Something melo-dramatic and unprecedented happened in the House of Representatives today (Mar. 1-54). Two men & a woman, Puerto Ricans, began shooting and [illegible] for their country. Five Representatives were wounded [illegible] the P.R.'s were overpowered. Bentley, the most seriously hurt will recover.

Mar. 4-1954

My ck this month is gone before I get it.

Colonial Ball	2.50
Car Plates	11.59
Inspection	1.00
Dentist	8.00
telephone	1.00
missions	5.00
Texas citizen	3.50
church	4.00
gas + oil	9.00
trim hair	2.00

McCarthy - Pres. Eisenhower are two different persons — one an opportunist and a tough guy thinking only of himself, and the other the polished gentleman, kindly, thoughtful person.

Mar. 17. St. Patricks. My car got stuck on C. C st + Maryland. Good Maulanda got me out. Now car is fixed and it cost me $38.00.

McCarthy is on the rampage. He thinks he's bigger than the Pres.

Stel + family are supposed to have gone to San. F. last week end.

Plan to go to galveston on the 29th.

Mar. 19 - My car is fixed to the tune of $38.00.

An Earthquake in L.A. reported this a.m.

Mar. 22 - Went to my first bull fight and so help me - - my last. Enjoyed "Cantiflas".

Mar. 28 - Am leaving for Galveston with Mabel Lowry, Mrs. M.C. Gonzalez and Pat Hurd.

Apr. 1st. '54. Just got back from a wonderful trip to galveston with Pat and Mabel + mrs. Gonzalez. It was a good Convention and a wonderful experience.

Apr. 2nd. This is Carole's birthday. She is 8. We sent her a dress and a little suit. Tomorrow she has her party and uses as favors the little

aprons I made for Her. Mike got a new suit too - but mother + dad paid for that.

April 4 NATO is 5 yrs. old today. Thank God for it. With H Bombs causing islands to disappear in its tests and spreading radio-active ashes as far as L.A. from the So Pac. where they are released, only a pact for peace among nations can save us from total distruction.

Apr. 5.
Arturo Tuscanini at 86 today gave his last concert - all Wagner program - laid down his baton - for good. A great master retires.

April 6 - Car needed a new battery, so its 19.70 more for car expense. With 38.00 paid on Mar. 19 it is mounting up.

. Chinese communists are aiding the French - Indo-China War, so it may be our boys get involved. God grant that we can stay out of the conflict.

April 15 (Thursday of Holy Week) our darling Michael was baptized in the First Bap. of L.A. God love him and keep him. He is only nine but smart enough to know what he is doing.

Tomorrow is Easter. I shall use the basket-purse Stel sent me. I am especially proud of it because she painted it herself. Chas had a birthday on Friday (Good Fri). Hope he had a nice day and that my registered letter arrived in time.

April 21 Elsie + Joe are leaving today for S.A. to Fiesta Week. I shall be alone this Sunday.

April 24 The McCarthy-army investigation is a disgrace to our nation. Mc is a demagogue and a bully. Sen Stephens, a gentleman, is fighting a lone battle (under questioning for 6 days +) to get investigation done in a democratic way.

Geneva Conf. may be a failure.

The peso devalued 12 + to 1 dollar. Hurting the poor people.

Bill Mendenhall is married to Nancy.

May 1st - Investigations will continue tomorrow, Monday, May 3.

May 6 - Went to Hachai's Garden Party.

French have lost battle of ——— in Indo China.

Sat. May 8 Emmons have a son -

May 12 At last, after 30 yrs of planning, the St. Lawrence water-way is a reality. Today

May 16 Week of occasion [illegible] to hold with East Asia [illegible] Communism [illegible] French said [illegible] alone.

May 17 Thank goodness the shameful McCarthy hearings may come to an end — finally Pres. Eisenhower has asserted himself and ruled that what went on at the Jan. meeting of the Executive is not to be divulged. Adams cannot answer questions on that. Mac has asked for time

off to hold a meeting.
Hurrah! Segregation is ended
in public schools all
over the nation!

May 26
Hope to leave for Cuba on Sunday the
31st. 1954

Arms being shipped to central Amer.
by us. Reds are sending them to Nicaragua.

McCarthy-Army Wrangle goes on. What
a bully he is.

Geneva Conf. not very effective

Indo China still fighting. Wonderful
nurse released.

Haile Selasi is visiting us. a great head
of a little country.

May 30 Pope Pius 10 will be elevated
to Sainthood.

McCarthy is really getting
himself in trouble - he has
gotten information from Civil
Service employees + urges them
to give him more. He respects
no law or their oath to hold secret

file information. He is an anarchist,

May 31 Good bye dear diary until I return. I leave today for California and my dear ones. Meantime on the 4th is four years since dad left us. God love him — we miss him dreadfully.

June 20 Arrived safe & sound back in hot Laredo after a wonderful visit with my darlings.

June 23 What a black day to enter in my diary. My car is wrecked! I had stitches taken on my lower lip — Elsie in on crutches — a splintered ankle bone in a cast! (God help me to face the inevitable with grace.

That man is here again — I mean Churchill. He says he came from the fatherland to his mothers land to talk over family matters! We still like him. When invited to go to church he said "Why go — I'll be meeting my maker soon enough"!

Truman has been very ill — gall bladder — but seems improving. His lovely daughter Mike a good trooper remains in Summer Opera in the East.

June 28 - 54. What do you know — our Rio Grande is on a rampage — the best ever — a crest of 50 ft is expected Tomorrow.

June 29 + 30 River seems to have reached crest this A.M at eight — 70+ ft. Thousands of homes under water..

Total eclipse of the sun at 5 a.m. this a.m. Couldn't see it!
June 30 – 54.

July 3 Ruby Putman's wedding day. It is raining in this dreary city. We are a stricken section. Waters have receded but the homeless and the evaquees still suffer. No water for any of us and that is a hardship. Business is at a standstill.

Guatemala has a new gov't. third in a week. Fighting ceased. French have yielded rice Red-river valley land to Communists. Threats that China will remain Communist – that it be recognized by our allies and made a member of U.N. is of great concern in Washington.

July 21 - 1954 The Indo-China - French 8yr. War is ended. Armistice signed in Geneva at 4 a.m. this a.m. Division at 17 parallel is considered a second Munich.

Also today Elisa's cast comes off. Thank god.

For first time since 1934 (when Italy attacked Ethiopia) the world is without a hot war.

Last week I worked as hard as any one can. Houston churches sent two vanloads of food and clothing and altho one went across on the pontoon bridge for the N. Ldo people, the distribution of the second fell on our church and Winnie Bell + myself in particular. Poor, destitute people came in throngs but our church people worked hard and in a kindly manner to serve their needs.

Aug 11, 54 A significant date. Elisa is supposed to walk today. She has been in bed since June 23.

The world is going thru a lot of readjustment. The greatest problem outside of shooting stopped

in Indonesia (first time in 8 yrs. world at peace) & the Iranian question settled? Now oil will flow again. Ofcourse McCarthy is to be investigated by a Com. appointed by Nixon, and Congress is still in session, wrangling over farm parity bill and the atom, but Ike himself thinks tension is eased. We may see more "nations" born in N. Africa. Tunisia and French Morocco want their independence from France.

Emily, one of the quints died.

Bess + family are coming on Sep. 24.

Hoover is 80 + spry.

Aug 21 - Second 7 prominent officials has gone over to the communists. What's happening.

Pope Gasparri is dead in Italy.

Chinese Reds may attack Formosa or vise-versa.

Aug 28 Shivers won over Yarborough. It is Shivers 3rd. term for Governor of Texas.

Dave Milhan flew to L.A. on business. He will see Curts-
Lib was here. Mendenhall was ordained as Minister of the Church of God + he + Ione have sailed for Greece.

Sep 1 E.D.C. is dead. France would not accept. The delegates of the Eng. Labor Party are there visiting the Communists in China. They were wined + dined.

Sep. 13 my kiddies go back to school today after a week's camping with their parents -

Yesterday Larry Puig + a friend were killed in an auto accident. Just a week ago, Sep 4, his sister had a big wedding in the lovely home -

We may go to war again — this time with Communist China. They have attacked the small island of Quimoyne, off the coast, preparatory to attacking Formosa - We say the 7th. fleet is ready to defend Formosa -

McCarthy is being tried for insubordination.

Mr. Ince is dead - cancer.

Sep. 21 - Dr. Eidson died today of a heart attack. How will we remember his last visit with us at Elsie's. God be with his lovely wife in her loneliness.

Percy Imes died on the 11th. He was a good freind.

Sep 22 The Huttons arive today from Stels. Huttons arrived at 11 A.M. and what a joy to see them. They seemed to enjoy being here. We went to the Dam and to N. Edo.

Senator McCarthy will be censored according to the committee. Congress will convene on Nov. 8 to hear the Com's report. McCarthy asked for it + is getting what he deserves.

Sep 27 - Civic Music dinner.

Sep. 29 World Series - Cleveland Indians - N.Y. Giants.

N.Y. 1st game. Score	-	6	Indians	2
N.Y. 2nd " "	-	3	"	1
N.Y. 3rd " "	-	6	"	2
N.Y. 4th " "	-	7	"	4
Giants Winners		1		

Oct 4 London Conf. a success. France + Germany to have W. gumany free + armed. Germany joins NATO. Western Unity among these Nations

with Eng. + US may bring long years of peace. One of the Diplomatic achievements of our time. Dulles the retiring Secy of State deserved a lot of credit. a voluntary defense machine among 9 nations.

Our church started a revival yesterday. Helped with making coffee this a.m. at 2:30 a.m.

Oct 5 Trieste question is settled between Italy + Yugoslavia - Schools having trouble de- segregating. Even in Washington D.C. pupils rioted!

Oct 10 Hanoy, after 75 yrs has raised the red flag. The French have evacuated.

Oct 15 Expect to leave for Houston on a week's vacation. Got back on the 21st after a wonderful week at the Lamar Hotel. Marlene was lovely, and drove us around. Shamrock Hotel is magnificent. Spent a day in Galveston by the water front -

Stil had a birthday on the 19th.

Oct. 23 Hurrah — France and W. Germany have come to an understanding over the Saar Valley. Now we look forward to W. Germany + France joining the alliance of European nations.

Oct 24 — United Nations Day! Nine years ago 60 nations signed the significant charter. Lets pray it continues working on a broader basis.

30 yrs. ago was the great depression

Oct 25 — at 6 P.M. a Cabinet meeting for first time in History will be televised + Radiod around the World. Sec of State, John Foster Dulles, just arrived from Europe, will report on the.

Nov 5 — On the 2nd the election turned in favor of the Democrats. The D's won control of the House and maybe of the Senate too. The man I like — Averell Harriman is now Gov. of N.Y. Odd that Roosevelt jr. lost the Lt. Governorship and his brother Jas. who was under suspicion

of moral turpitude won in Cal. for the Senate. Can Pres. will work with a Democratic Congress and probably get more support than he would have from Republicans.

Nov. 5 The Queen mother is here on a visit. So is Adlai Stevenson & W. Rubin.

Nov 8 Sen. McCarthy is due to be censured today.

Dec. 5 The Senator was censured and there is an end to "McCarthy Show Business" in our Nation's Capitol.

Had two nice parties this week. One at Slaughters and the other in the Maya room where I was introduced to Mrs. Richter. Had my permanent on Nov 29. Too short - I don't like it.

Elsa goes to San Antonio today. First trip since! May she enjoy it -

Hope to leave for California three weeks from today.

Dec 21 Dear Diary - I am going to California by plane on Dec. 26th. Leave at 12:45 - arrive 6:20 P.M.

Dec 26 Christmas has come and gone. It was as nice as could be with us. We had turkey and all the trimmings and we drove across the river.

Today I board a plane at 12:35 and arrive in L.A. at 6:20. I am thankful for the chance to go. Plane was in trouble out of S.A. + we had to fly back. Had a 3½ hr. delay. Arrived at 9:30 P.M.

Jan 18 1955 Flew back from Cal after a lovely visit with Carlos since Dec. 26, 1954. Left L.A. on the 18th. (Tuesday) at 9:00 A.M. and arrived in S.A. at 4:30 P.M.

Mike has a paper route. Loves it. Carole is growing up — has toilet articles + jewelry on her chest of drawers. Loves life — plays cards, rides her bike, skates (roller + ice) dances, is a "Brownie", sets a good table, keeps up with her music and does well in school. Will be in high third. Mike will be in 5th. Chas looks well — Stil does not. Frankly she worries me.

Pat Hurd died Jan 2nd. Quite a shock to get such news at Stil's. So young and so much to live for. Died suddenly while bathing.

Jan. 24: Things look bad between us and Red China. We wish to protect Pescadores Islands + Formosa. Our prisoners for whom Hammerskjold made a trip to China are still prisoners. Red China invites families to visit prisoners.

Nicaragua and Costa Rica having trouble. Panama too!

Feb. 10 - France again without a government. Mendes France is out.

Tachen evacuation is ended and lets hope this eases the U.S.-Chinese tension existing for some time.

Pinay was trying to form a French cabinet but it seems as tho he is failing.

Don't be surprised if we recognize Communist China. What else can we do. But we won't give up Formosa - not without a fight.

Ground will be broken tomorrow for our new Mercy Hospital.

I have a bad cold!

Grace Davis will be new Pres. of L.W.V.

What do you know - C.D.O + a 7 of L will merge. What a whopper of an organization!

March 9 How I neglect you dear diary. Have been busy with church, red cross, L.W.V. etc. The yard is a pleasure to work in. Trees are loaded with orange blossoms. Selling the crop of oranges + grape fruit took time.

Yesterday, Dave Gallagher was killed in an auto accident. He is Nancy's husband. Nancy had agreed to be our next L.W.V.'s Pres. God's will be done. May she see her way clear to remain here.

I am district (14) chairman of Red cross drive under Genevieve Richter. Charlotte is my Co. Ch. She is ideal to work with.

Carole is delighted with her first ankle length party dress which I loved making. She will be 9 on April 2.

Elsie + Joe are in S.C.

Thursday 10-55 (March) It looks like war and I am fearful. It seems as tho Communist China will attack the Matsu + Islands prior to attempting to get Formosa and whether we will defend them or not is up to Eisenhower.

May God give him wisdom to do the thing that will avert war and may our prisoners be released.

Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's.

Sir. W. Churchill seems nettled at the release here of the Yalta Conference papers. He is the only survivor of the big three and naturally some decisions & statements may prove embarassing to him. Their release is a political move. Some Republicans brought a lot of pressure to bear on Secy of State Welles for their release at this time.

At last Mabel Lowry has consented to be our next LWV. Pres. First the com. named Grace Davis. She got in trouble with the Press during the 22nd & resigned. Next the com. came up with the very excellent choice of Nancy Gallagher, our woman atty, but just last week her husband died in a car accident and she of course resigned as nominee. Then it was either Mabel or "close shop" so Mabel accepted. The nominee for Secy was Anora Alexander but I understand she expects her 3rd baby, so I see visions of Mr. staying in harness 2 more years.

Mar 20 Stassen is a Cabinet member. He is assistant to the Pres. on disarmament! Remember hearing him speak in Pgh. He was introduced as "Our next Pres.!

We are in the midst of a great row of criticisms all over the world on account of the releasing for Publication the Yalta Papers. Poor Churchill – it's embarrassing to him. He is said to be going to resign but he has been saying that for years.

Formosa situation about same. The ship from ~~Sweden~~ carrying oil will not put in at a Communist port. (The Aruba)

Elsie is having company – Mrs. Edith Jordan Carr of Encinal. We are to have tamales –

Mar 26th. Last night a cold wave hit us, preceded by a dust storm that was a lu-lu! from 97° Friday to 34° today is some change for plant or animal life to survive!

The Emerson baby nearly drowned in the bath tub but recovered, thank God.

Still the peril that Chinese Reds may attack Formosa.

Little Carole getting ready for her birthday. Sent her a dress. Elsie is sending her a bond!

66 killed in a crash (bomber) in Hawaii – Service men returning home.

April 4 a half century of service to his Country ends today for Sir Winston Churchill. A new era begins for the

British Empire. Sr. Anthony Eden will take the reins. He is well groomed for the task ahead.

April 11 An historic day - one in which we thank Our God for enlightening the brain of man to doing good. Dr. Jonas E. Salk of Pgh. has discovered a polio vaccine that is termed effective. Millions of children will be vaccinated within the next week or so.

Adlai Stevenson speaker after 4 mos of silence and calls upon Pres. Eisenhower and the nation to rally to the defense of Formosa but not to bring on a war by fighting over Quemoy and Matsu.

Lots of detonations have been heard over the Nevada desert within the last 2 or 3 mos. Atomic tests are going on when winds are favorable.

Our L.W.V. is on a firm basis again with Mabel Lowry as President. First Pat (who might have been Pres.) died - then Davis resigned as candidate, then Nancy Gallagher resigned because of death of her husband in auto accident. That almost left Mabel with no alternative but to accept and we are so proud of her. Will help her all we can.

Our little Carole joined the church on Good Friday, April 10, 1955.

even tho it's a presidential year and it may lose him votes, he stands by his convictions.

Monaco is the place. A beautiful romance has been surrounded by ugly riots between police, photographers, jewelry robberies and ill feeling. But even then it's a great story - a real love story - between a great lady and a fine man.

Joe + Elisa have left for San Antonio to take in the Fiesta ... also to see the W's about her eyes.

April 20 The Big wedding of Grace + The Prince took place today. Sounded beautiful and the whole world wishes them the best.

Now we focus our attention on Margaret. She marries Saturday.

Good, kind, wise Hammarskjold is getting somewhere with the Arabs and Israelies. Nothing like talking things over! Wish we had been as wise years ago.

April 28 — The Great Senator Barkley of Ky. is gone. He collapsed from a heart attack while addressing a college group in Va. Seeing him on TV four years ago, when he was wanted to be Pres. is like having met him personally. He was a Southern gentleman.

May 10 Mike is giving up his Valley paper and going to the "Mirror". He is quite a business man. He is still interested in auto racing.

A lot of disturbances still in Israel & the Arab countries, and in Cyprus. Clara Hutton, Marion's mother is dead. She is lost out in Texas. Have no doubts about Johnson!

Elsie's eye operation was hard to take but if the other eye is saved we are thankful.

On the 20th of May will be 2 mos. since I saw the Dr. Wonder if the fat content in my blood is down from 380. I only weighed 99½ lbs. On the 21st a second test showed no improvement what-soever.

Mother's Day Got twin sweaters from Stel. Very needed.

from Elisa.

Recruiting women workers for Hospital desk-service. It takes a lot of time phoning.

Stel sent large photos of Mike + Carole for Mother's Day gift. One is surprised at their growth. Can't see them this Summer if I go to Pgh.

The weather is 104° ~~terrifically~~ warm. Elisa's house + new car (Buick 4000.00 + job) are both air-conditioned + one can be comfortable in either.

My case of Shingles still clings. The sores are healed but the burning pain persists.

A negro from N. Y. held up Dr. Peterson on the 21st in the struggle for the pistol both were wounded. Both will recover.

May 25 We in this generation cannot ignore the impact of preaching by Billy Graham on this and the European continent. From Los Angeles (where I heard him) to Madison Sq. in N. Y., from Scotland to the Queens private chapel in London, throngs hear him. He has spoken to our Pres. Eisenhower in private at the Pres. invitation, has addressed groups of Senators + Congressmen, gone to high places + low and people, all, hear him with eagerness. Would that I had his faith in his kind of Gospel.

May 31 Memorable day - 4 American flyers were set free by the Chinese reds. Thank God for their freedom -- may the rest follow. What joy when they meet their folks in Honolulu on June 2.

Walter Ruther wants Ford to guarantee annual pay to his workers. Negotiations on now - strike postponed until next Monday -

Salk vaccine, about which there has been so much controversy will now be released. Uncle Sam will pay for those not able -

De Segregation must take place in Public Schools, but Supreme Court states that it will be gradual according to local conditions.

Stel writes that Mrs. Cuba is ill and flew to L.A. where under Dr's care she is better.

Spent a lovely day at Edith Carr's in Encinal on Memorial Day. She was the perfect hostess -- served a banquet.

June 4, 1955 Stel writes from Sherman Oaks: "On the anniversary of daddy's death it pleased God to take

Charles' mother". She had been hospitalized a week, having flown from Okla. City just two weeks before. Once Michael and Carole had two grandpas + 2 grandmas, now only one grandma.

June 5th just one week since we were at Carr's, a severe storm hit Emerald and did a lot of property damage.

Am enjoying helping at Vacation Bible school.

On the 12th. Mr. + Mrs. C. C. Burr celebrate 50 yrs. of married life. Sons + daughters are giving them a dinner + reception.

June 13. Thank goodness no strikes in the auto industry. Satisfactory agreement reached with both Ford + General Motors.

Lot going on on the diplomatic front in so called efforts toward peace -- Russia inviting heads of nations to come see them + India sending Nehru + Menon all over the world + Adenhour arriving in Washington before going to Russia.

10th Anniversary of U.N. to be observed in San Francisco - Truman + Eisenhower will speak. Also Conf. in Geneva (?) at top level in July.

Riots in Argentina in an effort to separate Church + State.

June 12 - Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Burn celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary. Word comes from Pgh. that M.S. Manhennings celebrated theirs on the 19th.

On the 16 of June Emma & I got into the kitty Chevy and drove off to the Rio Grande Valley. We had coffee in Zapata & stayed in Mission over night at a lovely Motel where they had a refrigerator for cubes. Next morning we had breakfast in beautiful Hotel "Casa de Palmas" in McAllen. We spent the night in Port Isabel in the ~~yacht~~ yacht Hotel. From the balcony outside our room we could see the gulf & the yachts. Had one meal in the dining room but it was afterwards closed for repairs & we ate down town in a little restaurant. Good real orange juice everywhere & also real butter! On our return trip we went towards Brownsville & finding traffic heavy, turned off to go to San Benito but we made the wrong turn on a farm Road and ended in Weslaco! It was all well & good for we liked the town. The Aztec Hotel was fine & their Sunday dinner for one buck, the finest anywhere at any price! Our last 2 nights were spent in the luxurious "Casa de Palmas" with swimming pool, radio, TV & excellent food. Had TV in every Hotel Lobby & enjoyed it. On the way home we had cold drinks in Roma & lunch in Zapata. Got home shortly before three very proud of our little car.

Joe's brother is sick – has a heart condition. We feel so sorry + hope for his recovery.

23 Back home am enjoying the reports from San Francisco at the U. N. 10th anniversary. Am afraid Russians have not changed much + that meeting at top level in July may not accomplish much.

July 3 Antonio Juarez, Joe's brother died this morning. He has been very ill with a heart condition. Funeral will be Tuesday.

July 5 a new experience – attended trial of a negro young man who attacked Dr. Peterson, the dentist and robbed him. Both were wounded and both recovered.

July 11. Mr. Myers is dead. A good friend.

July 12 Mrs. Jordan is dead. She is Edith Carr's mother

July 15, Geneva Switzerland is the center of attention. The Big Four meeting – at top level for better understanding is a ray of hope for peace.

Ending of Segregation is causing all sorts of complications, but

far + wide, considerate peoples are complying with the Supreme Court Edict!

July 19 The Geneva Conf. is on + as our Pres. expressed it; "A new phase of international relationships at the summit" is being experienced. In other words, love, understanding + Kindness reigns. God grant that it continue.

July 25 Our Pres. got back from Geneva yesterday - and we are proud of him.

Friday July 29

A New Era makes its advent! Our scientists have announced that a "Satelite" (a man-made planet) will be sent out into space to circle the Earth. First step in inter-planet travel. A ticket to the moon please!

Aug 1 Another Conference in Geneva. This time on Ambassador level. Exchange of prisoners may

take place. Also the Formosa tension + Red China accepted as member of U.N. may come about.

Hurrah + thanks be to God - Red China has freed the 11 fliers imprisoned some 2 yrs ago. What a joy to them + their families and most of the world - Had a terrible scare this last week -- Mabel + John Lowry announced their divorce. But we are all hoping for a reconciliation.

Elsie + Joe are back -

Aug. 23 Our house is being deluged by Kilmartin.

Elsie left Sunday for Monterey to see ball game.

Great floods in Eastern States with great loss of life - some 200. Hurricane "Diane" is to blame.

Having plenty of rain here. Was cool for 3 days + now (Sept 2) very hot again.

Sep 2 Sad to record the death of Elizabeth Clausen on Aug 29th. a wonderful woman + friend.

Sep. Dear diary — floods in the Rio Grande Valley — in Tampico and the W. German Chancellor Adenauer visiting the Russian capitals, all is of interest. The release or, promised release of thousands of Germans held prisoners by the Russians is thrilling.

A Bible Study on Union Bible Conf. conducted by Dr. F. Crossley Morgan is the best ever.

Sep. 20 Perron is out after 10 yrs of Dictatorship. He is aboard a gunboat headed for Paraguay. A Revolt caused his abdication.

Hurricanes Hilda + 4 one have played havoc with Tampico in the

West + Fla + the Carolinas, Va.
+ N. Y. in the West.

Sep. 23 Peron is really deposed.
Maj. Gen. Eduardo Lonardi takes over
for time being.

Sep 24 Our Pres. Eisenhower has
had a heart attack. The whole
world sympathizes.

Sep 26 My permanent. Good!

Oct 4 Hurrah! The Brooklyn
Dodgers won the world series
2 to 0 against the N. Y. Yankees.
First World series victory for Brooklyn.
Our President continues to improve.
Tampico, Mexico having a terrific
flood + 2 storms that laid it low.

Oct 9 Our President continues to
improve. Bob due to arrive on
Oct 1, now due Oct 8. Folks may
get here on 11th or 12th. Stel
wants me in L.A. by the 10 or 11.
of Nov. My trips are a headache

of indecision!
Weather cool for last 3 days.

Oct. 12 folks arrived at 10:30 a.m. all look fine! Expect to leave tomorrow A.M. at seven. Bye for now!

Xmas Eve. 1955 Am Michael's birthday and may God bless him. I was gone from Oct 13 to Dec. 11th, and had a wonderful trip. Visited 16 states! On our way to Ohio we stopped in Cleveland and saw Anna May & Bess and on Sat had dinner and neighborhood on Central Hill. The country side was dramped with leaves in all stages of color. On reaching the Ohio was thrilled to see mills again. Came on Sunday night at Huttons and Bob was already there, having flown from Steels. Enjoyed family dinner at the Hs. Visited Bell and Rose Huttons.

in their lovely home. They have a
beautiful guest room! Rose & I went
back to Hutton's and they drove me to
Pgh. and left me most comfortably
situated at the Schenley-Park.

Four days in Pgh. was a great joy.
The city with its improvements and
smoke control is a beauty. The Mellon
Park and the Fountain lovely to behold.
Banquet me also, at Horne's. Saw old Kin
old times. Mary Fenton gave a tea in
for me (30) at the College Club. Miss
Ellis one at the Inn the Evening. Also
attended Church dinner and Church
Services, meeting many lovely friends.
(Heard symphony + Braun address.)
I felt perfectly at home. Prestige were
most kind. Dorothy Engelder went with
me to New York. Our boys were
glad to see Brown! United Nations
fascinated me. General Assembly was
in session. Voting to accept Yugo-
Slavia or Philippines was going on
without either one getting the 2/3 required.
Had lunch there too. Took
boat trip around Manhattan - went
aboard S. S. "United States", visited

famous Sardi's (nothing but a hole in the wall)
and toured Radio City. Everything was
a delight, Missed seeing some kind of people — Pgh.

My stay at Sid's was short
joy. My grands are just perfect and
I enjoy them so much. Sid and
I went everywhere.

My return was a joyous one
except that no one met me
at the depot (can't relate it now to
my decency, it's not so) but I came
home with Mrs. Hickey.

1956

A brand new year. Lots to
remember from the past and
lots to be thankful for.
A brand new day — a brand new year! What
can I wish that it bring to me? Nothing at
the expense of others, but just something
fine that may touch my life that I
may pass on to others. A few friends
who understand me and still remain
my friends — some worthwhile work
to do, a mind unafraid, an understanding heart, a sense of humor,
some laughter, moments of complete
relaxation for just thinking, meditating.

Above all may I feel a sense of the presence of God. Patience I want in a larger measure than I possess it now and wisdom to handle those who do not understand me and who hurt me deeply.

Locally, we start the year with two political parties. Our League of Women Voters is interested only in getting citizens interested in the party of their choice.

Nationally, there are tensions everywhere — China, Russia, France — Cyprus — Greece etc. Our President, recovering from a heart attack has not yet announced whether or not he will run. Stevenson is in the running for the D's — so is Kefauver. I don't want the latter.

Locally too, ~~Hilarity~~ we are on the verge of having a TV station (June 5th) to be exact.

On the glamorous side, Grace Kelly has just announced her

engagement to the Prince of Monaco.
If there are no wars the principality reverts back to France, so must
Kelly had letter want children!
Monaco is jubilant! Are we?

Jan 6 Busy day. Mayor Martin speaks at one Knit meeting — we go to the Barons (Cassie Mills brothers) funeral and tonight is K + 7.
Joe was sick Xmas eve is well again. We all went the opera "Aida" yesterday.

Jan 11 Virginia went to the polls yesterday to get authority to use public funds for Private Schools in an effort to defy the Supreme Court and continue segregation. What price pride! What effect has Christianity had on Va. and several other States? People voted "yes" two to one. But there are still some good people in Va.
May God guide us in getting the right Pres. for the League. Elvella will not continue serving. I pray that

Mabel may accept if its in God's plan. Thanks be to God; Mabel is it.

Jan 15 Stel's Wedding Anniversary. She is thrilled with a (1951 new) car of her own.

Jan 16 My birthday - Stel has T+T stock and I get the dividends.

The Garden Club gave me the surprise of my life. Audience stood and sang "Happy Birthday" to me -

Heavy rains in Cal. gave Mike a hard time delivering his papers.

Jan 23 Stel writes that Mike finally got enough interest aroused in the Scouts to join the Chuck trap. Can all might nothing got him! He has enough interests besides school & paper route to keep him busy and I don't know but what he considers selecting child rich. He's a wonderful guy!

Jan 25 - Elisa + Joe are gone to S.A. Prior to their departure. Dr. J.T. Lowry told Elisa has a cataract in her eye. Edith Barr has made an appointment for her with Dr. Russel.

Jan 30 - News from Elisa not good. She has glaucoma in one eye.

Feb. 1 - Elisa says no operation now. Treatment by means of drops to be assured -

No Churchill any more — too old to make trips, but Anthony Eden is here to confer with Eisenhower. They go along with Communist China — we don't. We may accede to trading a little with her, but not recognize her or vote for her to join the U.N.

Feb. 3 Bitter cold weather. Elisa got back last night. She seems in good spirits. Bess Hutton is in the hospital — operated on for gall stones.

That man "Churchill" is grounded because of age, but his understudy, Sir Anthony Eden is here. Had a conference with our President and addressed the Congress. He drew applause when he stated that Eng. did not need economic help! They are both great and may God bless the friendship between our two countries.

Sunday we had a temperature of 90°. That night the norther began to blow and we have had freezing temperature ever since.

Because of a mistake of mine in taking minutes of the last Board meeting, Helen Emerson felt free to use League members as "agents" to procure poll-taxes and we got over $400. Quite a service to the community at a terrific cost to Helen in time and effort, but nearly everyone is happy.

~~Jan~~ Feb 4 - This item should have been entered around New Year's. It's quite the most romantic event ever. Our lovely actress Grace Kelly is engaged to Prince Rainier III of Monaco. Everybody is thrilled and hope for happiness of this true american type for them both. Grace is really the loveliest girl one can imagine.

It's cold in Ida. and I mean cold — below freezing for three or four days in succession.

Our beloved sister returns from San Antonio with the verdict that she has glaucoma and not cataracts as Dr. Lowry had said. Only one eye is affected, thank God, and we hope the other eye can be treated so as to arrest the ailment. She is in good spirits. Her good friend Edith was with her all along and for that we were thankful.

Feb. 7-56 Our world, supposedly at peace, is in a turmoil. Jews and Arabs are at each-others throats — In Algiers, N. Africa, the new French Premier has just been "booed" and mobbed. In our own Southland (Alabama) rioting students have driven off the first negro student to enter the University of Alabama. We — shall still pray: "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven".

Feb 9 My good friend Elsie Johns passed away today.

Feb 21 As the our 22nd celebration were not enough publicity for us, we had a jail-break. Seven men escaped, including the colored man who attacked W. Peterson. Now we learn that the jailer himself provided the saws that released the men. Evan Lovell Thomas gave us the news from N.Y. (all recaptured but the colored man.

Elsie is back from S.A. & her eyes are no worse. How thankful we are to Edith for having persuaded her to see the Specialist.

Feb 29 Ike will run again.

What about Nixon? He has been hard on the Democrats & Ike needs some D. votes to win, so out goes Nixon!

Mar 8 A terific dust storm has plagued us all day. Our citrus fruit trees, laden with blossoms, are stripped.

Mar. 12 Elsie goes to S.A. again tomorrow; Her condition is stabilized.

Southern states are issuing a so called "Manifesto" to defy the Supreme Court's decision to do away with Segregation in Public Schools.

March 22

And the winds do blow - some days cold & some days cold - Storms, Dust ones are the order of the day.

But Easter lillies are blooming and orange trees are shedding their fragrant blossoms and all is well.

Fred Allen is dead!

I am under Dr's care. Went to see about growths around my eyes + Dr. finds that my general condition is not good. I feel fine. My fat-content in the blood is 380 + normal is 150. I am on a diet. No more meriendas & coffee and empanaditas or cheese cake! Boo-hoo. What a sure sign that the years out-ones pleasures!

Am busy as can be with church, League (School for Voters), Garden club and just plain house work and 3 meals a day.

March 28 All the social talk is Grace Kelly + the Prince of Monaco + Margaret Truman + her reporter-man.

K+F Club was excellent last night. The meal, turkey, fruit salad, baked potato + asparagus tips — all things I can eat. I have

lost two lbs + feel fine but growths look bad around my eyes.

We have a TV Set. Rather late for this fading-out!

The speaker at the R+T was Rebecca Reyher — on Africa. She is able, delightful + full of enthusiasm for the people of Africa.

At last the Westinghouse strike is settled. Hallelujah!

April 11-56

Stevenson running again but ill. He is still for their former Governor, although he lost in other primaries.

Carole had a lovely birthday on the 2nd. In fact she celebrated all of Easter week.

Grace Kelly arrives in Monaco today to marry her prince.

Had a good rain on the 9th.

April 16 Great week! Two weddings and the Pres. has just vetoed the Farm Bill. Great man! —

May 25 Good old Baylor University has none other than the Pres. of the U.S. (Eisenhower) as their Commencement Speaker. any politics connected with it? Your guess is as good as mine.

Matt 6:2

Buddie's son Darrel graduated tonite.

Early Monday, May 21, our country dropped a hydrogen bomb from an air-plane for the first time. Is this the answer to Russia's boast to thermonuclear supremacy? A B-52 dropped the bomb over tiny Namu Island in the Pacific + fled to safety.

Am on a diet still and change of medicines (mostly pills) hope for some improvement in another 2 mos.

June 4 You have been gone six years my darling and I miss your love so very much. I don't count with anyone else. Family affairs are tense. Two better sisters would be hard to find.

June 8 The World was shocked again by the sudden illness of our president. This time - an intestinal obstruction. Was operated on at

mid-night. He is doing fine.
I predict he will run and win.
My heart goes out to Stevenson
because he is such a fine man
to be defeated for a second
time. Almost hope my prediction
is wrong + that Ike will take
to his farm + live happily ever
after! He is entitled to it + has
had his plan + well deserved.

June 15. Elsie + I got back
today. They left Monday for
S.A. for a check-up. Her eye
is doing nicely.

Weather is in the 100's. +
almost unbearable.

City Council with approval
of Mayor
committed itself to the
building of the Highway.
We have to furnish right of way
block between Santa Ynez + Santa
Ynez to Victoria. God help us.

June 21 Horrible air tragedy off N. Y. coast. A Venezuelan Air Liner with 76 aboard fell into the sea. Twenty americans and some 21 students going home.

June 23 Stel is supposedly driving to San Diego and Coronado Hotel today with 2 girl freinds to attend a Tri-Delta convention.

June 30 Stel had a lovely time. She met a Pgh. girl Peggy Patterson Neff. am waiting to get details.

Tomorrow is July and one more month until I leave for Cal. ! please God

The world is topsy-turvy. Revolts in Poland. Hurrah for the workers! A steel strike at mid-night, Bill & Marion will be hit. Eisenhower leaves hospital for his farm. May he fully recover. China wants Formosa - Russia has wooed Tito. Tito straddles the fence. Iceland wants us out of her domain. France has trouble in her possessions + England can't

Subdue Cyprus.

July 1 A horrible air-plain crash. Two giants, one with 54 + the other 72 aboard, left L.A. within 3 min of each-other. They hit + crashed into the Grand Canyon in Arizona. All killed.

President Eisenhower celebrates his 40th wedding anniversary at his farm.

The steel strike is on.

Nixon + wife on trip to Philippines.

July 10, 1956

At 9 a.m. today President Eisenhower announced he will run for a second term. I am not surprised — are you?

Nixon will be running mate

Bought me 2 dresses. Am ready for my trip to Cuba.

My dear friend Mrs. Camp is ill and they have taken her to Sealy Hospital in Galveston. God be with her.

July 13 Hope to leave for California + my kids on the 31st. Lots to do between now and then. Hot + dry weather! Will get my permanent on the 30th.

July 25: One week from today I hope to be on my way!

Steel strike still on.

Pres. attended Conf. in Panama. Hope his health continues to improve.

Stassen threw a bomb-shell into the political arena by announcing he was for Herter + me for Vice Pres. Ike want like it — he loves Nixon.

Just finished a bout with the dentist. Paid him 10.00 in May, 17.00 in June + 38.00 in July!

The car took 17.00 in June + 14.95 in July. Have I anything left for the trip!

Finn Hutton (one of the 3 older generation) died on July 17 at 75.

Bob Hutton marries on Sep. 4.

27th. A great tragedy at sea. The Italian liner Andrea Doria was in collision with the Swedish passenger ship "Stockholm" and the Doria went down off the coast of Nantucket, Mass. Some 40 people are missing but 1605 were rescued. Italy mourns the loss of her pride + joy. We are sad too.

Egypt has nationalized the Suez Canal. Where does that put England? France + we are concerned too. A Conference in Paris.

30th Red China is marching into Burma. The Suez Canal business is serious. Stassen has muddied the Republican waters by starting a pole to unseat Nixon as V. Pres. Nominee. He has been granted a leave of absence (30 days) to carry on his campaign.

Am afraid he has cooked his goose as a Cabinet member. He was trying to please Eisenhower!
Poor Stassen.

July 31 Am leaving today for Sherman Oaks. How grateful I am for the opportunity!

Aug 12 1956 (News of Nancy Gallagher + her 2 daughters having been killed on this date in auto accident crushed my spirits.

Dear diary: Got back Sat. night, Sept 8th. from a lovely 5 week stay in Sherman Oaks. Enjoyed both Dem. + Republican Conventions. Ofcourse its Stevenson vs. Ike + for V. Pres. Nixon and (surprise) Kefauver! It was a close race between Ke + Kennedy and for a while it looked as tho Kef would win. He is a very able young man + he will have a chance to get to the top in the future.

On Aug. 16th. Dr. Linville (a Dermatologist) started a series of operations on my eye-lids to take off the cholesterol growths. It was a "pull" but I am 80% better. So glad I had it done in Cal. Stel looks better. Chas. looks fine (a little grey around the temples). The kids have grown lots. Mike makes $35.00 per month delivering the Mirror. Carole won a blue ribbon diving. She does it beautifully.

Curls have bought a lot + may build again. Their present house is getting a little crowded for them.

Went to my Drs. Rottenstein on Monday the 10th. + he took a number of X-Rays. My blood test shows a 60° reduction in fat content. The X-Rays proved a satisfactory condition inside of me.

Sept. 26

Sept is almost gone. Lots of things have happened. The candidates are criss-crossing the country getting votes, the Suez Canal situation is eased by having U.N. intervene. Crashes, fires etc take their toll. The weather is terribly hot - hurricanes don't affect our hot dry weather.

Michael is taking Jr. Hi in stride, Stella says. He makes, 35.00 a month on his "Minor route."

Sept. 30 Sept. is gone - The Dictator of Nicaragua is dead of bullet wounds. He had him brought to Panama + Anne. Drs. did their best but he is gone. His son succeeds him.