last night (at 2 a.m.) he and the great Senator Barkley stood proud and victorious on the convention stage, receiving the ovation of their party. They may win over Dewey + Warren.

Uncle George died at Martin's Ferry on W 2d. the 14th. Rose played last night.

July 15 Pershing is dead this morning. a great man.

Stel still loves California. It has brought some new furniture (twin beds — chests etc) and for herself a white shortie coat.

July 19 The Russian crisis is grave. We flew 36 giant planes B-29s to English bases.

The Southern Democrats have announced their own nominees for Pres. + Vice Pres.

Congress was called back in session on the 26th. of July. most are mad.

Pershing lay in state in the rotunda of the Capitol Bldg. Will be buried today.

July 26 The 80th. Congress meets today at the Call of Pres. Truman. It may do nothing because being mostly Republican its mad at the special call. Plenty of constructive legislation awaiting action, such as housing, high prices etc., but Politics rules and the needs of the people go hang.

The new Progressive Party of Henry Wallace's ended its session (3 days) last night. It made itself felt in a way that the old parties didn't. The 30,000 who paid to hear Wallace accept nomination was more enthusiastic than either of the others. We

shall see what we shall see. At least it will keep R. + D. from getting "stiff shirt".

Ted Miller, associate pastor, 1st Baptist church, preached for us yesterday. 7 teen years have taken their toll – he looks old.

July 27 Stil went into her new home, 1115 Corydon st. Compton, Cal. on the 20th. Hope it shelters them for a good long time. Mildreds baby was born dead.

12:30 Pres. Truman is addressing Congress.

Aug 14th 1948. Here it is the middle of august and my diary is neglected. Congress did meet for a called session, but was in business only 2 weeks, pretended to pass legislation which is so essential, such as housing + control of inflation, but all was half hearted and so not the best. Meantime, we still have arguments + misunderstandings with the Russians. In Palestine the war goes on – truce after truce is violated: The unamerican activities com. continues to embarass innocent men + even Condon – and now they have a woman – Vassar graduate – who was supposedly a Communist during the war + now repents.

A Mrs. Kosenkina, Russian teacher who refused to go back to Russia, sought refuge with White Russians, was abducted by Red Russians + held in the Consulate. She jumped out of 3rd. story window + we got her. She is now in the hospital + we + the Russians are not on friendly terms about it.

Stil is happy in her new home. Ned is here!

Aug 16 Babe Ruth is dead – cancer of throat.

Aug 26 - Our 29th Anniversary and I had a wonderful time attending a double header on ladies' day. Arda Mellon + I went and then Pirates won both games from Philadelphia.

Our relations with Russia are not so good. While Conference with Stalin continues, one woman teacher jumping out the window has caused closing of Russia Consulate here + ours at Vladivostock.

A luncheon at mrs. Ellis, a visit to Mary Goodeman's farm, meeting her mother + seeing the stock, coming home laden with flowers, all added to Summer fun.

The weather 96° is breaking all records. It is a hot as in Texas.

The Beaman's were here + we broke bread together and renewed old friendships.

Aug 31. Goodbye aug 1948 + goodbye Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands. She abdicates in favor of her daughter after 50 yrs. reign.

Wallace is being pattered with eggs + tomatoes and even stones in the South. Shame on us! Is this America?

Cool weather has arrived and we are free again from sweltering heat of the last week.

France has a new premier - a former one.

Draft Registration in on U.S.A. again. It is unpleasant to witness to say the least. When will we learn that. Beirut is dead. Good man.

Sep 2 Allison has a daughter, Rebecca Lynn.

Sep. 17-48 – The World is sad — Jewish terrorists have killed Count Bernadotte and his aid. Like Ghandi he tried to bring peace to a part of the world.

In India, the largest Independent Territory (Hydrabad) is now a part of India.

Enjoyed Mrs. Ellis and Joanne Riddle Woodhouse as luncheon guests. Wonder if J. is expecting a baby!

Oct 2. Dear Diary I am going to my very first Pitt – Notre Dame game. Pitt will lose but I shall be a part of all the festivities. Here to fore, for years past, I have thrilled looking out my window at the happy crowd going and returning from the game. Weather is perfect – altho it could be colder. Alberta Bumps marries today at the same time as the game!

We get oratory every day from our Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. Truman has developed a lot, so he has. Guess Dewey is due for a victory this time.

Still is still in love with California. Looking forward to our trip keeps us happy every day. Our little Carole is 2½ yrs. old today.

Oct 6th. W. M. U. day or I'd stay at home and listen to The World series between Cleveland Indians and Boston Braves. Game was a victory for Braves 1 to 0. Charles is taking his Cal. Law exams. Luck to him.

Oct 7th. Cleveland won today 4 to 1.

Am expecting Dot Hutton her aunt and grandmother. Folks came and I had a nice tea.

Oct. 10th. Cleveland has won three games in succession as it today (Sunday) the 5th. game was won by the Boston Braves 11 – to 5. Now they go to Boston.

Marion Hutton phoned that Dot wants to come to see us. She arrives Friday.

Have just finished Halloween costumes for the kiddies.

Oct 21 Wat Hutton who came to visit us last Friday left today for home. We had a full six days of shows, luncheons, planitarium + Heinz Plant visiting. Hope she had a good time.

Meantime Stel and dad have had birthdays. Dad will get a tee hat. From Stel he got a beautiful photo of herself and kiddies. Bill + Rose sent card and mother + folks a lovely shirt + tie. Haven't heard from Stel about hers.

The air is full of presidential candidates. They are traveling all over the place

Oct 31st. October and the goblins are both about to depart and our trip draws nearer. For some 800 refugees from Europe this is the beginning of life in U.S.A. God grant we may make them happy and may we all they expect of us.

Our kiddies went to two Halloween parties, their first in their little lives. I made them clown suits. Their mother is very thin. They start on a trip of oil fields. tomorrow. They go to Phoenix, Tucson etc.

Nov 2 Election day. Truman is winning, believe-it or not! Curls are in Wickenburg, Arizona or Phoenix.

Wed. Nov 3rd. Really Truman won — experts not withstanding. He fought back from political depths and won 2,000,000 votes can't be wrong! Biggest political upset in our history. Nobody wanted him but the voters —

The choice of the people.

Nov. 5th. A temperature of 81°. It's supposed to be Winter.

Nov. 6th. Bill Floyd's wedding day! We are going. Myers were here all morning packing buggy for Carole.

Saturday Nov. 13

Pitt played a brilliant game against Purdue and won 20-13. Robinson ran 100 yds for a touchdown. Have started working at Y.W.C.A "Club Corner" in E. Liberty. Mary G. + I were hostesses. Yesterday I went with Mrs. Ellis + Julia to Southern Club at the Schenley. Saw "aunt Caroline" now Mrs. Phipps for the first time.

Sunday Nov 14 A prince is born. Princess Elizabeth of England has a son.

Thanksgiving 1948. Had dinner on Wed. night at Myers and what a lovely chicken dinner. On Thurs. dad and I went to Syria mosque to hear a beautiful girl preacher, Catherine Kuhlman, who overflowed the place — something amazing for a religious meeting. In the afternoon I tore up all my love letters of 24 yrs. ago. Our lease expires Dec. 31st + who knows where we will go. Friday I had lunch with Harriet Carter. She brought news from Ithaca of the Mendenhalls. Lib will have another baby in Feb. Marge is at home working in a music store - her college neglected.

Army + Navy game was a tie 21-21. All expected the Army to win. Pres. Truman was there and as usual he upset polls!

Our trip is Thurs. at 5:45 by bus. We go to Texas + a week later to California to our child and grandchildren and five sons-in-law.

My coat from the "Shadyside District" is

lovely with persian things. Got me a little hat to match. Sent Stil a dress for Xmas. Am not sure that she likes it. My brown coat suit is lovely too:

Arda treated me to "Hamlet" on Monday. Olivier is a master actor. Today, Sunday, the 28, I went to the Symphony to hear our guest visiting Conductor, Victor de Sabata. It was heavenly.

Stil & Cecil expect to join First Bap. of L.A. today, for which we are duly grateful.

Dec. 2nd 1948. Goodbye dear diary. We are leaving for pts. west at 5:30 this P.M. making it by train; finances are tight these days, but with the good of saving saved ones, nothing is hard. Should we never return, the both of us, all we possess of this worlds' goods belongs to our darling daughter without reservations. May it take care of the Fall and Winter of her life. (Yes all in the change)

Madam Chiang Chi Shek is here trying to get aid for China. The Berlin situation is still grave. Greatest fog in history over England. Good weather so far. Juvenile Court people gave dad a luncheon at the Royal York and presented him with a "Kayworkie" pipe and some magazines and a lb. can of tobacco.

Jan 2nd 1949 New Yr. Dearest diary I am back safely after a delightful trip as planned. Had got back on the 29th. of Dec. The Cubs are wonderful and the kiddies are the dearest ever. Cal. had rain and snow — the coldest Winter in the West in half a century. Cattle in the north west are being fed and saved from starvation by hay being let down from airplanes.

Feb 7th: I have the prettiest ring ever. My diamond, which for a while

was lost at Stel's, has been reset in a "miracle" mounting + four chip diamonds provided by that sister of mine, placed two on either side of the big stone. It is simply "out of this world".

Myers are coming for dinner Tonite. The Cardinelli baby is 2 mos. old. We hope to see her this week.

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Febr 12 Our famous Lincoln's birthday. Bess + Marion were here. Enjoyed their visit.

Febr 14 Am leaving for Washington Tonite. Hope to get some good out of the Conference.

Feb 20th. Am back from Washington and what a wonderful experience it was. Stopped at the Dodge Hotel, attended sessions of both Senate and house and rode the little train underground, ate in the Supreme Court Bldg. dining room and attended every session of the Seminar. Hearing Mrs. Sybil was worth the trip.

Israel has a President — Weizmann. History in the making.

David Klemer is married — Tallahassi Fla. Feb. 24th. Elizabeth M. Mehan has a son, David Douglas.

Mar. 3 Yesterday there arrived in Ft. Worth a P-50 Plane having left that same air port last Saturday and in that time circled the globe. A P-29 who helped refuel the "Lucky Lady II" is lost.

March 9 A real train hold up this nite. The B & O

March 18 The text of the "Atlantic Pact" was released today. Beavan says its "peace"; Russia says its "war". We in U.S.A. are not sure.

Oak Ridge is opened To the Public Today for the first time.

I made a talk on the Washington Conf. at the Methodist Center.

First estimate and plans for our church kitchen were submitted today.

The Shamrock Hotel in Houston was "premiered" yesterday!

The Y.W. will close "Club Corner". Lack of funds.

Filibuster is over in Washington - by compromise. Quite a blow To the administration. The Dixiecrats and some Republicans have made a coalition.

Now its time for Rent Control etc.

We have had snow the last three days.

March 31 Rent control is on again - thank the Lord. Our building is still undergoing changes - curtailment of services. most employees are gone.

Rose Marie is here at St. Francis for 3 months. They were at our house (she + Two friend nurses) last evening. She will make a good nurse.

The 81st Congress is not working in a friendly manner. Pension bill for veterans of I + II was defeated and its right. Putting veterans under Social Security is better. Pgh. is developing wonderfully - large buildings under way. Wish we would build homes as fast. Our mild winter is over and now its beautiful Spring.

I made a speech at church night

dinner on the "Kitchen" and am enjoying work on the car. Hope to have a nice kitchen when we are there. Am also on nominating com.

Our baby will be three yrs. old next Saturday. Bless her little heart. Her mother will never know how her letters lengthen one day, until she begins to get letters from her own Carole. Chas: takes his exams next Mon. Tues. + Wed..

Churchill is here again!

Our baby was three yesterday.

April 3rd Churchill is gone after speaking at Mass. Institute of Technology. He claims that our possession of the bomb keeps R. from taking over most of Europe.

April 4th. 1949

A memorable day! With great pomp in Washington the N. Atlantic Pact will be signed in Washington. It is supposed the assure peace among the nations.

April 29-49 The month is nearly over and this old world is alive again and beautiful along Lulu and dale. Went to Bedford last week and to Altoona yesterday. Both drives were enjoyed.

The N. atlantic Pact is being discussed, there is a possibility of peace with Russia and the blockade of Berlin lifted, the Taft-Hartley Law is causing a headache in Washington — a new White House may be built and China may be all under communist domination very soon.

meantime prices are slightly lower, a building boom is on, sales are increasing, a buyers market is here and with Spring in the air the talk of a III World war is all but forgotten.

On Wed. I made the Nominating Committees report at the church night dinner. Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr spoke and I engaged talking to mrs. Kerr.

The World Federalists are gaining members in great strides and they claim To work along with the U.N. but still I'm not convinced that they carry along public opinion and that's what counts.

Our grand son is now out of the Nursery in 1st church L.A. and in Kindergarten. He is proud as a peacock to be able to go into the sanctuary.

May. 5. 49 Good old U.N. an agreement has been reached by the 4 powers, Russia, France, England + ourselves on the Berlin question. The Air lift will be no more after the 12th. The Wheels grind slowly but they grind well. Better go slowly with U.N. than in a rush as planned by the World Federalists.

Dad has a new Suit.

May 17-49. Our kiddies have had the measles for a week. Mickey has had a bad case. Carole got off easier with what they call an abortive case.

Hurrah! Another Roosevelt in Office. ~~F.D.R.~~ J.R. Jr. won the seat in Congress made vacant by the death of Sol Bloom. He had an overwhelming victory.

May 23-49. Emma's birthday. Hope she is happy. Our Church kitchen pledges are close to 5000.00. We meet this P.M. to accept plans. Tornstahl played to his death from Hospital window.

Friday May 27th Hurrah! Chas Cuba passed the California Bar Exam.

The kiddies are over the old measles and will be out for memorial day. Stel is enjoying her flower garden.

Meeting in Paris is not resulting in any peace with Russia about one Germany.

June 20 1949 - Proctored for Dentists -

June 21. Stel + Chas visited Allison in Taft. Wildy Ellis Hall has a daughter born today, named Ellen McCoy.

July 8th just finished proctoring for the M.D. Mrs. Weis was there this time and pretty miss Schramm. (5-6-7). Went to Kingswood on the 4th.

England in a jam economically. She produces more than she can sell abroad. We are supposed to buy more from her. We help them Marshall Plan is not enough! Is a Labor Govmt the solution?

Elisa + Joe are supposed to be in Chicago. May come To see us. Talked to them over the phone. It was thrilling!

July 13. Sad day — 13 noted newspaper men killed in plane crash in India. Over one hundred people killed in 3 crashes.

Worked half day for Community Fund.
Our kitchen still not contracted for.
President addressed country on our slight depression. He says it is just a readjustment period. Russia blocks our trucks at will. This morning they are allowed to "roll" again.
President wont tax us more heavily.
Steel strike in the offing for Saturday

July 21. Atlantic Pact ratified 82 to 13 in the Senate. Now for arms. Taft is against it. Good for him!

Elsie + Joe left on the 19th. after a busy three days with us.

Aug 11th. 49 Red letter day. Standard Flow gets our kitchen job.... work will start next week. Hurrah!

Aug 16th. Tuesday Arda Mellon has another grand son - Jamie Pennoyer Jr. born today.

Sep. 1st. Our rent has been reduced 23%. Others in higher floors are reduced up to 40%. We are not taking the cut. One has to be fair to live with ones self.

Sep. 4th. The Myers are leaving this a.m. for California. Her first visit to her daughter and grandchildren. Tomorrow is Labor day + dad and I shall hear Pres. Truman.

Sep. 6th. Holiday is all over and the death toll is appalling - nearly 500. We had a glorious time at South Park. Judging by the welcome to Pres. Truman by more than a quarter of a million people, I don't think the Republicans have a chance ever!

The weather is cool and lovely. Our Michael goes to kindergarten next week. God love him.

Sep. 14th. Our grandson registers for kindergarten today & tomorrow (Sep. 15, 1949) he boards the Bus for his first day in school. What a wonderful age in which to start life!

No steel strike + for the first time in the history of man, workers will have a pension on retiring. Maybe!

Sep. 15th. '49 Mary Floyd is a grandmother! Bill and Dorothy Todd Floyd have a daughter Barbara Ellen.

Sep. 18 Bill & Rose are here. We are taking them to see the Ice Capades of 1950.

England has devaluated the Pound -- so have 19 other countries. With tariffs down, England should get some dividends. How it will affect us is to be seen, but Eng. is desperate. A more stable Europe will lead to Peace.

Our Tiny Bonham died and Pirates won two games from Brooklyn for him. We won another from N.Y. yesterday.

Steel & coal strikes seem imminent.

Sep. 23. 49 Russia has the atomic Bomb. announcement was made by our President.

Helen Hayes' 19 yr. old daughter is dead.

Lowell Thomas Sr. has been hurt in Tibet.

Oct 1st The steel strike is on. God bring it to a quick ending.

Oct 5th Allison has a daughter.

Oct 9th World Series is over. N.Y. Yankees won over Brooklyn in 5 games.

Oct 17th: a message from Stel having pleurisy rushed me to the West coast and dad joined me on Dec 3rd. We returned on the 29th of Dec. 1949 after a nice visit in Texas. Stel recovered beautifully; we took a trip to San Francisco and enjoyed the drive back along the Pacific. Before dad arrived we visited San Juan Capistrano and San Diego. The kids are adorable and growing up fast. Mike takes violin lessons and seems to love it. Saw Mrs. Wuerstenberger in her fine home in Beverly Hills with Mrs. Thomas. (On arrival in Pgh. found our church Fletcher Heights beautiful!

1950 This is a New Year - supposed to be the end of the first half of the 20th. century.

Life has been good - worked hard - loved friends and God granted us a trip. To our loved ones. We hope we were of help or some good to others. I know dad was. We face the future with faith and expectation God keep us true to ourselves, forgiving, understanding and in good health to serve others.

Mrs. Crane is dead. (Feb 1st.) Jan 31-50

A super hydrogen bomb is ordered to be manufactured — orders from our Pres. to the Atomic Committee.

Feb. 14 - Received our first Valentine from Mike.

Russia + china are supposed to have signed a friendship agreement.

Trend towards peace developing in Washington since Sen. McMahon started.

Coal Miners on strike.

Feb. 18 - Dad had teeth extracted. He has new dentures $15.00

Mar. 5 - Coal strike is over -

Hope Dr. ___ (Maray Kutler) is found not guilty. He was!

March 7 - Arlene Chakmak has a daughter born on the 22nd. Chas Cuba is now with Continental Oil Co (Conoco) as Chief Legal Adviser. He was happy with Pac-Western but this is more money and quite an advance.

Senator McCarthy of Wis. is running wild accusing innocent people of Communism. He can cause a lot of suffering. Dean Acheson is a fine man and is being crucified. Had a luncheon today for Mrs. Elles. Had Julia, Dorothy L. & Mary J.

April 2 - 50. Our Carole was 4 yrs. old today. She is a happy little girl with three new dresses. She loves S.S. and dancing lessons - Mike continues his violin. Carole was given Stil's doll "Patsy".

Apl. 9. Easter. I attended Sunrise Services at 7 a.m.

Donald Clark is dead.

April 16 - Dad has been sick all week. Maybe Dr. Frost will help him. A telegram from San Antonio announces the death of our good friend Marian McKay on the 12th. May our good friend's soul rest in peace -

May 1st (Daylight Saving). Dad continued ill until he had to quit work last Tuesday and on Wed + Thurs. had to undergo tests and X-Rays under Dr. Sheedy at the request of Dr. Frost. Friday we found out that dad has stomach ulcers. Now he is on a diet of mostly milk. We hope for a complete recovery.

Chas Cuba is in Okla. City + will go to Ponca City before returning home on Thurs. Latest pictures show the family looking fine. Carole is developing into a beautiful little girl. Mike has always been handsome.

April 11-1950 Dad started his month of rest.

May 17th. Dad is in his third week of being confined to his bed. Dr. has not said when he may get up. He looks well and feels no pain. Cards, flowers and visitors indicate the regard in which he is held. a catholic priest wrote he is praying for him.

Social events are legion but I have attended none. Lucille C. had a luncheon for the executive. Jean has a luncheon next Fri. and a has the circle meeting, there is a luncheon at the Schenley. The greatest event is the cultural readers last week was Toscanini's visit here. at 83 he is strong and vigorous.

Still and family are well. Her neighbors are the Hedlic land, always bedeviled by something of their own doing.

Our Congress is still carrying on one investigation after another, at times accusing innocent people of being Commies. Senator McCarthy is the ring leader. meantime the F.B.I. does its work quietly and efficiently.

When Truman went to Europe and Russia to see Stalin we had great hopes of coming to peace terms. Now that he's back we have our doubts. Our great want that pretends great hope is Frances offer to unite German + French mining and steel interests.

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June 4th. Sunday – Dear Diary. I heard a sad story – our dear daddy breathed his last this morning at ten minutes of two. He had a happy, restful time in bed and the end came peacefully and so unexpectedly. God help me.

June 6th. Dad rests in the Steubenville cemetary surrounded by tall rhododendron. Friends were wonderful – flowers abundant and beautiful and the service (with soft music by Mr. Floyd) everything that we would want.

Still here by herself, arriving Monday noon. She remained for a week. Mary G. – Charlie and Allen Lynch and I put her on the plane at 9:30 P.M. for the return trip, and she was back with her family on Monday for breakfast.

June 22 Life is empty. Worked for dentists on the 19, 20 + 21st. Have been to church the last two Sundays and it's pretty hard "going it alone".

June 26 We are in the thick of the Korean fight.

June 30 Already we have some of our men dead in the Korean fight – three dead. Now american land forces are being rushed into action. The 24th. Inf. Div. it is. God bless those boys.

Spent day with Anda yesterday. Today Mary was here. Anda gave me a gt of milk. Today the strike is over.

July 4th. A month ago today daddy passed on. It has been a lonely month full of problems to solve. Talked to Chas. and Stel last night. It has rained today, spoiling many a youngsters fun. Perhaps rain has saved some lives. The Holiday toll is high. Mr. + Mrs. Clausen were here yesterday.

July 13. Finished packing Today for M.D.S my last. Mr. Kunde was shot by a crazed man.

Have about finished disposing of my stuff. Miss dad more every day.

July 16 – Dear diary. I'm leaving Pgh. for good on the 31st. This city has been good to us and I leave with a heavy heart. Friends are wonderful!

Sunday – church – air port with Myers
dinner at Davis'

Monday – lunch Leduths – dinner Goodenows.

Tues – Dinner Mellons – opera

Wed – Cole luncheon (party)

Thurs – ~~To Stub, to see daddy.~~

Fri – To Stub, to see daddy.

Sat – game with Mary.

Sunday – maybe Cleveland. (went)

Monday – Mrs. Myers dinner

Tues – Dorothy Engelder dinner

Wed – farm with Mary

Thurs – Jean lunch at

Fri – Dorothy – dinner

Sat – movie

Sunday at church for last time

Monday at 2:15 a.m. I leave Pgh. for good after a happy 22 yrs.

Sep. 9th. After a "sweltering" month in Laredo I came to Compton, arriving on Aug. 30th. What a joy to see Stub and her family and her lovely little house and garden. The weather is like Fall, so I can be busy all day and feel no fatigue. The worms in Lds are lovely but

quite an expense and I'm not at all sure I'd wish to live there unless mother needs me. Living without dad is still a struggle but happy memories of him help a lot. I must build a life of my own eventually.

Nov. 2nd I neglect this diary terribly. The Korean War is over, or practically so, after much suffering and loss of life — the U.N. has had its 5th anniversary, the World Series is past history (Brooklyn Phil.) and Phil won, Al Jolson is dead, an attempt was made yesterday by two Puerto Ricans to kill Pres. Truman and Geo Bernard Shaw at 94 has passed on.

Now I am getting ready to spend Thanksgiving with this dear little family and then go to Texas for a visit to my aging mother. I guess wish me to drive with them. We shall see..

Dear diary — I'm leaving for Laredo tomorrow Nov 28th. 1950 driving with Inces. Have had a lovely, busy three months with the Curbs.

Thanksgiving on the 23rd. was lovely with McClures here. Had a 17 lb. turkey and all the trimmings. Am gradually getting adjusted to the great change in my life —.

Sunday July 15th 1951

Dear diary — Spent 7 months in Laredo — busy, hard working months but the heat finally drove me away and here I am in California again, having arrived on June 28th.

My rooms are lovely — Laredo and I really think I was of help to the folks,

but I was hungry to see the Curbs too.

The great event in Texas was my learning to drive and my purchase of a sea-green Chevrolet Coach. I love it and driving has given me a sense of freedom.

The Curbs are building in Sherman Oaks and we may move in a couple of weeks. I joined the church in L.A. on last Sunday and hope to make friends and feel more at home here. Losing one's husband is half living and it takes a lot of "hanging on to God" to get along.

The Korean War is dragging on and has taken a lot of lives but there are peace negociations going on now which we hope will end hostilities for sure. God grant that we may have peace. Iran is having trouble too — oil and England. It looks serious too. Arrived at Stels on the 28th of June.

Aug 3 - 51

Have worked like beavers during the last four weeks — first to try to sell the house — next getting it rented — then packing for our move to the Curb new home in the Valley. Today we moved and now we are getting settled. It's a nice home and when electricity is turned on we should be very comfortable.

Aug 28th. The house is really shaping up. A green wall to wall carpet — rose draw curtains — brass screen and andirons — walled in back yard — all very nice. Chas is flying Today to San Francisco. My plans indefinite — pull from Laredo hard to resist. Conference in San Francisco next week has been dealt a blow by India not sending representatives. "champion vetoer" Gromiko will be there!

Sep. 4th. first coast to coast telecast took place ~~east coa~~ tonite when Pres Truman spoke in San Francisco at the Japanese Peace Conference. We saw history in the making.

Co-incidently, my grand children saw their first foot-ball game. Carole was more thrilled than mike.

Sep. 20 Went to San Francisco — am afraid & crowded with Curls.
Sep 24 — King Geo is gravely ill. Saw the red wood trees!
sep 26 — San Francisco conf for Japanese Peace — Great! world series had to happen while I ~~Toured~~ Travelled but enjoyed ~~Giants~~ Brooklyn Giants Brooklyn fight it out.

~~Leaving Oct 4th.~~

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Left Stil's on the 4th. of Oct. She drove me to Hollywood where I took the bus for San Francisco, stayed two days at San Francis — then to Sacramento, beautiful Lake Tahoe, to the gambling town of Reno (interesting in the company of an Englishman and a party) then along the Utah border in Wyoming, where the hills were covered with six inches of snow.

Lovely stay in Hotel Utah in Salt Lake city. Enjoyed temple Sq. and the lake. On to Denver (no room in the inn) saw pikes peak. On to Amarillo, Dallas, San Antonio at the mexican Hotel, and on home by way of Alice. Nice trip for a lonely heart.

My car is wonderful — enjoy driving — like having wings.

Made a vescot for Stil's birthday. Girls sent her sandals + hose.

On the 19th also I regret to record the death of Rev. Cuds — died suddenly of a heart attack. Stil and the children drove with class to the funeral.

26th England is voting Today on whether to remain Socialist under Clement Attlee or so called conservative under 77 yr. old Churchill.

Churchill won

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Dec 25, 1951 Xmas in Laredo... temperature 80°. Had a lovely Xmas eve with tamales and exchange of gifts. Had our little tree in the sun porch. Gave Elisa a Hoffmans "Christ in Gethsemane". I received a hat, bedroom slippers, sweater, purse, candy etc. Today we are having chicken with all the fixings. Joe has been sick. He, Elisa + E have gone to the movies. I stayed up late last night listening to Handels "The Messiah" and prepared to rest. Mrs. Camp was a welcome caller. Carole got her bike, Mike a piano. Mike had his first party

Jan 1st. 1952 Another year and I seem to be settled in Texas. War is going strong in Korea - the U.N. is still our best instrument for peace - crashes on the ground and in the air still take a heavy toll of lives and investigations still reveal lack of moral stamina among officials in high office. Candidates for the Presidency are legion especially among the Republicans and the ardor for having Gen. Mc Arthur run is dying down. "Old soldiers never die" goes the song but the Generals "best service" is dead. He did a magnificent job - the arranging a peace with Japan and in handling the post-war situation in that country and for that Mc. will never die.

The Curbs are in their new home surrounded by this mother in law - Carole got her bike - Mike got his last year - still a Chas. have a Geo. Washington wed-spread - and all have health for which we say thanks.

Among world wide tragic situations (not forgetting the Arab countries) we are prone to record our little worries and upsets. I broke a front tooth and failed my drivers test. It may be considered "little" in after years, but right now it looms high in my little life.

My mail at Xmas was heart warming and I do thank God for my friends.

Feb 6th. 1952 Have neglected you dear diary but I have been busy and trying to readjust my life and to find some purpose for living.

I have my drivers license, I am beginning to make friends and my home work and garden and a little church activity fill my life with some measure of satisfaction.

Today England's beloved King Geo. died in his sleep. He probably died as peacefully as dad did with a blood clot. Thank God for peaceful deaths. Now England has a Queen — lovely and young (25 yr old) Queen Elizabeth. The King was a good man.

Carole is in the First Grade and goes in the a.m. 8:30 to 12:15. Wonder how mother gets her up that early! she loves to sleep!

Feb. 10-52 What a surprise and a thrill. was lying down for an afternoons rest when the bell rang and there was Lib Milham, her husband and children Ellen and Dave. We drove across the river after partaking of pumpkin pie and milk and in the evening went to The Plaza for dinner. Feb. 10 52

The King of England, Geo VI is being buried today. Long live lovely, young Queen Elizabeth II.

Today I leave for New Rosita, Coah, Mexico with Mrs. Camp and two boys from Holding. We eat dinner at Allende and then go on to New Rosita. We hope to visit a little Baptist Church and attend a wedding. Will return Sunday night.

18th. Arrived from New Rosita and Allende last nite (Sunday) having had a marvelous time. People love Mrs. Camp and because of her we were shown every courtesy. We went in my car and Oscar drove. The wedding

was lovely. Visited Lib on March 19 + 20 - 52. Great experience seeing the dam at night. Bill Jr. arrived from Paris + surprised us. Children are lovely and

Mom Sweetman died Feb 12th. She was a good friend and I kept in Touch with her as she desired.

Compulsary Military training bill has been defeated and sent back to Com. Thank God.

I hope to serve The League of Women Voters as Secy beginning April 11th.

My darling grand daughter was six years old on the 2nd of April. She had her first birthday party. God love her.

Our garden is a beauty with Easter lillies in full bloom.

Truman will not run again for the Presidency. Eisenhower will come home and run. I predict he will be elected. Taft is running too and I like him and he has a good chance but Labor is against him.

Warren + Stassen don't have much of a chance. McArthur is for Tapt — W + S are for Eisenhower.

The Democrats haven't anyone big enough yet. I don't like Kenfover!

April I am enjoying my work with the League. Cassie Mae is an able person and as President she is superb.

Lib brought Davie to take his tonsils out.

April. 28. Japan is a fully independent Nation.

Mrs. Camp visits us often. She is planning for Oscar's future.

Elsie's + Joe's trips to Monterey are a success. Joe's health is much improved.

May Eisenhower will come home and be a candidate. Candidates are a dime a dozen.

Both Dem. + Rep. State Conventions were a riot. Both parties are split.

First Church L.A. announces the resignation of Dr. Fagerburg. Two nice negroes asking for membership split the Church. F. goes to Redlands.

May 24. — helping with vacation Bible School as Secy. Ruth Blackshear is on vacation.

The Batiz family (Mr. + Mrs.) were here visiting Mrs. Camp and attended exercises at Holding.

Western Germany is free. Secy. of state Atcheson is just back from signing the treaty.

Eisenhower arrives tomorrow June 1st. Will report to the Pres. and then don civies to be ready to campaign for the Presidency.

We have had good rains this last week.

Michael is learning to swim.

Prisoners in Korea are revolting and causing a lot of trouble. They captured a L. Col. who later was demoted for letting himself get kidnaped!

June 2 — Seizure of the steel mills by the President has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme court so ——— the strike is on.

Gen Eisenhower arrived yesterday and is succeeded by ——— as Supreme Com.

June 4, 1952 - Daddy left us two years ago today. It's been a lonely two years.

This is Ike Eisenhower's big day. He arrived in his home town of Abilene, Kans in circles. Will make his first political speech tonite. Hope to hear him.

Closing exercises for D. V. B. S school.

June 5th Had a good rain.
6 "
7 "
8 "
9 "
11 my permanent
13 - Marge arrives - Lib comes after her. I have League Board Meeting.
12 Marge surprised us today -
23 Marge left

June 26th. Took my exam dear diary. Need a job because my checking acct is gone and I dont wish to draw on my savings.

4th of July - Still waiting for results of my exam. My heart is in Cal but I want a job too. Drove with mother + Emma to Freer and then across to Aguilares where we had "Merienda" with lovely Josephina.

June 7th. This is 10:30 a.m. and the Rep Natl Conv. has just opened in Chicago-

Eisenhower + Taft are fighting over that Texas delegation. The fight is bitter; too bad for the Rep. and may cost Taft the nomination!

Gov. McKelvin of Md. will present the name of Ike as candidate.

Room No 1 holds the attention now. Its 11:20 and no gavel sound yet. Both E+T men are in room now trying to reach some compromise so that harmony may reign during the convention.

July 11, '52

Today is the day — perhaps Eisenhower Day — Yes - Ike got it; It looked like a second ballot at 11:30 a.m. because he lacked some 14 votes, but along came Minnesota changing from Stassen to Ike and Ike was in —

And its Richard Nixon of Cal. for Vice-Pres. nominated by

July 14 — Dear Diary: I hope to leave on the 16th. for S.A. and then to Los Angeles to see my loved ones. Wish me well!

Taking Sunset Ltd. at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday July 16th. Leaving at noon for San Antonio by Bus — May fly tomorrow a.m. at 9:30 from S.A. Amer air Lines, flight 111

Aug. 16th. I'm back + I did fly to L.A. took place at 9:30, stopped in El Paso for 20 min + then proceeded to L.A. arriving at 2:30. Stel didn't meet me because my telegram arrived Too late. Took limousine to Hollywood + there was my precious family. Was greeted by an earthquake + the hottest weather on record. Thus, with my first flight, made it a thrilling experience! TV is wonderful — better than attending the convention in person. Mighty hard on eyes, Stel is still thin, Carol the most considerate child alive + Mike handsome as ever. Both read well.

Sep 14-52. Emma + I are leaving Today at 7:A.M. for Dallas + S.A. a whole

week of what I hope will be joy for Emma. She has not had an entire week off for years.

Sep. 20.. just got back from a lovely vacation. Stopped at the Adolphus in Dallas and the Menger Hotel in S.A. Went by bus to S.A. and by train (Katy) to Dallas. Met Pearl Beaman on the train. She was going to N.Y. + Pgh. Got me a lovely shantung dress for $9.00 + a still lovelier hat. Y'all wait my hat is the prettiest ever —

23rd Tonite Sen. Nixon meets his Waterloo. He speaks over Radio + TV to account for the $18,000 fund given him by Cal. friends.

24th Nixon did pretty well by himself — sees nothing morally wrong in accepting the money for political expenses. He bared his "soul" as he called it and won the sympathy of the nation. No doubt he will be asked to stay as VP nominee —

25 Mr. Nixon is now the hero! and this emotional speech turned into the best booster shot ever for the Republicans.

Oct 1 The Pres (Truman) and his daughter, Margaret, are on a whistle stop tour and Harry doesn't mid slinging mud, so the fighting from now on can be expected to depart from the so far "in good

taste" speechmaking initiated by our gentlemanly nominee, Stevenson.

Oct 2. The world series is on between Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers. May Brooklyn win.

Oct 5 Great game. Brooklyn is ahead winning 3 to ½ 2.

Joined the little Laredo Church again today.

Oct 6 L. W. V. doing a good job getting out the vote + informing the voters. May the better man win in Nov. ME - I'm for Stevenson!

Awaiting the game today.

Oct 6 The past week was Religious Education week and all over our nation a great observance is being held to commemorate the 500 anniversary of the Gutenberg Bible, the world's first printed Book, and also the first printing of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Our services were at the "Mission" with Dr. Cadman of S. A. as speaker.

Oct. 17. 1952 - Guess what old diary - Bill Hawkinning was married today in Denver. I am so glad. Hope he got the best wife ever. He's a nice guy.

and Tommy Ferguson married in Texas on the 18th and my nice daughter had a birthday on the 19th and my daddy would have had one on the 20th.

22nd. a difficult day - had to speak on good citizenship at the church. Think I got it over. Col Ramsay was to have done it. The next day I talked to the patients in the T.B. hospital on the origin of Thanks giving and they were such an appreciative audience.

Cassie Mae liked my minutes. She's in Col. On the 24th we have the 9th general meeting at which Judge Salinas speaks.

Pitts' football team is doing OK I imagine there's a big game Notre Dame * Navy; Honolulu.

Our kitchen is a dream — a new sink and all new paint.

Nov 4 Eisenhour is our next Pres — Adlai Stevenson was superb but the loser.

Nov 9 — Philip Murray is dead — buried in Pgh. St Patrick's Cathedral His successor:

Truggve Lie has resigned as head of U.N.

first Pres. of Palestine is dead - Dr. Weizmann

Nov. 20 — mother is in bed with infected foot.

Nov. 24 Wm. Green of A.F. of L. and
America's Red Soldier, were buried
today -

Eisenhauer has chosen much
of his Cabinet:

Democrats
Repub. 11
J. Foster Dulles — Secy of State
Ezra Taft Benson — Secy of agriculture
Oveta Culp Hobby — Health-Educ. & Welfare

Dec 4 - It develops that Eisenhauer is on
his way back from Korea. He slipped
out on Sat Nov. 31 quietly, spent 3 days
there and will digest and report on what
he saw. He has no trick or plan for
quick ending of her. Here at home
all was talk of Taft + Eisenhauer
honeymoon being over. Taft doesn't
like Ike's choice of Secy of Commerce.

Dec. 5. Marge was here and Lib
+ Davy came after her. She flew in
a Navy plane.

Dec 6 Hamtramck auto crash
killed 7, among them a mother
and 2 daughters.

Dec. 25, 1952 Another Xmas is here. The war in Korea mars the season's joy. Hope Eisenhauer can in some way reach Stalin's mind and heart and come to terms. Our house is gay with Xmas trees and gifts. We have much to be thankful for — health, work and a sense of achievement. Our heart is much in Cal. and maybe I can make a trip in January. What joy to see one's loved ones.

Jan 15. 53 Am leaving for Cal. by train. Will spend my birthday aboard Sunset Ltd.

Feb. 12-53. Flew back because of mother's illness. Had a wonderful time at Stels. Attended races at Santa Anita. Lots of fun. Children are a joy.

March. Thank God, moves for peace this Easter appear on the horizon ... 14 Frenchmen released — exchange of sick + wounded contiplated -- acceptance of a new U.N. Secy General by Russia to succeed ~~Trygve Lie~~ Trygve Lie. The new Secy is Dag Hammarskjold (Hammarshield) of Sweden.

The eyes of the world are on Washington -- after 20 yrs. of Dem. rule, what will Rep. do. They claim they want two things: end K. war and stabilize our economy.

March 1 Marge Mendenhall is married. She is now Mrs. Ray W. Davis.

This month several atomic blasts have taken place in Arizona + New Mexico. Experiments continue.

March 24. Queen Mary is dead. coronation will take place as scheduled.

Mar. 27 annual meeting of L.W.V. Mrs. Randolph Slaughter is our new Pres. with Mrs. Mabel Lowry as her assistant.

April 5, 53 I have me a new permanent. We also have a new block wall across the back yard!

April 2, 53 Our little Carole is 7 yrs. old today. may her life be happy and useful.

Apr. 12 Our church has undergone major repairs and today we had new seats donated by the Cullen mamma in memory of their son A. J. killed in the horrible 2nd. World War.

20th. We are having a lot of visitors in Washington, among them the first German chancellor ever to step on our shores; he is Konrad Adenauer.

April 20 Are driving To Lilo's for a dinner tonight in honor of Bill Jr's arrival. He will show pictures of his travels in Europe. {Sam Bill Jr. + his pictures. He left to see Margo and on to Alaska.

May - Elisa + Joe left for S.A. for fiesta week and remained for over two weeks. Joe was hospitalized in Santa Rosa. He arrived on Friday the 9th. of may looking quite badly but has steadily improved.

M.A. Roy killed himself. What a shock. He was a gentleman from Ohio.

The exchange of prisoners gave us a thrill two weeks ago but they were not enough. Others should be released too. May God bring peace in a way that we know not.

12.- Had a nice circle meeting at Olivetts. Our program was current events. Later Elsie went to Dallas and bought Erma's birthday gift — an $7.50 watch. She also bought graduation gifts for Pat Yeary, Grace Repma + a grocery relative.

Stella sent me $5.00 for a mothers day gift. Mother got 3 dresses, -- I'm wearing one of them.

22- Conf in Bermuda
- Sabine R in La - floods
- Another explosion similar to the Waco one, in Texas City
- Tidelands bill signed by Pres. Stole at the end.

23- Erma's birthday
Stel in Oklahoma city

June 1 - 1953

Stel + Jam just back from trip to Okla City, Perry + Enid -

Our house has just been insulated.

June 2 - Coronation Day

" " - Mt Everett scaled

June 3rd — Three years ago daddy went to rest.

June 5th. Peace in Korea seems near — God grant it. Our river is dry. God send us rain.

All day meeting of L.W.V.

Big Longoria Wedding tomorrow.

And on Sunday the 6th I hope to take my first long trip in the car. Emma and I are taking off for New Mexico to see the Carlsbad Caverns.

Got back on Saturday at 4 P.M — from Carlsbad — June 13th, 1953. Had a beautiful trip —

June 17 — Rosenbergs have been granted a stay of execution. This is Elizabeth Knotzar's birthday. She is 8 yrs. old.

Peace or an armistice is nye in Korea. Thank God.

W. Germans are staging riots against the Communists. More power to them. This revolt may bring overthrow of Communists

Terribly hot + dry. God give us rain!

June 18 Guess what. So. Korean Pres. Syngman Rhee has released 25,000,000 prisoners, possibly wrecking plans for an armistice. It's So. K. for whom we have been fighting for 3 yrs., our friend or our enemy? He, Rhee, has always opposed a divided Korea

19 Sad bleak day — Julius + Ethel Rosenberg were executed as spies at Sing-Sing at 6 P.M. first civilians to be executed in this U.S.A of ours.

July 11 Water situation still bad. What a mess we are in. (Drouth) continues. Eisenhower flew to Amarillo yesterday to confer with Governors of 3 dry states.

Cubs have a piano.

Agreement may have been reached between us + Seoulian Rhee. Then a truce will follow.

July 19 — Elsie + Joe are gone to Dallas. I leave tomorrow for San Antonio + the Menger. Sold my lot in Ky. No rain in this immediate vicinity, altho lots in other parts of the state. Terrible drouth, + farmers losing money but we shouldn't yell for Federal aid. Other business

people have bad years & no one helps them. With tide-land oil we believed in "state rights"! Wells are being drilled in many homes. Allen of the Times started a so called "friendship" well across the river -- it was a fizzle.

Sunday July 26th Today at 7. P.M. the long awaited Armistice was signed! Thank God! What of the future — God only knows. But as of today -- no more killing. Next war (God forbid) will be atomic.

July 31-1953

Senator Taft died this a.m. at 9:30 of cancer. A statesman and a Christian gentleman.

Aug 4-53 Exchange of prisoners starts this evening. God bless these men and their families.

By today, Aug 6th. 3 groups have been released — first group was pathetic in that many were lame & tubercular -- others are in better health.

The Alvarez family has arrived to take over the mission. Bro de Leon is very ill.

Aug 7 Lib was here for her last visit before the 12th. when baby is due to arrive.

Michal and Carole are taking music lessons (piano) started the middle of July. Chas. had this week off and they are enjoying the beach.

Our church has a mission Director — a Rev. Dr. Alvarez from S.A. (Uruguay). Has a lovely family — living in Camp Home.

Aug. 11 Millans have a new daughter, Maria, born at 10:10 a.m. this morning.

Aug 12 — Faith arrives in Greece Islands of Crete — Home Loss of life — suffering.

P.O.W. continue to be released.

Aug 17 a third of the prisoners have been received so far — some sick — some in excellent condition.

Today the U.N. faces its biggest test. The General assembly is to name the nations which will sit on the Post-armistice Conference called by Korean truce

India and Russia are in dispute.
Eng. + U.S. do not agree on all.
Will Russia be on the Communists' side?
How about India. Will they consider
the whole Asian problem or just Korea.
Cabot Lodge says: On one side the
16 Nations — on the other the North
Koreans + its ~~satellites~~. Is Russia
willing to be considered a satellite?

Rain at last
Sunday + Monday
Aug. 24-25-
and all week -
Falcon Dam is storing up water - the
lake is formed.
Aug. 31 - More rain.

Have just finished reading
"Desiree" by Annamarie
Selinko. The story of a silk
merchants daughter from Marseilles
who played an important part
in Napoleon's life and founded
the Bernadotte dynesty of
Sweden.

Sep 5 - Exchange of P.O.Ws. ends tonight. Over 3000 of our men are free. Major Genrl. Dean the highest ranking officer captive was released and is in good health.

We go to Monterey over Labor Day. It's a thrill for me — haven't been there in years.

Rain again Thursday and the river and Falcon Dam are filled to capacity. God be thanked.

Gen Wainwright the Hero of Corregidor died at the age of 70. Such suffering as these men endure in war. God grant that we may have the guts to abolish wars forever.

Sep. 8 We are back from a delightful trip to Monterey. Stayed at The Monterrey hotel. We rove up to the mt. top resort of "Chipinco". Elisa bought her cut-glass pitcher. Emma got sick from over-eating! Elisa had to work on her birthday.

Chief Justice Vinson of Louisa, Ky. is dead.

Sep. 14 Yesterday we went to see the big Falcon Dam. It was a delight to the so much water stored up for future use and for the benefit of so many people on both sides of the river. We packed our lunch and had a good time. On our way back

we drove by way of Ranchado and what memories the ruined town brought back. I relived my early childhood. Met a blind woman, Dolores Flores, living alone on her government pension, who remembered my father. She said of him — "a tall stately Spaniard — a great man — who got rich in this town from honest work". The well, around which I used to pick Tomatoes, the pond in which I waded are there. The houses where we lived and where my father had his general store are in ruins.

Monday, Sep. 15 My lovely grandchildren start to school today.

Madam Pandit of India, whom I saw and heard speak in Pgh) is the first woman President of U.N. General assembly. Ste and family went to fresno and San Francisco over Labor Day week.

Oct 1-'53 Hope Oct. brings relief from the heat. Time for my trip draws closer.

may be on my way to Cal. by Stell's birthday.

Earl Warren of Cal. has been chosen by Gen. Eisenhower to become Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, filling the vacancy left by the death of Vinson. A good choice.

Mothers of boys who supposedly became POWs while prisoners of war, are brokenhearted. I think the boys appeared to change their fear and suffering.

My car is on the drum. a new clutch is needed to the tune of $40.00. (41.08

Took part in the Civic Music campaign for the first time. Am enjoying it.

Mother's eyes are giving her trouble.

Dr. McCorkle of the Tex. U. staff spoke to LWV last week (25th) and some one must have inhibited him because he was very cautious and spoke in generalities.

Oct 31 1953 Last week was the jinx — not only the car but my radio and the iron went bad.

Attended the Montemayor wedding in N. Ldo this morning + hope to attend the Riley's ——— daughter's tonite.

Am praying that the 5 yr old boy may be found.

Sep 24 - Horrible Kidnaping of 6 yr. old boy in Kansas City. Taken by a woman (posing as aunt) from Catholic School — killed even while demanding ransom, Body found Oct 9th. Body Greenlease. The guilty couple will die Dec. 19 for their crime.

Eng + U.S. willing to give Trieste back to Italy. Yugoslavia objects and threatens to fight + means any if Italians take over -

Expect to leave for Cal. on the 25th of Oct. 1953.

Oct 14 - Had my permanent today!

Oct 19 Falcon Dam dedication and my child's birthday. We are on our way to Falcon. Had a wonderful day. Went to New Guerrero & saw the ceremonies there first, then back to Falcon dedication. Drove to Mier — my first visit there.

Dec. 6 - 1953 My first chance to write since my return. Had a wonderful month with Stel and family. I arrived at 7 a.m. on Sat the 24th of Oct. wearing an orchid corsage given to me by Mrs. Regna. Stel cooked breakfast while Chas, Carole + Mike went after me at Hollywood.

Cal. was cool but not cold. Stel's roses were in full bloom. We enjoyed T.V. + went everywhere we could while children were in school. Mike is in 4 B and Carole in 2 A. Both are taking music and doing well. Stel is very thin. made the trip by Bus and spent a lovely day + nite in S.A. at the St. Anthony. Stel + I did all our Xmas. shopping. arrived on the 2nd of Dec. + have been busy with church meetings, Knife + fork etc. found that Dr. Edson has resigned. He and mrs. Edson will continue to live in Ldo. and do lecturing.

Our Pres. Eisenhower, Churchill and the French Premier Lanial are meeting in Bermuda. C. wants a meeting with Moscow to plan for peace.

DEC. 6. Lib was here yesterday with Isabel, a friend, and we shopped in N. Ldo. + here. She left baby Marcia + Ellen + David with Papa David! She hopes to be back next Sat. to see Dr. Stel writes that her friend Gert has T.B. She coughed + bled while I was there. mother Curb is coming To cal for Xmas.

Dec. 24 - The month and almost, the year, is gone, and here it is Xmas eve and Michael's 9th. Birthday. God bless him — Rev Leon is dead after 10 mos. of lingering. "Andy" Anderson is gone and our beloved Charlie Goodenow

has cancer of the liver. (He died Xmas. day)
Dr. Edson has resigned (We have no pastor) and Rev Alvarez is Carrying on magnificently.
Frances is having an awful time getting settled.
River City elected on the 12th ballot.

Xmas day and the usual turkey dinner. Charlie's death has saddened me. Our house looks nice with all its decorations. Michael sang a solo at the church for the Jr. Xmas program. He got his schwinn bike. Carole got skates a doll and a beautiful red velvet dress.

Jan. 1, 1954

The New Year and all its responsibilities and opportunities is here. On the next page is a summary of what we are leaving behind and what we have to work on. Pres. Eisenhower promises faithful service to all the people. While everyone talks of a slight recession, we hope to avoid a real depression.

1953 Happenings Make History 1954.

Eisenhower - becomes Pres - Beginning of an Era.
Hail + Farewell to Truman - End of an Era.
Drouth in the South - River dry - crops brown - cattle die - farm prices down - Secy Benson criticized.
Taft dies suddenly of cancer. "Mr. America"
McCarthy - Senator from Wis. The communist hunter - A shallow demagogue.
Julius + Ethel Rosenberg executed as spies.
Maud Adams died - actress - Peter Pan.

Queen Elizabeth II crowned (Copperfield + Shepherd)

Death of Stalin (March 5th)

Barsin executed as spy - restlessness among the people in Russia.

Revolt in Russia -

Armistice in Korea - July 27. end of killing in a war that was not a war.

Bringing back the remains (Copeland to be repatriated - why?)

Kinseys - report on sex life of women. "Do not" actual cases

Song - It's April in Paris
of years

Oct 15 - "The Teahouse of the Aug Moon" (Patrick)
about Okinawa.

Herbert Brownell brings up an old Harper White communist story. McCarthyism is on a rampage - Truman angered and goes in air - McCarthy replies + attacks not only Truman but the administration foreign Policy.

Jan 29 - Served as district Ch. of Mothers' Polis
Unit. A new experience but satisfying. My
women worked beautifully.
Don Fidel Cantu, our good friend, is very
ill. Had a stroke.
Work at hospital on Wed.

Feb. 13 - Saturday - Lib was here.
She will return on Mar. 6 when
Ellen will have her braces out + Lib
will have hair tied.
Stel almost had pleurisy. Mrs.
Cude is there now. Not well.
We may call a new pastor
tonite (Sunday 14).
Mar 1 - 54 We have a new pastor
Rev. Stanley.