

Partial Journal of George Stephen Smith

This Diary is one mom gave me to record when I was 14 years of age when I asked for a diary for my birthday. She didn't want to see wasted space so I "inherited" this diary after my sister, Wanda, wrote a bit in it a bit as well. The title page contains the following:

This Book was give to me Dec.25, 1934 by my son, Ray. This Book will be a treasure for which I shall hold more dear until I have passed on. I hope it will not be destroyed. G.S.S.

He records: Jan. 1 through Feb. 17 (wish it were longer) February 1,1935 confirms that his "work" was delivering laundry/cleaning each day.

January 1, 1935

Beginning of a New Year of 1255. It was somewhat lazy New Years and I didn't get up very early. I did the chores and did a few things around the house put in a light for the boys upstairs, played tennise with Doug & Ray. Played games with the children did dishes after eating all I could, worked on my Indian headdress listened to the Radio, Roy and Ruth came to see us & stayed until 12:00 midnight. After we went to bed. When I say we, it means my wife and I or children.

January 2

I awoke early for another day had come & that means to go to work I did chores or part of them got my car in shape to go to work, quite cold and smoky. I ate breakfast loaded the children in the car and toke them to school. I did my usually rotine of work for I had a heavy day & worked late. I took Ray up to the dentise (dentist) he had a tooth pulled. I came home that evening. Theron had done most of the chores. I ate supper & milked the cow worked on my headdress & changed the feathers and now it looks good, then went to bed.

January 3

Was up early & did my usual rotine of chores went to work had lots to do was very busy all day in the evening I worked on my headdress. It is getting very pretty, stay up quite late & then went to bed. Mr. & Mrs. C.Bhoon came down to tell me of my appointment of assistant to scout master & wanted Ray to take part in flag ceremony.

January 4

Friday was up early did chores & ate breakfast & went to work. Took Norma & Dale up to school on my way to work had a busy day & it makes a fellow feel better with a busy day. After the days work came home to eat supper & work on my headdress.

January 5

Saturday a busy day. Came home at noon took mother up to town came home & ate supper & worked on my headdress. Just about finished.

January 6

Went to priesthood & Sunday school was very good. Nice sunny day, went to church at night, they had a scout court & Ray got his Life and Theron got his 1st Class. Jessie, Agnus & Ruth (?) came in.

January 7

Went to work early, was nice day & had a good day's work, which is encouraging for these kind of times. Ruth is staying for a day or two for tonsils operation.

January 8

Went about my usual work was looking like a storm. Took Norma & Dale to school & came home in the evening stayed until mutual time & went to mutual.

January 9

Had a very busy day was quite late getting my work out and I had a long day.

January 10

I got my work done early & went to the temple. I got home early, was a nice day like spring.

January 11

Friday was a busy day & a warm one. I took Norma & Dale up to school & ma went up town in the after noon.

January 12

Saturday wasn't so busy had to wait for a long time to get my work out. I delivered some bundles for Wayman (?) and then come home.

January 13

Sunday We all went to Sunday school. All feeling good they made a change in the arrangements of Sunday school & priesthood meetings.

January 14

Monday Was a nice day only a little cloudy but work had a busy day & when I got home I was tired.

January 15

Thursday

Dale was sick with the flu so I took Norma to school. I went to see Mr. Moore & then to the loan office. I stayed for Mutual.

January 16

Was a busy day, had a lot to do. I went up to see Mr. Day at the loan office. They are sending my loan in. Dale is quite weak.

January 17

Thursday quite cold looks like storm, had quite a busy day late with my work, got home late went to see Mr. More & Loan Office.

January 18

Went to work to take Norma to school. Dale is a little better. I took Mama up town we went to see Day & then I finished by work for the evening.

January 19

Saturday very stormy day lots of car's wrecked along the streets I feel like I have a cold. I doctored up when I came home.

January 20

Sunday Dale is better but Norma, Mama, Theron & myself are staying home from Sunday school for we are all sick. Not serious hope to be better for tomorrow.

January 21

Monday I am sick but will have to go work, my car jammed & froze & I didn't get started until late. Returned home & I was sick that night.

January 22

Tuesday Feel a little better will go to work. Have a very bad cold, never slept very much last night, should go to Mutual but too sick to go.

January 23

Wednesday Feel some better but still have to pull myself around. I think I am slowly getting better. Norma is quite sick but on the improve.

January 24

Thursday Feel much better today still not out of danger. Have been working had a good day all of us are on the improve.

January 25

Friday Feel a lot better today. Mother & Alice & her husband & baby came in to shop & stopped by for awhile & bought me a pair of shoes. They say I will get better now.

January 26

Went to work & felt better, have a cough but not bad—got thro early with my work. It's a nice day & looks like a spring day.

January 27

Sunday Went to Sunday school and meetings in the evening Roy & Ruth came & invited my wife & I to go to Dansie('s), we got home about 11:00.

January 28

Monday I went to work early had a very busy day everything went along fine. I paid the light bill had a(n) enjoyable evening.

January 29

Tuesday Took the kids to school & went to work had a good day for business. In the evening Norma, Dale, Theron & myself went to the operetta Kelsent (?) put on--very good.

January 30

Wednesday I went early to work as I had a busy day & never got home until late. I listened to the Radio & then went to Bed.

January 31

Thursday I was up early to take Norma & Dale to school. Went out & did some work came home & took my wife to the temple went & got her and brought her back home & I went in the evening had a long day.

February 1

Friday I got up early went in to the laundry to get my work. I came home & took the kids to school. I had a busy day so I stayed home that night.

February 2

Saturday I went to work early had a busy noon. But I got home early so I camped for the night & to a bath early.

February 3

Sunday I went to Sunday school came home & ate dinner. I went to church in the evening.

February 4

Monday I was a little late for work & had to drive fast to make up. All are well.

February 5

Tuesday I took Norma & Dale up to school had a fair day on the job—again done a quite a lot of soliciting. Went to Mutual.

February 6

Wednesday Had a busy day & looks like storm. In fact it did storm a little.

February 7

Thursday Went to the temple on the 1 o'clock & came out & did my work.

February 8

Friday Dale wasn't feeling very good but went to school & when picture show time came I took them up & Ray & I went to scout court at Wonde (?) Mear Ward then I went to the show & Ray came home.

February 9

Saturday All was lazy when I went to work they were all in bed—had quite a lot to do Dale came down with the measles.

February 10

Sunday Dale was very sick before he broke out—so he did not got to Sunday school his mother stayed home with him.

February 11

Monday I slept in so had to hurry Dale was better only quite spotted. We had the doctor & he said he was O.K. with measles. Quarantine officers came down.

February 12

Tuesday I wasn't so busy Dale will have to stay in until Saturday. He is getting better. Mother went to Relief Society. I went to Mutual.

February 13

Wednesday Had a busy day all seems to go fine. Dale is getting better & is wanting to go out. We have had a lot of storms and still stormy.

February 14

Thursday I got to work early. I prepared to make two sessions at the temple. I got #11 to tell my wont. (?) I have 5 session in Mar. Had a very heavy storm today.

February 15

Friday Nice day today. The storm is over && kids are playing outside. Quite cold—went to the show with Norma, Dale Theron, & I.

February 16

Saturday Mother hasn't been feeling so good lately. I took her up town to get shots & I got me a pair of pants for mine was all gone.

February 17

Sunday Went to church & came back & had hamburgers for dinner.

JANUARY 1

19 beginning of a new year of 1957. I was some what Lazy New year - & didn't get up very early & did the chores
19 did all of feed the things around the house put in a light for the boys up stairs, played tennis with Doug & Ray.
19 played games with the children & did dishes after eating all I could, worked on my Indiana and Iowa
19 went to the Rodas, Roy & Ruth came to see us & stayed until 12⁰⁰ mid night. after we went to bed. what a day we had. it means my wife & I & children

Sat FEBRUARY 16

19 another hasn't been feeling
so good lately & takes her veg
tablets to get sleep - & I got me a
pair of pants - for naps was alone

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& had hamburgers for dinner

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