

Erma's journal 1977

January 3, 1977

Happy New Year. Of course we partied last night. It was a fun evening at the Gable House for dinner then to McMullens for visiting - had to catch up for a year's time. That is as often as we get together anymore. We had a party new year's night with Enid's family and Lillian's family. We played fun games and had leftovers from Christmas.

January 5, 1977

Scott finally received the package George mailed in Germany. We got some rain. Happy day! We are all so tired tonight. The power went off and we were up all night.

January 7, 1977

Pine Valley Mt. is white and the ski resorts are busy again.

January 12, 1977

I have been taking Jane to school every day and picking her up but we found out there was a bus to take her and she went on the bus this morning and was she ever upset. I guess she thought she had it made.

I heard an awful crackling noise and loud. I thought the house was on fire. I grabbed my coat and ran outside and could see the line leading to a transformer was on fire I was so frightened. Just glad it wasn't the house. The power was off for quite a while so I didn't get my laundry done.

Rudger went to Los Angeles for Warner Valley Energy System meeting. When he returned he had the wrong garment bag and someone had his. He had ski clothes and the other guy had Rudger's dirty clothes. Ronald McArthur is going to have heart surgery tomorrow. I feel sorry for Afton because she went through all of this last year with LaRaine. Gregg and Nadine are to be married tomorrow. They didn't invite us. I guess they had a reason.

Warner Valley isn't publicly talked about now days but it is really progressing and on with the meetings. Rudger went for his physical and his blood pressure is up a little bit. Our new governor has taken office. Matheson claims he is going to make a lot of changes. Jimmy Carter sounds great. I hope he will make a good president. I've got to start thinking about my driver test this year.

January 20 1977

We are having 65° weather and back east - 15 feet of snow. Jane called and said she missed the bus again so I had to pick her up.

February 1, 1977

In California they are rationing water. We need rain so badly. Sunday we are having a fast. Rudger has been in S.L.C. again for 2 days. It is hard because Jane really takes advantage of

me when he is gone. We bought a pecan, apricot and almond tree and planted them in the back yard. Pine Valley hasn't had any snow all winter. We went up this week to take some things. Jane went to a movie with Rose Marie. It is hard to find a show rated right for them to see. Jane's grades came up this quarter, very good, so we will have to pay up.

February 7, 1977

Rudger went to Vegas for a week. The Bishop said we would have to sprinkle a little holy dust on him when he returns from the wicked city. Mack and Jody Fullerton bought and moved in over the wall. They will be good neighbors. Scott wrote and said he had been hit by another car and he wasn't hurt.

February 14, 1977

Valentine Day. We got no Valentines. I guess we are getting to old. I gave Jane 6 silver dollars that Rudger brought back from Vegas. Vicky brought us some brownies. Maybe that was meant to be a Valentine. The tulips are up 2 inches. It is 75° lately. Rudger and Don and Lillian are each putting in \$200.00 and buying a storage water tank to gather up the spring water, Scott sent some slides and they are neat.

February 26, 1977

George's birthday and we have blossoms on our new apricot tree. I bought recorders for Jackie, and George and Russ and Joey for their birthdays. Hope they like them. They never say one way or another. I can't tell. Prices are going up so high I think if we don't have food storage we are going to not be able to buy food so that is where storage comes in. Again we should listen to the prophet. Scott sent me a leather purse. It is beautiful. Mrs. Wachsmith came to visit and see the lace cloth Scott sent. She believes it is the nicest one she has seen and wants Scott to get her one.

Scott sent another embroidered cloth and napkins. They are so nice but he can have them. I would hate to launder them.

Preisident Ford wouldn't pardon, give amnesty, and the day after Carter took office they were all free to come home, everything forgotten and he is for the black people and I think he just has a lot of problems I wouldn't want. Rudger's blood pressure went back to normal and I feel relieved. The Dr. said just to cut out salt at the table and that did it. He needs to lose weight.

March 5, 1977

Scott wrote and said his bike was stolen. Joey had a birthday and she feels depressed at 30. Jane was spotlighted in M.I.A. tonight. Now she has to pick someone and spotlight them in 2 weeks. They are having a solemn assembly at the temple to commemorate and observance 100 years. Rudger will sing in chorus. Chocolate has gone up to \$2.00 Lb. and tuna \$1.09 a can. Meat stays about the same and so does milk and eggs. A round bone roast 95¢ lb.

March 10 1977

They had an earthquake where Scott is. I am worried. It did rain but just a little.

March 18, 1977

Jane has been home sick. I keep telling her she should be like Scott and go to school sick or not. But I was glad when she went back and I think she was too. Rudger went to S.L.C. and will spend next week in California. They are rationing water some places in Utah but not here. If it weren't for the wells in Gunlock and Snow Canyon we would be in bad shape.

March 28, 1977

Richard, Ellen and Ryan have been here for a week. It was fun. Ryan is so cute just like Richard. It is windy and only 50°. Our watering system paid off. We are even sprinkling our front lawn and we gave Don a share, 3rd of the water, for the garden lot in back.

Joey had surgery to remove an enlarged lymph nodule from her chest between lung and esophagus. There were several there but they only removed one to see if it was malignant but it wasn't. She had a few complications but is home now. (worry, worry). Jane had a booth at the ward food fair to show people how to purify water.

April 11, 1977

Scott sent Jane a gift. I know she will treasure them forever. We painted Jane's bedroom while Richard and Ellen were here. They did it really. I put up orange curtains and it looks nice.

Rudger talked in church. Mr. Wacksmith was the other speaker. It turned out nice. We made Jackie a baby quilt for her baby. It is just about time. Jewell called and said her Doug is moving back home. Got a job at Dixie State Bank.

April 16, 1977

Got our income taxes sent in and we went to SLC in one day and back and got a letter from Scott saying he had been hit by a car again and was sporting a cast. He didn't give details and I am sick. Scott got another drama scholarship but he said he wouldn't take it. Laurel has been here for a visit - came out for her sister's wedding. Maddie is not engaged anymore. A few guys want to date her and so she wrote a dear John letter.

April 20, 1977

We heard Scott wasn't so bad so now I can breathe again.

May 2, 1977

We went to PV and worked. I dug a trench and think I lost weight and hurt my back. At least by Wednesday we will be connected to the system.

May 11, 1977

Scott is 21 now and of age. I wonder if he feels different. Gordon is home from his mission this week. Mothers Day was nice. Ruderger took Jane and me to Driftwood Lodge for dinner. All the kids called and so many nice gifts.

Jackie's new Erin was born on the 2nd of May. We haven't seen her yet. She must be a teeny tiny. Red hair. They thought Jennifer would be jealous but she isn't a bit. Our tomatoes are already growing. Ruderger was made a High Priest.

May 18, 1977

We went to SLC to see Erin. She is so cute. When we got home Ruderger went to stay at the Golden Nugget in Vegas for 3 days. They start early each morning with meetings and late at night.

May 26, 1977

Went to Pine Valley and cleaned the house. It was Stake Conference. Grant and Edith Whitehead reported their mission to the London Temple. We took off after and went to PV. Ruderger and I roasted hot dogs. Mrs. Jerrie Hanson brought us a strawberry pie. It was good. This is my last week teaching Relief Society nursery. It is just as well. The kids were getting to me. It is raining some more and it is soaking the ground. The school year ends tomorrow for Jane. We are staying the week in PV.

June 1, 1977

Jane and I are copying recipes this week. It is fun to do things with her. I got my hair cut and all those fun things. We keep getting all these packages in the mail addressed to Scott. No one here by that name but I guess we better save them and keep track of them in case someday Scott comes home. Ruderger is officially a High Priest now. It is an honor and all that but we will miss the association with that enthusiastic bunch of Seventies. We will always remember the waffle suppers we gave and our trusty waffle iron and the power going off.

June 7, 1977

We had a bad frightening experience. Jackie called to tell us that Jennifer had to have surgery. It was a growth on her leg. They removed it and it wasn't malignant. Oh, how lucky we are. She will be in the hospital for a week.

They are building condos up on circle street. It will make a big change in this neighborhood I took my driver test and passed 100%. That's great! Now I can drive again for 4 more years.

June 21, 1977

Fathers Day was here and what a day. Poor Ruderger didn't get much, not even a day of rest. The kids had a hard time getting him on the phone. Bill and Jewell and Art and Barbara had a birthday party for Lyle and she asked Ruderger to sing. He was so flattered. We invited all the family to a cookout in PV the next evening and they all came and it was fun. Scott decided not to go sightseeing before he comes home.

June 28, 1977

We attended the Blunck reunion at Sugar House Park. It was nice. The next one will be in Idaho. We brought Kimberly home with us. Our picture tube went out and so we purchased us a new set from Uncle Lorin while we were there - and also a new washing machine.

Rudger went to Vegas for the week. Jane and Kimberly and I went shopping and found great things. I think I have filled the pool 10 times today then I got wise and told them to fill their own pool. The kids all came home - Richard, Ellen, Ryan, Jackie, George, all the kids - went to PV. Had Erin blessed in the PV Chapel.

We are picking tomatoes, beans, beets, zucchini. It is fun to have a garden. It was 105° today - our house is 70°. We made home made root beer. What a great 4th we all had together.

July 7, 1977

Mr. Fenton sold his drug store. How dare he after raising 3 of our children there - all the memories. Things are changing. It won't be long and we are counting the days until Scott gets home in August. We will meet him in SLC.