

## MOM'S DIARY

Oct. 18, 1926: California bound and such a wonderful morning, and everyone seems to be in good humor. The packing went fine. We took some pictures and are off for the Sunny Land. Edgar Palser and family are to accompany us, but are not quite ready so will go to Uncle Carl's (12 mi from Collins), and will stay a day, rest up, and meet them at a camp east of Denver Wednesday morning.

We certainly had a wonderful trip. Stopped at Julesburg to see the McGuire's (Walt), and didn't stop again till we got to Sterling Camp where we ate our dinner. From there we took a short cut to Ault, Colo. The road was fine, and we only stopped once for gas. We drove out of our way just a few miles as we didn't know just where to turn off to Uncle Carl's, as it was getting dark. Dad said he knew if those smarties in the back seat were driving, but we got here O.K. about seven o'clock, tired and dirty.

Had a lovely supper waiting for us, which we can always expect when we come to Aunt Mertie's house. Mother got a little seasick the last of our drive, but after she rested a while and ate her supper, she felt better. We had some music by the Radio, and then off to slumber.

Oct. 19, 1926: Today has been a real nice day, and we all went down to Aunt Tillie's for dinner; and it sure all tasted good. About four or five o'clock, Aunt Tillie decided to go to Greeley, and she wanted Dad & Mother to stay at her house, and we girls drive down to see Arlene. But Dad said "No." So we chewed the rag as usual, and finally Maxine, Marjorie, and Mabel started out in the old Chevrolet of Dowding's.

So we came back here to Uncle Carl's, and as we were eating supper a call came from Greeley to Mabel, and it scared us nearly to death as we knew the girls had time to get there. We didn't know what to do, but we phoned & found out that the girls had been there & missed Arlene, so they drove around and found her, then they called up and said they would stay till after the show. Aunt Till said they shouldn't stay, but they did anyway, so we hope and pray they will get home safe. Bud is playing the "Radio," but I am so sleepy I am off to slumberland.

Oct. 20, 1926: Wed. morning, and it is just beautiful. The girls arrived home safe last night and stayed at Dowding's all night. We had breakfast and got all packed, when Lo! and behold our battery was run down, and we could not start the car. Dad had left the switch on last night when we got back from Dowding's. Well, it just made us sick as we either had to get a new battery, or have ours charged, and that takes 24 hrs.

So Aunt Mertie goes to the field and gets Carl, and he hooks his Buick on our car to tow us down the road, hoping that our car would start. Well, we got hooked up, Aunt Mertie drove the Buick & Dad sat beside Carl, and down the road we went. Every time we started

and stopped, Uncle Carl would just rave & "cuss." But thank goodness we got it started and so we kept it going till we got down the road to Dowding's, as we could not stop the engine.

Well, we got down to Windsor O.K., but found we had left Mabel's hat at Uncle Carl's so had to drive back after it. So we drove east to Eaton, then to Greeley, where we struck paved roads and could just spin along. We had good luck, and nothing happened, but when we got four miles out of Denver we could not find Brookside Cottage Camp where we were to meet Palser's, but were informed that we had to go through Denver and would find it 4 miles on the highway to Colorado Springs. So down Broadway we went fine, green horns, and Mabel had never driven in a city before; but she got along just fine & never made a mistake, although they got pretty thick at times. I say we can recommend our little driver to anyone, as I say no older head could do better for the first time.

Well, we got to Overland Park, then inquired a few times until we came to our camp and found Palser's had gone to the city and would be back about 4 o'clock. So they gave us their key, and we went into their cabin till they came. We decided we could not make it to the next camp, so we took the cottage #11 next to theirs, and here we are.

Brookside Cottage Camp. I think it is an ideal place with the brook running just in front of our cabin, the highway to our left, and the mountains to our right. Our cottage is as cozy as can be, an oil stove, a laundry, stove, a wash stand table, and 2 chairs, 1 rocker, a bed & mattress, 3 shelves for cooking things, and one shelf with hooks below to hang clothes on. Also dish pan, water pail & wash dish, and coal pail & coal, and even a fly swatter and a spittoon under the bed. Ha!

The 3 cozy little windows have burlap curtains fixed on a curtain rod to serve as shades and curtain both, & are fixed so you can slide them back. And with our electric light we sure have a cozy little place.

Mother & I went up to the little store to buy a few things while the girls started supper. We sure enjoyed our first camping meal, and as soon as we write a few lines to our folks we will bring in our camp cots for our girls to sleep on, and we will be all set. So Good Night.

Oct. 21, 1926: Well, this was a beautiful morning, but O! so cold. Lillian, Mabel, and I froze all night in our army cots. It got so bad that Lillian had to get up & build a fire to thaw us out. Then we went to sleep, but by morning we were quite chilly again. It was quite chilly to pack, but we got everything on in good shape, took a few pictures, and were off.

We had lovely roads to Colorado Springs, paved all the way with the hills on both sides covered with evergreens, which made a wonderful view. We ate our dinner at the camp ground just before

entering Colorado Springs, then drove through the city which was the most beautiful we had seen yet. Such wide streets with a lawn between, and the homes were beautiful.

Our next town was Pueblo, which was as crazy as Colorado Springs was beautiful. But maybe the reason for that is that it is the state asylum place. After we left here we did not have very good roads as they were not paved and were more or less rough and O! so dusty, as the wind blew quite a bit, and we did quite a bit of climbing.

We dropped a little again this evening, and it was quite late when we got to Walsenberg, and the first camp we came to was Norton but didn't look very good to us; but it was the best we could do and we drove in. Our supper wasn't very elaborate, and when the dishes were done, Mother, Lillian, Mabel and I walked down town and back, which was several miles. So dear diary we are tired & must go to bed, as tomorrow is another big day, sweet dreams....

Oct. 22, 1926: Well, this was another lovely morning, but rather chilly, but we were packed up by 8:30. Had to stop to pump up tires and get gas, etc., so it was about 9:30 before we left Walsenberg.

We came through some hills and rough roads, and just before we drove into Trinidad we had a stretch of terrible roads, rough, dust, and at times we couldn't see the car ahead for dust. But we struck a little paved road just before we drove into the city. It looked like a very pretty place on the hill side, the residence part, but the business part was old and dirty looking.

Beyond Trinidad we did some climbing and came through some mining and Mexican towns. But the most beautiful sight of all was the pine tree country and the "Raton Pass" with its gradual climb in and out through the hills, and as we neared the summit our road almost met itself. It sure was a wonderful sight, and we made it on high and intermediate. At the summit it was 7888 ft.

Here we ate our lunch, and then we went on the downward run, and just as we were almost down we could look across the city of Raton and the valley, and it sure was a beautiful sight. We took several pictures and do hope they are good.

After we dropped into the valley we had a straight, level road south through a cattle country, and we sure made good time, only passing small towns. We decided to camp at a town called "Wagon Mound." But when we came to it right in the hills, we found it was a Real Mexican town and all the towns were built of "mud brick."

We decided to try and make it to Las Vegas, which was 46 miles away, and it sure was a long drive as we had some rough roads and some hills to climb. The last stretch was good, however, and we made good time, but darkness overtook us before we came to our campground called "Hillcrest."

It seems to be a very nice camp, much better than last night. Our cabin is cleaner and larger, but not as nice as at Brookside Denver. But we have a garage right beside our cottage and lots of hot water for bath etc., which is all we can expect in Mexico. P.S. I forgot to say we crossed the Mexican Line before we came to the Summit of "Raton Pass." Well, we are all tired and must go to bed, as we had a hard day, but one we have enjoyed. Good Night.

Oct. 23, 1926: This sure was a beautiful morning, not as cold as yesterday, and we got started about the same time as usual. We stopped at Las Vegas to buy a few things, then we were on our way following the Santa Fe Trail as before, to Santa Fe, our next town of any size. The road led through hills mostly on the incline, but were good, and we enjoyed them as on both sides the hills were covered with evergreens just like one big lawn or alfalfa field.

By noon we had reached the "Old Pigeon Ranch," where we ate our lunch. This old ranch is an old Spanish Post over 200 yrs. old. Here the most decisive battle in the South West between the North & South was fought. The bullet holes could still be seen in the old board gate.

This is on the Glorietta Pass, and there is more travel through this pass in last 100 yrs. than any in west. Was built by government when Santa Fe Trail was opened up. The "Old Well" which is 200 yrs. old was rebuilt 100 yrs. ago, and the water sure is good & cold. We couldn't get enough to drink, so filled our bottles when we left.

After we had eaten our lunch, Mabel, Lillian, and I went in to look at the old relics. 10¢ admission was charged. They had old Indian relics and blankets in one room and an old Texas Steerhead and some cowboy relics. Thos. L. Geere & Wm. Phelps were the first two to cross the "Old Glorietta Pass," and their names and pictures were drawn on the wall below the cow head. A hole in the wall marked the Old Post Office, as part of the wall still stands as it did 200 years ago.

In the back yard we saw an old mud oven where the Old Mexican women baked their bread. Other relics were seen about, including a copper boiler where they made their whiskey. The Old sod corral still stands where they kept their horses for the old "stage" before they had railroads up the Santa Fe Trail. We girls started to climb up the cliff to the caves, but Dad honked the horn, and we had to come back & be on our way.

Not much happened 'til we came to the oldest town in the U.S.A., Santa Fe. It was situated down in a nest-like between the hills. As we entered we see a nice big, white, cement building with a cross on it, which we took for a High Priest or something, as all the churches in these Mexican towns were Catholic, and their graves in their cemeteries had a cross on them.

The town of Santa Fe was very old, and the streets were so narrow in places only one car could go at a time. We did not stop at the old temple, only saw it as we drove by.

After we left this city we drove across plains for miles till all at once we came to a mountain where we had to drop down several hundred feet. We didn't realize how much we had been climbing up till we came to this. The road down wound back & forth just about like we did at "Raton Pass" and was very steep in places, as "Our Faithful Driver" had her car on intermediate all the time, and had to use her brakes at times too. But she sure enjoyed it, and we all did as far as that goes.

Just below this decline we came to an Indian Reservation, the first real Indians I had ever seen. They were dressed in their nature way. The men still wore their hair long, and some were tied with red string in the back. On each side of the village were little huts built with four sticks for poles and a little brush, etc., over the top. Here they made their pottery & vases, which they held out to the tourists for sale as they went by.

Not much of interest on the way till we came to the country around Albuquerque, which was just beautiful. Some of the trees were still green and some were the prettiest yellow. And of all the pretty flowers in the yards. We just began to realize that we were in a warmer climate, as they say it never freezes here.

About 18 miles out of the city we stopped at an orchard & bought some apples & then we were on paved roads, till we got here. Of all the Camp Cottages you ever saw in any town, they sure were thick on the outskirts of this one, and some came out to meet us; but we drove out to the Woods Cottage Camp, and that didn't look good to us, so we drove to this camp "Deluxe" which looked very good, but the cottages are small and not very well furnished. But ours is larger than Palser's, so we should be satisfied. We expect to stay here over Sunday, and when one is tired and dirty, most anything looks good to them. The same round of fixing beds & supper, etc., and so good night.

Oct. 24, 1926: As it was Sunday morning, we slept a little later than usual, but not half as late as we waited to as Mother got up & made the rest of us do the same. But we had plenty to do for half the day. We cleaned the car, swept the cabin, chased flies. By the way, I never saw so many flies in my life in one place. They have no screen door on this cabin.

Well, we did some washing & ironing today, wrote some letters & cards, etc. Then after dinner Mother, Lillian, Mabel & I took the car and went for a ride. We drove over the city some, then took the paved street up an incline about a half mile out, where they are building a new part of it. Sure is an ideal building spot, and some day will be the best part of town. They are paving the streets, and all the buildings are stuccoed. The main part of town has some very nice buildings and stores.

Well, there is nothing to do, and we want to get up early tomorrow so must go to bed. Sweet Dreams. P.S. I forgot to mention, while we went riding this P.M., that all the street cars were driven by women.

Oct. 25, 1926: We started from our camp this morning about nine o'clock, and we had a lovely drive down the paved road till we came to an Indian Res., said to be the largest in the country. We came through the town Las Lunas, a self-supporting self-governing town. They owe allegiance to our country, and that is all. Their houses were built of white clay mixed like cement and made very pretty houses. The temple in this town was over 200 years old. They say the walls in it are about seven feet thick.

All along these Res. may be seen strings of red peppers about a yard long and lined the full length of the house, or strung on a line from pole to pole. The men stack their corn fodder straight up on their sheds, and we saw in one place where the women were husking corn on top of one of the flat roofs of the house.

Further on we saw the peppers grow, also a cotton field, and a field of tobacco. We ate our lunch at an old Indian town, then drove on till we came to an old mission. The houses were all built of white clay, situated on the hill side like cliff houses. We climbed up the hill to the mission, but it was locked, and we could only see through the key hole and see the altar with candles burning. The Indian woman said the Pope had the key, but he was not at home so we had to retrace our steps.

As we came down, we could see into some of the houses and they looked very clean. We also noticed the white washings on the lines. Several of the women tried to sell us crockery and things they had made, but we had no way to carry them. But we could not tarry longer, as we had a long drive before us. The only things of interest we saw the rest of the way were a few oil wells and the lava beds. They look just like burnt rock.

Our drive into this town of Gallop (Gallup) was not very pleasant, as it was so dusty, and the sun shone right in our eyes so we could hardly see. We had quite a time finding a camp with a cabin large enough, but at last we came to this one, the U.S. Camp, and it is real modern. We have private bath and toilet, and our room is very nice. Good stove, 2 chairs, table, good white bed, and a dish-washing sink with hot and cold water. Two windows with lace curtains, white oil cloth on the table, also garage for the car. \$2.00 per night.

I guess we are putting on some style, but we will be in Arizona tomorrow and may have to sleep in a sand bank. I hope we will sleep better tonight, as we got cold again, and we thought it should be morning. We had been in bed so long. This woke up the flies, and they began to sing a tune around our faces. Thank goodness we haven't got a fly here. Well, every one is taking a bath, and it is time to say good night.

Oct. 26, 1926: We got up this morning and had the usual hustle and bustle to get packed. But it was a lovely morning, and it did not take us very long to reach the Arizona line. Beyond this we saw very little except sage brush and hills. Not much life except a few stations and quite a few cattle & sheep. We found gas 6 cents cheaper in this state, and they told us in New Mex. to tank up as it would be 35¢ before we got through this camp.

We ate our lunch beside a small station, then drove on till we came to the "Painted Desert" which sure was beautiful. The colors were magnificent and just looked like hills made of colored rock. Mr. Palser took several views of it.

Beyond this we saw nothing of interest till we came to a little town, Winslow. It was four o'clock, and we thought some of camping, but decided to drive to the next small town, about 43 miles. But the roads were terrible rough, it was dusty, and the sun shone in the driver's face so she couldn't see.

We had to make four Detours. The first was about a mile long & just full of rocks. The second was through a mountain & a very dangerous pass. The other two were in and out of timber & dodging around trees till I thought we would sure lose our folks. The worst of all was that it was dark through all the last three detours. We finally came to a small Camp & a few Cottages, but no electric lights. So we decided to drive on through to Flagstaff, which was only 16 miles, and the roads were good.

We drove through some very tall timber which would be very nice to drive through by day light. We landed in this town about 8 o'clock and found a camp soon & got organized. We stopped at a station at the edge of town to ask the way here, and as we backed up our driver scraped the back fender against a telephone pole. It scared us for a minute, but it only scratched the fender a little. I think we had a lucky day all the way around.

The name of our Camp is "Brooks," and our cabin is very roughly built, but large & has an extra cot in it which looks good to we girls, as we have slept on our army cot for a week now. Our cabin is just the opposite from last night. Good night.

Oct. 27, 1926: We had a fine rest last night, the first real rest we have had since we left Aunt Mertie's, and the first time we didn't get cold. We didn't get up very early, but we couldn't sleep as our cabin joined our neighbor on the east, and they got up early, and the noise they did make.

We got started about ten o'clock, and we had a wonderful ride through the timber. We saw some very nice cottages, and about noon we stopped at "Pine Spring" camp ground and ate our dinner under a pine tree. We were all wishing we could have camped there for the night. I do so want to sleep in a log cabin before we get there.

Our drive this P.M. was not so bad, as the roads were good, only a little dusty. Toward evening we had some mountain driving, which we enjoyed. About 5:30 we landed in this city, Kingman, and after a little search we found two cabins, or rather Palser's have a regular furnished house, and we have two rooms, one big room with one big bed & one single bed, a dresser, a rug, & a wash stand.

The kitchen is small, but clean with stove, a good sized table, & a four-shelved cupboard. We carried a single cot over from Palsers' porch for Lillian, so think we will sleep very well again.

After supper we went up town to look it over, and it sure is a "man's town," as we only saw two women on the street, & they were accompanied by men. They must be afraid to venture out alone. Now the rest are in bed, and Mable & I have to write a few cards so we can mail them in Arizona yet, as we will be in Calif. tomorrow. These electric lights are poor, so must ring off. Good night.

Oct. 28, 1926: We slept pretty good last night, but it got pretty cool before morning. But before we got our things packed it got real warm & has been that way all day.

Our first drive was through hills, then we came to a stretch of desert. Then we came to some real mountains about five miles of real climbing, winding back & forth around sharp corners till we came to the summit, which was close to 5,000 ft. high. Then we dropped to one thousand, then up again some, then finally we dropped into the valley to the Colorado river, crossed the large bridge, and then some more climbing & desert land till we finally landed at Needles, Calif., at noon.

We crossed the Calif. line first after we crossed the Colo. river. We ate our lunch at Needles, got gas, and were on our way again across more desert country & dusty roads, altho the roads were real good aside from dust.

We passed a few stations, till about sundown we came to a small station with furnished cottages. They were a bedroom furnished complete, only for two, and a screened porch, but no other accommodations & they wouldn't let us make our bed on the porch or park our car by the cabin. So we drove to this town, Ludlow, 30 miles further. But we got a cottage, real cumfy, but a little small.

We made 80 miles today, including the mountain driving. We will reach Barstow by noon tomorrow, and from there on we will have paved roads & not so much dust. Well, it is nine o'clock & time to ring off. Good night.

Oct. 29, 1926: A good night's sleep last night, so we got up this morning & got started a little earlier than usual. We had some desert road at first till we came to Daggett. Here we were inspected by the State Agriculture against plant insects, etc., but we had no fruit so it did not take long. We were inspected once before at Holbrook, Arizona, for the same thing.

After leaving Daggett, we had graveled roads till we came to Barstow where we struck oiled roads. From there on we began to go upgrade till we came to the summit 1200 ft. Then we began to come down the Co Jon Pass, winding in and out just like the Raton Pass. The road now was down grade till we came to San Bernardino, only passing a few small stations.

As we came to the suburbs of San Bernardino, the road to our right led to L.A., and to our left through the city. Well, Palser's had gone so far ahead of us we had lost sight of them a long time before, so we asked at the filling station about the right road. They directed us which way to go, but Palser's had gone on the left hand road to the city. Well, when they discovered we were not coming, they turned back, and the man at the filling station told them we had gone and were perhaps two miles on the way.

Well, Mr. Palser put on a little speed to catch us, and he began to follow a Chevrolet roadster who was passing everything on the road. But they met a car coming from the other way, & the three came so close together that Mr. Palser rubbed the Chevy a little. This made the man mad, & he took in after the Stude, but of course he could not catch him till Mr. Palser slowed up when he saw us.

This gave the man a chance to whirl his car along side, and he flung out & demanded Mr. Palser to stop, but he had no authority so Mr. Palser was about to drive on when the man struck him in the nose, making it bleed, & said if he didn't stop he would kill him. So he sent the man who was in the Chevrolet back to get a police, & in no time there were three on the spot.

They discussed the thing & Mr. Palser said he would pay the damages, if there were any, but the man was so angry he wanted him pinched for reckless driving. So they took him a couple blocks north of the highway to the Judge's Office. One officer told us they were going to lock Mr. Palser up, so we followed up, & Dad went in to hear what they were going to do with him. But Mr. Palser stuck up for his rights, and the Judge dismissed the case, seeing there were no damages done besides the hubcap rubbed.

Believe me, those two men in the Chevrolet car came out of the office looking like whipped dogs. There were no charges for Mr. Palser at all, so we drove on after we were all pretty well unnerved, as they told us they were going to put Mr. Palser in the cooler.

Well, the sun had gone down by now, and we had to begin to look for a campground. We drove through Onterio, which was a pretty place. In fact the drives are so pretty and busy here you can't tell whether you are in the suburbs of a city or the highway.

The first campground we came to sure was pretty, but they were filled up so we came on to this one, "The White Orange Grove," and found just two cabins which were very good. We considered us very lucky and drove in.

Our cabin is a little cool as it is built for summer and not shut in yet (just screens in places). So we hung up our rugs and lit the little gas heater which was in here, & it is very cumfy. Don't know just how we will sleep yet, as we may have to put up our army cots, but hope not. I am tired so must sign off for tonight.

Oct. 30, 1926: Well, we spent a very good night at our camp at Pomona, altho it was quite cool at night, but it warmed up before we got started. We looked over the city map to see where to go. We passed several small towns & went up the Foot Hill Blv., which we sure enjoyed very much with trees on both sides, the orange & lemon groves, & the pretty little market places, etc.

Then we passed through the heart of Pasadena where they were about three abreast at times, and we had to keep in sight of Palser's too. But we got through alright, then crossed the bridge over to L.A., which we wandered around, not knowing just where we were or where we were going. So finally we blew in here a little after noon time & hungry.

The "National Camping Park." Our cabin has three rooms, one bedroom, one toilet room, and kitchenette with table & sink & shelf room & a two-hole gas stove. The bedroom is very cozy with two little bungalow windows with lace curtains & drapes, a table, two chairs, 1 stool, and a bed which folds against the wall with a curtain & a shelf over it.

We did some walking, & we girls washed our hair, & Mabel & I took a bath. Mother & Dad went with Palser's to see the "Temple" where Amie McPherson preaches, so we took care of the kids. They got home about dark when we had supper, & as we are all tired, we will turn in early. Good night.

Oct. 31, 1926: Well, we all slept pretty good in our new place, but it got pretty cold before morning. The Howellers (Halloweners) didn't bother us any here, and I sure am glad of it. We had to get up early as we planned on a sight-seeing trip. Dad intended to go to the Temple, but didn't get to go.

We didn't get to go on a big touring car, but we three girls went in a Hubmobile car with the Real Estate Agent. He took us out past some interesting places, Fatty Arbuckle's home, Jack Dempsey's home, a swell 1/2 million dollar Catholic church, etc.

When we reached our destination just outside of Culver City where they had lots to sell, we had lunch of coffee, sandwiches, & beans. After lunch we heard a lecture. Then our driver had us meet the boss, who kidded us a little, then he took us out to Venace and out to the Ocean.

We drove down the beach a long way, over to Hawthorne, then back to L.A., by Lake Side Park, by "Amie's Temple," through some

beautiful residential districts and back home by five o'clock. We were all tired, and I am not sure whether I like city life or not.

This Culver City we visited today is situated near the largest studio in the world, and several smaller ones, and has the largest payroll in the country. Our driver tells us that just across the Washington Border was the sight (site) for the next World's Fair in 1931, but that remains to be seen.

Well, as I can't remember one tenth of what he said I will sign off for tonight, as I must write some letters. Station TMM signing off.

Nov. 1, 1926: Well, I sure had a good night's sleep last night, and this forenoon we did a little washing. Then Mabel called up Uncle Emil's, and about noon he, Aunt Mabel, & Lorene came down to see us. So we got in our car & followed them around, looking for rooms, and it is one job. But I think we have decided on a Flat near them, with a lovely front room, an ideal kitchen, a good bath, & a cozy bedroom all on the south. One bed slides in the closet from the front room, and Aunt Mabel said we could have her sanitary cot to use for third bed.

This Flat is one block from street car to the city, one block from the M.E. church, and within walking distance from Uncle Emil's. After we had looked them all over we had lunch in a small cafe. Then we went to Uncle's house and rested till he took Lorene down town where she gave music lessons. Mabel & Dad went along too, so when they returned they took us home, that is they drove their Ford ahead & we followed. We are such greenhorns in this city.

Well, when we got supper, and the folks went over to see if Palser's had found anything, but they hadn't.

Aunt Mabel & Otto were down a few minutes, but as we were all tired they soon left. So good night.

Nov. 2, 1926: Well, another lovely morning and we got up early and washed our bedding so we could move. Then we packed up our things and were ready to go about eleven and then had to wait an hour or more on Uncle Emil, as he had to lead us up here.

And heat! I thought we would die, it was so hot. But finally he came & we started out, & Palser's came with us to look around up here. Well, we unpacked our things & cleaned up a little, as we all had headaches & were tired. Then we went to the store & got us some groceries & had early supper, as we didn't have any dinner, & we sure enjoyed our meal in our new home.

Dishes washed, we cleaned up as we expect our relatives. Well, Aunt Mabel & Uncle came over, & we all went over to hear Amie

McPherson talk over the Radio. But she wasn't on, so we heard something else & came home tired & anxious to sleep in our new home.

Nov. 3, 1926: O! how good we slept last night, if it was three in a bed as we didn't have our cot yet. We got up about eight, then did up the work a little and cleaned the car, which wasn't an easy job. Uncle Emil came over & helped us. He also tried to turn on the gas, which they had turned off on us in the morning, as we hadn't signed up for it yet, and they hadn't turned it off when the other tenants moved out.

Well, we were without gas all that day & just ate a lunch. So in the afternoon Uncle came over & said we should come over to eat soup with them, as Aunt Mabel had cooked up a lot for the sick folks, Elmer(?) & Lorene. My! it sure was good too. In fact everything was good. Then we listened to Amie over the Radio a while, then went home and to bed, as we were tired for we walked both ways to & from Uncle's.

Nov. 4, 1926: Well, we slept as late as usual, as we had the cot last night. So we got up & did up our work and did some writing, then got ready to go to Long Beach. Well, we drove over and had to wait on Aunt Mabel a few minutes. We took both cars, we women in our car & Dad & Uncle in the Ford. Well, they drove down to the corner to get gas so we drove on, as we drive slower than they do & expected them to overtake us soon. But they took another road, and we missed them.

When we got to the first turn in the road, we stopped and waited for them about a half hour, then turned and went back to look for them, but drove home & didn't see anything of them, so sat there a while, then decided to drive to Long Beach by ourselves and take a chance finding them.

Well, we took another route & had to detour a couple times, but finally got there and parked our car around the park where the folks used to sit. Then we walked down to the Pier and found Dad there. Uncle had gone to phone, as they were worried about us. Well, when he came we had a rag chewing match, then decided to go and eat as it was about three o'clock, and we were feeling a little vacant by that time.

The men had eaten their lunch. So after we were through eating, we took in a few sights. All kinds of eating places, amusements, etc., swimming pool, merry-go-round, etc., on the Pier. You may see groups of old men talking & arguing & betting on Amie McPherson. And Dad sure felt at home here, said he knew a few too. He looked happier than we had since we came to the city.

Well, when the sun began to sink, we started for home, but we didn't let the men get out of our sight, and it took us about 2 hours to come home. Well, we had supper, then walked over to Uncle's

again, as Dad had to hear Amie again. And by the time we got home we sure were ready for bed. So good night.

Nov. 5, 1926: We slept late as usual this morning. The bed sure feels good to me since I came here. We did up the work, then Mother & Mabel went down to have Mother's hair cut and marcelled. Mother got it cut, but had to wait till two o'clock to have it curled. So Mabel came home with the groceries & told we girls what had happened, but told Dad she had gone to see the sick folks, Lorene & her husband.

So we had lunch, & Dad took a walk, & Lillian & Mabel went to see how Mother was coming. So I washed all the cupboards & the cooler out & wiped up the floor. By that time the folks were all back, & we had dinner. Mother & Dad went over to Uncle's to hear Amie, but we were too tired to walk over, so we stayed home & talked about Big Springs. About nine we went to bed.

Nov. 6, 1926: The same old round this morning. The mornings sure are beautiful in this country. After we did our general cleaning, we did some writing, ate lunch, then went to Uncle's, and we all drove out to Gebhardt's (Uncle Will's parents), and spent the P.M. Then came home about dark & had our dinner. Uncle & Aunt promised to come over to spend the evening or to go somewhere, but they never showed up.

Otto came over a while to see where we lived on his way to see his friend. He said the folks said something about coming over, but we haven't seen them. We girls went for a walk in the fresh air, and as we are tired as usual, we will sign off. Good night.

Nov. 7, 1926: The mornings here are all the same, only Dad & Mother and Lillian went to church, and when they got home Mabel & I had lunch ready, and before we were through eating, Otto was here, and he took us all over the city. He being the driver making six in our car. He showed us just how to find Angelus Temple, took us to Hollywood, the home of many movie stars, took us to Glendale, Hamberg, and Pasadena, all of which we greatly enjoyed. Of course he had to get back as he had to clean up as he had a date.

Then in the evening we drove over to Uncle's to hear Amie preach. And about eight thirty Lorene and husband, Elmer Wood, came over & took we girls for a ride in his Chevrolet sedan. They took us all over the city to see all the bright lights and almost down to the beach.

On our way back they stopped and got us some green ice cream, and it sure was good. When we got back we decided we had spent the best day ever in Los Angeles. Time to sign off & go to bed.

Nov. 8, 1926: My birthday, and I don't feel one bit different than I did a year ago. I do know I feel better than I did three years ago, as that is when I started to work for McGuire's.

After we did our work, we all walked down to Aunt Mabel's, & she & Lorene went with us down town, the first time since we came to the city. And such a time as we did have winding around, looking for hats, etc. We ate lunch in the "Boos Bro. Cafeteria" on 4th & Broadway, then went shopping again. Mabel & Lillian both got a hat, then Mabel & I got a purse, etc., and we came home tired and hot.

We rested a little, had a bite to eat, then went for a walk, and by that time Uncle & Aunt were here, & we spent the evening talking about old times. Well, as it is almost eleven, I think it is time to sign off. Good night.

Nov. 9, 1926: We sure do sleep late in the mornings here. When we did get up we did a good sized washing, then our trunks came, and such a time as we had unpacking them. Seemed just like getting a letter from home to see our pictures, etc., but everything needed pressing so we did our ironing, & all at once it was dark when I got through. So Mother & I went down to take my dress to the cleaners, & when we got home Louisa Blue was here, & she stayed till about 10 o'clock. When she left she made us promise we would come over to see her on Tuesday of next week.

While she was here, Otto came over & brought us three letters which we sure were glad to get. Trunks & letters from home all in one day makes us feel good I am sure. Lillian & I took Mrs. Blue to the car line, then came home to eat a lunch, as we hadn't had anything to eat yet when our company came.

Not a very good idea to go to bed on a full stomach, but we are all tired, so good night.

Nov. 10, 1926: This was the first morning since we came to Calif., that the sun wasn't shining bright. It just seemed partly cloudy, but by noon it was shining again, and we ate our lunch & drove down to "Angelus Temple" to hear Aimee McPherson preach. And it sure was wonderful! She has a beautiful temple with two balconies in it, and she herself has a wonderful personality. And can sure win the people.

It was healing day, and she healed a great many. A man & woman who came in on crutches got up & walked, carrying their crutches above their head. Then she healed others with cancers, abscesses, & T.B. & other ailments. She had a large number testifying before the meeting of the wonderful healing which they received.

It got dark before we got home, but Mabel, our faithful driver, drove right through the thickest of the traffic. We were all a little nervous, as it was our first trip through the city alone or anywhere else in fact, except over to Uncle's.

We had a bite to eat, then drove over to Uncle's to hear the Radio as usual. Now we are really ready for bed, so good night.

Nov. 11, 1926: This is Armistice Day, but not many here seem to observe it. I wrote a big, fat letter to Otto, and we had lunch. By that time Otto (our cousin) was here to take us for a ride again, as it was his day off.

We had a nice ride through Lincoln Park, then stopped at the Zoo to see the wild animals. They had a nice collection of animals. One peculiar one was where a lioness and a dog had been in the cage together for five years. The lioness lost her mate when a cub, and the dog, then a puppy, followed the keeper into the grounds where they met & became attached to one another & have been together ever since. The lioness is called "Martha" & the dog "Yellow."

About three o'clock we saw some trained lions & tigers by a man, also five leopards trained by a woman. We drove home in time to hear the last of the football game between the Oregon Aggies & Calif. players at Portland, Oregon. Of course Otto was interested, as he had some money up on Oregon, and lost.

We went home and ate dinner, then went over to hear Aimee over the Radio. When we started to go home it was raining, so Uncle took us home. Seemed real good, as it was the first rain we have had since we came to Calif. It is about eleven o'clock and time for this station to sign off.

Nov. 12, 1926: Well, when we first got up we saw the sun, but about nine-thirty it clouded over and began to rain a little. It was that way all day, but we went out in it just the same and didn't mind it one bit.

We had Mother's hair cut shorter & it reprinted. Then after we had a bite to eat, we drove over to Uncle's as usual to hear Aimee. We stayed real late, & by that time the stars were shining, but it was cold. And the bed sure felt good.

Nov. 13, 1926: My! How cold it was this morning, & the wind blew all day just like Nebr. We stayed in most all day. Dad & Mother took a big, long walk while we did up the work. Then in the afternoon we took the car over to have the brakes tightened & to take some gas, etc. After dinner Mother & Dad went to Uncle's, & we went for a big walk and ended up by going to second show, which we enjoyed very much, as it was the first one we have gone to in Calif.

The folks were in bed when we got home, so I fixed the Jello, took a bath, and went to bed. Good night.

Nov. 14, 1926: We all got up late this morning, but managed to get to church. We girls went to the nearest one, as we were late, but the folks went to a different one and were late to lunch, so that Otto got here before we got our dishes washed. So we stacked them up, as we knew they would keep.

We had a lovely drive up The Muhulland Drive, but the roads were quite rough. It took us the side of the hills so we could see

miles & miles of the most beautiful valley of fields, gardens, etc. But we could not finish our drive out to the ocean as it was getting late & Otto had a date. So we took the Valley Blvd., and such a mess of cars you never saw in your life. We just avoided getting into a stampede or blockade at one place. There were six or more deer & moving a foot every five minutes.

Well, we got home O.K., as Otto avoided all the streets with so much traffic. After we had a bite to eat, we girls drove over to Uncle's, & the folks went to church. Well, it is time to sign off.

Nov. 15, 1926: We sure slept late this morning, and after we did get up Dad decided to go to Long Beach, so we sent him over to see if Uncle Emil wanted to go. At first he said they would, then drove over & told us we had better put it off till Wed., and go real early.

So we took a little drive out to where Blue's live, to the Exposition Park, went into the museum a while, then came home early, as Uncle works nights this week, and it was Lorene's first trip out since she was sick.

As soon as the sun gets low it is cool in this country. We didn't do anything this evening after dinner. Mabel wrote letters, the folks went for a little walk, and I lay down as I didn't feel very good. Time to sign off, so good night.

Nov. 16, 1926: We got up early this morning and got our washing out by 9:30 o'clock, but the sun did not shine so very bright this morning. However, it came out nice, & our clothes got nice & dry before we got ready to go out to Blue's. We took the street car, and as they live on 68th St., we had a nice, big ride.

We sure had a good time talking over old times, playing the Brunswick, etc., and O my! such a good dinner as we did have, the best feed since we came to Calif. Then about ten-thirty Mr. Blue brought us home in his Chevrolet.

Nov. 17, 1926: We had to get up early this morning, as we told Uncle we would be at his house ready to go to Long Beach by 9:30, and they sure were ready at that time. We had a very nice trip. We stopp<sup>ed</sup> at McPheaters, but just Mrs. Mc. was at home.

It seemed very quiet at the Beach yesterday. Then after we came home, we rested a while, we cleaned up, & went to a church supper. Lorene & husband went with us, and it was real nice. Then we drove over to Uncle's to hear the "Radio," but we girls & Lorene got tired & went to the show, which was very good.

We got home about eleven, & I sure am tired and ready to go to bed. Good night.

Nov. 18, 1926: We sure were tired this morning, but got up about the usual time & did up our work. Then while the folks and Lillian went down town, Mabel & I wrote some letters. We spent the day at home with the exception of a few walks, and in the evening Otto drove us over to the "Temple" to see the "Baptismal Service," and they sure are great. Each one is dressed in white and are dipped entirely under water.

On our way home Otto drove through Broadway, and we sure enjoyed the bright lights, and some of the windows were already decorated for Christmas. We got home about eleven, and it's really too early to go to bed, and it is so moonlight and pretty out. But there is nothing else to do, so good night.

Nov. 19, 1926: What a beautiful morning, and we lay in bed. The folks ate their breakfast, then went for a walk, but as they got down stairs they saw I had two letters, so brought them up. I sure was glad to get them, as they were from Julesburg.

We cleaned up the house as usual. Then I baked a chocolate pie as it is Mabel's birthday, and she preferred the pie to cake. Then about 2:30 we fried some steak and had our dinner, making two meals do for the day.

This eve we girls & Mother went to the show, & Dad went to Uncle's. We all got home about ten and nothing to do but go to bed. O! it sure is getting monotonous, this same thing every day. If I don't go out some night soon, I will just die. Time to sign off.

Nov. 20, 1926: The folks went for their usual walk. Lorene called up to have Mabel go with her to give her music lesson, so nothing left to do but clean up the house. Mabel got home in the P.M. sometime & had a very good time. They had planned for us to go downtown to a show, and so we girls went, & the folks went over to Uncle's. We enjoyed our evening & the show very much. Got home about eleven, so good night.

Nov. 21, 1926: We slept late. As usual the folks got up, ate breakfast, and went to the Temple on the street car to be gone all day. So we went to the Church close here, then we had just gotten home & had lunch when Otto came over & wanted to know if we wanted to go for a ride. And of course we did, so he, we girls, & Aunt Mabel all went to the Beach at Ocean Side.

Had a good time & came home between five & six o'clock, just about the time the folks got here. They had a very good day of it, and saw Mrs. Palser the first time since we moved here. She said they had been sick and had moved & all, but she sent us a card which we would get tomorrow.

As usual we went to Uncle's this eve to hear Aimee & then some jazz, but when we began to play that Dad wanted to come home, so of course we had to, and go to bed as usual. Good nite.

Nov. 22, 1926: We got up a little earlier than usual, but I went down to the mailbox & got five letters & the papers, & we had to read them so it got pretty late before we got any work done & started to town. The street car sure was jammed so there wasn't standing room.

We left Dad at a Park on Hill St, & we went out to look: about all we got was a hat for Mother & a few other little things. We ate lunch at "Boos Bros." again on Hill, but it wasn't as good as the other one we ate in before.

We came home early so we could get a seat in the street car. And we sure were tired from our tramp. Uncle came over this eve and brought our card that Palser's had sent, so we looked at it, & he spent the evening with us which we sure enjoyed. We are all glad to go to bed tonight.

Nov. 23, 1926: We got up in fairly good time and got our washing out, but it isn't very nice as it is cloudy about half the time. I think Mr. Weather-man is planning a rain for us. We got our clothes dry by noon, did some writing, & went for a big, long walk.

This eve we drove over to Uncle's, as usual, to listen over the Radio, but he had his battery out to be charged, so we just visited, and it was about eleven when we came home, and time to go to bed.

Nov. 24, 1926: This was one of California's real rainy days. We slept late, as usual, & cleaned up the house. Mabel made over her pink slip, & I cut off my raincoat & shortened it. We had lunch about twelve. Then the folks went to the Temple on the Street Car, and they sure got wet. As they went to change cars down town the water was ankle deep.

The rain cleared up this eve, and Uncle Emil & Aunt Mabel came over a while. They asked us to come over & eat turkey with them tomorrow. O! I must not forget. Just as the folks were leaving today, the mailman left a package, & what do you think was in it? A dressed chicken from Chas. & Paul.

Nov. 25, 1926: The sun was shining again when we got up, but it was a little cool with clouds passing over. Our chicken seemed tainted a little, so we parboiled it in soda & vinegar. About eleven we drove over to find Palser's. Uncle was our driver.

Had no trouble finding them on top of a high hill. The children looked peeked as they had been sick, & Mr. Palser didn't look as well. But we were glad to see them, as it had been about three weeks since we had seen them.

Came home about two & stayed till four when we drove back to Uncle's & listened to the football game till dinner was ready, and such a feed as we did have. Turkey and all the trimmings. After the dishes were washed, Uncle & Aunt Mabel, we girls & Lorene & Elmer all went to the Beach to see the bright lights, and had a real

nice time. I had the blues most of the day, but after this evening I have only my headache left, so good night.

Nov. 26, 1926: We slept till almost eleven on account of the rainy weather. So got up & did up our work by twelve. Sure are doing fine, I think. But it rained all day. In fact at times it just poured, so we stayed in all day & read. Mabel & I wrote five letters between us.

Nov. 27, 1926: It sure was beautiful this morning. We got up & opened the house & cleaned up in general, as it was closed all day yesterday. Then Dad & Mabel & I drove over to Uncle's & got him to show us down town where to get a permit to drive our car till the first of the year. Thought first Mabel would need a driver's license, but he said not on this permit.

We got home about lunch time. This P.M. we cleaned the car, then washed our hair in rain water & took a bath. Then this eve we girls went down town to a show, also did a little window shopping. Got home about eleven.

Nov. 28, 1926: Well, Sunday morning, & we slept as usual. Mother & Dad went to the Temple as usual, to be gone all day. So we just lounged around till about one, when Uncle & Aunt Mabel came to take us for a ride.

We went up to Eagle Rock, Glendale, Pasadena, and back home, but we enjoyed it very much. The folks got home about dark. We visited a while, then while the girls were reading, Mother & I went for a walk and dropped in a little Lutheran Church right close here. Well, nothing else to do so we will go to bed.

Nov. 29, 1926: We got up real early so we could go to Long Beach. While we did up the work, Mother & Dad went out looking for a house. We got started by ten o'clock and sure had a lovely ride down there. And then the search for the house began.

We ran across an R.A. Mauser in one of the apartment houses, and as his father came from the same place in Germany Dad's folks did, they might be some relation. At least Dad thinks so. We then went down on the Pier & ate dinner, then searched for rooms the rest of the afternoon, but in vain.

We got home about 5:30 o'clock and had no trouble at all, although it was the first time we had driven to Long Beach alone. We came through quite a bit of traffic coming home, but our Faithful Driver drove through it all.

We had a bite to eat when we got home, then we girls & Mother walked over to Aunt Mabel's a while. We were sure tired when we got home & ready for bed. Good night.

Nov. 30, 1926: Well, this is the last day of this month. We got up pretty early & did our washing so it would get dry before we were ready to go to Palser's. They got dry, & we ate a lunch and started. Had no trouble at all finding them. Had a very nice visit. Mr. Palser is feeling very much better. We looked around for houses, as we still expect to move, but saw nothing.

This evening we drove over to Aunt Mabel's, but we hadn't been there long when Mrs. Blue came to the door for us, as they had been to call on us, & we were gone. So we came home again, but they didn't stay very long as they had left Grady & Keith with one of the neighbors.

Well anyway it is time to go to bed, so good night.

Dec. 1, 1926: The first of the month. How time does fly. The folks first thought they would go to the temple and look for a house to rent, but ended by flying around getting ready to go to Long Beach.

We got a good early start & made good time down there. We looked up McPheaters, but they were not at home, so we looked up the boys who were in business here in "used cars." So the one who was married got in the car with us, and we went rental shopping, as he said he was good at it. And we sure did scour the town till about two o'clock, when we decided to take a little house way out on fourth and Rosewell.

He took us down to sign up for gas & lights, then he went back to his work. We wanted him to go to lunch with us, but he would not go, so we went down to the Pier by ourselves. It was just three o'clock when we sat down to eat. We got home real early this eve, so did our ironing, then ate a bite & went over to Aunt Mabel's for the last time.

When we got ready to come home, the fog was so thick we could cut it with a knife. But we got home O.K., & will go right to bed, as we have to get up early & pack. So am signing off.

Dec. 2, 1926: Gee it seemed awful to get up & pack this morning as it was cloudy, and we sure hated to leave our lovely "Flat." But it had to be done, so we rolled up our sleeves & went after it and got through sooner than I expected. Then had to wait on Uncle Emil a while, as he had to come over after the cot.

Had good look coming down, & it did not take us long. And we were sure a sick bunch when we got to this house. It was older than we thought it was & smelled smutty, & the curtains looked awful. So the first thing we did was change them all around. Then we had to scrub all the cupboards out & put in clean papers so we could put in our things.

We did not have our trunks to unpack, as we left them in the garage, & Uncle is going to bring them down tomorrow. We took a little

walk this eve, then decided to go to bed as we have done quite a bit for one day and still are disappointed in our new layout. We don't like the water, & the bathroom heater stinks like a house-a-fire. so sweet dreams.

Dec. 3, 1926: None of us slept good last night. I woke up about 4:30 & lay awake two hours. When we got up this morning it was real cloudy. So we thought we had better get at our cleaning before it did rain. We swept & scrubbed the whole house, cleaned the light fixtures, washed out all the windowsills, washed woodwork in breakfast nook, & polished some of the furniture. By that time it began to rain, & the folks came home. It rained real hard for a while, too.

Lillian baked a cake, & we had lunch & did up the work. By that time Uncle came with the trunks. Aunt Mabel & Lorene came with him, as they were curious to see the house & where we lived. They were surprised that we lived 42 blocks from the main part of town. They didn't stay long, as they were afraid it would rain again.

We unpacked our trunks & put out our pictures, which made things look better to us. Then ate a bite & took a walk, and now we are ready for bed. On our walk we swiped a rose & a couple other flowers which do not make our vase look so useless & helps cheer up this old house. Hope we sleep better tonight, so good night.

Dec. 4, 1926: We didn't get up very early this morning, as the weather man was undecided whether to give us rain or sunshine. So he gave us both. We cleaned up the house, then I shortened my coat, & Mabel & Dad took the car down to have the oil changed.

We ate our meal sometime between three & four o'clock, then about five we drove down town to take in the sights by lamplight. They sure are tight with their lights, only down on the Pike it is pretty well lit up. We walked & walked till we were tired, looked in a couple of dance halls & wished for a man to dance with us & show us a good time. But as we didn't have any we went home again, wishing we were back in Nebr. Good night.

Dec. 5, 1926: Dad got up early this morning and began to jaw us to get up, as he wanted to go to church & was afraid we would be late, etc. Well, we finally got up & then we started out to find The Four Square Gospel branch of Aimee's Temple.

We had some little trouble finding it, but finally we ran across a building which told us by the signs that we had the right place, but it looked like a machine shed as the building was made of rough boards & also the benches. The ceiling & walls were tinted white, & they had about a dozen windows, one each side just like a house, with burlap window drapes. They had a lattice work fixed at the edge of the stage trimmed with lavender flowers, & their signs were the same as at the temple. Their worship was the same, the choir & ushers dressed in white the same as at the temple.

"Our trips on the New L.A. & Long Beach Harbors"  
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The Edison Plant cost \$30,000,000 and is largest electric plant west of the Miss. river. A new addition soon to be built costing \$40,000,000 which will make it the largest plant in the U.S.A.

Ford has 40 acres which is now being filled in (from the dredging of the harbor) for the new Factory, which will soon be built. He expects to be able to operate by August 1, 1927, and will employ 1000 men.

He says he can save (\$54.00) on every car when this new Factory is built, by having cheaper fuel & good weather to be able to put in longer hours. He will be able to export his products at a cheaper rate to Australia, etc., where he sold a large amount last year.

A million dollar steel plant is to be erected in the near future just across the channel from Henry Ford's Factory, expecting to do steel work for Ford. Ford expects to do glass work such as making his own wind shields, etc.

This Harbor has the largest Sardine Factory in the U.S.A. Also noted for its Tuna Fish, which is brought in here (The Chicken of the Sea). Wilmington is Los Angeles Harbor.

The Jack knife bridge between The Long Beach & L.A. Harbor is the largest in the world of its kind. It seperates in center & rises in air by two large weights on each end. The bridge is operated by one man, with a two-horse power engine and only costs six cents to open it once.

The L.A. Harbor is leading in exporting Oil in the world. Also lead the entire world in the importing of hard wood in 1926. Has the most noted Yacht Club in the world. Dug Fairbanks, Charlie Chaplin, etc., have their Yachts here.

Dolis Steam Ship line largest ware house in southern Calif. Turmanol Island world's best fishing port. Large ware house built by L.A. for U.S. Navy provisions. Large concrete breakwater wall to be built into San Pedro, now under construction. The N.Y.K. Line ware house is owned by Japanese Bankers. Richfield Co. Oil refining docks located on Long Beach Harbor.

Dec. 10, 1926: We didn't get up early today (think it was about eleven) as Mabel was up so much last night, as she was sick. And it is cold as usual this morning so we just stayed in bed. The Folks got up, ate their breakfast, & took a walk & never got back till about three this P.M. They had lunch at McPheaters.

We didn't have a bite, just did up the work, & Mabel layed around as she didn't feel good. I washed my hair & then did some writing. The folks had gone to call on one of our neighbors from Oklahoma by name of Shankle last night, so Mrs. Shankle came over this P.M. to go walking with Mother, & she wasn't here. So she visited with we girls, then after school her daughter, Faye, came over too.

It wasn't long till the folks came. Then one of our neighbor ladies came & signed us up for tomorrow to go on those Free Sight Seeing trips. We had early dinner tonight as we girls didn't have any lunch. Nothing to do this eve but read, so am signing off. Good night.

Dec. 11, 1926: This was a lovely morning, & so we got up in good time, cleaned up our house, & were ready to go when our man came to take us on our trip. We had to go in private cars so Fay & her mother didn't get to go with us. We thought we were to all go in the big bus, but we didn't. The car we rode in was a little small, so Mabel rode with Fay & her mother.

We drove down to Wilmington & took a small boat & rode around the harbor. We had a speaker who explained the different things to us as we went. This Harbor is just being newly built, and the way they are doing it is very interesting. We went around the Wilmington Harbor, then went through an enormous steel bridge which divided & was raised up to let us through. Then we were in the Long Beach Harbor. This bridge, our guide told us, was operated by one man.

When we arrived at our landing, our driver was there to meet us & took us out to the lots they had to sell at Eastwood, which of course was the mission of our going. We had lunch at the tent, then they took us out & showed us their lots & talked lots to Dad the rest of the afternoon.

We got home about five. Our driver was from Ohio and had driven through just as we had & left his home the same day we left Nebr. He sure was a lovely man. We had dinner, then took Fay with us & went down to the Beach. We girls took in a show, but the folks just walked around & got real tired as we stayed quite late. Got home at about 11:30 or 12 o'clock.

Dec. 12, 1926: Dad got up early this morning just like he always does on Sunday mornings, as we had planned to go to L.A. to the temple. Well, we finally got started at nine & had a nice drive. We stopped a few minutes at Uncle's to see how they all were, & they had just finished breakfast.

Had a good service at the Temple, then the folks ate a bite at a place in the park, & then we drove to Palser's. They were glad to see us, as little Phillip was sick again (had a gathering in his ear), and Mr. Palser was down again. He was feeling a little better, but sure didn't look good to us. We promised them we would come more often & think maybe they will come to see us next Sat. night.

We stopped on our way home at Uncle's again, and they were eating dinner, so we didn't stay long. Got home about six, then had a bite & went over to our neighbors Shâkel's to hear the Radio. We also met their son, Sam, who is a mechanic in the city & has been here four years.

Mrs. Shackel sure is a queer woman & has so many of those southern ways and expressions. Mr. S. never says a word, but sits there & chews tobacco & spits in an old can he has sitting beside him. They sure seem anxious to get acquainted with us, as they were so longsome.

Fay takes to Mabel like a duck does to water. She is so hungry for a companion. She goes to high School, but does not seem to get intimate with the girls. We stayed till 11:30 tonight. Are getting to be regular nighthawks. So am signing off. G. night.

Dec. 13, 1926: This is not an unlucky day if it is the thirteenth. We got up in pretty good season & got our wash out early. It sure was an ideal day for it, & we had a good sized one too. Then Mother, Dad & Lillian went again on one of those "Free" Sight seeing trips, & Mabel & I stayed at home as I was still scrubbing, & we both wanted to do some writing.

The folks got home about five o'clock and were almost frozen as they had been riding in an open car, but said they had had a good time & enjoyed the chicken dinner. We had early dinner tonight, then Mabel & I wrote about five or six letters, most of them for Dad. Good night.

Dec. 14, 1926: The Folks went down to the Market at the Park this morning, & we girls stayed & did up the work & the ironing, then took the car & went down town. Found Dad sitting in the park with two bags full of things, & Mother had left him. We tried to find her, but couldn't so I went down to the Pike & had a hair cut. Later we found her. We got some things for Loyd's box & then went home, had dinner, & then packed the box.

Faye came over & visited till about ten, then her Mother came after her, & she stayed another hour or more. Sweet Dreams.

Dec. 15, 1926: We got up pretty early this morning. Wanted to get the house cleaned up as we looked for Uncle's down from L.A. But they didn't come, so Mabel & I addressed all our Xmas greetings. Then when the Folks got home from Shankle's (where they had been listening to the Radio), we had dinner (had hot biscuits too).

Then I fixed up a few Xmas packages to the home folks, also addressed Mother's greeting. Mabel & Dad went over to Shankle's again tonight, and aren't home yet. I have finished my letter, so am going to bed.

Dec. 16, 1926: We got up about the same time as yesterday morning. Cleaned up our house, then waited again for Uncle Emil's folks, but they did not come. So this P.M. we went down town. Got some more stickers, cards, etc., then this eve I finished the Christmas greetings & packages.

Then we all went over to Shankle's again to hear Aimee. When she was through we had to come home like good little folks. So good night.

Dec. 17, 1926: Well, we got tired waiting for company this beautiful day, so we all (including Mrs. Shankle) went on one of those Free Sight Seeing trips. And we enjoyed it very much. Took a short trip around the new Long Beach & L.A. Harbor. Saw Edison's new \$30,000,000 Electric Plant, also the 40-acre site where Henry Ford is to begin his new Factory at once. Expects to have it done by Aug. 1, 1927.

Saw the new breakers being built for the Harbor & many other things of real interest. Then we drove out to the land they wanted to sell us called Silverado, sold by the Deeble & Meyers Realistate Co. We had a lovely box lunch & all the real coffee you wanted to drink & music while you ate. The rest I didn't care for.

We got home about five, had something to eat, and went over to Shankle's again to hear the Radio, as usual. Stayed later than last night, so am signing off. Good nite.

Dec. 18, 1926: We didn't get up very early this morning, as it looked cloudy & just about ready to rain. But the Folks wanted to go to the Market so we had to get up. But we didn't get down quite early enough. Mrs. Shankle went with us, & Dad stayed home, as he expected someone to come for him to see some property.

It began to rain before we got started, but after we got down town it cleared up real nice. We went down to the Pike after Faye joined us, & we stayed longer than we should have, & Dad was on the peck when we got home, as his lady didn't come, & he had to sit at home by himself. He could have gone out, but he just was too lazy or stubborn, I don't know which.

We had dinner about four o'clock, as we hadn't had anything to eat yet. Then about seven we girls & Faye went down town to a show. Had to take the Bus, as Dad was still on the peck & wouldn't let us take the car. We saw a pretty good show and came home soon after, as we were all so cold. Got home about eleven & took a good, warm bath & went to bed.

Dec. 19, 1926: The folks got up & went to a nearby church, and we lay in bed till almost ten. Then got up & gave the house a good cleaning, as it was a beautiful morning, & we could have all the doors & windows open. Just got done when the folks got back.

We had dinner about two, then the folks went walking again. We girls, Faye, & her Mother went down to the ocean about four o'clock too & got home about six. Then this evening we all went to the largest M.E. Church down town & saw a "Christmas Pageant." And it sure was beautiful. We drove around town a little, then came home & went to bed. Sweet Dreams.

Dec. 20, 1926: We got up early this morning & got our washing on the line, then went on one of those Free trips again. Went in an open car & nearly froze. Then had a big boat ride & drove out to the land at Lynwood & ate some "Jeggs." Then they took Dad & Mother in a real estate room & talked land to them till after sun down, & we girls chilled to the bone.

We got home after dark & warmed up the house. Cooked us some soup & tried to get warmed up. Mrs. Shankle & Faye came over & spent the evening, so we didn't go out. The fire felt too good.

Dec. 21, 1926: The weather looked threatening this morning, so we didn't get up early. The folks went on another trip, & we girls did the ironing. Mabel wrote some letters.

About noon it began to rain and kept it up till about three o'clock, when we went over to Shankle's. The folks got home early, then we ate dinner & all went over to hear the Radio again, but came home early as usual. Good nite.

Dec 22, 1926: We started for L.A. about eleven and arrived there in good time. Then ate a bite at a little lunch house & went to the Temple. But almost froze during the services. We had planned to stay for the evening, but it was so cold that we decided to come home.

Arrived here about six & got a bite to eat & warmed up. Then took Faye with us & went down to see the Christmas tree on the Pier, but we were too late for the programme. So went in & heard part of the band concert, then walked around & finally went in to the Dance Hall to see them dance.

They had a big tree in the middle of the room, all decorated & lit up, & the Hall was all lit up in different colors, which made it look very much like Xmas.

We stayed longer than we thought we would & were very much interested in the dances, when all of a sudden Dad stood beside us & said, "Are you ready to go home?" We all nearly fell dead, as Dad never was in a dance hall before. I think he thought it was pretty, for he didn't growl like he usually does. And when I asked him if he saw the Xmas tree, he just grinned & said, "Yes."

After the folks went to bed we girls sat up almost till midnight listening to Mabel tell about some of her school days when she was in the grades. G. Nite.

Dec. 23, 1926: Gee! It sure was cold last night. We could hardly keep warm in bed, & we didn't get up very early. We were told in L.A. that it froze ice the night of the 21st, and I believe it must have done so here last night. About eleven it began to get black in the north, & the wind was so cold we thought we were in Nebr., & that it was going to snow. But it just rained about two. It let up a little, but was still cloudy & cold, one of those "unusual" days they have in California.

It was too cold to go anywhere this eve, so we stayed at home. The folks went over to Shankle's, & Faye came over here.

Dec. 24, 1926: My! how cold these mornings are. We went down town during the warm part of the day to get some things for tomorrow. Dad went to the barber shop to get his hair cut, & when he got back he had his mustash cut off and O! how strange he looked. We didn't know him when he first came down the street to the car. None of we girls had ever seen him without his mustash, and on his 66th birthday. Ha! ha!

Well, when we got home we ate dinner, then the folks went over to Shankle's, & we girls & Faye took the car and went down to the Pike. But it <sup>A</sup>was too cold to enjoy anything, so we came home. My the fire feels too good to go to bed.

I must not forget that we received a package from Auntie & Uncle George this eve. Mabel also received one from Phelph's. We sure were glad to get them, as we didn't expect to get anything this year. But I love surprises. Good nite.

Dec. 25, 1926: "Merry Xmas!" Old Santa came before Mabel & I were up. Lillian heard him & got up & brought a package from Pearl & Chas. It contained pretty handkerchieves for us all. Another surprise. Well, this being Xmas morning, we got up earlier than usual & did up our work & got dinner started. Then about noon we all went down to the Ocean about 12 blocks south from here. Mrs. Shankle & Faye went with us.

Mabel wore my bathing suit & Faye hers, & they went in bathing & said it was fine, so Lillian and I took off our shoes & stockings & went in wading. And while we were taking pictures, here came Mother & Mrs. Shankle with theirs off too to go wading. But they didn't stay in long, as they both had colds.

The girls bathed a long time, then took a sun bath & got partly dry. Then we all went home & were good & warm walking so we wouldn't take cold. We had dinner about four o'clock, consisting of: chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, dressing, apple salad, celery, olives and chocolate pie. Besides we had all the candy & nuts we wanted to eat during the day.

We ate in the dining room for the first time since we came here. Mabel & I took baths, & we took the car & went down town. Mrs. Shankle & Faye went with us, but about the time we got down town it began to rain & spoiled all our fun. We came home with wet feet, cold and disgusted, so we warmed our feet & ate nuts & candy till real late. Good night.

Dec. 26, 1926: We had to get up early, as Dad was running around for fear he wouldn't get to the Temple in time. We took Faye with us & got there in plenty of time. After the services, we ate a bite at the little lunch house near the Temple, then drove over to Palser's. They had been sick with tonsil trouble since we saw them last. We also stopped at Uncle's a while on our way home. They promised to come down to see us this coming week.

We got home about six o'clock, had dinner, then went over to listen to the "Radio." Faye says she sure enjoyed the day's trip.

Dec. 27, 1926: I got up before eight this morning, but sure hated to do it. But as it was wash morning, I thought I should. We got our washing out in good time. Cleaned my hat, & we girls all washed our hair. Mabel & Faye went down town to roller skate, so I wrote a letter, brought the clothes in, etc. Mabel got home about six & said they had a good time, but her legs ached.

We had Tamales for supper, the first we had eaten, & I was the only one who could eat it, & I didn't care much about them. Nothing to do but sit around & read, embroidery, & write, so will sign off.

I forgot to mention that we received a package from Emma today, & I got a box of handkerchieves from The McGuire's.

Dec. 28, 1926: We ironed today, and the folks went down town & were gone all day. They were gone before we got up. We washed our hair & just played lazy all day.

When the folks got home we had dinner, then went over to Shankle's to hear the Radio.

Dec. 29, 1926: The folks got up and went on another Sight Seeing trip & didn't get back till late. Had about a 150-mile trip.

We cleaned up, as usual, then washed windows. This P.M. we girls & Mrs. Shankle & Faye all went to the Ocean for a walk. We ate dinner when the folks got home, then went to Shankle's, as usual.

Dec. 30, 1926: We got up a little earlier than usual, as we expected Uncle's down from L.A. But they didn't get here till about two o'clock & didn't stay long.

About four an agent took us over to look at a bungalow Court which Dad is talking about trading for. Then this evening we girls started for a walk, & before we knew it, we were down town (about three miles). Then we walked about a mile south & home on Ocean Blv.,

which made our walk about eight miles long in three hour's time, & we sure are tired & ready for bed.

Dec. 31, 1926: We sure stayed in bed this morning, as we were a little stiff & tired from our walk last night. The folks went on another trip today, & we cleaned up the house, then wrote letters.

About three we went for a walk, and the girls had their hair cut. Then when the folks came home, we ate. Then we all went down town. Mrs. Shankle & Faye went along. Not much doing down at the Pike, just a mad rush of people that we didn't even get to see strew the 50,000 pennies. We stayed for the fire works.

When the Old Year was buried & the New Year was born, then we tried to go home in the rush, but it was hard to do. We got home about one o'clock & went right to bed, as we were tired & cold.

Jan. 1, 1927: Happy New Year! We had to get up at five o'clock this morning and get ready to go to Pasadena to see the Parade. We went to L.A. & got Otto out of bed to drive us over, & he sure was sleepy as he had celebrated all night before & had just got in.

We got to Pasadena about 8:30, and the Parade didn't start till eleven, & and it sure was beautiful. "Beverly Hills" took first prize. Then we got back to L.A. & stopped at Uncle's about two. But we were all so tired & hot that we didn't stay long. In the evening we just stayed at home, as we were tired.

Jan. 2, 1927: My! we sure were tired this morning, but had to get up early & go to the Temple. There was such a jam we come very nearly not getting any seat. Then in the afternoon we went to Palser's a while and got home about six o'clock. And in the evening the folks went to church, & we girls went to Shankle's. So Good night.

Jan. 3, 1927: We got up late this morning, as it was so foggy, & we couldn't wash. The folks went to look at a house, and we girls did some writing. When the folks got home we took the car & went to the P.O. to get a package I should have received at Xmas. Then got some groceries & came home & had dinner.

It is too cold & foggy, so we are going to stay at home & write letters. Mrs. McCarty was over a while with her little girl to collect the rent. Am signing off. Good nite.

Jan. 4, 1927: We got up quite early & got our washing on the line, & it was a good sized one too. Then we all got in the car & took Mrs. Shankle along & went down town to get a license for the car. But there were too many ahead of us, so we decided to come some other day.

We went down town a while, then came home & took down the clothes & ate dinner. Then went over to Shankle's for the evening. Mabel curled Mrs. Shankle's hair. It was quite foggy when we came home this evening.

Jan. 5, 1927: We had to get up early as Dad was rearing(?) around & said we wouldn't get started to the Temple in time. But we did and got there in plenty time. Mrs. Shankle went with us, as she had never been up there.

We ate lunch at the park & stayed for the afternoon services, so it was dark before we got home, as we had quite a bit of traffic to go thru.

Just as we had finished dinner, Mr. & Mrs. Blue & his nephew came from L.A. & wanted us to go down town to a dance with them. Mabel had promised Faye & Sam to go to Wilmington to a "Fight" with them, so she couldn't go. But Lillian & I went. A Mr. & Mrs. Cooper from this city, also his brother from L.A. went with us, & we went to the Cyndrella down on the Pike & had a real nice time.

We got home about one, and Mabel was already in bed, & it didn't take us long to get there either.

Jan. 6, 1927: We stayed in bed late this morning, as it was misting & raining, but got up about ten & cleaned up the house & ironed. Then wrote a letter. Mrs. Shankle brought her embroidery over & was here a couple of hours. Then Faye came too when school was out.

We had dinner about four, and after we washed the dishes we went for a walk, then went to Shankle's to hear the Radio, as usual.

Jan. 7, 1927: Got up about the usual time & did our usual work. Then about noon went down to the Auto Club to get our license. We had to wait about an hour, then our car was inspected, & Dad went in & applied for the license which will be here in a few days.

Then we all went down down & looked around. The folks got beads for two bags. Lillian is going to croquet one & Mother knit one.

We got home in fairly good time & had dinner & were stringing beads & reading when Faye came over after us to come & hear the Double Wedding over the Radio performed at the Temple. So we spent the rest of the evening over there & stayed till about eleven.

Jan. 8, 1927: We didn't get up as early as we wanted to, but gave the house a good cleaning, then took baths, washed hair, cleaned dresses, coats, hats, etc. Washed stockings, in fact

it was a real cleaning day, then we wrote letters. Between us we had five to mail.

Had dinner about 5:30, then we girls & Faye went down town in the car to take in the sights. We took in a show & then came home, and as we were tired we went to bed at once. Good nite.

Jan. 9, 1927: We had to get up early this morning, as Dad was raring to go to the Temple. We took Faye along & took a new Route up there. Got there about eleven & couldn't get in, so had to sit in the school room & hear Aimee over the Loud Speaker. We were all disappointed, as this is her last Sunday before she goes on her vacation.

After church we had lunch, then drove over to Palser's for the afternoon. They all looked better than usual & seemed to be on the mend. We came home a new way & got here about six, then had dinner.

Mother & Mrs. Shankle have gone to church, & the rest of us are just lounging around. Then Mabel & I went for a walk & followed Mother & Mrs. Shankle home & visited here till we were all so sleepy. Mrs. Shankle went home, & we went to bed.

Jan. 10, 1927: We washed this morning, but before we got them out it clouded over & began to drizzle, but let up a little so we put out our colored things. But they only got partly dry, & we had to finish them by the stove.

We went down town regardless of rain, as lillian wanted to get the dope on how to start her bag. Mabel got a baby dress to work. We left Dad home to keep fire so the clothes would dry, & when we got home we had dinner.

Mrs. Shankle & a lady came over to get the folks to go on a trip for Wednesday, & of course they promised.

Jan. 11, 1927: I got up early & put out the white clothes & rugs & things that didn't get dry yesterday. Then when we got the work done, Mabel went with me to get a hair cut. The folks went on a Sight Seeing trip, & Mrs. Shankle went with them.

About two o'clock when the clothes were about dry, a cloud came up, & it began to rain. We girls just flew out & got the clothes in. Then the sun came out again in a while, so I put the towels out again, but finally got them all dry.

The folks got home in good time, & we had dinner. The folks worked at their fancy work for Dad, & I read.

Jan. 12, 1927: The folks went on another trip today, but Dad didn't like going with so many women, altho they had a nice, new Buick car to go in & had a good trip. We ironed, cleaned up the house, then drove down town. I got me a baby dress, & Mabel got the lace for hers.

I got the announcement of Anna's baby girl yesterday, so am going to make a dress for little Rose Marie, born Jan. 8.

We had dinner after the folks got home this eve, then we all took a walk, so when we got back we felt more like sitting still. Mother & Lillian worked at their bags, Mabel at her dress, and I wrote a letter. So now am signing off. Good night.

Jan. 13, 1927: Folks & Mrs. Shankle went on another trip today. We girls did our regular work, then all worked at our busy-work, Lillian at her bag & Mabel & I at our dresses. Then this P.M. we drove down town to get some ribbon, lace, etc.

Folks got home, we had dinner, then we girls walked down to the Carter theater to see the "Three Bad Men," and it was real good & only a dime show. It was clean, had cushion seats, & good music. Faye went with us, & when we got home we were ready for bed, as it is a good way down there. Good nite.

Jan. 14, 1927: Folks & Mrs. Shankle went on a trip again today, & we did about the same round as yesterday. The days were almost like twins. When we got back from down town, Faye came over a while, wanted us to come over this eve, but we didn't go.

Folks got home about dark & were quite cold, but Lillian had dinner ready, & they told us about their trip. Mother & Lillian worked on their bags, & Mabel & I on our dresses. So Good night.

Jan. 15, 1927: Folks went down town this morning while we did up the work. Then we worked on our dresses a while before we went down after them. as we knew they wouldn't be ready to come home early.

We had supper, then I wrote a letter, & Mabel finished her dress. Then we went over to Shankle's to get the dope on the "Catalena Swim." Lillian & Mother worked on their bags & didn't go over. We got interested & stayed till three o'clock. Sam was asleep so thought we had better come home, altho none of the contestants had landed yet.

Faye had had a little nap during that time, but we girls were not a bit sleepy, but am signing off.

Jan. 16, 1927: We slept quite late this morning, but the paper came before we got up, telling that "Young Won." He reached land about three-thirty o'clock this morning.

Margret Houser and Martha Stager both were taken out of the water after being in the water about twenty hours. They did not want to give up, as they were only a few miles from shore. But the rough sea & tides were against them. Mr. Wrigley is giving them \$2500 each, and if they have a chance, they will try again. Mr. Wrigley says his \$15,000 still holds good for this summer if any woman can swim the channel.

We had dinner about three, ate in the dining room, then took a drive out to Huntington Beach & Seal Beach, which we enjoyed very much. Then we went down town to The Christian Church. It sure is a beautiful church & will seat a great many people. We had to sit in the Gallery, as the main floor & gallery were full. I took a hot bath and am ready for bed. Good nite.

Jan. 17, 1927: Didn't get up very early this morning, as my hot bath made me sleep too hard, but we got our washing out in good time. The folks, Mabel & Mrs. Shankle went with a Lady Agent to look at a couple of houses, one in Compton & one in North Long Beach.

Lillian finished her bag, & I sewed the lace on my baby dress. Folks got home between four & five, & Lillian got dinner. I took in clothes & dampened them. Mabel is writing letters, & the rest are reading, etc., so am signing off. Good night.

Jan. 18, 1927: We sure got up late this morning. Mr. McPheaters came before we were up to tell us they had moved. We did our ironing, then drove down town & were there all afternoon.

Got home about five, had dinner, then I made the rosettes for my baby dress & wrapped it & Mabel's for sending. Mabel wrote some letters, so we are going to bed so we can get up early, as we want to go to L.A. G. nite.

Jan. 19, 1927: We got up early this morning & drove up to Uncle Emile's. Got there about eleven & found Aunt Mabel & Lorene home alone, doing up their morning work. Aunt Mabel had been up till three o'clock with her tooth which she had pulled and was bleeding, so she couldn't get it stopped. She looked real bad too. She was feeling all upset about her mother's death & Lorene's trouble, together with moving & all.

We stayed till about two or three, when we drove over to Blue's where we stayed for supper & till about ten o'clock. John (Mr. Blue's nephew) was there, & some of their friends came in just before we left.

We came home in good time about eleven, & we were off to bed, as we sure are tired. Good nite.

Jan. 20, 1927: We girls didn't get up this morning till between ten & eleven o'clock, as we were tired. Besides it was raining out. We cleaned up the house a little, then went down town in the rain, but didn't stay long. Got good & cold, so we had soup for dinner & chocolate pie. Then went over to Shankle's a while, as Mabel is trying to knit her bag, & Mrs. Shankle helped her.

Jan. 21, 1927: When we got up this morning it was foggy, so we didn't know whether to start for Pasadena or not. But we took a chance as we had written our cousin we would come today, & it turned out to be a real nice day.

Had good luck in finding them, but Anna had gone to work, & Aunt Hannah was there. M\_\_\_\_\_ (Anna's boy) came home at noon & ate a bite & went back to school. Anna got home about 2:30, & we had dinner, and everything sure was good. Then we visited till about 5:30 o'clock.

We made good time coming home and didn't have any trouble at all finding the way. Nothing to do this eve but read the paper & get warm. Lillian croched on her bag, so Mabel & I went for a walk, so now am signing off.

Jan. 22, 1927: We did up our work as usual, then sat around. Dad wanted to go down town, but we wanted him to wait till evening. So about three we had dinner, & as we were eating Palser's drove up. They had eaten their dinner down by the ocean. Mr. Palser looked real good again, but they didn't stay long.

We went down town as soon as they were gone, took Faye along. Didn't do anything in particular so came home about ten o'clock. Good night.

Jan. 23, 1927: We didn't sleep as late as we usually do on Sundays. The Folks & Mrs. Shankle walked down to the Four Square Gospel branch church, & when they got back we had dinner. Then we girls walked down to the ocean & back.

This evening we drove down to a big Congregation Church down town. The church was lovely, but the services were the "bunk." His sermon was just a lecture on war. He had left his Bible at home, I guess, as he didn't use it. Mrs. Shankle went with us, & we got home early & drove around town some too. Good night.

Jan. 24, 1927: We have been getting up earlier the last few mornings. Got up & washed today, & it sure was lovely too for it. Then took Mrs. Shankle & went down town. Mabel applied for her driver's license. Came home by four, took in the clothes, ate dinner. Then down to McPheeters a while.

They had moved on Olive Street, & we had to look for them. They sure have a lovely "Flat," and we spent a very enjoyable evening. Their daughter & husband were there a while too, but left before we did. We got home about eleven. So am signing off.

Jan. 25, 1927: We ironed this morning, then Mabel wrote letters & I shortened my black dress. Lillian worked on Mother's bag, & Dad sat around & Groweled because we wouldn't go somewhere. Mother was over to Shankle's & said Faye came home sick with the measles. She was coming down with them Sat. night, so Mabel is exposed, but she has had them.

After dinner this eve we girls walked down to the "Carter" theater a mile from here, as we needed the exercise & saw a good show, altho we had seen it before. When we got back the folks went to bed, and Mabel read to us from the book "The Trail of the Yukon,"

which she got from the library across the street. It is 10:20 and time to go to bed. Good nite.

Jan. 26, 1927: We got up rather late this morning, and we just had our work done up, we went to L.A. & stopped at Uncle's on our way to the Temple. But no one was at home but Lorene, so we went on. After church the folks found Mrs. Palser & talked to her till dark, so it was seven before we got home. We had something to eat, then done some reading & went to bed.

Jan. 27, 1927: We just got our work done up, but were not cleaned up when Uncle & Aunt Mabel came down. But they only stayed till three, then we had early dinner & drove down to look up Mauser's. But they had gone, so we just drove around. We drove by the Methodist Church & Dad had to go in, so we girls sat in the car, but it got too cold so we walked around a little. Got home at 9:30, then Mabel read to us till 1:30 o'clock.

Jan. 28, 1927: Sure got up late this morning. The folks were ready to start on a sight-seeing trip, so when we got our work done Mabel finished the book. Took till two o'clock. Then she went over to Faye's, & Lillian & I wrote a letter & mailed it.

The folks got home real late. We waited supper till 6:30, then ate and had the dishes washed before they got here. We girls went over to Shankle's a while, but came home about ten.

Jan. 29, 1927: Almost as lazy as ever, but we got up a little earlier than usual. Done up our work, took baths, then went out to look for houses, but didn't have any luck. We girls went down to the Carter theater this eve & are going to write letters before we go to bed.

Jan. 30, 1927: We got up late, as usual, and the folks had gone to church and told us to come after them, as they were going down to the Pier. So about three o'clock we drove down after them, and after we had dinner we drove down to the Prespertation church down town and enjoyed the services very much. Felt rather blue this evening so went right to bed. Good night.

Jan. 31, 1927: Got up and put our washing on the line, then went looking for houses, and we sure had some time. By night we were all tired & had headaches & found nothing but an upstairs apartment on Atlantic Ave., so came home to think it over.

Took in our clothes, got supper, then went over to Shankle's a while. But we came home early, & as the folks had gone to bed Mabel wrote a letter, & we went to bed but couldn't sleep. About eleven-thirty Mabel came to bed & we began to talk about moving, & everybody in the house seemed to be awake too. Guess move was on everyone's mind.

Feb. 1, 1927: We had to get up a little earlier, it being the first of the month. The folks went to the Bank, and while we were

talking about getting started to clean up the house, here came Mr. & Mrs. McPheeters. I just grabbed the bedding from the cot in the front room & carried it in the bedroom. They saw my confusion, said they would try & meet the folks. So it gave us a chance to clean up, but they came twice before the folks got back.

Between times we got our ironing done too, as they stayed till two o'clock. Mr. Mc discovered he had a flat tire, so he & Dad took it off & rolled it over to the station to have it fixed. When they had gone we drove down & took the place on Atlantic, then went down town & paid the gas & lights & had them transferred. Then we came home, had dinner.

Then we girls walked to the "Carter Theater," saw a good show & on our way stopped at Shankle's. It is now 10:30, but I am going to pack some things so we can start early tomorrow morning to move. Good night.

Feb. 2, 1927: We got up early and got everything packed, then Mabel & Dad took the first load down while we cleaned up the house. Then we all took the last load down. The unpacking was quite a job, but everything was nice & clean, so it didn't take long to put things in place. Then we had dinner in our new home, & we really enjoyed it, as we ate in the dining room.

Then we did some writing, & the folks went to church. We took some fresh air, then went to bed early, as we all were tired. We have a street light right in front of our window so we can see to go to bed without a light. Good night.

Feb. 3, 1927: We got up earlier than usual, as we girls all slept in one bed last night. The folks got up, ate their breakfast, then went to the market while we girls cleaned up the house. Then we took the car & went down town.

Mabel got her hair cut, then went down town where Mabel & Mother got tops for their bags. Then we came home and ate dinner. The folks went to church, & we stayed at home. Faye & Sara called on us this evening.

Feb. 4, 1927: We stayed in bed late this morning, as it was raining. We did our usual work, then wrote letters, and during the afternoon sometime it cleared up. So the Folks went walking. When they got home, we had supper ready, and then they went to church as usual, & we read.

Feb. 5, 1927: We cleaned up the house this morning, using the vacuum, a machine I have had very little experience with. Then we took baths and went to a matinee at the "Egyptian" Theater, which was very good. Then came home & ate dinner and went for a big, long walk down town. Good night.

Feb. 6, 1927: We girls were still in bed when the folks started for church. So we just got up, cleaned up the house & our selves,

& sat down & read. The folks went down to the Pier after church, & about four o'clock who should they come home with but Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Koehler & her brother. We girls were sure surprised to see them, and so were the folks, as they ran across them just as they were about to cross the street.

We had a very nice visit. They said they had tried to look us up before, but had the wrong house number. They said they were leaving for Home in about two weeks, so made us promise to go to see them at L.A. next Wednesday. After they had gone we had dinner, then all went to church. Good night.

Feb. 7, 1927: We got up & put out our first washing in our new place, and it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. Our place to wash is small, & we only have one tub, but we have good lines & line space & isn't as public as we thought it was.

The folks went down town, & we finished our book, then had dinner & went to a show at the California Theater, just a few blocks away.

Feb. 8, 1927: We slept as late as usual. Mabel took the folks to the market while we cleaned up the house and ironed. Then she brought the things home, & the folks stayed down town. She took us down next. I had my hair cut, then we went down to the Pier where we found the folks. We listened to the band a while, sunned our selves, & about five we came home.

O! Yes. Dad got a new hat today. We had dinner, and the folks went to church again. Mabel is writing letters, & I am reading, etc. So Good night.

Feb. 9, 1927: We drove to L.A. today to see Koehler's. Stopped on our way up there to see Uncle Emile's. When we got to Koehler's, we had a lunch of sandwiches, coffee, fruit & cookies. Then we got in our cars & drove around. We first went to Hollywood to the big "Bowl," an outdoor theater which will seat thousands of people. Situated in the hills to represent a bowl.

We next went to see the place where the movies are taken out of doors, and we saw how they made their houses & city scenes. Saw the remains of the picture just taken called "Old Ironsides," now being shown at "The Egyptian" theater at Hollywood. We then took the Beverly Blvd. out through the most beautiful hills & Homes. Saw Valentine's Home at a distance, then we drove out to the Ocean.

Just before we dropped down into the Valley, we had the most beautiful view of the ocean as it lay there like a big lake out toward the setting sun, & the beautiful green hills as the background. It was the prettiest scene we had seen since we came out here.

We dropped down to the ocean & drove along the edge till we came to the Pier, where they were fishing. So we stopped a while & walked out to the end of it. After that, Koehler's went home, & we took the Subway to Long Beach. Came through Redondo & Wilmington

following the beach most of the way & got home after dark. Had dinner, then went to a show, so are ready for bed.

Feb. 10, 1927: We didn't get up very early, but after we got our work done up we walked straight down Atlantic to the ocean & then along toward the Pier. It got pretty warm as it was about noon, so we got some candy & sat in the shade to eat it. When it began to get cool we walked up to the Pier where we found the Folks. From there we went down town to do some window shopping, as Mabel wants a suit.

We got home about four and were real tired from our walk. We had dinner, the folks went to church, & we stayed at home as we couldn't find the keys to the car. We had planned to go to Shankle's, but Dad had taken the keys out to the car during the day and locked them in, so nothing to do but go to bed.

Feb. 11, 1927: We took the car down to the Oles Garage to be looked over, & we went down town to get that suit we had spotted yesterday. It is a tan mixed cloth & very good looking. Also looked for a vest, but didn't find anything that just suited. So we went to a style show, had a terrible time getting in, but saw most of it. They showed some very pretty things.

When we got out of there we went down to the Pier to get Dad to go home, but he wasn't ready, so we sat down in the Auditorium to hear the band. When the concert was over we got our car & came home, had dinner & drove up to Shankle's. The folks had to go to church so we went alone.

Feb. 12, 1927: Lincoln's Birthday, and the only way we can celebrate is with a vacuum sweeper, broom, etc., but that wasn't bad. Then as it is Sat., we girls had to take our baths & all cleaned up. Then we sat down & waited for our relatives from L.A. to come down.

The folks went to the Adventist Church, but got home about twelve, & we all sat around & read & wrote, worked on beads, etc. But they didn't come so we had early supper & went to a show, then walked down town, and by the time we got home we were ready for bed.

Feb. 13, 1927: We were awake by Dad storming around about going to L.A., so we got up, got ready, cleaned the car, etc., and it began to drizzle rain. So we sat down & read the papers. Finally the folks started out somewhere, they didn't know where, in spite of the rain and wet. But we stayed by the fire.

Mabel wrote a letter, & we read. The folks came home looking like drowned rats, and both mad at the weather or because they didn't know where to take the Atlantic Bus or something. It rained all day, & I read my book & finished it about 11:30 o'clock. And still it rains.

Feb. 14, 1927: Rain! Rain! And still it rains, just pours. We girls stayed in bed till almost noon. Dad brought me a couple letters, so I got up. By the time we got our work done up, it cleared away a little, & the folks went down town. Then about 4:30 we drove down after them, then drove to Shankle's a few minutes & took the books back to the library. After dinner the folks went to church, & we wrote letters.

Feb. 15, 1927: It was still raining when we awoke so we just stayed in bed, but about mail time we got up, & Oboy, I got a valentine from Budd & a letter from Maggie. Then after the work was done, I began to write letters, and still it rained, and kept it up all day. So we didn't get to go out.

We had dinner early in the evening, and Faye came down while Sam went to school. When he got back, he took Mabel & Faye down to State Street to see the flood as a result of the rain. We went to bed about eleven, but not sleepy.

Feb. 16, 1927: Still ~~raining~~ raining when we got up this morning, but not very hard, so after we did up our work we took the car & went down town to exchange my (18¢) thread. Then drove up ocean Blvd., to Shankle's, where we stayed the rest of the day sewing quilt blocks & listening over the Radio. Came home about six, ate dinner, & went to the show.

Feb. 17, 1927: Hurrah! The sun is shining. We put out a big washing, then walked down to the ocean and wandered around. The beach was covered with sticks & brushes washed down by the rain, & the ocean was real muddy looking. Saw the folks down there, but they were not ready to come home, so we came back about 4 o'clock & took the clothes in & got dinner. Then went to the show again, saw Norma Shearer in "Up Stage."

Feb. 18, 1927: And it looked rainy again this morning, but just misted but not enough to stop the folks & by noon was real nice again. We did our ironing, then Mabel wrote letters, Lillian crocheted, & I hemmed up my tan dress, & it was no easy job. By the time I had it done I was so nervous & had such a headache I had to get out & take a walk.

After we had dinner, who should come but Mr. & Mrs. McPheeters! They stayed a couple of hours, and we enjoyed their visit very much. Folks went to bed, but we girls were not ready yet, so sat and talked an hour or more.

Feb. 19, 1927: Another sun shiny day! I used the vacuum again today & cleaned up the house. Lillian baked a chocolate pie, and Mabel took the folks to the market. Then we girls took baths, then went to the Egyptian theater. The folks came home about the same time we did, then we had dinner. Faye came after Mabel, & the folks went window shopping & came home after walking about fifty blocks.

Feb. 20, 1927: The folks got up this morning & went to the Four Square Church, then took the bus & went down to the Pier. About one o'clock we took the car & drove down after the folks to go riding. But before we went I asked for my first job out here in the West in answer to an add I saw in the paper. But it was taken.

We drove out to "The Pales Verdes" Estates, which were beautiful. Saw the "Ideal Home" & took some pictures. Then we drove along the edge of the hills next to the ocean around Point Loma over to San Pedro & then Home. In all we had a very enjoyable trip, then had dinner & went to church to hear a Dancer from Hollyland give the History of her life.

Feb. 21, 1927: We got up & washed this morning, then the folks went down town. I washed my hair, then we drove down & looked for the folks but couldn't find them, then drove up to Shankle's a while. Came home & ate supper, then went to the show and saw "Tin Hats."

Feb. 22, 1927: Washington's Birthday, & all we did to celebrate was to iron & go down town. The folks went on a sight seeing trip. Then in the evening we girls "dolloed up" & went down to the Pier to look up a good dance, but got cold feet & came home.

Feb. 23, 1927: Went up to see Palser's today, & Mr. P. looks real bad again. Has been down ever since they were down to Long Beach four weeks ago. We got home late, ate dinner, then went to a show, "Mare Nostrum" and liked it fairly well.

Feb. 24, 1927: Folks went on another sight seeing trip. We got Geo. McPheeters to go with us to get our drafts cashed, etc. Folks were late getting home, & we had supper all ready. Then we went up to Shankle's & spent the evening.

Feb. 25, 1927: Folks went down to the Pier early today as they had missed three days. We went down about two o'clock as Mabel wanted some things. Came home about 5:30, ate dinner, and went to a show called "The Flaming Forest," and it sure was good. Antonio Marene played, & I sure like him.

Feb. 26, 1927: Cleaned up the house, took bathes, then drove down to get the folks & the groceries on our way home. We drove to Shankle's to ask them to come over to dinner tomorrow, but they made all kinds of excuses and said they would come over after supper. Then Mabel, Faye, & Sam went down town, and we visited with Mrs. Shankle. About ten Lillian & I went for a walk down to the Pier & back. Got back about eleven, & everyone was in bed, & Mabel had gone home with Faye.

Feb. 27, 1927: Went to church this morning, & as Mabel has gone to Tia Juana, M., we went down to the Pike & wandered around all day. I came home about five & had dinner ready when the folks got home. Then went to the Nazerene church, as there was nothing else to do.

Feb. 28, 1927: Put out our washing, then went down town to see the Auto Pajent, then went down to the Pike a while & rested. Then walked home & were all in when we got here. Went to the show in the eve and saw "Lady Windermere's Farm" by Roland Colman, Irene Rich, May McCoy, & Bert Lydell, and it was very good.

Mar. 1, 1927: The folks went on a sight seeing trip, & we did our ironing. Then Uncle Emil's came down, & we all went to the beach. When we got back the folks were here, but they (Emil's) went home soon after. Mabel went to L.A. to The Auto Show, & Lillian & I went out for a walk down to the canyon & back.

Mar. 2, 1927: Folks went down to the Pier, as usual. Mrs. Ewen(?) called on us. We wrote letters, then took the car & went after the folks, but couldn't find them, so came home. They finally came & said they had been on a sight seeing trip.

After we had eaten, we went to the show & saw "The Sea Beast" by John Barymore with Dolorus Costello.

Mar. 3, 1927: Got up late this morning as it <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ raining. Had rained most all night. I couldn't sleep. Cleaned the house & car, then wrote a letter to Otto. Mabel went to Shankle's to go to the High School Play with Faye.

Cleared up in P.M., & Lillian & I went for a walk, had early dinner, and went to Style Show at the "Columbia Outfitting Co.," and was real good. Got home about eleven.

Mar. 4, 1927: Still raining when we got up, but cleared up about three o'clock. Nothing doing today. Mabel wrote letters, & I read some of my old ones as I am all answered up. Mabel went out in the evening, and we girls went down town.

Mar. 5, 1927: Folks went down town early. We cleaned up the house, took bathes. Had company from Julesburg, Mr. & Mrs. Troy. Faye came over too, & later we took the car & went down after the folks. After dinner we went to the show, & Mabel went with Faye & Sam to the State.

Mar. 6, 1927: Sure slept late this morning. Folks were almost ready for church when we got up. We went to church, & Sam came after Mabel to take her up & help Faye with some of her work. In the P.M., we went for a ride, & Faye went with us. Then she stayed with us for supper, & then we girls went down town & fooled around, then took her home.

Mar. 7, 1927: Washed today. Folks went down town as usual. I had my hair cut. We girls went to the show and saw "O What a Nurse" by Sid Chaplin.

Mar. 8, 1927: Ironed today. Girls washed their hair, then we went down town to get Mabel's cut. Folks took their daily trip

down town & back. Faye came over a while, & she & Mabel went for a little ride, & Lillian & I walked down town & back.

Mar. 9, 1927: We drove up to L.A. today to look up Gebhardt's, but couldn't find them, so drove up to Uncle Emil's to find out what was wrong with our map, but it was just us. We stopped at Blue's on our way to Gebhardt's, & it was just pouring down rain. Had begun to rain while we were at Uncle's. We just ploughed through water coming up Manchester. Mabel went to Wilmington with Sam, & we girls went to the show in the evening.

Mar. 10, 1927: Got up late & laid around all day with a sore thro<sup>at</sup> and a headache. The wind blew just like it does in Nebr., so we didn't go out all day. In the evening we all drove up to Shankle's.

Mar. 11, 1927: Sure was a beautiful day. The folks went down town, as usual, & we went to the Egyptian to a matinee. In the evening we girls went for a big, long walk.

Mar. 12, 1927: We had a little excitement this morning. As Mabel was dressing she snapped her neck, and it made her deathly sick, and she just couldn't move. We got her to bed & rubbed it & put the hot water bottle on it, & it relieved her some, but she couldn't move & had to stay in bed all day. Mr. & Mrs. Blue came down to 6 o'clock dinner, and Sam & Faye came to see Mabel in the evening.

Mar. 13, 1927: Mabel seems better this morning & sat up to eat her breakfast & quite a while after. Folks went to church this morning. Seems too nice to stay indoors today. Sam came down & stayed with Mabel while we went out for a walk. Folks went to church again in the evening.

Mar. 14, 1927: Washed this morning, and the folks went on a sight seeing trip. Sam & Faye came over after school & stayed till about twelve o'clock. Mrs. Ewen was over a while too.

Mar. 15, 1927: Ironed today, fixed my tan dress, & sat around the rest of the day. Folks went down town as usual. Sam came over in the evening & stayed with Mabel while Lillian & I went for a walk and the Folks went to church.

Mar. 16, 1927: We took Mabel for a walk this morning after we had our work done. Went to the ocean & back, & it did her good. Folks had gone down town this morning, but Mother came home at two o'clock, so Lillian & I went down town to get her a dress. After supper Lillian went to a show & saw "Blackbird" and didn't like it very much.

Mar. 17, 1927: Went with Mabel to take an X-ray today, and the doctor said to come back tomorrow. After supper, while we were debating what to do about going down town to the Irish Celebration, in came Blue's. So Graydon Keith stayed with Mabel, & we girls went with them to a dance on the pike "The Cyhdrella," both families. Cooper's were there, & we had a good time, after which we went

home with them. Had a long, cold ride, but had some good warm cocoa & cake when we got home.

Mar. 18, 1927: Got up late & sat around all day & visited, & in the evening we went to the "Nebraska Dance" & had a good time.

Mar. 19, 1927: We sure stayed in bed this morning. Louise came in our room and began to talk to us. Then I got up & dressed, & we moved in the front room, & at twelve o'clock the girls were not dressed yet. The topic of conversation was so exciting, but we soon flew into the work & had dinner all ready when Mr. Blue came home. We girls & Graydon went for a big, long walk in the evening.

Mar. 20, 1927: We all took a shower when we got up this morning, then sat around all day & played the Brunswick & visited.

Mar. 21, 1927: Went down to the city and shopped. Lillian & I both got us a coat. Then in the evening we went to the "El Padeo" dance hall, and it is the most wonderful in the west. Mr. & Mrs. Cooper went with us, & we had a very nice time.

Mar. 22, 1927: Got up & cleaned up the house & got our work all done. Then went down after my coat which was being altered, then got a hat & such a time as I had. Had a real sick headache when we got home. We were going to come home, but changed our minds & went up to View Heights & looked over the city.

Mar. 23, 1927: Was too hot to do anything today, so when Mr. Blue came home we ate early, then came home to Long Beach. Folks were gone so we had to get a pass key to get in, but they came soon. Blue's spent the evening, then took Mother home with them.

Mar. 24, 1927: After Mabel took her treatment, we drove up to Shankle's. Had decided yesterday to go swimming, but was too cold today, so just stayed & visited. Went to the show in the evening.

Mar. 25, 1927: After Mabel & Dad took their treatments, we all washed our hair, then went down town hat shopping. Lillian finally took Mabel's, and she got a new one. I also got a pair of kid gloves to match my blue-gray outfit. In the evening we girls went with Mrs. Eynon(?) to the Band Concert & Old time dance.

Mar. 26, 1927: Lillian & I did up the work while Mabel & Dad took their treatment. Then we drove to L.A. to the Nebr. Picnic to be held in Sycamore Grove. Took Faye with us & saw a few from home, Henry Stewart & daughter, Estys Younger & family, & a Mr. Jacobson & Slattery. Had a good time. Brought Mother home from Blue's. After supper we girls all went down to the Pike & came home tired as horses.

Mar. 27, 1927: Went to church this morning, but are all too tired & lazy to do anything else. Folks went down to the Pike. Sam came down, so Lillian went for a walk & ran across Wilber & Sygna

McKee on the Pike, & sure were surprised. They are staying in Long Beach at present. Got home at 6:30, & the folks had eaten, so we ate & went to church. Mabel was gone & hasn't come home yet. Guess Sam has eloped with her.

Mar. 28, 1927: Washed this morning, then stayed at home & went down to the Pike in the evening. Went into the Majestic and watched them dance a while.

Mar. 29, 1927: Ironed today and sat around the rest of the day and hated ourselves, as it rained all day. Went to the show in the evening.

Mar. 30, 1927: Went with Mabel to take her treatment. Then went & asked for a job, but failed to get it. Then went & got me a pair shoes. In the P.M. we girls went down to the beach. Dad sold the tent today. Faye & Sam came in the evening & took Mabel, so Lillian & I went for a walk before bed time.

Mar. 31, 1927: Cloudy & rainy, as usual. Got a nice, long letter from Aunt Mertie this morning. Dad & Mabel took their treatment as usual, then went to the market. Went up to Shankle's in the P.M. & brought Faye home with us for supper to eat Brown beans. Then went to the show & saw "The Wife Who Wasn't Wanted."

Apr. 1, 1927: Dad & Mabel took their treatment this morning. Mrs. Eymon called on us. Then we got ready and went up to Uncle Emil's to a 5:30 dinner. Had a lovely dinner and spent a delightful evening singing & playing & listening over the Radio as Aimee came home & surprised her folks.

Apr. 2, 1927: Went up to Shankle's & took Faye & her Mother & went into the Ocean. We girls all put on suits, but Mother & Mrs. Shankle just went wading. It was a little chilly, but we had a good time. Came home & took bathes, ate supper, & went back up to hear Aimee over the Radio. After we came home Sam came after Mabel to stay all night with Faye.

Apr. 3, 1927: Got up late, but managed to get to church just around the corner. Folks went about 10 o'clock. This afternoon we went down to the beach, but it was so cold & cloudy that we didn't enjoy it much, so we came home early, I washed my hair, & went to the Christian Church in the evening.

Apr. 4, 1927: Washed today, then went down town & bought Mabel a coat & shoes. Mr. & Mrs. McPheeters came over in the evening.

Apr. 5, 1927: Uncle Emil & Aunt Mabel came down for lunch. Then Mabel & I went home with them, and they gave a little Party for us. Had a very good time.

Apr. 6, 1927: Were supposed to have gone home today, but they coaxed us to stay & go to a luncheon in a new Spanish Home. Sure glad we did. Had a wonderful time & sure enjoyed the luncheon.

Aunt Mabel, Lorene, Mabel & I went to the church for supper, then drove home & visited till twelve o'clock.

Apr. 7, 1927: Got up late this morning. Aunt Mabel had the washing almost done & Uncle Emil was cleaning up the house. About 1 o'clock they took us home. Stopped at a little Inn along the way & had lunch. The folks were all ready to go to the Temple.

We promised Uncle's that we would go to L.A. tomorrow on the Car & go with them to a dance, then they would bring us home Saturday. Mabel took her treatment, & we went over to Palser's to tell them Goodbye, as they are leaving tomorrow. They let us take their mattress, then we went on to the Temple. Got home about 12 o'clock.

Apr. 8, 1927: Got up late, but as soon as we had our work done we went down to the beach. Mabel got a bathing suit & cap & Lillian a new pair shoes. Mrs. Eynon came over this eve, & Mabel went out with Sam.

Apr. 9, 1927: Got a letter from Maggie which I was glad to get. Was late when we got our work done, so Mother & Lillian went to market while Dad & Mabel took their treatment. Went down to the Pike in the evening.

Apr. 10, 1927: Got up early & got all ready to go to Catalina, & it began to rain, so I began to write letters. Then Otto came in, & we had dinner, then went for a ride & took some pictures. Soon after he left it began to rain again, but not too hard for Blue's to come. They had been to Catalina Island & stopped on their way home & spent the evening.

Apr. 11, 1927: Got up early & went to Catalina Island & had a good time, but nearly froze. Also got rained on as we were boarding the glass-bottom boat. Went and called on McPheeters in the evening.

Apr. 12, 1927: Put out a big washing, then went down town. When I got home I mashed my thumb in the car door. Then took in the clothes & drove to L.A. Left the folks at Uncle Emil's, & we girls drove over to Blue's & ate Chilli Beans. Sure were good too. Then we all drove down to the Beach to a dance.

Apr. 13, 1927: Got up late and just in time to eat lunch. Then the folks came, & we took Louise & went to the Temple. In the evening Lillian & I went to a show, then walked down to the Pike.

Apr. 14, 1927: Ironed today & washed our hair & then had it cut. Did some shopping, then drove up to Shankle's. At 6:30 we went over to McPheeter's and had a wonderful dinner, and spent the evening.

Apr. 15, 1927: Washed some this morning, packed the trunk & sent it away. Faye & her mother came down, & we all went down town to get a few things yet. Looked for Uncle's down from L.A., but didn't come so we packed our bedding, mattress, hats, coats, & finished packing our suit cases so we could get an early start

o n our way North.

Apr. 16, 1927: Started on our way home. Started for Chowchilla about 6 o'clock, then drove around and told Uncle's Goodbye. Sure enjoyed the Ridge Route scenery. The hills & valleys were better than any painted pictures you ever saw painted. At the foot of the Grape vine was a meadow of purple, yellow, & rose-colored flowers that was just wonderful to see. We drove out into them, ate our lunch, then picked arms full of flowers.

The rest of the trip was level with fields of grain & orchards. About 65 miles from Chowchilla we ran into a shower of rain which made the pavement slick. And just as we were about to pass an oil truck we saw a car coming from the other way, & Mabel put on her brakes, which caused the car to skidd completely around, & the two left wheels hit the dirt, & over we went. In no time there were a dozen around to help us & set up the car.

Two glasses were broken & the fenders bent up some, & the oil & gas ran out. Of course we were all so nervous; our driver shook like a leaf, but our kind friends turned our car around & helped us fix things & start on our way. Got some gas & oil at the next station, & the car ran as good as ever. Got here about 7 o'clock, just as Auntie & Uncle were eating supper, but she soon got us something to eat.

Apr. 17, 1927: Got up late as we were all tired. Cleaned up the house & got ready for the reunion which we had today. Uncle Henry & A. Emma from Woodland, Cousin Mary & family from Modesto, and all the relatives from out in the country were here making 25 in all. Had a good dinner & a good time.

Apr. 18, 1927: Got our trunk today and aired our bedding. Uncle got us a cot so we fixed us a bed in the living room. Did some writing, then went down town in the evening & looked the town over.

Apr. 19, 1927: Otto's Birthday today. We went out to Aunt Emma's for dinner, then went over to Cousin August's to see the milking machine and stayed for supper and spent the evening. Got home about eleven o'clock & went right to bed, as we can't get enough sleep here.

Apr. 20, 1927: Sat around & visited all day, & in the evening we took the car & drove around town.

Apr. 21, 1927: (Hot Day) "Emma's Wedding Anniversary." We celebrated by going out in the country to Cousin Emma's for dinner. In the P.M. Mabel drove over after Cousin Marie (Henry's wife), & we had a little shower for her, then went to Aunt Emma's for supper & spent the evening.

Apr. 22, 1927: Yesterday morning we girls took an early morning hike & picked Daisies, but this morning I went by myself while they ate breakfast. Folks took a walk about 10 o'clock while we wrote letters. Went over to see Mrs. Gesman & her son, Oscar, in the evening.

Apr. 23, 1927: Cleaned up the house, took bathes, then in the evening we took our lunch to the park and ate it there. In the evening we girls went down town to see the bright lights and stopped at the dance. Had a real good time. Caught a couple Sheiks, Mike and Jimmie who brought us home. And Mabel & I made dates with two others, Frank & Walter, to go to Merced to a show. Got in about 3 o'clock, & Dad was awake & mad as usual.

Apr. 24, 1927: O! how sleepy & tired we were this morning, but had to get up & go to church out in the country, then went to Aunt Emma's for dinner & supper and got home in time to take the folks to the tent meeting & get ready to go to the show with Frank & Walter at Merced. Saw a good show & had a good time.

Apr. 25, 1927: Did a big washing and O! how hot it was out there, and the rest of the day we laid on the lawn trying to keep cool, & sorted letters.

Apr. 26, 1927: Ironed this morning, then in the afternoon took Mother out to Aunt Emma's to stay a few days. We took out some ice and made some ice cream & stayed for supper & left Dad & Uncle George home to batch. Got home too late to go to church, so went to bed.

Apr. 27, 1927: Went to the Cremery with Uncle George. August was here for dinner, and he & Dad went to the garage to fix the tire on our car. After Dad decided to go to the Park tomorrow, we got the lunch ready, then went to church.

Apr. 28, 1927: Got up & started to Yosemite National Park at 4:30, and sure had a good time. Mabel drove our car, & Uncle August, Auntie, Aunt Emma, & Mother rode with her. And Dad, Lillian, & I rode with Cousin August in his Ford. Stopped along the road & cooked breakfast in the pines.

Ate our lunch in the park & cooked wienies on our way home for supper. We girls hiked up to Yosemite & Bridal Veil Falls with August. Also saw the Studios Museum and a number of other things of interest, besides all the beautiful high, rocky mountains with their snow caps reaching almost to the sky. I wanted to stay at least a week there, but had to start home, as it was ninety miles up there, and we got home about nine o'clock in the evening, all tired & dirty.

Apr. 29, 1927: Laid around all day, as we were all in from our trip yesterday. Washed the car in the evening, then went to church.

Apr. 30, 1927: Got up earlier this morning, cleaned up the house, washed our hair, took bathes, etc. After dinner just as we were ready to drive out & get Mother, Uncle August & Aunt Emma brought her in with the mules. Uncle August went home alone, & in the evening we took Mother & Aunt Emma back in the car & stayed for supper. In the evening we girls all went to a dance with Frank & Walter & had a good time.

May 1, 1927: Just laid around all morning, went to church in the P.M. & had dinner when we got back. In the evening Mabel & I went to Merced to a show with Frank & Walter.

May 2, 1927: Washed this morning, & August was in to dinner. Then in the P.M. we drove out to Aunt Emma's for supper & brought Mother home. Went to church in the evening.

May 3, 1927: Ironed today and packed. Auntie had her hair cut this afternoon & looks real good. Went to church and after meeting, Cousin August & family came to tell us good bye. Uncle George just was out & said the Goat has two little kids.

May 4, 1927: Got up early & packed up, took some pictures, bid Uncle George & Auntie, Uncle August & Aunt Emma Good bye & were on our way to Cousin Mary's. Had no trouble finding them and got there in time for dinner. Had strawberry short cake for supper, then looked at pictures till bed time.

May 5, 1927: Started on our way again this morning for Uncle Henry's. Mary fried chicken & sent along for our lunch, which we sure enjoyed. We stopped at Sacramento & took in the Capotal building & grounds. Had no trouble finding our way here to Uncle Henry's and got here about five o'clock & found they had the mumps. But they kept him away in the other side of the house, so we came in, and it sure seemed good to find a nice, big house and had a nice supper, altho Aunt Emma wasn't looking for us at this time.

May 6, 1927: Had a good night's sleep and sure like Uncle Henry's place. It looks so pretty. Rained a little, but did not stop Uncle & Dad from going to town. After dinner, we all got in the "Stude" and took a drive up the "Sacramento Valley" and sure saw some wonderful country.

May 7, 1927: Helped Aunt Emma a little while. Dad & Uncle went in after Clarence's trunks, who came home from College this morning. After dinner we took a drive up in the Guinda (?) fruit country and stopped at the cemetary and saw Grandma's grave & at Woodland. Then came home & ate supper, after which Uncle Henry & Aunt Emma & we girls went to the show at Woodland & saw "Hoot Gibson."

May 8, 1927; "Mothers Day." Aunt Emma dressed some chickens this morning, then the folks & Uncle Henry & Aunt Emma went to church, & we girls watched the dinner. Helen & Ruth & Clarence came out too. Then about 6:30 Ernest & wife from Sacramento came in a while,

& we all drove in to Rose & Husband in the evening. Helen & husband & Rudolph was there too, & we had a house full.

May 9, 1927: Uncle Henry worked in the vineyard this forenoon, & we washed a few things. Then this afternoon we drove to Sacramento and out to Fair Oaks & Fulton to the State Penitentiary, but they wouldn't let us in. Stopped to see Ernest & wife on the way back. Also stopped at Woodland, then got home about seven.

May 10, 1927: Started on our way to Oregon this morning about 8:30 o'clock and made good time till we reached the mountains beyond Redding when it rained on us all afternoon, making it dark & disagreeable to travel in the timbered mountains.

We were somewhat nervous on the wet, oiled roads, & our windshield wiper wouldn't work. After traveling 220 miles, we camped in "Weed," a little town just below Mt. Shasta. But we couldn't see it as it was still raining. We had a good, roomy cabin with a kitchenette.

May 11, 1927: None of us slept very well last night. Either went to bed too early or were too nervous. But the sun was shining bright this morning. We could see "Mt. Shasta" from our kitchen window with its snow-covered peak, made it look like a big frosted cake.

We got started about 7:30 o'clock, but just after we passed Yoreka we had a flat tire going up a slight grade, so had to fix it. We girls all tried to help, but Dad sweat blood. But it didn't take long. Then we stopped at "Hornbrook" & had it valcanized, which took an hour.

Most of our trip was up & down grade & winding around through the pine-covered hills which was very pretty. We crossed the Oregon line about eleven at an elevation of 4536 ft. The first town in this state was Ashland, where we had to go to the Chamber of Commerce & get a "Permit" to run our car in this state ninety days.

We ate our lunch under a tall pine tree just out of Medford. Then went on. The grades were smaller from now on & the roads were good. The pine trees were just as pretty as ever, some covering a hill till it looked just like a carpet. We also passed through large orchards of prunes & peaches.

After making about 200 miles, we landed at "Roseburg" in among the green hills. Got into a very nice Auto Camp & will sleep good, as we are all tired. Good night.

May 12, 1927: Got a good start this morning & had a good trip. Arrived at Uncle Jake's about 2 o'clock. Florence & Lillian & Auntie were here to meet us, & Uncle came later from town. We got all unpacked & the car put away before supper. Had a real good supper, then we girls & Florence took a walk.

May 13, 1927: This is "Friday the 13th." I took a bath & washed

my hair. When the mail came I had three letters, so maby this is my lucky day. We girls drove out to Lillian's for Dinner & sure enjoyed it. Then I stayed with her. In the evening we drove after Ruth (Joe's Sister). When we got back, Walter & the girls were here, & Lillian & I went with them to a dance. Had a good time. Got to bed about One.

May 14, 1927: I awoke about 5 o'clock & it sure was pretty out. Wrote a letter while Lillian did up the work. Then we played & sang some Old-time songs. Esther came down from Portland for dinner, then we all came over here to Uncle Jake's. We took Florence to town for the Banquet, then took Mother & Auntie out for a ride, then went after Florence again. We all went to bed early, as we were sleepy.

May 15, 1927: Got up about seven & sure was a beautiful morning. Mabel & Florence took the folks to Mc     for church. I wrote some letters, etc., while Lillian & Esther got dinner.

Sat around all P.M., then in the evening we girls & Cousin Lillian all went home with Esther. Got there about seven & stopped on the way to have a Barbarcued sandwich.

May 16, 1927: We got up late & all took showers, then about 11:30 we had waffles, & they sure were good. Then we got ready & took Cousin Margrette (Albert's wife) & went to Long View, Washington. Sure had a wonderful drive & got back about five.

Albert came down for dinner, which we all enjoyed. Then sat around & visited. After they left, the girls took off their shoes & did some athletic stunts & told stories till about twelve.

Esther sure has a beautiful house. Mabel slept on the day bed, I on the davenport down stairs, & Esther & the two Lillians pushed the "Twin beds" together & slept there, as they have only one bedroom.

May 17, 1927: Got up late this morning and had breakfast about noon again. Then we drove down & called on Mrs. Hockett & daughter, Eva Barstow (Aunt Mertie's Mother & sister), and sure had a nice visit. Then went down town and did some shopping and took in a show. Then had dinner down town and came home (to Amity) about 8:30 o'clock. Had a lovely drive home. Esther went home with Lillian, expecting to go back to Portland this morning.

May 18, 1927: We all got up early this morning. Mabel went to school with Florence, & Dad took them in, as he wants a few things done on the car. We girls helped do up the work. After dinner we girls went to the Recital, and the folks went visiting. In the evening Walter took we girls to Salem to a show, but it was so rainy & cold we didn't enjoy it much.

May 19, 1927: We got up real late this morning, as it was rainy & cold. The sun shines for five minutes, then rains again. We all went out to Lillian's for dinner. The folks came home early,

but we stayed & came home later. All went to Florence's Class Exercises in the evening.

May 20, 1927: We all went to Salem today, including Lillian. We girls went in her car, & the folks went together. We did some shopping. Went through the Capitol building, The Asylum Prison, blind school & Old folks Home. Then came home & Walter took us all to the dance again & had a good time.

May 21, 1927: We did our washing and our bedding, then in the afternoon we girls went to town with Dad & Uncle. Met Lillian there & fooled around. Then Esther came down from Portland, & we came home with her. In the evening Esther took all we girls with her to Salem to a show. Joe & Lillian went with us in their car. Got home about twelve o'clock.

May 22, 1927: All got up early. The girls did up the work, & I ironed. Then we all went up to see the big Walnut Grove consisting of 900 acres, & it sure was beautiful. We could see all over the country from the Maythew's Home. Mrs. M. was so good to show us through her beautiful yard & lovely big home consisting of 14 rooms.

Esther & Auntie stayed home & cooked dinner, & when we got here, Joe & Lillian & Albert & Margrette were here. We sure had a good dinner & a lovely visit & took pictures. Then I went home with Lillian & Joe for supper and went to Florence's "Baccalaureate" Service tonight. Then came home with the folks & visited a while, as it will be our last.

May 23, 1927: We started for Portland this morning about ten o'clock. We waited for the maillman & took Florence to school. Sure hated to leave Uncle's, as they were so good to us. They gave us fruit, jams, eggs, & Florence baked us a cake & made some candy. We got to Esther's house (in Portland) about twelve, & she had dinner all ready & everything was so good. Then she gave us some sandwiches, etc., & we took a picture of her house & were on our way.

The next 40 miles we traveled over the Columbia Highway, and the scenery is indescribable. We stopped at the Vista House, also hiked up to the "Wahkeena" Falls & stopped at several other places. After we left The Della's, the scenery changed as we left the timber behind, but the hills were still green and pretty.

About seven o'clock we camped at some camps beside the road or in the "Sticks." It is cold, & the wind is blowing. The weather was clear early this morning, but before we got to Portland it clouded over & remained so. It misted some before we got to Rood river, then when we were almost to the Della's the sun shone at times & the sun went down clear, so think it will be O.K. tomorrow. Good night.

May 24, 1927: We got started at six o'clock this morning, & sure made good time. The scenery through the "Blue Mountains" was very

beautiful. We took the wrong road out of Baker & wandered off out in the mountains, but finally got back to the "Old Oregon Trail." At Onterio tonight after traveling 34 miles. We could have made Boise very easily if we hadn't got off the road. But we have a very nice camp ground. The cabins were small, so we had to take two. They are clean & new, so we will sleep well. Good night.

May 25, 1927: We didn't get started quite as early this morning, and the roads were rough so we didn't make much time. And the time changed this morning as soon as we had crossed the Idaho line, so we lost an hour.

We had several Detours to make and had a flat tire. So it was real late when we got into Pocatello, and such a time as we did have finding the camp ground, as it was several miles out of town. Was after ten when finally got settled. Too tired to eat or anything. Good night.

May 26, 1927: Got started about 7:30 o'clock, but before we got started it had begun to rain, but wasn't bad, just stayed cloudy. Stopped at McCommon to change oil & tighten brakes.

About noon it clouded up & rained on us, but we had graveled roads & kept on going. But from Montpelier we had to Detour, & it got too slick so had to stop & put on chains, then went a while & had to stop & take them off again.

Struck some very rough roads, then while we were taking gas at Kemmerer & buying some things, it began to rain. O! how black it got, but we went on, but it finally got too slick so had to put on the chains again in all that mud. Dad was a sight when he got through.

We sure had some terrible roads for about 20 miles & had to Detour, but finally got to Granger & was going to stay there for the night. But the clouds began to brake away, & it was still early so decided to make it to "Green River" Wyo. The roads were real good, but they had no cabins, & we were too dirty to go to a hotel, & Rock Springs was only 15 miles away. They told us the roads were good, & so we made it after the sun was down, and sure am glad we did as we found cabins, & the roads were real good.

Our cabin is nice & clean, but too small for us all, but we are all so tired we could sleep hanging on a nail. Good night.

P.S. Almost forgot--just before we got to "Green River" we had a blow out & had to stop & fix it, & the wind sure was cold, but it didn't take us long, & we were soon on our way & got here O.K. Made 265 miles today in spite of our bad luck.

May 27, 1927: We didn't get started till eight this morning, as we had to get a tire valcanized. But it was nice, & we had good roads so made good time. Drove over one hundred miles before stopping, which took us to Rollins. We stopped at Rock River,

Wyo., & called on Stub (?) & Ruth Stewart, then had good roads into Larimie & Cheyenne, where we are now. The drive through the Laramie mountains between here & Larimie was pretty. Some of the hills were covered with pine trees which made us think we were back in Oregon. The summit of the mts. was 8335 feet, but the highest point on the Lincoln Highway.

We have a very nice camp tonight. Our cabin is made of logs & is right beside a lake. Have a bath house so you can go swimming, also have hot & cold showers, a nice kitchen, & a community house where you can go in & sit & read, etc.

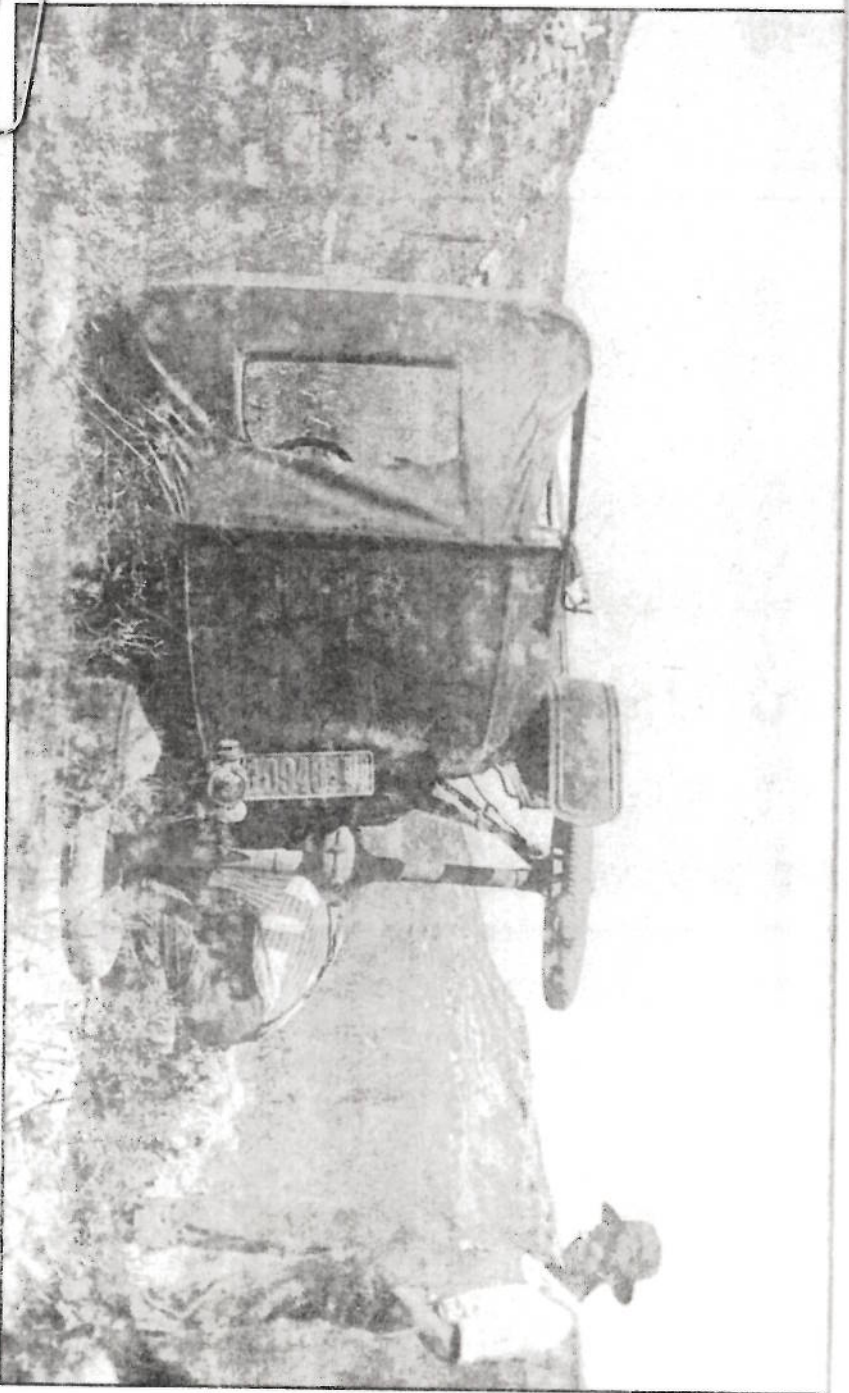
I called up Uncle Carl tonight & told him we would be down tomorrow. Hurrah, this is our last night to camp.

May 28, 1927: Got up as early as usual & packed up, then we girls all took a shower which made us feel good. Stopped down town and shopped so didn't get started till nine o'clock, but the roads were good so made good time. We called up Uncle Carl & told him we would not come down this time.

Ate lunch at Sidney. Stopped at Chappel & said "Hello" to Ras (?) and Ed Phelps, then got to Big Springs about 2:30 o'clock. Stopped at the Home place & saw the folks, also stopped down town & said "Hello" to a few folks. Then went out in the country to see the kids. Met Charles & Pearl on the way. Stopped at Ben & Blanche's & Otto's, then drove out to Emma & Wilber's.

Loyd came out to meet us & sure was glad to see us, & he just talked a stream. The wind is blowing 70 miles per and don't know if I am glad to get home or not.

Our trip to California is over, and it just seems like a dream. But it will be something to think & Dream over in days to come.  
"Au Revoir."



## **On-the-road car repair**

In 1918, the Smolczyk brothers of Brule, Neb., repair their car's pinion gear by turning the vehicle on its side while driving through Eagle Canyon. The gears were often replaced as they would fill with dust and gravel and were on hand at every filling station. *Photo submitted by JoAnne Harris of Brule, Neb.*