

January 1, 1999 - The Holmeses are not going to do their New Year's Day brunch anymore. Since coming home from their mission the health of both of them has diminished a great deal and they just don't feel up-to-it. It has been a lot of fun all these many years. Watched two hours of "Anne of Green Gables."

Jan. 2 - Bea's hair-do. Watched another 2 hours of "Anne of Green Gables."

Jan. 3 - Sunday. Barbara here for dinner. Clint called and we talked a long time.

Jan. 4 - Took care of Amy and Sarah while Gwen went to the hospital to visit her Aunt Nola.

Jan. 5 - Games with my sisters.

Jan. 6 - Temple closed for two weeks.

Jan. 7 - Hair-do and shopping.

Jan. 9 - Bea's hair-do.

Jan. 10 - Stake Conference. Barbara here for dinner.

Jan. 11 - The Relief Society planned a humanitarian aid project which was a quilt-a-thon in which all of the organizations in the ward were to take part - - girls & boys, men & women. Donna B and I went to Freddie's to sort over quilting kits and sheets we were going to use to make tied quilts for an abused women center. Freddie had been given a bunch of kits from the D.I. and was under the impression they were pieced tops already sewn together and ready for tying, but we got quite a shock as most of them were just quilt blocks that still needed to be sewn together. The ones that were sewn were not done well. Also, Pat Christiansen had picked up sheets from some outlet store she knows of where they are low cost. She had not examined them and although they were new sheets they were damaged and some were usable and others were not. So, we needed to have the sisters donate either money or new sheets or sew quilt blocks together in preparation. The sheets have to have the hems taken out and be washed, so it is quite a job. I brought home 3 tops to prepare and they all needed work done on them. One top had to be the worst sewing I've ever seen done by an adult. I spent 4 hours on it alone. GRRRRR!!

Jan. 12 - Games with my sisters. Washed and ironed the 6 parts for 3 quilts. I will get no blessings from doing this as I felt very ornery about it!

Jan. 13 - Temple closed.

Jan. 14 - Hair-do and shopping. Mer took care of Marnie and Hunter while Lori had Randy's picture taken.

Jan. 15 - Went to check up on Evelyn Black in the nursing home. Called John but they had company. Watched "Anne of Avonlea" - - two hours.

Jan. 16 - Did Bea's hair. Took down the Christmas tree.

Jan. 17 - Sunday. Barbara here for dinner.

Jan. 19 - Games with my sisters.

Jan. 20 - Temple service. Very much to do in the laundry.

Jan. 21 - Hair-do and shopping. BIG snow storm. Melanie lives on a hill and I had pulled into her driveway so when I went to leave I backed out into the street and attempted to drive uphill but the car started slipping DOWNHILL and I couldn't stop nor steer it very well. Just about panicked!! I just carefully made a U-turn and found a different route. SCARY!!

Jan. 22 - Went to pick up money from Mildred Redd for her donation for the Quilt-a-Thon.

We went to Hale Theater to see "The Foreigner." This was a VERY funny show and I'd like to see it again.

Jan. 23 - Bea's hair-do. Quilt-a-Thon held from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We tied 12 quilts and 8 of them were bound. Beth Draper took two more home to bind. Successful project. However, Donna Bertoch did not come and she is acting strangely again.

Jan. 24 - Sunday. Barbara here.

Jan. 25 - Spent several hours on the computer. I typed a new list of videos for the ward library. Learned a few new things about the computer. Mel Thayne's birthday.

Jan. 26 - Amy and Sarah here while D & G went to the SL Temple. VT. No games as Bea and Cliff have gone to Mesa to visit Nebekers.

Jan. 27 - Temple service. Very busy in the Clothing Dept. as the Jordan River Temple is closed for two weeks. Lori and kids were here when we got home and they stayed until 3:30.

Jan. 28 - Hair-do and shopping. Went to the viewing for Afton Severinsen. She had not been sick and was just sitting in a chair and asked her husband to get her a drink of water so he went to get it and when he came back into the room she was dead! That's the way to go if you can manage it.

Jan. 29 - Went to visit Evelyn Black.

Jan. 30 - Sarah was taken to the Primary Children's Hospital with lung problems. She is quite frail and susceptible to colds and bronchitis and etc. Hope she out grows it.

Jan. 31 - Sunday. To the library for one hour then went to Primary Children's Hospital to help Gwen with Sarah. Came home about 6:45. Barbara made a fruit salad and brought it. Mer cooked the rolls and turkey roast, so we had dinner and I didn't have to fix it.

February 1, 1999

Feb. 5 - Mark's birthday and we called him but he was not home. He called us back and we talked for a long time. We forgot to hang up and call him back so it ended up on his phone bill. OOPS!

Feb. 9 - Larsen family get together in Logan, then to Yvonne's for dessert and visiting.

Feb. 12 - Mer and I left for California and stayed in Las Vegas overnight.

Feb. 13 - Took Judy to dinner at the Lamplighter.

Feb. 14 - Sunday. Went to church with Judy then visited with her for awhile at her home. Met Judy's friend, Richard Freed, who lives in the same apartment complex. He has been a very good friend to Judy through the years. He is Jewish, and now that Judy is active in the church he "bates" her and they have arguments, which is too bad. Went to our motel and ate in our room.

Feb. 15 - Judy, Richard Freed, Mer and I went to where the Queen Mary is moored and toured it. We had to rent a wheelchair for Judy and it was somewhat of a hassle going up and down stairs. Looked rather funny as she would get out of the chair and climb the stairs then sit back down in the wheelchair and away we'd go. She just can't stand very long and it is difficult for her to walk very much. Anyway, it was very interesting. After that we were going to go through a submarine but Richard said Judy should not try it as there were places where you had to crawl through. As it turned out he kept Judy company while Mer and I went through. I surely would never like submarine duty!! Smelly (gas) and CROWDED. It takes a special sort to do that job. We returned to Ventura and went out to eat at some restaurant I don't remember the name of. Nice day.

Feb. 16 - Went to the D & C class that Judy attends and enjoyed it very much. Went to see Bud and Eileen Schwarz for about one hour. Went and picked up Judy and drove to the

Los Angeles Temple where she **received her own endowment. YEA!!!!!!!!!!**

Feb. 17 - Went to see Mary Gail. She continues to be cheerful in spite of ever increasing loss of movement. She is truly amazing. Went to see Forest Lawn Cemetery again.

Went to Judy's and she took us out to dinner at Chris and Pitt's. Back to her home and played Rummikub for awhile.

Another nice day.

Feb. 18 - Left CA for Mesa but stopped in the LA Temple and visited with Gordon and Jean Maughan for an hour or so.

Feb. 19 - Spent time with Ray and Kirma. Had dinner with them.

Feb. 21 - Went to church with Ray and Kirma - - had dinner there again. Saw Allen and his family, Barbie, Judy (but not Stewart) and two of her daughters and one son.

Feb. 22 - Kris, Jeri and Brent came over to Don & Kay's for a short visit.

Feb. 24 - Went to the Mesa Temple with K & D. Did one endowment session. We took them out to the Sweet Tomato for dinner.

Feb. 25 - Went to the temple with Ray and Kirma. Took them out to dinner at "The Landmark." Back at their home we watched "Quigley Down Under" again.

Feb. 26 - K & D and we went to Bates Nut Farm and I bought nuts and fruit cake mix for next Christmas. Paul and Nancy got married at the Court House in Phoenix and we were invited to attend along with Don and Kay. No one else was there as that is how they wanted it. I felt really privileged to have been included. Paul said that I am his "second mommie" and that tickled me. Guess he has good feelings about the years I took care of him while Kay worked to put Don through school. After the wedding we went to dinner at the "Spaghetti Factory" (their choice). Glad we were able to be there for this most happy occasion.

Feb. 28 - Went to church with Kay & Don, also Kris & Jeri. Had dinner at the Brimhall's, with Kay furnishing most of the food and doing most of the work. It was fun to have family togetherness.

VACATION 1999

Left home Feb. 12th, drove to Las Vegas, NV where we spent the night at an Econo Lodge close to the Strip. Went to buy a newspaper about 1/3 block from the motel and asked a policeman if it was safe for us to be walking around in that part of the city. He said, "Frankly, no!" so we went back to the motel and stayed there even though we would have liked to go see a building that had a very high tower with a restaurant on top of it.

Arrived in Van Nuys and checked into the Motel 6 where we had reservations and called Judy Owen, and then went to see her. Before we even got into her apartment, she met us and introduced us to her neighbor, Richard Freed, who has been her friend for more than 20 years and lives in the same apartment building. He invited us into his apt. and we met his young grandson who was working on a small gas- powered car that is controlled by a remote gun. I expressed a wish that I could see it run so he took us outside into the parking lot and ran it around. It is fun to see but he said it couldn't get up to speed as the lot was too small. He can really

handle the car with great skill and we watched it for about 12 minutes. At one point a cat came into the lot and he ran the car out after it and the cat took off as fast as a flash. I really laughed. We again went up to Richard's apt. and he showed us some prints he had purchased at an art gallery showing some of the original paintings of Vincent van Gogh. We discussed them for a while and I was most pleased to have taught a little about him in Relief Society years ago so I wasn't a complete dummy. We had decided with Judy to so see the Queen Mary on Monday and Merlin asked Richard if he would like to go with us and to my surprise he said he would!

We went into Judy's apt. and saw Tammy (her old dog) and visited awhile then decided to go to a restaurant for dinner. We went to a place called The Lamplighter and I had a Greek gyro which was very good. We visited a little more then we went to our motel.

Sunday we picked Judy up and went to church and what a thrill that was. She has changed so much since she quit her smoking and drinking. She is thrilled with her church activity and has become friends with quite a number of people. She doesn't have a "buddy-type" friend yet but we hope that will happen. After the meetings we went to her apt. and Richard was in the parking lot and Merlin started talking to him and after awhile Judy and I went up into her apt. and visited for quite awhile. She let me read her Patriarchal Blessing and it was wonderful. We finally got tired of waiting for Merlin to come up so went down and they were still talking. We decided the time we would leave the next day for the Queen Mary and Merlin and I went to our motel.

Picked up Judy and Richard at 9:00 A.M. and drove to the Los Angeles area and was very glad Richard was along to give us directions. Since Judy has trouble being on her feet for any length of time Merlin and Richard went and got a wheelchair for her. This turned out to be a mixed blessing as there are lots of steps up and down involved in touring a big ship. Judy would get out of the chair and climb up or down and Merlin and Richard would carry the chair to her and she would get back in it. People really thought it was odd (or so it seemed by their expressions). Anyway, that all took time and we were on the ship for several hours. After that we were going to tour a Russian submarine anchored next to the Queen Mary but the ticket takers were very dubious about Judy being able to go through it as the stairs were very steep and in places it required crawling through "port holes" and Judy is not very mobile. So, Merlin and I went first to see if she could do it and I thought she shouldn't try. Merlin and Richard should have gone together as the tickets were already bought but somehow that was not done.

Drove back to Van Nuys and went to dinner at a Chinese restaurant. Merlin ordered chicken chow mein and the rest of us ordered chop suey. Ours was good

and his was awful. Bummer! He shared some of ours so he didn't go hungry.

Tues. morning we picked up Judy and went to a Doctrine and Covenants class at the Institute of Religion. She attends Tues. and Thurs. mornings. It was on section 88 and the teacher was VERY GOOD. After class we took her home and we went to our motel, made some phone calls then went to see Bud and Eileen Swarz for about an hour . Picked Judy up and drove to the Los Angeles Temple for her to receive her endowment. Much to her surprise there were about a dozen people from her ward who had come to share this special time with her. Her Patriarch and his wife, her home teacher, her visiting teacher, and other sisters were there. This was a thrilling time for Merlin and me as we have prayed all these years that Judy would go to the temple. We had intended to go eat at Chris and Pitts after the temple but Judy was too tired so we just took her home and after awhile we went to our motel.

Wednesday we went and visited with Mary Gail Hobbs for a couple of hours. She is such a special person and we really enjoyed our visit. Her MS is so far advanced now all she can do is move her head just a very little up and down, swallow and talk. Yet she is cheerful!

We then went to see Forest Lawn Cemetery again. Have seen it two or three times before. In fact, we had taken Judy there either when we were missionaries or when we visited once in between then and now. Saw the Last Supper stained glass window, the Crucifixion painting, the Paradise Doors and some of the wonderful sculptures . It is an inspiring place to visit. As always, we wished we had more time but we had made plans with Judy to go to Chris and Pitts for dinner and she likes to eat a little earlier in the day, so we went and picked her up. The steaks and etc. were just as good as I remember them. Judy insisted on paying for our dinners so we let her do it and appreciated the treat. After dinner we went to her apt. and taught her to play Rumikub. She enjoyed it and thinks she will buy the game and get Richard to play. All in all, it was a good few days filled with visiting, playing, and a great fulfilment of our prayers for her. It will be heart warming to watch her progress and realize the happiness she has wanted so desperately for so many years.

Called Judy Thurs. morning before we left to say goodbye. Drove to the Los Angeles Temple to see Gordon and Jean Maughan where they were serving as ordinance workers. We were able to visit about one hour and it was special. They are such wonderful people!

Drove through to Mesa and enjoyed the whole drive. One of my favorite things to do is to go with Merlin on a trip of many miles. I love the companionship and the scenery.

Kay and Don are so warm and welcoming and such good hosts that we feel

right at home and it is such fun to be with them. Called Raymond and Kirma and made plans to visit with them on Fri. 19th in the afternoon and evening, which we did and had a good visit. They showed us pictures and videos of their mission experiences in Trinidad. We had dinner with them and ate a lot of oranges which they have grown. They have several grapefruit trees, oranges, peaches and an apricot (I think). Raymond really does a first class job of building fences, remodeling, and gardening. Every thing is “Better Homes and Gardens” perfect, and Kirma’s part of it all is the same.

We went to church with Raymond and Kirma on Sun. 21st and then had dinner at their home. Allan and Alina and their two little boys came. Barbie is still living there and so we saw her. After dinner Judy came and brought her daughters, Amy and Wendy and son Patrick. It was good to see them and visit.

Mon. Kris, Jeri and Brent came over to visit for an hour. They are very busy people.

Wed. 24th Don, Kay and we went to the Mesa temple for an endowment session then we took them out to dinner at the “Sweet Tomato”.

Thurs. 25th we went to the temple again. This time it was with Ray and Kirma. We then took them out to dinner at “The Landmark”, a restaurant that used to be a church but is now a very interesting and popular upper scale restaurant. After dinner we saw the video “Quigley Down Under” again. That is Ray’s favorite movie and while he watches it he turns into Quigley in his feelings! We have seen it at their home twice before but it is fun to watch Ray watch the movie.

On Fri. we stopped in at Ray and Kirma’s on our way to “Bates Nut Farm”. They gave us lots of oranges and grapefruit to take home. Very nice of them! At the store we bought all the nuts and fruitcake mix I’ll need to make fruitcake next Christmas. It is nicer and less expensive than in the grocery stores.

A few days ago Paul and Nancy decided to get married and they invited Don and Kay to meet them at the Phoenix Court House to witness the marriage. When Paul learned that we were in town we were invited too and he said “I get to have my other mommie there too.” which I appreciated. So, that is where we went Fri. early evening. They both looked so nervous but so happy. The judge was very nice and made it special by giving them some good advice before he performed the ceremony. Afterward we went out to dinner to celebrate. Kay wanted to take them to some place really special but they chose to go to “The Old Spaghetti Factory”, so we did. I took pictures of the wedding and at the dinner and they turned out fairly good so Kay sent them along with the ones she took. Nice evening. We hope that some day

Paul will find his way back into church activity.

While at Nebekers we played five games of “Oh Hell” and Casey won them all. We watched eight videos : Cab To Canada, Little Man Tate, Heidi, Night Journey Home, Ann of A Thousand Days, Seven Years In Tibet, The Sting, and Beyond the Next Mountain. That was really fun!

On Sun. 28th we went to church with Nebekers and that is the same ward where Kris and Jeri attend. We had dinner at Brimhall’s after church and had a good visit. Kris showed us his landscaping in their front yard and explained each plant. It is desert landscaping but he had lots more things than most people - -lots of flowering plants instead of mostly succulents. I really enjoyed seeing them. He is so pleased with what he has done and I relate very well with his feelings. Jeff showed me his critters - - - he has several snakes, but no really big ones as he had before his mission. He has a BIG iguana that has a mean disposition, so he says. Why he loves these creatures is amazing to me - - - they seem to fulfill his social needs so he doesn’t date. Of course, he is studying so many hours six days a week that he really doesn’t have time to date. We suppose he will eventually, and some day get married!

We arose early Mon. morning and was on the road home by 5:15. We returned by way of Flagstaff, AZ and etc. We had a trouble free return. Really enjoyed the long ride as the scenery is beautiful. All was well here at home when we arrived. What an amazing thing is a good running car and the good roads to travel on, and the finances available to enable us to go on such a trip. We feel very blessed, indeed.

March 1, 1999 - Left Mesa at 5:15 AM and arrived home about 7:30 PM. Good, uneventful trip.

Mar. 2 - I didn’t play games as they were not expecting me and the two husbands were playing. Went to L & C’s for dinner and visit.

Mar. 3 - Temple service. Out early as there wasn’t 4 hours worth of work. Went to

see "Legacy" again at the Joseph Smith Memorial Bldg.

Mar. 5 - Went to Randy Black and had a molar crowned and it cost \$200.00.

Mar. 6 - Called Mark and had a long visit.

Mar. 7 - Skipped Sacrament Mtg to meet Doug and family at the Tabernacle for their Regional Conference. Gwen was singing in the choir so we helped Doug with the kids. Went to their house after for dinner.

Mar. 9 - When we had our new tree planted it was put in about the same spot where the other tree had been. There were power lines directly above and Mer planned to have them moved to a pole on the peak of the garage and that would change the angle so the tree wouldn't grow up into them. When he checked with an electrician he found out it would cost around \$1200.00!!! We were really shocked. At that point Mer called the company from which we had bought the tree and asked them what it would cost to come and replant the tree in a different spot. They said it would be \$200.00 so we opted to follow that course.

So, this was the day the man came and replanted the tree. It is now positioned a little farther east and also north of where it was. The man ended up only charging \$150.00 so we felt we had made a good choice.

Bea, Leah and I went over and cleaned Nebekers house as we learned they would be home tomorrow!

Mar. 10 - Temple service. Kay and Don arrived home safely. Glad to have them back.

Mar. 11 - Mer went out to D & G's to build a scaffold in their front entry way so we can get up to that very high spot and paint. We are going to do walls but not the ceiling. Went to Hale Theater and saw "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" and didn't like it at all. Well, we saw it years ago and didn't like it then, either, but this was worse because when Potipher's wife tries to seduce Joseph it was staged in such a way that it looked like she had her way with him!!!! If a person didn't know the Bible Story they would think he was immoral! We will never go see that play again anywhere.

Mar. 12 - The scaffold Mer built came right to the walls so it would not be possible to paint from the ceiling to the floor in a continuous motion and so he had to rebuilt it, which was an annoying hassle, but he did it, bless him. .

Mar. 13 - I helped get ready and paint the livingroom, the hall, and the up and down entryway. I painted from the ceiling down to below the scaffold and Doug took it from there to the baseboards and it worked out very well. It couldn't have been done without the scaffold. It took 11 hours of constant work by Doug, Gwen, Suzanna and me. **BIG JOB.**

Mar. 14 - Barbara here. We went out to L & C's to celebrate Marnie's birthday.

Mar. 15 - Larsen Family get together. We went to "Applebee's" for dinner then came to our house for dessert. Those here: Harold & Norma, Gordon & Yvonne, Gaye, Barbara, Dixie, Raymond, Dotty and two of us.

Mar. 16 - Games with my sisters.

Mar. 17 - Temple service. We had a very bizarre thing happen this day. A Detective from the Layton Police Dept., Det. Morrison, came and told us that Dr. Weitzel was

under investigation for murder of Mom Larsen and 5 other patients who were in his care at the same time!!! We decided not to say anything to anyone else in the family until further information was made know to us. We didn't think it was proper to get the family all stirred up unless there was some real substance to the investigation. Mer went to the dentist. X-rays were taken but he can't see any problem even though Mer's tooth aches.

Mar. 18 - Went to viewing for Bill Rogerson.

Mar. 19 - Mer went to Brigham City to visit Harold . I worked in the yard, pruned the lilacs, and cleaned the front fence line, among other things.

Mar. 20 - Worked in the yard. Sprayed Roundup on the ditch bank, the lane and part of the garden. Mer went out to D & G's to install baseboards in the downstairs hall.

Mar. 21 - Barbara and her sons went to CO for Bob's brother-in-law's funeral. We learned that Ralph Walker had a massive stroke yesterday.

Mar. 22 - Made cookies to take to Jeanne Fidler for her birthday. Watched "Fiddler On The Roof". Mer's jaw is swollen and the tooth still aches.

Mar. 23 - Played games but Leah not there as she had to help Al get his new drivers license. Went VT and got 3 done. Took the cookies to Jeanne.

Mar. 24 - Temple service. Took some cookies to the workers in the Clothing Dept. Spent three hours cutting the brush-stuff off the lilacs.

Mar. 25 - Ralph Walker died today.

Mar. 26 - Since the Trees of Paradise are gone people are coming mighty close to backing into the ditch as they leave our yard so Mer is building a form for placing cement over the ditch which will widen the bridge.

Mar. 27 - Went to a baby shower for Debbie Dougherty. Had to leave early as we went out to D & G's to celebrate Ricky's birthday. Ate dinner with them. Conrad there but not Alex.

Mar. 28 - Did VT to Freddie and Glenda at church. Barbara here for dinner. She was not feeling well and went home early. We packed for our trip tomorrow.

Mar. 29 - Up at 4:45 and left home at 6:00 to pick up the Tuckeys. Kay and Don picked up Bea and Cliff and we drove to Vernal and did an endowment in the temple. GREAT THRILL to be doing this in our old home town and knowing that the tabernacle we were baptized in was now a part of the temple. Mom would be so proud to have her four daughters and their husbands in the temple together and especially in Vernal! Obtained rooms at a motel then went to dinner at the "Golden Corral". Went to Ralph's viewing and visited with relatives and others. Returned to the motel and brought chairs from one room to another and set up to play "Oh, H". It was fun. Finally went to our rooms and went to bed. However, after a little while Tuckey got a really bad nosebleed and had to go to the hospital!

Mar. 30 - Al still in the hospital. Leah stayed with him and the rest of us went to the funeral, which was very good. Picked up Leah and Al at the hospital and went to lunch at a fast-food place. Drove home. Tuckey was sick to his stomach all the way home so it was a tense situation. He had to have a little basin available all the time in case he threw up. He was embarrassed as he felt he had really fouled up our trip. I feel so sorry

for him.

Mar. 31 - Temple. Visiting Teaching to Lois Eatchel.

April 1, 1999 - Hair-do and shopping. Went out to tend Marnie, Hunter and Randy while Lori and Chris go to Park City for dinner and vacation time-share presentation.

Apr. 3 - Julia's birthday. General Conference. After Priesthood Mtg Chris, Doug, Conrad and Jimmy came here for ice cream and play pool and etc.

Apr. 4 - Conference. Doug and family (except for Jeff and Alex), Chris, Lori and kids all here for dinner. Barbara went to Cameron's for dinner.

Apr. 5 - Watered the tree.

Apr. 6 - Games with sisters.

Apr. 7 - Temple. Mer poured cement to widen the bridge. Grant Erickson came over and helped him. It began raining and was quite a mess. When they had used all the cement needed for the bridge there was a lot left over and Mer didn't know what to do with it. I suggested they pour it around the foundation on the north side of the house where it would keep weeds and groundcover from getting so close to the windows. I wasn't sure he would agree but he did so that is where it is and I am glad. Watched the movie, "Regarding Henry."

Apr. 9 - Ricky's birthday overnigher. We went to McDonalds for dinner then to a movie called "A Bug's Life." Had ice cream. I read him a story and then we were off to bed.

Apr. 10 - Watched movies Ricky wanted to see that are Doug's movies but are stored at our house because the kids break the rules and watched too much TV. We saw "Jason and the Argonauts", "The 12 Tasks of Astric" and "Gorgo". We played "Chicken Foot" and "Yatzee. Went out for Ricky's baptism. Quite a busy day to be sure.

Apr. 11 - Sunday. Barbara here.

Apr. 12 - Attended a Defensive Driver's Class from 6:00 to 10:00 PM.

Apr. 13 - Games with sisters.

Apr. 14 - Temple

Apr. 15 - We let Merlin's great nephew, Jason ?????????????, come to give us a "Fairfax" demonstration "just to get a little experience". This is a super vacuum cleaner, air purified, couch and bed cleaner and etc. It is a good piece of machinery but so bulky it would take a separate closet in which to store it. It is VERY expensive, too. We already have a new vacuum and wouldn't buy it even if we wanted it, which we didn't. I know he was disappointed that we didn't order one. His grandmother, Yvonne, had not bought one either, so I didn't feel too bad about it. He is such a cute young returned missionary and felt that this was a great way to earn money. He will learn that it isn't an easy task to door-to-door sell.

Apr. 17 - Watered tree 2 hours.

Apr. 18 - Went to hear J.J. Oswald's missionary homecoming talk. It was well done, with much confidence. He must have been a very good missionary.

Apr. 19 - Mer and I went to the LDS Hospital for a presentation on new, programable hearing aids. They treated us to a sit down dinner. He made an appointment for a

hearing test.

Apr. 20 - Games with sisters. Mer went down to visit Morris Cannigieter.

Apr. 21 - Temple

Apr. 22 - Mer went to Dr. Hansen. I got a permanent.

Apr. 23 - Went V T. Went to Hale Theater and saw "Nuptials."

Apr. 24 - Marked called and we talked 1 ½ hours.

Apr. 25 - Sunday. Barbara here for dinner. Talked to Kirma and she said Raymond had a head operation to take care of a sub-dural hematoma. He had hit his head more than once on Karen's car when getting into it and that is what caused the problem. Very scary.

Apr. 26 - Ray home from the hospital.

Apr. 27 - Games with sisters. Mer, Mel and Clint out to lunch together.

Worked on my journal.

Apr. 28 - Temple. I went to our Stake Relief Society temple evening. It is nice to go with other sisters in the stake.

Apr. 29 - Kay and I saw a mother duck with twelve babies and they were so cute!

Hair-do and shopping. Talked to Raymond and Kirma and he is improving.

We went with Kay and Don to a picture on Orrin Porter Rockwell and it was very interesting.

Apr. 30 - Jeffery's birthday. Typed on my journal. Listened to 3 hours of the Womens Conference held at BYU. Heard Sherri Dew, Gladys Knight (a black convert who is a well known singer), and Camille Fronk.

May 1, 1999 - Watered the tree three slow hours. Mer spent hours working on straightening the chain link fence in the front yard. I took care of Marnie, Hunter and Randy from 12:00 to 4:30 so Lori and Chris could go to the temple.

May 2 - Called John. Dinner at Doug and Gwen's - - - Alex not there.

May 3 - Mer still working on the fence and it is a BIG JOB.

May 4 - Phillip's and Sarah's birthday. Games with my sisters.

May 5 - Temple. Dixie's birthday. Leigh Ann Gilchrist married a fellow who is a convert to the church but none of his family are. Llewellyn funeral - - - my record doesn't say which of his relatives died but Bonnie Gilchrist was selected to handle all the arrangements for the funeral so asked if the RS would help with food. Of course we did and the sisters in the ward came through like they always do and we were able to put on a nice dinner at the ward. We picked up Glenda Thurber and went to the wedding reception for Stephanie Killpack.

May 6 - Hair-do and shopping.

May 7 - Gwen brought me a lovely pink rose and a Mother's Day card. Alex had his wisdom teeth extracted. Alex told us that he has quit smoking and that is an answer to our prayers!!! I helped get things ready for Kathleen Cashes wedding breakfast tomorrow. Talked to John. They will not be coming to Utah this year.

May 8 - Kathleen Cash and Cory Smallwood were married in the Salt Lake Temple at

8:40 AM. Mer and I almost missed it as we had to park a couple of blocks away and then there was street construction that did not allow us easy access to the temple and I was in high heels and that slowed us down. I was a nervous wreck. By the time we got there they had already started the pre-ceremony but let us in as we were expected. I was very embarrassed. Kay, Leah and I did the wedding breakfast preparation and setting up. Jeff and Carol had bought the food but we did what needed to be done in putting it on trays and etc. We were there cleaning up until 4:00. Bea was going to help with all this affair but she was so sick Cliff took her to the emergency hospital.

May 9 - Mother's Day and we were invited out to Lori's and Chris' for dinner. They gave me a box of See's chocolates - - - YUM! Very nice of them.

May 10 - Bea had an operation for adhesions in her bowel. Feels really lousy.

May 11 - Our wedding anniversary but we did nothing to celebrate. Lori and the kids dropped in and visited for a couple of hours.

May 12 - Temple - and there was a full work shift. Went to see Bea in the hospital. Watched the movie "Patch Adams."

May 13 - Mer finally had all the support pipes upright and supported so he rehung the chain link fencing and it looks great!! We went to the piano recital for Lori's students. Another piano teacher combines with Lori so it is big enough to fill the time. I always enjoy going to these. Came home and watched "Waking Ned Divine" a really funny movie.

May 14 - Melanie out of town so I had to go to "Great Clips" for my hair-do. They never do it right and it costs twice as much as Mel charges me.

May 15 - Called Mar Watered the tree 2 hours.

May 16 - Sunday. Barbara here.

May 18 - Jeri's birthday. Went to the hospital to see Bea. Just for fun Mer and I drove out to see the Kennecott Copper Mine. It had been years since we saw it.

May 19 - Temple. Bea came home from the hospital. R S Board meeting.

May 20 - Bought flowers and tomatoes to plant. I backed into the fence Mer just fixed and knocked over a new post - - OUCH ! He was less than happy with me. It also took off the paint from part of the bumper. I felt like such a DORK! Went to the wedding reception for Ruth Hawkes.

May 22 - Went to the wedding reception for another daughter of Joan Loudan. We went to a party at Barbara Jean Mellor's, in her new condo up in Farmington. It is a very nice apartment, has a nice deck and back yard and borders on a golf course so it is a great view. And she doesn't have to do any of the yard work. However, it is big and has 3 levels with lots of steps, and there she is all alone and I don't "get it." I guess she is not troubled with aches and pains yet that make going up and down stairs a misery.

May 23 - Sunday Herbert Nichols died today. It is amazing that he has died first. Arlene has been so sick we thought she could die any day but he has beat her to it.

May 24 - Planted flowers. Made lots of phone calls to arrange for food for the

funeral.

May 25 - Games with my sisters but we only played 1 ½ games as Bea was too tired.

Went VT and found two of them home. Made a cake for the funeral tomorrow.

May 26 - Lori's birthday. Temple, but did 1 Sealing session and 1 endowment, but no laundry as I had to get home. Today there was a special program at Columbia

School to recognize Natalie's artistic talent but we had to miss it. Herbert's funeral and we prepared food for 75 but only had 52 people come. It is hard to know how much to prepare so we have to go by what we are told. We worked from 10:45 until 5:00.

May 27 - Hair-do and shopping. Went VT and got one sister.

May 28 - Watered the tree. Went VT and got one more visited. Larsen family get together in Brigham City. Ate dinner at Maddox then went to Gaye's fir dessert and visiting.

May 30 - Fast Sunday. Lori and family here to celebrate her past birthday.

May 31 - Memorial Day and we went to Brigham City for the annual commoration.

June 1, 1999 - Went out to L & C's to help paint basement rooms. There from 7:30 AM to 7:21 PM. They are getting their home ready to sell and are going to have another one built.

June 2 - Temple Out to Lori's again. Worked until 11:20 PM. Mer came out and removed shelves from the storage room wall. Chris figured out what to do about a big opening in the utility room basement wall.

June 3 - Hair-do and shopping. L & C had new carpet laid in all the basement rooms, stairway, livingroom and down the hall.

June 4 - I began house cleaning the north bedroom downstairs.

June 5 - Went out to Lori's and worked repairing baseboards and door frames that got "beat up" by the carpet layers. Mer fixed the opening in the wall. Lori prepared dinner. Got home 10:00 PM.

June 6 - Stake Conference. Barbara here for dinner.

June 7 - Worked outside all day.

June 8 - Games with my sisters. Worked out at Lori's some hours.

June 9 - Temple. Went to Natalie's school and took pictures of her with the picture she drew that won first place and \$50.00. Very wonderful experience for her.

June 10 - Jeffery arrived home from his mission 11:30 and we went to the airport to welcome him home.

Homemaking meeting with a man from Blosch who demonstrated their kitchen equipment and baked food and we got to eat it. I enjoyed myself but since I don't make bread and etc. I would never spend the money to buy their stuff.

June 11 - Went to Hale Theater to see "Fiddler On the Roof."

June 12 - Watered tree for 2 hours. Worked outside all day. VERY tired.

June 13 - Sunday. Barbara not here. Judy O called. Clint called.

June 14 - Worked outside most of the day.

June 15 - Worked out at Lori's for some hours.

June 16 - Temple service.

June 17 - Went to the wedding reception for Danny Young held at the Wheeler Farm.

June 20 - Father's Day. Went out to L & C's for dinner. Sweet of them.

June 22 - Clint, Nina and family are up from Texas and are in Manti. Mom Larsen's body was exhumed to check her for morphine residue, then she was reburied. This was in connection with the law suit against Dr. Weitzel. Several others were exhumed, too.

June 25 - Clint came to town for his family reunion up in Clinton. High Priests social held in the gorgeous yard of Jack and Linda Willis.

June 26 - Andrew's birthday.

June 27 - Sunday. Our ward meet with the 2nd Ward. Jeffery's homecoming report. No openhouse after so we just came home. Barbara went to the meeting but did not come to our house after.

June 28 - Watered the tree 1 ½ hours. Clint and family here. He loaded "Net Zero" on our computer so now I can go on-line if I can figure it out. It is free, as is Juno e-mail.

June 29 - Clint and Family here.

June 30 - Temple service but we did not go to the clothing dept. Clint and family left for Elko to visit with his dad and step-mother. John arrived at the airport at 5:30 and we picked him up.

July 1, 1999 - Great to have John here. I filled 78 plastic Easter eggs with candy for Mer to hide on Tues. Took me 3 hours!

July 2, - Alex's birthday. Mark, Dixie and family arrived.. Wedding reception for Kelly Ball but we missed it as dinner was so late.

July 3 - Utah celebrates the 4th of July on Sat when it falls on Sun. Went to Murray Park for the flag raising ceremony and program. Ate breakfast prepared by the Lions Club. Watched the parade in the Park. Lori, Chris and their kids and John came, too and it was fun. Mark, Dixie and their kids came to the parade but we didn't see them there. Later they went to Provo to see "The Stadium of Fire" an enormous

fireworks display that costs money to attend. Mer, John and I went out to L & C's for a cook-out. They also invited Bea and Cliff. John stayed overnight at L & C's since Mark and family needed all our sleeping space.

July 4 - Eighth Ward met with the Second Ward in the Stake Center building.

Barbara went to Logan for the week end. I made chicken noodle soup for dinner and everyone loved it except Andrew.

John was still at Lori's. Later we all met at D & G's for a great FHE. Had cake and ice cream and a candle race to celebrate the birthday of Alex.

July 5 - Doug, John, Mark and Lori went to see the new Star Wars movie then out for dinner and visiting. Dixie and the kids were here.

July 6 - Randy's birthday. This is the day we had the BIG EASTER EGG HUNT. Mer was hard put to find hiding places for 78 eggs!!! The kids just love this tradition. We canceled-out the Ensign Peak hike as it was too hot by the time all 78 eggs were found. We went to Liberty Park for our picnic and were lucky again in that we were

able to use two big tables. We had loads of good food and three Indians came and asked if we had any to spare so we gladly shared with them and they really appreciated it. We invited them to sit at the table but they preferred to sit on the grass a little way away from us. We gave them more food to take with them. The big fountain that O.C. Tanner donated the money to build had no water in it and the kids were really disappointed.

July 7 - Temple closed. Clint and Nina and family came so he could show me some skills on the computer. Their kids call me Grandma Robi and that "tickles" me. They headed north to tour Yellowstone Park.

July 8 - John stayed at Acomb's last night. He flew out for home at 8:11 AM.. Suzanna came to tend M & D's kids and Ricky and Natalie came, too. Mark and Dixie took C & L, D & G and us for dinner at the Sweet Tomato. They are very generous.

July 9 - Mark and family plus Natalie went to Lagoon for a long, long day of activities.

July 10 - Watered the tree. Dixie and Gwen had a few hours together.

July 11 - Sunday. Eighth Ward met with Second Ward again. Here for dinner: Mark and family and Barbara.. Lori and family and Doug and family came later for ice cream and visiting. Gave Amy her birthday present.

July 12 - Amy's birthday. Mark and family left for home about 12:40. I washed sheets and towels, remade the beds, vacuumed, dusted, sorted toys and etc.

After dinner I weeded the north parking and all the ditch bank.

July 13 - Talked to John on-line and it is very confusing to me. Mer and I watched "Dave."

July 14 - Temple still closed. Worked in the yard several hours. Started "snatching" the blossoms off the ground cover. Started to recover the cushion of my dad's old rocking chair while Mer read to me.

July 15 - Worked on the cushion again while Mer read to me. Did the rest of the "snatching" and also dug out part of the whole plant - - - I don't really like it. This was something that grew up volunteer, I didn't plant it. After it blooms and dies-down it looks like weeds and it is a lot of work to clean up. Watched "Inherit the Wind."

July 16 - Jimmy's birthday. Sewed on cushion. Went over to the church to help put things back into the remodeled kitchen. Called Judy. Her old dog, "Tammie" had to be put to sleep and she is sad and misses her even though she had become a terrible "incontinent" problem. Watched the "Glass Slipper" another version of Cinderella. Very cute.

July 17 - Walked with Mer. He is reading the New Testament and "Man Does Not Stand Alone" to me. Went grocery shopping. Watched an old Gary Cooper movie "Ten North Frederick."

July 18 - Sunday. Back in our own ward building and that is good. Barbara here for dinner. Watched "No Highway In The Sky", and old Jimmy Stewart movie that I really enjoy.

July 19 to July 22 - Camping up at Redman. This year things have changed. First of

all is that the Nebekers and we did not take our trailers but drove up each day and down each night to sleep in our own beds have our own bathrooms - - !!!! MUCH EASIER!! Another big change is that Kay is no longer the "bosk"- (boss)-of- the- camp, having resigned last year from this demanding task. Stefani took on the job and that was very nice of her. We had lots of people come camping this year. Here is a list of them:

Kris, Jeri and Brent Brimhall, Nick, Tasha and Talia Faber, Charlie, LaRea, Charles and Joseph Nebeker, Gary, Joy, Zandria, Jasmin and Lance Nebeker, Cliff and Bea Cash, Jason, Bernadette, Flannery, Antonia and Mathias Cash, Chet, Stefani, Chase and Tiffani Mathewson, Klett, Kim, Brittany and Shelley Bergeson, Don and Kay Nebeker, Sandy, Tom Smith and Adam (Sandy's son), Lud and Jackie Olsen, Doug, Gwen, Suzanna, Jimmy, Natalie, Ricky, Amy and Sarah, Adam, Melanie and Skye Brimhall, Chris, Lori, Marnie, Hunter and Randy Weintz and Mer and I. Lots of people, lots of fun.

July 20 - Up to Redman. Home and in bed by 10:00.

July 21 - Went to temple and did 1 sealing session and 1 endowment then came home, changed and went up to Redman.

July 22 - We didn't go to camp this day. Had my hair-do and went shopping, as usual for Thursday.

July 23 - Watered the tree. Finished the seat of my dad's rocking chair. Also recovered the seat of the chair to the vanity. Picked the first cucumbers of the season.

July 25 - Sunday. Barbara not here for dinner. We went out to L & C's to have cake and ice cream and the candle race for Hunter's birthday.

July 26 - Mer went for a check-up to Dr. Preece. All is fine. V T and got 3 of my sisters.

July 27 - Played games with my sister.

July 28 - Temple for complete service detail. Got home at 2:00.

July 29 - Hair-do. Melanie is almost moved out and into her new home. She started doing my hair when she worked in Sears Beauty Salon and when she quit there I went to her home up by Murray High School; then out to Sandy; then to another house just down the hill; and now to the house she is moving into. Don't want to lose that girl!

July 30 - V T Jeanne. Went to Hale Theater and saw "Tea House of the August Moon" - - Very funny.

July 31 - Our lawns look **awful** - - they are dying even though we have a lawn care service that is supposed to do wonderful things. My flowers are not doing well either. Very disappointing when everything takes so much water and cost so much and are so much work.

August 1, 1999 - Sunday. Out to D & G's for dinner and early celebration for Suzanna's birthday. Called John and called Mark.

Aug. 2 - Nina's birthday. Watered the tree. Took sugarless chocolates to Donna Edwards as she now has diabetes. I don't know if they are any good or not.

Picked the first tomatoes today, "Early Girl" variety.

Aug. 3 - Nicole's birthday. Played games with sisters. Started washing the wall

in the family room.

Aug. 4 - Temple - home at 2:00. Washed the east wall in familyroom.

Aug. 5 - Stanford's birthday. Hair-do and shopping. Watched "Monty Roberts, Horse Whisperer."

Aug. 7 - Went to dinner and visiting up at Thayne's cabin with the Brigham City group.

Aug. 8 - Sunday. Barbara here for dinner and games.

Aug. 9 - Went to the funeral for dear friend Grace West. Watched "Overboard." with Goldie Haun.

Aug. 10 - Games with my sisters.

Aug. 11 - Temple. When we came up from the dressing room we found that there had been an F2 tornado hit down town Salt Lake City!!!!!! We don't have tornados here so it was a real shock. Lots of trees were tipped over including at the state capitol, the McCune building, many residences, and it trashed Memory Grove. The parking lot where we were parked had trees tipped over on cars but ours wasn't one of them. The Delta Center had a lot of its roof ripped off. Windows were shattered in many buildings. On the temple grounds some trees were ripped up but the saddest loss was what was called the Sweetheart Tree, which wasn't really a tree but a vine that had grown for so many years it looked like a tree. This was a favorite spot for married couples to sit or stand in front of and have their picture taken. Lori and Chris had a picture taken there. There was a big sales convention set up on the Salt Palace grounds in two huge tents and the tornado flattened one of them and left the other. At first we were not allowed to go to our car but finally we did and we had to turn North on Main St. and go up the hill as no one was able to drive into the area but emergency vehicles. It was very impressive to see how quickly people responded to direct traffic. These people were part of an emergency preparedness group the city has developed. Someone was at every intersection to direct traffic away from the downtown area.. As a result of this it took us two hours to get home!!

Aug. 12 - Hair-do and shopping. Dentist

Aug. 13 - Kay's birthday. Cooked and cubed chicken for salad and also made cookies for tomorrow. Raymond, Harold, Yvonne & Gordon, Barbara and Mer and I went to the "Coachman" for dinner then to Barbara's for dessert.

Aug. 14 - Larsen Family Reunion in Brigham City. We drove Dotty and three of Doug's kids there. Brooke Collier's wedding reception. We were really pushed for time and almost missed it. Brooke is the daughter of Sharon who is Brad's wife but was married to a Collier before. Her ex-husband is the son of Wayne Collier.

Aug. 15 - Sunday. We have three librarians now so I got to go to Relief Society for a change. Went to Lori's and Chris' ward for Sacrament Meeting as they gave talks - - - Lori and the kids also sang. It was nice. Barbara here for dinner.

Aug. 16 - Suzanna's birthday. We took her present out to her. All Alex wanted to do with us for his birthday was to go out to dinner, so that's all we did. Things change.

Aug. 17 - Played games at Casey's with we 4 sisters and Tifani and Stefani.

Aug. 18 - Temple service. Jeff, Alex and Suzanna are driving back to Chicago

with Angela! Worry!, worry!, worry!.

Aug. 19 - Hair-do and shopping. Went to the D.I. and bought 22 copies of the Ensign and the Children's Friend for the ward library. Watched two speakers from Education Week on TV.

Aug. 20 - Watered the tree. Worked in the yard. Went to wedding reception for Emily Gilchrist. Watched "A Midwife's Diary."

Aug. 21 - We drove south on Redwood Road to Camp Floyd, then to Fairfield, saw restored "Stage Coach Inn". Drove to the Mercur Gold Mine but the gate was locked so we couldn't get in. Went to Tooele and looked around. Went to Saltair and spent 1 to 2 hours looking at the displays and out to the lake then drove home. This was 130 miles. A different Saturday for us.

Aug. 22 - Sunday. Called Judy. Mark called us. Barbara here for dinner.

Aug. 23 - I am making curtains for the trailer while Mer reads to me. Was available to help Dee Owens pack her stuff to move but she never called me and was supposed to when she was ready for me.

Aug. 24 - Played games with my sisters. Pat Christiansen, Mary Christensen, Freddie Copier and I packed up much stuff to help move Sister Kitchen. She was going into a rest home out in Bountiful.

Aug. 25 - Temple service. Home about 2:30. Didn't feel like working so I popped some corn and "pigged out" while reading the paper.

Aug. 26 - Hair-do including a perm. Shopping. Mer went Home Teaching.

Aug. 27 - Went VT and got three. Took one pound of beautiful whole cashews to Mildred Redd for her birthday. That is the only nut she can eat and she loves them. Went to Hale Theater and saw "April Ann". It was OK but I don't want to see it again. All 8 of us here for ice cream after.

Aug. 28 - Grant gave us tomatoes (Mer picked them) and I bottled 31 quarts. "Blew" the switch on the stove so borrowed Kay's free-standing burner and used it in the breeze way. Jeff, Alex and Suzanna arrived home safely from Chicago and we are so grateful - - it is a BIG relief. Mer and I went to the Amber for dinner then came home and started watching "1776" but Suzanna called me and we had a really good talk about choices and consequences.

Aug. 29 - Sunday. I got to go to Sunday School today. We had very good Sac Mtg. talks, too. Went to Scott Stevens homecoming (Clint Holmes' grandson) and he was a very good missionary.

Aug. 30 - Sold a whole case of aloe juice. Went to Randy Black and he says I have to go to an endodontist to get a root canal done on a big molar as he can't do it with the equipment he has. This will require cutting into my gum to get at the roots from behind - - or something like that. This is a financial pain as they really charge a lot. Did VT to Lois on the phone. Watched "In the Steps of Alexander the Great" part one.

Aug. 31 - Games with my sisters. Worked outside all afternoon. Still fighting "the trees from Hell", but we are winning!. Watched the rest of "1776."

September 1, 1999 - Temple service. Put together a cabinet and shelves to go over the clothes hamper in the downstairs bathroom. This has a low ceiling and I had to reverse the way it went together and the poles that were to be against the ceiling needed to stand on the floor instead. I was happy I could do it. It will be nice to have a shelf on which to keep towels, and a place for bathroom supplies that is out of sight.

Sept. 2 - Hair-do and shopping. Went to dinner with Dotty. We went to the "Veggie House" as she wanted our opinion as to whether our siblings would like to eat there sometime then come to her house for dessert. However, after eating there we are very sure they would not like it!! Mer helped me get the cabinet in place in the bathroom. It stays in place using a tension feature and I couldn't get it up by my self.

Sept. 3 - Natalie and Amy came for their birthday overnigher. Went to McDonalds for dinner. Came home and watched "Shiloh" and part of "Gulliver's Travels" and had ice cream.

Sept. 4 - Took Nat and Amy to the "Children's Museum" as that is where they wanted to go again. Came back by way of the Capitol Building so they could play on the cement lions but they are gone!!! Came home and I fixed lunch and they watched the rest of "Gulliver's Travels" and had more ice cream. Mer took them home. He came home and we had dinner.

I went out to L & C's to tend the kids while they went to Lori's missionary reunion. Was there for 5 ½ hours. The kids were very good.

Sept. 5 - Sunday. L & C invited us to dinner as they are hosting Elliot and Joyce, Morris & Vera Rachlin. It was a *very nice* evening - - good food and good company.

Sept. 6 - Mer and I walked the Jordan River Park Way from 48th south to 53rd south. It is a neat way to make use of the Jordan River. Came home and worked in the yard.

Sept. 7 - Games but we only played 1 ½ as Leah had a Dr appointment.

Sept. 8 - Temple service. Home a bit early.

Sept. 9 - Hair-do, then went to see Melanie's new house, which is very nice. Each time they move it is several steps upward. Watered the tree. Went to Homemaking Meeting. It was a pie demonstration and many of the sisters made pies then took them home to cook right then or to freeze for later cooking. Quite a fun evening even though I choose not to make a pie.

Sept. 10 - Picked raspberries at Kay's. Suzanna came for her birthday overnigher. We had dinner at Arbys. Went to Salt Lake Community College to see the play, "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" - very funny.

Sept. 11 - Suzanna went walking with us then I prepared her breakfast. We played 4 hands of Rummikub. Watched "Big Business". She had lunch and I drove her home. From there I went directly to Lori's to tend the kids from 3:30 to 9:20 while they attended Chris' work party.

Sept. 12 - Sunday. Barbara went to a family birthday celebration. We had dinner then Mer read to me from "To Kill A Mocking Bird."

Sept. 13 - Picked raspberries.

Sept. 15 - Temple service. The ceiling of our breeze way had become a terrible-

looking mess. The perfatape and paint were peeling off and it had gotten worse and worse each year. We figured out a way to repair it by using grabber screws to fasten 12" boards along each place the plaster board joined together, which covered most of the peeling area. So this day I helped Mer get those boards attached to the ceiling.

Picked raspberries. Went out to help L & C move. I did touch-up painting and Mer ran errands and took care of Randy. Got home at 10:00PM

Sept 16 - Doug and Gwen went on a mini-vacation and I had Sarah here. Went out to their house by the time the other kids got home from school and stayed overnight. Took out cucumbers, watermelon and tomatoes to help with dinner. Had to miss Michael Stone's wedding reception, and was sorry about that. Mark called and told us he has been called to serve in the Bishopric as 2nd Councilor!! This will make it necessary for him to adjust his work schedule so he MIGHT have a little more normal work/home life. We shall see.

Sept. 17 - Sarah has to have 3 medications 3 times a day and another medicine once a day. I was out there until 3:30. Came home and then went out to L & C's to work. Home at 10:00 again. Mer swept out the garage and other heavy stuff.

Sept. 18 - Saw L & C's new home. Also saw the apartment into which they moved while their new home is completed. Worked out there for 4 ½ hours.

Sept. 19 - Sunday. Mark was set apart to serve in the Bishopric. Wish we could have been there. Barbara is on a trip with Dixie Whitaker. Quiet dinner then we watched the video of "To Kill A Mocking Bird."

Sept. 20 - Out to Lori's and worked 4 hours to finish things up so the new owners can move in. YEA!!!

Did washing. Picked raspberries.

Sept. 21 - No games. Worked on the breeze way ceiling doing preparation work before painting. This kind of work is my department and is always a slow, big job, but has been made 100% easier by Jeff Cash letting us use his wonderful scaffolding. In fact, it would have been impossible for us two older folks to do what we did without it. Detective Morrison called and said the judge has issued an arrest warrant on Dr. Weitzel charging him with 5 homicides.

Sept. 22 - Temple service.

Sept. 23 - Went to Dr. Kochever, the endodontist, and with his more sophisticated equipment he was able to do the root canal from inside the tooth instead of cutting into my gum. He worked for over an hour and got two of the three roots done. I have to go back for the third one.

Sept. 24 - Larsen get together in Brigham City. To Harold's after for dessert and visiting.

Sept. 26 - Sunday. Scott Watkins and family are moving so he was released and Jess Clifford was called to be the new 2nd Councilor in the Bishopric.

Sept. 27 - Went VT - got two done.

Sept. 28 - Games without Leah as Bill is in town. the last root cleaned out. It cost \$493.00 - UGH!

Dr. Kochever was able to get Went VT and got 2 more done.

Sept. 29 - Temple service. Home by 12:00.

Worked on breeze way until Lori

brought the kids for me to tend while they picked out tile, carpet, blinds and flooring for their new house. The kids were here for 3 hours and were very well behaved.

Sept. 30 - Hair-do and shopping. Did more calking on breeze way. Also sanded repaired areas and primed again.

This is just an added comment. All summer I walk 4 mornings per week with Casey; and on Sat mornings with Mer. In winter it is five days a week with Mer and if the weather is bad we walk at Fashion Place Mall. Also, Mer reads to me everyday (except Wed) for an hour while I sew, or work around the house. We read two chapters from the Scriptures then from some other good book.

October 1, 1999 - Finished painting the breeze way. Big job and I'm glad it is done. Still need to paint the trim. Ate at Arbys then went to the Avalon and saw "It's A Wonderful Life."

Oct. 2 - Listened to General Conference while I cooked chicken and boned it out for chicken-noodle soup tomorrow. Drove Bea and Cliff to Eureka for the wedding reception for Joseph Nebeker and his wife, Hayley. Very different, as they were dressed in medieval style clothing. Joseph had even made his own and he is a skilled sewer. It was very charming. Mer, Don, Cliff and Conrad went to a televised Priesthood Meeting in Santaquin. We females went home together and the men folk came after meeting. Mer brought Conrad home with him as he wanted to stay overnight with us.

Oct. 3 - General Conference and it was most wonderful!! Doug and family here for dinner - - all except for Alex. Too bad.

Oct. 5 - Kay, Leah, Bea and I went to Brighton and walked around Silver Lake then had a picnic. We had bought Subway sandwiches to go with our soda pop, chips, tomatoes, cucumbers and etc. We then played one game of "Oh, H" and came home. We do enjoy being together.

Oct. 6 - Temple service. Ran some errands. Went to a neighborhood meeting held in the Murray City Offices where we discussed the possibility of being annexed into Murray. Those there were very much in favor of it.

Oct. 7 - Hair-do and shopping. Went out to L & C's to begin clean-up getting ready for the painters. Hard work. Home about 7:30. Mer finished caulking the breeze way and did some final painting. Looks very good. Glad it is done.

Oct. 8 - Shopping at Ream's. Got a case of strawberries at this late date. Out to L & C's again. More clean-up. Home at 6:30. Mer took Jeff's scaffolding back to Nebeker's house. We really appreciate having been able to use it.

Oct. 9 - Watered the tree. Did washing and house cleaning. Things go "to pot" inside when I'm involved in these other projects. Mer and I drove to Granite Flats and saw our old camp grounds then drove up to the beginning of the "Golden Lane" and hiked up there. It was golden enough to have made the trip worth the time.

Oct. 11 - House cleaning. Changed sheets. Cleaned windows and applied "Window Maid", which is supposed to keep windows clean as it "repels dirt, bird droppings and etc." - - sounds too good to be true so we shall see. It is a lot of work to apply, so I hope

it works.

Oct. 12 - Games with my sisters. More house cleaning.

Oct. 13 - Temple service. Mer rented a wheelchair for Judy Owen. Bought a toilet seat with adjustable legs, as she needs something higher than a regular toilet. We were so excited to finally have Judy really coming to our home!! Picked her up at the airport at 9:15 PM.

Oct. 14 - Took Judy to Temple Square to see everything there. Came home for dinner then went back to the Tabernacle to hear the Tabernacle Choir practice. Great day together. Also saw "Legacy" and toured the Joseph Smith Memorial Bldg.

Oct. 15 - Drove the Alpine Loop and it was past its fall glory but Judy loved it. Went to Robert Redford's Sundance Resort for lunch. Saw Bridal Veil Falls. Came home and played one game of "Oh, H" and Judy learns very fast. Oh, yes, we also saw the BYU campus, the MTC, the temple in American Fork and Granite Flats.

Oct. 16 - Lori called with a desperate plea for me to come help them at the new house. Mer took Judy to see "Old Deseret Village" but it was closed up for the year. He then went to Welfare Square but it was closed, too. They did see "This Is The Place" monument. He tried to go to the "U" mountain only to discover it is closed-off by an electric gate and is now owned by the "Richies". GRRRR! They came out to the new house and Judy met Chris. I worked there for 8 hours. Called Mer but he was not home. Left a message for him to take Judy out for Pizza but he didn't check the answering machine. I came home after 9:00 PM and had to fix dinner - - BUMMER! Not a very good day for Judy.

Oct. 17 - Took Judy to a Temple Devotional. It was held on the 5th floor of the temple and was wonderful. Barbara came here for dinner and she and Judy really hit it off well. Judy, Mer and I went out to D & G's for 1 ½ hours and she met them and 5 of their kids. We then went to L & C's for 1 ½ hours. We had a good visit both places. All the kids were nice.

Oct. 18 - We went to the temple to do some sealings of Judy's people but her cards had something wrong with them and it turned into a "Keystone Cops" run around as no one could figure out what needed to be done. We finally had to leave without finishing them and that was really a disappointment. We went up to Brighton and Mer pushed Judy around "Silver Lake" and she loved it. We had dinner at "Applebee's" and Barbara came, too.

Oct. 19 - We four sisters and husbands and Judy played "Oh, Hell" at Nebekers then went to the "Chinese Gourmet" for dinner. Judy really enjoyed meeting our family and extended family. We took her to the airport and she flew home.

Oct. 20 - Temple service. Started working on the ceiling of the front porch, which is also much in need of repair.

Oct. 21 - Hair-do and shopping. Went to Dotty's to meet her daughter, Kathy, who is out from Washington, D C. Dotty wanted us to meet her, but I got the distinct impression Kathy could't have cared less. Kathy had another place to go so left and we went to dinner with Dotty in the diningroom of the Highland Retirement Center, where she lives.

Oct. 22 - Went to the Hale Theater and saw "Blithe Spirit", which I just loved. As usual, the 8 of us, plus Antoinette came here for ice cream after.
Oct. 23 - Called John but he was not home, so talked to Heather. Called Mark.
Oct. 24 - Sunday. Barbara here for dinner.
Oct. 26 - Games with sisters. VT to Mildred R. and Donna E.
Oct. 27 - Temple service. Home by 12:00. VT to Lois E. Worked on the front porch ceiling. Mer replaced a ruined panel the trailer. Beautiful day!!!!
Oct. 28 - Had a perm then did grocery shopping. Browsed in Home Depot to see what is new in home up-keep. Storm front came in and we had a little rain. Strange weather - it was 60 degrees at 6:00 AM.
Oct. 29 - Walked in the rain and loved it. Found out our front porch ceiling leaks which is a real bummer as we just repaired and started to paint it. Went VT to Jeannie. Larsen get together at the "Stuffed Noodle" then to Dotty's after for dessert and visiting.
Oct. 30 - Took care of L & C's 3 kids for 3 hours while they shopped for trees and bulbs for their new yard. The kids were wearing their Halloween costumes. Lots of kids came "trick or treating" and the costumes were fancier than ever before. I don't know how parents afford them.
Oct. 31 - Sunday. Regular meetings. During Sunday School time Freddy and I went to St. Mark's Hospital visit Donna Bertoch and also Barbara Kinsey. Barbara, Mer and I went out to L & C's to celebrate Chris' birthday.

November 1, 1999 - Finally finished painting the ceiling of the front porch. Prepared and painted the brown trim on the sheds. Mer cut up a lot of wood to burn in our fireplace. Watched "The Remains of the Day."

Nov. 2 - Games with my sisters. Mer had me figure our money draw so I won't be totally ignorant of how it's done.

Nov. 3 - Temple service. Saw "Singing In the Rain" at the Avalon.

Nov. 4 - Hair-do and shopping.

Nov. 5 - Started working on shed roofs getting them ready to paint. Used a wire brush, did scraping and sanding. I have to put a piece of wood on the roof that spans the roof supports as it is too flimsy for me to kneel on. It is difficult to climb up on the roof and manipulate the boards around and my knees get so sore that they "yell". I think that this will have to be the last time I paint the roofs.

Watched "Stand and Deliver."

Nov. 6 - Worked on roofs again. Awkward work and hard on the knees. More preparation work. Did some primer. Birthday celebration for Conrad and Gwen at their house.

Nov. 7 - Sunday. Talked to J & J by appointment as they are so busy!!! Mer and I went to see Donna Bertoch is the Alta Care Center - - - she is in misery and she says that they don't know what is wrong with her. Barbara went to a family birthday celebration today. At church they called DeLynn to worke in the Primary so we lose her from the library - - - DARN!!!!

Nov. 8 - Mer mowed the lawns again this late in the season!!!!!! Reta Walked Rios died today. She has had a hard time of it, fighting cancer for many months. I am thankful she repented, became active in the church and went to the temple before this happened. Worked on the sheds. Did more priming and some of the enamel coat.

Nov. 9 - Played one game only today. Worked on sheds. More enamel coat.

Nov. 10 - Temple - home by 1:00. Went out to L & C's new house to do some cleaning. Went to Homemaking meeting. Mer went to a neighborhood meeting held at Murray City offices. We want to be annexed to Murray City.

Nov. 11 - Hair-do. Lori brought the kids in to be tended and Mer took care of them until I got home. They were here from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. She and Chris were working on their house and got a lot done.

Nov. 12 - Drove Leah and Al to Vernal for Reta's funeral. Kay, Don, Cliff and Bea rode in Cash's car with Kay driving. It was a very good funeral. Big attendance and LOTS of flowers. We 8 stayed overnight at a motel owned by Reta's friend and she didn't even charge us anything!!!! That was VERY nice of her.

Nov. 13 - Arrived home about 11:00. Finished painting the enamel coat on the sheds. Really *lucked-out* on the weather. Went shopping at Harmons. Mer watered the tree.

Nov. 14 - Sunday. Barbara here. Good dinner. Played games in front of the fireplace.

Nov. 15 - Washing. Went to bank and warehouse. Took Donna Bertoch a tube of aloe gelly as she is getting bed sores. Hope she will use it herself or that someone will rub on her if she can't. Talked to Judy Owen for 2 ½ hours. We have a new telephone company that only charges 5 ¢ per minute.

Nov. 16 - Played one game only. Went to D.I. and bought a portable typewriter for the ward library for \$6.00. We need one at times. Worked in the yard doing flower clean-up. Mer gave Kenna a ride home from school.

Nov. 17 - Temple. Home by 12:00. Mer went H T to Jeri Olsen and stayed 2 hours as her sons were there to visit with. He also went HT to Bill Thomas. I typed on the computer on my journal.

Nov. 18 - Walked one last time with Kay then they left for Mesa. As always, I will miss her. Melanie Hancey is on a cruise so I need to go somewhere and get my hair done. Mer and I went out to L & C's to help with the final cleaning, getting ready for them to move in tomorrow. Lori and I put up the wallpaper border in Marnie's bedroom. It looks really great.

Nov. 19 - Walked with Mer and will do 5 days a week until Kay returns in the spring. Shopped for items to put in a "shoebox gift" for a needy child. Jimmy's birthday overnigher. Natalie came too, as Jimmy wanted another family member with him. We had dinner at the Arctic Circle. Watched part of "Gulliver's Travels". Chris, Lori and family slept in their new home.

Nov. 20 - I didn't walk with Mer as I needed to be here to fix breakfast for the kids. They watched the rest of "Gulliver's Travels". The kids helped carry boxes and other stuff into the breezeway so Chris could load them in the U-haul and take them to their

home. We are glad to unload our house and sheds after all these years!!!! The kids and we went to see the new cartoon of "Tarzan". Before that we played one game of Rummikub. We took them home after the movie and I went grocery shopping. Never did get my hair done.

Nov. 21 - Sunday and we had a very good Sacrament Mtg. Two new missionaries spoke briefly then a High Council member then a returned missionary. Got my temple recommend renewed. Barbara here for dinner. She went home about 7:45 as it was snowing. This was the first snow this season.

Nov. 22 - Walked in the mall. Mer and I went to see Donna Bertoch. She is looking a little better.

We also went to see Brent Cartwright as he was up on a ladder cutting tree limbs and one limb knocked his off the ladder and he broke both wrists - - Sorry, sorry, sorry!!!!!!!!!! Went VT to Freddie and Mildred.

Nov. 23 - Games with Bea and Leah. Went to Cottonwood Mall for a temple veil and a carrying bag for Judy's temple robes. Went VT to Jeanne and Lois.

Drove Copier's to the wedding reception for Jared Walkenhorst. It was held at a lodge up Millcreek Canyon and there was a lot of snow and it was pretty scary.

Nov. 24 - Temple service. Went to Fred Meyers and bought two turkeys. Took one to the food bank. Went VT to Donna Edwards. Had hair-do.

Went to Maceys for some groceries. Bought some Rhodes Cinnamon Rolls to bake for Mer's birthday but they were overcooked so not the best.

Nov. 25 - Walked outside as it was not very cold!!!! Thanksgiving dinner was at L & C's new home, which was really brave of them having been in their house just a few days!! I cooked the turkey. Mer carved it while I made the gravy. I had already made jello salad and whipped the cream; cooked cranberries and made the turkey dressing. We had to take 2 card tables some chairs, some dishes and tablecloths, plus the above listed food, so it became quite an operation. All of D & G's kids were there plus 2 girls from Taiwan. They are members of the church going to BYU and Jeff asked if they could come as they have no family here. There were 20 of us and it was a noisy, busy day, but fun.

Nov. 26 - Walked outside again. Did ironing, mending and washing and miscellaneous things around the house.

Nov. 27 - Did Bea's hair late as I forgot! Jackie and Lud came to buy aloe. Visited for awhile. She has a new brace for her back. To Reams and to a fabric store. Watched a special on art treasures of the world. Also one on the Underground Railroad, about slavery.

Nov. 28 - Sunday. Called John. Barbara here for dinner. Mark called. This is his first month arranging Sacrament Meetings. Things went fine. He sounded pleased and a little surprised. They now have called a Financial Clerk to replace Mark so when he is trained Mark will be free of it.

Nov. 30 - Played games.

December 1, 1999 - Temple service - - out by 11:00 so we walked down to the Salt

Palace to see the "Parade of Christmas Trees" and was there until 3:30. When we discovered it was raining Mer walked to the parking lot, about 3 blocks away, and I waited for him to pick me up. Nice of him..

Dec. 2 - Walked in the Fashion Place Mall. Hair-do and shopping. Ate the last 2 tomatoes from our garden!! We went to the wedding reception for Paul Andersen. He married a nice girl and we hope they will be happy together.

Had our 2nd snowstorm of the year.

Dec. 3 - Vacuumed the entire house and did other housework. Worked on the computer for awhile.

Dec. 4 - The temperature hit 21°, quite a change from a week or so ago. Did Bea's hair. Mer assembled our Christmas tree, a job he would rather not do as it is quite a chore, so I don't blame him for his reluctance. Measured out ingredients for fruit cakes. Cut out pan liners. Cooked a BIG potato casserole for our ward dinner . .

Mer and I helped with the clean up. There was a Santa Claus visiting and someone had given him names of people to call up to sit on his knee and have a conversation with him - - - they had given him my name along with other adults, and I felt like an idiot but did what was expected of me. After he had taken care of those adults he let all the little kids come, of course. It was a very nice dinner and enjoyable evening.

Dec. 5 - Sunday. Regular meetings. Barbara brought us a nice box of chocolates as a Christmas gift.

Dec. 6 - My Visiting Teachers came and brought me a gift, which I will put under the tree and open on Christmas day. They are Vi Cann and Ethel Hart. They are very faithful teachers never missing unless they are sick. They almost always come the first Monday of the month and I love both of them.. I made nine 2# fruit cakes this day.

Dec. 7 - Games with sisters. Home Teachers came.

Dec. 8 - Temple for two Sealing Sessions. No work to do in the clothing dept. We went to see the "Candy Windows" at ZCMI. Every display window has very large, very detailed scenes made entirely of candy - - - just fantastic!! Judy O. called and said she might come visit for Christmas - that would be great.

Dec. 9 - Hair-do Shopping Tithing Settlement.

Dec. 11 - Bea's hair. Made another nine 2# fruitcakes.

Dec. 12 - Sunday, regular mtgs. Barbara here.

Dec. 13 - Decorated all 18 fruit cakes. Made coconut bread for Mer's Home Teaching people. Mer popped much corn and we made 6 batches of PCB's.

Watched a documentary called "Salt Lake City, Once Upon A Time."

Dec. 14 - Games with sisters. Mer packaged all the PCB's, fruit cakes and cheese ball and took them to UPS to ship - - 7 boxes - - no little task. Raymond sent us his delicious chocolate fudge - YUM!!

Dec. 15 - Temple - just for Sealing Sessions. Funeral for Adell Larsen, a lady in our ward. We made 50 sack lunches for the people to take with them as she was buried out of town. Freddie C and I went to see Donna Bertoch. Wrote Christmas cards. Judy O. called and she won't be coming for Christmas after all.

Dec. 16 - Hair-do and shopping. Made more coconut bread.

Dec. 17 - We made 8 more batches of PCB's.

Dec. 18 - Bea's hair do. Hilton and Shirley arrived from Texas. We went with Antoinette, Keith, Hilton & Shirley to the Tabernacle to hear the Tabernacle Choir and the new Orchestra at Temple Square perform. Very beautiful. Came to our house after for ice cream and visiting. We gave them their PCB's.

Dec. 19 - Sunday. Family dinner with D & G and family, L & C and family plus Chris' father, Walt.

Dec. 20 - Larsen family get together in Logan. Dinner at the Juniper. Dessert and visiting after at Yvonne's.

Dec. 21 - Games with sisters. Went V T and got 3 of my ladies.

Dec. 22 - Temple service. Cut a fruitcake into slices and took it to Donna Bertoch at the nursing home. Doug and whole family left for Maughan's in CA for Christmas. Went VT to Lois Eatchel.

Dec. 23 - Hair-do. Made one more batch of PCB's.

Dec. 24 - Bea's hair-do. Visited Huibert and Eddie Wohler and took Christmas goodies. Went to Barbara's for Christmas Eve dinner, which was delicious. Went to Jack & Vi Wharton's open house for a short visit.

Dec. 25 - Called John and Mark. Out to Chris and Lori's for dinner - - - - - a VERY DIFFERENT Christmas day. Clint called while we were gone.

Dec. 26 - Sunday Shirley and Hilton left for Texas. Barbara here.

Dec. 27 - Games with sisters. Went to see Donna Bertoch and took her 4 fresh pears. Watched "A Man For All Seasons."

Dec. 28 - Clint and Eris Holmes decided to split their traditional New Year's Day openhouse into two groups and we were invited to attend this day. Had a very enjoyable visit with Mel & Ellen Mae Manning, Barbara Jean Mellor, Mel and Emma Lou Thyne and Clint and Eris. Called Mary Gail. Her health is steadily declining. Very sad. She is always quite cheerful in spite of it! She is an inspiration to us.

Dec. 29 - Temple service, with full 4 hours in the clothing dept.

Dec. 31 - Jana is in town to visit Bea & Cliff and she did Bea's hair this time. Did some house work. Watched some TV showing New Years celebrations all around the world. Watched "Ben Hur". Watched Channel 5 reporting live in Salt Lake City on the activities of the City's "First Night" celebration. This is to be a new annual activity with much to do and see. People seemed to be enjoying themselves and we hope it is successful. Went to bed after midnight after those in our neighborhood did the "banging on pans", shouting "Happy New Year" and shooting off little fireworks.