent the afternoon listening. BYU beat 41 to 23.

Ray & Margaret came over about 11 PM—I had gone to bed when he called to say they wanted to come. We didn't get to bed 'til after 1:30. We went to Wilma's ward for Sac. Meeting since she, Pam & Wanda were singing. Rushed home to our Rel. Soc. & S.S. After dinner I had a nap.

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Theron had Veterans day off and took the 10<sup>th</sup> off for his birthday. We went out to dinner and since the 11<sup>th</sup> is Barbara's we took her & Jeff for her birthday present.

Friday

I put up a quilt. In the evening Theron & I went to the Ward for a sesquicentennial program. Enjoyed it.

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Sun

Not much to report this week. Finished the quilt I had put up. Had letters from Steven, Shirley & David. Am chairman of the Luncheon for Rel. Soc. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and have been making plans for that. Met with the committee briefly today and made assignments—we expect to feed 150 people—ham sandwiches, (in little rolls) salads, drink and carrot pudding. Did my visiting teaching Friday morning. Today was Chad Sumsion's homecoming—I enjoyed his talk. He is a fine young man.

28 Friday

We had 19 for Thanksgiving Dinner—Wilma, Keith, his parents, Frank Gwen Fullmer, Alan, Barbara & Gary, Wanda & Don, Pam & Victor, Wendell, Becky, Danny & D.J., Reed Willmore, Bryan, Theron & I. A nice day—we have much to be Thankful for.

Last week I went for tests, x-rays and the Drs suggest I get my gall stones out. Will go in the hospital on the 4<sup>th</sup>—have surgery on the 5<sup>th</sup>—Hope to be back to normal by Christmas.

Received the Family Tape\* & a short letter from David.

Sat. —sent the tape. Did a bit of shopping—then tended kids so Wilma & Keith could shop. Stake Conference and since Grant Bangeter is our visiting authority we had supper with the Stake Presidency at 6:00. Then a meeting encouraging us on our 4 generation sheets.

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

Oh what a blessing it is when you feel good. On Thursday (4<sup>th</sup>) I came into the hospital and on Friday about noon had my gall bladder out—an ugly looking stone about the size of my thumb and several small ones. Things went well—I am tired so 'til next time.

10<sup>th</sup> Wed.

Came home from the hospital today. Theron took the day off—guess I'm feeling better than I expect to.

11<sup>th</sup>

My visiting teachers brought our dinner—Darlene Blackley my lunch today—outside of a shower I have pretty much stayed in bed—Oh! Did a couple batches of wash.

13<sup>th</sup> Sat. December

Letters from Shirley & David. Olson's will leave early on Mon. 15<sup>th</sup>—Maria called from Calif. She had come from Germany for her mother's funeral. I still can't seem to get any ambition. Oh yes, a tape from Lavina.

20 Dec.

I'm feeling stronger all the time—I made a big pot of clam chowder today & a pot of apple sauce. Shirley & Blair & family arrived from Arkadelphia on Tuesday about 7 pm. We have real bad fog (smog?) and their last half hour was rough. The kids have grown—are sure cute. Shirley began getting a toothache—called Dr. Fairbanks and is getting a root canal—she's miserable.

25 December

We have had a super family Christmas Shirley & Wilma cooked the Christmas dinner on the 24<sup>th</sup> and we had our Christmas Eve program. Theron read from Luke. Dale sang, "Drummer Boy." Barbara Jean sang "Joseph went to Bethlehem," Barbara and Jeff sang in Japanese and in costume. I told the story of "The Boy Who Sang for the King." It was a good day. I was exhausted but after a good night to sleep we got up about 7 to watch the grandkids check out their stockings. Everyone was generous. I got 3 pr of house slippers—the books Camilla, Brigham Young's Journal & one by Neal Maxwell. A sweet Box from Steven and Maria—A big beautiful enameled box filled with cookies, candy, etc. Lavina gave us 2 Corelle serving bowls, Lettie an afghan she had knitted etc. etc.—We had a good visiting. I feel so Grateful for my beautiful family.

David called from Michigan—He's fine.

26<sup>th</sup>

Shirley & Blair left for Logan first thing this AM. I had a nap. Bryan has the flu—temp. 104 yesterday—103 today.

28<sup>th</sup> 1980

Becky and Danny went home first thing this morning. Sac. Meeting was Clint Sikes homecoming—a nice meeting. Mel Ludlow arrived from his mission in Brazil this week too. I had a nap today too.

Monday

Ethel Taylor and I began our morning walk again this morning at 8 AM about a mile—I came home & collapsed for half an hour. Bryan went to work this morning. Came home and had a nap. We went to the Library and then to Wilma & Keith's for home evening to see what they got for Christmas. Home and to bed early.

1 January 1981

A New Year—and I feel good this morning. Tue. & Wed. I fought the flu—moped around both days doing little more than cooking—a little straightening & sewing—but this morning I felt good—wrote letters, watched the Rose Bowl parade. Wendell was here for much of the day. I went to bed last night at nine. Theron & Bryan watched TV 'til midnight. I heard them at midnight blowing whistles etc. but I went right back to sleep. I've read some good books the last few weeks—Camilla, Gentle Jungle, I married a Prince, Victor Frankl's "Man's Search for Meaning."

3<sup>rd</sup>

Dimple called early this morning and said they were going to Logan and asked if I wanted to go along. Theron ended up driving—we had a nice visit with Dimple & Carl going up—then with Shirley, Dorothy, Ruby & Gordon—got home about 10:00. Letter from Lavina yesterday.

4<sup>th</sup>

Rainy Sunday—Fast Day—nice testimony meeting—nice Spiritual living lesson. I think I spend too much time reading the papers. Pam & Victor got back from Canada—stopped in for an hour after church. They had a good trip

5<sup>th</sup> Jan 1981 Monday

Shirley & family got here from Logan by lunch time. She went to the dentist. I prepared a ham dinner. Theron picked up Wilma and the kids and Pam & Victor, Wanda & Don, Barbara & Jeff all came—then we had a nice home evening. Stanford Taylor came over and preformed with his Dancing Dan.

## Tuesday

Shirley had her tooth finished—a root canal. I played UNO with Dale & Scott & Blair—had a short nap at noon—visited—helped Shirley with some last minute sewing & washing. They got packed. Then they left early Wednesday AM at 5:00. I went back to bed for a couple hours—then wrote a couple letters did some sewing and cleaned all of downstairs. Left over ham for dinner.

## Thursday

Some day!!! Ruby Loris and I went to the Genealogy Library in Salt Lake—after working for 2 or 3 hours there was a statewide power outage—after a couple hours they determined that they should close the Library so we came home. (Power came on about 4:00) There was a BYU-San Diego State basketball game. Pam Victor, Bryan, Mike Asay, Reid Park and I went. BYU won—good game.

## Saturday

Cold & foggy—Theron and I went shopping all morning at the Mall—for wedding presents for the stake. In the evening went with Bryan and Mike to see the “Jazz Singer” with Neil Diamond.

## Sunday

A specially spiritual Sac. meeting today. It was Malinda Hansen’s missionary farewell. Her twin sister Melanie is getting married in 2 weeks. They are hearing handicapped—Malinda goes on her mission to the deaf. A very special meeting. Wrote to David & Lettie.

## Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Went to Salt Lake with Theron. Nancy moved out of Chesnutwoods. Owes \$90 rent.

## 25 Jan 1981

On Tuesday Vivian and Ryle came and stayed ‘til noon Thursday while Clive and his brothers, stake pres. And ? –anyway 6 of them went to Denver for a stock show. Vivian usually shops when she is here. Otherwise a quiet week until Friday night I went to the BYU-Colorado basketball game with Bryan and 4 of his friends. Last night we watched them play Wyo—the Cougars won both games.

The Willmores and ViAnn came over in the afternoon and I cooked a ham dinner—ended up Barbara & Jeff—Wanda, Don, Wilma & family ate too. It was the first we had seen Rhett since he got home from his mission in Ohio. Bryan is starting actual flying and ground school in Avionics at Orem High this semester.

## 31 January 1981

Our first real snow of the season—and its still snowing today at noon. Bryan went with friends skiing—there should be plenty up in the mountains.

I went to Salt Lake with Theron on Monday. We went out to dinner with Winnie & Jim—spent the night at Chesnutwood's house—I spent both days at the Gen. Library except for an hour that I

window shopped in the New Crossroads Mall just west of ZCMI. Put up a quilt—letter from David and Lavina on Friday—Sat. from Mark Chesnutwood to tell us they would be home on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

8 Feb. 1981

Busy week—Becky, Danny & D.J. came up for the weekend. Danny had a reunion with some High school friends. Went to the BYU Air Force basketball game last night. BYU won. Short letter from David yesterday. Lavina Friday. Monday night Guit Kunz came over to show slides from his mission in Guatemala. Tuesday Don & Wanda brought over a movie you watch on TV. Theron & I went to Salt Lake that night and slept at Chesnutwood's—went to the airport expecting to meet them at 3:30 but learned they wouldn't arrive 'til 5:05 so we came home since I had Rel. Soc. at 6:00—putting on a quilt and Theron had choir practice.

Lettie called and they are concerned about Ryan and surgery on his feet.

9 Feb. Mon

Don got a film “China Syndrome” and we had a house full to watch it—Pam & Victor, Barb & Jeff, Francene Wood, Friends of Wanda & Don's.

I finished the quilt I've had up for 2 weeks and got the family room cleaned. I'm really depressed about a problem\*\*

Tues

Went in to Salt Lake with Theron at 5:45—spent the day in the Gen. Library. Winnie met me up there. We spent more than half the day in Special Collections—or waiting to get in to Special Collections. Talked to Chesnutwood's briefly.

Wed

Cleaned downstairs—did some mending—went visiting teaching in the afternoon—made bar-b-que pork chops for supper. It was teacher's conference today so Bryan went with friends to Solitude skiing. Theron had choir practice.

Thurs

Went to the Welfare Cannery—did apple juice. I put the ascorbic acid in—one tablet to each can.

Friday

Ryan Willmore went into the Drs. Office at 8:00 AM this morning for surgery on his feet. It took 6 hrs. Arthritis had so crippled his feet.

17 Feb 1981 Tuesday

At 4:00 I picked up ViAnn and Dimple. Went to Salt Lake where Theron had been in meetings all day—ending with a dinner the wives were invited to attend. ViAnn & Dimple waited in the Lobby while we ate then we drove to Gooding—arriving at Popes at about 11PM. Visited 'til too late but slept in the

next morning. After a late breakfast Clive took us up to Sun Valley—a pleasant day—came home Monday—Don had 2 movies. The family tape came today & a Valentine from Roger & Carol.

23<sup>rd</sup> Monday

A full day yesterday—attended our meeting in the morning—hurried home and ate dinner—then picked up Pam & Victor and went to Salt Lake for Betty & Mark Chesnutwood's homecoming—they both gave interesting reports of condition in Peru and their experiences on their mission. Had an open house and buffet afterwards—a crowd—Shirley, Ruby, Dorothy, Martha and some of their families. Visited and Mark showed slides and gave us a travelogue. We got home late—I'm getting a cold—we had good letters for David, Shirley—Carol today—went to Pam & Victor's tonight for the movie Superman.

25<sup>th</sup>

Miserable yesterday—Have gone for a walk everyday anyway—Did some grocery shopping—went to bank to straighten out David's Bank account. To BYU to check some dates and then made out entry form to submit 3 names—Alpha Omega & Elvin Mack Sparrow & Uncle Raeford. Wrote to David—Shirley

27<sup>th</sup>

Went to Salt Lake with Theron today. Spent the morning in the Special Collections section of Genealogy Library and the afternoon at the annual Home & Garden Show at the Salt Palace. BYU lost their basketball game with Wyo. last night which ends them in the WAC conference.

1 Feb (Mar?)

A good lesson in Spiritual Living class this morning. Spent the afternoon reading the papers (too much time) and writing letters. Bryan and Mike Asay baked a German Choc. Cake—good!

2 Feb (Mar?)

Don brought the movie Capricorn I tonight. Theron didn't stay up to watch it—Pam & Victor, Barbara & Jeff were here.

4<sup>th</sup>

Letter from Lavina—Went to the Temple—then Rel. Soc. at 6 to put up a quilt for Kim Buss—worked on it 'til 9:30. Bro Wanlass gave a class on gardening.

5<sup>th</sup>

I planted a few peas and 6 ft. of lettuce—put up a baby quilt.

6<sup>th</sup>

Letter from David—went to Davies last night and quilted with Kim 'til 9:45—Wilma, Alan & Gary were her for the afternoon.



10<sup>th</sup> Tue AM

Steven called last night about 1:40 AM. It was unusual for me to hear the phone at that hour. Had another movie last night—Bed Knobs & Broomsticks—a Walt Disney—Wilma's family came—Barbara, Jeff, Pam, Victor. Monday my visiting teachers came, I talked to Mary Dunn on the phone for a couple of hours. Planted onions, carrots, lettuce, spinach & beets in the garden. Letters to Shirley, Steven and Lavina on weekend.

Tuesday

Meeting at the City Center about zoning the Carterville Rd. area—don't know what was accomplished all confusing. Writing a letter to David.

13 Mar

My 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. Received a letter & card from Lavina & Shirley. Cards from Pam & Victor, Ileen Olson, Genivieve Boysen. Theron took me to Bill & Iva's for dinner and then we went to see a program at Wanda's school (Alpine Elementary). She played the violin in a string ensemble. Reed, Ryan & Rhett brought me cheese cake (strawberry). Spent the day cleaning house and Bryan had a party invited 6 of his male friends and 3 girls came. They saw 2 movies and played games. A full day.

Tuesday 17 March

Short letter from David—he has been transferred to Mt. Pleasant from Coldwater—answered his letter.

Spent the morning with Barbara at the hospital for the glucose tolerance test—Reed called—Regan has received his mission call to the Roanoke, VA mission. They are coming to dinner Sunday.

The movie last night was stupid—"The Attack of the Killer Tomatoes."

21 Mar

Thursday AM went with Theron to Salt Lake—spent the day in the Genealogy Library—spent the night at Chesnutwoods. They are on a trip to Texas (N.C?) Watched BYU play Notre Dame in Basketball—an exciting game with them trailing 'till the last minute when they made a miracle win by 1 pt—Danny Ainge is the man of the hour. Went back to the Library—we got home just in time to go to dinner with a group of friends at "The Coachman"—nice. We went over to Ruth and Wayne Tuttle's for visiting afterward. They have a beautiful new home. Baked bread today. Then Theron decided he wanted to go to Grantsville. We took Myrtis Hutchinson home, saw her genealogy—brought home stuff on the Andersons. Got home late—after 10. Tired—letters to Steven & David.

Sunday

Fine Sacrament Mtg. Brent Belliston's farewell. He goes to the Cleveland Ohio mission. The Willmore boys came over for dinner and we took Rhett over to give him something of a picture of the area. Nice visit with ViAnn—cooked a ham, salad, potatoes, peas, slaw, apple pie.

25 March Wednesday

Becky & Danny came this afternoon. I had just gotten home from BYU where I had been all day at the Family Life Conference. I went with Iona Mendenhall & Ethel Taylor. It was a very nice day—George Durrant was keynote speaker—his usual humorous self. We went to 2 workshops and then LaVell Edwards family gave a presentation—all helpful family communication and handling stress. Family tape came. Pam gave Bryan his piano lesson.

Friday

Becky and I went shopping for 3 or 4 hours. Danny stayed with DJ watching TV. The mine workers are on strike—hopefully a short one. Letter from David Sat. Becky & Danny left about 11 AM.

Monday Mar 29<sup>th</sup>

Baked bread—good batch today—took a loaf to Ruby and one to Ethel. Made the tape—cleaned. Pres. Reagan was shot today. His press secretary is in serious condition. The President in good condition after surgery. \*Mailed tape.

Friday

Letters from David & Lavina.

Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>

Pope's got as far as Salt Lake last night where they left Ryle in the Primary Hospital. ViAnn and I waited 'til 11:00 PM when Vivian & Verl got here. She was exhausted. Clive spent the night in the hospital with Ryle. Vivian & ViAnn went back soon as she could get ready this AM.

Sunday

151<sup>st</sup> Semi Annual Conference—A voice of warning and announcing the Temple sites of 9 more Temples.

Tests yesterday indicates Ryle is epileptic. Expect medication to keep it controlled. Called Lavina—had a good visit—wrote letters to David, Lavina (note), Shirley & Roger.

Wed April 8<sup>th</sup>

Bryan soloed today. Came home late with the back of his shirt torn off. Tradition for the airline co. where he is having his flying lessons.

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>

Theron took us to “The Coachman” for dinner to celebrate Bryan’s Solo flight. I finished a baby quilt—took Barbara to the Dr. she has 4 weeks left.

Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>

Gold and Green Ball tonight. We went for a couple hours couldn’t get Bryan to go—we left him studying for his ground school exams.

19<sup>th</sup> April 1981 Easter Sunday

A nice Easter day full of first sunshine then April showers. Edgar & Ragna Dodd gave their homecoming reports for their mission to Denmark. Wendell was here when we got home from church, ate dinner with us.

Letter from David Friday—he was transferred from Mt. Pleasant to Oscola on the East Coast of Mich. They demolished Don York’s house Thursday. Now the hole is dug for the beginning of the new one.

Wilma & kids were here for the day Friday. Also Barbara. Easter vacation—Bryan, Mike & Scott Sykes went camping Wed. night ‘til Friday AM. I have a miserable cold.

23 April 1981

I went with Theron to Salt Lake Tues AM—we spent the night at Chesnutwoods. Betty & I stayed up too late talking but I slept in the next morning and since Betty was going back to work at ZCMI, I rode in with her so got a late start Wednesday at the Library. Did get to talk with David Schaefermeyer about our 4 gen. sheets. Letter from Lavina.

10 May

Mother’s Day—It has been a lovely Day—Shirley and David called—all of the kids stopped in—Barbara & Jeff gave me a box of candy, Becky cologne, Wendell a plant, Pam a corsage. It was Stake Conference today and Pres. Dunn called on Bryan to come up and speak. He did a nice job—was very proud of him. Wrote to David and Lavina.

Since I have been negligent the past 2 weeks I’ll report on a few things I missed. I haven’t been too ambitious—congestion in my chest has been annoying on May 5<sup>th</sup> Pamela had her piano recital here for her 8 students. Bryan played a number on the organ and “Balade pour Adeline” on the piano. Did well. She brought a family over on Sat. the 2<sup>nd</sup> for a family home evening. They are trying to fellowship them. In the morning I rode to Price with Lorises and down to Becky’s for a couple hours. Then Becky & Danny came Friday, went back Sat.

11 May Family tape came.

12 May Steven called—all well.

\*Mailed it (tape) Wednesday 13 May

16 May

We have had 2 days of almost continuous rain.

14<sup>th</sup>

Barbara had her baby—a girl 7 lbs. 8 oz. will name her Mikila.

27 May 1981

I have been so weary this past week or so—Had a physical on Tues (19<sup>th</sup>) had lots of tests—Dr. Bateman called last night with the results. A bit depressing. I have emphysema. Tests showed a 63% lung capacity. I suppose I will learn to live with it. I have been disgustingly lazy the last few days but now I must get busy and feel like I am getting something accomplished.

31 May

Letter from David on Friday as usual—also from Lavina.

Today we had a very special Sacrament mtg. it was Mel & Alice's missionary farewell—a lovely program with a special musical number by 8 or 10 young Elders—all returned missionaries who were priests together in the 19<sup>th</sup> ward. They sang, "Ye Elders of Israel" and it was a thrilling sight. There was young Mel, Steve Davis, Chad Sunvision, Paul Stout, Bill McKnight, Shane Hunt, ---Asay, can't remember who else.

2<sup>nd</sup> June

The choir had their annual party at Ilene Olsen's—they have a lovely home and yard—a nice evening. Spent yesterday in the Genealogy Library.

7 June

Barbara Jean was baptized and confirmed by her father last night—Keith gave her a lovely blessing with her confirmation. All the family around here plus Keith's parents, Joyce and her kids came down and we had dinner about 5:30 before the baptism at 7:00. Keith cooked hamburgers, I took potato casserole & baked beans, Pam a salad, Wanda drink, Barbara potato chips, Gwen veg. plate & dip, Joyce cookies.

Oh yes, on Thursday I took Reagan to the MTC. He came Wednesday & Theron picked him up at the airport. He is a fine young man—reported that Rhett is engaged.

27 June

This is no way to keep a journal and I hope to do better from now on.

Tonight Theron took Don, Ruth & I to dinner at the Coachman—nice.

It has been hot all week with today going over a hundred degrees. Now to back up and report the past 2 weeks. On the 11<sup>th</sup>—Thursday we took Mel & Alice Ludlow out to dinner—had a nice dinner & visit—they went into the MTC on Monday (15<sup>th</sup>). The same Thursday Patty Ann Urry Smith her

husband Gary and 3 children Marcia 6 & twins Joel & Kevin 4, arrived—stayed 4 nights while they looked for a place to live while he goes to school. He has taught Jr. High school for 5 yrs. —now wants to get his PhD in Ed. it was nice getting to know them again.

Monday AM on the 15<sup>th</sup> I went in to Salt Lake with Theron to work—early and spent the morning in the Gen. Library—then before eleven he took me to the airport and I flew to San Francisco. Roger met me and I spent 2 nights with them—Had a good visit tho(ugh I) am a little worried about some of their problems. Roger’s business has crumbled and he is going through a depressing time. On Wed. I took the bus over to Corte Madera and had a good visit with Willmores ‘til Lavina arrived on Friday—she missed Don & the girls because on Thursday they left for Gooding. Don was taking Rachel to Popes for the summer and Ruth for the company. He had a good visit there then over to Idaho Falls area for lots of visiting with his family. Got here this past Wed. He & Ruth are staying with Ron but were here for some visiting. We picked cherries one day for us to eat and for him to take back with him. They leave in the morning.

But back to San Francisco and my visit. We talked ‘til late on Friday—hashed over problems. Rhett & Kim have getting married on a shoestring. Got caught up on Reed & Ryan’s jobs as well as Lettie’s. I made Lettie 2 pair of pants—she is supposed to wear white pants to work. (In 3 Dr’s office). Sat AM Lettie took Lavina & I “junking” as she calls it. We all bought some stuff—books—I got a blouse.

For lunch Lavina took us to a Chinese restaurant—more visiting—Sunday morning we got up early—took the air porter at 6:00 AM to catch the 7:30 plane to Atlantic City for Lavina—me the 7:40 for home. Wendell met me and we got home about 12:00 to find a kitchen full of people preparing dinner—Barbara had things organized and we had a nice dinner—Jeff’s parents, Bro. Philip, 2 sets of grandparents—all of our family around —about 25 were here for dinner. Their Bishopric minus the Bishop came at 2:00 and Jeff blessed Mikila—a special time.

Early Monday Barbara & Jeff with his parents loaded their stuff in a U-haul and all except Barbara & the baby left about noon. They stayed with us ‘til Wed. AM when she went with Theron. He took her to the airport on his way to work. A new chapter in their life is beginning—am anxious to hear how things so with them finding a place to live.

Wanda and Don are working on getting 2 little girls to adopt that Shirley & Blair learned about—more later.

Becky & Danny are here for the weekend. It is hot. Mailed the family tape on the 24<sup>th</sup>\*

28 June 1981

Our Wedding Anniversary—Barbara called this afternoon to tell us that they have an apartment. It’s near the Greenbrae Ward house, Willmore’s & Jeff’s ward. They move in the first of July. Letter from David yesterday.

Danny had a cyst taken out of his left buttock and since it is his vacation they stayed for the week—they took us to dinner at the Coachman on Tuesday. Letter from Lavina from Wilma’s. On the 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 we picked cherries at the Stake Farm for 2 hrs. + a bumper crop. Letter from David—wrote to him, Lavina and \*Steven on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Romania Wise and I went up to Salt Lake with Theron on Tuesday (7<sup>th</sup>) and spent the day at the Genealogy Library—picked cherries again at stake farm Wednesday early for 2 ½ hours.

In the evening Ora Mae Hyatt and I went to a meeting on the anti ERA group—Sharon Ernst was the speaker. Interesting. Have been gorging on cherries, Lorise's have let us pick all we wanted. I've frozen a lot.

Vivian called just to see how I was. Went to see Bryan play softball on Fri. his team won.

19 July 1981

It has been a busy week. Bryan left for camp Philmont on Monday. Lorise's left on a trip and I watered their lawns and fed the rabbits. I spent some time organizing my genealogy—finished a hooked rug, did my mending—all of it! Went for a walk most mornings with Ethel. Sat. AM Theron and I went to the stake farm to pick cherries—but to back up Friday AM I went with Theron to work—spent the day in the Genealogy Library—searched for Sister Medalis and found family group sheets for her—she is a sister David is teaching in Michigan. We had a nice letter from David.

After picking cherries and getting cleaned up and stuff together Theron and I went to the Lehi Park for an Aycock reunion. Had a nice group—a good dinner and lots of visiting. Mary Shaefermeyer & son came from Vernal—LaVerne Aycock and 2 of his children, Ollie & Hyrum are here for a couple weeks. All the Maples sisters were there. A good reunion. Wrote long letter to Lavina—David—and one to Sis. Medalis.

August

The past 2 weeks have been devoted to getting things caught up and ready for our trip on Friday AM 4 o'clock. July 31<sup>st</sup> Theron, Bryan and I left Orem for Shirley and Blair's in Arkansas. Bryan was at Philmont for the two weeks beginning 15 July—had a great trip—Mike & Steve Davis & Trent Nordmeyer were the other boys—Gran Hordmeyer drove. He is an outstanding scout leader.

Now to our trip—It is a long one. We ended up driving all night—arrived in Arkadelphia about noon on Sat. we went swimming and toured campus. Visited and to bed early—we were tired. Church in a small branch brought back memories. We have been lazy. Visited a couple of Shirley's neighbors—went shopping—Bryan bought 2 pr. of shoes—Theron one pr.

5<sup>th</sup> Wed.

Visited Shirley's area on campus—Her classroom—the nursery. Went shopping and to the Library. Got 3 books to read. Bryan 2. In the evening we went to an organ recital on campus. She is a talented woman. When we got home Shirley & Blair sang for us.

Friday Aug. 7

It is still hot!!!! About 10 AM we went to Lake DeGray—swam for a couple hours—then had lunch—Kentucky fried chicken—then over to another beach for more swimming. Home and rest—reading—Blair went to graduation. I ironed his gown. Shirley joined him for the reception. We put the kids to bed.

Sat

Everyone slept in—I read—Mrs. Pollifax! After a lazy morning we went shopping—got groceries for our camping trip next week. Worked on my talk for tomorrow.

Sunday

Meetings as usual—Shirley was sustained and set apart as Primary President of the Arkadelphia Branch. Bryan, Theron and I were the speakers for Sacrament mtg. A lazy afternoon and about 5:00 we went to President LeVar's for the evening. Sis. LeVar had made a batch of scones and we fried them. They had invited the missionaries. They have a daughter Lori who kept Bryan entertained.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

We packed Blair's Camper Trailer—picked up a row boat from Williams and headed for Shady Lake about 1½ hours away. Got there before lunch. It is a nice cool camp spot—a lovely lake. We swam, hiked, boated. The boys fished—generally took it easy except for cooking and washing dishes. A nice 3 days. Arrived home Friday about noon to a hot Arkadelphia.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

On Sat. I had an awful day. I began stomach cramps which developed into vomiting then 102½ fever, chills, shaking, 'til we got a Dr. and he gave me some medicine for it. He said I had a urinary infection. I slept 'til noon Sunday—and began to improve. By Wed. after a couple days reading—playing games, etc., I was feeling pretty good. Went to the Dr. and my urine was clear. We shopped, visited Blair's boss Dr. Inman. Went out to a park by a lake and had dinner with the LeVar family. He is Branch President here.

Sunday 23 August

We got home last night about 8:30—It was a good trip home—long of course but we took 2 days getting home—stopped 2 nights and got a good night's sleep. Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> was Dale's birthday. Pres. LeVar had made special arrangements for him to be baptized that day so we could attend. We visited the Williams that morning—packed the car and drove over to Hot Springs. Did some sightseeing, ate dinner at a restaurant and went to the baptism. Bryan was the speaker—did a nice job. After our goodbyes we left for parts west—nice traveling—lots of mail to wade through—Pam & Victor came over to welcome us home—They had taken care of things—the lawns look nice.

We went to church with Wanda & Don, Pam & Victor. \*Wrote to David & Shirley. I have a bit of a worry!

Wed August 26<sup>th</sup>

On Monday after stabilizing day, Theron and I went to Barbara Jean's Dance Revue. Bryan got registered at school and classes began Tuesday—late Tuesday night Janine Dahlman arrived from Belgium. Pam and Victor went to the airport to meet her. She is in Becky's old room. Nothing newsworthy today—I went to the bank and other such errands.

Sunday

A lovely day—meetings as usual. Keith Becksten received his mission call to Atlanta GA. I have been feeding and watering the chickens at Taylors all week in exchange for the eggs. They are in California for a week.

Patty Ann Urry & Gary Smith have a new baby girl born early Friday AM. I tended Marcie and the twins Friday and Sat. we went to Salt Lake to the Harper reunion Sat. afternoon—a so-so after noon. Uncle Rodolph was there. He came out for Education week. Aunt Eva died 30<sup>th</sup> of July so he will be spending some time visiting his children. After I wrote some Wed., Lavina called—talked to Barbara too—both were at Willmore's. Lavina leaving noon of the next day.

[inserted] Bryan was called as first assistant in the Priest quorum.

Friday night Wilma called from Greenbelt. They had a good trip to Europe. Spent one night with Steven and Maria. \*Wrote letters to David, Lavina, Barbara and Opal & Ben Williams.

Sunday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>

A busy week—Reed and Ryan got to Orem Wednesday. Thursday Ryan got settled in to his apt. just south of campus. Reed will be staying here since he has transportation, an ancient VW. He will be working at the MTC serving breakfasts at 5 AM 'til 8:30. Thursday evening Bryan & I met Theron & Janine at Dimple & Carl's for Dinner. Uncle Rodolph is here and the dinner was in his honor. Leland & Richard's families were there.

Norma came down on the bus to Patty Ann's Wed. night to help with the baby. We visited with her Friday evening. Rainy all Thursday & Friday night. Still cool.

Went to our meeting then to Patty Ann's Sac. Mtg. for the blessing of the baby, then back home where I finished preparations for dinner for 21—our family—Patty's family—Norma, Ray & Margaret. We had a good visiting time.

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Another busy week—gathered together lots of quilts and stuff and drove down to Castledale on Tuesday. Spent the night with Becky and gave a quilting class at her Relief Society Wednesday morning. Think it went well—Becky & D.J. came home with me. She had a Dr. appointment Thursday AM. We drove out to Wilma's—She got peaches & pears to take back to can—a neighbor picked her up late that evening. They were loaded. Friday night Dimple & I drove to Salt Lake to Becky Harper's wedding reception—she married John Lowder in the Salt Lake Temple that day. Canned peaches all day Sat. Letter from Shirley. Nice meetings today—Sondra Petersen gave a beautiful lesson of love & courage in Relief Society. Her 7<sup>th</sup> child was born with cerebral palsy—but brought much love and unity into their home. I don't think there was a dry eye in the room full of sisters—she gave example after example of the children's teaching and learning before he finally died at 9 yrs. of age. \*Made the family tape & wrote to David.



18 September Friday

\*Wrote to Shirley. Got in all my 7 AM walks this week. Have had a comparatively lazy week—not much ambition—have read a lot—got my flu and pneumonia shots—had letters from Steven & Barbara yesterday. Barbara sent pictures of Mikila—adorable.

Saw the movie “Ordinary People” at Don’s Monday night. Thursday & Friday night Barry Manilow was giving a concert at the Marriot Center and Reed had the opportunity to sing back up with about 14 others. A lavish production from his reports.

27 Sept. Sunday

Last Monday 21 I cooked all day—baked bread—cooked. Took dinner to the Harris family—She had a new baby—her 6<sup>th</sup> daughter. We went to Wanda & Don’s for a movie, forget the name—just so-so, Doreen Oberland invited those who helped on her guilt to a luncheon yesterday—a lovely affair with 12 of us there. At 6:00 I went with Ruby Loris, her sister and her 2 daughters to the Woman’s Conference at the Marriot Center.

September 1981

23<sup>rd</sup> on Wednesday Reed cooked dinner—Lasagna—Good! I took advantage of the occasion to write. \*To Lavina a long 6 pages.

Yesterday (Sat.) Bryan did his first Cross Country (dual) flight. They went to Evanston Ogden & home. A beautiful day for flying. It has been a beautiful week weather wise.

29 Sept Wed

Went to the Temple today—Vivian called this AM she will be coming down for Conference tomorrow. Monday and Tuesday I spent all afternoon quilting at Melba Koffords.

30 Sept—4 Oct

Vivian, Verl & Ryle arrived—she brought 200 lbs. of potatoes and 5 big bags of corn—we froze quite a bit but with all the company we ate lots. I cooked it for 3 days, 2 meals a day. Saturday Carl and Dimple with their kids came for dinner. Pam & Victor, Wanda & Don, so, with Vivian, Clive, (ViAnn came from school) & family, Reed, Janine—we had 3 tables full. I cooked a turkey and made a freezer of ice cream plus the trimmings. Conference was Saturday and Sunday so it has been a hectic weekend—oh yes Becky and Danny were here—So I haven’t accomplished a thing except cooking and cleaning for 3 days. I’m collapsing tomorrow.

11 Oct 1981

Monday I went to the Library to return some books. The BH Roberts biography by Truman Madsen that I have tried to get for a year was in. I have read it—could hardly get my work done ‘til I finished it. He is a fascinating man to me.

Wednesday the Relief Society had an Autumn Fair and it was a resounding success. I took about 5 plants as my entry. They had a fashion show of articles made by sister in the Ward and a luncheon afterwards. Yesterday was a BYU homecoming game and they lost 44 to 41 their first loss in 18 games. Becky & Danny came Friday. She had a Drs. appointment. They spent the night. Loris' are on a trip and I'm feeding their rabbits bring in their mail and watering their plants.

13 Oct

Yesterday was a lazy day—Did go on my walk. Ruby got back last night but didn't get up to walk with us. Janine started night school—for her high school Diploma. Theron took her so didn't go with me to the neighborhood (fireside) home evening at Taylors. Tuttle gave a report of their trip to Europe. Their weather forecast freezing tonight so I pulled up all my tomatoes and peppers, picked the rest of the squash and stored them in the shed. Then when we got up this morning it was nice—don't think the temperature got below 40 degrees. \*Wrote to Lavina.

27 November

I need to repent—I have neglected writing too long. In checking the calendar I see that it was an uneventful month until the 20<sup>th</sup> when I took a plane for San Francisco. Barbara and Jeff met me—I had a good visit with them—I spent mornings with her and nights at Willmores. Theron & Bryan came on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Roger met them and they stayed the night and all of them came over to Barbara's the next morning. At 2:00 we all went over to Jeff's parents where we all had Thanksgiving dinner. 20 of us. Sharon cooked a turkey dressing & potatoes. Don a turkey dressing and gravy, Barbara fruit salad, Rhett and Kim the vegetables, Roger & Carol rolls and butter and I made the pies, 3 apples, 2 pumpkin. A super nice day. P.S. on the 18<sup>th</sup> we went to Barbara Jeans Dance recital. She has been doing clogging—a rousing new type of dancing. I find it fascinating.

December 1981

6<sup>th</sup> We got home from California on Monday. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> about 10pm. It had snowed the weekend. Spent the week catching up. I caught a cold and felt miserable for a couple days.

13<sup>th</sup> A week of Christmas parties—Monday night the neighborhood fireside at Clarice Lloyds. Wed. the Ward party—a dinner—and Friday Theron's office party—another dinner at noon.

20<sup>th</sup> Monday was the piano recital for Pam's piano students. Bryan did well. We got our Christmas tree and decorated it Sat. AM. The choir gave a beautiful Christmas program this morning. Met with the Bishop on Wed. he called me to teach the Mother Education class in Rel. Soc. a sobering experience.

29<sup>th</sup> I suppose red is a good color (red in being used) for this time of year. A regular pen wasn't readily available—It has been a nice tho hectic week. Becky, Danny & D.J. came up on Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was hectic getting our shopping done. Theron had Tuesday on through the week off work. Christmas Eve was special. Wilma's family, Wanda & Don, Pam and Victor all came—bringing food for dinner. I cooked a turkey, gravy & dressing and they brought the rest of the meal. Wendell donated the turkey—a gift from his work. After dinner we had our annual Christmas Family night—David called about 10:30 he sounds good. Shirley and Blair called Christmas night—the kids sang "We Wish You a Merry

Christmas” and we talked to each one. We do have a wonderful family and I love each of them very much. For our present this year Wanda gave us a copy of her Missionary Journal. I just finished reading it last night.

One Sat. (26<sup>th</sup>) Theron & I rode up to Logan with Dimple & Carl for the day. Ollie & Hyrum had come out for about 3 weeks—left Sun. It had snowed the night of the 24<sup>th</sup> some during the day and off an on—so Bryan, Wendell, etc., went skiing. They took Janine for her first skiing—she came home with a sore body full of bruises and a cold.

1 January 1982

A new year—I woke up this morning with a feeling of trying a new beginning. Hope it lasts. I want to make an evaluation of my life at this point and chart a new direction in many ways. Wish I could get up enough energy to think about classes at the “Y”—

Lavina arrived on Wed. the 30<sup>th</sup>—Arden and Rhonda had come home to bring her down. She rode up with ViAnn. Had a good holiday with the Popes. Vivian is still having problems with her allergies—hives & swelling. Lavina came down on the bus and because of the recent snow storm was 2½ hours late. Wilma had invited us to dinner so Bryan and I were there. Theron got his work caught up while he was waiting for the bus and brought her down—we have had a good visit all day yesterday and today. Bryan, Mike, Victor & Pam have gone skiing. Pam just to watch. We, Lavina & I played scrabble most all day yesterday with Pam & Victor—Dimple & Carl came over about 10 o’clock and we visited ‘til midnight. A rather calm New Years Eve. It has snowed all morning but Winnie and Jim made it down for dinner—Wilma’s family, Wanda & Don came too. A nice day visiting.

Jan 2—a lazy day—took down the tree and all the Christmas decorations and packed them away. In the evening Theron & I went to the basketball game—BYU vs UTEP (Texas) good game, we won. It is cold—lots of snow.

3 Jan

Fast Sunday—I didn’t bear my testimony in meetings but I do know I have many, many things to be grateful for. My heart is filled with the knowledge that the Lord loves me and that there is so much for me to learn of the gospel. I pray that I may become worthy of my new calling as teacher in the Rel. Soc.

It is still snowing. Reed came in about 9:00. It is raining in California—near flood levels.

5 Jan Tues

Barbara called this morning to tell us of the disaster in Marin County. Willmore’s house is flooded. Lettie and Don spent the night in the Church. Rhett & Kim are stranded in their apartment—their car in water up to the windows. Their Bishops family and Willmore’s are at Storey’s until they can get into their house. Reed has tried all day to call Story’s but can’t get through.

7 Jan

Ryan got to Provo late Tuesday night and called about noon yesterday to report on the flooding in their home. They had 18 inches in the house—they had piled things up as best they could but carpets were ruined and time will tell about electrical appliances, fridge, washer, dryer, etc. Reed picked Ryan up and bought him over for dinner.

9<sup>th</sup> Jan

Becky & Danny came Friday—She had a Dr's apt. I spent much of yesterday working on my Rel. Soc. lesson. It has been beautiful, sunny weather Friday, yesterday & today but no snow has melted it, is so cold. Temperature hovering around zero in spite of the sun.

24 Jan 1982

I didn't write last Sunday because I was laid low with the flu. Began to feel better on Wed. Wilma & kids came over for the day Friday—(Teachers mtgs) Barbara Jean had a ganglion taken off her finger. I made beef stroganoff with 5 pounds of ground beef for dinner. Besides Fullmer's there was Becky & Danny. She had a Dr's apt. they left about noon Saturday. Theron, Bryan & I went to the BYU vs Wyo game. We lost 25 to 27. A heart breaker.

Weather—sunny—pretty—but so cold none of the snow is melting. David reports terribly cold weather in Michigan—has slowed them down somewhat in their missionary work though they do keep going. I am grateful for a warm comfortable house.

27<sup>th</sup>

Betty Jo Cline and I did our visiting teaching today. One of our sisters surely has problems. On Monday I put up a quilt and have made headway on it. Monday night we went over to Wanda & Don's for a video movie—a cruddy one, The Deer Hunter.

7 Feb Sunday

Becky had a 7 lb. 7 oz. baby boy born this morning at 8:01. David Lee is the name they have chosen for him. She has been here for a week—waiting—we have had a good visit. I got quite a bit of quilting done but haven't finished it yet. Tuesday night was work nite in Rel. Society. I went to a new class—Colleen Stout reviews a book. It was "Man's Search for Meaning" this month. Enjoyed it. Letter from Roger & Carol and David yesterday. Lavina Friday.

11 Feb 1982

I brought Becky home from the hospital Tues. (9<sup>th</sup>) She & the baby seem to be doing fine. Danny left for work Monday only to come back Tuesday night because the mine went on strike. They are going back to work tonight so they decided to all go back with him and save him a trip back tomorrow or Sat. Becky needs a few more days rest but I can see their point. Hope the Rel. Soc. steps in a bit.

14 Feb 1982

Sunday—sort of a dismal day—Has rained some. Was a good day at mtgs—I taught the Relief Society lesson and feel good about it. Seemed to go well.

Yesterday Bryan played basketball—their team won by a big margin—afterwards I had to take him down to the hospital where they took off a big toenail that was half on & half off. Ryan Willmore came over—had lunch and dinner with us. No letter from David this week!!!

21 February 1982 Sunday

A comparatively calm week—I went visiting teaching on Wed., to the Temple Thursday and that night saw Bryan play basketball. His team won. They go into stake playoffs now. We had a good letter from David this week—He was made District Leader and is getting a new companion. Also a good letter from Lavina.

Reed called home—His parent have a real heartache and on top of that Don has to have eye surgery for glaucoma and here they have had no time to get over the flood they had.

28 February 1982

We began our morning walks this week. It's cold at 8 AM but otherwise nice. We just wear coats, hats & gloves. The family tape came. Barbara called today. Mikila had been sick 104 temperature. Thus she was feeling a little overwhelmed. Scott Conner's missionary farewell was today. An adult fireside tonight had speakers Gwen and Phil Christensen, International representatives to Greece. They had a rough but rewarding 2 years. They organized a branch of 25 people before they left.

7 March 1982

A quiet week—it was snowy and rainy 'til Thursday—I did quite a bit of sewing—reading—began work on my Rel. Soc. lesson "Precious Teaching moments." Then early Sat. AM (7 o'clock) Wilma and I drove down to Becky's in Castledale—Had a good visit and helped her clean her house and get ready for today—Theron, Wanda, Bryan & Mike Assay came down early this morning in time for their 8:30 church. Danny blessed David Lee—we attended their meetings and had a big ham dinner before we headed home. Wanda wanted to be home by four—we barely made it.

Barbara called yesterday—will be here Thursday. Rel. Soc. work meeting was Tuesday. We did a quilt for Betty Jo Davis and had a book review of the book "Return from Tomorrow." Janine has a job with a travel agency in Cottonwood Mall so has moved to Salt Lake with a missionary companion.

8<sup>th</sup> Mon

The neighborhood fireside at Hyatt's—They are a fine family.

13<sup>th</sup>\*

My 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and what a full rewarding day—Barbara & Mikila came on Thursday from California. We spent a couple hours this morning at the Mall. They were having a Home and garden

show and we walked though that. She, Wilma and Wanda cooked a big dinner. Pope's, 7 of them, arrived mid afternoon from New Mexico where they picked up Donna—their missionary—Mike Assay stayed for dinner so we had 2 tables full. Wilma, Wanda & Barbara are daughters to be proud of—Lavina called from Hawaii to say Happy Birthday—good talking to her. Becky called—I received about 20 birthday cards—overwhelming!

21 Mar 1982

Bright sunshiny day—still cold though—Barbara & Mikila went back home on Wednesday. It has been quiet. Was good having them—note from Sallie—Nancy is in the hospital. Good letter from David yesterday and Shirley wrote a very special letter for my birthday.

(Bryan's) The Ward Basketball team won the area Sportsmanship trophy this year!

28 Mar

A busy week—Bro. Eleazer Asay died on Monday Mike's grandfather—He gave several of the kids their patriarchal blessings. The funeral was Thursday AM. I took a macaroni salad. Friday evening was the Rel. Soc. Birthday dinner. We were on the cleanup committee. Chicken & Rice, green beans, potatoes, salad & cake was the menu. There was a riot of a program. Our spring weather pulled in its head today—a very short letter from David this week—our only mail. Bills & ads don't count. Fast Sunday today since next week is Gen. Conference.

18 Apr

Oops I slipped up—since my last entry we have had General Conference—Becky & Danny were here—Pres. Kimball spoke briefly at the end of the closing session. A very touching moment. Vivian & Donna came for 3 days. She found a place to live and got herself registered for school. They will be back the 22<sup>nd</sup> to move her in and attend ViAnn's graduation. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of Mar. Barbara Jean had her clogging dance review—quite a spectacle!

Last night Bryan and Mike had a party—they made pizzas over at Mikes, then came here for 2 movies and banana splits afterwards. Think there were 5 couples.

April

On Thursday Theron took the day off and we went to Melanie Smith's wedding in the Jordan River Temple. Wilma and Wanda went with us. A nice day. There was a breakfast afterwards so we got lots of visiting in. Ray is due to retire in July.

27 April

Lettie and Don arrived on the 20<sup>th</sup>—we had a GOOD visit. Don has had a rough time with 3 surgeries on his eye—but he has begun to improve. He doesn't see with his left eye except shadows yet. Reed graduated the 24<sup>th</sup>—Friday, also ViAnn—Vivian & Clive came Thursday. Brought Donna and went to graduation—a nice day. Rex Lee was graduation speaker. Clive took us to the Chuck a Rama for lunch. On Sat. Reed took us to the Heritage house for dinner. Lettie & Don left Monday.

Today

they installed cable TV. I took Gary to the Dr. he has been having ear problems. They irrigated his ears to remove a bunch of hardened wax.

4 May 1982

Exciting news today. They called from Social Services to tell Wanda & Don they had a baby boy for them. Of course they hurried down. Brought home a 7 lb.+ , black haired boy 2 week old. They will name him Jacob Donald.

Had Rel. Soc. work mtg—completely overshadowed by Wanda's news.

6 May

We went to see Pam's ward production of "The Mikado." She was the accompanist—Victor in the chorus. It was an outstanding production.

13 May 1982

A nice Mother's Day—on Sat. we had dinner at Wanda's. I spent Sunday morning working on my lesson for Rel. Soc. that I gave in the afternoon. After meetings Theron took us to the Coachman for dinner. He gave me 3 puzzle books for Mother's Day. Lettie & I had spent as much time with one ViAnn had given us.

Bryan finished the roll top desk he was making in Shop. It was exhibited at the craftsman fair at BYU. He got a yellow ribbon—Honorable mention.

16 May

Stake Conference—I went to the dinner last night and the meeting at 7:00—but was so tired this morning I couldn't get up. Don and friend cleaned & waxed floors down stairs and carpets up stairs by the time I had things back in place I was exhausted. Good job to have done. Letter from Steven yesterday.

23 May Sun

A beautiful Sunday weather wise—John York and his wife across the street were speakers at Church—Francis Watkins gave an outstanding lesson on "Love" in Re. Soc. At 6:00 we went to Bryan's Seminary graduation so it has been a full day. Letter from Lavina yesterday.

Shirley, Preston & Debra stopped in for a short visit yesterday—Debra had surgery 3 wks ago. Is now wearing a urine bag on the outside. We are getting ready for our trip to Los Angeles to pick up Smith's from England.

26 May 1982

Theron and I left for Los Angeles at noon—made good time but stopped in Victorville for a good night's sleep. Got to Anaheim about 10 AM. Took some time locating an inexpensive motel—unpacked and then went to the airport—just killed time 'til 3:00 when their plane was due. It was about 5 before they got through customs and up for us to meet them. Gladys & Jack are a charming

81 yr. old couple. We spent Friday at Disneyland. Got a good night sleep and traveled across the desert of California & Arizona to the south rim of Grand Canyon on Sat. Spent Sunday AM there and left for Las Vegas via the Hoover Dam. Walked through a few Casino's and went out to Delores & Dan's for the night. (29<sup>th</sup>) Visited 'til late—after breakfast the next AM we left for Zion's Canyon—then Bryce. It was a long day but we got home to Orem about 11:15 PM. Sunday night. Was good to get to bed. The remainder of the week has been spent showing them around here.

Reed moved on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. He will be house sitting for Sister Ana Clea while she is in Oregon—Washington.

It is July 6<sup>th</sup>

I will try and catch up on some of the highlights—Gladys and Jack have been delightful guests and enjoy everything. We had a long day, Sat. the 5<sup>th</sup> (June) in Grantsville. Went to Heber and Midway, did Alpine Loop and Squaw peak where we watched some hang gliders take off. Steven arrived June 13<sup>th</sup>—looks handsome as usual, David went to Arkadelphia and he arrived with Shirley and kids on the 14<sup>th</sup>—we spent a lovely afternoon with Frank and Romania Wise.

Barb & Jeff arrived the morning of 18<sup>th</sup>—Becky—then Roger & families that afternoon. Then on Sat. the 19<sup>th</sup> we had the big day at the Park with our meeting in the morning and dinner at noon. With a program at Wanda & Pam's ward by Barbara Jean's clogging group and an organ recital by Jack—then singing afterward. A full day. On Sunday was David's homecoming. The older kids sang "To A Child" (Steven, Shirley & Wanda) Roger & Carol, Victor, Wilma had to leave in the morning to be at work Monday AM.

Ray and Margaret took Jack & Gladys to Yellowstone on Monday (21<sup>st</sup>) and Wed. noon Theron and I went to get them. Steven & Shirley left that morning early then Becky & Danny. We left Barbara and Jeff—they stayed till Sat. evening.

We got to Ray & Margaret's late afternoon—had dinner with them—then went to Pope's where we spent the night. We left the next morning leisurely and reached Nyssa right at noon. Took Norma to lunch and visited for 2 hours—reached Kennewick and Pasco that night—then Seattle by early afternoon the next day (25<sup>th</sup>). Found the ferries then a motel, then did some sightseeing. The next morning at 8 AM we put Jack and Gladys on the ferry to Victoria. Then went back to the motel for a leisurely shower & breakfast—we reached Nyssa that evening and spent the night with Norma and went to church with her. Took her out to dinner then left for Rupert where we spent the night at Ray & Margaret's—picked up half a beef the next morning—reached home about noon. Spent the remainder of the week trying to catch up with housework, washing, weeding, etc., between taking Bryan to Dr., Dentist for missionary physicals. Sunday Wrights arrived and they will be staying for 4 days. They are from Beverly, England Yorkshire.

Oh I mustn't forget—when we called to check on the boys on Sat. we talked to David to learn Pam had her baby—a boy born 25<sup>th</sup> June just before midnight—7 lbs. 5 oz—21 in long. Ross Richard is his name.



On Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> John, Joyce and Jane Wright came. They are cousins of Mel Ludlow. Since Mel and Alice are on a mission in Israel we invited them to stay here. David went with them to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade downtown on Monday. Sunday night Jane went with him to the 5 Stake fireside at the Marriot Center. They did some visiting and shopping and left late Wed. afternoon of the 7<sup>th</sup>.

11 July Sun

My Mother Ed. Lesson went well today. It has been a good Sunday. After dinner Theron and I went to Ogden with Dimple and Carl to see June. We came home with lots of leftovers from their dinners. They are leaving for N.C. on Tuesday.

12 Mon

Baby tended Jacob all morning while Wanda did shopping for camp. Went visiting teaching in the afternoon. Shirley Penny is now my companion. They are a new family in the ward from Canada. She is expecting her 9<sup>th</sup> baby. Her husband is going back to school at BYU.

28 Wed

A busy 2 weeks "getting my ducks in a row" for my trip to Germany. My plane is at 11:30 in the morning. Steven will meet me in Atlanta and we will get the 5 o'clock plane for Frankfurt—I am Excited.

Dimple & Carl went to N.C. I picked their raspberries 3 times—made lots of jam and good deserts. Lavina stopped over for 1½ days on her way home from N.C. Wanda & Don & Jacob left for Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico on Tues. will be gone a little over 2 weeks.

Aug 1

Theron took me into the airport the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Met Steven in Atlanta—we had a good visit over the Pacific. Watched a stupid movie "Death Watch" and slept fitfully—arriving in Frankfurt about 9 AM on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Maria had a friend (Jane Greenwood) meet us and we visited with her and her husband and 2 children at their apartment. Michael has really grown—as of course have each of the kids—McKay the least. Germany is interesting—different—difficult to describe. On Saturday I slept in 'til noon. Steven and Michael played softball all day in a church tournament—they won—I babysat while Maria went shopping. Their friends Karen and Harry Arthur combined dishes and had dinner with us. Had a nice dinner—talked too—too late—then Steven, Maria and I even longer. Maria & I 'til 3 AM. I got up in time to get ready for church at 1 PM. Their church is on post in Ansbach. A young couple (both military) who were married a few months ago in the Swiss Temple, he's a new convert—came for dinner. We talked again 'til late—I slept in the next morning again.

Aug 2

Maria washed all day—I played games with Michael—mostly a long game of "risk." Tonight Steven played a game of scrabble.

August 3

Spent the day in Rothenburg (pronounced Rottenburg) a famous walled city. In the evening we had dinner at Karen and Harry Arthur's. Visited 'til late. They are a fun couple to talk to. They have Paul 2 yr. and Laura 6. Harry works with Steven.

4<sup>th</sup>

Went to Furth to the PX—spent several hours shopping. I bought a nutcracker for Ruby.

5<sup>th</sup> Aug

Went to Nurnberg to Tiergarten (a zoo)(animal garden) except we didn't see very much because it began to rain shortly after we got inside. We came home looking like drowned rats. Michael & I worked on a puzzle—read.

6<sup>th</sup>

Went shopping at Ansbach—went to the Library on Post—Friends from the Ward came over—more of the puzzle and reading.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 1982

Slept in—Church—The mission President and his wife were speakers. Pres. Dillenbach. Helped with dinner—meatloaf—potatoes, beans, fruit salad & green salad. Told the kids the story of Grandpa Harper and his dog. They were properly impressed.

Mon Aug 9<sup>th</sup>

We left early this morning—Dropped the kids off at a friend's and Steven, Maria and I went to Obbrammergau—Spent a couple hours shopping then went to the Linderhof Castle. My what an elaborate place. King Ludwig II lived here more than any of his other Castles. It was an all day trip—interesting!!

10<sup>th</sup>

I tended the kids—Maria went to work at the PX where she demonstrated Singer Sewing Machines. We put up a quilt and I worked on that most of the day.

14<sup>th</sup> Sat

Finished the quilt today—have spent lots of time on it this week. We did go to the Tiergardon on Friday—a nice day. This morning we went to the market—a sort of Farmer's market they have in Ansbach.

15<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Meetings—Maria is Stake Homemaking leader and she had a branch conference. I taught a Primary class on Obedience—the CTR's, Jason's class. I felt that it was a successful class. Steven was the Sac. speaker. Spoke on the importance of communication. Did well. He has developed the

ability to express himself well. I really am proud of him. Monday I tended the kids—Maria spent the day in lines getting Michael eyes tested and the kids registered for school. Tuesday we shopped in Ansbach—interesting stores—and Michael picked out his glasses. 250 DM they have to pay that's about \$100 US money. Letter from Lavina. She is showing Hirshmann's a good time. Wednesday I baby tended plus Karen Arthur's 2 children while they shopped and did errands—read a book—played ball with the boys for an hour in the park. In the evening Maria went to the Officers tea and Michael and I played Clue and Mille Borne.

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

We shopped in Nuremburg at the Commissary and found a Uno game so we have been playing that quite a bit. The Gary's gave Maria a big dish pan of plums (yellow ones). They don't eat raw fruit much so she was looking for a way to use them. So I ended up making 6 loaves of plum bread, using an applesauce bread recipe. Went with Maria & Michael to Ansbach to some music boxes and 3 Lebkuchen boses. I'm not sure who will get which.

Katterbach—small town with mostly servicemen  
Rouladens—a Venetian blind type shade installed on the outside of the window  
Gasthaus—restaurant

24 Aug 1982

Steven Maria and I left their place at 6 AM made a few stops (at the friends who kept the kids—at the post for Steven to sign out etc) and were on our way to Rotterdam, Holland. It was a lovely drive. We got to the ferry about 3:30. Too early yet not early enough to drive back to Rotterdam to look around. Boarded the ferry at 5:00 but didn't sail 'til 7:00 so we could have gone to Rotterdam after all. Anyway we watched them load the cargo vehicles and finally leave. Then had our dinner—an "eat all you want" affair—went out on deck 'til dark—then in the lounge for an hour—then to bed. I woke up twice in the night and since the battery in my watch was dead I didn't know what time it was and each time I put on my coat and went out on deck for half an hour—it seemed such a dream world!!

We left ship in Hull at 8:00 and Joyce and Jane Wright were there to meet us. They drove us around Hull and some other places then out to their house—a new one they are just moving into. Then to an inn for lunch—a dinner really where we had our first Yorkshire pudding, beef, vegetables and a luscious apple pie. Then to York where we met Jack and spent a couple hours in that walled city. Interesting! Then to Jacks about 6:00 where Gladys had a dinner ready for us. Trifle for desert! A bath and to bed—a specially good night's sleep. Jack & Gladys have a charming home.

25<sup>th</sup> Aug 1982

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of Aug. 1847 Steven Smith was born. Our Steven Smith was born 1947 what a coincidence. Today Jack took us to Kildwick Parish Church, dating back hundreds of years. The Church where the Smith records should be. The vicar was not in so we just looked around we drove over the territory where all the Smith & probably Lund ancestors have trodden. Gladys stayed home and had a roast beef & Yorkshire pudding dinner ready for us. In the afternoon we went to Cliffe museum, formerly Cliffe Castle, in Keighley. In the evening we went to Jack's rehearsal with his choir.

John's wife Margaret took us. Afterward Frank and Barbara came over—and Rachel and her fiancé. Rachel and [blank] are Frank & Barbara's daughters.

26<sup>th</sup>

Sightseeing all day—so many places and I can't remember all the names—got post cards—to refer to—dashed around in the early evening to get ready and went with Jack & Gladys to the reception the Mayor of Cologne gave for Frank's male Choir. They had one first place at the Llogallan National Competition in Germany (?). it was quite an affair.

From a tea towel Gladys has Cricket explained you have two sides—one out in the field and one in. Each man that's in the side that's in goes out and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. When they are all out the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in out. Sometimes you get men still in and not out when both sides have been in and out including the not outs that's the end of the game.

Writing in the car

27<sup>th</sup>

We did some sightseeing—ate dinner at Harry Ramsdales—The world's largest Fish and Chips place then on to Rippon Cathedral, where Jack had an appointment for making arrangements for a concert he is giving on the first. Then we went to David and Thea's (Dorothea) where their daughter had prepared a sumptuous TEA all sorts of new foods with about 15 deserts, éclairs, apple pie, several cakes, meringues, cookies and fruit cakes. There is a daughter Carolyn who was home for holiday—who is in training as a nurse. Nice visit—home about 11:00. [inserted into margin] Steven bought a deerstalker cap.

28<sup>th</sup>

Shopped in Keighley—made reservations on plans to London. To tea at Frank and Barbara's. they have a lovely home as does David—oh yes David has Bee's—a big garden, chicken, ducks, (2 acre of land)—He gave us a pound of honey to take home. Back to Frank's another super tea—and then a songfest home again at 11:00.

29 Sunday

To Church with Gladys & Jack. Frank is the church organist. He played "I am a Child of God" during the meeting. I give up writing in the car—but back to Sunday—we had a restful Sunday afternoon. I lay down to read and went to sleep. About 5:00 we walked over to John and Margaret's for tea—another of those banquets. Steven played cricket with John and the boys—David, Andrew and Jonathan. When they came in at dark there was a song fest and a nice visit. Home by eleven. Gladys and Jack have a nice family.

30<sup>th</sup> Monday

Drove to Hull with Jack to put Steven and Maria on the North Sea ferry to Rotterdam. It was a 5 hour trip both ways. Was raining hard during the Hull half of the trip. To bed early.

Tues

Went to Skipton expecting to go to the Library there but it was closed. Still observing Bank holiday. Spent the morning shopping—home by noon Jack was doing something at a hospital about Pianos didn't quite understand what. After lunch we went to Haworth-Bronte Country—went to the Church where the father was the Rector and to their home, interesting. Went into some shops—got home for tea—had a walk—read a history of Keighley, some articles about Robert Peel—Had a hot bath and to bed.

Wed. Sept 1

Up at 6:00 to Leeds for the plane at 7:30 arrived in Gatwick airport (London) at 9:00. Looked around the airport there and read 'til 12:00 when the plane left for Atlanta Wendell was at the airport to meet me when I arrived about 8:45 with the news that he and Janene are engaged. And that Bryan is in Hawaii. He, Mike and Reed went over on an 8 day special. LeVar's had come early I August (from Arkansas) Victor's mother came down for his graduation and they had Ross blessed—the dinner here and a big crowd. Barbara had come, Sharon brought Tina to school. ViAnn spent a couple nights—she was on her way to Roosevelt where she will be teaching—so lots was happening while I was gone.

Friday 3

Went to bed at 6:00 last night. I have a bad case of Jet Lag. Did get up to walk with Ruby, Ethel & Ora Mae. Have hung out lots of washing, cleaned both rooms. Wanda came over—gave her some knit material for her to start some sewing for Jacob. \*The Family tape came and the first issue of the Smith news letter though only Roger and Shirley had letters. Guess it will take a bit to get everyone started in the new format.

24 Sept

Goodness I didn't realize time had passed so quickly—It has been a hectic 3 weeks. It took me a week to get my sleeping hours back to normal—There was piles of washing to catch up and my Relief Soc lesson to prepare. Think it went well. Went to the Cannery one day where we did peaches. On the 13<sup>th</sup> the neighborhood party was at Chuck & Ruby's. Chuck prepared a spaghetti dinner for everyone. On the 15<sup>th</sup> I went to work with Theron—spent the day at the Library then we went out to the fair. Winnie and Jim met us and we spent the night at their house. I spent the day at the Library again much of the time trying to find a new book David Schaefermeyer told me about. The history of Lenoir Co. someone seems to be sitting on it.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> we went with Bryan to the Temple for his endowments and then the next day was his farewell. We shared the Sacrament meeting with Mike Davis so we gave short talks. Vivian, Clive & Ryle came Sat AM—were here when we got back from the Temple. Brought 3 big bags of yummy corn so Donna & ViAnn were here for dinners. Becky and Danny came on Friday—Bryan had a dental problem and went to the dentist, seems to be under control.

Went to the Cannery Wed & Thurs. picked 2 bushes of peaches at Wood's (Don's parents house) and have just finished canning them. My house is a mess.

30 Sept 1982

Bryan to the MTC. Wanda and Don went with us to his Orientation. Nice—Learned that they have added a new language. Russian! Home about noon—Wendell was here for lunch and a visit. I went over to Wanda's and helped her with her pears for a couple hours. Betty Jo Davis called—she had taken down Mike and Bryan's blessing when they were set apart Tues night and she is sending Bryan a copy of his.

Went to the Scera Theatre all by myself to see "Savannah Smiles" and "Chariots of Fire." It was the last night.

31 Sept

Went to the Welfare Cannery for a 9 to 12:30 shift, to can pears.

Sat 2 Oct

General Conference—baked bread & made a big pot of stew, a good conference—"The Book of Mormon another Witness for Jesus Christ" Will be the new name of the Book of Mormon

7 Oct

Picked grapes yesterday and made juice today—It is UEA and Barbara, Alan and Gary stayed here today. Wilma worked in a booth at UEA in Salt Lake today & tomorrow.

8 Oct

Wrote a Long letter to Lavina and one to Shirley & Steven.

9<sup>th</sup> Sat

Theron and I drove out to Grantsville for a Clark reunion. They featured Charlotte Gailey in a skit that was touching. Barbara called in the morning before we left.—She is pregnant—Having morning sickness.

13<sup>th</sup> Wed

A lovely evening—went with Ora Mae Hyatt to the Stake house for a Relief Society "Tribute to Women." They had a lovely program of original skits, songs, dances, etc. Plus an exhibit of art work. Oh, Wanda went with us. Yesterday I spent 3 hrs. at the Cannery boxing apple juice. Sunday was my Relief Society lesson—seemed to go well.

19<sup>th</sup> Oct

Nothing exciting to report—got a permanent today.

25<sup>th</sup> Oct

Mike Asay's & Reed Parks farewell yesterday—a lovely meeting—Sisters in the ward sang the song—"In the Hollow of Your Hand" a song that really grabs the heart strings.

Last Thursday I went with Theron to work—spent the morning at the Genealogy Library; the afternoon at the Salt Palace at the Food and Hobby show. They had a beautiful quilt exhibit and a hilarious pumpkin carving contest. There was a 249 pound pumpkin and a 239 [pound] squash. We wondered how many pies one of those would make. We spent the night with Chesnutwoods—Had a good visit—The next day at the Library. David Schaefermeyer was there, was very helpful.

Nov 1982

This month I seem to be just going on one cylinder—

Took a trip up to Vivian and Clive's on Fri. The 5<sup>th</sup> Betty Chesnutwood went with me. Then Vivian came back with us and spent a week.

Wendell moved home—we have had several soul searching talks—It is going to take some effort to get on the track and stabilized there. My prayers are filled with entreaties in his behalf.

Theron had the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> off work—Veteran's day and then we went to Brenda Belliston's wedding at the Temple on Friday and to the wedding breakfast at Sill's afterwards. Put up a big quilt—a sunburst.

Clive & Ryle came on Friday to get Vivian. They left Sat afternoon. They had a bumper crop of beans and brought us down about 18 sacks (25 lb each).

Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

Went with Theron to work—spent the day at the Library and in the evening went over to Temple Square where Barbara Jean and her "Fancy Feet" Clogger group were performing with the Cloggers West. Mike Asay left MTC.

Sat

Theron cleaned my kitchen cupboards hurrah—so good to have it done, feels so good.

5 Dec

Stake Conference today at the Marriot Center. Pres. Dunn was released as Stake Pres and Theron as clerk—Robert Parsons is our new Stake President with Sidney Gilbert as 1<sup>st</sup> Couns. and John Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup> Couns.

Alan was baptized yesterday and confirmed by his dad. Wilma had us all up for a late lunch. Keith's parents, Joyce and her kids came down.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> we went to the Temple to see Jacob sealed to Wanda & Dion—a special experience. Then the next morning to their sacrament meeting where he was blessed, Ray & Margaret came. They were down to Melvin's for Thanksgiving. We just had Wanda and Wilma's family for our Thanksgiving dinner this year. We all fit at one table. Correction—Becky & Danny were here too.

Bryan left the MTC on Wednesday. Wanda and I drove to the airport to see him off. He called that night—He is in Redwood City.

7 Dec

The Ward Christmas Party was tonight—a Hawaiian Luau—served at True Hawaiian Time 1 ½ hours late. Nevertheless it was a nice evening. I have a new visiting teaching partner. Sister Thelma Olsen. We did our teaching this morning.

15 Dec

I'm surely slow getting things done these days. I have cut jobs down to the minimum. We got remembrances mailed to Steven in Germany, the Smith's & Wrights in England & Hirschmanns. Bryan called last night. He is worried about money. Mike Asay called David. He had received his Dear John from Johanna.

Bob Jaggi is Bishop of LeGrand Ward. Writing with your arm suspended is silly—think I should skip the bottom of the pages.

Dec 26, 1982

We have had a somewhat hectic but Merry Christmas. Shirley and Blair got here from Arkadelphia on Sunday evening the 19<sup>th</sup>—Lavina the 21<sup>st</sup>—Becky & Danny the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It has been good seeing the grandchildren—but time has gone too fast—We spend too much time in food preparation and not enough personal time together. Everyone came the late afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup>—We had dinner and a home evening. A Nice time together—We talked to Roger & Carol, Barbara and Bryan on the phone.

1983

In Retrospect

January 1

It has been a Super tremendous year—Jack and Gladys coming—the family reunion—My trip to Europe! So many things that I never did justice to recording it. This has been a good Christmas holiday also. A good visit with Lavina—Shirley & Blair went to Logan on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We went up to Salt Lake with Theron on the 29<sup>th</sup>—had lunch and a good visit with Winnie. Lavina stayed with Gladys who took her to the airport the next AM.

4 Tue

Shirley & family came back for the night—They had a good visit with Olson's—I forgot to write that Shirley, Preston, Debra & Betty came for a visit the 27<sup>th</sup>. They were taking Debbie back to school after the holidays. Preston is between jobs—enjoying being home but a bit uneasy about the economy and what the future holds so far as his business is concerned.

15 Jan 1983!

Have been suffering from post holiday blues—I spent lots of time studying and getting ready for the Stake mother Ed. Lesson I gave on the 8<sup>th</sup>—was scared to death but think it went well. Also the Rel Soc lesson in our ward the next day.



Wanda brought over one of her Laurels—Laurel Hodson to clean for 2-4 hours once a week—Has gone well.

David has the Blazers out back for a cookout. The weather has been unbelievably nice—sunny for this time of year. Ethel and I began walking this week after being lazy for a couple months. Bro. LeGrand Richard's funeral was yesterday. Theron came home at noon.

21 Jan 1983 Friday

A very nice evening—The new Stake Presidency gave a dinner for the outgoing Presidency at the Wilkinson Center—a roast beef dinner. The close of an Era—Vern and Mary are moving to St. George—They are special people I am glad to have known them.

Wilma and kids were here today—Wilma at school half the time—I baked bread.

6 Feb

Letters to Bryan, Barbara & Pam today—Had letters from them and one from Lavina this week. Relief Soc. work meeting Wednesday—I made 2 pies for the luncheon. Gave a little welfare spot—

Yesterday helped Dimple & Carol at a dinner for the UEA—we served 900 teachers—an interesting experience.

Nice Spiritual Living lesson today in Rel Soc on Prayer. LaDawn & Wayne Asay came over. They are going to Hawaii the 19<sup>th</sup>.

13<sup>th</sup> Feb 1983

Gave my lesson in Mother Ed. Today—Feel that it went well. \*Wrote to Bryan, Gladys and Jack & Lavina.

Theron and I started the Teacher Training Class under Bro. Connors last week. We should enjoy—Theron was called to the Stake Pres. Office on Tuesday. Was called as 1<sup>st</sup> ass't to the High Priest Group Leader.

I helped Dimple with a wedding breakfast on Friday.

March 1<sup>st</sup>

\*The family tape came today. Don't think I have written that Nancy has been with Wilma since December. Sally, her companion, had a stroke and there seemed to be no other alternative.

Haven't written for 2 weeks so better back up and record that Wendell went to Belgium on the 17<sup>th</sup> to get married—it has been a worry—He owes so much money—and how we learn that he had only 2 weeks leave approved and has now lost his job. Don't know what else to say about it.

8<sup>th</sup>

Pam called this morning—They are happy—Victor has a job. He started today—It's a Social Services job with the gov't. over the Senior Citizens.

27 Mar

I have really slipped up on the job—will try and make a quick review of the past 2 weeks. Had a good letter from Barbara yesterday they have moved to a new apartment in Mill Valley—near Jeff's father's office. Letter also from Shirley—Nothing from Wendell!!

Today was fast Sunday because of Conference next week. Then this afternoon Winnie & Jim came down bringing Winnie's sister Mary Ellen who was out for a 10 day visit.

David was in the Road show this week. Our ward won 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Dimple rode up with me to Pope's in Idaho on the 14<sup>th</sup> to get our beef. We had a good visit, came back on Wednesday.

Apr 4<sup>th</sup> Mon

Another Conference weekend—Becky and Danny came on Thursday and left today at noon—Vivian, Clive, Ryle & Verl got here Sunday AM before Conference and had dinner with us. As did Wanda, Wilma & families. Today I haven't felt like doing much of anything. Did write a letter to Bryan. Had one from him and Lavina on Thursday. Nothing from Wendell!!!!

It's going to be a busy week. Rel Soc Work evening on Wed. my lesson Sunday. Berl Clayton, one of the sisters I visit teach had her baby this AM so will organize and take in meals.

Ruby, Ethel & I are going to the Red Cross Center 1 ½ hours each day—

Apr 6

Wendell & Janine came down with Theron. They got to Salt Lake Sunday night. They are both job hunting. I do hope they get on the right road and keep on it.

12 Apr

Theron and I drove to Pleasant Grove to see Alan in his school play. He did a Narration spot and was an antelope in a skit portraying an African story of why the mosquito sings in your ear. He was the cutest child on the stage! Sunday Ryan Willmore & Tina Storey came for dinner—I gave my Mother Education lesson in Rel Soc—wrote to Bryan—finished when Dimple & Carl came. Lisa had a bad infection from having her ears pierced. They had to take her to the emergency room—Her ear was swollen big—and down her neck and shoulder. \*Wrote to Lavina today.

13 Apr 1983

Went to the Rec. Center with Chuck & Ruby—then went down to the dentist and sat with Ryan after he had his wisdom teeth out. Brought him home to recuperate for a couple days. \*Theron mailed our income tax returns. \*Wrote to Shirley.

To the Rec Center—Wilma & kids were here when I got home. She brought us a BIG bowl of strawberries and we had strawberry shortcake for dinner. Taylors have gone to Arizona and I'm feeding their chickens & rabbits. No mail today.

17<sup>th</sup>

Wrote to Bryan & Steven. Keith Becksteads home coming today—Theron gave his mini class.

May 5

Lots of mail today—Bryan, Lavina, Mike Asay & Roger—The family tape came yesterday—So I have lots to do.

Yesterday was Rel Soc Mothers & Dau night. Wanda & Wilma both came. Wilma is working this week at the Mall for MCI. We got new phones and David put them in last Saturday.

8 May '83

A beautiful Mother's Day weather wise—a nice program at Church—and I have the lesson in Rel. Soc. "Read Me a Story." Barbara called, had nice cards from Wilma, Roger & Pam—plus letters—Steven called Fri. they have canceled the flight to Los Angeles they were planning on so will try for one to St. Louis Mo. Wants Dad to check on car rentals for them.

Thurs. Fri and Sat. Ethel, Ruby and I went to a Home & Family Conference at the "Y" a full interesting 3 days. Mailed the tape\*

15 May 1983

On the 12<sup>th</sup> Wanda & Jacob took me to the airport and here I am at Barbara's in Mill Valley. She is expecting her baby anytime. Roger met me at the airport. We had lunch with Carol at work and he brought me over to Barbara's. She looks good—Mikila and I spent Friday afternoon and night at Willmore's. Went to Ruth's school production. Sat went junking—did some sewing for Lettie and cut out a blouse for her. Stayed with Mikila while Barbara & Jeff went to the Stake house for an affair in honor of the outgoing Stake President.

21 May 1983

Here I am at Barbara's and we are still waiting for her little one to make (his-her) appearance. (He-She) seems to be reluctant to face this "cold and dreary world" at least it has given me a chance to become friends with Mikila. She is a cutie. She and I spent one night with Willmore's—Lettie took us junking on Thursday and the rest of the time has been spent in chores and visiting.

After a conversation with Lettie today (May 26th 2010) I found out that junking was shopping trip to a donation store like Savers or DI, or any place people have given stuff for donation and then other people buy it back.

23<sup>rd</sup>

Barbara went to the Dr today—She said tonight was the night—Barbara is surely miserable. We did grocery shopping—Mikila and I stayed at Lettie's while Barb was at the Dr. made tacos for dinner.

24 May 1983

\*Barbara's son was born early this morning—8 lbs 3 oz. I was half asleep when Jeff got home from the hospital so I didn't get all the particulars too clearly will have to enter them later. Jeff has finals today after being up 'til about 2 this AM so he will be taking them with a handicap. Theron called last evening. I called him this morning with the news. They have sorta decided on Christopher for the baby's name (later) Christopher is 21 ½ in long—he was born at 12:10.

25<sup>th</sup>

Mikila and I spent yesterday afternoon and night at Willmore's. we came back with Regan this morning. I cleaned house thoroughly and in the afternoon Jeff took Mikiland I to see Barbara. She looks good. Will be coming home tomorrow. Wrote to Shirley & Lavina. Had a letter from Theron.

30 May

A busy few days—Mother and daughter fine. They came home Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>). Yesterday Wilmores & Storey's came over for dinner. Don barbecued chicken. Roger, Eric and Carol came over today. Eric is 5 ft. 11½ " tall. I have a super case of hay fever.

31 May 1983

Jeff took me to the Sausalito ferry at 8:00 AM and Roger met me and drove me down to San Jose to see Bryan. We picked him and his companion, David Smith up at their apartment and Roger took us to lunch—We had a good visit—just seemed short for a 2 hour ride. Got to San Francisco airport at 1:05—had a good uneventful flight home. Theron was at the airport to meet me. Made me feel missed. He has an infection in his glands and my hay fever has left me with a sinus problem. There is lots to catch up on.

6 June 83

Steven & family came Sunday evening (yesterday) The stock phrase—The kids have grown—Michael is 5 ft 10 in skinny as Bryan at his age. They went shopping this morning, visiting this afternoon. I made beef stroganoff—baked beans Wilma desert, Wanda vegetables & Jello and we all had dinner together. I'm full.

11 June

Steven and family left about seven o'clock this morning. It was an uneventful visit—Nice but we didn't do anything special. They did lots of shopping. I played games with the kids—and cooked--  
\*The family tape came today—a sweet letter from Bryan. My Mother Ed. Lesson is tomorrow.

26 June

Theron and I drove up to Bern Idaho for the Kunz reunion. It wasn't very well organized but we did have some good visiting. We were gone exactly 12 hours. More hours traveling than there. When we got home and Lyle and Pay Bentley were parked in our driveway—a big motor home. They are a young couple form Virginia Beach where Regan was on his mission. They took Regan and David to

R. Spencer Hines for dinner—they left after Church today. Bro. Deuchere spoke and the Bishop gave an outstanding talk on the importance of the family.

Taylors left for Europe on Friday and I am taking care of chickens, rabbits and flowers.

4 July 1983

Utah Valley has really celebrated our country's birthday. There were 4 nights of Clogging Competition (we went on Thursday when Barbara Jean's group danced.) Sat night was a big to do at Cougar Stadium put together by the Osmonds. David went—took Laurel Hodson. We are watching it on TV tonight.

It was a busy week. I helped Wanda pick her peas—we each got more than a bushel. Theron shelled most of them—we ate a lot and I froze the rest.

Sharon storey was here for the week. She did lots of visiting and BYUing.

Had some problems with the rabbits. They kept getting their back legs caught in the wire on the bottom of the cage. One got hurt so bad he died. I had to call on David to get most of them out. I'm tired.

25<sup>th</sup> July

It has been a busy time in gardens—I've picked several bushels of peas and beans in Wanda's garden—plus cherries & raspberries picking preparing them to eat or freeze is a time consuming job—Have spent time with Dimple. Helped them with a dinner. They came for dinner to visit with Don Willmore (and 4 of the Willmore kids) and last Friday she went with me to The American Fork Training school to see Debra Olsen. A very impressive place. Willmore's left this morning. Norma and Dennis came about noon and Lavina this evening.

July 31<sup>st</sup>

Our Bishopric was released today—Our new Bishop is Tom Carter, with Vernon Marks as 1<sup>st</sup> Counselor and Harold Reynolds 2<sup>nd</sup>. A full house for Church went to Sundance with Lavina & Gladys on Thurs. to see "Seven Brides for Seven Bro." a Beautiful spot.

7 Aug Sunday

Good meeting today. Bishop Carter conducted his first Sac . mtg. Have had a good week with Lavina. She went up to Vivian's last Friday—came back Wed. evening. Picked cherries Friday AM.

14 Sept

Another month of neglect-- -- -- -- --

Shirley's family came the 13<sup>th</sup> so it was a busy GOOD time. Lavina was here to visit with them too. Shirley left on the 17<sup>th</sup> for Logan. They had an Olson reunion the rest of the week. Jeff left the 20<sup>th</sup> but Barbara and kids stayed another week—we had some good visits. It was Education week and Sharon Storey stayed with us—nights since she was at the Ed we all day. The week after they left I got a

comparatively light case of the flu and missed the Aycock reunion in Vernal. I had a rough time with sinus & congestion 'til last Tues I got a Kenolog shot and it has about cleared up.

We began swimming again on Wednesday. The pool had been closed for 2 weeks for replumbing.

Good letter from Barbara, Shirley and her kids. Bryan was transferred to San Francisco—only 6 blocks from Roger—We missed his letter for one week.

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> [changed to Sept 28<sup>th</sup>]

I have my days mixed up so I will start again!

1984

The first of January I was called to teach the Merrie Miss A Class—7 girls—Had some nice classes—and 2 fun activities here at home in Jan. otherwise went through a slump during the last half of January.

February—Becky had Dr. appoint Fri. the 3<sup>rd</sup> and I rode back to Castledale with them—Helped her clean house—Theron & David drove down Sat. afternoon and Wanda & Don Sunday AM for Paul's blessing—Had dinner and drove home by 8 PM. The Thistle road is open in spite of continuing mud slide.

10<sup>th</sup> Sweetheart Ball.

18<sup>th</sup> Senior Citizen movie at the Scera Theatre and dinner at the Stake house. BYU basketball game afterwards.

24<sup>th</sup> Bro. Nordmeyer across the street died. Funeral was on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Had the Merrie Miss girls here for a slumber party. They had a great time—no problems. Nice birthday on the 13<sup>th</sup>—Had x-rays at the hospital on the 16<sup>th</sup>—learned I have arthritis in my back!!! Got a permanent on 21<sup>st</sup> the most horrible one I have ever had.

\*Kenelog shot on March 26<sup>th</sup>

I have had sort of a down couple months.

APRIL

Outstanding Conference on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup> I drove into Salt Lake about 9 AM—worked in Genealogy Library—we spent the night with Winnie. Her sister Mary Ellen visited for 2 weeks. We had them for dinner one night—Good visits. She is still a SPECIAL friend.

Letter from Lavina answered it 15<sup>th</sup>.

April 1984

\*18<sup>th</sup> Bryan got home from his mission. He looks great. I drove in to S.L. on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Theron & I spent the night with Betty & Mark so we could be handier to the airport.

22<sup>nd</sup> David & Bryan have been busy unpacking and getting their bedrooms organized. Bryan can't get into any of his pants, he has gained about 20-25 pounds still no fat though.

29<sup>th</sup> A lovely Sacramento meeting today. Bryan gave his homecoming talk—shared the meeting with Mike David—Wanda & Wilma's family were her for dinner also Becky's family came up Sat. morning.

Friday night was the Gold and Green Ball—Bryan's first dance in almost 2 years—nice. David was in charge of decorations. The theme was "Where's the Beach?" he was recuperating from surgery on his nose to open up the left nostril which was almost closed and correct the place he had broken in the years past playing basketball. It's been a full day and I'm tired!

May 4<sup>th</sup> Letter from Barbara yesterday. We have had rain all week, good swimming indoors. It's so wet people are having trouble getting hardens planted—lots of mud slides in the Canyons.

May 20<sup>th</sup> Lavina arrived on the 11<sup>th</sup>. On the 13<sup>th</sup> we had Stake Conference but I helped in the Primary. Monday morning we drove down to Castledale and spent the night. Had a nice visit with Becky & Danny. He took us up to the mine he works in and on a short tour around the countryside. On Thursday we picked up Dimple and drove up to Logan. Had a nice visit with Ruby & Shirley. They gave us lunch. Steven called this morning to give us his flight plans.

To back up—we had a nice Mothers Day all of our children remembered us with cards and Theron took us out to dinner after Conference. Wilma & Wanda with their families came and Dimple & Carl came later in the day to visit with Lavina. Carl is retiring this year and on Wednesday evening there was an open house for him at Sejo Lily school where he has been Principal the past 3 years (Alpine before that for 6 or more years).

We finally have some Spring weather. Theron planted our garden and the big flower bed out front yesterday. (Saturday)

Philip Kunz & family came over for an hour or so to brain storm for ideas for the Kunz reunion next month.

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1984

What happened to May?!! Lavina to the bus up to Pope's on Wed (23<sup>rd</sup>). They brought her back Sat. night after Clark's wedding that afternoon. They spent the night and left early the next morning for Texas to visit Arden and Rhonda. Lavina went to Gladys Tuesday evening—I went to the Genealogy Library Wed—She leaves for D.C. tomorrow.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Theron drove up to Bern today to make some preparations for the Kunz reunion on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. I cleaned house. There is lots to do getting ready for Steven's family's arrival. Closet & drawers to clean—decisions to make on what to keep & what to throw away.

Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup>

A disappointing Day. I have been in the hospital since last Friday (8th). Not quite sure what the

problem is. High fever, aching all over. The Dr was to examine me at the emergency room and before I knew what had happened I was admitted and outfitted with an IV. My temp was normal yesterday and they removed the IV and thought I'd be going home this morning but the Dr says one more day. The Rel. Soc. Presidency came this afternoon.

14 June

Came home from the hospital today—I was getting stir crazy. Waiting for Steven & family to come in tonight.

June 17

They arrived safe and sound about 9:30 in the evening of 14<sup>th</sup>. Visited a bit and unpacked enough to get the kids to bed. All were tired. Sister Park brought our dinner that night and Maurine Sumsion Friday night. I feel coddled. Nice meeting today. Bro. & Sis. George's farewell. They are called as mission President in Arizona.

26 June

It has been a busy time. Pam, Victor, Ross, Kelly & Georgina arrived the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup> so we have a house full. I still feel weary lots of the time but Maria & Pam have taken over much of the cooking. I gave my Merrie Miss lesson Sunday after 2 weeks vacation. John Bawn's farewell was Sunday. Our family contributed to the attendance.

28<sup>th</sup> June

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! Theron brought me 6 beautiful red roses. We went with Pam & Victor to Ludlow's for dinner. Mel is having further surgery on his shoulder in the morning. Hope this does the trick.

Picked and shelled over a bushel of peas from Wanda's garden yesterday. They are busy getting ready to go to Hawaii tomorrow. We have real summer now. Wendell called.

July 8<sup>th</sup>

Carol Brown gave the Merrie Miss lesson on writing our Journals today—Hope it inspires me. It has been a busy, busy time. We have had some good visits and we had one bad time. Maria helped me pick out a new stove but when they delivered it yesterday it was the wrong one. It is a mess—hope things can get worked out—But we are a lot of people to not have a stove to prepare meals. Wilma is cooking for us today.

10 July

Wendell & Janine came down last evening. They took Pam & Victor out for dinner. Art & Lorraine took Pam and family and they left for Canada this morning.



12<sup>th</sup>

Letter from Lavina today—I haven't written her a decent one for so long.

Hope to rectify momentarily—Finally got a new stove for the kitchen. What a HASSLE. Too complicated to put into words.

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday

A good Sunday—Beautiful day—good Sac Mtg. My class seemed to go well. Jennifer is a handful. Theron and I are on our way to Salt Lake for 2 nights—The past week has been difficult for me.

17<sup>th</sup>

A restful 2 days. I slept in yesterday 'til 9:30. Wrote letters to Lavina and Jack and Gladys. [Break in journal]

Had dinner with Betty & Mark—They are just back from N.C. & Pa via Texas. Joyce and her oldest son went with them. Tuesday I spent at the Library—went to a class on organizing your genealogy. Theron got off work early and we got home by 4:00. Had a Primary summer party that evening, a Mexican meal at Barbara Harris' home.

26 July

I have had a rough week—my arthritis gradually became worse—and in spite of a shot on Monday (23<sup>rd</sup>) I had 3 terribly painful days. My whole body seems to be affected with my shoulders and arms the most seriously affected. Today things seem to be tapering off and I seem almost human again.

29<sup>th</sup> July

I have had a lazy week; my arthritis is acting up. It seems to ebb and flo—The early mornings are the worse. I hurt so bad I can't sleep and then I am exhausted.

\*Had a good letter from Lavina today. The family letter the first of the week.

—A down period—

August 19<sup>th</sup>

Where has the time gone? Finally got my arthritis under control—guess I should be concerned about the side effects of the Cortisone the Dr gave me but it was such a relief to be free of the intense pain. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of July Maria and Michael rented a car and took David & Bryan to help drive and went to San Francisco to pick up her van at Oakland. Barbara, Mikila, and Christopher came back with them. Stayed for a week—was good getting to know them again. Theron & I took them to the airport Sunday night—then spent Sun night & Monday night at Chesnutwoods. Worked in the Library.

September 1<sup>st</sup>

Had Dr apt. the 21<sup>st</sup> and started another program of Prednisone—a diminishing program to minimize the side effect. Other than my hands, the arthritis seems to be fairly well controlled. The past two weeks have been fairly uneventful for me. The kids had the excitement of starting school—think they settled in fairly easily.

I drove in to Salt Lake yesterday. Spent a couple hours in the Library before meeting Theron and going to his office summer party. A steak barbeque. We took the desert—Banana splits. I made Blackberry syrup, butterscotch and chocolate syrups all from scratch—including picking the blackberries which were a big hit. Letter from Lavina.

\*Wayne Joseph Werner was born Aug. 1984—a BIG baby 9 lbs. 11 oz. 23+ in. long. Pam called about 9:30 about 4 hrs. after he was born—sounded good reported a pretty hard labor because of his size and that his shoulder got stuck—Wish I could be there helping out.

September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Beryl Clayton was home from the hospital for the weekend and came to meetings. She bore her testimony in Rel. Soc. and there was probably not a dry eye in the room.

Lavina called tonight—no special news good to hear from her though.

5 September 1984

David & Bryan started school today—I had Dr's appt. he started me on a diminishing Prednisone program. Theron had the skin cancer by his ear removed again. He has told Roman that he is retiring.

9 Sept Sun

On Thursday Theron and I went to S.L. Spent the morning in the Gen. Library then met Winnie. Had a nice Lunch with her and her daughters. Then rode out to their house in Taylorsville (which is called West Valley City now) and had a good visit with her and Jim. We had dinner out there then came in to Holiday where we spent the night went back into the Library—Then spent the afternoon at the state Fair. A nice 2 days—Winnie remains a very special friend. It was a very special 2 days.

16 Sept

My arthritis isn't going away as quickly as I would like—and the Prednisone has side effects. I'm gaining weight like mad. Depressing!

Nice letters from Barbara & Shirley! Wish I felt like answering as they deserve. Lavina called—Nancy is failing—Wilma has her hands full—Wish I could help.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

The Family tape came today—it was a good one from Hirschmann's—Erwin told of his trip to Europe this summer.

Roger called about plans for Christmas. They plan to come—the 21<sup>st</sup> of Dec.—arrive 22<sup>nd</sup>.

29 Sept 1984

Today has been a full day—This evening was the annual Woman's Conference. Maria, Ruby Loris and I went. The Presidents of the Rel. Soc., Young Women's, & Primary spoke. Bro. Larsen and Pres. Hinckley represented the Priesthood. Sis. Ardeth Kapp is a talented lady.

In the morning Theron and I went with Lorise's to Snow Bird for the day. They are having what they call "October Fest" each weekend for the month beginning today. It was a nice day—nice music, nice dancing. Got my new set of dentures yesterday. Theron is on vacation.

30 Sept

On Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup>) Sis. Medalis arrived. She is from Michigan where David was on his mission. She joined the church just one year ago last Saturday. We did BYU yesterday—ate lunch at the Sky Room. She is looking forward to tonight's missionary reunion—so she can see her "Boys" as she called the missionaries. She is planning to get her endowments next week.

We picked peaches at the stake farm and I have been canning—froze some—They (the peaches) had been rejected by the cannery so the members of the stake were allowed to pick for their own use. The weather has turned cool—the squash vines are black—there has been rain and the trees on the mountains are turning. Fall seems to be here to stay for the season. Conference tomorrow. Theron has had a busy week.

No letter from Bryan last week!! Wendell was in the hospital—had his left testicle removed—there was a lump that was malignant. He will be having radiation treatments. We are concerned.

1 Oct

Finally a letter from Bryan—He is closer to Roger than his last letter indicated He goes over to do his washing in their washer. David took Sister Medalis to the missionary reunion. She really enjoyed it.

3 Oct

Conference—Tremendous as usual—we had lots of company—missionaries coming in to see Sister Medalis—Granny as they call her. She has made 2 big batches of butter tarts for them.

5 Oct.

Went with Sis. Medlais to the Temple. She got her endowments. A nice experience.

Oct. 9

My first Merrie Miss Class—I have 5 girls. The lesson was on Benevolence. Seemed to go well.

Wendell called from the hospital, he went in yesterday—Surgery is tomorrow afternoon. He seems in remarkably good spirits considering. Blair and Shirley had called him.

Letter from Bryan—He is transferred back to Redwood city as a Zone leader after only 1 mo. In San Fran.

Sis. Medalis went home yesterday. David joined the Flying Cougars Club at BYU. They had a breakfast and some kind of competition at the airport yesterday morning. He won 1<sup>st</sup> place.

13 Oct

Wendell had his surgery Monday 4 hrs of what the Dr called radical surgery. He will have a scar from his left breast to his right hip and from his navel to his left hip for the present he has no more cancer and they have decided not to prescribe chemotherapy—Leave it in reserve in case the cancer popped up again. I went to SL Monday at noon—Theron and I spent Monday and Tue night with Betty and Mark. I spent Mon, Tue and Wed afternoon at the hospital.

20 Oct.

Wendell is home—amazing! A week of NO food or drink. They took the tube into his stomach out on Friday. He tolerated soft food—jello etc. and so Dr said he could go home. He will gradually add solids. Don't think I wrote what was wrong—Embryonal Cell Cancer—retro-reproitoneal lymphadenectomy progressed to aorta in stomach Dr. George Middleton Jr. Surgeon.

November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Theron went to work yesterday and today they had an open house for him on the 26<sup>th</sup> floor of Church Office Bldg—We met people for 2 hours—receiving their best wishes—so now Theron is officially retired—He has been swimming with us each morning. He is teaching the Genealogy Class in the Ward. This will begin a New Era for us.

My arthritis is giving me fits.

11<sup>th</sup> November 1984

Maria left for Ark. (Ft. Rucker) for Steven's graduation. She took Matthew. We managed very well—Joel, McKay, Jason and Michael were in school and pretty well took care of themselves. McKay, Joel and Jason went swimming with me whenever possible—McKay & Jason spent quite a bit of time diving off the side—a number of times off the diving board. McKay jumped off the high one several times—Jason once. My arthritis is a bit better. Have tried quite an array of medications.

20 Nov

Our first real snow last night—a busy week—Regan painted our bed room—pale pink. The Living room, pale blue, the Ceiling throughout Linen white. There is still lots of work getting things back into the closet, pictures up etc. We got new carpet in our bedroom, a deep maroon.

Nice letter from Steven this week and the usual from Bryan.

Vivian was down the week before for 3 days—we shopped—visited—I got a bug of some kind was in bed for 3 days. Managed to help with the Mom & her miss dinner on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Wendell continues to improve.

Nov. 22 1984

We had the traditional Thanksgiving Day—I cooked the Turkey and stuffing and Wilma, Wanda and Becky brought the rest—I am grateful for my children.

23<sup>rd</sup> Friday

Joel, McKay and Jason went swimming with me this morning—Steven, Maria & Matthew got home from Arkansas late afternoon. I sat up later than usual visiting and hearing of Steven's classes—about 11:00 the phone rang—it was Wilma to let us know \*Nancy had just died. Theron spent half an hour on the phone and got me reservations on an Eastern Airlines plane for \$340 roundtrip on a plane at noon. After a short night sleep I packed and Theron took me to the airport—arrived in D.C. at National Airport about 7:30—Wilma, Erwin & Paula met me—we had a short visit and went to bed—everyone tired Wilma had only had a couple hours sleep the night before. Erwin was scheduled to return to Vandenburg air base in California on Wed. to finish getting a weather satellite launched so they reserved a rented car and the next morning Wilma and I drove to N.C. Arrived in plenty of time to meet Lavina at the airport in Charlotte. Arrived in Boiling Springs after 9:00 PM to a cold, cold house and went to bed in Cold beds...

Monday was a full—mixed up day getting ready for the funeral on Tuesday. The viewing was Monday night. Then the next 3 days was full of funeral, visiting, inventorying things in the house—cleaning out drawers etc.—Listed the house and farm with Mr. West's (the lawyer) wife—Left on Thursday. Took Lavina to airport and on to Wilma's—arriving about 9 PM and tumbled into bed.

Slept in the next morning—'til Wilma received a telephone call to tell us that Nancy's house had been sold. Quite a surprise to all involved.

I enjoyed visiting with Wilma and her kids—we went over to the city on Monday. Spent the morning at the Met Museum and afternoon at the Air & Art Space Center of Smithsonian. I left for home Thursday afternoon.

Had a number of good visits with Steven. They were busy packing, visiting, etc. He gave a fireside for our neighborhood fireside on the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. a good presentation. Was proud of them. (Maria spoke for a few min. on request from the group).

Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

Stake Conference today. Bro. A. Theodore Tuttle was our visitor. Theron say with our choir who furnished the music. A nice meeting. Now to catch up on the past 2 weeks—It was a hectic time—Regan painted our bedroom (pink) we got a new carpet a keep maroon—then he pained the Living room (blue) dining room, and the ceiling in the Kitchen and halls. It has been a job taking everything out of the closets, pictures off the walls, books & shelves, etc. then getting them back.

Becky and Danny came on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and stayed 'til the 28<sup>th</sup>—She had a Dr's apt—Regan went to Wellsville so we had a small family for Thanksgiving—Wendell and Janine, Becky & family & Wanda & family. Janine is working for UPS.

Had a nice letter from Steven—Bryans are short.

8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Letter from Bryan & Lavina

15 December 1983 [Probably **1984** instead of '83]

Kenolog shot on the 12<sup>th</sup>

Last night Becky and Danny made a wild ride from Castledale to Provo. Made it to the hospital with barely 5 minutes 'til the baby was born. An 8 lb. 5 oz. boy they will name Paul Neil. Was born at 1:05 if I remember right. No one in the house got their full night's sleep. I took D.J. and David with me to Wilma's so Danny could get some extra sleep. We almost finished the quilt.

Had Dr appointment on Monday—Theron took the day off and we did a bit of shopping. Dr. Bateman put me back on a water pill. My BP was 168 over 90.

8 Jan letter to Mike & Bryan

Hard to believe it has been 3 weeks since I wrote—it has been such a busy time around here. Regan was married Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> in the Jordan Temple about 40 people attended. Lettie & Don arrived late the 26<sup>th</sup> (Mon. night). Reed & Ruth slept at Rons. Lettie & Don here. Popes came down (Ryle, ViAnn, Donna & Gail with them)—stayed 2 days. Dimple and Carl served the wedding breakfast here—about 60 people. Willmore's left about 10 AM .

New Years day we played games. New Years Eve 'til shortly after midnight. Ron and family came for the evening. Had dinner with us. They have 3 cute boys. I missed my swimming that week. Started back this week. Except spent Thursday & Friday in Salt Lake. Met Winnie for lunch on Thursday—had a good visit. Spent the night at Chesnutwoods. Heard about their trip to N.C. for Christmas. Nancy & Johnny gave them tickets for Christmas.

Last night Dimple & Carl went with us to BYU—Weber basketball game. We barely won in overtime. An exciting game.

January 5, 1985

It has been a busy time the past few weeks—Barbara & Jeff and kids got here on the 18<sup>th</sup>—Christopher and Barbara both had to go to the Dr. and get some help to get rid of throat infections. Then we could relax and enjoy them. Roger, Carol and Eric arrived the 24<sup>th</sup> and Steven and family left for Maria's brother's in Kaysville late that night after we opened some Christmas gifts. They stayed at Glen's for 5 days and then headed for Ft. Lewis. Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> Carol flew home. She had to go to work—Thurs. Roger, Theron and Eric drove down to Castledale for the day to visit Becky & Danny. Then on Sat. they left (Roger & Eric). Sunday evening Vivian and Clive arrived. Lettie and Don's plane arrived

in Salt Lake later in that same night. Ron met them and they spent nights with them but we got to do quite a bit of visiting. Lettie helped me finish a baby quilt I had started for Regan—He and Trish had a baby boy, Jason Michael, born on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec. Ron and Karmelle had their 4<sup>th</sup> son about the 6<sup>th</sup>—That was the reason Lettie and Don came. For New Years Eve Theron and I went to Mel & Alice Ludlow's for the evening. They are partially in their New House—Have been going swimming with us. Lettie & Vivian spent the evening with their kids—The next day I baked a turkey and everyone else brought part of the dinner and Lettie, Don, Ron & Family (6) Regan (3) Arden (5) Vivian & Clive with Wilma (5) came for dinner. Wanda & Jacob came over later & Keith. Don was on a business trip. It was a hectic if nice day. Oh—Vivian & Clive brought the news that ViAnn is engaged.

Tomorrow is fast Sunday—Lettie & Don leave in the late afternoon after blessing Ron's baby.

25<sup>th</sup> Jan

A comparatively quiet 2 weeks—Bryan and David are back in school—head over heels. They do find time to play basketball. I forgot to mention in the previous page that Bryan was in a cast all of the month of December with a broken foot. We had a little trip to Bern, Idaho on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Theron's aunt Hilda died and her funeral was that day—it was cold. To break up the trip we stopped in Logan and spent the night with Shirley and Preston. Had a nice visit with them.

About noon that Monday, Don (Wood) was operated on—he had had the flu for a few days and there were complications too involved to write—anyway they removed his appendix, the Duodenum and part of the Ilium. He came home Friday weak but recuperating. Saturday he was called to be counselor in the Bishopric of the 16<sup>th</sup> ward. Theron & I went to their Sac. Mtg. where he was sustained and set apart by Pres. Parsons. He spoke briefly and had a rough day the next day—seems to be better today.

9 February 1985

Becky, Danny and boys came Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and stayed 'til Friday (David's 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday was Thursday. Becky made a cake and we had a family party." Danny has not been working since the mine disaster that I forgot to write about. There was a file in the mine early in December and most of Danny's crew was trapped and died. He just happened to be assigned to another part of the mine and was able to get out.

Theron and I happened to run onto a used clean 1982 van in good shape with a bed, icebox and porta pottie. We decided to get it in anticipating doing some traveling—soon as it begins to get warm some place. The whole country has been having a COLD time.

10<sup>th</sup>

A good day at the Genealogy Library today—I feel as if I can be of some help to people. Course there is lots to be done. My Arthritis is acting up.

19<sup>th</sup>

Did our visiting teaching—have a new district and new companion—Jill Snell. Her husband is in

the Arm. Am tending Jacob this week. Yesterday we did some shopping for the Van.

22 February

Don & Jacob went swimming with us this AM and about 4:30 this afternoon we tried out the van by driving to Salt Lake. Picked up Wilma and family and went to the LeGrand Ward reunion. Had a nice visit with lots of old friends. Bob Jaggi is Bishop of the Ward now. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Theron and I drove out to Grantsville—spent the day at Murtis Hutchinson's—talking about the Anderson Genealogy and then visiting with Beverly Stromberg—cousins of Theron's. Got home about 6 PM.

23 Sat

Had trouble getting out of bed this morning—Did some cleaning, sewing and Shirley, Preston and Debbie stopped in—visited for over 2 hours. Couple weeks ago I got a letter calling me to jury duty—yesterday I went in and talked to the court clerk—got a postponement till first July of August. We plan to head for Arkansas in a couple of weeks.

March 4, 1985

Another busy week—Dimple and Carl came over for a visit on the 24<sup>th</sup>—Sunday evening. She had been to N.C. told of her concern with Denzel—Sounds as if he has Alzheimer's disease—and his inability to take care of her farm back there—yet he doesn't want anyone else to tend it.

Tended Jacob 3 days—went to the Home and Garden Show on Friday—spent the whole day. Winnie & Jim met us at 1:00 so we visited with them as we took in the show. Her sister Mary Ellen is coming out in April. Also Mary E.'s husband. Theron has a real bad cold.

7 Mar 1985

Wed. We went swimming and got home just in time for Winnie & Jim's arrival. Spent the day on BYU campus. Mel Smith (Ray & Margaret's Melvin) was doing some computer for Winnie for her thesis. She is doing it on Jim's grandfather's diary. She will be getting a Master degree in History. We visited the Art Gallery Book store and Library—ate lunch at the Sky Room. NICE DAY.

10 Sunday

Church—Then the afternoon at the Genealogy Library—a good afternoon but came home tired and straight to bed. We are pretty much packed for our trip to Arkansas. Lori LeVar came for dinner yesterday. I got the washing caught up and all but the last minute things packed in the van so we can leave as early as possible in the morning and things in as good order as possible for David and Bryan.

11<sup>th</sup> March

We are on our way---Saturday packed and left home about 8:00 AM. It was a dense fog in Orem and Provo until we got up the Canyon—then a nice drive to Price—arrived in Castledate about 10:30.



12<sup>th</sup>

Nice visit with Becky & Family—played Mille Borne, Scrabble, Waterworks. She made a big turkey dinner with a birthday cake for me since we will be at Shirley's on the 13<sup>th</sup>. I'm writing this on our way to Green River from Becky's. It has been a lovely drive down Emery Co. the mountains are spectacular. Our first time through here. There is so much beauty on this earth if we would only open our eyes and our hearts are concerned. The van rides good.

13<sup>th</sup>

Arrived in Arkadelphia bout 6:00 but got lost trying to find Shirley's. Theron had to call and have them meet us. The kids were so sweet meeting us. Made us feel so welcome. The old cliché—my how they have grown was so apropos but I refrained from saying it. We have visited & visited—Shirley had a date nut cake for my birthday. Ray & Margaret came over they are looking good—Really enjoying their missionary work.

18<sup>th</sup>

Meetings yesterday plus a baptism service—a Sister Foster who was taught by Ray & Mtg. Shirley had dinner here for them afterwards. They were getting ready to go to Dallas to the Temple with 2 couples in the Ward who are getting their endowments and having their kids sealed to them.

20<sup>th</sup>

Shirley & Blair and co. had a good trip to Dallas. Theron and I tended the kids for the 2 days. Today we went to Hot Springs and Shirley and I had a Hot Bath in one of the Hot Bath Houses. The mineral water from the many hot springs in the area is supposed to be good for arthritis and anything else that ails you. They are grossly overrated—I'm glad for the experience though. After picking up the Olson's Honda that was in the shop for repairs we went to the Mid-American museum—a very unique experience. It's more of a scientific museum for children. Interesting. Went over to see Ray & Margret in their missionary apartment after dinner.

26<sup>th</sup>

Olson's spring vacation ended—we spent one day at Murfreesboro digging in the dirt at the diamond mine—sort of a racket I suspect though they claim to find several each month. Saturday about noon we went to LeVar's for dinner. Spent the afternoon visiting. Bro. LeVar is the counselor in the Stake Presidency. He teaches Political Science at Henderson University where Blair teaches. Shirley teaches at the Methodist preschool half a day on Tues. Wed. Thursday, so Theron & I have the morning to write letters and generally get caught up. I'm washing in between.

29 Mar

We have been relaxing a lot mornings while Shirley was at school—Wed. night we went to a concert on campus of the music of Rogers & Moss. They were good performers but there was a slight rock influence that prevented it from being good as possible. Thursday night Ray and Margaret came

over and we watched the video "Man from Snowy River" a nice Australian film. Last night smorgasbord. I ate too much. This morning we looked at houses for Pam, interesting.

3 April Wed.

A nice Relief Soc. work meeting in the Arkadelphia Branch last night. They made molded Easter baskets—some of them helped us tie a quilt for Shirley. In the past 2 days I think I have caught up Shirley's mending and made a blouse. We have also looked at lots of houses for Pam and Victor. Fun!

Today we spent the day with Ray and Margaret. It was their Prep. Day. We drove to the Lodge at DeGray Lake ate lunch, walked on the beach. Visited, had a relaxing day—at 3:00 we met a family recently baptized and the 2 elders and 2 lady missionaries for a picnic in another area of the Lake—we decided to leave Monday AM.

5 Apr 1985

Woke this morning to the singing of the birds. Such a nice cheery sound. It must have been 70 degrees all night. This weather is great. Yesterday Theron and I cleaned the house while Shirley was at school—had to have a rest. In the afternoon I showered and finished the quilt we had tied at Rel. Soc. For dinner Shirley, Blair, Don & Georgia Whitworth and us went to dinner at the Bonanza, a smorgasbord. I fasted all day in anticipation. Ray and Margaret came over afterwards—visited.

Sun 7 Apr Easter Day

A beautiful day in Arkadelphia—yesterday we spent preparing meals and listening to Conference. The branch chapel has a new Satellite Dish so we went there to see & hear it. Dr. Russell Nelson one of the new apostles gave a very straightforward address on the evils of abortion. Bro. Boyd Packer spoke on authority and warned of being gullible to those claiming authority they don't have. Blair & Ray hid Easter eggs for the kids to find—we had a good roast beef dinner, played Boggle and Othello while the men went to Priesthood meeting.

8 Apr

Left Shirley's at 7:15 AM—traveled north through Ark. & Missouri—was sad to leave those lovely Dogwood & Redbud trees, the Wisteria & Azaleas. They were just beginning to bud in Missouri—although the Ozarks are lovely rolling hills.

9<sup>th</sup>

I spent a cold night. I kept losing one of our blankets. We stopped some place in Iowa. A rest stop—miss the nice Arkansas weather already. It's hard to write in a bouncy car. The Dakotas are FLAT—nice farm land—as is Canada at least Manitoba's prairie land. We made good time—arrived at Pam & Victor's about 8 PM—found their house without too much trouble—had to call but we were only 2 blocks away. Ross and Wayne are cuties.

14<sup>th</sup>

Stake Conference in Winnipeg today—We came on Sat. and spent the night in a motel, Pam and Victor went to the Sat. meeting while Theron went swimming with Ross and Georgina. I stayed in the Motel with Wayne and Kelly. He watched a hockey game. I wrote to Wilma (Hirschmann) and did crossword puzzles. The trip has left me with a bad lower back.

We have met some nice friends of Pam's Kim, Marion, the Joseph Perry family—members of the ward who have 6 talented children. They oldest little girls exceptionally on the violin; we went to a recital Pam had for her students and she played.

17<sup>th</sup>

I have a cold and have been doing lots of sleeping. Pam introduced me to Autogenics—via a relaxing tape she had—surely helped my back.

21 April 1985

Went to the SPEBSQSA. They were outstanding!!! Went with Crosses—a very interesting older couple who live in this ward. One quartet sang my favorite—"Shenandoah!" Theron is helping Georgia with a talk she is giving at school about the Church.

Sunday

Today we went with Werner's to the Brandon Ward Conference. The Stake leaders have to come so far they had pot luck for a lunch after meetings. Had a nice visit with a number of members including Pres. Clapson (Stake Pres.) He had given the Gospel Doctrine Class on forgiveness and we discussed why it is easier to forgive other people than our own spouse & children. In the last afternoon we played 3 games of Scrabble and one of LDS Trivial Pursuit.

Monday

Went shopping in the Brandon Mall—didn't buy much of anything—went to Joan (Victor's mother) and Cecil's for dinner they have a big farm out 20 minutes from Brandon. They have built a new house—interesting! Joan has 5 handicapped girls that she takes care of—I shake my head in disbelief!

Thursday 25

Here we are at Steven's in Tacoma Washington. We left Pam's at about 5 AM Tuesday—and drove pretty constantly for 17 hours. I only did about 2 two hour shifts—slept for couple hours during the day. Theron slept 3 hours woke up about 1:30 AM drove 3 and then stopped for another 3. I slept right through—about 1:00. They have a nice apt.—but all their furniture is in storage so they are sort of camping. They are buying a house and will be moving the first of June. We went to see the house. Tis nice—Tis in Puyallup.

29<sup>th</sup>

Steven was released as counselor in the Bishopric since they will be moving in a month. The Bishop in this ward is Hawaiian—Bro. Barenaba his wife is LOVE. Know Lavina well.

30 Apr Tues

Went to the boy's baseball practice last afternoon after school. We called Wanda at LDS hospital in Salt Lake. She had surgery to remove a big tumor on or near the left ovary on Monday. She was feeling pretty miserable.

Maria has been feeling pretty miserable. Steven took her to the Dr. on Post (Madigan) gave her some medicine—hope it helps.

3 May Friday

Left Steven's Wed. (1<sup>st</sup>) early again for California. Arrived at Barbara's about 6 o'clock. Spent one morning junking with Lettie, Barbara & Kim (Rhett's wife). Bought a bathing suit, some leg warmers—Barbara tended Rhett & Kim's—Brittiany and Chad for the day—They went with the family to the Temple for Rachel to get her endowments. Her wedding is tomorrow—Regan and Ron got here about midnight last night to join in the festivities.

4<sup>th</sup> May 1985

Steven's birthday! And Rachel's wedding. I stayed with Christopher and Mikila at Willmore's while everyone else went over to the Wedding in Oakland. Ruth was responsible for Rhett's. I cleaned the bathrooms, vacuumed the house, filled nut cups and sliced meat by the time they returned for the wedding breakfast at noon. Don & Lettie had an outside reception at 3:00—6:00 (6:30) a yummy banana wedding cake, a grapefruit punch with nuts & mints. They must have had 200 people. We stayed to watch Rachel and Louis (Bateman) open their gifts—Came home to Barbara's and tumbled into bed.

5 May Sunday

To church in the San Rafael II Ward—Fast Sunday—Barbara bore her Testimony—I am proud of her. Nice Sunday School lesson and Relief Soc. lesson on the Atonement of the Savior. Lettie bore her testimony in Rel. Soc. Very profound. We need lessons like this to remind us of the great gift our Father in Heaven has given us in the Sacrifice of his Son. I feel especially grateful to the Savior this Day. My mind is too puny to understand as fully as I would like all that is involved in what He did for us. I do pray for the Spirit to guide me—prompt me to keep His commandments that I might avoid contributing any more to His suffering than He already has. My heart overflows with gratitude for Him.

2<sup>nd</sup> June

We had (Barbara & family) dinner in San Francisco with Roger and Carol on May 7<sup>th</sup>—an elegant dinner—and then left Barbara's early the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup>—arrived home about 7 PM. Had a good visit with David & Bryan—Heard about Tammy, David's friend—Things had gotten really serious in a hurry. He picked her up at ZCMI's where she works at 9:00 and brought her over to meet us. She is a

pretty girl—young—almost 19—5 ft. 9 in—blonde. David picked up a ring the next day—gave it to her at a romantic dinner at Jimbas.

We have had a busy time—were interviewed—then set apart to work in the Temple 2 weeks ago—by a Bro. Swenson—2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor. Went for training and Orientation Friday & Sat. Vivian came Friday—Had Arden & Family & Reed Willmore for dinner last night and I am exhausted today. Didn't go to church—stayed in bed 'til noon—Wrote to Lavina. Vivian, ViAnn & Cheryl are on their way to Va, N.C. & Hirschmanns.

October 1985

Will try and hit the highlights of the past 3 months—it was a good summer but I felt stretched. We worked in the Temple Fridays & Saturday and 4 AM rising is hard on me. Enjoy the work—as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the Genealogy Library. Friends of Bryan's came from the mission field—Vanessa & Karla Crus—stayed a week (in June). Olive & Daryll Stanley went on a mission to Ohio—we spent an evening with them. Wilma, Eric and Paula came the 16<sup>th</sup> of July—Lavina the 10<sup>th</sup>—Lettie the 23<sup>rd</sup>—Vivian came down—so on the 26<sup>th</sup> all 5 of us were together for the first time in—years. From then on everything is a bit of a muddle and we had a great time but things sort of blur together—all were here except Roger who had a car accident 2 days before he would have left. No seriously hurt but his car was in bad shape. The kids all were great—we had good visits—the wedding went well (David & Tammy's)

To complicate matters I was on call for jury duty. Had to appear but was never chosen to serve.

26<sup>th</sup> of Aug. Bryan left for Ft. Dix New Jersey for his basic training for National Guard. He has been good about writing. It is physically difficult but he seems to be handling things. Dr's. apt. on 23<sup>rd</sup> of Sept. Dr. Bateman started me on Gold by mouth!!!! It's expensive \$39.49 for a month's supply.

October 5<sup>th</sup>

Conference today—I finished a baby quilt while listening. Wonderful speakers as usual. The choir sang from the new Hymn book—enthalling! They did The Light Divine, Called to Serve and How Great Thou Art plus others I can't remember.

October 11<sup>th</sup>

Things got hectic since the weekend. Monday night for Tuesday 8 AM Danny woke us up—he had dropped Becky off at the hospital and brought D.J., David and Paul. We bedded them down and went back to sleep—Becky had a very rough day—finally after hours of hard labor delivered an 8 lb. 12 oz. son—Nicholas Quinn. He is in intensive care with low blood sugar and other problems. Becky is in a keep depression today. It has been difficult but we did our Temple assignment this AM.

13<sup>th</sup>

Temple yesterday AM—Becky came home about 5 in the late afternoon. The baby will be in the hospital another few days. Danny and D.J. went home—Danny to work and D.J. didn't want to miss any more school. Talked to Shirley—they are all well—busy—Barbara called this morning. "Ditto."

24<sup>th</sup>

Nicholas came home Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. Becky has bounced back remarkably—perhaps because she got 4 good nights sleep before the baby came home. He looks good. Saturday (19<sup>th</sup>) after the morning at the Temple we loaded Becky, the kids and her stuff in the van and took them to Castledale. Got her washing caught up—did her cooking, etc. and after getting the kids to bed Monday night we came home—(10:30 or so when I got to bed) collapsed the next day—am about back to normal today—caught up with my wash—went swimming 2 days.

17 November 1985

Began getting a sore left foot the latter part of October—spent the 30<sup>th</sup> at the new Genealogy Library in Salt Lake—a fabulous facility—by the end of the day my foot was hurting so bad I couldn't keep my shoe on. Called Dr. Bateman the next day; went in and he took one look—said I had gout. Gave me some pills that began helping right away. Didn't go to the Temple because I couldn't get my shoe on. Theron did and so when he got home and we ate we left for Castledale. My foot was lots better but I just wore thongs. By the time we got to Soldiers Summit (over 7,000 ft) my foot began to swell again. By Price it had eased somewhat. Have definitely learned that my arthritis is worse the higher the altitude. Anyway Becky and Danny blessed the baby (Nicholas) on the 3<sup>rd</sup>—They are doing well. We came home Sunday afternoon. Got home about dark. Had a rough time Monday. Woke up sick at my stomach—side effects from the Gout medication. Got Tagamet & Malox and settled down enough to wash and get packed for our trip to Florida. Theron and I left at 5:00 AM Wed. AM for the airport where we met Carl's 2 sisters and we boarded the plane about 7:30. Arrived in Orlando via Denver, New Orleans, & Tampa around 4:00 PM picked up a minivan Carl had reserved—found our Motel Six, ate supper and settled in for the night. Lisa came in that evening so there were 8 of us. Dimple, Carl, Sis. Mellor (Carl's mother) his sisters Fae and Pearl and Lisa. Thursday morning bright and early we went to Kennedy Space Center for the day. Friday we spent at Epcot Center. Early Saturday AM we loaded into the car and drove down the east side of Florida through Hollywood, Miami, etc. and then across the Florida Keys to Key West—a fabulously interesting but LONG trip. Got back to the motel at 2 that night—exhausted and my body all set up for the urinary infection I got. At the airport AM we learned that President Kimball had died that night before (Tue. Evening about 11:00)

Sunday AM a tired bunch got ready and drove to Deland (an hour away) for Church were Victor Bartha (Carl's cousin) lives. Carl had taken his mother there Friday late afternoon to stay with them. Eleanor had prepared dinner for us and we spent a relaxing afternoon visiting—I began fighting a bladder infection. Drank lots of water—Dimple and I relaxed Monday while the others went to Disney World. Early Tuesday AM we left Florida behind and stopped in New Orleans for the day—sightseeing all day. By noon my body couldn't fight the infection any more so I had started on Macredantin. Our plane in New Orleans Tuesday evening was late—then had engine trouble and we spent the night at the Terminal. A nightmare ending to a perfect week in sunny—75 degree Florida. Now to get ready for our trip to Hawaii.

Today Eric came for dinner. He is busy—loves school. He is taking Calloquism (6 hr. class) Eloise Bell is his professor for the English part of that. Physics, Orchestra, Violin, Dance & Religion. Bryan

called—He wants his flying log and books. Lavina called. I haven't written except for a card from Florida. Wanda called yesterday and Winnie from S.L. So have been on the phone lots. Church today—but will only have 2 more Sundays in our Ward for 2 or maybe 3 months. We have stake conference the first of December and they are dividing Sharon Stake.

HAWAII December 1985

Ray and Margaret drove us to the airport in the van—Ruby & Chuck Loris, Wayne & Ruth Tuttle—Winnie & Jim met us at the airport—Took off on time—arrived in Honolulu on time—Lavina met us with Leis—the bus took us to our Hotel—Maili Court—Our rooms weren't ready for us so we went for something to eat. When we returned all they had available were suites—bedroom living room, 2 bathrooms, 2 TVs, on the 43<sup>rd</sup> floor with a beautiful view of Honolulu. We looked out over the Ali Wai Canal and we would often see canoes or long boats sailing down with oarsmen plying their paddles. There were some breathtaking sunrises.

Sunday AM we had orientation—afternoon Church in the Waikiki Ward—nice meetings. Monday we drove around the South of the island stopping at KoKo head, blow holes—a beach—then back to Waikiki via the Pali. Tuesday to the Kodak Show—we ate both days at the Sizzler. They have a GOOD salad bar. I have gorged on pineapple. It is so-o-o-o-good. Also papaya!

Days began to run into each other and I can't remember what we did which day—we went to Paradise Park—Spent most of one day in Royal Hawaiian Shopping Mall—International Mall and A La Moana—we went to AL Harrington Show. It was outstanding in some ways disappointing in others. He had several sexual innuendos but most offensive was his use of the Lord's name. One highlight of the evening was the Football team and LaVell Edwards as guest for the show the night we were there. On Saturday took Winnie, Ruby and I with all the luggage out to Lavina's—went back and the others went to the football game between BYU & Hawaii—we won 23 to 6. Two other highlights of the week was Pearl Harbor and a fireside at the ward where LaVell Edwards and some of the football team spoke. We went to church in Lavina's Ward. We've been swimming, watched surfers and on Tuesday spent the day at the Polynesian Cultural Center. Tuttle's and Lorise's left Thursday AM. We'll go to Maui and Hawaii—one day on each island.

We went to the Temple twice—This temple has a 3<sup>rd</sup> film—went to a Melveen Leeds Concert—she's a native of Molokai—Nice—just too much amplification of the musical instruments. One night we went to a dance recital of the hula students of a friend of Lavina's. She was Shirley's hula teacher when she was here. Sunday (Sunny?) Kekeokalani. Wednesday evening we went with Lavina to her ward Christmas party. It was nice seeing the kids—their exuberance and inhibited personalities. They had dinner—Lavina furnished 5 doz. Rolls and I tried cooked bananas (in coconut milk) and breadfruit. So-so good. We've been to the beach every day—I'm getting a tan.

Called Lelani Debusca and she met us at the airport when we left on the 21<sup>st</sup> with a lei and 10 pineapple to take home. She brought her husband and 3 children—didn't have time to visit more than 15 minutes. We arrived in Salt Lake at midnight but because of the inefficient luggage removal we didn't get home 'til 3:30 the AM of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Theron got up and went to church but I slept 'til 10:30. Wanda surprised me with a call from Wood's. They had moved from Yakima—packed and drove

down in 3 days. A moving van to move the big stuff. Don was to start a new job the 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will stay in Don's parent's house 'til they get back from Mesa where Carl & Francine live.

25<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Eve with all in the area—Wilma, Wanda, Becky & David—pot luck dinner and program, Christmas day Theron and I were invited to dinner at the Wayne Asay's (Mike's). Nice. They are going to Korea for 2 years.

1<sup>st</sup> January 1986

Spent last evening at the Ludlows and a nice group of friends. Had pot luck dinner, played games and saw the New Year in. It has been a hectic week—Wanda and Don moved in downstairs. It was a problem making room—David started a new job at Utah Valley Hospital.

6 January Monday

Theron & I packed the van and left home on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Arrived in St. George about (?) parked at Ruby and Chuck's son Robert's house and spent 2 nights saw much of St. George, Jacob Hamblin's home, Tabernacle, etc. visited Mary & Vern Dunn in their new home in Bloomington a suburb of St. George for about 3 hours. On 4<sup>th</sup> followed Lorise's down to Overton beach—spent 2 nights—went to Church in Logandale—Left this AM and visited Davis Dam and arrived in Bullhead City mid-afternoon—ate dinner (buffet) at Riverside Casino and are going to bed early.

11 Jan Sat

We left the next morning—arrived in Quartsite in the early afternoon (Tues) found a free campsite 3 miles outside of town in the desert. We have lazed around, visiting; a number of Chuck and Ruby's friends are here. Joyce & Daryll Hutchins are parked right next to us. They have a big trailer they pull with a pickup. Lorise's in their motor home so we feel like poor relations. Quartsite is a small town that turns into a crowded mess the end of this month when the International Gem and craft show begins. There will be over 30 acres of booths and exhibits. About half are already here. We have spent several hours looking.

12 Jan Sunday 1986

Theron and I drove into Blythe yesterday—Did some shopping—found a motel and had showers—feels so good to be completely clean. We hadn't had a bath for 8 days. We went to church in Blythe at 12:30—don't know if it was the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward—a small ward nevertheless. Got back to Quartsite Camp about 5:30.

13<sup>th</sup>

Cleaned up around camp and emptied the camper and all the gang (10 of us Ruby & Chuck, Joyce and Daryll Hutchins, John and Nadine, Ruby's sister, Don & Fern Olsen loaded in and drove back over to Blythe to shop. Ate at the Sizzler, got back to camp and everyone packed up—got to bed early ready to leave early for Mexico.



16<sup>th</sup> Wed

We spent Monday night in Organ Pipes Campground—an interesting place right on the Ariz. Mex. boarder. Clean wide vistas of cactus of every description. They say that in March it will be a breathtaking panorama of wildflowers.

We arrived in Puerto Penasco before noon after the red tape of getting our visas and insurance. Set up camp after John, Chuck and Daryll got stuck in the sand. We are right on the beach—we've picked up lots of shells—the water seems a little too cold to go swimming.

Thurs

Have had a lazy day—walked on to the beach—rode some bumpy roads around to another beach in Daryll's truck and found some different kinds of shells.

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Spent a lazy Friday—Slept late, had pot luck for dinner with the gang that night—I made a big potato salad—had tacos, baked beans, fruit salad. Had some nice walks on the beach. There is a wide coral strip at low tide—interesting shells. We played games evenings—Rummy; Penuche, etc.

Saturday we spent the day in downtown Puerto Penasco—a shabby sort of town—lots of shabby shops. I ended up getting 2 ironwood roadrunners for 4 & 6 dollars. We dropped everyone off at camp and said goodbye—Then headed for US of A. Arrived in Aja Arizona about 5:30 found a motel and located the Aja Ward house; Had a good night's sleep—a long hot bath and shower and went to meetings in the Ajo Ward. This is quite a depressed little town, a copper mine was closed down a couple years ago and there are streets & streets of empty houses.

20<sup>th</sup>

Spent last night in a Rest park—got a good night's sleep. Arrived in San Diego about noon—ate at Seaside Village drove over to Coronado and are situated in a State Park on the beach for the night. We were impressed with the Mountains we came through on the way which were huge piles of rocks. Had never seen anything like it. San Diego is larger than I expected. Saw much of the beach areas.

21 Jan

Did our washing—Did some more sightseeing. Spent 2 ½ hours in Old Town. The area that San Diego first began. Some buildings have been restored but most of them are filled with shops with all kinds of knick knacks to sell to tourists. We are our noon dinner and I had fish. Found a nice campground on the beach for the night—Cardiff by the Sea.

22<sup>nd</sup> 1986

Good night's sleep—walked on the beach—read a book "Lisa Brights & Dark." (Theron has read several books.) Showered and we checked out at noon—Had another fish dinner at Encinitas and headed north. We are parked again by the ocean for the nights somewhere between Ventura and Santa Barbara.

24<sup>th</sup>

Slept and read 'til noon—walked on the beach. Then headed north—a hard, twisty, narrow road through the mountains on 101. Beautiful view of the ocean all the way. Tried a couple of camp spots and didn't like them. Finally found a beautiful camp at Big Sur, green and clean--\$4.00 could have stayed a couple nights but we decided to go north—spent 3 or 5 hours at Carmel & Monterrey. Drove around Pebble Beach. A beautiful spot. Arrived at Willmore's around six (6) Helped them on a mailing job and visited 'til 10—Regan and Trish were there. He put in a new sink in the bathroom is putting tile on the kitchen floor.

26<sup>th</sup>

Barbara & kids came over to Willmore's. Jeff is working for his dad Saturdays. Good to see them. Mikila & Chris have grown. Mikila had a birthday party in Corte Madera. We went junking—after lunch drove Barbara home. Church in their (30<sup>th</sup>) new ward today. Clayton Valley 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward. Barbara made a good Lasagna for dinner. Have had some good visiting—ate at the Sizzler one night and (\*27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>) found Barbara's Library—spent some time there—the kids got books and we have read LOTS to them. Rained yesterday—Theron took Barbara grocery shopping—I stayed home with the kids—had a lazy day cozy inside listening to the soft patter of the rain. To add to the coziness—Barbara made cookies. Theron is playing some exciting new made up game with the kids.

Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>—2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday AM Theron and I drove over to Willmore's—visited—I did some sewing, went to the Library and a couple of bookstores. Regan & Reed put in a new floor on their kitchen and utility room and we went with them to pick out a new washer & dryer. Letter from Lavina.

This morning we drove over to San Francisco to Roger's. His quartet was singing at some hotel so we visited with Eric 'til he got home. Then we met Carol who had been rehearsing at a restaurant for dinner then went to her Sweet Adeline Concert. It was outstanding. Spent the night with them and visited—arrived back at Barbara's in the early evening after getting lost a couple times and a flat tire.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Left Barbara's about 8 AM on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> made good time 'til Elko—tried to stop for the night but after an hour or so Theron was so uneasy we moved on—made another stop at a rest stop near Wendover—it began snowing and we moved again to run in to a big accident—2 big tankers overturned and couldn't figure out how many more were involved but after ½ hour or so the patrolman let us through and we followed the ambulance through a nightmare of a blizzard 'til we got to Grantsville. Arrived home after 6 AM. –fell into bed 'til 9—unpacked—read the mail and papers—Bryan comes home about midnight.

The rest of February a specially hectic time—Bryan came home—had a hard but rewarding army experience. Started school—seems to have settled in nicely.

We filled out our papers for a mission!!!! Worked in the Temple and the Library—I began cleaning out closets and sorting things including Genealogy. Have it better organized. Spent 2 days in the Genealogy Library in SL and had a good visit with Betty & Mark.

Our Call Came—We go to England Coventry—Have decided to take a trip to NC before we leave—so there is much to do!!!!

Dimple had surgery on her right eye—a cataract removed something for glaucoma and a lens transplant—It was a bigger ordeal than she expected—They were planning to go to N.C. with us—decided to fly out and meet us.

We spent 2 days at the new Genealogy Library in Salt Lake—spent one night with Betty & Mark—Had a good visit and went to their fireside with them. They came down the following Monday and spent the day on Genealogy. Still sorting clothes, organizing & typing Genealogy and early in the AM March 4<sup>th</sup> we loaded in the van and headed east—went the Central route through Wyo and Neb. Stopped in Missouri visited the Liberty Jail museum and Independence. Arrived at Hirschmann's on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Went with Wilma to their Ward Conference. It's the rainy season. In fact our whole trip across county it rained—at least the van was dry and warm. Slept well each night. Was just sort of bleak all the way. Of course the countryside will profit from the rain.

**End of journal**

## Journal of Neva H. Smith Mission 1986

17 April 1986 Thursday

The beginning of a new Era. Our first Day in the MTC! It has been a Full day in many ways. The weather has been pretty nasty outside but the spiritual climate inside has been warm indeed. Wanda, Jacob and Eric (6 weeks) came for our send off which was nice since the new mission President (2 wks) is George Durrant under who Don served as Exec Secretary some years ago when he was Regional Rep. He (Bro. Durrant) had us introduce ourselves and family accompanying us. Whish David, Tammy and Bryan had come. David & Tammy are in the middle of moving.

We have had lots of orientation—Began our first lesson on the discussions—and I have eaten too much. The meals are great—of course not having to cook them makes them more attractive to me.

At 2:00 today all the new missionaries of the week met and Pres. And Sister Durrant gave us a great Pep talk—Pres. Durrant is a powerful, funny, & Spiritual man. He can talk faster than any speaker I have ever heard.

Friday

I am exhausted!!! Classes all day and a special meeting at 10:00 with Bro. Backman, Executive Director of missionary Dept. and Bro. Didier, General Authority.

It is a thrill to hear all those missionaries singing “Called to Serve.” We feel like a powerful army ready to serve our Father in Heaven wherever we are sent. To Bed—

Sat

I slept the clock around—after breakfast we went home—did some washing—read the mail. The check for the sale of the farm had come so made arrangement to buy a Merrill Lynch Money Market Certificate to be collecting interest while we are in England.

We have met many interesting people. Stu and Winnifred Jardine are here. Came in the same day we did. She was the Foods Editor for the Deseret News for years and years. Theron had known Stu years ago. They are going to Calgary, Canada. There is a Smith Couple in our class going to New Zealand and Bali’s going to Australia. A Sister Horne, Her sister—Sister Grosbeck (companions) and Sis. Thompson who are training in Genealogy with us. A Glenn and Emmy Cziep Collette going to Austria Vienna –grew up with Erwin.

We had a class on Defensive driving—geared mostly to the young missionaries, but of course applicable to anyone. To bed early.

Sunday

A pretty Restful Day, filled with Sac. Mtg—women’s mtg—study group led by William Dalebout from our 19<sup>th</sup> Ward. A nap—Then the Culture Class. To bed early.

## Thursday evening

The last 4 days—well they have been so full of study and lessons and then Tue night I started with a Urinary infection so I just toppled into bed each evening and got up just barely in time to get to class. It has been a wonderful learning time and we have had wonderful teachers. I have just barely managed to stay up. Tonight I feel a bit better but I'm toppling into bed soon as I take my last Macrochantin for the day.

## 26 Apr 1986 Saturday

A busy Preparation day. Ate breakfast at 6:20 and hurried over to the Temple for a session. Spent some time on work detail and then to lunch. Then home to wash—Had a letter from Lavina—She is a loyal soul and I love her. After dinner we had a P&R period when we rehearsed the discussion to each other.

## Sunday

A busy Day—good Sabbath—We (our district) each gave 4 minute talks for church today—Then Rel. Soc. Dinner—Farewell mtg with Pres. Durrant—supper Culture meeting and when we got to our room we had a Big surprise. Bryan and Steven were there for a visit—Steven flew down from Wash. This morning. He is at Camp Williams as part of an inspection group inspecting the 168<sup>th</sup> Battalion of Utah Army Reserve. Was good to see them. Bryan is just back from a week trip to California—(San Fran.) and San Jose.

## Monday

More discussion preparation, a class on being a resource person, an Ambassador class and 3 big meals. We visited with a girl from Litchfield, Eng. A Sister Bowler. She gave us some good hints about the country.

## Sunday May

The most fabulous 2 weeks of my life has ended—the MTC was wonderful—Sister Jones and Sister Beckstead taught us to be still and “listen for the Spirit.” I am grateful for their guidance. They are fine young women.

We finished the 6 discussions—studying them—then Role played giving them. Then on Thursday evening after Branch meeting and our interview with Bro. Jensen our Br. President, Theron and I turned in our keys and went home. I was exhausted and tumbled into bed. Friday AM Theron took Wanda to school. I tended Eric and washed. At 11 AM Theron took Eric and picked up Wanda and took her to the airport and they flew to Oakland—will be back Mon. night.

Bryan has the flu and didn't go to Summer Camp as scheduled. We slept in and after packing and doing a number of odds and ends of jobs we loaded the car and left for Salt Lake. Spent the rest of the day at the Genealogy Library. Stopped in at McKnights and visited, stopped at Deaker's and Bob Jaggi's but they were not home. Bob is still Bishop of LeGrand Ward and they have Stake Conference. LeGrand Ward House has been leveled and they are building a new one. Looks impressive.

Arrived at Betty and Mark's about 6:30—visited and to bed about 10:30—I slept in this morning—Felt a bit slothful but I was so exhausted—(had a blood clot in my right leg) and knew I needed to be rested for this

coming week at the Genealogy Library. I don't want to get so run down that I become susceptible to Bryan's flu or another urinary infection.

Monday

A full day of classes under Bro. Jim Tyrell. Loaded with an overview and purpose for Genealogy. Spent some time on my genealogy and now to bed.

Tuesday

Ditto the above—called Gladys and we have dinner with her and Arlene on Friday—Wendell & Janine tomorrow.

9 May 1986

Had a GOOD dinner and visit with Gladys, Arlene and Marguerite—(Arlene's mother was there too). Saw their new apartments. They are very comfortably settled. They each gave us \$10.00 for our mission fund. Was very touched. On Wed. Wendell & Janine came and took us to dinner at the Ponderosa. Had a good visit with them.

10<sup>th</sup>

Dropped our stuff off at Winnie & Jim's and drove home washed—Stopped in to see David and Tammy in their new home in the Trailer Park. Betty & Mark gave us \$30 for our mission fund. People are Good.

11<sup>th</sup> Sun Mother's Day

What a full week of learning—at the Genealogy Library. Bro Jim Tyrell is taking very good care of us.

Steven called for Mother's Day—talked to the boys. Was good!! Think I had better find a new adjective.

15<sup>th</sup>

I'm tired but will write a few words—It was such a good day. Bro. Tyrell bore such a lovely testimony this afternoon—Elaine Crapo (Winnie's daughter #2) gave me a perm and cut Theron's hair.

Tues. evening we went with Winnie and Jim to Naoma's. She is married to Hal Tate—They have a Penthouse in a big Condominium at the mouth of Immigration Canyon—It is literally a showplace—indescribable—She then took us out for dinner. We have had some Very varied experiences this past year—Climaxed by this past month.

17<sup>th</sup> Sat.

We finished classes at noon yesterday and decided to take the afternoon and drive home. Theron had a new computer program he wanted to talk to Wanda about—so I did our washing. Read some newspapers. There is lots of water in Provo River and Utah Lake—they are worried about flooding. Then we got back to McLachlans

about 7. Theron has had a “bug” of some kind the past 3 days and it is coming out in massive cold sores over all his top lip up to his nose and inside. Has felt pretty miserable. Is picking Winnie’s brain about the computer.

England 20 May 1986

Here we are in “merry Old England.” There are lots of things to learn. It was a long old flight—and difficult because of 3 plane changes and too much hand luggage to carry. Then our bags didn’t get to Heathrow in London. So here we are in Solihull at a bed & breakfast place with no luggage. I wore my Navy blue suit & pink blouse so I have washed my blouse & hose. Theron has washed his shirt and we bought a pair of garments for 25 pence at the Dist. Center so we will make out. We saw the MOC where we will work and met the Landermans, Miller’s, Bro. Pack and I can’t remember who all else. I feel that I can sleep the clock around—We are in a bed & breakfast place 22<sup>nd</sup> [21<sup>st</sup>] and I did sleep the clock around. Mary (?) served us a big breakfast—juice, corn flakes, eggs with both bacon & sausage, lots of toast & marmalade and milk. Bro. Landerman picked us up soon after 8 AM and drove us over to Coventry where we met Pres. Nielson (Veigh) took all morning. Came back to the MOC and we worked all afternoon. They delivered our luggage!!!!and so after eating supper with the Landermans we went back to our rooms and now I am comfortable in my warm robe. I am going to bed early again.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

We have had 2 days on the job—It is a pretty good size operation—the MOC (Microfilm Ordering Center) but the work is pretty routine—In fact boring—but we have some fine people to work with. We handle film orders from all of Great Britain as well as process entry forms for Temple work. England is Beautiful—at least the part we have been going to and from work and to the Church headquarters. Our room is becoming a bit confining—especially when it is raining outside.

Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>

We attended Church in England for the first time today—Birmingham 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward. The Bishop asked the 4 (Sis. Grosebeck & Horne) of us to speak briefly—we had a good Sunday School Class. Sis. Rosemarie Griffith was the teacher. She did a nice job on Joshua. Sis. Landerman (Janette) gave the cultural Refinement lesson on love in Rel. Soc. and afterwards there was a young couple baptized. Janette invited the Elders and Majorie Grosebeck & Leila Horne for dinner so we had a good visit, and now the day is about over. It is Bank holiday this week and so we have tomorrow off.

Oh I should have written first thing—we moved yesterday—from the bed and breakfast place to here in with Landermans, (Bob) until we can find something better. Theron’s cold sores are scabbing over and his top lip is stiff and awkward.

Bank Holiday 28<sup>th</sup> Wed

On Monday we slept in and after breakfast set out for a shopping trip—except because of Bank holiday the stores were closed so we just went sightseeing—can’t remember where all we went except for Stratford on Avon and there were so many people that we just drove slowly through. Was a lovely day and I think I am

pretty well over any Jet Lag. Yesterday and today we got lots accomplished at the MOC—looked at a house—It was too far away from work so we are still with the Landermans. Theron went with Bob to Choir practice. I'm going to bed. (8:00 o'clock)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Another work day—Think we are catching up at the office. No success with finding a flat. I am beginning to look forward to some mail from home. The weather has been nice the last 2 days. We are working hard and going to bed early.

June 6<sup>th</sup>

Another week of work—I'm surprised I don't find it more boring than I do. I'm responsible for the files but I try to do as many odd jobs as possible in between file jobs. I help check off the films in as they return from the Branch Libraries—I help check the films going out as well as filing the films and inventory cards and orders. Bro. Miller is a pleasure to work with. We went to see an apartment today—it was a mess. Bro. Mark Bell came to the MOC to meet us—He is younger than I had anticipated—I suppose he is our boss although the mission President, Pres. Nielson is what they call our Ecclesiastical leader. It is a bit confusing.

7 June

I think we have a house! I hope we aren't jumping the gun because of the scarcity of flats. It is 3 bedrooms and unfurnished! That means quite an expenditure when we move in—He says we can have it in a week—we will see. Sure would like to get settled.

12 June

It has been a busy week. Things slowly making sense at work. They were so far behind with orders they had let the filing go and it will take a long time to get that caught up. Wednesday was Rel . Society work night—they had an amateurish fashion show but it was cute—fun—tomorrow is moving day. Letter from Wanda today.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

In our new home. We moved in yesterday!! It feels so good. Spent most of the day cleaning—not that there was that much to clean—Just up after workmen. Part of the carpet throughout is new—The bath and kitchen has new tile (floor & walls) and paint so everything is fresh. The whole house is very light and airy—May mean it will be cold this winter. It is a big place for the 2 of us. 3 bedrooms dining room, all nicely furnished except the Lounge (Living room) which they say they will eventually do better. We went to bed early and got a good night sleep—so I woke early—5:30. Had a not bath and washed my hair—now after a leisurely breakfast I am enjoying a beautiful sunshiny morning. We washed yesterday and our clothes are hanging on the line in the sun. I feel very grateful this morning for a beautiful world created for us. For opportunities of so many kinds provided for us. Now if I can ignore my aching joints and limbs and get on with the business of taking advantage.



Sat 21 June

Another week already. We feel comfortable in our house by now. Work is coming along. Think we are making a contribution. The highlight of the week was the family letter from home. (Shirley & Pam combined those who wrote) another highlight was the trip we took up to New Castle under Lyme where they have opened up a new Branch Library. They had open house and the Lord Mayor was there to “cut the Ribbon,” His assistant and a council member with their wives. It seems to be one of the most efficiently equipped.

Went shopping today—picked up odds and ends and groceries—Washed, did a bit of cleaning and now that meals are over and dishes done I am going to bed. We teach a Sunday School Class tomorrow—12 yr olds—and Theron teaches the Priesthood Class. Also we are having the Landerman’s to dinner.

Sunday

A good day—we had 6 in our Sunday School Class—Think it went well—Had a good Rel. Soc lesson on developing patience. Then we had the Landermans and Leila Horne & Marjorie Grosbeck for dinner. I did teriyaki chicken and Theron helped me peel apples for apple pie. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. Now we are settling down to letter writing ‘til bedtime—and another day of work at the MOC.

June 18

Our wedding anniversary—42 years!!! Woke up early and we spent an hour washing—ate breakfast and are now waiting for Bro & Sister Miller (Ray & Stella) to pick us up for a day on the town.

It has been an exciting week—on Tuesday we received a telegram from Roger—Their baby was born on the 19<sup>th</sup>—a 7 lb 14 oz boy—named Andrew William—mother & baby doing fine. Exciting for them.

Thursday we received a Good letter from Steven with beautiful pictures of the family. Then yesterday the computer came! It was a bit disappointing since it is a single disk drive instead of double disk but hopefully it will be adequate. I completed the order files—cleaning it out—on Monday we are supposed to switch jobs and learn more of the operation. It has been a good week. (P.S.) on Wed evening we went with our crew to the NEC (National Exhibition Centre) for a Royal Gala Concert “in Aid of the Prince’s Trust.” The Birmingham Symphony conducted by Simon Rattle played a marvelous program. The Prince & Princess (Diana) of Wales were in attendance so it was an exciting night.

July 5 Sunday

A beautiful day—It was a big rainy part of the day yesterday—It was a full day—The sisters (Leila and Marjorie) and the 4 elders came over for dinner. I had spent a couple days on a Palestine Stew. Had a green salad—Leila made a cherry upside down cake in honor of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and a jello salad—They are a jolly bunch of boys.

In the morning we walked over to Dove House Lane where there is a one block shopping area—one side of the street only—bought some veg, eggs, a honeydew melon that we had for our company dinner and 5

paperback books—a Scout troupe was selling them for a money raising project: “A Town Like Alice” was 25 p. will re-read it and give it to someone.

This past week was a bit difficult at work—Tho’ Theron is getting into the computer nicely. I taught the Merrie Miss B class in Primary today. One girl—It was a satisfying experience though. She was so responsive.

19 July 1986

The family letter came Thursday—making a super week.

Last weekend was such a busy one. Everyone day was busy at work—I would come home and make a quick supper and fall into bed. On Sat we spent the day at the Solihull Library where we had a Genealogy exhibit—Think it was a moderate success. The real highlight was a ‘specially nice letter from Roger and Carole telling of the details of Andrew’s birth. Roger’s was touching—

[Inserted on the margin] washed, cleaned house and walked over to Dove House to shop.]

Last night was the High Priest annual dinner at the Robinsons—Bro. Robinson is president of the High Priest Quorum. They have 4 boys and a girl—seems like a fairly young couple. Have a nice—English type home. Interesting. It is difficult to describe the English people. There is an elusive quality that is hard to describe. Proud—laid back—self assured—an interesting combination of seeming contradictions.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

Nice meetings today—The 4 of us LM’s made up a panel of Senior Citizens on aging in Rel. Soc. Dora Shaw as the Class leader and she did a magnificent job. Made us proud of our Maturity.

We spent this afternoon reading and writing letters. A most relaxing day. By midweek I’ll be tired again. Landermans had a good day yesterday at the opening and dedication of the BGL at Banbury Cross. (Bbranch Gen. Library)

27 July Sunday

Where has July gone? I had a busy week though we didn’t get a big order from S.L. the highlight of this week was Friday—at the last minute Thursday Evening we decided that I would go with Stella to Birmingham for the day instead of Ray. We rode over on the train from the Olton station and made our way through confusing streets to the Birmingham Library. There we spent the day. I read & copied some interesting things about Acock Green and Yardley Parish. It looks more and more like this is the area that the Acocks came from. I hope I’m not getting too excited about it.

Last night Bishop (George) and Sis \*June) Rickford has us (the Sr missionaries) over for (Tea) dinner. It was a nice evening—Both told us their conversion story which was very interesting especially since the Bishop has some Negro blood.

\*Yesterday 26<sup>th</sup> is a red letter day—Steven just called and announced that Emily Maria was born—8 lbs oz. mother and daughter doing fine. Really a special time for their family. I’m so happy for them.

3 Aug Sunday

A busy week at work—6 long days—Tho yesterday was a satisfying one. We had open house at the MOC about (over) a hundred people—we took groups as they came to our departments and explained the operation. There was lots of work preparing and cleaning up so it was a 12 hour day. Had a letter from Lavina this week plus the family letter – a skinny one- an aerogramme from Wilma and Barbara Jean.

10 Aug. Sunday

Millers (Ray and Stella) had moved in with us on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. They gave their flat to save a month's rent. It was nice having them. They left for home on Friday (evening). They will be home now – going to Church in their home ward. Ray had worked for Doxey Layton for 28 years. Stella taught school. Ray taught us well – our jobs in the MOC a joy to work with. It has been a dry week for mail. We did get in 4 big boxes of film from SL on Fri. so we have our work cut out for us at the MOC. Sat. Theron and I went to Birmingham on the Train and we extracted all the Acocks from the Yardley Parish Registers – 2 big volumes. Wish I knew where some further records might be. I feel VERY fortunate to have been led to these.

[inserted—letter to family from dad & mom]

22 August 1986

Dear Family,

Our labors in England are keeping us busy as ever. And as our film inventory increases weekly, so our responsibilities increase. But that is the way we like it. It not only brings happiness to us, but give our self-image a boost. And most of all we feel your energies are behind us.

While Mother has experienced some exciting events in find her “English born” ancestors, I as still searching to locate mine. We recently motored to Bradford only to find some important records were moved to another spot some distance away. So we decided to visit with Jack and Gladys instead of going to the other records office and we were well rewarded for our quick decision.

In discussing our “roots” with Jack, we found out he had done some research in several local parishes. It was Jack's belief that our 4<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather John Smith had actually married Elizabeth Myrrl while our 5<sup>th</sup> Great Grandfather Stephen married Ellen Bannister. We discussed the letter that Granma Smith received from Jack's Father Thomas saying his Mother was a Bannister. But Jack and I both concluded that he remembered his Grandmother as being a Bannister rather than his Mother. It was just a honest mistake and could be made by anyone. One record we found to substantiate this conclusion was the marriages of two of Elizabeth Myrrl's sisters, naming their father to be William Myrrl. All we have to do now is to find records of Stephen Smith and Ellen Bannister and William Myrrl and his wife. We hope to find this in the records office near Leeds. Will keep you informed of what we find there.

Now that we have a car to drive, I have been getting acquainted with ways to get around in Solihull on their narrow streets. I feel comfortable driving on the left hand but still feel weak in squeezing through speeding traffic on the narrow streets, especially when the huge buses of trucks are involved. Sometimes you

have to guess what the outcome will be rather than actually trying any defensive driving. It gets a bit scary at times. I am glad we have a small Toyota to drive. Mother laughs a bit when I still try to get behind the wheel on the left side when all the steering is done from the right side.

Driving on the motorways (freeways) can be an experience, too. For those who want to travel under 100 miles an hour the left lane is available. The trouble you find yourself in is—when the left lane exits and you see someone coming 100 miles an hour behind you. To get in another lane quickly is a test for anyone's driving skill. But I can imagine those who drive over the motorways very often soon learn some lessons in defensive driving.

Keep us informed what is going on. We enjoy hearing about what all of you are doing, even if it seems trite to you. The more news we get, the happier we seem to be.

We love you all and miss you even more,

Love, Dad

[mom's added these line on bottom of the same page as dad's letter]

Theron is waiting for the details to be worked out and he will be going to Germany to help with the program for his computer. They have a MOC there and should have had a program completed months ago but have run into problems. Don't know what kind of problems.

[on the back of Dad's letter]

Dear Loved Ones,

Dad told you we went to Jack and Gladys' for the weekend—now that we have a car we feel much more free—and it was a nice weekend—David (their 2<sup>nd</sup> son) and Thea (Dorthea) had us for tea—He asked us why we (as a Church) spent so much time and money looking for people who are dead—Well I ended up giving the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> missionary discussions. Hope I didn't overdo it.

Now that I am comfortable with my job I will give you a quick rundown on my responsibilities. I have cleaned up the inventory files and when an order for a film comes from Carol Branch Library I check to see if we have it in our inventory and in the files. If so I give it to Theron who stamps the cards and ships them out. If we have it but it is already on loan to another BGL I indicate and they are notified. If we don't have the film they request, we order it from S.L. and file the order card. When the shipment from S.L. comes I match the order with the film and Theron ships them to the BGL. These last 2 weeks have moved smoothly so we fell things have gotten organized.

We are getting our weekends lined up to visit the Branch Libraries to give Seminars so plan to take a day off during the week which will be good to do personal research since records offices are not open on Sat or holidays. I need my Aycock note book instead of the Maudlin one I brought because I have "stumbled" on the spot where our Aycocks came from. I have lots more research to do but there is no doubt that this is it. When I get a little more done I will send you some material Pam. It is complicated to write. I've told about 20 people

about my "Miracle" Genealogy find and it takes me 15 minutes to explain and will take a separate letter and you can condense it for the next family letter . 'Til then We love you—we are busy—happy & well. Love,  
Mom

24 Aug

Last weekend we drove up to Branford and then Steeton. Left here on Friday morning early – got to Bradford shortly after nine – spend the morning in the Library. They sent us to the Archives and after getting lost and finally finding it we learned the records had been sent to North Allerton - got to Gladys and Jack's in time for dinner. Had a good visit with them. Tea at David and Thea's the next day and on Sunday Tea at John and Margaret's. Now I have a urinary infection. I suppose all the extra riding and not enough water to drink. Anyway I have been sort of dragging. Have been busy at work.

Nice meetings today. Then the Mike Corbishley's had us over for evening "tea." They have a nice family – (Andrew 14 Fiona 12 Matthew 4 Johnnie 2.) He is our Hometeacher. They were having a genealogy activity and we moved in to help. Tried to infuse some of our enthusiasm – or the Spirit of Elijah.

31 Aug. 1986

The first really quiet Sunday for a long time. Received the sisters family letter yesterday and wrote this afternoon. Also wrote to Loris' otherwise spent a leisurely day. Had good meetings. Bro. Crockford got us excited about the 150 year centennial coming up this next year and told of the new huge Stake house that is being dedicated at Maidstone next month. The chapel will seat 1,000. Rainy all week.

7 Sept. 1986

A quiet Sabbath – good meetings – a vegetable dinner, carrots, Rutabaga (Swedes here) beet greens and a big green salad. The cucumbers are great here – 18 in long – Friday and Sat we (The sisters rode with us) went up to York- 3 hours going up – 2 ¼ coming back. There we participated in a seminar to help train the workers in a new BHL that is being opened there. Interesting.

14 Sept. Sun.

A beautiful Sabbath Day. Nice meetings. Rosemary Griffith is ill – seriously. Pres. Cook took her Gospel Doctrine class. In the evening Theron and I went over to the Bishops where we helped with the youth fireside on genealogy. Think it went well. Called Wanda in the afternoon. Was good to get some news from Utah. Hadn't heard for 6 weeks.

15 Monday

\*Then today we hit the jackpot – letters from Wanda, Wilma, Shirley and Pam. Yippee!!!! Forgot to write that on Sat we spent the morning at Solihull Library - did some shopping then walked around the Yardley Cemetery. It is a large, old one but not old enough for our Acocks.

Wrote to Roger and Carol on the 17ty - included poem.

18<sup>th</sup>

A new missionary arrived yesterday. We took her to her new apartment and shopping. Helped her start to get settled in. She is Jean Whitton. A lovely lady. Has a severe curvature of the spine – has lived all over Salt lake for the past some years. Calls herself a Britisher.

20 Sept.

Woke up with a headache – unusual- washed- cleaned house and after lunch we went to the Old Yardley Church. Walked around it, but had to steer clear of 2 weddings – one going on inside and the wedding part of one outside taking pictures. The church is 1,000 years old so certainly the one that many of our Acock went to in the 15-16 hundreds. We did some shopping in Yardley – an outside market. Came home to find a letter from Lavina – always a treat. Had a rest – almost went to sleep. Wrote to Wises.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

Awoke to a nice day. Had a long hot bath, washed my hair. Wrote a couple letters—(Jack and Gladys) and get ready to go over to Birmingham for Stake Conference. Theron took the car out of the garage to find it had a flat tire. So I got into a new sweat shirt I bought yesterday and began to write letters. One to Jack and Gladys and sent them a tape of Zamphirs Lonely Shepherd, one to Wanda and the family letter. Theron had trouble getting the jack to work but finally got the tired changed about the time conference started. The sisters reported that they released Pres. Cook.

14 Sep. 86

Dear Mom and Dad,

I've decided to repent and sit down and write. I've been wanting to write but have trouble sitting down and actually doing it. Time seems to fly by so quickly

I'm well into school now. I'm taking a Design Engineering class, a Manufacturing Engineering class, a computer programming class, and chemistry from Fran Nordmeyer. It is a very difficult class, a lot of memorizing and understanding of principles. Two friends I have, have gotten a D+ and D- in the class. Right now, my goal is to get a B. It's my hardest class. I think I'm into the swing of studying. My only problem is finding time for lunch.

I don't know if you knew Duane Asay was living with us for a while. He has moved back home, because he got sick. He has mononucleosis and hepatitis both at the same time. He is doing fine though, as long as he will stay in bed. I stop by now and again to see him.

David Park's farewell was today. Both his parents spoke. IT was very enjoyable. I talked to Sister Loris who reproached me for not writing you. I had planned on writing today anyway though.

I have been dating Paula's (Hirschmann) roommate. Her name is Jennifer Packer and is from Maryland. Although she is eighteen years old, she is quite mature for her age. I had always thought of girls four years younger too young for me. We were dating quite seriously for a while, which scared us both, so we have decided to see each other once a week and date other people. We found we have almost everything in

common, but we will have to see what happens. I've sat down and figured out I have three years left in school, so I've decided to get through at least another year before I think about marriage. I took Jennifer flying Friday, and although she was excited to go, when she saw how small and uncomplicated a small Cessna 150 is, she was a little nervous. It was her first time in a small plane, but she seemed to relax and have a good time.

Mike Asay is settling into married life, I don't see him a lot anymore. He is working and will be attending the "U" at the end of the month.

I applied for a job at a place called Megadiamond near the BYU motion picture studio. They manufacture industrial diamonds. It would be excellent experience for me. One man I interviewed with graduated from the "Y" in my major. I continually check back with them, and the latest is they will be hiring in October. I'll have to see how that goes.

I had Doctor Batesman burn off another wart that grew back on my hand. He was asking about you, and wanted to know why you are in Coventry. What is there to attract genealogy work?

I meant to tell you Dad, the spot on the van was just paint from the wall of the garage. All I did was take some rubbing compound and rub it off. It looks just like new. We start the cars at least twice a month. They're all in good shape.

I've been depositing \$100 a month in your account. Although I have spent a little on things around the yard, fertilizer, gas, etc. I subtracted from my monthly payment probably no more than 20.00. The lawn mower died so I use Don's gas one now. The sprinkling system works great also. I did also spend another \$50 (which I subtracted from car payment) on the roof over the shed. We laid roofing material (Don was overseeing) down and it is now waterproof. Hopefully it will last till you get home (it should no problem) I hadn't intended on starting another page, but I have a few more things. Wanda has been sick off and on. She has a hard time when Don leaves for California for a week, it wears her down. I try to help out with the kids when I can, but it is difficult with school, especially since this is probably my toughest semester yet.

I hope you have a chance to proselyte, at least to teach some discussions. I have fond memories of experiences I had while teaching the gospel, although I know also how important the genealogy work you are doing is. I remember you in my prayers and I am very proud of you.

Love, Bryan

Dear Dad & Mom,

September 14, 1986

I hope I don't shock you too bad with this letter. Each Sunday I plan on writing you a letter and each Sunday we go somewhere or something comes up and I never get around to it and you know how hard it is for me to get motivated to write.

We just got back from John and Lind's they had a birthday party for Sue; she was one year old. Sundays are about the only night Tammy and I can count on having a night together so we almost always are visiting someone or just spending a quiet night just the two of us, relaxing. Tammy is very busy with school. She has classes at 8:00 in the morning and goes until 1:00 in the afternoon. She still works most every night at ACMI

usually at 5 or 6 but some days she has to go right from school. She enjoys the secretarial program at Stevens Henegar and will graduate the end of April. She still has to choose between legal, medical, and executive areas of interest. She is doing very well in all her classes but is struggling a little in accounting and math. I try and help her as much as possible.

I'm still working full time at the hospital. I feel like an old timer there. It's still an interesting place to work I still see Dr. Hemmert and Clayton and Bateman, and getting to know other doctors and interesting people. There's been some pretty good part time jobs open up but I kind of like my job. I usually do about 3 or 4 different jobs a week, and the variety of jobs helps break the monotony. As of last count I know about 15 different jobs plus catering in the dietary department. And being able to eat my free meal at work saves on groceries. Getting insurance has already paid off I've already been to Dr Bateman twice, (gastritis or pleurisy ) and to have 3 warts burned off. And we both have dentist appointments this week. Plus the money we save from prescriptions and when we have our first baby (no announcement yet), it has been well worth it.

I can't remember if I told you my plans for school. I'm taking night classes at Tech, I have a full time load. I'm all registered and we start in a couple weeks. I'll graduate in their Information Management program by taking basically two semesters of anything I want. I have a real estate class, a computer programming class and a couple of other business classes I've always wanted to take. After I finish the Tech Tammy will be finished with her school and I'll finish at the Y in Business Management. My reasons for going to the Tech are: I can handle a full time load and work full time easier. I got a Pell Grant to go there, and it will sound better on my resume that I graduated from the Tech in Information Management and the Y in Business than just from the Y in Business. I just hope Tammy and I will both be able to work and go to school.

As you can see we are very busy but we have both enjoyed immensely our first year of marriage. Our mobile home has been just wonderful. Bryan and I found an oak vanity at a garage sale for \$5 and he helped me build a real nice looking and big top for it. Tammy really loves it and it makes us proud to see them advertised in the paper for over \$200 and we spent under \$10. Also Tammy's uncle gave us his old couch. Its supper nice, 8 feet long, made of Belgium velvet and really soft. When he had the cushions cleaned the fabric kind of ran so he got a new couch and all we had to do was go pick it up in Salt Lake. He paid over a thousand dollars of it. We love it.

Even though we've been very blessed we've had our share of tough luck like we just had to pay \$750 to have the mustangs transmission fixed and it seems like a major bill is always coming in the mail but I can't complain we have each other and with that we feel very rich. I have caught a glimpse of what you two went through to raise all of us kids and I'm both proud and amazed.

As usual at this time of year everyone is talking BYU football. Tammy's mom had 2 extra tickets so John and I went in together and bought them from her. We'll gone to most of the games but when I have to work he'll take Linda. I made it to both games so far, we creamed Utah State 54 to 0 it was like we were laying a high school team. But the game with New Mexico yesterday was a thriller a real nail bitter. We were very lucky to win 31 to 30, scoring two touchdowns with about 7 minutes to play.



Well that's about as much as I can catch up on with our lives right now. Just hope everything is going good for you and that you're having many wonderful experiences. I'm so proud to tell people my parents are on a mission. Tammy says to tell you she loves you a lot and is proud of you too. She's studying for a test tomorrow so if she doesn't get a letter in this time she'll try next time.

Know that our prayers and thoughts are with you every day, Love David and Tammy

23 Sept

\*What a Red letter day the 22<sup>nd</sup> was. We had 2 lovely letters one from David and Tammy and one from Bryan. Enough to "warm the Cockles of my heart" for many days. I am so proud of them and my heart swells with love—as it does for each of our children as I reflect on each of them in turn.

Then this morning about 5 AM the phone rang and it was Victor—Pam had a baby girl yesterday morning—Rebecca—7 lbs. 15 oz—Pam sounded chipper—Victor has a new job as a social worker in Pike Co. (adjoining the county they live in.) So things are looking up for them after a period of trials.

At work things are easing up. Sister Whitton, Jean, helped me most of the day and though I am not caught up at least I don't feel so snowed under. I feel especially blessed today—I am so very grateful for my many beautiful blessings and I love my Heavenly Father so much more than words can express. I'm glad that He is able to know even when I can't express it in words.

Some of our Blessings

Eric			D.J.
Andrew	Dale	Jacob	David
	Ann Marie	Eric	Paul
Michael	Scott		Nicholas
Jason	Darla	Ross	
McKay		Wayne	Mikila
Joel	Barbara Jean	Rebecca	Christopher
Matthew	Alan		
Emily	Gary		

Sunday 28 Sept

A nice restful weekend for me. And I needed it we had a busy week at work—3 big boxes of film came in from Salt Lake (Fri)—we only got one checked in so there will be lots to do tomorrow. I started taking my Ridura again—one a day about 10 days ago and my stomach is rebelling a bit—yesterday I did 3 batches of wash—vacuumed. The Hardwicks stopped in and visited a bit—Theron spent the morning at the office—Landermans went over to do research on her line and he took advantage of the time to work on the computer. Wed. Jean (Sis. Whitton) went grocery shopping with us and I brought her on over to eat with us—I made a quick pan of stir and fry. She is an interesting person.

The Elders Durrant and Nielson dropped I for a couple hours—It's the end of the month and I take it they were hungry—ate all the left over's I could lay my hands on. Ended up inviting them to dinner.

Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

Another busy week—but we took time off Tuesday and spent the day at the Records office in Worcester (pronounced Woo'ster to rhyme with Rooster) I searched the Bishop's transcripts and added a few names that we couldn't read on the Par Reg in Birmingham. Also read a few wills. Yesterday washed, shopped, and went to the Olton Library. Did some cooking—the Elders came over for dinner—Durrant & Nielsen.

Had letters from Lavina and a surprise one from Astrid Nordmeyer giving a great genealogy story of her family.

We had a nice fast Sunday meetings. A good Spiritual Living lesson in Re. Soc given by Sis. Merritt. She is a good teacher.

This evening we (the MOC staff) drove over to Reddich and I gave the lion's share of a fireside—think it went well.

Called Wrights in Driffield to make arrangements to see them next weekend when we go to Hull for workshops.

12 Oct.

It is hard to realize that half of Oct is gone. It has been a busy week at work—we had a new couple missionary arrive on Thurs—the Kendalls. This is their 3<sup>rd</sup> mission. They are from Ogden. The weather has continued reasonably warm. We

still have heat in the morning and evening but a sweater is sufficient during the day. I'm certainly not looking forward to the bitter cold.

About noon on Friday we left work and headed for Hull. The sisters, Leila & Marjorie riding with us. Joyce and John Wright met us at the ward house in Anlaby a suburb of Hull about 4:00 p.m. took the sisters to their bed & breakfast place and we went out to Wrights for the night—Had a good visit with them and they led us back to the Chapel the next morning where we participated in a seminar for the Hull BGL. They are a struggling unit. We arrived home about 7:30—travel sore—and to an empty cupboard. We have managed though.

Another highlight was the arrival of 2 proselyting sisters to the area on Wednesday—They are staying with us for 2 weeks until their apartment is available. Sis. Edwards and Sis. Weaver. We don't see much of them—did visit the first evening when they arrived and I gave them dinner. They are cute girls—They bore their testimonies in Sacrament meeting today.

We have had a dearth of mail—the family letter is overdue.

19 Oct 86

The family letter came! A nice big one also the Harper one and one from Wanda. Made for a great couple days in spite of being swamped at work. The Kendell's finally settled down and helped us most of Friday and we made lots of headway in catching up. We wrote letters yesterday—went to the Yardley Library—shopped a bit in Solihull—visited with the sisters—went to bed early. Today we had a sunny but cold day—good meetings—In the afternoon Kendell's walked over and we had a good visit with them. Oh yes, Hardick's came over yesterday (our Landlord) and we visited with them for half an hour. They brought over 2 single beds they exchanged for the 2 bunk beds we had in the second bedroom. They also put in a wardrobe. So it is a pretty comfortable second bedroom.

26 Oct Sunday

A miserable day. I had a sore throat when I went to bed and it got worse during the night—So I stayed home in bed. My sinuses are in a bad way—I did bake a chicken and some potatoes for dinner. It has rained most of the week—maybe that's where my cold came from—I got a bit wet when we went shopping yesterday. Looked for some boots but didn't come up with anything. Stopped in the Olton Library—Theron got a card there—now I have a card for Solihull, Olton, Acocks Green and Yardley Libraries. I have to be careful not to get the books mixed up.

2 November

My Cold is finally letting up—It was a miserable week physically. I spent half a day Tues. in bed. Went to bed early the other nights. Films did not come in from Salt Lake so we had something of a slow week and we are pretty well caught up and are cleaning up the files as well as the office in general.

The Sisters (Weaver & Edwards) have not found a flat so are still with us.

Wanda called—they had received the property tax notice and it has to be in this month—Everyone is fine. Bryan is studying hard—He and Mike & Reed went hunting—She has had problems with allergies. The Dr. pronounced her completely and unequivocally allergic to penicillin. The family has been sending money towards our mission expenses—I feel so very grateful for my children—as well as my sisters and their families. Fast & Testimony meeting today—and Sis. Merritt gave a beautiful Spiritual living lesson in Rel. Soc. We wrote to Wanda.

9 Nov 1986 Birmingham

It has been the quietest week we have had since we have been here—so far as work is concerned.

We have had no film from Salt Lake for 3 weeks. Janette and I took Friday off and went to Birmingham on the train—spent the day in the Central Library—I found “Mr. Secretary—Robert Peel” that I have been looking for and copied several pages and searched the Par. Reg. for 1735—18—and a St. Giles (of Sheldon) Par Reg. then some land records which are in Latin and I couldn’t read so I made arrangements to have them translated and will pick them up in a couple weeks. On Thursday Theron and I left work at 3:00 (since things are slow) and met with a Jim Cooke who is heading a History research project of Yardley and I showed him some of my research notes. He is going to go through his material and see if he has anything that would be of help—yesterday we picked up Jean Whitton and went to Solihull. Spent an hour at the Library—Jean hadn’t been before and another shopping—I bought some boots. We got a few groceries and most of the afternoon I spent preparing vegetables and making a big pot of soup—stew and a pot of applesauce. Theron picked the last of our broad beans and cleaned up our garden. I made a pan of biscuits and they turned out super—so much so I think I’ll try another pan full tonight since our bread is low.

Friday night we came home to find a package from Lavina—a pair of leather wooly lined house slippers for both Theron and I a quartz digital watch for me and a package of pecans—an early Christmas—another highlight—on \*\*Wednesday we had 2 fat envelopes from Dimple and Carl letters and material to help with my Acock research—all in all a GREAT week.

16 Nov

It started out as a quiet week at work—Theron had his birthday on Monday. They gave him a plastic cake blew up balloon like—then filled with fruit—apples, bananas & grapes. For dinner we had dinner at a “Swiss Alps Restaurant” a bit disappointing but OK—on Thursday we finally got a shipment of films from Salt Lake. Nine big boxes so we will be busy for a while—Today we picked up 3 more genealogy missionaries from the airport. Hope things can settle down now! \*Had the family letter—Shirley, Pam & Lavina were the only contributors this time but it was a good letter. Pam has 20 music students I’m impressed.

23 Nov

An interesting week—Monday we worked hard on the shipment from Salt Lake and then left everything to drive up to Nottingham (Robin Hood Country) Tuesday morning to participate in an Open House at the First Ward. We helped with a genealogy exhibit for 2 full days—Spent the night in a bed and breakfast nearby.

Thursday & Friday was busy—one highlight, the computer program finally arrived from Frankfurt—and then yesterday the sisters moved to their flat in Acocks Green. We did some shopping—went to the Olton Library—Did some cleaning—started a urinary infection early Friday morning—so I’m dragging a bit.

Had a good letter from Ray & Margaret—we will be writing letters all afternoon—catching up.

Bro. Wilkinson called us into his office to ask us to teach the 16-17 yr. olds in Sunday School! A sobering call!

30 Nov

A frustrating week for Theron trying out the new computer program. Bagley’s and Sis. Williams have settled in nicely—we still haven’t caught up but we are getting lots done. Janette’s father died and she flew home for

the funeral. The sister's flat didn't work out so they are having a rough time—Last night the youth of the ward had an auction and we went over—bought 4 glasses—some tid bits to eat—a diversion—our Sunday School Class went well.

December 3, 1986

Dear Mom and Dad,

It is hard to know where to begin with a letter of this nature. I've tried to make your mission a worry free one so that you could be about our Heavenly Father's business. I remember well how you supported me in that regard. I also remember the Christmas I was away on my mission. One nice thing for you is that you have each other. I think that would be a more memorable experience.

When you have young children (as you already know) Christmas time is one of excitement and dreams. Jacob is somewhat confused between the real meaning of Christmas and all the hype about Santa Claus. He is at the stage right now that he wants everything he sees. If it is advertized he states, "I want that for Christmas." One morning he had asked for so many things for Christmas that he said, "I want that for my birthday."

Elaine already has her tree up and we will put ours up today when I get home from school. We will get a small one and put it up on the glass table, hoping it will keep Eric from destroying it too much. As with Jacob's first Christmas Eric is in awe of the lights. We went to temple square and Eric just stared. He didn't make a sound.

We've been listening to Christmas music and that seems to get us in the mood. I can remember a little of the excitement I felt as a child as Jacob asks me every day, "is today Christmas?" I hope we can get the real meaning in there somewhere. I think we will make a birthday cake with candles. Jacob somehow seems to understand that when there is a cake that means a birthday. I tried to explain how Christmas day is the birth of Jesus. He wanted to know how old Jesus was.

Jacob blessed you in his prayer last night. It made me realize how important it was that he knew what you were doing even if he didn't understand the how and whys.

You should be very proud and pleased with the fine joy you have done in raising your children. They are all supportive of your mission experience. I wish I would have had time to let all of them know of this neat mission conference you are having right now. There wasn't quite enough time to let everyone know so they could write. I keep somewhat in contact. Maybe you'll hear from them as much as I. Becky and family seem to be doing fine. Bryan is very busy with school. For the last couple of days he has left before I got out of bed and came home after I've gone to bed.

May you feel the joy and love of your family at this Christmas season as you are serving the Lord.

Wanda, Don, Jacob and Eric

PS We have Christmas pictures coming. I'll send it on to your home as soon as they arrive.

9 Dec!

A busy but boring week---Our films haven't come in from Salt Lake and I'm getting worried—we have so many due.

\*The highlight of the day was a special letter from Winnie. She was ill for a month with a serious flu. I'm surely glad I got the flu shot before I left. One day we contributed to the missionary effort by delivering letters in mailboxes in homes in the Shirley area—Birmingham 5<sup>th</sup> Ward area for Bishop McClaverty and on Thursday went to the meeting the letters were inviting them to—[blank, see Open House flyer]

At work we are pretty well caught up with the file room and have been cleaning up drawers—both card and film—while we wait for the big orders of film that are overdue from Salt Sale.

14 Dec

On Thursday we had lunch at the George Hotel with the Church office employees—and last night the Christmas dinner at the Ward—now to cut down for the next few days. A package from Becky & family came yesterday a windsock she had made and some of her homemade chocolates that she makes each Christmas. A letter from Lavina—and 2 days ago from Barbara—yummy—

For the Ward Christmas party Theron sang with a quintet- “Come Where my Love Lies Dreaming” a number they sang for a benefit in Birmingham with the Ward Choir. They did a tribute to Stephen Foster. Think they did 12-15 numbers of his. Anyway Theron's quintet did beautifully. I didn't go to the benefit in Birmingham and when I asked Theron how his number went he answered “Well I sang the best I could.” I had to smile inside at his answer. Anyway I was glad to get to hear them.

20 Dec

This is undoubtedly the most unusual Christmas season we have ever spent. It will be full of memories—of course—but we have had the traditional Smith family Christmas for so many years it seems strange. Of course we know that The Spirit of Christmas abounds throughout the earth for us to tune into just as the Spirit of Christ. The letters from home brought a Spirit that enveloped us like a warm blanket.

We had a joint MOC and Distribution Center Christmas party at the office—We had an assigned pot luck dinner. I made pizza—lots of it—Jeffery Packe gave a very professional Magic show—a nice day.

The family letter came today with a package from Shirley & family which we will save to open Christmas Day.

22 Dec

Today was the mission Christmas party—We went to the office in the morning and I searched some film while Theron worked on the computer—most of the missionaries went to Stratford—they furnished buses—then at the Harborne Ward (the Stake Center) we had a 2 district mission Conference at 3:00. I thrilled to a large group of young men singing “Called to Serve.” What a stirring experience that always is to me. After a nice turkey dinner there was a program put on by various assigned missionaries—amusing as well as serious. I

was impressed by Elder Duke Counselor to Pres. Nielsen and Elder Manhammer (from Denmark) the District leader. We had met him at Nottingham. Anyway it was a Nice day—we got home about 9:30 a full day.

I had better write a few words about Sunday. The Choir gave the Sacrament Meeting Program and It was Outstanding. Winnifred Merritt is an outstanding Choir Director. There was no Sunday School Class—Just lot of Christmas Spirit. We have gotten LOTS of Christmas cards from the ward members as well as others and that has been our Christmas decoration this year.

[this letter from Dad was inserted into mom's journal by her]

26 Dec

A special Christmas yesterday. We slept in 'til 8:00 for me. I cooked an omelet for Theron , breakfast, we opened Shirley's package—a nice care package a supply of "tights" that I certainly can use. At 10:00 we picked up Diana Jones and went over to the Ward House where we had their traditional Musical Morning. After stopping in at Diana's to see some of her Christmas gifts we went over to Corbishley's. A really special Mormon family spent a family type Christmas with them—seeing the Children's gifts and having a Turkey dinner. There's Martin 16, Fiona 14, Andrew 11, Melanie 0, Mathew 4, Jonathan 1.

Jan 1 1987

"It gives pause" to write that date—more than ever before in my life I am aware of the blessings of life and how grateful we should be for the opportunities that we have. Each new facet of understanding that each new experience I have brings to me and leaves me full of "wondering awe" at the plan of our Wise Heavenly Father—my heart is full of gratitude for His many blessings and opportunities and this new level of understanding that I feel (Has been revealed?)

We could have had a busy week at work had we ignored the holidays. Films came in from Salt Lake and lots from the BGL's. we did what we could and left about 3:00—Had a New Year's dinner at Blaine & Rth's (Kendall's). I took a vegetable plate and dips. We did manage to stay 'til midnight and sang Olde Ange Syne among other songs. Got home about 1 AM this morning and I slept 'til 9:30. Have a batch of washing in and out—Spent some time on our Sunday School lesson and a few odd jobs. Now it is lunch time.

We had a package from Barbara on Tuesday with a picture of the family—lovely—and a couple packages of Ranch dressing mix—we can't get them here—I used one for my vegetable plate last night. They also sent a tape with messages from them and songs by Mikila and Christopher with Barbara and Jeff joining in sometime! Special! Had a Christmas letter from Wayne & Ruth Tuttle with a picture of their family. I continue to be overwhelmed with feelings of gratitude for our blessings.

Watched the opera Der Fleidermaus on TV—a silly story but nice music—some Ballet in the afternoon—A nice restful day.

Jan 2

Landerman's called to see if we wanted to go over to the office—Theron did—we put in a days work.

I helped Theron with loading inventory on the computer. Leila and Marjorie did research. \*Received the family letter (Harper siblings) yummy—and a letter from Georgina—Christmas card from Popes inclosing handkerchiefs for each of us.

Sat Jan 3

Washing—extra cooking, cleaning, writing letters—and a trip to the Library took up this day—a card, note and \$20 from Winnie for Christmas—and a family picture from Pam—more things to be grateful for!!

Sunday

A quiet day—Nice, except I wasn't especially pleased with our Sunday School Class. Leila and Marjorie had us over for dinner and I spent quite a bit of time helping them with their genealogy—organizing, etc. they are certainly Special people.

9<sup>th</sup> Friday

Quite a 24 hours—Bob and I took Theron to the Emergency room at the hospital about 10 AM yesterday—He was having some distress that he was having trouble describing and was pale as pale—Since then he has had 3 heart failures—I came home from the hospital about 8:30 and went right to bed. The police woke me up ringing the doorbell and took me to the hospital about 2:30 AM. He had the 3<sup>rd</sup> spell shortly after I got there. My what a lot of activity. The Staff at the hospital are outstanding. I'm still in a bit of a daze over it all.

Saturday

Up this morning about 8:00—really slept in—but so much happened—Wanda called—Wendell—both at the hospital—they are having a fast! What a tremendous source of strength they are to me. Pres. And Sis. Nielson came to the hospital last evening and took me home after visiting hours.

10 Jan

After some housekeeping chores and answering the phone—at noon Leila & Marjorie picked me up on their way to Solihull where they were doing splits with the Sister missionaries and dropped me off at the hospital. About 3:00 Steven called—He was at Heathrow airport—He took a bus to Birmingham and a cab to the hospital—We spent 'til too late visiting—but oh! What a lift—Barbara called just as I was leaving for the hospital to meet Steven there—what Sweet daughters I have!

Sunday

A super day—Steven arrived—what a boost—We have visited—had Church—Everyone concerned about Theron but I'm exhausted—to bed.

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday again

It has been great having Steven here—what a help he has been. He helped Ruth on the computer Mon Tues Thurs & Friday—and has helped me learn to drive—put up plastic on windows and generally been a super son. He left yesterday morning—we had a big snow and what they call here “the Big Freeze” but with Steven's help



we didn't even slow up. Things are pretty well caught up in spite of the weather—Some snags on the computer but we are pretty well ready for a shipment from S.L. Had a nice Sunday School lesson today—8 in the class—a nice group of young people.

In the evening all of the MOC staff were invited to Bro. & Sis. Cryer's (Ruth) for dinner—they have a nice home in Shirley—a good evening.

Monday

Worked 'til 4:00—then Theron called—he was ready to be discharged from the hospital—A Red letter Day-- Letters from Lavina & Winnie.

1 Feb 1987

It has been a tight 2 weeks—I've just barely stayed on top of things—Theron is improving all the time—I go to work, come home and prepare dinner. May have to shop on the way home—after the basic housekeeping I fall into bed to get up and fix breakfast and lunch and do the same cycle over again. Theron has been reading, writing letters—watching TV and on Wed I took the day off to take him to the Dr. after the normal long wait in the waiting room we got a good report—he goes back in a month.

We have had some good letters from lots of good friends and family. They certainly mean a lot to us.

7 March

My how the time has flown—Each day has been so busy! To work the moment I could leave the house in the morning and by the time I had gotten supper and the absolutely necessary chores done I was too tired to write. I just toppled into bed and slept 'til the last minute the next morning. Theron seemed to thrive on his long rest at home. He began short walks—working up to ½ mile. It (was)—is so cold he couldn't be out long. The cold constricts the arteries. He began going to the office on the 19<sup>th</sup> of Feb for a couple hours. Then on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, half a day and this week all day. Had an appointment with Dr Wilson on Thursday and got a good report. Said they' re pleased with his progress. We had a good letter from Steven on Thurs. a Birthday Card and short letter from Lavina yesterday. Vivian, Clive & Donna have been visiting Hawaii the past 3 weeks. Have just gotten home—had glorious time. All three wrote short letters—at Lavina's prodding.

8 Mar

Woke up to about a foot of snow this morning—wondered about getting to Church but no problem. Theron stayed for all meetings. By the time meetings were over all the snow had practically melted. It's wet and chilly but not frigid cold. How nice to have a comfortable house.

I have been stretching to keep up with our Sunday School Class. It is an interesting group—16-17 yr olds. A nice class today.

14 Mar

A nice birthday yesterday—in spite of a long work day. Theron took me out to dinner at a nice little place

called "Cuddles." We took Marjorie Grosbeck and Leila Horne the sisters that have been with us since MTC days. They have been such good friends and we wanted to show our appreciation. Theron worked full days all week. He seems to be settling in well with a reduced Medication dosage. He had a Dr's appointment and got a Good report. We had a super good week Mail wise. 2 letters from Lavina including a birthday card and some mail she had received from Delma, Ollie & Ruby. Oh and Mary & David Miles. A sweet letter from Barbara, David & Tammy, Milers, Winnie & Jim and Steven in the Bahamas. We had letters from Jean & Bessie from London to all the MOC staff. They were transferred down to the London Temple a couple weeks ago. They are working in the submissions program. We have written lots of letters but still have lots to go.

Hopefully the worst of Winter is over—at least it isn't so bitter a cold. I'm not ready to give up my overcoat yet. The crocus have been blooming for a couple weeks. A good sign.

Mar 15 Sunday

A Good Sabbath—A specially good Rel. Soc. Class Sis. Merritt is an outstanding teach. I had a good Sunday School Class, too—a restful afternoon—We wrote more letters. I feel that I am ready for another week.

One big surprise of the week!! Ron Willmore called!! He and Lettie are making tentative plans to fly over in a months time! I will have to see it!!

28<sup>th</sup> Sat

A busy week at the MOC—5 boxes of films finally came from Salt Lake—We have them all processed. It has been a great week for mail. Family letter, Lavina, Pam, Roger & Carol, Barbara and Jack & Gladys.

I just realized I didn't write last week—Joyce and John Wright came down and spent the day with us—took us out for dinner. We had a good visit and on Tuesday we had a small package containing an apron (for a guest gift?). I had mentioned that I hadn't brought one with me—I'll certainly get some good wear from it. They are good friends to have.

We are having stormy weather—The wind is terrible—Rain off and on.

Went to Solihull this morning for groceries at Sainsburys—and a quick trip to the Library.

April 4

It has been the slowest week at work since we have been here. No films from Salt Lake and we checked in the films from BGL's and filled their orders with a minimum of effort—left early and did our shopping yesterday. It's a rainy day today so it's nice not to have to go out. Have spent the day writing letters. We received Feb's family letter today—was postmarked 8<sup>th</sup> of Feb so took almost 2 months. Evidently came by boat.

Wednesday afternoon Leila & I went on the train to Birmingham to the Library and then to a meeting of the Birmingham genealogical & Hist Soc annual mtg. interesting but not really worth the long cold trip. Besides Leila had a cold and it made it worse since she didn't come to work yesterday.

Sunday Apr 5

A nice Fast Sunday—Good meetings—our class went well and we had an especially good Rel. Soc. lesson. We were just sitting down for dinner when Bagley's called to see if we wanted to go for a ride. The sun was shining so beautifully—at least it seemed so after so many days of rain. We drove over to Warick and walked around the Castles.

Good Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

A long holiday—Theron had a Dr appointment yesterday got a clean bill of health so far as his Heart is concerned. He has an infected big toe and he is to get that taken care of—I called Dr. Maizy for an apt—got one for Tues—then last night he couldn't sleep it hurt so bad so he went up to the emergency early this AM—they dressed it and gave him an antibiotic. He is to keep his apt. with Dr. Maizy and possibly have the toenail removed.

I've done some cooking—2 batches of wash and a bit of straightening up—2 letters and now we are waiting to hear from Lettie & Ron—they should be coming in anytime.

26 Apr

A busy week—Lettie and Ron arrived a little later than we expected—tired but “in one piece.” After a good night sleep things looked a bit better for them. Saturday AM we drove to Warrick and went through the Castle. Sunday was meetings and we stopped at St. Giles Church. It was closed so we just walked around.

Monday we drove down to Stratford upon Avon turning off to drive through Snitterfield where John Shakespeare and his parents were born. It was between theatre seasons so we didn't get to see a play—just went through William's (Shakespeare) birthplace and walked around a bit of the town. They were finished rehearsals for “The Merchant of Venice” which opened on Thurs to commemorate his (WS) birthday. Tickets are sold out for a week—so Lettie and Ron won't get to see it. We drove down to Oxford—just for the drive. Theron nor Lettie were up to the walking it would take to see it. Tues we rode the train over to Birmingham—looked around—back to MOC where we spent a couple hours showing Ron how to use the IGI tec. Wed back to the City to the Central Library for the day.

Thursday Ron went back and Lettie and I went to work—Friday Ron back to Birmingham Theron and I to work and Lettie stayed home to catch up on sleep. We came home early and Lettie and I wandered through a maze of streets and found the botanical gardens—had fish and chips for the third time this week—Took them down to the Airport yesterday AM about 7:00—where they got the train to London's Gatwick for the return home. It's been a fast trip for coming so far.

Spent the rest of the morning cleaning, washing, shopping, etc. and waiting for Wright who were to come and spend the night—but they never arrived—so we missed the Concert at Town Hall. Theron is still having trouble with his foot. Hope they will get it taken care of.

Weather has been remarkably good all week—Trees are beginning to bloom—generally a lovely time.

April

Today is especially nice—good meetings and then we drove out and met the “Crew” for an outing to see some Church Historical spots that Mike Williams at the office has been researching. I have a copy of his notes that I will include with the history of the Area that I am collecting. It was a lively drive out in the Coleshill area. [not included in this journal]

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>

No film from Salt Lake! But we have had lots returned from the BGL's so we have been busy. We took the afternoon off to go to Sutton Coldfield for a missionary conference for the East Coventry Mission. Pres. Taylor (Russell) of the Area presidency presided—He gave us some especially nice Council Sutton Coldfield has a lovely building to meet in—was the area Mission home at one time—Converted to a Ward house. Beautiful grounds. Hope my snapshot turns out good.

Sat

Rainy most of the week—and a famine so far as mail is concerned—Today a nice letter from Pam—with a picture of Rebecca. She will probably be walking by the time we get to see her. Spent the morning shopping (in Acocks Green) and cleaning house. Spent 45 min weeding in the front garden when it began to rain. Weeds seem to grow 3 inches a day in this weather.

Sun May 1<sup>st</sup>

Joyce and John Wright arrived mid afternoon yesterday and we spent the evening visiting. Took a bit of a ride to Malvern park but it was raining on & off—so we didn't even get out of the car. They went with us to meetings and my class seemed to go well. We ate dinner at the Baltimore and they left mid afternoon.

Mon

Bank holiday—I spent the morning cooking. Did 2 batches of cookies—using the chocolate chips Lettie brought. Made a batch of biscuits to use up some sour milk. We delivered a box of cookies to the Plesters and the Bishops and drove over to Malvern Park again. This time I could walk out and take some pictures—caught up on our washing!

Sunday 10

A good day—nice meetings—Then over to the Bishop's for dinner—An interesting family. 3 boys and 2 daughters—a good visit. Steven called for Mother's Day.

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> AM

It has been busy at work—though nothing from S>L> today is Theron's appointment at the hospital to have his toenail taken care of. Rained all night—doesn't stop the birds singing in the morning—nice to wake up to.

We have had a good run of mail this week—Mother's day cards with notes to gladden the heart—one bit of not so good news—Stanford Taylor died, must write Ethel.

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday

The Ward is watching General Conference on video at the Harborne Chapel in Birmingham today. We decided not to go—Theron's toe is healing nicely but not enough to put on a shoe or drive & since I don't feel confident enough to drive in Birmingham we will read extensively on our reading assignments. We completed D&C and are just beginning Pof G.P. I'm reading from B of M for my private reading.

We are writing letters—trying to get completely caught up because I don't plan to write any more 'til I get home. Time is speeding!

Sat 23

Rainy all day so it has pretty much been a lazy day. Washed 2 batches of clothes and had to hang them inside. Did grocery shopping in Acocks Green—worked on my genealogy for a while then did a bit of cooking. It was a busy week at work and we mainly had quickie meals.

We had the family letter on Tuesday—Steven had sent a long one. Yesterday had a disappointing one from Lavina—She won't be coming to England. She had her mission call (to the Philippines) and goes into the MTC on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June and there just isn't time. A telephone call from Dimple & Carl sort of filled in the disappointment a bit. They will be coming about the 20<sup>th</sup> of June.

21 May

An interesting few days—we had invited our Sunday School class over for Sat evening—yesterday morning I was bustling around with household chores when the Bishop stopped in with a request. Would we give a bed for a down and outer for a few days. My what a story this young man has. At 4 yrs. of age he was put in a home and grew up with the knowledge that his mother didn't want him—had never wanted him—The institutions where he lived must have been pretty bad—He must have been a problem child—it sounds pretty hairy—anyway he went to Church with us—I have spent lots of time listening to his story—Has sort of over shadowed our party last night. I made pizza and we had banana splits—only 3 of the class could come but it was nice getting to know them better.

Meetings today were good—a convert to the Church spoke—Sis. Phillips—Alan's mother and then our former Stake President Cook were the main speakers—all very compelling talks.

We had a good letter from Barbara with some fun pictures of the kids—In fact the whole family. They look well. Had a graduation announcement from Michael.

The calendar is full next week. They are having a farewell party for us in the Ward on Friday—I don't think about going home very often. There are so many things I would like to do before we leave.

June 4<sup>th</sup>

A Relief Soc. activity this evening—16 of us had dinner at the Garrett Green Tech College. They have a catering school and serve a nice dinner.

So far as work is concerned we are pretty much caught up—we had a new missionary couple arrive on Tuesday—Frank & Mary Day. They haven't gotten their "sea legs" yet. Landermans have wound down.

On the home front we have found our house quest an interesting experience. Paul Aymes. If he is as sincere as he appears he will go far—"It won't be easy but it will be worth it."

6 June

A big shipment of films came from Salt Lake yesterday. Worked like mad and got 4 boxes checked in. came home for a quick rest before going to the Ward for our farewell party. Paul had moved the lawn in between showers. The party was heartwarming—a fun program—luncheon (or tea?) and the Bishop presented us with gifts. Landerman's received a lovely David Winters—we got David Winters "Hay Barn" the men a ceramic tie pin. The words of Heber C. Kimball echoes when he said as he bid farewell to England that he was leaving "hallowed ground."

Went to the Library in Solihull this AM & shopped a bit. Lay down to rest for a few minutes and fell asleep (2 hours) so ended up doing some chores and not getting to the grocery store. We will make do. Paul's flat fell through so he is still with us.

Had a number of people looking at the house—3 sales fell through because they couldn't "Close."

Sunday 14 June

Moderately busy week at work. Decided at the last minute to go with the MOC crew to London—figured it would be my only chance for a glimpse of this famous city. It is an attractive place. We got to Harrods and the Scotch shop and then to Hyde Park Chapel for a Genealogy seminar—11 AM 'til 4:30 but it began to rain so hard we just took the underground and came home. A nice day. Theron didn't go. He helped Paul move into his new "Bed-sit"—meeting as usual today—We were released from our S.S. Class—kinda missed it. Marjorie Grosbeck's daughter, son (Daniel) & his wife came on Tue and they all left this afternoon—we will miss Marjorie.

Friday night's Solihull news had an article about my Acocks gGreen find with a picture of Theron and I.

21<sup>st</sup>

Dimple, Carl & Karen arrived last evening—tired of course—so after a quick visit we all tumbled into bed—arose early and drove to Lucester for meetings (2:00 pm). Half of the ward seemed to be related to Carl. He had a nice visit with them. They served us "Tea"—sandwiches & squash. Home after a full day & now to bed.

25<sup>th</sup> Thurs.

Monday we went to Birmingham (Dimple, Carl, Karen & I). spent the day in the Library—a successful day. Tues. we went to Warick Castle stopping at Kennilworth on the way home. Went to Blakely Hall House and St. Edgburga the 1000 yr old Yardley Church—were able to get the key and see inside—exciting.

Wed. Carl & Karen took the train to Leicester again. We went to the office for the day.

Thurs. To the office—then Dimple and I went to Birmingham—to the Library for the last time—Carl got home about seven from London where he had spent a miserable day getting Karen off for home. He has a miserable cold.

Friday—to the office—left Dimple & Carl in bed—hope he can sleep off the worst part of his cold.

Sunday

Meetings and lots of goodbyes—Then we learned that Maxstoke Castle was open for the day a once each year event which was really lucky since the owners are Col. & Mrs. Featherstone Dilk and one of Carl's lines is Dilk so we skipped dinner and drove out to see it—an interesting place and a thrill for Carol to get to see.

Monday

Packing—cleaning and a last 2 hours at the office with our last goodbyes—

July 4<sup>th</sup>

It was a hectic time getting off on the 30<sup>th</sup>—after all the goodbyes—all the packing, cleaning, etc. our hearts full as we said goodbyes to grand old England and those wonderful people. Was good to see the family. Wilma and kids had cleaned the house. David had cleaned all the carpets—now it's just a matter of finding things that are packed away.

We are warm for the first time in 15 months.

I am confused with all the things I need to do—what takes precedence?

President Hemmet came over for a visit? Interview? Showed satisfactory interest in my Acock research.

Sunday

Was exciting seeing everyone at Church—David and Tammy came over for the evening. They will be having their first baby the end of this year or first of next!

Barbara called—was good talking to her.

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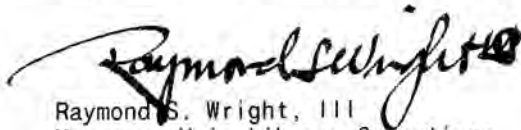
Dear Brother and Sister Smith,

Please accept our congratulations on the successful completion of your mission at the Genealogical Service Center in Birmingham.

We appreciate the sacrifice of money, time, and energy you have given to this important work. You must have a warm feeling of satisfaction knowing you have done as the Lord would have you do.

The Lord loves you as do those brothers and sisters on the other side of the veil who have benefited from your unselfish service.

May the Lord bless you in all that you do.



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A Blessing given by Patriarch: Clarence L. Stephens

Sister Neva Almira Harper, by virtue of the priesthood which I hold and in the name of Jesus Christ, I place my hands upon your head and give you a Patriarchal Blessing.

You are of the house of Ephraim, the choice among the children of God, and the great blessings to which you are entitled if you live worthily, also place upon you a great responsibility. The Lord loves you and He will be pleased to bless you in the righteous desires of your heart if you will prepare yourself to receive these blessings.

Your humility before the Lord is pleasing in His sight. Continue to be diligent in seeking His guidance in your walk through life and you shall know the beauty and the satisfaction of a life of usefulness in the hands of our Heavenly Father. Your kindness and your sweet disposition shall be a comfort in your home, and your humbleness before the Lord will be an example for your household. If you ask in faith and humility before the Lord your prayers will be heard and the Lord will see fit to grant the righteous desires of your heart inasmuch as they will be for your best good.

Continue to be charitable, forgiving and kind. Be patient, remember that often it is necessary to be deprived of some of the things we desire and it is best for us at times to have to wait until we are prepared to receive the blessings which we seek.

Strictly observe the laws of health. Be careful that you keep your body and your mind pure in the sight of the Lord. If you diligently do this you shall be blessed with health and strength and you will grow in wisdom and faith and you will draw nearer unto the Lord and know what it is to enjoy the blessings of His Holy Spirit.

When you have asked for guidance from the Lord and you feel satisfied that you are in the right, never fail to stand by your convictions, trusting your destiny to His guidance.

Study the principles of the Gospel, for the Spirit of the Lord can only be given to you in as much as you prepare yourself to receive it, and the Lord can only bless you when you have made yourself ready to receive of His blessings.

May our Heavenly Father look down upon you in tenderness and may the strength of His Holy Spirit enter into your life, that you may be determined to serve Him and keep His commandments, regardless of whatever may befall you.

May He comfort you in your hours of trial and may His Spirit dwell with you all the days of your life, and may you have power to bear your testimony to others by word and through your actions, that they, seeing your good works, may glorify your Father in Heaven.

Your prayers in faith shall heal the sick and shall comfort those who mourn, and you shall have the privilege of being a useful instrument in the hands of God in fulfilling His purpose here upon the earth. When you have finished your work here on this earth, may our Heavenly Father find you worthy to enter with your loved ones into His Celestial Kingdom.