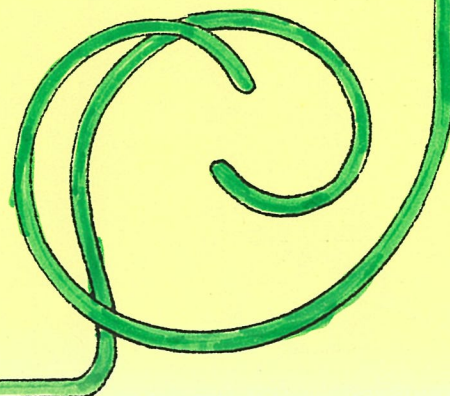


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# 1991 IN REVIEW...

This year has been an eventful one. This section recaps a few of the highlights in the world, in the church, and in our lives. Perhaps it will serve to remind us how blessed we are to live in a free country, as members of Christ's church here on earth, and yet recognize these are the last days. May we be ever mindful of our blessings and responsibilities.

G.S.W.  
editor



In a year that capped a historic decade, symbols of tyranny fell from Central Europe to Kuwait, and the hammer of liberty shattered the Soviet Union.

## ROCK FALLS, ILLINOIS

"Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near... Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears."

JOEL #3: 9-10. In the northern Illinois town of 10,600, where 181 National Guard members shipped out days earlier, men in a restaurant get news of the war's start from the Daily Gazette, published in neighboring Sterling, Ill.

# The year the U.S. beat Iraq, won Cold War

The Associated Press

The face of the world changed.

So much happened in so little time, it starts just to list 1991's main events: An end to communism, the Cold War and the Soviet Union itself, a start to nuclear disarmament, and a quick, high-tech desert war the likes of which the world had never seen.

It was a year of one stunning event after another, a year that historians surely will mark as a watershed in world affairs.

And through it all, the United States economy drifted downward. Endless rounds of layoffs, bankruptcies and deficits drained wallets and frightened the middle class. The year ended with the nation still effectively in a recession — and a presidential election season about to begin.

When the histories are written, there are names that will stand out.

- Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the champion of "glasnost," who survived a coup but was elbowed aside by rough-hewn Boris N. Yeltsin, who forged a commonwealth to replace the Soviet Union.

- Saddam Hussein, whose folly in invading Kuwait did more than cause the slaughter of the Iraqi army. It unintentionally set in motion ambitions for broader peace in the Middle East.

- President Bush, victorious in war overseas, but confronted at home with a sick economy.

In central Europe, there was ethnic warfare. In Washington, Anita F. Hill told a committee about what she described as sexual come-ons by a nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. In the Middle East, the United States' hostage nightmare ended.

## The Middle East war

In August 1990, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had invaded Kuwait in a grab for oil. With support from the United Nations, President Bush sent U.S. troops to neighboring Saudi Arabia. By the end of 1990, Bush had given Saddam an ultimatum: Get out of Kuwait by Jan. 15 or get forced out.

"It may turn out that the only language that Saddam Hussein understands is the language of force," Vice President Dan Quayle told American troops in Saudi Arabia on New Year's Day.

Some people asked: What about the language of money? Peace groups and some U.S. allies urged Bush to rely on an economic blockade to force Saddam to his knees. But Jan. 12, Congress granted Bush the authority to go to war.

In a sense, the debate over the war was a referendum on the U.S. role in what Bush liked to call the "new world order."

What it meant was that the United States would act as a global sheriff. Once again, it would send U.S. forces to settle a dispute in which it was not directly involved.

This time, though, it would be acting with the support of much of the world. The military would have the resources — and the political backing — to do the job. And the United States wouldn't have the Soviet Union standing in its way. By mid-January, 700,000 troops from 29 nations were arrayed against Iraq, a half-million of them from the United States.

The war began Jan. 16, U.S. time, with airstrikes on Baghdad and other strategic sites in Iraq. Saddam told his people, "The mother of all battles is under way."

Iraq fired its Scud missiles at Saudi Arabia and, more provocatively, at Israel — to try to get the Israelis involved in the war and alienate Bush's Arab allies. But Israel never took the bait.

The final stage of the war was a ground invasion of Kuwait and southern Iraq that began Feb. 24 and lasted three days. The allies, in a pincer assault, routed the Iraqis, tens of thousands of whom threw down their guns and surrendered.

There were fewer U.S. casualties than in any previous American war: 148 killed in action, 21 by their own "friendly fire."

The war made a national hero of U.S. commander Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who later expressed some misgivings about leaving Saddam in power with considerable military clout. In July, a poll showed that seven of 10 Americans also believed it was a mistake.

## Soviet Union's end

Nowhere was the grip on power more tenuous, or the stakes more profound, than in the Soviet Union.

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev was a hero outside his country, but the world's respect didn't count for much at home. As 1991 began, he found his authority being challenged from every corner.

The Baltic republics were pressing for independence. Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin was openly challenging Gorbachev's authority in Moscow. Ordinary Soviet citizens were growing increasingly impatient with Gorbachev's inability to turn around their economy on a dime — or, more to the point, on an increasingly worthless ruble.

On Aug. 19, while Gorbachev was on vacation, old-guard Communists seized power in a coup. Gorbachev was placed under house arrest — although that isn't what Soviet citizens were told.

"I should say that Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev is now on vacation," Vice President Gennady Yanayev,

one of the coup-makers, told the nation. "He is very tired after all these years."

Looking back now, it's easy to see the mistakes the coup leaders made. Chief among them: not arresting Yeltsin, who marshaled the forces of non-violent resistance and forced the plotters, in the end, to back down.

Gorbachev was freed. The Communist Party was cast into disrepute and despair. The world's oldest communist system was gone, a red shooting star that lingered 74 years.

By mid-December, Gorbachev had agreed to Yeltsin's demands for a new, loosely tied commonwealth of independent states — the old republics. The father of perestroika resigned Christmas day.

Elsewhere in what had been communist East Europe, Yugoslavia became mired in a civil war. And the Warsaw Pact — communism's answer to NATO — dissolved itself.

On Dec. 4, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson was released after almost seven years as a hostage of extremist Shiite Muslims. He was the last of the American captives in Lebanon.

## Grim news at home

Those were the big international stories of 1991. On the home front, it was a year of mostly grim news.

The U.S. economy slumped into a recession and stayed there. The electorate became angry, resentful. Incumbents lost elections with shocking regularity. Politics became even uglier than usual.

A man with a history as a Ku Klux Klan leader and neo-Nazi made a serious run for the governorship of Louisiana. David Duke lost, but his candidacy sent a message that voters were fed up with politics as usual.

More trouble befell the Kennedy clan. After a night of drinking with his uncle, Sen. Ted Kennedy, William Kennedy Smith was charged with raping a young woman at the family's Florida estate. He was acquitted, but the case dramatized how far the family's image had fallen since its glory days in the 1960s.

Next to the war, no event captured the nation's attention as much as President Bush's nomination of Judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. What fascinated Americans was not that the conservative Thomas was only the second black nominated to the court. Rather, it was a remarkable televised Senate hearing into allegations that Thomas once sexually harassed an aide, Anita Hill.

In the end, the Senate sided with Thomas and confirmed his nomination.

For sheer revulsion, though, nothing compared to what unfolded in Milwaukee in July.

Jeffrey L. Dahmer, a 31-year-old factory worker, was charged with 17 counts of murder after the dismembered bodies of 11 people were found in his apartment. Other bodies were found elsewhere. Dahmer confessed almost immediately.

Americans made fine distinctions in the terminology of death. Dahmer was a serial killer — he killed over years. George Hennard, on the other hand, was a mass murderer — he killed 23 people in a single 10-minute burst of rage. It happened in a Texas cafeteria on Oct. 16, and was the worst mass killing in U.S. history. Hennard took a 24th life as well — his own.

Death came more quietly to Norway's King Olav, to dancer-choreographer Martha Graham, to jazz giants Stan Getz and Miles Davis, and to Nobel Prize-winning author Isaac Bashevis Singer. U.S. Sen. John Heinz was killed in a plane crash.

Newspaper tycoon Robert Maxwell died mysteriously when he fell — or so investigators said — off his yacht. His sons inherited a financial nightmare, and soon Maxwell's holdings were in bankruptcy.

## Economic hardships

It was a bad year for airlines, too. Eastern, Pan Am and Midway all went out of business.

The award for most convoluted business failure of the year went to the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, which was shut down by regulators worldwide who found global fraud and intrigue.

If you went to a movie theater in 1991, you might have seen "Dances With Wolves," which dominated the Academy Awards, or perhaps the popular "Terminator 2: Judgment Day."

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# 1991 - World News Briefs

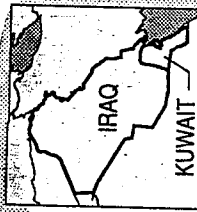
## JANUARY

**17** U.S.-led coalition attacks Iraq after U.N. deadline for withdrawal from Kuwait passes; Gulf war begins

## FEBRUARY

**22** Retreating Iraqi troops torch almost 600 Kuwaiti oil installations

**26** U.S., allies retake Kuwait after four-day ground assault; Iraqi forces routed, cease-fire set



## MARCH

**6** Regulators take control of Bank of New England, bailout estimated at \$2.3 billion

## APRIL

**25** National Bureau of Economic Research says recession began July 1990



**30** Bangladesh cyclone kills more than 125,000; millions homeless

## MAY

**21** Former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi killed by bomb

## JUNE

**12** Boris Yeltsin elected president of Russia

**12** Mt. Pinatubo in Philippines erupts; more than 20,000 Filipinos evacuated

**25** Yugoslav republics of Slovenia, Croatia declare independence; Serbian-led militia attacks

## JULY

**31** Presidents Bush, Gorbachev sign agreement to reduce strategic nuclear weapons



## AUGUST

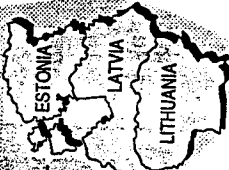
**18** Hurricane Bob hits East coast; 16 killed; 19 property damage more than \$1 million

**19** Coup by Soviet hardliners fails to oust Gorbachev; Communist Party falls and Soviet Union begins to break up



## SEPTEMBER

**6** Soviet Union recognizes independence of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania



## OCTOBER

**15** Clarence Thomas confirmed to Supreme Court; had been accused of sexual harassment

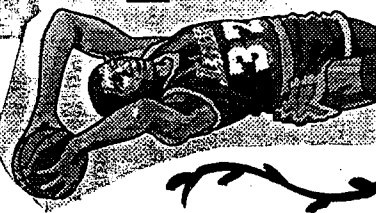
**15** Citicorp, largest U.S. bank, posts \$885 million quarterly loss

**CITICORP**

**21** 350 homes burn in Oakland, Berkeley, Calif.

**30** Middle East peace conference begins in Madrid, Spain

## NOVEMBER



**7** Magic Johnson retires from NBA after testing positive for AIDS virus

## DECEMBER

**3** John Sununu resigns as White House chief of staff

**4** Pan Am shuts down

**4** Terry Anderson freed after 6 1/2 years as hostage in Lebanon



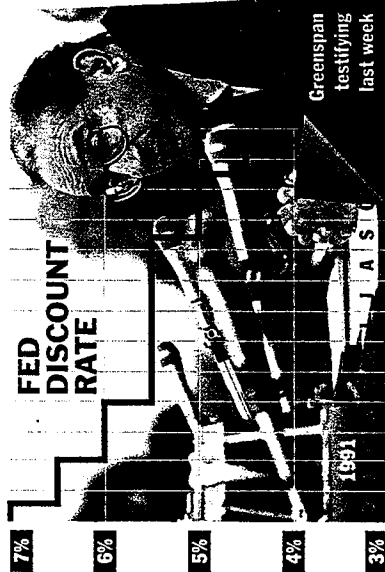
**5** IBM announces 20,000 layoffs in 1992; restructuring



**12** Auto industry estimates record \$2 billion loss for 1991

**18** GM announces 24,000 job cuts and 21 plant closures

**25** Gorbachev resigns



Greenspan testifying last week



# Unmerry Christmas

**The red flag will be lowered soon, but citizens are more preoccupied with how to repair the ruined fabric of their daily lives**

By JOHN KOHAN MOSCOW

**N**eighbors are not happy about the barnyard noises and smells coming from the back of Alexander Torzhenko's house on a busy street in the center of the south Russian city of Krasnodar. But the elderly manual laborer and his wife Alexandra are determined not to give up the pigs or the dozen ducks they keep in two ramshackle wood shacks on their 15-sq.-yd. plot. In fact, the couple seem to be settling in for a long siege. "Around here, they steal," says Torzhenko, so he has dug a cellar with con-

crete walls and a heavy metal trapdoor to store pork and the potatoes he grows on a parcel of rural land in this rich, black-earth region. "I trust Mikhail Gorbachev when it comes to one thing," he adds. "He said there would be famine—and there will be."

The soil is not as fertile in Bakarevo, a settlement 900 miles to the north on the Volga River, near the city of Yaroslavl. In fact, Venyamin, who prefers not to give his last name, cannot scrape a living out of his small landholding. He works as a ship chandler to support his wife Antonina, her mother and two young sons. They also have damp earthen cellars beneath their wooden

cottage to store their winter stash: 15 sacks of potatoes, two barrels of salted cabbage, heaps of onions and carrots, five huge jars of pickles and 40 quarts of fruit preserves.

Large urban centers like Moscow, St. Petersburg and Ekaterinburg (known as Sverdlovsk until this year) in the Urals have been hardest hit. With supplies of milk and meat down 10% or more from last year, big-city larders are perilously close to empty. Shoppers have few alternatives short of breeding hens on their apartment roofs or rabbits on their balconies. They can wait in long lines to buy whatever meager items city officials provide or to purchase scarce goods like meat at inflated prices in the free markets or from street vendors. Explains Natalya, an assistant director in a Moscow theater: "I can spend a third of my monthly salary just buying 2 lbs. of pork or a bag of mandarin oranges."

City dwellers get little sympathy out in the provinces. "Muscovites talk about a crisis because they are finally going hungry," contends Yaroslavl Deputy Pushkar. "But this is the way the rest of the country has always lived." Olga Ivanova supplements her meager monthly pension of 205 rubles (\$2.28 at the current tourist rate) by selling eggs on a Yaroslavl street corner. She vaguely recalls buying smoked ham in a state-run shop six or seven years ago, but the only meat available now sells for 40 rubles (44¢) for 2 lbs., or 20% of her income, at the free market.

That is a bargain price for many Muscovites, who are flooding into the provinces to do their shopping.

*Ensign - Sept. 1991*

## Two Milestones for the Church in the Soviet Union

**O**n the same day in June, the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic announced official recognition for the Church, and the government of the Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic gave the Church a plot of land for a building in Yerevan, the republic's capital.

Official recognition by the Russian republic means the Church now has a legal voice to make requests of government ministries and can establish congregations throughout the republic. The Russian republic covers three-quarters of the Soviet Union's land area and has a population of more than 140 million.

Alexander Rutskoi, vice president of the republic, announced the official recognition at a dinner following the Tabernacle Choir's concert in Moscow on June 24 by reading a document that had actually been signed on May 28.

LDS missionaries from the Finland Helsinki East and Austria Vienna East missions have been serving in Russia since the Church was given limited

recognition last year. Branches in Leningrad, Vyborg, and Moscow have a total of about three hundred members.

Also on June 24, Elders Russell M. Nelson and Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve were in Yerevan, along with Elder Hans B. Ringger of the Seventy, President of the Church's Europe Area, to accept a gift of land.

The Armenian government gave the land in appreciation for the humanitarian efforts of the Church and of LDS philanthropist Jon Huntsman, a Utah-based businessman and president of the Salt Lake Monument Park Stake. Both the Church and President Huntsman contributed to medical relief efforts after an earthquake wracked Armenia in 1988.

The land, about three acres, has a view of Mt. Ararat, across the border in Turkey. The Church will construct a four-story building on the site. The building will be used as a meeting-house, office building, and residential space for Church

members who have volunteered to help manage a concrete plant. The plant, using equipment donated by President Huntsman, will be operated jointly by the Huntsman Chemical Company and the Armenian government. It will produce concrete panels to be used in housing for Armenians left homeless by the quake.

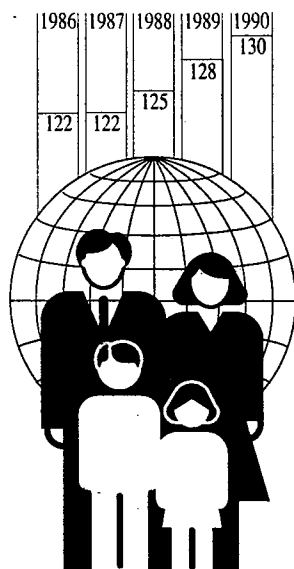
Elder Nelson, in expressing gratitude for the gift, promised that the planned Church building will be used to "teach of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." Elder Oaks said that while the concrete plant would help provide shelter for the body, the Church building would offer food for the soul. □

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*The church continues to grow:*

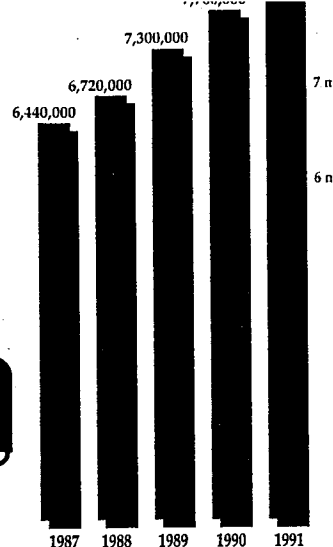
## Church Expands in Countries, Colonies, and Territories



In 1990, the number of countries, colonies, territories, and possessions with organized wards and branches of the Church reached 130. That number has steadily increased over the last several years. □

## Church Membership

Church membership continued to grow during 1991. There were 8,120,000 Latter-day Saints at the end of last year, up from 6,440,000 in December 1987.



*We receive counsel from our leaders*

Members of the Church were delighted to see President Ezra Taft Benson in attendance at the Saturday morning and Sunday morning sessions of the recent October general conference of the Church.

Conducting conference sessions were President Benson's counselors, President Gordon B. Hinckley, First Counselor, and President Thomas S. Monson, Second Counselor, of the First Presidency, who on behalf of the First Presidency counseled Church members on a variety of matters.

Said President Hinckley in Sunday morning's session: "Our mission in life, as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, must be a mission of saving. There are the homeless, the hungry, the destitute. Their condition is obvious. We have done much. We can do more to help those who live on the edge of survival.

"We can reach out to strengthen those who wallow in the mire of pornography, gross immorality, and drugs. Many have become so addicted that they have lost power to control their own destinies. They are miserable and broken. They can be salvaged and saved.

"There are wives who are abandoned and children who weep in homes where there is abuse. There are fathers who can be rescued from

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evil and corrosive practices that destroy and bring only heartbreak," he said. (See page 59.)

President Monson in the same session underscored related themes when he quoted a concerned district judge: "There is an alarming increase of reported physical, psychological, and sexual abuse of children. Our courts are becoming inundated with this repulsive behavior."

"The Church does not condone such heinous and vile conduct. Rather, we condemn in the harshest of terms such treatment of God's precious children. Let the child be rescued, nurtured, loved, and healed. Let the offender be brought to justice, to accountability, for his actions and receive professional treatment to curtail such wicked and devilish conduct. When you and I know of such conduct and fail to take action to eradicate it, we become part of the problem. We share part of the guilt.

We experience part of the punishment," he said. (See page 69.)

Administrative action of the conference occurred in Saturday's afternoon session. Elders Han In Sang of Korea, Stephen D. Nadauld of Utah, and Sam K. Shimabukuro of Hawaii, who had been called as members of the Second Quorum of the Seventy following the April general

conference, were sustained. Released from the same Quorum of the Seventy after five and a half years of "tremendous, faithful, devoted, and unselfish service" were Elders H. Verlan Andersen, George I. Cannon, Francis M. Gibbons, and Gardner H. Russell. (See pages 20 and 103.)

These releases occasioned also the sustaining of Brethren who will now serve as counselors in the Young Men and Sunday School general presidencies. (See pages 20 and 103.)

All General Authorities were in attendance at conference except Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone and Elder Helvécio Martins, due to illness.

Sessions of conference were broadcast throughout the Northern Hemisphere in English and fifteen other languages. Videotapes of conference are sent to Church units where live or delayed transmission of conference is not available.—The Editors

# Dec. 6: America suspected little

Sixth in a series



## COMING SATURDAY

■ **THE ATTACK:** Fifty years later, the most surprising thing about the attack on Pearl Harbor is that it was a surprise at all.

**A**S PREDICTED, Dec. 7, 1941, lives in infamy. But who remembers the day before Pearl Harbor?

Saturday, Dec. 6, 1941, was a final day of innocence, the last time Americans could realistically hope to avoid entanglements abroad and preserve the old ways at home.

The sun rose shortly after 7 a.m. on a nation of 134 million people, more than half of them living in rural areas or towns under 50,000.

It was an era of Packards, Hupmobiles and Terraplanes, of 15 cent chocolate sodas at the drugstore on Main Street and Wednesday night band concerts on the courthouse steps.

It was a country where a national debt of \$47 billion was widely regarded as a scandal; where only a few million people had to pay federal income taxes; where congressmen made \$10,000 a year.

The capital was so relaxed you could walk through the White House gate and onto its grounds without a pass. Los Angeles had yet to experience its first smog alert. In New York, "mugging" meant making a funny face, and a shortage of live-in help was considered a serious social problem.

The civilian work force was 56 million strong, and three-quarters male. Most women who held jobs did so purely out of necessity. At home, a third of housewives cooked with wood or coal, and half did laundry by hand or with a hand-cranked washing machine. A fifth of homes were without electricity, and less than half had telephones.

The nation finally had crawled out of the Depression, but more than a third of the nation's 32 million families lived below the poverty line of \$1,500 a year.

Somewhere between 4 million and 5 million people were unemployed. They included disproportionate numbers of blacks, who had benefited little from the boom in defense spending.

The average weekly income was \$40, the minimum wage 40 cents an hour. Those who paid federal income taxes did so a year later, in quarterly installments. (Withholding and take-home pay were unknown concepts.) A married man with two dependents paid no income tax unless he made \$2,500; then he paid \$6. If his income was \$5,000, he paid \$271.

There were 16 shopping days until Christmas, and business was booming. Webster's New Standard Dictionary cost \$1.95, a new Chevrolet \$900, a

decent suit about \$35. Turner's "Fishmarket on the Sands" cost \$15,500 — at least that's what producer Billy Rose paid for it at an auction Friday night in New York.

Havana cigars were in every tobacco shop, and you could buy genuine alligator handbags (\$10 at Bloomingdale's), natural mink coats (\$1,275 at Altman's), fountain pens (\$2.49 at Gimbels') and the Remington Model 1 typewriter (\$39.95 at Stern's).

Nylons (\$4 a pair) were replacing silk stockings, which had been made scarce by an embargo on Japanese silk thread. Brooks Brothers was selling custom-tailored olive drab soldier's shirts.

Air conditioning was beginning to appear in office buildings, and advertisements and articles told of coming marvels such as kitchen garbage disposals, FM radio and television, which had been successfully tested in a few large cities.

At the White House, President Roosevelt had a message for reporters — it's a good day for Christmas shopping — and gave his secretary the rest of the afternoon off. Alger Hiss and most of his colleagues on the State Department's East Asia desk left work early, he would recall, "with no thought of impending catastrophe."

Surrounded by a world at war, Americans busied themselves with domestic concerns. Buffalo Chevrolet workers voted to strike within two weeks; New Yorkers talked about making the old Gracie homestead on the East River the mayor's official residence; the dog catcher in Laguna Beach, Calif., was empowered to mete out the death penalty to dogs chronically guilty of "barking or howling at night or biting passers-by."

In Hollywood, the producers of "Two-Faced Woman," starring Greta Garbo, announced that the film would be withdrawn from theaters following a complaint by the Catholic League of Decency that its plot — involving twin sisters who sleep with the same man — was immoral.

Greyhound Bus service in the Northeast was halted by a dispute over the pay of seven cleaning women at the Cleveland garage; they were getting 40 cents an hour, the union complained, not the 60 cents guaranteed in the contract.

Chicks bred to grow red, white and blue feathers were exhibited at the Roanoke, Va., Poultry Show. In Elizabeth, N.J., a policeman shot and killed a 6-year-old Holstein named Claire after she escaped from a pen and went berserk.

Crime also went on as usual. In Pocatello, Idaho, a man and a woman waited to be sentenced for adultery, an offense punishable by up to three years in prison. In the Bronx, a judge ordered the Jaffe brothers, Eli and Frank, held on \$500 bail each for dealing in stolen live chickens.

Gerald Ford was practicing law in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Ronald Reagan was making movies in Los Angeles. Jimmy Carter was at Georgia Southwestern College, George Bush at prep school in Andover, Mass.

Eileen Maguire of Westfield, Mass., was returning from a shopping trip when she smashed the front end of her father's car, but got over the shock in time to go dancing that night with her boyfriend.

Cornelia Wilma Allen, a product of Brearley, Chatham Hall and the Masters School, made her debut at the clubhouse of the National Society of Colonial Dames on East 71st Street in Manhattan. She wore a gown of chartreuse mousseline de soie. A few miles to the north, Italian Jack Harris, a journeyman body puncher who fought Firpo and Tunney, died in Yonkers at the age of 43.

That night, 46 million people listened to "The Lucky Strike Hit Parade" on the radio. Others danced to the hit "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" or paid 25 cents to see Abbott & Costello in "Buck Privates" or Bob Hope in "Caught in the Draft."

But if December 6 was a last day of innocence, it also offered ample warning of trouble ahead. America was a nation in limbo: not at war, not really at peace.

That morning, every story on the front page of The New York Times dealt with the spread of war abroad or the effects of the defense buildup at home.

That afternoon, President Roosevelt sent the Japanese emperor a personal plea for peace. "This son of man has just sent his final message to the Son of God," FDR told a visitor to his office.

Roosevelt's attention had shifted from New Deal reforms to preparations for war. That day, in fact, Julian Huxley arrived by ship from England and told reporters he had come to find out whatever happened to America's "social revolution."

Prices had risen 10 percent in the past year because the government was printing more money while diverting raw materials and manufactured goods for military uses. Gas and sugar had become scarce during the summer. Some merchants imposed their own makeshift rationing systems; a few even printed ration cards.

There had been a draft since 1940, and even comics page boxer Joe Palooka had joined the Army.

The Navy chose Dec. 6 to announce that it would henceforth accept men with varicose veins, hernias and hay fever, and the Agriculture Department warned civilians against planting "victory gardens" in case of war. There was enough food, and the farmers could always grow more.

As the day ended, people coming out of theaters along Broadway picked up early editions of the New York Herald Tribune, which had a story on Pearl Harbor, "the point of defense of our West Coast."

Meanwhile, six carriers flying the sunburst of Japan's Imperial Navy cut through the Pacific, a few hundred miles northwest of Hawaii. They were headed for Pearl Harbor, and America was headed for a new age.





Johnson's

## JANUARY

Our Niece and special friend Ruth Bennet had a stroke early this month. She was in the Soda Springs Hospital for several days and then they took her to the Pocatello Hospital. She was unable to even speak at first but gradually improved until by the end of the year she was able to walk and do many things. She isn't able to use her right arm and shoulder as yet but is gradually gaining strength for which we are very grateful.

We were very sad when the war in Iraq and Iran started but so glad that it didn't last very long.

Howard and Florence came for dinner, and we enjoyed their visit. I made two baby quilts and three doll quilts for the boutique.

## FEBRUARY

It was cold this month but we didn't have much snow. Phil came and visited while Ann was visiting with her Mother in Logan.

We went to visit with Ruth as she was home from the hospital.

We drove to Lava and had a nice dinner.

Howard and Florence stayed overnight with us.

## MARCH

Another cold month but still very little snow.

<On the 29th Howard took us to Kaysville to our grandson Mike's wedding reception. It was very nice with lots of people there. We enjoyed it very much. We stayed with Howard and Florence that night and came home the next day.

## APRIL

Denzil had an appointment with his eye Dr. and while we were in Logan we had dinner with Howard.

We visited Ruth at her home. She is progressing more each time we see her.

It was cold and stormy all month.

Maxine and Glen started on their trip around the United States on the 29th. We will miss being able to talk to them each week.

## MAY

Went to the rest home and played for Relief Society there. I was released this month as organist for the Relief Society. I have been an organist in the church since I was 8 when I played for Primary. It is difficult for me to see the music now.





Fathers Day





MAY (continued)

We had several visitors this month. Kaylene came and visited for a while. Keith and Ruth Thomas came by with a bouquet of flowers on decoration day. Mike Johnson and his wife came by and visited also.

My friend and visiting teacher companion, Sadie Kimball passed away. She was such a special person and I will miss her very much. Cold and rainy all month. Planted spuds and peas.

JUNE

Ruth and Allen Bennet came to our house and visited. It was so good to see Ruth well enough to get out of the house. We planted the rest of the garden

On the 14th Glen and Maxine came on their way home from their trip. They stayed until the 14th. It was nice to have them here for Father Day. Clyde (Metra is in Iran), Phil and Ann, Howard and Lance were here for Fathers day also.



While Glen and Maxine were here we went to Logan to see about buying blinds but decided not to get them as they were more expensive than I had planned.

On June 20 we went to Logan to have Denzil have Laser surgery done on his eye. We drove back down the next day for a check up and were glad that everything turned out fine.

Dad and I had our pictures taken for the 65th wedding anniversary party.



MAY (continued)

We had several visitors this month. Kaylene came and visited for a while. Keith and Ruth Thomas came by with a bouquet of flowers on decorated cake Mike Johnson and his wife came by and visited also.

My friend and visiting federal companion, John Kilgus, passed away. He was a very much loved person and we miss him very much.



While Glen and I were here we went to look at the house we were buying. We decided not to get there as they were not as expensive as I had planned. On June 29 we went to look at the house. It was a nice house and we liked it. We drove back there the next day for a look at it and were glad that everything turned out fine.

Bob and I had our pictures taken for the 50th wedding anniversary party.

## JULY

Kathie and Winslow Brough and their five children came and stayed overnight with us. We went to Hooper and had a picnic and enjoyed getting better acquainted with some of our great grandchildren. They had lots of fun seeing what it was like to live in a small town and being able to walk to the stores.

My brother, Frank Thomas took me to Logan where Phil and Ann met us and took me to Salt Lake where I stayed with them. The next day Carol came and got me and took me to the Dr. It was a great relief to find out that the problem I have been having with my eyes was due to my bifocals having the wrong prescription. Carol took me out for a wonderful lunch and then Glenn took me to Logan. From there Howard and Florence took me back to Grace. It is so wonderful to have such a co-operative family. They are there when we need them. What a blessing.

My cousin Phillis (Mendenhall) and family came and we had a nice visit.  
Weather was great this month.

## AUGUST

County Fair time in Grace. Howard and Florence came and stayed overnight.  
Denzil finally had to give in and go to the Dr. when he had a lot of trouble with his back. Seems it was that old devil arthritis acting up again. A shot of cortisone fixed him right up.  
I canned peaches and tomato juice.

## SEPTEMBER

Maxine and Glen came on the third and took us to Soda to dinner for Dad's birthday. We spent the next few days canning tomato juice and getting ready for the 65th wedding anniversary party. They worked so hard to get everything co-ordinated and it was such a success. Ruth Bennet wasn't able to come to the party but they came over the next day.

We spent a day in Logan pricing sheds for the mower but didn't buy one.  
Maxine and Glen left the 12th. We were sorry to see them leave. They had both helped fix and clean things around the house which was much appreciated.

I had to go the the Dr as I had an infection. He put me on Sulfa and I was soon feeling well again.  
On the 29th Ruth was feeling so well that she and Allen and us went to Lava for dinner. Phil came by later that day and visited for a while.



## OCTOBER

On the 13th Clyde and Metra came and brought a full course dinner. It was different than our usual meals and it was good as well as fun to try new things. They took us for a ride up 8 mile. Clyde wanted to show Metra where he spent a lot of his time when he lived in Soda.

Denzils sister Zina had to go from the rest home to the hospital for a while but is better again.

On the 19th we went with my brother Frank and his wife Golda to my cousin Paul Thomas's 50th wedding anniversary in Preston. It was so nice. Lots of fun to see all the relatives again and meet some we hadn't seen before.

It snowed on the 27th

Frank and Golda came to our house for dinner.

The company in Smithfield brought up the shed for the mower that we bought. It had been terrible weather with snow on the ground and so cold but it had cleared up and was nice the day they delivered it.

## NOVEMBER

Cold all month.

We had planned to go to a Jazz game in Salt Lake at the new Delta Arena but Denzil broke a tooth off his bridge and the Dentist didn't get it fixed soon enough for us to go. We were disapointed not only about the game but not seeing the family. Clyde and Metra had spent a lot of time and effort getting it all prepared so we were sorry to disapoint them too.

Dean and Laura Christianson had Thanksgiving dinner with us. We had a good time.

## DECEMBER

We put our tree up on the 13th and decorated the house. I always enjoy my nativity set that I made one year when I was visiting in Eugene.

Glen Johnston came by and stayed overnight. He had been to St. Louis to get a truck for his former boss. I sent a crib quilt that I had an order for from Eugene with him.

On the 19th Howard and Florence came and I went to the High School basketball game with them as Lance was playing.

Clyde and Metra brought the family Christmas present up on the 21st of December. They also brought a chicken dinner with all the trimmings. That was so nice of them.

Christmas Day. We were alone but all the kids called.

On the 28th Howard and his family came to a basketball game and I went with him.

A cold month but not much snow.



NEVA THOMAS JOHNSON

Neva Thomas Johnson was born December 20, 1904 at Preston, Idaho to Howard L. Thomas and Annie May. She married Denzel Johnson on September 29, 1926 in the Logan LDS Temple. They have 5 children, Maxine May, Howard Denzel, Glen Thomas, Clyde Davis and Philip Donald.

Neva started her musical church service at 8 years of age as primary accompanist in the Riverdale, Idaho ward. That was followed by 79 years and counting as organist in various organizations of which 15 were as Sunday school organist in the Grace, Idaho 1st Ward, where at 87 years she is still the Relief Society organist. A highlight of these years was attending General Conference as Stake Primary organist. She has also served as MIA President, Relief Society President, Beehive teacher, and 30 years as a visiting teacher. In response to a call from her Bishop she helped her father organize and manage a dance orchestra and entertained at many functions for over 20 or more years.

She has taught piano lessons to many of the youth in Grace, Idaho.

Her son Howard speaks lovingly of his mother. "When I think of my mother back in the early 1930's, the Depression was in full scale. Our family didn't have a lot of money but my mother was always able to manage things so we had enough to eat and were dressed well".

"She spent time helping with the farm work, milking cows, keeping up a garden, and still found time to prepare delicious meals, the best of which I remember were noodle soup, biscuits and gravy, germade mush, homemade bread and jelly, fresh side and eggs".

"She was a strict disciplinarian, but was always fair, there were no broken promises".

"She was a good nurse, and with all 5 of us children got plenty of practice with no antibiotics and limited medication. She had to be resourceful and always had great faith in our Father in Heaven".

"She and my dad always supported us in whatever we were active in, in school, 4-H, church or whatever, we know they would be in attendance if at all possible".

"Mother always loved music and conveyed that love to all of her children and many others in the community".

"Mom was a great lady, wife, mother, musician and most of all a great friend, living a life of integrity, faith in the Lord and service".

*Marie Keel  
Howard Johnson*





Neva and Denzil Johnson

### *Johnsons Celebrate 65th Anniversary*

The children of Denzil and Neva Johnson are honoring their parents at a reception for their 65th wedding anniversary. The reception will be held Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Legion Hut in Grace, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All friends and neighbors are invited to attend.

Denzil and Neva were married at the Logan Temple Sept. 29, 1926.

Denzil farmed in Niter until 1963, when he and Neva opened the Norge Village Laundromat and operated that until 1973. Denzil also drove truck for the cheese factory for several years. Neva is well known for her beautiful handwork.

They have both been active in the LDS Church. Neva has been an organist in the church since she was

8 years old, besides holding several stake and ward positions. She is also active in the Daughters of Utah Pioneers organization.

They are parents of 5 children, Maxine of Eugene, Oregon, Howard of Logan, Utah, and Glen, Clyde and Phil of the Salt Lake area. They have 15 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.







# ANNIVERSARY<sup>65th</sup>

Maxine and Glen came from Oregon early to finalize the reception plans. The cakes, catering and pictures had been done by phone earlier. Mother and Maxine had two days of sweet memories as we searched through lots of pictures to come up with one for each member of the family. We arranged them on a table and it drew a lot of interest from family and friends. Karol and Blaine Hodges came and helped us set up the tables and decorate. We were grateful for their help.

The weather did not co-operate as we had planned a picnic at the park before the reception but it was cold and rainy so we had to go to the Legion Hut that was all decorated and put up picnic tables. We had a good lunch. Glen had sliced three kinds of meat that we had cooked and then the families brought salads so we had lots to eat.

The photographer came to the building to take the family pictures and we appreciated that very much.

We feared that there would not be anyone come as the rain really started coming down hard in the afternoon besides there being a Regional meeting in Logan that day but we were so happy to see that 179 friends and family came to congratulate us. Maxine finished the video tape that she had started in January of all the families and several friends by videoing everyone who came in the door. Lanny Westerberg requested that he be allowed to play the piano for Neva as she had taught him and it had brought him so much enjoyment. That was special.



There was a table with some of the handicrafts that Neva has made over the years, that included quilts, afghans, and handkerchiefs.







We had picked some beautiful sweet peas the night before, some friends brought flowers to the house and Metra and Ann brought a bucket of flowers that they put in vases for the tables, plus a beautiful corsage. It was just great as Neva loves flowers so much.

Dewey Hansen took care of purchasing, preparing and serving the refreshments. He brought some people to help him but there was such a big crowd he needed more help. Florence and her granddaughter saved the day by helping in the kitchen and serving. We surely appreciated everyones help. Dewey would not accept any payment for his catering. He would only let us pay for the supplies. Such a good friend.

My friend Irene Young made the beautiful wedding cake. Carol sat by the door and gave everyone a great welcome and got them to sign the guest book.



Howard, Glenn, Clyde, Phil and Glen all had a wonderful time renewing friendships and meeting people.

The evening ended but the cards, visits and phone calls continued for a long time. It was a very special occasion and we are so thankful for all those who made it possible.





Johnston's







# VACATIONS

We started the year in Maryland with Steve and Wendy and family. We baby sat the kids while Steve and Wendy had New Years Eve out and then when they returned we watched the New Year come in on TV together. Wendy fixed us many gourmet meals that we enjoyed. We always come home with new recipes. It was so nice to get better acquainted with Amie, Ashley and Christopher. When I said goodbye to Ashley she was sad but I told her I would be back in the spring. She said that isn't very long, only three times. We had Steve take us to the airport on January 5th but after waiting several hours we found out our plane was so late we would be spending the night in an airport so we called Steve and he very patiently came and got us and took us out again on the 6th when we got home.

The next few days were interesting as we took Christmas Decorations down and loaded the trailer. We left Eugene 4:45 AM on January 11th, and got to Kathies the next day. We had a belated Christmas with the family which was lots of fun. I received several nice presents, the best was a porcelain doll. Glen received something for his birthday he had never had before, a boy doll. It was the companion to mine and they are so darling.

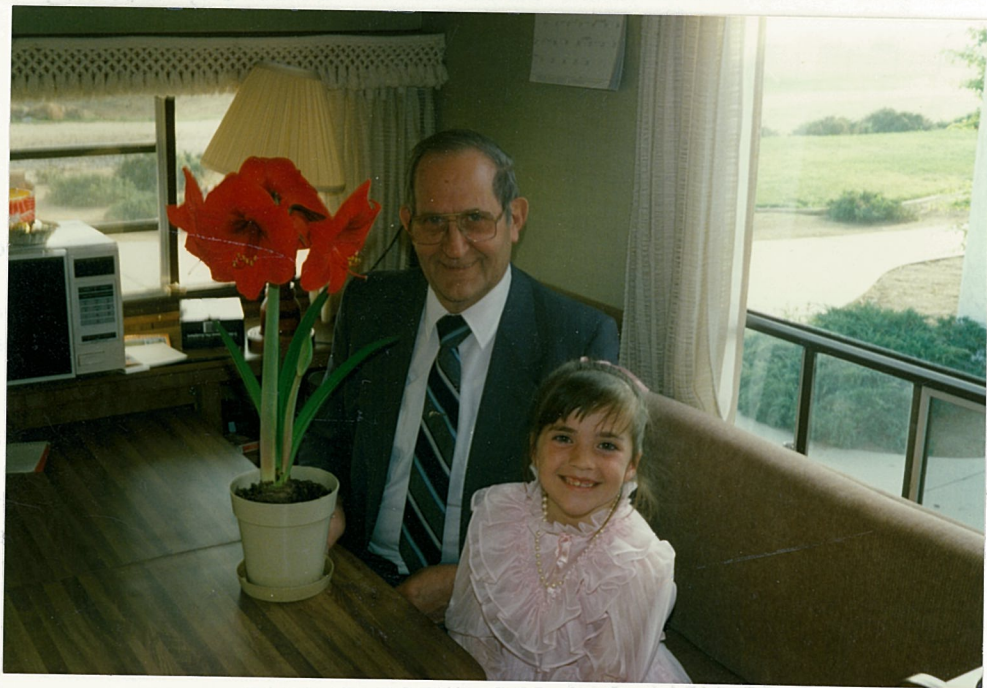
When the Iranian War started and we all watched TV hours at a time it reminded me of my Grandpa Thomas during World War II and how he listened to the radio all the time. It was very different this time with news men and cameras on the scene and you could see war and its horrors immediately. Glen was disapointed that they closed the lab scrapyard sale because of security during the war.

We enjoyed 'changing time' with the kids, playing games with them one at a time on Sunday. It is a nice tradition. We are also glad that Family Home Evening is a well kept tradition also. Kathie paid a special tribute to us in Relief Society when she had an assignment in the lesson. She said I had taught her service by doing for others and fulfilling my callings and that Glen had always helped my folks when we went there on vacation.

On Martin Luther King holiday we all went to the park with the Neiholms, Kathie and Winslows friends. We had a nice picnic and the kids all had a good time getting wet.

Some of our other activities while there was to go to the Lawrence Hall of Science with Kathie and a school group. Glen went to Monterey Bay with her and some students also which he enjoyed a lot.. I was too ill to go there. I also met her friend Barbara who has a kiln and very kindly took us to a ceramic shop and did some firing for us too.

Another activity we enjoy is having each of the grandchildren out to the trailer to have dinner with us. It is so special and they all behave so well and are super guests.



*Amaryllis*



We packed up again and left on Feb. 7, arriving at Glendas that same day. The next Sunday was Ward Conference and Garry gave a very good talk. We were glad to be there when Grant received the Priesthood which is a special time.



We enjoyed picking up oranges in the orange groves as well as making juice from the ones Glen and Gentry picked at an orchard belonging to a member of the ward. That was a required part of the breakfast Glen fixed Grant and Genessa each morning before taking them to school. The main course was little smokies, boiled eggs and fried potatoes.. One day when Glen had cooked an extra lot of potatoes Grant looked at the dish and said, "Well it looks like there are enough potatoes for everyone" He does love potatoes.

We went to PTA with Grant and Genessa and I won a stereo. We gave it to Glenda for her birthday.

On Feb.18 we went to Mexico. We left the car on the USA side of the border and took the train and bus into Tiajuana. Had our usual good time bargaining although we missed having everyone there. Gentry and Genessa stayed home and Garrett was at BYU.

We got credit for rain that started the end of the month and didn't end for a week. Rain is so desired in this country noone complains like they do in Oregon, even when it makes the roads very slick.

We enjoyed being part of the family and attending activities that involved them. Genessa played the piano at the Primary Activity and Grayson played the piano for a Sacrament Meeting. The Primary challenged Genessa to read the scriptures so we did that each morning before she went to school. One day Genessa was very worried and upset because she knew she was going to have a substitute teacher at school that was cross. We decided a prayer would help and she felt so much better afterwards and the day turned out just fine.



We learned on March 12 that our friends who had a fire in their house last August had a fire in their garage just as they were preparing to move back into their house. Much of the work that had been done had to be done again because of smoke and water damage.

One of our fun activities that Glenda introduced us to and we got hooked on was Nintendo. We even gave up our traditional hour with Price is Right to play Dr. Mario. We ended up buying a Nintendo when we got home in the summer and our life will never be the same. We had a delightful visit with Marie Ruoff, my penpal from age 12. She and her mother came to see us and we were able to video them for the anniversary tape we had started.

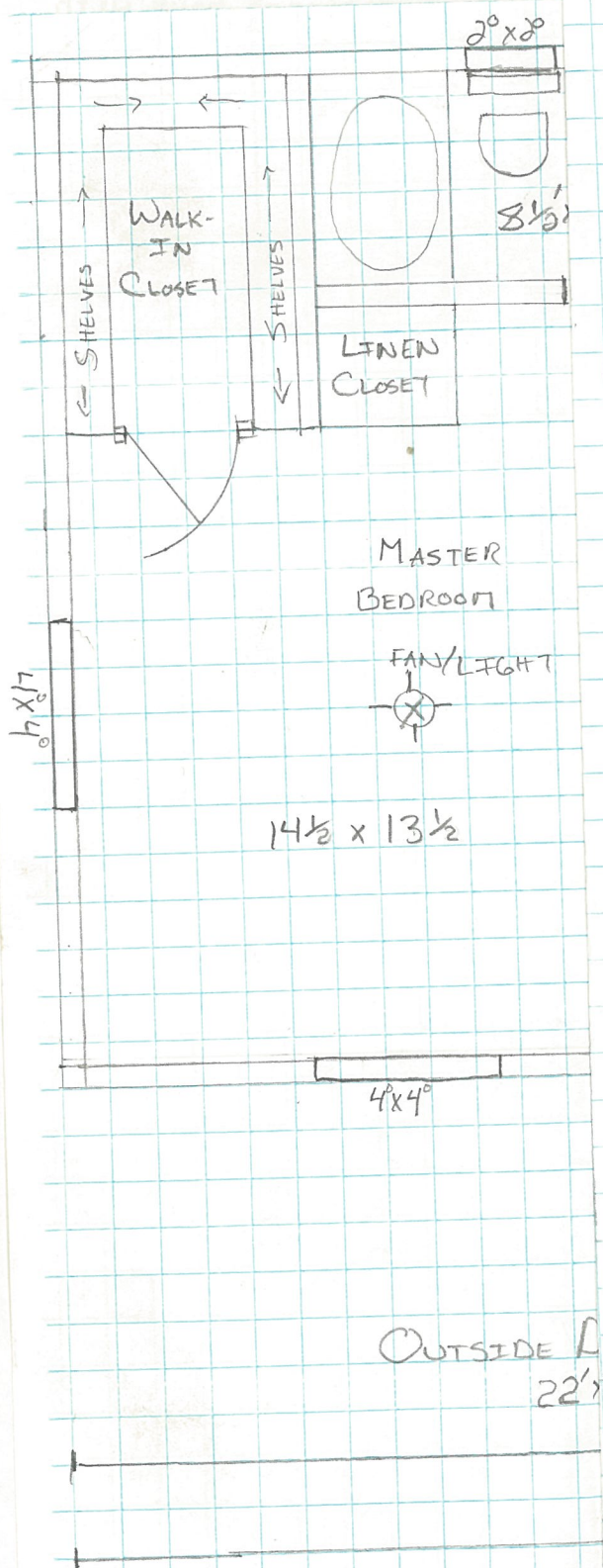
We also enjoyed being there to go to a surprise birthday party for Glenda, given by her friends. It was fun trying to delay getting to the restaurant late enough so everyone was there before we were but Glenda hurried us up so we did most of the surprising.



I helped Glenda in her classroom twice. The first time I got little whispered messages such as "Mrs. Winn is a good teacher" and "You are nice". The second time we had planned to leave on the 26th but it rained and the roads were too muddy. We thought we would leave on the 28th but Glenda needed me to help at school so we stayed one more day. When Glen came to pick me up at noon the steering gear on the truck broke in the parking lot. We felt like we were really protected and blessed that it happened there and not on the freeway pulling a trailer. We left on the 29th. The family had a Farewell Oscar Awards Night for us on Family Home Evening, the night of the real Oscar Awards. The clay statues on blocks are treasured more than the Gold Academy Award.

We had a flat tire the morning we left, vapor lock and starter trouble with the truck besides the traffic was very heavy. We felt lucky to arrive at Kathies. We spent Saturday and Sunday there so we were able to be part of the Easter Egg Hunt (Kathie made up a basket for us. She is so thoughtful), as well as attend the Easter Programs at church. Kathie fixed a lovely dinner in spite of having arthritis so bad. We enjoyed our visit even tho it was too short. We had to hurry home so we could get ready to go again. Next on the agenda was the trip around the United States. Glen had been looking forward to that one for a long time.

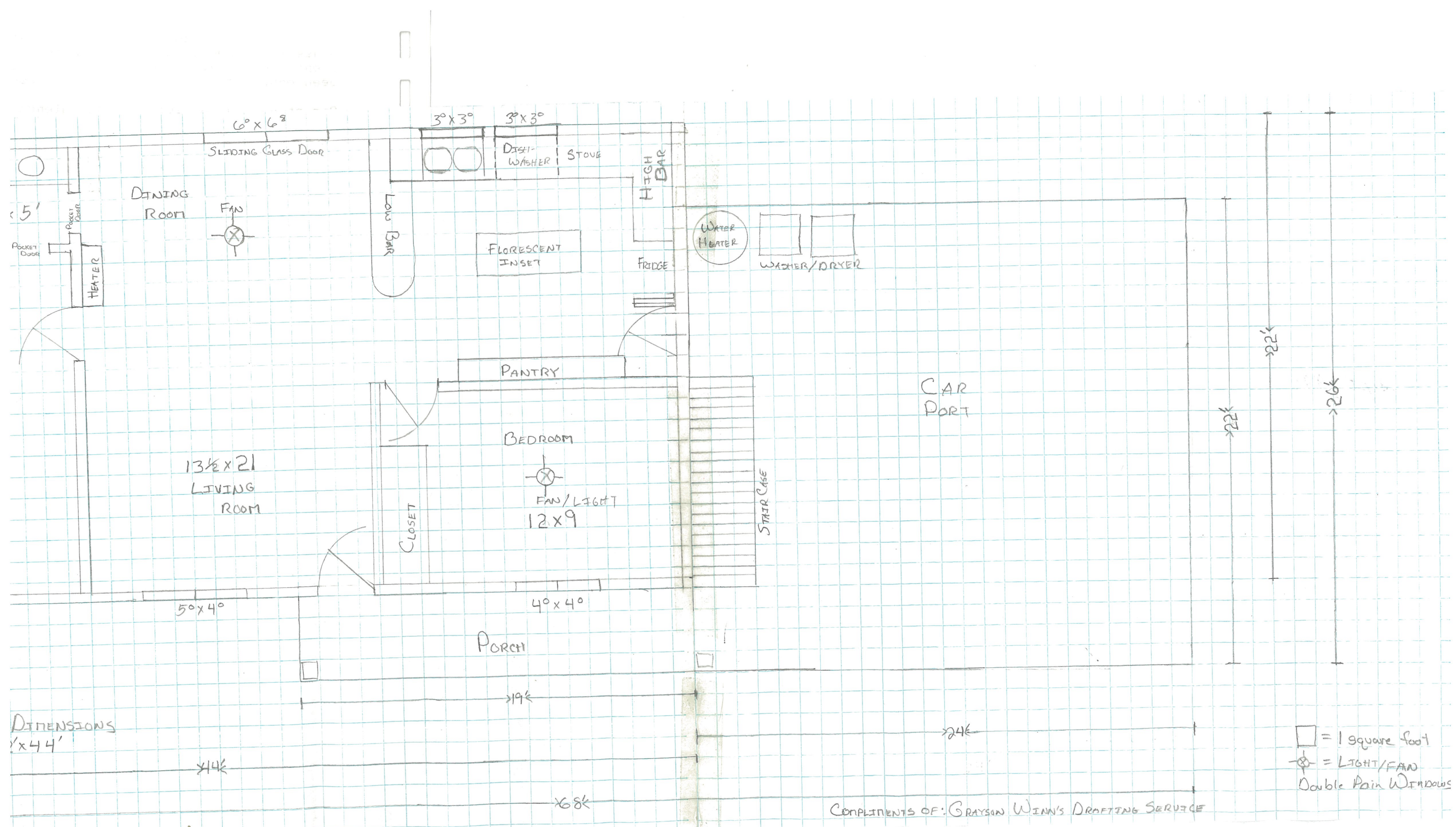














Our next 'local' trip was to Idaho and Utah. We left August 29th and stayed at Winnemucca. We drove to Bountiful and spent the night with Clyde and Metra. Metra had cooked a seven course dinner for us and an equally elaborate breakfast. All delicious. We had a great visit with them and saw their new offices in Salt Lake. WE went to Ogden and stayed two nights with Irma and Monte Peters. We enjoyed spending some time with Irma's daughters, Carol and Barbara, Carols daughter Kerry and Barbaras husband, Irma's son Richard, as well as cousin Paul Shields. Spent one evening looking at old photo albums. Also had a nice ride around the area with Paul.



Irma Barbara Carol Kerry Paul  
Shields



We visited Carrie Wahlstrom and took her with us to visit Helen and Pat Sizemore. Old friends from nursing school days.

We arrived in Grace on Daddys birthday and took them to lunch at Soda Springs. We canned 24 quarts of tomatoes and 24 qts of tomato juice. We did lots of shopping besides getting ready for the picnic and anniversary party. The party was a big success and the folks were so pleased. They love the video we made of the family, friends and the party.

We did a little cleaning then left for home, coming by way of Boise then John Day and Prineville for variety. We arrived on September 13th.





*Kathies Birthday*



*Academy Awards Night*



We packed up the trailer again in December, planning to leave on December 19th but the weather man frightened us with warnings of an ice storm so we left at noon on the 18th. We had gas tank trouble on the way. We were blessed with inspiration of the right thing to do twice and were so grateful to make it to Kathies with no major problems. Then we were blessed to have a son-in-law who is a great electrician and with great patience fixed the electricity in the trailer.

We only had a few days to spend with the Brouchs but they made every minute count. We were pleased that Nathan really felt at home in the trailer. It seemed so good to see how much better Kathie is feeling. We were so glad to be there when Drew gave a talk in Primary and Drew and Nathan were in the Primary Chorus for the Christmas Program. Kathie kept finding excuses for us to eat dinner with them and we enjoyed that a lot. We drove around and saw lots of beautiful Christmas lights and sang songs with the keyboard in the van.

We left December 23 and arrived at Glendas. It was exciting to see the framing for the first floor of the barn and starting on the second story. Glenda had dinner waiting for us.

We had a great Christmas Family Home Evening. We decorated candles to use each year. Garrett called too which was special. He was so excited about Christmas.



We had a wonderful Christmas Day, opening presents and just visiting. We were thoroughly spoiled by our whole family and the best part was that we got a family picture from every family including my folks.

We enjoyed the post Christmas sales, even getting up at 5:30 for one. Glenda had a Birthday for Glen and New Years Eve party. We had worked hard all day to get ready for it and just an hour before the party was to begin the loan officer called with bad news about their loan. Really put a damper on all of us.

We ended the year with gratitude for all our blessings, especially the love we all have for each other in our families and pray that it will increase in 1992.





Desert in Bloom



San Antonio Alamo



Okefenokee Swamp



Cemetery - New Orleans





# USA Here We Come

We left Eugene April 29th and arrived at Reno. As we left the parking garage the next morning the exit caused Steve's bicycle that had been carefully tied to the front of the car to disappear under the car. We thought it was the end of the bicycle but it survived, only breaking the rack it was on. Then we had the challenge to rearrange all the carefully packed trunk to include a bicycle. It was an exciting beginning but after examining the rack Glen said it was a blessing it happened there as it could have happened on the freeway at 65 miles an hour. We visited with the Fuller Royal family in Las Vegas and stayed with the Kemptons in Mesa. It was an excellent time to be in the Arizona Desert as it was in bloom and very beautiful. Our next stop was the Carlsbad Caverns. Such beautiful colors and shapes.,

Texas was boring, beautiful and big. The Alamo history was very interesting and riding a boat through the middle of San Antonio was a unique experience. In spite of being drenched with a constant downpour at the Houston Space Center we enjoyed all the exhibits and seeing the woman who will be the next person to walk in space.

We visited with Lloyd and Rochelle Augustine in Lafayette, Louisiana. Their hospitality was so warm and we enjoyed reminiscing about the days when they lived in Eugene. They took us to an authentic Cajun restaurant on my birthday which was fun. We enjoyed watching the Cajuns dancing to the band's music and decided we liked the flavor of their food although not as strong as they eat it...lots of hot pepper sauce. We also visited a Cajun village with them.

We stayed in New Orleans two nights. By this time Glen had a full blown case of gout and hadn't brought his medicine so was suffering a great deal. We went on a tour, the most interesting part was the cemetery where people are buried above ground. We also went on a paddle wheeler up the Mississippi. We walked in the French Quarter at Maxine's insistence, Glen limping all the way.

The stop in New Orleans didn't satisfy our desire to see some old southern homes so we took a side trip to Thomasville where we saw many of them. Most were very well preserved and many were still being lived in. The oldest built in 1853, the others from there to the early 1900's.

We learned so many interesting things at the Okefenokee Swamp Park. We took a 2 mile boat trip through the swamp, seeing lots of alligators, even some baby ones. It rained on us and the guide made us hats out of leaves. He taught us to get soap out of a plant and told us how the huge cypress trees don't have a tap root but are supported with cypress knees, growing around it.





Francis & Dick  
Bonney



Bonneys  
Pool



Steve & Wendy  
at  
Chinese  
Restaurant



Ashley &  
loved  
Barbie



We were in Mooresville , North Carolina on May 14th. Glen's gout was no better. Glen's relative (so far removed we're not sure how related) Francis Bonney and her husband Dick welcomed us with Southern Hospitality that we thought went out with the Civil War. Dick drove us 40 miles (one way) to take us to a fabulous fish buffet, the best we had ever eaten. We spent 2 hours in town copying genealogy she had collected. She has done 27 volumes of genealogy that she has donated to the church. She is not a member of our church. They are both remarkable people who are 80 years old but so ALIVE and vital. It is so fun to be around them. Francis is on the board of their local art museum besides doing beautiful oil paintings. Their daughter Rachel lives next door to them. She does miniature doll houses, dolls, accessories and other ceramics. The hot day and their beautiful pool were a great combination we enjoyed.

We arrived in Maryland on the 16th, greeted with hugs, smiles and a delicious dinner. Wendy's piano students were being tested the next day so we got to baby sit and have a chance to start getting better acquainted with these long distance grandchildren. Amie is much more alert and cuddly than when we were here in January. I especially enjoyed holding her this time and seeing her being able to feed herself some foods and even stand with her braces was great. Ashley was her usual sweet self. She kept saying it was a great day. When I asked her why, she said, "Because you are here". We were there to see how excited she was over her first Barbie. Christopher still loves to be outside and whenever the door opened he was ready to go. We were amazed at his ability to sing (without words) so many songs in perfect key. We enjoyed visiting with Steve and Wendy, and appreciated the time they spent with us when they were so busy. We enjoyed the good food at home and at the Chinese Restaurant they took us to. We were also glad to be able to be with them for Family Home Evening. We were pleased to be there to attend the recital Wendy had for her students.

While we were at Steve's we spent a day in Washington DC at the Smithsonian and the remodeled train station. We also went to Baltimore to Fort McHenry near where Francis Scott Key wrote the Star Spangled Banner. Also visited the Constellation in the harbor.







Boston Mayflower



Williamsburg



Hill Cumorah





*Williamsburg Motel*



*Jamestown*

We also took four days and went to Williamsburg, Virginia. We went to Jamestown, Yorktown, Pottery Factory, and on the way back to Maryland we stopped at three plantations. We loved learning more of the history of our country and enjoyed the pool at the Motel after the hot days of touring.

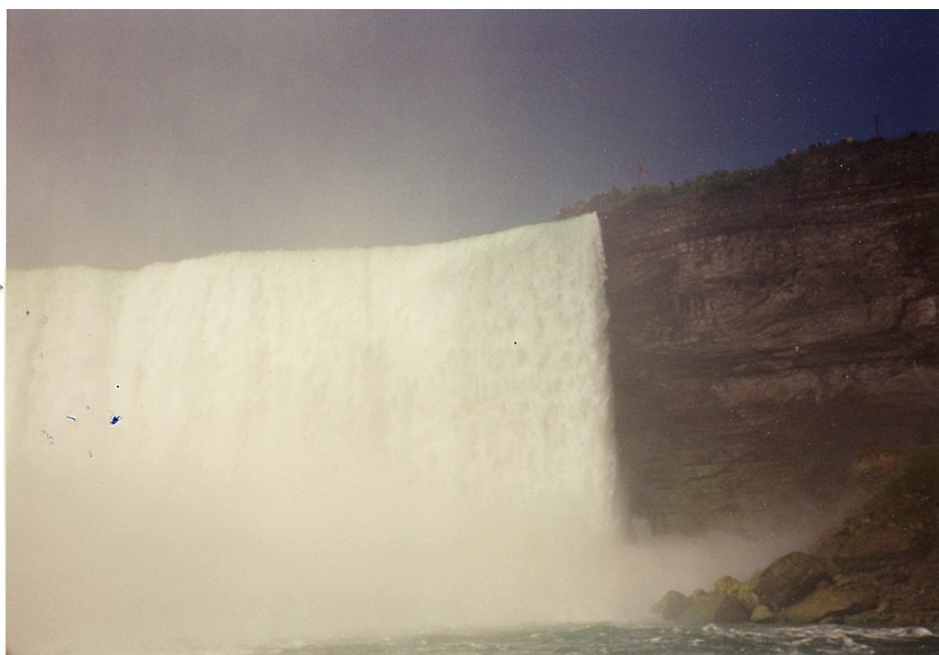
We left Maryland early June 2 and drove to Boston. We stayed two nights there and had the best tour of our trip. Saw so many historical sites including Paul Revere statue, Old North Church, U.S. ship Constitution, Trinity church, the Mapparium in the Christian Science building. We topped off the day with a delicious dinner and shopping at Felenes Basement, a discount store of an exclusive shop here. Lots of bargains.

Plymouth Rock was our next destination. We saw the Mayflower and wondered how people survived the long trip across the ocean in such a small ship. We saw the famous Plymouth Rock. The weather did not cooperate so we went on our way via Providence Rhode Island where we saw the largest marble dome in the world other than the one on the Vatican.

Stayed in Sharon Springs, New York where there was a whole town of old houses we drove around and admired. Also stopped at Skaneateles, New York and saw many old mansions that were in better condition and being lived in. So different than in the West where the usual way is to tear down and rebuild.

Our stop at Palmyra was peaceful and refreshing. The Visitor Center is beautiful and it is a beautiful view from the statue above it. You can see the whole valley of rolling hills. We visited the Smith home and the Sacred Grove. We were the only ones there and the sunshine through the trees was just as the films show it and there was a special feeling about being there. We saw the Martin Harris home and visited the Printing Company where the Book of Mormon was printed. So interesting that the owner moved there just before it was printed and left soon after. He was not a member of the church but thought there should be freedom of the press. The Lord uses good people to carry out his needs. It took seven months to print the Book of Mormon. Things were not easy for the Saints.





Niagara Falls  
from  
Boat Ride



Ready for Boat Ride



Kirtland Temple



House on  
The  
Rock



Drove to the Canadian side of the Niagara Falls. It is so awesome. We went on the boat trip the next day that goes right to the foot of the falls. You feel like you are going to breathe water the mist is so thick. We drove to the U.S. side and had a picnic in the park.

We spent the next day visiting the Kirtland Temple and the Newell K. Whitney store that has just recently been restored. Both tours were very interesting. Our guide for the Temple said the Reorganized church has given the Priesthood to the women now so it is no problem that there are no male heirs for the Presidency.

Stopped at a few antique stores but didn't find many bargains. We stopped and picked strawberries with the Amish and even went to some garage sales. As we traveled wherever we went we took the time to stop and enjoy where we were. We ate many of our meals outside at picnic tables in parks and rest stops as well as in the motel rooms which saved money but also gave us a chance to really see the country and enjoy all the differences.

The most unusual place we visited was the House on the Rock in Wisconsin. We spent most of the day there and still could have stayed longer and seen more, had we not been so tired. There were huge collections of so many things, and the Infinity Room will not soon be forgotten by me and my acrophobia..

We drove to Red Wing, Minnesota to get Glen a pair of his favorite brand of shoes. We accomplished that and went to some outlet stores and found some bargains. As we headed toward DeSmet South Dakota we were routed out into the country on detours several times. We saw some beautiful Wisconsin and Minnesota farms that we would have missed otherwise. They were picture perfect with no fences and no weeds.

DeSmet, South Dakota is off the beaten track but we were pleased we included it as we all enjoy Laura Ingalls Wilder's books and it was interesting to see how much of her own life she put in her books.

We stopped at Mitchell, South Dakota to see the Corn Palace where they create pictures from real corn, drove through the Badlands imagining how terrible they must have seemed to pioneers trying to get through. We had to stop at the famous Wall Drug that is advertised for miles. It was worth the stop.







*Mt Rushmore*



*One of our many  
lunch stops*

*Tall grass  
in  
Wisconsin*





Mount Rushmore , like Niagra is a place you have to visit to get the full impact of their glory. We were so glad we were able to see it.



Short visit with Howard  
at his home in Logan



We drove over mountains that had such beautiful rocks and the view over the valleys was awesome. We stayed at Cody then drove through Yellowstone National Park and arrived in Grace on June 14th. On Father's Day, Howard and Flornce, Clyde and Phil and Ann came up and we fixed a salad and sandwich bar dinner for everyone. We took Daddy to Logan to have laser surgery on his eye and then back down to be examined. Enjoyed the trips as the hills are so much greener than usual because of all the rain they have had. The prize of visite to the cheese factory for curds and ice cream cones helps too. We got a little bit of extra cleaning done and enjoyed our visit.

We stopped at Glenn and Carols in Salt Lake and videoed their family for the anniversary tape. Glen took us all out to a delicious Chinese Dinner to celebrate his birthday. We left the next morning and stayed overnight in Winnemucca, Nevada. Had a nice new room and a delicious prime rib dinner which was a great finish to all the nice rooms and good food we had enjoyed on the entire trip. We drove to Lakeview and the desert there was in bloom. We had never seen sagebrush in bloom and there was a carpet of many colors on the ground besides. A beautiful ending to a dream vacation. I didn't want to go and then I didn't want to come home. We arrived in Eugene June 25th.



July

# Summer's better late than never

By JONI JAMES  
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The timing for Linda Merritt and Danette West couldn't have been better.

The two 24-year-old Eugene women took a half-day off from their construction jobs and ran smack into summer.

At last.

"This is great — best day all year," West said while she and her friend baked in the 82-degree heat at Fern Ridge Reservoir's Orchard Point Park.

Merritt already was nursing a good sunburn. And it's no wonder.

May was the wettest on record; June equaled the coldest on record. In both months together, there were only 11 clear days. Average high temperatures in June were 6.2 degrees below normal.

But the first day of July was glorious.

"First, I think what I need is a lesson on how to spell clear . . . and sunny," said Marv Shogren, the meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service office at the Eugene Airport.

Enjoy it while you can. Shogren and his ilk are predicting temperatures near 90 today. Wednesday promises delightful weather, as well.

You might want to reconsider those skinny dipping plans on July Fourth.

A weak weather system should bring in clouds and temperatures in the mid-70s for Thursday, Shogren said. The clouds should burn off in time for afternoon fun and firework displays, he said.

After that, it's back to the 80s again.

Overall, the meteorologists think July is going to be a little below normal in temperature, a little above normal in moisture. Typically, July highs average 82 degrees and rainfall totals 0.27 inches.

For businesses that count on summer fun to boost sales, Monday was a welcome relief after June.

Sharon Hastings and her husband, Rock, said Monday was the first good day they've had at their concession stand at Orchard Point Park since Memorial Day. Ice cream, particularly chocolate, always goes fast, she said.

More than 300 people came to the park Monday — the biggest day yet, park Ranger Keith Grossman said.

In Eugene, office workers and others poured onto the Eugene Mall for lunch to catch some rays. Restaurants said lemonade and ice cream were big sellers.



New Suit



# WELCOME To Our Hearth

We had lots of special visitors this year. Jeanne Schroeder, who used to live next door stopped by and we had such a good visit with her. It had been years since we had seen her. Gloria and Roland Johnson came to visit also for some 'red blanket time' as Gloria calls our times together. They always make us feel so wise as they seek our counsel.

The Brough Bunch came to visit July 13th. Besides the excitement of picking up the awe-inspiring computer Winslow had ordered and the kids playing the Nintendo we had lots of activities. We had planned on floating down the river but the weather didn't co-operate so we went to Wild Life Safari by Roseburg. The animals were very active and everyone enjoyed that as well as the BIG ice cream cone Grandpa bought everyone at Rice Hill. Aunt Glenda heard the story of the meanest mother in the world from Nathan about Kathie throwing the remains of Drews dripping cone out the window.



We took the trailer to Honeymoon Park and the weather was great. Had a good time at the beach, the sand dunes and on the paddle boats. Winslow dug a hole at the beach big enough to lose a kid in but we got everyone home safe and sound.

We made our traditional visit to Pietros for Pizza and a ride on the merry go round. Everyone enjoyed Grandmas rule about picking raspberries. One for the basket, and two for the mouth. They left July 20th. The visit was appreciated but too short.

Our friend Don Ainge came to visit us July 25th. He was all booked up for lunch so we invited him to breakfast and was so pleased to find someone new to tell about our vacation and show the three scrapbooks we have. Breakfast price comes high.





The Winn family arrived July 28th. We went to Honeymoon Park the next day and the weather was beautiful. It was windy on the beach but the male members built us a great shelter to enjoy while the sandcastles and holes were created in the sand. We ate all our meals outside as it was so pleasant. Everyone seemed to have a good time with rafts on the lake, sand dunes and paddlewheeling. We reluctantly left for Eugene Wed. July 31st. We went to Pietros so as not to break tradition but our orders got mixed up so it turned into a trick rather than a treat.

Glen, Gentry and Grayson left on a raft trip down the Umpqua River. Glenda, Genessa and I went shopping then Garry and Grant joined us and we went to Roseburg to the Wild Life Safari. On the way we stopped at 1245 Hicks St. in Roseburg and Glenda took some video of our former home. We also stopped at Rowe Street. The house we rented is gone but the famous sign board still stands so Glenda took a picture of that. At the Safari, Genessa and Grant rode the elephant, then we went on the ride. The animals were active and a cheeta walked right by the van. We ate at my favorite Chinese Restaurant and everyone liked it a lot.





While the three were still on the river trip Grant and Genessa went to video land and then in the evening everyone but me went ice skating. The next day we went garage saling and shopping. On the way home we checked out the blackberries and found some ripe ones so we picked them in the dishes and pans Glenda had bought at garage sales for Gentry. Got enough for two fresh berry pies. The river rats returned very late Saturday night.

We went to church, had dinner then they left about 4:30 on their way to Utah to see Garrett off on his mission. A busy 7 days and we would have liked it to have been longer. We had planned on Grayson staying with us for the rest of the summer but he chose not to. It was fun to have Gentry back after our time together last summer. He brought us an oil painting he had done in school. We are very pleased that he shared his talent with us.

Marvin White

Evan White



August 9th we were so glad that the Augustines, who we had visited in Louisiana stopped by and had dinner with us. They didn't have much time but we appreciated the opportunity to at least partly reciprocate their generous hospitality when we stayed with them.

On August 12th Marvin and Evan came for dinner and spent the evening visiting. It is the first time we have seen Marvin for a long time so we enjoyed talking about the days in Roseburg. Brought back lots of memories.

We visited with Louise and LaVar Kempton at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration and then went camping with them on September 21st, at the coast.

Our next visitors were the Graskas. Bonnie, Dave and Lisa stayed with us over the Thanksgiving Holiday while Dave biked and Bonnie and Lisa shopped til they dropped.

Edith visited us during the year, whenever we stayed home long enough for her to catch us. We always look forward to her visits. We appreciated the lovely Thanksgiving dinner she prepared for us in Salem. It was good to visit with her as well as seeing Debbie and Evan again.



# THIS 'N THAT

There are always special occasions in our lives, that don't fit into any usual categories, we would like to remember. One of these is our association with Russ and Linda Bevans, Jerry and Marilyn Newell, Chad and Roma Roderick, Bry and Leslie Lake and sometimes Rod and Linda Bevans when they come down from Portland. We have spent many delightful times with them over the last several years, going out to dinner, eating popcorn at our house, and camping. We managed to get a few activities with them this year in spite of being gone so much. We started another tradition this fall of Marilyn, Leslie and I going to Lindas house to do crafts three Tuesdays of the month. The other Tuesday we went to the Portland Temple. It is so special to have such good friends.

We had beautiful warm Fall weather. It was in the 90's in October. I was especially glad for the opportunity to can tomatoes until October 18th, since we had missed part of the season by being in Idaho.

One of our fun activities was going to a Civil War Re-enactment at Silver Falls. The park was beautiful and the program was good. We had a good picnic with both Bevans families, Denia Bevans and Russ's partner and his friend. A different way to celebrate the 4th from the way we have done in the past by camping.



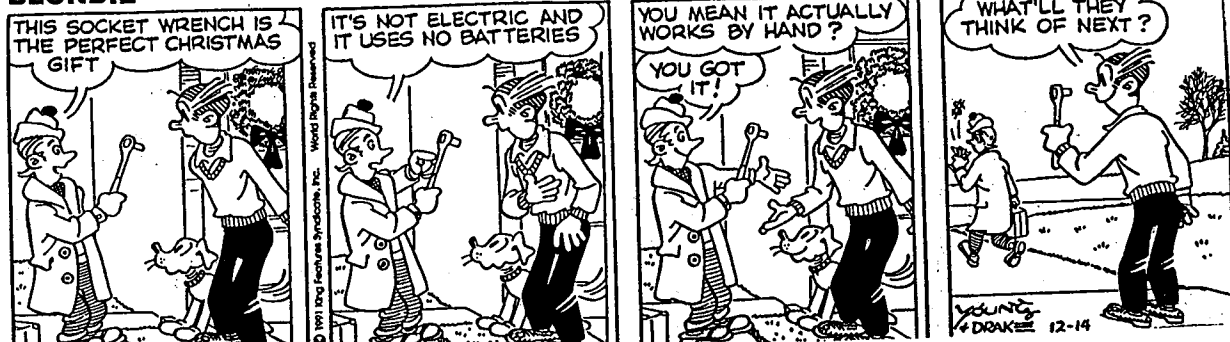
Glen only drove truck for Mr. Stalick once this year but it was an exciting one from St. Louis December 11-14. He was blessed with good roads which was a worry that time of the year. He managed to spend one night with Mom and Dad in Grace.

We had our third annual Unique Boutique in November. We had a hard time getting ready because of not being home much but were glad we worked hard as it was a success. Some of our new things were rabbits, (idea from Wendy) cow and dinasauer banks as well as the traditional piggies. Sold lots of pine cone baskets and 40 pounds of peanut brittle. One of the special baskets I made was for Garretts Mission President. I recieved a nice thank you letter from Sister Daryl Hoole saying how much they liked the basket and appreciated Garrett.



# JUST FOR FUN

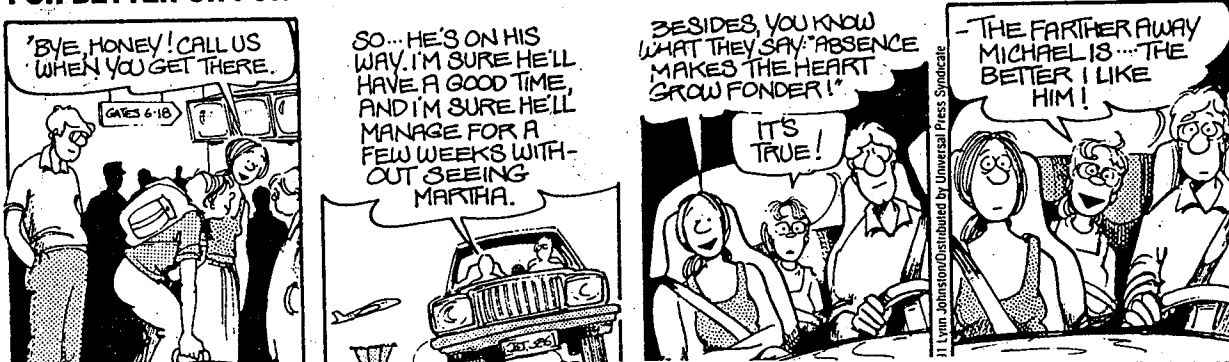
## BLONDIE



## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



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## CATHY

## BY CATHY GUISEWIT





# CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS

We all have times in our lives when we are touched by something we have read or heard or has happened to us. We would like to share a few. We are so blessed to have such a beautiful temple as near as Portland now. When we first moved to Roseburg in 1953 we were in the Los Angeles temple district. Next it was Oakland, where we were sealed, then Seattle which was still 5 1/2 hours away. Portland is about 2 hours away.

Garrett received his mission call to the Netherlands Mission on March 16th. We are so Proud of him and his decision to serve the Lord. We weren't able to go to his farewell as we were on our trip but our love went with him.

All of us were very concerned about Kathies health in the early part of the year. I was particularly concerned about some of the medications they wanted her to take. Glenda suggested that we all fast for Kathie on April 14th, which we did. As I had her on my mind I was reading the Book of Mormon the words of Alma 60:21 caught my attention. "Or do you suppose that the Lord will still deliver us, while we sit upon our thrones and do not make use of the means which the Lord has provided for us?" I felt that was the answer to my concerns and Kathie should use the means that were available to her through her doctors. I was also impressed with Alma 32:43 "Then, my brethren, ye shall reap the rewards of your faith, and your diligence, and patience, and long-suffering, waiting for the tree to bring forth fruit unto you." I shared these feelings with Kathie and that was special. When I talked to her on the 19th she said she was feeling better. I asked if the medicine was finally taking hold. She said "No, the prayers are taking hold". As I was reading a book this year I was struck by the statement, "When we want to talk to God we pray, he answers when we read the scriptures"

Glen and I had some concerns about our health in November and I asked Glen if he and Russ Bevans would give me a blessing. As they laid their hands on my head I felt the power of their priesthood throughout my body and I understood more thoroughly why the Nephites were instructed not to write about some things because it is impossible to describe it. It was a wonderful experience that I will not forget. I feel that my body was healed in the ways needed.

Glen received a Ziggy poster from Grant for Christmas that describes Glens philosophy very well. "We should enjoy here while we're here, 'cause there's no here there". It reminded me of a quote in an article I had read in October and included in my journal. The author said "For a long time it seemed to me that real life was about to begin, but there was always some obstacle in the way. Something had to be got through first, some unfinished business; time still to be served, a debt to be paid; then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life." We are so blessed to have the gospel help us with these obstacles. These reminders help me enjoy each day more fully.



✓ cherry tree  
picked bare

farmer Gentry in  
the Johnston's garden  
in Eugene, Oregon.





We received many thank you and love notes from our grandchildren. I usually copy them and include them but many of them were written in pencil or colored pen which will not copy well.

We received valentines from Amie and Ashley and a big sign from Ashley saying I love you Grandma and Grandpa.

Nathan drew a picture and sent it to Grandma and Grandpa.

From Drew..Dear Grandma and Grandpa: Thank you for all the gost buster stuff. We are having lots of fun with them. We play stories with allmost everything I got. We mostly play with the stuff you gave me. Erica is my friend. She is mostly slimer and me and April are the gost busters and Nathan is the gost.

We received a long (about 6 feet) letter from the Brouchs after their visit in the summer.

Nathan:Thank you for letting me go to Wild Life Safari.

Drew:(Using stamps with his words) Thank you for letting us come to your house. I had lots of fun. By the way I named my rock. Thank you.

April:Thank you for letting us stay with you. I loved being with you and going on the wild safari. I liked to see wild animals so close. I liked the meals you prepared for us. Thanks again. I LOVED THE RASSBERRIES.

Jordan: Being at your house with you is definately at the top of my list to do again next vacation. The Wildlife Safari was wonderful. I loved sleeping in the trailer. Your coast is the best (next to California of course). Rasberries were wonderful, we enjoyed them at home too and just plain visiting was the best!PLEEAAASE!come and see us soon! Thank you very much again.

Heather:Thank you so much for taking us camping and to the sand dunes and the beach and to go garage saling and playing the Nintendo and sleeping in the trailer AND going on the Wild life Safari! We did a lot of my favorite things and some new things as well. I had a whole bunch of fun and variety of things to do throughout the whole vacation. I hope you can come down sowe can do some fun things with you! Thank you! P.S. The paddle boating and raspberries are the best.

Kathie: We wanted to write you a "long" thank you letter for all the good experiences we had in Eugene. The fresh raspberries for breakfast every day have been missed! The ones in the cooler survived and we had a great shortcake for FHE that Monday. (We shared with Nyholms & they loved them) Bet you're tired of packing and unpacking the trailer, but we appreciate your doing it for us. Will call you soon. Winslow says thanks for me too.

Lavish use of of Kathies stamp collection made a colorful letter.

Genessa: Thank you for the T-shirt shop. I have already put it together and played with it. I like it a lot. Thank you very much for the scripture carrier. I am using it at church. Grandpa, thank you very much for the plaque.

Genessa: I am glad that you could come to our house. I had a lot of fun. I liked playing bingo and doing the hard work books. I also liked playing war and crazy eights. I like the kite that you gave me. I like to play with it all afternoon. I like eating in the trailer for breakfast, (and sometimes dinner) I enjoyed sleeping out in the trailer. I really liked all the presents you gave me. I liked going to lunch with you too. I am going to miss you. I love you a whole bunch. xoxoxoxoxoxo This was on a fold out card Genessa made.

Grayson: Thanks for being there for me. I really appreciate it. I am going to miss you and your love. Thanks for trying to keep me in line. You did a good job. XOXOXO On opposite page was a great art work of A DAY IN THE LIFE OF GRAYSON WINN. Sanding the table with Grandpa, doing the dishes with Grandma, playing boggle with grandpa and Grandma, BUT IN THE END IT WAS WORTH IT..

Grant made us a pop up card with a trailer popping out. The Title was MY HOME AWAY FROM HOME. Glen, Maxine, Grant and Genessa were looking out the window. Genessa was saying eggs, Grant was saying potatoes.

I love having breakfast out in the trailer, especially when we're having potatoes and orange juice. Grandpa thank you for helping fix my bike and flying the kite you gave Genessa and me. Grandma thank you for putting up with me and doing crossword puzzles with me. I love you both and I hope to see you sooner than next year like maybe over summer. Sincerely your grandson, Grant B. Winn, Wet Noodle.

We received many lovely cards with sweet sentiments added and appreciate the thoughtfulness of our friends and family. 'Kind words are sweet tones of the heart'.



Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

I enjoyed having you down here in California. Thanks for bringing that good old Oregon rain to us. Thank you for being there for me when I needed you, being understanding, and helping me out. Without you both, I just don't know where I'd be today. Grandpa, thanks for helping me fix things and helping with the chores. Grandma, thanks for cooking wonderful meals & helping with the chores. Thank you both for everything. I love you.

Love,  
Marty

P.S. - remember to keep  
this signature, because  
when I'm rich and famous  
it will be worth millions  
of dollars.

Dear Grandma + Grandpa,

Thank you so much for the bathmate. It is really nice. I will enjoy it because I always want to know the time and I absolutely love listening to music in the shower or bathtub. Now I can even change the music when I get bored with one song.

Thank You Again.

Love,  
April

Dear Grandma and Grandpa Johnston //

We really miss you being here  
in your trailer, wishing as I hope  
you didn't encounter any muddy hills  
on your way home! It's too bad you  
didn't leave later in the day. If you  
had I could have had some time to  
pop a tire or two, take out a spark  
plug, or run out a battery!

I really hope that you will  
visit us really soon. I <sup>also</sup> hope  
that sometime soon I can visit  
you! That would be really, really,  
really, really. really, neato!!!!

Here's a poem I wrote called "Happy"  
(just for you!)

I'm happy when I wrestle,  
Heather likes the mess hall,  
April's content with reading,  
While Heather insists on feeding!  
Father enjoys camping and hiking,  
Lately she even doing some hiking.  
April, Nathan, Drew,  
Have birthdays all spring through.  
Opening presents is such fun,  
When Andrew is the birthday one →

But what makes us happy, that's true,  
is if Grandma and Grandpa come to stay  
for months!!!

Love,

Jordan



Dear Glen & Maxine, (see, I did it!)

I thought I would send  
you a few pictures of the kids.  
I'd send more, but then I  
wouldn't have as many for  
the Johnstonian.

I bought Ashley a tape  
of nursery rhymes, and she  
heard "Georgie Porgie". She  
said, "hey! my grandpa  
told me that!" I've started  
her on piano, and she's doing  
really well.

Annice will be getting braces  
for her legs so she can stand  
during therapy at school.

Christopher is still busy,  
but is starting to obey and be  
a good little boy. He still  
sings and dances.

Love, d/  
Wendy





## NETHERLANDS AMSTERDAM MISSION

December 1991

Dear Brother and Sister Johnston,

We were delighted to have Elder Winn share a musical Christmas basket with us! What a fun, novel item it is. We've placed it on the hearth of the mission home so everyone who visits can "push the button" and enjoy the lights and music. Thank you very much for such a charming, intriguing treat.

I appreciate this opportunity to tell you about your fine grandson, Elder Winn. You should be very proud of him. Many young men are on missions, but Elder Winn is more than "on a mission;" he is a missionary. He is faithful, obedient, diligent and cheerful. He has a good attitude and is a deep thinker, and from time to time he shares original poetry with us which reflects this. President Hoole and I feel great love and appreciation for him.

Thank you for adding your support, encouragement and love to that of his parents. This means a great deal to him, I'm sure.

May the New Year bring you health and happiness and all good things.

Sincerely,

*L. Hoole*

Dear Ellen & Mafina  
Thank you so  
much for taking time  
to come see me  
also thank you  
for the cute basket.

*Love  
Dorothy*

\* I'M SORRY THAT I HAD TO MESS UP ALL  
YOUR PLANS BY CHANGING ALL MY DATES AND  
I WISH YOU COULD HAVE BEEN AT MY FAREWELL  
BUT I COULD FEEL YOUR LOVE EVEN  
THEN. THANK YOU.

DEAR GRANDMA & GRANDPA,

I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW  
MUCH YOU MEAN TO ME. I AM GRATEFUL  
FOR YOUR LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT. I  
ALWAYS LOVED GOING TO YOUR HOUSE.  
I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH. FOR ALL THE  
THINGS YOU'VE DONE FOR MY FAMILY AND FROM  
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS TO TRANSFORMING A  
GARAGE INTO A PLAYROOM/BEDROOM, I  
WANT TO THANK YOU. HAVE A GREAT  
VACATION - WRITE SOON, IT'S ALWAYS  
GREAT TO HEAR FROM YOU. \*

LOVE,  
ELDER WHEATHEAR BLIN

*Thank you for -*

*Kitten  
flowers - balloon  
and specially for  
Mr M my body-  
guard.*

*...for being  
so thoughtful.*

*You are so thoughtful  
and a very special  
lady. You are truly  
a sister in this  
great church we belong  
to. God bless you  
always Love Betty*