

Lest

We

Forget

Andante, sostenuto e semplice

Lord God of Hosts

Musical score for 'Lord God of Hosts' in 4/2 time, marked *p*. The score includes a treble and bass clef with piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The title is written in a large, elegant cursive font across the top of the staff.

Be With Us Yet

Musical score for 'Be With Us Yet' in 4/2 time. The score includes a treble and bass clef with piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The title is written in a large, elegant cursive font across the top of the staff.



Lest We Forget

Musical score for 'Lest We Forget' in 3/8 time, marked *mf*. The score includes a treble and bass clef with piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The title is written in a large, elegant cursive font across the top of the staff.

Lest We Forget

Musical score for 'Lest We Forget' in 3/8 time, marked *mp*. The score includes a treble and bass clef with piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The title is written in a large, elegant cursive font across the top of the staff. The word 'Forget' is written in a smaller font at the end of the vocal line.

*How blessed we are-
What we have been given and
What is expected of us
in the building of the
Kingdom of God on earth
and the establishment of Zion
in preparation for His
Second Coming*

*First and Foremost in the
Hearts and Homes of our own
Special Kingdoms*

I N T R O D U C T I O N

This is mostly a compilation of some family letters (and excerpts therefrom) written (Volume I) between 1930 and the end of 1949 and (Volume II) between 1950 and the end of 1969.

They give, in proper time sequence, some important family and personal history facts. But, more importantly, as the history unfolds, we find expression of the love and joy and gratitude felt by family members for each other and for the Lord.

Many are written to and by Jennie's parents and give the warmth of their love, the wisdom of their counsel and the inspiration of their testimonies. They tie the generations together. They give us an eternal look. As Grandpa George H. Brimhall once said:

Life at its best suggests:
Respect for the past
Appreciation for the present
Trust in the future.

More family history facts and feelings may be found in our huge family book given to each of our children Christmas 1977, - and other publications given the family. Also in Jennie's and your journals.

Some accounts may bring laughter, others - tears, and often a surge of gratitude that they were recorded as your memory of them is less reliable. i.e. What do you recall about:

Mary Jane composing a lullaby much preferred in her original, childish form than when Mr. Somers (her piano teacher) tried to improve it with his ideas - or others delight as she (age 2) recited the Three Bears and the nursery rhymes - or

Julia covering every store in Lasho Falls searching for just the right doll for her baby sister's Christmas - or being the "shining star" because she could whistle -or

John's exquisitely-crafted wooden rocking horse with its Bambi-like appeal - being accidentally crushed by a departing family car - or the lesson his mother learned from his beloved gift to her of Ferdinand the Bull (in finest china) or

David - controlling tears - as he rushes his dog "Rusty" to Dr. Allen, our next door neighbor - after it was hit by a car - or calmly announcing he had won first place in the clarinet contest - bringing Larry to see our new baby - just home from the hospital with mother - or

Richard - knee-deep in snow as he magnified his calling to be John's paper-boy helper - but becoming a hero himself as he alerted his mother that "Joe was in the burning garage" - or the way his dimples smiled as he agreeably said "Yesh!" or

Dee's galaxy of oil paintings or creating leather art work - willing to pay the price for excellence - always - but finding time to help others - or

Joe - giving a chalk talk at our big Boy Scout banquet - sitting on the front row of Deacons and the back row watching him skillfully sketch the speaker to the delight of the others but no-one else catching on - chosen to represent our stake as the speaker in the first Youth Conference - all over the Church - or

Beth refusing tranquilizers (teacher insisted on) to help her thru her big recital (superb!) - After all - wasn't she the best girl Seminary president they had yet had? or

Lewis - leaving a wash-cloth in the up-stairs basin - causing, yes - a flood! - and laughing with the others at his brand new glasses - before he was two - or

Gloria in her singing of "Only a Rose" as she also interpreted it flawlessly in dancing - or lifting others with her poetry? herself? or

George - as John Enoch's big hero - or confidently leading all to enjoy the Lettermen's banquet (he the president of the group)-

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Within these pages is much more to bless you than a light perusal can reveal. Rather, it should be a "treasure-hunt" - helping you discover some priceless gems, i.e. Grandma's letter to her 6-yr. old grandson, John H. Groberg, after seeing his picture holding President McKay's hat while he laid the cornerstone of the Idaho Falls Temple.

If, when you receive this, you exclaim: "But I haven't time..." please still guard it carefully for your children and your grand-children may have great need of it and be grateful that you kept it - and will make time to enjoy and profit from reading it - It may help them, as well as you - to record your own precious family history. We hope you will join (if you are not yet a member) the ever-growing group of happy family history workers, and receive the blessings available there.

In the main, the thousand or two missionary letters to and from our homes have been returned to the senders.

At the beginning of each decade a Pre-View (or summary) of what follows is given to aid you in locating what you may some day want to find.

J stands for Jennie; D for Delbert; M for Jennie's mother; F for her father

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Jacob: 4:13... "for the Spirit speaketh the truth and lieth not. Wherefore it speaketh of things as they really are and of things as they really will be. Wherefore these things are manifested unto us plainly for the salvation of our souls."

1930's

Pre-

View

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January: - to her folks:

"Our operetta is work, work, work but it will be great - ..dearest bunch of kids here at Ammon - the entire community gives us full support.... (Jennie teaching high school at Ammon; Delbert at BYU)

May 9: - to her mother:

"...Your letters all year have breathed of such sincere and deep love and understanding that always they have brot forth an echo of love and appreciation from me. I keep them because they are invaluable and the beautifully-worded truths they express will be so helpful to me in solving problems or overcoming difficulties in the future...

June: - Delbert and Jennie ask Pres. McKay (then Elder) to marry them on June 11 - He consents - (in the Salt Lake temple)

June 11: Delbert and Jennie married by Elder Joseph Fielding Smith in the Salt Lake Temple. Elder McKay called Jennie the day before and explained he would be out of town but gave via phone- wondrous counsel and love and joy - for several minutes - We rejoiced

June 12: Wedding Reception in Provo First Ward Cultural Hall - Uncle Will Knight was M.C. Pres. B.H. Roberts and Pres. George H. Brimhall spoke and also Aunt Clara Brunt - also Pres. Harris of BYU. Dancing,

Honeymoon in southern Utah parks -

We moved into Grandma Brunt's modest, old home - one side - joyful. Delbert set up his business with State Farm Mutual - Earl Brunt joins him. Idaho Falls was our home. We rented a piano.

July: Had visits from my sisters Mary and Ruth - also Uncle Alma O. Taylor, Aunt Angie and their son - etc. Both worked on Sunday School Stake Board. Jennie works in MIA - teaches piano - gives dramatic readings and piano solos, etc. - often played organ -

November 9: Delbert sustained as 2nd counselor to Bishop Henry Johnson in Idaho Falls First Ward.

December 6: - Both worked hard on a great ward reunion.

December...: - Confided in mother and Aunt Jennie - precious secret- maybe first part of next August.

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March 10: - Jennie writes play for big Relief Society celebration..
She and Delbert in one-act play...

July 13: Mary Jane is born. Doctor says I am to stay on my back
for 14 days, then sit up - in hospital for two weeks - an ambulance
is to take me home - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ blocks away. Cost of birth: \$25 hospital
and \$35 doctor.

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May 27: Jennie's sisters Mary and Ruth - married in Salt Lake Temple

June: We moved to a new home at 420-6th St.

July 30: Grandpa George H. Brimhall dies.

November 1: Delbert made Justice of the Peace.

December 28: Julie Gay is born. Mary Jane dresses self and laces shoes.

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March: Delbert nominated for mayor at City Nominating Convention but
declined. Mary Jane says nursery rhymes and story of 3 Bears.

July 16: Jennie and Delbert join Rachel and Clair Anderson and father
Holbrook on a two-weeks trip to visit 12 states and the Century of
Progress Exhibition at Chicago. Julia was left with mother Holbrook

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April: Jennie on Relief Society Stake Board

June 17: John Holbrook Groberg was born.

July 1: Given a name and blessing by his grandfather Holbrook in
2nd Ward Church

September: Jennie's sister Elaine came to be with us for the school
year while parents were in Washington D.C.

September 19: Jennie's sister Elizabeth married to Kay Berry in the
Salt Lake Temple.

October 11: "Uncle" Alonzo A. Hinckley made an apostle.

December 27: Roi and Nell spent Christmas Eve with us.

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February: We sold our 6th St. home for \$2500 and moved into a wonderful new home we had planned and had built for us at 420 10th St. in Idaho Falls.

May and June: All three children had Whooping Cough.

August 13: Maude and her babies visit us.

August...: Delbert made a member of the High Council.

October 13: Delbert released from High Council and made 1st counselor to Bishop L.C. Larch in 3rd Ward. Jennie soon a member of MIA presidency for stake.

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February: Doctor removed Mary Jane's tonsils hoping that might help the one eye which had a problem - but nothing wrong with tonsils and that didn't help her eye at all.

March 12: David Holbrook Groberg was born.

October: We again visit folks in Utah with our children who make a big hit - first visit to their great-grandparents Holbrook in Salt Lake -

December: - Children perform often - i.e. Mary Jane and Julia give a musical reading and song in Primary.

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February 12: Delbert moves his business - "Builders Service Bureau" to Park Avenue.

May: -Delbert secures lots for temple and 6th Ward building -some day.

May 21: Delbert has Chicken Pox and the rest of us take them, even Jennie.

June 30: Third Ward building dedicated by Pres. Grant - Jennie organist.

September: Mary Jane starts school.

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Note letter on page 106.

Delbert defeated as senator for Bonneville County.

Jennie and Delbert go to California with Larches, -vacation
Julia whistles - imitates birds - becomes a "shining light"

June 22: Richard Holbrook Groberg born. Jennie's health improves.

December 21: Jennie's sister Elaine married to Arnold Haymore in Salt Lake Temple.

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August 5: Mary Jane is baptized by her father in the Stake Office Building.

August 6: - Mary Jane confirmed by her father in First Ward Chapel.

Bishop Larch is often ill so Delbert is kept very busy with ward work.

August: All the family enjoy the Brunt Reunion at Mack's.

Uncle Alma O. Taylor, Aunt Angie and son visit us.

November: Jennie spends eight days in the hospital following a mis-carriage - Dr. Hatch not an obstetrician - Jennie o.k.

We visit Lee's (Nell's parents) at Rigby.

December: John's kindergarten teacher and husband borrow him for Rotary Club Children's Christmas party -

December: Delbert buys or arranges for nearly all of the lots in the Temple site.

December: Mary Jane, Julia, John and David - all have the measles.

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January 25: Our operetta is work, work, work but it will be a great performance and these are the dearest bunch of kids here at Ammon. The entire community gives full support to everything we do...(J to folks-from Ammon where (she was teaching in high school)

April 29: Is June 11 satisfactory? When I think about it I get so thrilled.. There goes the bell - my last class today and DELBERT IS COMING TONIGHT..... (J to sister Mary)

May 9: Darling little mother...Judging by my thots of you, every day is Mothers Day to me...Your letters all year have breathed of such sincere and deep love and understanding that always they have brot forth an echo of love and appreciation from me. I keep them because they are invaluable and the beautifully-worded truths they express will be so helpful to me in solving future problems or overcoming difficulties.

When Mrs. Carlston (another high school teacher here in Ammon) said, "Jennie, my one glance at your mother was an inspiration. I could read her character on her face. She must be a wonderful mother" I thot how true is the expression "The language of what you are speaks loudest"...

The girl signed to teach in my place next year has cancelled her contract and again I have been asked if I would change my mind and teach next year-even if I am married they'd make me an exception to the rule of no married lady teachers...I smiled, thanked them and said the answer was still no.

(J to mother)

June 3: My dearest Princess --June is a delightful season for beauties. It seems time can hardly wait for our day. It all becomes more and more beautiful and desirable as it comes nearer...I will be King for a day and you will be the lovely Queen. We will be so appreciative and happy that no one will take us from the throne. We will always reign in our world of goodness and beauty and by our unselfish thotfulness we will increase our domain. Your letter almost made me cry with gladness...Good night and good dreams and love and kisses after June 11.... (D to J-from Provo)

June 4: Dearest and Truest Jewel...always give your mother and dad my love and very best wishes. I think they are just about ideal. Perhaps that is why you are so genuine and lovable, or it may be that they have to be about perfect to be so closely related to you...A fellow just called up and had me write him some insurance...I love you truly, truly dear.. (D to J-now in Provo)

June 10: We had asked Elder David O. McKay to marry us but he called me on the phone and explained he might be unable to make it back from an appointment with his son in a different city but he would make arrangements in case he didn't. Then he visited via phone for five or six minutes about the joys and promises of our temple marriage and gave some wonderful counsel over the phone--what he might have said if he had to miss it -- How very special this was. I had always loved and admired his brother, Elder Thomas E. McKay who married my mother's sister Fawn. (J Jrnl)

June 11: "It was on the morning of (another) beautiful, clear day" in the year 1930, the 11th day of June, that Delbert V. Groberg and Jennie Holbrook knelt at the sacred altar in the Salt Lake Temple and were married and sealed for time

and all eternity by Joseph Fielding Smith, president of the Salt Lake Temple. We had invited President B.H. Roberts to perform the ceremony and he was so close to Delbert that he really wanted to but at that time members of the First Quorum of the Seventy (he was) were not ordained High Priests and did not perform such temple ordinances. As explained, Elder McKay was scheduled to do it but had arranged for President Smith to marry us if he (McKay) did not get back in time. Hoping he would return in time, we all waited and waited. In fact, we were the forty-third couple to be called to the sealing room - having waited around two hours to be called. We had ample time to seriously contemplate this great blessing to be ours. My parents, grandparents, and other happy relatives were happy to wait with us, for our turn.

As the blessings and promises were pronounced upon us "through our faithfulness" we sensed the wonder and glory of it, but now, forty-four years later, we are beginning to do more than just sense it, we now marvel at the greatness of it all and at the magnificent love of our Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son that made it all possible.

From the time we had met at BYU, after Delbert had returned from his mission and Jennie was there to help him register, we had recognized the direction of Heaven in naturally bringing us together to fulfill the Lord's purposes. It may not have been spoken but each knew the other was totally dedicated to building a home in the light of the Gospel, one wherein the Holy Spirit would be pleased to dwell, one wherein all thots and acts must be disciplined to constantly receive divine approval.

(J Jrnl-1974)

We had a reception at Provo, June 12. This was sort of a choice. Jennie's father had said, "I will give you \$125 cash or I'll give you a reception. Which do you want?" You know, during the period of the depression \$125 cash sounded like a lot of money to me and I believe if I had had the choice, before the reception at Provo in the new Provo First Ward building, I would have suggested we take the \$125 but Jennie said her mother had already made the decision and we had a lovely reception.

President Roberts wanted to go and went with some of the family; Grandpa Holbrook rode down with us. During the dancing intermission they had a program. Uncle Will Knight was in charge and he told about his love for the Holbrook family and how he thought I was about the most fortunate young man in the whole world to get such a lovely girl as Jennie Holbrook. He mentioned about the time she had spent in their home and that she had been just the same as a daughter to them and they loved her just as much. He said one thing that made everyone laugh. As the relatives and friends came down the line they embraced or kissed the bride and groom and Uncle Will said, "Delbert is a young man that embraces every opportunity." President Brimhall told about Jennie being his secretary and how much he enjoyed having her work for him. In his characteristic manner of putting messages into few words he said for us to "Remember these 4 C's when sailing on the Sea of Matrimony: Constant Courtship, Constant Confidence, Constant Counsel and Constant Compromise - and if you remember these 4 C's the Sea of Matrimony will never get too rough."

President Roberts told about our association in the mission field and of the personal interest he had surely taken in me and how much we enjoyed our missions together in the Eastern States, especially in the Mission Home when

his wife, Sister Margaret Roberts, was alive. There were lots of gifts, dancing, refreshments, etc. Flowers and decorations were really special. It was the biggest wedding reception I had ever seen.

President Franklin S. Harris of BYU, a close friend and neighbor of the Holbrooks, also spoke and also Aunt Clara Brunt. All of Jennie's and many of my relatives came and all felt it was a very successful reception for a couple of young people starting out.

After the reception Jennie and I stayed in the guest room of Aunt Jennie and Uncle Will Knight. (D Jrnl)



Groom: Delbert V. Groberg



Bride: Jennie H. Groberg



Jennie's parents: Alsina B. and L.H. Holbrook, -Her sisters Mary and Ruth (bridesmaids but married in 1932)



Delbert's Uncle Charles and Aunt Mattie and his brother LeRoi and wife Nell. Groberg





Uncle Will Knight



Aunt Jennie B. Knight



George H. Brimhall



Franklin Harris



President B.H. Roberts



AUNT CLARA
RASICOT BRUNT-
WIFE OF GEORGE
BRUNT WHO IS A
BROTHER OF
DELBERT'S
MOTHER-MAUDE
ELIZABETH BRUNT
GROBERG

(deceased)



Caroline Eyring (Miner)

(bridesmaid)



Reception For Young Couple

ONE of the most attractive wedding receptions of the month was given by Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Holbrook, Thursday evening in the First ward recreation hall, complimentary to their daughter, Jennie, and Delbert V. Groberg of Idaho Falls, Idaho, who were married in the Salt Lake temple Wednesday.

The beautiful rotunda of the meeting house was tastefully decorated with a profusion of pink and white roses and peonies, and baby breath, which were arranged in huge baskets. Small vases of rosebuds and baby breath stood on the mantles over the fireplaces, lending a pretty effect. Summer flowers, ferns and palms, in jardinières, vases, baskets and wicker stands were employed in the effective decorative scheme of the reception hall. The same were placed in the windows, on the orchestra stand and about the room.

Claude Snow, of Provo, and Miss Virgie Mulner of Idaho Falls, greeted the guests, and in the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook, Mrs. George Brunt of Idaho Falls, Idaho, aunt of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. George Groberg and Mrs. Elsie Crowther of Ogden.

A charming gown of white georgette over white silk was worn by the pretty bride. Her long white tulle veil fit close to the back of her head, the shirring being covered by a spray of orange blossoms. A narrow band of white silk leaves held the veil in place. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies, white roses and baby breath, tied with white maline, from which hung pink satin streamers, to which pink and white sweet peas were attached.

Mrs. Le Roy Groberg, sister-in-law of the groom, was the matron of honor, Miss Caroline Eyring, and the Misses Mary and Ruth Holbrook, sisters of the bride, were the bridesmaids. Velma Groberg of Ogden, cousin of the groom, was the flower girl. Le Roy Groberg, brother of the groom, acted as best man.

Mrs. Groberg was gowned in an attractive yellow taffeta dress, flower trimmed, and dainty long pink taffeta frocks were worn by the bridesmaids. They each carried beautiful bouquets of pink and white sweet peas, roses and calla lilies, tied with blue maline. The flower girl was attired in a pretty white organdie creation, with blue satin ribbon trimmings. She carried a basket of pink and white sweet peas and roses.

J. William Knight was the master of ceremonies. The following splendid program was rendered: vocal solo, Elvis Terry; musical reading, Miss Eunice Bird; remarks, B. H. Roberts of Salt Lake, who was president of the Eastern States Mission field at the time the groom was laboring as missionary there; toast, "To the Bride," Dr. George H. Brimhall; toast, "To the Groom," Mrs. George Brunt; vocal solo, Miss Elsa Cook of Salt Lake, missionary friend of Mr. Groberg; oriental dance, Mrs. Mildred Lewis Hinckley.

Dancing was an enjoyable feature, the Palais Royale orchestra furnishing the music. Delicious refreshments were served to 300. A group of Cesta Ties social unit girls of the B. Y. U. presided in the refreshment room, and they were assisted in serving by the Misses Elaine and Helen Holbrook.

Numerous useful and beautiful gifts were received by the honor guests. The guests in attendance were from Provo, Salt Lake, Logan, Ogden, Idaho and Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Groberg will spend their honeymoon visiting various places of interest in southern Utah. They will reside in Idaho Falls.

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Grandpa Brimhall's message to us:
On the Sea of domesticity follow this map:
Constant Confidence
Constant Counsel
Constant Compromise
Constant Courtship

Jennie's Wedding — Father Joins her.

Mother (Alsina) to us, in her own handwriting - no date but probably about June 11, 1930 -

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Dearest Children -

As you kneel by your bedside to pray on the first night of your marriage, may you know that there are others kneeling in prayer, grateful because of you, and asking our Father to let His Spirit be with you. Then may all fear or over-anxiety pass away and you fall to sleep in each other's arms, the arms of love. When you wake to find the most cherished dream of your life is a reality, may the reality be sweeter than the dream.

As other dreams come (for come they will) - and you are longing for an answer to the call of parenthood, may this too, in realization, be grander than the longing - and it will be.

One taste of this most perfect joy will bring new hopes of the expansion of the home nest and on and on may your happiness be ever more ahead of the realization of these blessings.

Dear Hearts, your lives are so rich in hope, so ripe in purest love that it brings a peace to us as parents that is like a dream again come true.

Your happiness is ours and at this time is full.

We had a hectic honeymoon in southern Utah parks (two days and nights spent at Bryce Canyon Lodge. We ate crackers and cheese because we felt we couldn't afford more -- and then finding out, too late, that the \$12 per day we had paid included three luscious meals --all of which we missed --at first we felt disappointed and hungry! Then we laughed hilariously!) We also visited Zion's and Grand Canyon and then drove to Idaho Falls where we would begin our Kingdom. Enroute we stopped at Ogden for a big shower with Delbert's friends and folks --

Our love was sweet and pure and hesitant and hopeful and sacred. We spent a few weeks in the Ellis Apartments but found it too large and empty and expensive so we moved into one side of Grandma Brunt's home with the Noall Nixon family down a few houses, next to Uncle George Brunt's, and Uncle Joe Brunt's home on the other side. They all made us feel we belonged.

Delbert set up an insurance business with State Farm Mutual - with his cousin, Earl Brunt, and Jennie kept house, glad for the rest it offered after a very strenuous year of teaching drama, English, typing, glee clubs, directing all the musicals, plays, debating, etc. Delbert had been at BYU. It was good to be, to plan, and to work together. (J Jrnl)

(Incidentally, two teachers replaced Jennie at Ammon, teaching what she had, and directing, etc.)

June 24: Down at the famous office of Groberg and Brunt which gives promise of some interesting and profitable business activities....We invited folks over to view our array of gifts last night...We were taken out and paraded - horns and rice and old shoes and tin cans and laughing--but it was all fun. With another set of silver salt and pepper shakers received at the party in Ogden we now have seventeen sets!.... (D & J to folks)



Grandma Brunt's home on 1099 Canal Ave. in Idaho Falls, Idaho - We lived in the left-side apartment from Aug. 1930 to Oct. 1932



Delbert's first business was selling insurance. He invited cousin Earl Brunt to be a partner.

June: We came to Idaho Falls to live and moved into the First Ward. Jane and I were assigned to teach a Teacher-Training class about the first thing. Then, after about a month, we were called to serve on the Sunday School Stake Board and I was made the First Assistant Superintendent and Jane a class leader. In those days the Stake was large. I remember one of my first assignments was to go up to BeaverCreek which is Dubois, something over fifty miles away. The roads were very slow and it was quite a trip. (D Jrnl)

June 30:....there is so much to do and it seems nothing gets done. We do have lots of visitors and are invited out plenty and then Mrs. spends some time at the office and of course Mr. is gone most of the time at least until about 8:30 at night. He is more dear every day; surely do love him. Last night he talked in Church. His subject was "As a Man Thinketh". It was excellent. He is a Sunday School teacher and I guess I'll help in Mutual...Saturday night we had about the best piano in town brought here. We are renting it and the money applies on the purchase of a piano later. It is a Schulz upright and the tone quality is superb... (J to mother)

July 21: It's been great to have Mary here and we're anxious for the next one to come...I'm taking charge of the Teacher-Training class so please send me my notes on education methods...I am writing some of my students to see if they would like to take private piano or dramatic art. Surely hope I get a few. (J to mother)

July 26:...how much we appreciate your helpful interest in us. Your thoughtful letters carry on beautifully the strains of that most valuable heart-to-heart companionship we enjoyed with you at home..We were also happy to have Aunt Angie and Uncle Alma Taylor and son with us for a while..The insurance business is still looking very bright altho we have competition... (D and J to father H.)

July 30: Jennie surely reminds me of her mother often. I recall several times while we were at school she would find a helpful note from you and she was always inspired to do better. I just found a beautiful love note tucked in my case from Jennie. She is a most lovable wife. Business called me to Preston and surrounding towns. I will be happy to get back to our home and Jane.. (D to mother H.)

August 1:...It's fun to thoroughly prepare and give these lessons because I'm making my reputation as "Mrs. D.V.G."...We took Maude and her two children to Lava Hot Springs with us yesterday. Jennie learned to dive and swim better..We both like the water.....I am trying my best to think of some appropriate stunts for our opening MIA social to be held next Monday. Delbert is in Shelley today - I remain here to see that everything is o.k. Along with regular duties, I'll make a lamp shade and memorize a new reading... (J and D to folks)

October 25: ...a letter from you is a delightful package of sunshine and beauty...Jennie read before the Idaho Falls Kiwanis last Thursday. Senator Addison Smith said she was a wonderfully accomplished young lady. We know that, don't we? She is giving some lessons now. (D to mother H)

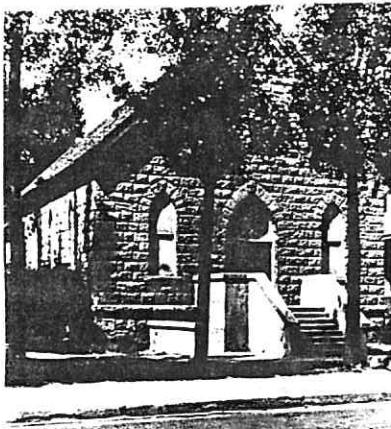
November 3: ...Last night our M Men and Gleaners put on one of the finest con-joint programs we have had - the members did everything except deliver one ad-dress which was given by a prominent lawyer of the town. Our Mutual work is interesting and developing for everyone. I am working on a volunteer orchestra to give us an hour social after Mutual on Tuesday - First and Fourth Wards-- We have evsytthing arranged for but a drummer. So our Mutual work furnishes us fine recreation too. We are also working on a project to have a stage put in our assembly room in the Ward and expect to have this all ready for use in less than a month--won't that be grand?
(J and D to folks)

November 9: I think we had two monthly Union Meetings when, on November 9, 1930, we had Stake Conference. David O. McKay of the Quorum of the Twelve was the Conference visitor. We were meeting in the Stake Tabernacle and Elder McKay said: "There is some business to be taken up by the First Ward. Will all mem-bers of the First Ward in attendance at this Conference please stand." All of us from the First Ward stood up. Elder McKay then said: "Now the business we have at hand is that there is a vacancy in the Bishopric of the First Ward. Brother Raymond Hansen, who has been a member of the Bishopric, has moved away and been given an honorable release. Therefore, it is proposed that Delbert V. Groberg be sustained as Counselor to Bishop Henry Johnson of the Idaho Falls First Ward." Then he said: "We haven't interviewed this young man. He doesn't know anything about it yet. This will necessitate a release from the Sunday School Superintendency but we can assure you that he will be willing and able to work as a Counselor in the Bishopric. All in favor say 'Aye.'

So Jennie and I, standing in the congregation, heard for the first time and joined the others in a rather surprised vote to fill the vacancy of the First Ward Bishopric. This was in November. We were expecting our first child the following July. We had been married in June. Of course we were very young.

I had assignments in the Relief Society and Primary and in the Genealogical work and found out more about organization of the Church on a ward basis in a few months than a person can find out at my age unless he is called to be a mem-ber of the Bishopric. I was 24 years old; Jennie was 22. We were quite mature and felt quite old but as I think about young people of that age now, apparen-tly to older people, we looked very young.

I enjoyed the work in the First Ward. I believe the one thing I did which sort of stands out in my mind, was the blessing of babies. The big thrill came when our own little baby came and I blessed her and gave her the name of Mary Jane.



L.D. S. Meeting House at the corner of Park Ave. and E" street - 1892 until 1937

Dec. 1942

Greetings -

May Christmas and the New Year bring many.. Joys to you and yours

If some happy memories are awakened by the... picture of the old Church Building, it's purpose.. on this card will be fulfilled.

First Ward Meeting House where Delbert served as Counselor to Bishop Henry Johnson Nov. 9, 1930 until Aug. 1932. He gave Mary Jane a name and blessing here.

(D Jrnl)

Sincerely
Mr. & Mrs. D.V. Groberg

GROBERG - BRUNT INSURANCE

Idaho Falls, Idaho

Nov. 13, 1930

Received from Knight Trust & Savings Bank (Jennie H. Groberg)

Cashier's Check - November 7 -

\$100.00

Groberg & Brunt

By



We hereby promise to pay to Jennie H. Groberg Saving Account with Knight Trust and Savings Bank, Provo, Utah - ~~\$100.00~~ - in payment of loan of \$100 - Nov. 7, 1930 - in the following manner:

- \$26 to be paid Feb. 1, 1931
- \$26 to be paid March.1, 1931
- \$13 to be paid April 1, 1931
- \$13 to be paid May 1, 1931
- \$13 to be paid June 1, 1931
- \$13 to be paid July 1, 1931

GROBERG & BRUNT



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Idaho Falls First Ward

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1ST COUNSELOR, PHONE 274-J

~~A. RAYMOND HANSEN~~ Delbert V. Groberg
2ND COUNSELOR, PHONE ~~0000~~

SYLVAN OLSON,
CLERK, PHONE 34

Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dec. 6, 1930

Dearest Mother:

We, and especially I, feel as if a big load is gone now that the ward reunion is over and it was positively a wonderful success - over three hundred folks were served the best turkey dinner even Thanksgiving could boast of - money had previously been collected for it from those who could pay and those who couldn't were given it free....We decided to use some stunts and things I had worked up previously so I had plenty of the work to do but everything was pretty good from the balloon dance and song to the presentation of a plan to our guests of honor....

Delbert just left the office rather upset because he couldn't locate a letter which he needs right this morning but after he left I picked up a folder and there it was so I wish he would hurry and come back and get it.

We have a secret which we truly want kept a secret...You can share our secret if you will promise to tell it to no one except Mary and Ruth and if you will promise to act as if you didn't know it. We are writing Rachel and of course will tell Aunt Jennie...We think if it is full-time it will come to us about the first week in August....

We enjoyed Ruth almost too much - just hated to have her leave - but we're still profiting by her example of industry and fine, congenial spirit-she is a real dear-

We are hoping when we go home at noon we will have a letter from you - we would sooner receive one from you than nearly anyone because they are real letters - and always make us so happy and so good inside- even when they are merely notes..

Love and kisses to all,

Jennie and Delbert

p.s. I hope it looks just like Delbert - I think he kind of hopes it is a David H. rather than a Gloria Jane - just imagine it! I wonder what we will do with a real doll.

December 8; We can hardly wait until Xmas..with prospects of seeing all the family-with additions...too bad Knights and Brimhalls will be away... Delbert thinks I am a regular old grouch when it comes to figuring out financial bugabears with him..it's really a dandy experience to squeeze the pennies and nickels. We always find enough when it comes down to it and I don't lack faith in Delbert's ability..Things are gradually getting better and better but I imagine it will be several months before we have the \$1000 saved up and we are on top. That will be a happy time! Yesterday at Fast Meeting Delbert gave a most wonderful testimony. Everybody thinks he is just about ideal...Every day in every way I love him more and more only sometimes he thinks I ought to have a good spanking. (J to father)

December 12; ...Yesterday marked the one-half year of our married life... Neither one of us often acts like grown-up married folks but we do get a "wallop" out of our work and our friends and our folks and our play, etc. Among the most precious contributions to our happiness are the letters from home -- keep 'em coming please! (J and D to folks)

January 13: Dear Little Mumsy - ... your check came yesterday...it would be folly to try to make you think we can find little use for it. However, we have put it in the bank to be used only for welcoming Mary Jane or David. Thanks oodles...Two of our senior graduates from Ammon married recently and another is planning to do so soon...My but I'm glad I was raised the way I was - temple marriage and all--and that I had a university education. Delbert and I are so glad to have more schooling to look forward to. (J to mother)

March 2: My Dear Dream Girl--This is the day before March the 3rd - both memorable anniversaries (Jemie's sister Mary's birthday is March 2) - If I could have done so I would have spent tomorrow in your newly-made home. It seems to pull me there. But with Delbert, your birthday will be glorious...Memories and love and gratitude fill all our hearts in remembering your life so rich and radiant - a blessing to each of us. (Mother to J)

March 10: Dear Mother O'Mine..the dress you made for me is grand, just the thing for the one-act play Delbert and I are in and to wear while I play the pipe organ for an Easter affair and give readings in two places, etc....The funniest thing yet happened --I felt a little flattered --the Stake Relief Society asked me to write a play for their big celebration...The Bishop said I looked like you..I told him you were heaps better looking and I couldn't begin to be compared to you. (J to mother)

Idaho Falls L. D. S. Hospital School of Nursing GRADUATION EXERCISES

L. D. S. Tabernacle

FRIDAY EVENING

EIGHT O'CLOCK

MAY 22nd, 1931

Organ Prelude and Processional	-	-	-	-	<u>Mrs. Delbert Groberg</u>
Invocation	-	-	-	-	Rev. E. L. White
Address of Welcome	-	-	-	-	Presiding Bishop Sylvester Q. Cannon <i>President Board of Trustees</i>
Organ Solo—Selected	-	-	-	-	<u>Mrs. Delbert Groberg</u>
Selection—"Spring Song"	-	-	-	-	Senior Class Chorus Jos. Morley, <i>Conductor</i>
Address to Graduating Class	-	-	-	-	Roy A. Welker <i>President Bear Lake Stake</i>
Instrumental Trio	(a)	"Zwieites Trio" (1st Movement) <i>Franke</i>			
	(b)	"Barcarolle" <i>Hoffman</i>			
	-	-	-	-	James and Jack Best, Thelma Yancy
Presentation of Diplomas	-	-	-	-	Jacob H. Trayner, <i>Sup't.</i>
Presentation of Pins	-	-	-	-	Ruth Crotty, R. N., <i>Directress of Nurses</i>
Presentation of Flowers	-	-	-	-	Elizabeth Hill, R. N., <i>Asst. Directress of Nurses</i>
Acceptance of Oath	-	-	-	-	Class of 1931
Selection	(a)	"Maytime" }			All Members of School
	(b)	School Song }			
	-	-	-	-	Jos. Morley, <i>Conductor</i>
Benediction	-	-	-	-	President Leonard Ball
Recessional	-	-	-	-	<u>Mrs. Delbert Groberg</u>



"Our" Stake Tabernacle - (close to where we first lived in Grandma Brunt's home) where we participated in many happy functions.

June 11; Dearest All...we had planned the nicest picnic to celebrate our wedding day but the rain is pouring down..imagine married a year and much happier and contented than ever before...About a week ago I read and played at the Lions Club Banquet. Now don't be shocked - my coat rather disguised any unusual appearance --most people don't notice at all.... (J and D to folks)

FLOWER OF LOVE

A bud of love in a baby's heart
With waiting gladness doth unfold
To childhood's dream of a fairy prince
In days to be - not days of old.

Atune to beauty - awake to joy -
Petals form in a maiden's breast,
Gently quiver in secret yearning
And wistful sighs breathe quiet unrest.

At last the blossom in glory smiles
In woman's anxious bosom, true.
It answers dreams by yet sweeter dreams,
For the full-blown flower has brought you.

by a Bride of One Year
Written to My Husband
Delbert Valentine Groberg
June 11, 1931 (J to D)

July 2: Darling Daughter - Your confidential and inspiring letter, that was here on our arrival, has not been answered...I am sure your plan, as explained, is one that we can work to beautifully. There is so much strength one gets from

your ever fearlessness, borne of faith and a power inherent and developed, that no accomplishment sees defeat.

You always have won and in this, your divine assignment, a glorious victory is proclaimed.

With Delbert by your side, clothed with his priesthood and his heart full of love, there is no journey you cannot make. Your promises in fulfillment you will see and the sublimest moment of your life realized. In this my prayers are answered and the cause of parenthood will rise and call....Never will the "White and Blue" seem so pure and true as when it is privileged to wrap in its folds--your own precious baby - your fondest hope and greatest accomplishment yet to be

(Mother to J)

July 13: Our love was fulfilled in the birth of our first precious child whom we named Mary Jane.



When Mary Jane was born I weighed 143 lbs. and never did need to wear a maternity dress. In fact, the day before, I was walking home when a friend insisted I ride but next day when he heard I had a baby he insisted it could not be true as he had given me a lift and would have noticed my condition. Little Mary Jane weighed 6 lbs. 4 ozs. Mary was born on Monday. On Sunday Delbert and I went to Sugar City and back and then went to Church. Delbert had Church business afterwards and as the building was locked and so was our home and Delbert had the keys, I just waited around for him until about 11 p.m., getting to feel totally exhausted. So was he when he returned. We were to bed by 11:30. About 1 or 2 a.m. the water broke and soon the pains started. I woke Delbert but told him it would be a while so he might as well sleep a while, which he did, much to my disappointment. I woke him a while later and he got his Uncle Joe Brunt (who lived next door) and they administered to me. Delbert called the hospital and the doctor and we went over. It was 6:30 a.m. The birth was almost too much for me and in the delivery room I kept going unconscious and the doctor (H. Ray Hatch) would call me back with "Sweetheart - Jennie darling.." - I was aware he was perspiring terribly and frightened. Then, thru the mist, I was aware that my mother was praying for me and that her prayers were being answered and giving me the needed strength until Mary and I both made it safely. Our precious baby

was here. Delbert had a look of true joy when she cried. I thot how little he knew how close he came to having a daughter without her mother, but not exactly that either. She was about 2½ weeks early. Until mother came to help me there was a real nursing problem (nipples inverted--she not too vigorous--and they pumped my breasts which overly increased the milk supply- rough for both) - Mary lost 9 ozs. but when mother came and insisted--we gradually worked things out.

When Delbert wired the folks and father took the wire to mother, she said, "Yes, I know - Jennie had her baby--was it a boy or a girl?" Mary was born about 9 a.m. Monday, July 13, 1931. (J Jrnl)

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PRINCE DAVID JUST ARRIVED JANE AND BABE WELL PS BABY IS

A GIRL

DELBERT

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LDS Hospital by the river on Memorial Drive where all eleven of our children were born.

July 16: To Hearts that radiate Truth and Beauty; - Yesterday a letter from baby dear, written by her daddy - today, one from her mother in her usual steady hand. How strangely wonderful is this new era when motherhood undertaken by those who live in higher realms, refuses to acknowledge anything but the glory of it. It is truly a day when Truth and Beauty are one. To meditate when one has such things as this to revel in, fill the hours with gladness because those we love have found life's secret and feel its sacred reality after the time of dreams. And still to know they'll dream on still to ever a more reaching out because they love the grandeur that beckons..It would not be wise for me to suggest just the time when we shall come to you. Papa says next week, perhaps the fore-part....
(mother to us)

July 18: Dearest Mummy - The nursing problem is very trying..She is so tiny and delicate and so precious that I am almost afraid of her....The doctor says all mothers of new babies should stay on their back for 14 days and then start sitting up. He plans to keep me in the hospital 2 weeks then have an ambulance take me home - just 1½ blocks away....
(J to mother)

(We decided to pay the hospital and doctor from Jennie's school-teaching savings.. \$25 to the hospital and \$35 for the doctor)

August 21: Dearest Mother - Mary Jane has been very, very good lately, both night and day...the little scamp is learning how to coax to be picked up. She has perfect control over her little head and her legs are strong enough that you wouldn't relish a good kick from them. She is over the 8 lb. mark and is so plump and cute that she gets more hugging than is perhaps good for her....Uncle Alma Taylor has been here. He left some happy people, a watermelon and a dollar. (J to mother)

What fun our first little blue-eyed, curly, golden-haired daughter was. Now we knew what life was all about --more and more our understanding grew as each child was welcomed into this happy family circle.

Once while I was out "sunning"(as we were told to) Mary Jane, a truant officer came and asked me why I was baby-sitting when I should be in school where I belonged. She was reluctant to accept my explanation that I was a married woman and this was my child.
(J Jrnl)

October 25: The Janes are both having a nap. They are certainly closely attached. It seems Mary Jane sleeps best when her mother sleeps and I know Jennie sleeps only when Mary does....Jennie is going to play an organ solo at the tabernacle tonight. Mary and I have arranged to spend the evening together...The Janes are awake now; the little one is talking to us about things known only to her. She jabbars just as sincerely as anyone. We will be glad when we understand what she is talking about...She is looking more Holbrook-y every day - Everyone who knows Holbrooks say so.
(D to folks)

November 26: Mary Jane is getting dearer and more adorable all the time, according to a fond mother. Daddy thinks so too but he just tells Mary Jane and her mother..He talks to her and tells her how he has known her ever since she was a tiny baby. He says she's promised him that if we go East (for Daddy to study law) she'll get a job taking care of the other children in the nursery. He says she has hair like Uncle Joe Brunt (bald). We get many a kick out of Delbert and his daughter.
(J to folks)

December 3: We were fascinated by a radio program about California which made me really appreciate the value of the trip there you took me on a few years ago..

The educational opportunities you and mother have given us are far more extensive than merely school. This particular trip broadened my knowledge and understanding due largely to your intelligence and sociability and your complete explanations of the interests and it was so fun to be with my cousins - Sine and Jennie B. ...The older I become, and more experienced, the more I wonder at what you and mother have done for us and given us. I can think of no other family quite so completely blessed - and all in the light of the restored gospel....Please, mother and dad, give each other a thank-you kiss for a daughter who loves you both truly. Mary Jane has been in my one arm and now says I must use both arms on her and carry her to her daddy.... (J to father)

December: Mary is in her high chair playing with some Christmas toys. She gets her nights and days mixed up. She had her first bump this morning. She was taking her exercise before bath when she slipped off the pillow on to the floor all in a heap between three chairs. My heart did a flop and I had her in my arms before she knew what had happened. She gave a little cry and then started to laugh and play again. She's helped herself to the telephone directory and is trying to get a page or two in her mouth. (J to folks)

Musical Concert

L. D. S. Third Ward Chapel

Sunday, Sept. 13, 1931

Program

1. Anthem - - - - - Third Ward Choir
"For I Know the Lord Is Great" - Bruno Huhn
2. Organ Solo - - - - - Mrs. Delbert Groberg
"Amourcoquet" - Rudolf Friml
3. Girls' M. I. A. Chorus - - - Jack Denning, Director
"The Twilight" - Rudolf Friml

Chapel was packed and more than 100 turned away. Delbert said my organ solo was o.k.



Jennie and Mary
Jane - August 1931

Note: Priesthood lineage of Delbert V. Groberg - High Priest

Delbert V. Groberg was ordained a High Priest by David O. McKay who was ordained by Joseph F. Smith who was ordained by Brigham Young who was ordained by Joseph Smith and the three witnesses who (Joseph Smith) was ordained by Peter, James and John who were ordained by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

1932

February: If we could chew on something it might help push a little tooth thru. Won't it be fun when we get you some pretty white teeth? We'll get a little toothbrush and take good care of them.... (D to Mary Jane)

April 13: Our Easter pageant was presented last night. It is a big help to work with people so thorough, so well informed and so interested and anxious and humble as the Trayners have been in directing this performance. I metely played the organ. (J to folks)

April 24: We went to Blackfoot to judge th drama contest last night. One was coached by Julia Howe Hegsted, sister of Mrs. Dr. Mellor (Effie) and Mrs. Pres. Fred Caine (Hazel) (Pres. Caine was on a mission with Uncle Alma Taylor)...Mary has three teeth now and a corner of the 4th thru. She had a bad bump last night in the car but she's fine this a.m. She has to be watched every minute...Daddy was playing with her when suddenly he pushed her away and held her out at arms length and cried: "Behold, mother, Queen Mary doth reign!" (rain). Then, looking her right in the eye he said, "Mary Jane, why don't you whistle?" (J to folks)

May: To the best of mothers on Mother's Day. If all the essentials of a perfect mother were summed up, you'd come nearest to meeting all the requirements..Mary Jane and her daddy presented me with a darling footstool which, when I opened it, contained a lovely pair of hose. They also gave me a Maytag washer (repossessed for \$39.50). Mary skoots around on all fours--she has six teeth....

The pictures in the Deseret News of Mary and Ruth were really good. Imagine a double wedding! We will stay at Maude's and she will care for Mary Jane until we get out of the temple....Aunt Jennie also offered to care for her. She sent her two darling dresses. Mary just skoots around on all fours. She has six teeth now. (J to mother)

THE DESERET NEWS, SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1932.

Mrs. L. H. Holbrook of Provo, whose engagements to B. Alva Maxwell of Eagar, Ariz., and Ray Brown of respectively, are announced, the marriages to take place May 27.

SUNDAY HERALD, SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1932

THE First ward recreation hall was the scene of an attractive and enjoyable social function Friday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Holbrook entertained 400 relatives and friends at a wedding reception.

The honor guests were their daughters, Mary and Ruth, and B. Alva Maxwell and F. Ray Brown, respectively, who were married in the Salt Lake temple earlier in the day.

Mr. Maxwell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Maxwell of Eagar, Ariz., and Mr. Brown is the son of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Brown of Provo, formerly of Mesa, Ariz.

The parents of the couples were in the receiving line, and the bridal party included, in addition to the brides and grooms, Mrs. Jennie H. Groberg, sister of the brides, matron of honor; the Misses Ruth and Maurine Brown and Elizabeth Holbrook, sisters, bridesmaids; Ernest Eberhardt and Delbert Groberg, best men; Nadine Brown and Carol Crandall, flower girls.

The charming brides appeared in elegant long white silk gowns, ruffle trimmed, and they wore filmy white tulle veils edged in lace, which were held in place at the back of the head with a dainty spray of lily of the valley. They each carried a lovely bouquet of calla lilies and pink and white roses tied with pink maline.

Mrs. Groberg wore a pretty frock of lavender taffeta with an ecru lace jacket, and her bouquet was made up of baby breath and lavender, sweet peas tied with lavender maline.





SUMMER 1932

Front: L. Robert Anderson, Rachel Holbrook Anderson holding Jane, Mother Alsina E. B. Holbrook, Raymond B. Holbrook with son Fay, Esther Hamilton Holbrook, Vera Holbrook

Back: Lafayette H. Holbrook, Elizabeth Holbrook, B. Alva Maxwell and Mary Holbrook Maxwell, Helen Holbrook, Jennie Holbrook Groberg holding Mary Jane, Delbert V. Groberg, Alsina Elaine Holbrook

I really entered the insurance business while I was still in school, starting early in 1929. However, after being married and moving to Idaho Falls in 1930, I established myself in the insurance business and then later, as a natural addition, added the real estate, appraising, developing, and managing as a part of the full field of real estate service.

It might also be of interest to know that I was engaged in some political activities. In the fall of 1932 I was invited to file for nomination for the office of Justice of the Peace. I filed on the Republican ticket as my experience at home had been with the Republican party. As a young boy, when Charles Evans Hughes ran against Woodrow Wilson I distributed pins for Hughes and was delighted when Hughes was announced as being the apparent winner. However, the next day when the results came in from California it was determined Wilson had been elected. At B.Y.U. Harold Candland and a few of us organized a "Hoover for President Club" on the school campus and I made the nomination for Hoover at the B.Y.U. Assembly in College Hall. However, I did not receive enough votes in the primary to win the nomination for Justice of the Peace in the Republican Party. Then some of my friends in the Democratic party said they didn't have anyone filed for Justice of the Peace in the Democratic party so they encouraged me and actually submitted my name to be on the ballot for the Democratic party where I would oppose the one who had defeated me in the primary on the Republican ticket. I won the election by quite a margin. I ran again in two years and then in four years - served for six years as Justice of the Peace in Bonneville County in Idaho Falls.. I served as coroner several times, had some jury trials, some hearings, some arraignments for serious criminal cases. Mostly it was small claims and collection items and disputes of a minor nature between people. I became quite well acquainted with the attorneys and the business people in this position and really learned quite a lot about the law and about the court system.

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One day after Quarterly Conference, Elder Richard R. Lyman, who was the General Authority visiting the Conference, announced at the morning session that he would like to meet with Reed Scott, Cecil Hart and Delbert Groberg. We were all from the same area and it was sort of suspected by some that there was going to be a new bishopric. However, I had no idea at all what the call was for but as we walked in I remember President Hart, who was then a counselor in the bishopric of the Third Ward, and I, were chatting and I said that we were really being called on the carpet and he said, "or into court." And I said: "Do they have courts in Church?" and he said, "We may learn more about the courts in the Church. Well, it was a real surprise to me when Brother Lyman said, "It has been proposed that you be members of the Stake High Council." We were all set apart by Brother Lyman.

(D Journal)

Deseret News

SALT LAKE CITY UTAH SATURDAY JULY 30 1932

President Emeritus Of Brigham Young University Dies

George H. Brimhall Ends Long Career as Edu- cator in Utah

PROVO, Utah, July 30.—(Special)—Dr. George H. Brimhall, 79, president emeritus of the Brigham Young University, one of the best known educators in the west, and a prominent Church worker of years of experience, passed away at his home, 143 north Third East street, here, at 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, following an illness of several months.

Dr. Brimhall had been in failing health since last February when he was stricken with an attack of influenza which left him in a weakened condition. Although he rallied at first, and was thought to be on the road to recovery, complications developed which kept him bedfast for weeks, with his vitality gradually weakening.

Dr. Brimhall was ranked among the most brilliant sons of the west, held a high position in educational circles, was a prolific writer, a dynamic speaker, and a man of positive convictions, and as such was known throughout the intermountain region.

Aid Young Folks.

As a member of the general board of the Y. M. M. I. A., he was one of the most ardent workers of that organization, writing many works for the young people of the Church and traveling far and wide in the interest of the young people of the Church and the state.

He numbered among his hosts of friends, many of the west's leading citizens, who, on hearing of his demise, lauded without restraint his fine career and accomplishments.

Funeral rites will be held Monday in the Utah stake tabernacle at Provo.

Loved Teacher Goes To Rest

Born In Salt Lake

Dr. Brimhall was born in Salt Lake City, Dec. 9, 1852, a son of George Washington Brimhall and Rachel Ann Mayer. He inherited from his mother, who was a pioneer woman, his characteristic strong will and sturdy character.

He first attended a private school in Ogden, public schools being in those days unknown. Later he attended public schools in Salt Lake City, Cedar Fort in the Dixie country and in Spanish Fork. Later he became a student at the Timpanogos academy in Provo and still later enrolled at the Brigham Young academy where he came under the influence of that master teacher, Dr. Karl G. Maeser. He was enabled to attend school only through the financial sacrifice of his mother and many of his lessons were prepared while he was teaming and herding.

Founded High School

He was one of a group of 42 young men who established a high school in Spanish Fork, known as the Young Men's Academy. At first a student, he later became one of its teachers. From being a superintendent of schools at Spanish Fork he later advanced to county superintendent of the Utah county schools and later superintendent of the Provo schools.

While thus engaged he was called to the faculty of the Brigham Young academy. He occupied the chair of psychology and pedagogy and on January 3, 1903, was called by the board of trustees of the institution to become its president. Prior to this time he had served as president of the Utah Education association or the Utah State Teachers' association as it was then called.

His professional work is in

three divisions: His work as a teacher, as an executive and as an educational lecturer. The Brigham Young academy which became the Brigham Young university during his administration enjoyed an era of expansion seldom equaled.

Famed As Speaker

As a public speaker he became widely known for his four-minute talks given before the students once a week at assembly. His ability to drive home a telling moral lesson and clinch his point with some apt illustration and epigram made him a past master in the short sermon.

He served many years on the

general church board of education; the church board of examiners, the general board of religion classes, and on the general board of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement association. In connection with Dr. Milton H. Hardy, he wrote the first manual for the study course, a task which he continued until very recent years.

He was an enthusiastic Boy Scout worker and served as chairman of the court of honor committee of the Timpanogos council since its organization. In 1932 he was honored by being presented with the silver beaver award, the first scout worker in Utah to win this coveted honor. He was untiring in his Boy Scout labors and attended scout leaders' training courses throughout the state for years.

Known As Writer

He was a writer of poetry as well as prose. His "Old Glory," written on the entry of the United States into the World war set to music by Prof. Claire W. Reed, was sung all over Utah and in adjoining states.

In addition to being connected with the general boards before mentioned, Dr. Brimhall served his Church as a stake superintendent of the M. I. A. organization of the Utah stake and as a member of the high council of that stake.

He always took an active part in civic affairs. When a resident of Spanish Fork he was a member of the city council there. He was an ardent member of the Republican party and was much in demand as a campaign speaker.

Career Ends



George H. Brimhall

Twice Married.

President Brimhall was married in 1874 to Alsena E. Wilkins. To them were born Lucy J., Elsenia E., George W., Mark H., Wells L. and Milton H. President Brimhall's second marriage to Flora Robertson occurred in 1885. The children born to them are: Dean R., Ray R., Fawn R., Ruth Afton, Paul R., Alta R., Golden H., Arlo R.

He was always a lover of the outdoors and was fond of fishing and hunting. Many of his leisure hours during his younger days were spent haunting canyons and streams with his boys and other members of his family.

Traveled Extensively

In 1921 he was released as president of the Brigham Young university and he was succeeded by Dr. Franklin S. Harris. Dr. Brimhall was made president-emeritus of the institution in which he remained as professor of theology. It was during this period that he became known for his weekly four-minute talks, delivered at general assembly each Monday morning.

He was later called by the department of education of the L. D. S. Church to aid in the supervision of the seminary teaching in the Church. In this capacity he

traveled throughout the west, visiting seminaries in different parts.

During the latter part of his life he traveled extensively and visited many parts of the United States. In December 1930 he made a trip to the Hawaiian Islands, at the time the Brigham Young university football team played against the University of Hawaii.

He was beloved by thousands of students who came in contact with him during their school days at the Brigham Young university. For many years the student body of the school carried out a tradition of honoring Dr. Brimhall on his birthday, by the presentation of flowers in assembly or by a band serenade at his home. For such tokens of remembrance he was always sincerely appreciative and never failed to express his happiness in being associated with the young people.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Flora R. Brimhall and the following children: Mrs. Jennie B. Knight, Mrs. Sina Holbrook, George W. Brimhall, Mark H. Brimhall, Wells L. Brimhall, all of Provo; Dean R. Brimhall and Mrs. Fawn B. McKay, Ogden; Mrs. Fay B. Cummings, Salt Lake; Burns R. Brimhall, Ogden; Paul R. Brimhall, Palo Alto, Calif.; Mrs. Afton B. Crandall, Provo; Golden H. Brimhall, Ogden and Ariel Brimhall, Provo.

Two children Milton and Alta and his first wife, Sina E. Wilkins preceded him in death.

Brothers and sisters who survive are: Esther R. Brimhall, Provo; Mrs. Phena B. Garff and Mrs. Grace Calderwood, Salt Lake City.

"Dr. Brimhall was ranked among the most brilliant sons of the west; he held a high position in educational circles, was a prolific writer, a dynamic speaker, and a man of positive convictions and, as such, was known throughout the intermountain region.

"As a member of the General Board of the Y.M.M.I.A. he was one of the most ardent workers - - writing many works for the young people of the Church and travelling far and wide in the interest of the young people of the Church and the State.

"He believed more in the importance of the spiritual character of boys and girls than in the technical truths of some savant's philosophy. He strongly stressed and encouraged moral health, virtue, honesty, generosity, self-control and courage. He had a gift of making people forget the things that are behind and to reach forward to the things that are before, pressing towards the goal..

"He numbered among his hosts of friends many of the west's leading citizens who, on hearing of his demise, lauded without restrain his fine career and accomplishment..."

(Deseret News) Aug. 17 1932

June: I was in the Bishopric until we moved over on 6th Street in June 1932 -first few days of June -in the 2nd Ward. It was about August before I was released. The home was small but very convenient and well built. It was hardly completed when we moved in and there was all the extra work of putting in lawn and shrubs but we enjoyed it.

I was put on the YMMIA Stake Board about the time I was released from the Bishopric and remained on it for about 2 years. I also taught a Sunday School class most of the time I was in the 2nd Ward. (D Jrnl)



Our home on 420-6th Street - Idaho Falls

July 17: Late with my birthday wishes for which I am sorry. After this I must write you on Mary Jane's birthday then the letter will reach you on your birthday.. We were certainly the luckiest of girls to have been so wonderfully provided for and have received the training you and mother have been responsible for. The older I get the more I understand and appreciate you as a father and still I feel very awkward in trying to really say thank you. I wish Mary Jane could have given you a birthday kiss for me, herself and her daddy. Her kisses are pretty wet but we think they are grand. She takes quite a few steps now alone and will soon be walking. (J to father)

July 22: Our large family of girls, the Janes and Helen, went out to Johnson's, Clarence's and Oscar's place - for their weekly outing and for Jemie to give music lessons to all their children. When we came home we brought our pay in garden vegetables and meat enough to last us until the slump blows over or blows us over. We figure as long as Mither makes enough for our grocery bill we will not have to ask the Relief Society for anything to eat... (D to folks)

July 30: We were extremely shocked to learn of Grandfather Brimhall's death... we decided to draw no conclusions regarding the manner and anything strange attached to it could be easily forgotten in the beauty of his life and in the assurance that he merits greatest happiness in the spirit world. We who have known him intimately are better and happier because of contact with him. I was unusually fortunate in working with him for quite a period...when I think of the hours he would endure to prepare valuable thots for others to profit by, I wonder how his health stood up as it did - - he just wanted to serve as long as he lived... We are grateful for his life and for an opportunity to have known him and called him kinsmen. We are grateful you are so calm and fine about such things. It steadies us all. It was grand to hear your voice and know you are perfectly well

and adjusted...We will all miss him immensely --you as much, or more, than anyone - - and yet we will never be lonesome for the real grandpa whose ideas and thots are with us constantly....For several reasons we have decided not to come but hunger to read everything that is said and to know the songs, etc. ...I am glad you made it possible for me to be his grand-daughter.

(J to mother)

September 24: Had a wonderful visit with Aunt Jennie but too short. Mary is fine altho yesterday she fell down with a whistle in her mouth and cut inside her lower lip badly. The Dr. says it's o.k. When she looks in the mirror she smiles and says "See - - doll!"

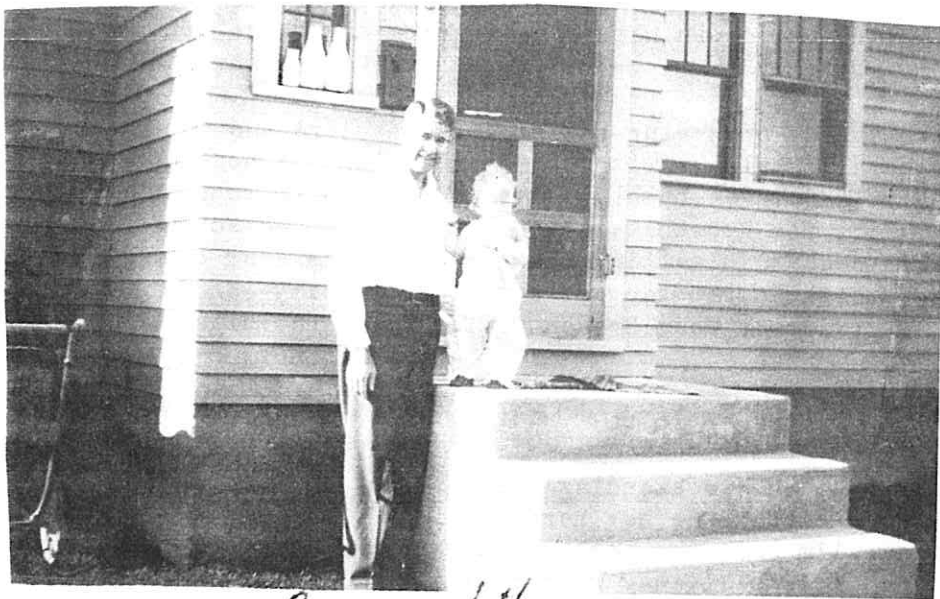
She has noticed that Daddy goes to work after breakfast so when she sees him getting ready she locates her sweater and cap and quickly brings them to me and her lips just pucker when he drives away without her. But she and I go for a little walk and that satisfies her. (J to mother)

October 11: We are delighted with the prospects of a little playmate for Mary. We're rather secretly hoping for a "John Holbrook" but if it's a little "Julia" instead she will be equally welcome. Don't you think we are pretty smart to have enough money set aside to pay for both doctor and hospital? Hospital is ten days with delivery room for \$30..The only thing that bothers me is to find someone who will truly take excellent care of Mary.. Daddy bought her some new shoes yesterday which she proudly displays to everyone saying "See..shoe... shoe." (J to folks)

October 26: Grand of you to help outfit our daughter. Mary was perfectly vain about trying them all on ...Saturday I took Mary out with me while I hung out my washing. I kept very close watch of her but within less than a second she mysteriously disappeared. I ran to where she had been and could hear a far-away cry. Being a mother, you can imagine my sensation. I couldn't see her any place. Then suddenly I knew what had happened. Closely adjoining our house with nothing in between, is the neighbor's garden. They had dug a big hole in the ground for vegetables and had covered it all except the top over which they had placed a few gunny sacks. I had assumed the hole, closer to our house than to their's, had been carefully covered. It all happened in less than a minute. I reached down and pulled out the sacks but couldn't reach my baby. There she sat - five or six feet below, in a basket of carrots--tears and dust mixed. One of the young men got her out. She wasn't even bruised but so shocked and scared that it took quite a while to quiet her sobs. That night I fancied I was trying to rescue her from a dark hole nearly all night and was so glad to snuggle her to me. Now I giggle when I think of it but how terribly close she must be watched....Imagine - Aung Jennie is sending me a carpet for our front room, or bedroom, one she has used. She is wonderful (J to mother)

October: When we ask her to, Mary Jane will usually get out in the middle of the floor and sing and dance for us, waving her arms and kicking her right foot. It's not a bit graceful but awfully funny. (J to folks)

November 29: It's grand to have the car so we can use it without Daddy having to crank it. Mary and I made our periodical call on the doctor. He pronounced me o.k. Thinks it shouldn't be long now..Daddy bought Mary a picture book today and already she knows how to point out several animals and tell what they are. (J to folks)



Sept 4th 1932

RECITAL

Sept. 17, 1932- 4 p.m.
Piano Students of J. H. Groberg

Flower Song - - - - - Beth Johnson
 April Smiles (Duet) - - - Don & Walden Johnson
 Il Trovatore - - - - - Ruth Johnson
 Vocal Solo - - - - - Barbara Perrett
 In Twilight - - - - - Thelma Perrett
 Loves Oracle - - - - - Lillian Neilsen
 Vocal Solo - - - - - Barbara Perrett
 Pixies' Drill - - - - - Junior Neilsen
 Danzetta - - - - - Ruth Caine
 Bessie's March - - - - - Lin Johnson
 Mountain Spring - - - - - Ruby Collard
 "Heartstrings" -Story - - Opal Nixon



Mary Jane about this time

December 18: Jennie is anxious to give you the greatest of all gifts for this Christmas, whether girl or boy and the doctor feels that all is well but is surprised at the delay. He believes in nature having its way...the watchword is cheer.
(Mother to father-she is with us)

December 23: We are planning on having a big Christmas here and tho we have taken the mother from your home to help us with our celebration, we hope you will all have a happy time. Mary Jane just bubbles over when she gets to open anything. We are wrapping everything for her that is not already wrapped so she will come near having her heart's desire in getting them undone...The star of our new event has not been definitely sighted yet tho we watch for it daily--and at night....
(Signed: Your Branch Office at Idaho Falls-Idaho
D. to father)

Christmas 1932: Written by mother to us:

I see him standing quite alone
Waiting for her here
I'm sure the cares that he had known
Were cast away with fear.

Just joy and hope and love I see
As memory takes me back
And you have won, and both are free
And no real blessings lack

You're waiting for a little one
To join your family nest
What matter if a girl or son
The baby will be blest.

Such parenthood is rare to know
And at this Christmas time
You wait to give the gift of life
Forgive this little rhyme

Words are too feeble to express
The joy that's in my heart
As we too wait to him caress,
The thot just won't depart

December 28: the day Julia Gay Groberg was born. Neglect of doctor and nurses made this birth extremely difficult and dangerous. Uarda Knight was the head nurse and actually held the baby's head from coming out because doctor wasn't there yet altho he had been called in plenty of time but had gone back to sleep -Julia was ready to be born and tried to be at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. before the nurses would allow it--really criminal--when she came it was so forcefully that there was much tearing and then the upset doctor (H.Ray Hatch) sewed me up (11 or 12 stitches) without pain easser -Being the chief doctor I think, he was the one who dismissed Miss Knight after this--and at once--I felt that holding her so long and the unnatural circumstances made the next two births more difficult--but maybe not. At home mother was in distress knowing when I left that the baby should have been here very soon and no word. but the whole thing is best forgotten. We are all now in good health and so grateful for Julia and all our blessings. She weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs. and was actually born at 6:15 a.m. altho it should have been earlier.

Our love for each other and for the Lord Jesus Christ and for Heavenly Father and for our children and families was one love and brought joy, fulfillment, gratitude and grew to include others. Our great desire and effort was to have our children attain the same joy thru their home living in the light of the Gospel.

Each child brought special challenges, increased abilities, joys and growth and understanding of how the gospel, as revealed in the restored and only true Church of Jesus Christ, has all the right answers and is given because of the inconceivable love of our Savior and our Heavenly Father -- family and personal prayer, attend all meetings, scriptures, home evenings, receive and follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, keep the Sabbath holy, support all Church programs, keep all the commandments, follow the leaders, etc. etc. the whole works!...Daddy Delbert was always loving, helpful, devoted and such fun to be around. I do not believe there could be a better husband and father--he is still a bulwark of strength to all his children and grand-children, to his wife and other family members, in fact, to all with whom he comes in contact--and a joy always! He is highly respected in this community which he dearly loves - he has given tremendous and successful always service - in the community and in his business as well as in his Church and family -- He is widely recognized for his wisdom as well as his understanding heart. He wanted very much to live in Idaho Falls and carry on where his dear parents had left off-- (they both died when he was very young, 2 when his mother died and 3 when his father died)--So Idaho Falls is where we have lived altho for years I wondered about moving to Provo especially when the children were ready for college -- But at this writing I'm glad we did not but stayed here and established our roots here -
(J. Jrnl)

When Julia was born we were just in our 6th St. home. The snow was so deep it was almost impossible to travel on the main highways. The Ammon roads were not navigable. You went into the Ammon area out thru the fields because the roads were completely blocked, the snow being piled up nearly to the cross bars on the telephone poles. We took a picture of Julia as a baby and Mary as a little girl in front of our 6th St. home and it showed drifts up to the eaves of the house. (D. Journal)



Julia Gay Groberg

born December 28, 1932

at Idaho Falls, Idaho

December: Mary can tie her shoes and dress herself.

(J Jrnl)

12/29/37

Dearest Grandpa Hochroot,

You had ought to see my new baby sister. She has a head of black brauns, almost black, hair and a rather prominent nose - and she

nurses like a little hungry calf every meal. Mama says she thinks "Julia" has some teeth, but I don't believe she has - because she would cry more than she has if she was cutting teeth - I know, because I am cutting some and it is all I can do to keep from crying. It sure seems good to have Grandma here. Hope you don't have any serious breakdowns while she is away. I call you ~~mom~~ every day and

look all through each room in the house for her. When I went up to the Hospital to see Mama & Julia I just wanted to get into bed with Mama and have her

Cuddle me, but I guess I am
too big a girl for that now.
I must be a lot older today
than I was before yesterday.
I know I will love Julia, she
is so sweet, and Mamma seems
to think the word of her. It
surely made Mamma sick when
little sister came, I am sorry - but
Julia doesn't seem to care. I guess
she doesn't realize how much I
want my Mamma, - seems queer
that she is Julia's Mamma too. I'll
have a hard time sharing Mamma,
you see, I had never thought of
really sharing her.

I certainly had a big Christmas.
everything centered around me - here at home.
no one was teaching me to share
anything that day.

Give my love to all the
family and write to us soon.
for we enjoy your letters so
much.

Much Love
Mary Jane

(Please keep this letter for my folks)

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12-32
Jan 1st 1933.

Happy New Year, Grandpa.

I did not get to see very much of old year 1932 - just four days of it - but now its gone and no one cares I guess. I look forward with real delight to 1933 - It promises to be a banner year for me. I will very likely learn more fundamental things during this year than I will in any other year of my life. In just a few days I am going to discover the usefulness of my dark blue eyes - I will learn to focus them, and see.

John can write as good as Mary with daddy as scribe. Loads of love, Jimmie



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I expect I will be able to smell
the fresh fragrance of the lilacs
by the time they bloom again -
It is hard for me to use my
little hands & fingers now
at all - for anything - they are
so sewed up in my shirt sleeves.
But soon I will stroke mama
as I nurse and feel her
soft flesh and her warmth
with my fingers.

If I can just be well and
get started good in all these
things - and learn to sit &
crawl and stand and make
work a little - and smile

I am going to start giving more attention to sounds; within a short time I will be able to tell when some one talks to ^{word} me. I will hear people when they talk and look up when they call. I will listen contentedly to mamma's sweet lullabys and will close my eyes and hear pretty music. Tho now, I just eat out of mere formality (because all the little kids do) and don't start because I want to - but just because I am awakened and the eats are slipped into my mouth - and don't ^{stop} when I have had enough, but eat until I feel worse when I finish than when I start - I will soon learn to eat because I get hungry and things to eat ~~will~~ taste good to me, and I hope I learn to quit before I am too full.

and laugh and jabber and make
talk a little - & learn to love
my Mamma + my sister Mary and
my Daddy and get acquainted
with others of my loved ones.
and make their lives a little

happier - by the end of
this New Year - It will
be a big year for me
won't it Grandpa? So

in joyful contemplation of
it ~~it is~~ ^{it is little} wonder ^{that I}

say - happy New Year
everybody! - Love

Julia Gay -

P.S. yes, I mean depression or
no depression -

January 4: ...I think the letters of both girls should be retained. It may give them something to shoot at later, after making such a clever beginning as written...the main thing now is for Jennie to feel herself again...and for the new daughter to secure a solid grip on terra firma...Kiss Mary Jane for Grandpa....
(Father to "My Dear Wife and Idahoans")

January 18: Our new little "Jewel" is eating heartily and gaining. Mary simply adores the youngest one. The first thing each morning she hunts for "Ju-ya" and calls her. We are very grateful for Grandma's help...The Justice of the Peace work is one week old now. I enjoy doing it and it has brought in a few dollars in fees.
(D to father)

(Delbert ran on the Republican Party for Justice of the Peace - in the primaries and was beat by Charlie Upham. Then the Democratic Party invited him to run for that position on their ticket in the General election which he did and beat Charlie Upham.)

January 24: ...Sorry you had the snowdrift problem but happy you reached home safely...Mary sleeps all night and little Julia sleeps all day and night...Mrs. Heileson stayed with them while we went to a show "Smilin' Through"...Aunt Vi Steele brought us an all-wool quilt for Mary Jane. Mary won't let any of the rest of the family hardly look at the quilt. We tuck it all around her bed so she can't get cold...If any of you have objections to the new daughter being named Julia you must let us know before Sunday for we have not thought of anything different yet.
(D to mother)

January 29: Because of snowdrifts and extreme cold we postponed having our youngest daughter blessed until next fast day...Mary is, to us at least, a fascinating little conversationalist. She is a dear companion. We miss Grandma H. exceedingly...I can't help thinking how you really acted in the same capacity to her when her children came and how glad she must have been to have you....Any suggestions for a name?
(J to Aunt Jennie Knight)



Mary Jane about
this time

February 14: Last night we had a big surprise party on Delbert at Aunt Clara Brunt's...Mary gave her daddy a shirt for his birthday...She says she will be glad when Julia gets bigger so she can talk "like me"
(J to folks)

March: Mary Jane has a black velvet coat trimmed with white satin and a white silk hat with black bows centered with pearl beads - her spring outfit -- total cost 10¢ - made from discarded goods but very stylish and cute.

Julia is in her crib cooing and talking and very contented. She weighs slightly over 13 lbs.

At the city nominating convention someone nominated Delbert for mayor so his name was read out along with two other candidates but he declined to run.
(J to mother)



May - 1933 - Jennie, Mary Jane and Julia

May - 1933 - Jennie, Mary Jane and Julia Groberg near
Yellowstone. Delbert photographer



Mary Jane, Julia and Jennie - June 1933



Emily Angelena Hinckley
Holbrook- Grandma in
Salt Lake - probably
with grandchildren-
Richard & Robert Gerard,
etc.

In July 1933 we drove to Provo and left our children with mother while we joined father and Andersons on a trip to see the World's Fair - "Century of Progress Exhibition" in Chicago. The following excerpts are from the booklet Rachel and Clair Anderson compiled and gave to us. (I quit nursing Julia suddenly so was uncomfortable for a few days. Mother fed her with a spoon and cup so she never did take a bottle.)

"A CENTURY OF PROGRESS"

OR

BUST.

To Jennie & Delbert
"Fellow Schemers"
Compliments of
Authors -
R. C. and R.

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MEMBERS OF THE TOURING PARTY:

1. Father Holbrook.
 2. R. C. Anderson.
 3. Rachel H. Anderson.
 4. Delbert V. Groberg.
 5. Jennie H. Groberg.
- (On first "Honeymoon")

TIME: Two weeks and three days, commencing July 16, 1933
---Ending August 1, 1933.

NUMBER OF STATES TOUCHED: Twelve. (Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wyoming).

FURTHERMOST POINT EAST: Windsor, Canada.

FURTHERMOST POINT NORTH: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

FURTHERMOST POINT SOUTH: St. Louis, Missouri.

APPROXIMATE MILEAGE: 4,000 miles (by auto).
10,000 miles. (By shank ponies--including fair grounds and trips to Post and Telegraph offices).

SPECIAL ATTRACTION: Century of Progress Exhibition.

Cynosures: Back Home, Rachel, and Jennie.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Number of hours sleep: Minus quantity.
Gallons of root beer and 3.2 consumed: ??????????
Pie a-la-modes: Obtain data from tourist number 1.
Filthy Lucre conserved: Watch Kresge's net returns.

MOST ABUNDANT PRODUCT: "Corn is King".

BEST ADVERTISED PRODUCT: Burma Shave!

READING TIME:

16 minutes, 3 seconds. (Sleeping intervals omitted)

FIRST DAY.

July 16.

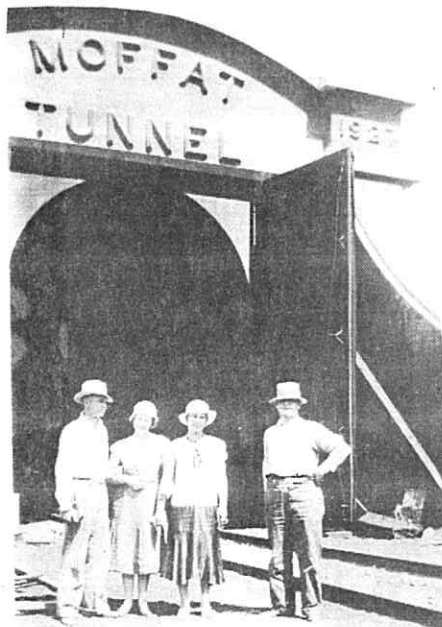
We are off in the Hudson car. Father Holbrook drives to Vernal in record time. Stop at tourist cabins about 10 P.M. Vernal is where Rachel first practised her "supervision" policy. The town has a bank building made of bricks sent thru the mail. It is located approximately 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Provo.

Second DAY.

July 17.

On to Denver via highway -0. Start the drive at daybreak. Cross the Green River. This is the river where Grandfather Holbrook nearly lost his life when as a young man he was endeavoring to have some cattle ford the river.

Delbert ~~could~~ see no steamboats at Steamboat Springs.



Stop at Moffat Tunnel

Delbert

Jennie

Rachel

Father

Clair taking picture

Cross two high passes of Rocky Mountains, perhaps 10,000 feet above sea. Scenery superb. R.C. in constant demand to wave magic wand and steer Hudson thru hesitating performance. Just missed Rocky Mountain National and Estes Park. Scenery gorgeous. Mother Holbrook's tasty lunch supply much in evidence; bread and jelly, nuts, oranges, buns and fruit cookies. Arrive in Denver before dark after approximately 360 miles of travel. Sleep in rooms of service station store and someone smells whiskey. Enjoy one of the best and most efficiently served meals of journey at "Mission Inn." Visit band concert at Civic Center. Jennie enjoys "Theatre Way."

Father Holbrook is getting his second wind and we have deep fears for our ability to compete. We go to Fair Grounds.



Michigan Avenue Skyline

Exhibit "A" (Rachel)

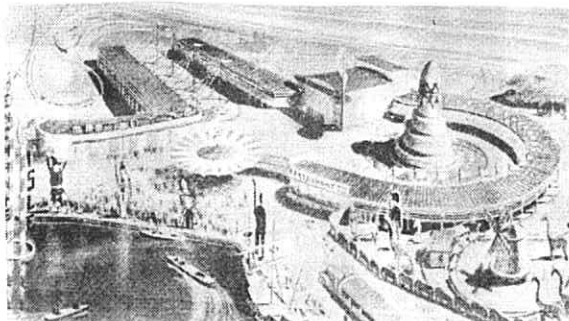
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Chicago is exciting!

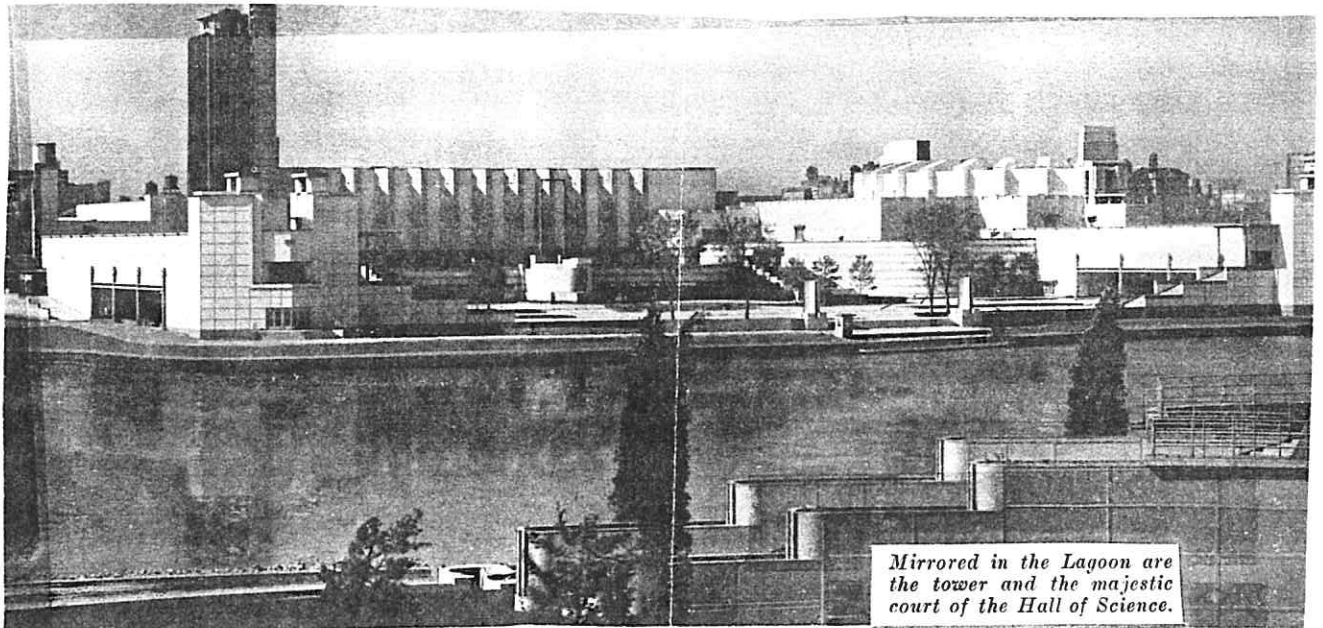
Just Outside Fair Limits

A number of exhibits are visited. Rachel purchases 10¢ worth of jelly beans for the purpose of obtaining three Indian caps for the three Anderson kiddies. We glance at the state exhibits. The general verdict is that California and Florida are the best advertizers. Of course father casts his vote unquestionably with Cal. Big redwood trees form arches and make a general decorative scheme. Florida has a very artistic display with her palms and fascinating scenery... We can't find Utah nor Idaho or perhaps the voting would be different.

Rachel and R.C. look over the American miniature train exhibit with the hope that they might win \$40 worth of free equipment. These two decide to take in the "enchanted Island". It is a great playground.



Enchanted Island for Children



In this building are housed the exhibits which illustrate the things that man are now thinking about in the various branches of learning known as the pure sciences. Basic sciences cover two floors and exhibits in the following are found: mathematics, astronomy, physics, chemistry, biology, geology and medicine. The medical display particularly attracts us. We see interesting advice and statistics concerning common ailments such as goitre, appendicitis, swallowing obstructions, care of teeth, care of eyes, etc. On bottom floor are booths displaying industrial and medical applications of science. "The Transparent Man" attracts crowds. The hall of Social Science connects and relates the story of basic sciences to man's "material existence." The fast advancement is portrayed in displays of finest kind. Life in various stages is illustrated.

The Radio and Communication Hall draws us. Here we see demonstration on "inverted speech" and "magic answer" board. The Bell Telephone set is extremely pleasing and worthwhile according to Jennie and Delbert.

R.C. and Rachel note Belgian Village. Perhaps father H. has a better, first-hand mental picture.

True Indian villages make us think of pioneer days.

The Dairy Building makes hand-milking a thing of the past. R.C.'s hayfever prohibits an extensive inspection in this spot.

Hells of nations are scattered around - Italy, Japan, China, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Egypt, etc.

Hall of Industry takes father H's eye. Here we see the story of oil, office equipment, shirts in the making, etc.

Father H. had a new grand-daughter make her debut--born July 30, 1933. Raymond feels pretty proud. Sorry we can't see Esther this trip. Hear the baby is a prize one. (Diane)

Jane and Robert laugh when they see us. They really seem delighted. Ruth doesn't know so much about it all, it takes until following morning to win her over.

A reunion proper follows and Santa in reality appears as far as "bag of toys" is concerned. Robert and Jane are proud of the coat and jacket bought at Fields. Elizabeth exults over her trousseau addition and even Mother Holbrook looks happy over the gifts. It's a great life and everyone is happy.

AUGUST 2, 1933

Have 90 miles ahead before Temple City and Center of the Universe are reached. The Terraplane makes short work of this. Not a flat tire from Detroit to Manti.

We are glad to be home. "The Century of Progress" will spur us on to new thots, ideas, ambitions, and we hope to greater realities.

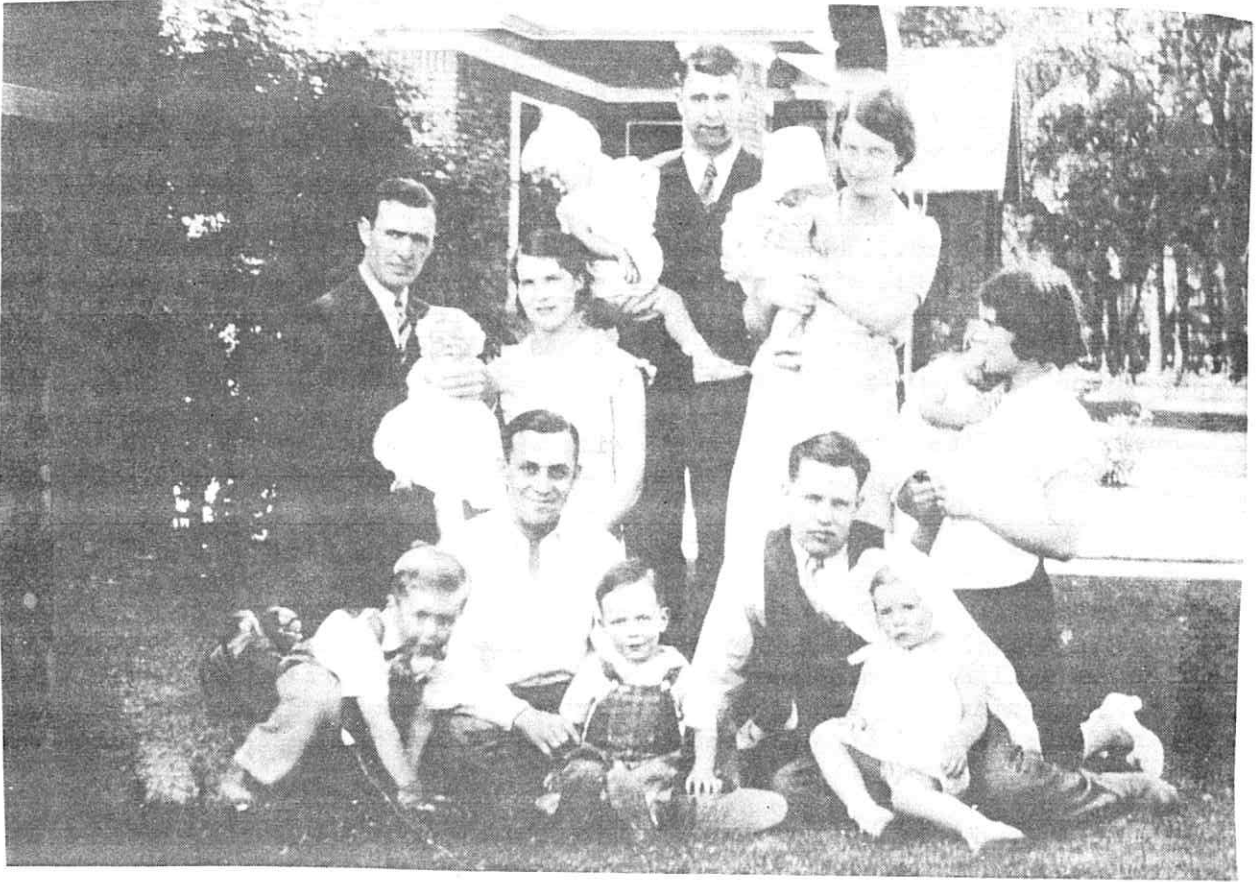
"RETURN RECEPTION"

FRONT: ROBERT, JANE,
MARY JANE, FAY

BACK: VERA HOLDING
RUTH, MOTHER
HOLDING JULIA

FINIS





Summer 1933

Front: L. Robert Anderson, Raymond B. Holbrook with son Fay,
R. Clair Anderson with daughter Jane

Back: B. Alva Maxwell holding daughter Carol, Mary Holbrook
Maxwell, Delbert V. Groberg holding daughter Mary Jane, Jennie
Holbrook Groberg holding daughter Julia Gay, Rachel Holbrook
Anderson (kneeling) holding daughter Ruth

October:

Julia trots all over but isn't very steady on her feet yet. She thinks it's pretty classy to walk and always smiles or laughs..She thinks now that she walks and says a few things she should stay up at least until Mary Jane retires. When Delbert goes down to fix the furnace she stands at the stairway and calls "da da" or "daddy" sometimes. She points to everything and says "see-see" - She also says "know" - "dog" - "doll" - (both do) and of course "mama". She says "yes" if you ask her something but she probably doesn't mean "yes."

Everyone tells us she is very pretty and her hair is the grandest yet. It's really curly...Delbert insists on keeping Mary from the barbers. It's just beautiful with soft curls and she'll let me fuss with it as long as I want to. She surely loves Grandma and Grandpa. She generally looks after Julia carefully but sometimes thinks baby sisters are quite a nuisance and calls "please mama, come and take Julia"

Business is fine - we're contented with what we have - spuds jumped to a dollar Sat.

(J to folks)

Thanksgiving Day:

...I traveled to be nearby when Julia came - why that seems ages ago. If time will dim some memories it will not be the hours of suspense before morning came and with it Delbert's announcement of a playmate for Mary. The gift of her life and the safety of her mother's must mark a reason for hearts full of gratitude.

And a young father's burst of pent-up anxiety in tears of gratitude cannot be separated from this memory. Then the day he brought them home - that is just my picture of heaven!

Mary really has a pull with her grandfather. Isn't she bewitching in her independent fairy-like ways?

(Mother to J)

December 28:

(in daddy's handwriting) Dearest Grandma - I had a birthday party today. Mary Jane blew out the candle. I think I will have two candles next year and blow them out myself. I surely wish you could have been to my party. There was just the family present. I got a swell new dress besides the birthday cake. Hope you and Grandpa will come and see us. About everyone thinks my hair is sure good to look at. At times it almost looks red and after it is washed it flips into a thousand little curls.. Daddy thinks I am a pretty good walker. I don't think I will crawl very much longer. Today has been spring-like so we played on the lawns for a while...
(some letter but now in Jennie's handwriting): Julie has brought nothing but joy this past year. She is truly a blessing. Everyone says she is a beauty and we always agree. Her hair is glorious..Mary is the best company ever. She insists Santa will come back because he forgot to leave her candy. I told Santa what I needed was an apron and he brought me seven.

TO TWO PRECIOUS TOTS OF ONE AND TWO

ENJOYING AFTER-BATH PLAY

You laugh - you darlings -
And our world is filled with silver merriment
Four eyes, clear blue, sparkling in joyous ecstasy

You laugh - and rippling waves of heaven
Tremble in echoes far around.

You laugh - and my heart throbs
A sobbing, laughing answer
To the sheer beauty - unrestricted music
Of the precious sound

As time strives to mold you to pattern
May joy ever dwell in each
To escape only in gleeful, glorious laughing

Mother -

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December - about 10 p.m. - Daddy stayed with the babies while mama went to Church and told the folks a story....Julia toddles around adorably - She looks like a queen in her new birthday dress and Mary looks just as darling in the other one...They both went to S.S. this morning and Mary went to her class alone. In S.S. this a.m. our teacher asked when Joseph Smith was born. "1806" answered Delbert. "No" said the teacher - "December 23, 1805", Said Delbert: "Missed it by a few days - come to think about it, 1906 was when I was born -". You can imagine the giggling! He always keeps us happy and when things seem too serious he knows how to twist it to humor. (J to folks)

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Grandma writes -

Dear New Year: -

1934

I want you to visit my
families for me as soon
as you can -

See if you can read in
~~the family-heart this resolu-~~
tion: -

At the start of the day, with my
family I'll pray -
For guidance, protection and
strength -

To come to each one, ere the
day is done

And we gather again at length -

Mar. 1. 1934.

Dearest Jennie:

I am so glad that you had such a nice party on Delbert's birthday. It was nice of Aunt Clara to let you have her place, and I know it was a real joy to her. All these little events help to make life more colorful.

I am glad that you and Delbert are so happy and that you enjoy church work.

Many many happy returns of your birthday. As ever.

Aunt Jennie.

I wish I could really express how much I think of you, I just tried in ^{the last minute} this little scribble but it is very poor.

How I should like to see all four of you



Dearest Jennie:

Your eyes are so blue,
And your heart is so true,
That they tell of a life full of love.

God sent you here
Our lone hearts to cheer,
Through my sisters, whom I met above.

I thank Him each day - for you.
And I pray.
That your darlings. He will keep
From all harm,
That to you strength will be given
To guide them to Heaven,
And that He will grant them -
The like of your charm.

Mar. 3. 1934.

Aunt Jennie B. Knight.

It seems frightfully satisfying to just be home with the babies asleep and Delbert checking a show (for extra income) - and me lonesome... We had the best trip home... Julia just bubbled when she saw her daddy and jumped right into his arms. I almost think she thought things over while we were in Utah and decided she had been second best with her daddy long enough. Mary was fast asleep but as Delbert brought her in she opened her eyes, smiled and said, "My daddy" - and how they did cling! We all came in. Then daddy pulled out a paper and read an original verse, one for Mary, then one for Julia, then he sat down to the piano and played with one finger "I Love You Truly" - to their mother. Then he and Mary went out and picked all the pansies that were left and brot them in to Mamma. He looks grand and feels fine - says he's tired of paying for three separate meals a day at the cafe and more tired of eating them. You see we are a tremendously happy family, and oh so blessed! We must try really hard to be worthy of such blessings.

I have sung all the songs
That I know how to sing -
True I've sung them
As only I can

And I've done all the things
That I know how to do
To shorten the time
'Til my family returns

I ponder and ponder
Their deep worth to me
Now that they're all away
But I'm sure in my mind
I'll be crowned as a king
When Mither and Mary and Julia return

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Summer sky blue eyes
Sparkling just for fun
Platinum hair in ringlets fair
Fashioned one by one

Bubbling laughter 'bout to burst
Upon your face so gay -
You're a fairy, classy Mary
Hope you'll always laugh and play

Blue sparkling pools
Under brown curly bangs -
Little pinch nose, full rosy red cheeks
Baby lips that keep their place
And always make a smiling face

Fat little body and soft little hands
Why Jule pool - I'd be a fool
To not be wild over you

D.V.G.

March 20: We have greatly appreciated your letters and constant interest in us...
Mary and Julia are carefree, happy little girls...Julia is beginning to say words
...Mary, of course, knows more little stories, poems and songs than we do. She
drinks her milk and says "Now I will be a big girl like Aunt Elaine."..Business
has been considerably better than last year...Prudential advised me last week that
they would take loans in the best part of the valley up to about \$140 per acre. The
Federal Land Bank have been giving up to, and even over, \$100...Several would like
to build if they could just get 6% loans. (D to father)

April 14: Dearest Grandpa and Grandma - Mama and Julia and I went to a Relief Soci-
ety Stake Board Meeting yesterday and it sure was a big affair...it was a sur-
prise on mama. They had a big dinner for mama and gave her a whole lot of things
for little children. All the things are too small for Julia or me...(Mama is on
the Stake Board of Relief Society)...Mama said I may have to share my birthday
with another member of the family...Julia is such a big little girl. She runs away
and one day she was lost for a few minutes....I help Daddy plant berries and flowers
in our garden. We may get a different car..I guess I'll not tell you to keep the
little secret I have mentioned because now that the Relief Society knows about it,
it is likely not a very deep secret any more.....(Mary Jane to Gr. & Gr. Holbrook,
in her daddy's handwriting)

April: Mary and Julia are playing around while their bath water heats. They have
their bath at 4:30, supper at 5:00 and to bed by 6:00. Julia has had free fingers
for four days now (her mother had made white cotton gloves which she wore to keep
her from sucking her thumb and fingers) -Sure hope the whooping cough isn't very
hard if that's what they have.... (D and J to Helen)

May...:

Some Mother's Day Thots for My Mother

The soft, tender gray of your eyes
is engaging -
But the goodness that smiles from their depths
is sheer beauty.
The face, delicately-chiseled features
are exquisite,
But the serenity that dwells in your smile
is sublime.
The slender strength of your fingers
is unusual,
But the service-betokened wrinkles
are inspiring.

The petite daintiness of your feet
is enviable,
But the burden-carrying record they tell
is unequalled.
The modulated cadence of your voice
is lovely,
But the faith-inspired thoughts thus spoken
are poetry.
The capable efficiency of your doings
is admirable,
But the heart and soul in all your living
is supreme!

(All fine and send true love to our mother - real and grand)
From all of us.

May...: It seems frightfully satisfying to just be home with the babies asleep and Delbert checking a show (extra income) and me lonesome...We had the best trip home...Julia just bubbled when she saw her daddy and jumped right into his arms. I almost think she thought things over while we were in Utah and decided she had been second best with her daddy long enough; Mary was fast asleep but as Delbert brought her in she opened her eyes, smiled and said "My Daddy" and how they did cling. We all came in, then Daddy pulled out a paper and read a verse - original- to Julia and then one to Mary, then he sat down to the piano and played "I Love You Truly" to their mother; one finger but all the right keys. Then he and Mary went out and picked all the pansies that were left and brought them in to Mama. He looks grand and feels fine, says he's tired of paying for three separate meals a day at the cafe and more tired of eating them. You see we are a tremendously happy family --sometimes I wonder if it can last. (J to folks)

June...: Mary sang a solo for the whole Primary--it was a song they were all learning. (J Jrnl)

June 17: Dr. Hatch and the nurses and even S r. Hatch were right on the job- obviously wanting to make sure their neglect during the delivery of Julia was not repeated this time. The doctor checked me regularly. There was some forcing but I was in the delivery room only about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours when that most glorious of all sounds came- the welcome cry of a healthy newborn--wiping out entirely the distress the birth had brought the mother - He weighed not quite 8 lbs.

When I was told it was a boy my first thought was: "He could become president of the United States but he'll be something more important - maybe even an Apostle."

"John, -baby - was it indeed pain I knew--so soon forgotten in your first welcome cry - 'I am here - I am well - A job for you Mom - a great big, exhausting (more than that) - heart-rending, heart-filled to o'er flowing --job - years of it -day and night - on end on and on - etc. etc..." How grateful I always am for Delbert's Prstd. blessings before I go to the hospital!

Delbert said he looked like Wallace Beery (a popular actor of the day with a nose that was too big) --Daddy always has a delightful sense of humor - ..Fether, Ruth and Rachel brought mother up - she is such an unbelievable blessing and help at times like this. (J Jrnl)

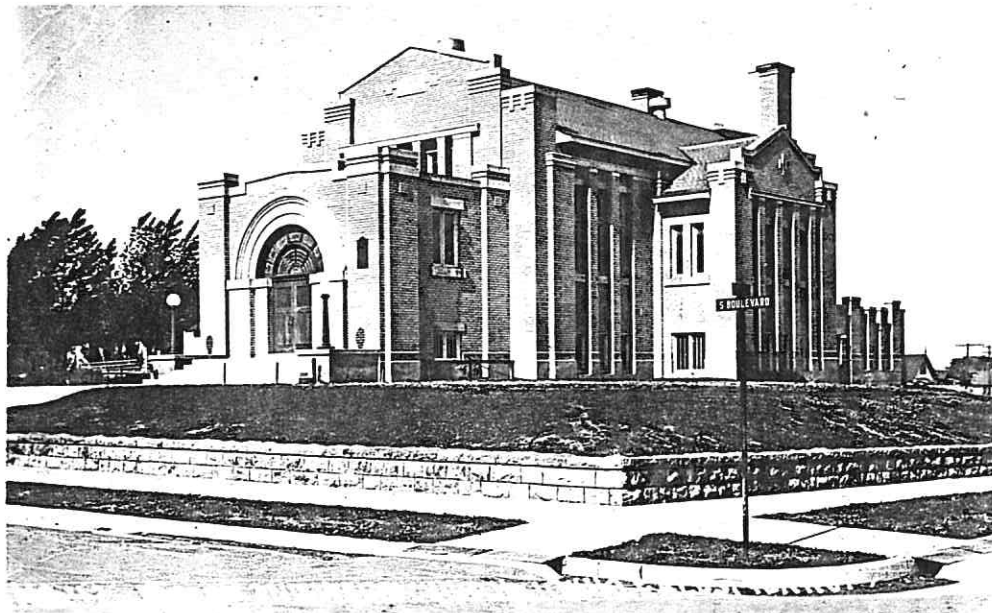
June 17: We fathers and grandfathers privileged to receive news such as the message conveyed today, have a right to feel like a million dollars. It makes Father's Day a gala occasion and assures its future remembrance...The message was clever but its significance did not dawn on all of us at first reading. Elizabeth read it to me and passed it over. And I again glanced at it and remarked "It's fine to be remembered on Father's Day but why not go the limit and announce the birth of a grandson?" Then Vera read it aloud again and the full intent burst on us- "Happy Father's Day from Delbert and Son."

The celebration that followed almost exceeded that proscribed for the Sabbath... Kiss mother and son and today, why not father also? You young parents now have about all I could wish for at this stage of your voyage. I am not sure I would replace struggle and effort with ease and comfort. The former indicates and is interwoven with growth and development. The latter, in some ways, seems associated with deterioration and decay. I am sure three children, two little golden-locked rosebuds and a ray of genuine 'sonshine' have come to a welcome home where they will experience love and parental solicitude always for their well-being.. (father to us)

JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG
Born June 17, 1934 at
Idaho Falls, Idaho, USA.



Named and blessed by his grandfather,
L.H. Holbrook, July 1, 1934 at this
Second Ward Chapel (LDS) in Idaho Falls, Idaho





Mary Jane and Julia Gay



Mary Jane holding John H.



Mary Jane on trike - - John H. in mother's arms.

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June 19, 1934.

My dear Sister :

I don't think Fay will celebrate Father's Day with more joy than he did this year unless there happens to be twin boys. I had sat by him in S.School and asked him what the word from Idaho was and he said nothing new.

We had only reached home when the phone rang and Fay's cheery voice told of the good news telegram signed by Delbert and son. So we all had a day of rejoicing and congratulations.

I am so thankful that Jennie has so many comforts and that you and Elaine are able to help them look after the little girls, because Jennie can rest more contented I am certain with you there.

Just give them all a kiss for me and accept the same for yourself and for Elaine.

Be assured we all miss you and will be glad to see you whenever you come -
We are glad you are with Jennie -

As ever,

Your sister,

(signed) Jennie B. Knight

July: Mary can tell the story of the Three Bears and knows and says every nursery rhyme - to everyone's delight - but we must not overdo it - she is so precious. So is Julia. Julia wore white, home-made mitts for two weeks to break her of the habit of sucking her finger. Both girls had upset stomachs for about four days - unable to even hold water - they were terribly sick and we were so worried. Dr. Hatch tried giving them 7-Up and apple-sauce. But they are both o.k. now - for which we are truly grateful.

(J Jrnl)

August 5: Have the World's Fair visitors returned yet?...Little Johnnie is expressing himself quite often. He surely has good lungs! Mary and Julia like to take showers under the hose better than to eat....We may make a trip to Yellowstone. Mary wants to see the geyser and the bears. (D to folks)

August 13:Our large family of little children are doing a hundred. Little John is a member of very good standing and has all the attention allowed from Mary and Julia, sometimes more. (D to folks)

Delbert gave a fine talk in Church in the a.m. and I was a speaker at our Relief Society Convention. Two of the three are squealing so this letter may be a muddle. (J to mother)

September....Sunday: We're going over to the park to the band concert and then give the girls a double-decker cone for their supper dessert...John looks like a six-months old baby and is adorable. He loves his sunbaths...Hoping Aunt Jennie will stop with us for a day.....I put up 22 quarts of pears last night after the kiddies were to bed. Delbert was away fishing..... (J to mother)

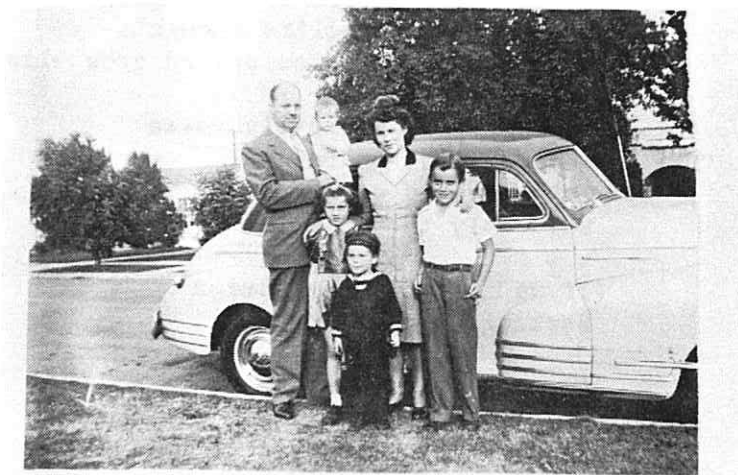
Thursday: It looks as if John is going to be the best looking boy of all - he smiles and goes at us and we all simply adore him....Delbert is running for Justice of the Peace again....All the men are growing beards and Delbert is trying the Van Dyke style - - enclosed is a snap of him. (J to folks)

September 7: When I stopped at Aunt Jennie's she had one of those cocky hats for me. Sister Allen (Inez Knight) gave it to her to give to me because she felt she didn't want to wear it - it's dark blue with a feather - maybe it would look good on Rachel with her permanent...I really don't want anyone to feel bad but how could I ever wear it?
(J Jrnl)

September 12: We will certainly come to the wedding. Mary is thrilled about being a flower girl. I am making her a new dress for it, Julia also.....We'd love to have Elaine with us for a while.
(J to mother)



Jennie's sister Elizabeth - was married to Alonzo Kay Berry September 19, 1934 in the Salt Lake Temple. Picture below shows them with their first four children: Rosalee (held by her father), Louine, Alan (in front) and David by his mother. Julie and Doug came later. Kay died December 31, 1985.





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Hold on, just wait, you young ones,
And let this gardener explain
As he sets in order for blooming
These flowers you would disdain.

If you'll carefully pay heed
To what each does represent,
You will gladly then concede
Here time can well be spent.

(Written and

directed

For here are thoughts inspired,
And refinement of the best,
Recreation by all desired
And friends who'll stand the test

by

Jennie)

Satisfaction will come to you
Through citizenship loyal;
You'll find better health too
And love of a nature royal.

(Tell us about these pansies,
In the plan, where do they go?)
The pansies symbolize thoughts-
Thoughts to help you upward grow -listen

Now watch these levelly roses
And you will learn well
That love in each reposes,
Love only they can tell.

(If we linger in the garden
Seeking to understand..)

Older you must be in years,
An "M Man" and "Gleaner Girl"
To know romance as it appears,
A banner of love to unfurl.

(Here is a syringa -
The flower of our state-Idaho)
'Twill teach you to be citizens
With patriotism aglow

(It's very beautiful indeed,
But don't we ever play?)

See that tiger-lily,
Dressed in bright array,
It stands for recreation,
Fun, and pastimes gay

Arrayed in such exquisite glory
The orchid cannot be surpassed,
Its meaning it sings in story,
Refinement and art of high class.

(It's all so fascinating,
We're anxious now to stay,
But what about those ugly weeds,
Can't we make them go away?)

This in sorrow I tell:
Where thrive the choicest flowers,
There do weeds seek to dwell
To crush and blight with eruel powers

To destroy them is in my power,
But I warn you to beware;
Don't let them spend even an hour
In such a garden rare.

Fault-finder is a strong one;
Poor sportsmanship's a peat;
Jealousy - we'll have none
And now all three: -get out!

I bid you now adieu,
Treasures worth mere than gold
Are here to bring to you
A wealth of joys untold.

If anyone should ask
The garden's name, just say:
"This spot wherein we bask
Is called the M.I.A. (unison)"

Provo, Utah

October 6, 1934

Dear Idahoans:

Letter and note received this a.m. We plan to go to Manti in the a.m. Vera is just about herself again.....We may attend the wedding reception of the newest apostle's daughter, Nellie Hinckley, to be held in the Lion House.

All the latest additions and promotions to General Authorities in General Conference today hit rather close to home. Uncle Lon (Alonzo Hinckley) has always been more like a brother than an uncle, having lived a long time in his youth with us and, after his marriage, I returned the compliment and lived for some time in their home, and later, for a number of years we were business partners. David O. McKay, through Uncle Thomas E. and Aunt Fawn, we can almost claim as a relative. R.K. Hardy and I went out to New Zealand together as missionaries. Our mothers were bosom companions. He made a request for me to come back as missionary to New Zealand again while he was acting as President but there were good and sufficient reasons at the time why I should not return. I can heartily support all the actions and feel particularly happy over the selections.

....Elaine (to stay with us) will be careful with her money, which is always commendable, but we want her to have what she needs and always a little spending money so be sure we are kept posted. We think she is some girl and want her not only to have opportunities but also a good time.... Write us at 1236 Euclid Avenue, Washington, D.C.

We surely are going to miss the grandchildren but it won't be for so very long and if you all keep well it may be a good thing all around.....

All join in love....Kisses for all the junior members. ***

Father H.

*** - At this General Conference, October 1934, Alonzo A. Hinckley was sustained as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, David O. McKay was sustained as second counselor to President Heber J. Grant and Rufus K. Hardy was sustained as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

October; Mary and Jewel are playing hide-and-go-seek and John is kicking and gooing on the bed - they are three classy kids. The girls are coughing so we are pretty careful to see that they don't catch any more cold ...John is happy but wishes we wouldn't keep his thumbs tied up...The children are so much joy and getting all excited about Xmas...Mary is just a "twinkle" and fairly glows with living. Julia remains indeed a "jewel" and our John, I am sure, is a mighty man in embryo- or however you say it.

Delbert is checking shows to make some extra dollars - these shows have to be checked because of extreme popularity - wonderfully filmed classics generally, i.e. The Little Minister, David Copperfield, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, The Count of Monte Cristo, Little Women, Little Men, Story of Elizabeth and Robert Browning...He has just sold two farms and should realize something....a lady just called to see if she could buy our new house (under construction) or else build one exactly like it. (J to folks)

October 18; Elaine is to give a special report in Social Science - it's about perfect. Mary's disposition has improved since Elaine has been here--she's quite a charming little girl. Julia talks and acts like a grown-up and John has developed the idea that someone should be visiting with him during all waking hours---and we love to do it! (J to folks)

October 31; I believe we are more thrilled about the prospects of our new house than we have been about anything, except of course, having the little ones. It's full of drawers and cupboards, etc., six rooms, complete wiring, plumbing, etc. and furnace. We are arranging some labor, such as excavating, by men who owe us money and the whole thing is planned out well. Elaine is practicing. Wish you could hear her recite "The Highwayman" and play "Lingering Memories". (J to folks)

A builder took us off our feet and has agreed to build us a 6-room, modern house for about the same figure we had almost seriously considered taking an old house for - We will only put about \$600 into it now and will pay out the balance in monthly payments.... (D to father)

November 7; Election returns give Delbert nearly 3500 votes and a woman on the opposite party got over 3200 so they will be the Justices for the next two years. We have to present our Road Show act again tonight as we were among the winners...ours is simple but very beautiful and impressive even if Delbert is the lead and I the composer and director. We have had lots of fun with it and it gives good training to almost 20 others....Our son is getting really handsome--he weighs about 17 lbs. with his clothes on and is so strong and husky and always smiling. He has "crawled" off the bed twice and failed to land on his feet so we are watching him particularly. The other two are robust and well. (J to folks) ***

November 15; Mary and Julia are playing merry-go-round and John is asleep. Elaine was elected class president of two ninth-grade classes by acclamation...

(J to mother)

In the winter of 1934 I was called by the 2nd Ward Bishop to be the Aaronic Priesthood supervisor and I spent the time in this work until we moved over into the 3rd Ward. (D Jrnl)

December 3: Julia saw a Santa Clause at one of the stores Saturday. She thought he was just a masked man (as he was) and she cried and said "Naughty Santa Clause to scare me."
(D to father)

December...: Some abnormally large snowflakes fell a week ago and Mary, watching them, asked if I thought the people in Heaven were throwing snowballs down. She wanted to know if Fast Sunday was so-called because we hurried so much to get to Sunday School on time (said she preferred "slew" Sundays)
(J to folks)

December 7: The last place we spent extra on the house was in the wiring... There are 27 light drops. I told Jane I did not think we could afford to buy globes for all the lights and it would follow if we should buy the globes we likely would not be able to pay the light bill. The furnace is set up. They have 8 pipes--2 to the living room and 1 each to the other rooms including the bath - It is an American Radiator Co. all steel, hot-air, piped...

Mary Jane saw a Santa Clause Saturday and while she was a little cautious at first, she became quite confidential and told him about all her wants and some of Julia's and John's. After the interview was over Mary was very excited about it all and could hardly believe she had actually talked to a real Santa Clause...
(D to father)

December 8: Jennie and I left the trio with a girl tonight while we went to a meeting. John could hardly have demonstrated more happiness on our return (he had stayed up) if we had stayed away from him for a month. He sure is quite our favorite son.
(D to Mother)

December - after Christmas: Mary Jane thinks Santa made a mistake to bring a sled and forget the snow and ice it requires. She and Julia are sound asleep after quite a big day. This afternoon I said, "Well, Mary Jane, let's put on our things and go some place." She brightened up and smiled and said, "Let's go see Grandpa and Grandma." I told her if it weren't quite so far I'd be willing to tackle it.
(D to folks)

December 27: Julia and I have new dresses and John has a new hat and new yellow rompers. We have a Minnie and Mickey House that Andersons told old Santa to leave here. John surely does like to see it run. I bake cakes in the stove the mailman brought from you...When I am about 4 years old we will have a new house by the park...Julia and I both go to Sunday School and to Primary. Aunt Elaine is our Primary teacher. She is a classy lady, this Aunt Elaine of ours....
(M.J. to grandparents via Dad)

ELOQUENCE

(found among my old papers)

The place was for worship only -
The congregation loosely assembled

Known by many for great skill in public address
He was presented with hard-earned titles appending his name

Those who were to listen
Knew fast unity in their subdued eagerness -
This, their honored son, home to share the honors -
As he arose and took his place
At the speakers' stand

Hushed expectancy and deference pervaded -
He raised his eyes - half smiled
Opened his mouth - - paused

He began --but no words came -
Silence was dynamic -
But still no words dropped from his mouth -

But from his eyes-he pressed his eyelids--dropped tears -
Utterance from his soul

Again he began - -
A few heard his whisper:
"I love this gospel"

Again a pause - silence -
Fighting to control feelings too profound
For mere words

He spoke in sudden and brief determination
"I'm grateful" -
But as utterance was released so was a wellspring of tears

Still he stood - a moment - another -
Or was it an eternity -

Humbly he bowed his head and sat down -
Took from his pocket a white square -
But in tears, which now flowed unchecked,
He was not alone

Jennie H. Groberg

G I F T S

THE PLATTER WAS FASHIONED OF STERLING,
EXQUISITE IN DETAILED DESIGN.
WE BOTH WERE AWARE OF GREAT COST
WHEN YOU SAID IT WAS TO BE MINE.

"My dear, what should I do with silver?
In simple things all my delight,
Give me instead your company
When I go for my walk tonight."

THE CAR WAS ALL SHOWY AND SHINY,
AND ALSO MOST MODERN IN STYLE.
'T WAS GIVEN TO MAKE MY WORK LIGHTER*
YOU HAD TO BE GONE SUCH A WHILE.

"My dear, the tasks are all welcome;
They keep children busy all day.
Give me instead of your interest
To teach them this happiness way."

"THE HOME WILL BE SPACIOUS AND LOVELY
WITH CONVENIENCES OF THE BEST"
YOU SAID, "WHEN THE CHILDREN GO,
TOGETHER, YOU AND I, WILL RETIRE AND REST."

"My dear, I know not such as this.
To the end must I strive for my own.
Give me instead, understanding,
Please let me not dream alone."

Jennie H. Groberg

(also found among old papers-only date
given is August 11-Sunday, 8 a.m.)

January 17: "...it appears we can get up to $66\frac{2}{3}\%$ of value of our new property in a loan from the Prudential....We have sold our 6th St. place - \$2500---if we can make the deal with a fair-sized payment we can easily be satisfied with their figure....We have had some real Idaho blizzards here the last few days and there are big drifts all over...John is 7 months old today and 100% in every way--always has a smile and laugh for anyone who comes near...We have a big farm deal about ready to put over or blow up." (D to Father H)

January 18: ".....We have decided to put tile on the bathroom floor... Mom is fearful that our little girls will break too many dishes if we have tile on the drainboard in the kitchen. That will be our excuse if we find the cost too great. The coal room is completed and I had the Coal Co. send out $\frac{1}{4}$ ton of coal (slack) it cost \$5.75 a ton instead of \$10.75 as we have usually paid....Elaine and Jennie and John went down town this evening and the young ladies became bored with me and went to sleep. All are fine." (D to Father H)

January 25: "....Jennie has gone to Ririe to help on a program. All three of the younger generation are asleep. It will be about the 1st of March before we move."(D to folks)

February 1: "....Elaine brings a few friends home occasionally for a short visit...She is teaching a class in Primary and attends Mutual regularly..Tuesday is our night together and Delbert stays with the children--I try to arrange another evening with her too.....I was quite surprised to have you ask the color of John's eyes--we have certainly been neglectful not to have even told you that --they are dark blue and his lashes are nearly black--his hair is blonde and seems to curl some but he hasn't much yet. He is always laughing and smiles for everyone - We never hear him cry unless we are slow getting his food ready or he is wet or uncomfortable. He is simply marvelous I think - weighs over 20 lbs. --He stands up in his bed so has to be watched a good deal now. He even stood up in the high chair. He crawls- if you could call it that- He just pushes himself backward with his hands and then heaves his body backwards but he certainly makes progress, but in the wrong direction. When we put something in front of him that he wants, he just scoots for it but the harder he tries the farther away he gets--and Mary and Jewel nearly double up with laughing. Mary has to be watched because in spite of all we say she picks him up and tries to carry him around. I'm just afraid I've inherited father's weakness for boys-altho I love the girls as much as it seems anyone could love anyone - but John just gets me and I have been telling Delbert if the rest of our children are all boys - their mother won't object - especially if he turns out to be as fine as his Daddy. Julia is still her mama's baby girl but if you even suggest to Mary she is a baby or little, she immediately sets you right--She sang a song in Primary for all the children and is unusually quick and so perfectly adorable in her conversation - She is growing so tall you won't know her..." (J to folks)

February 13:"....The last year of my 20's is to start tomorrow. This time, ten years ago, I had my call to go on a mission. It has been an eventful decade. The most eventful single event is the entrance into the long line of Holbrook Son-in-laws...." (D to folks)

"Mary has a touch of tonsillitis; Dr. thinks they should come out soon. John has a 'pinpoint' impression in his gum so he will be biting soon. Julia has begun to talk like a grown-up. She is so serious about the subjects she discusses it about makes us laugh. She said today if it snowed very much we

would have to go see Santa Clause....We had planned to have a fellow who owed us a little money hang the wall paper but he would have had to wait until the painters were thru so I made a deal with the painters (who are reputed to be the best paper hangers in town) to take some insurance on the payment which reduces the amount as much as the other fellow owed and saves time also." (D to folks in Washington)

February 16; "John is surely a big husky boy but can't figure out what is wrong with his mouth--he keeps licking his gums and sticking out his tongue-- He is 8 months and no teeth yet but will have several soon...Julia is so grown-up you won't know her but still agrees she is our baby girl. The other day Mary had a nap and woke up when daddy was home and started to cry so Julia ran to Delbert and grabbed him and said 'Daddy, come on - there's yours girl crying for you' - She seems to think she belongs to me and Mary to her daddy. ..Daddy took Mary down town and bought her a new dress for his birthday but she has insisted on wearing it ever since...John likes his mother best of all but he is so heavy I hardly know what to do with him until he learns to walk-- He gets so tired of sitting and crawls so vigorously when he does crawl that he is soon tired out. We are getting a new bed for him as he stands up in the little one and could go right over." (J to folks).

February; We just moved to a wonderful new home at 420-10th Street in Idaho Falls. We had designed and had this home built for us and how we enjoyed it. When Mr. Adolph Johnson of Johnson Brothers Planing Mills, agreed to build it, he specified he would put in as many cabinets as we desired. He may have regretted saying this as we asked for more cabinets than he had ever before put in a home, for we believed in "a place for everything and everything in its place". (But these many cabinets became a real selling point when we outgrew this special home**.) (J.Jrnl)
**added later)



Our home at 420-10th Street,
across from Kate Curley Park which
became "our park."

March 2; "The house is too lovely to be real --we are all very happy and thrilled with it.. Delbert has left it up to me to see that the payments of \$10 and interest to father be made each month....My gratitude to you both on the eve before my 27th birthday for making life for me not only possible but so abundant....Mother, in moving, this came to light. You must have inspired it some time ago." (J to folks)

The clean newness of our lovely rooms
Belie the untidiness proclaiming the end of day--
The mellow lights are quieting
The tender strains of music murmur
Over the tiny radio turned low.
Through the softly curtained windows
Oppressive clouds are heavy
Yet day is light between them and the world
Night is hastening on without.
The brisk fire radiates comfort
In its crimson, homey warmth.
The fussing, darling voices protest
At so soon being fixed for bed -
All so completely enjoyed --so truly loved.
A familiar sound of brakes
Announce the car has stopped.
In the same moment the back door slams--
And gladness reigns because he is back --
In the doorway his smile thrills
And finds echoes in all our faces.

Expression by Jennie

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"Our" Kate Curley Park - no playground equipment allowed during the happy years we enjoyed it- just kitty-corner across the street from our 420-10th St. Idaho Falls home.

On this her 27th Birthday anniversary,
I her mother write a short story of
her life. Jennie was born on the 3rd of
March 1908 on the farm at Provo
Utah Co. Utah. She was a darling little
babe of 6½ lbs when she first came to
earth-life. She grew right along
with no set-backs in her baby-hood.
A typical blonde as she is to-day. Her
school days were entirely at Brigham
Young University Provo. Utah. From
Kindergarten to College taking out
her degree in 1929. When in High
School she accepted a position as
stenographer and secretary to the
Pump Company at Provo. For this
she received \$75.00 a month. Altho
she missed some school she was
able to go right on and graduate
with her class. During her college
days she was lec. to her grandfather, then
Pres. Emeritus of B. Y. U. She also was
Dean Nuttall's secretary. In fact she
did this kind of work all thru her school
career. Her music and Dramatic
Art was a source of great enjoy-
ment to all of us as well as to the school.

Jennie had choices and did not
hesitate to make them when she

saw Delbert, she knew him and they
are now together building their kingdom
that must endure. Blessed with three
beautiful children - two daughters
and one son. Mary Jane is
fair as a lily and Julia Gay every-
whit charming. Baby John as
Aunt Elaine says is just - "full of
chuckles".

Jennie on an artistic turn will see that this attempt at writing is below par but would never say so because she is the subject of it and I am the author.

I am just taking a little while this morning to sketch a little trusting she will someday make a full account of her victorious life for somehow it must go down in History.

Being in Washington D.C. with Jennie's sister Ruth & her husband, we are across the continent - from Goodbergs but our memory of her on the birthday soon to be and no doubt before this reaches her, is indeed joyful.

Go on my girl with your abundant life - mother.



Some of my family at the back of the large clinker-brick home father built for us at 3d East and 3d North, Provo, Utah. (back row: Jane A., Ruth? Rachel, Jennie, Mother, Julia far left - front row)

March 3: To my darling birthday girl. This perfectly unsatisfactory pen does annoy my desire to express my love to her who thru her life has so enriched mine. I do want this day to be a happy one for her and it will be...Well, Dear Heart, spring is here today. It's always spring with thoughts of your "blooming" life. May no depression ever have power to blight the flowers of truth and beauty that cling to you. You are rich indeed. I could wish for you no greater happiness than can come thru the sources of your choice...I am just wondering what surprise Delbert has for you today. He does not walk in old paths...(Mother to J)

March 27: "We have a cash buyer who will pay us almost \$500 more for the new house than it is costing us. It will very likely be our only chance to sell it at a profit but I doubt we could replace it for much less than the amount we were offered...We bought Mary a large tri-cycle at the 'Easy Money Sale'-Julia has the small one now." (D to Father H)

(Bill Anderson)

April 1: "Congratulations on the arrival of your latest grandson. Rachel wrote us he had arrived-one trip of interest for the coming tourist season will be to call on each of the new grandsons. We count John in among the new ones. He will be running away from home soon if we don't watch him tho he goes like a little poodle on his hands and knees.

"Mary just called on the phone and said 'Daddy, I lost Mama's purse and it had \$2 in it' - I started to question her about how, where, when, etc. when she said with a chuckle: 'April Fool!' Mary is one of the grown-ups at home, - Julia and John the children. Julia went part way to Sunday School alone yesterday. She got cold and started back when we got to her."(D to folks)

April 2: Love beams forth from every member of the new palace on 420-10th Street, each one with a piercing brightness because of a reflection of all the rays from each other. Keep on --your goal is desirable by those who see afar. Everytime you tie a bow of ribbon on those curly locks you are tasting the sweetness of life. Don't I know! It's just funny when I walk down shopping districts, my eyes just rest on little boys suits. Some of them are adorable...(Mother to us from Wash.D.C.)

April 5: John crawls thru the house looking for more drawers and cupboards to open and empty. He pulls himself up to a chair, stands and grins. He has 4 teeth and is generally perfect and oh how we love him. (J to folks)

April 13: "I will arrange for the accident policy for Elaine and find out if Clair wants me to make one out for Vera...One of the teachers said - 'Elaine is just grand- who are her father and mother?' I told her they were just grand too....We have not yet made up our minds whether or not we can afford a double garage - the contract calls for a single but while we may not have two cars but with two trikes, a baby buggy, sleighs, etc. we almost need extra space there" (D to Father H.)

Mid-May: My mind flitted to you during Sunday School, especially as I saw the little girls Mary's age stand before us to do their part. The big bows of pink ribbon on golden hair especially made me see Mary but I saw no curls so natural and perfect as hers, nor a little sister quite so loving and lovable as her's. You contributed bounteously from your storehouse of talent to my Mother's Day yearning. Such gifts are not for me alone but will bear a message of great worth to many others... Material is marvelous to me...I am going to send copy to each of the girls...There will be a broader field for it also..I am grateful for your lives and the cultural touch they give to us all. Your material blessings are much to be thankful for but your spiritual ones are imperishable. May our Father continue to bless your union.

(Mother to us)

May 29: John walks all over now and is he a constant joy! But all three have Whooping Cough and if you could hear them you'd know it. Jewel is about two weeks ahead of the others and in about the worst state. Mary and John cough terribly hard tho. It is terrible! Julia runs to the bathroom and coughs so hard she vomits and then, the darling, promises she'll never do it again! - Most of the coughing is at night - Julia sometimes goes sort of dark and almost unconscious a minute or two when coughing at night--frightening! They feel fine in between spells but I trapse around from one to the other about all night (probably will help me get rid of extra weight) - tied down for a while- (J Jrnl & to Elaine)

June: At Stake Conference in June the Stake was divided. I was called to be a member of the Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee. We had our meeting and I visited the Ammon Ward on an assignment. In my mind, this work is about the most important branch of new activity in the Church.

June-flag day: Things lofty-educational-beautifully symbolize you. "Truth is beauty-beauty truth" is engraven conspicuously in the Hall of Congress Library....Wherever you are you have our love and John boy, Father's Day will always say "John".....(M to us)

June 22: Julia: "There you are, there you are."

Mama: "There what is, Julia?"

Julia: "Oh - there - there - oh Mama, don't say anysing."

Mama: "Jule - where is your gum? Did you swallow it?"

Julia: "No, I didnt. I eat it all gone." (and you should have heard Mary laugh.) Mary's ability to remember things that happened months and more ago is remarkable.

John loves to climb and do what others do. He grabs Daddy's rake and hoe or mama's broom whenever he can and starts working with them but he refuses to use the broom on the outside. In his way he says the broom belongs with house work. He says "there's -'da' - "uma" and "dadda" and "a-y" (Mary) (J Jrnl)

June 23: Sunday - John is cross and his gum has some loose flesh--teeth are coming and it was unintentionally hurt in Mary's effort to save the block tower. (J Jrnl) Mary used the word "determined" twice today-properly.

June 26: Mary must know and have everything explained. We went riding and she noticed Julia and John both had white socks with blue stripes and she said; "Wook (look) Sister and man both have socks awike (like) the ice-cream wagon"- which was visible. I was so startled at the perfect similitude I nearly stopped the car. The small, white, ice-cream wagon had blue stripes of the same shade and proportion as the socks.

Daddy has gone fishing--We do want him to have a big time and relax. An article in Collier's on Marriner S. Eccles (Aunt Lila's brother) makes me realize Delbert could be just as powerful; he has such a special talent for giving the right advice because he sees problems so clearly and expresses advice so properly. (J Jrnl)

June 27: Julie wants to know if "man" wants a "big tub" -

Mary said, "Daddy, who is that little girl who comes over here?" "Rosetta?" "Yes - that's it - well see," "sister" has rosettes on her dress"- pointing to some embroidered flowers on the dress --they were. (J Jrnl)

Daddy came at 2:30 p.m., a dangerous trip but he claims it was a thrill. He is surprised that sister counts to ten (Julia) but she has for some time. John travels up and down stairs with ease. Just now he is trying to find a fly to exercise the fly-swatter on.

July 3: It is 6 a.m. John is going in bed having just finished his breakfast, etc. The smallpox vaccination taken last night hasn't started to work yet; they may take diptheria shots today.

Mary watched the rotating water spout at the park for some time, then asked: "Mamma, how can the man, or anyone, turn it off without getting wet?" We showed her where the caretaker turns it off. She watches Jewel like a grandma and storms and squeals when Julia gets in the road. She asked if they would throw candy at the parade as they did last year.

July 5: Had diptheria shots today. Hate to think of another shot for smallpox. Dr. says Mary's tonsils are o.k. Kids had balloons and fire crackers and saw the parade on the 4th of July and then had lunch over to the park. Mary and Jewel take bottles of juice to the park with straws and have a big time. They must not drink out of the fountain there or use the bathrooms. I watch closely or usually go over with them.

Daddy said, "Shall we go in the car?" Mary said, "Oh yes, let's do, then sister won't have to get runned over." John fell down the cellar --he gets too many bumps but is getting more able to care for himself all the time. He sucks his 2nd finger of his left hand and holds his ear with his right hand.

Julia wakes in the mornings calling: "Mamma - there's your's son" or else "Daddy, your's fairy is crying"...Coughs are rare now - thank goodness! (above J's Jrnl)

July 9: John insisted on getting up at 6 a.m. and seems to be the boss. He just popped a balloon - thinks that is what they are for. Mary took her first dancing lesson. She wants Julia to come too.

Sunday Mary and Daddy drove thru the subway and he said, pointing to a big engine above, "See the big train". Mary said, "That isn't a big one." "Yes it is - a great big one." Mary looked again: "Well, it isn't very far, is it daddy?"

July 14: Mary had a birthday party--one hour. Martine Harris, Annette Wood, Hardy Olson, Raymond Poulter, etc. came. Mary got a letter and three hankies from Grandma and she jumped and squealed; "I shout for joy - I shout for joy!" Later she told Daddy that was what the Blackamoors did (Dick Whittington story in our Book of Knowledge - they shouted for joy) (J. Jrnl.)

July 17: We get so wrapped up in our own birthdays we forget to remember ^{yours.}...We wish you many happy years and express our love and appreciation...Mary said yesterday: "Well, if Grandpa and Grandma are at Provo, why can't we go see them? Provo isn't very far." (J to father)

When Mary was four, her left eye seemed to not always be straight so Dr. Hatch suggested we have her tonsils out which we did --(glad Drs. think differently now) - We took her to an optomotrist-Dr. Scholar- She began wearing glasses -

Mother writes: "Jennie and Delbert respond to my request to write something of their experiences in parenthood. This first one is by Jennie and the next by Delbert in his own hand-writing." (Mother to us)

Following in Jennie's handwriting:

The morning begins with a groan,
Squeals and protests and noise,
'Till three little ones are dressed and fed
And are busy scattering toys.

There's cutting of papers and eating of crayons
The radio is pulled off ker-smash!
A bottle of cream is poured on the floor,
And three dishes go down in a crash!

Then there's scolds and coaxes and bribes,
During sad attempts at cleaning.
Fretful complaints come again
But the clock now tells us the meaning.

So lunch is hurriedly spread
We're just ready to sit and begin
When cloth, dishes and food are jerked off
And we start all over again.

Then baby is paddled and rocked to sleep
And the ironing is somehow rushed thru.
The others outside are enjoying the dirt
There may be five minutes for you.

Supper is over - no, the dishes aren't done -
There's baths and stories--what's the use?
It's nearly ten when you flop into bed
Blurt! It's daddy's Alka-Seltzer news!

"Four babes is a maximum job"
Someone has said--but for me -
I wish that someone would please explain
How to begin to manage with these three!

Mary, Julie + John, a Trio of Babies —

Three to dress + wash and tend —
They are our big family of little ones
who challenge everything —

Early in the Morning — perhaps at 6 o'clock
a ~~call~~ is heard from one of them
and what am I that I should stay in bed
The sleep is dear to me =

The start once made — all join the band
There's no more rest to be —
The trio are out for the day —
Demanding everything —

A drink of water, a glass of milk
may enter the mind of number one
and spreads to [#]two and three
and so does everything.

The dress parade comes thru the house
The idea is good but the order sometimes
is only fair, we'll say —
Mary won't wear her colors today —
The breakfast call is given now
and all begin to gather
John gets to the table first
& tips over everything.

During the day things go along
with persecution now + then
Julie never hears when I tell her to stop
This is a determined little thing.

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If Mary hadn't stopped our game
or July fallen on his nose
I'd wonder if some kind of spell
had fallen over everything.

He takes his sleep from 1 to 5
We girls play girls games then
that little mutt to get caught up
stays up from 5 'til 10.

Now Mary would keep and be a good girl
If July would do the same
But she won't if July won't - and
July won't do anything.

My job is mothering these three
It sometimes gets me almost down
and seems like two is 3 times one
and 3 is 2 times 2 -

When the next one comes to grace our home
a little sister or a brother,
I ^{suppose it will} ~~hope it doesn't~~ take sides with the other kids
And add more to everything.

If I had my way + really could choose
I think my choice for another
wouldn't be another child
All I want is another mother

THE GOLD-DIGGERS OF M.I.A.

(Written & directed by Jennie)

(3d Ward Roadshow 1935)

PROLOGUE: CAMERAMAN and PRODUCER come thru audience loudly arguing (tune of "MIA We Hail Thee")

C. I tell you you are wrong Sir,
It simply can't be done,
The public's tired of gold diggers-
Fed up on that sort of fun-

The Gold-diggers of Broadway-
32-33 and 34
If you say Gold Diggers again
The public ~~would~~ shout - "No More!"
will

P. The gold diggers of Broadway,
As you've been told before,
Went over with a bang as did
The Diggers of 34-

C. Don't say I didn't warn you
My advice to you is stop-
If you're bound to try again
You're in for a great big flop-

P. Wait - this is something new
As different as can be
Gold Diggers of M.I.A.
Look - this is my idea - (curtain rises revealing outdoor scene with
four hills in back - "Out Where the West Begins" - Old Prospector
wanders about and then sings and calls - "There's gold in them thar
hills, there's gold in them thar hills - Come one, come all, come
heed the call - there's gold in them thar hills-")

Boy Scout and Beehive girl, Junior and Vanguard, M. Men and Gleaner,
Adult and Senior - all rush in with picks - each speaks before
fighting for place - Prospector -

Prospector: - "If you're young and full of fun (Beehive & Scout)
This is the hill for you
But if you are outgrowing that (Junior & Vangd)
Then stop at number two
If romance calls and you respond
Then go to number three- (M & Gleaner)
If happy living is your goal
Number four for thee - (Adult and Senior)

Beehive (tune of Goldilocks)

"No, I will not go away
I'm here for gold and here to stay
Both these sacks I'm going to fill
Full of gold right from this hill-
BoyScout -

You are acting quite absurd-
I was first to hear the word
If in that hill some gold should be
Just amscray away, that gold's for me - (push rudely to hill 1)

Gleaner (tune "There was a little Girl")

Do you really think I'll find
Some nugget of a kind
So that I can trade them for some up-to-date clothes?

M. I am ready to concede
That's exactly what you need
While you're fixing up
I'll dig for gold - (take places in anger at Hill 3)

Vangds - (Jack Frost)

If we are late you're all to blame
You should have come when I called your name

J. I rushed when I heard that there was gold
And you've done nothing since but scold
I'm all washed up and you just mind
We'll each keep all of the gold that we find.

Adult - Senior
We heard the news sir,
Came at your call sir,
Please - lets get started at diggging for gold
We hope we'll find enough
To make us rich for life -

All start digging as Prospector shakes head and comes to front stage singing to tune of "Bells of the Sea" (all follow him slowly to original places.

"Ah, no my friends, you've the wrong attitude,
Gluttonous greed cannot triumph o'er good.
Gold lies there - true - for all of you
But you must work in a friendlier mood -
And now away - no need for delay -
Go and get your share of
Gold, Gold, Gold, Gold (at each call a little girl emerges from behind a hill in a beautiful golden costume - each has a large letter on her back - each takes the center of stage to speak then all turn around and the word is formed - after the word is formed - all dance - then each takes her own couple to a hill during speech - in a manner suitable to that couple.

G. Girls and guys we guarantee
Good grins, great gain, glad gayety.

O. Oh, oh, oh,
Order while we show
Gold that you may own
Old and young - Oh, Oh!

1. Linger, look, listen
Lilting laughs you'll give
With love light all aglisten
Lofty, loyal you'll live

D. Dears, don't now depart
Deeds we do depend
On devotion of your heart
To dreams we deign to defend.

Dance to tune of Anvil Chorus - Prospector sings second chorus

First they say in Unison - With hearts sincere
Just dig and dig,
Your work is joy,
Away fatigue
You'll love to hunt and sift and seek
For gold within those hills

Prospector sings -
Dig, dig, dig, my friends
There's golden gems for you there
Work, work, work my friends
For you are treasures most rare

(then girls dance as others slip behind hill and change to beautiful symbolic costumes, all green and gold and tans, Beehive holds godder hive, Scout, eagle, junior red rose in golden pot, Vgd. arrowhead, Gleaner, golden sheaf, M Man a golden M and Adult & Senior, nuggetts)

Prospector- Have you found some, tell me true -

First couple, all are real friends now, Beehive sings Womanho and Scout gives oath - Gleaner & M Man do dance-Green & Gold - in love now, Junior gives to music the Junior song in book, Vgd. tells meaning of arrowhead and work, -
Prospector - comments on each, salutes Boy Scout as he salutes - and mentions real value of this M.I.A. gold to each - Asks adults what they have found-

Nuggets of knowledge,
Treasures of truth,
Gems of inspiration,
Of ideals we have dreamed of,
This gold is a realization -

CAMERAMAN AND PRODUCER on stage - prominent - all excited -
(tune of "Pickles")
Well, I never knew before
Just what treasure was in store
For those who serve and labor
In the M.I.A.
Why the gold within these hills
Such a great need truly fills
That all the world should come to M.I.A.

What a show, what a show,
Let's tell the world about it-
It gives the message Oh so truly,
Not a soul could doubt it-
Sign ther up, put it on
,All we've got we 'll give it
Gold Diggers of M.I.A.
Stupendous, colossal, a hit -

All hold symbols and sing while girls dance in front

With hearts singere
We'll dig and dig
Our work is joy
Away fatigue
We love to hunt and sift and seek
For gold in M.I.A. (huge retard at end)

In scene something should designate that the hills are the Hills of M.I.A.

Delbert

and

Jennie



August: It was quite exciting and interesting at Conference - Pres. Ball chose John Homer, who is the Bishop of our ward, to be his 2nd Counselor. That broke up the ward. At the close of the morning meeting Pres. Ball said: "Immediately following this meeting Brother Lyman (Richard R.) would like to meet Cecil Hart, Reed Scott and Delbert Groberg. We were all from the Third Ward so everyone that it was the new bishopric. After talking to us for a few minutes and commenting on Cecil's and my youth (I told him we had 5 children in our family including Jane and me) -he said: "Do you know what you are being called for?" We did not. "To be members of the High Council." We were quite shocked. In the afternoon we each gave a talk. We were sustained and set apart by Elder Lyman. (D Jrnl)

It was about the same kind of experience as we had five years ago in connection with the bishopric in the First Ward. I do not know what my job is to be; it could be less important than simply keeping some of the older brethren of the Council awake during sessions. Jennie and I visited with Elder Lyman after the meeting. We wish you could have stayed over a few days. Jennie said she just got started her visit with Aunt Jennie. Please come again and stay awhile. (D to folks)

August 13: Maude and babies came for a visit. We had a BYU group at our house, etc. Mither has been about her busiest....We have decided to settle down and get the children back to regularity....This commotion is hard on Mary...Julia is always stopping some of us in the middle of something and saying: "All right - put your feet together--now point - in- step-step, etc. etc." If you send Father Holbrook this way we might get some fishing in. John thinks chicken-hunting is a good man's sport. (D to folks)



MAUDE ELIZABETH

GROBERG NEELEY

30-April-1908 to

11-September-1977

(Delbert's

beloved

sister)

August 25: There have been a number of very interesting and important events in my life during the past short time. It is my wish to write a brief account of some of the events;

We are living in our new home on 10th Street. We moved into this home on the last of February this year and have just about completed the front lawns at this time. Our three children have not been very well since they had the Whooping Cough during May and June. Mary Jane is now rather miserable because her smallpox vaccination is working. The three vaccinations for smallpox all failed to work the first time we had them done, the first of July.

John is so full of boyishness that he can hardly contain it all. It just spills out in his every act. He could easily be mistaken for the "cock of the roost" the way he runs things. (D Jrnl)

I have been somewhat extra stimulated to that since Sunday when I was given a blessing at the hands of the Priesthood with Apostle Richard R. Lyman as mouth. He set me apart as a member of the Stake High Council. He promised me, among other things, that if I would be dependable and humble "my fondest hopes and most cherished ambitions would be more than realized." If I can just have a good, clear vision of the real values of life and a strong determination to only do, say, and think the things that will lead to the enjoying of those values, I will be very happy. I am going to try to teach myself the things worth while and reason with myself and get the inspiration of what heights and ultimate purposes life holds for me. It will be my plan to keep this record of my thoughts and activities. It is 10 min. past midnight now so I will end the first writing. (DVG Jrnl)

August 28: Little Fairy is having a real sore arm and has quite a fever tonight; her small pox vaccination is working hard. (DVG Jrnl)

October 13: Released from the High Council and sustained as 1st Counselor to Bishop Louis C. Larch of the Idaho Falls Third Ward. (D Jrnl)

October 14: This writing is on Monday, Oct. 14. The law of change has been at work. Yesterday we had Ward Conference in the Third Ward. Brother L.C. Larch was made Bishop and I was selected as his 1st Counselor, Brother John A. Orme, his 2nd counselor - quite a brief stay for me in the High Council. I told the folks I was going thru the offices in the Church a little too fast to get or give the most good. There is a great lot to do in the Third Ward. I am not very well acquainted with the people. There are almost 2000 members in the ward, not all on record. The building needs \$25,000 to complete.

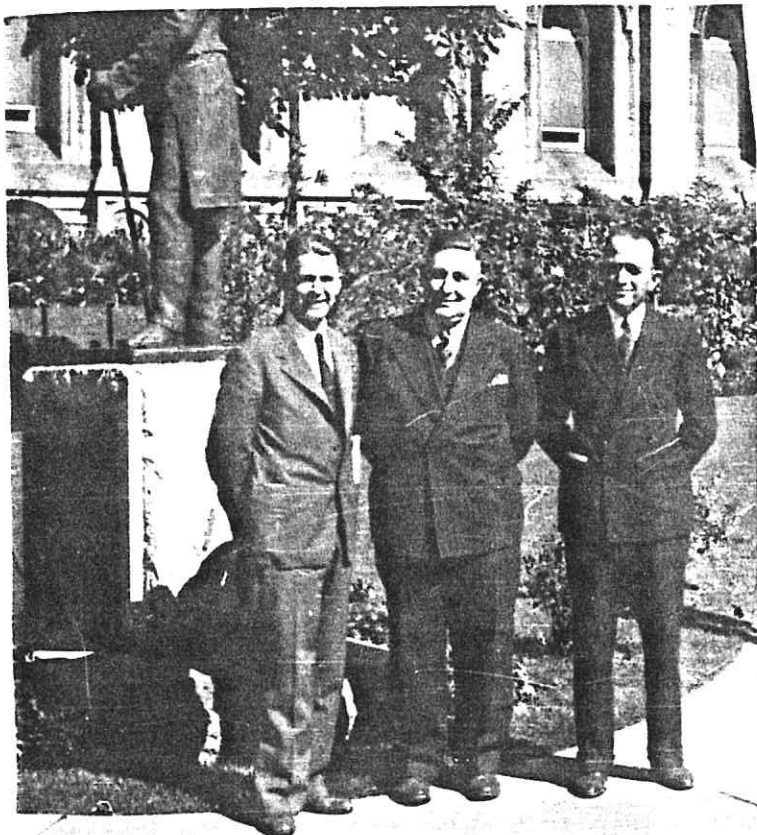
In my short talk I told I. Cobb's story about the American tourist at the Canterbury Cathedral (A lady said to him: "Aren't those wonderful bells just sublime?" He said: "What's that? What did you say?" She smiled and said: "Aren't we blessed to be listening to those magnificent, beautiful bells?" He said, "Sorry, please say it again." She said: "The deep, musical tones of those bells just thrill me!" He said: "Sorry lady, those damn bells are making so much noise I can't hear a word you're saying.")

I expect by next Sunday, we will be at the job in the Ward. Bishop Larch was ill and not present.

Since getting married five years ago last June, it seems the world of advantage has been thrown open before us. I think I have not given as much as I have received. I should have done many times as much as I have in Church activity and it is my real intent to be very thotful of Church responsibility in the future. If I can fill every assignment and take an interest in even small things I am called on to do, I am sure I will be more satisfied in my own mind and more satisfactory to those who may depend on me.

My mind has been rather confused about this change of things...at any event it is my desire and pledge that I will do my best...I will try to get acquainted with the members and workers in the Ward. I will try to never do or say or act any way that will be a stumbling block to any of them but will try in every way to encourage good, helpful activity. As a counselor to Bishop Larch, I will try, first, to be dependable so he will never have to wonder or worry about me; sadqnd, to be prepared with a clear mind to assist in deciding the questions that may come up -Bishop Larch is ill and may not be out for next week.

(D Jrnl)



Delbert V. Groberg, 1st Counselor, Louis C. Larch, Bishop; John A. Orme, 2nd Counselor - Third Ward Bishopric - October 13, 1935.

November 10-11: "At 8:30 this morning we started our Stake Quarterly Conference. It was also Priesthood Convention. Bro. Joseph Fielding Smith was the Salt Lake visitor. I sort of caught the idea the Church is hardly priesthood minded -aside from the General Authorities and General Stake offices. The plan should be to have the priesthood the vital help in the life of our Church membership - not boy scouts to make better deacons but a priesthood to make the boys better and stronger in every way including a better scout. At the afternoon session I was released as a member of the stake High Council; Bishop L.M. Anderson was sustained to fill the vacancy (Nov.11) Bro. Jos. Fielding set Bishop Larch, Bro. Orme and myself apart, also Bro. Anderson.

At the M.I.A. meeting the ward sang the song Jennie wrote for the 3rd Ward. They think it is very good. I had a feeling of loss at being released from the High Council..I do think it is a chance to prove myself." (D.Jrnl)

As 1st Counselor in the MIA Presidency I was very involved in both ward and stake activity. A song they really sang with gusto was one I wrote and put to the tune of Maine University "Stein Song" Try it and you'll see it's very peppy:

Rise and sing for MIA
Shout till the heavn's resound,
Hail to glorious MIA
Joy and gladness here abound.

Fill your soul with MIA
Share in its inspiration.
Service is our motto here,
Come and join the MIA

For the young, for the old,
For the champions of progress in every land;
For the rich, for the poor,
For all who will serve in this mighty band

(repeat first as music indicates) (J Journal)

Mither Jane has been quite tired on account of a great deal of extra work, company, and another reason. We are really so happy with our family and our home that it is very easy to be grateful and want to do our best. I am going to try to keep mindful of my many opportunities by writing accounts of them at various times.

December : John is a marvel - just climbed up on a stool and right over over into the piano and was testing the strings when rescued - but we are crazy about them all. Just took Mary thru a toyland trip - Christmas is so much fun even without spending money. (J to mother)

December 27: Roi and Nellie were with us Christmas Eve....It was one of the big events in our young lives to see the beaming delight of our children. Mary heard an airplane at 7:30 a.m. and was sure it was the Old Gent leaving... Julia saw her doll and was overwhelmed. She said "Where has Santa gone? I want to thank him!" John just went from his big ball to his little wagon to his teddy bear to his blocks in almost clock-like regularity. He jabbered and scolded when the ball would roll under something and the wagon tip over and delay him...Mary's doll was her last year's but she claims it as her own daughter - Jennie made complete outfits for both dolls....It seems Julie has been 3 or 4 for the past year or two but is having her formal third birthday now....." (D to folks)



Mary Jane

Julia Gay

1 9 3 6

January 2: Check for \$10.30 enclosed to apply on \$200 note. We can take up the balance any time if it would be better for you. (D to father)

January 13: We have had all the seasons the past few days - 15 below last week but today birds singing and grass starting to show...We would sure be glad to announce our twins had arrived safe and sound but will have to save that for a later time... (D to folks)

January 18: "I had a very happy surprise today. The Loan Co. approved the details which I have been trying to clear up on the...\$25,000 loan..I think I will hang a small feather in my hat on this account...We traded cars the other day.. this one is a Chev. I have been concerned about the old Desoto-it had gone 60,000 miles....John still runs the roost but does not fall quite so much - Mary goes to the eye doctor twice a week and Jule is about exactly like the picture book shows a girl her age - Mither is beginning to plan her vacation two or three years from now and our spring of 1936 birthday. I am fast becoming 30 and expect age will be telling on me soon.." (D to Father H)
"John and Mary are playing tinker toys; Mary builds and John pulls apart. It is beautiful outside with so much snow. Yesterday was an unusually hectic Sunday with John as culprit - some repapering and upholster-covering will fix everything." (J adds to above)

February....: ...Mary and Julia are very valentine-minded at present. They went to a party Saturday and Mary is going to another one Wednesday. (Her left eye seems to turn in a bit - Dr. H. Ray Hatch removed her tonsils hoping that might affect her eye--there was nothing wrong with the tonsils-) Dr. Scholer, an optomotrist put a patch on the right eye for a while, hoping that would cause the other eye to work harder but that didn't help - Dr. Battles, an excellent oculist fitted her with glasses - all in the past) -- the doctor has changed the lenses in her glasses twice - seems very interested in her case...We are all in tip-top health....the 9th of March is the first likely date - John and I take a nap every day after lunch...You will probably want to stay at home until March....May we feel free to call on you if the unexpected should happen?
(J to mother)

February 25: The sun is shining; there are some birds singing, so is my heart because I am coming to hear another little birdling sing that none of us have ever seen....Life is full of interests and you've made lots of them.
(Mother to us)

February 27: "...Mary and I talked the matter over and thought it would be "just classy" (to quote Mary) if you could come up to Idaho Falls next Monday, March 2nd, then you would be here for Mama's birthday on the 3rd. Mary whispered it and said we would not let Mama know...It seems funny how we resolve that it is too hard on you to come and help in these rather popular events and then when it comes right down to the time we forget all about our resolves and send for you..." (D to Mother H)

March 2:

The bus is speeding me to her,
My darling Jane again.
The snow is white, the sun is bright,
More joy there's never been.

Tomorrow she'll be twenty-eight.
Accomplishments pile high.
I wait to lift the newest gift
That's coming by and by.

Be not deceived if others doubt
Your strength or blessedness.
You cannot fail; you're on the trail
To perfect happiness

(written by mother on the bus
between Preston and Pocatello, coming here)

March 12: David Holbrook Groberg was born March 12, 1936. Dr. H. Ray Hatch assisted as he had in the delivery of Mary Jane, Julia and John. I was in labor from 9 p.m. until 2 p.m. the next day, when he came. The Dr. had me come to the hospital at 7 a.m. He checked me regularly and tried to keep the pains going. They stopped again in the birth room but I had such good help that both of us came thru o.k. Even though giving birth to a child is very difficult, it is such a joy and a privilege, the difficulty is soon forgotten. David weighed 7 lbs. When we got to know David better, we decided that it just took him longer to say goodbye to all his loved ones and friends in the Spirit World - or perhaps took them longer to say goodbye to him which they did reluctantly. (J Jrnl)

DAVID
HOLBROOK
GROBERG

born

MARCH 12
1936

at

IDAHO FALLS

IDAHO, USA

BLESSED AND NAMED

BY FATHER



March 13: Just a line to reassure you that everything is tip-top in your home and to tell you I love you for your motherhood so supreme.

(Mother to J (in hospital))

March 14: We have now had a good look at the new son and all agree he is the one we ordered so everyone is happy. Mary would like to take possession of him and can hardly wait til the homecoming. Jule has not seen the little brother yet but she is plenty excited about her visit coming up Sunday, John, who has now been replaced without his consent, almost without his knowledge, goes around wondering what has become of his Mama and why things have changed. He is going to get his visit tonight. ...A few more loans are brewing and I am trying to sell a farm or two but the country roads are still pretty hard to navigate.

Grandma thinks the son is pretty good-looking for a Groberg - About the only new name we have that of is Larry--we will likely think of several more before we finally name him Richard or David or Edward or George....

(D to father)

:"...We ordered a carriage for our wee one but it isn't here yet.. He weighed 11 lbs. at one month and gets better looking every day. He seems perfect. The Dr. may decide to plaster his naval... Mary had some friends over the day before Easter for an hour and they had a big time. She is a very good girl anda big help. She gets 25¢ a week for some jobs and for being in bed by 7:30 and with the money she buys clothes and presents and saves some. Sister gets 10¢ (Jule gets overpaid)." (J to mother)

:" We sure do like the little baby. Robert wrote John a classy letter. Mama is crocheting me a dress..We went in the bedroom and found Sister holding the new baby. Mama was cross at her for taking him out of bed....I have 15 pennies and 1 nickel and maybe I will buy some Easter things. We don't know what to name the tiny little baby but it's too cold now anyways. ..Sister and I have new sleepers, new socks, new pants and shirts. Mama bot them last night..." (Mary Jane to Grandma)

:"...We didn't realize how much you meant around here until I tried to take your place...John's tooth was thru this morning and he is his old self again -and full of mischief. I just turned around and found him sitting on the baby in his basket and fingering his head to see if he was real. How closely he must be watched but oh how we love them! Mary and Jule are real helpers. Some roads are blocked from snow and wind-March is leaving like a lion... Mary's eyes filled with tears when Jule told her you were gone.She has been getting after daddy because he forgot to take them to Primary--and he forgot her shoelaces." (J to Mother)

April 25: "....We plan to have at least one row of peas for Mary and one for the rest of the family and some other items of small crops..can hardly wait until we can take our newest son to Provo and show him off. He is fast becoming a little fat guy. I believe he is a little better looking than most of the rest of our bunch..he feeds all nite and sleeps most of the day..Tomorrow is fast day (due to Conf. 1st Sunday in May) so we will name our little brother and unless we think of something new at Church he will be David Holbrook Groberg..Mary is trying hard to get 'Valentine' tucked into the string too but I think she is playing a losing hand.."(D to Father H)

April 26: Our new baby boy is quite perfect. He weighs $11\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. He is handsome and plump. He was named David Holbrook today and received a grand blessing from his father at fast meeting today. He is such a darling! And do we ever love him! John is learning to talk quite rapidly and is adorable in a new outfit (or out of it)

I am scheduled to give readings at the 2nd and at the 3rd wards tonight.
(J to folks)

May 4: We just enjoyed a music festival at the tabernacle. Delbert's cousin went with us and had dinner and supper with us...We have had two high school girls here with us since Thursday, to a big state contest...

Please forgive me mother, for ever complaining for if anyone in the world had a complete heart's desire realized, I do - with such a grand family all around and every comfort possible..and all the marvelous blessings of the restored Gospel...
(J to folks)

May 5: "Jewel says she likes grandma because she plays with her and Mary says she likes Grandma because when she comes she curls her hair and we can go on a trip to see her...Our baby smiles and goes. He has a dimple and a double chin and weighs $12\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. so you see he is perfect. We are having wind, rain and dust storms. Mary says to tell you she and Jewel each have 2 new dresses-play. John is still the world's most mischievous...(Us to folks)

: "...Mother, I do wish our quartette could get to know their grandparents better and see them more often. When I recall what my Holbrook grandparents meant to me (and how we loved to have Grandpa Brimhall call) and how thrilled we always were to go to Salt Lake and see them - I know they are missing something. Grandpa B. told me once that he thought Idaho Falls the best place he knew for a young couple to start out and we think he was right but of course we have a very tender spot for Provo.....David has been a little upset but seems all right this morning....John is having a big time wading in the mud and the house needs attention - so..." (Us to folks)

May 15: How stupid of me not to always see Delbert as fine as he really is! He came home and found me so upset that I even found fault with him. He merely said: "I came home to find sunshine and roses and instead you cloud up and rain." How could you help but love someone who is like that! Another time when I foolishly stormed at him (I'm glad that happens but rarely) he quietly and sweetly said: "Dear, you are delicately carved and I am roughly hewn. You sing the song beautifully and while I sing the same song and the same words, at times I seem to make a discord - but you are really perfect and I love you."

May 18: "Jane is out to a party for Mamie Laird--soon to be a bride...There are four little sleeping beauties in the beds - John was the last one to stop- He was in high gear right to the last minute too - You will hardly know David- he is such a manly guy..Julia and Mary are sure getting some good old Idaho sun- they play out about all the time-so does John. The youngest had a big sun-bath today.. There are quite a few cases of measles in town so we are going to keep the children close to home so we won't miss the big baby parade at Provo

in June...let us know if you think we had better bring a tent to house our large family -we are about as numerous as the sands of the sea." (D to Father H)
"We have about broken Mary Jane's heart by keeping her home from the last two children's gatherings for fear she would contract measles)

May : "Just got a grand Mothers Day card from Papa! Waiting for Daddy to finish setting apart some new officers after Church...I had a little part on our Mother's Day program but as a mother I sometimes feel such a failure-- Delbert gave such an inspiring talk tonight and is surely a fine man -He bought me a present but it will have to be returned, but that's fine. He has had a cracked rib from being hit playing baseball. Delbert was asked to give the Mother's Day address in the First Ward and he told them he gave it just last year.

"We went to Steele's and let Mary and Julia have a big time in the pea patch and also in the raspberries - They had balloons and sparklers, new dresses and parasols, etc. and some real classy fireworks at Crowley's...Delbert is the speaker at conjoint tonight and he forgot all about it until someone noticed it in the paper so he has locked himself in the sunroom to do some preparing."
(J to folks)

May : "A little widow lady who went to the Y when I did, demonstrated the making of these flowers. I bought a bouquet from her and hope you can find a place to wear them on Mother's Day and to give your speech...I am sure there is no more motherly mother in the world than you and surely hope I can cultivate more of your qualities such as patience. Happy Mother's Day to you!"
This John boy of ours to me is the perfect answer to a mother's desire for a classy son - David is going to be just as perfect --in fact he is now but he doesn't thrust himself in the fore part of my mind like his elder brother because John has to be watched every minute that he is awake. He broke the floor lamp and my fountain pen and several dishes last week and is a general mischief. The girls are so sweet and good it is hard to believe. They go to bed with no objection at 7:30 each night. It is hard to see now how we ever did without David, he is so adorable...I still nurse him some." (J to Mother)

May 24: Mary told Aunt Eva (Tall, Esther's sister) that we had a mama and a daddy and a garage and everything. In her prayer last night she said: "Bless Mama and Daddy and everybody in this house and Grandpa and Grandma and everybody in Provo and Robert and Jane and everybody in Manti, and everybody in Ogden and (pause) oh (pause) just please bless everybody in America."

Julia said: "Daddy, let me look in your eyes and see if they are brown. Why Daddy! How did you get two little girls in your eyes?" "Are there?" "Yes, you look and see!" "I can't. Who do they look like?" "Why, Daddy, they look like me!" (J Jrnl)

May 29: Maude and family are here. Jewel says "Mama, those kids made so much of noise they woke me up (speaking of Mary and John). She said, "See my new brand pants." She carries all her dolls and her teddy bear wherever she goes. It is a family of about 8 or 9 so quite an armful for her. We actually have 13 stuffed animals including the 5 little pigs which I made and dressed and are really cute. John got on Julia's trike and rode it as though experienced. He loves to get in any kind of water. (J Jrnl)

No one could have more comfort and love and health and fine family and friends and everything. We should be completely happy and so grateful and we really are. We must always remember that we have the Savior and the restored Gospel with all the right answers. How blessed we are and how we truly want with all our hearts to do all expected of us.

David is 2 months old and weighs $13\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. and is beautiful and so precious. And the others are so grand too. But what a big job to do all we should and want to do for them, and must. But we have the plan and the promise and we will.

Julia and John love to get in the water and mud. Daddy put the hose on sister's muddy arms and cleaned the mud off. She ran to me and said, "Mamma, see, Daddy watered on my arms." The mud was all gone.

Mary's friend turned the hose on (I was watching thru the window) and when the water soaked John the friend denied she had turned it on. Mary was so puzzled and wanted to know why Rosetta said she didn't when she did. Mary, so far, doesn't know the meaning of falsifying or untruth. How I hope we never cause her to use these methods of defense.

At Fast Meeting Daddy gave our baby the name of David Holbrook and also a beautiful blessing which I wish I had taken down in shorthand. At the close of the meeting Mary, who had been holding in as long as she could, said: "Daddy, you didn't say "Groberg" so now people will think he is one of the little Holbrook kids." (J Jrnl)

June 1: John's "all right" I am sure is the dearest word in the English language. He is a beautiful baby and we love him so much. Mary and Daddy went in swimming at Heise. Jewel watched them a while and became very concerned because they were getting their swimming suits all wet. She is surely an unusual dispositioned child - adorable!
(J to Mother)

June 2: John goes thru a magazine and names everything correctly. Julia wants to eat with the children and again with Daddy. She says, "I want to eat both and I want everything there is." How fine they all have such good appetites, including David darling with the precious dimples. (J to Mother)

: "...Folks have gone on fishing except Mary and children and we are having a big time visiting and watching our kindergarten. We had a big day here yesterday with Conference and dividing our ward and the 2nd Ward. Three General Authorities are up to it. President Grant is to be here today to a mass meeting. We all think it will be about a temple.Last night I gave a reading and accompanied three numbers. Mary saved my life when my girl fell thru at the last minute and we had no one to leave the children with...David is shouting.." (J to Mother)

June: "Mary and Julia had Japanese costumes and sang "In the Land of Japan" - at a Mutual program. Mother conducted the meeting but the notice was too short for best work." (J. Jrnl)

Aunt Jennie B. Knight was a second mother to me. As 1st Counselor in the General Relief Society Presidency she had me write articles for the Relief Society Magazine, but none had my name attached. She insisted paying me for one which was a feature telling of a statue by Avard Fairbanks, picture of which was on the cover - \$9 was a large amount then. Here is a sample of my articles:

*Del Soc Mag
July 1936*

Prayer

By a Mother Who Knows

Jennie B. Knight
Characters—Mother and Father, Jack (16), Phil (8), Ruth (14), Sylvia (6) and Babe (4), also doctor and two neighbors.

Setting—Living room of the family.

Time—Sunday School time and right after.

(Mother is at writing desk writing—father is reading papers. They are talking as curtain rises.)

F. You see mother, it sort of made me lose faith in that sort of thing—I had never prayed more earnestly for anything in my life before—and then to see nothing change—just that terrible suffering until he finally (*rustles papers to control feelings.*)

M. Have you ever considered, dear, that perhaps it was better for him to go then than to remain and never be able to see or hear again?

F. The least the Lord could have done would have been to have eased his suffering. Oh, I want you to teach the children to pray—its good training for them—but I hope they don't fasten on it as I did and get such a jolt.

M. I'm sure its good training and we haven't done justice to it in our home yet. Here's quite a comprehensive statement of it by Santayana—"In rational prayer the soul may be said to accomplish three things important to its welfare—withdrawal within itself and defines its good—accommodates itself to destiny." (*pauses and studies father*)

F. Well?

M. (*continues to read*) "And it grows like the ideal it conceives."

F. Uh-huh. (*is once more enjoying his papers*)

M. (*to self*) Evidently more than

the children in this family need converting. (*exit*)

(Babe enters dressed in Sunday best—runs to Daddy and throws herself in his arms disregarding papers.)

F. (*laughing*) Say—whoa—(*settles her on lap*) "What did you learn in Sunday School today, Babe?"

B. A new piece—I can say it (*recites*) "Father, give us day by day, joy and strength in work and play, Make us good and kind and true, loving Thee in all we do." (*Looks for approval at father who beams at her performance and then she sees a comic strip in paper he still holds*) Oh, Daddy—read me about Bin Dump.

F. (*following strip*) Bim and Andy are talking to this man—see he is a doctor—Bim says, "And doctor I wish you would look at my wife—I don't like her looks—" Andy looks at the doctor who says "all right" and he says—"Say doctor I wish you'd do something about my wife's looks too—I don't like them either."

(Other children enter throwing hats, flopping in chairs and causing general confusion arguing together. Ruth and Jack enter together.)

Ruth. "That teacher is nuts."

Phil. Hey, mom, isn't dinner ready?

M. (*returns to room*) All ready—roast chicken, mashed potatoes, tomato salad—" (*all start for dining room but she stops them*) Wait—I have cooked a lovely dinner for you and I want some thanks.

J. (*kisses her*) Swell mom!

M. (*laughs*) No—I want you to do something for me.

R. Oh, let's eat first!

M. (*goes to desk and brings slips*) Today all over the church we are to emphasize prayer—here are some short prayers for you—see who can learn his first while I'm getting dinner on. (*hands each one—they object with*) "Ah rats"—"Oh Mother"—(*Ruth offers to help instead but each finally agrees*)

(Phil takes his off to corner and starts to shouting but Jack stops him and they finally settle down. Father returns grudgingly to his papers. Mother returns twice to announce "five more minutes" then later "one more minute"—then returns. Babe skipped outside when mother said, "Five more minutes," she stands around until then.)

R. Mother, did you write these?

M. Oh my no, I found them in the Parents' Magazine.* All right, Phil—first?

(Mother has to prompt Phil and Sylvia.)

Phil. "Father of Human Kindness, teach us to be kind. Keep us from doing unkind or cruel things to any animal or person. Help us to be as good to others as we would have them be to us. Give us gentle words, quiet voices and kindly tongues. May we never call people unkind names or speak unpleasantly of their clothes or toys. Make us sorry when others are in trouble, quick to see how we can help them—Amen." But, mother, it wasn't my fault if Sonny got caught—I wasn't even there. (*mother gestures him to stop talking and says*)

M. Ruth?

R. "Wise teacher of mankind—we want to be wise. Go with us to our school where we learn (*glances at paper*) make us honest, never cheating nor taking unfair help from

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others. May we help the teacher by doing the things she wishes and thus show our thanks for the things she is teaching us. Help us to be good friends with the other students. If others do many things better than we, help us to praise them and be glad with them. If we excel in anything keep us from conceit. Give us real joy in our work because we are always striving to do our best"—there! (*returns paper*)

S. "Giver of true joy—be with us in our play, make us play fair so that others may have a good time too. May we never hurt or spoil the fun for those who play with us. Even in play, may we be thoughtful lest we damage the toys, lawns, bushes, and fences around us. Help us to use our strength to defend the weak, and never to be snobbish but friendly to all. Make us unselfish, glad to share our toys with others. Amen."

J. (*starts right in and talks fast to get to dinner sooner*) "Father of Courage—We would be brave, so brave that we shall always tell the truth and do the right, so brave that we shall never need to talk too big nor boast, so brave that we do not cry over little hurts, so brave that we shall never fight except to defend someone who needs our help. Take away our foolish fears and make us brave. Amen." Say, mother, you want us to think when we pray and pray for real values. Your idea is not to have a set wording for a prayer and say it every time, is it? Well, Mom—your kids won't be as dumb about prayer as Jones? They had Apostle Smith to dinner and Junior came in late and looked around and right before the Apostle he said, "Hey—Dad—why are all the chairs turned this way?" (*all laugh*)

M. The chicken is all carved, daddy.

(All rush through the door, mother last but father turns as he gets to door—others have gone out.)

F. Where's babe?

M. I think she went out to play—call her, dear.

(Mother exits after others. Father exits outside door. Stage is empty and very still for a minute—then a child's terrible scream is heard from distance—followed by hoarse cry from father. A long pause then father carries baby in as the rest of family rush in terrified. Babe is laid on couch. Mother almost loses control—calling to baby—neighbors near front of stage.)

N. Did you get the doctor?

N. He's on his way—how on earth did it happen?

N. They were chasing each other and didn't see the car—it must have been going at least 50 anyway—

(Doctor enters—asks all but parents to leave. Makes swift examination.)

Dr. Still unconscious—no outside injuries except severe bruises—there may be inside (*pours something on sponge and holds to her face but she still lies inert*)—I'm sorry—there's nothing can be done but just wait.

(Father paces floor—mother is quiet, kneeling at couch—occasionally sobs. Father calls in others who are huddled on other side of door.)

F. (*arms around Jack and Sylvia*) There is *something* that can be done—but I haven't strength to do it *alone*—we can pray for her—our prayer may not be answered—but we are willing to abide by the decision of God who knows best. (*they all kneel except father who stands and with uplifted face says merely*) "Our hearts are full of gratitude to Thee, oh God, for this choice treasure you have given us—we feel unworthy but we humbly and earnestly ask thee, gracious Father, to spare her to us yet a while—because—we love her so—and yet in true sincerity we say—thy will and not ours be done—Amen." (*a long pause*)

(Mother goes to father who puts his arms around her for support. Another long pause then Babe stirs—she moves—she slowly sits up and holds head—other children and parents must be so grouped that this is very evident to audience—children watch her holding their breath—father still facing front stage with mother clinging to him—she finally sees him and calls faintly but clearly.)

B. "Daddy—Daddy."

(His eyes open in joyful awe—then he closes them as if to silently utter a brief prayer of gratitude—or perhaps stop unruly tears—then he and mother rush to their baby as the curtain falls.)

July 6: I asked Mary what she thought she would like most of all for her birthday. She gave it considerable thought and came to report saying "David." Now, after a visit with her, she guesses she can wait until she gets to be a big lady and goes to the temple with a returned missionary and gets married the Lord's way and then in a while Heavenly Father will bless her with a little baby of her own.

Daddy told me Mary surely sang out in Sunday School. The song was new so we wondered how she had learned it. She said, "Daddy, I didn't really sing --I just opened my mouth so it would look like I was singing. (J Jrnl)

August 29: Mary: "Come quick, Mama, John is sitting on the ceiling of the car."
Julia: "Mama, that old tree bumped right into my head."

Julia had on a red sock and a blue one and she said: "See, Daddy, this sock is the only one that is the same color." (J Jrnl)

September 24: Julia was scolded and she said: "Boo hoo - Mama, now you have made me a little bit sick." She is lost when Mary is at Kindergarten. Mary loves Kindergarten and draws and writes and builds blocks really too much at home. She is as reasonable and sensible in her thinking as adults and uses such big words.

Daddy was to give Julia some gum if she hurried. He popped a different chew (than for her) in his own mouth but she thought it the one meant for her. She ran to him and spread a big grin on her face and in a sing-song said: "I don't like ya - I don't like ya" then suddenly a cloudburst of tears and sobs. It was hard to explain and have her understand.

John says everything all of a sudden and does he think he's big but he is so rough and so adorably boyish. David darling is beautiful in every way. Two future missionaries already! (J to Mother)

"How much do you love me Julia?" "Oh, so much; no, too much."

Mary used to say she was too big and Ralph Wood (in Primary with her) said "Well, she sings too loud." (J Jrnl)

September 27: "It was a miracle that no one was badly hurt--a shock to hear of the accident but so glad you all escaped. Mary feels some better but in plenty of pain all day at the hospital. She got a new doll which helped some." (J to folks) (Tonsilectomy)

October 5: Jennie and Delbert just left with their family for their home in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Jennie looked to me in the midst of her glory with baby David, 6 months, climbing around in his basket beside her, John standing on the pillow bed at her feet, Julia sitting by her and Mary in front with her daddy. Mary has just recently had her tonsils out.

(Mother to us)

Jennie's Grandpa and Grandma Holbrook (Lafayette and Angelena) - really made a fuss over the children - were thrilled with them - especially delighted with baby David. They live at 174 East South Temple St. in Salt Lake City, Utah.

October 8: "...We heard part of Conference but the ball games sometimes last until past three and not until then did KSL broadcast from the Tabernacle... John is throwing apples all over the floor. He should be asleep --Mrs. Lee and I made a lovely quilt for me and we had a dandy visit...I wrote a road-show act for the Third Ward today--it has possibilities..." (J to Mother)

October 16: "Today and tomorrow are big days in Provo-wish we could be there. ...David walks around his bed-that is, he pulls himself about on his feet.

(Us to folks)

October 24: Mama said: "Poor Daddy; he's getting his teeth ground out about now." In a few minutes Julia came, in tears, "Mama, the dentist will put Daddy's teeth back and he won't hurt Daddy will he?" She was choking and sobbing. How careful we must think and speak around such precious little ones.

Daddy told Mary something was as high as the sky and he couldn't get it. She said: "Why, Daddy, do you know if you climbed on top of the house and stood on a big ladder and even put a high chair on that and reached as high as you could, you couldn't even touch the sky then!" (J Jrnl)



DAVID HOLBROOK GROBERG



JULIA GAY GROBERG

October 25: " Children are excited about Hallowe'en..they spend most of their spare time cutting cats, pumpkins,etc. They went to a party Friday. I am in Church but behind the speaker and he speaks very brokenly but I'm listening too." (Us to folks)

November 3:"David had a severe head injury last week but is doing o.k. The Dr. may have to aspirate it but wants to wait longer. The children carried him to the nursery -and built a "throne" on top of the bed from where he fell on the hard floor..His swollen head causes some anxiety- we love him so terribly --In spite of all he seems happy and well." (Jennie to folks)

_____ : "David just awoke and he really feels pretty good altho he looks rather pale. His little head is out of shape with a blood clot just under the skin at the side and back but the doctor thinks it is going to dissolve itself without being drained - his mouth is swollen with about eight teeth coming thru--about half of them have just broken the skin. He laughs and plays as if he is entirely o.k.unless John approaches him then he squeals for help and he surely gets it - in fact, since the accident the children have hardly been allowed to touch him...he is going to be fine. ..Last night we drove to Rigby to look at a farm and stopped at the Lee's. The children like to go there so much...We have determined to complete our chapel by next February but it will keep us all jumping. Every ward in town is building or remodeling...Mary is drawing the things she learned to draw in kindergarten today and John has just pulled off his shoes and socks. Julia is pulling the straws out of the broom and David is in my lap trying to hit each typewriter key I do, so I think I give up!" (us to folks)

..Mary is jumping the rope with a piece of bias tape and John is watching me. Saturday Mary and Julia went to a little store and bought me some eggs and broke most of them on the way home. Sunday Julia disappeared but soon returned with a dozen eggs. She had been over to the store all alone and had told the lady that mama wanted some eggs and this time she didn't want broken ones and she had the eggs very well cartoned and wrapped--she had also taken mama's purse and bought herself a package of gum every chew of which was in her mouth. Now just what would be the wise procedure to correct and explain? Charles Groberg is here for a while. Delbert is trying to help him get work." (Us to folks)

November 5: Word of David's fall received with a yearning to be just a little nearer.. grateful you have faith to go to Him who is the Great Physician. I firmly believe in calling in the Elders to administer to our children under these trying experiences. And then what a great power it is to have the Priesthood ever in your home.. We remember little David in our prayers and know that he will be all right... (Mother to us)

November 29: I am glad you think about Mama enough to do some things for her..And to think you can carry eggs home two or three blocks without dropping them! I remember when I was a little girl and my sister Jennie and I found a big nest of eggs right by a ditch bank. Our mama let us take them to the store to buy some cloth to make us some new aprons. We didn't break any because we wouldn't have the aprons. But you were careful just because you wanted Mama to have the eggs. (Mother to Julia)

November 29: Julia is fixing up a doll show and Mary is helping me write this. John is trying to prove to us that he isn't sleepy and David is asleep. Charles (Delbert's cousin) is still with us and has a job, so with our hired girl (for a short time) we have quite a family.

Now Mary will write: "Mamma has a new dress (\$1.95). I have a classy kindergarten dress and a bad cough which all the kids in kindergarten have. David has a second-hand kiddie car but he crawls right out of it and he stands alone sometimes. He has five big teeth and curly hair and we think he is the cutest baby in the world. Do you remember my doll, Pricilla, that I brought with me when we came down there? I think I'll get a new doll for Christmas if I'm real good and maybe a doll buggy. John wants a doll that says 'Mamma' too and a train and sister wants a doll too and a doll high chair. I want a doll that can take a bottle and wet its pants. We are all going to be dressed like Scotch people in the Primary Conference next Sunday, to represent a Scotch family.'

Now it's Julia's turn - "We all have some Dr. Denton sleepers. I want a doll piano. Mary was hostess to the kindergarten program and the teacher had her dressed in a pilgrim costume. I watched the program and I knew lots of the pieces and asked Mamma if I couldn't sing or say one but she didn't think so. Santa Claus is going to put things in my sock that are good to eat."
(Us to folks)

December 29: Julia Gay was thrilled with the little valise and especially to get something through the mail. She had a fine birthday with one outside guest and a brother and sister to help her use her new cooking set. They all made cookies and had a big time. They also trimmed a little cake and had candles on it at their play dinner which consisted of cookies, milk and an orange.

We have had such a good time during the holidays participating in various Church and civic events. I suppose I have been listed on at least twenty programs doing one thing or another and it has all been such fun.

Mary and Julia gave a musical reading and song in Primary for the Christmas program and Julia came in when she wasn't supposed to and Mary stopped and poked her and said "stop Julia" and went right on saying her part perfectly to the music without missing a count - of course the Primary children and guests laughed uproariously.

John is about the best-looking little man from every angle and a constant joy to us but believe you me - no one can step on his rights! David has another tooth through and is laughing and going once more. I doubt that any baby gets more loving than he does from all of us.

Mother, I think you have been very wise in giving your time and talents and interest (much of it all) to your children instead of worrying about keeping up your house as well as some folks do - altho I sincerely think

the house always looked o.k. Maybe I am trying to excuse myself....but if I get the beds made and the washings done and the meals prepared on time and nourishing - that's just about all I get done except the big job of really caring for the children - guiding and teaching them the real values - sort of interpreting all life for them in the light and truths of the gospel.

.....This is quite lengthy but.....I have had several good talks with folks at meetings, socials, etc. and have concluded that (with few exceptions) mankind is good. Sometimes I have felt critical of some for their mistaken sense of values or their sort of meanness in gossiping, etc. - and it is true that "charity is the greatest of them all" - but when I get to knowing others better, their faults often either disappear or they express regrets that they have those faults. I think Grandpa Brimhall had this same idea. And I just read in the Readers Digest an article that says it is better to trust and love all mankind and be fooled once in a while than to live in a state of frequent scepticism and doubt.....

.....There are certain fundamental truths and teachings in the Gospel - in fact, in all of the teachings of the Church - that all of your children do believe in and uphold and live by - because you have taught them so well.....We all really do adore you and appreciate how well you have taught us the true values of life - only true and full gospel living brings - real happiness now and more and more later

(J to Mother)

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January 11;all asleep except John who is sitting on his Daddy's lap in front of the radio listening for the news to come on. David will be ten months old tomorrow and gets his last breast-feeding. He is biting and fussing and will soon have another tooth. He looks a picture and is fat again - - just adorable! He stands alone and walks by the furniture - exciting to all of us....

Last night in Church the speaker read a sermonette from Grandpa Brimhall's book, "Long and Short Range Arrows", and then commented on it - the talk was indeed excellent....

Did I tell you we got three kindergarten chairs from Utah-Idaho School Supply -real quality - and another set of pegs for the peg board....

The toastmistress speech is about ready - I certainly get lots of enjoyment out of preparing something entertaining like this --I may shock some of them but not much. It is for our Stake Relief Society Board and our husbands and also the Stake Presidency and their wives.

We are moving our business to another location and expanding. Delbert is sure it is the wise thing to do and he is usually right - - Life is great!
(J to folks)

February 12;Jennie went to Rexburg one day with extra hope of seeing Aunt Jennie - sorry they have been ill too.

We have moved into our new quarters and are quite comfortable for business. It will take some time to tell whether or not this will work out - the "Builders Service Bureau" --but it is a good drawing card and some valuable advertising...
(D to folks)

February 28; Dearest birthday girl - born in the year 1908, - it must soon be your 29th anniversary - blessed day. Now you have a dear husband and four charm-ers to give you greetings.

We are so proud of the picture--Mary looking far away, Julia most inquiringly; John still retains a coquetishness as if there was much of interest not revealed; precious David ready to burst forth.....
(Mother to J)

March 4; ...It would be near heaven to have a full night's rest and more sleep would probably improve my disposition....David walks a little. He will soon have his first birthday.

Delbert spends a lot of time getting the lots for the temple site lined up....We seldom see him except at breakfast...He is becoming quite the important business man....I promised to write a little play affair for the Primary so I'd better do up the housework and get busy. But first I will peel a carrot for each of the children --they always take top priority - they are just wonderful and how we love them!
(J to mother)

March 6: Spring is running like a small flood all over the city of Idaho Falls... You have no doubt heard the news about Idaho Falls having been chosen as the site for the LDS temple in Idaho. I have been helping procure the site and will be glad when it is all over with so the work can really start. Some of those lots on the sand hills that I was buying last summer may come into their own sooner even than we had that. There are four lots that I bought a year ago....(D to folks)

Delbert is a terribly busy man and we will be very glad when all the ground is bought up and he can get down to his own business and a little rest and relaxation. He does enjoy buying up and helping out in this big project--of course it is all free gratis.

Just before I left home Julia discovered a tiny scratch on her finger and went to the bathroom to apply some mercheurochrome (from a new bottle) -and I wish you could see the bathroom when she finally called me for help..... (J to folks)

March....:Your play for Primary could just be a writing of every-day life with four under age six... (Mother to J)

March 8: I'm enjoying your circus. Anyone could have a good time with your animals; they are all so tame. The little lady on the elephant looks so comfortable and not a bit afraid of falling off. Your bear is dancing; your mouse looking for some cheese; the lion has curly hair and no big, ugly teeth; the tiger is more peppy (I'd be a little afraid of him); the camel has two humps on two very wide legs (an improvement on nature); the giraffe doesn't look as tho it would fall over like real ones do; in fact, its body looks like a couch to lie down on. Anyone would follow your clown for a good laugh. Then the balloons do look gay and windows of stained glass! Best of all, you are there holding with one hand to your chair for you are laughing so hard that you might tip over. Surely you are an artist. When did you learn to print? Surely mama's biggest girl is still her standby.... (Mother to Mary Jane)

March....: Can you recall John objecting to going to bed when the girls did -"No, Mom, I had my na-a-a-a-" - Julia threatening: "Then I won't ever whistle for you"- David takes a few steps alone and waves goodbye and says a few things.

John says some of the nursery rhymes --He says "Little Jack Horner" --and you should have heard Mary laugh when he left out a line and said: "Little Jack Horner, sat in his Christmas pie!" (Jrnl)

March 18:the closer General Conference comes the more reasons we think of to take Mary or Julia with - Mary says she would like to draw for Grandma and Grandpa and Julia says she should go along to whistle...often we are outwitted by the young ones and would be glad to just let them run the show...

(Salt Lake)

(D to father)

April 7: We went out to Maude's and visited until about 10 p.m., then went down to the station and gave the little girls (Mary and Julia) a new thrill by all going to bed in a pullman. The train was to leave at 11:30 p.m. but we were all asleep and woke up in Pocatello this morning. Jewel said she didn't think she liked the sleepers very well because it was so hard to get down (we had uppers only). John says he thinks he will go with the girls next time--He claims he drank milk all the time so he would get to be big enough. Little David had almost forgotten us. He walks all over the house.. (D to father)

;"...I am getting material for a costume for Mary Jane for a little show; it's lots of fun to do things like that...Our wonderful trip to Utah was grand; you treated us royally. John still talks about going to Salt Lake. He must have felt pretty badly while we were gone. Both boys were 100%.... Opera rehearsals are steady now and they certainly need it - it's too big a job....

I'm supposed to attend Rel Soc. Conference with other board members..Julia will probably come with me and maybe Mary unless kindergarten can't spare her,--I prefer coming by train. (J to folks)

.....: Many times I have prayed for my children as my mother prayed for hers. Sometimes, when I have sensed something was wrong, I have prayed and fasted for more effective prayer for them, for my ability to help, etc. Their father has always been kind and loving and very unselfish....He is highly respected in this community which he dearly loves. He is a successful business man and a stalwart of the Church. I realize now he could not have been happy had we moved to Provo to live - not as happy as he is here. I always assumed we would rear our children in Provo - believing sincerely this would be best for them..... (J Jrnl)

April 26: It was grand of you to save my life with all those clippings....I had to talk for 30 minutes. It went over pretty good I think; the stake Relief Society seemed to appreciate it. Then I also had to speak at the high school and tell them about BYU.

Now that the opera is over I feel like doing nothing at all except resting - it was a huge undertaking - way too much --it was very successful but I'd hate to tackle another one for a long time. The truth is that most of the time we don't do as much as we could do and when we have to do it, it seems pretty hard.

Mary Jane takes the lead in the kindergarten play Friday. David runs all over but still has only 7 teeth. It's snowing today so the children are indoors but they did go out for a while.
(J to mother)

April 28: Julia says she will take her egg "flat". Mary Jane was so cute in the kindergarten play but we had to take the boys out for disturbing so we didn't see it all. The Bishop has talked me into being a counselor in the YLMA presidency. Delbert will help and it is where I belong.
(J to folks)

May 3: John is arguing with a 4 year-old friend who calls our baby "Daguid" and John insists it is "Daya". David is 13 months and he says "tang-oo" whenever we give him something for which he has coaxed. He also says "mama, dada, byby, bow-wow"...I look and feel like an invalid after having a wisdom tooth broken up and dug out --the dentist said it was hooked on the jawbone - I don't have full confidence in the way he did it...

After being coaxed, with no response, to go to bed, Julia and Mary were threatened with "Mama's going out and find some little thin willows and show you girls for the first time what a 'tingle' is." They were ready in two minutes and came in all out of breath. "O.K. Mom, we're ready for our willows that tingle." Julia, who was a little slow buttoning her sleepers, said, "I get a willow too 'cause I beat second".....They interpreted the willows to be a reward! They'd never had one used on them.

Julia had been crying, really over nothing, but when Mama helped her say her prayers Mama said "and help me to not be a boob" -- This time Julia did not say it but paused a moment, then started to say "Help me"...then reconsidered, and said to me "No - Mama, I won't say that!"

John was cross, kept saying "Mama, my nay^l hurt" - but Mama couldn't get it. Then she said, "John, show me where it hurts." He pointed to his naval -- he had a tummy ache.

The fire siren screamed and John's face lit up- "Oh Mama, there's a fire on house."
(J Jrnl)

May.....: I bought three or four lots from the county and worked up an entire map of the plot along the river and when President Grant told of the tentative decision to build a temple at Idaho Falls, I was given the job (along with John Homer) of buying the lots.

Sometime I must write the history of each case. From my rather intimate relationship with the grounds and my personal interest in the Church progress, I thrilled to see upwards of 1000 gather and sing and hold services as the machinery set in operation to excavate the site...I took a few pictures and listened to President Austin tell of his conversation with President Grant and others of the Brethren twenty years ago (when the hospital was being built) about a temple here. They used a large set of boilers with plenty of capacity to heat another unit as large as the temple.

The grounds are very rough now but will be the most beautiful spot in the valley when improved and landscaped....
(D Jrnl)

May 21: Daddy brought home the chicken-pox. In turn, Julia, Mary, John, David and Mama took them. While Daddy got over his in about ten days, (but he was sick a few days before he broke out) - each of the children broke out and then the sores spread and spread - until their little bodies were nearly covered - to us it seemed worse than small pox. After we had tried about everything, we had Dr. Hatch (H. Ray) come over to the house. (He had also delivered our babies) He said the children had impetago also --actually we spent the summer until about July 24 - trying to get the children well again.....
(D Jrnl)

May : Sister Gladys Andelin stopped by briefly and as she left she gave Julia a handful of candy - seven pieces - with instructions to divide them with John. Julia puzzled some, counted them carefully, then brightened up as she said: "See John, you take three 'cause you are three and I'll take four 'cause I am four."

John shook his head: "But Julie, see, I a big man!"

Julia: "Yes, but see, you take three 'cause you are three and I'll take four.."

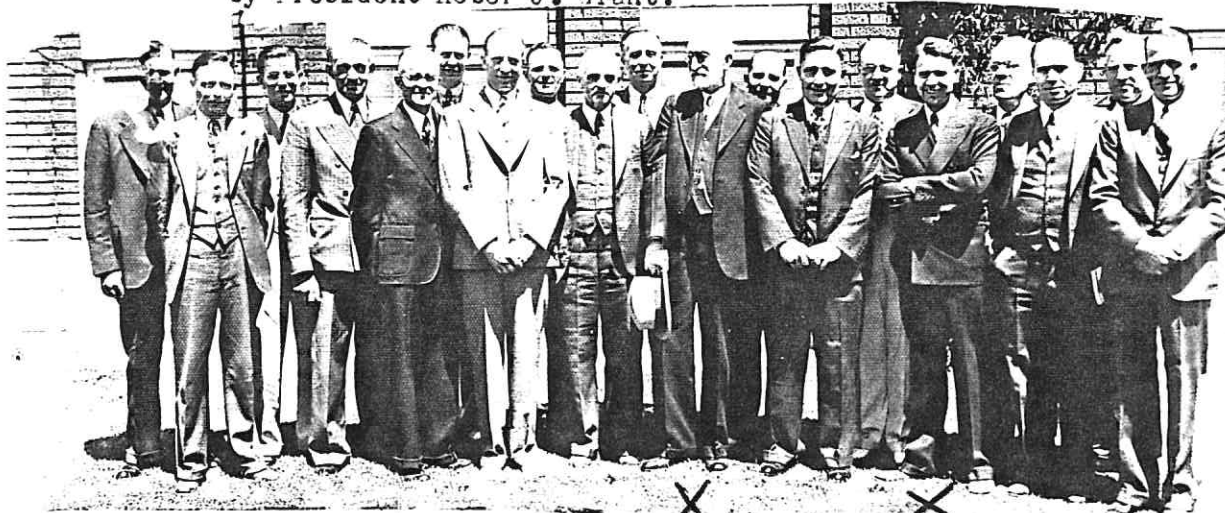
John: (interrupting) "No, Julie, see, I a big man!" (he wanted the four)

Julia had nearly ~~lost~~ her patience - looked at John and said: "John, if you say that again then you are only two!"
(J Jrnl)

June: As first counselor to Bishop Larch, Delbert had much responsibility with the dedication of the Third Ward Chapel --what an exciting time we had then. President Grant came for the big occasion. I was the organist. Just before the meeting he told me^{he} would sing a hymn and I was to accompany him but I must transpose the music as it was a bit too high for him. I was quietly petrified as I didn't really know how --I puzzled over the music, written in sharps, and decided it might work to play it in flats --that would make it lower. My unexpressed prayers were answered when time was taken up so there was no time for President Grant to sing --at least he thot so. After the closing prayer I shook his hand and told him I had met him at the home of my grandmother Angelena Holbrook. He held my hand--looked me straight in the eyes -I thot he looked clear thru me and wondered if a Prophet just naturally did that and said words I shall never forget: "My dear, your grandmother is among the noblest of the noble."

June 2: "I have been back to work today for the first time since taking off with the chicken pox and find things have gone on in spite of me... We are planning on your coming and want you here as quickly as is convenient..In case you don't like it here and would like to go back to Provo, all you have to do is break in another girl to take your place and then you can go." (D to Helen)

In June of 1937 the Idaho Falls Third Ward chapel was dedicated by President Heber J. Grant.



Local Church leaders with Pres. Grant:

Left to right: I.E. Crockett, Clyde E. Wilson, Marvin Price, Reed Scott, Aubrey O. Andelin, Joseph Corey, John M. Homer, Alex Hisgen, Leonard G. Ball, William H. Lee, President Heber J. Grant, Adrian A. Merrill, Louis C. Larch, Scott Taggart, Delbert V. Groberg, Walter Davis, Heber F. Dennison, T. Roy Pickett, John A. Orme.

July.....:..Hope you are all sleeping - we would be if our little man would agree ...John is fascinated with some dollars we found on the dresser - He's starting young. Yesterday we canned apricots and cleaned and today we plan to finish cleaning, iron, and have about five students (piano and dramatics) - the water is boiling for John's hot cereal.... (D.&J to folks)

September 7: "...During the next two weeks we will have Dr. Hatch take out Mary's tonsils and adenoids. In the meantime she is going to get started to school; it starts tomorrow." (D to Father H)"Jennie has been sewing for her."

September 14: Mary Jane goes to school tomorrow. She has lost her first tooth, Saturday. We bought and made her complete new outfits for school - she is so excited about it -so are we.

Julia says: Daddy, you just stop foolishing me! (J Jrnl)

September 19: This is the first Sunday our Helen has been with us for months. I am not sure she smiles as much as she did when she was with you. There is a spirit of enlivenment that pervades your very existence at home and in activities, Church and otherwise, that carries to others - Life is wonderful!...Today we were talking about prayers in Sunday School and I couldn't refrain from telling about some I heard in your home. Surely the little ones give us thots and keep us from too far stepping away from our cherished traditions. All remember you all with love and an assurance of our gratitude for your goodness to Helen and the happiness of her summer time. (Mother to us)

September 20: Mary is fascinated with school but rather quiet about it.

Julia and Dolores disappeared today for quite a period. Mrs. Thursie and I looked for an hour and found them at Broadway Park in the little pool, bathing, with just their pants on. They were nearly purple with cold. How grateful we were to find them and hold them warmly to us.

We must indeed watch them more closely --precious darlings!

I Just get a bushel of tomatoes from Steeles to be made into juice to-morrow ~~then~~ our canning is over except $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. grapes....

I just read an article on the effect of parental discord upon children... Delbert always does his part and I hereby resolve to do my part in keeping our home

atmosphere one of peace and love and relaxation--one which the Lord would be pleased with. There must always be something for all to do and I am going to look for and sin-

cerely compliment Delbert on some nice quality or act every day. We really know how to keep our children healthy and happy and growing in understanding and in ability to live the gospel --which has all the right answers for all of us

David says new phrases all the time but his Daddy says he's a homely little rascal but that he surely enjoys him - He's really beautiful....

Here's a good family game: a box with a slit in it - anyone wishing to criticize or make an unpleasant comment or suggestion about someone in the family, is to write it on a piece of paper with their name on and mail it in the box --When the box is full, burn it.....
(J to folks)

Dearest --

1. Keep healthy - hold our heads high, our chests up, and smile.
2. Conquer ourselves - fight hard to bring the beauty of our souls to the surface that others may see and thru sympathetic response, discover such beauty in themselves.
3. We must plan carefully, execute joyfully and accept applause humbly.
4. We must remember that love requires time for development as do we - love will develop as we develop if we take it with us and assist and nourish it by letting it help us.
5. Above all, we must think often of what He (our Savior) has taught us that we may keep close to Him and always strive to joyfully and gratefully do as He would have us do - and think, and feel, and say, and be

October 13: Time has not slowed up one bit - it has run off about two years since I last practiced my good resolution in this record. I have tonight read "Mon's" contributions also. She is so busy with children and housework and M.I.A. it is a wonder she can keep up.

I was sure when I first met Jennie Holbrook in January 1928 (when Roi and I were registering at BYU) that she was a very superior girl. As I became brave enough to ask her for a date (I think in March 1928) I had become impressed with her many activities and her pleasant willingness to do her full share of work and responsibility.

As it has been over nine years since I had the impressions and experiences that set me in pursuit of Jennie H. for my partner, I will not be expected to accurately recount all the thoughts and thrills that carried me on and on 'til Temple Rites had bound us man and wife.

I must confide that I did not understand very much about the experiences, requirements and responsibilities beyond marriage. But had I known them all and sought with the aid of full knowledge to choose the girl who would excel in everything for me - as sweetheart - wife and mother --I would not have had more perfect assurance that I truly had found the companion I wanted and needed - she was the one. Also, if, at our first acquaintance, I could have fully understood the endless details, the cares, problems and the joys and small successes of this much of our married life, I would have only wanted her the more.

I have great heights to ascend to feel worthy of what I have. I must not lose track of the C's - Constant Courtship has been one I have need of, - I must use it. The C's were given by Jennie's Grandfather George H. Brimhall and they were likely given for my special benefit. It has been a foolish and unwarranted delay for me to go thru over 7 years of married life without checking up on myself to see if I were doing the little things so essential as we go along. If, at this late hour, Jennie dear, I can humbly and sincerely make a strong resolve to constantly improve myself as a husband, companion and father, will you, as you have always done, forgive me for...my unexpressed appreciation and love? I know you will. (D Jrnl)

October....: Johnny went to school with Mary this morning and decided to play outside until he could walk home with her. His almost panicky mother found him at 10:30
(Jrnl)

October 28: We are just leaving for town to buy a few knick-knacks for a party we are giving tomorrow. The children are going to a Primary party tomorrow p.m. and I just sewed up some crepe-paper costumes for them. They think they are just right altho they are much more wrong than right. The boys refused to sleep this p.m. so we are all pretty cross.

Last night I helped judge the road shows for the other stake - 7 acts of 15 minutes each besides all the in-betweens. The judges had a terrible time deciding the winners and one ward felt so bad about not placing that they said they would never work up another act. The joke was that they were not considered for any place by any judge. Too bad we can't eliminate competition and still keep standards.

(Jrnl)

November: David is trying to help me write this and John is pounding on the door to get in. I let Mary walk a ways with her friend and Julia is with Dolores Thursie, a neighbor child. (J to folks)

December: Christmas is really Christmas when there are small children...The girls have ordered Shirley Temple and one of the Dione quintuplet dolls --the boys will get some games....I am taking the quartet down to get daddy as I borrowed the car for the afternoon.

Mary is in the school play tonight. They are nearly all older children and that's why it is at night.... (J to folks)

December 16: My Dear Precious Grandchildren - Mary Jane, Julia Gay, John Holbrook, David Holbrook: Your lovely gift, your interesting names written by yourselves is a real keepsake. The handkerchiefs are beautiful. I will keep them for my very best....I'm as happy as a little girl, either like Mary or like Julia.

You can kiss a beautiful mother and tell Daddy we would be glad if he would like to bring you down..... (Mother to us)

December : "...After figuring up all of our current bills, including some big insurance payments we have about decided that the California trip idea was a pleasant dream to have had..altho we need a vacation, especially Delbert....I always get such a lot of invitations to read or tell a story or play a solo,etc. at Christmas time and I so enjoy doing those things but find it utterly impossible ---having lots of fun going Xmas shopping with children and wrapping presents,etc. Mary made some Santa cookies and decorated them last night. - She is going to be in a little play at school and is delighted with a new dress for the occasion." (J to folks)

John Holbrook Groberg

and

David Holbrook Groberg



January 1; The year 1937 has been here its full time and now, with all other former years, passes into history.

During the year David has grown into a little boy and taken his place in line for everything the other children get and do. John has become more lovable and sweet but every ounce a boy. He likes boy's things and plays rough with the things. For Christmas he wanted, and got, a drum (gwum) and a truck with a trailer (cwuck with a cwaler) and a teddy bear. Julia has started kindergarten and turned 5. She seems to have an appeal with other children and folks. She usually steals the show and she likes to show what she can do. Mary Jane started school and has not been absent or tardy so far. She has taken part in school programs and plays and took an extra part for a girl who did not come right the last minute in the Christmas play at East Side school.

"Mon," as John has named Mama Jane, has been kept plenty occupied with the children at home but has been Sunday School organist and counselor to the YLMIA in the Third Ward and has done quite a lot of playing and reading.

Business has been fair and I have engaged the first year in the new location, 558 Park Avenue. Just a year ago now I leased the store and offices and we started, in addition to my Real Estate and Insurance and Loan Business, what we have called "The Builders Service Bureau." It has been interesting and looks o.k. ahead, altho we have plans of changing the name of the builders part to "Builders Service and Supply Co."

During the year I assisted in the purchasing of the Idaho Falls Temple site and a site for the Sixth Ward meeting House. We completed our Third Ward building and had it dedicated in June 1937, fully paid for.... Pres. Heber J. Grant came and said the chapel was one of the finest in the Church. He said we had "bitten off a big bite but had now digested it."

At our home, 420-10th Street, during the year we built up lawn equipment and have two tire swings and a sand house (box) as well as a decorative fence around the back lawn and garden.

I took a new ford coupe in on a house deal and we had two cars for about 3 months. Jennie needs a car as much as I do but when winter came on we sold the ford. It was fun to have two cars and very handy. We took a few trips - one with Father and Mother Holbrook (We took the ford and John) up to Hebgen Lake and Cliff Lake, etc., one over to Arco and the Craters of the Moon. We took Mary and Jule and stayed over night at an auto camp. It was fun. Then we went to Provo and took John and David-- went out to Bingham and Copperton.

There have been a number of things we planned to do that we have not done and as it is now the time of year to Resolve, again we will try to plan things that will make us better and happier as a family and able to heartily welcome our number five in 1938.

Now as the big hand moves slowly but surely to join the little hand and together point at 12 an instant, then go right on to measure out the continuing units of time in the fresh New Year of opportunity, I hail Thee restless Time! Tho a full course has been run, you do not falter or delay but go right on with your great might to carry out another set of changing seasons and set the stages of the world for another act of scenes in life. The whistles and bells now announce the glad New Year! and from here we wish all a Happy 1938! (D. Jrnl-black book)

Compiling this history in 1984, both Jennie and Delbert thought the opening question in this letter to John: "How would you like to get on a big boat and go way out on the water..." --was almost prophetic so we include the entire letter:

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Dear John,

* How would you like to get on a big boat and go way out on the water and visit the great ships and come back? Mama + Daddy went out on the Ocean at San Diego and we wished you could have been with us you are such a big man. Are you helping grandma and watching David? Is David being a good boy? Hope you are having a good time with all your classy aunts. Do you play with them? We have been thru some new homes and saw Mae West Row. Daddy + Mom

January 17: "...Bishop Larch wants us to go with them to California-10 or 12 days--Do you think we could leave maybe David and John at Provo to sort of help you run the place?...Delbert has some business he could attend to in L.A. and we think a change and rest would do us both good provided we knew the children were o.k." (J & D to folks)

February: We and Larches took John and David to Provo and left Bessie with Mary and Julia and we took a trip to Southern California - visited Elizabeth and Kay at L.A. - went to San Diego and Mexico (Tiajuana) - Sure had 19 days of fun and everything fine on return. (D Jrnl)

(from the moment they left Jennie could hardly wait until they returned, but she tried hard to enjoy it too--She did really enjoy visit with Berry's....)
(J Jrnl)

On our return, Mary Jane said, "Oh Mama, we have had fun!" They had repaired broken toys and chairs, mended clothes, made valentines..I had left all the fine wool baby things (sweaters, blankets, booties, hats, in a special drawer to hand-wash carefully when I returned) but Bessie had dumped them all into hot suds in the washer --we can manage fine without them --she just didn't know...

After Sunday School Julia asked Daddy why cherries weren't good for you. He answered that they were good - why did she think they weren't. She explained that in S.S. they sang "Cherries hurt you; cherries hurt you." The song proved to be: Dearest Children God is Near you and the words include: "Cherish virtue; cherish virtue; God will bless the pure in heart."

February...: Mary goes to school in the morning. The Dr. figures her ten days are up. She had evidently had the mumps for 3 or 4 days before reported but hasn't been really sick at all. The town is full of mumps.

(J to folks)

We surprised Daddy with a photo of his family for his birthday. They all kept the secret. In fact, Sunday p.m., after the birthday dinner was all over and Daddy had his gift, John told Daddy he had his picture taken and Julia came to me horrified because John had told. She and Mary go into a room and close the door and "make a secret" frequently now.

February 16: Home from Mutual and here on the floor a story of the Three Bears in blocks - their house, their chairs, and bowls of porridge, etc. Sizes are just right. Mary left an explanation with Bessie.

Mary has been singing rhymes today, so original and perfect in rhythm, i.e.

"A hunting we will go, a hunting we will go
We'll catch some little bears and put them on the
stairs

And then we'll let them go." And then she does another one. - all just perfect! She continues to amaze us!

_____ : "...We had the three vaccinated yesterday--John and Julia's never took before altho it was done twice -they have no reaction so far. The Dr. also vaccinated me as there is quite a small pox scare in I.F. and a case just a few houses from here - He thinks mine never took as a child as there is no scar

For the last two weeks I have had frequent dizzy spells-tendency to faint and a few severe headaches..Dr. says it is brot on by extreme nervous tense-ness and my circulation isn't too good. I have been spending a lot of time in bed and Delbert has taken me for rides and walks in the evenings --by taking a cup of hot milk once or twice in between meals I am gradually getting o.k. The Dr. has me taking medicine--I won't go to the hospital until after June 20 - --I am really fine..just the tremendous responsibility of the four children night and day.....We will keep you posted..we do appreciate knowing we can call on you for help but we want to manage as long as we can-- Until two weeks ago I was in the pink of health and am sure with good sense and care I can get it back --Please don't worry." (J to mother)

_____ : "...The children have been playing 'party' but now they are putting on their coats and boots to go out and make a snow man...David may take the mumps from John...Daddy is to meetings- He spends most of his Sundays over to the chapel..David talks almost better than John and it seems as if he has learned how all of a sudden. He is in now with an old doll. He says:'This doll is all broke Mama. fix it for me, please.'" (J to folks)

_____ : "...Tonight we went to a big banquet given by the six wards here to celebrate the completion of the Seminary--the real idea was to raise the needed \$1200...David and I seem to have skipped the mumps...I asked Julia what her S.S. lesson was. She said, 'Oh, we had two-ones about John the bapmistist and the other about Beauty and the Beast.'"(Us to Mother H)

_____ : "...I have two very good deals that I thot you would be interested in hearing about.....The greater adventure is one of the choice farms in New Sweden that the owner came in and listed with me for sale. I just went out to look it over. The owner said he was going to Sweden when he sold so he was pricing the place for a low, sure sale. He will take \$9000 for the farm with a good modern home on and a full set of bldgs.-just 2 miles west of Idaho Falls on the main road and surrounded by the aristocracy of New Sweden farms. It is my guess that \$5000 is not too much to add to his price and still make a fairly certain sale within a year or two...Scribbling all over is an after-thot of David's-Sorry." (D to Father H)

_____ : "...the girls and John are down stairs playing house and David is asleep. John will be over the mumps in a few days. David has been cross and feverish but today is much better so it must have been something other than mumps...Delbert is really building up quite a business but of course it has plenty of real problems, a few disappointments, etc.--wish he had a little leisure time..David was thrilled with the new suit and when we suggested letting John wear it he strenuously objected so we shortened the legs and waist and he looks quite like a little man. He says every-thing and acts old for his age." (us to folks)

:" Today we have hardly seen Daddy he has been so busy. He came home at 5: and left at 5:30 for Church,--Julia may have the mumps--irritable and some swelling...The girls have some new cut-out dolls and are having a big time with them. The boys have the frontroom floor covered with tinkertoys and blocks--hoping we don't have callers for a while..We are thinking of fixing the sunroom and dining room into one big playroom with a built-in bed and also use it for a big dining room--knocking out the wall in between...we must have another bed....Yesterday we passed a sweet-looking middle-aged lady and John said, 'That lady looks just like Grandma only her arm isn't broken'--and of course when we explained that Grandma's was now well he was delighted.,." (Us to folks)

David pulled himself over his bed for a bad fall; the sides were up too...he is a beauty with his blonde curls. (J Jral)

Dr. Scholer (optometrist) insists Mary wear her glasses all the time. I wish I believed it was right but I'll see that she does -

Daddy's new offices are classy and he advertises so cleverly. I do plenty of public work now that we have Bessie with us to help for a while, but already I'm not right sure this is best for all and may soon let her find work elsewhere. I'm really the one, the only one when Daddy is at work, that can care for our children the way it must be done - and constantly teach them the joys of gospel living - we can only rear them once and this sacred privilege is our greatest desire --

Julia is the shining light right now because she discovered she can whistle. She imitates birds, Bobolink, Meadow Lark, etc., -delightful! How hard Mary tries! Jule is so quaint and so babyish it's hard for everyone to not squeeze her too much. She greets Daddy with "skipper, shopper, birthday girl, whistler..."

(D & J to folks)

March 4: Yesterday we had a big day for Jennie as she reached 30 years - We have certainly crowded a lot into the last eight and truly appreciate the fulness of the first twenty-two. Maybe our part is overcrowded but we are carrying on with our ehins up anyway. It is nothing less than remarkable the amount of real honest value you and Mother Holbrook have given to your children....The boys seemed restless last night and we fully expected to find them swollen with mumps this morning but instead they feel tip-top... (D to father)

April 4: Mary has learned to play "America" on the piano, with one finger. Julia and John were very proud of this accomplishment. John said, (recognizing the melody) "Julia, can you sing 'My Country Tisabee?'" Julia replied: "Oh John, that isn't the way you say it - it's 'My Country Tisbadee', don't you know that?"

David talks and reasons about like the rest. He seems so old since his second birthday and we all spoil him letting him know how adorable we think he is. (J Jral)

April....: ...Jennie brought the four to Sunday School today - they make a real addition to the attendance....We have two new houses under way and eight more all drawn up and ready to start if the loans are approved... (D to father)

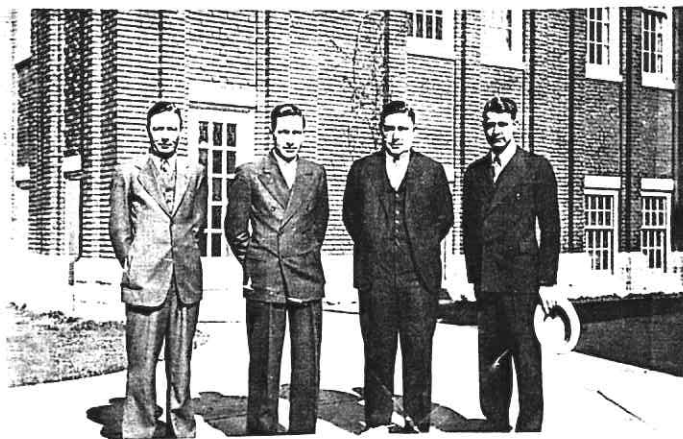
In 1938 I filed for the office of senator for Bonneville County. I received a majority of votes until the precinct of Iona came in where my opponent, A.W. Schweider, was bishop of the Iona ward - he received all but four or five votes so he won by about thirty votes. I didn't feel bad about this. It would have been an opportunity but I felt it was in good hands. President Schweider has always been a very good friend of mine. It was not hard to lose to someone who would serve well.

The next two offices I ran for were for mayor of the city of Idaho Falls. Both times I was nominated and ran in the final election against incumbent Mayor E.W. Fanning. Each time I received over 45% of the votes but less than 50% and was not elected. I really worked hard and enjoyed the campaigns. I tried hard to present a program that would be helpful for Idaho Falls.

I was associated in these campaigns by some very close personal friends. The first time, Pres. Cecil E. Hart and A.W. Naegle were my running mates - each running on the city council. In the next one, I was associated with Wilson Chandler and one other who was a non-member of our Church. We were defeated but I felt we presented a program and gave the people of Idaho Falls an opportunity to choose and also an opportunity to think. (D Jrnl)

April - The Third Ward was divided and the Sixth Ward created and John Orme was made the bishop of the new ward.

Here is a picture of the Third Ward bishopric created at that time. Mel Anderson was made the new counselor to Bishop Larch. Mel and his wife, Ruth, are parents of five boys, each near the age of one of our children. Their son, Lamar, was Mary's age and their son, John, our John's age, became a good friend of John and also their son, Larry, became a very close friend of our David. Their sons Robert and Doug were also good friends - Robert was about Joe's age. Mel and Ruth became very good friends of ours.



L to R: Clyde Wilson (Ward Clerk), Mel Anderson, 2nd Counselor, L.C. Larch, Bishop, Delbert V. Groberg, 1st Counselor

April 11: We drove to Rigby to see the Lee's this p.m. and the children had a big time with Boyd and Phyllis...I haven't been feeling quite up to par but when this card arrives I will be o.k. again....I don't have as much reserve energy as I want. By tomorrow our remodeling and papering will be completed --100% improvement everyone says.
(J to mother)

April 15: Jule and John are tidying the nursery...the girls slept in the new bed last night and act as if it were Christmas...
(Jrnl)

May 13: Grandma is here and will probably stay for several weeks. We expect a new member the latter part of June and the mother has been feeling rather low but is much improved since Grandma has taken over most of the home responsibility. We do truly appreciate what she is doing and only wish the big day would hurry and come.

Tonight the three older ones will participate in the May Festival of the Primary. John sings with the group of beginners. Mary sings and pantomimes as a flower and

Julia is one of the queen's attendants (intendants) she says. They are very regular members of Sunday School and Primary. Julia took part on Mother's Day program and was quite outstanding. Mary loves school and does excellent work but I think she's glad vacation is near. She jumps the rope and is mastering skating rapidly. She lost one of her front teeth jumping the rope - it fell on the walk. So she worked the other loose one out and then collected \$1 from mother as per a promise. She and Julia made their first trip to town after the skates....
(Jrnl)

May 19: Delbert and Grandma have gone to graduating exercises for the nurses of the LDS Hospital (At times I have played the pipe organ for this -when it is held in the Stake Building). The Presiding Bishop is up and Delbert attended a security meeting also conducted by them this evening.

Julia and John pushed the buggy to the store for some groceries but decided to visit Sister Hunter and her grand-daughter enroute. I was rather frantic from an unsuccessful search for them when they casually walked in - two hours later.

Julia fell off John's new trike and came in crying that she had "crashed" her bones. David knocked the scab off his nose again, falling down the basement steps - no bad hurt. The built-in, drop bed in the dining room is the biggest asset possible....Everyone is so thotful of me - especially mother - Andersons (Mel and Ruth) sent over a dozen perfect tulips. We had the piano tuned today by Chesbro's and the outside of the windows washed by two men.

We have had rain and snow frequently but summer will soon be here. Just had word that Nellie has been ill with complications from an appendix operation in New York where Roi is working for his doctorate. We are anxious to hear from them again... Delbert is doing well with business; he is quite a stranger around here. Grandma does his share of helping with the children and most of mine too right now. We must both slow down and take life easier...
(J Jrnl)

May 27: John is wiping the dishes--the rest are out playing --we schedule jobs for each child and write it all down so they understand, and then see that they always do their job -we are all happy about this (J Jrnl)

June 4: Mary and John are playing "marbles" with my pear~~â~~ (10¢) that John unstrung...David is riding his trike--he spends most of the time on it.

John has lost one of his new shoes outside --but it will show up --at least these lost shoes usually do --

It is 9:30 p.m. and the children are all asleep.

Mary just got thru visiting with me - she's been doing all the talking for the past 20 minutes or so but finally fell asleep - she is so intelligent and so darling.

(Jrnl)

Last Sunday John failed to appear in his class causing Mary such concern that she went to her daddy on the stand and reported the loss. John had gone to the Sixth Ward which meets in part of our building. Evidently someone had showed him their cradle class and he felt all was o.k. We have teased him about it and he says after this he will keep hold of Julia's hand.

Wed. p.m. Grandma went back to Provo for about two weeks - she has worked marvels here - we want to keep on the routine for her return - she is surely a remarkable mother and character....(J Jrnl)

June : Daddy and the children are real helpers. David got a tricycle yesterday and has ridden it most of the time..He has learned how to turn on the hose and when someone comes to take it he points it at them. John is the most mischevious. He takes the spring from the screen door in spite of threats (which should be carried out or not made). Mary walked to town to get her glasses fixed and to do some shopping. We were so concerned for her safety that we finally took the car and met her. She had a wiener and an ice-cream cone. Delbert spent the double holiday fixing things around the home, watching the children, etc. and we really got better acquainted. I wish he could have a good fishing trip or some other form of vacation...A letter from Caroline reports happiness (Eyring Miner) (J Jrnl.)

June 5: Sent some hdkfs. to Jane Anderson for her birthday. Delbert did not go to Salt Lake. David fell and hit the back of his head and has a bad swelling but sleeps normally. I fell down five steps to a basket on the basement floor- was sweeping down the steps and just mis-stepped; have a lame back at the base of the spine. Delbert brings home the best thots and spirit of the various Church sessions so I can partake of the services too. Sunday is surely an invigorating change and inspiration for the week.

The three brought home envelopes for the "dime fund." The four went on a merry-go-round last night, David's first ride - he says he wants to go on "rocking horse" again. He can be treated as an adult in reasoning and visiting with him. He is an unusually quick and intelligent child. He and John love to tussle and roll around together and laugh even when hurt - they are real boys and very fascinating to us.

We have each written a letter to Grandma which we will now mail. Mary Jane asked how dogs got married so they could have puppies. (J Jrnl)

June 10: Daddy has taken Mary Jane and Julia to the Junior High School to appear on a program representing Kate Curly Park recreation.

_____ : "David is to bed and John will go when he finishes wiping the dishes. David bumped the back of his head and has quite a goose-egg there--we are watching it but it will be o.k. Daddy took some movies of the children...Yesterday when I cedar-mopped down the basement steps, I stumbled and took a nice spill; the clothes basket propped on the bottom 2 or 3 steps caught me quite snugly, to its own ruination...Here comes Julia with a big bouquet of wild flowers and a very happy look on her face. I promised she could write to you but first we will see John put on his sleepers....

'Dear Grandma: How are you? We are fine...David had a bump but we put an ice pack on it..We hope you are having a good time down in Provo. We do work every day and we have a good time down here. In Sunday School we sang "Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam" and our teacher told us about when Jesus got baptized. Here's some kisses and love for you - XXX000 Love,

JULIA

'Dear Grandma: Yesterday I put the hose thru the basement window and daddy thot it was stolen. I filled the new box of tooth powder with water and broke a fruit bottle but I have been a pretty good boy. Mama has been practicing ball with me. We got another dime envelope in Sunday School. I can dress myself. Mama is writing this for me on a book. Daddy is watering the lawn. Mary has some new crayons. She helped me wipe the dishes, Love,

JOHN

_____ : Jennie has been feeling about her normal self until she missed a step going down stairs yesterday. She seems to have suffered no ill effects of present consequence although it could have been very serious.

Today, little David took a spill out on the sidewalk and I went right to him... and a sizeable swelling had already developed on the back of his head just at the base of the skull. I couldn't see how it could swell so fast. The Dr. said it was nothing and had us put a pack on to keep the swelling from enlarging.... Children are so glad summer is really here..... (D to folks)

The boys and Grandma are in bed. We just have the boys say their prayers, put them in and kiss them good night and hear no more from them until morning due to Grandma's training. They play over to the park with the girls--both in their groups under good supervision. David is cutting teeth. He and John have been cross today. They both have tricycles and ride them a good deal of the time. Mary and Julia went to a birthday party for Babs West. We learned later that Julia had asked Babs (one of Mary's school-mates) if she too was invited.

Tomorrow is our eighth wedding anniversary and we are marking time to the arrival of our fifth child. We have perhaps accomplished more in the last eight years than we thot we would but in a rather different way. Business is enlarging; we have a lovely home and oh such a grand bunch of kids. We haven't taken enough time off,

perhaps, to develop the social side of our lives, except for the Church work. We have both put in lots of time and effort in the three wards we have lived in and have benefited accordingly. Delbert has never given anything but kindness and love to his wife and family, i. e. I ran out of gas and called him from work - he brought some to me and never said or looked the least bit annoyed. I am often too quickly spoken and do scold too much. I have felt sort of overwhelmed with the task of family rearing and with a feeling of unpreparedness or inability to quite do it as I thought it should be done. If I can just hold on to fundamentals and be sure Heavenly Father is pleased, things will work out. Delbert is such a blessing-we must count our blessings often.

Julia told the Primary teacher that John couldn't come because he "broke out with a cold." (J Jrnl)

June 16: Mother is with us. She wrote the following:

Tonight they honor him.
How long it's been
Or what he's done,
Or why he's given
Is not just clear right now.

But I remember-tonight they honor him.
And a gladness fills me up,
A consciousness, an inner glow that whispers
A work well done and now they honor him
A testimonial give -

'Twill be the sum of stories such as this:
On Wednesday night he sat in council,
No other call had claim.
On Sunday sometimes thrice he held
A seat with eagerness,
To learn new ways and means of how
To help his loved ward.

Upon the head of faith and pain
He placed his willing hands-
And sickness fled --
Because the Priesthood spoke

When thru the chapel door
A loved one silent came
His face I've seen among the
flowers
For often he had charge.

And this a backward look pro-
claims
A measure of sweet joy
That comes from answering
Gospel calls
A Bishop's counselor.

And did he do it all alone?
Oh no, for she was there --
At home, a-looking after things
And keeping ward accounts

Her pride expressed in beaming
face
At home and everywhere.

June 22: This was indeed a red-letter day for us with the birth of Richard Holbrook Groberg --such a beautiful baby, and such a beautiful character and life ever since.



Richard Holbrook Groberg
born June 22, 1938 at
Idaho Falls, Idaho
U.S.A.

Blessed and named by
father.

On the way to the hospital Delbert stopped to give Bishop Larch some information and visited so long I finally broke in desperately and made him go on --Bishop Larch has been ill so often and has been so grateful the way Delbert has carried on --and being a rather new convert to the Church he leans on Delbert naturally and really needs him --Our Bishop is such a good man and his calling is such a blessing to him and to all of us privileged to be in his ward and support and appreciate him sincerely. He and his wife came to the hospital about an hour later --he having called her at once when we left --and simply could not believe that the new baby was safely here and all was well --and oh what rejoicing they beheld!

Even though it is recorded in our Big Family Book, I will briefly reiterate some of the thots, events, etc. related to the birth of our precious son, Richard:

I had unwisely tried to do too much for too long and neglected getting my rest, eating properly, etc. just common sense health practices --Gradually I became over-exhausted and very anaemic and for the last period of this pregnancy would almost go unconscious at times. But when mother came to help, and I got my needed rest, relaxation, etc. I was able to give birth to a beautiful and healthy child. Shortly after this birth the doctor (H. Ray Hatch) insisted that I bring my parents and come to his office which I did as father had come here to take mother back home. Dr. Hatch flatly and strongly told them and me that I should have no more children, that I was delicately created and just not able to have more healthily. He assured us that it was just as acceptable for women nowadays to have five or maybe six as it was for them to have twelve in my mother's day. He was lengthy and emphatic. Mother and I did not even smile at each other at the time. Nor did we really discuss it later. But I knew why I had been anaemic, ill, but apparently the doctor did not. Not once during my pregnancy did he even check my blood or inquire about my getting proper rest, sleep, etc. Perhaps he thot I had the good sense to do all that but I had neglected doing such. It was after the baby came that he did have my blood checked and was rather alarmed at what that revealed. But now that I was determined to give nature a full chance, and had mother's help, gradually my blood condition and general health improved and I was able to give birth, more healthily each time, to six more precious children. While we are all very grateful for doctors when we really need the help their training might give, we should all know ourselves better than any doctor could.

As I record this again, I am reminded that rather recently, a choice daughter-in-law of Dr. H. Ray Hatch told me her father-in-law (Dr. Hatch) had told her years ago that five, or maybe six, would be all the children she should have (just as he had told me) and so, said she, that was what she had, six children! I said nothing to her about my experience (or to others with just a few exceptions) --but I knew I was supremely blessed by disregarding that doctor's counsel and had our eleven, not the five he insisted I have, only. How I cringe when I think "What if I had followed the instructions of that doctor!"

July 28: Roi and I plan to take John and Boyd and spend the next two days at Jackson. John thinks he can catch a big fish but he thinks we should have you on the trip too so we would really get some fish...Our little one is going to soon demand a name. Jennie is having a group pf young folks in to meet Vera. David woke up at 4 a.m. and got in bed with me. (D to Father)

August 17: ...Last Saturday I took Mary and Jule thru the park - they really had a big time. We left about 6 Friday evening and stayed at Macks in a cabin over night. Then we went thru West entrance and out Jackson Hole and home Sat. It was fun to see and hear the girls tell about the Old Faithful. We saw it erupt just as we arrived and then stayed to see it again. Before it shot up the 2nd time Julia cornered some tourists and explained in detail about the geyser....A few weeks ago we had a boys trip. John and Boyd and Roi and I took in Jackson hole. We caught a few fish, saw some animals and stayed in a cabin over night....Jennie and baby and Vera are fine. Jennie gave a reading today at the Old Folks party. Vera had a boy friend over the other night..."
(D to Father H)

_____ : "...Delbert and I took Mary and Julia to the circus -the first any of us have seen except Daddy....We just about decided we couldn't afford to go and Mary was helping us figure on it. Finally she said -'Oh, I know - we could let mama sit in the car and daddy could take Julia and me to the circus then it wouldn't cost too much.' That's how 'unselfish' our children are - but it was really so comical - We plan to leave early Friday and return Monday p.m.-Aunt Jennie wrote she would be glad to help"
(Us to folks)

September 11: "We had a big Sunday with a genealogy convention in our chapel and the Bishop sick in bed and the other counselor away --Bishop may have to stay down a month or so longer. Some company stopped in for dinner and then this p.m. DeVoe Brimhall called to see us. He is surely a dandy fellow and we hope he comes back. He is teaching at Firth....Julia's kindergarten class went out to the park and they all forgot (except Julia) their nickels for a train-ride so the teacher passed that up - Julia told daddy that if she went on the train none of the others could because they didn't have any nickels. Daddy told her she could put it in her bank now - 'No,' she said, 'I don't want it to go to college on, I want it to on the train.' The way she said it was funny as the dickens. John found an old pair of pincers and wanted to know if they were Daddy's 'squeezers' - He and David have been making fishing 'pools' out of old pieces of string tied together and little sticks.' I made a chocolate cake for dinner and put a little molasses in it. I told Mary it was chocolate cake and showed her the recipe - she tasted it and then said, 'Mother, you're just so in the habit of making gingerbread that even if you did use that recipe this darn cake is still gingerbread.'" (Us to folks)

September: Richard has slept thru the last two nights so we are hoping it will soon be a habit with him...He is such a darling! The girls are excited about school and kindergarten tomorrow and already have their fresh clothes in little piles... I substituted for the organist in Church again last night and also gave a reading and was scared pink--I'll have to get back into practice.. We could hardly get David to the doctor's office for his final shot--we're all glad that's over. (J to folks)

Here's two thots from Grandpa B.: "Each in competition with itself and in cooperation with all the others."

"When the thinking world is more interested in the fruits than in the roots of the tree of life, when doing is more important than doctrine."

September 26 : ".David got his last shot today--thank goodness. He is such a dear little fatty. We could hardly get him up the stairs to the Dr.'s office - he was quite wise to what was going to happen. The children are all supposed to be exempt from everything now except measles and scarlet fever but we'll just hope to pass those two up...Next Sunday all the Brunts are going to try to go to Rupert, Idaho and form a family organization--the day was chosen because it is the golden wedding anniversary of the oldest daughter and husband--Aunt Eliza Catmull. The forming of the organization is Delbert's idea and consequently I am spending this morning writing letters to the various Brunts inviting them to the first reunion....David and John are tumbling around here like a couple of kittens - I wonder if other boys could be as mischevious as these two--they have to be supervised constantly - Just made John four pairs of trousers out of his daddy's old ones and he's as proud as a peacock. It's feeding time for the youngest so must close."
(Us to folks)

October :".The children are planning a hallowe'en party which I have promised them. They are doing it all themselves and inviting the neighborhood children and a few others. We bot crepe paper this morning and a few other things and they will make hats and nut cups, etc. Wish we could have all the little cousins come..Richard weighs over 16 lbs with all his clothes on. The children nearly hurt him trying to express their love but he is beautiful and adorable ..."
(Us to folks)

Did I tell you about Mary in the P.T.A. play, taking her part and then also another part impromptu the night of the performance. I think I did. Julia is growing and changing and very interesting but still likes to be cuddled and babied. John is the sweetest little man possible - he always says 'Mama deah' -- and 'pwease', etc. He is cautious and deliberate but has a very, very good head on him. David talks and tries to be a real big fellow, much to the delight of the other children who nearly caress him to pieces. Their daddy is a much better mother than I am - patient, understanding and even-tempered, etc...John isn't as well as he should be and we'll have the doctor look him over tomorrow. He seems the one to get upset most easily and has more difficulty recovering.."
(J to Mother)

October 27: We are having beautiful, open fall weather. The potatoe harvest is almost over. Crops are generally good but prices poor. We went down to October Conference. The Brunt family met at Rupert on October 4th and organized. Jane went down to Provo and visited. Then we went to Conference together the following week.

We found Maude and Kenneth well, along with a new home. Roy and Nellie are at Tocoee; Nellie is not feeling too well. (D Jrnl)



MOM AND DICK

NOVEMBER 1938

December : ".we're thrilled about the future brother-in-law and think Elaine's picture was beautiful..Dickie is getting to be a regular butterball. We hope to come for the big event..We may bring David and will bring Richard. ..we are wondering who is staying at Aunt Jennie's place...We may come on the train and let that be our Xmas present to each other...The kids are putting on an act Friday night and their mama just gave a whole evening's entertainment so we will be glad to have an excuse to say no to the various other requests for program numbers...Delbert looks fine again--Dr. says he has been overdoing and got sort of rundown.." (J to folks)



Alsina Elaine Holbrook (Jennie's sister) married in the Salt Lake Temple December 21, 1938 - to J. Arnold Haymore

December 25: Christmas almost too big but kiddies are to bed after dolls and toys cared for. Just returned from Elaine's wedding..Had a big time with the three boys on the bus. Daddy brought John who visited with the passengers. Here's a sample:

"Aren't you afraid Santa will miss you, leaving before Christmas?"-Fellow passenger.

John: "we figured that all out and we're coming back in two days for Christmas."

"You're a smart boy! What do you plan to be when you grow up?"

"A farmer." (pronounced farma) -John

"What will you raise?"

"All kinds of animals."-John

"All kinds?"

"Well, maybe not elephants or giraffes." John

"You ought to have giraffes - they'd help get the hay off the top of the stack."

"I could get up and shovel it off."-John

"What would you shovel hay with?"

"A shovel I guess." -John

"You have quite a lot to learn to be a farmer."

"Yes, I know; I have to go to college." John

"You have a pretty good vocabulary for a four-year old."

"I know it and I've got some popcorn too!" John

Free show for all.

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Julia and Mary and John put on a Santa Claus stunt for Primary. It was o.k. A copy of it is in our scrap book.

(for us only, the following: Julia said in Sunday School they sang "When Jesus died in Calico") -

Mary asked us if eight-year old children were baptized on Saturday and "repaired" on Sunday.

John said some soldiers thought they killed Jesus by hanging him on a cross between two thieves but "it didn't work."

Dick was almost as big a sensation as Elaine's wedding in Utah.

Daddy gave mamma a Christmas fit for a queen - it is all terribly satisfying.

We have put some of the toys away for next year.

Julia's kindergarten teacher had a program number in which Julia sang an Indian Lullaby five times. The teacher whispered to me afterwards that she chose this program because of Julia's ability -

The children are all simply fascinating and adorable - each in a unique and wonderful way.

Helen Holbrook in the Chinese play and the Sunday School Christmas program and the Messiah at B.Y.U. were all feasted upon at Provo.

(JJrnl)

We had a glorious Christmas - the children received double their order. Santa brought me a beautiful muskrat coat - after Christmas special at only \$69.50. We had saved \$40 for a coat - my first in five years. (J to folks)

December 28: I just discovered your birthday letter to Julia. She recognized two pictures similar to two we have - the Madonna and the one of Christ with the men in the temple... She and Mary had just been playing Santa Claus with John as leading man and the girls hung their stockings and he filled them with all the ornaments off the Christmas tree and then he hauled out all their toys and scattered them about and then woke them up.....Some folks might think we had indulged in too much confusion - the whole house has been turned over to the kids - one could hardly walk (I should say wade) thru.

Our missionary party last night at the ward was one of the best ever had here. Some of the stunts were so funny that the audience had to be right into a spirit of fun and stay that way all evening. When we left we had already received nearly \$60 in contributions.

1939

January 1: The fault cannot be blamed on time if we have not fulfilled a year's work for we have been dealt a full year and 1938 has been used up. A short vacation trip to California in February, the safe and happy arrival of Richard Holbrook Groberg June 22 (Richard sure is a first prize) -he is one-half year now and while he is ill with a cold right now, he has been the most healthy little guy possible and is really very good looking and you just want to eat him he is so adorable. Mary calls him "cutie" -

John and Boyd's trip to Jackson Hole, Mary's and Jule's thru Yellowstone - the organization of the Brunt family at Rupert, the celebration of Aunt Eliza's and Uncle Henry Catmull's golden wedding. Elaine's wedding and visits with families -

Jemie went to Provo and attended the 10th anniversary of her graduating class of which she was vice-president and valedictorian in June 1929-BYU. We made other trips to Utah and I made one two-day trip to Boise to a Real Estate Convention.

I stopped at Ogden on the 3rd of July and got father's diary and a picture which he had painted when a young man and brought them home. I have been trying to write a history of father's life and also help organize the Groberg family for next February 13, 1940 will be the 100th anniversary of Grandpa's birth.

(D Jnl)

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JAN 21 1939



Lower right, three granddaughters of the late Dr. George H. Brimhall, president of the University. Shown with his bust are Helen and Vera Holbrook and Elaine Holbrook Haymore of Provo.

January 15: I have about figured all the accounts and am wondering what has happened to the cash in this valley--everything just about stopped off during December and January. Bishop is still under the weather and I have had a little experience ending up a year for the ward too. I have been trying to get the plans lined up for business housing and home but am just part way along....The children are about 100% again and we may try to leave them for a few days but if money freezes up as completely the next few days as it has the past 15, we may have to stay home and like it.

(D to father)

March 1: I just took a couple of days off and went to Ogden...I had wanted to go thru some old papers at Ogden for some time and am sure glad I did. When I was just a little shaver I remembered Grandma Groberg had told me about a letter from President Joseph F. Smith written to them at the time of father's death. I had asked about this on several occasions but no one had seen it or heard of it. Monday, Charles, my cousin, and I got down into the bottom of the old granary and found a compartment of the old sea chest - and among several things as interesting, we found the letter. There were also the original deeds and patents for the old farm at Five Points where the Industrial School now stands and several letters and correspondence dating back to 1872 when Grandpa Groberg came to Ogden. I also found a folder of letters written at the period of settling father's estate, etc. I am not so concerned about the old home selling as I am that the buildings will burn.....

Jennie and children are well and the young Richard is about to take off on a walk. Mary is in an art play this week.

(D to father)

 : Mary Jane had some difficulty with her stomach on the bus but we managed fine. I feel so much better than I have for some time and am trying to really stay out of much of this public activity. The children may be terribly babied but they are certainly a very happy bunch and I think if we can only keep them well we'll probably learn gradually how to manage and train them better. How important it always is to teach them to really love the Lord and His great work here on earth.

Mary Jane was happy with her special letter with the Easter poem. She needed an Easter poem for school. She brought her report card home today and it was a perfect record. She never gets anything but 100but she takes it quite easy too. Julia takes things easy all right but I don't know much about her school work as they don't give reports in the first grade.

The children are playing outside a good deal now. They have a jumping rope and today we are getting their bicycle and skates fixed and David is to have a tricycle for his birthday so they will be quite equipped for outside fun. Mary Jane plays jacks as much as we let her. I suppose when she is the champion of the school she will give it up and start on something else.

(J to folks)

March 27: John has planted his farm (a few corn and beans out in the back yard)... David is so sunburned, his nose is peeling. Julia pulled a party for the neighborhood this afternoon. She just did it on her own....

(J to folks)

May 10: To Mother in deed, in whom there is no guile. "An expression of eternal youth." With best love and appreciation always and the little extra remembrance for Mother's Day 1939 -

Sincerely, The Grobergs

Do you think we will ever grow up?...We are all well and happy and looking forward to a visit to Idaho Falls from Father Holbrook. Some of us will be down to graduation.

Lovingly, the Idaho Falls Branch

May 15: We spent a pleasant Mother's Day. At Sacrament Meeting Jennie had to give a talk and I was supposed to have charge and we could not find anyone to stay with the children so we put first things first and she went and I stayed home with the family...

(D to father)

June 5: ...If this cold keeps up it may get the tomato plants. I had John help put in a dozen Saturday. He is sure a big guy...Hope you are enjoying everything and that little Dick is 100%. The little "Hug Kiss" sure is a pal. He came and crawled in bed with me and did not say a word. He just cuddled down and went to sleep. He is about ready to trade his nose in for one that won't blister...Mary Jane wants to take swimming this summer; she wanted me to ask you. It starts Wednesday.

(D to J-who is in Provo)

June : We took the children to the canyon yesterday and built a fire and had hot dogs and "angels on horseback" -(toasted marshmallows between graham crackers and milk chocolate). We camped by a stream filled with watercress - that was the best part of the menu - we wished all the little cousins had been with us.....John takes the part of the little tailor in the kindergarten play called "The Little Tailor" which marks the closing of the year's work.

(J to folks)

June : ...Just returned from Church. Delbert had another meeting. The children are all to bed, one or two snoring. It is 9 p.m. I am going to slip down and mail this and see if Delbert is ready to come yet. I played the organ tonight in a special service but I seldom touch it now that I am no longer the ward organist.

The Mutual job is occupying much time and taking plenty of work right now, near the opening of the winter's work. Of course we have attempted quite a complete summer program also.

The children have been asked to give a musical number next Sunday evening. They also gave one at Primary Wednesday. I really feel that they shouldn't do it but it is quite a problem when they are asked by the proper authority. I guess I wish they wouldn't be asked. They seem very interested in school. David is not in Kindergarten. The girls will take music for a while yet.

Thanks very much for the genealogy sheets. Some day I will try to help complete them. Right now my work must be quite limited to the MIA but I know the value of these sheets and might find time to do some research.

August 1939 -The children are all to bed except Richard who napped so late he isn't very sleepy....Dick doesn't try to walk at all and will soon be 14 months old but he must be the champion crawler -- and is he ever a beautiful darling - and oh so sharp!.....

August-September --..All five asleep after a very, very big day at the Brunt Family Reunion...Dickie had a few days of quite severe sickness but is entirely normal now and is actually walking. He is so conscious of it and toddles so awkwardly and grins so adorably that we can hardly resist picking him up each time and giving him some hug-kisses --He is so wonderful and so darling....

....All the children are asleep except Dick who usually goes to bed about the time I do.....Bishop took Delbert and Dickie and I for a ride in his new Chrysler

Roi and Nellie and children have spent the week-end here but left for home this morning. Nellie expects a new arrival in February.

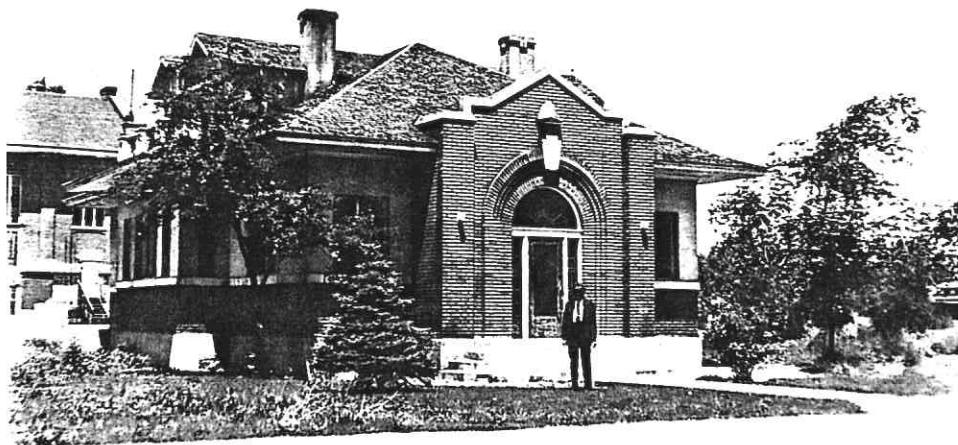
Alma and Angie and Dick called to see us Thursday evening and we thoroughly enjoyed a good visit with them. We do enjoy hearing from you always.

(J to folks)

August 5: I was asked to officiate in the baptism of the children and 16 were ready and I was thrilled to be the one to perform the ordinance. Most important to us was that Mary Jane was among the group. She had looked forward to this (of course we had really visited with her about it) and I was glad to take her into the water (in the font at the stake offices on Park Avenue, and baptize her.

(D Jrnl)

Old stake office
building where
Mary Jane was
baptized by her
father. Pres.
Heber C. Austin
in front.



August 6: At Fast Meeting at the Idaho Falls 3rd Ward Bishop Larch asked me to be mouth in confirming Mary Jane. The prayer was about as follows:

"Mary Jane Groberg, in the authority of the Holy Priesthood we place our hands upon your head and confirm you a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and say unto you-Receive ye the Holy Ghost--which will be a guiding light to your path in life and will bring to your remembrance in times of need the principles of truth and pure understanding so you can choose the right when problems arise. If you will be humble and prayerful the Heavenly Father will bless you and you will grow in understanding and ability to do good and live a happy, useful life. We bless you with health and a strength in body and in mind, and in spirit, and say - take your place proudly among the Latter-day Saints; honor your membership in the Church- be valiant and faithful; love the Lord with all your heart and regardless of what your temptations may be, you will have the power to overcome them. Remember this always; You will never be required to do anything as a member of the Church that you will not be blessed with the ability to do - We bless you to this end, in the name of Jesus, Amen."

Bishop Larch, Brother Arthur Thomson, whose little girl, Delene, was to be confirmed, and Albert Kelley, whose son Roy John was also to be confirmed, joined in this.

In the Testimony Meeting just following the blessing of the baby and the confirmations, I spoke about as follows:

"As the important events in our lives transpire I am sure we are expected to give them thoughtful consideration. If they pass without review, we may not realize their full import.

The confirmations of this service has erected a new milestone in my life. I have looked forward to it. Eight years ago now, in a meeting such as this, I was privileged, with the Bishopric of the Idaho Falls First Ward, of which I was then a member, to take our first child in my arms and give her a name and a blessing. We gave her the name of Mary - the greatest name among women- the name of the mother of Jesus, and Jane, after her own dear mother. She was as pure as a beautiful white lily (and almost as light) Mary did look radiant and her hair almost as white as snow) -

The event which I review today is part of the fulfillment of the blessing I gave at that time, that she would grow in body and mind and receive the helpful association of the organizations and members of the Church and the teachings of her parents so that, at the age of 8 years, she could be baptized into the Church and confirmed as a member. It has happened so naturally that it may hardly seem remarkable - I pray the rest of the events in her unfolding life may come about as naturally.

We appreciate the members of the Church and the assistance they have given and we expect to do our part in humility and thanksgiving and pray that we may always have the desire to assist the work of the Lord."

(D Jrnl)

After three or four others had born their testimonies, Mary Jane, (hardly large enough to be seen but with a clear voice and, as was said afterwards by some - right straight from the heart) stood up and said: "I am thankful for my lovely home, for my mother and father and for my brothers and sister and that I am now a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I ask it in the name of Jesus, Amen."

We were certainly thrilled and were happy with Mary. She is so natural in her devotion to the Church. Julia and John were at the meeting. They were proud of Mary. Mary is a big girl and a good example to them. Jennie also bore a beautiful testimony. She played the organ at all the meetings today. Jennie has been the real teacher to Mary and is happy to see her develop and she takes it as a challenge to her to be deserving of the great blessings of the children.

(D Jrnl)

August 6:A young couple is coming over to be married...We feel sorry for folks who do not get married in the temple - and hope we can help them understand how important and great temple marriage is.

The children are all to bed except Richard who napped so late he isn't very sleepy. We think they are all really classy.

Dick doesn't try to walk at all and will soon be 14 months old but he must be the champion crawler -and is he a beautiful darling and so sharp...

(Us to folks)

August-September: All five asleep after a very, very big day at Brunt family reunion--Delbert is still over there. ...Dickie had a few days of quite severe sickness but is entirely normal now and is actually walking. He is so conscious of it and toddles so awkwardly and grins so cute that we can hardly resist picking him up each time and giving him some hug-kisses--He is so wonderful and adorable....Mary and Julia started dancing today--they will probably take tap dancing and ballet--It is just darling the way Mary Jane takes care of Julia and her school affairs and to see how happy she is to have Julia go to school with her...John goes to kindergarten and loves it. David is my real pal during the morning and he is getting to be about the biggest little man you could imagine. He shows signs of being really a whizz in intelligence--but enough of bragging about our kids....Most of our spare time we take care of various church affairs and we really love it. We feel we are truly giving some fine service too. Will tell you all about everything at October Conference time--we're planning on coming."(J to folks)

_____ : "We want to follow mother's example of Sunday letter writing.. Julia and John each had their first tooth filled last week and both that it was quite a lark --the dentist gave each some toothpaste and they have followed his instructions dutifully except they aren't quite converted to his idea of NO candy - ...All the children are asleep except Dick who usually goes to bed about the time I do.

Delbert is to a meeting...The bishop has been down again for a couple of weeks - - I'm afraid we almost need a reorganization....it would be wise for Delbert to have a thorough examination but it seems unimportant now he is again in such good health....

(Us to folks)

_____ : Bishop Larch took Delbert and Dickie and I for a ride in his new Chrysler--At home we found two little boys awake and Mary reading to them altho it is nearly 9 p.m....Can you tell each of us in this picture? We laugh when people say the only one they know for sure is Mary Jane and then point to Delbert's picture as a child.... (see page 129)

(J to folks)

_____ : John and David had their first haircuts for about two months. David screamed until the barber felt he had certainly earned his money. He looks so grown-up and different but still such a darling

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November 8: ...Jennie is feeling fine but the Dr. has decided to keep her up to the hospital a few days longer...He said it was a blessing to have the mishap this early - his theory is that the life just became sick and died before the hemorrhaging started..everyone has been very considerate.....Check for \$25 for November is enclosed...

(D to father)

November...: I am just fine...Eight days in the hospital - Dr. H. Ray Hatch gave me a "spinal" and then a D & C - (probably didn't need it-seemed everything had come)... When this was done he put me on a liquid diet and then forgot to change it -but I survived --even though I was plenty weak --Hospital about \$50 and we haven't the Dr. bill yet. Delbert has been perfect and plenty busy as the bishop is still in bed.I was about six weeks along)

(J to folks)

November 11: A week ago Jennie caught the Lincoln bus thru no fault of hers and when error was discovered she walked from 1st St. and Holmes avenue clear home and carried Dickie. That night she became very ill and sick at her stomach. Next morning she began to hemorrhage heavily --It has been an ordeal for Jennie but she has been very brave and a good loser altho she said she just could hardly wait to have a little bit of a baby ---Our five children at home have been so anxious about mama. Little Richard (Dickie) is 17 months old. He is so sweet and big. He is really trying to talk and how that delights the children. Had some help at home.

The Armistice becomes of age. With the war again thundering in Europe the day is probably not much of a holiday for the original purpose. Dr. Hatch told Jennie that he got the word 21 years ago while in Florida and was thrilled to get to come home to his wife and four boys.

(D Jrnl)

December...: Today we went out to Lee's - had fresh bread and jam and that it a real treat..

Friday John's kindergarten group had its monthly program and he was quite the farmer. When we left, the teacher followed me out and whispered to me, "Mrs. Groberg, I simply adore that child of yours." Of course we all do. He has changed from being overly mischievous to being quite a little man. David is the one who demands attention now. The different stages are very interesting. The children have a list of jobs worth 5¢ each if accomplished without being told and well done and then they go to town on payday and buy a good Christmas present. Mary and Julia pooled theirs and saved and spent nearly \$1.50 last weekend bought a sort of rocking horse and cowboy outfit which we have hid until Christmas for them.. This plan is helping Santa too and much, much better than paying out \$5 a week for work not done...The kids had a big time of undisciplined freedom while Mom was down --4 cases of canned goods scattered all over the back yard and basement, etc. but all is in order now.....

The children have done most of the work the past two days and are really acting their Christmas-time best...

(J to mother)

John's kindergarten teacher (Mrs. Dr. Miller) asked if she could borrow him to have as their "child" at a Rotary Club children's party and we gave permission. He insisted he take a nap prior to going. When we woke him to get all dressed up, he was really confused for a bit--it seemed to him it was the next day -- but we lovingly helped him get straightened out. As we waved goodbye to him when the Millers took him--we could understand why they would want John for the evening --and wished they might have a little son of their own--How blessed we are!

December 19: Mary Jane has the measles...Julia Gay decided not to sleep with Mary and so went to bed in the nursery with the boys. Daddy was up reading and thought everyone sound asleep. In the living room came Julie, tip-toeing and said to Daddy, "You had better go in and see if Mary is covered up; sometimes she only has one sheet on her. I didn't want to call n'else the boys might wake up." I went in to see Mary and found her nearly uncovered. I covered her and told Julia thanks for coming in and telling me. She said: "I could have called and told you but I didn't n'else the boys might wake up." She said she thot she was getting the old "neasles" too, as she went back to bed.

December 19, 1939:

This morning I had a thrill that comes once in a lifetime (or only a very few times anyway)-I attended the services for the breaking of the ground in the construction of the temple at Idaho Falls. During the past three or four years it has been my privilege, as a Realtor, to assist in buying nearly all the lots in the temple site. I got the inspiration of the temple coming a little before the Brethren made any definite statement on the matter. Uncle Joe told me that Brother Austin that some-day a temple would be built adjoining the hospital. I bought three or four lots from the county and worked up an entire map of the plot along the river and when Pres. Grant told of the tentative decision to build a temple at Idaho Falls, I was given the job, along with John Homer, of buying the lots. Sometime I must write the history of each case. From the rather intimate relationship with the grounds and my personal interest in the Church progress, I thrilled to see upwards of 1000 gather and sing and hold services as the machinery set in operation to excavate the site. I took a few pictures and listened to Pres. Austin tell of his conversation with Pres. Grant and others of the Brethren 20 years ago, when the hospital was being built, about a temple here. They used a large set of boilers with plenty of capacity to heat another unit as large as the temple.

The grounds are very rough now but will be the most beautiful spot in the valley when improved and landscaped. (DVG Jrnl)

 : ...Julia began to break out this p.m. and feels somewhat better. Mary feels much better --the little boys show no symptoms yet - thanks for letting me do my Christmas shopping while you were here.

(J to mother)

Christmas: Julia and Mary were able to be up a little for Christmas-especially after Julia's plea: "Can't we even get up long enough to sing and dance "Ring-around-rosy"? -- John and David and Richard are not broken out yet so we were all on deck Christmas morning....

John came into Daddy at 5 a.m. and said "I've been awake all night and Santa hasn't come yet." Daddy said, "Oh, I think he has been here." John said, "Well, I haven't heard any bells."

After Christmas: Mamma wanted David to get in bed with John while both were down with the measles. David said: "I don't want to get in with John 'cause John is worse." John replied: "You can't anyways, 'cause I can't stand to look at your face."

(Jrnl)



Picture of Delbert as a very young child

1940's

Pre-

View

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January 1: Great-grandfather Lafayette Holbrook dies.

January 4: Julia baptized by her father.

January 5: Julia confirmed by her father. Julia bears testimony

January 23: Delbert is installed as president of the Idaho Falls Realtors. Also chairman Fort Lemhi Dedication project.

Vera and Maurice visit us.

February 13: Delbert assists in forming Groberg Family Organization (as he had previously done getting the Brunt Family organized)

June 5: Vera and Maurice Heninger married in Salt Lake Temple.

June 18: John has tonsils out at Dr. Hatch's insistence.

June: David falls out of car as we travel 50 mph near Logan. He is o.k.

September 20: We join 1000 others at temple site for Sunrise Service.

October 19: We are involved in the laying of the temple cornerstone by President McKay.

December 3: Delbert Holbrook Groberg is born.

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January 26: Jennie is organist at Stake Conference; gives solo.

April 4: Jennie and Delbert hurry back from Utah (General Conference) because Mary Jane has surgery for ruptured appendix.

July: Jennie involved as Stake MIA Activity Counselor.

July 14: Delbert takes Mary Jane, Julia, John and David to Ogden to Groberg Family Reunion.

August 20: Delbert and Jennie host Kniskerns (National Realtors president) to Jackson.

Jennie knits (learning how to) John a dark blue sweater, cap and mittens.

December 7: We visit Uncle Will and Aunt Vi Steele and learn Pearl Harbor has been attacked; their two boys, Fred and Kay, are o.k.

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January 26: Julie and Mary Jane bear testimonies at Church.

February 9: We buy our 12th St. home.

March: Jennie in charge of stake drama - great success.

June: Jennie has sewing club at our home. Then she and Delbert attend formal dance in evening; we go out once a week.

November 11: We observe the 24th Anniversary of Armistice Day with World War II in full fury.

November 30: Joseph Holbrook Groberg is born

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January 4: Delbert names and blesses Joseph.

January 14: Delbert installed as president Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce.

January 23: Floods here; Julia goes in a boat up 10th St.

March: New carpeting in front room, sun room and hall.

May: Jennie asks her mother to get Grandma Holbrook's life story. Her mother suggests Jennie writes her and she does.

October 24: Delbert is sustained as Bishop of Third Ward. Ordained by Elder LeGrand Richards; Jennie, Mary Jane, Julia, John and David also present.

November: Jennie's brother Raymond visits us.

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January: Mary Jane plays flute in high school band; Julia starts on violin; John studying piano.

January 18: Uncle Will and Aunt Jennie Knight installed as counselor and assistant matron in Salt Lake Temple.

January 23: Jennie is reader at Stake Conference Relief Society program

March 25: David baptized by Dad.

March 26: David confirmed by Dad.

March 27: Aunt Vi Steele dies;

April: Delbert's Catmull cousins give program in our ward; come to our home after, with Brunt cousins; we talk genealogy

June 5: Jennie gives talk on "Idaho" to Women's delegation from eleven Western states.

July 1: We learn of death of wife of Charles Groberg and that his two children are injured.

August: Jennie is involved in 3d Ward Annual Rose Service. She takes a hot lunch to Mary Jane at school each day - as Mary has only 10 minutes to eat.

October 20: Delbert hosts John W. Galbreath (president National Association of Real Estate Boards) to Jackson, etc. for two days.

December 28: Elizabeth Groberg is born.

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January 6: Jennie and baby Beth come home but Jennie has a relapse. Mother Holbrook has been with Elaine who gave birth to Gloria Haymore at same time. Jennie soon o.k.

February: Grandma hurts her arm in the electric wringer.

March 6: Delbert defeated as mayor of Idaho Falls.

April 30: Mary Jane goes to her first formal.

May 20: Jennie gives a tribute to President Grant at Church.

July 12: Delbert goes to Appraisal school at Illinois.

September: Delbert is guide for Open House at temple.

September 23-25: Idaho Falls Temple is dedicated. Aunt Jennie and Uncle Will Knight and Brother and Sister Burton (counselors and assistant matrons in Salt Lake Temple) stayed with us.

September: John broke his arm $3\frac{1}{2}$ " below shoulder. It seems he and other boys were practicing ju jitsu when he fell backwards. We took him at once to the doctor as it was so unlike him to cry and insist on severe pain. X-Ray revealed nothing (according to the Dr.) so we tried to kid him out of it for a few days. Then we took him back to the doctor and asked for another X-Ray which showed a definite fracture, sort of V-shaped. He will take his arm out of the sling in 2 or 3 more weeks.

December 19: Mary Jane is only flutist for the Messiah. She on her flute, Julia on her violin and John on his trumpet - give solos at various programs.

We went thru the Temple but family names not yet here.

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January 12: Uncle Tom McKay's daughter, Fawn McKay Brodie, has published a book called "No Man Knows My History" -anti-Mormon - It is causing much disturbance. We do not read it.

March: Beth and Dee have measles.

April: John breaks his toe.

May 2: Julia on her violin places first in District Music contest. Mary Jane "steals the show" at Seminary play.

June 3: Holbrook Reunion at Fairmont Park in Salt Lake. We go.

June 5: Principal of East Side School reports John has been kicked in the head and unconscious. Our concerns and prayers. He is o.k.

June 17: Rachel, Jennie's sister, dies on John's 12th birthday.

June 30: At Stake Conference evening session Jennie delivers the main address on Pioneers. Mary Jane on her flute and Julia on her violin, both in costume, assist. Our stake is divided and our new president is Cecil E. Hart.

August: Delbert is speaker at St. Anthony for their annual Chamber of Commerce banquet and meeting. Jennie accompanies him.

September 19: Again we finish up our canning for this year.

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January: John is head carrier for Deseret News here. All our boys have been carriers for Post Register.

Jennie and Delbert get the Holbrook Family Booklet, dedicated to Rachel, published.

February 5: Mary Jane, Julia, John, David, Richard, and five friends do baptisms for 156 Groberg names. Delbert did the confirming.

February 6: Lewis Holbrook Groberg is born.

February 8: Jennie's Uncle Wells Brimhall dies.

February 17: Jennie's grandmother, Emily Angelena Hinckley Holbrook, dies.

February 23: Lewis is named and blessed by his father.

April: John receives his Eagle Scout award - youngest in history of Teton Peaks Council.

Joseph is "miraculously" saved in a garage fire, etc.

May: Delbert is released as bishop. Leaves for Detroit to attend an Appraisal course.

June: Uncle Alma O. Taylor dies suddenly in Ashton.

John purchases two rabbits and makes a pen for them.

Julia and Mary Jane at BYU; Mary only one chosen to play flute in college band; wins 2nd place in contest.

August 13: Delbert, Jennie, David, Dick, Dee, Lew and Ruth Anderson, Jennie's niece, go to Canada.

October: Delbert takes Mary Jane, Julia, and John. Mother writes Jennie about helping Raymond on project of recording Grandpa Brimhall's works.

December: Jennie receives a four-drawer, legal size, steel file for Christmas- Now she can do better organizing.

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January 12: Uncle Joseph A. Brant dies. Delbert speaks at his services.

March: Family gives program for 2nd Ward Sacrament Meeting.

March 8: Over 100 youth from Canada, on their way home from a visit to BYU, stranded here because of storms. We serve them hot soup and, with others helping, find welcome homes for all to spend the night. Jennie is current BYU Alumni president in this area.

April: We sponsor BYU band here - great - house them too. (Alumni)

June 8: Delbert as president Idaho Real Estate Association, greets U.S. President Truman.

July 24: Delbert speaker at tabernacle in Idaho Falls.

August: Delbert takes Mary Jane, Julia, John, David and cousin Boyd - on American and Church history tour back east.

December 10: As president Idaho State Realtors- Delbert sends gifts of potatoes to prominent leaders in about 20 states.

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February: School is dismissed because we are snowed in.

Jennie gives talk on school building needs here. She is vice-president of PTA in this district. Mary Jane plays her flute at Idaho Falls Music Club and Julia has the lead in the school play. John and David play a trumpet-clarinet duet at the big Boy Scout banquet.

April: More measles. Dee and David get Star Boy Scout awards.

May: John's marching band (he is drum major) and his french horn solo - win first place.

May: Jennie is made literature leader on Relief Society Board of stake.

Delbert and Jennie in Boise for Thursday-Saturday to State Realtors Convention. Delbert does great job as president.

Mary Jane plays "Hills of Home" at high school Baccalaureate.

Mary Jane, Julia, John, David and friends did baptisms at temple for 206 - 63 were names provided by Delbert's Aunt Mattie Groberg.

July: Glenn and Caroline Miner and family visit us. Julia spends a week at Brighton with junior girls.

November 18: Delbert goes to Chicago for Appraisal course.

December: Beth is invited to sing solos at three different places.

Julia reads two scenes from Shakespeare at Relief Society. She and Mary perform at various places. Julia selects a doll for Beth's Christmas.

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January 1: Richard is having the old "neases" worst of all and is at his peak today. The other four children have had them quite hard too but are over the real sick stages. The holiday season has been influenced by the quarantine. On Julia's birthday (December 28) John and Dave were too sick to be up. Julia said: "Can't John and David just get up long enough to dance in a circle?" She didn't think it much fun to have a birthday this way, without them. (D Jrnl)

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Sunday

Dear Mary:

Congratulations on the new daughter - that is a perfect family, isn't it? We know the children and daddy are thrilled also. We will be so glad to see her. How about a name? Mary Jane says if we ever have a baby girl she hopes we name her Carol which is her favorite name. We do hope you are getting along O.K. and that the birth was not too hard. It is such a grand thing to have over.

We have had a very difficult time with the measles - try to skip them if you can. Some of the kiddies still have slight coughs and Mary Jane doesn't rally as quickly as we think she should but all in all it is an experience of the past - one we are glad to put in the past. Assure mother that we are all entirely o.k. - except Mary is in bed again today but is able to take some broth tonight and will soon be better. We are so glad mother is able to be with you.

Heaps of love from us all,

Jennie

(Mary Jean Maxwell was born January 4, 1940)

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Provo Feb. 28 - 1940.

Dearest Daughter Jennie:
You inspired me to attempt a
sketch of my mother's life. I
resolved to do so for your
32nd Anniversary. I am sure
some day I will write a better
one as I will now begin
"gathering" for it with more zeal.

How we did enjoy your visit.
So to all your family we
say "thank-you" for sparing you.

May this be your very best-
birth-day because of greater
peace and greater faith and
more vigor than you have known
in a previous - Mother-

January 30: Thursday night my partner and I sang one of our opera duets at the Lions Club Banquet. Can you imagine me doing that?.....It is below zero weather here.....

(J to folks)

February 25: On February 13th this year I assisted in forming a Groberg Family Organization. Going to Salt Lake, I visited with Roi and Maude and found them very willing and interested. Then at Ogden I met with Uncle Charlie's family and Aunt Ellen's and we had a fine evening planning the organization and discussing the work to be done.

A year ago I visited at Ogden a while and started writing a history of my father's life. In looking over the vital statistics I noticed grandfather was born February 13, 1840 and figured it would be a good time to get started in some organized way to doing the family genealogical work.

I had some very interesting experiences at the library and in the Church Historian's office and an interesting visit with Brother Joseph Christensen at the Temple about Grandpa Groberg's work.

Last Thursday Jennie took Mary Jane to Provo for a vacation and visit. I have been getting acquainted with Julia and the boys at home. Tonight Julia said she was so sorry for me because I was a poor little orphan when I was a little boy. I told her I wanted to be a real good daddy. She said I could be a better one if I would help mamma more with the work. I told Julia my mother was just like her mother. Julia said, "Did she scold some of the time?" Julia has a very serious side and is very impressionable right now.

(D Jrnl)

 : All the children, except the baby, went to a group of Disney shorts and Snow White. A show is a really rare occurrence in our family.....We have had some cabinet work built in.....Richard is really trying to talk and how it delights the children.....We're working on Sunday p.m. projects - between meetings --It should be such a happy time and a great time to really have them learn about the gospel in all its wonderful aspects. We need several really well-prepared projects to meet the needs of the energetic group such as ours.

They are working on a scrapbook all about temples but their interest is exhausted after about an hour and we need many more appropriate projects.

(J Jrnl)

I've been thinking: Time is so limited when our precious children are close enough for us to teach and love them into joyfully living the gospel so they will always want to -

Also - ~~Would~~ we be happy to welcome the Lord into our home at any time?

Also - Do we think of real problems as a chance to prove ourselves - sense that we are being tested (we were sent to earth to receive a body and to be tested to see if we would do all our Heavenly parents asked us to do) - or do we think of real problems in a "Why do they do this to me?" way - "Why doesn't someone else change so this wouldn't happen to me?"

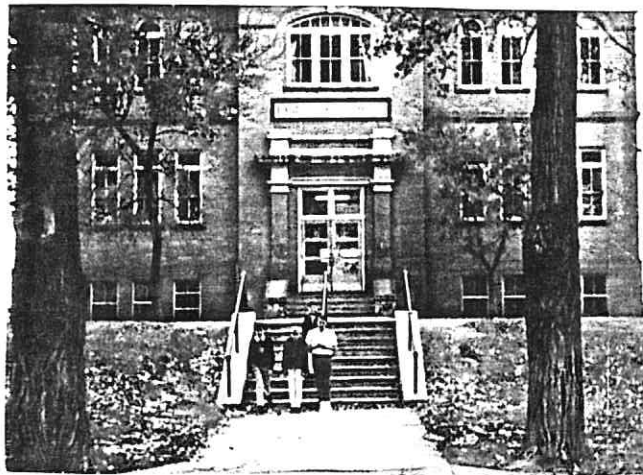
We must first of all be examples of true L.D.S. for our children and then constantly and with inspiration and approval of the Lord - Motivate, teach and love them ---

(J Jrnl)

April 21: Today at Stake Conference President Leonard G. Ball was released as Stake President and his first counselor, John M. Homer, was made the new Stake President. Bishop Schweider is his first counselor and Cecil E. Hart his second counselor. Apostle Joseph Fielding Smith and President S.O. Bennion represented the General Authorities.

I was very interested in the meetings and in the way the business was handled. It will be my plan to support the new presidency in every way and assist them every way I can.

Jennie and I have a big job with our family and our home and children are the main responsibilities for us. I must do more planning for the children and learn to better handle my part in the home. I am so grateful that I have a good business and work to keep me busy but I must not let it rob me of my opportunity to have a happy, healthy family life. I am sure the work of the Church will not detract from the home life too much. (D Jrnl)



Old Eastside School on 14th St. between Higbee and Emerson in Idaho Falls where several of our children went to Elementary school.

Sunday p.m.

1940

Dear Father:

Just a note to tell you thank you for the wonderful treatment I enjoyed while with you. I have never been treated so royally before, both in being taxied around and in having my meals prepared, etc. I fully intended to take an hour or so and tidy the house for you but I just didn't do it.

I fully agree with Sister Hamilton (Esther's mother) who told me when she and I went to the Singing Mothers Concert - that "there just simply are no better men than your father" -

Tonight I gave a short talk which everyone seemed to enjoy immensely. I used Maydene Brown Bodell's story (Ray Brown's sister) in the March Era as an illustration -- the story I told you about. Myrtle Armstrong told me on the way home that she talked to Harold Glenn Clark and he told her I gave the best talk at the B.Y.U. meeting - barring no one, not even the "big bugs" so you can feel quite proud of your daughter altho it wasn't so good as all that - Here come the folks - and about the first thing they said was what good meals grandpa fixed and how good he treated them. Well, you must believe that we do greatly appreciate it and hold you in deep esteem and affection.

There is much work to be done tomorrow -washing - cleaning, etc. I do hope my lady comes who has promised to come and help but often is unable to get here because of her own work -

Love and gratitude,

134 Jennie



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Daddy

One for your Loyalty
one for your unselfishness
one for your Beauty & Charm
one for your companionship
one for your Devotion to duty
one for ^{your} Talent & willingness to work,
Two for ^{your} kindness & Love & understanding
Two for your family at home
and Two for your new town - but
really, of course all for
just you, Jennie
my dearest,
from all our tribe - at
255 - 12th St.

Dear Grandma,

How are you? We are
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Boys to Clarkston

It's my beb time
With Love Fr

Julia

June 18: John is fine after having his tonsils out this a.m. He is a real scout. The Dr. insisted. He had a birthday party yesterday and a very happy time. So, when the medical bills are paid, we will all feel tip-top. Please keep Mary's poems for us. (J to folks)

June 22: It is Dickie's birthday - he sure thinks he is a big boy now that he is two; he is so adorable..... (D Jrnl)

June: (David fell out of the car. He was sitting in the back seat and we were probably enroute to Salt Lake or Provo. Delbert and I were in the front seat. We were going about 50 miles per hour when suddenly the back door opened --by David and he was sucked out and spinning on the highway --we stopped as quickly as we could--our hearts pounding with alarm--cars coming did stop --we took him and rushed to Logan - several miles further on --and at the hospital the doctor took a good look and said he was o.k. --it seemed to us a miracle. Again we realized how precious he was - and all the children --and how grateful we were he was o.k. --that the other cars stopped, etc.)

July 18-19: Roi and family and John and David and Daddy went to the Park. We stayed at a cabin in West Yellowstone Friday nite and went thru the Park and Out Jackson Saturday. We saw a big mother bear and three little cubs - one climbed a tree for us....

July 20:-(Sunday - Today I was sustained at the Stake Priesthood meeting as a member of the stake building committee for the 5th Ward-Stake tabernacle combination.

(DVG Jrnl)

August 5: I was called to sit with the High Council on a Church court where a brother was being tried for his standing in the Church. The session lasted five hours.

September 10: John started school last week. Today he was evidently nearly late and tonight I heard him say in his prayers: "Help me to wake up in the morning happy and early" He is thrilled with school and Mary takes a real delight in John and tries to help him get ready and all dolled up. Julia kind of goes off with other children.

Dave says: "I am the biggest one home now and Dickie is next." David is fast becoming a helpful little boy. He has been quite a wirey youngster and very quick to fight back and even pick trouble. Little Dickie is an ardent tricycler. He sure likes to ride up and down the sidewalk and he can handle the trike fine.

The temple is under construction. A week ago Saturday I took John down into the excavation and took some pictures and gave John a general education in the rudiments of temple construction. He was a very apt student too. Next Saturday I will try to take one of the other children too.

September 10:....Little Dickie is an ardent tricycler. He sure likes to ride up and down the sidewalk and he can handle the trike fine....

September 13: John and David made the headlines in the paper (Idaho Commoner) - a picture of the temple with them playing in front was printed on the front page. They are quite thrilled --Looks like I'm going into the apartment house business...

(DVG to father H)

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Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

I have been out on the job (%) again. It just appealed to me some of the folks would like to know just what the Temple looked like today, so I had daddy take a few pictures of it to be sent out for Idaho Falls Temple day. By sending them special delivery we figure we can have them arrive O.K. last week we made a special trip ~~to~~ town Friday night to make some pictures ^{to give} to you so you would be sure and get them for Sunday and they must not have reached you until Monday.

We are sending some to Elaine and Arnold Airmail Special today of the temple today and they should be able to show them in Church the first thing in the morning- that is 1940 isnt it ? Daddy is also sending some to the missionaries in Calif and Kansas City who are out from our Ward, also his cousin, Veda Steele, who is in Calif on her Mission.

We are all well, I like school very much but some mornings I think it must start kind of early.

Love to all

John

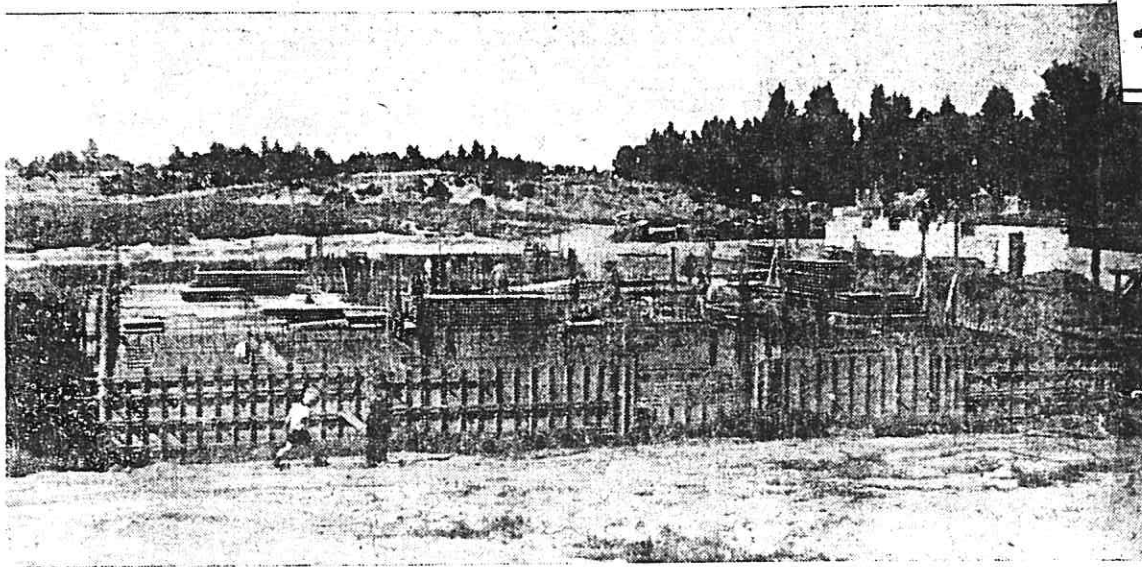
Daddy/ secr.

Jennie and children on temple grounds (below)



David & John

IDAHO FALLS L. D. S. TEMPLE ^{*in front*} ON "TEMPLE SUNDAY"



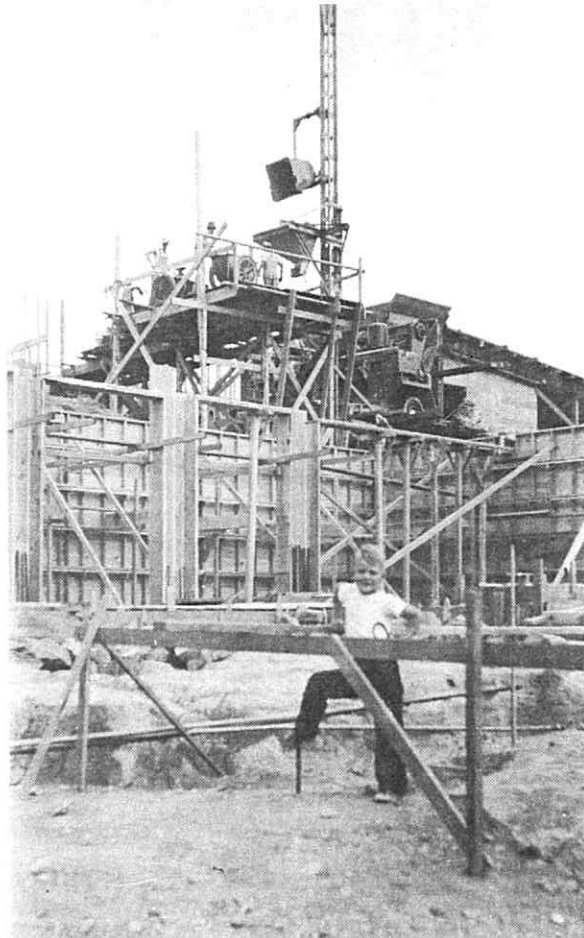
This is the way the \$548,000 L. D. S. temple, now under construction in northwest Idaho Falls, looked last Sunday on "Temple Day." International observance of "Temple Day" was recognized by the two Idaho Falls stakes with a special sunrise service held early Sunday morning on the temple site.

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One Thousand People Gather For Outdoor Sunrise Service Here

One thousand L. D. S. members of the Idaho Falls and North Idaho Falls stakes gathered at the temple site early Sunday morning for a special sunrise service in observance of the churchwide "Temple Day."

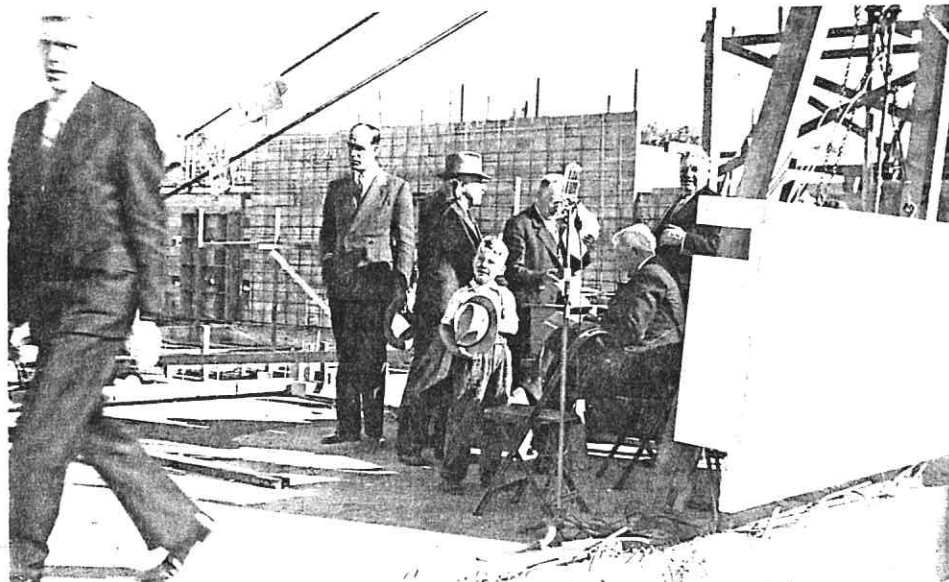
John on temple grounds



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October 19: Today the First Presidency of the Church conducted the services of laying the cornerstone on the Idaho Falls Temple. Pres. J. Reuben Clark, Jr. was the speaker and Pres. David O. McKay set the stone and gave the prayer. I had Miss Petersen, my office girl, take the whole program down in shorthand. I took a few pictures too and was glad Mary, Julia and John could be right on hand. They saw the laying of the cornerstone and sealing the box in the wall. Jennie and David and Dickie were present too... John and I are keeping a scrap-book on the temple and have some good pictures of the steps.

(D. Jrnl)



LAYING TEMPLE CORNERSTONE - Idaho Falls Oct 19-1940

John holding Pres. McKay's hat

November 3: Stake Quarterly Conference--Bishop LeGrand Richards represented the General Authorities at the conference. I attended a welfare meeting last night, an 8:45 a.m. meeting, the 10:15 a.m. meeting, a 1:15 p.m. meeting and the regular afternoon session.

This evening Jennie is attending the MIA pageant and I am taking my turn home. I have enjoyed the evening with the children. I told John and David about Joseph Smith and the visit of the Angel Moroni to him in his room and in the field, etc. John said: "Even if you were in a brick or cement house an angel could come right in, couldn't it?" David said: "Angels are good, aren't they?"...

November 3, 1940 -

Dear John - Our Grandson -

That title is important to us. I have been re-looking at your picture taken at the laying of the cornerstone of the newest temple. I also followed your explanation of who is who in the picture and I couldn't help but be projected to the future and see you a grown man of importance just like these of the company you were found in on that day. That is one of your best photos don't your parents think?

The picture of the grounds with the temple shown in the making - showing the treasure box - is historical with Pres. Austin standing there. It is all written in a boy's memory - the best place to keep things worth remembering. My you are a fine chap to be found in worthy places.

Among the crowd who witnessed the laying of the cornerstone were three witnesses from one family - two sisters and a brother - close by where it was laid. You can each make clear your version and thus again in the mouths of three witnesses an important event for an important family is established.

According to David's announcement of 18 October, 1940 - things were ready for the laying of the cornerstone on the 19th of October, 1940. He sent a picture of the hospital where he was born and who could forget that? Mama couldn't! And how is mama now?

John, you will soon learn to write and Mary Jane will have a helper. Of course Julia will write too.

Now I see Richard getting his picture taken and wondering if he wants it. We are glad daddy took it and so will Richard be some day. He is surely getting to be a big man.....

Probably you have read the news of Aunt Rachel's pageant, "Liberty Speaks" - We can say it is possessed of a moving power which says "No third term" and a lot of other stirring declamations. Maurice and Vera are here by the fireplace.

Trusting you are daddy's first aid and mama's helper with Richard -

(Mother H to John)

(see pictures on pages 138-140)



Richard H. G.
"over-seeing"
the levelling of
the corner-
stone.

President McKay places cornerstone in place. Reprinted, by permission, from the Deseret News, 26 October, 1940, Church Department, p. 4. © Deseret News, 1940.

TAKEN FROM THE BOOK BY DELBERT V. GROBERG: "THE IDAHO
FALLS TEMPLE - The First Temple in Idaho."

Last week at Bishops meeting, Bishop Larch divided the responsibilities of the Bishopric again. I am given the Aaronic Priesthood and Sacrament Meeting and M.I.A. The conference today has brought to me two very definite problems: 1. each of our Aaronic Priesthood Quorums could win a Standard Quorum Award and I must see that everything I can do is done to carry this out right this next two months, 2. our attendance at Sacrament Meeting must be doubled in the next year; we are way below the Church average.

Bishop Richards so thrilled me with the work of building up the Kingdom that I would like to put more effort into it. Presidents Homer and Hart seemed to think Brother Richards was checking up on them but to me it seemed it was the bishoprics of wards that should take his instruction and go to work. I want to take constant part with the children and Jennie to have an understanding, particularly with the boys, so they will know how important they are and how important it is that they attend to the duties in the Church as they grow into age for activity.

Bishop Richards gave a suggestion about having families take part in Sacrament Meetings and having whole families attend. We could have three of the children go and so could many other families have more attend. I have thought of a plan to have some episodes in Church or important history, dramatized in our Sacrament Meetings. We could use quite a number in these scenes and they would be interesting. I'll get Jennie to help and we will do some work on this.

(D Jrnl)

November 24: Our "whole family" at Sacrament Meeting and the general preparation of our programs has been fruitful and attendance the last three weeks has shown a marked increase....Tonight we had a real honor night for President Grant. Our Aaronic Priesthood, 30 voices, sang "God Bless our Prophet Dear", etc. and our choir and chorus and congregation joined in a spirited "We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet". I am sure Pres. Grant is a prophet and that all who study his life and his teachings with honest purpose will thrill with his greatness and inspired leadership. History will write the name of Heber J. Grant high among the prophets... I am just sure he would like to dedicate our temple and we would all love to have him. They have had to stop most of the work on the temple for the winter and it may delay completion.

(D Jrnl)

Autumn: Our pageant was a big success - about 3000 attendance each night. Richard says a few words - is he ever adorable!

(J to folks)

November : Mary Jane made something for Grandma and will send it for her birthday. All the children, except the baby, went to a group of Disney shorts and Snow White --a show is really a rare occurrence in our family...We have had some cabinet work built in which is almost equivalent to a new room --patched the carpet--next move is a new refrigerator... Richard is really trying to talk at last and how it delights the children.

We're really working on Sunday p.m. projects --we need several to meet the energetic group such as ours is, and appropriate to the Sabbath - to really bless them - to understand the joys of Sabbath observance. They're presently working on a scrapbook all about temples but their interest is exhausted after an hour so we must prepare many more projects...

(J to folks)

November : David said: "There are three kinds of 'beats' - 1. to beat dough in the mixmaster, 2. to beat kids when they're naughty, and 3, to make kids go away, to 'beat it.'"

(J Jrnl)

November 25: While David was cutting out Christmas pictures he asked: "Is Mary really the Mother of Jesus?" Mamma answered "Yes." David puzzled a moment, then asked: "Was Mary the Mother of Jesus and then went up to heaven and came back to be our sister?" It bothered David to have everyone speak so informally of Mary.

(J Jrnl)

December 3: Tuesday - our fourth son arrived at 11:30 today. Jennie is a brick and claims it wasn't too bad. The new little babe cried healthily and seems normal and fine. The children say we should name him Delbert. Grandma came to help us....

(D Jrnl)

DELBERT
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December 8; Jennie has looked just grand and says she feels good too. The little fellow is not too vigorous with his eating and has an inclination to go to sleep instead of taking a full session with his dimer. We have not decided who he looks like; in fact, I have hardly seen him since he was born. (DVG to folks)

December 9; Jennie and the new boy are doing very fine. Grandma sure knows how to handle children but we think it must be harder than she pretends and more work and less pleasure than she will admit. Everyone is thrilled at the prospects of Jennie and the new one coming home this week...We want you and as many of your popular daughters and their boy friends to come as will and we will plan to celebrate the 1940 Christmas at 420-10th St. (D to father H)

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Dear Father Hachusak:

We have been a little extra rushed the past few days - and guess you have been plenty busy down there too. Sure hope Mary speeds to a complete recovery - It is a real job for Rachel too, she will have a large family to take care of while ~~they~~ ^{she} has Marijo's children too.

Jennie & the new boy are doing very fine. Grandma sure knows how to handle children, but we think it must be harder than she pretends - and more work and less pleasure than she will admit. Everyone is thrilled at the prospects ^{of Jennie} and ^{the} new one coming home this week - Love to all

(over)

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Robert

Will you plan to come up for
Christmas? or before, - we will
have a very interested group here -
they are well where there are
young children -

We want to follow up on our
invitation and want you and
as many of your popular
daughters and their boy
friends to come as well -
and we will plan to celebrate
at 4:30 - 10th street for the
1940 Christmas - We all
are looking forward, and if
you will come sooner we
will be glad -

Best to all

Albert

1941

January 1; Happy New Year! We had a big Christmas. Baby is fine. Elva Crowther is staying with us and helping. Grandpa Holbrook came up and took Grandma home two days before Christmas...We enter into a new year with two beautiful daughters - Julia, to be baptized next Saturday and Mary coming ten this summer - and four of the liveliest sons imaginable. Jennie is a loving wife and mother. We are happy and challenged.

(D. Jrnl)

Mourned



Lafayette Holbrook . . . prominent Utah resident who died Wednesday in Salt Lake City at the age of 90.

Former Provo Mayor Dies At Age of 90

Lafayette Holbrook
Among Best Known
Citizens of Region

Funeral Will Be Sunday For Lafayette Holbrook

One of Utah's best-known citizens, Lafayette Holbrook, former mayor of Provo, died Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. at his home, 174 East South Temple street, of causes incident to age. He was 90 years old.

A son of Chandler and Eunice Dunning Holbrook, early converts to the L.D.S. Church who arrived in Salt Lake valley in 1848, Mr. Holbrook took part in many of the activities that brought Utah from a barren desert to a great state. He was born September 7, 1850 in Salt Lake City.

WAS PROVO MAYOR

During his lifetime he was active in many fields. In addition to serving two terms as mayor of Provo in the 1890's, he was the Republican nominee in 1896 against Senator William H. King for Utah's representative seat in Washington, D.C.

He was active in the colonization of southern Utah, engaged in widespread business activity in stock buying, mercantile and mining fields, served on the Brigham Young University Board of Trustees for many years and was active in the

L.D.S. Church.

When his parents were called by President Brigham Young of the L.D.S. Church to help colonize southern Utah, Mr. Holbrook, while still a boy, assisted his father in surveying settlements.

BECAME CATTLE BUYER

After performing an L.D.S. mission in England, Mr. Holbrook returned and engaged in extensive cattle buying operations between Texas and Colorado. He was a skilled rider and excellent marksman. During boom times in Frisco, Beaver County mining center, in the 1880's he entered the mercantile business, closing out in 1889, he moved to Provo where he operated the Hotel Roberts and with Senator Reed Smoot, the late Colonel Ed Loose and others organized and operated the Grand Central and Victoria mines. With Senator Smoot and the Numm brothers, he incorporated the former Telluride Power company. In 1911 he returned to Salt Lake City and assisted in founding the Intermountain Casket company of which he was president until recent years. He also directed irrigation work in southern Utah.

ACTIVE IN CHURCH

For many years he served the Utah L.D.S. stake presidency and was active in installation of the present Provo Tabernacle pipe organ. He was an ardent supporter of Brigham Young University.

He married Emily Angelena Hinckley October 9, 1876 in the Endowment House. Surviving are his widow and the following sons and daughters: L.H. Holbrook or Provo, Mrs. C.S. (Clara) Jarvis of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Alma O. Taylor, (Angeline) Mrs. B.W. (Ora LaVerne) Dixon, Mrs. Florence Anderson, Mrs. Lowell (Ruth) Gerard, and Paul Lincoln Holbrook, all of Salt Lake City.

Services will be conducted at 260 East South Temple Street, at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, with Patriarch Thomas A. Clawson presiding. Friends may call at 260 East South Temple Street tomorrow afternoon and evening and Sunday from 10 a.m. until time of the services.

Editorial Herald Jan 13 41 **Lafayette Holbrook—Community Builder**

In the passing of Lafayette Holbrook, former mayor of Provo, a notable career has been concluded.

Mr. Holbrook was a stalwart pioneer, a community builder, a true westerner, as well as a staunch church man and an exemplary citizen and father.

One of the pioneer builders of Provo, he is responsible for the erection of a number of fine buildings, which stand as a credit to his integrity and ability. While serving as mayor of Provo, he was instrumental in championing a number of important improvements. It was characteristic of him that he refused to accept any salary while serving as mayor, turning the money over for community improvements.

As a trustee of the Brigham Young university for a third of a century, he became one of its devoted benefactors and donated liberally all through his life to the church educational institution. He was also one of the leading figures responsible for the purchase and installation of the pipe organ in the tabernacle.

Lafayette Holbrook's contributions to the building of this commonwealth have been of great and lasting value, constituting an achievement of which his posterity might well be proud.

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Jan 3rd 1941

Dear Father Holbrook:

Yesterday was one of the few days I have not looked at the Morning Tribune, and all day I thought I would get a few minutes and look at it, and this morning when I did look at yesterday's paper and found the account of the passing of your father I just felt that I knew there was something there all the time but did not know just what it was. From the card from mother Holbrook we understand he just slept away; we are so glad he could go without any further pain. He really went thru much more than most men of his extreme age could endure during his recent operations. We feel our children, as well as we ourselves, have a very great heritage in the life and example of "GREAT GRANDFATHER HOLBROOK". He has been a pioneer in the pioneering of the intermountain west and we think the story of his work and life would be a fine contribution to homes of all the present generation. Why don't you gather the information and prepare a sketch? You have been with your father in many of the experiences and have heard the accounts of all of them.

Our little family is just the wrong age and size to make the trip or we would plan to attend the services. We are feeling quite well now and we talked of having Mary and Julia go with me to Salt Lake tomorrow afternoon but have considered it best to remain at home. Julia is to be baptized tomorrow and confirmed Sunday and we will have the little boy blessed in fast meeting Sunday. We will name him Delbert Holbrook Groberg, and try to call him Dee. This is a victory for the little girls and John. I have wanted to have them feel O.K. about Gordon or George- but between the children and their mother they got the head start and have lead all the way.

Please give our sincere love to Grandma Holbrook, your mother, and the other members of the family. We are so indebted to our parents and grandparents that we would like to do some little extra bit of service to show our appreciation. It seems all the efforts of the past have been for the ben fit of the present. We of the present have great obligations, for we come under the heading "Where much is given"

We will look forward to hearing amore detailed account and hope the family will all be together to support and sustain your mother.

Love & prayers from the GROBERGS- D.V.G.

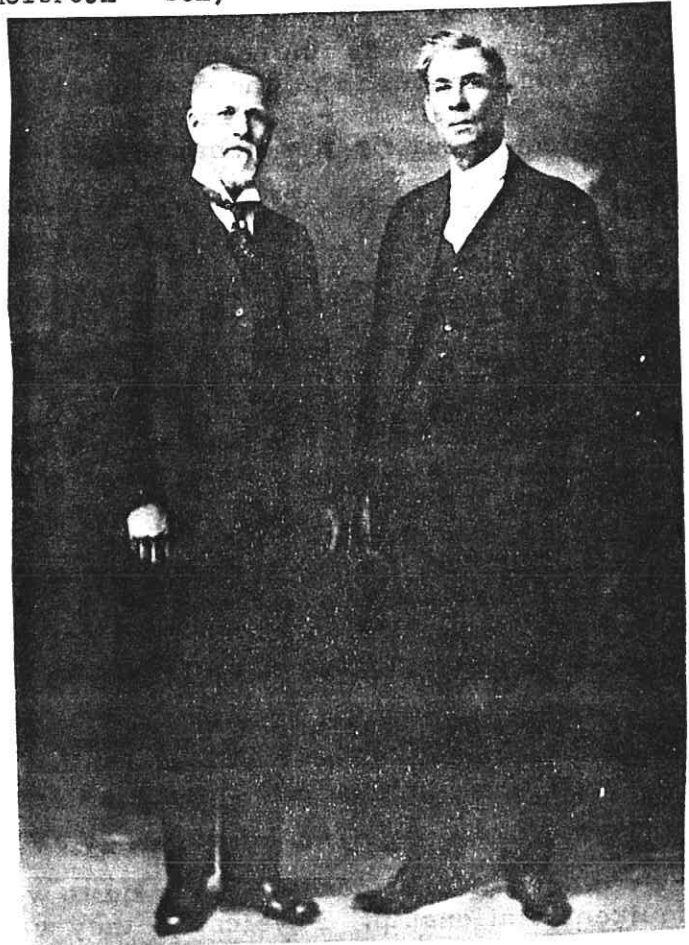
January 3; We could hardly believe the Deseret News when we opened it and read of Grandfather Holbrook's passing...I suppose we should look upon it as a happy release but somehow there is a deep feeling of loneliness and sadness in it too. I have always loved Grandfather and as far back as I recall one of the real treats was going to Salt Lake and see the Grandparents. I wish my children could know them as I did but they will have you and mother to furnish the thrill for them and they do "light up" when they learn you are to visit us or we are to go to Provo. I know just how they feel. Real grandparents are so essential to full happiness. We surely hope there is a diary or some history and also that a good account is kept of the services so we can get copies. Please get some remembrance from us. You probably have arranged flowers or something from the family so let us know the amount and we will send money....Julia will be baptized tomorrow and confirmed Sunday. The new baby will probably be named Delbert Holbrook and called Dee or D.H. I am writing grandmother. Delbert said he could run down and take the girls but after discussing it we think it unwise.

(J to father)

"Father's business acumen, along with his integrity, were quickly recognized after coming to Provo. He was elected and served two terms as Mayor. In the first term he turned his salary to maintain the few city street lights in Provo and during the second term, mainly thru his efforts, the city water was extended to the Provo cemetery....He told me he had never accepted a penny for civic or Church services since his marriage."..."In 1901 L. Holbrook was set apart as Second Counselor to President David John..in the Utah Stake when it included all of Utah County..On many occasions they entertained the visiting authorities." (Lafayette Hinckley Holbrook - son)

"During father's many years as President of the B.Y.U. he felt the strength of trustee Lafayette Holbrook. One day the Board had their picture taken. Father then said to this special Board member, 'Now let us have our pictures taken together for our grandchildren.' No doubt this picture will find a place in their Books of Remembrance. Edwin S. Hinckley (son of Ira N. Hinckley, L.H. Holbrook's grandfather) was not only a teacher at the "Y" but an assistant to father in many of the years of his presidency." (Alsina B. Holbrook- daughter of George H. Brimhall)

The Board of Trustees for B.Y.A. and for B.Y.U. later, was first comprised of local leaders, then the Church General Authorities made up the Board.



Lafayette Holbrook Member of the Board

George H. Brimhall, B. Y. U. Pres.

January 5: Sunday - Today has been a very eventful one in our experiences. Julia was baptized yesterday by Robert Lindsay Egbert, a Priest from the Lincoln Ward. Today we took our young son to Fast Meeting and our family, in a rather natural way, made headlines. We named the boy Delbert Holbrook Groberg. I have often thought the blessings of babies would be of great value if recorded and kept for the later reference of the one named. Bishop asked me to bless the baby and confirm Julia Gay and I did. Jennie and I each spoke about her Grandfather Holbrook who was being buried today at Salt Lake (services but burial in the Provo Cemetery) -and about the blessing and responsibility of our family..Read H.R. Merrill's poem: "Let This Be Heaven." After Jennie had spoken Julia stood up and said: "I am thankful for my home and my parents and brothers and sister and for this sweet little baby. I am thankful I can be baptized now a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen." A whisper went over the large congregation who heard. Julia is so natural in her dramatics it is easy for her to make a favorable presentation. Several other children followed Julia and bore their testimonies. The meeting lasted about 30 minutes overtime.

Vera and Maurice Heninger stopped a few minutes on their way home from Canada. Vera has a beautiful diamond-got it for Christmas.

Jennie has been so attached to her Grandfather Holbrook; he brought all his family to her graduation and gave her a \$50 graduation present and a \$50 wedding present ..and has done so much for us by way of example and an outstanding life of successful enterprise - we and our children have much to live up to..

(D Jrnl)

Little Richard insists on doing everything just as Grandma taught him to do. What a beautiful, special child he is. (J to folks) (Grma had been with us a few weeks when Dee was born)

January 23: I was installed as president of the Idaho Falls Real Estate Board. We had 61 attend the banquet - it was quite a thrill.

(D Jrnl)

January 26 : The boys are all asleep and the girls in their kimonos putting some finishing touches on a few valentines.

I walked up to the office to ride home with Delbert who is laying some linoleum..It is 8:30 p.m. The baby weighed 12 lbs. Sunday. He is very good and laughs out loud and "goos" much of the time.

It seems I have to do a little public work to be happy so I played at Stake Conference yesterday (just one session) and also gave an organ solo...A week ago I gave a tribute at a funeral for one of our friends who left two small children. I am going to write the tribute here because several have remarked that it described Edna (Ulrich) perfectly. It won't seem much to you because you don't know the girl but it really did fit her; we always loved to be around her:

(here it is) "Edna is Spring -
Her voice refreshing gladness of life new-born;
Her smile sweet delicacy of fresh buds and blossoms;
Her feet graceful rhythm of brooklets awakened;
Her laugh light gayety of dancing, loosened breezes;
Edna is Spring - breathing eager ecstasy!

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Kind Father - Winter seems so harsh, so cold -
O thanks for Thy promise of Spring!

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January 30: We hope you like the pictures. We are sending one to each sister and of course Raymond and Aunt Jennie and also Aunt Mattie and Aunt Ellen and Roi and Maude. We are surely proud of our family. Delbert asked that you have the one with Mary smiling, the baby looking sideways and that quizzical expression on David's face - it's David's look that we think is quite a knock-out. It was to be a big surprise for Daddy's birthday but somehow he caught on but of course the kiddies don't know he has caught on and still look forward to the big surprise. The baby looks older than he is altho he is getting big and very good. He weighs about 12 lbs....

(J. to Mother)



David H.

Delbert H. (Dee)

Richard H.

January 31: Little Dee is gaining and is about as compact a bundle of joy as could be found. All the children are fine and Jennie and I are so anxious to do our parts to assist the children as they develop - We are indeed very blessed...

(D. Jrnl)

**Actually the studio had one on display in their window and Delbert saw it and had them make him a vest-pocket edition and now he goes about town stopping folks and proudly showing them his kidlets... (J to Mother)

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Mr. Stanley Crowley
Next Door
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Feb. 7, 1941

Dear Stan:

During all the years we have been closely associated, I have probably never written you a letter before. As in all other things, there can be a first time and here it is with this - a letter.

I want to congratulate you on the fine record of high service you have rendered to the Church and to the community during the past many years. (You said you had served 16 years as Clerk of the Idaho Falls Stake.)

During the past six years we have been your next-door neighbors; for nearly six years I shared office with you; and during the past twelve years I have been associated with you regularly in Church, business, and sports activities. In each and all you have been the same: constant, true, and loyal.

We have been so close many of the traits that make you different have seemed commonplace, but when away, they show up in their true light, very rare. Someone said "distance lends enchantment". I believe it gives a quality its rightful place, particularly if that quality can be viewed over a long period. Your unfaltering loyalty and your full measure of willingness to leave all and go at the call of others and do much of the work for them, receiving little of the recognition, is very outstanding but no more so than your ability to crowd so much into an already busy schedule. Yet you have never appeared overwhelmed by it all.

I hope you receive a relaxation at now being able to unload the details of the good job well done. The admiration of those who know you best is yours. It may not be a reward so let it be a token that your sacrifices have not been in vain.

With all good wishes and perfect assurance that the next "half" of your life will be builded proudly upon the last "half" -

Sincerely,

Delbert Groberg
The Grobergs

(Note: Delbert always makes time to make others happy in very special ways - i.e. this letter. (It is now October 15, 1988 and Brother Crowley (is now 94 years old - still so grateful for (Delbert's visits)

February 10: David made an "airplane" and went out to fly it then came in all excited and said, "Mom, this airplane went so high it touched Jesus' house!" I asked if it broke any windows. "Course not (silence) - then "I guess Jesus really just lives in air doesn't He?" We talked about where He lived.

Tonight after a "talking to" for misdeeds, I heard prayers something like this: David: "Bless Dee so he won't grow up to be naughty like me - Bless me not to eat Julia's candy any more." -

John: "Bless me so I won't go sneaking around and swiping other people's candy and eating it. Bless us not to be naughty so we won't grow up into tramps."

(D & J Jrnl)

March 10: Dickie is taking his part as a little boy. He says: "I big man two years old." The way he says "yes" is very interesting; he makes it sound like "yesh". The other day I came home and found him out on the gravel pile. He was wrapped up but it was cold. I said, "Dickie, are you warm enough?" He said, "Yesh". "Do you want to stay out here?" "Yesh." I took hold of his hand and said, "Dickie, you are cold, aren't you?" "Yesh" - "Do you want to go in?" "Yesh." So we went in before asking any more questions.

(D Jrnl)

March : The children are all to bed after a big evening. The girls acted as their baby tenders and the boys tidied the house for them and retired under the stimulus of the girls' original games which amounted to doing just those things. Mary and Julia are really quite ingenious with them. I must confess that when they want to, they can appeal to them more effectively than their mother can. They are certainly darling children and I wish you could enjoy them more too....Tonight we presented the Stake Singing Mothers in a cantata in celebration of the centennial (Rel. Soc.?) I was the reader and Delbert says I was o.k. I wore my white formal. The whole affair was very successful... David had a big time on his birthday. He is very quick and bright. It's quite comical to watch him seriously beat both his Daddy and John at marbles."

(J. Jrnl)

John told me about something very special he did at school and I said: "Oh John, how wonderful! Your teachers must have said, 'That's really good, John.'" John shook his head and smiled as he explained, "No - you see, Mom - they don't ever say good unless it's somebody who had a hard time and just couldn't get it - and then, finally - they could get it ---but you see, Mom, I halready knowed how..."

(J Jrnl)

April: On the 4th of this month the three little boys and Jennie and I were at Provo. We called Idaho Falls to see how the girls and John were at home - Mrs. Judd (our tender) said Mary Jane was not feeling well and had not been at school that day. We talked to Mary and Jennie told her to have Mrs. Judd call the doctor if she was worried or if she felt worse. In about two hours Dr. John Hatch called us from the hospital and said Mary had all signs of ruptured appendix.

Mary was surely a brave little girl. She was operated on about 11 p.m. - her appendix had ruptured and when we arrived home at about 5 the next a.m. Mary was out of the anaesthetic and the first thing she said was "anyways, I didn't cry." Then we all had a good cry. The Drs. watched very close; they gave intravenous feedings and administered sulfanilamide. They had also applied some in the area at the time of the operation. We surely had a lot of our friends and loved ones lending all their faith and prayers along with ours and

Mary gained rapidly. She is still on her back (April 24) but can sit up now any day. We are grateful for Mary. She has been such a good patient and we have got better acquainted with her.

One night David said, "I am not going to pray for anyone in our family; I am just going to pray for Mary Jane." John said, "Well, Mary is one of our family." David said seriously, "No, she is in the hospital."

Mary had some fine flowers, letters, cards, gifts and visitors. Grandma stayed here; Grandpa and Aunt Elaine and Uncle Arnold came up - Sunday School, Primary, etc. etc. etc."

(D Jrnl)

April: "...Mary is so courageous and strong in spirit. Dr. John Hatch showed me the appendix and explained that the pocket had broken probably 3 or 4 hours before the operation; they took out about 2 ozs of puss and applied a strong, local treatment of sulfanilamide. They are continuing a treatment of this thru injection and are giving her 1000 cu. cent. (abt 1 quart) of glucose every six hours thru the veins. Our blood has been matched for transfusions so preparation is made to keep the upperhand all the way. Earl Brunt and I administered to Mary this morning. (Mrs. Judd said she had baked chocolate cookies and forgot the baking powder so they were very hard but Mary had eaten several and it was feared this might have precipitated the rupture)...

(D to father)

Mary Jane tried sitting up a little today but is very weak...had loads of company but we keep them moving --25 called on Sunday --The doctor comes each day. She is still on a soft diet. The hospital bill was \$100 and the Dr.'s about \$125.

(D to folks)

May 1; Mary walks a little; returns to school next week. Aunt Jennie sent her a beautiful doll. Mother had her name put in the S.L. temple and Rachel had it put in the Manti Temple -- How grateful we are to all --and especially to Heavenly Father --Our prayers have surely been answered.

(J Jrnl)

May * I am taking David and John up town to spend their pennies for a Mother's Day present for their mother and also taking Mary to her music lesson. She is going to play "Starlight Waltz" - the piece father still plays -- in the spring recital. We continue to give thanks for her unusual recovery...The assistant doctor presented us a bill of \$50 yesterday- total bills amount to \$256 - but as long as our precious girl is o.k. - we'll eventually pay all the bills..."

(J to folks)

Richard says nearly everything but talks like an Englishman with an "h" before nearly everything. He and Dee are about the best natured babies possible. Dee is getting really handsome now that he has some hair and is very fat and sociable. In fact, I feel quite proud when I walk around with him in his buggy because everyone seems quite won over with his laugh and arm-waving, etc.

(J to mother)

May 11; To the Mother's Day Revelers: It is so distinctly your day that I wish you had no duties spoiling it, even worrying because you didn't get in a letter at this end. You must understand that if you never said another word in all your lives of gratitude to me I would still be highly overpaid. I wish that each mother that has earned her title since leaving our home-nest would stay at home and enjoy her birdies in a sort of forgetfulness of all else--

Your lives are such a high tribute to motherhood that the white birch is bowing graciously and reaching out its lacy-like tendrils to say how she would gather them about you for pure love's sake. Truly in love with you.

(Mother to us)

May 18: We are about ready to build a room on the back of our house and so some real fixing up....Today I was set apart as second counselor in the Stake M.I.A. so I shall probably be down to June Conference.

(J to folks)

May 27: Vera and Maurice will be married June 5 in the Salt Lake Temple. Family luncheon will be the same day in our basement. You're all wanted. We'll have a lady to look after the children while we are in the Temple. Bring Temple clothes.

(Mother to us)

Picture below is of Maurice and Vera a few years after their wedding and includes their first child, Susan - Their home at the time of picture was Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.



June - We surely had a wonderful time at the wedding but it really did end too soon --I think we are all maybe too fond of home and Provo, etc. The newly-weds enjoyed their stay-over here and we surely enjoyed them. We are planning quite definitely on going to Canada this summer some time and hope you can go with us....

(J to folks)

April 7: Dear Father Holbrook: -

I just talked to Dr. Hatch - both the father and his son John were on our Mary's case today. He said she had won and it was a fight in which the odds were against her.

At first Dr. H. Ray Hatch, in his characteristic language, said, "Mary's name was written in the book of LIFE."

Anyway, we feel very happy with the way everything has gone and are indeed thankful.

Jennie and I have alternated shifts and have been with her all the time. I think the severity of the treatments has affected her some; once she said she guessed she would get up and Jennie just by being right there, caught her.

The two Hatch's pulled the drain out a couple of inches this A.M. It is a large drain that goes clear into the peritoneum (that may be spelled close enough to give you the word I mean). It must have given a real jolt for Mary did not move for an hour afterwards.

They have given her ten quarts of liquid through her little veins and have stuck her with hypo's until her little arms look like they had been through the war.

We are surely glad grandma came!

They say Mary will have to stay in about two weeks. We are not sure this will be necessary if everything goes normal from now on. But it will take a long while to get over the effects of the treatment as well as of the operation.

I am enclosing the payments as per the statement.

All the others are fine.

Love

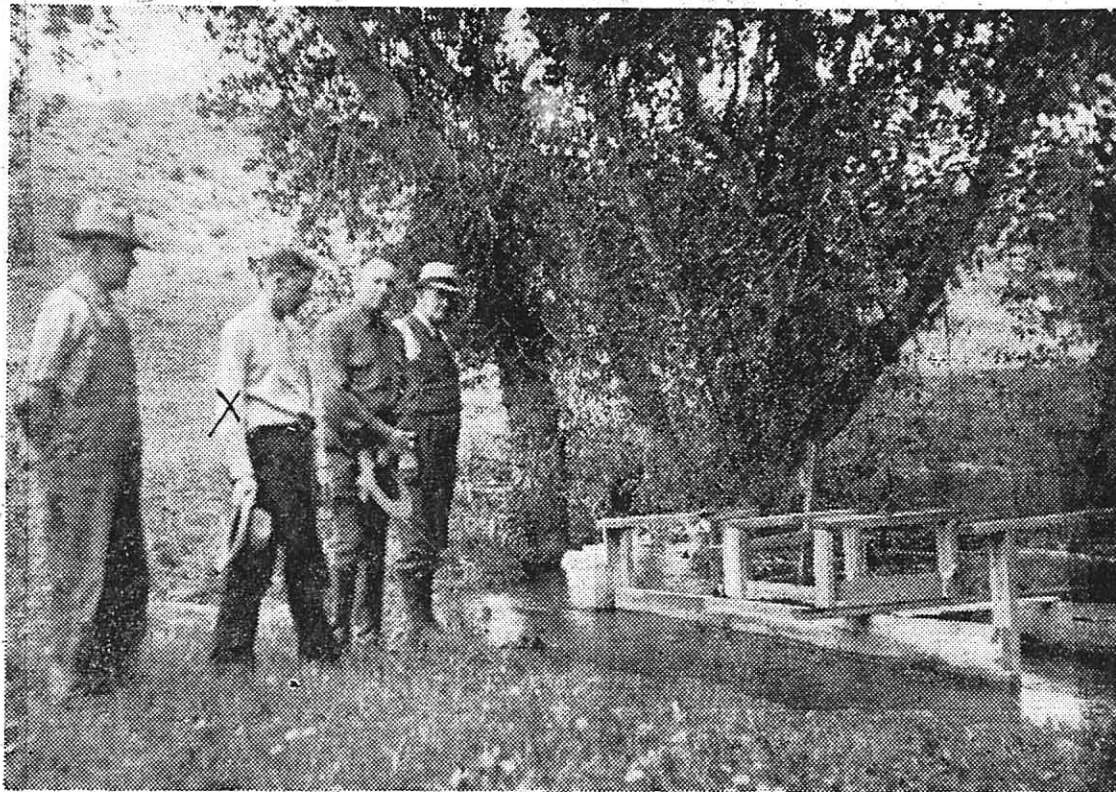
(D to father H.)

The hospital where Mary Jane stayed during this challenging time is shown on the opposite side. It is the original hospital - later it was remodeled and now (1989) it is torn down and the big vacant lot is waiting to be used for something else. What tales this old hospital could tell!



L.D.S. Hospital in Idaho Falls, Idaho, as it was when all eleven
of our children were born in it.

Vast Irrigation System Had Beginning Here



Mr. Mahaffey, owner of the old Fort Lemhi ranch, shows to three visitors a portion of Idaho's first irrigation ditch, built in 1855, left to right: **Mr. Mahaffey**, **D. V. Groberg of Idaho Falls**, **Professor M. D. Beal of Ricks college** and **Dr. Thomas D. Rees of Idaho Falls**.

Idaho Falls Realtors Declare State Lags In Marking Spots of Historic Interest

Tribune Intermountain Wire
IDAHO FALLS, Idaho—Idaho Falls Real Estate board officials believe Idaho should take a hint from Montana and Wyoming in marking points of historic interest. Montana, as many tourists know, has marked all points of historic importance on principal highways with large native pine signs which recount the story in brief. Drive-outs are provided on the highways and lettering on signs is sufficiently large so motorists need not leave their cars to read them.

In some instances large white monuments with bronze plaques have been erected. One of these stands on the Idaho-Montana highway near Lima, where the Lewis and Clark expedition changed from canoes to horses to continue their venturesome trip. Another sign marks the first capital of Montana, and humorously states: "It should have been built on wheels." The reference is to the number of times the capital was moved.

Markers of native stone are erected beside highways in Wyoming, which has a state-maintained commission to supervise the work. The monuments are usually dedicated by the governor at a public ceremony. Three such monuments were dedicated by Governor Nels

H. Smith of Wyoming two years ago. Two were in Star valley at points where L D S immigrants had made history. The other was in the Jackson, Wyo., Community park, and was in memory of the discoverer of Yellowstone national park.

"Such markers impress tourists and give them a personal interest in the state," declared **D. V. Groberg**, chairman of the **Idaho Falls Real Estate board**. "A tourist who learns something about a state in such a manner will triumphantly pass the information on to his friends back home. What better advertising can a state desire?"

Idaho has few such markers. Most of those that have been erected were sponsored by associations and organizations. Yet Idaho has some of the most highly important historic points in the west, it is pointed out.

Montana goes further than to just erect the informative markers, one board member added. Small white and black signs, stating "Historic point 1000 feet ahead," are erected to give motorists ample time to prepare to stop.

Mr. Groberg returned Monday from Salt Lake City, where he gathered information from old records on Fort Lemhi in Lemhi county, and particularly on digging

of the irrigation ditches there. This is believed to have been the first irrigation project in Idaho, and the real estate board, after gathering historic data, will erect a plaque at the site.

Mr. Groberg obtained names of persons who were killed at the fort, remnants of which still stand. He also learned that the settlers arrived June 18, 1855, and eight days later made preparations to irrigate.

A diary in the records states in part: "The company made a dam across a branch of the river (Lemhi) and another across the creek (a tributary to the river), and made quite an amount of water ditches and also plowed quite a piece of land."

The site of the irrigation project is on the farm now owned by Steve Mahaffey, one and one-half miles south of Tendoy post office. He was recently host to a visit to the old site by Aaronic priesthood members from Idaho Falls under the leadership of Dr. Thomas D. Rees, Cecil E. Hart and **Mr. Groberg of Idaho Falls** and **Professor M. D. Beal of Ricks college at Rexburg**.

The Leesburg-Grantsville gold mining project was founded at the site of Fort Lemhi in 1866, records show.

June : The Mutual job is occupying much time and taking plenty of work right now - - we have attempted a big summer program.

The children have been asked to give a musical number next Sunday evening. They gave one at Primary on Wednesday. I'm not sure they should perform so much but when they are asked by the proper authority of course we want them to do it. They are all very interested in school and we always are pleased the way they do their work about the home....but it often takes real follow thru..Girls still take music.

Dicky says he had a birthday and 'turned over three' -Also he asks me to please button his shirt undone so he can get ready for bed. He is such a beautiful and adorable darling.....

Alma and Angie Taylor and son Dick called to see us and we thoroughly enjoyed a good visit with them.

(J to folks)

July : ...four children and mother and daddy all went to the dentist- so we are all o.k. now for a few months. We finally coaxed Dee to bed with a bottle after he had pushed a chair up to the table and poured out a cup of cream and then pushed another one up to the sink and splashed water all over him and then pushed another one up to the desk and thrown and broken some little china figurines (Kress value). It's almost impossible to keep up with him but we adore him very much - what a precious darling he is. He is very restless at night - maybe because a new tooth is due...It looks as if at last we will move into the new house next week or soon after. I suppose Delbert has told you of buying it and then selling it and then getting it back again. I have been so undecided about the whole affair that it has been pretty hard on Delbert but this is the place where Delbert really wants to take root so I'll have to convince myself it is the right thing to do...

(J to folks)

July : I'm really enjoying this stake Mutual work. Our historical pilgrimage (really Delbert's idea) went over big. Also we had 500 to our big Tautphaus Park affair - social.

I had worked it all out (my assignment) and made assignments to each ward leader, etc. and then two nights before the big day, we had a stake board meeting and when I told what I had done - I was amazed at the reaction -- I was told I had moved way too fast and counted on way too much --that we would never have more than 40 or 50, if that many - folks just simply would not come -not as many as I had prepared for (I had others assigned to provide food, program numbers, arrange facilities, etc.--all well organized)- (I told Delbert after the meeting that I felt like a bird about to take off-to really soar --when someone clipped my wings) -- Wow! did they ever come --500 --and did they have a great time!.. (I had to slip out and get extra supplies because one ward had a person at our stake board meeting who went back and suggested they wouldn't need to furnish what I had asked ...we had planned for too many but we surely had not.)

Julia asked her daddy if cherries weren't good for us. He said of course they were, very good for us to eat and he asked why she inquired. Then she explained that in Sunday School they sang a song, part of which said, "Cherries hurt you! Cherries hurt you!" - We tried to explain to sweet Julia what "Cherish virtue" really meant - that was what was sung in the song "Dearest Children..) Delbert told a friend about it and soon the story was

on the front page of our local newspaper. (J to folks)

The Post-Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho. July 1941

Historic Shrines In Idaho Falls Summon Visitors

Featuring games and a trip to interesting points of the city, a Special Interest party for members of the Idaho Falls Stake met Tuesday evening at Kate Curley Park with an attendance close to 200.

Badminton, volley ball, croquet and baseball were enjoyed during the early part of the evening and then the party group left on a tour to the north part of the city. Their first stop was to the L.D.S. Temple grounds where Mrs. Edna J. Kindred representing the spirit of the temple gave an appropriate musical number. The group then visited the monument erected by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers where the first L.D.S. chapel in Idaho Falls stood. Wally Stosich, in Indian costume, represented the Spirit of the River in his talk at this spot, south of the hospital on Memorial Drive.

The old church building itself was the next place visited at the spot on Eastern Avenue where it was moved many years ago. Since then it had been appropriated for a bakery, a livery stable, and a barn from time to time as narrated by D.V. Groberg, speaker at the final stop.....

(as Activity Counselor in the Stake M.I.A. and in cooperation with wonderful, willing helpers, we innovated several fun activities --Delbert always #1 advisor and helper - J.)

New Dance-Song Demonstrated At M.I.A. Party

More than 150 attended the "encouragement party" held Tuesday night in the Third L. D. S. ward recreation hall for all ward teachers and officers. The affair was sponsored by the stake board of the Mutual Improvement association.

The program consisted of community singing led by Mrs. E. C. Jorgensen with Mrs. Isabel Brown of Lehi, Utah as guest soloist. (This was a demonstration of the new type of 'descant singing' which will be

sponsored this year by the M.I.A.); presentation of theme, Albert Kelly; address of welcome, Mrs. John Homer; story, Miss Shirley Andelin; one act play, "A Major Operation," directed by Miss Betty Poole with Beth Armstrong, Dale Homer, Walter West, jr., Garth Empey and Barbara Marler as characters.

The introduction of the new M.I.A. dance, the "Rhumba Son" was given by Miss Dorothy Burnham and Robert Morley in costume. **New Games**

seven new games under the direction of Paul Ahlstrom were introduced by Eldred Lewis, Reed Bitter, Darrell Ricks, Warren L. Johnson, Lyndon Jones and Emmett Gallup.

Mrs. Glen Spracher was the accompanist for the evening.

Refreshments were served by the Beehive girls with Mrs. Irvin Nielsen, Mrs. Robert Egbert and Mrs. Paul Ahlstrom in charge.

Mrs. D. V. Groberg was in charge of the program.

She is Activity Counselor in YWMIA Stake Presidency

July 13: Dear, lovely Mary Jane, our grand-daughter of ten years..That many years ago today (or last night) I couldn't sleep; I arose and lay down on the couch and I prayed that you might get here safely. Well, you did, more because your dear parents prayed and wanted you more than anything in all the world.

Grandpa always speaks of you as "such a beautiful baby."

When you were a month old you "coaxed to be picked up" - you "had perfect control over your head and your legs were strong enough so no one would relish a kick from them" and you weighed 8 lbs.

You were out doors every day until you were 2 months old and then it rained. When you were 3 months old daddy said: "Mary Jane is talking to us about things known only to her...we will be glad when we understand what she is talking about."

When you were 6 months you were double what you weighed at birth and you had a little bed that mama got from Aunt Opal. When you were a year old "you were cutting a bunch of teeth" and you lived on 6th street.

When you were a year and a half you had a wonderful Christmas gift - a dear baby sister. You called her "Ju-Ju" -Then your "cheeks were pink and your platinum hair curly and thick. I always remember the feel of that lovely hair when I would bathe you and pat it into curls.

Of course from now on your joys were shared with your pal sister. You were not quite three when you "could say a few short poems" and "your eyes beamed when the candles on mama's birthday cake were lighted."

When you were 3 you "knew more little stories, poems and songs than Daddy and Mama" and you drank your milk so you would be "a big girl like Aunt Elaine."

I have been scanning a book of letters and it has taken me just one hour so I see I can't complete what I started to do. Some time these letters will be helpful to you when you want to write the story of your eventful life.

Among my treasures is this, written for my birthday when I was at your home- "Come on and be jolly, bring back your young days in your mind; just look on the next page, something there you'll find." This is really nothing to what I want to say. But it is something to tell you - Be happy all the day.

I am sure stamps, stamped envelopes or postal cards are the best gifts money can buy. That's why I send you 10¢ worth of stamps - you are ten years old. All of us love and admire you.

(Mother to Mary Jane)

July 14: Delbert took the four older children to Ogden yesterday to a family reunion - they will return tonight or in the morning...We had an exceptional "flower festival" meeting tonight, under auspices of our Stake Mutual - for the closing session of our quarterly conference. We really do enjoy this over-busy life...

(J to folks)

July 18: We can hardly attend the Brimhall reunion but we really do want to some time...that's one branch of the family with which our acquaintance is very limited.

Delbert took Mary and John on a fishing and business trip yesterday...

We bought a phonograph attachment to our radio about two years ago but just recently bought records and attached it and it certainly is the big attraction now. You will probably hear about it from the children.

The letter you sent M.J. for her birthday is a masterpiece and will surely be treasured..really a valuable gift...

(J to mother)

August 5: Jennie and Delbert had a boat ride on Utah Lake...The little children here and I had a program and prayer and then went to bed. Dickie wanted to sleep with Mary Jane so she took him and mothered him. As I was working on my papers Mary stood quietly beside me; I felt so tenderly for her that I wanted to hold her tight. In about an hour she came upstairs crying so I had her get in my bed and soon she was asleep.

(Mother Jrnl)

August 10: The Brunt reunion is nearly over - Delbert had to leave the conducting of it to go to Church and take charge there. I know the reunions are just the right things but to me it is a bit strenuous looking after six children under rather difficult conditions. Folks came in and spent the night with us - We do love company - especially from Provo and Salt Lake --

(J to mother)

August 20: The Jackson trip was very successful - Delbert is a great host-but frankly I thoroughly un-enjoyed it - The Kniskerns(national president) and his wife,whom we took and enjoyed --were the only ones who didn't do plenty of smoking and drinking** Hope I did my part o.k. -

John has canker in his mouth - what do I do? Dr. painted it but gave no instructions and it is very distressing to him --but we're really fine and happy.

(J to mother)

Post-Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Tues., Sept. 16, 1941.

Idaho Falls Gets Publicity in Realtor Magazine

National publicity for Idaho Falls was contained Tuesday in the current issue of the Journal of the National Real Estate association, which devoted an entire page to pictures and story on the recent visit of Philip Kniskern, association president.

The pictures included one of Mr. Kniskern, E. W. Fanning, mayor, and D. V. Groberg, president of the local real estate board, looking over potatoes in the New Sweden district.

The writeup is entitled, "Kniskern sees how Idaho grows potatoes."



Delbert was at that time the Idaho Falls president of Realtors (state president later) - and host to the Kniskerns - Our group went from Jackson to Yellowstone Park. The above picture is taken by Old Faithful Geyser - waiting for it to erupt - and from left to right is a picture of Philip Kniskern, National President of the Realtors, his daughter, Jennie with Delbert standing behind her, Mrs. Kniskern, Gordon Boyle and C. W. Mulhall, local realtors. We became good friends with the Kniskerns who later sent choice pralines for each member in our family from Pennsylvania, their home, - no name attached so we debated whether or not we dared enjoy them -

Mr. Kniskern was also the founding president of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. Delbert was the first president of the Southern Idaho Chapter of the Appraisal Institute, also a founding member of the Rocky Mountain (Utah, Idaho, Nevada) chapter.

August 26: The boys are playing records and the girls are outside playing. I am going to bring in the last of the washing. I just don't seem to be able to manage a hired girl - they just bother me and the children are so good about helping...Remember we always want you to come and see us.

(J to mother)

September 12: We are all tip-top and busy and happy and very aware of how blessed we really are. Julia and Mary are doing the supper dishes -singing-- Boys are all to bed. Daddy and I are going to the Post Office with Dee. He crawls and pulls himself up by chairs. He is very happy all the time and he makes the rest of us happy too. A baby is such a joy and blessing to a home.

(J to mother)

During the summer I hand-knit a dark blue pull-over sweater and matching cap and mittens for John. Altho I barely knew how to knit and wondered how they would turn out, it was really fun because John was so excited about it all and so eager for me to finish the outfit and so proud to wear all of them --The mittens turned up missing after just a few wearings but the sweater and cap were worn and worn and then later handed down -

(J Jrnl)

I think the season will still be open in Montana - we should see the big government camp site anyways - they plan for 35,000 troops just north of Macks at Henry's lake -

(D to father)

September 19: We are certainly happy that Grandma Holbrook is getting better and can be relieved of much pain. We were just sick that she had another accident (broke her hip twice) --

Conference plans are incomplete but we really want to come to it.

(J to folks)

September 30: I expect I will bring Jennie and the sextette down. School is out Thursday and Friday and Jennie wants to go and so do the children so we will probably all come....Do you think you can put up a group about four times as large as your family now at home? It doesn't seem possible that we have that great a number....

September ---A mother today must be aware of the leaders of her children... keep in touch with the schools - P.T.A., personal contacts with teachers, etc. ...

How restful it is in returning to the feeling that as mothers, if we live the lives of LDS and pray for and with our children and counsel with the children's father and keep alive our mother love, adding our works as far as strength allows, we have helped provide good leadership.....

How many vote at school elections? How can we get school boards to see that the most important consideration is good teachers? Elaine said after visiting her children's school: "I wish they would have as good teachers as the building they teach in."

It is interesting to note that Benson regards learning how to vote right and seeing that right men are officers is as important as it is to keep other requirements of our Church.

(Mother Jrnl)

November 16: Attended Sunday School, my heart desiring unto prayer that all my children should be found today in places of worship that in every way this day should be one of spiritual gain. Went to Post Office with letters to them.

(Mother to us)

November ; The baby is a real husky and bubbling over with mischief -- Dicky is still our "sweetheart" boy and could not be improved in any way, I truly believe....Our baby doll is fussing because he doesn't want to stay in bed so I will take him for a while.

We are putting on a Christmas pageant in Mutual and a million other things.

(J to folks)

November ;.....We had such a wonderful time at Thanksgiving - we must plan to get together again soon...When Delbert read of the big addition to the project at Provo he actually considered transplanting the Grobergs from here to there but we are going to stay here at least for a few more years.

We are all in splendid health but way too busy. Right now I must run out to Iona with the lady in charge of refreshments at the dance - also a specialty number for intermission has asked for transportation.

Dee is walking quite a little and we really think he is perfect in every way. Here is a little picture of him which isn't half as cute as he really is.

Delbert

Holbrook

Groberg



December ; We are very busy with a big stake pageant and numerous other Christmas events but have still managed to do a little Santa Clausing.... This war situation is certainly alarming. Steeles called up just a few minutes ago to say they had a cable from their son that he was uninjured and happy. They said they had been laughing and crying ever since (He was at Hickham Field in Pearl Harbor when it was attacked by the Japanese) --

The children have been trimming the Christmas tree, except Dee. He pulls the decorations off as they put them on. John says he is going to build a fence around it.

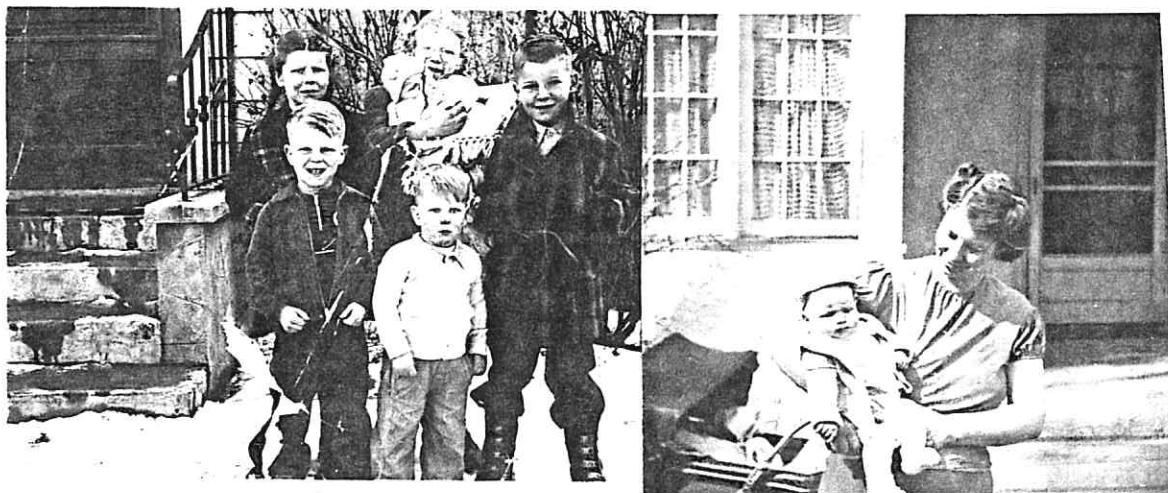
(J to folks)

December ; (after Christmas) The only thing that could have made Christmas better would have been for some of you to have been here.... I am almost frightened sometimes at how we seem to have everything--such darling children, so many choice friends, and all sort of wonderful relatives and loved ones --such an especially fine husband --of course a fine home, good food and clothes--especially the light and truths of the glorious restored Gospel --health and important work - just everything ...Oh, how blessed we are. I feel so humble and so grateful that we are so blessed but frightened as I realize how much, much more we must do to be worthy of it all --we'll keep trying...

Thank you very much indeed for the prayer bell - it is exactly what we need and such an elegant one! You can be assured it will be regularly and gratefully and constantly used.

For Christmas I got a gorgeous white formal gown and a new coat --imagine! Way, way too much.

(J to folks)



Back row 1: Julia, Mary with Dee, John H.
Front row 1: David H. and Richard H.

Jennie with Dee

1941

A PARTING THOUGHT FROM 1941

Given at Idaho Falls Third Ward New Year's Party - by Delbert V. Groberg - Counselor to Bishop Louis C. Larch - -

My days have been numbered; my hour has come; there is only time for a brief farewell. It is said one day with the Lord is a thousand years with man. As I feel now, one day with me is like a year with man - I feel 365 years old - I am resigned to pass away - -

As I was handed the bright scepter at the beginning of my span, I had great hopes and aspirations; I also had great fears. My hopes have nearly all been crushed and their realization delayed. My very worst fears have come to pass. They have grown like weeds in an untended garden plot and have crowded out almost everything lovely and beautiful I had dreamed of seeing and enjoying in my ripe old age, for in old age, as in childhood, one seeks for quiet, peace and love.

I DO NOT LIKE THE NOISE AND HATE OF WAR! Yet I will be known to history as the period of war, of misunderstanding, hate, and confusion. I will be blamed for allowing it to scatter and spread like a wild fire into the furthest corners of this whole earth. But the most disturbing dream I will have in my troubled sleep of death will be of WAR and the effects of war right here at home.

During all my trouble and disappointments I have felt great strength in the Church and in the prayers of the Saints. As I now approach eternity and hand a bright new torch to my successor and heir, I am delighted to see him get his start in Church. I probably could have done a better job if I had started and spent more time here. I am glad to end here.

My message to you - little New Year - 1942 - and to all - is this: Pray for peace while working and fighting for it. Don't let hate get into your hearts; live so you will want to come back and pass away in this holy place; conduct yourself so you will feel at home and welcome here.

As I separate myself from the world, I speak the words of the great Master:

"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU, NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH GIVE I UNTO YOU. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID.

"I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU..I WILL COME AGAIN AND RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF THAT WHERE I AM THERE YE MAY BE ALSO. AND WHITHER I GO YE KNOW, AND THE WAY YE KNOW."

(this may not be complete but all we have of this message. J)

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January 2: We have had a grand holiday season - altho on New Year's Eve some kids ran into our car and banged it up pretty bad. However, it will be ready for us Monday and no one was hurt which is the main thing. Their insurance will probably pay for it. We were taking Dee, all dressed up, to be the Little New Year - to walk across the stage at our big New Year's Party at the ward --

The climax of the party was an address by Delbert, representing the Old Year - just his voice over a loud speaker - but actually his talk was truly a masterpiece --You must read it some time.

We have put over a big Christmas pageant too and participated in several other events.

Delbert said he could hardly believe he was soon turning 36 and had accomplished so little --I told him he had more than reached the mark. He said he thought by this age he would at least be a senator. Then Mary Jane spoke up and said - "A senator --would that be as bad as mama's mutual job." -I have been either on the phone or trotting around in the car way too much but just for a rush affair and now we are down to normal again.

(J to folks)

January : We are certainly thrilled over Tisby's boy...I have crocheted each of the girls a sweater and cap -- hope suitable for California weather ..I fancy the small one for Tisby's Alan. Please deliver them with our dearest love and congratulations...

(J to Mother)

January : The three little boys are with me - fresh and clean and happy after a tub and in their sleepers. Dick and Dave are in bed but Dee napped so late that he is still full of mischief and pep. He is trying to punch the keys of the typewriter. I wish you could see him - he is truly a beautiful baby.

I took him to Sunday School this morning and he almost stole the show. I told Mary Jane that some of the ladies said they couldn't imagine such a lovely child and I said, "What do you think they especially talked about - what two things?" Mary knew at once and answered: "How fat his legs are and how pretty his curls are." He still laughs and chuckles most of the time and we are perfectly silly about him - all of us.

Of course we adore all of ours equally but you know how it is with the one who is at the time the baby.

Now for some real news - we have bought us a bigger house and should move in soon - it was an extra good buy but is really an old place and will take some fixing up..Delbert's judgment on these things is far better than mine. It has three bedrooms upstairs and a sleeping porch, two bathrooms, dining room, parlor, sunroom and a tiny bunk bedroom below, a kitchen and back porch.

I love Grandma Jan. 3, 1942

How are you? We are fine.
Did you in joy? your Tripe
how is everyone in California
I hope they are all fine.
How many blackouts have you had?
We shore are glad that the line
in Idaho falls Idaho where
there are no ships to be sunk
Thank you for that dinner
bell you shore do like it.
Santa please shore traded us
nice he gave me a doll and
some ice skate and gloves
and to apren a tablet and a
cous and Conly and mits, and
a apple aft a string in my
stocking I had a very happy
Birth day. I hope you had a
merry Christmas and a happy
Birth day, and we all hope you
have a happy new year
I got a velvet dress and a
watch for my bill and some
close and I got some house
dinner a sewing machine, and an
D and gave me a letter book
love and kisses from Julia

The girls have quit music but I shall help them here at home. We are trying to cut down all around as I suppose everyone is.

If stake activities don't let up I will have to be released because it's too big a job for a conscientious person with a big family...It calls for way too much time away from the family - and isn't that my greatest Church calling? When the stake drama is over this Wednesday and Thursday will be a good time to visit with the bishop about this --

(J to folks)

January 26: On account of conference next Sunday, we held Fast Meeting today. About the middle of the meeting Julia got up and said: "Brothers and sisters, now that I am on my feet I don't hardly know what to say so I guess I'll just say what I think of as I go along" and then she said she was thankful for the fine chapel and for her brothers and sister and home and parents and that she was a member of the true Church - "I know this is the right Church to go to" - about one minute but it was very sweet and all Julia.

After several others had spoken Mary Jane arose - "I wondered if I would be afraid to get up but when Julia did I thought I would." Mary then said she was glad we did not have to go into underground passages to hide from bomb-planes and that she was glad she had such a fine home, family and friends - she was so reasonable and gave such a thoughtful talk that I nearly wept.

(D Jrnl)

February 9: Well, we have finally made the step. When you come to see us next we will probably be in a different home. It is in the middle of the second block on 12th St. $1\frac{1}{2}$ blocks from the Ward and $2\frac{1}{2}$ blocks to school and a little closer to Junior High. It is a conventional, two-story house built in 1913 so Jennie and I could have nearly been born in it.

We looked at it at \$6,000 then a week ago we were asked to consider it at a reduced price. I took Mr. Johnson out and he figured if we could get it for around \$5,000 it would be a very good deal so we made an offer of \$4,000 and got together at \$4,220-- Even now Jennie and I are not too excited but there are 5 of the little ones who can hardly contain themselves.

We hope we will all be as happy there as we have been at 420-10th St. We plan to move in about a month.

(D to father)

p.s. We can make up for 7 or 8 sleeping rooms and we invite an opportunity to need some extra room.

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Our home at 255-12th Street
Idaho Falls, Idaho, U.S.A.

March 1: My Dear Jane - beloved daughter, mother of six jewels rare and rare companion of a nobleman - Tuesday you will be 34 and this will never reach you but you know you never could be forgotten.

Bright in our memories are high points and low points in your brilliant life, your useful life, your life that has reached to the stars always. The years have added to the appreciation that your example has been in home and public and Church service, ever sensitive to the truth that your home ties are the "gold" of your days. Some want you to be happy when your birthday comes again. And we are sure you should "rest for a gain" as the duties and pleasures of each day come and go.....

(Mother to J)

Dear Folks:

We finally coaxed Dee to bed with a bottle after he had pushed a chair up to the table and poured out a cup of cream and then pushed another one up to the sink and splashed water all over him and then pushed another one up to the desk and thrown and broken some little china figurines (Kress value) It's almost impossible to keep up with him. I wonder if I've forgotten or if he is a little more lively and full of mischief than the others - at any rate we adore him very much. He is very restless at night when a new tooth is due and that is now, but all in all we are all fine and happy.

When I heard father was seriously contemplating selling his house I really wished things could be different so that we could buy it but I guess this is the place where Delbert really wants to take root so I'll have to convince myself that it is the right thing to do. However, it makes me feel rather sick to even think of having no grandpa's home in Provo where we might go to with a baby or so - maybe that's why you want to sell it, so we won't come so often and with so many babies.

Our Stake Mutual play, from all comments, was about the finest thing produced here ever but it was so very much too much work for me that I told our Stake M.I.A. president that I must be released as her Activity Counselor. However, with the activity work so reduced now she has convinced me to hold on for a short time before I really make up my mind. I can imagine how she would hate to give up anyone who was dunce enough to work the way I did on that play. I was rather selfish about it all too since the director really had his heart set on my taking the leading part as Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and of course, I couldn't even consider that - But it's all over now. I actually had to do most of the directing myself. We had an enthusiastic audience of 400 the first night (which was total seating capacity of our room and 600 the second night which meant total standing room also.

John and Julia each brought notes home from the school nurse saying they needed their eyes tested but I am going to postpone it for a while.

We had a darling letter from Vera marked "passed by the Censor" - Also letters from mother and Aunt Jennie and Mary wishing me a happy birthday. I smiled when I read the poems enclosed in mother's and Aunt Jennie's because Delbert and Mary Jane had both written and presented me a poem for the occasion. It was a grand birthday with a pair of roller skates as the big present.

Love to all,

GROBERGS

P.S. Wouldn't it be nice to have Elaine and Arnold and Valerie in our basement apartment. Do you think Arnold could get work in the defense program at Provo?

Dearest Folks:

March 17, 1942

The children are all to bed after a big evening. The girls acted as baby tenders and the boys tidied the house for them and retired under the stimulus of original games which amounted to doing just those things. Mary and Julia are really quite ingenious with them. I must confess when they want to, they can appeal to them more effectively than their mother can. They are certainly darling children and I wish you could enjoy them more too because you really would if you could see them often and watch them develop and grow, etc. Of course you know all about it.

Tonight we presented the Stake Singing Mothers in a cantata in celebration of the Centennial. I was the reader and Delbert says I was o.k. I had to wear my white formal so I looked o.k. anyway. The whole affair was very successful.

David had a big time on his birthday but he gets so wrought up over the unusual that it takes a few days to calm him down to normal - he is certainly high strung but very quick and bright; it's quite comical to watch him seriously beat both his daddy and John at marbles with seemingly no effort whatsoever. Mother, do you recall how he used to catch a ball so casually when he was tiny?

The baby is a real husky and bubbling over with mischief. Dicky is still our "sweetheart" boy and could not be improved in any way I truly believe.

I am going to write to Rachel and send her a picture of Dee.

Love to all from all,

Grobergs

April 29: The three little boys are ready for bed and Mary and I are going to run to the library for a half hour to do some studying for a report for Relief Society tomorrow.

I have called our Stake Young Ladies Mutual President and told her of my suspicions and that now I really would have to be released. She insisted we should wait a bit. As we visited about the work and she expressed how very much she had appreciated what I had accomplished as her activity counselor - I was very disappointed when I heard her say that really I didn't have to have a baby every two years or so -- I knew what she was suggesting but I realized she didn't really know me well enough or she would have realized that I wanted to have a baby every two years or so if Heavenly Father wanted me to --nothing could be as wonderful and rewarding and right as that! **

(1988-This dear sister told me many years (J Jrnl)

later that if she could live her life over she would have done as I had, welcomed all the children Heavenly Father would send her)

May 15: Mothers Day - to my Dearest Mother --We think of you every day and marvel at your ability as a mother --especially when we are confronted with problems which you undoubtedly faced and solved when your children were the age of ours...

I had an appointment with a doctor Wednesday at 10 a.m. and hired a woman at 30¢ an hour to watch the boys and do whatever else she could but to be sure she watched the boys. She watched the baby and when I and Daddy came at 12 noon she had no idea where the other boys were nor how long they had been gone.

We scoured the neighborhood and then the city and then, with the help of the neighbors and police - our terrible panic subsided some as they were found at 2:30 p.m. up by the Snake River falls, just over the "swinging bridge" which even gets me jittery to cross. They had stopped at the railroad tracks and watched trains for a while and painted the tracks and themselves with grease and tar they found. They had a 4-year-old neighbor boy with them (Michael Groth). His daddy was the one who found them (Ray Groth) and the three looked so funny that he took a picture first. We finally got most of the dirt, etc. off, with butter and naptha soap, etc. *grease,*

I have been showered with gifts...; hand-made boudoir pillow by Mary Jane, an original poem by Sister (Julia) chocolates from John which mostly disappeared after John displayed them to his friends.

I am enclosing a composition Julia wrote for Primary - a story of her ancestors. Maybe you won't recognize the story at all. We certainly got a laugh out of it. There is far too much confusion in our home but it never lacks entertainment and interest and activity.

Delbert and the two older boys planted a garden yesterday in our back yard.. Today it snowed; yesterday it was hot --a few days ago the boys built a snowman in May but we still think spring is here, or nearly.

Delbert is getting a real garden started on the farm . The sheep are doing splendidly.

I do hope someone is getting Grandma Holbrook's history and also Grandpa's before it is too late... ***

The eye doctor said I needed rest and vitamins - glasses would not help as my vision was entirely o.k. Good news!

May 15: by Delbert V. Groberg to Jennie:

OF BLESSINGS

Blessings that bring the greatest joy
And last the longest
Are those that come to us together;
They are the strongest.

All blessings that we are given
That have real meaning
Come to us from Heaven
Approved of the Lord --

They come from Heaven it is true
To bless our lives together,
But the way they come
I now discover
Is through you
My sweetheart, wife and mother --

The route that blessings
Come from Heaven
Is now clearly and completely given--
The Lord gives all blessings
It is true--
They come from Him
Via of you.

June : Wish we could all drop in for a Father's Day greeting..We are indeed proud to call you father and are aware that at too many times we fail to really express that appreciation. Thanks for letting us enjoy your home again and using the precious gas to trot us around. I hope the next time we come we don't leave a broken bed and chair (now repaired) as evidence of the good time we had.

Last night Julia was working on a Primary lesson and in listing 11 of 12 Apostles she said: "I think Grandpa would be good for the other Apostle - but he couldn't ever swear."...

(Us to Father)

*** Mother did get some wonderful histories of ancestors and sent them to us

June 1942

Dear Folks: (to my sister Mary H. Maxwell)

We surely trust the measles are about over and not the worst kind because they can be pretty tough. It is nice to have your extra rooms Mary, especially when you have company.

We are punk letter-writers but we find so much to do all the time and that is one thing it is easy to keep putting off.

We are all in splendid health. My blood is higher than it has ever been to my knowledge - a count of 82 which is some improvement over 50 and 55 before Dick was born.

We have lots to do but enjoy doing it. I have a woman who helps just two afternoons a week but we are going to get steady help in a while and probably - in fact we do feel we must plan definitely on a hired girl for the next couple of years if we can locate one and afford one. We have a huge house to keep up and a family that keeps one person going constantly.

We always want to have Grandma when we can get her but know that she should not attempt to manage alone anything as difficult as our kiddies and this house and care for a new arrival and indisposed mother- but all that is so far away yet that we will work it out later.

Today I took four of the children to the dentist - the mother and daddy also went. We have three more appointments for next week then we should be taken care of for a few months in that regard.

We keep thinking about your classy big garden spot and cows, etc. Mary, and almost envy you. I hope we can work out something to have some such set-up in the next year or two at least - it seems better in every way.

**I had my "sewing" club here yesterday and the house still looks pretty slicked up. Then my hubby and I stepped out to a formal dinner dance, but most of the time I spend at home. We step out maybe once a week or less but Delbert is gone quite often.

We hope to see the folks soon.

Julia would surely like to come to Richfield and visit you.

Love to all,

Grobergs

** - Once a month for about a year I attended a sort of sewing club - with some dear friends, i.e. Vera Hart, Harriet Woolley, Ethel Stanger, Eva Ovard, Ella Andelin, etc. - and they hoped I wouldn't give it up - we are still good friends - but I was needed at home and wanted to be there

June 21: We have had a big Sunday as usual. Delbert gave a splendid address on the Martyrdom of the Prophet...We have had really cool weather so we keep a fire in the fireplace and still wear our winter coats. All of the crops are late but look good.

It is really a problem to keep the children busy and progressing all summer. Ours are supervised and checked up on much more regularly than some of the others in our neighborhood. They are normal, healthy and fine but at times the job of being a mother is almost overwhelming. The baby is as cute as could be possible. He still has his long curls but when his daddy gets a picture that suits, he will go to the barber. He is so husky and so mischievous and dear that we all just adore him.

Dickie will be four tomorrow and considers himself fully as grown as any of his brothers. Within the last two weeks Dick seems to have changed from a baby into a little man, altogether too independent and rather perplexing but he is still our "sweetheart boy".

We are putting twin beds in the girls room - Mary freezes at night and Julia smothers when they sleep together. I don't remember a lot of confusion in my home but maybe I had a far better mother than I am.

John was eight last Wednesday and we had a big party for him. He is really a classy boy. David is toning down and will be a fine little man by the time school starts in the fall.

(Us to folks)

July 7: John was baptized at Ammon last Friday, July 3rd. Elder George Lynn Davies officiated. He baptized his boy and Barbara Weaver and some other children from the Lincoln Ward. John was very thrilled.

On Sunday, July 5th, John was confirmed in the Idaho Falls 3rd Ward. I was asked (by Bishop Larch) to confirm John and I really felt very humble because I am so sure he is going to be a great and good addition to the Church. I stated in the prayer that John was going to have temptations because so much was expected of him and his life could be such a fine example to his younger brothers and he would be such a powerful influence in establishing and proclaiming truth and righteous principles that evil power would want to direct him away, but that the angels and the Spirit of the Lord and the Holy Ghost would give him strength and ability to choose the right, etc.

Mamma bore a short testimony and then John stood and bore his testimony in a clear, sincere voice saying he "was glad to be a member of the Church. He wanted to be a good example for the rest of the family - thankful to be a good member of the Church and to be able to choose the right and put the wrong behind".

Daddy spoke again of his desire to be a good father, etc. He took pictures of John and the family.

(J & DJrnl)

State Police Rap Cooperation Lack

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Urged to Act

The four spokesmen for the committee dwelled on the theme that "corruption in public office" instead of liquor law violations, was involved and urged the court to act.

Delbert Groberg, city realtor, gave the keynote talk, declaring:

Judge Taylor, the attorneys report that competent evidence shows corruption does exist in public office, that they have submitted this information to you, that it is your high obligation as district judge to consider the matter and render the decision. It is needless for me to tell you or comment to my fellow citizens, 'it is indeed high to be a judge.'

"I am somewhat familiar with the stately inquisition recently conducted with all its announcements, general publicity and alleged purposes," he added, referring to the special liquor law violation probe. "These purposes evidently were to determine whether or not some of us had any tangible evidence or information about liquor violations in our good city. I also understood from reports that there was supposed to be some kind of connection between that inquisition into liquor violations and your decision as to whether or not a grand jury should be called. I fail completely to see any reasonable connection in this respect and I seriously concluded in my own mind that even more reason must exist than present evidence shows to encourage that an investigation be called."

Mr. Groberg was subpoenaed as a witness at the special investigation.

Scores Delay

"Indecision and delay," the speaker added, "in a case like this seems to me to be very unfortunate, for because of the nature of these serious charges, the information on which has been submitted to you (Judge Taylor), they cast a feeling of insecurity and suspicion upon many an innocent person. It is my frank opinion that the innocent in public office are as anxious and ready to encourage and petition you to hurry and call this investigation as anyone else—even more so. As far as I am concerned, I will be more happy to see officials cleared through the investigation than to see them indicted or convicted."

But, he added later, "Where is the citizen who being advised there are public officials here who accept pay for their office and then sell out—who wants to rise and sanction that felonious practice. I'll put them in my little black book of those who are unworthy of the high responsibility of citizenship."

Mr. Groberg said in his opening remarks that he was not speaking officially for the LDS church in which he is a bishop, the chamber of commerce or any other organization of which he is a member. He said he came as a home owner and private citizen.

1942

The Post-Register, Idaho Falls
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Girl Scout Day Campers Cook Noon Meal Out of Doors



COOKING their noon day meal out of doors is one of the features of the Girl Scout day camp which opened at the City park last Wednesday. The day campers meet from 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the evening each Wednesday and Thursday during the month of July. Shown in the above picture, standing, left to right, Janice Warner, Mary Jane Groberg, Barbara Boyce, Willa Dene Whitney, Betty Brown, Lois Reynwald, Edwina McDermott, Sharron Paulus; seated and kneeling, left to right, Lanay Flint, Barbara Heslop, Nadine Strong, Lois Gray, Christine Anderson, Bertie Lou Fricke, Nancy Jane Benfer, Delores Thursie, and Francis Bundte.

Two Speakers Address P-TA

W. W. Christensen and Delbert Groberg were guest speakers Thursday at the meeting of Emerson P-TA, speaking on the topics of "The Teachers Retirement Plan" and "Juvenile Delinquency" respectively.

July 9: Tomorrow the girls start day camp for girl scouts where they go out to the City Park from 9 a.m. until about 4 p.m. and have sports and training in various crafts, nature study, etc. John is taking a swimming class...

I might bring my youngest and eldest son and come to Salt Lake for a couple or three days and let the girls, with daddy's supervision, manage things for a while...

We had the baby's hair out today and all the children of the neighborhood are moaning over it. His curls hung nearly to his waist--that is, when we pulled his hair out straight. It certainly changed him into a little boy.

(Us to folks)

July : I have enjoyed the little boys again tonight. Dickie wanted a GI haircut. I asked if he wanted it like David's - "No! I want it like Deezers" (Dee's) I had to take quite a lot of time to give him a pretty good one. When we finished he looked in the mirror and exclaimed "Goody! Now I won't have to comb my hair."

Mary just sneezed and David said, "What do you want, John?" John said, "Nothing." David said, "Why did you yell 'Gus'?" "I didn't." "You did too!" I had to laugh.....

I took them to the chicken farm...Little Dee is right up to the rest in eating everything too. He is surely cute, and gets ready for bed by 8:30. He surely likes to run and play. David and John went to a show and said the Rex was not such a bad theater.

(D to J)

September 2: Little Dee and I are out on the lawn under the apple tree. I guess he ate too much corn - so fresh and no cost as it was from Uncle Will Steele's farm.

Delbert, John and David went out last nite with Mr. Price and a Brother Shepherd, the artist doing the mural painting in one of the rooms in the Temple, - to the farm Delbert and Price are partners in. They picked apples and we are bottling them today, also some pears.....

Right now Jennie and Delbert are down to the furniture store trying to get a table for the dining room. Delbert says he hasn't sold the 12-acre and may want to keep it. Jennie wants it as it is so close in and will give the boys opportunity to work there.....

While you are with Grandma you ought to get a wealth of material on her's and your father's life that you may need and want some time..... Please keep the letters as they will be good history some day.

(Mother to Father)

October 5: The girls did the dinner dishes without being coaxed and John watched Dee while I rested.

We certainly enjoyed General Conference yesterday and today and wish all of it could have been broadcast. We are so glad that Delbert could be there.

Julia and John insisted they could hear Daddy's voice when the congregation sang. I told them if one voice stood out, it was probably off-key. We are all feeling great and everything is just right.

October 7: Daddy came last night with three boxes of tomatoes -nicest I have ever seen, from Aunt Mattie's in Far West. We now have nearly all of them into juice; David and John are pushing the last thru the big seive.

I gave both John and David a lesson on the piano but David must wait a while to continue.

This time when you come, please plan to stay at least a month.

(J to mother)

October 22: It is 9:30 p.m. and all are to bed except Delbert who is out sorting spuds for the welfare program. He took a group of inactive, 40-year old deacons, etc. with him but didn't tell them Apostle Callis was going to be there to visit with them. That's just like Delbert, isn't it?

The other night we were invited to a party which proved to be a dinner party and a stork shower for Delbert and me - given by the cousins.

Today I went to the doctor and he is planning to give me some time on Thanksgiving day. Hope I don't have to wait around a week or two as I have usually done. When I came home John and David were just putting the finishing touches on a fancy supper they had prepared and which we all enjoyed.

After finishing the washing Monday and the ironing today, each child carried his own things upstairs and put them away. I washed the slip covers for the studio couch but it shrank so I will have to remodel-but at least it is clean for the present.

Mary and Julia each think they have a "date" for the Primary Hallowe'en party...It rained all last week so we didn't do our washing until Monday.. but the weather is lovely now except for quite a wind--Idaho!

The underwear Mary Jane told me several times to return to the store because she would never wear it - I discovered last night it was helping to keep her warm and she is really happy to have it on - altho she hardly wanted me to find out she was wearing it. Also the coat I made her she has been wearing and she even reluctantly admitted it wasn't so bad-looking with the light trimming. I sent her broken wrist watch to the factory with the guarantee and today a new one came to replace it with no charge.

David has to give a poem in Sunday School next Sunday--this time we will both remember it. Dick undresses and puts his stockings carefully across his shoes as he says Grandma showed him was right-They are all good about keeping up what you taught them. Delbert bought some clippers and scissors and has cut John's hair and will do Dee's in the morning. Dee is perfect.

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Wednesday - Oct/ 22.

IDAHO FALLS

Dear Folks;

We have been rather expecting you to drive in as we are looking forward to a visit. We did not go deer hunting but several had good luck during the first few days of the season. I went Duck hunting with Uncle George last Saturday - we got a few ducks - I shot three and saw literally thousands of them flying but mostly out of range. I will be glad to take a few days and go up in the fishing lakes whenever you can come.

We have been talking some of going to Detroit for the 4,5,6, 7th of November to a national real estate convention. I have been asked to represent the state of Idaho but the invitation did not include very much expense money so have not made any plans. Jennie has considered going in case I should make the trip but the problem of the children has not been solved and of course all other plans would depend on satisfactory arrangement for the children at home. When do you plan to go to California? In case we don't make the trip to Detroit we may go to California sometime this winter.

The army camp has filled the town to overflowing. We have nearly 200 highly trained engineers, architects, and draftsmen busily working on plans for the largest experimental military camp in the world. There will be one hospital unit with 1750 beds and there are nine churches proposed together with all other facilities including miles and miles of paved streets and both secondary and primary sewerage. If it is completed it will be the largest city in Idaho.

We are all in good health - we are sending a newspaper with something of real interest -

Love to all, - Write soon

Jennie & Delbert

October 30; The children are excited about Hallowe'en. We have gone thru the costume box which must suffice this year. Julia has rigged herself out to look really cute as a Spanish lady but Mary isn't satisfied yet. John made himself a mask at school and thinks most anything to go with it will be just right.

(Us to folks)

November : Two big boys are shelling peanuts to make peanut brittle. Mary Jane is out playing with Lamar Anderson. Julia is writing something and the two little boys just wandering about. Here comes Daddy - he has been in meeting all day until now.- Now with political meetings too we hardly see him. Yesterday he took Mary and Julia and David out for the afternoon and they picked up spuds; he is exceptionally good with the children when he can find time to spend with them.

We scheduled the work yesterday and the children all did their share with no fussing and then I gave them their allowance for the week. Next Saturday we plan to add to each one's schedule. Yesterday John and David mopped the kitchen floor and did the breakfast dishes; Julia cleaned the bathroom and washed all the woodwork down the stairway and Mary vacuumed and dusted and fixed up the two front rooms.

(J to folks)

November : Took John to the dentist after a night of toothache. His tooth is now out but he thinks he shouldn't go to school. However, he is putting on his new coat now and with \$6 bribe will soon be on his way.

David says he thinks his fingers are as cold as the little boy who saved the world of Holland. (finger in the dyke)

November 9: Sunday - p.m. Delbert is to a meeting. The girls and their friends are making candy and popping corn and the little boys are watching. John and David are making something with wood. We go to Johnson Bros. Planing Mills and get large pieces of their scrap lumber for nothing - big nails, hammers, etc. They know me and are very helpful.

(J to folks)

November 11: This is the 24th anniversary of the Armistice... Dickie and Dee and Mamma and I have just listened to President F.D. Roosevelt from Arlington National Cemetery --the second great world war is in full fury... Dickie, age 4, went marching thru the house saying "When I get big I am going to be a soldier and fight." Mamma said, "This war will be over before you get to be a big man," and Dickie responded as he marched on, "I mean when it starts again." We hope we have the sense and the ability to keep it from starting again.

(D Jrnl)

November 30: At 8:45 p.m., just two hours ago, our fifth son was born. Everything was done to assist and the new little boy cried heartily as mother Jennie again went bravely into the valley and shadow of pain. It surely is hard even at the best. Dr. H. Ray Hatch was so helpful and considerate and Grandma was right with us and she is such a strength and has been so grand in helping us that we could not hope for better care. It is nearly too many blessings to fully understand and appreciate.

I sent Grandpa a telegram: "Basketball team now complete. Fifth son arrived. Everything fine." Mary Jane and Julia had thought it about girl-baby time but when I came home and reported to the six (all were up- even Dee had awakened) that we had another little baby just like Dee, they all said "Have we got a new baby boy?" and everything was o.k.--no complaints or great disappointments. Mary, Julia, John, David, Dickie and Dee were each willing to go to bed and call November 30, 1942 well spent. A little interest in all our thoughts and dreams tonight will be for them and what to name another boy.

(J to folks)

No date: It was 3 or 4 years before she left us that my sister, Rachel Holbrook Anderson, visited in our home on 12th Street in Idaho Falls while on a political assignment - She was Vice-Chairman of the Republican Party of Utah.

When she arrived I was not at home but she was made very welcome by John and visited with him while the two of them did some tidying up which obviously needed doing. When I returned home I was happily surprised to find her there and wishing I had returned earlier.

Before leaving, she told me very strongly that she thought I should be aware that our son, John, was a very, very unusual child --so very special that we should realize it and act accordingly. She did not say this in his presence but pulled me aside to say it. She was deeply impressed with him. He must have been 7 or 8 years old when she visited. She died on John's 12th birthday, June 17, 1946. As a General Authority he paid tribute to her when he spoke at the re-dedication of the Manti Temple -1985.



RACHEL HOLBROOK ANDERSON



12 days

HELLO!

I'm tickled pink
to be here ~ I'm
pink anyway ~ I
arrived Nov. 30th and

want to join the
family in wishing you

A Merry Christmas and
A New Year of Happiness ~

Dec. 1942

Joseph H. Groberg

The following poem was written by mother and handed to me. She prefaced it with a thought said by her friend, Susie Young Gates, daughter of Brigham Young, - "We must taste the bitter in order to enjoy the sweet."

When in maidenhood I stood, I spurned the truth,
But now I know it's true;
Before I'm 66 I know it's true.

It came before to me
But the other night it was all renewed again.
There she was on a hospital bed.
I was in the north room where friends and loved ones sit
Straining to hear a sound, but no sound came.

I stepped into her room, when sure the nurse was gone;
I knew she neared the shore--
She was the ship
Carrying the tabernacle for an immortal spirit waiting
On the shore.

They brought the white carrier and took her.
Six times they had taken her before;
She knew all.

Would her courage fail?
No! Servants of the Lord had sought God in her behalf;
They had placed their hands upon her head--

I did not follow now --neither could I hear -
Back to the north room I fled,
And there a prayer I said.

I did not even seek the accustomed baby cry.
I prayed; I plead, and God heard
For the word came: "He's here! He's here" -
Her portion now is sweet.

Jennie had said to me while in her room: "Mother, why do we have to suffer so?"

* * *

David asked me how much the new baby cost and if they'd take him back if we didn't pay for him. I told him he was paid for and they wouldn't take him back anyways.

He said, "Well, Mamma, what we really pay for is the sickness anyways and not the baby, isn't it?" So he has been doing some thinking....

(J to mother)

November 30:

BOYS NAMES

Boys are found most everywhere
Particularly at our place -
And names for boys are plentiful
Especially around our place -

John's a swell name - so is David,
They fit right in at our place;
Richard and Dee are bettered by none
They are the boys at our place.

Boys don't stop with only four;
They keep a-coming to our place;
And boys are coming most everywhere -
We know they are at our place.

The names for boys are plentiful;
We've mentioned scores at our place.
We'll eliminate all that's left but one
And name the new boy JOE at our place

Delbert V. Groberg

December 18: Sina's letter with Joseph's photo came this a.m. He evidently got a good start in life and is blessed with good looks...looks like he would make his way in life without much concern on the part of others. If the mother fully regains her strength and keeps well all will be tip-top.

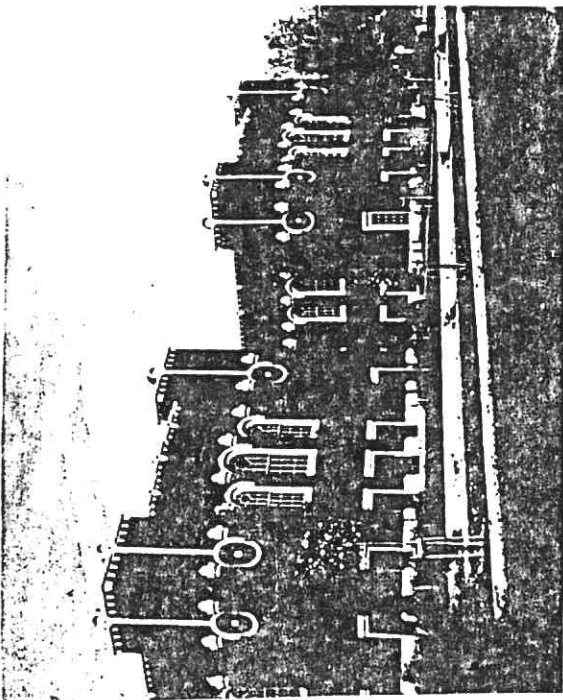
The potatoes arrived Wednesday and I delivered them the same evening, with the exception of Neeley's which I left with Nellie and Roi...All think the Idaho Russets from the Groberg farm timely and sensible gifts...

Perhaps you saw an account of Uncle Ira Hinckley's funeral. Speakers were Bert Smoot, Bro. Beasely, Apostle Stephen L. Richards and Nephi L. Morris.

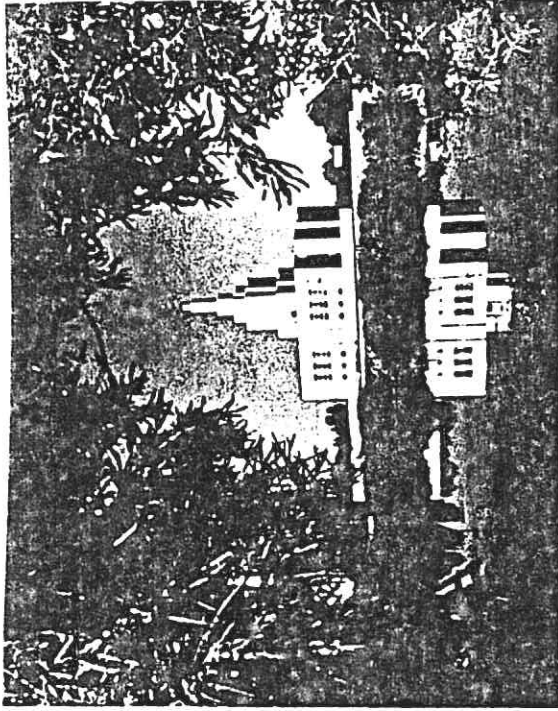
Enclosed find check for \$10 for the Grobergs - one dollar of this is from my mother and she suggests it be used to buy nuts and candy for the family. She seems better again. Merry Xmas and love to all....

(Father to us)

CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS



May the New Year-1943-bring choice blessings to you and yours. We, the members of the third Ward at home send our love to you who are away. In chorus we repeat the M.I.A. slogan. "Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest" — Joshua 1-9

Sincerely The Bishopric
L. C. Larch *D. W. Groberg* *W. H. Price*
R. Lydie Wilson, Clerk

To a home where Santa Comes:

Six in number, Santa sees,
Stockings filled right past the knees -
And with satisfaction goes
To the land of secret repose.

Morning wakes and little feet
First to find the gifts complete
All that's wanted and more too,
Daddy, Mother, was it you?

Time rolls on and every year
You will fill their hearts with cheer
For, to us, this very day
We still like to Santa play.

This little gift - we send to you
With our love and blessing too.

Father + Mother
Kansas 1942.

O. Taylor

After Christmas: Uncle Alma visited us Friday evening and it was a rare treat for us. He has always been one of my favorites.

The children spend many hours with their ice-skates and sled --I wish Grandma could see Mary skate and Julia is getting very good too. Mary is going to read in Mutual Tuesday. They asked for Julia also but one is enough...The baby weighs 10 lbs. 10 ozs. today and is so bright and alert and good-natured. He still keeps his mamma up too much at night....

Dick has developed such an independent attitude that when we fail to understand, it is really pathetic. If we can only understand him then he is an ideal dispositioned boy...

Delbert has probably told about remodeling the office some and that he has to locate a new secretary next week.

Mary Jane says her Sunday School teacher promised a prize to one who memorized the Article of Faith first and then the teacher wrote first three on the board. Mary says she read them thru and knew them and if she had written the rest she could have said them too before the class was out. She was merely stating a fact; her memory is unusual. She recited the first three on the way home.

Daddy had Mary Jane play a piano solo at Church the last minute tonight. She did pretty well and it is such a good experience for her.

(J to folks)

1 9 4 3

January 1: The seven children are well. It has been very warm for two or three days.

The year 1942 has left its permanent impress, contribution and gifts with us. In our home the coming of our new son, Joseph H., who arrived on November 30, 1942, weighing $8\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. has been the most important event. He has given us a full month of joy in 1942 and is all set to make a real place for himself in 1943.

Dee has moved over just a little but is still a baby with all the need for attention and affection that he claimed before the new baby arrived. He loves the new one.

When Joseph was just 12 days old we had Lawrence Bacon come and take a picture of him and we used one for a Christmas card; it was fun.

Jennie has been so grand with the children and has so much to do to keep the seven little children mothered, it is the wonder and "talk of the friends." So many have expressed they wish they could trade places, etc. At times, when we would like to do some of the other things like going out together for an evening, we really can count our fortunes and stay in with them. Jennie resigned her position as activity counselor in the stake MIA last June in order to devote her self to the family. She was a very outstanding counselor too and put over some extra fine activities. We think we are putting first things first. We want to have 1943 a year of fine home training and happy association for the children.

There are going to be a lot of other challenges to our time and our energy but if in and through them all we can keep this little resolve in constant operation, we think, no matter what else happens, we can see fulfillment in the many greetings and wishes of this day. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

(D Jrnl)

January 4: Delbert named our baby Joseph Holbrook Groberg today. We were all present and happy and grateful....We had a fine visit with the Andelin family including Aubrey and Helen (Kay's sister).....

(J to Folks)

January 23: We are having quite an experience here with floods. Julia went in a boat up 10th Street today....

Did you see the picture and write-up the Tribune gave Delbert recently?

Dee and Dick had shots for diphtheria and smallpox and all had the schick test.

Today we tried to go out to the farm to check on the new lambs but after trying two highways and finding both almost impassable in spots and dangerous because of the deep water running across from one field thru the road to another, we gave it up and came home. There are several new lambs. Delbert is very interested in the happenings out to the farm. (J to folks)

January 14, 1943

The Salt Lake Tribune

Idaho Falls Chamber Chief Earns Friends' Acclaim

President-Elect Graduated From Ogden
High School, Brigham Young 'U';
Active in LDS Church, Civic Activities

Tribune Intermountain Wire

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho—Delbert V. Groberg, 36, who will be installed Friday night as president of the Idaho Falls chamber of commerce, is described by

his friends as a self-made man.

Orphaned at the age of three years, Mr. Groberg went to live with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Groberg at Ogden, Utah, following graduation from the Ogden high school, he attended Brigham Young university at Provo, Utah. Interrupting his schooling, he served on an LDS mission in 1925 and 1926 in the eastern states, and then returned to the B Y U.

Returns in 1930

In 1930 he returned to his birthplace, Idaho Falls, and started an insurance business. He was later associated with Earl Brunt and Clifford M. Kindred in the insurance and real estate business and now owns the real estate company bearing his name.

Mr. Groberg is retiring president of the Idaho Falls Real Estate board. He is vice president of the Kiwanis club, and is a member of the Knife and Fork club. He is first counselor to Louis C. Larch, bishop of the Third LDS ward church. Formerly, Mr. Groberg was a member of the bishopric in the First ward and later was a member of the high



Delbert V. Groberg . . . New chamber of commerce president.

The law in nature seems to be that things naturally fall apart. As eternal vigilance is the price of freedom, so eternal effort is the price of organized success. We agree to put forth the effort. The directors have expressed their determination - the ship will come through. As the officers decorate our service men with medals and awards for distinguished bravery in combat with the foes we are fighting against, so must we feel to decorate and honor (and not criticise and abuse) those loyal, steadfast men and women of vision and energy who render distinguished service in advancing and improving the things at home they are fighting for.

The civic clubs, the service clubs, the social and fraternal and trade organizations, the churches and schools, the political units, the business and professional men and women, can all increase their valuable influence and service to the home front by accepting a unity of purpose and acknowledging the greatest service is for the public good.

Every time I see that winding, sparkling river (of Russ Freeman) and think of the life and power and light and wealth and beauty at our door and at our command, I question the ability of any mortal being to plan so well for unlimited development. I know that you and you and you and you, and I, are the ones who must assume the leadership to bring about these developments, and 1943 is an important year to stay on the job.

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January : The children have just finished their bread and milk and are having a raw turnip for dessert.

Joseph is fussing and coaxing to be picked up...He is getting better in sleeping thru the night. Yesterday I took him to the Dr. He weighs 14 lbs. and 12 ozs. -what he should weigh at 5 mos. according to them. He is really handsome and oh my how we do love and enjoy him. But in spite of all these wonderful kids and their great daddy, I sometimes get pretty lonesome for my own family and parents and wish I had a sister to drop in and see. I really do know that probably no one in the world has as much to be thankful for as do I --Mother, when your children were small and you were with them for several days without a break did you ever think maybe the job was bigger than you and actually feel discouraged? I don't ever remember of your letting us know if you ever felt that way.

We are anxious to hear of the new arrivals and hope they both get along as easily as I did and have good help afterwards if needed.

We are starting a first-aid course and home-nursing in Relief Society which I hope to squeeze into my over-crowded schedule.

Dickie answers the phone for us. He says, "Mamma - the phone must be busy because when I said '417' (Dad's office number) it just keeps on bizzing." Later he told me Dee had dropped a crayon down the "heatister"- so we have lots of fun.

We do keep amazingly well and hope to manage better so we can do what we should and want to do in this busy, wonderful world!

(following taken from rough draft of talk given by Delbert:)

As your new officers and directors go into the new year, 1943, we do so with the actual picture of affairs quite clear before us. In many ways we do not like the picture - but we have no desire to ignore it nor any impulse to cover up our heads so we can't see it. This planet, the earth, the good earth, has ignited itself into total war. We right here in this quiet room, are in that war - and we know it! Nearly 1600 - many young, energetic, red-blooded young associates of ours, from this county (about eight times as many as are here tonight) are in the armed forces of the U.S.

Now these young men are the ones we formerly depended on to keep our spirits up and our activities humming. They have been coming home from school; they have been getting married and setting up homes, going into business and preventing any of us from becoming moss-backs or old fogies. That was the normal way. But in order to get those times back we all have a job to do. The boys have the most dangerous job but ours here at the home-front is neither easy nor unimportant. They would not fight half so hard or so well, or be half so willing to fight if they were not sure we were both willing and able to hold our positions and make new gains at home.

We must not only shelter and defend the institutions and opportunities and concepts of free American life but we must so use them, LIVE them, and improve and increase them, that when our victorious troops come home, waving high the banner of their victory over the forces they were fighting against, we will be proud ourselves to have them see that we have been faithful in our stewardship of the THINGS THEY WERE FIGHTING FOR.

Our city must remain a progressive city, it must do progressive things. We are the ones to do it. Some cities and communities may weaken and fall down but we won't; we never have; we never will. Idaho Falls just isn't that kind of a place. This city is going to build roads and beautiful drives and parks and provide not only for the necessities of the present but also for the needs of the future. So we come in a Chamber of Commerce - 347 members and accepting new recruits daily, seeing a job we want to have done and doing it. Here are your chosen directors. - Appraise the things we are fighting for - get the picture of the home front. The Chamber of Commerce is the community expression of enterprise, and strength, and solidarity. It can well be termed the body of stewards accountable to those who are away fighting this war, those who are at home, and those who are yet to come - and shame on us if we fall down. The free American spirit, in time of war as in time of peace, must know one direction - FORWARD! That is the only way there is to go. It takes leadership and it takes individual effort and cooperation.

We have officers, a well-trained secretary whom we are paying for doing a job, an outstanding Board of Directors who are property-owners and business-owners and our best selection of solid citizens. Then come the committees who must work on roads and dams and resources and beautification and civic affairs and agricultural projects and planned publicity and correlate the talents and affairs of the members into a great unit of strength.

Chamber Leader Marks Postwar Study Needs

Idaho Falls President Recalls Foresight of Lincoln in Depressing Days of Civil War

Tribune Intermountain Wire

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho—Delbert V. Groberg, president of the Idaho Falls chamber of commerce, emphasized Thursday that even though the nation is involved in a war that requires much attention, leaders as well as individuals should not lose sight of problems that may bring much future good.

In preparing a talk to be made before the Idaho Falls Real Estate board Friday in the Bonneville hotel, Mr. Groberg entitled it "Lincoln and Idaho." "I got to thinking on the topic because Friday is Lincoln's birthday," he explained.

Despite the rush of Civil war, President Lincoln took time to consider and sign the measure which created the Idaho territory.

Signed March 3, 1863

"On March 3, 1863, Abraham Lincoln signed the act which described the bounds and set forth the provisions for organization of a new section of the west and in words of the bill, "... the same is hereby created into a temporary government by the name of the territory of Idaho."

"On January 1, 1863, just a little more than 60 days previous, Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The president as commander in chief of the union forces was very much involved in war, but he saw beyond the war and planned beyond it. The creation of the Idaho territory was farsighted postwar planning.

"The 320,000 square miles of western country contained in the original Idaho territory has since been divided into what is now the states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. The value of organizing and providing for the development of this great west had very little to do with the Civil war but it has had a great part in the strengthening of the nation after the war. Now, perhaps, no other section of the entire world is as important for the production of vital food as this Lincoln-created territory."

Extends Tribute

Mr. Groberg, who advocates that the Palisade reservoir project on the south fork of Snake river be kept alive despite the war, added: "As we honor Lincoln on this 134th anniversary of his birth, it is also fitting that we appraise the 80 years of development of the great Idaho which he set in motion and consider how we have



Delbert V. Groberg... Emphasizes postwar planning.

honored and accomplished the effects of Lincoln's touch."

"The Civil war period (or Lincoln period) is just about midway between the Revolutionary war and the present," Mr. Groberg said. "When we consider the vast expansion of the two periods and measure the future by the past, we can hardly imagine the next developments. But this war will end, as all wars have, and we had just as well do a lot of planning and providing for the future. If we devoted as much to this war as Lincoln did to the Civil war and at the same time made as great plans for the strengthening of our nation afterwards as he did, we too will be doing a full part."

February : We are so happy with our new little man. He is changing rapidly but very good. The top of his head is right bald and his eyes somewhat lighter and bluer. Hope he soon sleeps most of the night while his mother does.

Delbert is trying to figure out a speech for the Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held Thursday evening. ***

Today I took the five boys up town in the car and four of them had their hair cut. John held Dee because he cried so. John is about our best help but the girls are good too.

Mary played a piano solo "Londonerry Air" in Church last night. Julia is to give a reading in school Friday. They brought their report cards home today. John's and Mary's are super. David's and Julia's are o.k.

Everytime I use this classy molasses I feel a surge of gratitude for your trouble in getting it for us (Utah Dixie Sorghum)

(J to folks)

(maybe March)

February : With all of us loving and praying for Mary all will surely be well - give her our fondest love and keep us posted please.

Delbert has been getting a lot of publicity and acclaim in his new job and releasing of old one. He is a natural "politician" and could go far in public service. At the big Chamber of Commerce meeting he quite stole the show. He is extremely popular among the business men. We had two big banquets in his honor Thursday and Friday which we will tell you about some time.

Our baby is getting bigger every day and is smiling and noticing things-- He is so good natured and such a darling. Dee and Dick must be the very best company in all the world - when the rest go to school I really do enjoy them..

Be sure to tell Mary we are pulling for (J to mother) her.

February 15: Ruth and son are building every day..So glad Joseph is still increasing your joy. As I view parenthood, I am sure each one should more and more assume a real responsibility in the home as a real important contribution to home democracy. Follow-up work by parents to be constant. Don't do for any child what he can do for himself also. Go to bed early. You are still our pace-setters.

(Us from Mother)

***May be talk on pp. 3-4

February 20:True to the Holbrook sisters type, Ruth is on record as disturbing no one at the time of the birth. All the children slept and found their little brother in the baby buggy in the morning..... a little chloroform given by Drs.' wife gave relief from sharpness of last pain...I was not in the room as I was too busy with a prayer of the heart for the perfecting of the coming of another needed and choice spirit to keep peace when it shall at last come to the world. He and Joseph should be friendly cousins.....

Let's not let the cares of the day fill too much space for mother; but distribute them as important to each. You are entirely equipped for mastery. The Lord is very mindful of you and your household..

(Mother to us)

February 25: There is a good farm out three miles west that has many of the features wanted in a farm that is now available. It has 185 acres and is priced at \$30,000, which is \$160 an acre. It has some very good improvements, two big spud cellars and fine barn and sheds and fences. It is especially good potato soil and has plenty of New Sweden water. It has about 60 acres in hay and had 60 acres in spuds last year. The balance was in grain and pasture; they had a large field of corn. There is one little section that can be sold to a neighbor who joins it. I thot some of trying to buy this small tract and just renting it to the neighbor.... but he will probably come in and buy it and the other portion will go too this spring I think...Let me know if you would like further information on this or other farm property.

I left word at the sale today to buy me a few good young ewes that were being sold and find I bought seven for \$76.50. This will about finish out the amount of sheep I want for the year. We have 40 lambs that are sure doing swell altho we lost one old ewe the other day.

I am tending the four young boys while Mom and the older children take an evening out. I sure take more time away from home than a man with a family ought to but quite a few men are called away from home entirely during these times and I just hope I can do my part.

(D to father)

February 28: My Dear Birthday Daughter; Thirty-five years of fruitful, blessed living. May you have many more than 35 more which would bring you to the age of three score and ten.

Little Joseph is three months old. He must be a charmer and has so many to charm. You certainly are "letting your light shine." and it's the happiest life of all...Our love and prayers -

(Mother to us)

March 1: All well and happy - just home from Church. Delbert took charge and I played the organ. The Bishop is in bed again. It is quite a treat to have Delbert home Sunday p.m.

Joseph has quite a bad naval rupture and the doctor plans to put a belt on him. He is a lovely and healthy baby and makes our home indeed a bit of heaven..

(J to mother)

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L.D.S. THIRD WARD
RELIEF SOCIETY
PROGRAM

AMERICA,
A CHRISTIAN NATION



Third Ward Chapel
Sunday - March 7, 1943 6 p.m.

Opening Remarks....Salina Halliday
Forward.....Jennie Groberg
Talk.....Cecil Hart
"The American way of life is the
Christian way of life.."

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"I want every Latter-day Saint soldier to get down on his knees and pray God to help him lead a clean life, and to preach the Gospel while he is in the Army."..."It grieves me deeply that it is necessary for thousands of our boys to go into the army. I hope and pray that they will go out with the missionary spirit, maintain their ideals, and come back to us as sweet and clean as then they went away." Pres. H.J. Grant

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Tribute: Our Flag. . .Vance Holland
Conclusion: "America first, not merely in matters material but in things of the spirit.....Jennie Groberg

Benediction.....Sybil Ball

March 8: We have beautiful new carpeting in the front room, sun room and hall....If you get too crowded there we have lots of room here. Mary and Julia are putting Dick and Dee to bed. Joseph weighs 15½ lbs. and is just grand.

(J to folks)

March 17 or near then -given at Third Ward Relief Society Activity:

RELIEF SOCIETY NURSERY NONSENSE (with apologies to Mether Goose)

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe.
She had so many children she knew just what to do.
She washed them and combed them and marched them with glee
Right to the Third Ward Relief Society.

Once I saw a little bird come hippity hop hop hop-
Magazine drive is finished - once more we're over the top.

Hey diddle diddle, square dance with a fiddle,
It's the seventeenth of March.
We'll all come out with laugh and shout,
Even Groberg and Price and Larch

Baa Baa Black Sheep - have you any wool?
We're quilting for the welfare to keep our storehouse full.

Little Boy Blue come blow your horn;
We're canning beans and spinach and corn

Hippity Hop to the Barber shop,
But stop in the building next door;
We're selling aprons and quilts and food
It's our annual bazaar

Hickory Dickory Dock - Is it really two o'clock?
Wanda gives her lesson today so I must hurry right away-
Hickory Dickory Dock

Wee Willie Winkie runs through the throng
"Come and join up sisters
'Til we're a hundred thousand strong!"

I saw a ship a-sailing, a sailing on the sea
And it was full of many things made by our Society:
Thanksgiving baskets, for Christmas even more,
Flowers for new mothers and mince-meat to store -
Quick-arrow soap and scrap-books new,
Deeds of cheer and comfort and help and courage too

Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater
Had a wife and couldn't keep her
'Til she took our course on successful home life
Now he exhibits her as Model A-1 wife!

Polly put the kettle on - but it must not be tea-
We're serving at work and business day of Relief Society

Boys and girls come out to play -
Our mothers are gone for the rest of the day -
'Tis the 22nd of February
And a big job again for Relief Society.

Rub-a-dub-dub, three gals in a tub
And who do you think they be?
Gladys, Azilca and Pearl
Steer the ship of Relief Society

They're splendid; they're true;
They know just what to do

They're sincere in their loyalty,
So rub-a-dub-dub, you gals in the tub,
Our hats are off to you three!

Old King Cole was a merry old soul
And he loved sweet melody;
He sent for the best band
To be found in the land-
Singing mothers of Relief Society

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard
To fix lunch for her family;
She knew the right diet for she had kept quiet
At Relief Society

Cock-a-doodle doo -
Anyone have an old shoe?
We'll nail it and mend it and fix it just right-
Old clothing we change into new!

Rub-a-dub-dub - someone else in the tub
And wondering just what to do --
But I am tired; you're maybe bored -
So let's bid each other....ADIEU!

(written and given by J)

March 19: Delbert may come down to Conference. He put the family to bed tonight while I went to the first-aid class.

Joseph's little round eyes are still looking about but he will soon go to sleep and then I will. David was thrilled to be remembered on his birthday. He lead the Sunday School in the Sacrament Gem Sunday.

(J to folks)

March 30: The four older ones are to school; Dee and Dick are upstairs and Joseph is asleep. I am going to the dentist for a check-up where he extracted a wisdom tooth. The roots were hooked around the jaw-bone so we had a merry time. It is really spring so I hang the clothes outside.

Joseph was named by his father and given a beautiful blessing on Jan. 3d. We had six Grobergs in the Primary Conference Sunday night--they all did very well.
(J to mother)

Spring... The children are all rather "spoiled" as you know but we quite like them just as they are. Poor David got a hard bump which blooded his nose and swelled his lips yesterday but he is playing around as lively as ever today. He just lost a fingernail which has been threatening to come off for sometime.

John is taking piano lessons and really enthused over it.

Julia and Mary find plenty of time to keep their hair pretty. How nice if "Dutch-cut" would be the style again! -But they are so precious and they really keep their room very tidy and are so good about helping, especially with the little children.

I always go to sleep when Joseph does and that's now - so I must quit...

(J to folks)

April 11: If Mary moves to Salt Lake maybe among all of you I might find a place to stay over night and could come down with one or two of my boys. They are such darling little tykes but somewhat spoiled as mother has maybe intimated. The tiny boy is over 27" tall and weighs over 17 lbs. and is pink and happy --In fact we all feel so good that we wish everyone felt that good and could be just as happy as we are.

Tonight Julia put the two little fellows to bed and watched Joseph while the rest of us went to Church. It was a genealogy program and really good. Delbert took charge. The Bishop is having trouble with his leg again; we really feel awfully sorry for him. The children are listening to the radio but we have had family prayer and the boys are going up in one minute by the clock.

The children have all written a short note to Karl Homer - leaving for the service. Their second boy is in training in Texas and their third boy has passed the first physical test and may also soon leave. A lady came here for a temple recommend who was going to Salt Lake To say good-bye to her third son and she has another who soon turns 18 so I guess none of the rest of us who have no sons or husbands in the service, as yet, should be glad to help in small ways such as being rationed.

Be sure to write us and know we think of you often and always remember you in our prayers.

(J. to folks)

April 26: Today is wash day and we really made it a big one but the clothes are so soft and clean and white, whipping in this fresh Idaho wind, that it is really fun to bring them in off the line and fold them and have the children put them away;--we have so much fun with these little boys. Dee is a scamp but such a darling one...

(J to folks)

April : The children are restless ...dinner is over and the dishes done and a few letters written. The buggy is minus a tire so we can't take Joe for a walk but we may use the wagon. The other day we bot a small 2nd-hand tricycle which has been in constant use since..We are having such wonderful weather -glad we don't live in Utah where you have such funny snow storms in the spring and I still think the wind blows as hard there as it does here.

School will be out in three weeks but I don't look forward to that with the joy the kiddies do as it is much easier to manage when they are in school and things are regular. Joe has fallen asleep so Mary and I will go for a walk. Daddy may be beak soon.

(Us to folks)

May 3:Esther's mother is with her. It was surely a tragedy for that little new promise to be checked in its progress of development -- another little boy. I pray that some day they will have the reward of what they seek most in their hearts. Little John needs a baby brother even though he startles one often at his maturity. Joseph! Albert! and Daniel! - What a trio of cousins -

Keep on your road to eternal joy.

(Möther to us)

Mary Jane to her mother (kept by Grandma)

My Mother

The sweetest person that ever lived
The kindest lady on earth,
The truest friend a person can have
Is my mother ever since birth

She never does a thing that's wrong,
She never takes the best,
But now I'd like to make her know
To her is my address.

I love her truly; I always will,
My mother dear, it's you.

May 17: S.L.C. - Enclosed is my first contribution to the day-a-week I promised you. It took just one hour to get the information and record it. So you still have 7 hours for this week. I am sending it to you as it's so hard for me to keep track of my belongings. You can file them as they come to you.

I am so thrilled at your promise to write the story. That's faith that few have - with your many duties. Elaine says you always have made life so interesting for your family and see who you companion with!

Keep on in your glorious mission. All said you were so beautiful and your baby a gem perfect. Little Dee is so mild and yet has so much reserve in his countenance to surprise his friends with if needed.

...There is a diary here of Grandpa Holbrook's or his father, I don't know which. I believe maybe you could get a loan on it now that Aunt Clara is away. Anyway, what are diaries for if not for posterity's use?

Of course it is valuable and probably should be put in his office.

(Mother to J)

no date: ...My project promises to be a very profitable one in many ways. The information sent is o.k. but I wonder if we could get a little more personal incidents and related in detail --I think if we could just visit and have things told spontaneously rather than coaxed out,- we get a little more of characteristic or personality --i.e. Just when Grandpa H. proposed and anything unusual about the setting, etc. and how Grandma felt, etc. Or it would be so interesting to have her tell of anything she and President Grant had in common maybe as children --(the Grants and Holbrooks are such good friends now) ---I have heard vaguely of Grandpa H. driving cattle from Texas --just what are the details --

I realize this is a mammoth task and my big concern is that neither you nor Grandma over-exert yourselves.....

When we come to formulating something it will be classy to have the diary.

(J to Mother)

May 20: We all thoroughly enjoyed the visit of you and the two youngest. Joseph scored a home-run with mother and all who saw him. He certainly is blessed with the qualities to win at first sight to an exceptional degree.

The emphasis on Joseph partly comes from the fact that he is the baby and saw most of us for the first time and in no way is intended to disparage Dee or others. Each upon its arrival has had unusual appeal and interest for all of us and been to all of us about all their loving parents thought they were.

I must say, however, there is something about Joseph's eyes and smiles, that captures to a degree rarely possessed by any....Mother enjoys the babies immensely. She had so many callers she was a little tired Sunday but again fine and says Joseph is a dream child...

(Father to J)

Salt Lake City, May 31, 1943

My Dear Grobergs:

Last week I didn't get any contributions for our project to get Grandma Holbrook to tell me her life story. She went to Provo yesterday to place flowers on her husband's and children's graves.....We expect to go down to the Alumni banquet with Raymond and Esther. Did you see in the Tribune of yesterday - Fawn McKay Brodie's picture and account of her recent book -the Projected Life of Joseph Smith? We'll have to read it.***

Jennie, I have been thinking so much about your plea for me a home; in your understanding my yearning so sincerely that you appealed for help for me has touched me and given me strength. It has really been a trying adjustment not to have a place where our children and their children could feel an open door for them. Until that time shall come I am going to bend my efforts toward procuring names for the Idaho Falls Temple and also seeing to it that the ragged ends of what research I have done be caught up and finished in sealings.

My trip to Montreal, to Vera, is coming soon. Father says I may go. He probably explained in his letter the situation we are in here at grandmother's. At times I know he is very bothered and not very happy about it all. He can't sell it as long as she lives and we hope that will be as long as she wishes.

Jennie, I believe it would be a great help if you would write grandmother concerning the story of her life and your wishes. I believe she would respond to your request as she is very fond of you. It would seem more real and important. Suit yourself however. I am not going to give up until this is accomplished for I know the courage and effort it will take on your part with your already full days. Everything worth doing requires faith and works aplenty-

Your main work is not to be made secondary to any other.

Love and prayers and appreciation - Mother

Father surely brags about baby Joseph

***(this might refer to Brodie's book-"No Man Knows my History" which neither mother nor I ever read.)

May...? - Darling little mother - I wish I could write a suitable tune for Grandpe B's "Song of the Tithe Payer" - but music, like other arts, just doesn't accommodate to our desires and come at a call when needed - at least not to me.**Little Mary has been composing a tune - which amazes me.....

We are certainly enjoying these letters with the history...I know what a lot of work it is to write us at such length and I am carefully filing the letters for future use.

The children are beginning to stir and squeal. Delbert is out putting in some tomato plants; it is going to be a classy garden and it will be so great to have our own vegetables.

The three older children are taking swimming lessons and Mary is taking flute lessons in the beginners band and John piano - And then there is the play program at the park - I am taking a home-nursing course.

I am going to cut out a dress for Julia before breakfast.

(J to folks)

June 11: My Dear Beloved Couple - Sure enough it's your wedding day - a plain, one-cent postcard carries our deep appreciation for the fruits of these 13 glorious years for us.

May the Lord be the dearest friend all thru the future as in the past. You have a claim. The pictures of Joseph, father says, are not so beautiful as he but they do sparkle with something you want to catch....

(Mother to us)

June : The baby is cross but cutting teeth; he has two clear thru. He has discovered he can go places by rolling and when on the floor will roll from one side of the room to the other. He is a little fatty and we simply adore him --He thinks someone should be holding him all the time and lately someone has been....

** But Jennie did attempt to compose a melody for the song (did not feel it was worthy of the song)

June 14: I received your letter and the picture of Joseph this afternoon. My but he surely looks adorable. I would like to just pick him up and give him a big squeeze. It's an adorable expression with that big smile on his face. Hope our children are as cute as yours. We had probably better get your recipe for good health as all of your little ones are so fat and chubby. Aren't you proud of them?

(Vera to us)

June 14: Rachel stayed here last night. She has gone to the Republican functions at Hotel Utah; she is very much in earnest in her political efforts.

I am preparing sheets which I hope to have available for the Idaho Falls Temple. It takes a long while to get names checked.

Vera is going to Raymond, Alberta for her confinement and Maurice for his vacation so I won't have so far to go. He has joined the army as all McGill medical students.

Everyone smiles in response to Joseph's on the dresser. I put one by Helen's and one by Vera's pictures hoping their dreams will be as beautifully realized...

(Mother to us)

Joseph has been quite ill and only this evening is acting something like himself again - since Sunday night. At first the doctor wondered about appendicitis but after careful examination he decided it must be the same germ the others had had, only worse. This afternoon he awoke from a long nap and seemed happy and hungry and is back into another fine sleep (seems often to be the great healer) - His fever is completely gone and by morning he will be fine.

(J to mother)

July 14: Angie and Alma Taylor called but for just a few minutes; how happy we all were. They said you might go to Canada on the plane. We will write Vera tonight. The three little ones have had the flu; Joseph has been quite ill but after a long nap today he seemed happy and hungry and now is back into another fine sleep - his fever is gone; by morning he will

be fine.

Mary was 12 yesterday. Delbert took a group of her friends out to Heise for a swim and picnic, as a birthday present. Delbert's niece, Joan Neeley, has been with us most of the time since we returned...

(Us to Mother)

August 19:These assignments for Delbert, if not remunerative, are indicative of his popularity and worth in his community. When special honor comes to any of us we feel it "boosts the stock" of all of us as R.C. (Rachel's husband) used to say.....The outbreak of Infantile Paralysis has had us all more or less anxious here in the City.... Had a letter from the mother in Canada...I am really glad she will see the Cardston Temple while there...

I have concluded to sell the "White Cottage"...I wrote the mother that this might be the opportunity to get the home she has missed so much..with all the help hired the White Cottage has paid me about 14%.

(Father to us)

September : We have all had a big time today washing and also canning peaches. Delbert has been my right hand help so we have really accomplished a lot. Now we are going out to the farm to get some corn to dry tomorrow and also some cream to make into ice-cream as well as check on the farm in general.

Joseph is restless due to some infection in his gums where some new teeth are coming in but is always a complete joy.

We do hope you plan to come here for the opening of the Temple which should be soon now...Thanks a million for the handkerchiefs; lovely handkerchiefs are sort of my weakness - the children were equally pleased with theirs and also with the souvenir coins. Here come John and Mary from school.

(Us to folks)

September 30: I salute the couple who live. New ideas, new materials, new skills arise with them each morning. Unnecessary details yield in the pursuit of eternal values which the ultimate goals beckon to. "If we work upon clay it will crumble; if we work upon brass it will tarnish; if we work upon marble, it will perish - but if we work upon immortal souls, imbue them with right principles, and a just fear of God, they will brighten to all eternity."

Julia prayed that grandma might arrive in safety and she did. John prayed for a blessing upon the war mothers and they will get it. Mama prayed for sweet-toned voices in the home and I noticed when I first came that her prayer was answered.

(Mother to us)

October 5:.....You of a surety are traveling the road to enduring happiness - Beautiful Mary Jane

Captivating Julia
John the Leader
"Want to do Right" David
Brotherly Richard
Natural Dee
Sunshine Joseph

And on and on they grow and unfold, enriching parental responsibility with the highest form of recreation.

Some day volumes will be written. Love and Prayers - (Mother to us)

October 12: Last Sunday, October 10, I was called by the Presidency of the Stake and asked if I would continue in the Bishopric as the Bishop of the Third Ward. I haven't slept well the past couple of nites. Jennie and I talked it over as we have always wanted to keep close to the Church and to do our duty but we had hoped this might not include too much responsible work that would take me away from home. Bishop Larch has been so grand; everyone likes him so well and he has enjoyed the work so much and I have learned to love him so deeply that it is going to be a job to try to follow him. They plan to make the reorganization October 24. I hope I get some sleep before then.


My mind has reviewed my life and when it gets started it goes on into the morning. I have thought of father and mother and Aunt Mattie and Grandma Brunt and Grandma and Grandpa Groberg. I hope I can take an honorable role in all I do to please and honor them. Our own family of two girls and five sons is also great reason to live and work with honor and faithfulness; they will inherit and receive strength from our example if it is always good.

(D Jrnl)

October 15: Dear Mother Holbrook - I fully expected to see you in Salt Lake during Conference but, as you know, I did not. It was a grand conference and I visited with Clair and Raymond and at father Holbrook's. We are happy to hear that Esther is feeling o.k. You are a remarkable nurse as well as an unusual mother.

Jennie and the children are all fine. John and Mary and Julia are going out into the spuds today; this will be their seventh day. Mary is the best worker, according to reports.

Several times you, or father Holbrook, have mentioned the information that John Rolfe and Pocahontas were back in Jennie's family tree. I know you are busy but I wish you would write to us and just give a brief account of where this information has been obtained and whether or not it is established. It will be interesting to the children too. (see page 208 for answer)

You and Grandpa Holbrook would have enjoyed little Joseph last evening. He got a little wooden toy with wheels on and held one hand onto the toy and crawled about the rooms on two feet, one hand and a roller. You can probably picture him:  The children about popped. They thought he wanted to save the wear and tear on one hand.

I have been getting all the sleep allotted to me before the rest of the family which has given me a little time to do some of the things like writing this letter and starting the assembling of some family history. Give our love to all -
(D to mother)

October 24: Tonight Bishop Louis C. Larch was released as Bishop of the Third Ward and I was sustained as the Bishop. It was a large meeting and about the most difficult I have ever participated in in my life. Bishop Larch tried to speak and couldn't. He just said, 'Brothers and Sisters' and that was all.

Then President Homer called on me and I found a very empty mind and did not really say the things I planned to. But I did tell the saints I had known all the Bishops who had ever served in Idaho Falls except Bishop Thomas and he was still Bishop of the original ward when I was blessed there and mentioned that all the Bishops of the Third Ward were either still here or had passed away (except one-Bishop Nuffer). I said an old, almost legendary installation was being re-established--that of Bishop's sons --If I were made Bishop there would be five Bishop's sons. All the children were out; Jennie played the organ. I told them Jennie was the one who had to do the most and she was willing. I really wanted to say more about her but I missed most of the things I really wanted to say.

I chose Guy A. Poulsen as First Counselor and Arthur D. Thomson as Second Counselor with Clyde Wilson as Clerk. They each spoke and afterwards Bishop Larch spoke. He was grand. He asked the Lord to bless the sick in our ward and the soldiers and the sailors, etc. He prayed this morning that Guy would be as much help to me as I had been to him (Bishop Larch). It touched me. I have tried to help him and he appreciated it.

After meeting everyone came up and shook hands and seemed very happy and willing to support and assist. The very young men - Tommy Rigby, Ardean Watts, Jack Strong and Max Chandler were willing, they said, to help. Guy and Art are well liked. Art was the one who was the dark horse. No one had him picked out. It seems that most of the ones had suspected Guy and I. Jennie and I will try hard to fulfill the confidence and expectations of those who trust us as we now embark in this new boat.

(D Jrnl)

October 29: ...deer season is over and hunters all safely home again. ...Our group got eight..I gave all mine to Holbrook relatives....Delbert I hardly know how you carry so many things and keep going....Wash has been very poorly for some time; Aunt Hattie has gone to Arizona where their Barbara was operated on...Wash nearly had a real collapse. He is at Uncle Will and Aunt Jennie's home and the mother here is also helping. I doubt many in life have had an Uncle Will and Aunt Jennie who have always been so generous and on hand to help and rescue when the need came. They truly have given themselves and their means in the security and well-being of all of us when our boats needed steadying. They have our love and gratitude and an even fuller reward awaiting them.....

Delbert, with respect to the farm...do not hold it longer for me....When the war end does come I look for a tremendous cascading of prices...The choice potatoes from you, nicely wrapped, pleased my mother a lot. Enclosed is a letter to you from her....

(Father to us)

October 31: We held Stake Conference today...Bishop LeGrand Richards represented the General Authorities and was surely grand...He said it was a marvelous thing to be an instrument in the hands of the Lord to answer the prayers of the righteous....

After the Conference I was ordained a bishop by Bishop LeGrand Richards and set apart to preside over the Third Ward....Jennie and Mary and Julia and John and David were present. Jennie took down the blessing given by Bishop Richards and we were thrilled to spend 15 or 20 minutes discussing with him the problems of a bishopric. He said a bishopric can do about anything as long as it stays in harmony with the spirit of the Church. He said the members were looking for and wanting new and better ways and finer things to do and that as long as the leaders were directing the ward into better and finer and greater activity the work would be prospered but if ruts developed and the people began to think things were no better or that they were dragging then look out for dissatisfaction, etc.

(D Jrnl)

October 31: The little Grobergs are all to bed except Joseph and he sort of sleeps when his mother does--or vice-versa. The new bishop is to a Scout affair in Rigby. We are all really very happy over his appointment which took place last Sunday. Delbert and I have known about it for some time - we decided if we were really asked we would feel greatly honored and, with the help of the Lord, would sincerely try to do our best....

Bishop Larch wished to be released because of his continued ill-health. One sister told me to get a life-size picture of my husband and hang it in the front room and explain to the children that it was their father as she claims that's the only way they'll get to see him --(reminds me of the story of the little boy who came home from meeting after his Daddy had been made bishop and asked his mother who was going to be his daddy now) --We have had a lot of fun with the whole affair but also, of course, some deep contemplation and many prayers. We really want to do our best to put it over right.

Also, Delbert was nominated by acclamation to be next year's Kiwanis Club president, at their meeting Thursday so it looks as if I am the wife of a public servant, for a while anyways --and I feel honored and happy to be.

(J to folks)

November 1:The four older children witnessed the procedure of Bishop Richards as he set Delbert apart in his new calling; they were very impressed.

Today John bought himself a pair of shoes with part of his potato money.

He has also bought a new hat, new rubbers, a classy leather belt and other things - after paying his tithing of course.

Delbert said to enjoy a piece of deer steak for us - wishes he could have been along on the hunt; that would have been so fine for him and the others would have thoroughly enjoyed his company - he's just that way.....

(J to folks)

November 1 - Received from Alsina B. Holbrook - in letter dated November 1)

HOW FATHER LEHI'S LINE COMES INTO OURS

Eighteen years after the Mayflower brought the Pilgrims to America, it returned to England for more people. Among the ship's company was a freedom-loving man - Gabriel Wheldon, and his brother.

History says these boys became deserters from the Mayflower. They went inland to the village of Chief Massasoit, an Indian friend of the Pilgrims, and there fell in love with two of Massasoit's nieces whom they married "believing the vow they took under Indian Rights Ceremonies to be just as valid as any white man's Church marriages." Quadaquina, brother of Massasoit, was the father.

Gabriel named his new wife "Margaret" after his wife Margaret who was buried in England. They lived in Massasoit's village, fearing the Plymouth Court would send them in chains back to England for desertion.

Gabriel talked with Massasoit about his problems for he wished to rear his family among the white people. Now Massasoit had offices and many relations with the white people. He told Gabriel not to fear, that all would be well so he went to make his home at Plymouth. But he did have to face the Colonial Courts. They sentenced him to live in a place that later was named Barnstable. All five girls of the Wheldons had families as did other people who arrived from the old world. Through the years they mingled together and intermarried.

Among the Barnstable people were the Hinckleys. The great-great-granddaughter of Gabriel and Margaret Wheldon met and married Thomas Hinckley, the great-great-grandson of our American Hinckley ancestor.

And now as our Lamanite people are fast becoming "white and delightful" we agree with Grandmother Angeline Noble Hinckley "It's nothing to be ashamed of."

Nellie phoned last night about her sister's husband. *We can't have our way all the time - surely the Father does know best.

*Husband of Wanda Lee Spiers

(Mother to us)

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL SERVICES EULOGIZE LIFE OF CLUB MEMBER

Immediate Past President Delbert V. Groberg, bishop of the L.D.S. Idaho Falls Third Ward, conducted the funeral services of our friend and fellow Kiwanian, Roy Farr, last Saturday afternoon in the third ward chapel. Kiwanian Guy A. Poulsen and former Kiwanian Joe Morley eulogized the fine characteristics that dominated the life of Roy as a husband and father, businessman, churchman and member of the Kiwanis club. Other Kiwanians participated in the service by giving the opening and closing prayers and dedication of the grave and as pall bearers. Roy, a charter member of the club, will always be remembered for his steadfastness to Kiwanis ideals and his love for fellowship around the Kiwanis luncheon table. At last week's luncheon the club members stood in silent tribute to his memory and Earl Bowman read a tribute which he had prepared for presentation to the Farr family.

November 1: ...Jennie is plenty busy; the children are through with the spud harvest. Mary made near \$30 and so did John..Julia and David helped too.

I fully expect I am the most over-rated person in Idaho Falls. If I could regain the effective use of the little word "no" before my every inability is discovered I may be able to retain some of the rating but I certainly have "walked in" this time,-perhaps literal fulfillment of "fools walk in where wise men fear to tread."

Jennie and the four older children were thrilled to be present when Bishop Richards officiated in the ordination; I was glad we were all able to be there.....I told the Brethren that it may seem to them that my family and my business got along pretty well without me; they may just cut me off -etc. Someone said "They are making younger men bishops" - I put it this way: "They are making young men old quicker."

We are really happy and hope we can do at least a fraction of what is expected of us. So many non-LDS people have expressed their approval of the selection that I have had quite a reason to marvel at the attention they give to the affairs of the Church....

(D to folks)

November 1: Enclosed is results of research on the Hinckley-Quadaquina (Indian) ancestry. Brother Archibald Bennett says the Hinckleys are not descendants of Pocahontas but the same tribe as she. Quadaquina is a brother of Massasoit. He gave me the address of the person who got out the chart from Ira N. Hinckley to Quadaquina. As you see, it isn't quite complete. I will send the finish when I get it (note: 4/3/86-We have information on this from Hinckleys also) ..Your question has proven a stimulus to research here at the residence. Father thought Uncle Bryant Hinckley knew all about it so Grendma H. invited him to dinner to settle the question. Of course only digging ever settles a question in genealogy and the things I've learned have been amazing.

Uncle Wash is better-still at Aunt Jennie's - She and Will are ever the prize willing hearts in times of need. Wash had a break down which means time to build up again.

Joseph -about
a year old - Who
could help but
love him?

(note: 4/3/86-)

Same now-loved by
all and loves all
(including the Lord)

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Expect Joseph is trying to walk for his birthday but he's pretty heavy for that. The little man knows best.

(Mother to us)

November 3: When I returned from Elaine's last night the best and latest news of the year was folded away in an envelope addressed to a couple who pay homage to a family de luxe who have earned the great privilege that has come to them and to us. As for the Bishop himself, it's just a continuation of the title bestowed when Mary Jane came.

Father of a ward now, including his own posterity here and yet to come. This office will enhance and prosper the other responsibilities that to some might seem a load. It isn't as if it had all been laid upon him suddenly. The Lord's work doesn't move that way. The position has found the man and the right one, supported by a wife who is needed, five sons and two daughters --all shining stars. No night of perplexities will ever be dark with them shining and warming the situation to a victory.

No one who knows you nine but what rejoice and support you --

(Mother and Father to us)

November 8: I can't see that there will be any observable change in the family with the new honor that is yours.

Today I went to Rel. Soc. and helped quilt. Some BYU ladies of my day sat at the same quilt so it was very enjoyable. One lady asked me if I was Dr. Brimhall's sister. Another said that Bryant Hinckley was giving radio talks on Monday evenings and her husband had remarked that Brother Hinckley was taking Bro. Brimhall's place, further stating that no one he ever knew could say so much in few words as Bro. Brimhall. How we love our own!....

Tonite an old lady came to the door, lost (but soon found)...I think it's good to keep the mind solving problems so forgetting won't become a malady. I think genealogy is a very stimulating mind activity.

We're all proud and inspired by your onward march.

(Mother to "Bishop's family")

November 9: I congratulate your ward and the Church in getting another good and capable man to succeed Bishop Larch..Owing to his periods of unfortunate illness in which you mostly did the pinch-hitting - you became well acquainted with your new and added responsibilities...It is an honor and a mission calling for self-sacrifice, not alone on your part but also from Jennie and the family, all accepting it with such good grace, the rest of us should do likewise. I am sure wise and faithful filling of the office brings strength, growth and blessings that amply reward.

As Bishop, president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanians, it seems to me you should be about three men..I am sure you will carry with humility, dignity and success under one hat the responsibilities and honors that often prove too much for three..Be assured you have our faith and prayers.

(Father to us)

11-13

Dear June:

We appreciate beyond
words the help you, with
Delbert's support, have
given Elaine.

Enclosed is my check

Love

Raymond

I've just returned from
a trip with Fay and have not
heard of the Haymores for
a few days.

The IDAHO

November 1943

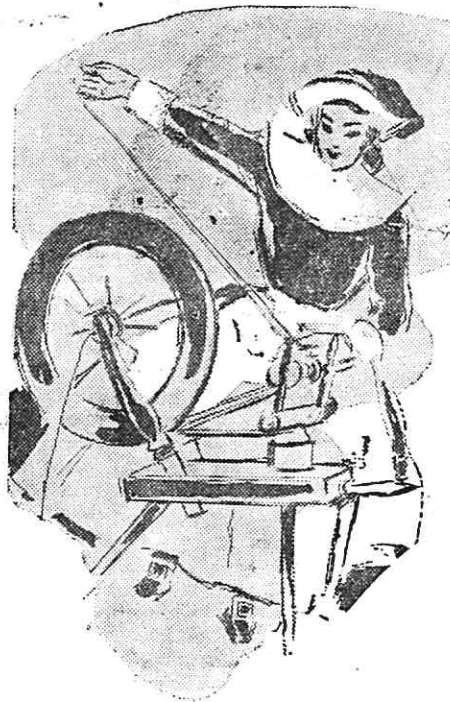
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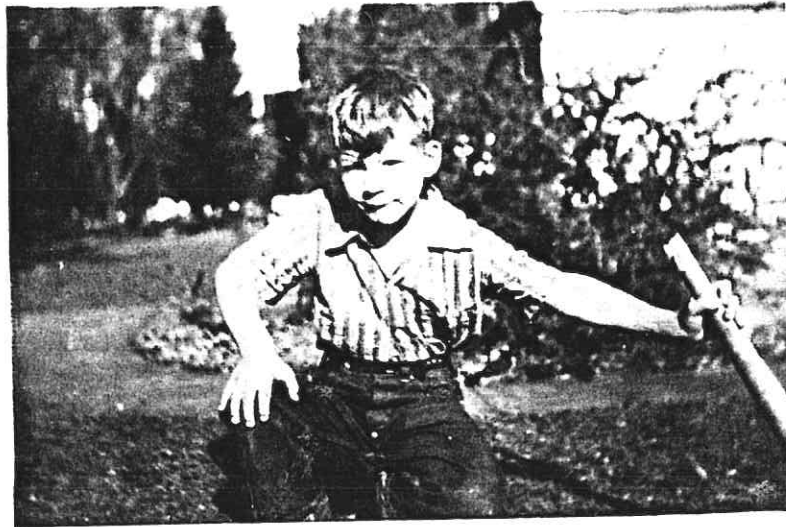
(Written by D. V. Groberg, president of the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce, and read at the chamber's forum luncheon Tuesday.)

As we enter this week in November with its fourth Thursday so deeply rooted in American tradition, for these things we are thankful:

1. For the happiness in our homes and the success of our enterprises in this great valley of peace and plenty,
2. For the bounteous harvest and for all those who have assisted in its completion,
3. For the contribution of food and means we are able to make to a world in need,
4. For the great sacrifice our loyal representatives in the service forces of our Nation are so dearly, yet so willingly, making that we here may retain for us, for them and for posterity, the fundamentals of freedom in our lives, our enterprises and our pursuits of happiness,
5. For the gratitude and dependence we feel toward each other, toward our great Nation and its Founders, and toward our Maker,



FOR THESE THINGS WE OFFER THANKSGIVING.



John H. enjoying playing ball in our
big yard at our home on 255-12th Street
Idaho Falls, Idaho

November 16: Your thoughtful and encouraging letters have made us happy. I guess there is enough of self-doubt in each of us that when those who are sincerely and closely interested in us express confidence, it furnishes a needed support....

Jim Neil, who owns the big coal mine, called last week when I was out and told the girl he would like to speak to any one of the following four men, viz. The President of the Chamber of Commerce, the President of the Kiwanis Club, the Bishop of the Third Ward or the "Senator". It, of course, is not as ridiculous as it can be made to sound and there will be nothing for me to do with the Chamber of Commerce next year and that is when the term as Kiwanis president starts.

The work of the Bishop is going to be a challenge...If we can keep our health and keep the affairs of the ward in as good a condition as we find them and get a few more to work while keeping the old ones happy and active, and perhaps become a little better acquainted with the workings of the Church and the members who live and serve with us and always keep in mind "This is the Lord's work" -and that any part we are selected to take is just an opportunity to be of service and to make sacrifice --And, if we can always find some sense of joy in a united, honest effort to carry out this simple program, I am sure we will be pleased when our release comes even though it has been postponed for a while...

(D to folks)

November 21: This is the 4th Sunday since I was put in as Bishop..... During the past week I received most of the books and properties of the ward, also a fine, long letter of advice from the Presiding Bishopric.... We organized the Relief Society - Sister Larch as Pres. with Florence Packer and Idetta Merrill as counselors and Sister Helen Smith as Sec. Still have much organizing to do.

December 1: Everyone except mama and the three little boys are to Church. Mary and a friend are playing a flute duet at the 5th Ward. It will soon be time for Dick and Dee to go to bed.

Several of the children have had a slight digestive upset which seems to be rather widespread in the city but with the baby it has been rather frightening but before you get this he will be fine again. We love him so much and he is so sweet, even when he is pretty weak he can always smile...

We had a big party for Bishop Larch Thursday evening and Mrs. Homer and I wrote a radio skit for it. It was a wonderful party but I have promised myself to skip everything I can now and concentrate on the family... We were thrilled speechless when Uncle Raymond called just before we sat down to have Thanksgiving dinner--he came and had it with us.

(J to folks)

p.s. Jennie wanted me to enclose the front page of last Friday's paper. The Chamber of Commerce sort of had several items on it. New officers are elected so I am about thru. It has been interesting.

(Delbert to folks)

December ; Delbert is out visiting the sick. Yesterday he went on a Temple excursion to Logan. Saturday we had all the "cousins" and their children over for a Xmas party. Mr. Crowley took some colored movies of the baby to tack on to our other roll - they are perfect too. He has a mop of golden curls and is cuter every day....

We marvel at your wisdom in selecting needed and unusual gifts. The picture we used on the buffet with candles about to light it at our cousins party--The flag we will treasure and use. The children thought it was wonderful...

(J to folks)

711 South 13th East
Salt Lake City, Utah
December 19, 1943

Dear Jennie and Delbert:

Ray has mentioned many times the impressive sight he witnessed at your home on Thanksgiving day - you with your seven, happy children around the holiday table. When he arrived home that nite on the midnight train he remarked that all his trip was not duty- part of it was pleasure and a real opportunity to see your family and Evas'. Eva was so surprised when she opened the door- but that's the way Ray likes to do.

We enjoyed Delbert and his stories the nite he was in town. Everyone wonders how Delbert does so many things so well- Maybe he gets a little help from Jane and she from him in the activities in which she engages. After the big Republican regional convention here a week ago Ray said he rather enjoyed basking in the limelight of reflected glory made possible by his sister Rachael by her splendid program and along with Clair took an occasional bow for her.

Here's wishing you all the Merriest Christmas and the Hppiast New Year.

Sincerely and with love,

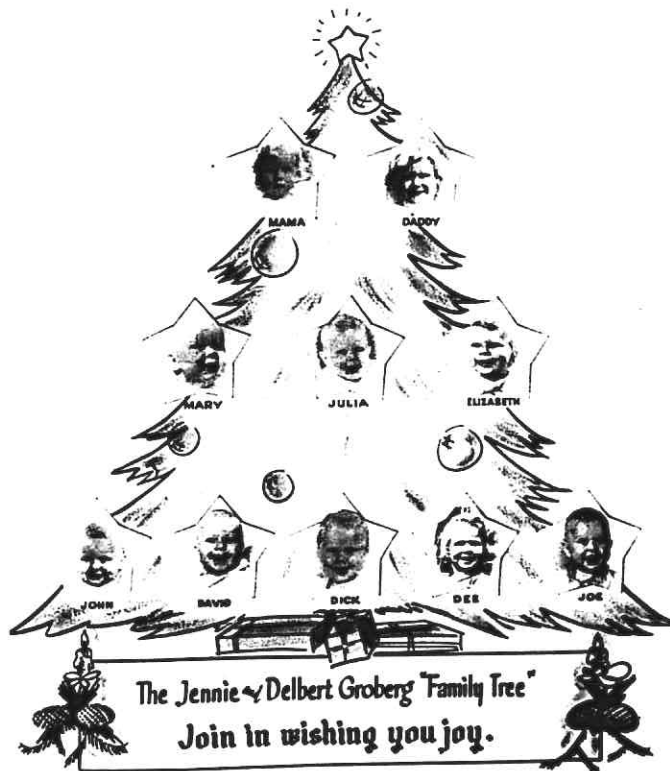
Ray and Esther

DELBERT V. GROBERG, ^{Center} PRESIDENT IDAHO FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WITH MEMBER HELPERS GETTING OUT CHRISTMAS GIFTS - FAMOUS IDAHO SPODS
1943



L to R: Paul Bradbury, Emery Takerli, Joe Dennis, O.H. Hansen,
Vic Larsen, Gordon Boyle, Sterling Jensen, Charles Williams (below)

Insert:Burkman, John M. Homer, Louis C. Larch



December 26: Our Dear Grand-daughter, Julia Gay -.....Well, Julia dear, you are growing up and can hardly remember your baby days that were so joyous to us all. I think you were much like Rosalee Berry for I have often heard your mama say that she hardly knew she had you because you so seldom cried and just smiled and were so full of happiness.

We are glad you are one of the wonderful Groberg family and we expect you to shine on in your own original way like a star guiding others onward and upward. May you have the coming year on record as the best one of your life up to date...

(Grandma and Grandpa H. to
Julia Gay)

1944

January ; It is 10 p.m. and all asleep except Delbert and I; he is working with the stoker which has given a little trouble. We have a wonderful heating system here and surely keep it at full capacity the last few days...The children are having such fun with sleds and skis and ice-skates but I'll be glad when we can have our garden work for outdoor sports.

Today we buried a member of our YMMIA - Delbert was a speaker at services; several have said it was a masterpiece. I stayed home because the baby has been ill again but he is resting naturally now, has very little fever. ...Delbert seems to be just the bishop everyone wanted and if he gets his rest and eats regularly I guess he can keep everything going o.k. Thursday night is the annual meeting and banquet for the Chamber of Commerce where he goes out.

When I read in the paper yesterday of the formation of a new organization of Past Chamber of Commerce Presidents and Delbert's name as the new president of this group I told him I couldn't decide whether to congratulate him or spank him - but he explained it was very temporary-connected with the Annual Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Mother, do you know anything about Bert Lewis - Sadie Lewis's son from Provo Fifth Ward? Aunt Fannie Brunt called this morning and wants his credentials as he is anxious to marry her daughter Melba - I think he was an attorney in Provo. I don't know much about him now but we love Melba - she is "tops".

(J to folks)

January 15:No doubt Delbert will often be called on for some distinguished service all along the C. of C. rise to further distinction. It's wonderful to be a community builder as well as faithful Church worker. Of course I think a bishop's office embraces about all of it.....

I don't want Mary to feel that she has to put much time on her life story. Tell her to put some important dates and then a poem or one of her musical compositions or anything - mainly to identify her and her talents, and ambitions and faith. Whatever she would like to write, -just short.

I'm so glad music rings thru your home - you have lots of rooms so no one need be disturbed. I could always do my work better when you children were practicing. There is such elevating contentment in it for parents...

Dr. Arthur Beeley's wife said to Jane and I one day - "When our boy of 18 years wanted to get married I said to his father, "Isn't he too young?" He replied: "There's just two questions to answer when people wish to marry-

'Is he or she a good Latter-day Saint and do he and she love each other?'"

(I thot if both were real LDS wouldn't he go on a mission before marriage?)

I think probably many Provo girls would have felt they had a prize in Bert...With prayerful decision I am sure they should both be truly happy through the journey of life. I admire Melba's parents' interest.

With love and gratitude to Dearest Jane for her choice and what has followed..

(Mother to J)

January : Mary's flute teacher, the band teacher at the high school, - told Delbert yesterday that if Mary kept on she would be the finest flutist the high school had ever turned out but he told Mary she would have to eat more cereal and grow more so she could blow harder and also so she could wear the band uniform. Julia has started on the violin--a very inexpensive instrument--and John is studying the piano so we may have an orchestra in the family.

We had a wonderful banquet and meeting at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet - Delbert and I were once more in the limelight. He gave a fine talk and headed all the arrangements....I wore my white formal and had my hair dressed and a beautiful corsage so that I hardly looked like the household "drudge" I might at times appear to be but really am not.... We are so happy and healthy and thrilled that we sometimes wonder why we have been so especially blessed --Heavenly Father has been so good to us and we feel grateful and anxious to do all we can to show our appreciation.

At the C of C banquet special tribute was paid to three pioneer members of our community and the past presidents of C of C.

(J to folks)

(1986 note: this was the first time these special awards were given by the Chamber of Commerce but giving them has continued annually ever since --to three outstanding citizens of Idaho Falls. He began many "firsts" in this community call - of great value.

The Post-Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho,

Forum

Sunday, January 15, 1984

40 years ago

Three veterans of community service, Heber C. Austin, Alan T. Shane and James E. Palmer, were presented with honorary life memberships in the Chamber of Commerce at the 40th annual meeting. (DVG Pres.)

Ralph L. Carr, former governor of Colorado and director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, made the key address before the annual meeting of the Idaho Falls Chamber.

January 18; I thought you might be interested in the news comments and articles on our annual meeting; I sent it under separate cover. It nearly made more noise than the war for the one day. It was fun to see the three men receive the applause and honor of the group. I have helped prepare an article for the Church Section of the Deseret News on Heber C. Austin for next Sunday. It will include a picture that Lawrence Bacon and I took in Brother Austin's home just a few months ago. This will be a big surprise to the Austins as they don't know anything about the matter further than what was given here.

We just saw the news of Uncle Will's temple appointment (Counselor in the Salt Lake Temple Presidency with Aunt Jennie (Knight) as assistant matron) He and Aunt Jennie will surely be ideal.....

Jennie wore her white formal and a matched corsage to the annual meeting. She was by far the most beautiful lady there and several said so besides me; in fact, I am kind of slow to notice the important things close to home --All the honored couples at the table commented on how young and attractive Jennie looked --usually they said "and to think you have seven children."

(D to father)

January : It was lovely to get Mary Jane's precious letter and to be reassured of her ability to do things perfectly....

You will by now see the picture in Utah papers of the vice-president of the Women's Republican Committee --She was appointed with no dissenting vote. She was introduced as the grand-daughter of the late Lafayette Holbrook and daughter-in-law of L.R. Anderson (Manti Temple President, etc.) I am sure no other lady in all America has more patriotism running in her veins.

I am sorry good little Joseph has a navel that gives concern but it will yield to treatment. All these little ups and downs make parenthood a constant challenge for development. Think what a contrast to some passive lives who have never expended to the vastness of your project. May every day be a blessed one to you.

(Mother to us)

January 23: (Wilshire Stake House-L.A. Ca.-referring to Stake Conf. and Priesthood meeting -) "Br. Ashton had young people in audience stand up and answer questions to show parents should take time to listen to their children --especially when grown but all along - get their viewpoint -just like you do. He said when he was in his teens he thought his father knew very little but when he was 21 he decided his father had learned much in those many years.. The very work you are in and the unexcelled interest you have in your own make you always in the safety zone as far as solidarity of home life goes.

So glad to hear of Mary's recognition as a flutist, surely is sweet music. Julia can do the violin with a finish that will make of your orchestra, with John at the piano, a home and Church source of selection for joyous entertainment.... Lovely mother, devoted father, obedient children we salute you..

(Mother to Dear Family Beautiful)

IDAHO FALLS STAKE
CONFERENCE

RELIEF SOCIETY
PROGRAM

JAN. 23, 1944 7:30 PM

FIFTH WARD CHAPEL

RELIEF SOCIETY THROUGH THE YEARS

Reader Jennie Groberg
Ladies Chorus "Songs My Mother Taught Me" Third Ward
Our Young Mother Beth Olson Iona Ward
Our War Mother Eda Williams Second Ward
Our Pioneer Mother Elvira Steele Past President
Ladies Chorus Third Ward
Benediction Martha R. Telford

Accompanists; Oscar Johnson, Thelma Dye, Jennie Groberg, Emily Heilesen

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BISHOPS

R. S. PRESIDENTS

Reed Blatter

Seretta Fields

Morgan Haroldsen

Primrose Hansen

Bruce Olson

Alice Cutler

L.P. Nielsen

Lilly Groesbeck

Delbert Groberg

Clarie Larch

D. Wm. Cook

Eva Ovard

A.W. Naegle

Florence Orme

...Mrs. Brinton says she had recently been to Canada to visit her son who is in school with Maurice. It seems her son has been quite in love with Louine - Maurice's sister - but Mrs. B. said Louine was a lovely girl but that Vera was the one she fell in love with - absolutely beautiful and wonderful in every way. She said, "Don't you have an unmarried sister we could get Howe interested in if this other falls thru?"

Mr. Sternke, next door, died Monday and Mrs. Sterncke is having quite a trial - her son is home from the army on an emergency furlough... We keep trying to tell her about the gospel.

(J to folks)

February 29:The March birthdays are marching on and memories are fresh as if it happened last night - of the early morn when our Jane was born. It was cold and early and she was such a warm comfort. Oh bless her through every year, Dear Father.

I am sure a cake and gifts and love will be so abundant there that no need for any other congratulations...

(Mother to us)

March 2: Mamma's hands were in the dough and three-year-old Dee insisted on turning the sifter and scattering flour ...After three "commands" to stop it - foolish mamma gave Dee a cuff on the face with her arm (hands still in the dough) - Dee just looked at her for a minute - then, lower lip quivering, said, "I just want a daddy - I don't want any mamma."

(J Jrnl)

Joseph is at last saying a few words and is fast growing into a very alive and mischievous little boy whom everyone makes too much fuss over - but how can they resist?

Joseph has climbed up and is trying to punch the keys with me - he is getting grown up but doesn't try to talk much...

The little boys at home are pretty good fellows but at times Joseph becomes almost more than a handful; he is growing so fast and becoming so insistent upon being one of the gang instead of a baby that he really takes close watching - but we think he gets cuter with every stage - simply adorable!

1944 : "Your teacher must have said 'That's really good, John!' - John (shaking his head) - 'You see, Mom - they don't ever say 'good' unless it's somebody who had a hard time and just couldn't get it - and then finally he could get it -but you see, I halready knowed how...."

(J Jrnl)

February 10: ..There's really no excuse for any of us forgetting your anniversary. Your parents saw to that..I've been wondering just what new idea the children will be putting into action for a party for daddy - a home party...Of course there's no need for anything but just to have daddy at home, a cake and candles and memories and all together in your home - that would make a party for anyone...

Do you think Dewey or Wilkie is best Republican candidate?...
Let's do all we can to keep our land from bondage and soon see the return of our boys and try to understand the hearts of the heroic loved ones who have found solace when theirs did not come back....

All send love and appreciation for your never tiring in the greatest of all causes...

(Folks to us)

February 17: Father and I went to the doctor's this p.m. The little sample taken from the spot on my face showed at the laboratories no cancer cells at all. The condition was only a forerunner of it. He took it off with dry ice --said it was caused by too much sun on my skin.....

We have all been deeply grateful for Philip Maxwell's protection in being hit by a car. There are always great big reasons to keep close to our Heavenly Father, to get down on our knees alone and as a family and thank Him and ask for His help. I am sure He listens and answers our petitions. Don't we see evidence of it right along even now?.....

The terrible ship disaster with 1000 of our boys make me think of Titanic day. Oh when will this war end?

Thank you for your faith and prayers that always add peace and helpfulness to me..

(Folks to us)

February 17: The children are all to sleep - Joseph, as usual, being the last one to quiet down --He has always been rather difficult to train as to sleeping the way we think he should but he is such a darling and a constant joy that we never really complain of him - in fact sometimes it just seems hard to believe that all these adorable, healthy little pugkins are actually our children - we are both so thrilled with them. The other night someone called to see Delbert and he had two children in his arms and another hanging on and the man said - "What are you doing?" and Delbert, always with the right answer, said, "just playing house - come on in."

Julia is surprising us all with her willingness to work with her violin lessons and she is doing very well. Mr. Gifford, Mary's flute teacher, says she will have to play in the high school symphony next year but we'll see how she feels and if it means too much work she can keep on in the Junior High...

Today we were rather upset when Delbert received notice of reclassification but he went to the draft board and told them he had turned 38 on the 14th so they put him in 4-d.-I wonder if the real reason for that class is that he is a bishop. (The board was making him eligible for war)

Mar 2-1944

Dear Father + Mother Holbrook,

As you know, tomorrow will be Jane's birthday. When I try to contemplate the great worth of her life to us, I am sure we don't fully appreciate, or deserve, so beautiful + youthful a wife and mother unless we acknowledge our gratitude and show our devotion —

We have certainly been richly blessed with the challenging varieties that make up a busy, interesting and abundant life. I have not contributed nearly as much as I have received, but by my good fortune and Jane's willingness to share her fine training, her outstanding ability and lovely spirit with me — I have been placed under permanent obligation. I want to express my Love and Thanksgiving to you, her parents. May you be blessed continually with all that is needed for your happiness. ver-

Tonight, I have enjoyed the Father's
opportunity of taking care of the
home while mother has been
out - It is always a miracle to
me to see the little boys get
tired and cross and have the
blessing of sleep place them
one by one into dreamland. I
noticed how hard baby Joe
fought against falling off
and several times he aroused
and made temporary escape,
but with the steady and
patient influence of one who
positively knows what is best
sleep took over, and so seven
pairs of eyes are now closed
and seven healthy, happy,
vibrant little grandchildren
of yours will pound out
early in the morning to
shower their small gifts on
large hugs and kisses on
their mother as she greet
the work and enjoyment of
her 36th birthday -

Lovingly
Lovingly Y. Deibert

March 9, 1944: (from Alhambra, California)

Our dear fair-haired, intelligent grandson - David -

I believe it is your birthday right soon now....We all wish you to have such a good time that you will want birthdays until you are a hundred years old. No boys anywhere are more anxious to be good and strong than you are.

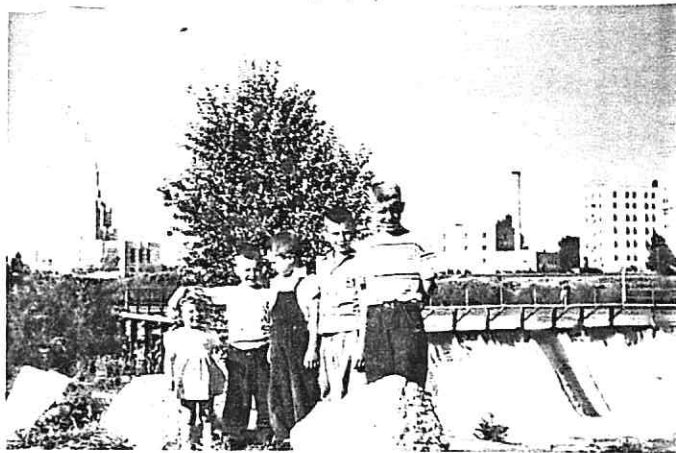
You have a big brother who came before you did to show you how to live and you will show Richard so by and by there will be five fine Groberg men all with so many offices seeking them that they won't know which one to take. Anyway, that's the way it is with Daddy.....

Kiss lovely Joseph for me and give our love to all the family. -

Expecting big things from you -

(Grandpa and Grandma H.)

See if you can read this yourself. Some of the grandchildren can read my writing. (wish there were space to have all her letters in her handwriting!)



ELIZABETH-JOE, DEE, DICK, DAVID

May 26: - Dear Julia - our grand-daughter - Record-Maker:

My how it delighted us to hear the story of your recognition for a three-year score of perfection in attendance with your scholastic standing to re-enforce it. This, coming early in your school life, gives vision of a future bound to succeed.

I expect if the teacher also knew of your helpfulness and kindness at home you would have been classed as the "All-around American girl!"

The best part of honors is the way one takes them and I am sure you will say that your sister Mary, before you, established almost an unheard of standard of scholarship. You girls, up to date, have done a wonderful thing for your brothers in setting such an example.....

Well, Julia dear, please accept our congratulations and love for your sweet, happy days of joy and successes. May our Heavenly Father ever be mindful of you. I am sure you will do your part.....

So often in my mind I see Sunday morning at the Groberg home - no lovelier example of the spirit of the Sabbath anywhere -....

(from her Grandma H.)

June 5: - Dear father Holbrook -

.....Jennie has an assignment to present "Idaho" to a women's delegation from eleven western states on June 15th - It will be interesting -.....

(D to father H)

June 18: - Dear Delbert -

Father of five mansion-builders and two helpmeets:

We send you our sincere appreciation for your real fatherhood -

Julia's history is put in the book for future interest. It is prized.

The tracing to father Lehi sent to John for his tenth anniversary, I am sending to our other fathers today. Mormon was ten when he was picked out to be a worthy custodian of the plates.....

(Holbrook parents to D)

October 20: Dear father Holbrook:

.....We have had a very interesting week - had John W. Galbreath, president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards here for two days. I spent one day with him in the upper valley and at Jackson. He was surely thrilled. He is a business associate of John Bricker and has been very closely associated with him all their lives...

Inasmuch as so many are in the army, Idaho Falls has only a limited number left to do the free community jobs and I have been assigned to run the War Fund and Community Chest for this year. If I can get enough of these jobs behind me I may some day be known as a fairly good example of a "has been."....We were shocked to hear of the death of Dean and Lila Brimhall's son, McKean,-it brings the war all too close....

March 6; You can scarcely know how much good your lovely appreciation letter did us. It was full of so much truth, spoken with such tenderness and at a time when the setting was so perfect that it set our memories unfolding and caused us to see the present and vision the future, all touching our hearts and renewing our yearnings for the years to still be kind to you as a family and give you parents both the sustaining Power Divine to the finish.

It was just wonderful and just like you to do the "out-of-the-ordinary" thing in commemoration of our beloved Jane's 36th anniversary. My father would call you a "thoroughbred" or "high-grade.".....

Keep going valiantly and know you are always in our hearts and prayers.

Rachel was once staying overnight with you and joined in your family devotion before breakfast. It would not matter but whichever child it was (just one of them) uttered a prayer that carried over into her consciousness like a new revelation as to the truth and beauty of this way of starting every day. We know our Heavenly Father is pleased with you.

(Mother to us)

First Presbyterian Church

REV. JOS. I. GULICK, MINISTER
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

March 7, 1944

Mr. Delbert V. Groeberg, Bishop
Idaho Falls, Idaho

My Dear Bishop Groeberg:

The communication which you mentioned last Friday night was delivered next morning. It was fine of you to remember us in that way! We regard it as a very high personal tribute both from you, and from your Church.

We especially appreciated your dropping in to our "Open House" Party on Friday evening. There were a good many of your friends there, and they were pleased that you and Mrs. Groeberg had paid the Presbyterians the courtesy of a personal visit on this special occasion!

You and your wife are good people to meet. You create good will and admiration for the L. D. S. Church! And it is our sincere hope that you may always be one of the prominent leaders in the Church, because you make friendship and fellowship between community groups a very easy matter. Our regards both to you, and to Mrs. Groeberg!

Sincerely,
Mr and Mrs Joseph S. Gulick

March 24: We have plans to make a visit to S.L.C. either before or after Conference for Jennie and Joseph. I expect to go to Conference....

Last Sunday night we had a picture taken at the Ward of all members who had been in the bishoprics --Their total years added to over 200. The picture was sent to Deseret News - they may use it...***(below)names next page.

We sure had an exodus last Tuesday night- 146 young men, about my age - almost all of them with families --left for war

David is going to be baptized tomorrow as we are having stake conference on April 2nd so are having our fast Sunday this Sunday --

(D to folks)



Front left: LaRue H. Merrill, William Arave, Thomas Forsythe, Guy A. Poulsen, Delbert V. Groberg, Arthur Thomson, Clyde Wilson, L.C. Lerch, John M. Homer, Aubrey O. Andelin,
Back left: John Bowker, David W. Dick, Cecil E. Hart, James H. Yancey, Clifford M. Kindred, Adrian A. Merrill, Stanley Crowley, Harold L. Colvard, John White, Nathan Merrill, Albert C. Howard, Melvin E. Anderson,
(Photo by L.W. Bacon, March 1944)

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March 27:We would like you to see Joe before we cut his hair - we think he is really a beautiful baby. Here is a picture of him;



Aunt Vi Steele died this morning following her third stroke. Delbert has been on the job since they brought her to the hospital night before last.. Veda has a baby girl about a month old. Delbert is to be a speaker at the funeral Thursday.

Today hung our wesh on the line so you see we are having spring here at last. Clothes are so fresh and clean when we bring them in.

(J to mother)

April 6: Dearest Mom - Would you like to drive to Pocatello Sat. morning and meet me at the airport at 8 o'clock. I can take the plane from here at 7 and get there at 8 and so get a night's sleep here as well as get to my meeting Friday evening..It may be a thrill for the kiddies... You would have to leave at 6 a.m....Wire me if you think the idea nuts...

(D in SLC to J)

April 10: Regret not seeing Daddy but rejoice he came and had a seat in Conference...Rachel has a heavy political run this week away from home (Manti) so I can help here...It was glorious to visit Mamma and Joseph who left a train of admirers here....

(Mother to us)

April : The girls and I just returned from a broadcast of the High School symphony --it was very good. Mary wore her new formal and seemed quite the grown-up lady. Last night she came home with a very formal invitation to a very formal affair to be held next week. I wonder about all this grown-up stuff for such kids but my girls tell me I am definitely old-fashioned...

Last Sunday we had the Catmulls give the program at our ward. They are Delbert's cousins. One teaches at Ricks College and one is Supt. of schools at Ucon. It was grand. Afterwards they all came over here and also the Brunts so we opened some grapejuice and cut some bread and cake and had a lovely evening - very informal with the children running around in their sleepers, etc.

We have been a little extra busy with a special lesson I had to give in Mutual and special talks Delbert had to give Sunday - one on Roosevelt and one reporting Conference but we have a couple of days of just plain living now.

Hope we hear how Raymond is in the morning mail. Be assured our faith and prayers are always with you and especially those in special need.

(J to mother)

April 16: In Sunday School this morning I ran on to Uncle George Brunt, wife and Zona..... He says that is one of the best farms but has been very neglected..Raymond wishes to be counted in if we buy. We appreciate your getting Bishop Kelley to go over it with you as we value his judgment highly. I am planning to go up in the next day or two and will be prepared to make our part of the initial payment. If the mother can be spared at Manti, perhaps she would like to go North with me.

(father to D)

April 18: Daddy's welcome letter came - a welcome guest indeed. There's certainly much high-class sportsmanship in your family with parental examples in the lead, such as a mother on the highway with her prize possessions bent on giving them an experience to put in their memory chest, - the trip to Pocatello to meet Daddy, I mean.

Family prayer is established here, needed as all our families need it. Keep up your idealism - we and the world need it.

(mother to us)

May ; Darling Little Mother: The recreation book arrived and we think it is a grand Mother's Day gift..We have used it on Sunday afternoons twice and find it is a big help....We do think you are the perfect mother and sincerely appreciate the fine example and teachings you have always given us and continue to give us.

I wish I could write a suitable tune for the Tithes Payer's Song by Grandpa Brimhall and maybe some time one will come to me but music, like other arts, doesn't seem to always accommodate to our desires and come at a call when needed - at least not to me. Little Mary has been composing a tune this p.m. that may work out - at least we will try to send you an idea of it because it is so precious of her to try to do it. I was aware that the tune I sent you simply wasn't good enough for anything but the wastebasket and I really have no regrets at not keeping a copy.

..We are having the big trees in front removed and the little boys like to stand on the porch and watch. You wouldn't know Joseph he is so grown-up. He and I may call on you if we can arrange things.

Mary is filling out her blank for Junior High classes next year - she can choose two electives; she definitely wants band and can't quite decide between dramatic art, glee club and physical education for the other. Julia is relating about a surprise party she attended this p.m.

Dickie said today he wished Grandma would come and see us again, so when you go to Canada maybe you can stop off or do you go this way?

(J to mother)

SONG OF THE TITHE-PAYER

By Dr. George H. Brimhall

Music by Jennie H. Groberg

The musical score is written for four staves. The top two staves are in treble clef, and the bottom two are in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the upper staves, with accompaniment in the lower staves. The music consists of several measures of music, including some chords and single notes.

Not mine to keep, not mine to spend,
 Not mine to give, not mine to lend--
 'Tis the Lord's part; 'tis the Lord's part--
 A tenth of all I gain

'Tis His to have; 'tis His to use
 As He, not I, may think or choose;
 'Tis the Lord's part; 'tis the Lord's
 A tenth of all I gain. part

His part shall be the first and best	God gives me all and asks this part
Of all the ten with which I'm blessed;	To test the trueness of my heart;
'Tis the Lord's part; 'Tis the Lord's part,	'Tis the Lord's part; 'tis the Lord's
A tenth of all I gain.	part

A tenth of all I gain.

(from talk; Tithing-given over KSL December 18, 1927)

May 7: Sunday I went to Ruth's and stayed with Albert while his mother went to Stake Conference to vote for her husband as a High Councilor.. Nora Mae and Albert and I went to Sunday School. There was a square rip in his pants but no one saw it as I held him on my lap. That reminds me that one Sunday morning in the clinker brick home, I searched for the baby's slipper. Seeing I was about to be late for the little S.S. I put on a shoe and said to myself "It matters to me and the baby and the other little ones and to the teachers of the children whether I go with the baby and sit near by while the service went on but the fact of the one slipper and one shoe was of no real importance. So it is all the time - a challenge for us to keep the power of discernment alert and many non-essentials will be omitted and memories be more jubilant.

Mother's Day at your home is never forgotten. I can vision the evidences of the "heap-o-livin'" of the past year in the gifts and poems and new love-tokens for a glorious mother....

(Mother to us)

May 15: My Dear Daughter whose life is rich in Motherhood-glorious motherhood! Your greetings were here to greet me when we returned..Be assured it made me renewed in my heart and hopes..Thank you for all but mostly for your life thru all the years before and after you became a mother.

(Mother to us)

May : ...Last night Mary and David went with Daddy to hear John play at a recital - Daddy had never heard John play at a recital --Julia went to a Primary dance so we got to bed rather late...We visited a few minutes with Sr. Hamilton, Esther's mother, and Ardell and invited them to dinner Sunday.

Wednesday night just before midnight the phone rang and some policemen said Delbert's office had been broken into. (small brick building on the corner of Shoup and C St.).. He went down and found things scattered about and a window broken and a door wide open but strange to say the money, which was mostly tithing and fast offering which had come in just before he closed the office in the evening, was untouched. There was also two bags of other money, small amounts, right on top which had been missed. In fact, as far as we can tell, nothing had been taken. Four other places had been robbed but not much taken. They took fingerprints etc. and it might be a 13-year old boy..Delbert doesn't even want to know who it is if that is the case....

Yesterday, at the close of school, Julia was asked to come forward and the principal said: "Here's a young lady who has been neither absent nor tardy for three years and who has the highest grades of anyone in either of the fifth grades and who has won second place in Palmer Method penmanship so let's give her a big hand." Well, you can imagine Julia - She could hardly

wait to re-enact the entire scene for us at home and we are very proud of her.... The others all did fine too.... (J to folks)

May :Delbert is out visiting after writing up all the tithing records for today which takes a good two hours, with a few phone interruptions. We have the four older children taking music, David and John on the piano, John also on the trumpet, Mary on the flute and Julia on the violin....

Here comes David with an old coffee can he found in the alley, half full of water and in it a baby frog and David looking as if he had never heard of keeping clean on Sunday. A couple of hours ago he found a baby robin with a broken wing and had it fluttering about the house—things never do get very calmed down with a David around but we wouldn't want it otherwise—How we love our David! John and two of his boy friends just made some taffy and took part of it, along with some of our snowballs from the big snowball tree by the window --to the mother of one of the boys who is ill in the hospital (mother is ill)--

The Chamber of Commerce Secretary called and asked me to give a talk about Eastern Idaho to a ladies' banquet of some big convention here. - He suggested Delbert was the real authority and could write the talk for me but all participants had to be ladies so I, not Delbert, would have to give it. I guess I will try to do it and do hope Delbert can find time to help me -...

(J to folks)

June 4:BYU Commencement time again draws near. In the front of the 1929 Banyan is this:

(letter from Mother)
(pictures from the)
(1929 Banyan as)
(mother reviews)

(them -)
10/28/88-J

Gone is the past -
Its throbbing hours
Have drifted off
Into eternity
But every moment,
Having been a bit of life,
Must be eternal --
For life's a lasting thing
And there will surely come
A word, a time,
A chord, a rhyme,
Some little thing
To prove that hours will live again
Just in remembering.

Some pictures that I see as I leaf the pages --
Jennie and Grandpa B. standing by a lovely bouquet she had presented to him for the student-body on his birthday.

And here is her message delivered as only she can:

December 9, 1928

Dear Friend and Teacher:

As a message from this studentbody, these flowers bring you birthday greetings. We have asked each one to express our appreciation to you for that which it symbolizes.

These roses are telling of your love. The purple flowers proclaim your loyalty. Perhaps a little louder do these chrysanthimums bespeak your leadership - the golden flower of your life. The pansies scattered between represent your thoughts to us and for us. It is indeed with deep gratitude that we listen to them say:

- (1) Don't be a drifter, a drifter.
Just be a helper, a lifter.
Be going somewhere, doing your share,
But don't be a hang-around drifter.
- (2) Arise if the past detain you;
Its sunshine and shadows forget.
No chain so unworthy to hold you
As that of a vain regret.
- (3) My rainbow stood on the top of a hill
And beckoned me to the golden till.
I climbed and it sped to the mountain-side.
All I had gained was a vision wide;
I was left in the shadow.
- My rainbow lured me higher still.
I climbed and felt the climber's thrill.
My rainbow fled to the mountain top.
I climbed; I would not, could not, stop!
"Thank God" I said, for my rainbow.

The white and blue might represent us. How happy we are surrounded by your love, loyalty and leadership, with your thoughts to always guide us.

May the ensuing years increase your joy.

We congratulate you on your 76th anniversary.

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The next picture I see is Jennie, vice-president of the senior class, in her graduation garb (valedictorian of the class) seated at the table with a friend, Merrill Christopherson, class president;

Next- Jennie among the rows and rows of graduates -
Delbert among the rows and rows of sophomores --
Delbert chairman of the Sophomore loan fund ball -
Delbert as one of the Triange debate team - the Y won!
Jennie and Delbert - "Quality Street" drama

Delbert - Mates Social Unit -
Delbert - Friar
Jennie - Theta Alpha Phi
Mary among the rows and rows of freshmen
Mary in the Cesta Tie Social Unit (same group as Jennie)
Ruth - Secretary of the High School studentbody.

Of course you see in the book more than I do.....

We will probably join Raymond and Esther at the BYU Commencement -
It's a rare opportunity to hear your brother talk at the Alumni Banquet --
(twice its president - twice Emeritus Club president--also studentbody
president - debater, high honor student....)

In the days yet to come, after the war is over, you children of
Delbert and Jennie will add to the honors of those who plan for your en-
trance to the school they love. (Mother to us)



Pres. George H. Brimhall

Jennie Holbrook

Sophomore Loan Fund Ball

NOVEMBER 22



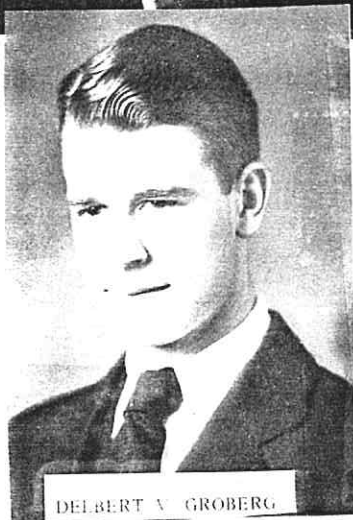
JENNIE HOLBROOK
Vice-President

JENNIE HOLBROOK, A.B.
PROVO, UTAH
Dramatic Art: Music

Theta Alpha Phi, Secretary Theta Alpha Phi (4), Vice-President, Mask Club (3), "Y" News (2), President, Typists Club (3), Vice-President, Senior Class (4), Secretary, Social Unit Council; Dramatics (3, 4), Senior Play (4), Cestalties.



DELBERT GROBERG
Chairman



DELBERT V. GROBERG

On March 22, the University of Wyoming debated the question,

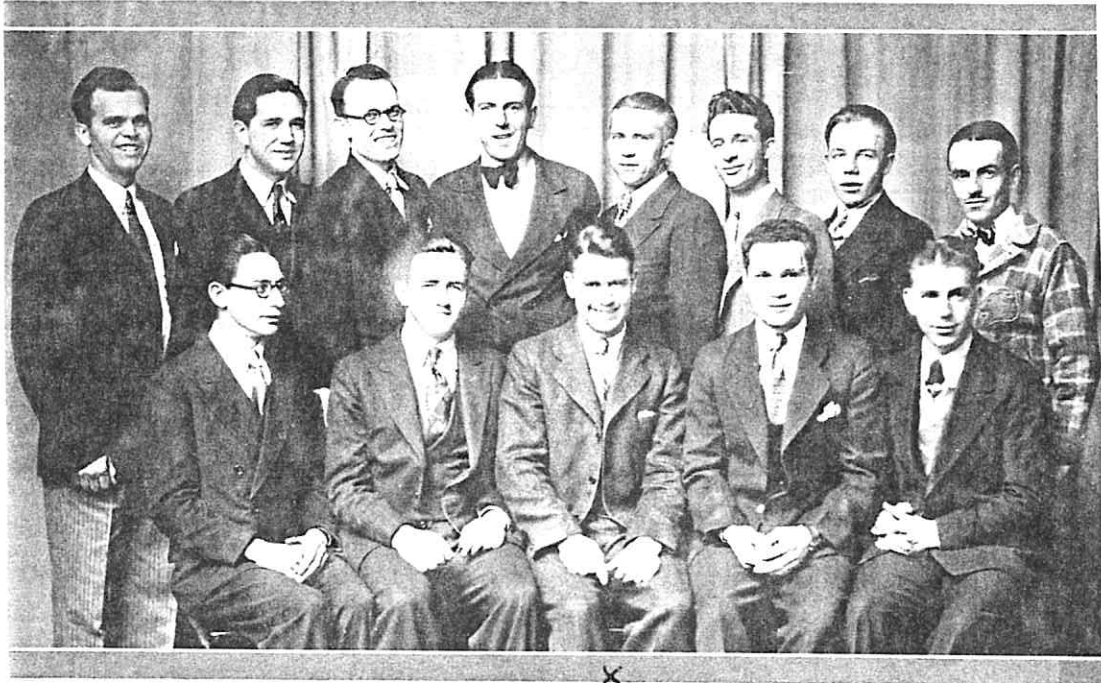
"Resolved that the Plea of Temporary Insanity as a Defense for Crime Should be Abolished." The B. Y. U. took the negative side and the team was composed of Delbert V. Groberg and Raymond Peterson. The critic judge gave the decision to B. Y. U.

"Quality Street"



HIBBERT, MULLINER, GROBERG, CLARK, STARK, OSTLUND

The girls of the school started a new feature this year with the presentation of a play the evening before Girls' Day. Barrie's delightful comedy, "Quality Street" was chosen and it proved to be a real success. The leading parts were taken by Ruth Clark and Harold Candland. Others in the cast were Virgie Mulliner, Eleanor Stark, Caroline Eyring, Audrey Ostlund, Claude Snow, Beryl Hibbert, Delbert Groberg, Josinette Cook, Bernice Waddoups, Claude Eggertson, Rowland Cannon, and Addie Wright.



ORIN FULLER, LYNN BROADBENT, DON DECKER, RAY HANSEN, ALMA KING, JOE THERIOT,
 EVAN CROFT, TONY BENTLEY, AUSTIN HAYWOOD, VAL BENTLEY
DELBERT GROBERG, President, HAROLD HANDLEY, LEROY GROBERG
 (next year DVG was 2nd Vice-Pres. Studentbody, in charge of Public
 service bureau, debater, etc. etc.)



OSTLUND, POTTER, SHEPHERD, MULLINER, STARK, McCOARD, HOLBROOK, FUGAL, BERGE, LEWIS, NELSON



Jennie



HOLBROOK Mary

Social Units
 Cesta Ties



RUTH HOLBROOK
 Secretary

If Julia can send me just a short story of her life it will help swell the grandparents book....

I see the dedication of your temple is postponed.....

(Mother to us)

June 6: This is "D" day - the allies went into France during the past night. Dee and I have been listening to the radio since about 6 a.m. It is now 8 a.m. "Humility" is the best attribute for these times - I have been thinking of our many close associates and loved ones who are being personally carried by plane, ship and otherwise, into the thick of it. The question of who will pay the price and just how much will the price be rests heavily.

As I have held little 3-year-old Dee and looked at the map of France I have thought of those who are over there making history and taking part in adjusting the future maps. Many of them have children here and wives and loved ones here who will live in the world so changed by them, - without them.

Our prayer in our home is: "May God comfort and protect them against bitterness."

(D Jrnl)

The Post-Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Friday, June 16, 1944

Women's Group Learns Of Idaho Industries

Interesting sidelights on Idaho's history were related by Mrs. D. V. Groberg for visitors to the city of the regional Farm Bureau federation conference being held here Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The occasion was the women's luncheon held at noon Thursday at the Bonneville hotel at which more than 40 were present.

Delegates from widely scattered sections of the eleven western states were in attendance and several late arrivals were introduced at the luncheon by Mrs. Harold B. Lowe, Grace, who presided.

In reviewing the state's early history, Mrs. Groberg mentioned the part played by the Indian girl, Sacajawea, as she guided the members of the Lewis and Clark expedition through the northwest.

To emphasize the importance of the state's potato industry, she told of its shipping the equivalent of a carload of potatoes every 15 minutes for every day in the entire year. She also told of the growing in the state of more than one third of the nation's vegetable seed.

Referring to Idaho Falls as the "capital of southeastern Idaho," she said the city, almost tax free, last year derived from the municipal power plant four hundred thousand dollars in revenue. The LDS temple, the city's golf course and other attractions were also mentioned by the speaker.

Dinner to Precede Inspection

Idaho state guard officers and city officials will attend a dinner at the Hotel Bonneville tonight at 8:15 o'clock preceding the public inspection of the Idaho Falls state guard unit at 8:30 o'clock in the armory, Col. E. L. Shattuck, commander of the fourth infantry of the Idaho state guard, announced.

Attending the dinner in honor of the visiting officers will be E. W. Fanning, mayor, D. V. Groberg, president of the Idaho Falls chamber of commerce.

D. V. GROBERG STATEMENT

JUNE 10, 1944

ASSETS

Real Estate

Residence - 255 - 12th Street	7,500.00
Duplex - 1097-99 Canal Avenue	3,000.00
Office Building - "C" & Shoup	2,500.00
Undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ Interest - 471 "B" St.	\$ 10,000.00
Paid up Interest in 160 Acre Farm with L. H. Holbrook	3,300.00
Garden Lot - Scott's Addition	\$ 300.00
Total Real Estate	\$ <u>26,600.00</u>

Mortgages and encumbrances on Real Estate None

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Forty Head of Sheep	\$ 400.00
Mortgages and Contracts	5,700.00
Savings Accounts - Building and Loan	1,672.69
U. S. Government Bonds	1,950.00
Notes Receivable - unsecured (\$476.00)	
Life Insurance Cash Value	2,000.00
Personal Bank Account	1,075.95
Value of Insurance Business, etc., and accounts after allowing for all accounts payable (about)	5,000.00
Car, Office Equipment, etc.	2,000.00
	<u>\$19,798.64</u>
Undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ Interest in the net worth of D. V. Groberg-H. P. Price Partnership Op- erations	\$ 14,880.50
Total Assets	\$ <u><u>61,279.14</u></u>

June 16; I am enclosing a newspaper account of Jennie's talk to the delegates yesterday. I have heard from several that it was the outstanding part of the program. I am sure it was too. They have asked that it be published in full for all the convention so we may get a full copy to send to you.....All well and happy and send love for Father's Day....

(D to folks)

June 18; Thank you so much for your life story, sweet Julia....It came in time to put in the grandchildren book so grandpa could enjoy it on Father's Day. It is very interesting and "springtime like" --makes one almost wish to be a little girl again. After many years you may read it and it will be quite a keepsake.....You certainly are a very rich girl to have so many talents and yet be so willing to work to keep them and let others enjoy them, such as playing for the Glee Club.....The committee who chose your mama to give the talk were wise and rewarded for their confidence....

Give our love to all your dear family. Let mama and daddy read these lines after 14 years of abundant living for they exemplify it:

"I would not have thee deem my love
A fleeting, transient thing,
To perish as the winter's snow
Beneath the breath of spring,

Nor as the gaudy, tinted flower
That blooms but for a day,
Then losing all its gorgeous hues
Fast passes to decay

But darling I would have you know
That in my inmost soul
There dwells a love as true to you
As needle to the pole,

A love that's founded on the rock,
Defies the storms of earth,
A love that never will desert
The one who gave it birth"

George H. Brimhall

(Mother to Julia)

July 1: On the 13th of June Irma Jean, my cousin Charles Groberg's wife, was killed in an auto accident in Alabama and their son, Charles Jr., was seriously hurt.....

The children have pondered some of these serious things. Dicky said "I wish when people die someone could make them be alive again so they wouldn't die anymore." David said, "Dicky, once there was a man who was so good that when he died and was put into his tomb he only stayed there three days and then he walked right out and he won't die any more."

This was an opportunity to teach the gift of the atonement: that not only would we all be resurrected from the dead but that thru the atonement of Christ all could be given Eternal Life and exaltation by obedience to the Gospel ordinances and principles.

(D Jrnl)

IDAHO FALLS CLUB JULY 6 1944

PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

SIGNING, FIGHTING, DYING!

KIWA NIS

Fifty six men signed the Declaration of Independence. Most of those resolute men quickly joined the troops of the proposed Republic to fight for what they had declared to be their rights.

As we now look upon the tremendous step they took and try to place the document they signed in its proper place among the important instruments of all time, it is fitting to consider the price they paid. Several of those very men were killed in the early battles of the Revolutionary War.

Many undoubtedly asked the question then, of those men -- Is it worth what it is going to cost?

This seems to be a pattern of true greatness -- 1- Making known your views. 2- Standing by them. 3- Giving your life for the cause.

(SIGNING, FIGHTING, DYING!)

DELBERT V. GROBERG

July 13: I surely enjoyed your letters. Thank you ever so much for the money....You mentioned about the beets at the farm. John and I helped to thin them and earned some money...The peas at the farm are ready. We are planning to leave about six tomorrow morning for Salt Lake and to stop on the way to pick some peas to eat on the way....For my birthday I received a dress and lunch pail from mama, a \$50 bond from daddy, a dollar check from you and a pin and card from Julia, a pin and kneeling pad for scrubbing floors, etc. from John, a pin and thermometer from David, a quarter from Dickie. (I forgot to mention also from mama a slack suit.)

We are taking Boyd and Phyllis Groberg to Salt Lake with us; they have been visiting here for over a week. We took Boyd up to the canyon with us on the 4th of July...Daddy is helping to write a history of the Church in Idaho for the dedication of the temple....

(Mary Jane to Father H.)

August 3: There is a sort of Secret Service Band in our family group and the only thing I have to combat it with is my power to listen to the still, small voice which often is too fine and cultured for me to heed, but which I trust in the future I will strive to be good enough to be at home with and whose whisperings I will give heed to. Not until last night did I learn of the great gift that is to be yours sometime before the year is over. It would surely be acceptable, even very desirable, to know when you look for so great a prize. I haven't missed one's coming yet and somehow I believe I can figure a way to make a clean score of helping in so happy an event, so glorious a victory.

I learned yesterday of the recent experience of disappointment of Esther and Raymond. How my heart aches for them who have hoped and worked and not been able to go farther than 2 months.....Sunshine and shade each in its turn make of life a challenge for our best every day. (She was 6 weeks)

(Mother to us)

August : Marv and I are going to town to get her some suspenders and look for some cords for Dick for school and also to look over the fruit situation again. Raspberries have been \$4.25 a case but I found some yesterday for \$3.50 which is just as ridiculous, -when I think how many years I have canned ten to fifteen cases and paid about \$1.00 per case....

We enjoyed father's brief visit but I think perhaps the noise and untidiness must have bothered him..with the children returning and bringing all their dirty clothes and three lugs of cherries,-there just had to be an extra washday and canning.

Joseph has climbed up and is trying to punch the keys with me - he is getting so grown up but doesn't try to talk much. Dickie gave the little 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -minute talk in S.S. - a poem that took about half a minute. He had a big black eye all swelled up and really put on quite a show for the children. He is quite excited about starting school and I'm sure the most adorable first grader possible.

(J to mother)

August : ...Church starts at 7:30 tonight instead of at 6 p.m. because of a special program which is called "Annual Rose Service" - We decorate with roses and candles, etc. and have what is supposed to be the best talent available. Usually the hall is so packed we have to put chairs in all available space and still have some standing.

Children are getting over a sort of summer flu; John is spending the p.m. in bed. I don't know much about doctoring so I sort of let them take it easy, sleep, lots of water, watch their diet and most everything wears off soon.

Recently Merrill Christopherson (pres. senior class at BYU when I was vice-pres.) and his wife called and took all of ^{us} for a short airplane ride -two at a time. It was a real thrill for the little ones.



Idaho Falls Club Promotes Junior Softball League

Seated, left to right: Bill Williams, director of softball program; Delbert Groberg, club president; W. O. "Bill" Cotton, Lt. Governor of Division 3. Standing, left to right: W. I. "Walt" Fast, vice-president of club; Ellis S. McAllister, recreation director. Picture shows trophy awarded to winning team by Idaho Falls Kiwanis. The club is leading in sponsoring good sportsmanship and interest in all athletics.

Third and Sixth Ward

War Mothers' Program

Organ Prelude Mrs. Jennie Groberg

Reading "White Cliffs" by Alice Duer Miller
 Florence Moore

R. K. W.
Ronald Obrey
Services Set 8/22/44

Funeral services for Ronald Obrey, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Obrey, who was drowned while playing in the lake at Tautphaus park last Sunday, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the LDS Third ward church with Bishop Delbert Groberg officiating.

The body will remain at the family home at 333 Twelfth street in Idaho Falls from 10 a.m. Thursday until time of services. Burial will be in the Rose Hill cemetery under the direction of the Wood funeral home.

After buying a few school clothes I decided to do some sewing; we need many new things for school and I have bought up quite a bit of material as remnants and much better quality than most of what we can get now.

Our apple tree is loaded this year and the apples will be ripe in about another week ...John and David have been sleeping out under the tree but the nights are cool now so no more of that. I am in especially good health considering the next Groberg will be welcomed about Christmas time...

(J to folks)

.....: Julia and David have been transferred to Hawthorne school but seem to be happy there altho at first they felt pretty bad about being separated from their friends.

Last evening Delbert and I called on two families - one had just lost a little boy and the other's father is in a critical condition - it certainly made us feel thankful for our fine healthy group. Delbert has such a fine way of making people feel good and I always love to go with him altho I am rarely invited to go on such visits as it is usually members of the bishopric who go.

(J to folks)

Falls, Idaho, Wed., Sept. 6, 1944

Bombardier Tells Local Rotarians Of War Service

Details of training and duty as a bombardier were described to Idaho Falls Rotarians at their luncheon meeting Wednesday at the Bonneville hotel by First Lt. Lewis "Shorty" Thomas of the Eighth air force who is home on leave after extensive service in the European war theatre.

Lieutenant Thomas, who wears the distinguished flying cross and the air medal with an oak leaf cluster, told of the trip across the Atlantic, of the individual training given each member of a bomber crew and of the further team training each group received before being sent into action.

Musical numbers, in charge of A. L. Gifford, included flute solos by Mary Jane Groberg and violin selections by Donald Nielsen.

September 21:It was a sort of magic trip Delbert sped us on when Kay Berry graduated from Dental School in University of Southern California in L.A....from Provo to L.A. in daylight --Now I'm living in dreams of flying to see Maurice - Father says it's out of the question and still I wonder - There's so much one can do if he wills it and it is important. I'm here in Manti trying to help Rachel out with Bill- in eating and taking his pills-

(Mother to us)

September 30: Uncle Clair and I drove here to S.L. from Manti last night bringing Aunt Rachel's brown suit, blouse and shoes. She was to supper at Sister Judd's -who is Pres. Grant's daughter and lives next door to him. She is sponsoring Aunt Rachel's pageant for the campaign--having it put on throughout the state -(fore-runner of Manti pageant today- Clair known as its "father")...The Kiwanis bulletin with its introductory contribution by Delbert is evidence that you are still giving the community of your unusual talents...

(Mother to us)

September ; ...Joseph has been trying to help me write this and when I discouraged him sufficiently he climbed on the piano bench and reached Mary's picollo and when I took that away he finally got hold of John's cornet and in taking that away I accidentally bumped his mouth so he has about decided to give it all up and just go to sleep but mama can't allow that either for a couple of hours as he hasn't had a nap and it is too late for one now. What else could I do of more importance than just making him, and myself, happy?

The other boys have dragged out all their winter boots and caps and mittens, etc. and rigged themselves and gone out to collect rain water -- but now they are spreading their toys around the floor in a miniature war. Most of their play seems to be connected with war-time and fighting and bombing, etc. but it would be pretty impossible to divert them from that too much altho I'd like to.

Delbert will probably see you at Conference time. He has given up going to Ogden the week before to a Kiwanis Convention. It would be fun to come for a big visit as we used to do at Conference time..but we are too numerous for that now. Of course with restrictions on traveling, the ones invited are supposed to fill their cars with passengers who are also supposed to go.

The Kiwanis Club gave a big kiddies party last Thursday...they won play money with which they bought refreshments and could buy all they wanted. John claims he ate three hot dogs, two plates of potato chips, three glasses of punch and seven ice-cream cones (I really doubt that he counted accurately..but amazing as it may seem, none of them had any ill effects from it....

(J to folks)

.....: The last little Groberg is finally asleep and it is 9:30 p.m. so I actually have a few minutes to myself. Delbert's cousin, Charles Groberg, who has been recently discharged from the army because of his wife's death and baby's injury, is here for today and tomorrow and Delbert has taken him over to visit Brunts -Aunt Clara Brunt is also a sister to Charles' mother - who was so wonderful in rearing Delbert and Roi...Delbert spent less than two hours home today and that for meals and making out receipts, etc. but we're glad it's just that way--so blessed.

We have had a light snowfall, enough to result in two snowmen in the back yard and a terrible conglomeration of boots and mittens in the front hall-well, we will check over the winter clothes and find a place for each one to keep his so the congestion will be relieved. We send out sheets, cases, tablecloths, etc. anything that needs ironing and do the rest here...We have a Mrs. Williams who will come in December to help after mother is gone.

We are having a little difficulty with Mary's school schedule as Mr. Gifford insists on her playing first flutist in advanced high school orchestra and holds the class during the noon hour three days a week with no allowance for any lunch and consequently Mary frequently gets sick but says she won't give it up, etc. I send a light lunch and thermos of hot soup but she has to go several blocks from junior high to high school and

is so rushed that she leaves them in her locker, and eats nothing until after school about 4:30... (later I took a lunch to her and we sat in the car while she ate it-I had to be right on the dot to claim that 6 or 7 minutes)

Well, I am going to see that she goes to bed early and gets up early so she can get an appetite for a big breakfast...If she can't get her nourishment at noon I am calling the Prof. and telling him she is thru with orchestra. It seems to me utterly stupid to have such an arrangement for these young kids who are growing so fast and needs lots of good nourishing food and at regular times....

Joseph is at last saying a few words and is fast growing into a very alive and mischievous and utterly beautiful and irresistible little boy whom everyone makes too much fuss over....

I am trying to locate a charm in the shape of the S.L. Temple for a charm bracelet for Mary's Christmas---please check with Alva and the little store across from Temple block....I have been sewing for the children's Xmas which is to be extremely modest. By the way, the charm we want is sterling silver and might cost \$2 or \$3 but we'll pay you of course.

(J to folks)

p.s. Delbert: Today we went over the top on our County War fund and Community Chest drive. We are the 2nd county in the state to complete our goal. I am glad it is over...I tried to go out to the farm today but the snow was too deep...Hope Raymond improves quickly. DVG

_____ ; Delbert is still to Mutual but Mary and I are now home. The rest are glad to be in bed after another day in the spud fields. Mary made nearly \$6.00.....David helps me at home and when he really sticks to his job he gets 35¢ per day so they are all going to feel independent when school starts. Delbert has talked them into putting their first \$18.75 into a bond a piece and Julia bought hers yesterday.

The little boys at home are pretty good fellows but at times Joseph becomes almost more than a handful; he is growing so fast and insists on being one of the gang but we think he gets cuter with every stage; what a joy he is and how we love him!

We think Bricker is the strongest man running for either president or vice-president. That was great for Rachel to cast Utah's vote for him. Delbert spent yesterday with a very close friend of Bricker - a Mr. Galbreath, the national president of real estate boards. Mr. G. paid quite a high compliment to some of the Mormon bishops he had met....

(J to folks)

^{Oct. 5 - 1944}
Newspaper War Effort Wins Kiwanis' Tribute

The Post-Register Thursday received a "certificate of citation" from the Idaho Falls Kiwanis club during the weekly program Thursday noon at which the Kiwanians paid high tribute "to the service which this newspaper and other newspapers of the United States and Canada have rendered during these critical war years."

Devoting the entire program held at Hotel Bonneville, to observance of National Newspaper week, October 1 to 8, the Kiwanians heard Elmer Crowley, a fellow member, trace the history of the newspapers' fight for freedom of the press and tell of the contributions the press has made to the war effort.

At the close, Delbert Groberg, president of the club, presented The Post-Register award, which was accepted by Clyde Smith, managing editor. The club also awarded the certificate to the weekly newspaper here, the Idaho Commoner, and it was accepted by Aden Hyde, editor.

1200 Kids Jam Theatre For Hallowe'en Party

More than 12 hundred Idaho Falls youngsters have promised "to be good" during the Hallowe'en season.

The noisy, laughing, excited group of children, between the ages of five and 14, swarmed into the Paramount theatre Saturday morning for a free show—their reward for pledges against Hallowe'en vandalism.

The children packed the theatre and then doubled up on the main floor for what was termed one of the largest annual Hallowe'en pledge parties ever held. The pledge campaign is sponsored annually by The Post-Register, the Paramount theatre, the Boy Scouts, the Idaho Falls police department and the Idaho Falls Kiwanis club.

One hundred and fifty prizes, offered by the Kiwanis club, were awarded to those coming in costume and were presented on the

theatre stage by Delbert Groberg, club president, George Watkins and Elmer Crowley, who formed a Kiwanis club committee.

City Chairman



DELBERT Groberg, above, Tuesday was appointed city chairman of the 1944 War Fund drive which will open in Idaho Falls October 30.

War Fund Drive Shaped

Delbert Groberg, City Chairman, Meets With Majors to Outline Plans

Delbert Groberg, Idaho Falls realtor and civic leader, Tuesday was appointed city chairman of the 1944 War Fund drive and at once began planning for the campaign by calling majors to a meeting Tuesday afternoon to shape organizational details for the drive which opens in Idaho Falls October 30.

Mr. Groberg's appointment was announced by E. F. McDermott, president of the Idaho Falls Community Chest. Mr. McDermott, who is also East Idaho district War Fund chairman, said the drive would raise funds for both the city Community Chest and the national War Fund.

October 16: Founders Day at BYU, a reminder of many joyous school days of our own and our children. I am returning to Manti to sort of take Rachel's place because she is in charge of the big reception here.

We expect to be in our home on the 1st of November.

McKean's supreme sacrifice is the first in our family line. Uncle Dean Brimhall, his father, is here. It's surely a blow to Aunt Lila. McKean's wife was with Lila when we called but we did not see her. (Dean R. Brimhall married Lila Eccles. Dean is son of George H. Brimhall and wife, Flora.)

We are having a sealing party in the temple on the 26th and a reunion on the 28th.

Tell Mary I surely enjoyed the short companionship with her substantial and beautiful self....

(Mother to us)

A FEARLESS SKIER

To David H. Groberg

Written by his brother, John H. Groberg

October, 1944

On a bright winter day
When the snow was so deep
Doodle went skiing
On a hill very steep.

As he started away
With the greatest of care
Why he fairly flew
As he soared thru the air.

When he lit at the bottom
At a fairly good angle
I laughed and I laughed
To see such a tangle

Now he climbed up the hill
With the lightest of tread
Just rubbing a bump
On the top of his head

October : We have just listened to Dewey's first rebuttal speech...We were particularly thrilled to think of the complete freedom of speech provided here in USA of America while in so many countries this freedom has been suppressed or entirely denied....We are sure that both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Dewey will be good sports about having their mistakes aired and when they aspire to these high positions they certainly do get "aired."
We shall probably keep on with our policy of voting for whoever runs against Mr. Roosevelt and supporting Mr. Roosevelt as long as he is president..

....Today we washed all day and tomorrow we hope to finish up the last bit of canning and Delbert has probably worked equally as hard at the office but we both believe hard work is not harmful if one gets needed rest and relaxation and right food....

(Folks from us)

October 26: Did you get your deer? We finished the spuds Tuesday and threshed the barley yesterday and will try to start the beets today... The children have thoroughly enjoyed the spud harvest. Mary earned \$60.00 in spite of her vacation to Utah. Julia made about \$40.00 and so did John and David about \$7.50 and Dickie "1.75.

I picked with Dickie last Saturday afternoon. We had two other little children his age and they made \$3.50 all together so we divided and gave the other two one half and Dickie one half.

It looks to me as if Dewey will run second.....

(D to father)

November 2: Our address is now 1448 Browning Ave. Salt Lake City, Utah. After election Rachel will speed home and with gladness in her heart even tho some think she will want more of the color of public approval. She is still "meek and lowly of heart."

Rachel's pageant plays at Hotel Utah on November 6 and last night it went over big in Ogden (I think it was called Liberty Speaks)

(Mother to us)

November 17:Mama's interesting letter came yesterday...I would feel that I was robbed indeed if I did not get (we) a letter from each of you children about once a week. Then too, with Daddy a favorite in public and Church development, a mammoth portion of child training becomes a mother's part. Yet you do talk things over and make decisions which strengthen family government....You will realize more and more that you exemplify the statement Joseph Smith made to a man inquiring as to how he governed so many people aright and he said "I teach them right principles and they govern themselves."

I am sure the band-lunch problem is found in many cities...Rachel really protested in PTA at Gunnison about this...I used to pray about many details, in fact all that really bothered me a lot. I am sure you do too. Well, you have a home that the children can live in and that's what it's for. I wonder if Dickie could tell me in the next letter which boy put his boots, coat and cap in the right place for a week every time. I'll bet it will be Richard.

(Mother to us)

November...near Thanksgiving: Dee and Joe both have birthdays soon - They are such sweet little fellows. Dee came to me and said, "Mama, Daddy loves me so much that he might give me an electric train for Xmas or maybe he will even give me a whole big dollar!"

Well, the electric train is impossible but the dollar might not be. And of course Joe repeats everything word for word after Dee but has a mind of his own if anyone tries to put over anything on him....

(J to folks)

December 3: Dear Little Grandson "Dee" - Delbert Holbrook Groberg - That's a real distinguished name. For a boy to have a daddy that's a bishop and a mama that is the mother of seven beautiful sons and daughters makes a boy full of promise.

Now, if I figure right, you are four years old today. Yes, now it's all clear. You are four and Joseph was two on 30th of November. How stupid of grandma to forget about Joseph, about the "smilingest" little brother in the world.

Dee, you got the start of grandma. You didn't tell me the exact time you were coming so I was late getting there. How well I remember daddy phoning us of your safe arrival and how I hurried right up to take care of the family. Daddy came to the bus station altho he was not very well. When we got to your house your brothers and sisters, all but Mary, were hiding under the piano. I was so happy to see you all well and to be there to take mama's place. That night, I went up and saw you and you were so cute.

Soon you will be six and go to school and Dickie will be promoted. Grandpa and grandma love you and would like to be around when you go on a mission. We are so glad you did not have the big dollar chicken pox.

Tell mama the one supreme Christmas gift she is going to give us should have taken out of her mind the idea of smaller ones. In fact, I am sure with helping Santa to fill all the stockings in your house, that no one outside should be thought of.You have so many fine brothers that your life should be easy to make beautiful. Love and wishes for the best birthday you ever had..give Joseph a birthday kiss.

(Mother (grandma) to us)

December...Sunday: Delbert is to a meeting. John and Julia are to a piano recital. David is off visiting and Mary and I are helping the little boys build Lincoln Logs, etc. Yesterday we took the three little ones down to see Santa. Dee is concerned about where he will sleep while in Idaho Falls....

(J to folks)

Dear John:

Your life-story is among the
choicest gifts I received. I will
put it in the grandchickens-
book that Valerie gave me two years
ago. When you have a little
son of your own, maybe it will
be somewhere so he can read it.

When you learn to write in
ink it will mean that such
things are preserved for a longer
time.

Kiss dear mama
for me.

Dear Grandma

please send back the letter I sent you
and I will ~~write~~ write it in ink for you

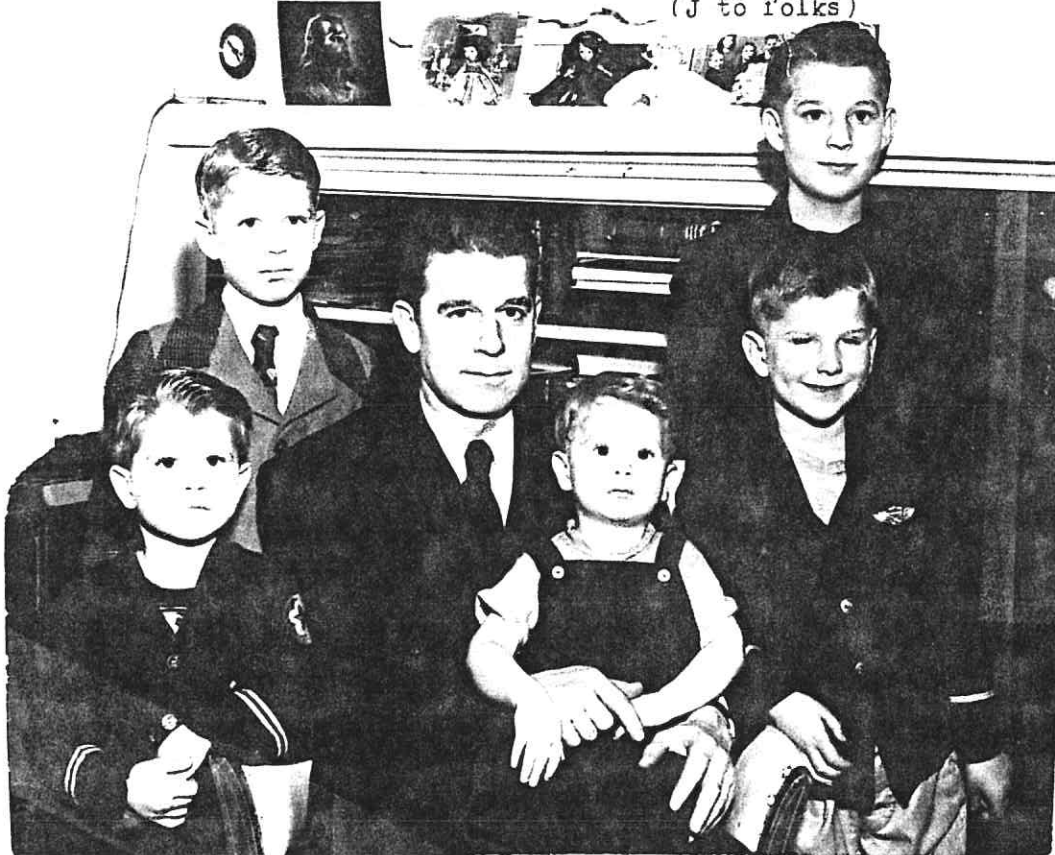
love
John

December 1944:

John and Julie just returned from a primary dance - each with an all-day sucker. This p.m. the little children went to their primary party and returned with a Hershey bar and an all-day-sucker - they thought it was grand but I think it would have been far wiser if the treat had been an apple or orange or even buttered popcorn.....

Mary and I walked up town this p.m. and exchanged a book of records we received for Xmas because we already had one like it. We surely had a big Xmas - too much in spite of our resolve to keep things very modest. I have a new White sewing machine - I will have to learn how to run it.... Jean Nielsen's funeral and death were quite upsetting to his many friends and folks here. His wife (Edna Harris) and father are taking it pretty hard (just finished dental school and ready to practice) - heart attack. ..Here comes Joe to help me so I'm glad it's the end of the page.

(J to folks)





ELIZABETH GROBERG

Born December 28, 1944 at

Idaho Falls, Idaho

(LDS Hospital)

Julia was also born on December 28 - 12 years before - so when Daddy told her she had a new baby sister for her birthday gift - she was delighted, and believed him of course! They have always been real pals. Delbert has at times explained that with so many children we couldn't expect to have separate birthdays for each one.

But for a few years both girls wondered if having a birthday just three days after Christmas was in their best interest -- they often missed receiving something they expected for Christmas but it nearly always turned up on the birthday!

December 30: Darling Jane: Wish I were a poet and could clothe in beauty the great love in my heart for you who are so valiently and joyfully pursuing unflinchingly your chosen life. The future has more flowers of reaping than you dream of, not discountenancing the fragrance that has been yours to date. I have yet found nothing to compare with motherhood and grandmotherhood and look what is your contribution!...May the Lord bless you and Delbert every hour - every day ---

(Mother to us)

December 31: They are just wheeling the baby back to the nursery. I made them promise not to feed her in there so she would be good and hungry next time.

She is a plump, healthy little girl - very much a Groberg in looks. I feel entirely well -In fact, I have felt so good all the time that I can hardly believe I have gone through the experience of having a baby.

Delbert and the children washed, cleaned house and cooked a big dinner alone today. Mrs. Hill will help some. Delbert is really capable at getting the children to work and I'm rather glad they have this chance to really keep things going at home....Everyone has been so interested and helpful and sent so many gifts, etc. that it's almost embarrassing but that's because I seem to be the wife of a very prominent man and a bishop....

(J to folks)

December 31: Last Day of the Old Year - 1944 - Dearest Daughter -Mother of Eight; - So lovely you must look this Sabbath Day.....I am sure a unique and revealing story could be written about the family at home. No doubt a schedule is being carried out, each one faithfully doing his part and seeing that the other fellow does his.

This reminds me of years ago when we came home from California after a prolonged stay. As we drove up you were just going up the steps carrying Elaine. When she saw me, she put her arms around your neck and I was in the shadows. Everything was in such working order that Grandpa Holbrook asked how it was done. I picked up a piece of paper on which was written the plan that made the order in the home and saved you from overdoing. Now you and that baby sister (Elaine) are both mothering a baby at this Holiday Season. I declare it the richest Christmas. You are so used to the hospital life that you probably are getting the most enjoyment of anyone there. Only one cause has personally taken you there and that has been motherhood..I fancy Delbert will live more abundantly for ten days than dreamed of. Seven human books to study and enjoy.

(Mother to us)

12/28/44.

Dear Grandpa -

I think I have come into a busy and a crowded world. I know I will not object to being busy - I just hope I can always be busy doing things worth while - This crowded condition won't bother me too much either, for I think I will enjoy the crowds, if they are always good to me and help me get adjusted so I can take my place among them. You will have to admit there are some penalties imposed upon me right from the start, for instance I have so many brothers and sisters that I am not permitted to have an individual birthday. I must share mine with Julia but, of course, Julia is going to share hers with me - so that seems fair enough - I'll be glad to have you come up and see me anytime -
Love Elizabeth - (maybe)
8 1/2 lbs - (over)

Dear Father Hebrook —
I thought you would enjoy a page
from your newest granddaughter.
I want to congratulate you
on your twin cousins — Hope
you and mother Hebrook can
reap some joy — as well as work
out of this apparent, "very
productive" family you have
set in motion — I surely
Love and admire Jennie more
each day. She is about as
near human perfection as
this world permits. There are
two things I am particularly thankful
for — one, is, that you did such an
excellent job as parents in raising
Jennie — and two, is that I was
fortunate enough to have her
marry me. I don't understand
how either was accomplished.
I hope our family won't take
too many of my shortcomings
but will take mostly after
their mother. — Best Love
and happy new year! —

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January 1: LDS Hospital at Idaho Falls, Idaho - Elizabeth was three days old. Dad was bishop. A long, drawn-out cry from a woman in the throes of labor agony whose child came at 12:01 awakened me. Almost instantly could be heard whistles blowing, bells ringing, - heralding the arrival of 1945. As things quieted down and I settled myself to return to slumberland; I said: "Happy New Year, my beloved - here we are, blessed with another precious child of Heavenly Father to love and care for and teach of Him and His Beloved Son -"

And I became conscious that the naturally most important thing of the new year was my husband - my husband and I, together --rejoicing over blessings, facing whatever might come - together. Rejoicing also over responsibilities -

I hope the children and I can always be closer to him than his demanding public. If only the boys can share enough of his time and himself as the years go by, to become very much like him! And of course the girls need him equally. How thrilled they all are when they actually experience life together --life with their daddy and how they love each other!

And he is our bishop! - humble, prayerful, wise, inspired, caring-for many but always making time for his family.

My beloved husband, eternal companion, father of our precious children.....
Unable to sleep I record:

He walks among his fellowmen - truly a servant, yet as truly a leader --
What is it that makes him thus - beloved and trusted by all?
Does he carry an inner magnet, drawing others to him as he warms their hearts,
lights their eyes, lifts their spirits?
What has he nurtured to find him thus now? - what gifts received?

He has many special attributes:

His desire to truly love and serve and see good in all, and bless them
His ability to think accurately, clearly, to base judgment on pure knowledge
His habit to work easily but continuously, thoroughly, intelligently
His determination to meet life's challenges with faith, gratitude, sound reasoning.

His sincere efforts, always without complaint
His right and desire to receive and follow promptings of the Holy Spirit,
always be sensitive to truth -

His relaxing, delightful, wholesome humor

And then I thought:

Do his many special attributes spring from this special one - his total resolve, his commitment, to be worthy of, to honor, to magnify the Priesthood of God with which he is blessed? Does his superior ability in all these other attributes come because of this one?

Others have walked thus among their fellowmen- serving and leading, loving and loved, trusting and trusted, appreciating and appreciated, understanding- encouraging - lifting -

Others - - Washington - Lincoln - Joseph Smith -

(J Jrnl)

DELBERT V. GROBERG
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

To Jennie - my Lady Jane 11/1/45

You are Wonderful!

You are Beautiful!

You are lovelier than ever,

You are the grandest wife
in all this world.

You are a perfect mother.

You are full of Faith + Hope + Love

Your life is an ideal

We are all blessed to have you near

We are in heaven when you're
with us.

We are going to do a little more
to show you that we love you

So just keep your self, your best
sweet self

Don't change or even think it,

We will try to grow to be
more like you -

In all we think and
hope and do —

Lovingly Daddy.

1-1-45

Dear Grandma -

You would have thoroughly enjoyed looking in at our home this new year's day - The girls and I - completed a fair sized washing - kept the house pretty tidy - all folks were coming for titling settlement - had good meals we prepared ourselves and got to visit Jennie & "Elizabeth" at each visiting hour - etc, etc - Mary really did most of the meals. She made a new dish for supper tonight out of eggs and meat and tomatoes - it was very good. She followed a recipe: You would have enjoyed listening to Mary quiz me about clinkers in the furnace. She said "Should you have any clinkers if you used anthracite coal?" I said I thought so - she asked - "Isn't it just impurities in this bituminous coal that makes the clinkers?" I said I thought so, again. Then she asked - "Isn't anthracite coal almost straight carbon and if it has little or no impurities - there wouldn't be any clinkers." I just listened - she spends some time reading and thinking -

Julia took her violin lesson today -
The teacher said "you have gone
a long way in (the 1st year) -"

John takes the lead and is surely
excellent keep with the boys -

Little Joe says "Mama-baby"

The little realizes he is not
going to be the baby when
Mama comes home -

David and Larry Anderson
are together about all the
time when we let them -
I think a good friend from
a good family is a real
asset - Larry is well trained
and he respects his parents
so David has a very choice
close friend - Dickie said
how long is it going to
be 'fore school is out? -
he likes home and the time
he spends with Dee & Joe
better than school -
Love + Love you are all
well — Deebert

DELBERT V. GROBERG
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

Jan 3 1945

Dear Father Holbrook

I just finished with the first draft of the 1944 income tax, it looks like our new little daughter has already paid her arrival expenses. Stan says on the Federal she is a dependant as long as she arrived before the end of the year, so he says our tax will be about \$150.00 less because of her. I think that is very thoughtful of both her and the Government.

Have you and Ray been able to go over the receipts and expenditures and arrived at how you would like the farm account settled for the year. Stan says he thinks we can all just take the returns as income just the same as if it were interest on money invested with you and Ray and the same as part of my operational income for the Real Estate and management business.

Gray Sold five more hogs on Dec 22nd our check was \$63.27 cream sold of Dec 27th was \$9.17 to us and on 22nd \$8.55 The wiring was finished and it cost \$35.00 for labor and material. We put in a yard light and a light in the pump house and one down the basement and one in each room up stairs.

I have the bill for the phosphate, it is \$136.00, we will pay one half on this as we plan it for the hay land.

We have 31 head of cattle altogether, this is 4 of our cows and 4 of Grays & all small calves and 12 young heifers and steers.

There are more pigs now than I thought there was to start out with and we have sold over 50 during the year.

We have made arrangements with Mr Jordan for 5 or 6 good brood sows, it seemed like to me the imbreeding or poor blood or something begin to show weakness in the present strain. Gray has agreed to sell down all the horses except one team. He has fooded around too much to suit me this winter working in the suds for other people, but they are so short of help it is a temptation. There has not been any fixing up or fencing done and things get worse if they dont get better.

All fine, How is Ray now ? hope he is 100%-

Love
Delbert
DELBERT.

Jennie has felt ok. all the time -
Paul says she is getting so homesick she
can hardly stand the thought of 3 or 4 more
days - What is maybe just to make us feel good,
in hospital Baby seems fine too

February 11, 1945 - Dear "Dee" -

Today in Sunday School I thought about you and wondered if you had gone to your own class today to show the little boys how to listen and take home a story to tell Dickie. You see, he would like to hear you tell him all about your class and he tell you all about his.

You see one class is his and one is yours and when you go in his class you are in the wrong place. Maybe now that Dickie has shown you how it is all done and you have grown so big, you can go by yourself in your own class.

You wouldn't like to live in someone else's home would you? And you see you won't always have Dickie to sit by and you can now, I am sure, show yourself that you can sit in your chair in your own class.

You ask mama and daddy, now that you take such good care of Joseph, if they don't think you could go alone to your own class. Then when Joseph is old enough to go, you can tell him how to go in his class and you in where Dickie is and Dickie where David has gone from.

Tell mama we do love her and you might steal a kiss for me.

Isn't it fine to have a little sister that you won't let Joseph hurt, or anyone.

Love, (Mother H. to Dee)

P.S. Tell John I brought the pencil-written letter home with me. After he has the Priesthood he can write a second story in ink for the Grandchildren's Book.

March 5, 1945: Dear David -

In a week from today you will be nine years old. It's no wonder you are getting so tall and intelligent. I often think of the Sunday I visited the preliminary part of your Sunday School. Your hand was up ready to answer all the questions the teacher asked.....I hope you will just keep holding up your hand because you know the answers and you will always know if you listen each Sunday.

Somehow I missed getting the date of your baptism and confirmation. If you could find it and send it I would be glad - by your birthday. I have a book that I call "Descendants of Lafayette Hinckley and Alsina Elizabeth Holbrook and I want it someday to be a complete record.....

Here are some lines your great-grandpa Brimhall wrote. Maybe you could learn them this way:

When you get up in the morning learn this verse:

"The light of the morn is a challenge to me
A challenge to wake and be glad
A challenge for thanks that I'm able to see-
'Tis a call for a heart-throb to God.

Then at noon while waiting for dinner, learn:

"The meal-time hour is a challenge to me,
A challenge the bounteous board,
A challenge for thanks for what's before me,
My heart goes out to the Lord.

Then when getting ready for bed, learn:

"The close of the day is a challenge to me,
A challenge to thank the Divine
For the life and the joy that has come unto me
Through the faith and the hope that is mine!"

I think you could learn it by the 12th of March! Love to all your family,

(from David's grandma Holbrook)

March 25: - Dear family - 1945

Please tell David I did enjoy his letter and the date of his baptism and that he has put into his memory some lines that he can often repeat even after he says the poem in Sunday School.

Sometimes boys meet up with things they don't like - you know - being with someone who likes to tell things that are not very nice - then is a good time to repeat in your mind any nice poem or saying you know. Of course I always know the Groberg family keep the "top-notch" friends around them.

....I am sure you are all having a good time figuring out how it will seem to have a daddy for the mayor....One might do lots of good being a good mayor like daddy would be. It might be good for a whole city! (from Grandma H)





DAVID'S GREAT GRANDFATHER -
ACTING-PRESIDENT; PRESIDENT; PRESIDENT
EMERITUS OVER 30 YEARS - B. Y. U.
GEORGE HENRY BRIMHALL

January 5: Dear Rachel and Clair and family.....Jennie and baby are coming home tomorrow; the children are thrilled. We all enjoyed your letter. Mary and Julia have surely been good help during the past week or two..I really think with studies, music lessons and other activities it is hard for children to pick house-work as their choice unless they just have to. Jemie said she used to think the other things were more important too.

Last fall during the heat of the campaign I took Mr. Bricker's campaign manager and his wife up to Jackson Hole...

I was just called to see if I would accept an appointment as state senator from this county. It is nice to be asked but we are pretty well tied down now. I have been rather interested in the various experiences but the cost is more than the returns in so many cases....

(D to Andersons)

January 5: Because mama feels so good and you all have so nobly done your part in her absence it is no wonder we like the reports from your wonderful home. I love the name you think of for little sister. It is a family name on both sides and a choice one...When my grandmother (father's mother) first had a call from our Elizabeth, she said "That's the name I like best of all..."

(Mother to us)

January 10: ...I knew you couldn't fly to us (busy with Elaine who had Gloria at same time) so I called the Relief Society and for the past three days we have been pretty well taken over by them...I expect we overtaxed Jennie visiting and welcoming her home..by about 11 p.m. she not only had not had any sleep or rest but was in terrific pain..The Dr. came and that distress was from a hemorrhoid...Jennie was more relaxed Sunday but couldn't sleep Sunday night and by Monday morning things really looked pretty dark.. Sister Eleanora Allen, our ward Relief Society president and Sr. Idetta Merrill, stake president, just took over...Julia and Mary each stayed out of school $\frac{1}{2}$ day..The two little boys went over to Rees' yesterday and today and three big ones to Andersons for dinner....Sister Price, wife of Howard Price who works with me, came and helped; she is a registered nurse.

The baby is perfect. I have taken charge of her from evening until morning - I feed her at 8 and 12 and 4 a. and 8 -Jennie is nursing her some today...Brother Collard came over early Monday morning and we administered to her..I am sure we have enjoyed an interest in your faith and prayers... I can hardly see how things could get so bad so quickly and I am even more amazed at how quickly things have cleared up and set us back on top. The Church should be able to depend on us for loyal members even more now that we have been so completely provided for in our need. Aunt Clara Brunt kept Dee and Joe two afternoons. **

(D to folks)

(Delbert, as bishop, was very involved with tithing settlement and other year-end ward business and I tried hard to do way too much at home and too soon. All I really needed was to be able to be alone with my baby and sleep when she did, then I would naturally regain my strength. Sweet Relief Society sisters sincerely tried and were appreciated--Sr. Merrill brought over a huge plate of T-bone steak with all the trimmings but try as I did, I could not eat it--even with her insistence--I regret how grateful I was when Sr. Price left after trying to give me a sponge off--"lick and a promise"--Sr. Allen was understanding. Bless them all!)

January 11:.....To hear Delbert say you were better this morning was so joyous that all life seems sunny again...As you know, whenever you suffer, we suffer. And now we express our gratitude to a good Father who has always been very mindful of you. Day by day you will get stronger...With such a good husband and loyal family and such myriads of friends one can only see health and happiness for you and yours...Dear daughter, we do love and appreciate the past, present and future of your unusual life and look at the jewels you have given us. Please tell me if you ever need me and know that our prayers and love are yours.

Delbert stands as a Prince among men and especially in the family.

(Mother to us)

January 12: Today the new girl was christened Elizabeth. I am sure if she realizes the blessing her father pronounced upon her, she will give new glory to the name and other Elizabeths, such as her two grandmothers, will be proud to claim her as one of them.

We all went to Church and John and Daddy bore their testimonies. I planned to do so but hesitated too long but maybe some other time when I do not have a fussing baby in my arms, would be better anyways....I still get pretty tired and insist on my afternoon rest....

Delbert and I are going over to Jensen's for a few minutes. They lost a nephew in an airplane crash - maybe you read about it - it was Myrtie and Edna Kindred's nephew. He was a pilot and for his first solo flew over his mother's home and crashed in her front yard.

We surely do appreciate the marvelous lift you gave us and think we are indeed a fortunate and very blessed family to have you one of us.....

(J to folks)

January 13:

Dearest Mary and Julia - How my heart goes out to you in your goodness and helpfulness at this time when mama has been ill. You will always know thru the years that great blessings are yours for it. Mama will soon be strong again. I put her name in the temple and our prayers are unailing for her and you all.

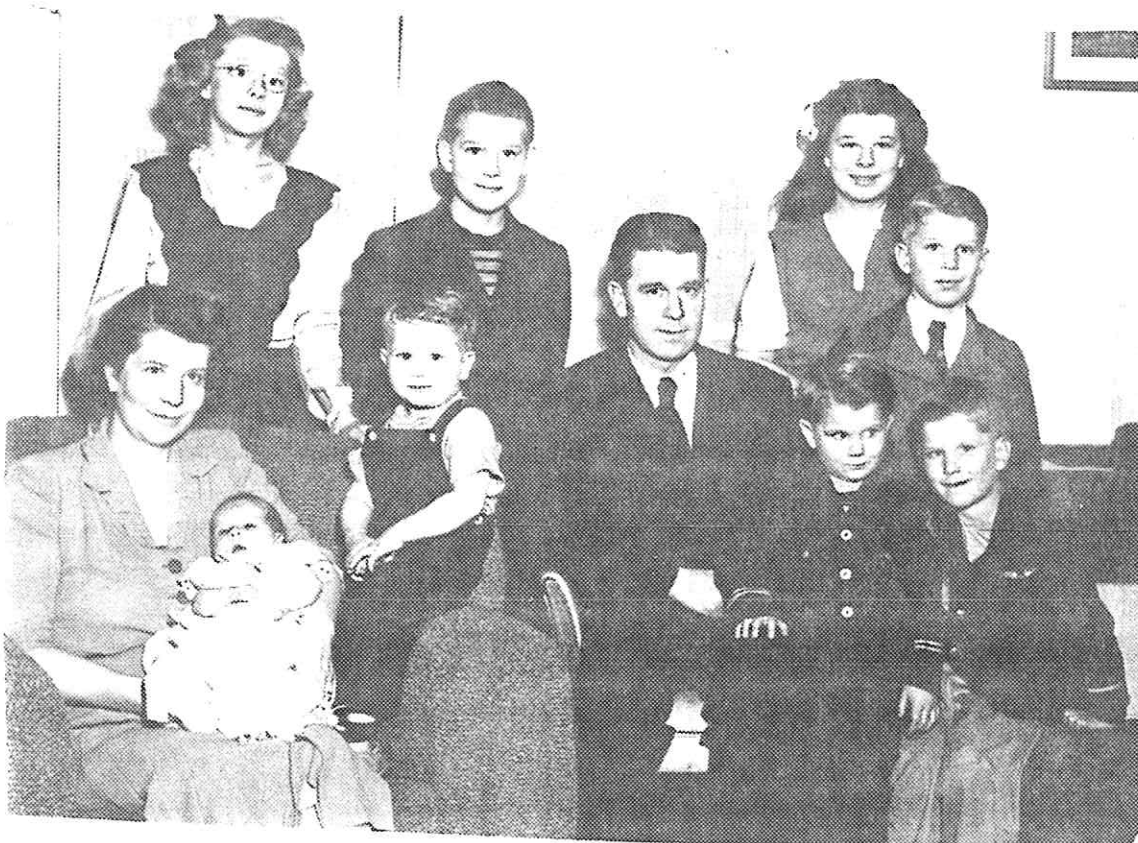
Dear John and David: You too are doing your part. I know you put your things away every time and do many things to help. And also you won't let anyone make a noise especially when mama is sleeping. You and Daddy will win I am sure.

Dear Richard: You always took care of Dee and now I know you watch Joseph too so mama will only have Elizabeth to look after. Kiss mama for me.....

(Mother to us)

January 31: We surely appreciated your wonderful help and advice and example while here. I went to Mutual for an hour last night...Julia was thrilled to be left with the baby. I wouldn't have left if she hadn't been asleep. However, she woke so Julia got to hold her and enjoy her for a while.

Last night we heard of the death of a second son of a ward member-both boys killed in action...
(J to folks)



Picture of our family taken at our home on
255-12th Street in Ideho Falls, Ideho, U.S.A.
on January 28, 1945:

First Row L to R: Jennie Holbrook Groberg, 36 years old
Elizabeth Groberg - one month old
Joseph Holbrook Groberg - 2 years old
Delbert Valentine Groberg - 38 years old
Delbert Holbrook Groberg - 4 years old
Richard Holbrook Groberg - 6 years old
Second Row: L to R: Mary Jane Groberg - 13 years old
John Holbrook Groberg - 10 years old
Julia Gay Groberg - 12 years old
David Holbrook Groberg - 8 years old

January 31: Dear Mary Jane and Julia - Mamma's "standbys" -

If one of you could find 10 minutes to write me a card telling me about yourselves and what your part of the home program is and how you enjoy it I would be more contented. I think always of the big things you do that are not listed as regular duties, things that come up unexpectedly and they are probably of greatest importance - But we can't get away from the day-by-day duties that keep order and lessen friction. Personal duties also are of importance, such as hanging up clothes, etc. They, too, are almost impossible to shirk...Your household is a monument of courage and faith and skill. If mamma can have sufficient rest she will steadily reach the goal of efficiency she so desires. That lovely little baby is surely doing her part. In fact, you are all masterpieces and the world at large could search in vain for any superior.

I expect if you were in Washington DC and lived near the Library, you would put to shame some LDS who let the years slip by and fail to search in the great repository for things vital to us all....It sounded so sensible for John to be putting his little brothers to bed and David to be doing the supper dishes...

(Mother to girls)

February 3: If I could paint the picture of Mamma Groberg and her three daughters as I saw it a week ago, it would show the beginning of mother's influence on daughters beautifully.

John, I wish you and David would tell me what you do regularly for the home and tell me if it interferes at all with your own personal upkeep, that is, the things you just have to do for yourselves. Do you do supper dishes? When you come from school, before you open the door, stop and think this: What can I do to make the hours from 4 to 7 quiet and free from confusion. How can I help mother? You are two stalwarts that can give a good report of your thoughtful selves.

(Mother to our family)

February 9 and 15: The four little ones are asleep and the four big ones are to the Junior High Play. Daddy is to a meeting, as usual.

Today I went to club -enjoyed visiting and sewing (Vera Hart, Ethel Stanger, Eva Ovard, Harriett Woolley, Ella Andelin, etc.) It seemed strange to find them still so charming and so unchanged when I feel like quite a different person than I was the last time I attended, before the baby's birth. Things of great interest to them, such as new hair-do's, style of hats, bits of gossip, etc. seemed to me so unimportant...

The baby is getting so responsive and smiles and makes funny little noises. Already we wonder how we ever did without her..The boys promised to write you.. I believe John still has the one to copy in ink.

Tomorrow I am to bake some cookies for Relief Society and cake or cookies for PTA. It surely seems good to be into activity a bit again.

Delbert was a witness yesterday at the Grand Jury--He had been chief spokesman for the prosecution but really knows or has no evidence of any import...

Last night Brother and Sister Andelin had us all over to dinner with decorations-celebrating Delbert's birthday....Mother your letters to the children help wonderfully - you are really the wisest person I know as well as the dearest mother..

(J to folks)

February 25: I am ashamed to address this to the members of your family. You see I got my hand in the electric wringer and I am so embarrassed to tell them for any one of them would not have let the release go unused as long as I did when it was looking right at me. Some stitches have fixed it up o.k. and thank goodness it's at the left hand or I couldn't write this good....

My mind slips up to your home so many times. Often I see the coat wardrobe in the hall. I can place Mary's portion and Julia's...I believe Dee said his hook in the other hall was broken off; I fancy maybe John has fixed it now.... Elizabeth is surely growing..She is a fairy baby like we used to call Mary. I believe Julia has the technic of lifting her from her bed now. I hope she teaches it to others. Of course Mary always knew. Elizabeth blessed on 4th February 1945?.....

(Mother to us)

February... : I am sure all of the girls feel as I do, that if we could have done so we would gladly have had our own hands injured instead of yours. It just makes us sick to think of you being hurt but we trust the pain is gone and the wound is healing nicely....

Elizabeth and I are getting acquainted while the rest of the family sleep but we'll get extra sleep tomorrow. She laughs out loud and loves attention. I repeat - she is such a constant joy we wonder how we ever got along without her.

I have agreed to try the Relief Society Visiting Teacher job - one afternoon a month should be fun and I will say no to any other assignment outside the home - at least for a while....

(J to mother)

February 28: Dearest Daughter of Thirty-Seven Years of Glorious Living: - Your letter written a week ago was full of enjoyment. In fact it was a distinct answer to prayer. You are all well and mama is still the queen of the home. She has plenty of aids and a happy family resides on 12th Street..... I am sure Elizabeth just gets lots of adoration from the friends. I think she is sort of a ward interest as well as a family prize.....Add 37 more years and you will be 74 - Of course I probably will have gone away for a little while but will still be watching and praying. Don't you think loved ones over there pray for those here?....

My hand is fine. Dr. dressed it yesterday..I've been coaching father on the washing process; clothes look nearly as white as Mrs. Hill's...

(Mother to J)

March 6:Just when I thought everything was going along nicely and that we were doing all or more than could be reasonably expected, I was induced to decide, with Jennie, on a new venture - it may last just for this month - from now until election - but it could carry on a couple of years --I am the opposition candidate for the mayor of Idaho Falls...It will take a lot of work if we are to be elected and then no end to it if we are. Cecil Hart and Tony Naegle are running for the city council and we are setting up a rather detailed organization to try to win....Jennie is my chief encourager and gave the starting signal....I noted Conference is restricted down to just a few again-- I may work in as one of them--

(D to father)

March 7: Your letters are so inspiring. I think your choice of Church work is just right...Be glad when you can come and see us but gladder you are getting strong enough to enjoy your own mansion and all that pertains to it.

I guess Elizabeth can't have the girls' out-grown dresses; they have such pretty clothes. Sister Andelin said she never saw girls dressed with such touches of art in color and design and good taste as Mary and Julia. She said: "Jennie surely has chosen the better part." I know that, especially when she chose a companion and welcomed their gifts of eternal value at each coming. May no good gift be with-held.

(Mother to J)

March 9: Delbert is working out some thots for a speech in case he is called on to give one...He would be such a fine mayor and has my 100% approval in the running. We both felt flattered that he would be the one chosen but of course we would not, of our own volition, have seriously considered such an undertaking. There is really a long and interesting story about the whole affair which it will be fun to relate to you at some time.

The little children and I and Delbert drove out to see the 500 new chicks at the farm tonight. Dee and Dick wanted to bring a handful home.. We are all very fine and happy and deeply grateful for all our blessings, among the choicest, our wonderful parents...Our baby is gaining daily and is a darling in every way.

Mary Jane is giving David a birthday party Monday to fill a Beehive cell.

(J to Mother)

March 11: Dear "Climbers" - The family hailed the news of a prospective mayor in the family, as an occasion for congratulations and gladness to give a helping hend if needed in the process of winning...Grandpa Holbrook was twice mayor of Provo. Dr. Rees repeated to me his regard for Bishop Groberg and his wife - Dr. Milt's father.

Clair wrote that they thot Bill was no worse but seems to present a challenge for careful attention to rest, diet and freedom from emotional upsets and a possibility that certain forms of sulfa have been effective. Seems that all have their problems.

(Mother to us)

March 11:We are in the market for a buggy as it is rather embarrassing (at least so Julia says) to be seen walking down the street with our old wreck. Of course nice ones, like everything else nowadays, are way too expensive. We had our front room set slip-covered and sheer curtains are now hung in the dining room. Slip-covers were made but I did the curtains. Last week we purchased Mary a formal - she and Julia both require one for four affairs in which they are appearing. Julia will borrow Mary's for her two recitals but when I can get material she will maybe get a formal too.

Tomorrow is David's birthday. He has been working on the poem but hasn't mastered it yet. I am going to call him in to read it thru three more times. It is a valuable project and I have asked him to write you and tell you when he can really say it. Incidentally, he has to give the talk in Sunday School right away and it will be just right for him to give - especially as it was written by his great-grandfather Brimhal .

(Folks fromus)

more of his time. He is now giving so much to public service. Richards' deferment is up in June. Wouldn't it be grand if Germany surrendered before then.

We like our work here, and enjoy going up to Ellens week ends. We visit of course with Richards' family. Philip is quite contented with his work but it has been very hard for him to adjust to army life. He is in Leyte. Aunt Phenk Garff's son Wayne is a Major in that section and Philip has met him at church a number of times.

Gladys wrote that Pearson had been knocked down by a truck backing into him. He has been very miserable but is able to go back to school. Tonight we are going up to help Raymond beat his birthday dinner his 43rd and on to Provo. Tomorrow. Jennie if the little statuette from Scotland survives you are to have it. Spruze it most highly because of your dear mother & its pretty also. I

(Wade Will Salt Lake Temple.
Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Mar. 16. 1945 -
Cousin (Bro.)
Temple)

Dearest Jennie; Each day I look at that beautiful valentine of you and your unusually lovely family and my heart expresses a prayer that you will be well and able to help Dilbert in directing their lives. Cornelia had but two sons to call her jewels and you and Delbert have eight how blessed you are and they are equally fortunate.

I feel a reflected glory whenever I think of you and show the pictures to others, because you know you are "named Jennie for Aunt Jennie." I have been rather homesick since selling the home, and especially when I realize how much my loved ones will miss it. I think perhaps it is a mistake, but it's too late now to remedy it. We will have

to establish another after the war and make up for dis-appointments by building some of the new features that were lacking in the old. However 289 seeds was in better condition than when we sold it. Mr. Vail Martin and family consisting of wife & one daughter are thrilled with the plaid.

I haven't seen your mother for about two weeks but Ruth tells me that her hand is better and she is over her cold. We are feeling sorry that Arnold has to report for examination for service. Smoot was home on furlough not long ago and he is assigned for service in the European Field so Richard told me yesterday when he called here to see us. We had Boyd (3) with him. Philip's has had a promotion at last, Corporal which is

and gives him a \$20. raise. the same rating as Smoot's Victor is in Belgium driving a fighter plane, He is all on the Indians seat about him but feel that both He and Smoot will be spared to return.

We saw Aunt Sila at Grandma's 80th birthday last Sunday. Sila is wonderfully brave but at the same time severely wounded. The twins gave the reception at their home in Provo. It was very nice and a great many friends called. The great grandchildren were represented by Maurine and her four children. Tommy is five months old. Bishop Robertson told us that tears came to his eyes when Maurine and her four little ones came over that p.m. to pay their tithing.

By the way we hear that Debot is running for Mayor. He hopes he wins for the sake of the city but if he doesn't you can be glad, because you will have

March...: Another big Sunday nearly gone--We had a short time with our daddy this afternoon and called on some of the Brunts....John had a couple of boy friends come in after Church and Mary had a girl friend so we fixed them grape juice and cookies and now daddy is helping them put on their things as it is past 8:30 and we are sure their folks will want them home. Elizabeth weighs about 11½ lbs. and is still a prize baby. We adore her very much. Joseph enjoys loving her so much that at times it becomes too much for her unless some of us keep Joseph away.

Last Thursday I had club here in the form of a stork shower for L'Etrenne Andelin's wife who expects next month. She must be about 43 or 44 and hasn't had a baby for 11 years and is so thrilled about it.

(J to folks)

Adelphi
Falls

March
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Dear Grandmother,

I have nearly learned the poem you sent me. I had a happy birthday party. my guests were Downie and Ronny, Elison, Daph, Larry and David and Bobby's son. Patsy, Joyce, John were not able to come to my party. I got a w-g 3 phase 2 bites and ball a book. Mary but on the party. Mother made a grate big cake we made windmills. I was baptized March 25, 1944.

Love David

April 4: Dearest Jane - Father called in and said the results of voting left you free to go on in your more chosen work. It's o.k. and it's o.k. to have been a runner by invitation. Such experiences are all adventures in life where ability and its recognition go together but where often those who make up the voting population fail to support the better as represented by the best man. All thru you have been prepared for either turn so you may be really glad. To be a bishop is a great work where one knows he is supported on every turn by the best....Ruth and baby are fine. They say Aunt Jennie and Uncle Will Knight have sold their coal yard.

Take care of my girl as a mother of eight -

(Mother to J -written
from CA-Brown's)

April 6: ...arrived in plenty of time for 10 a.m. session. I was sitting with Lawrence T. Dahl and when they read of the name of Milton R. Hunter he said, almost out loud - "That fellow and I married sisters."

I called Ruth and stopped at your folks and called Roi and Maude-also talked to Ray - all fine. Your mother has had a really bad hand but she gets along o.k.....

I saw Henry D. Moyle and he said, "Did you get elected?" I said, "No," "What went wrong?" I told him nothing went wrong; we were just out-voted. He said he ran for governor and he knew just how things can get piled up against you."

I got a Sayer baby buggy...

(D to J)
SL

April... ..there were slightly over 2000 votes out of a population of 15000-...We really are in the limelight. Even in stake conference today we were mentioned twice - not, however, for political reference, but as an ideal family group. As you know, I have always wanted to shy away from publicity but here we are....

The little boys are to bed - except Joe-he usually goes later because he naps in the afternoon so mama can try to lie down for a while --Elizabeth insists that I take her..The rest are to conference....

(Folks from us)

April 29: Daddy's letter came yesterday so full of interesting things...Tell us when Mary Jane is coming and how so we can get her and bring her up to our home....I recall so well the opera in Salt Lake Opera House when father, mother and daughter Jennie went. Was it Rose Marie?..Anyway, we were so thrilled to have Jennie see it --that part was more delightful than the show and the memory is a "tell-tale"....

No doubt you, with the rest of the world, tune in, when you can, to San Francisco broadcast. And also you give attention to the work of the assemblage when you kneel in family prayer. To me that institution in your home as it maintains, is outstanding and sure in its final reapings...

(Mother to us)

April 30: We hope Louine is well on the road to recovery now...Yesterday Maurine Hinckley Rhead called and spent the afternoon and last evening we went over to Ellis and Carma McAllister's for an hour or so and visited with Lynn Bennion who was here on Sunday School affairs.

Mary Jane went to her first formal Saturday. She can tell you about it if she sees you Friday..I worry about such a rush trip but they have licensed drivers for the school bus and a somewhat select group. I will call the school in the morning and get details. I want to be sure she has at least one good, hot meal. There are just three Junior High kids invited- the rest are high school students.

(Folks from us)

May 2:It was nice to visit with Brother Bennion. Some people favored him for BYU president. But I think the Church leaders had inspiration in their choice as they do in the other affairs of great import in the Church.

Seems quite like time is flying too fast when we face the fact that your oldest daughter is beginning to wear a formal and go to a formal. Should love to have seen her enjoying herself with her classy friends and environment...Don't worry for after prayerful decisions all will always be well with our dear ones. I am sure Mary, though younger in years, has an "it" that is contagious for right under all circumstances.

(Mother to J)

May 11: Dearest Mother; -It would be impossible for me to purchase a gift or write a letter worthy or capable of expressing my feeling for you. But I agree with your ideas of celebrating Mother's Day by things that really count - which eliminates things that cost.

At times this too-big job almost gets me down but when things seem almost desperate I try to think of you under the same conditions - and even greater stress and realizing what a success you have always been as a mother gives me renewed courage. I truly doubt that anyone at any period of time has fulfilled a mission in this life to any greater degree of success than you have in your greatest of all missions, for women at least- being a really great mother. Thanks for having me and teaching me and showing me by example.....

Julia is still revelling over a Junior High dance which she attended with a partner. She sort of stole the show at the violin recital - not alone with her playing but with the "show" she put on in her formal gown and by just being Julia on a stage. I could have just squeezed the dear little monkey--not so little either - 12 lbs. more than Mary....

(J to mother)

May 14: ..Your Mother's Day greetings contained just the things that feed the soul. Father and I both agree and so we thank you. As the years pour upon me I only trust I can continue to be a help to a mother unexcelled and never a hindrance. What a privilege has been mine...

Do hope lots of things are left undone in your home till school is out and then you will have more help than can be used. Robert was up with Manti tennis team - He played against South High...

(Mother to J)

Mother's Day
May 13, 1995

Just like the orchids on this card
You're lovely, Mother Dear,
And you seem to grow still lovelier
With every day and year
And somehow I seem to love you
Still more each time I say,
"May joy and happiness be yours
Each hour of Mother's Day!"

John
David
Mary
Dee
Joy
Beth
Julia
Day

May : Little Joseph is quite miserable today but is beginning to break out good and will be o.k. in a few days. The other two are really fine - Dee is out playing for a while - it is so nice and warm but I am going to bring him in now. The baby is asleep and so is Joseph...Mary is so involved in school activities that I will be glad when school is out for her sake....While the children are asleep I must try to outline the Rel. Soc. lesson for next Tuesday.
A Mrs. Terry here, who is a Brimhall relative, wants to know if Aunt Fawn McKay has some Brimhall genealogy records - she thot Aunt Fawn told her one of her daughters was compiling quite a lot of them.

(J to folks)

May 14?The group leaves here in a school bus with two drivers Friday morning about 9 a.m. Mary says after they arrive in Salt Lake they will do a bit of shopping and then have a meal and then go to the concert -- ..She wants to stay with her friends and eat uptown but will contact you some way. They all have their tickets together for the concert and will leave immediately afterwards for home. ...We'll certainly be glad when she's safely back ..but I guess it will work out just fine...Julia played beautifully in her recital tonight (violin) and looked very pretty in Mary's formal and a tiny corsage from her daddy which she wore in her hair.

(J to folks)

May 16: I have been asked to give a talk Sunday on President Grant - something personal, that is, about his home life or personal friends or any personal contact. I wonder if you could take a few minutes and write me anything, incident, or saying that might be used. If you could call Uncle Alma and ask him to give it a shot and call you back, that would be swell. I am writing Grandmother but do not know that she will be able to answer in time, if at all. You see the material must be in my hands Saturday. I know this is a rush assignment but that is the way it came to me.....

Delbert and I are going to run over to President Austin's for a few minutes. The little boys are to bed so we can probably leave for a few minutes.....

It has rained off and on for several days but the in-betweens are so refreshing and the grass and everything looks so green and so fresh, we shouldn't complain..

(J to folks)

(Note: Holbrook Grandparents and Pres. & Sr. Grant were close personal friends for years--Uncle Alma Taylor, as a very young man, went with Pres. Grant to open up Japan for missionary work. Pres. Grant came to dedication of Third Ward Chapel. I was organist and just before meeting started he told me he'd like to sing a solo and I was to transpose the hymn to lower key but no chance to go thru it. I didn't really know how so I was very relieved when there was no time for the solo. But at the close of the meeting I shook hands with him again and told him I was the granddaughter of Emily Angelena Hinckley Holbrook and Lafayette Holbrook --He took my hands and looked me in the eyes (I felt he was reading my soul!) and said: "My dear - your grandmother is among the noblest of the noble.")



IDAHO FALLS THIRD WARD
May 20, 1945 5:30 O'clock

We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet".....Choir and Congregation
 Invocation.....Bishop Aubrey O. Andelin
 Sacramental Music: "Reverently and Meekly Now".....Choir
 Sacrament Service.....Officiating: Thomas Rigby, James Hops
 *2nd and 3rd Deacons Quorums Assisting Members Priest's Quorum

(cont'd) Brief Historical Sketch . . . Bp. Delbert V. Groberg
 Come, Come Ye Saints . . . Choir
 Remarks Bp. L.C. Larch
 Remarks Pres. Leonard G. Ball
 A Tribute Jennie H. Groberg
 Remarks Pres. John M. Homer
 Before Thee Lord, I Bow My Head - Choir
 Benediction Arthur D. Thomson

"I say to all Latter-day Saints: Keep the commandments of God. That is my keynote-- just these few words: Keep the commandments of God!" (from Pres. Grant's last conference message, April 6, 1945.

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Tribute by Jennie:

Tonight we pay tribute to a beloved friend, a great leader, a mighty man. We cannot really begrudge his quiet shuffling off of a mortal remains that had become cumbersome and his entering into a new field of endeavor. The reunion we can visualize between him and his mother and father and his two sons and their mothers, his many dear friends among whom we list four of his counselors, all of the presidents of the Church - is a joyful one indeed. His meeting with the Prophet will have a special and personal significance. No, I say, - we do not begrudge this passing but we are conscious of a great loss, an emptiness here. We are also conscious of a deep gratitude for having known him, received his inspired counsel and observed his beautiful, exemplary life. President Heber J. Grant has touched all of our lives, sometimes directly, many times indirectly but always to their enrichment and good. Like thousands of others, I have had limited experiences of meeting him personally.

My first recollection of him was when, as a delighted child I served him breakfast on the occasion of a stake conference visit to Provo. A few years later I was thrilled to receive from his hand in the Salt Lake tabernacle, a token of an award in an M.I.A. achievement. A year or so later, I considered myself indeed honored to appear on a Commencement program where he delivered the main address and I represented the graduation class in saying thank you to him as head of the Church responsible for our school. There have been a few times when I have listened to him visiting informally at the home of my grandparents. The last time I shook his hand was here in this building. I seemed very conscious of the radiance of his spirituality as he looked deep into my eyes and said, "Your grandmother is among the noblest of the noble."

His story of how, as a child, he would pound out melodies hundreds of times, on a piano to train his rather tone-deaf ears not only illustrates his philosophy of "that which we persist in doing becomes easy to do, not that its nature becomes easier but that our ability to do it is increased," but it also demonstrates his love of music. Altho as a boy he hauled a five-gallon can of water to the 3rd circle in the Salt Lake Theatre to pay his admission, yet as a young man, when the first grand opera came to Salt Lake, he was among the first to purchase the best tickets and he attended every performance with a new partner each of the five nights (this made interesting gossip as to which was the favored girl (according to George D. Pyper)

President Grant's ability to tell stories was remarkable. His clear, resonant voice and fine diction (due, he says, to the fact that as a child he had to speak loudly

and clearly to make his mother hear because she became rather deaf) - his keen sense of humor, made these stories fascinating. Many of them were personal experiences, related solely for the purpose of driving home a principle. Many of you have heard, as I have, President Grant sing "The Flag without a Stain" - Have you heard him tell the story of singing it for some Elders over in Belgium and his accompanist (Alex Nibley) asked him "what key" - "I know nothing about keys" - "well, is this about right?" "yes" - That evening he said, "Alex, what was the matter with the first verse - it didn't seem to go smoothly-?" "Matter? Hood heavens! you sang it four full notes lower than I was playing it." "How high did it go?" "Up to E flat" - "Well, I cannot sing E natural (a half step higher) so it is a good thing I struck it four notes lower."

President Grant loved good books. Twenty years ago, at the time the Grant Library Building on BYU campus was dedicated, he made the remark that, roughly estimating, he had personally given away 100,000 books. One of President Grant's non-Mormon friends, a heavy smoker, asked him once how he could afford to spend so much on books. He answered, "That's my cigar money - thousands read the books and are helped. By smoking, you don't give pleasure to anyone." The smoker answered "You've knocked me out with the first blow."

We have in our most prized possessions several books autographed by President Grant. Here are two of them (show and explain - especially the Luther Burbank book with so many personally written comments by Pres. Grant-given to Grandpa Brimhall) - The uplifting quality of these books makes them valuable; the personal touch of the giver accompanying each book, makes them indeed priceless.

President Grant loved good painting and sculpturing. Many a struggling artist has he financed and coaxed to fame. He has often employed artists to paint pictures and has used them as gifts. My grandmother Holbrook cherishes one which she received on a recent anniversary, along with her shelves of book gifts from Pres. Grant. Lucy Grant Cannon, a daughter, tells us "An artist came in to sell him a picture. Father did not have space on his walls to hang a picture but the artist needed money so father told him he had always been sorry he had let him sell his last picture to him so cheaply so he gave him an extra \$50 for the previous picture and suggested that the artist sell the picture he had to someone else."

President Grant loved nature. For years he has taken regular rides in a car with a collapsible top to better enjoy the grandeur of western scenery. While driving thru the beautiful canyons he has loved to sing such hymns as "Oh Ye Mountains High"-

I have a letter dated May 17, three days after Pres. Grant died - It is from my grandmother who (with her husband) was a close personal friend of the Grants. Grandmother is also in her 89th year. (read the letter)

(note: letter follows this talk - 1988 - J)

President Grant has indeed been an exemplar of beauty and truth.

In conclusion, Brother Foulson has asked me to read the closing testimony of the April conference, a closing testimony of his very life. It is written by my other grandfather, President George H. Brimhall:

"Judged by the literature he loves, he is a lure to loftiness -
Measured by the songs he loves to sing and hear, he is a bugle call of encouragement -
Known by the character of his friends, he is a citadel of safety -
Understood in the light of his life-long generosity, he is a rare sample of the good Samaritan.

The progress of God's church under his leadership proclaims him an inspired leader. Aside from vested authority, apart from position, President Heber J. Grant stands among men:

Straight as the flight of time,
True as tested steel,
Quick as the lightning flash,
A dynamo of zeal."

*was
written above during your visit*

MRS. L. HOLBROOK
74 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE STREET
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
(a letter from J's Grandmother
Holbrook-89 & 4 yrs. a
widow-about Pres. Grant)

May 17, '45

Dear Jennie I hardly know where to start to tell you what a wonderful man Great Grant was

He did not have a selfish hair in his head, always wanted to share his pleasures. I was out riding with him & sister Grant last week. He always had his car full when ever he went for a drive. He didn't know what fear was. He could always see good in most people. He was so anxious to do his

part never seemed to tire in well-
 doing, was splendid Co. I do miss him
 In every respect He was a great
 man and will be missed by
 all good people in many countries
 He has a fine family, sweet
 and intelligent - He needed a
 rest so I feel the Heavenly Father
 called him home & I am sure
 He was welcomed with this
 expression Enter thou good &
 servant unto the arms of those
 who loves & cherishes you
 Much love to you and every
 one of your wonderful family

Grandmother Holbrook

June 4: Dearest Jane - Did you withstand the trip o.k.? I wished I had
 cleared off another seat for you after I got to thinking how tiresome you
 would find the small space. It has sure been cold and stormy here. The
 furnace men came and cleaned out the furnace. It is nice and warm now with
 the fire going full blast. Mary has been fine and so have the children.
 They were all in before 9:30 except Mary and she was before 10.....

Dee questioned me about why you didn't take him to S.L. and I explained we had to have some one small enough to cuddle left with me, he kind of liked it and grinned and then said - "you woud ever go any place and not take me will you" - He has been so much fun - I look he and Dickie out to the jet last night but it started to rain so we just rode around town. The big German Prisoner of War Camp has grown up like the bean stock and Dickie went into great details to explain to Dee that these were mean soldiers and would shoot us on the spot if they got away and got a gun.

Mary was thankful for the fire.
Give our love to all and
Kiss Joe. + Elizabeth + Julia.

Best Love Daddy + all at home

June 7 - 1945

Dearest Jane,

We received your card and the card from Julia - I can imagine how tired you were by the time you reached S.L.C. - We will have to work out a better system for the return. Did you get rested up for the Provo trip - How did you find things at the Byh. We saw the pictures and the write up.

Why dont you get a good night rest and then try coming home during the day - that probably will work best. We feel so comfortable here at home - no one has been awakened during the night - no troubles of any kind - I just wonder if Joe & Elizabeth are the ones who cause all our sleepless periods during the night - and if so if you are able to get your sleep with them, Dee has not even called out at night -

Do you think some of the sisters can come back with you? Vera or Helen or what is Alice doing he
come up and look over the

Jewelry business -

It has rained again tonight and
Mary read in the paper it was
going to be raining all summer -
David said, "Do you think it will
rain all summer?" I said "no I
don't think so," - then David asked
Mary to show him where it said
about it in the paper, then he
came back to me and said - "I am
afraid you're wrong daddy 'cause
it really does say so in the paper" -

Love, Daddy -
If you haven't already written telling
us your plans. Call on the phone
and let us know. Mary is doing
O.K. - so are the boys.

Tell your dad it has been so stormy
there has been very little fishing and
we should be able to catch one
or two when the storm quits -
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June 9th 1945

My dearest Jane-

I have just finished reading the two big
boys and Mary a few verses from Guest.
One that pleased them very much ended
— "Your life from Babyhood to now
Has known the sweetness of her care;
Her tender hand has soothed your brow
Her love gone with you everywhere.
Through everyday and every night
You've had an angel to adore you.
So bear in mind, I once was right:
Twas I who chose your mother for you

I never cease to marvel that I had
the nerve to ask and that you had the
faith to accept — For it did take a
lot of nerve to ask you to marry me
and it took a lot of faith for you
to accept and come with me. This
anniversary will mark 15 years since
our wedding day June 11th 1930 —
The experiences and joys and children
that have come into our home have
packed the years plum full of
happiness and opportunities and
— 278

you have been a real mother to
the children and in fact you
have been a mother to me too.
That has added to your job
but you have not complained -
How much is 15 years? Not in days
or months but in the things we
have been permitted to look into that
period. The measure is hard to
take it is so different from just
inches or feet or pounds - but
some of the contents can be named
if not actually measured or
evaluated. - The foundation role of
sweet-hearts becoming Husband & wife -
and Father & Mother sets the stage
for the things that are to go into
our 15 years # Home - children -
health, companionship, friends,
livelihood, responsibility and love.
These have the same measurements
as given on the ideal day for the air
trip - "ceiling unlimited" - That is
my thought of our lives and our
work. There are no real hindering limitations

Dear Grandma,

June 1945

Forgive me for the delay in answering your letter. I am sure ~~my~~ mama & Julia had a most lovely time, ~~but~~ ^{but} you seemed extra happy to be home.

While mama was gone we managed just swell here. That just seems like a thing of the past now though.

Our weather has finally changed for the better. The little boys were out in their bathing suits yesterday and today although it really isn't hot.

I am going to a dancing lesson in a half hour. It is part of the recreation program here. ~~It~~ It is just modern ballroom dancing and quite interesting. The ballroom dancing lasts for an hour and then there is a half hour of ballet.

Julia and I hope to go to Manti this summer for maybe two weeks.
What do you think of our pictures?

To bad I was unable to autograph it. Maybe ~~so~~ If we go to Manti we hope to spend a few days in Salt Lake. Of course everything is most uncertain.

Yesterday was John's birthday as well as Father's Day and so

with conference and all we had quite
a day.

When school is out and I get
out of practice my ~~to~~ penmanship
becomes simply ~~awful~~ awful.

I can think of no more to
tell you ~~at~~ now so

Love
Mary Groberg
Marydane Groberg

June 12: We had a fine trip home, both babies sleeping most of the time. Delbert met us at the train at 4:25 a.m. Everything at home was so orderly and fine that we were happily surprised. The next day when we finally did get up there on the table were three huge boxes beautifully wrapped and cards of welcome home and happy wedding day. A bouquet of red carnations denoting the fifteen years of life together and the other boxes held some lovely crystal ware - fifteen is supposed to be the crystal year. Of course the best thing of all was the letter which I received from my husband when no one was around and which made me feel very unworthy as the recipient. Anyways, I guess we are really an unusually happy family.....

Vera, will you please take the enclosed quarter and at some time soon send Julia's violin accompaniment book which is on the piano and also her green slacks and top (green with greyish plaid) in the closet. If there happens to be a pair of stockings which no one claims, they may be mine.

Thanks for everything. Hope we weren't too hard on the new home.

(J to folks)

July 11-1945-

Dearest June -

This has been a great experience and the school is about over - I was very happy to get your letter yesterday and feel everything is OK at home - I am about to burst I am so home sick for Elizabeth + Joe and all of you. I have never been busier - We had good meals and good rest and everything - We have studied this farm problem from all angles probably more thoroughly than any of us thought possible and still have two more days to do more - I have met about a dozen top authorities at the University and 25 or 30 active real estate men from 11 states and got many insights into their thinking - I spoke at the Brouch Sunday and at M.I.A. out at the big field Monday night and some

get to do some little thing on our
faculty - Student Bouquet. Friday
night -

I sent Mary a Birthday letter
and have a little souvenir but
decided not to mail it.

I will look around here
if I get a few minutes for
cards - I won't get into
Chicago until about 8 o'clock
Saturday - I have a room
at the Stevens Hotel.

Saturday night and will go
to Grantwood & Sunday School
at Chicago Sunday am
and leave at 5 P.M. for
home - that will be the
best part - getting home.

Just you are all well

Loveingly - Daddy.

1448 Brawmy Ave.
July. 11-45-

Dear Mary Jane:

Tomorrow you will be 14 years old. My, it seems only a tiny while ago since your mamma reached that age. She seemed then so capable & I learned so much from her. Now here you are, her own darling daughter, a companion and helper to her. Well we all send you greetings & love & pray Our Father to give you the best of gifts thru this coming year.

Mamma wrote of your family interests to be surprises to Daddy & how loyal you all are in the project.

Tell her we will love to have you and Julia as guests as long as you please to stay. Aunt Vera has not yet returned from Mantle. It seems like that Temple City has a pull. I look for her any day however. We received Card from daddy from Paxton Illinois. He will bring

much of worth home I am sure.

I think if your daddy & mamma had traveled as extensively as we did, they would have brought more valuable information from the now desolated Europe than we have in store.

Probably you may go there yourself some day. The method of travel of your own selection.

1. "Wald March"
song

By your
great Grand
father - G.H.B.

OLD GLORY

1.

Old Glory, wave on, o'er the land of the free
The home of the fair and the brave;
The land where oppression from mountain to sea
Finds only a place for a grave.
The hands of a nation grasp firmly thy staff,
In triumph they bear thee along;
We join in a chorus, like millions before us,
Still pledging our banner in song.

CHORUS.

We'll come at the call of thy colors, Old Flag;
We're ready for duty today;
We'll serve where you want us to serve, Old Flag;
We'll pay what you want us to pay.

2.

Old Glory, float on, o'er the shop and the farm,
And wave at the mouth of the mine;
And flutter in front of our chariots of fire,
And over our birds of the brine.
The coo of the babe, and the beat of the drum,
The voice of the nurse and the gun,
Shall swell the refrain, while we sing once again,
The song that our fathers have sung.

3.

Wave Glory, wave on, when the world shall be free,
And the peace dove has builded her nest,
When the war clouds no more shall darken the shore,
And the billows of strife are at rest;
When the Goddess of right and the Champion Might
Shall meet at the altar of love,
And under thy stars and thy symbolic bars,
We'll sing with the heavens above.

*We love you
Mammy Jane -
Grandpa & Grandmother*



July 12:

July 12, 1945
10:30 p.m.

(at an appraisal school at the University of Illinois)

Dearest - Just got your airmail so I received the Saturday, Sunday and Monday mail today - sure glad to hear all about everything.

If you had good radio reception I would wish Mary a happy birthday at 12:30 tomorrow noon as I am on a panel for 15 minutes-radio broadcast -

Several of the fellows had to leave tonight. Best love, Daddy

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July :...We are having a big time while daddy is away. We are doing a little painting and fixing to sort of surprise him. The children have buckled right down to helping. We are sure he is having a big time too and really getting a lot of good from the appraisal school as well as the facation. We might let the girls come to Salt Lake and then go on to Manti when Delbert returns. Do you think you could have them for a couple of days and then put them on the train or bus to Manti for us?

Vera, if you ever get up town I wish you would stop at ZCMI or maybe Auerbach's and see if they have some really good corduroys for boys in sizes 8, 10, 12 (mottled to plain colors and the bib style for size 8..I want only good ones as it pays in our family where things are handed down. Just let me know the price, quality, etc. I would surely appreciate it and then I can order direct from the store. We are looking forward to a good visit from you Vera, and darling Susan...Elizabeth has two teeth and rolls all over the floor after things she wants. She is beginning to get up on her knees and trying to crawl...

Last night the four older ones and friends made beds on the lawn and slept there in order to see the eclipse at this 6 a.m. They may be rather cross today as they sort of visited most of the night.

Well, we have much to do this morning - washing, cleaning, cherries to can, and I should run up town to the O.P.A. release of shoes. Love to all,

(J to folks)

July 17: The girls had planned on going to Manti with Rachel on Saturday so we think it will work out best if they take the bus which leaves here at 6 a.m. Thursday morning and arrives in S.L. at 2:30 p.m....They can take a taxi out to your place if someone isn't there to meet them.....I will be pretty edgy until they are safely back home but think the experience will be of real value to them. They are growing up so much too fast and are such darlings - I hope you can get acquainted and see how much fun they really are....Delbert returned at 12:30 but is out to the park to a Church picnic with the four older kiddies. He has had so many demands on his time since returning that we have hardly seen him. The counselors in the bishop-ric are both a little under the weather so everyone is glad he is back - Best love as ever, Mother dear -
(J to Mother)

July : ..I have decided that when I get so busy that I pass up both Father's Day and your birthday (July 15) - then I am altogether too busy. We are putting on a mammoth pageant on the 24th in connection with our celebration here and I have been helping with it. The girls have been so good around the home that I have been able to really work on it but I think after this I'll ask them to think twice before giving me such an assignment- with all our children and our home in the process of remodeling. We will probably have the biggest parade and entertainment here this year that we have ever had here. However, Delbert and John will be in Salt Lake.

Even though very tardy, please accept our congratulations and love for both occasions mentioned above. You have been a wonderful father to all of us and we do hope the birthdays of the future will be numerous and happy.

We should be thru with our remodeling within a couple of weeks and hope you folks can come and be the first to enjoy our new downstairs bedroom...

Mary and Julie are going to the music clinic the last part of July and first part of August in Provo - so you will probably see a good deal of the Grobergs soon. Love and appreciation always,

(J to father)

July 22:....Just a note to thank you for the apricots which arrived in perfect condition and will be put in bottles in the morning. They are \$2.15 per lug here which is fairly reasonable if only they were worth buying. The freight was a mere \$1.02 and we surely think it was grand of you to send them. My that tree must have been loaded for you to have been able to give them away by the bushel.

The girls had a wonderful time on their trip and it was a very worth-while experience for them. We are so glad to get them safely home again. You know they arrived four hours before Vera. Maybe Vera has told you how her plane returned to Salt Lake for some slight repair and then, after waiting several hours, they took another plane which finally arrived here shortly after 8 p.m. We think it is very commendable that the air service is so careful about the condition of their planes. The joke of it all was that they wouldn't let her go direct from Idaho Falls to Lethbridge when she arranged to go on so we got up bright and early to take her to Pocatello to meet the plane on which she had had reservation from here since Friday (Tuesday was the first day we could get reservation for her) and then shortly before we arrived her reservation was cancelled. But we got her off on the p.m. train from Idaho Falls and she had to stay over night at Great Falls and catch another plane home. We had called Great Falls to be sure of hotel reservation for her so it was all right in the long run but we have had a good laugh about it. Delbert says she should take the bus and save time. Really, isn't Vera a darling - we would like to kidnap her and Susan and keep them permanently. Of course we feel the same about all the girls. All fine.

(J to parents)

August : Another Sunday nearly over - and it has been a grand one -...it sort of gives one a thrill to be a cog in such an important piece of machinery as our Church. I have finally agreed to teach the Theology lesson in Relief Society this winter. Delbert has agreed to come home on that particular Tuesday if we simply can't locate a baby tender but we still hope to get one so I can go each Tuesday. We have had such exceptional leaders heretofore in this department that I feel plenty inadequate but at least I will try.

Today was our first Union Meeting for officers.

The best part of all these meetings as far as I am concerned is getting back to the children and checking to see if the baby is o.k. She is about the cutest thing imaginable - with her six teeth and dimples and she crawls all over and stands up whenever she finds something to cling to.

We have all had such excellent health for which we are indeed thankful - and we are happy and busy and really enjoying life. We do hope everything is o.k. with all of you at Salt Lake.

School starts soon for which I, at least, am grateful - it so much easier to maintain a regular schedule.

Last night one of our neighbors suddenly passed away - a Mr. Boyce so Delbert has been making arrangements for another funeral service....

Isn't it wonderful to have the war over? Now if we can only work together in the right spirit to establish the permanent peace we hope for - all will be well. Love to all -

(J to folks)

8/15/45 -

Dear Grandma + Grandpa

"as soon as the stores open I am going to buy me some gum, they said I could as soon as the war was over, it will be fun to go into a store now as I have never been in one when there wasn't a war."

Delbert H. age 4 -

"When are we going to go on our trip around the world? Remember daddy, you promised you would take us when the war was over."

David H.

These were the first two effects of the great news - We are deeply grateful that prospects look as favorable as they do - It was quite a thrill to be able to listen to the announcement John helped deliver the "Extras" and he bought one for his personal file."

Dee is so serious about the store business - he asked me if I had ever been in a store when there was not a war on - I hardly realized he knew there had been a war.

Julia says she may have to change and not be a Cadet nurse. Mary played in the bond concert -

All are well - we are anxious about conditions but rather happy about the president and his hold and attitude on things - Crops look pretty good - there is some concern about prices but nothing can upset the world like war without affecting everything. Hope you are all well. Love Deborah et al

August 19: I was thinking of you during the Sunday School class and how you are examples of "Seeking first the Kingdom of God" - Surely the promise attending this admonition has been and will be fully realized by you.

When Mary and Julia were visiting us we were all impressed with their sweet young personalities, already bearing evidence that they were born and nurtured in a home of culture..... I wonder why it is that true values are not detected by all Latter-day Saints and be willing to make small sacrifices in order to work for life's ultimate goals.

In appreciation for daddy's recent letter with some impressions the war has silently made on little folks, we pray the peace procedure will be as sure and more constructive for the growing boys and girls who as Charlotte Knight said in her article in the last Era - that such youths are to soon stand at the helm and should prepare for it. Charlotte is Ray Knight's oldest daughter.

Guess what - Aunt Rachel, Jane, Ruthie and Louine Berry are making happy this Sabbath a day of fasting and prayer for the war's end.

The pictures of you and yours in a wonderful mansion are inspiring and what do I see? - you and our grandchildren - Who cares if toys are everywhere and finger prints are on doors and windows - These things can be removed by willing workers. The spirit of "Home Sweet Home" is there - Love -

(Folks to us)

August 28: Delbert and boys are out to the farm digging spuds but will soon be here. It is past bed time for little fellows so I hope they hurry. Julia is playing the piano and baby Beth is crawling about trying to find something to put in her mouth. We have a real purpose in keeping our floors very clean now. She is getting so adorable and plump and we all think she is simply wonderful.....

I have beans and cucumbers from the garden in the kitchen, which I should either freeze or can or pickle or give away tomorrow. We have our freezer locker about full of frozen fruits and vegetables and have given oodles away. We really have a wonderful garden this year but it is delightful to see how thrilled the kiddies are with it - they love to dig spuds and pick beans and peas, etc. We are planning on making lots of extra beds and using lots of food from our garden and elsewhere during the temple dedication days - September 23, 24, 25 because we are hoping that we will have lots of company. Now that gas rationing is up you really must encourage a few carloads of the folks to come up to this very special occasion.

One of President Homer's boys is being married Wednesday in the S.L. Temple; another is home and may get married at the same time. Altho both have seen action (one has been in five major battles of the Pacific) -yet both have just 30-day furloughs so neither can get married in this temple. They have been here visiting. Alma and Angie were here for a too-short visit. Hope they come back. Love as ever..

(J to folks)

September : The boys and Mary and I just returned from Church where the MIA gave a splendid program introducing the new theme..There was also sustaining of entire new presidencies in both organizations. It always makes a meeting interesting when new leaders are put in. At Sunday School this morning the superintendency was changed. It keeps our bishopric busy keeping everyone else busy.

Mary Jane gave a $2\frac{1}{2}$ minute talk this morning and it must have been extra good from all the comments that came to her mama this evening. It was on the promised land idea....Delbert was asked to be a speaker at a memorial in Shelley for another soldier so he has been his usually busy self.

We are all well but a little too busy. I guess we never did mention that John broke his arm about a month ago - $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches below the shoulder. He can take his arm out of the sling in two or three more weeks. It has all been very satisfactory and he has been a fine sport about it. At first the doctor (and all of us) thought it was just a bad sprain - it seems he and some other boys were just tumbling about - sort of practicing ju jitsu I think - when he fell backwards with his arm behind him. We took him at once to the doctor because it was so unlike him to cry and insist on severe pain but a look through the X-ray revealed nothing and we tried to kid him out of it for a few days but it didn't improve so we went back to the doctor and had another X-ray picture taken which showed a definite fracture, sort of V-shaped. We are sure it will be fine.

We picked corn, cucumbers, tomatoes, beans, beets and dug potatoes and then got milk and eggs from the lot and farm yesterday.

I planned to send sugar stamps to Elaine but can't now as all mine were stolen.

School is going full blast - the girls are both in Junior High which keeps them too busy for much home work but we do get by and stay well and happy but not too tidy.

Do you think some of you may be up to go thru the temple before the dedication? Doubtless you have heard of the limiting of those to attend the services - disappointing to many but I am sure this is entirely necessary. I do hope Rachel and Clair come with Andersons....Whenever you folks come you can be assured you will have a bed and our best welcome.

Here comes the bishop now so we will have family prayer and John will take the little boys up - they call it their "bed club" - and Joe is as proud as any of them to be included. Elizabeth crawls a while and then stands up for a while without holding to anything. She also climbs the stairs but can't come down them. She has a new play pen - you can see why - She is the most adorable darling in the world - at least for us. Our children are all about perfect. How blessed we are!

(J to folks)

September 8, - The day is beautiful as I am sure it is at your place. First thing we know little Elizabeth will be walking. I am sure she is enjoyed more than any of the others because there are more to enjoy her....If the world was made up of families such as yours there would be more permanent peace. I often see you surrounding the table kneeling in family prayer before the real duties of the day. I hear the lovely original petitions from the heart. Then at night you kneel together again and another surprises you with wisdom from your hearts. The unity you will get is certain.. It seems as if the Church is again enjoying freedom and that means all of us too. How blessed we are to all be loyal members. No doubt you are all preparing for the "big three days" - and no doubt the biggest the city has ever anticipated and surely the most glorious....

(Mother to us)

September 13: ...Mama's exciting letter reached us sometime ago. Like her, no one was hurt. I think rationing will all soon be over....Sorry the purse and pen are gone. Hope the shock wasn't too hard on mama. She was surely quick-witted. Maybe it was well it slipped away easily as any struggle on her part might have brought violent. Just keep on with your family and secret prayers and those who try to do any of you harm will be brought to shame.***

Uncle Will is going to see if he can have some of the family names that have been here in the files so long, sent to your temple when your ordinance work begins (male names)

John, I am surely glad your arm is getting well. You see growing boys bones are pretty easily broken.....Even when your arm seems healed, you had better wear a badge on your coat so the boys will remember not to knock it.

September 16: Dearest Jane and Delbert; I see the temple closes Thursday for tourists which would exclude our seeing the lovely edifice unless we arrive about Wednesday....How wonderful to know that the most illustrious day Idaho Falls ever had is so near at hand. A temple city has many advantages and I'm glad you live in one. I think such families as yours helped to make the place eligible and you'll help to keep it so.....

It's hard to believe any of humanity would pick a lady like mama to steal from. He must be pretty cowardly. Hope it's the last. Loving you...

(To us from Mother)

(*** J was walking to town and as she passed a small grocery store a car drove up and a man jumped out and grabbed her purse-then jumped back in the car and it sped away. The car contained her "ration stamp books" and a few other things. She quickly jotted down the license number and ran into the store and phoned the police and gave the description and license number and told what direction it was going - It could have been caught but the police told J later that they couldn't run after it until I came down and made out some papers and signed someThe purse was found several blocks away at the side of the highway - ripped apart and empty -)
The incident made the front page of the newspaper and Chief of Police has interviewed me several times. When it happened my first conclusion was I was so thankful it was my purse and not one of my children)

1945

At Temple. Monday. Sept. 17.

Dearest Jennie:

Your special delivery letter was under the door when we got back about eleven p. m. last night. We were delighted with it and had we answered it before noon today we would have declined your kind invitation to stay with you while at the dedication of the temple; but today an invitation came for us to be in attendance, so we will stay Sunday night with you, as our card admits us to the 6:30^o clock session. Section A will be our seats. He will come with the Buntions and they can't leave until Sunday morning so if we get to visit with you for a few minutes it will be some time Sunday p. m. if you are at home at all then. We cannot state the exact hour, so don't let our coming interfere with any of your plans. We will return Monday morning.

I haven't heard from your folks about their plans if they should go up I hope they can get in some time. It will be such a joy to see all of you and please don't go to extra work because of our coming, you know I realize its a big job to look after so many children without extra company but I know also that you and Delbert are very wise wonderful parents.

and will take our coming philosophically
We know your Delbert being a bishop will
have plenty to do without bothering about
us. Also Jennie you will be busy also, so if
Mary and Julia have dates we will visit
with the boys.

It is 5 P. m. and we are just getting
through. We may go up to Raymonds a few
minutes it is Johns birthday, also I want
to borrow Esther's big fruit kettle as I have
a bu of peaches to put up.

With Love and with fond expectations of
seeing you. Yours in haste
Aunt Jennie & Uncle Will.

September 19: ...We have plenty of room even during the dedication - we have extra beds for six.....It is true the temple is closed to visitors Thursday evening but that is just for Friday and Saturday while they get everything ready for the dedication. The plan is that between sessions of the dedication all three days, beginning Sunday, groups will be taken thru. As the group present for each session may want to go thru during that period, others have been encouraged to come these first few days to go thru on inspection tours - this is to relieve congestion. If we hadn't been given such strict rules about where invitations were to go we would have sent you one but we can't give them to anyone outside of our ward. Delbert is to be one of the guides to show folks thru the temple during the Open House.

He said to tell father they started digging spuds yesterday and if the weather remains open will continue until the one patch is harvested. It looks definitely as if frost will come tonight and if it freezes, irrigating will stop and headgates will be closed. We gathered in our tomatoes -

(J to folks)

September : Stake conference today so we just attend and relax. Apostle Joseph F. Merrill is here. It is nearly time for the last session so we are going to put the little ones to bed so some of us can go.

Myrtie Jensen Armstrong wants us to come over a few minutes afterwards to help make a list of BYU Alumni members in this vicinity. When I read of Leadership Week plans it makes me rather homesick.

Mary Jane is to spend three days at Pocatello just at that time to a high school state music clinic. There are three from her 9th grade - of several hundred who will participate. I am pretty concerned about it but I guess we just have to let them grow up. However, I do hope with all my heart we can have a home in a college town when they are ready for college.

Elizabeth has walked for six weeks. She started just before she was 11 months. Her hair is curly after all. How we love her!

(J to folks)

September 20: Your letter came yesterday with appropriate information removing all obstacles to our coming up Monday. Alma and Angie might join us but do not plan to stay at your place. They and father will take in some fishing part of the time. I am anticipating a visit with you all until they return, if they go.

Father says to ask you what you would like us to bring. He says he can bring canteloup at about \$1.50 a case or Kasaves at same price or peaches from \$1 to \$2 a bushel.

Do you have to have recommends to go thru during the dedication services --.

(Mother to us)

October 19:....So glad you enjoyed your S.L. stay and felt satisfied with your talk at the Alumni meeting. I can easily believe it could win first-place.

Success to each one of your talented family and to your wonderful husband. Keep up your faith and don't overwork physically or mentally - There is no endeavor so stimulating as "working upon human souls" in the family and in our chosen Church. The Lord is bound when we keep his commandments and blessings will be yours and you will see your way clear from day to day - Love ever....(Mother to us)

October 24: ...Julia and I are studying but both should soon retire. Delbert is still to Mutual. Our baby is o.k....Sometimes it seems we are blessed a little extra in our family, we have so little ever go wrong! We do appreciate our health and work and family and all and should surely strive to live worthy of all our blessings. It was such fun to have you here and really gave me a good rest. I am ashamed to discover your ration book in my purse - that I had returned it.

(J to Mother)

November :Why don't you come and eat turkey with us - we feel lonely around Thanksgiving because we so seldom have any of our own folks to enjoy it with us....

Last night one of the wards in the other stake was divided and when building opens up our ward and the sixth ward will be divided and also the fifth.

The baby loves to climb and altho she refuses to take more than three or four steps alone, she climbs up and down the stairs quite without fear altho we try to keep someone behind her when she goes up in case she falls. Dee and Joe both have a birthday soon - they are such sweet little fellows. Dee came to me and said, "Mama, daddy loves me so much that he might give me an electric train for Christmas or maybe he might even give me a whole big dollar!" Well, the electric train is impossible but the dollar might not be. And, of course, Joe repeats everything, word for word, after Dee says anything - but Joe has a mind of his own if anyone tries to put over anything on him.....

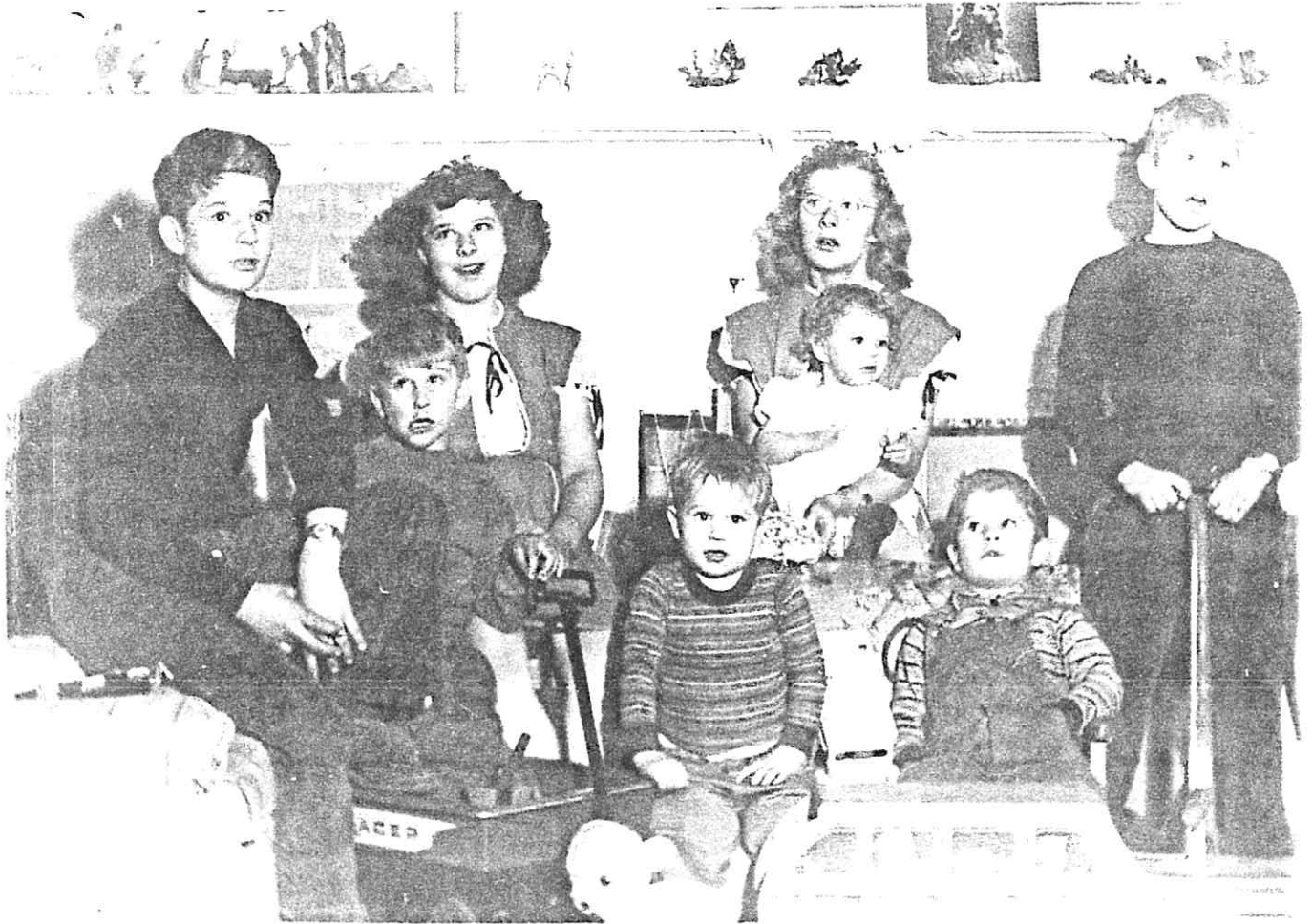
(J to folks)

November ;Dickie is just over Chicken Pox and the little fellows coming down but it is quite a joke because it is so light - in fact I guess we sent Richard to school with it for a few days without realizing he had it - and we knew of no epidemic - none of them have been the least bit sick. Joseph has one today behind his ear.

David and I are going up town to do a little shopping and ride home with daddy at six - it is nearly five now. Mary is practicing her flute and John is vacuuming down the stairs and Julia is in the dining room with a friend planning a school party.....

Melba Brunt who married Bert Lewis from Provo is in the hospital with a son. I wouldn't mind trading places with her but the Dr. says I'll wait at least three more weeks. I am sending a Xmas box with a tiny remembrance for all - and your kettle - grateful for the use of it -

(J to Mother)



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CHRISTMAS 1946
JOHN M., RICHARD H., JULIA, JOSEPH H., MARY JANE HOLDING ELIZABETH,
DELBERT H. (DEE), DAVID H.

December ; Well, another Relief Society lesson over and it was o.k.It snowed a bit this morning and the children were thrilled but it is practically gone this p.m. Richard soon will be home and then all three of the little boys will go to Primary and Beth and I will go to town to have her picture taken to put in our "gallery".

Beth seems in perfect health and very active. Yesterday she pushed a chair up to the table and climbed on it and then climbed on to the table so you see she really does require watching. She has no more teeth and refuses to take more than two steps alone. We all keep her busy being loved - I guess too much.

Father, we had a good laugh over the washing episode but don't think it too bad. I went outside to hang out my white clothes a few months ago and I had all the colored clothes, including the boys cords and socks, etc. spread about on the floor when someone (I wondered if it might have been my hired help) knocked over a two-quart bottle of clorox which broke and contents spread. So when I came in a half hour later you can imagine what I saw!

We are sending a newspaper containing an article by Delbert. It has caused some comment as you can imagine!

Very little tidying gets done around here especially the day before and after my Relief Society lesson but I am really getting a good schooling out of preparing and presenting it.

The girls brought their report cards home today and both were very good - They expected straight A's but didn't quite make it.

The three little boys and I went up town to look over toyland yesterday. The prices on toys are ridiculous and the quality poor. I'm sending for a catalog from Holgate Co. and see if it looks better.

Is it too late to send a card to the Wilkins family Reunion?

(J to Mother)

December 14: Dearest Jane: Do you remember how you were the only one of our children able to nurse the flue patients in our home at the close of the first World War? About 1918 - Surely you are supported from on high thruout the years. You will soon all be fine.

Don't worry about the temple work....When you go to the temple to do endowments you can do the sealings after the session. There is no hurry. Let me know if they object to names outside of your temple district.

Your lesson was like you - wonderful!

(Mother to us)

December 16: ...We have just sort of been head-over-heels for a week or so with extra ward affairs and also I am the only one who has kept entirely well - I seem to be immune to flue ...

The four older children went to the temple a week ago and were baptized for a large group. It was a grand experience.

Sending picture of baby for your birthday (today) with oceans of love to a marvelous and exemplary mother. Baby Bath walks all over and is the dearest thing in the world - up here anyways...

We really had a wonderful Relief Society lesson last week. I had four ladies dress as pioneers and bring real relics and tell a large part of the story of crossing the plains. I wrote each part out so it fit in well and they each memorized the part - it was really thrilling and we had a big crowd too. But when it was all over and I was home - after school sweet Julia came and said to me: "Mommy, when I grow up there are two things I will never be - one is an undertaker, a funeral person - and the other is a Relief Society teacher!" --That made me wake up and realize I'd better keep my priorities straight --children always come first - and deserve my best and most time - in fact all they need - first! and always!

(J to Mother)

December 19:

Mary gave a darling Christmas number in Mutual tonight - it was original by her - letters to Santa from various ward members.

Tomorrow is the first presentation of the Messiah. Mary is the flutist - the only one. Last night Julia played two solos on her violin at the American Legion Christmas party and tomorrow John is to play a piano solo at Primary and Thursday a trumpet solo at the Kiwanis Christmas party for children - Mary played a flute solo on Sunday - so you see what we are really getting involved in now that our children's talents are being discovered.....

We went thru the temple Friday evening but they said they had received no cards on these names from Salt Lake Temple as yet. We are going over tomorrow to check thoroughly and really try to get an understanding. We plan to go regularly if we can get names....

Caroline Eyring Miner has a new baby girl- She and
Glen now live at Bunkerville, Nevada.

(J to Mother)

December 26: Dear Happy family - As I look into Elizabeth's smiling face from the mantel she seems to reassure us all that "Life is wonderful". Bless her little heart! We are glad she has joined your merry household....

The years speedily come when home memories will be prized as each one goes out to make one of his own. Your mansion is built firmly and will not fall with any adversity... We want your success and look for great contributions to the world's need to come from it and not the least of these could be the repetition of establishing another "Home Sweet Home." One prayer we have is that war shall never make inroads into your sacred ranks....

Uncle Will Knight's family organization has made broad strides since his entrance into the temple came. He keeps a genealogist going all the time...

Trusting you will keep well and keep on in your noble work -

(Mother to us)

Dear David -

John wrote a nice life story. I have been looking for one I thought you wrote but did you write one? If not, maybe you could write just a short one next Sunday and send it to us -....It's nearly meeting time -

Our love to all of you -

(Mother to David)



Mary Jane - about this time --She had a wonderful Haynes flute and became a real artist on it -
We had purchased it from an eye doctor here - who had given up playing the flute -

I 1946 Jan. 1, 1946

Dear Grandma,

Surely it would not seem like a birthday without the lovely "birthday letter" from grandma. It is truly the main thing I look forward to on my birthday and I suppose it is the same with the rest of your ~~praised~~ proud grandchildren and our wonderful cousins and brothers and sisters.

Beenie certainly was a wonderful birthday present and she is growing more darling everyday. You should see how beautiful she looks with her blonde hair, started and the new skirt and sweater on that ~~made~~ ^{made} her! It seems that her dimples are always on her ^{round} cheeks with her mouth turned up to a smile or laugh. You certainly described her perfect when you called her a little fairy.

I can hardly wait to see
Beth's little twin cousin
Kloria, maybe when there're
in college they can have
a big double birthday party.

Do you remember Lorna
Beth Williams? She is
Diane's second cousin.

She and I were going to
have a ~~double~~ double birthday
party, (her birthday is the
27th too) and go sleigh riding,
(we have a new big sleigh
with two horses pulling
it.) It would have been
perfect, but the snow
didn't come until
the 27th and that was
too late to get invite
the kids. The main
reason we didn't
have it was that daddy
had told us ^{he} ~~we~~ would
be glad to take Lorna,
Mary, John, David and
I to "Sunvalley" (also
there was a big ward party
the 27th.)

III

Sun Valley was something
I shall never forget.
They were having the
annual university ski
tournament (I believe
it was world wide.
The ski-meet was on
Mt. Baldy which has
the highest ski-list
in the world. Daddy
let us go up on the
ski lift and watch
these famous skiers!!
It was really wonderful!
Mary and Lornaluth got
to see Gary Cooper and
got his autograph! They
said he was all alone
and looked exactly like
he does in the movies.
The guy who was ahead
in the ski-meet when
we left at ten (A.M.) was
from the U of U and had
made it down in ~~ten~~ and
one minute and
~~54~~ seconds.

We all ^{to} feel bad about
Great Grandma, but in
a way it's a good feeling
to know how wonderful
and full her mission
on earth has been.

Certainly our Heavenly
Father is very proud
of her and is maybe
even anxious to have
her on the other side
to perhaps fill a
greater mission. It
is surely wonderful
to know that even
if she does leave us
now there's yet a
dawn after a great
darkness.

Mary took some of
her friends on our
sleigh and it's about
time they are showing
up and I must

So God bless you
Grandma, dear. I don't know
what we would ever do without
you. Love, Julia and ...

January 4: Thanks for the darling statuettes. The mantel needs them now that Mary Jane has put away our Christmas decorations. We have all had a wonderful holiday time but are glad to get back to the regularity of school time. We have all been well - even my persistent hoarseness has left.

We certainly do approve of the family prayer project. We need reminding. Delbert will write you. He is working on a speech for a funeral tomorrow. I have been studying for my lesson next Tuesday. After that I will catch up on my correspondence. Keep well and happy -

(J to folks)

January 12: - I hasten to tell you that as for me, I don't wish to read the book. Whoever the author, I prefer to read books that uphold the work our grandparents gave their all for and that is such a power for good in one's life. It's faith, not doubt, we need.

None of the children here have read it. I don't believe you have time to.

Time will dispose of the book as it has all others of its kind.

It would do your family no good for it to be in the home for they do read.

Uncle Tom and Aunt Fawn would not take offense at any of us refusing to read it.

What is of vital worth? Let's read that. Father read the book and I got enough from him to know I didn't want to.

Think the proposition over - Don't be in a hurry to read it. When people ask you how you like the book, it's well to say "I haven't read it." ***

(Mother to us)

***Fawn McKay Brodie, daughter of mother's sister Fawn and her husband, Elder Thomas E. McKay (brother of Pres. David O. McKay) - wrote a negative book about the Prophet Joseph Smith which she called "No Man Knows My History." Uncle Tom, her father, never did read the book - forgave her, etc. but his death of heart problems has caused some to wonder about its effect on him - we must not judge - unable to do so -

March :...I am sorting and fixing and buying clothes for spring which seems to really be here. It's really funny to see the girls in their last spring's clothes - especially Julia. They both wear Junior Miss styles now and are they expensive! I am going to try to find a woman to do some sewing as I still have materials but no time.

Delbert is really going at full capacity. Will write about some of his special activities tomorrow.

Please take good care of that precious hand.

(J to mother)

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Dear Grudge

It is spring here and though it will probably snow again in a day or two we are grateful for a few beautiful days. I appreciated your thoughtful analysis of the new farm deal. We are going on with the deal but each one is putting in a part just have a plan to form a Co and be ready to do some building when and if things break in the next year or two.

Things are crazy here in the real estate market - homes continue to bring as much as farms. One 5 room ordinary home no better than over 10th street home sold for \$17,500.⁰⁰ That is about the highest but a lot have gone up around 12 to \$14,000 = We are taking over about 4 blocks in the north end to level up and see about some less expensive houses we will know in a few days what it will cost to level and grade - we get lots there at about 20⁰⁰ each - The hogs I saw and are going to market the last pig tomorrow the Brother Kule is back - I am going to go over seeing details tomorrow -
I'll see you during conference.
Love Robert

March 18: The measles have finally caught up with us and we are having a merry time with Beth and Dee. Joseph hasn't taken them yet but surely will from this exposure. They aren't very sick but just irritable and restless. I must write and tell Vera in case she plans on coming here. (J to mother)

Spring- -: David: "Mom --C'mere! Just look at Larry's report card. He's got a 'U' on it. Our dumb teacher - Imagine giving Larry a 'U' - You should just see how good Larry draws pictures and he knows twice as much about flowers and trees as our teacher any old day. But that dumb teacher gave him a 'U'. Mom, she's so dumb that she gave me a 'U' too - - I believe she even gave me two 'U's!'"

March 25, 1946

Charles Rendell Mabey (son of Utah's Gov. Mabey)

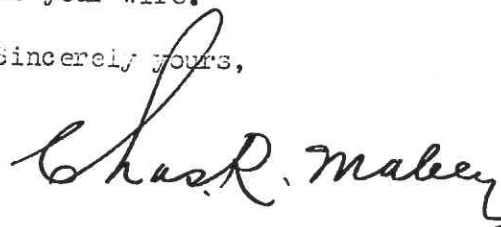
Dear Delbert:

I am grateful for your letter of March 16th and for the kind things you say therein. Mrs. Mabey's death has been a great shock to me and I am still more or less stunned.

I was glad you liked my son, Edward, and in hopes you can see your way clear to do some business with his company.

Please convey my kindest regards to your wife.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. D. V. Groberg
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Idaho Falls, Idaho

(no date)...: We were all seated at the table - finally! The chocolate pudding, topped with ample whipped cream, proved too much for Dee and he looked at it longingly for just a breath of a second and then down went his face and his mouth opened for just one gulp of the peak of the tiny mountain of cream - but Dick was up with him this time and at the precise splitness of the second his hand reached out and pushed Dee's head a bit - just enough so that when Dee raised it, his face was one blob of cream - nose, mouth and eyebrows equally decorated - but eyes mostly free - eyes which said (because his mouth could not!) - "which shall I do first, slug Dick or go wipe off my face to be more able to give him what he really deserves - but at the same time take a chance of having him gone when I return?"

Well - mama wasn't much behind either - being rather experienced in this type of being-boy-ish-ness - she encouraged with firmness which allowed for no resistance - that Dee hurriedly wipe off his face - and then that the blessing be said (hurriedly too, I'm afraid) - and then that everyone had something awfully good to dive into - hurriedly.

But now I am wondering if the two did not go opposite directions to school. What might be the tales I will hear when they come home after school!

Did someone say life was dull occasionally?

Dear Grandma

We are knowing what
we'll call a home night.

If we do our half hours

work we get a star.

If we get to bed on

time we will get a star.

If we are ~~are~~ tidy we get
a star. If we do extra work
we get a star.

and every Saturday night

we count how many

stars every body has.

and the ~~one~~ who has
the most stars gets a

surprise. I have got

a surprise three times.

We get refreshments. Then
we kind of have a program.

It is very fun

David, John, Julia, Boyd,
Mary, and Daddy are going

on a big vacation to
New York and other big cities.

Daddy is going to get

a new car. It is probably

going to be an oldsmobile
your grandson,

Richard G



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Dear ¹Rich -

We finally went over to the Temple last night - There was a very small group and we were glad to be able to go and get some of the rough edges knocked off a little -

Jennie told me to put a note on the letter the other day that John was on crutches - he broke a toe last Tuesday night - He was entertaining the younger children at home - David called us at m.l.d. + said "John's toe hurt so much, he couldn't even move his arms" -

The x-ray showed a break and John said: "I am thankful for that. I hoped it wouldn't just be a fake."
all fine - Robert

May 2: Julia placed first in the Rigby Music contest for all Junior High schools in this district - her violin solo. But there were three firsts given. David is doing well with his music as long as Mama stands over him to get his daily practice of at least fifteen minutes.

Several have told us that Mary Jane "stole the show" at the Seminary play which was presented before a crowd of 500 each night, last Wednesday and Thursday - We thot she did too.

.....:The girls are planning on a music clinic to be held in Pocatello two days next week. This week the three older ones are concerned over semester exams and from their reports they will not have all A's. They certainly lead a busy life but on mama's insistence they do pretty well with their helping around home. Its sometimes difficult to get them to bed on time which complicates things the next day.

We are all in very good health. Joseph (3) entertains Elizabeth (1) while Dee (5) goes to kinder-parten and sometimes the two little ones and mama rest for an hour.

....Business is rather slow. We thought one of the office girls might help here at home with just light work but she has decided she isn't well enough for it because of an appendectomy last November.....Time to put pressure on Mary and Daddy to retire.

Daddy went to a temple session this morning- our stake temple day - Two couples were being sealed; one was the Larch girl he married two years ago...(Bishop's daughter) -

(J to folks)

May.....:

We are planning to come to Utah next Wednesday - all of us. We have three tickets for the big concert in Provo Friday night and plan for the three older ones to attend - but with the railroad strike we're wondering if the orchestra will arrive for the concert (Philadelphia Philharmonic) -We may have the big girls stay in Provo or Salt Lake - twice a week for music lessons for a month or so just for the experience and change. We have accumulated a little money on some hotel Corporation stock which was sold and plan to use part of it this way. With so many relatives in Salt Lake at the same time we are all for a big day together somewhere, wherever and whenever you say.....

Delbert may bring everyone in the car except me and the baby who may travel by plane if we can get reservation - she is such a bad traveler in the car.

(J to folks)

The Post-Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Sunday, April 20, 1986

40 years ago

Idaho Falls LDS Stake Singing Mothers directed by Mrs. C.M. Kindred will present the Easter cantata, "Sunrise Song" in the Third Ward Chapel, with Mrs. Owen Heilesen as pianist; Mrs. D.V. Groberg, organist, and Mrs. Walter Jausi, reading the prologue.



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Manti, Utah
May 23, 1946

Dear Folks,

Received the bathroom hooks O.K. and we plan on cleaning the upstairs bathroom today so we can see how the shower curtains look.

I wish I had some good ideas for a reunion. I would suggest that the Salt Lake members of the family get together and organize so that we all have an assignment. I believe the secret is making every ~~one~~ feel they have a contribution to make. You need a program and refreshment committee at least. I believe the thing my youngsters remember about the Colorado reunion was the "eats"--it was everything childrenlike-----icecream, soda pop, cake, cookies, pies, salad, sandwiches.

We ought to be able to get a theme around the "brook" idea. I guess most brooks are in youth according to geology but we could toast the "youth brooks", "maturity brooks", and "old age brooks" and conclude with "Holbrook," as an important stream of life.

If the weather permits a canyon trip would be very inviting (providing the season's fishing is still closed" so that the men will be available. One of the parks would be fine also. I guess Elaine home and yard would come the nearest to holding the crowd if you should decide to do that. Of course Manti is very spacious and we would really love to have it this way. I would suggest we do it on the 8th or later if you come this way--why not give this serious thought? (We have no car and transportation is a serious problem with us. Jane and Ruth would help and it would be an easy way for me to tone down the effects of release from Vice-Chairman's job.

Love,

Rachel

Refreshment committee: Chairman: Vera, Beth, Esther ~~..... ?~~
could wait until the Berry's arrive.)

Program: Chairman: Grandma H. Ruth, Mary, Elaine with Rachel and Jennie passing advice from the distance.

finance: Father H. & Raymond - (Let each family contribute so is a hardship on no one.)

Publicity: family picture - write - ups?
souvenir!

May 25: "Wrote Cal. about souvenirs -.....I have written Jennie suggesting that she and Mary Jane work out something clever about the youth brooks-or grand-children; alsowritten to Mary to think on the maturity brooks or children. The more I think about this reunion, the more I think 'Manti is the place.' Our front rooms would hold the tribe for the program and we could set tables on lawns for the food and games. Will keep you posted on ideas. Don't think I am 'taking over.'" (Rachel to Mother)

June 6:The baby and I and the boys are going to walk up town to pay some bills and buy a few things. She insists on going outdoors all the time she is awake and I only wish I could take her out more it is such wonderful weather but the dishes and meals will not attend to themselves.

Yesterday, the principal of the East Side School (Miss Bunker) called and gave me a real scare which proved to be only a scare. John had been kicked in the head and knocked unconscious and they had been unable to find Delbert and so rushed him to the doctor's office and then called me - they were afraid it was really pretty bad but when we arrived he was entirely o.k. and even insisted on going back to school and today he is wholly normal.*** (J to folks)

The girls went with the orchestra to Twin Falls and there was a slight train wreck which gave them lots of excitement. They go to Pocatello this Thursday and Friday.

Tickets for concert at Provo were sold out an hour after they were released so the girls won't be going to it. P.S. for above.

June 15: -Please save the rubber pad, overalls, hair brush and anything else we may have left and we will get them when we come down in July. We found a pillow and nightgown in one of our sleeping bags which belong to you. Shall we make a trade?

Richard's birthday will be June 22. Our wedding date was overlooked this year. I thot of it but purposely didn't mention it much to Delbert's confusion. I don't suppose anyone else in the world is more careful about remembering such occasions as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. than he is.. He is taking the four older ones on a camping trip Monday and Tuesday.... (J to folks)

June.....:I play the organ at the Temple a morning or two a week. It's just a reed organ but plans are for a pipe organ..We went thru with our stake last Friday evening - over 200 in the session...Delbert is to give a presentation and a talk at the Annual Chamber of Commerce banquet tomorrow so I will dress up in my white formal and wear a corsage and look pretty - We do lead a very happy tho very busy life.

We have had two funerals this week - one very sad, a boy John's age, from a broken home but a precious, fine lad - John was a pall bearer.. (J to folks)

***When Miss Bunker called and said John was hurt and she was afraid it was serious- after the initial shock I quickly called the children in (it was during noon hour and the older children were home) - (I tried but could not locate Dad) and told them; we all humbly and naturally knelt together and sincerely prayed (between tears, etc.) for him - and then I hurried to school - Dad came soon after. How relieved and thankful we were that he was all right--We again knelt in prayer- of gratitude

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6/6/46 -

Dear Father & Mother Halbrook -

We had a very happy vacation and enjoyable reunion with you all - The children are still making observations about "how swell" the various cousins & aunts & uncles and other relatives are. We were so happy to have Great-grandmother join in the reunion - It was such an opportunity to have the children get to meet and visit with her - (and, of course an opportunity for us to show our families off - Thanks for the idea and the great amount of time and effort, and space you so generously gave to the reunion and particularly to our rather lively and numerous family - With the lodging and meals and all you really gave us more than others and we hope we can even up a little. —

The trip home was easy and we had no troubles at all - we have decided to keep this trailer business in mind as it sure comes for a lot of handy things and leaves the car space for us. L

I just received a letter ^{from Mr Shoup} from Salmon saying his brother would like to give some gold for John & David to take home - and that he was surely disappointed we did not stop where he was working - So John & David are very anxious to go back. We also had a letter that fishing was very good now, in the creek where the boys caught the fish.

Jennie stayed at the Temple Wednesday Am. She was quite rested from the vacation and has now gone to work doing the cleaning at the house. Let us know just what we can do to help with the "Reunion History" - Thanks again,
Best Love, Evelyn

When it's time
 to give good fathers
 A great, big, hearty hand,
 There's applause
 that means affection

Joseph For the one who's really grand!
 Mary Groberg Delbert J.
 Jane Groberg Elizabeth
 Julia Bay Groberg
 John Groberg DICK
 David H. Groberg (over)

June.....: Several have mentioned about Fawn McKay Brodie's book "No Man Knows My History" --all with a measure of disgust. I just wonder how Grandpa B. would feel about it....Exie Soelberg invited me to come and talk about it at a get-together at her home where she had invited quite a group to attend - she knew Fawn was my cousin. I told her I had not read the book and was not going to read it so I would have to decline her invitation. (I wished the whole group would just decide to do the same)

June 16: Dearest Family who have faith: We would like you to place Rachel's name in your Temple when you get this. She is suffering paralysis in her right side. In full faith that with the faith and prayers of loved ones and those who assemble in Holy Temples I am sure Our Father will take charge of her. She is in L.D.S. Hospital under expert physicians.

With warning for you to "not run faster than you have strength" and to continue in your path of right.. *** (Mother to us)

***Rachel died on June 17, 1946, John's 12th birthday, - her services were held in Manti and the stake center was packed to overflowing as was her viewing in Salt Lake at Larkin's funeral home.

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June 30: We have finally tucked the last ones in but before retiring thought we should catch up a little on some correspondence. We have had quarterly conference here today. Tonight, with Mary and Julia to assist me, I had the honor of delivering the main address - the story of our own pioneers. It has

been hard work to gather information and prepare it but lots of fun too and Delbert has been such a fine help. I had Mary as an Indian play a flute solo "Indian Lullaby and Julia dressed as a pioneer play "Come, Come Ye Saints" as a background to my closing tribute. It really did go over big. It lasted a little over twenty minutes. It was extra nice to have both Apostle Petersen and Uncle Thomas E. McKay present. They both spoke very briefly. At the beginning I told Uncle Tom I would gladly trade places with him (he was not scheduled to speak) and I do the listening and he answered that he would never try to take the place of a Holbrook.

It has been a big day because our stake was divided and another stake formed...The first counselor to Pres. Homer was sustained as president in our stake (Cecil E. Hart)....Julia was sitting by me when they sustained them and she just couldn't believe that they wouldn't put in her daddy - wherever she got the idea I don't know - Delbert and I had it figured out exactly as it was done; they are all fine men. Coming home tonight Julia said, "Well mother, when I grow up, I'm going to marry an apostle, not just a bishop. Her daddy told her to live for it and she might. Maybe I shouldn't mention this, but since Julia's remark about her daddy, several have asked why Delbert wasn't at least put in the presidency so it has been quite an experience.....

We had an awfully good time with the Heningers and found beds for all of them altho we let them make their own and even help clean their rooms and prepare the meals and do the dishes...I had quite a talk with Maurice about Rachel but it seems no one seems to know too much about the cause. Maybe there was a greater cause than we can quite understand right now. We were all quite estonished when David gave the family prayer a few nights ago and said "Bless Aunt Rachel that she will be able to do her work good in Heaven." Dr. Hatch said it would have been easier for him to have believed it 23 or 24 years ago when they brot her to him from Shelley where she was teaching, for an operation for a ruptured appendix. I have to keep reminding myself that it actually is true and not just something we dreamed and can wake up from....
(J to folks)

June 30:We had a wonderful conference again...Jennie and Mary and Julia took the main part on the program tonight at the last session and really ran the family stock up several points. It was just like Jennie to excel and the girls also did excellently....Mary told me what a wonderful wife I had, so talented and willing in everything worthwhile. I surely am grateful for Jennie and to you for her and for your constant love and encouragement.....Thanks again for all you are and all you mean to us. Grandpa's thotful letter gave us new encouragement -
(D to folks)

July.....:.....The children are going out this afternoon and pick some peas and I will put a few of them in our freezer locker. John is getting ready to go to Scout Camp next week. They are going to sleep out in their sleeping bags tonight and check all their equipment. The girls are getting their clothes ready for their two weeks in Provo. I will surely miss them and their help but wouldn't change things..... Mary is to be a flower girl and I am to play at the funeral of the student we mentioned had been killed up near Mack's by a falling tree accident. He was a real friend and admirer of Mary; they were in the seminary play together. He was an unusual young man. He was living with his father and step-mother- Florence & Cap Moore.

August 4:I think I shall never forget the Sunday morning you sat at the kitchen table and wrote your part for the family reunion. And now Rachel is gone but I am sure she is very near by especially so at times. Neither can I forget your walking up the hall at the hospital and saying, "Mother, isn't there something we can do?"

The peace that is with us gives evidence that the Father had a hand in it. Today is the 23d year since little Jean left us (killed in a swing accident at Springdell, Provo Canyon ^{died} as a result of the accident 26 August, 1923)- She, according to earth reckoning, is 30 years old. It would be satisfying to know much more about it. We are told little children will be reared by their parents in the Millenium. I am sure Rachel and Jean and Blaine have association.

Helen has a darling baby. The way was hard and I recall what you said when Joe came: "Why do we have to suffer so?"..... (Folks to us from L.A.)

.....: We have been to Rigby to a shower for Muriel Lee who is to be married in the Salt Lake Temple on Wednesday. She is Nellie Groberg's sister. Our temple is closed until September. We took the smaller ones and the girls and their music but stayed for only about half an hour. Yesterday the girls played at a trousseau tea for Zona Brunt who is to be married Saturday by Delbert. The groom is not L.D.S. but the parents think it is probably o.k. and that he will join. It's hard to figure out but Zona has considered him for several years and is past 30 so maybe it is o.k. Of course everyone thinks he will join the Church...

Mother, we had a wonderful time in Salt Lake and left the house and yard looking as good, if not better, than we found them. There was one accident which we deeply regret. The children knocked off the white statuette on your mantel here and we repaired it the best we could but it occurred at the end of our stay or we would have attempted to have it fixed up professionally. Wish we could make emends. (We did take the figurine to a professional on our next trip down and had it repaired so it was almost good as new)
(J to Mother)

.....: Delbert and I went to St. Anthony Friday where he was the speaker for their Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Meeting. Delbert, as usual, did very well and was greatly appreciated.

How is Ruth? One doctor here says that now, when they know the appendix is ruptured, they don't operate but just treat with sulfa, penicilen, etc. We put her name in the Temple here last week. (J to mother)

September 19: We are finishing up what we hope is the last of the canning. There are about 50 bottles of grape juice and prunes to be carried down by the boys after school. John has a Deseret News route and then takes music lesson each evening--sort of supervised - so he is really a busy boy. The girls don't ^{do} as much as they should around the house because of music, lessons, etc but on Saturday we catch up and each has some work after school each day which must come first.

October 20: First we must tell you that Joseph did not have the mumps. For a few days the rest of the family have had upset tummies and Joseph joined in yesterday so we had another doctor come out today. The rest are all o.k. now and Joe is much improved.

Daddy and the four older children put on a skit "Quick as a Flash" at the missionary party Thursday.

Tomorrow I will be relieved of my P.T.A. responsibilities and then I will do nothing but look after my precious family.

The Wilkins reunion may not receive a contribution from us as I don't quite understand what is wanted.

Mary and I are putting on two numbers in Mutual Tuesday - Did we tell you that Mary received a check for \$10 from a radio station for a one-sentence essay on freedom of speech, which her English teacher had sent in for her? They informed her it would be entered for the grand prize. The \$10 was first place for the week. She doesn't even have a copy of her famous sentence. Her daddy suggested she write and ask them for a copy of it as it must be really good if they think it is worth \$10. She has taken the whole responsibility of the Xmas tree and it is the nicest one we have had. I marvel at her patience with the little ones who enjoy removing the trimmings.

If I can find what I want I am going to send a good toy or two to you and father for Christmas for you to have in your home when your grandchildren come to visit.
(J to mother)

December 13:.....I am waiting for Delbert to take me for my twice-weekly shot to the doctor's. My blood is rather stubborn about being built up but I feel so good it doesn't worry me but the doctor wants to raise it at least ten points and it should be twenty within the next two months.

Delbert has a line on some pre-fabricated houses and one is being put up today by his office for demonstration. They are assembled in a day at a very low cost and could certainly help out with housing problems here.

Joe and Beth and I are going to a program by Dee's kindergarten class at 1 p.m. After school we are all going to work hard for a half hour and then wrap Xmas presents for mailing. We like the name-drawing idea fine.....

Did we tell you that the girls played at the Temple last Friday and it was great! and such a special privilege for them.

(J to mother)

December 15:.....Dearest Jane - please follow the doctor's suggestions and get your blood up where it belongs. You are a pretty important person.

How fun for the girls to play at the Temple. I doubt if ever two young girls have ever done that before. My you folks make history fast and of such a kind that will be worth recording...

(out of order here)

March 28, 1946: Dear Father Holbrook -

We have a plan to form a company and be ready to do some building, -when and if things break in the next year or two. Things are crazy here in the real estate market - homes continue to bring as much as farms.

One five-room, ordinary home, no better than our 10th St. home, sold for \$17,500 - that is about the highest - but a lot have gone up around \$12,000 to \$14,000 .

We are taking over about four blocks in the north end to level up and see about some less expensive houses. We got lots there at about \$20 each...

We have nine sows and are going to market the last pig tomorrow...

I'll see you during Conference.

(D to father H.)

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Next Sunday is Quarterly Conference. Joe explained that "It's going to be conference next week so there won't be any Sunday."

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December 3: Dear Little Dee -

Will you tell Joseph that we did not forget that he is four and tell "Dee" we remember that he is six today.

You are both such "swell" guys - that you don't need any praise from many people. We do love you and are glad to look into the coming years and see you missionaries in this great Church. You are getting ready for that now because you go to Primary and Sunday School and you do your part on programs.

....So glad mama is still a temple worker and daddy an active Scout.

(Dee from his Grandma H.)

December 21: - Dearest Jane -

.....I love your expressions of love and the little surprises like Mary and her one-sentence talent. She has inherited from our pioneers too and has used her inheritance until it has become a talent.

I was figuring that her great-grandpa Brimhall received \$100 for one speech and she \$10 for one sentence. How long the speech was I do not know but it was probably longer than ten sentences.

I fancy he is smiling when his posterity shine. I think he and Rachel know more about us than we can see.....

(J's mother to her)

December 28: - Dearest Julia and Elizabeth, -

.....I am reminded that today there were two birthdays. We send our love for you and gratitude to our Heavenly Father for your sweet young lives.

It was a perfect birthday gift for you Julia, wasn't it, two years ago?

Now you are fourteen. You have done so much and grown so gracious and beautiful! You have not neglected your heritage and have increased in native talents. So your future looks most inviting. We are proud of you and, of course, our feiry Elizabeth is so precious to us all.....

Grandma Holbrook is not any better. It seems that she will soon be joining the loved ones on the other shore.

Give mama, daddy, and brothers and sister our love.

I expect to come and be with you when the other little man comes to a grand home.

(from Grandma H.)



JULIA & MARY JANE



ELIZABETH

December : I have been aware of your birthday for several days before and after the 16th but with the assignment of giving the Christmas program and lesson in Relief Society last Tuesday and originating and setting to music half of the Sunday School program for today - along with the regular family duties and Delbert away in Boise for a couple of days and then, of course, checking on the booklet - well, somehow I knew you would understand if I checked off a few of these extras and then wrote you a birthday letter.

We hope it was a happy one and with your fine wisdom and understanding and appreciation of the real values in life, we know all of your days are filled with satisfaction and joy - of course spiced with a few concerns and disappointments to whet the appreciation of the opposite. The little Book of Mormon excerpts were prepared for my lesson - they may not make much sense without the rest of the lesson but I enclose one for you to see. We wish you many more happy birthdays.

Delbert has been real help in preparing the booklet - you can see him in the editorial can you not?...We are sending one copy each at the present time to all the immediate family members, to Robert and to Aunt Jennie. There is to be silver braid and tassels instead of the white ribbon but they haven't arrived yet. As you know, on something like this - it is about as cheap to have 200 copies finished as it is to have 25 - merely a matter of cost of paper. We have 175 copies. The total cost is about \$140.00 We are sending each some cards on which their own family's picture is found - 25 cards. At first they were intended to be used as Xmas cards but it has been impossible to get them out sooner - however, this part is a little Christmas gift from us personally - they will make fine greeting cards at any time.

We are not going to tarnish the fun we have had preparing these booklets by worrying about the financial end - we keep thinking of how thrilled Rachel was at the idea of a booklet - and we know all will be thrilled with this - also other family units might be encouraged to have real reunions.....

Delbert says to tell folks the first copy will cost them \$20 but after that they are free!....
(J to mother)

December 23: Xmas seems to be the time when, above all other times, we wish to be near our loved ones.... There will certainly soon be a big time in the Groberg home and a swell group of smiling, happy faces for the wonderful things Santa always does for them. He will be a pretty busy old fellow up there and may need extra sleighs and reindeers.....

Mother is very seriously ill. The doctors hold out no hope, saying nothing in the way of restoration can be done and all we can do is to ease and comfort her. We have not told her and her general attitude is still very characteristic of her. She says she has no severe pains but is very restless and nervous due to the lungs no longer furnishing sufficient oxygen. She is very happy with her posterity and often says in them she has been greatly blessed. She says she has always had a very happy and full life and everybody has been grand to her. This may be my last in seventy Xmases to have a mother here. She has been all a mother and wife could be and has remained always cheerful and lending encouragement....
(Father to us)

December 29:It has really been funny how the little gift I have for you has been delayed in mailing. I rushed up town Friday evening to get it but stopped at the office and was talked into going with Delbert to take his secretary home as she was ill. We didn't quite make it to the bookstore before six but he promised faithfully to get it and mail it the next morning which he forgot to do in the rush of business. So again I hurried up and made the purchase and wrapped it for mailing and hurried to the Post Office only to find that it was maintaining its Saturday schedule of closing early. Monday I sent it with the boys and some other packages to be mailed and Monday night they brought it back and asked for whom it was intended as I had put the sticker on but had failed to address it. Well, by then I decided maybe it would reach you for your next birthday. (December 16)

We sent Andersons a large box of butterscotch brownies for Rachel's birthday (December 6) and Aunt Jennie a card for hers (December 13) and I told a little about Grandpa Brimhall in Relief Society about the time of his birthday (December 9)

We have two more December birthdays coming up, both on the 28th - (Julia's and Beth's)

Please don't figure too much about coming here...The girls are big enough to really run things and could, in a pinch, miss a little school. I am having each child do certain house work each day and they have been grand about it. My concern is to have someone really reliable here for the tiny ones while I am to the hospital. We know Ruth will need you to help her. (J to Mother)

December 30: We are all home except Daddy after a busy Sunday. Several quick games came on Xmas and I am supervising some for a while then all to bed.

Delbert took the four older ones and a friend to Sun Valley to celebrate Julia's birthday yesterday and it was a real treat. Mary even had a visit with Gary Cooper, the movie star, who was there. There was a big ski tournament on which they witnessed. It was a bit expensive but something they will really remember.

We have some snow at last and interest is turning to sleds and ice skates. The three older ones return to school in the morning but the others have another week of vacation.

Please keep us notified on Grandma's condition. I do wish we could call on her but for the next couple of months or so I must stay close to home of course.... (J to Mother)

December 31: - To President Homer (John M.) - As I inventory the events of the past year I realize that most of the experiences which we now evaluate as really worthwhile have been closely associated with our friends and leaders in Church activity. When so much is being experimented with by the uninspired it is gratifying to feel the close personal friendship and security of our Church officers.

In the torrents of "ups and downs" and "outs and ins", it is indeed peaceful to know we can anchor to such true friends and business and Church leaders as you and your wife and family. I would like to take this means of distributing from our store of gratitude, sincere appreciation to you who have contributed so much to our joy. May 1947 be a joyful New Year to you and yours. (D to Pres. Homer)

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January...: A picture to cherish: Dick in the middle with Joseph and Dee on each side -- all on their tummies and Dick reads to them from the Happy Book each night for a while and then we find them to sleep and Joseph is put in his own bed where he seldom stays all night. He loves to cuddle daddy and he is still very much a beautiful and lovable baby boy so he usually gets his cuddling in. He was so proud when he returned from Sunday School and announced that "Beebe" (Elizabeth) had sung Rock-a-Bye-Baby for the whole class. She loves to go to Sunday School and is a model student.

Today Joseph coaxed for a "Sunday School" and it was some time before we finally caught on and asked if it was ice-cream with caramel and nuts on top. That brought a smile - to be understood at last - but it did not bring the Sundaes.

John is receiving valuable training as head carrier for the Deseret News and David is a fine helper. He and John take piano from F.L. Somers who is really strict and firm - thank goodness!

Coming home from getting his papers John saw an elderly lady drop her too-numerous packages. He dismounted from his bike and helped her pick them up and then offered to take a large bag of groceries to her home for her. She was really grateful for this Boy Scout help and gave the groceries to him explaining where she lived. But poor John could not locate the address so after a long search which went into his paper route time, he came home for help. We suggested some ideas and he went again for a while and then went on his route. He decided to pay for an ad in the paper even tho he felt it would cost him more than the groceries were worth - but he must do it for the sake of the lady who trusted him. Then, when it no longer seemed funny, the Deseret News man called and said the lady had phoned him because she had noticed John's paper route bag and soon everyone was happy and the lady had her groceries and John was relieved.

Dick is also John's paper-boy helper - always loyal and true to his trust even in snow to his knees. (J Jrnl)

January 6: I am sure the project is causing undue worry and concern - evidently to almost everyone except me. As far as the financial end goes, it will cost about \$8 per page - and there will be a family picture and writing on the page - a lot of writing can go in print..it seems possible to get all the material on each page with the picture -

Now we would like to dedicate the booklet to Rachel*** and have thought that, along with the names and a few dates accompanying each family group picture, a very brief tribute would connect the whole as a memorial - this is not mandatory. Of course we must have names, ages, and one or two other brief items under each picture - a brief biography would be o.k. The biography and the tribute can easily go on each page with the picture. The material given at our reunion occupies only about two pages if we use it alone. We would like the first page to be of Rachel alone.

The second page - we wish to have you and father and with a few names and dates, we wish you would also briefly write where and when the reunion was held, who was there, etc. Then the rest of us will give, in a few words - about our family and, if desired, some mention of Rachel. We will include blank pages at the end for additions. Also, we are thinking of asking for pictures of babies born since our reunion - for the last page.

The cost may reach between \$1.75 and \$2 per book. If each family would pay for a book for each child, we will take care of the rest. If any cannot pay this, we would much prefer to make it a valentine gift than to have any go without.

We are supposed to make a sample booklet and give to the printer. He will require three or four weeks if his present rush continues. The cover will be satisfactory. The total cost will be about \$100 - whether for 10 or 100 copies. We will order at least 70 or 80.

We welcome your suggestions but please ask each to send their biographical sketches at once and understand we must claim the right to change or shorten it. In the biography - please give names, dates of births, priesthood held, Church positions held, missions, education, degrees, where from.....Any other ideas?

We are saddened by the news of the death of Kay Berry's sister - it will be hard for the small family - wish we could help more someway.

(J to Mother)

***Rachel Holbrook Anderson died
June 17, 1946-

Delbert and Jennie took charge of publishing the booklet referred to here and a copy was given to each of our children.

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February 4: We are thrilled over Ruth's baby boy and trust all is well with both. Six days isn't very long at the hospital but plenty long if there is ample help and consideration at home.

Tonight Mary took part in a pioneer party at Mutual and I was her special guest altho I should have been sitting by Daddy at the Real Estate Banquet where he was installed as the new president of the group.

John just tells me as he kisses me goodnight that he has a Scout banquet ticket for me for Thursday.

Last night Brunts gave me a stork shower and dinner. I feel so good that I have to remind myself that I am the way I am.

I may be going a bit too strong socially but it really is refreshing.

February 6: Lewis is born!



LEWIS HOLBROOK GROBERG

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February 6: Dearest New Mother: And that means each one makes you anew. Welcome little man - a lovely flower on our family tree. Father had just phoned before Delbert and had said: "I know you will soon need to go to Idaho; don't you want to be there before the baby comes?" I said, "Sure." Well, we are grateful he is here and all is well.

Tomorrow we will see Ruth nicely settled in her home. She has a lady who will help. In the meantime, dream happily of your wonderful life now and to come.

I awoke early - took my Xmas gift clock, raised the corner of the blind by my bed. It was 3 a.m. Sleep had fled and I calmly prayed and pondered. Now I know particularly why. Will see you soon. (Mother to J (from California-Ruth's))

February 6: It is surely a great blessing to have our new son here and have everything o.k. He looks about like Dee as near as I can recall - much like the other boys. He is 21 inches long and weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs. I am so pleased to have Jennie feel so well and be so happy. It is a tremendous ordeal even when everything is normal.

Little busy Beth (as we call her) just parrots off the important items of the big event; she says: "Mama, hospital, new baby". I told Joe the nurses wanted to keep the baby there. He asked: "What did you tell them?" I told him I said I would have to wait and talk to Joe and see what he thought. Then I asked Joe: "What should I tell them?" He lost no time nor minced any words, "Tell them, NO!" he replied.

We are having a Fathers and Sons Scout Banquet tonight and John is going to get three merit badges. He will be qualified to go to the big Centennial Jamborie at Salt Lake next summer. I am working with the scouts too so I may get to go also.

We had quite a thrilling experience last night: Mary, Julia, John, David and Richard and five others of their Church friends were baptized for 156 of our Groberg forebears. Most of them were born in the 1600's and the names were Swedish but they were real and we all enjoyed it. Our ward took full charge and I did the confirming. The children looked so clean and happy as they kept going down into the water and coming up out of the water. I feel sure it was very pleasing to their 7th and 8th great-grandparents.

We seem to be in agreement on the name Lewis Holbrook Groberg...There are three by that name that suggest the name: Lewis R. Anderson (Clair's father) - Lewis, the explorer of Idaho and the Northwest, and Bishop Louis Larch (we prefer the Lewis spelling).

I noticed that in the names of our Swedish ancestors last night there were many Eriks and Johannas..... (D to folks)

February 7: ^{or 8:} Darling: Heaven and earth met last night and left a portion of the former. We all felt the calm after the pain which you bore. You are an example to the world of glorious motherhood. It is easy to pray for you. Julia's prayer as we knelt was all for you.

Give instructions as you feel impressed, otherwise the little child so fresh from realms above will help us all here to press on joyfully - Grateful mother for a beautiful one. (Mother to J)

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Students Proud of New Honor Society



PRINCIPALS IN the installation rites for the Junior Honor society Friday were members of the scholarship committee, and officers of the society at the Otis E. Bell junior high school. Seated, above, Earl Dobson and Lavetra Hartman, scholarship committee; standing, left to right, Mrs. Zuma Hale, scholarship committee, Eleanore Bradford, president; Noel Quinn, sergeant at arms, Tebbin Johnson, secretary treasurer; Robert DeYoung, reporter, Julia Groberg, vice president and Elmer S. Crowley, junior high school principal. (Post-Register staff photo).

Junior High Chooses Student Body Officers

Frank Gustin was elected president of the Otis E. Bell junior high school student body at elections held in the home rooms Friday.

He succeeds Jerry Davis.

Other new officers for the 1947-48 year include Larry Reed, vice president; Julia Groberg, secretary; Joan Jameson, yell queen; Tommy Tate, ninth grade cheer leader and Carol Stanger and Nancy Smith, eighth grade cheer leaders.

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Dear Mary and Julia -

We have held our family meetings and all miss you gals very much. We hope you are enjoying school at BYU.

We haven't heard from Grandpa about their trip to Canada.

John just won a four-day trip to Yellowstone. He plans to go Monday with the Deseret News.

Let us hear from you about your program.

Go to bed early and stay well and happy.

Love,

(D to girls in Provo)

1947:(J's journal) -

It was a few years before she left us that my sister, Rachel Holbrook Anderson, visited our home here on 12th Street - while on a political assignment (she was vice-chairman of the Republican Party of Utah).

When she arrived I was not at home (not expecting company) - but she was made very welcome by John and visited with him while the two of them did some tidying up which obviously needed doing. When I returned home I was happily surprised to find her there and wished I had returned earlier.

Before leaving she told me very strongly that I should be aware that our son, John, was a very, very unusual child - so special that we should realize it and act accordingly. She did not say this in his presence but told me privately. She was deeply impressed with him. He must have been about eight years old when she visited.

She died on John's twelfth birthday - June 17, 1946

February 7:Six fine sons and three lovely daughters, all healthy and well and true Israelites....In the manner which our former Bishop, Albert Mabey, reckoned our family - you Groberg parents would be rated now as nine times millionaires (1 million for each child) - As Uncle Jesse Knight used to say, "We are only stewards and great wealth brings great responsibilities and, of course, if successful, great happiness and blessings. Our greatest joy and satisfaction is in children raised to become fine characters and trustworthy, honorable citizens in society. This accomplishment also is the highest contribution we can make...As time ages us, more and more we live in the joys, hopes, ambitions, and accomplishments of our posterity..."

With your two young ladies and the boys glad to do their share, I feel sure all will work out O.K. Sina eats so little it's puzzling to know where the energy to do what she does comes from. I do not know a grandmother her age, or even younger, that can do what she does and keep as well as she always claims to be. My only explanation is: she so thoroughly enjoys her children and grandchildren and fits so well into their lives and interests that what to some is a heavy task, to her is a happy vacation and source of much satisfaction. She is a pastmaster with the children and their adoration seems universally mutual..... (Father to us)

February 9: Jennie and Lewis (?) are surely doing 100%. He is nursing good. Jennie spent part of today walking around the building. She looks as young and even more beautiful than when I first met her just 19 years ago. As I looked at Jennie today as she laughed and visited with the friends who called, I could hardly believe she could be the mother of nine and the doer of all the things she has done. Yet no one could know that she is the mother of nine better than I do. And no one knows better than I do, how much she has done.

You are both very remarkable as parents. Your children have the very highest ideals. Jennie is the grandest wife and mother in all the world. Thank you for her. (D to folks)

February 9: You have received word of our brother Wells passing - It came by father to me yesterday noon....The ever-tender and unselfish brother had gone as if in the "twinkling of an eye," - no longer than 10 or 15 minutes from the first faint warning. So, as dear as he was and as much as we loved his association, we know he is with Rachel and father and mother and many "over there." (Mother to us)

(Uncle Wells Lovett Brimhall, husband of Aunt Fern Smoot Brimhall and father of Smoot, Sina B. Stevensen, and Victor - and my mother's brother.)

A letter from sister Mary Maxwell also told of the passing of Ray Knight, Uncle Will Knight's brother, in Canada)

February...: Julia has just "boosted our stock" as Clair would say. This picture appeared on the front page of the paper last night. John is also a member of this "Honor Society."

Jennie and Lewis are doing 100%. The weather is grand. (D to folks)

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Dearest Father + Grandfather,

We all join in love and heart
felt understanding at this time
of parting - your beloved mother
having answered the call to join
your father and other loved
ones on the other side. She
has been a wonderful mother
to you and a most lovable
and inspirational grandmother
and great-grandmother to us -

We too loved her and will
miss her - we realize in part
how much you will miss her
and we know how deep and devoted
your love was - this true love
will always continue - it may
even grow with time + eternity.

Thanks for all you + mother and
grandmother have done for us.

Lovingly - Jennie + Delbert
and the 9 Graberg grandchildren

We all wish we could
join with you at the service
which we know will be
lovely and just what
you feel will do honor to
a wonderful mother, grandmother
and great grandmother.
all the Grobergs

February 25: ...the baby was named Lewis Holbrook Groberg Sunday, February 23,
and given a wonderful blessing by his father. He is very good and we all love
him.

I have been thinking so much of Grandma Holbrook and of the joys she has brought
into my life. How we loved to visit her - as far back as I can recall. She
seemed so very happy to have us come.

I think one of my first recollections was once when she took me to General Con-
ference in the Tabernacle - just she and I walked there from her home. When
she showed me the Prophet, the president of the Church - Joseph F. Smith - I
felt so disappointed because he looked just like a man and I had expected him
to be different - have a glow - or be in white or something - I must have been
quite small. And I remember sleeping at her house and listening enraptured
as the street cars went by during the night.

The last time I really visited with her she said as we left: "Jennie, I want
to tell you this --I think you are wonderful; I love you; I love you; I love
you." Altho I saw her briefly twice later, that seemed at the time (and still
does) a sort of farewell blessing. She was (and is) a grand person and we were
surely blessed to have her for our grandmother.... (J to folks)

February.....:.....Bethie certainly was a wonderful birthday present to me
and she is growing more darling every day. You should see how beautiful she
looks with her blond hair curled and the new skirt and sweater mama made her.

It seems that her dimples are always on her small cheeks with her mouth turned up to a smile or laugh. You certainly described her perfectly when you called her a little fairy....The main reason we didn't have a birthday party was that Daddy took Lorna, Mary, John, David and I to Sun Valley. It was really wonderful.....

We all felt bad about great-Grandma Holbrook but, in a way, it's a good feeling to know how wonderful and full her mission on earth has been. Certainly our Heavenly Father is very proud of her and is maybe even anxious to have her on the other side to perhaps fill a greater mission. It is surely wonderful to know that even if she does leave us now there's yet a dawn after a great darkness...So God bless you, Grandma dear. I don't know what we would ever do without you!

(Julia to Jennie's mother)

February 25: Daddy's letter of sweet tribute to great-grandma and mama's story of the Groberg mansion both came and were devoured quickly and re-read again.

I was so glad I could pay my way to you and really you shouldn't have stood the cost of the return. Perhaps you feel I helped you out a little but really the short stay with you helped me. To have mama say all is well gives a wanted peace and in each one's contribution to the home I know you will be richly rewarded. Mary's listening ear and quick response to a possible need for mama speaks volumes. I am enclosing 25¢ - please give Dee 10¢ to see that my rubbers get mailed. I recall his coming to the kitchen all dressed, washed and combed one morning as he had much time to do a good turn.

Glad the two scouts had a night under the stars. (Mother to us)

March 9: I have jumped into city affairs up to my full capacity or maybe further but we had a family council and made our decision.....Little Lewis is gaining and doing 100%. Jennie is getting some outside help and pretty good cooperation from the rest of us. We are so thankful we are all well.

As another anniversary arrived and passed, of the birth of your lovely daughter, Jennie, I am again deeply grateful to you for her and to her for all she is to me and to all of us here. We are now eleven. Jennie and I both feel like children ourselves and we are in many ways.

David is planning on turning eleven this week. He is going to be a good scout. He enjoys his paper route and does his part at home. Dee and Joe both go to kindergarten. Elizabeth is one of the regulars at Sunday School. I took her over today and she knew right where to go. She told us what the teacher said. She is surely a little fatty.

I went over the farm with Duane last week. We have 30 pigs out of the litters that will be ready to market in about 30 days. We will keep out six for breeding and will have spring pigs from the old sows. So we will be in the pig business pretty strong. We put in milking machines. We will have 12 cows milking before midsummer.
(J to folks)

March 9: It is nearly time for night meeting so I must rush this letter. Dee and Joe are to the neighbors to a birthday party - I am not sure that they should go to a Sunday party. The others are here: John and a friend are playing records; David and a friend are playing marbles on the landing with Dick watching. Beth is on John's lap - Mary and Julia are writing letters and the baby is asleep...He weighed 10 lbs. on his one-month birthday. David is getting the finishing touches on to perform in a Colonial dance.

David had three little friends in yesterday to celebrate his birthday - it is really Wednesday but he wanted his party yesterday because Wednesday is Primary day.
(J to folks)

March 12: Dear Classy David...I've been conscious all day that someone has a birthday. My record book is home so I am venturing to address the young man that I believe is celebrating today. We all join in wishing you a boy's heart's desire of such festivities as are prepared for one of the older boys in an illustrious, growing family....

David dear: Use your talents for you have many:

"Work while there's vigor
Then rest for a gain;
Fasten your pleasure
To Temperance's chain." George H. Brimhall.

Say it each morning as you waken till it becomes a part of yourself.
(Mother to David)

March.....:On Friday, Uncle Clarence Jarvis was driving Harry Lambourne, (his daughter Helen's husband) to his mother's home as he had come from California to go to her (his mother's) funeral. Harry died enroute there. Doesn't it all seem very strange and especially how fast our two families are passing to the other shore. It makes the knowledge we have of a hereafter like a star ever comforting and guiding our steps in the right direction.
(Mother to us)



Joe + Dee

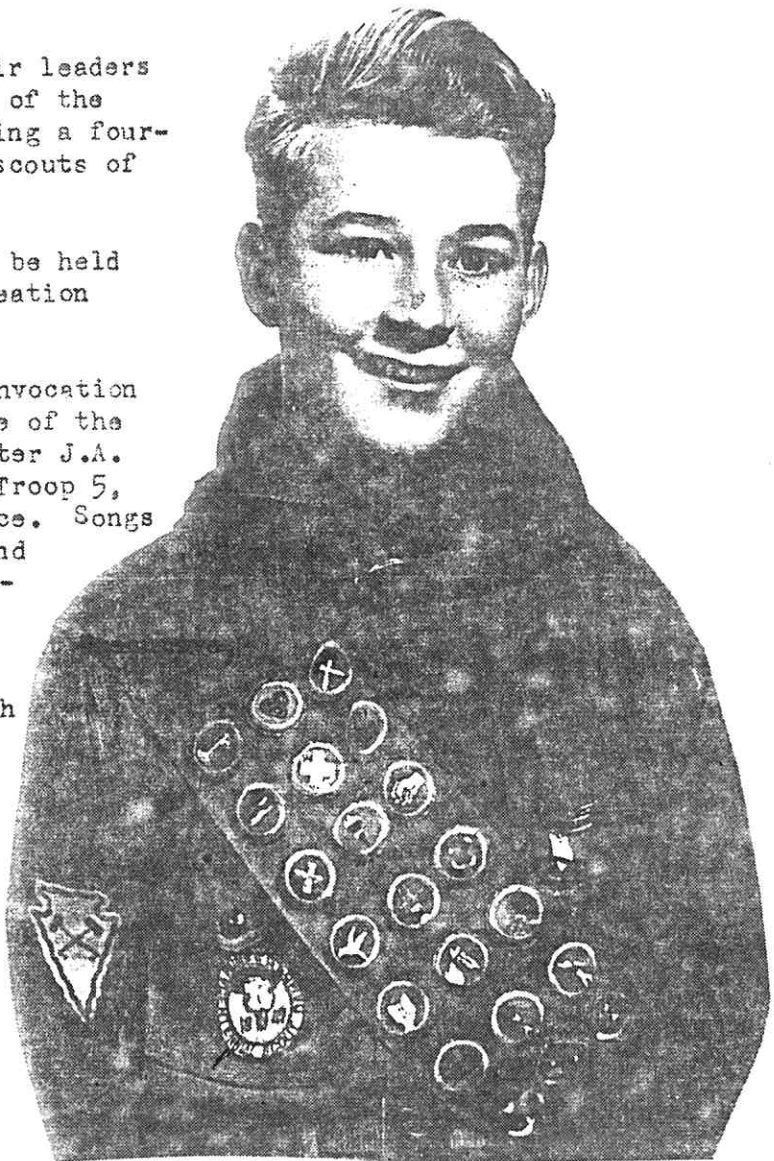
Four Scout Districts Plan Court of Honor

More than 200 Boy Scouts and their leaders will be a step closer to the top of the advancement ladder Sunday following a four-district Court of Honor for all scouts of Bonneville County.

The gigantic award meetings will be held at 8 p.m. in the Fifth Ward Recreation Hall.

The program will open with the invocation by Cecil Hart followed by advance of the colors by Troop 5 under Scoutmaster J.A. Thompson. Gordon Orme, also of Troop 5, will give the Pledge of Allegiance. Songs will be led by J. D. Armstrong and Jack Wood will make the introductions. During the presentation of awards by Vernon L. Strong, Scout Executive, Lloyd Gardner will sing a solo and Paul Stosich and Guy Poulson, Jr., will play a trumpet duet. The benediction will be given by the Reverend Clark J. Wood

Fred Swanson is in charge of the Central Bonneville district; Grant Orme, South Bonneville District; William Dahlstrom, North Bonneville district, and Jack Wood, East district and General Chairman of the County-wide event.



YOUNGEST Eagle Scout.....

John H. Groberg, 13-year-old senior patrol leader, is one of six Scouts and Scouters who will receive coveted Eagle awards. Young Groberg is believed to be the youngest Eagle Scout in the Teton Peaks Council history. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert V. Groberg, 255 Twelfth Street and is a member of Troop 3, LDS Third Ward.

April....: (taken from our huge family book p. 51 in our copy)

A SPECIAL ACCOUNT OF SPECIAL
EVENTS RECORDED IN
JOE'S BOYISH
HANDWRITING

"I was born on November 30th, 1942, in the L.D.S. Hospital, Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho. My doctor was Dr. H. Ray Hatch. I was blessed and given the name of Joseph Holbrook Groberg by my father on January 3, 1943. Our Bishop was then Louis C. Larch of the Third Ward.

My first five years were marked with two near-tragedies. The first occurred when I was two years old. Delbert, my brother who is two years older than I am, and his friend, were playing in a very large hole that the older boys had dug. It was covered over with wood from an old bedstead and other wood. The boys brought me down in the hole and proceeded to build a fire within the hole. Delbert and his friend Mike (2 years older) then crawled out but I was too small to get out by myself. Delbert, as young as he was, realized the situation and coaxed his friend who would not go back into the blazing hole, to pull me out as he, Dee, boosted me out from below where I was (Dee jumped in by me) - They succeeded in getting me out (and Dee) just as the roof (made of the old wooden bedstead, etc.) collapsed in the hole. I will always be thankful to Delbert (Dee) for saving me from a very bad accident.

The second near-tragedy happened when one of my older brothers got a small utensil for cooking eggs at camp. I was about five at the time, and I could not resist the temptation to try it out, in the garage. Secretly I got some matches and went to the garage where I started a fire. The fire got bigger and bigger and I decided I had better put it out. Somewhere I had seen somebody put out a fire with a magazine and it just so happened that we had stacks and stacks of old magazines and newspapers in the garage (stored for some Boy Scout project) - so I heaved a bunch on the fire which now grew even bigger and bigger. I knew I had done wrong in the first place to sneak these things out in the garage and to light a fire within. So I climbed out the window by a ladder that was near by and got a can full of water which I brought back and threw on the fire. All this time the fire was growing bigger and bigger and the second time I tried to climb out the the little window which was at the back, the ladder caught on fire and burned to pieces. The doors in the front were stuck so that only a very strong force could open them. So then I was trapped in the flaming garage. I could not breathe the air because it was filled with smoke and fumes so I tried breathing through a crack in the doors. Then at last my brother Dick, who was returning from a paper route, heard me trying to yell - and saw the smoke bellowing out of the garage and hurried and called mother who sent him quick for help and who was given super-human strength to open the stuck doors and save me, for I tumbled out - Dick brot the neighbors who put out the fire with the hose. Mother always marveled that Dick could hear me call for help when he was several houses away and my call so weak.

(Mother's addition; I will try to thermofax this precious account for both events are evidence that Joe's life was spared for his great mission. Dee and Dick were grateful to be on hand to assist. When I discovered it was "impossible" to open the garage door and also to go thru the window my desperate prayers were answered and I was truly given superhuman strength to open the doors just in time. I also flew downstairs in time to see courageous little Dee pull his baby brother out of that burning inferno that seconds later could have claimed his life (first account)

April 29: Dear talented and loyal family: The letter, loaded with news that fed our pride and gratitude, came. Mary dear, you always win in the beautiful and Julia now is out for service like mama is. All hail to your degrees of courage, ever mounting.

With it all, you had a scare. And it scared us too.**Now there will be a sentiment and probably fear so that those who know better will hold back those who are really too small in years yet to realize what might come of any playing with fire material, social or spiritual. Fire is good to warm but also can destroy as you know.

There is much need for guidance, as parents, as grandparents, and as children. Keep united and faithful to the Gospel. Your days of harvest are on and will be for many years - (Folks to us)

**(mother had received a brief account of the second fire episode)

May 5: We just returned from hearing Pres. Clark's address to the Seminary graduates. John took charge of the family at home and there was one asleep on each couch and he was pacing the floor with the baby when we returned, - He is special!

Delbert and I have become involved in a few Church activities - Lewis and I are to help out in the Stake Mutual Festival Tuesday and I promised to help with the lesson in Relief Society the same day, on L.D.S. hymna. Also on Mother's Day Mary and I have to give a part on the program....Frankly we do so much in the Ward that I'm wondering if some will think the Grobergs do too much.

The experience with Joseph taught us all a lesson but it was a shaking experience and its hard even now to shut out the picture and feeling that came when I climbed on the garbage can and looked in that garage window. But he is safe and we are all well and happy and loving Joe very dearly - very, very conscious of how precious he really is to us. (J to folks)

May 9: Dear Lovely Girl-Mother and the Man of Her Choice:

How I love your parenthood - your greatest project!

May the years ahead continue glorious! (Us from folks)

.....: The children just had a peanut hunt in which the big boys of the neighborhood came out most successfully. It is a challenge to keep our children aware of the blessings of keeping the Sabbath holy when so many of the children think Sunday is just another day only one when they don't have to go to school.

The ward had a party Thursday night for the retiring bishopric and presented Delbert with a beautiful ruby ring as a keepsake and me with a huge bouquet of white flowers in a lovely vase. The party was all humorous but entertaining and fun. Delbert left Friday night for Detroit where he will attend school (appraising) for two weeks. His application had been previously denied but a wire came Friday evening that there was a cancellation and he could be accepted so he had to catch a train a couple

of hours to make it there.*** He even obtained a pullman, at least for Friday night. It will be a change and a rest for him which he certainly deserves.

It was really fun to have Raymond's family here and for a meal- something I don't recall ever happening before. I am not the expert housekeeper Esther is but we were so happy they came.....

A friend just called to see if the girls and I would play a couple of numbers at the reception for their daughter and new husband Wednesday evening - married in the Temple here last Wednesday. The girls are quite in demand and I think we will have to find them a new accompanist because it is so awkward for all three of us to leave in the evenings.

There was a large picture in our issue of the Deseret News of the B.Y.U. group with me...Mary was given straight A- on her solo. (J to folks)

.....: We are all so thrilled over the new baby girl at Dahlquists and hope everything is o.k. It is nice to have a baby girl first. Six of the Holbrook girls have done just that....Give them our love and congratulations.

I have had the Groberg family (except for the big girls and Daddy) at your home for about a week. We certainly do enjoy it and are trying to be very careful.

The girls are having the time of their lives at Provo. Mary has sort of stolen the show. She was the only flutist of the whole clinic group chosen to play in the regular college band. And last night just before the solo contest Dr. Halliday called her and said he wanted her to enter it. She had told us when we saw her in the afternoon that she had nothing ready and was not entering it and we were rather glad as her schedule was so over full. But after we left and he called her she went over and played half of a long, difficult number which she used to know and won second place for the evening. Julia is proud of Mary but also enjoying herself. I think she may be a bit bewildered by such concentrated hard work and a schedule that takes care of all their time from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. when all lights must be out.

Delbert drove up with some folks night before last and yesterday he took Mary Maxwell and Ruth and Elaine and her baby and our three little ones and me to Provo (from here in S.L.) where we visited the girls and then we went on to Manti. They are really managing beautifully there- their house was clean and Jane was putting three loaves of whole wheat bread in the oven- she had just expertly completed their ironing. They are really unusual people.

(J from Holbrook home in S. L. to folks
in California at Dahlquists)

(note from Delbert: I am not sure how much I am going to enjoy or miss, being released but am sure it is O.K. and do really appreciate the grand experience and opportunity to serve as Bishop)

***When the wire came Friday evening that there had been a cancellation and Delbert could come to the Appraisal school at Detroit, he was in a meeting (maybe Draft Board) in the City Building. I sent John to go directly to the meeting and tell Delbert of the wire and he was to come home at once and catch the train and go to Detroit - which he did - altho it was a challenge to make it as the train left in two hours from when the wire was received.

May...after Mother's Day: We are doing some remodeling and the plasterers are here. The boys have just finished papering their porch rooms and they look really good - how great it will be to have it all done but it is fun too.....

Mother, I started to write a tribute to you for Mother's Day and then I received an assignment to write one to the girls being honored on this L.D.S. Girls program - so your tribute is still incomplete.

Aunt Mattie Groberg (whose home was where Delbert lived for about 15 years) surprised us by coming Saturday and staying over for Mother's Day. Of course we loved to have her here but I was less able to work out the tribute-talk exactly as I wanted - I had only two days to do it. But anyways, Delbert thinks you might enjoy reading it -- The first part is pretty good - but the rest isn't quite what I wanted. Mary Jane gave the response to the talk but she didn't have that response written out completely so I may not be able to get it and put it with this. It was excellent.

The children all finished school with highest honors, including David. Julia was elected secretary of the student-body. (J to Mother)

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Talk-tribute given by Jennie in Idaho Falls - to honor
L.D.S. Girls - given on Mother's Day: (Mother's Day 1947)

I have prepared a tribute to the girls but today being Mothers Day, I am going to say it about the girls but to their mothers. I might be the mother of any loyal, teen-age L.D.S. girl.

(soft music for background - first, "Memories" - and played long enough that all recognize it - then as music continues I say;)

Do you remember - 14 - 15 - 16 years ago - as you rested in a white hospital bed - that on the dresser was a vase of delicate roses - that as you idly feasted on their beauty - you thot: "Is there anything lovelier than a rosebud?" and then you turned as a smiling nurse placed a wee, wiggly bundle in your arms and said, as she did every three hours: "Baby girl Groberg - and she's really hungry!" and left.

And you gently pulled down the blanket and there she was - and you thought: "Rosebud, did I say you were lovely? Why see, this is the loveliest thing in the world."

And do you remember when she first laughed aloud, and cut a tooth, and began to crawl in such a funny fashion, and then haltingly took a step alone - and then began to talk -

And do you remember that she wouldn't go to bed at night at all good, and so you took her for a ride in the buggy - And as you walked along you looked about - the day was ending, and you beheld a sunset - not the dazzling, flaming kind, but a sunset flooding the western sky with such a quiet, soft glory that you had to stop and gaze for just a moment - such exquisite harmony of gentle colors! - but you must hurry on home - she had fallen to sleep at last - little daughter, - eyes closed -

eyes with color as true blue as this evening sky - with hair like the spun gold of sun's parting rays - cheeks and lips rosy as day's last colors - and you said to yourself, softly for she was sleeping: "Well, old sunset, your hues are really nice, but I could show you a bit about color perfection. Come, look in this buggy, at the loveliest thing in the world."

Do you remember - she grew and grew - and then she started school - shy, yet eager. You felt so good when the door banged about 3:15 announcing she was home and near you again. Then she grew and grew some more, and one evening, waiting for her return, as you waded hopefully into a lapful of undarned socks - someone turned on the radio and strains of a renowned symphony filled the room - played with such artistry that you forgot the holes and the darning - the music made you know what was meant when she had said, "Mother, it's simply out of this world!" - and then the door opened and she entered - radiant in her first formal - effervescing - laughing - musically I mean - and as she liltily related the glorious time she had had, her feet, unbidden, tapped out the radio's rhythm (symphony) and you thought: "Symphony! - you, and all music - touch our hearts as best you can - but my soul knows a deeper meaning than you can ever reach - listen to her - is she not the loveliest thing in the world ---"

But her charm is still more - her thots, her words, her acts, express a greater loveliness radiating from within - a wisdom and goodness, altho immature, that makes her mother feel humble at all times, and very inadequate at some times. Have you read her compositions? heard her opinions? watched her deeds?

Composition? Listen!- She wrote this:

"Some days my thots are oceans deep,
All vast and dark and mighty,-
Beyond myself to understand -
So cumbersome and weighty.

And other days, a brooklet gay,
So free and bright and teasy -
That lightly dances on its way,
Contented - carefree - easy.

Her opinions? Listen: You'll hear her say: "Of course I'm not going to try out again - I had a part last time - and so many others want a chance - even if I could win, I shouldn't."

Her deeds? Listen! - Scene: wash day - mother thought because she was tired she could be cross - such a hub-bub- three crying at once - Daughter had planned to go to a friend's to stdy but she didn't- she picked up the cryingest one - ina moment her magic of scissors, crayons, paper, and ingenuity, was working - the others forgot why they were crying cause they wanted to see too. Yes, indeed - she is a true Latter-day-Saint.

For her you wish so much - you say to her: "Daughter, I wish and hope - that always you will be - not the most popular but surrounded by friends who admire you because you are firm in the right - love you because you lift them - - I wish for you - not that you be the best dressed - but always the most beautiful because of what you are - I wish for you - that you be - not the most famous, but

one who finds joy in small services - washing dishes, tending babies, tossing salads, mending clothing - - I wish that you be - not the most happy, but one who has discovered thru some sorrow and disappointment - fortitude, appreciation and faith - faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

And, as she listens to your wishes, she may look at you and say: "You know, mother, sometimes I don't see things exactly the way you do" - and you think to yourself - Of course not - and I must not pressure you. But, nevertheless, you keep your wishes.

And you think: God created you - perhaps He wished - and wishing you to be lovely, He provided the rosebud, the sunset, the music - and something more - He provided a plan of living - for you - a plan complete and perfect - We speak of it as the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Already you are familiar with it; you have faith in it - else why are you here? You attend Mutual, never miss Sunday School, usually are at Sacrament Meeting - and frequently you play or sing or speak or read or pray -

And so, mother - you don't really worry about her - not much.

And, in conclusion, perhaps you voice one more wish: "I wish for you, daughter, that some day you may take my place here and may say to a teen-age daughter of your own: 'Why you are the loveliest thing in the world!'" (J to Mother)

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May 31: Beautiful-souled Daughter: Your letter itself and the accompanying copy of your talk to the mothers of any L.D.S. girl, have truly touched my heart! My how time flies! - What a day I live in! In the midst of glory there is no doubt.

Sunday Morning. As an inspiration, I just re-read your talk. "The scriptures are fountains of living water." I feel as though I just drank at that fountain, scriptures for mothers and daughters written for the modern ones, full of truth and beauty and hope.

I hope you go to Utah, and all that can go, and see the pageant. You know where the key is. I am sure Commencement will be glad to see you.

Love to each and all of you and great gratitude for your responding to calls to give your talents to this Church - In so doing you bless yourself, yours, and me, and others. It's a wonderful Mother's Day Tribute. I'll wait until 1948 for the one you started to me. (Mother to J.)

June 12: We did not forget in our hearts what event took place seventeen years ago yesterday. I have been thinking of you and the Four C's that father suggested was a good map to follow on the Sea of Domesticity (at your Wedding Reception after your Temple marriage in Salt Lake) " (Constant Confidence, Constant Counsel, Constant Compromise, Constant Courtship)

Surely you have been Confidential; Counsel has been a habit; Always seemed to me that Compromise was sort of easy because you both mostly wanted the same and understood the same; your ideals have been parallel and have risen side-by-side and probably now have merged into one - Courtship - When I recall Delbert's never

forgetting and acting when such dates as this and others, come - all thru the years with expressions of loving endearments, I rejoice. And he has even remembered the ones who made it possible for him to find the perfect mate. And Jennie, always planning with the children to do honor and give love to him whose children bear his name and, in turn, will walk in the footsteps of their true and beloved parents.

It is almost miraculous the way the cultural things of life are being fastened securely in the lives of your household...

(Folks to us)

& 23:

June 20:.....Word came yesterday of Uncle Alma O. Taylor's death in Ashton, Idaho. How strange we little suspicion what each day might hold for us -We've wondered if the account of the death of Uncle Alma was in your edition of the News...The services are tomorrow - at Larkin Mortuary at noon.

Aunt Angie has known for a year that Alma had a weak heart but, of course, is suffering from grief, but has the comfort the knowledge of the Gospel alone can give.

(Folks to us)

June 30:It seems like a dream that you came and went and Delbert came and went. Hope the trips were not too hard.....Little Elizabeth's chubby self comes to my mind, and that husky Joe and growing Lewis, all make refreshing mind pictures, not forgetting helpful Jewel and handsome daddy and beautiful mama - it was swell, I tell you! (Mother to us)

July 25: Yesterday we watched the planes to try to determine if mother were on one of them - she surely has courage and we are all tickled over the trip but anxious to hear of her safe arrival.

Delbert just returned from visiting the Standen's who lived next door to us on tenth street and just had a real tragedy when four members of their family were drowned Monday and buried Friday - maybe you remember them....

The baby is getting a lot of curly hair and more teeth and is pretty classy all around. Bishop and Sister Larch had us all over to supper and fireworks last night and did we have a big time.

We have thot of you frequently and I have felt rather guilty in not sending you birthday greetings so here they are, though very late - we wish you much continued happiness and many, many more happy birthdays - maybe you can spend one of them soon with us.

John is putting the finishing touches on a rabbit pen and has arranged for the purchase of two rabbits so the boys are pretty well occupied.

We have a large tree at the back which is the neighborhood airplane and on given signals ten or twelve children come running and climb the tree at various places where they are stationed and each is a member of the crew. And then they make noises and give orders and signals as the plane is supposed to take off and reach Tokyo and drop bombs, etc. It is really quite remarkable how complete and comprehensive their vocabulary is regarding air affairs.

I must fix them all some bread and milk and get some of them ready for Church - We hope all are well in Salt Lake. Please give our love to Grandma -
(J to folks staying in Salt Lake)

August 13: Delbert, Jennie, David, Dick, Dee, Lew and our niece, Ruth Anderson from Manti, all went to Canada. We saw Vera and Maurice and his folks and visited Raymond, Alberta, Canada and took pictures of Mother's and Father's and Aunt Jennie's and Uncle Will Knight's first homes there. We visited the temple at Cardston - spent the night at Waterton, came home by way of Glacier National Park and also took in Yellowstone Park - 1700 miles - Delbert was his usual charming self. Ruth was really our girl and we'd love to keep her. We hated to send her on home to Manti.... (J Jrnl)

September 6: ..We reached home around 4:30 yesterday.....On my way home I was impressed that you, Jennie, are a valuable source of suggestions for Raymond to turn to in the project of recording father's works. I have thought if he could place a copy of father's lessons as they are now compiled, in the Church Historian's library, it would be a great help to the Church and a place of safety for them.Your memories are valuable..for I believe you were father's secretary longer than any other.

We do appreciate what you did in our latest family project (family booklet following Rachel's passing, etc.) - Be not discouraged or deceived at any time. "Keep upon the ripples" by guarding your rest periods, Mama Groberg. I wanted to tell John that the last time I had my glasses checked, the Dr. said it was injurious to read lying down on one's stomach - To read, one must be in an upright position, with good light and eyes properly focused on the book. I think David's attitude toward his dish-wiping job is very progressive: "It's easy and can be done quickly and it's over," - I noticed how orderly he proceeded and put different sizes in piles and did it all to a completion, even hanging up the dish towel. I almost laugh now when I recall your quizz moments - something the whole family took part in.

Well, life is wonderful and let's keep our years rich with "truth and beauty"- Mama always advocated putting beauty in the homes we build - you have it physically and spiritually ... (Mother to us)

October.....: I am waiting for Delbert and the three older ones to come in from Salt Lake where they have been to General Conference. I went down Wednesday but came back Friday. It was great fun.....Father was wonderful to me in Salt Lake - getting breakfast each morning and then gently knocking on my door - he simply waited on me like a Sir Galahad - and of course chauffeured me wherever I wanted to go.... I fully agree with Sr. Hamilton (Esther's mother) who told me once: "There just simply are no better men than your father."

Tonight I gave a short talk (BYU Alumni Meeting) - which everyone seemed to enjoy immensely. Myrtie (Jensen Armstrong) told me, on the way home, that she talked to Harold Glen Clark and he told her I gave the best talk at the BYU meeting - barring no one - not even the "big bugs" - so you can feel quite proud of your daughter, altho it wasn't so good as all that." (J to folks)

November 7:It should be possible to have the booklet ready by Xmas...
I really just need the pictures of the children....

Delbert leaves for San Francisco Saturday, to spend a week. Mr. Lew took two steps on his nine-months birthday - he stands alone quite frequently - We love him.
(J to folks - in California)

December 18:I am having quite a time living up to my reputation as a Relief Society teacher (I'm not half as good really as they try to make me think I am) but we have such a huge class and they expect so much that I dare not let them down - but it's over now for December.

We are all fine and way too busy...We are being modest this year - for Christmas and the children know it and approve. (Mother to us)



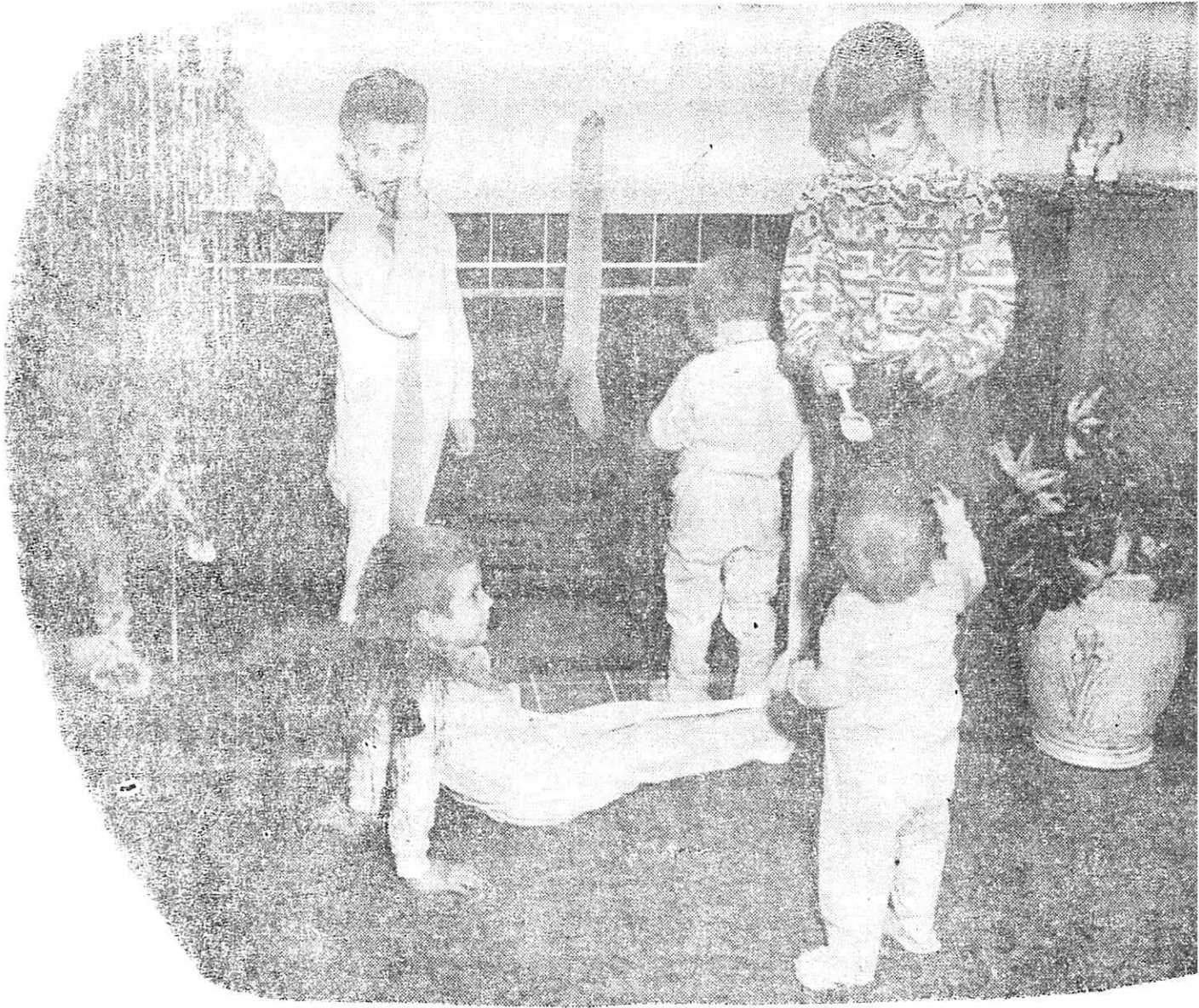
Side view of our little office building - across from the City Building



LEWIS AND JENNIE IN FRONT OF OFFICE BUILDING

The Post-Register

December 21, 1947



CHRISTMAS IS FUN. For big families, little families, newlyweds — rich or poor — on this one holiday of the year, it is the spirit that counts. Decorating the tree, hanging up stockings, singing favorite carols, reading stories of the Christ child, chanting familiar rhymes — whatever it is it's a family affair.

AND THE D. V. Groberg family is in the midst of it all. Upper left, five of the younger children are ready to hang up their stockings in front of the fireplace in the traditional manner at their home, 225 Twelfth street. Left to right, Delbert, 7, with his stocking in his hand; Joseph, 5, his stocking in place, relaxes on the floor; Elizabeth, 3, works to get her stocking up and Richard, 9, offers to help 10 months old Lewis hang up his stocking.



UPPER RIGHT: THE TREE DECORATED AND PACKAGES WRAPPED, THE FOUR OLDER GROBERG CHILDREN DELIGHT THE HOUSEHOLD AS THEY HARMONIZE ON "SILENT NIGHT."

LEFT TO RIGHT: JULIA 15, VIOLINIST; DAVID 11, AT THE PIANO; MARY JANE 16, FLUTIST AND JOHN 13, PLAYING THE TRUMPET.



POST REGISTER GAVE US THIS EXTRA PICTURE

AFTER THEY CHOSE THE ONES ON

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December 26:We had a fine Christmas. Santa left me a four-drawer steel file - which I am going to really enjoy. I wish I could loan you a drawer for your important papers.

Dee and Dick have a tent - David a basket-ball, John binoculars and a wrist-watch. The girls received mostly clothes and the little ones a few toys. Joseph is working his wind-up train; Dee is building with tinker-toys and Beth is giving her wetsy doll a drink of water.....

Our printer said if we give him all the material this next week he could have our booklet out by February 1st.....Let's have each sister and Raymond write just a line or two - ..I liked very much the ideas expressed after Rachel left

us, such as the one the Republican lady said that when Rachel asked anyone to do anything they always wanted to do it and also what Grandma Holbrook said about how she always felt uplifted after visiting Rachel, etc.....

(J to Mother)

December 26: And you all came to see us on Christmas day! There were Mary Jane, Julia, John and David as plain as day, all using their talents and in print. There were Richard, Dee, Joe, Elizabeth and Lewis with full confidence that Santa Claus was coming and that daddy and mama were his helpers. Bless daddy and mama because they thought to send you to us this way.

The smiling face of Mr. Lew I accept as a charming 71st birthday gift. His eyes have increased their luster and say: "I came to the right place - I did, I did!"

When the newspaper revealed our posterity, all clamored for a "borrow" to show to their families....

We are grateful for every child and grandchild that has proven to be our greatest gifts. May the Lord thus enrich your lives -

(Folks to us)

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No date....: Tonight while waiting for Mary to complete a contest essay on "Why Democracy Works" I have jotted down the following which I submit as my long-delayed tribute.... We are all in splendid health.

Beth ran into a slow-moving car and really gave us a scare but, other than a bruise and a skinned place or two, she is o.k. now, after a good rest. It makes us feel deeply grateful and also determined to be more vigilant in watching these precious little ones....

TODAY I FOUND A LETTER
TUCKED AWAY IN MY TOP-DRAWER FILE,
DATED MAY TWENTY-THIRD, NINETEEN FORTY SIX -
IT HELD ME QUITE A WHILE;
I FOUND IT HARD TO SWALLOW
YET SOMEHOW I HAD TO SMILE.

I READ: "DEAR FOLKS - I WISH I HAD
GOOD IDEAS FOR THE REUNION-
I WOULD SUGGEST YOU IN SALT LAKE
GET TOGETHER AND ORGANIZE -
DON'T THINK I AM TAKING OVER -
LOVE, RACHEL"-AT THE END IT WAS SIGNED.

TYPED IN A BUSY FASHION
THOTFUL PLANS WERE LAID.
CONSIDERATE AND WISE THRUOUT,
AMONG OTHER THINGS IT SAID:
"THE SECRET IS MAKING EVERYONE FEEL
THEY HAVE A CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE."

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LETTER
HAD NOTATIONS I TENDERLY SCANNED,
AFTER-THOTS, QUITE UNFINISHED,
IN A DEAR, FAMILIAR HAND:
"FAMILY PICTURE, WRITE-UP, SOUVENIR"
TO BE ASSIGNED, AS I UNDERSTAND

I CLOSED MY EYES TIGHTLY,
PERHAPS TO HOLD A TEAR,
BUT THOTS CAME WELLING FORTH
AND I SAID, "RACHEL DEAR,
WE'VE TRIED TO CARRY IT THRU*-
DO YOU LIKE OUR SOUVENIR?"

THEN I THOT A LITTLE FURTHER:
"I WONDER, COULD IT BE
YOU ARE PLANNING ANOTHER REUNION
FOR THE HOLBROOK FAMILY?
ARE OUR OTHERS THERE HELPING,
EACH TAKING A PART HAPPILY?"

WILL EACH HAVE A BIT TO DO?
WILL WE HAVE AGAIN A THEME
AS "HOLBROOK-AN IMPORTANT STREAM OF LIFE?"
WILL IT BE AS WE'RE PRONE TO DREAM?
WILL THERE BE VISITS AND SONGS AND MEM'RIES?
I WONDER JUST HOW IT WILL SEEM!

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January 9: It is very pleasing to us to have the booklet dedicated to Rachel - it should be. Bless her and bless you - a great sister.

Our love and our prayers are with you in this and in your other beautiful endeavors...
(Mother to us)

January 17?: Uncle Joseph Brunt (Delbert's mother's brother) was buried last Thursday. Delbert was the main speaker and I played the organ for the services.

Last Rites Held For J. A. Brunt, Idaho Falls Pioneer



Joseph A. Brunt

Friends and relatives gathered at the North Idaho Falls LDS stake tabernacle Thursday to pay their last respects to Joseph A. Brunt, early Bonneville county pioneer, who died Monday.

Tribute was paid to the well known businessman and community leader by Delbert Groberg who reviewed incidents of his life's history.

"He was loved and respected by his associates and by all who knew him. It is said of him that he 'did unto others as he would have them do unto him'," said Mr. Groberg.

The family came to Eagle Rock in 1884 settling at Sand creek near what is now Lincoln.

Active in Church Work

In his summary Mr. Groberg said:

"Joseph A. Brunt filled a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the states of Tennessee and Georgia from 1903 to 1905. Following his return home he served his church in the following positions: counselor to Bishop Thomas, first bishop of the Eagle Rock-Idaho Falls ward, counselor to Bishop Crabtree, second bishop of the Idaho Falls ward. For three and one half years he resided in Albion and Twin Falls, where he was prominent in LDS church activities.

"In May, 1924, he was called to serve as the fourth bishop of the Idaho Falls First ward. In December, 1925, he was selected as a counselor to Fred Caine in the presidency of the Idaho Falls stake. President Caine died while in office and President Brunt served as acting stake president for nearly a year thereafter.

"Upon the organization of the North Idaho Falls LDS stake, Joseph Brunt was selected as first counselor to President David Smith, which position he held until 1945. On February 2, 1937, he was ordained a patriarch by Joseph Fielding Smith.

"In his church activities Joseph Brunt has also served as a high councilman under James E. Steele and Heber C. Austin in the old Bingham stake, and later in the Idaho Falls stake under Leonard Ball.

"He was also a member of the LDS hospital board and the LDS board of education for many years.

"Prominent in business and community activity in this area, he assisted in the organization and management of the Brunt's grocery, the BB Light company, Auto Parts company, Brunt's, Inc., and Brunt Real Estate company. He served for several years as secretary of the chamber of commerce and in many other positions of leadership in this community."

The services were directed by Bishop Harold J. Bishop with Mrs. Groberg playing the prelude and postlude music.

The invocation was by Bishop Warren E. Wright and the benediction by President J. W. Telford. Speakers were S. R. Wilkinson, President David Smith and President H. Ray Hatch.

Musical Numbers

Music included the opening song, "The Lord Is My Light," choir, with Joseph Morley directing and Mrs. J. O. Mellor accompanying; quartet, Oscar Johnson, Clarence Johnson, Henry Johnson and Vernon Johnson; vocal solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," Mrs. O. D. Hendrickson; solo, "I'm a Pilgrim," George Catmull, accompanied by Mrs. Catmull; "Till We Meet Again," Mrs. Catmull; "Where You Want Me to Go" and "Oh My Father," choir with Mrs. Mellor accompanying.

Pallbearers

Active pallbearers were A. W. Brunt, Kay Steele, Delbert Groberg, G. Earl Brunt, Ronald Steele, LeRoi Groberg, Fred Steele and Reed Catmull.

Honorary pallbearers were J. B. Colson, Jacob H. Trayner, Harold L. Collard, Owen Ricks, Sylvan Olson, Andrew C. Jensen, Harry Bennett and Noall Nixon.

Burial was in the Fielding Memorial park under the direction of the Williams Funeral home with President Grant M. Andrus dedicating the grave.

January 22: After reading your splendid writing yesterday, I felt grateful indeed that I, like Nephi of old, had been "born of goodly parents" - in fact, I needed to use my kleenex for other than wiping my nose....

The family are all actually down and it is only 10:15 p.m. - usually it is nearer midnight when all is quiet - a habit which I am very determined to stop, for the whole family.

Another Relief Society lesson over----I think now a week or so of doing nothing but housecleaning and enjoying and loving these children would be wonderful. Of course we do love and enjoy them whether the house gets cleaned or not...

Joey brought me a Christmas card someone had sent us with a lovely picture of the Nativity and he said, "Mama - can I please have this to send to Glandma - she would think it plitty - cause it is - and maybe then she would write me a letta cause she never has writed me a letta" - And then later today he finished cutting out and decorating a valentine (enclosed) and said - "Now write on it: 'To Glandma and Glandma cause Glandma neva writes me eitha - neva, neva - not Glandma nor Glandma'" - So please, Grandpa and Grandma, write a little letter to Joey.

(J to folks)

February 1:

We set a time for writing letters between meetings. David and Dickie were the only ones who finished their letters -

John was elected by his Scout troop to assist in taking charge of the City for one day on Acout Week. He is to be the radio operator.

Mary is in the Thespian play this week and Jennie has been over to see if she could help with it.

One of Julia's papers was printed in the school newspaper. It is very good - we will try to get another copy. (D to folks)

February 7: Your little sons surely are maturing beautifully. It was a rare treat to get a "snack" of their mind content and quite a survey of family affairs. I don't know any school system that produces better products than the technique of their written page. Am glad you see all around the car incident.

I often think of a talk I heard Apostle Talmage give. He was talking of "failures" and he said sometimes there were successful ones. For example, he told of his school days at an eastern college. He was in the laboratory working at an experiment. His small tube broke. That was no small matter for it would be \$1 to pay. As he proceeded to try again, he reflected that perhaps it was well the accident occurred while a small test tube was in use for if the bigger size had been in his hands the cost of the tube, if broken, would be double.

So thru life, if we can turn such incidents to good use as warnings, which I am sure Julia and others are conscious of, it will help. It's very hard on our journey, taking Christ as our pattern, and surrounded by small and great temptations, to have a perfect record but the nearer our approach the happier daily life will be.

I know of no one who sees better than you and Delbert and your magnificent family are wonders and will be obedient in the big issues.....Our young people surely will be equal to their problems even as you and I have been.....

I copied Julia's article for my treasure chest.....

Rachel's admiration of John was almost prophetic. It's like living life over again when you tell of Mary in the Thespian play and other of your talents in action. Even if your group were on a farm they would never hide their gifts under a bushel. Valentine Day has had more meaning since we learned whose birthday it is. May you have the best one yet. (Mother to us)

February : Elizabeth's interest at present is unlacing and removing her shoes. This p.m. I threatened her with early-retiring unless she laced her shoes quickly. She replied: 'This one will lace up but this one will not because my both handles are gone - See!' - Both Tips were gone.

(J. Jrnl)

February 7:I have before me a letter from one of Idaho's growing boys named the same as a favored King of Israel. He's now on the "big grade" school games of basket-ball. Learning to pitch the ball in the basket, he has to look up and David had also to take aim by looking up to send his stone flying to the giant who had paced up and down bragging about himself. You know the story.

I am sure the story of the drivers having their liscense taken from them is written indelibly in their hearts so it will never occur again. How thankful we are that Julia had the courage to say "Take me home!" Home is a good place to be as she said in her most excellent article "My Own America."

Yes, you are like a tender tree, just growing day by day and you don't notice it, but when we see you again we will notice it. Your feet are firmly set on the rock of good desires and faith in God and you will never be uprooted by the winds though they blow on all sides, for you are well balanced. Out in the back yard is the choicest tree on the place but it leaned a little to one side and the other nite Aunt Helen heard a crash and in the morning there it lay prostrate. The owner will haul it away today.

I did not bring down my record book and I'm glad you helped my memory book as to when you will be a scout - another mile-stone in a promising life

(Mother to David, sent from California)

March 3: You were so young and so lovely on March 3rd 1928 that during our "walk in the rain" I sincerely wished I could be with you always. Do you remember that birthday? Aunt Jennie and your folks - I especially recall Aunt Jennie - telling about your childhood. If I had made a wish then that may have had real worth it might well have been one that has literally come true - namely - that twenty years later you would be just as young and beautiful and lovely as you were that night.

You are more precious and even lovelier than ever. I wish you many happy returns.

(D to J)

March 7: Toward the end of another Fast Day with its "making over" of us all....
Read with pride the account in the ALUMNUS (BYU) of your rescuing the Canada students. That was a stirring experience and reassured the institution of your loyalty ever.***

May you all be mostly happy all the time and your plans keep up on a high and higher plane as the years roll around. Surely time flies! Love without a doubt -
(Mother to us)

March 13: It was just a bit of heaven to have you five come on the week of Mother's Day. Hope you are all rested and that the music came in time....

I am just writing a note which will probably be given by a grandmother in the S.S. program...However, I have decided at the last to stress the great Plan of the Gospel- learning and living of it as the perfect way if we wish to build noble characters in our children. The great implement, the Church organizations, is ours and thru it all parents can win. I think of Rachel, even the mothers are called in the "midst of their days" her children carry on. I recall how, the morning of her services, Robert led in family prayer and in closing said, "And Father, bless mama, whoever she is, and help her to do her work well." Surely, tho busy with her Father's work, she gives a portion to her family from dawn all thru the night.

I am looking at John's picture. It is a study for an artist, - no trace of premature care, just a smile as if all those badges had been won so easily, with fascination, and he is a young, very young, Eagle Scout.

May Mother's Day again be sweet to you is the wish of one mother who loves another.
(Mother to us)

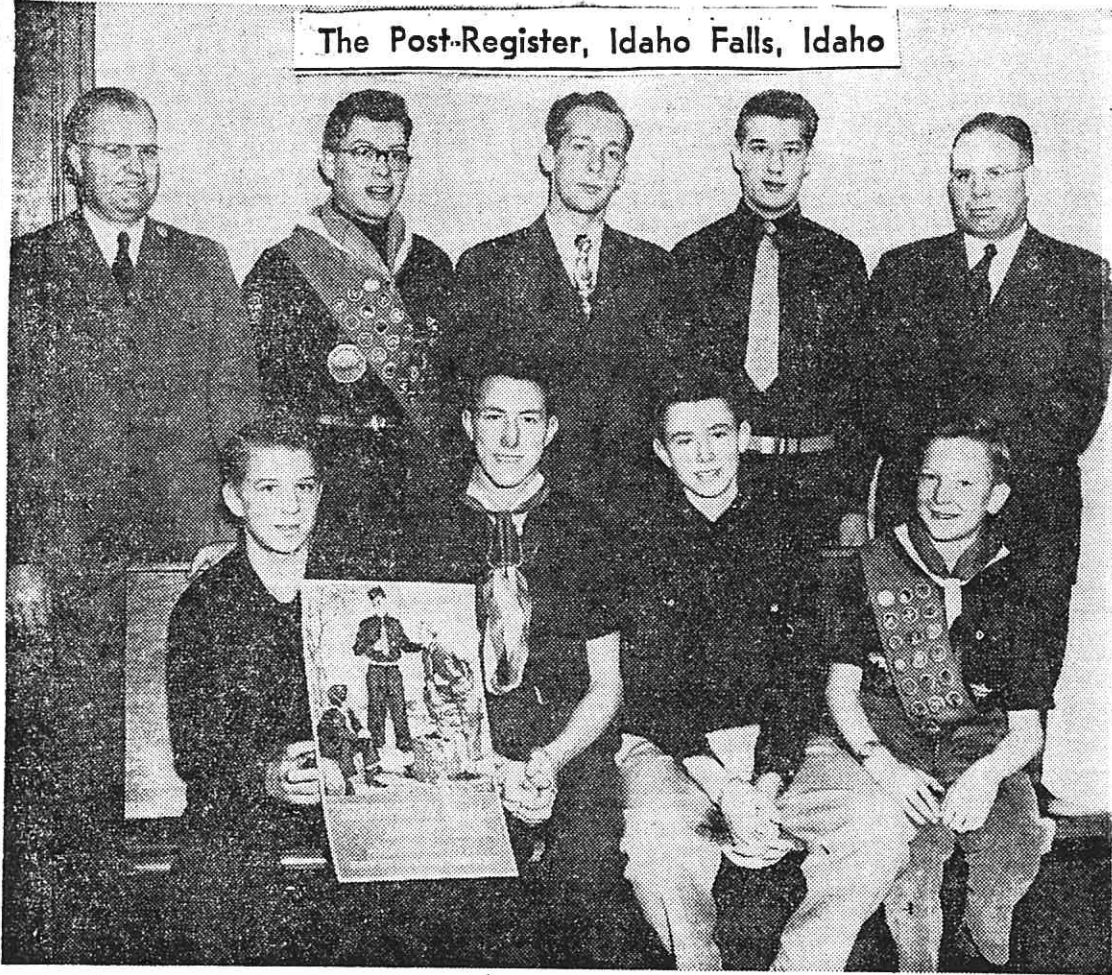
March 8:If my hearing could have received the messages as of yore, it would have been a real treat to have taken in the sessions with Jennie.....I am very happy with our own children (thanks mostly to their mother) and, in turn, for our grandchildren and for the ideals, attitudes and devotion of their parents in giving them the proper outlook in life. If we succeed with our families we doubtless have been the most successful and have made our greatest contribution to society. All other accomplishments should, in the main, be means to this end. I am sure you know we are all very happy with our Idaho family and really marvel at what you parents have achieved.....David, I am counting on those tunes next visit. I enjoy your playing and think you have real ability....
(Father to us)

(maybe on way down)

***A large group of youth from Canada, returning home from a visit to BYU were stranded here due to a severe snowstorm - Jennie, as current BYU Alumni president here, was contacted about them - so she and Delbert got busy and with help of other alumni - we contacted friends, etc. and first had all the young people - come to our home where we served them hot soup, etc. (It took our Year's Supply and more of items used and others helped too but this was a large group - over a hundred) and then assigned them to welcome homes to spend the night - It was an emergency activity which really challenged us but it was also fun and exciting and enjoyed by all participants)

SCOUTS RECEIVE HONORS

The Post-Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho



THESE BOY SCOUTS were singled out for special recognition Wednesday night when they received special Deseret awards presented by the LDS church. In the bottom row, left to right, the scouts receiving the honor at the parents and sons banquet, court of honor and program of the Third LDS ward church Wednesday night are: David Groberg, Larry Day, Ray Hart and Larry Anderson. Pictured in the back row are Vernon Strong, executive for the Teton Peaks Boy Scout council, Gary Fogg, Ralph Wood, Explorer adviser for the Third ward church, John Groberg and Arthur Thomson, bishop for the Third ward. Those winning Deseret awards and not present when the picture was taken were Keith Hart and Rowland Felt. John Groberg and Jon Anderson, picture inset in accompanying story, also received the Ranger Explorer award probably the last two Explorer scouts in the nation to receive the award since it was retired January 1. A brother of Gary Fogg, who has previously received the Eagle award, Reed Fogg, received the Eagle rating, the highest in scouting, at the court of honor at the local ward. (Post-Register staff photo).

One hundred twenty parents and Boy Scouts joined for their annual banquet Wednesday night in the Third LDS ward church.

In addition to the regular advancements and awarding of mer-



it badges, several boys of the troop and Explorer post received top ratings in the scout program. These included Eagle scout to Reed Fogg, ranger awards to John Groberg and Jon Anderson, and the Deseret award to John and David Groberg, Larry Anderson, Larry Day, Gary Fogg, Keith Hart, Ray Hart and Rowland Felt. The Deseret badge is presented by the LDS church to boys doing outstanding work in scouting.

1948: - (maybe March)

Dear David:

As I have watched you tenderly thru the years I have discovered:

1. YOU HAVE A HEART OF GOLD. If anyone were hurt, or any thing - you would be the first to jump in and help - jumping off a potatoe picker's truck to get a hat or something for a pal, carrying very gently an injured dog to Dr. Allen next door, holding very tenderly a little brother in the hospital and encouraging him that everything would be just classy, refusing to tell things about friends for fear it might injure them, even tho the refusing injured you - and so many other things.

Others see these fine things in you too and that is why so many want you for their friend. Some of them feel security in their friendship for you; they know folks criticize them for some things they do but that you will be loyal to them and will try to help and understand. Some of them cling to you, or like you, because their parents tell them that if they do what a Groberg does, they know it will be o.k. so go ahead. Parents have told me that.

It makes quite a responsibility on you doesn't it? But you can meet it. All of it will be more fun and bring better joy if you do it with your head always high because you know, deep within, you are doing the right

March 2: 1948

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3/2/48 *Ervin*
LT. ERVIN MISKIN
Funeral services for First Lt. Ervin Miskin, whose body was returned here for burial, were held Saturday at the Ucon LDS church with Bishop J. Spencer Jenkins officiating.

The music included a choir directed by Joseph Phillips, accompanied by Melba Woolf. They sang "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and "Sometime We'll Understand"; vocal solo, "Homing", by Joe Hill with Miss Woolf accompanying; trombone solo, "My Buddy", by Eugene Clayton, accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Jenkins; solo, "Bury Me Near the Old Home", Ray Andrus.

The invocation was by President Grant Andrus and the benediction was by James M. Hill. The speakers were Marion Cox, Dr. Thomas D. Rees and Bishop Jenkins.

The national guard participated in the graveside service with the firing squad under direction of Lt. Orville C. Flitton. It was composed of Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Little, Staff Sgt. Vernal B. Hansen, Cpl. Cecil L. Fawcett and Sgt. Andrus L. Smith, Pvt. William G. Christensen. The bugler was the life scout, John Groberg, who sounded taps.

The flag was presented to the mother by the military escort, First Lt. W. L. Scott, who accompanied the body here.

March....: Just a note to say we are all fine and happy and busy...Our family furnished the program for the Second Ward Sunday Sacrament Service.

We get too much publicity but just what to do about it, I don't know.

(J to folks)

March 24: The mutual goers are beginning to trickle in -- all the rest are to sleep except the baby who napped late. I feel rather weary after giving my lesson in Relief Society. I am glad to check it off once more.

We are having the BYU Band here in April so I am checking the committees to see that everything is going forward for the concert and for the reception which is to follow. We are to house them too which is quite an item as there are between 75 and 80 members - but we have some fine help with divided responsibilities

Next Sunday we are having a set of chimes dedicated in our ward - a gift as a sort of memorial to her Mormon husband by a non-member but a friendly and interested lady. I have been asked to give some music on them and will try - The program will be short (music part) as Pres. McKay will be here and will be the speaker...

Tell William Anderson (Rachel's youngest son) that Ted Tuttle from Manti was our speaker in Church. The mumps aren't at all sick.

(J to folks)

*Jennie was President
B. Y. U. Alumni this
area*

April.....:

Concert Tonight

"To anyone interested in symphonic band music, they can hear nothing finer than the Brigham Young university concert band conducted by Dr. John H. Halliday." W. W. Brady, head of the Rigby high school music department, said Tuesday.

The concert band will appear in concert tonight for music lovers of Idaho Falls and the surrounding communities at the Otis E. Bell junior high school auditorium. Five soloists and the 70 piece band will appear in the event, which will begin at 8 p. m.

Dr. Halliday has issued an invitation to advanced students of various bands throughout the valley to join in the final number, "El Capitan," a march by Sousa. High schools indicating that they will send players in answer to the invitation are Idaho Falls, Rigby, Shelley, Firth, Ucon and Ammon.

Alumni Reception

The BYU alumni has planned a reception at the Third LDS ward Church for all former BYU students after the concert.

G. W. Charlesworth, well known Idaho Falls musician, said in commenting on the band from Provo, Utah:

"I advise any lover of first class band music to attend. I had the pleasure of hearing this organization two years ago—their ensemble work was extremely gratifying. Some of the most intricate numbers were played with ease and finish."

Another local musician, Marcell Bird, says of the musical group:

"The band can be classed in the upper bracket of the better bands in the entire United States. I heard this band earlier in the year, and its symphonic qualities are very distinct with a style that is usually found only in symphony orchestras, yet has that band appeal."

The program will be chosen from a repertoire of 19 numbers.

April 29: I am looking at a newspaper clipping - John is an Eagle Scout. Aunt Elaine had proudly told me of her nephew's distinct accomplishment. Now I see his sweet smile on the printed page. It seems but a little while ago since you lived on Sixth Street and Aunt Elaine and I were with you and Johnny had just come. So we are happy with you and looking forward for other goals for him and yourself.

Now I see Mary Jane's name listed with the honored declamation students "To Happiness." My, we must sometime have a copy of such a well-chosen essay subject.

I just discovered the picture of John alone as the youngest Eagle Scout in the Teton Peaks Council. I will put it in my Treasure Chest.

Then that distinguished lady - Mrs. Groberg - a member of the Idaho Falls P.T.A. Council - I'm sure Aunt Rachel would be glad about that. And Daddy ever an Idaho Falls booster.

When John is 35 years old there will be 40,000 in the Falls and in all probability he will be there with saloons, gambling houses, etc. all cleaned up. I never visioned two of my grand-daughters furnishing the music at the tea given in interest of nursing....

The clipping from the news "Provo" - including our family names as donors to its development, is reassuring and inspiring for the future. It's good history and beautifully written I think....In the clipping was a contest musical judging wherein Mary was "superior" as we naturally look for her to be.

So, for the whole parcel of "goodies" - spiritual ones - we thank you with a prayer that you worry not about being too much in the limelight, -that's where you belong. May the Lord bless and keep you humble and ready to serve, is our desire..
(Mother to us)

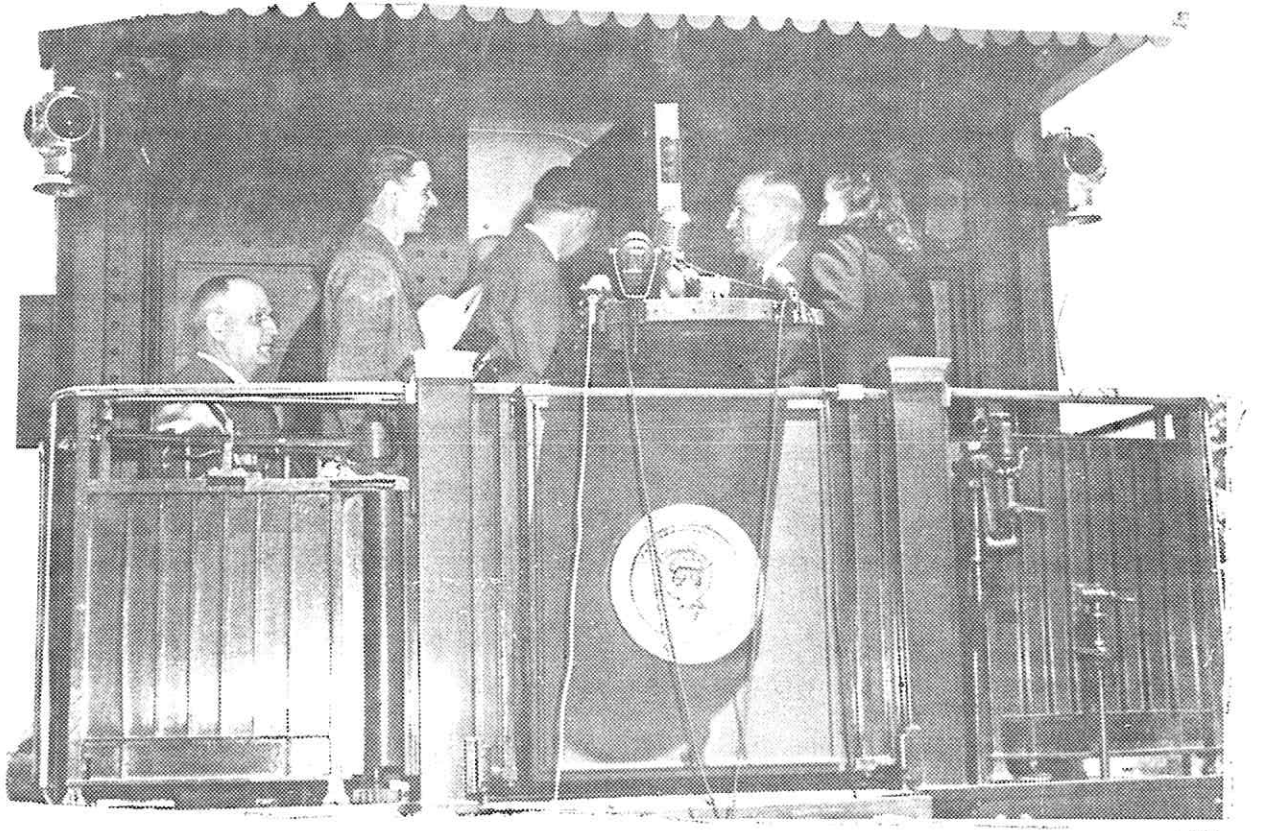
June 2: Just a line of appreciation for the unusual time spent with you recently. Reflecting upon what you are doing and have done and what you are is a "marvelous work and a wonder." After all, it's the easiest way isn't it for you just couldn't go along the way some people do, trying to escape service. You grasp opportunities and find help comes to you on right and left.

My heart has a prayer that you will continue to get light sufficient to see the way ever onward and upward. You have reappings not yet enjoyed, to continue to your journey's end - Our love from all -- (Mother to us)

June...: All the children are to bed and Mary is going up now. We will mail the letter she has just finished writing to a young man, also the one to Jane. The girls seem so happy about really helping around home but, of course, they have other plans for much of the summer....We are trying to do some sewing to save a little for the big trip. The girls are learning how to sew. I am surely enjoying these big girls. I hardly dare face the thot that after next summer our oldest

will be away to school.....The big boys are helping a man landscape some property but they will be through about Tuesday and then we will try to finish our house-cleaning....The lilacs are beginning to bloom and we are really having summer - one proof: Elizabeth takes off her shoes and loses them outside - just like all the others have done at her age. We do enjoy her so much and are so grateful for her which is true of all the children..... (J to folks)

June 8: Dalbert was president of the Idaho Real Estate Association and ^{will} is next to shake hands with President Harry S. Truman - whose private train stopped here - He is to be followed by Chet Taylor, a County Commissioner.



David was assigned to pass the sacrament this evening but had also received permission to go for a car ride with friends - with the promise he would be back in time to be on time for Church, at 6 p.m. At 5:30 mother was concerned; at 5:45 she was ready to burst-still no David-then after an urgent prayer-appeal-she saw the car stop in front-David ran in at 10 min. to 6-but mother had a quick snack for him to renourish himself as she smilingly told him she'd drive him the block and a half to Church-and she handed him a towel with corner wet and a comb-he combed his hair-wiped off his hands and face- swallowed ^{his} snack and as they rushed in together at 2 min. to 6 she laughed and said: "We made it - whoopie - great!" - (she was ^{indeed} grateful for the prompting she received and followed after that prayer!) ^{grateful} (J. Jrnl)

June.....:It has rained a bit and so we have stayed indoors and have had such fun together --We did walk to Kate Curly Park. Last Sunday we visited the Temple grounds. Next Sunday we are going over to see Marianne Brunt's doll collection if it is a convenient time for Nathala.....

If I could just be in two places at once I would love to go to California with Daddy but I would have to take Mr. Lew with me and hardly know what to think of that.....

Enclosed is a poem I rattled off this p.m. and am sending to Elaine for the Wilkins Family reunion.....

MEET THE GROBERGS

There was an old couple
Who lived in a shoe.
They had lots of children
But they knew what to do

They raised them on whole wheat
And hard work and play
And so kept them healthy
And busy and gay.

The eldest is Mary Jane,
Seventeen, blonde and sweet;
Julia Gay is fifteen
Curly-headed, nice to meet

John heads the next group
Of five handsome boys;
Dave, Dick, Dee and Joe,
Each bringing special joys.

Then comes Elizabeth,
Blue-eyed, plump and three;
Lewis is our number nine,
Past one, lovable and wee.

Delbert Groberg is daddy
Of this big little family;
Jennie Holbrook's their mama,
Both proud as can be.

In the city of Idaho Falls
Is the "shoe" they call home;
It's a big house on 12th street
With lots of room to roam.

In front is the music room
From where you may get
Strains from flute, violin,
Piano, horn, clarinet.

And if you can take it
Call on Saturday-home night-
They'll dance for you - sing, play,
Or maybe recite.

Sometimes they squeal;
Sometimes they fight;
Sometimes they're so noisy
It's simply a fright.

But at night when day's o'er
And they're all tucked in bed
Teeth brushed, cheeks kissed
And prayers have been said

We look at each one
And know it is true -
We're the happiest old couple
Who e'er lived in a shoe!

June 20: On this particular day I have that about you very much and with very much gratitude and appreciation for being my father and for being such a wise and conscientious one. It takes maturity for one to realize exactly how much our parents have meant to us and given us and we do believe sincerely that ours have been the best - at least for us. In fact, when I consider how you and mother have given us the really important things and the appreciation and understanding of the truest values in life - I wonder if any other parents could be quite as good as ours.

We had each of the children write a letter to their Daddy and the family each donated and gave Daddy a fountain pen with his name engraved on it - he seemed very happy.

We are waiting for the girls who should be here soon now; we assume they are coming with the folks who brot them down. Thanks for being so good to them. We are all well.

The baby is fine again and awfully cute in his glasses which he won't have to wear very long - we hope..... *Love from (J to Father)*
glasses at 16 mos. old.

June-Father's Day: Dear Daddy: I'm glad you go to Church. I'm glad I can too. I'm glad you are my Daddy and I love you.

BETH

Dear Daddy: Thank you for taking us down to Salt Lake. When I grow up I want to be a good man and a mayor. Thanks for all the things you've done for me. I'm glad I'm your boy. Love from

JOE

Dear Dadie, I'm glad you take us on
- many
trips, and I'm glad you named
me
Robert. I'm glad you sent
me
the key
to our close and things.

Robert

Fathers Day

Dear Daddy,

Today's the day we celebrate Fathers Day,
When I grow up, I want to be like you are.
Fathers we are kind to you but I will
try to have the whole year fathers Day
Many happy fathers Day.

Love
Richard ~~Leberg~~ Leberg

Dear Daddy You have
been small to me throw the last 12
years. I know no boy ever had
a better father.
Your loving

David Leberg

Dear Father:

On Fathers Day

I am very fortunate in having a Father like you and would like to tell ^{you} how much I appreciate all you have done for me, and how much you have helped me in Scouting because I know I wouldn't be as far as I am now in Scouting if I had not had the help I have had from you.

Yours truly
How and Forever
John

July 18: I believe a very important date just passed - your birthday...We do hope it was a happy day for you and that many other such occasions will be happy for you.

Our family left Wednesday p.m. They called today to report all was well. They were at Rochester, Minn. where they would spend Sunday. Delbert very much wants the address of John Hinckley (Uncle Ed's son). He knew John's wife (Elizabeth Schofield) and John very well and they are in the east now. Please try to get it and send it direct to Delbert in the enclosed envelope. Also send me the address and I will send it on to an address where he will be later - in case he doesn't receive the first one.

We are all doing fine here. It seems a bit quiet but we are getting a lot done. Dick is a fine helper and the others are really on their best behavior.....

(J to Father)

July 24:

The Post-Register

Groberg Tells Of LDS Faith

"The examples set by the pioneers are of great value to all of us today. If we possess their industry, their character and integrity, their thrift and their faith and devotion, we will be honoring them as they deserve, and it will bring happiness and success to our lives," declared Delbert V. Groberg, local realtor, when he addressed the Pioneer day program Thursday morning at the LDS tabernacle.

Two other special tributes to the pioneers were paid in St. Anthony and Rigby when John L. Clarke, president of Ricks college, addressed Rigby residents and Ezra Benson, Salt Lake City, council of twelve, recalled pioneer days at St. Anthony Thursday in honor of the annual celebration.

His theme, "The Pioneers Showed Their Faith by Their Work" was brought out again by these words: "They pioneered for a purpose. It was to prove again as the pilgrims of two hundred years before had proved, that life was unbearable even in modern communities without freedom of worship and freedom of thought; and that



Delbert Groberg

though beset with all the hazards of nature and hardships of travel, life was sweet and worth while - with liberty, opportunity and freedom of worship.

The Prophecies Fulfilled

"Their faith," he said, "in the prophets and in the fulfillment of the prophecies was the star of hope that beckoned the pioneers on their westward wilderness trek."

Mr. Groberg quoted three pioneer trappers and their testimonies of the country prior to the trek across the plains.

Washington Irving reflecting Capt. B. L. E. Bonneville's experience, said: "It is a land where no man permanently resides; a vast uninhabited solitude with precipitous cliffs and yawning ravines, looking like the ruins of a world;

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Tourist Travel Increase Seen

(Special to The Post-Register)

ST. ANTHONY, Feb. 9. - Members of the St. Anthony chamber of commerce were advised Friday night to be fully prepared to take advantage of the expected increase in tourist travel.

Speaking at the St. Anthony chamber's annual banquet meeting, Delbert Groberg, Idaho Falls realtor, said that "tourist travel is going to be 10 times as great which means 10 times as much business.

Plan, Work Together

"The only way you can get the full advantage of this is by planning and working together now," he said.

Importance Cited

"A great many merchants and other business men feel they are interested in tourist business and they don't realize two important things. First, the tourist buys all year long in preparation for that vacation trip, and second, they don't recognize a tourist when he comes in his place of business.

"Southern California claims one out of every 10 tourists to their area eventually returns there to live and everyone in business there realizes the tourist is important since he not only buys when there but one out of every 10 returns to live and become permanent purchasers."

Mr. Groberg pointed out that St. Anthony could attract the tourist since it "is a wonderful place to live, is a highly desirable place to have a business and is a place for some substantial growth."

He pointed out that factors that made this so were the Snake river, the fertility of the land, the railroad and the highway.

"In fact St. Anthony has got everything that any other town

June 20: 1948 - Dear Grandpa -

We wish you could have been with us yesterday. We might have repeated a trip we made 14 years ago. You recall the trip down into Jackson Lake when John was a baby - Mr. Larch and I took the four older boys over to Jackson Hole. We took care of some business - got to see Fay - a few minutes before he left for Moron to fish - and then came home thru the Snake River Canyon. And we didn't even get to throw in our lines - it rained us out.

We all join in sending very best love on Father's Day.....

It will be interesting to listen to the Republican Convention. Hope they choose a good man, because I think he will be elected. Rachel would be very thrilled at the prospects and very serious at the responsibility.

I can see the great amount of detail the president gets involved in. It takes a great man to get any of the important things done. If we could just get someone like Lincoln or Washington, with a great devotion to America and great capacity for withstanding pressure - he could surely render a service in time of need.

In many respects Dewey comes the nearest to my ideal along this line. I have a feeling he will not be nominated. I also have a feeling Truman will have more opposition than he thinks in getting the Democratic nod.

If we had the time and the calling, it would be educational to take part in one of these national conventions.

If we take our trip we will not take in either convention.

Best love,
(D to father)

Local Youngsters See Nation in 29 Day Trip

1948

The bright lights of New York—the gowns worn by the Presidents' wives—the helpfulness of the Jersey cops—the game between the Boston Braves and the St. Louis Cards—these are just a few of the vivid impressions retained by the Groberg youngsters as they looked back on their 29 day vacation trip with their father, D. V. Groberg.

■ Making the trip were Mary, Julie, John and David Groberg and their cousin, Boyd Groberg of Salt Lake City. History at first hand was gleaned as the travelers covered 75 hundred miles in 29 states, Canada and the District of Columbia.

Taking a northerly route, the Grobergs stopped first at Jenny's lake then proceeded to the Black Hills of South Dakota, where they marvelled at the sculptured faces of Mt. Rushmore. Before arriving in Chicago they stopped at typical farms in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

During their two day stop in Chicago they visited the art gallery, museum, planetarium, railroad fair and an exhibit of modern science and industry at the Chicago university.

The Ford factory was of interest in Michigan. At Buffalo, the party crossed the border to see Niagara falls from the Canadian side. Not-

ed spots of LDS church history were visited in Palmyra, New York.

"Next to seeing Ben Allen, I liked the way the wind blew on my face while riding on the Staten Island ferry to see the Statue of Liberty," said 12 year old John, the youngest of the foursome.

Fifteen year old Julia was impressed with "the gowns worn by the Presidents' wives as displayed on their statues in the Smithsonian Institute — and the friendliness of the people."

John, 14, was thrilled with the major league game between the Boston Braves and the St. Louis Cards but he also "liked the bright lights of New York and the Chicago planetarium."

"The Mississippi river — the Capitol in Washington, D. C., the New England forests and the helpfulness of the Jersey cops "were what most impressed Mary Jane, the older daughter.

They toured all the New England states, seeing the birthplace of Joseph Smith near South Royalton, Vt., and historic spots in Boston, Cambridge, Lexington and Concord.

They saw Plymouth Rock, swam in the Atlantic ocean and took in the sights of New York City. In

Washington, D. C. they arrived in time to see both houses of congress in session as well as the Lincoln Memorial and the white house.

They visited many friends and former residents enroute, going as far south as Charleston, W. Va. As they turned homeward from their memorable trip, they came via the Mormon trail to Salt Lake, and thence to Idaho Falls once more.

November 26: - 1948

Elizabeth will be four in one month - and what a constant delight she is!

Today she said to Mary Jane, after watching her carefully put on her hose:
"Oooh - Mary - - You have a leak in your sock!"

(J. Jrnl)

November 26: -

Lewis (21 months old) - turned on the water in the upstairs bathroom basin and left a washrag in the drain so it flooded over and leaked thru the kitchen ceiling below.

Julia (in charge) frantically began sopping and mopping. When mama and daddy returned from a quick trip up town, Julia had it pretty well taken care of except for plaster which had fallen from the ceiling.

She explained that Joe and Beth had both eagerly worked along with her and really helped and Joe spoke up quickly -

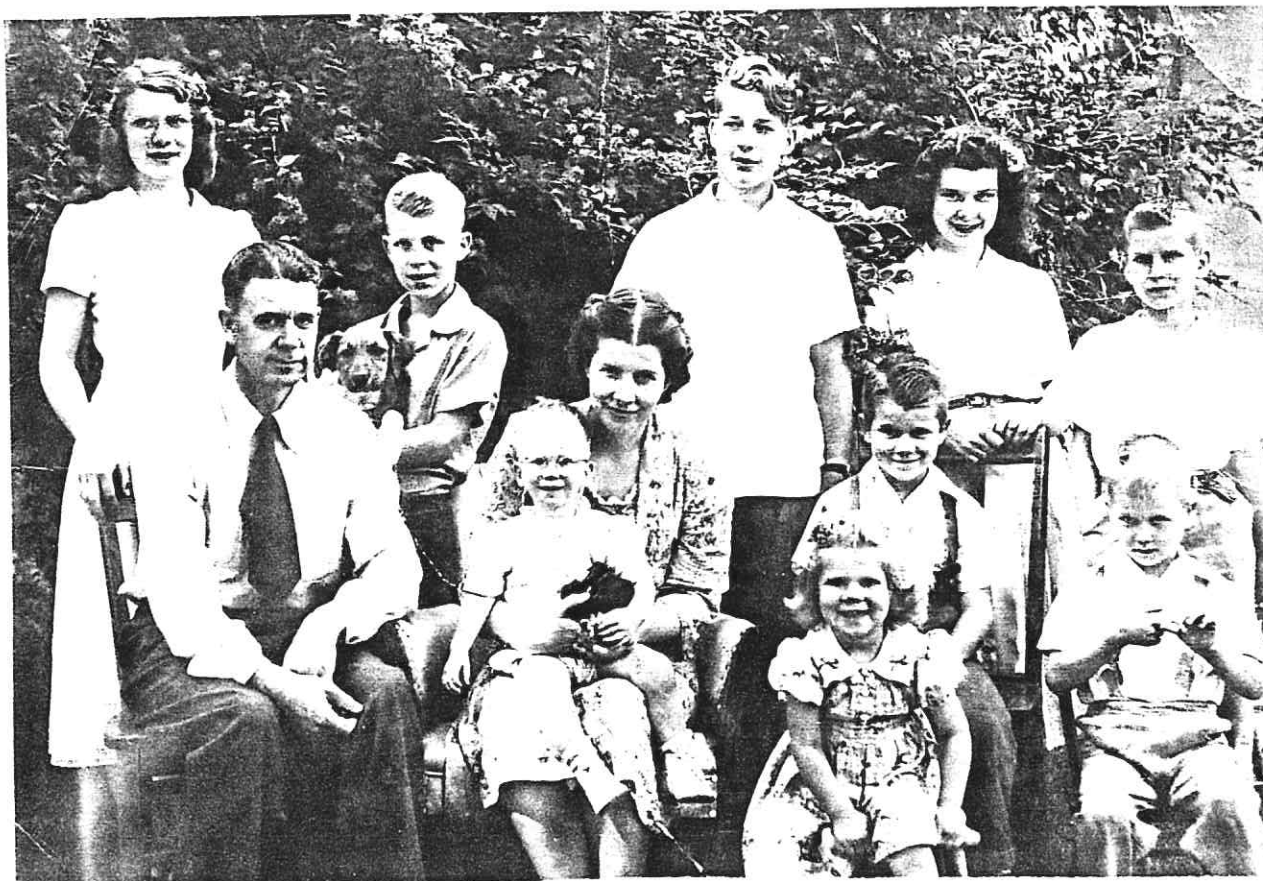
"Dee would have helped too but he was afraid he might fall down on the slippery and break his teeth."

(Dee, that very afternoon, had come from his first trip to the dentist where he had been cautioned to care for his teeth and not bump his new fillings, etc.)

(J. Jrnl)



Jennie H. holding Lewis H. - in front of D.V. Groberg Co. office, Shoup and C. St. (C. St. is now "Constitution Way" because of D.V. G.'s - effective work as Bicentennial chairman here - 1989)



Back row - l to r - Mary Jane, David H., John H., Julia, Richard H.

Front row: Delbert V., Jennie H. holding Lewis H., Delbert H., back of
Elizabeth, and Joseph H.



Spread Fame of Potatoes Throughout Nation

Delbert V. Groberg, left, president of Idaho State Real Estate Assn., holds map of United States showing points reached by gift packages of Russets such as those being held by Mrs. Leah Nichols, right, secretary. Map in background shows state's potato producing area.

Idaho Realtor Unit Sends Spuds as Gift

IDAHO FALLS, Ida., Dec. 10— Good eating and good will from Idaho will be enjoyed in a number of states this Yuletide from action taken Friday by the Idaho State Real Estate Assn.

Especially prepared gift packages of potatoes were expressed to a list of individuals in scattered states, Delbert V. George, Idaho Falls, association president, reported.

Recipients will be: Ralph Wright and F. Orin Woodbury, Salt Lake City; Lawrence Gridley, Coeur d'Alene, Ida.; Hobart C. Brady, Wichita, Kan.; C. Arnel Nutter, Camden, N. J.; C. A. Breshnahan, Denver, Colo.; Joseph Cannelos, Vancouver, Wash.; Herbert U. Nelson and Morgan L. iFtch, Chicago, Ill.; Philip W. Kniskern and Roland R. Randall, Philadelphia, Pa.; Cyrus Crane Willmore, St. Louis, Mo.

John W. Galbreath, Columbus, O.; Tom Coppage, Seattle, Wash.; A. I. Madden, Des Moines, Ia.; T. H. Maenner, Omaha, Neb.; Leland P. Reeder, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Henry G. Waltemade, New York City; Charles B. Shattuck, Los Angeles, Cal.; John J. Wagner, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Frank L. Huffman, Modesto, Cal., and John K. Snyder, Washington, D. C.

A letter to each of the persons reads: "Under separate package, the Idaho Real Estate Assn. takes great pleasure in shipping you a token of our good will in the form of a supply of our famous Idaho russet potatoes, a product of our sunshine and soil packed especially for the feasting pleasure of you and your family."

Mr. Groberg mentioned that potatoes are only one of Idaho's top resources. Timber, mining, fruits, vegetables and other crops are a major part of the state's economy. He added that Bernard Eastman, Payette, sends out gift cartons of selected apples produced in that section.

A. W. Brunt, Idaho Falls, is secretary of the Idaho Real Estate Assn. D. W. Stowell, Rexburg; F. Joseph Kennan, Boise, and Carl Tift, Sandpoint, are vice presidents.



Delbert when President of State of Idaho
Realtors Association

(about two years, beginning in 1948)

December 28: To Julia
and Elizabeth: Yes, it's
your birthdays - Bless your
hearts - one just a little
flower bud and one almost
in full bloom - both beau-
tiful - one care-free,
spreading sunshine with
her ready smile - One -
thoughtful, ambitious to
conquer ills from within
and improve undesirable
conditions from without
her lovely self.

We all love these girls
and want them to have
health and a life with
more joy than sorrow in
the sum of it.

Lots of love and thanks
for being so nice.

(Their Grandma Alsina B.
Holbrook - sent from
San Gabriel, Califor-
nia)

Wednesday morning December 29, 1948

Dear Grandma,

*Thank you for the pen that I
got for Christmas. I am very
glad that my pen has my name
on it, so I won't lose it.*

*Yours truly,
Richard Holberg*

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January 2:

Dear Seminary Teachers: (in Idaho Falls)

I noticed on the report cards a suggestion that ideas from parents would be welcome. With this encouragement, I am writing this letter. First, may I say that we sincerely appreciate your efforts to aid our young people in gaining a knowledge and testimony of the restored Church and Gospel of Jesus Christ. Just as sincerely do I add that the thots expressed in this letter are given with the hope that they will be helpful and not discouraging to you.

There have been several occasions when my Seminary children have come home rather puzzled, even, I am afraid, confused and a bit skeptical. I am sure that your aim and desire is always that every student leave every class with stronger faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His teachings but a close check-up might disclose that occasionally some of them go away with a very definite doubt and wonder, even about what seems to me fundamental teachings. May I clarify by giving specific incidents:

A few weeks after one of our children had requested and been given a Patriarchal Blessing in which he had unquestioned faith, he came home and said, "I am not so sure a Patriarchal Blessing is so much; we talked about them in Seminary today and Mama, we can't just think that everything in them has to come true if we live for them - sometimes we might have serious accidents or even get killed - then they couldn't come true - if everything just goes along naturally they could come true but they don't have to" - Now maybe he was a bit confused about the discussion in class but I wonder if he was confused if maybe some of the others were also bothered. I believe I am a representative mother and my children are typical of your group. It seems important to me that they leave the discussion believing in, not doubting, their Patriarchal Blessings.

On another occasion, one of the girls came home very convinced that it was always foolish to say that a person was "called" from this life - that that idea was just given to console those bereaved (as if it would console if given for that reason only) - her idea from Seminary was that the Lord had plenty of folks on the other side, missionaries, etc., and didn't arrange for any of us. This happened shortly after a very dear Aunt had died after a sudden and unexplained illness. Well, I am not sure that immature minds can quite see the whole picture but even as a mature thinker I do believe that there are times when people are "called" from this life. So do some of our apostles: Did you happen to hear Elder Spencer W. Kimball about three years ago tell of the young man who had been called on a mission (spoken to or interviewed but not as yet received his direct call) and was accidentally killed - and the heartbroken father was assured by the Apostle that his son was called on his mission - to the next world - also that his Patriarchal blessing promising him he would go on a mission, was being fulfilled. Let's think about it anyways.

Maybe it is old-fashioned but I, as a mother, believe it is right that our young people should always be encouraged to have "dates" with other members

of the Church, also that these young people be encouraged to the limit to avoid "petting". We have come to an agreement at present with our teen-agers that we have as good friends these fine young people of other churches but that we do not date them - also that we save all our "affection" for the "one and only"-- later. Now my daughter comes home and explains that we were carrying things too far. She says that Seminary, which we have always held up as a reliable judge and counselor, and in full harmony with our General Authorities - gives her permission to go with outsiders - as long as it isn't steady - or as long as you do not learn to really care for them - that is, if you think you are falling for him or her, then stop going with them. There are many examples about us of our own young people with such ideas, finding that it was too difficult to stop going together after they learned to care so to simplify things they just married each other. Then the other thot - she said it was the opinion of the class and confirmed by the teacher that after the third date a "kiss of respect" was in order - in fact, it was proper etiquette. Of course there is so much humor in these two ideas of "going together until you find you care for each other" and the "kiss of respect" that there is quite a temptation to make light of them - And yet, I found it very necessary to get out some of our L.D.S. General Conference reports and the Era articles to show that our Church authorities, whose opinion and counsel we all accept, very clearly tell us what the highest standards are, and, as I interpret them, their teachings uphold my old-fashioned ideas.

One other incident - Last year the report was brot home that 80% of our high school students were immoral - at least that number had at some time been immoral. I felt so sure this report was misunderstood that I called the teacher and was shocked to hear him say that the figure was correct - it was 80%. I made the suggestion that if young people believed that, then under certain tempting conditions, it might easily make them say or think "oh well, everyone else does, why not?" At any rate, I asked the teacher to please tell me where he obtained his figure. He said from certain reports and especially from "Dr. Paul Popenoe" - considered a reliable authority in such matters - very well known and accepted.

Well, the "certain reports" i had no way of checking and it may be that at some time during the war, there were reports of certain places reaching this amazing percent - but, because I was very interested, I wrote Dr. Popenoe and told him what had been stated. I am enclosing his answer to me for I am sure you will be interested in it.***

I asked a Salt Lake Seminary teacher what he thot of the idea. He said he thot he knew where the information had come from but that he remembered no definite figures given except he thot it was very high - maybe even 30% or 40%.

The spiritual and moral training of our young people is so vitally important that we as parents feel that it must be done correctly, uncompromisingly and, above all, encouragingly and inspirationally.

In the main, I honestly feel that the Seminary is succeeding in doing their part but I feel that inasmuch as my children do come home and discuss things with me that I should pass these ideas on to you with the thot that they may help you and they may help other parents and students, some of whom may be unaware that the young people

could be getting wrong impressions. There are enough problems with our young people anyways - let's please be sure that our Seminary helps us solve them and never adds to them.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Jennie H. Groberg)

***I did not keep a copy of the letter from Dr. Popenoe but it expressed his great indignation that he had been so misquoted here - and said he had never given such information anywhere - it was incorrect.

John and David and Elizabeth all, in turn, became presidents of their Seminaries and did great jobs in these special callings.

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January 3: The white pages of the glad New Year have twice been written upon. It would be stirring to read one of those pages from your happy home...

On New Year's Eve we had a family gathering to bid the New Year welcome. Raymond's family was a surprise such as doesn't often come. They are gone now and the cold wind feels colder; but the sun is doing its best to warm up.....

Julia and Elizabeth, these blossoms are from Camelia tree that blooms at Christmas time. Put them in your hair. (Mother to us, from San Gabriel, Calif.)

January 14: Dear Richard: - Your letter was dated 1948 and now it's 1949. I am so glad you have your name on your pen. I have lost a number of them - one down to Fish Lake, one on the street between Aunt Ruth's and Aunt Mary's and I forget where I lost others. I fancy you won't lose yours; they will just wear out I think.....

It snowed here and is still plenty cold....This home is back in the lot and it has huge oak trees that stand any storm. I am sure you will be like them as you grow to be a man. Love to all and thank you for your personal letter.

(Mother to her grandson, our Richard)

January....: Dear Grandma - Thanks for the pretty yellow scarf; there are many ways to wear it. You must have known they were what Julia and I asked for.

Everyone received lots of gifts from Santa this year - maybe more than was needed. We didn't get up until after 7 that morning which is late for Christmas here.

On New Years Day all the boys but Lew went duck-hunting. John shot two ducks.

It's Fast Sunday and we had a fine testimony meeting with a large number of the capacity crowd bearing testimonies. The Grobergs were represented by David, John and Mary. David mentioned that on her birthday Bethie had said, "On my next birthday I'll be five; on the next one - six; on the next one - seven; and then I can be baptized!"

After dinner yesterday we had much fun talking about experiences of our big trip. It's surely fun to recall them. Julia and I laughed about the young man clerking in an Albany store who asked us "Say, are you girls from de country?" - I guess we had seemed dumb.

Our winter weather - outside our comfortable home - is quite severe with many people "snowed in." At the other extreme - we've had three big fires around here; You have probably heard of the big warehouse fire two weeks ago which caused Daddy much insurance worry but seems to be settled now. This morning a grain elevator burned down and the High School past Rigby was partially destroyed by fire.

A dance instructor from Salt Lake, in connection with the MIA, is going to give us a five-weeks course in ball-room dancing beginning next week. I will take it and Julia may, too.

I know that you'll be interested to know that I've been reading the Book of Mormon and like it very much. I am in Mosiah 6 and only wish to take out more time from my other doings to spend reading it.

All well and happy. Lewie just gave me a kiss goodnight - he recently learned how to.

We'd surely like to see you again soon. Your influence in our home is always such a good one...
(Mary Jane to her Grandma H.)

January....: Darling Elizabeth: - I love your name. My Grandma thought I gave my baby the prettiest name of all when I named her Elizabeth. Now she is going to have a little baby soon. Do you think she will name her Elizabeth? Well, it might be a boy....

I always am so thankful you are so rosy and happy. You scared me awful once when you were ill but the Heavenly Father made you well.....*** (Mother to Beth)

February....: Today we are so snowed in that school is dismissed. The kiddies are thrilled - a real holiday! The little ones are making valentines. The big ones are building much-needed shelves. The big girls are singing "Juanita" and "Indian Love Call" in parts as they finish up the dishes. Their singing is just beautiful and their harmonizing perfect.

Thanks for the lovely birthday remembrance for our darling baby. We will put both of them in his scrapbook - those are the kind of gifts that are enduring and really worth-while.

When I check off a talk I must give on the 18th about our school building needs - and my next R.S. lesson next Tuesday, then I will try to concentrate on some creative writing.

Julia has the lead in a very difficult and dramatic one-act play scheduled for next Thursday and she really needs some help on it this week. Mary played at the big Music Club annual White Breakfast so we had to do some good work on her numbers. Also, John and David are scheduled to play a duet Thursday at a Scout banquet which they haven't even played thru as yet.

I am going down to the office for a few minutes with Delbert to get a line-up on some appraisal papers which must be typed and sent off soon and which are very personal so I will type them for him as long as the girls are home anyways.....

***Once, when a baby, Beth was (J to folks)
rushed to hospital as Dr. thought
she might have "telescoped" bowell 364
but it was a false alarm.

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 24, 1949



Discuss I. F. Educational Publicity Drive

Discussing educational subjects to be undertaken by the Idaho Falls unit of the League of Women Voters are, from left, Eunice B. Meppen, Bonne-

ville county superintendent of public instruction; Jennie M. Groberg, vice president, Parent-Teacher council, and Mrs. K. D. Rose, president.

March 5: Dearest Jane - Rachel's Sister in very deed: Your lives have penetrated and touched the tenderest chords of love that bind us together as a family and in memory of her who wrote well and you have fulfilled her yearning. Father in Heaven, bless Jennie and Delbert and all their household. We are grateful unto Thee for the protection of little Elizabeth's life. She is so special and we love her and do thank you for your providential interference in her behalf. Help us all as we awake each morning to supplicate Thee in gratitude and for power to walk by faith that leads to works and as night falls, to bend our knees anew to Thee who livest and dost give us a hearing at any hour of humility and need...Goodnight - with peace we sleep (Jennie's Mother)

March 13: The close of a pleasant Sunday finds us thinking of loved ones away. We feel a security in knowing that on this, the Lord's day, those who have kept it as such are now preparing for bed rested and feeling better than in the past.

Everyone here is very well for which all are thankful. There was a miniature camelia parade Saturday Grandpa took the children to see it - 20,000 witnessed it. The Trail Builders of San Gabriel took first prize for their float of pioneer wagon and flowers. They had the 18 boys stand up in S.S. and their teacher...
(Mother to us - from San Gabriel, California)

March 16: We are all well and happy and back to school after a Sunday rest. We had Ward Conference and Daddy and Mary were in meetings all day until 10 and 11 last night....I am so glad I can stay home more where I belong and am so much needed and prefer to be - The children went to school Saturday and will go two more Saturdays to help make up for when stormy season kept schools closed...

For his birthday David got a new suit and two new shirts (mama made) and a set of unbreakable records - quality - and seemed happy - also a special birthday dinner.
(J to folks)

April 11: Sunday gone and Monday here. Trust you are ready for the "fray" of another week and that health be your portion to carry on and that means more than just physical health...It was surprising to hear Weston give a talk in Church last night - He is the author of "These Amazing Mormons"Surely we who are direct heirs to the blessings of the Kingdom have received much. And you are doing much.

I believe Mary and Julia have these lines by father (Pres. George H. Brimhall) but aren't they lovely?

THE SPIRIT OF EASTER

No matter though the sky be dark
On Easter Sunday morn,
The season call for nesting lark
or harvesting of corn

No matter though the Easter feast
Be in the tent or grove,
Or gilded Hall or shrine of East,
Its spirit must be love.

And gladness shall be hostess there,
And faith and hope shall sing,
Sweet gratitude a crown shall wear
And good will shall be king.

(Mother to us)

April 21: Am sure you are busy with many duties which largely are pleasures because of your, sometimes, own choosing, and also of others' choosing. Trust you are maintaining still a satisfactory degree of health to carry on in your usual exceptional way.....

The trees are foliaging and everything is so refreshing. If we can keep our faith still out in the sunshine our children and their children will continue stars in the world they came to enjoy in answering its challenges as preparatory to further progressing hereafter. You are safely established. Soon your missionary tours will begin swelling the now 5,000 army for peace - Our loving admiration...
(Mother to us)

April 25: A new week is here. This Monday morning I can see a beloved family up and each one attending to own personal preparation for school and a few moments of helpfulness to the ones not far enough along to dress for breakfast, but trying to tie their own shoes.

And who gets breakfast? Anyways, soon it is on and knees are bended for devotion, the most vital need of the day.

When you boys go on your missions you will not be troubled when called on to pray for it has become a habit and not just a "lip" prayer either. The habit of thought-prayer is yours which oft times is recognized as inspired prayer through humility.....
(Mother to us)

April 25: With graduation coming up and State Realtors Convention and the Myers insurance suit --all within the next two or three weeks - we may stay pretty close to home. We are really busy but in good health. Beth and Dick are getting over light measles and others may take them but they really aren't sick - just irritable. I am still taking shots and my hemoglobin is a bit stubborn about coming up to normal but I really feel and look wonderful.....

The girls go to Boise for the week-end in the music contest - it's a good experience for them but sometimes I wonder if maybe we aren't stressing music a little too much. Well, I surely don't want Mary to be limited in college to playing her flute - she loves to give talks and originate poems and other literary creations and does excellently there also.

Dee and David are both getting Star awards the next Court of Honor.

Mary gave an original dramatic poem with flute accompaniment in the annual Tiger Talent show at the high school. Julia is constantly in demand - too much - Even John is to play a french horn solo as well as lead the band in marching - tomorrow.....
(J to folks)

May 1: Mama's letter with its picture of home and public life of an illustrious family was a feast for appreciative parents and other relatives....

We didn't know what the Myers case was. The name Myers should be one standing for the right...My great grandfather was George Myers; his daughter, Rachel Ann, is the mother of George H. Brimhall. He headed a mission to the Indians of Las Vegas in the early days.

I believe the B.Y.U. is to begin next year to become the Alma Mater of your first star - May all avenues of culture open its arms to her..The school is for its students more than its students are for it. It was instituted for their growth in all phases of development.....

8:30 p.m. - after the M.I.A. Music Festival - it only lacked Mary's flute, Julia's violin, John's instrument, - to make it perfect. (Mother to us)

May 3: Dear Grand-daughters: For Mothers Day, to help make it fruitful for a mother such as yours, re-read "John and Mary" in the February Era 1949 - page 74.

Elizabeth is still to be schooled as you have been and you will be exemplars and are for her... (To Mary and Julia from their Grandma H.)

When Uncle Ray Brown was studying law in D.C. their little boy, Floyd, had a friend who told Floyd that a certain brand of prepared cereal was best and showed him the picture on the package. Floyd refused to eat any other kind so his mama finally had to yield to buying that brand even thoit (being pre-cooked) cost more and not nearly so nourishing...It took time and effort to get him back to believing Mama knew best. So we sometimes have to convert our children's friends or see that they have proper companionship leadership.

So many of our young people are marrying out of the Church - mostly those who go away to school or work. Unless the parental leadership has been very dynamic, the pull of those they meet out of the Church often is too much for them. One friend of mine had a daughter of Gleaner group - She found her companion in an Episcopalian when she went from home to school. Of course this family was not wholly converts as the father even now can't quite accept the humility of being baptized.

I think there are some parents who turn their children over to their own leadership too soon. Some even let them name themselves or be baptized when they want. They say "They must make their own decisions," - sort of throwing off their own responsibility.

I recall when we first went to B.Y.A. that my father said: "Now you girls keep company with boys of your own faith; just let the other boys alone." Now, we would not have thot of disregarding this; we didn't want to hurt him.

So our responsibility is to be courageous when we see a tendency for our children to be gradually led in the wrong direction and finally the path becomes so familiar it becomes easier to keep going unrepentingly until a crisis comes.

It is true opposition is necessary but we do not need to go out and seek it. There is plenty even when we are living to the best of our ability the plan laid down for

us to follow.

I think the way you have done and are doing is a perfect way to assume the responsibility of providing leadership for your children, - Set them the example of leadership in living the Gospel, the perfect plan of leadership and "followship" -
(Mother to Jennie)

May.....: In process of our annual going thru the house, I have filled a box with things you might be able to use...They are all washed, etc. Much of it you may want to just throw away; if so, please do it at once.....

The girls just returned from Boise last night - a 3-day music festival - I love to have them all home.

Delbert conducts the annual Real Estate Convention at Boise this coming Thursday-Friday-Saturday. I may go for a day or so --
(J to Elaine)

May.....: I do hope the special Mothers Day was a happy one for you. It is expected that all of yours will remember you and so like you to say, if there was no material evidence, that they would be thinking of you. Some of us aren't quite so deserving as mothers, as yet anyways, and perhaps get only the recognition we merit on Mothers Day.

I rather suddenly decided to go to Boise on the train Thursday p.m. where Delbert was making final plans for the big State Realtors Convention. As wife of the president my place was there for a couple of days but I had hesitated leaving home. We returned late Saturday night. The Convention was quite an educating experience and put over in a splendid way. Delbert really is to be highly commended but we are glad the job is behind him. This was my first trip to Idaho's capitol - Part of my heart is still in Utah but there are wonderful people here.

John's marching band (he is the drum major) - and also his french horn solo won highest ratings but he is modest and sweet about it. David is a member of the advanced band with his clarinet (John's)

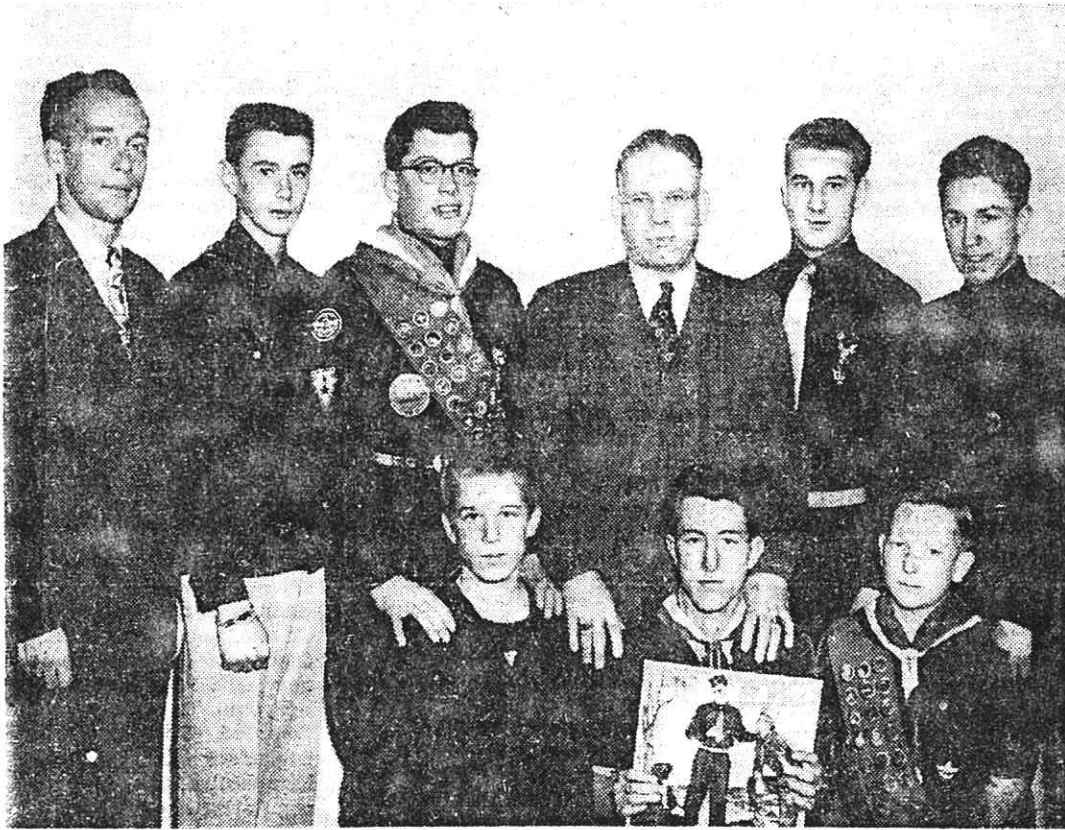
Mary just returned from a dance practice and Julia is to a school play. She is sending announcements of her graduation and is quite thrilled about it.

I have agreed to work on the Rel. Soc. Stake Board - Literature. Edna Kindred is our new Stake R.S. President.

At Baccalaureate tonight Mary will play on her flute "Hills of Home" - admittance by invitation only to all graduation affairs - we are so crowded in our schools and auditoriums.

Did we tell you our six oldest did baptisms at the Temple last week (with three friends) for 206 and that about 63 were names Aunt Mattie Groberg had sent us.

To think of all the children out of school all summer makes me long for ~~the~~ school again already; it is such a challenge to keep each one doing worth-while things.
(J to mother)



SCOUTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION

IDAHO FALLS—Receiving special high recognition Tuesday at the Parents and Sons banquet of the Third Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, were Explorers of the Third Ward post, who are seen with their adviser, left back row, Ralph Wood, and center, Bishop Arthur D. Thomson and far right, Vernon L. Strong, Teton Peaks Council executive. Scouts in rear are Ray Hart, Gary Fogg, who will receive Deseret recognitions: John Groberg and Jon Anderson. Ranger ranks: and front row kneeling, Dave Groberg, Larry Day and Larry Anderson, Deseret recognition.

May 23;....hoping the plans stirring for a gathering will not be blown away by any trifles....Tomorrow is Mary's High School graduation - My, life is full for you - for all the years to come!
(Mother to us)

Summer: The little ones are to bed and the big ones nearly ready. They have had a big day with paper route, lawn cutting, primary, housework, etc. etc.

The Woolleys left for Chicago last night to put Hoyt in the hospital for treatment.

We have an announcement from your cousin Stan Groberg, married in the Logan Temple-her name is Irene Grow. Tomorrow I will purchase and wrap and mail gifts to them, also to Kay and Maxine Steele, George and Tressa Steele, Chester Crowther's baby, graduation gifts for Lenore and Joanne Neeley - can you think of any others?....

We canned a few cherries at \$2 a lug and we are buying a few minor things for the home so the dollars are still slipping thru our fingers, but not badly...

Hurry and get your education - we are getting very lonesome for you here but think more than ever it was just the thing to do. (Jennie to D - away to Appraisal school)

June 1: Thank you for the beautiful letter and program from mother's graduation. They are keepsakes for me to cherish for many years until maybe someday, on her graduation, I can give my own daughter "Grandma's" graduation program, and read to her one of the letters my grandmother sent me.

And thank you, Grandpa, for the check. I cashed it first thing. Remember when I saved the \$1.00 check you gave me for my birthday once, until you wondered what had happened? Well, this one has bought me a big, white purse, and a pair of hose. I appreciate it and do use it often now.

I am excitedly preparing for college - the B.Y.U. There will be a big representation there next year of freshmen from Idaho Falls, but none will be more proud to go there than I.

On Memorial Day we took our two cars and one family for a trip to Hebgen Lake
(Mary to folks, her grandparents)

June 13: We are all eager to attend the reunion - we have such wonderful relatives. You have probably seen Mother as she drove down with the children Monday.

I will be in Salt Lake for June Conference. I hope you can see Julia and I dance in the festival. We are all happy about Fay's missionary call. All are managing fine at home -everyone has been helpful and thotful -
(Mary to her Grandma H.)

We think the suggested plans are good and would like to help in any way we can.

Bottom row:

Delbert with Joseph H.;
John H.; David H. with
his dog, Rusty;
Richard H.; Delbert H.;

Top row:

Jennie H. holding Lewis H.;
Julia Gay with Elizabeth;
Mary Jane

on porch of our home at
255-12th St., Idaho Falls,
Idaho - U.S.A.



June 17-1949-

Dearest Jane & family

We have really had a happy birthday ^{John's} but have missed you all and wished you could have been with us to enjoy the big birthday dinner - David gets the top honors for chef alarode - He prepared the meal for 11:45 and John could not get off until 12:45 - David kept everything hot and his patience cool - and we had a real banquet. I told David that it was a perfect meal - then I said - do you ever remember a better meal - David didn't hesitate a second and replied - "Sure, mama always gives us better meals" - so your stock is O.K. We gave John the sleeping bag - he thinks it is great - John has enjoyed the day very much - he says - We will see you Sunday - Best Love
Daddy -



They Know Buildings—How About Chemistry? .

When Idaho Real Estate Assn. convention delegates toured Idaho State college campus Friday afternoon, Delbert V. Groberg, left, Idaho Falls, a

district vice president, and F. Joseph Keenan, the association secretary from Boise, tried their skill with test tubes in pharmacy building laboratory.

July 13: Dearest Mary - I just finished a letter to Robert telling him somewhat in detail about our recent reunion. When I wrote 13th July - my heart sort of leaped for then I remembered who had today reached her beautiful 18th anniversary. What great things you have accomplished in your fleeting years! Such a forecast for the coming 18 milestones!

We congratulate you and your unexcelled parentage, not forgetting the brothers and sisters who decided it would be just perfect to come to the home you went to bless, for all these mentioned have contributed to your uplift in their own way even as you have been a great leaven for them as their older sister.

I am sure your home is one of remembrance of you today and smiles are everywhere-- You and Julie will live much the next few years but you have had wonderful preparation.....

Many thanks for the great power the Groberg were during our recent gathering. Love and prayers for continuation of the conquering of wrongs thru the living of rights by a jewel grand-daughter...(Mother to Mary)

Official of Appraisers To Discuss Real Estate

The owner-manager of an Idaho Falls realty company who has completed extensive training in appraising real estate will be guest speaker at the finance school here Tuesday.

He is Delbert V. Groberg, regional vice president of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. He will discuss the subject: "Real Estate and Mortgages."

Groberg will be introduced by F. M. Swenson, vice president of the Idaho Bank and Trust company. The Bannock county court house is the setting for the school at 8 p.m.

This will be the third session of the six-week school which is being co-sponsored by the bank and the status of women's committee of Pocatello branch, American Association of University Women.

The school is designed for both men and women, and married couples are encouraged to attend.

Groberg has had his own real estate company in Idaho Falls since 1929. His firm developed the Linden Park sub-division.

Active in Idaho Falls community affairs, Groberg has served as president of several organizations. They include the Real Estate board, Chamber of Commerce and Community Chest in Idaho Falls and the Idaho Real Estate association.

He has taken special appraisal



D. V. GROBERG

courses at the University of Illinois, University of Michigan, University of Washington and University of Utah.

Eastside P-TA Plans Study Group

Parent-Teacher partnership will be the subject for study at the meeting of the Eastside Parent-Teacher association Monday at 3:30 p. m. at the school.

The subject will be discussed by Miss Theresa Bunker, Miss Ramona Stevenson and Mrs. Delbert Groberg.

July.....:We hope if you go down to Provo you will see John. He sent a note in his letter thanking us for the shirts and socks....We may come down for him Friday and do some shopping for Mary and return Saturday, then our tripping for the summer should be over - except, maybe the girls can arrange a get-to-gether with the Andersons, either at Manti or Salt Lake. They are sort of working on it.

We enjoy John's letters and particularly his descriptions of some of the high-class concerts. Here's an excerpt: "I went to a concert last night featuring Simeon Bellison, the world's greatest clarinetist. It was too long and not very good pieces and to top it off they had to encore him about six times and he and a dumb old soprano singer would squeak it off for another half hour. It was hot and my woolen pants itched so I didn't enjoy it at all." Sounds as if he might need a course in music appreciation doesn't it? But actually his reports are that he is having a wonderful time.....Delbert says to tell Grandpa the first sow had eleven pigs....

(J to folks)

July.....: We really had a thrilling time at the temple. If only you and father had been there - especially father as it was his own people we did the sealings for. I suppose the girls have told you about it.....Caroline Eyring Miner and family will be here tomorrow - on their way to the park.

John and David have been saving money since long before the reunion for a trip to California and we may let them go down for a week, soon. John has to be back before August 1.....

Julie is with the Idaho Falls Junior girls at Brighton this week. She will return Thursday.

The date for the new arrival is January 17, 1950 - but most of ours have been at least one week over the expected date. We will have some help when school starts..but all this seems so remote and our daily duties keep us so occupied we think the future will take care of itself.

Tonight we had the second of three returned-missionaries reports - really great!
(J. to mother)

July 20:So happy about the Holbrook sealings being done by direct descendants and partners. We'll always have a temple session as part of our reunions. I have sent to the Idaho Falls Temple enough endowment cards for all the family.. They are Myers or Mayer names - your great-grandma Brimhall's people....

Nothing more glorious than the coming 17th January. If we can help you, it would be, as of old, a joy!
(Mother tous)



Joseph, Elizabeth, John and Dick

in our back yard at 12th St. home

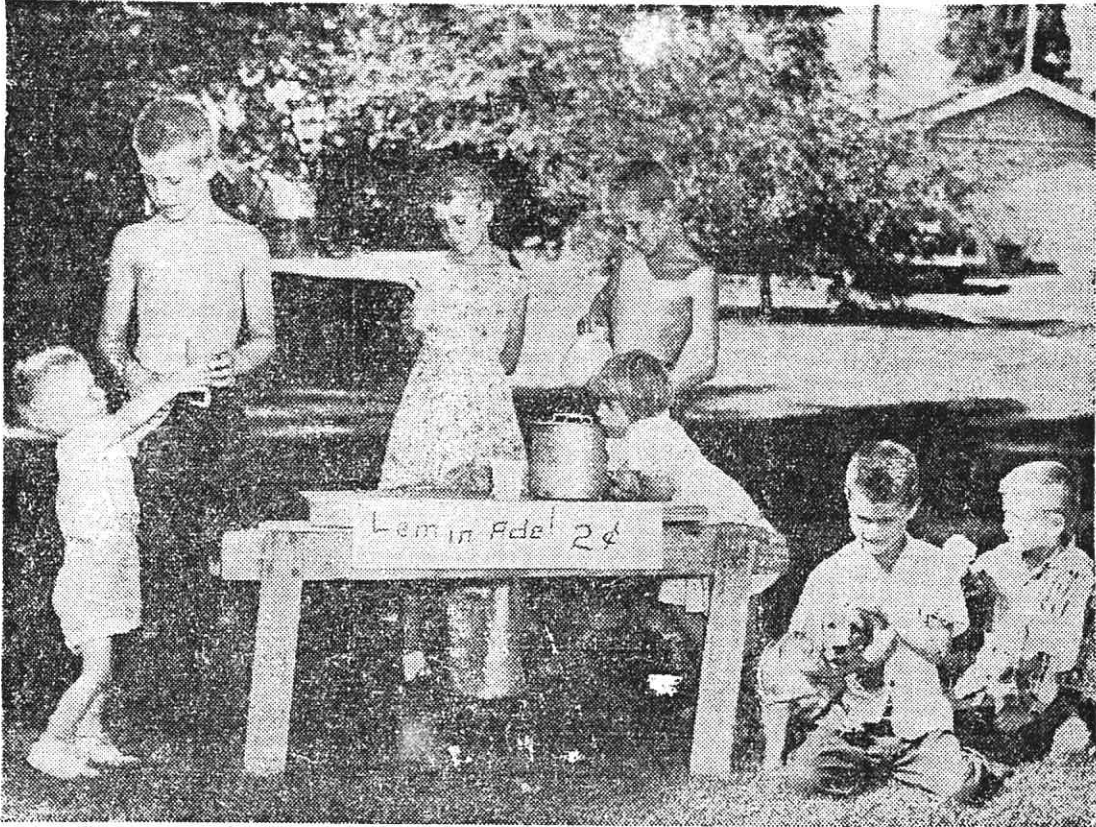
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Capitalize on City Heat Wave



THE CURRENT Idaho Falls heat waves are being put to work by these enterprising youngsters—typical of the rash of neighborhood lemonade stands mushrooming over the city on the heels of the high mercury roosting. The young lemonade merchants left to right are Lewis Groberg, David Groberg, Susan Neeley, and Richard, Beth, Dee and Joseph Groberg. (Post-Register staff photo).

August 30: We are so glad you are keeping us informed about Aunt Jennie. Our Temple will not be opened until about September 20 but we certainly do remember her in our prayers and hope all will be well and that she won't have to endure much pain or suffering. It is really quite upsetting to know she is ill because she is very dear to all of us.

The children start registering for school tomorrow but it won't begin until next Tuesday. We parents are glad it is school time again. We hope you will keep us posted daily. (J to Mother)

October 16: This wonderful October day makes one feel they can do anything the will says to, in harmony with Truth and Beauty. I am writing to a beautiful family - who do beautiful things and who enjoy the beauty in other people..

Vera writes that little Launa Gale fairly runs and is quite a cause for a "second glance" by passers-by....

How is the new city plot coming John? Of course your school is first for a few years yet, I reckon. Little Elizabeth always radiates so much natural cheer and Lewis really knows what he wants but only honestly objects to any interference

with his baby plans. Is Joe still the best pupil in his grade by letters shown on his report card? A few years and Dee will help Daddy plan landscaping for his city plots. Richard - a ball fan - goody! - that's good, really, for him. Right now I believe David is about the best pal for John as he climbs mentally and spiritually to adventures into the unknown. Julia has a vital place and Mama's pal and most efficient substitute in her absence - Anyone forgotten? Well, love to you all from grateful grandparents... (Mother to us)

October 23: Grandma's little note was so typical of her, thinking of me instead of herself - when her feet were the ones that would get wet; you will have the toe boots now. Thank you for letting me take them that cold night; it was very kind of you.

And dear Grandpa, I still have your shirt - if you are certain you won't need it I'll wear it for the next appearance, the homecoming game November 4....

This afternoon I went over to Aunt Fern's (Brimhall) and visited with her for at least half an hour. Then I rode with Aunt Jennie and Uncle Will...and Aunt Fern to a golden wedding. Aunt Fern showed me a book of photos of her children and their families..It was so pleasant and I will call on her again...Aunt Jennie had me play at her club Thursday and on Saturday went to a social so she seems in top recovery.

I attended Church today in the Joseph Smith Building, the Campus Branch of the East Provo Stake - the discussion was wonderful, the class members having so much knowledge and understanding of the Gospel....In telling about their testimonies, students from many parts of the world spoke. A young man from Mexico told of the joy of coming to this school and of recently meeting his parents in Mesa where his family was sealed. Another youth from Sweden told of becoming interested in the missionaries in his town because he was interested in the English language and then of being taught the gospel

and being spoken against by his associates who didn't understand Mormonism. A girl from Hawaii expressed her gratitude to her parents for teaching her the Gospel. Last was a young man, Edgar Torres from Argentina who told of being shunned by his townspeople because he accepted the Gospel. A representative of the L.D.S. girls also spoke....love and faith must be used - sharing our hearts - good feelings, not being ashamed of the Gospel but in humility living it that others might see it - predominated thruout the meeting. Also gratitude to parents was generally expressed.

President McDonald also spoke - he told of the love of Pres. George Albert Smith ..his acceptance of his new position was from the first with the guidance and approval of the General Authorities. He (as did the others) urged each of us to gain a testimony of the Gospel by study and also by the Holy Ghost.

This meeting was hardly better than other ones we have had so far. The atmosphere at the Y is beautiful and wonderful. It brings much happiness to great numbers of students....I'll go home for Thanksgiving and probably to Manti next week-end....
(Mary Jane to Gr. & Gr. Holbrook)

October 30: Elder Fay Holbrook is so anxious to get the French language (in France) so he can really get to work.... (on his mission in France)
Today in S.S. I thot how terrible it would be for any part of a family to be assigned to the Terrestrial Kingdom on another planet where we couldn't be with them - or we be in the Terrestrial and not be with those in the Celestial - Of course we are all candidates for the highest - Let's do the things it calls for all the time.

(Mother to us)

November 1:We have tried having a woman help in the home two afternoons a week but it works better but it works much better to have regular duties for each child and see that they are done daily - usually after school - I feel extra good and am determined to stay that way.

Julia has the lead in the next school play and right now is to rehearsal. The boys are just coming in from Mutual and the rest are to bed. We are sending Christmas letters to Fay and Robert on their missions and are trying to write Fay's in French -
(J to folks)

November 13: Just a line hoping you continue to be equal to your joys and problems. Just returned from a missionary farewell of Eugene Hinckley's son....Uncle Bryant gave the main address and told of the benefits of a mission to the missionary, to the ones they convert, to the Church and to the family of whom they are members. Another speaker told of a missionary who first wrote to his father saying: "Dad, I am troubled -Here I have come 7,000 mile so preach what we don't practice at home...."

We had a mass survey here -X-rays for T.B. My small picture revealed a tiny scar tissue. How's that for as well a woman as I am. They then took a larger picture and we will learn in a week if the other was a true picture or not. I am not worried and there is no reason any of you should but I do solicit an interest in your secret prayers if you choose that those who make decisions will be guided by the right spirit then all will be well, even as it now is as far as illness is concerned.

With great joy we reflect upon the glorious January event. (Mother to us)

November 18: Dearest Mother - After getting the first evening of Julia's play over, Delbert off to Chicago, the family well again after a few days of real old flue - I am finally writing you. Since receiving your last letter I have had you very much on my mind ...the test should give no great alarm; we hope and pray not...

Delbert's Aunt Mattie (with whom he lived for about 17 years) - spent a day with us doing temple work here. She seems fine after breast cancer surgery about a year or year and a half ago...

My family that "never gets sick" fooled me for a few days but all o.k. now.
(J to Mother)

November 20:be faithful to yourself as well as to all your family and keep up your rest periods.

I am sure Julia starred in her rendition and that was another pleasant experience for you all....I don't want you to have me on your mind in any form of anxiety..
(Mother to us)

November 27:How often I recall, Jennie, your answer to my warning for you not to do too much. You said, "It seems as if I've gained a momentum at which it is easier to go ahead than to slow up or hesitate." Perhaps management is part of the reason.

President Harris told me on your wedding reception night that he had never known a person that did so much and so well in so short a time as you did.

Did you know Philip and Ellen Knight have twins - about a week ago - a boy and a girl --All fine.

I suppose Delbert is safely back home and Mary spent Thanksgiving with you, That's the beginning of how it will be from now on - always some of you away to come home for Thanksgiving and Christmas - Joyful gatherings!
(Mother to us)

December 1: Dear Joseph - our smiling, good-looking grandson; I knew it was your 7th birthday yesterday because I had a feeling I should look in my record book and there were Joseph, Dee, Julia and Elizabeth all having birthdays in December, only Joseph's is the day before December.

I have just finished putting all your family's pictures on the piano - My it's a wonderful lot of faces smiling at me as I write. Your picture is right in front by mama and daddy in their wedding clothes. They are standing under the lilac tree on the lawn by our home in Provo. The mountains are looking down upon them and smiling too. They seem to say: "Your boys and girls will be lofty; yes, in eleven years little Joseph will come and he will be lofty (daddy can tell you what it means) - He will be handsome and smart and good too and you will love him." And

that has all come true.

What do you think the mountains will say when you pack your grips and go on a mission like Robert and Fay. Of course John, David, Richard and Dee will go before you. It will take you 13 or 14 years to get ready by doing all the things mama and daddy tell you and your teachers in school and Sunday School and Primary. After that you will get to be a Deacon and a Scout and a Teacher and Priest, and an M. Man. Then you will be ready to be a missionary.

I guess you will have to begin saving your money in your bank if Daddy is to have all his boys go on missions. Anyways, candy and gum are not so much fun are they?

...Remember we don't forget you and are so glad you are one of the little brook-lets that help to water the Holbrook tree and you are very important.

(Mother to Joseph)

December 3: Dear talented Dee - our thoughtful grandson - Are you 9 today? It scarcely seems possible. I look at you upon the piano sitting on the arm of the chair mama is sitting in holding the baby who must be Elizabeth. You look really happy to be with such a satisfied group. There is lots of sunshine coming out of the faces there.

I think I shall always remember when mama was in the hospital with Joe and you had a birthday at home. You were in your high chair and we were all at the table looking at the candles burning on the cake. When we sang "Happy Birthday to Dee" you dropped your head to one side and put your little arms over your eyes but I think you peeked out just a little to just see the candles.

As I recall, you have never been a very noisy boy but rather a thinker as if you had some right good ideas to help either yourself or some of your family or friends. Maybe you were thinking about a picture you might paint. Well, I know your mind is now full of beautiful boyish thoughts to help the world of boys be better men.

Please tell mama and daddy we thank them for you to have come and be our grandson. ...I don't seem to have the date of your baptism. On the enclosed card you can send it to me so I can put it in my record book.....Grandpa joins me in congratulations and love,....
(Mother to Dee (Delbert))

December 14: Joseph and Elizabeth: You darling grandchildren! What a pretty birthday gift and the best of all you made it. What beautiful hands to paste the pictures in so nice. What beautiful eyes to choose such lovely pictures. The first three are of Jesus. There is a painting of the second one over in Europe where cousin Fay is on his mission - it is as big as the end of this room. When people go in there they just look and look and never speak. "The Good Shepherd" is Jesus too. Little Samuel learned to pray I guess when he was as old as Lewis. They are all so pretty I would like to say more. It makes me better to look at your book you made so thank you.

(Mother to Joseph and Elizabeth)

December.....: Joe said he stood a whole bunch of big guys in a snow-ball fight after school. Elizabeth and Joe have been little song birds of the happiest kind...

(D to folks)

December.....: I think there are some parents that turn their children over to their own leadership too soon. Some even let them name themselves or be baptized when they want to. They say: "They must make their own decisions"- sort of throwing off responsibility.

I recall when we first went to BYU that father said, "Now you girls keep company with boys of your own faith; just let the other boys alone." Now we would not have thought of disregarding this; we didn't want to hurt him.

So our responsibility is to be courageous when we see a tendency for our children to be gradually led in the wrong direction and finally the path becomes so familiar it becomes easier to keep going unrepentingly till a crisis comes. It is true that opposition is necessary but we do not need to go out and seek it; there is plenty even when we are living to the best of our ability the Plan laid down for us to follow. In the final analysis on this subject I think the way you have done and are doing is a perfect way to assume the responsibility of providing leadership for your children, -Set them the example of leadership in living the Gospel- the perfect plan of leadership and "followship" -

A mother today must be aware of the leaders of her children, keep in touch with the school (PTA), personal contacts with teachers. There are civic leaders to reckon with (the state as well as the nation). Even in the Church, which is our most secure leadership - once in a while a teacher needs checking on. How restful it is in returning to the feeling that as mothers, if we live the lives of Latter-day Saints, and pray for and with our children and council with the children's father, and keep alive our mother love, adding our works as far as strength allows, we have helped provide good leadership-

(Mother to J)

December 21: It seems mighty good to have all the children home and asleep, or nearly ready to go to bed - of course the older ones have a hard time getting enough things done to think they have had a full day - often they don't go to bed on time but we'll keep trying.

Julia gave the theme at the Mutual Christmas program - also she read two scenes from Shakespeare at Relief Society today. The girls are helping with a wedding tomorrow. We have a lady coming to help tomorrow - she will probably stay here while I go to the hospital, and afterwards if needed. Of course when Julia and John get home it is just as well for them to take over.

We are about ready for Christmas altho a few things such as Julia's assignment to pick out a doll for her little sister, aren't quite completed. I am sure Julia has looked at every doll in the city more than once but can't find exactly the right one and the price we limited ourselves too - the more expensive ones seem so much more desirable to her. I tell her we should give it to her instead of Beth - she loves them so.

Beth has been asked to sing solos at three occasions - we are going to have to gently refuse for a while - I do not believe in quite so much public applause for a child.

The doctor said yesterday I would easily go the full time and everything was perfect.

(J to Mother)

December 29;...Christmas is over but there is still much of it in evidence around here. The children received one nice gift each and then some clothes. Beth had a little party yesterday but Julia spent the day much like all the rest altho she received her much-hoped-for Jantzen sweater. (Julia & Beth's birthday was December 28)

Mary and I tried to plan a surprise for her but gave up as so many were gone and otherwise occupied. Boys her age and John's age, from our ward, are spend-Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Scout Camp at Tetons. John is there too and I will be very glad to have Friday p.m. bring him back. It's really a pretty rugged experience but I suppose valuable. He rented a ski outfit to travel on the last five or six miles - carrying all provisions on his back. There were thirteen in the group. Delbert and Bishop Thomson drove them the first 75-80 miles.

David, Dick and Dee are up town exchanging some films that came with their projector for Christmas - the films being on a sort of rental-exchange basis.

Dee has very definitely separated himself from the "little kids" and insists on chumming with his big brothers. He made something out of wood for everyone in the family - real treasures -

I am not sure whether Beth or Julia enjoys the doll most - it is a fine doll chosen at the last minute for half-price but still too much.

We are all feeling very good and I am taking life so easy that I sometimes think the children take license to also take things too easy.....

Mother, the booklet is wonderful. I wish you could have seen Delbert when he read it. Your doing such a thing makes us all realize not only how remarkable you are but also that we can accomplish more too if we but try hard enough.

Happy New Year!

(J to folks)