

Erma's Journal 1981

January 1, 1981 (Thursday.)

A new year. We slept in late, watched TV, packed more boxes, took another few things to P.V.

January 2, 1981 (Friday)

Jane and I went shopping. We were going to walk but didn't have time. Rudger came home at noon and decided to look for carpet and order the tile. We did both and I am quite pleased. Hope I like everything.

January 3 1981 (Saturday)

We raked leaves. Rudger started the rototiller and got all the leaves plowed in the garden. Bob and Susan are going to enjoy that garden.

January 4, 1981 (Sunday)

We made a fire in the fireplace and took the TV in the living room. It was nice having us all together. We go ready and attended our church meetings. Richard and Ellen, Ryan and Mandy came down and we popped popcorn and visited. It was fun.

January 5, 1981 (Monday)

What a morning. Got up at 6 a.m. to help Jane get off for school and I went back to bed until 9:30 but I needed it. Packed some more boxes and did a little cleaning. Rudger went to Rotary so I got a lot done. Did more brick on the house.

January 6, 1981 (Tuesday)

They did a little more brick work today and I a little more packing boxes. I invited Ryan down and we went for a walk.

January 7, 1981 (Wednesday)

They put the brick up on the fireplace. Rudger didn't want a mantle and I didn't know for sure. We are so unlike in so many ways. It's a good thing we do agree on some things and others he usually lets me have my way. He is so sweet and I love him.

January 8, 1981 (Thursday)

Today will be remembered as the day the lights went out. Millions of people were out of power all over the west. Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming. Didn't do much. Couldn't bake, cook or watch T.V. Went to the new house and they had finished the brick and the fireplace. It is just what I wanted. Jane brought a fellow home for me to meet.

January 9, 1981 (Friday)

I packed some more boxes of stuff. Will it ever end? Richard and Ellen invited us up for dinner. We enjoyed it very much.

January 10, 1981 (Saturday)

Another power outage so we were up early with the telephone ringing constantly. Rudger went to the plant and helped out. We went about twelve and swept out the new house, made it look better. Richard came down and spent half the day working on my headboard.

January 11, 1981 (Sunday)

Up late. Attended church meetings.

The kids came down and we popped pop corn and sat around the fire.

January 12, 1981 (Monday)

The carpenters are back finished up the woodwork on the new house. It will be soon now that we can move. Ellen invited me to lunch. I loved that.

January 13, 1981 (Tuesday)

The driveway and patio and porch and walk are all poured and look so great.

January 14, 1981 (Wednesday)

The painters have started today. They are really going fast. Won't be long now. Rudger went to a meeting in Washington. Jimmy Carter gave farewell speech.

January 15, 1981 (Thursday)

Rudger went to Cedar to meetings so didn't have to get lunch. I washed woodwork. Decided I had better get the food storage all packed up. It took about 15 boxes.

January 16, 1981 (Friday)

Rudger stayed home. They announced that the Harry Allen Energy system was approved and he is celebrating. We spent the time picking out lights and formica. We visited with Hap and Roma. We, with Richard and Ellen and kids, attended the wedding reception at the Bloomington Country Club for Reed McArthur.

January 17, 1981 (Saturday)

Rudger and I took Pearly Mae to the vet for shot. A big dog bit the vet on the forehead and he was bleeding and the dog's master asked if his dog had bit him and Dr. Sheets said, "No, I was struck by lightning." This is supposed to be Jane's big night. She asked a Dan somebody to Preference. She is taking him to the Rickshaw for dinner. She is excited and nervous and I do hope everything goes well for her.

January 18, 1981 (Sunday)

Jane had a great time so she says but is tired and on cloud nine today. We attended church meetings, ran to P.V. Such nice weather up there. Richard, Ellen and kids came down for popcorn and to visit.

January 19, 1981 (Monday)

Got back into packing and cleaning. We expect to make move soon, 2 weeks I hear. They are doing a great job painting.

January 20, 1981 (Tuesday)

What an eventful day. President Reagan's inauguration and the hostages were released about 11:30 just after Reagan was sworn in. Rudger and I put the fire screen together and took it to the house. Earlier we sealed the hearth and waxed it.

January 21, 1981 (Wednesday)

We went to the new house and they had finished inside painting, installed mirrored doors and installed some lights. The hostages are now telling how they were mistreated by Iran. I think

that country deserves much criticism from the world President Carter went over to talk with the hostages when they landed in Germany. It was a great thing to do.

January 22, 1981 (Thursday)

Was so tired today. Rudger was gone all day long and City Council Meeting tonight Wish he would hurry home.

January 23, 1981 (Friday)

Still no winter. I cannot believe it almost like summer We really lucked out building our new house this year. They started the laying of carpet today. It is so nice. Hope I am not sorry for buying such a light color.

January 24, 1981 (Saturday)

Richard Ryan and Rudger cleaned out the greenhouse. They sure threw a lot of stuff away. I raked some more leaves off the lawn Bob and Susan came up and planted some grape cutting in the garden.

January 25, 1981 (Sunday)

I didn't feel at all well today and so stayed home from meetings and took it easy.

January 26, 1981 (Monday)

Rudger had Rotary so didn't prepare lunch. I still feel ill but I cleaned the stove (oven) and fridge. Wish I could get some of stuff I have stacked all around and get it down to the new house Mandy is just about ready to walk by herself. She is so cute.

January 27, 1981 (Tuesday)

More boxes, more packing, more cleaning Someday I hope it will be over and we will be settled in the new house.

January 28 1981 (Wednesday)

More and more of what we have been doing. Picked up more boxes. Cannot believe that we had this much stuff.

January 29, 1980 (Thursday)

Started taking stuff to the new house. We are really moving at last. We moved boxes and the king size bed. Scott and Dayna and Lisa came to hel us move. It is good to see Scott again He hadn't been down since April.

January 30, 1981 (Friday)

I packed the car and they packed the furniture and moved it down and unloaded.

January 31, 1981 (Saturday)

Moved more stuff. Oh, boy! There is a lot of it. We went for Kentucky fried chicken and sat around a card table to eat.

February 1, 1981 (Sunday)

Everyone went to church but Ellen and I and we fixed dinner for everyone at Richard's.

February 2, 1981 (Monday)

Packed what we had left in the house and moved it down, clothes and things. Then I cleaned and vacuumed. Rudger slept down at the new house.

February 3, 1981 (Tuesday)

We are all moved. The beds and everything. Oh, what a great feeling to be in our new house. I love it. There is a lot to do yet to get everything in its place.

February 4, 1981 (Wednesday)

Pearl is unhappy she doesn't like being confined to the laundry room. I got my hair cut and waited around the rest of the day for Jones's glass. They came at 3:00.

February 5, 1981 (Thursday)

Put dishes in the cupboards. Went to the bank and took out my savings to pay for the carpet and fridge. The Law's came to welcome us into the neighborhood.

February 6, 1981 (Friday)

Rudger stayed home to help but he started rototilling the yard. We did get a lot done.

February 7, 1981 (Saturday)

Richard and Ellen came down and I didn't get a lot done. Couldn't put anything away until the cabinet man comes. Marlene Larkin came over and brought us a meal. It was super good and we did appreciate it.

February 8, 1981 (Sunday)

I did dread this day. Had a nervous tizzy but did go to church. I don't know about this ward. It will take some getting used to. Richard and Ellen and kids came down and then we went to their house to call Jackie. She wasn't feeling too good and thought there might be a chance that she would lose this baby. She is just 3 months pregnant. I feel bad.

February 9, 1981 (Monday)

The cabinet man came and finished up the cabinets except for some of the pulls. A man came and plastered the foundation and the telephone co. put in our telephones. I got some more things put away. Now we can walk around and sit at the dining area table. Rudger, Jane and I went to the movie. It was fun for a change.

February 10, 1981 (Tuesday)

The dry wall guys came and plastered the hole in the wall above the desk and the electrician came and connected the garbage disposal and we got the glass in the kitchen in the ceiling.

February 11, 1982 (Wednesday)

Today they put the garage doors in. I was so happy about that. At least we can close the doors on our mess.

February 12, 1981 (Thursday)

Rudger had the day off (Lincoln's birthday) but he went to a meeting and to a luncheon at Dixie State Bank. That took nearly all day.

February 13, 1981 (Friday)

Jane didn't have school and we got a lot done.

February 14, 1981 (Saturday)

Valentines Day. We started early We planted trees, got the ground rototilled. Uncle Kay came to help. Richard & Ellen and Rudger and I went to Nielson's house in Washington and dug pomegranate bushes and planted about 40 in Richard's and our back yard along freeway fence Rudger and I went to the Rotary Sweetheart Ball. We enjoyed it very much.

February 15, 1981 (Sunday)

Up early and to our Sunday meetings. I still don't know how this change in wards is going to be. Hope we get used to it soon We went for a ride, visited Richard and Ellen, Ryan and Mandy. Sat in the sun. Had company.

February 16, 1981 (Monday)

Rudger had another holiday He went with Bob and Sue to get pomegranate bushes. I stayed home to wait for the painter but she never did show up. We planted an apple tree in the back and transplanted 3 evergreen trees.

February 17, 1981 (Tuesday)

Our painters still didn't come and so I went walking with Ellen. Rudger and I had an appointment with Jane's counselor at school. Got her schedule made up for next year. The only required subject she has is English first semester and so she is in pretty good shape if she can just pass her tests so she can graduate.

February 18, 1981 (Wednesday)

Jane took off for Provo. Concert Choir. She was excited but nervous. Hope it turns out to be a happy experience Scott called to say she arrived and was having a good time. They went to Jimba's for dinner and she liked that. Rudger had a meeting and so Richard took me to the High School with them. A neighbor came to visit and introduce herself and brought me a loaf of bread.

February 19, 1981 (Thursday)

We love our new house more every day. I think it is because we get more things in their place every day. I have even been getting some baking done. Jane came home late. Had a good time.

February 20 1981 (Friday)

I got a lot done Watched them put up the two new houses across the street.

February 21, 1981 (Saturday)

We were up early. Richard & Ellen and Mandy and Ryan came down. We went for fertilizer and worked it in the garden.

February 22, 1981 (Sunday)

Jane was ill and I didn't feel up to par and so we stayed home from meetings today. Rudger was gone most of day. He went to 3rd ward to practice sing. Lillian, Bob and Sue came to visit.

February 23, 1981 (Monday)

Jane stayed home from school. I went for a walk up to the track. Came home and went to bed. Hope I get feeling better soon Richard came down to put up T.V Antenna.

February 24, 1981 (Tuesday)

Jane felt better and I am thinking that I do too. Sure hope so. I will worry myself to death. Rudger had a meeting and so I went to bed early. I am ashamed to say 7:00 pm. but I needed that.

February 25, 1981 (Wednesday)

I wait around all day for the painters, furnace guys, cabinets, drapes, electrician, glass co and none of them showed up. I can't go on waiting like this but if I don't they will not get done.

February 26 1981 (Thursday)

Rudger went to Vegas. It seems like such a long day when he is gone. The guy came from Larkins and fixed the furnace. One more thing out of the way.

February 27 1981 (Friday)

Up early as usual. The Jones glass co guys came and changed the sliding glass door and put the screens in. Rudger was busy all day finishing up the moving of his office stuff into the new office building. I am sure it is a great move but such a hassle. Hope they get settled soon for Rudger's sake.

February 28, 1981 (Saturday)

Richard Ellen, Ryan & Mandy came down. We went to Hurricane to buy some bar stools. Kind of disappointed in them but they will have to do. I took Jane to town to buy jeans and the rest of the guys planted the garden. We were tired and went to bed early.

March 1, 1981 (Sunday)

Joey's birthday. Nearly forgot. Called her and she seems happy Wish we could see her. I worry about them. I didn't feel good so stayed home all day.

March 2, 1981 (Monday)

Rained most of the day. Lots of snow on Pine Valley Mountain. Lots of mud. Hope we get some lawn soon.

March 3, 1981 (Tuesday)

The fog in Morningside rolls right in from the river. Looks like out of a mystery novel. I don't mind as long as I don't have to drive in it. The cable T.V guys have been working out in back all day. We have an appointment with the Bishop this evening. What can it be that they want us for. It is tearing my insides out. Wish I wouldn't react this way. Doesn't bother Rudger a bit. We kept the appointment and I was asked to be secretary in the Relief Society but with us going to Pine Valley in 2 months it wouldn't work out. It wouldn't have been too bad a job, time consuming but I am relieve really.

March 4, 1981 (Wednesday)

The sun is shining so beautiful. I love having the kitchen in the front and the sun shing in the windows all morning.

March 5, 1981 (Thursday)

Ellen and Mandy came to visit. She picked up Ryan from the college preschool then Richard came and took us all shopping. Rudger came late He had City Council.

March 6, 1981 (Friday)

Viola and her friend came to visit. Their husband were golfing in our beautiful weather that was cloudy today. We all attended a ward dinner at the chapel. Jane helped serve.

March 7, 1981 (Saturday)

We got up early and got ready for Lorin and LaVina to come. They were later than expected. Ernie and Viols and friends came down and we had a good visit It was fun. We all went to the Gable House for dinner. Mmm good. LaVina, Jane and I stayed up late visiting.

March 8, 1981 (Sunday)

The Bishop called and wanted me to come to his office That spoiled my visit with Lorin and LaVina but we went walking at the track. We went to breakfast up town then for a ride. Then my Relief Society teachers came by and I kept my appointment with the Bishop and I am now in the nursery again. Oh, great! Only 3 months till we go to PV. Kay, Enid, Julie and Gordon and Alisha Ann came by for a visit.

March 9, 1981 (Monday)

Got a lot of work done and then Rudger came home at 11:30 and took me away from it all. We rode to Diamond Valley to check some property that Kay and Rudger are interested in buying.

March 10, 1981 (Tuesday)

I kept busy like always since we moved down into this new house. It is fun just putting stuff away not cleaning Everything is so shiny clean. Jane went to her charm class.

March 11, 1981 (Wednesday)

I hung some of the pictures. They look nice. Rudger, Kay, Enid and I went to Diamond Valley about noon and walked for about 2 hours. We were tired when we got back. Jane and I went to the Rotary Ann's Mothers and Daughters party. It was nice. We sat across from Pearl McAllister and her daughter Rexine That made it special.

March 12, 1981 (Thursday)

Called Ellen to see if I couldn't take Ryan to school but he doesn't go anymore. Tuesday was his last day. Rudger had a meeting and I had an orientation meeting at Mrs. Talbot's home for my new calling. We went up late to Rudger's new office to see his new wall hanging. It is so very nice.

March 13, 1981 (Friday)

Waited all day for some telephone calls. They didn't come. Sara Atkin came to measure for the rest of the drapes in the house. Can't wait for them. Richard and Ellen came down to see how the garden was growing The peas are up.

March 14, 1981 (Saturday)

Started out to be a rainy day but the sun came out later. Rudger went to get a haircut and so I got a lot of work done Cooked a turkey and invited Richard and Ellen to dinner. The house smelled so good and it was a good meal.

March 15, 1981 (Sunday)

I worried all night about my new church calling but all in vain. Everything turned out fine. Three neighborhood couples came to welcome us into the neighborhood. It was nice meeting and visiting with them. They brought us cookies. Called Scott and was anxious to see how they were doing but he didn't seem too anxious to talk to us or like I expected.

March 16, 1981 (Monday)

Quite a nice Monday. Marlene Larkin came to visit. She asked me to help her with the table decorations for Thursday Relief Society Birthday dinner. I took Pearl and we walked up to the track and around only twice, maybe more tomorrow. We found that the carrots were coming up. The new trees are really coming out. The main thing is that they are all alive.

March 17, 1981 (Tuesday)

Lula and Dean surprised me this morning with a visit. It was nice seeing them. Called Dr. Booth's office and got an appointment for Jane. He said she needed to come back to see him in a month and she needed an appointment with Dr. Caple for her knee but we will make an appointment with Dr. Carson in Salt Lake City. He is the Dr. she had at 14 months when she had a dislocated hip. Ruderger went to a meeting and Jane to charm class and so I went up to visit with Richard and Ellen.

March 18, 1981 (Wednesday)

Up early and went to the dentist and then Ruderger and I and Pearl took off for Panguitch [Utah]. Nice day for a trip and it was fun. What a deal. I was eating and the filling the dentist put in came out. I guess it isn't the end of the world but as much as I don't like to go to the dentist - rather a disappointment.

March 19, 1981 (Thursday)

Up early and back in the same routine. Got an appointment with the dentist for Monday. Gerry Sullivan came over with her son to see our beams in the living room. She is going to have some in her new home and wants them just like ours. I went with Marlene Larkin and Mrs. Evanson to decorate at the chapel for the Relief Society Birthday dinner. Ruderger had City Council and so I went with Marlene to the dinner. It was very nice. The people in the ward are very friendly and I am getting to know them now and feel more comfortable.

March 20, 1981 (Friday)

At City Council last night they decided to put Ruderger over all the Dept. as well as Utilities. I can't tell how he is going to take this. I don't think he wanted it that way. It is quite a compliment to him that they would want him to get their departments straightened out and I guess he should look at it that way.

March 21, 1981 (Saturday)

We spent all day long with Richard and Ellen and kids. We went after blow sand and got it worked into the garden. We decided to go on a picnic so we went to Snow Canyon. It was a fun day.

March 22, 1981 (Sunday)

Up early and to church. Rudger spent the morning with a man from somewhere back east. Bill and Jewell came to visit, so glad that they came. Richard and Ellen, Mandy and Ryan came down later. Mandy says Grandpa now.

March 23, 1981 (Monday)

Ryann is going back to the college for preschool. It will be good for him. He likes it so much. I went to the dentist. Glad to get over. Made some soup and it was good. We all went after some more blow sand for the garden.

March 24, 1981 (Tuesday)

Waited all day for the painters. She promised me. They came and hung the rest of the draperies. They cost us \$1,000.00 all together. That is really a lot of money but they look good. We planted the squash and cucumber today.

March 25, 1981 (Wednesday)

I think back when Rudger's mother was alive and she got so much accomplished even though she had arthritis and was in so much pain. I have got to quit complaining about my aches and pains when I do a little work. Rudger talked to Jackie yesterday. I think she is anxious to come see our new house. She hasn't been down for so long. I can't wait.

March 26, 1981 (Thursday)

Rudger left early for Las Vegas meetings. I hurried with the work so I could visit with Viola when she gets here today. She, Ernie, Weston, Shelly and Karen are coming down for a golf trip. They came for a visit about 3 p.m. but didn't stay long. It rained all evening and Rudger was tired and you can guess the rest. I watched Knots Landing for 2 hours.

March 27, 1981 (Friday)

Got up early thinking Viola would call or come down but she didn't until noon and I picked her up and we went shopping. I guess I was too nervous for some reason and didn't enjoy the experience. We went up to the Rickshaw for dinner with the Allreds - Ernie, Viola, Weston, Shelley and Karen. They all came down here with us after and it was fun visiting with them.

March 28, 1981 (Saturday)

Rudger was gone most of morning. Enid and Cythis came down but I missed them. I was in the back yard and they left. Richard and Ellen and kids came down and they helped with the weeding and dug trenches for the sprinkling system. I picked Viola up and she came visiting for a while.

March 29, 1981 (Sunday)

Attended church with Jane. Rudger was on city business again. Rudger and I took off at 1 p.m. for Salt Lake City. We stayed at Provo at the Rodeway Inn and had a nice evening visiting with Scott and Dayna and had fun playing with Alisa Ann. She is really growing up and crawling and pulling herself up to things. They fixed dinner and it was so good. Dayna is a really good cook.

March 30, 1981 (Monday)

President Reagan was shot today. We slept so good and we got up early and took off for Salt Lake City in a snowstorm and it was so cold. I spent the day visiting with Jackie. Rudger spent the day in court on city business. Jackie and George had a specially good dinner ready for us.

as usual. She is a good cook. I don't see how she does everything she does and has 5 kids running around and one on the way. Kimberly is so cute and getting to be a grown up already. Helps her mother very much.

March 31, 1981 (Tuesday)

We left Jackie's place at 9:00 am. and went to a bank downtown. Rudger met with his city lawyer and picked up some papers. We then came on home. It was a nice trip. With the Pine Valley Branch Presidency and Sunday School Superintendency and wives we went to dinner at a Japanese residence. It was elegant but I could never get used to that food. They all came over to see our new house and conduct business.

April 1, 1981 (Wednesday)

April Fool. I was so tired. Went back to bed for an hour. Really needed that. Went to get my hair cut at 1:30 p.m. Rudger and I picked up our tomato plants and peppers to plant this weekend. Went to bed early.

April 2, 1981 (Thursday)

The wind is blowing again. Keeps me from enjoying the outdoors and watching everything grow. I picked Ryan up from the College and kept him until Richard was out of school.

April 3, 1981 (Friday)

Another windy day. Didn't do anything very interesting just got the housework and shopping done.

April 4, 1981 (Saturday)

Richard, Ellen Ryan and Mandy came down and we spent the day working outside planting the tomatoes and pepper plants, getting the sprinkling system in.

April 5, 1981 (Sunday)

Conference and so we were able to stay home and watch it on T.V. Richard, Ellen, Ryan and Mandy came down and brought a cake and we sat on the patio.

April 6, 1981 (Monday)

Kind of a lonesome day. Rudger went to Rotary. I went out for a sandwich all by myself. Jane was late coming home. She had a practice.

April 7, 1981 (Tuesday)

I walked up to meet Ellen and she came down then we both went up and got Ryan from school at the College. The kids all came down and worked late on the sprinkling system. It is taking longer than I thought. I guess I am getting anxious for some lawn.

April 8, 1981 (Wednesday)

Wind is still blowing. The weather is warm and the new trees and pomegranate bushes are really growing.

April 9, 1981 (Thursday)

Ellen came down after she picked Ryan up. I had just come back from the open house or ribbon cutting ceremony for the new city office building. It was a great occasion. Everyone seemed impressed with the whole thing especially tRudger's offices. Nice day.

April 10, 1981 (Friday)

Worked outside for a while. It was nice all morning but the wind blew again so I didn't get the spraying done.

April 11, 1981 (Saturday)

I spent the day getting dinner and baking a few things. I went to a bridal shower for Kare, Gregg's new fiance. Enid gave the shower and it was nice. I hurried home to get dinner on for us and invited Richard, Ellen, Ryan and Mandy. We all went to the movie Star Wars. Not my kind of thing.

April 12, 1981 (Sunday)

Went to church early. We came home. Planned on going to Pine Valley but the wind was blowing and so we took a little ride. Went to bed early. They sent the Columbia Space Shuttle into space.

April 13, 1981 (Monday)

Jane stayed home from school. I made rolls and apple squares. They turned out good but it took all morning. Rudger went to Las Vegas. I took Jane to the Dr. Booth. He gave her some medication to straighten her out. Sure hope it does. David and Marilyn Olson brought their kids down for family home evening. They went through our house and visited.

April 14, 1981 (Tuesday)

What a great historic day. The space shuttle came back to us out of space. The two men that went up walked out of the ship. So happy. Their names - Young and Crippin, navy men. They said, "That ocean of space is so great and my ship is so small." Ellen came down and we went to get Mandy a shot and to the store.

April 15, 1981 (Wednesday)

I spent the day just cleaning house and getting the Easter baskets filled with pretty eggs. The kids will be here tomorrow. Jane and I took some of the baskets to some of our neighbors in 3rd Ward and some in the new neighborhood.

April 16, 1981 (Thursday)

George, Jackie, Kimberly, Heather, Jennifer, Erin and Amber came in about 2 p.m. It was great to see all of them. They seemed to like our new house. We took them up to see new city office building.

April 17, 1981 (Friday)

All of us rode up to Diamond Valley to see some property, then to Snow Canyon for the kids to play in the sand. We came home, had a wiener roast in the back yard. Scott and Dayna and Alisa came about 11 p.m. Jackie and I stayed up and waited for them while we made East goodies.

April 18, 1981 (Saturday)

It rained all night, spoiled our plans for Easter but we made do with dinner in the house.

April 19, 1981 (Sunday)

Had dinner early so we could all of us get ready for church in the 3rd ward. Rudger sang in choir and a solo part. After church the choir had an open house for Rudger, Jane and I at Brent and D'On Snow's house. A lot of the people in the ward came and wished us well in our new house and ward. It was nice and we felt honored.

April 20, 1981 (Monday)

George and Jackie and kids left early for home. I think they would like to live in St. George. Scott and Dayna (after Scott went to Rotary with Rudger) took me to dinner at Paula's. It was so good.

April 21, 1981 (Tuesday)

I did laundry all day, a lot to do. We all went shopping and found Jane 2 dresses.

April 22, 1981 (Wednesday)

Got all our things ready for to go to Provo tomorrow. Scott and Dayna went out to the college for Program Bureau.

April 23, 1981 (Thursday)

Scott and Dayna, Alisa, Rudger, Jane and I left for Provo. Scott & Dayna purchased a used car, blue, 8 cylinder. It is nice. We took off at about Fillmore to take Jane over to Price for competition. We then took 3 friends of Jane's to Provo and then we went on to Salt Lake City to stay at Jackie's. Long day.

April 24, 1981 (Friday)

Scott's graduation. We took Jackie and Jane and went to Provo. It was held in the Marriot Center, 3 thousand graduates. Monson was the speaker. Very good. Very uncomfortable seating. We went to Scott's for lunch and then back to another Center for Business Management graduates. Very nice. After the Gentrys and McArthurs and Scotts landladies had a dinner in the backyard. We went back to Salt Lake City.

April 25, 1981 (Saturday)

Up early and back to St. George. It has been quite an eventful week. Was much fun but I am very tired

April 26, 1981 (Sunday)

Daylight savings time turned the clocks a head and that made us really going to church at 7:30. We were going to P.V but decided that our friends were going to show up at 7:00 pm for a surprise housewarming party. They all came and cooked hamburgers in the back yard. Bruce and Cheryl Stucki, Shirl and Bernice Pitchforth, Dick and Maurine Miles, Clark and OraLee McMullin, Wayne and Fontella Nuttall, Ronald and Lorna McArthur, LaRaine and Beulah McArthur. They gave us money to buy shrubs or trees. It was fun.

April 27, 1981 (Monday)

What a let down. I didn't do anything today. Rudger went to Rotary and so I was just plain lazy. Deserved the whole lazy day. Richard, Ellen and kids and Rudger and I rode to P.V and turned on water.

April 28, 1981 (Tuesday)

Ellen brought a lot of stuff down for me to take to our ward's parking lot sale.

April 29, 1981 (Wednesday)

Ellen, Ryan, Mandy Pearl and I packed our cleaning stuff in the truck and went to P.V to clean the house and get it ready for the summer. We worked darn hard and the rooms we finished looked so good. Rudger brought John Arlidge down to see our house while I was away. Rudger had a meeting and Jane went to a party and movie. M.I.A. I wrapped wedding gifts and priced yard sale items.

April 30, 1981 (Thursday)

Did a little work in the yard Really warm day 96 degrees. Rudger was glad to get home. The air conditioning wasn't working at the office.

May 1, 1981 (Friday)

I stayed home most of day. Went up to the Dr's office to pick Jane up but she had left. Enid and Barbara Pope came down for awhile. Richard Ellen, Mandy and Ryan came down. Staked up the peas and watered the garden. Jjane tended children tonight for Mr. G.

May 2, 1981 (Saturday)

Yard sale day for the ward. Up early to get the things over to the chapel. We went to the airport. Jane, Ryan, Mandy, Richard and Ellen went for an airplane ride. Really enjoyed it Wish I had decided to go. We took furniture and a few things and went to Pine Valley. Ate lunch outside, mowed the lawns. Bob and Sue came to visit tonight. Jane went baby sitting.

May 3, 1981 (Sunday)

Attended church meetings. We had dinner and Rudger and I went to Pine Valley. Fed the mice, went for a walk and a drive Then Dick and Maurine came up and we visited and went for a walk with them. We saw some deer up by Stucki's.

May 4, 1981 (Monday)

Watered the pomegranats and trees. Did all of the laundry and that was a lot. The weather was so nice, fleecy white clouds and blue skyes. Rudger went to Rotary. Jane started on her diet today. Hope I can help her and lose a little weight myself. Poor Rudger. He will suffer. Called Athela. We talked about the old neighborhood. It was fun. Dian Larson came down. I thought she was coming to see our house but it was just wanting me to buy something she made. Rudger and I rode to Pine Valley dig aspen trees for Bruce Stucki. Didn't get back until 10:00 p.m.

May 5, 1981 (Tuesday)

Ellen picked me up at 10:00 a.m. We went to Cedar. Spent some time at the college. She wanted to see the Moab people (friends) and look at the woodwork. High school vocational meet competition. Jackie called. I was so tired and went to bed early.

May 6, 1981 (Wednesday)

I rode to Cedar with Rudger. Another meeting on clean air. Has to do with Warner Valley energy system. I think they are discouraged at this point. First time I have heard Rudger utter a discouraged word about it.

May 7, 1981 (Thursday)

The painter, the carpet fixer upper came just as I was making a cake and getting ready to go to Pine Valley to help with the funeral service of [Ray] Beckstrom. They finished up in an hour and we were on our way. Everything went well. I helped with the flowers as well as the luncheon. It was cold very cold and froze all the lilacs and apples last night up there.

May 8 1981 (Friday)

Watered the things outside. Richard & Ellen did the watering of the garden. Everything is growing so good.

May 9, 1981 (Saturday)

Scott's & Sheri's birthdays. Couldn't get Scott on the phone to wish him a good day. We went shopping for shrubs and stuff and ended up getting some tams and 2 evergreens. Richard helped Rudger with the sprinkler system. We are ready to put the lawn in.

May 10, 1981 (Sunday)

Mother's day. Rudger talked in church, a tribute to his mother. He also sang a solo and Jane san in a trio. This is my last Sunday to teach in the nursery. I feel bad about leaving the ward for 3 months just after we were getting so well acquainted with everyone. All the kids called me for Mothers D Ay. Scott was at Jackie's house He had spent hi birthday up there. sounds fun. Jane gave me a Chrysler Imperial rose bush. I was so happy Hope it grows as pretty as the one I had at the other house all these years. Richard, Ellen and kids came down with a very good cake and we ate a lot as usual.

May 11, 1981 (Monday)

Did laundry and went shopping for Jane some tops. Rudger and I went to Pine Valley to get the place ship shape for the Fathers and Sons outing that is being held there on Friday and Saturday. We irrigated for Ruth and came home late.

May 12, 1981 (Tuesday)

Ellen called and said she had a hair appt. so she brought the kids down this morning. We went out to Burger King for lunch. We just goofed off the rest of the day Rudger and I went to a High School concert. Jane sang a solo as well as singing with her group. She did very well.

May 13, 1981 (Wednesday)

Went shopping, vacuumed. Called all the girls on my list to tell them what to bring to the Rotary family night party. Rudger and I went to see Bob & Sue.

May 14, 1981 (Thursday)

I stayed home the whole day. I had someone dropping in all day. All my old neighbors. Athella and John came. John had to see about a job in this area. Dian came by the deliver tupperware and stayed for a while. Then Marilyn Olsen came to visit. Jane went babysitting for the Sears in the old neighborhood. Really glad they all come around. I miss them in a way.

May 15, 1981 (Friday)

Cloudy. Weather man says it will rain tonight and get cooler. We can stand some of both. They had the fathers and sons at our place in P.V. I rode up with Rudger and Richard & Ellen came up and picked me up. We went to the Veyo pool and had a milk shake. I don't look forward to staying with Jane alone in this house. Still a little nervous with the freeway in my back yard.

May 16, 1981 (Saturday)

Islept good until 9:30. Rudger got home about 12:00 o'clock. They all had a good time. We went to Bonnie & Vic Terry's wedding reception.

May 17, 1981 (Sunday)

We slept in and was so nice. We dropped Jane off at stake conference and Rudger and I went to P.V. Maurine and Dick were up there. We went for walks, visited and they invited us for steaks. It was a relaxing fun day.

May 18, 1981 (Monday)

Had some insurance and bills to get ready for the mail. Called George to get our house in P.V. insured. I made a cake for Rotary Family party at the park. Richard and Ellen, Ryan, Mandy, Jane, Rudger and I attended the party and had a fun time. Jackie is having a few contractions. She still has 2 months and I am worried about her and the baby.

May 19, 1981 (Tuesday)

My allergies are acting up again but only lasted half a day. Rudger and I rode to P.V. after we had our dinner. It was cold and so we stayed only a min.

May 20, 1981 (Wednesday)

I put some Loving Care on my hair. I am getting so grey. Went to the A.B.C shop and purchased a gift for the neighbor across the street. She had a baby boy last week. Our home teachers came a visiting tonight.

May 21, 1981 (Thursday)

I was getting my work done and Cleo Gentry called from the High School to tell me Jane had fallen and was hurt so I went to get her and took her to the Dr. He said she had a sprained knee. She insisted on going back to school but when she got back home was very miserable.

May 22, 1981 (Friday)

Jane stayed home. I waited on her, did a lot of laundry, got everything outside watered and went grocery shopping and then Rudger and I went to P.V. Discovered we had a squirrel in the house. Now to figure out how to get rid of it. We went to the chapel to change the vacuum bag.

May 23, 1981 (Saturday)

Lyne and Janice Gardner were married today. We didn't attend the wedding but we attended the dinner at the Sun Room at the college. Spent afternoon shopping and then went to the wedding reception. Special day.

May 24, 1981 (Sunday)

First Sunday meetings in P.V. Rudger's turn and he had Edith and Grant Whitehead do the speaking. Very good. Richard & Ellen were with us and they prepared dinner. We stuck around until evening and roasted weenies and marshmallows.

May 25, 1981 (Monday)

Memorial day. Up early and got the lawn raked and work inside done. We went to P.V. because I forgot my makeup and I needed that. We went to Erle and Jewell's new house up there and visited then we cleaned house a little. Need to go up another day and clean some more. Visited Enid and Kay.

May 26, 1981 (Tuesday)

Jane felt much better today. Went to school all day and didn't even complain or limp very much. I think her knee is getting much better. Bob and Sue came down and while they were here Kay & Enid came. Had a nice visit.

May 27, 1981 (Wednesday)

Took the car up to tire shop to get the tires fixed. Did a little work around the house. Richard & Ellen, Ryan and Mandy walked down to see us and we took them home. Rudger and I rode around for awhile.

May 28, 1981 (Thursday)

Jane called and wanted me to bring her choir dress to the high school and I did. She didn't get her year book again today. She came home at noon and went back at 2:30.

May 29, 1981 (Friday)

Jane was at school all day and this is her last day this year as a junior. Rudger stayed home all day & worked outside. We planted shrubs and got the lawn ready for putting down the sod.

May 30, 1981 (Saturday)

Worked outside and inside. Went to Pine Valley, mowed the lawns, helped Enid and Kay to get the barbeque fired up and the meat ready to put in.

May 31, 1981 (Sunday)

Attended church meetings in PV. We had a great dinner. Ate our potatoes and salad and then Rudger went to get the meat out of the pit and we enjoyed that. Turkey & beef.

June 1, 1981 (Monday)

Jane & I just took it easy. I did a little laundry then we went shopping. Bought Jane Levies and she got 2 books and I some makeup. We had our diet food. Rudger went to Rotary.

June 2, 1981 (Tuesday)

Boy, are we lazy. We had a nap but we did pick carrots and beets and bottle them. Rudger and I went to Bob's and Susan's and picked beans then we stopped on our way back and visited Jewell till late.

June 3, 1981 (Wednesday)

Richard Ellen, Ryan and Mandy walked down and I walked back home with them. That is a long way. Rudger brought me home. We went to Hurricane to pick cherries. It was fun and we got our usual stomach aches. Took some to Richard.

June 4, 1981 (Thursday)

Jane and I started early this morning. Got in on the sales. Bought the rest of the shrubs we needed and a case of paper towels. I cleaned the car and wrapped a gift for Alisa.

June 5, 1981 (Friday)

Richard came down early to water the garden. I got the pomegranate bushes watered and the shrubs brought the shrubs in the house so they would not die while we are on our trip.

June 6, 1981 (Saturday)

We packed our gear, a turkey, casserole, several other food items plus all those cherries we picked and garden stuff and went to SLC to visit Jackie. Richard and Ellen, Ryan and Mandy rode along with us in their car. It was a fun day. I can see Ryan will never want to go home.

June 7, 1981 (Sunday)

We had dinner at 1 p.m. even if it was Fast Sunday. Couldn't make all the little kids wait until 6:30 p.m. We, all of us, went to church came home, ate again and went for a walk.

June 8, 1981 (Monday)

Took the kids to Liberty Park. It was a fun time. Jane even went on the rides. Had cotton candy and ice cream. Jackie, Ellen and Rudger and I played Rook after the kids were in bed.

June 9, 1981 (Tuesday)

We went shopping. Jackie went to the Dr. and then we all went to the airport to pick up George. He had been to Oregon to visit his mother. We went out to the lake to see their new sail boat. They are so proud of it. But I still will not sail with them.

June 10, 1981 (Wednesday)

Jane, Rudger and I packed up and back to St. George. It is a good feeling to be home after 4 days. It was a fun trip home.

June 11, 1981 (Thursday)

I slept so good last night and got up rather late. We went to P.V to mow the lawn but the lawn was wet and the wind was lowing so we came home and worked on the St. George lot.

June 12, 1981 (Friday)

I cannot believe Rudger took the whole week off but again today we went to P.V and got the lawns mowed. Went for a ride, came home and dug weeds and planted the shrubs.

June 13, 1981 (Saturday)

Went cherry picking again. Bottled 14 quarts of cherries and 13 pints pickled betts.

June 14, 1981 (Sunday)

Went to P.V. but didn't attend meetings. Everyone else did but I just didn't feel that great. Ellen and Richard fixed dinner. The wind was blowing so hard that we gave up and came home early.

June 15, 1981 (Monday)

The carpet man came and fixed the edges of the carpet that were coming up. We picked up sod at 5:00 p.m. and Jane, Rudger, Richard, Ellen and I had it all down by 9:30. It looks great. Now our place looks nice with a new lawn.

June 16, 1981 (Tuesday)

We didn't sleep well and we are stiff and sore today.

June 17, 1981 (Wednesday)

Jane and I decided we had been on our diet for so long and we needed something good so we bought us 2 ice creams. It tasted so good. After spending 3 hours in town we found we had purchased only socks. It was fun tho.

June 18, 1981 (Thursday)

Jane and I went to Penney's and bought Jane a blouse and shorts. Then I went grocery shopping and spent 2 hours visiting. Richard and Ellen brought Ryan and Mandy down while they went to the movies. Cara and her husband came over for a visit and we mowed our new lawn. Looks good.

June 19, 1981 (Friday)

Dug a few weeds in the back yard. Today is Ellen's birthday. Wanted to do something like a dinner or goodies for her but it would spoil our diets and we can't do that. Richard came down and went to buy Ellen some birthday then I wrapped the gifts while he went for more. They invited us up for ice cream and cake. We blew our diet anyway but it was worth it.

June 20, 1981 (Saturday)

Rudger went to a meeting in Cedar City so Jane and I got the work done then when Rudger came back we went to buy trees and flowers. Rudger planted them while Jane and I went to get our hair cut. Rudger and I went to Christian's Golden Wedding open house and then to 2 wedding receptions. Jane went baby sitting across the street.

June 21, 1981 (Sunday)

Our wedding anniversary, also Richard's and Ellen's. Father's day. We all got together in P.V. to celebrate, went to church, had a special dinner. Jane and Pearl stayed in P.V. and we came home to water.

June 22, 1981 (Monday)

Rudger went by plane to Bryce Canyon. I spent the day being lazy.

June 23, 1981 (Tuesday)

I decided today that we should and would go to the Blunck family reunion. Rudger had a meeting so I went up to Richards to watch T.V.

June 24, 1981 (Wednesday)

I got everything packed and ready to go to SLC. We are going tomorrow instead of waiting until Friday. We went to P.V to take some things to Jane.

June 25, 1981 (Thursday)

We left for SLC about 1:00 pm. We stopped in Beaver and got some cheese curds and ate them with crackers. They are delicious. We stopped to leave some things with Jackie so she could prepare them for the reunion. We went to Covey's motel. Had a very nice room. It was great to do that again.

June 26, 1981 (Friday)

Rudger had meetings at the Capitol. He meet with the Governor and 2 others. We then went to the cafeteria for lunch then to the mall for shopping and then out to Lorin's and LaVina's. We are staying with them for 2 days. Lorin took us out to Bratten's for dinner I didn't get to bed until 2:00 a.m. LaVina and I visited.

June 27, 1981 (Saturday)

Up early made salads, deviled eggs. LaVina took Rudger and I to the Sugar House Park for reunion and she got lost. Made for a nervous ride but we made it. The reunion with the Wilcoxs in charge was a big success but not very many were there. Scott and Dayna and Alisa came up from Provo. Jackie and George and kids all came from our family and Rudger and I. We went to Viola's in the evening and Karen made us milk shakes. Cherry and banana. Mmm. Good.

June 28, 1981 (Sunday)

We got up early and packed to come home. Stopped in Provo to see Scott but they were not at home. We came on home by way of P.V. and Richard and Ellen and Jane were making cream puffs. They were good. Then we came on home about 7 or 8. Picked a lot of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and potatoes. Couldn't go to sleep so I read all night.

June 29, 1981 (Monday)

Jane and I did laundry. She made a cake and I went shopping and bought some clothes Really needed them. We mowed the new lawn the 2nd time and it looks so good Hope it stays that way.

June 30, 1981 (Tuesday)

Up early and went to the dentist to get my crown set. Ha a nap and that is about it.

July 1, 1981 (Wednesday)

Jane and I tried a little exercise but was discouraged. Pretty much out of practice.

July 2 1981 (Thursday)

Rudger took me to Cedar City I shopped and he took some papers to a guy and then we went to dinner at the Town & Country. Richard came down early and Rudger and he worked on the storage building for the back yard. It is going to be nice.

July 3 1981 (Friday)

Richard was here about 5:30 am. and he and Rudger have the storage building pretty well built or I should say put together. I invtted them all down to dinner. it was good. They came back later in the day and we had dessert and they finished up the biding - almost.

July 4, 1981 (Saturday)

(Lots of stars were drawn on this line. A note indicated that "Jane did this,") This morning they got the roof on and doors and then Rudger and Jane and I went to P.V. It was rather warm. We mowed and watered the lawn. We enjoyed the afternoon very much. Jane stayed and we came home. We went out for a snack and did a little shopping.

July 5, 1981 (Sunday)

Went back to P.V. for meetings. There was a large attendance. We stayed the whole day. After lunch we sat on the lawn in the shade It was too hot in the house In the evening had a barbeque then came home. I was reading in the paper where they were still having performances of Promised Valley and it brought back memories when Rudger and Richard were in the production that they put on in St. George. Rudger was the father and Richard was one of the boys. They were very good.

July 6 1981 (Monday)

Monday is my laundry day but I sorted the clothes and didn't get them done. We went to P.V. to watch them demonstrate the new fire engine. P.V. fire department is buying this new truck from Pocatello City Fire Department for \$8,000.00. Looks great to me but after watching them I don't think I would be much good at it - at being a fireman.

July 7, 1981 (Tuesday)

No much going on today. Rudger had a meeting tonight.

July 8, 1981 (Wednesday)

I don't look forward to getting any older but I have to face it I am 56 years old today. My kids all remembered to call me. Jewell called just before she left for California so she didn't pay her usual visit D'On Snow called. LaVina didn't call and so I felt bad about that. Rudger took me to Driftwood Lodge for dinner and it was so special and Richard and Ellen made me a cake and brought me some water bottles that I had been looking all over for. Nice day.

July 9, 1981 (Thursday)

I bottled tomato juice quite a hassle until I finally remembered how to make it. I went shopping and bought me a new white skirt and Jane a new top. Rudger was late coming home. By that time it was time for bed.

July 10, 1981 (Friday)

Went with Richard and Ellen. Jane tended Ryan and Mandy and we went every place. Bought curtain for P.V. and food.

July 11, 1981 (Saturday)

Athella's and Grandma Leah's birthday. We got the work done and packed for a couple of days in P.V. It was rather chilly but very nice.

July 12, 1981 (Sunday)

Had a bad headache when I got up. Always happens when I stay over night. Must be allergies. I stayed home from church and kept Mandy with me. I chased mice and killed one dead. Ellen came home from church and fixed dinner. It was very good. After dinner we smelled this terrible odor. Mice odor, and we found that when the oven was turned on it cooked a mouse that had crawled into the insulation in the top of the oven. We sat outside on the lawn and visited with Ruth and cracked nuts. Dick and Maurine came up and we had a nice visit with them. Rudger and Richard decided they had better take the stove apart and remove the mouse or we wouldn't be able to come back to P.V. again and so they did. We came back home later. Visted with the Raya's for an hour and then went to bed.

July 13, 1981 (Monday)

Up early and bottled tomato juice. Rudger went to Rotary and so Jane and I went to town to get a baby gift for Sister Ence's baby. We got in on a white shoe sale and I bought 2 pair and Jane 1. We also got a blouse for me and a skirt and pants for Jane. Came home and started chili sauce. It smelled so good. Jane ground everything and Rudger stirred and we all bottled. It was fun.

July 14, 1981 (Tuesday)

Richard and Ellen, Ryan and Mandy came down and spent the day. Richard got his new saw that he has wanted and they worked on my headboard. I cooked a ham and zucchini for dinner.

July 15, 1981 (Wednesday)

Our telephone zonked out again. Boots Cox came down to mow hay and cut the wire. What a deal. Oh, well, that's OK. The telephone doesn't keep ringing all the time.

July 16, 1981 (Thursday)

Jane and I took tomatoes and squash to Ellen and they were not home so we went to Ben's and they were there. Rudger had meeting so Jane tended the kids and Richard and Ellen took me to the white (?) sale at Ben Franklin. Got a little Christmas shopping done.

July 17, 1981 (Friday)

I was lazy this morning but did get up when Rudger left for work. The power went off during the night and so that was nice not having the phone working so no one could call Rudger. Richard came by and took me for a ride while he did a bit of shopping. I made some banana nut bread.

July 18, 1981 (Saturday)

Richard and Ellen came down to work on their shelves. We worked outside the morning and then went to P.V. We enjoyed it so much. It was so cool sitting outside. We mowed the lawn and I got a few things prepared for tomorrow's dinner. We left Jane up there and came home to water.

July 19, 1981 (Sunday)

Went back to P.V. Attended church. Mandy made it through 3 hours. She is such a good kid. Kay and Enid, LoyAnn and a friend came to visit. We served refreshments and sat out on the lawn. It was fun. Ellen picked currants. It took her along time to get enough for a pie. Jane stayed up and helped Ruth Snow tend Steve's kids and we came back to St. George. George called about eleven and said the Jackie had a baby girl. I am so relieved that it is over. Wish

they could have had a boy but a girl will be just as neat. Can't wait to hear how the 5 sister feel about it.

July 20, 1981 (Monday)

Rudger went to Vegas today. I am trying to catch up on a few things with me here alone but it is pretty slow. People keep calling and I am real lazy. I went out and found another tomato worm on the tomatoes. Hope they don't take over completely.

July 21, 1981 (Tuesday)

Richard and Ellen came and took me for a ride. We went to the dairy to get milk, punch and butter. Then we went to Stucki farms and got a lug of peaches. Rudger called and said he wouldn't be home for lunch. He had a Rotary Board of Directors meeting. At steak and rolls and stuff and went to P.V. to have dinner with Jane.

July 22, 1981 (Wednesday)

I thought I would make pies today to keep in practice but it was a mistake. Wasn't going to eat any but I have no willpower. Jackie called and she brought the baby home from the hospital today. They were all so excited. I remember when I was just a few years older than she and I brought Jane home. We were so happy.

July 23, 1981 (Thursday)

It took some doing but we got ready and went to P.V for the 24th weekend. Richard, Ellen, Ryan and Mandy went also. We had a nice evening. Sat outside and visited with the neighbors.

July 24, 1981 (Friday)

Tiffany's birthday. Rudger Jane and I went to the 24th program at the chapel. Mary Esther Staeli was in charge. Rudger was the chaplain. Richard and Ellen and Ryan and Mandy came over for the sports. Had a good day. Rudger and I came back to St. George and stayed the night. I am so tired after not sleeping last night.

July 25, 1981 (Saturday)

I slept so good. We were up early to water and do laundry and shopping but made it back to P.V. by noon. Had dinner. We are enjoying the cool weather. Ellen made a quilt for Brooke. I helped very little with it. Wish I liked to quilt better than I do.

July 26, 1981 (Sunday)

We were up early and all of us attended meetings. Andy and Verda Pace reported their mission. They are great. Ellen got the dinner. It was very good. We went for a long walk. Came back to St. George about seven.

July 27, 1981 (Monday)

Enjoyed the weekend but really tired today. Made a little catsup, had to use up the tomatoes. Went shopping for a gift for Brooke. Packed up a box to send to Jackie by Richard.

July 28 1981 (Tuesday)

Richard and Ellen, Ryan and Mandy went to Logan for Richard's workshop. Rudger and I went to Las Vegas. Had dinner at the Fremont. Played a few slot machines. It was a fun day.

July 29, 1981 (Wednesday)

Rudger had a dinner meeting and so Jane and I just got a lot done. Did some tomato juice. Changed beds. Jane and I stayed home all day. I made some chili to freeze so I could use the tomato juice.

July 30, 1981 (Thursday)

The summer is nearly gone. Jane will be going back to school in less than a month. I must have Richard's and Mandy's flu. I was sick all night, freezing and now I have a fever and haven't felt good all day.

July 31, 1981 (Friday)

Feel a little better today. We took Jane to P.V. to stay. We had dinner and came back home. Worked a little on our back yard, trying to move some dirt.

August 1, 1981 (Saturday)

We went down to unload the truck early. We loaded the truck again and unloaded it before 10:00 a.m.

August 2, 1981 (Sunday)

We attended meetings. Richard and Ellen were not here today and so we had dinner alone. I didn't feel so good so I slept for 3 hours and it felt good.

August 3, 1981 (Monday)

Richard and Ellen got back from Logan. They stayed with Scott and Dayna while up there. Rudger and I went to Cedar tonight, left at 4:30. We attended his meeting and I watched a bit of the Shakespeare Festival on the lawn while he visited and then we went to the Town & Country for dinner. Dayna called tonight to say that she had driven down to stay with her mother.

August 4, 1981 (Tuesday)

Waited for Dayna and bring Alisa and come to spend the day but she called and said she couldn't make it after I had waited. She was going with her folks to the symphony at Zion Park. Rudger and I worked in the back yard some more.

August 5, 1981 (Wednesday)

Dayna called and said she was coming down. I fixed dinner and we ate and visited the afternoon. Rudger came home about 3:30 and we went to P.V. -all of us went for a ride. Jane was up to Tammy's. She came home and we all had dinner in the back yard.

August 6, 1981 (Thursday)

Rudger didn't go to work until 10:00 a.m. Got a little more dirt out of the bank. We will soon be ready to put up the fence.

August 7, 1981 (Friday)

Richard and Ellen came and took me shopping with them. I enjoy getting out. They are so kind to old women. I love them for it. Richard and Ellen got a babysitter and we (Rudger included) all went to the movie. Really a cut show. (Four Seasons) with Carol Burnett and Alan Alda.

August 8, 1981 (Saturday)

Richard came down at 6:30. We went to unload the truck, then we filled it up again and unloaded again. Rudger measured for fence and it is going to look nice. Dayna came for dinner. We had hamburgers. Lisa can walk and she is cutting 3 teeth. Cute.

August 9, 1981 (Sunday)

Attended church meetings. It is more fun when Richard & Ellen and the kids are here. We had dinner and then sat mostly in the yard visiting. Went to the canyon and saw lots of deer, fawns and spotted fawns. Came back to St. George early. Dayna came down. Mr. Raya came over. We visited. It started to rain. The rain we can handle. Love it.

August 10, 1981 (Monday)

Jane went to get a permanent in her hair. Up to Guys and Dolls. It's cute and easy to take care of. Stayed home all day. George called and said his mother had had a stroke.

August 11, 1981 (Tuesday)

Jane and I just stayed home and got the work done. The car doesn't run too good and so Jane just ran an errand for me. Rudger came home late and he was called by D'On Snow for a practice in the other stake conference and so he went to sing with them. He is so happy to be able to sing with the old ward members again.

August 12, 1981 (Wednesday)

Got George's folk's picture from Lynn Clark and got it ready for mailing. Ellen and Mandy came by to visit while they were waiting for Ryan at his swimming lesson. I wish they would come more often.

August 13, 1981 (Thursday)

Jane and I went Shopping for her some school clothes and LaVina's birthday. We found a real nice gold chain bracelet for LaVina and a lot more school clothes than I planned. They are nice and she looks good in them. Rudger, Jane and I took the flyers advertising the P.V. summer group benefit dinner to raise funds to fix the outside of the chapel to all the 25 bishops in St. George and surrounding towns.

August 14, 1981 (Friday)

Jane and I got a lot done, then we attended the wedding receptions with Kay and Enid. Ora Le and Clark's boy, Jeff, was wedded and the other 3 we didn't know so well. Jeff's was at the Bloomington Country Club which was very nice. Visited with a lot of people we hadn't seen for a long time.

August 15, 1981 (Saturday)

Called LaVina on her birthday. She seemed to be having a nice day. Rudger was in a grouchy mood. Couldn't figure what got into him. We all went to P.V. in the afternoon. I was going to stay but we ended up leaving Jane and coming back to go to another wedding reception.

August 16, 1981 (Sunday)

Attended meetings in P.V. Visited with Dean and Marie. Took the painting to Dr. Booth. Jane stayed and we came back so that Rudger could practice for conference choir in the old stake we belonged to. Can't seem to get along without him. Makes him feel wanted.

August 17, 1981 (Monday)

It is lonesome without Jane. I did a few things I have wanted to do for a long time. Got the fridge cleaned and the one in the garage defrosted. Rudger went to Rotary. He came home at 5:00 and we went shopping and came home and he helped me finish up the peaches.

August 18, 1981 (Tuesday)

Rudger went to Cedar City for all day. When he returned about 6:00 we went to P.V. to get Jane and Rudger cleaned out the barbeque pit for Saturday. It rained a little and that made for real cool weather. Richard and Ellen came home from Roosevelt.

August 19, 1981 (Wednesday)

Rudger has been digging post holes for our new fence. He is working so hard with the yard and all the new jobs at the office.

August 20, 1981 (Thursday)

Jane and I left early, got my hair cut and then visited the diet center They started Jane. It is a six week course and by that time she should lose 30 pounds. Rulon and Ruth came by and had lunch with us. Rudger took us out to get them some peaches and grapes at Stucki farms. Richard and Ellen took me shopping with them.

August 21, 1981 (Friday)

Jane and I started on our diet. It has been hard because we had to spend the day in P.V. Rudger kept the fires going in the barbeque pit and they got the meat in at about 6:20. We came home about 6:30. After Tammy and Mary Krista went home Rudger went to Cedar for a 8:00 meeting and Jane and I went shopping for some more diet food.

August 22, 1981 (Saturday)

Jane went to the diet center to get weighed. She lost 2 pounds. I made a cake. We went to P.V. We all helped with the summer group benefit dinner. It was a hug success. Didn't get home till late. Jane stayed for the night. We were tired.

August 23, 1981 (Sunday)

Rudger helped in the choir He said it sounded good. I stayed home and visited with Mike and Karen and their children. We went to P.V. at about 2:30 and Richard and Ellen had left to come home so we visited with the Pitchforths and Miles and Ruth Snow. We brought some friends of Jane's home with us. Jane went to be interviewed by the Bishop and she was made 2nd Councilor in her Laurel Class. Richard and Ellen came down to turn their peaches in the dryer. I took Mandy to the store with me.

August 24, 1981 (Monday)

Jane started back to school today. She was excited but nervous. She looked very nice in her new clothes. Rudger had Rotary and so I didn't do too much. Ellen brought Mandy for me to tend while she went to school with Ryan. He started kindergarten today. His teach is Mrs. -

August 25, 1981 (Tuesday)

Rudger drove to LasVegas with Wayne Wilson. They will fly to Washington D.C. for a meeting tomorrow morning. I didn't feel so good and so I didn't do anything. Jane went to a M.I.A. meeting. I went to bed early. Miss Rudger.

August 26, 1981 (Wednesday)

Ellen came down with Ryan and Mandy. We got the peaches on the dryer. Ryan likes school and I hope the teacher teaches him not to be such a smart alic kid. We love him most of the time but he doesn't mind worth a darn. Rudger came home about 11:00 p.m.. I rode with him to LaVerkin to take Wayne home. Sure happy to have him back home.

August 27, 1981 (Thursday)

Up early and got lots of work done. Rudger came home and we went to the lumber yard to price fence boards. Jane came home in a terrible mood. I guess this diet is getting to her. She has lost 8 pounds.

August 28, 1981 (Friday)

I was up early and helped Rudger with the fence awhile. It was cool. Still 105 degrees during the afternoon.

August 29, 1981 (Saturday)

We went to Stucki farms and got a half bushel basket of grapes. Came home and got them ready for the dryer. Decided we needed that many more to fill it and so went out in the heat and picked more. We worked on the fence and really tired tonight. Decided to stay home and not go to P.V tonight.

August 30, 1981 (Sunday)

We went to meetings. Ellen helped me with dinner and we had a great meal. Visited with a lot of people. Came back early so Jane could get organized for school.

August 31, 1981 (Monday)

Wow!! A Monday and on a diet too. That's too much. Rudger and Richard put some boards on the fence. Looks great. Can't wait till it is finished.

September 1, 1981 (Tuesday)

I got a lot done. Cleaned off the patio and mowed the back lawn. At 11:00 a.m. it was still nice enough to sit outside and that's what Pearl and I did. Rudger was up early and put more boards on the fence. Jane walked to school.

September 2, 1981 (Wednesday)

Rudger and I went to P.V., defrosted the fridge and Rudger mowed the lawn. Just cleaned the best I could in the time I had to get ready for Labor Day weekend company. Came home and helped Rudger finished the fence. Read for a while.

September 3, 1981 (Thursday)

Made bread and rolls. I don't like to make bread and rolls. I guess that is the reason I don't make them very often.

September 4, 1981 (Friday)

Jackie and family are coming about 7:00 tonight and Scott and family are coming at 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. Ruder stayed home all day to help me. We went to P.V. at 4:00 p.m. and were back and ready to go to a High Priest party at 7:00. When we came home the kids, Jackie and George, Kim, Heather, Jennifer, Erin, Amber and Brooke were here. That's quite a crowd in one small house. Scott, Dayna and Lisa were here at nine. Lisa is getting so grown up. They went to Dayna's folks for the night.

September 5, 1981 (Saturday)

Brooke is such a sweet baby. We all went to pick apples and grapes. Scott George and Richard helped Ruder move the storage shed. I fixed a casserole for everyone for lunch and then we had a barbecue in the back yard in the evening. It rained very hard just when we finished eating. I got to rock Brooke to sleep. She is so cute.

September 6, 1981 (Sunday)

We were up early and ready to go to church in P.V. Brooke was blessed by her father. It was a great occasion. All our family and Susan and Bob were there for dinner. We had barbecue beef, dutch oven potatoes and all the trimmings but it rained so hard and we had to eat inside the house. We stayed in P.V. till late. Kay and Enid came to visit for awhile and we came back to St. George about 9:30 p.m. It was a great day.

September 7, 1981 (Monday)

Scott and Dayna and Lisa came for breakfast. We visited all morning. They left at 11:00 to go back home. George kept some appointments he had and they left about 4 or 5 o'clock. I am really tired tonight. It was fun having everyone here but I am glad we can get back to normal again.

September 8, 1981 (Tuesday)

I stayed home all morning waiting for Joceil Nielson to come by. She borrowed Grandma Morris's silk dress for the art's festival in Springdale this week.

September 9, 1981 (Wednesday)

Ruder and I are getting the rest of the bank of dirt hauled out. We probably can get the rest of fence in running the length of back yard.

September 10, 1981 (Thursday)

I met Ruder up at the Dr. Ronald Snow's office to pick new glasses frames for him and when I got back Rulon and Ruth were here. They are here to buy a new trailer house to put on their lot at Dixie Downs. They sold their house in Boulder City, Nevada, and will be up here to live in a month. I think they are excited and I am happy for them and that they will be living here.

September 11, 1981 (Friday)

We went to Stucki farms and got some more grapes and a bushel of apples. They are so good. Ruder had a meeting but he came home in time for us to go to a wedding reception.

September 12, 1981 (Saturday)

We spent the whole day working in the yard. Went shopping. Richard, Ellen and Mandy and Ryan came by and gave us the news about them. Ellen is the family way. We are so happy for them. Wish they could get their new house started. They need it so bad.

September 13, 1981 (Sunday)

I stayed home from meetings. Ruderger and Jane attended and I had dinner ready when they came home and then Ruderger and I went to P.V. It was beautiful up there. Marie and Ed gave us some potato out of their garden. We visited with them and then sat on the lawn with Dick and Maurine. We had a good visit about the recent Republican Convention. Larken lost to Sharon Isom for Mayor to run in the primaries. We came home for Ruderger to keep an appointment with the bishop. He was made Choir president. He is really excited about it.

September 14, 1981 (Monday)

The house really needed cleaning and I spent all day cleaning and doing laundry. Ruderger had Rotary. The McArthurs and several other gentleman tried to persuade Ruderger to run on the democratic ticket for Mayor but he can't because he works for the city. I was glad for that.

September 15, 1981 (Tuesday)

I went walking up around the temple for an hour. Felt rather good. Helped Ruderger unload the truck visited, with Marlene Larkin.

September 16, 1981 (Wednesday)

Went walking for an hour again today around the track today. Made a casserole for the Relief Society work night. Went over to the chapel and helped set up tables. It turned out real nice. Just heard that Carl Brooks will be democratic candidate for mayor. That great.

September 17, 1981 (Thursday)

Walked for an hour again. I think people think I am crazy but i enjoy it. Went to the market and purchased food storage items. Rodeo and parade time. Jane and I were going but the time passed so quickly it had already started. Ruderger came home and worked some more on the fence posts.

September 18, 1981 (Friday)

We were still so busy again today we missed the parade. Richard and Ellen took Ryan to the rodeo and so Jane tended Mandy.

September 19, 1981 (Saturday)

We worked on the fence all morning. Got a gate in so we could get the the pomegranate bushes. Ruderger and I went to Diamond Valley to water witch a well site. We came home and Ruderger, Jane and I went to the parade. Richard and Ryan went for a helicopter ride. Enjoyed it. Came right down over our house.

September 20, 1981 (Sunday)

Jane stayed home from meetings. She had the flu. Ruderger and I went to Sacrament Meeting. Elder Warner reported his mission - really a neat family. Ruderger and I came home and went to Salt Lake City. We arrived up there about 4 p.m. Went to the Hot Shops for dinner. Went back to our room at Little American. It is a beautiful room. We were so tired we went to sleep about 8 p.m. after we called Jackie and Scott.

September 21, 1981 (Monday)

We slept good all night. Went to breakfast and packed and checked out of the motel. Went out to Valley Fair Mall where Scott is manager of Shoe Dept. We are so proud of him. Then we

went to Jackie's. Rudger went to a meeting. Jackie and I went and picked Dayna up and went shopping then back to Jackie's for lunch and it was good. Dayna brought some good rolls and fruit. Rudger came about 3 and we came home arriving about 9 p.m. It was good to be back home although it was a good short vacation.

September 22, 1981 (Tuesday)

I did plan on sleeping in but I had to find Jane's bankbook for her. It took me all morning to get the watering done. Made meatloaf for dinner but Rudger never did show up. He called about 2:00 p.m. and said he had been in a meeting and was going to lunch with someone. I called Enid and visited with her for an hour. Helped Rudger finish up the back fence.

September 23, 1981 (Wednesday)

Walked for an hour again this morning. The weather is cool and I enjoy it. Rudger came home at 11:00 a.m. and we went to Pine Valley to get him a sleeping bag. I made some strawberry bread and it was good. Took a loaf to Richard and Ellen and the other loaf to Jerry and Ned Sullivan down the street, new neighbors.

September 24, 1981 (Thursday)

Didn't think I would get out this morning but I did walk again up to the college and around the track. It took an hour. Rudger got off on his camping out trip with the B.L.M. ...thought,,but when he got to Cedar they decided not to go. I am happy about that. He worked on the fence until 1 P.M. the went to work. I went shopping.

September 25, 1981 (Friday)

Ellen brought Mandy and Ryan down while she went to see the Dr. Booth. I was so happy to see the kids and have them for awhile. They hadn't been down for ages. Rudger came home at 11:30 and stayed to help get things ready for the party at Dean and Marie Gardner's in Pine Valley. Rudger, Jane and I left for Pine Valley and took the makings for ice cream. The party was very nice. After we ate we sat around the fire and sang songs. Jewell Snow brought orange rolls just for Rudger We thought that was nice of her.

September 26, 1981 (Saturday)

What a day. I can't believe we got so much accomplished. Rudger worked on the fence. Jane and I started washing and picking over the grapes. Rudger came in and helped and we got 6 trays full and out to dry. We went shopping and p to Sue's and Bob's to get some railroad ties then went to P.V., mowed lawns, came home, worked on fence, went and got our hair cut and then go ready and went to 2 wedding receptions. - Robert McArthur's wedding. Jane helped with the Spencer wedding.

September 27, 1981 (Sunday)

Was up early and started to get ready for church but couldn't go, must have the flue or too many grapes, who knows? Our home teachers came about 4 p.m. Rudger had a choir meeting at our house and then we went to visit Richard, Ellen, Mandy & Ryan. Jane went to a Laurels something meeting. We were all in bed by 9:00 o'clock.

September 28, 1981 (Monday)

Sure accomplished a lot today - changed the beds, did the laundry. My shoulders and arm hurts so bad, must be bursitis again.

September 29, 1981 (Tuesday)

I can hardly move my arm. I put the heating pad on it. Ellen and the children came and took me for a ride to the dairy or I don't think I would have got out of bed. Richard, Ellen, Ryan and Mandy came down for awhile tonight. It was fun visiting with them again. They hadn't been down to visit for a long time, Richard is so busy with school. 93 degrees today.

September 30, 1981 (Wednesday)

The weather man said it was going to rain but we had a few clouds and that's it. My arm feels better today but I have the flue or allergies, can't hear very well. Got the pomegranates and trees and lawn watered. When Jane left for school she asked me if I couldn't clean up the kitchen (she noticed.) I am glad. So I cleaned the house.

October 1, 1981 (Thursday)

Rudger took me to Page, Arizona today. I had never been there before so it was great. We had dinner at Kanab on the way back.

October 2, 1981 (Friday)

I still cannot hear anything, I did what had to be done and that is all. Visited Richard.

October 3, 1981 (Saturday)

Our phone is out of order. In a way that isn't so bad. We worked in the yard.

October 4, 1981 (Sunday)

I woke up early, got ready for church but didn't go, didn't feel up to it. We had home teachers and Rudger had a meeting here and so that took our afternoon.

October 5, 1981 (Monday)

Just trying to keep things up and some things made for the weekend guests. It took most of day.

October 6, 1981 (Tuesday)

Worked in the yard. Watered and mowed the lawns. I can hear again and that's good.

October 7, 1981 (Wednesday)

Jackie and family were coming today but decided to come tomorrow instead.

October 8, 1981 (Thursday)

Jewells's birthday. Jane and I went to the market, got everything we needed and back home and everything put away and they all arrived about 1:30 p.m. Jackie and I went shopping and went to see Jewell for her birthday but she wasn't home. Hope we can see her tomorrow. I fixed a casserole and salad for dinner and we ate on the patio.

October 9, 1981 (Friday)

Jackie and I went to see Jewell. She liked her gifts. Jane gave her one of her beautiful rugs she made. Jewell like that. Rudger took us to Pine Valley. We fixed dinner u there. George came up later. We walked up Whipple Canyon and I enjoyed it so much. Just beautiful up there this time of year. We came back to St. George. Richard and Ellen, Ryan and Mandy came down to join us for scones and root beer floats. They turned out very good.

October 10, 1981 (Saturday)

Susan took the kids up to her place for lunch. Jackie, Jane and I went shopping. Found a gold an yellow comforter for Jane's bed. Richard and Ellen came down and we sat around and visited then George, Jackie, Ruderger and I went to the Gable House for dinner. It was great food. I am really tired tonight. We went for a walk when George got back from Bob's and Susan's.

October 11, 1981 (Sunday)

We all went to meetings. Jackie and I came home after Sacramento to get dinner and feed the baby. Brooke couldn't wait. Jane gave a talk in Sacramento. It was very good. She didn't even use notes. We all had dinner about 12 noon and they took off for Salt lake and they got home about 6:30. There had storm all the way. I was a little worried.

October 12, 1981 (Monday)

Ruderger didn't have to go to work - a holiday. We really got a lot accomplished. It was nice having him home. I love him so much.

October 13, 1981 (Tuesday)

Back to the old routine. Cleaned the house from one end to the other. It needed it. Put all the toys away and vacuumed and did laundry.

October 14, 1981 (Wednesday)

Started my work but Enid had a quilt on and so I spent the day helping her tie a quilt for Karen. Ruderger and I went back to visit with them in the evening.

October 15, 1981 (Thursday)

Ruderger didn't come home for lunch - had a Rotary Board meeting. I made cookies and fudge. The fudge went to sugar. I was a little disappointed. Ruderger came home about 7:00 then took off for Cedar to a Federation meeting. He rode up with Kingsley Barlow.

October 16, 1981 (Friday)

Jane is out of school for the deer hunt until Tuesday. Ruderger came home at noon and we all went to PineValley. There were lots of deer hunters. We rode around. I am glad I am not going out in the hills tomorrow. It started to snow and so we came home. Ruderger and I went to visit Richard, Ellen, Ryan and Mandy. I asked Ryan what he wanted for Christmas and he said he wanted a magic wand so he could zap his mother and then he would never have to do what she told him ever again. He is a smart kid and getting smarter all the time. We unloaded the wood we brought down from Pine Valley.

October 17, 1981 (Saturday)

Worked in the yard all day.

October 18, 1981 (Sunday)

Everyone went to meeting except me. I didn't feel so good. When Ruderger and Jane got home Jane went to a meeting and Ruderger and I went to Pine Valley. It did me a lot of good to get out and Ruderger got the water drained.

October 19, 1981 (Monday)

Jane was up early and to the Diet Center and to get some groceries. It is Rudger's 60th birthday. Wonder how he feels. That is getting up there. Richard and Ellen and kids came down and brought him a cake and an ice cream freezer. They went home and came down later and Richard worked on the headboard. All the kids called Rudger and I got to listen on the other phone. I think with the big party they gave him at the office and everything else he had a great day.

October 20, 1981 (Tuesday)

I sure feel under the weather today. Just never did get going. My mouth is sore for some reason. Just sort of pampered myself. Let everything go, didn't even make the bed.

October 21, 1981 (Wednesday)

Cool in the morning but nice and warm in the afternoon. I was going to go back to bed but never did make it. Don't feel good at all. The yeast problem I used to have in my mouth is back and it is sore. Wish it would go away so I won't have to see the Dr. Jane gave me a few problems after school today. She doesn't realize it but that upset me so much. She screamed at me and said she hated me. That was the first time. It hurt me so much. I do hope she shapes up before I get very much older.

October 22, 1981 (Thursday)

75 degrees. Beautiful weather. Rudger called and said he would not be home for lunch. I should take this opportunity to go walking or shopping but I am lazy. Besides, I must clean the house that I have neglected for a few days. Jane went early to school to take her math test. Oh, please. I hope she passes it.

October 23, 1981 (Friday)

I accomplished a lot today. Stayed home the whole day. Dayna is here and she spent the day. Rudger, she, Lisa and I went to Mushroom Farm for lunch.

October 24, 1981 (Saturday)

We worked in the yard, set some more fence posts. Watched the gall game. Richard and Ellen came down and worked on the headboard and finished it and are ready for the stain and varnish.

October 25, 1981 (Sunday)

I missed meetings again. I am beginning to think I am allergic to Sundays. We did ride up to Diamond Valley to make sure we had the right place for the well.

October 26, 1981 (Monday)

Laundry day and I had a lot of it. Took me all day. I picked Dayna and Lisa up at 1 p.m. and we went to spend a few hours with Ellen and Mandy.

October 27, 1981 (Tuesday)

Thought Dayna was coming down but she didn't. Packed for our trip to Salt Lake tomorrow.

October 28, 1981 (Wednesday)

We were up early, picked Dayna and Lisa up at her mother's and we went to Salt Lake City. Rudger took me to Jackie's and he went to a meeting at 1 p.m. Jackie and I went shopping and then Scott and Dayna came over and George, Rudger came home and we all had dinner together. Jackie had made some good chocolates and we made a dixie salad. Rudger and Dayna helped the kids make a skeleton out of paper plates. We had a good fun day. We are staying at Little America.

October 29, 1981 (Thursday)

We slept in and then had a leisurely breakfast. Went shopping and then came home. It was a nice trip home. It did rain and snow but wasn't bad.

October 30, 1981 (Friday)

Rudger wasn't coming for lunch but showed up anyway. I had a nap and then went shopping. Jane didn't have a practice so she went with me.

October 31, 1981 (Saturday)

Halloween. I carmeled some popcorn for the trick or treaters. We rode to Diamond Valley with Kay & Enid. The drill rig was up and they had started drilling the well. I don't know if I am thrilled or not. I just know it will take a lot of money. If it doesn't produce any water that is a waste. John and Athella came with their kids and visited a while. Richard & Ellen brought Ryan and Mandy trick or treating and we had lots of neighbors' kids. Jane answered the door and gave them goodies.

November 1, 1981 (Sunday)

Adrene's birthday. We were up early and we all made it to meetings. I had dinner in the oven and it was so good. Jane is off her reducing diet and on a stabilizer diet. She has lost 23 lbs. in all. She looks good. Anyway, she could eat the roast beef and the cottage cheese and tomatoes. Richard and Ellen Ryan and Mandy came down to visit.

November 2, 1981 (Monday)

I watered the lawns and had a nap. I needed that nap. Rudger came home and we went to Diamond Valley. The were still pumping down about 60 ft. in the lava. We came home, went to the market. Came home and called and visited with Jewell.

November 3, 1981 (Tuesday)

Jackie's birthday and election day. I am going to vote for Sharon Isom and anyone except for Randy Wilkinson. We rode up the well again. Not anything new on that. Sue and Bob came for a visit. Called Jackie. Scott & Dayna were at their home celebrating her birthday. Rudger and I went to the city offices to watch and see how the voting went. Carl Brooks is the new mayor and he will be good. Randy Wilkinson and Allen city counselors. We are happy about the results.

November 4, 1981 (Wednesday)

The weather is just beautiful this week, 78 degrees. Can't believe it is November. My bedroom looks so nice. Richard finished and put the headboard he and Ellen made on our bed. Look great.

November 5, 1981 (Thursday)

Ellen called and said she would pick me up to go shopping at 1 p.m. It was fun and I got a few Christmas ideas. Rudger and I went to his National Guard Company C reunion which was held in the Sun Room at the college. 40 year reunion. That's a long time.

November 6, 1981 (Friday)

Rudger and I went to the alumni assembly. It was great. It was fun to see and visit with people we hadn't seen for years. Rudger is having his 1941 graduating class reunion. We went on the bus tour with them and attended the banquet. Rudger sang 3 numbers. I knew so many of the kids and so it was just like a reunion for me also. We loved every minute of it. The program was long and we were tired.

November 7, 1981 (Saturday)

Rudger went to their class breakfast then picked me up and we went to the parade. We even both rode in the parade with all of his 60 year old classmates. What a fun day. We rode up the the Diamond Valley property but the well drillers must have taken the day off. We went to a wedding reception at the chapel.

November 8, 1981 (Sunday)

Rudger and I attended meetings. Jane went to Washington to sing with the choir. Just a lazy afternoon. I did get to read a little.

November 9, 1981 (Monday)

Rudger took me to Cedar with him. He had a meeting for half an hour and then we went to dinner at the Town & Country. Nice day.

November 10, 1981 (Tuesday)

We were up early and left for Salt Lake City about 7:00 a.m. It was a nice trip up and arrived at Jackie's about 12 noon. I went to a program at school. Jennifer's class. Jennifer played a piece on the piano and did very well. Rudger went to a meeting then he came back about the time Scott and Dayna came and we all had a fun visit. Rudger and I went to Little America & Hot Shops to have dinner. Went to bed early.

November 11, 1981 (Wednesday)

Shirl and Bernice are staying at the same motel so we went to breakfast together. It was so neat. We had a good visit and a long leisure breakfast. Shirl invited us to go with them to do a little shopping and looking and it was fun. We then checked out of our room and came home. We picked up our wagon from Zion Chrysler. It drives a lot better. They put a new transmission in it, Chrysler Co. expense. Sure glad. Jane went to an MIA party at the 5th ward chapel and she had a very good time.

November 12, 1981 (Thursday)

I washed the car, cleaned inside and out. Looks better. Jane & I went to an 8th ward Bazar and purchased dish towels at \$14.00 each pair and Jane got some cute items. Rudger and I went shopping and to get the mail.

November 13, 1981 (Friday)

Went for a walk in the fields with Pearl. Did a lot of laundry. Rudger and I went shopping.

November 14, 1981 (Saturday)

We all went shopping and to the Diet Center. Richard and Ellen came down and we cut out and sanded the pieces for four rocking horses. We worked hard but it was a fun day.

November 15, 1981 (Sunday)

Attended meetings and then Rudger and I went to Pine Valley after dinner. We gathered a lot of pine cones. Tom McArthur came by and brought all but the McArthur home pictures that we let him put in the Daniel D's at Ancestor Square. Happy to get them back.

November 16, 1981 (Monday)

Made three fruit cakes. They turned out scrumptious. Rudger liked them so much and he is the one I made them for. Rudger got his new city car today, a Ford LTD.

November 17, 1981 (Tuesday)

Rudger and I, along with Wayne Wilson, left for Salt Lake City. It was nice riding in a new car but I do wish we could have been going alone. We got there about 5:00 p.m. It started to rain. We went with Wayne to the Hot Shops for dinner then started for Jackie's house but the rain was coming down so hard and the wind was blowing so hard we decided to go back to the motel.

November 18, 1981 (Wednesday)

We had breakfast at the Hot Shops and then Rudger took me to Jackie's. Dayna and Scott came over and we had a fun time. Jackie, Dayna and I went to lunch and then Rudger came to pick me up and we arrived back in St. George by 9 p.m.

November 19, 1981 (Thursday)

Just like a Monday. Loads of laundry to do and only did half of them. Rudger let me ride To Cedar with him this afternoon right after lunch. I went shopping and he went to Council Meeting.

November 20, 1981 (Friday)

I did a little preparation for the weekend and we rode up to the Diamond Valley but we are very discouraged with the well driller. He just either isn't working on it or he keeps losing his tools down the hole.

November 21, 1981 (Saturday)

Richard & Ellen were here early and we worked on the rocking horses. We sanded all day long and then got three put together. Went to the Burger King for lunch.

November 22, 1981 (Sunday)

I stayed home from meetings. It was my day and it was very nice to do just what I wanted to. Everyone needs a day like that sometimes.

November 23, 1981 (Monday)

I went up to the opening of the new Pyketts factory outlet store and got me some outfits, just what I needed. Picked Jane and the 2 girls that are staying with us for a few days up. They seem to be nice girls. I gave them dinner and then Jane took them to the movie.

November 24, 1981 (Tuesday)

Heather's birthday. We gave her some "days of the week" panties - all colors. Ellen brought Mandy down and I watched her while Ellen went to help with Ryan's class school party. Rudger took me up to the well and it is back in working order again. We took Jane and her friends from Springville up to the Rickshaw for dinner.

November 25, 1981 (Wednesday)

I got up early to fix breakfast (I am not used to that) for the girls and then took them over to their bus. I am glad they are gone. That is a pain for me to entertain and do for someone I don't know and will never see again. They treated me like a maid. Ellen came down and took me to the dairy and then stayed to visit for awhile. Rudger went to vegas for meetings.

November 26, 1981 (Thursday) - December 8, 1981 (Tuesday)

I forgot to write in my journal for that many days. I know I accomplished a lot in those days like making a lot of goodies and the disappointment of not being able to go to Salt Lake City for Thanksgiving because of the snow storm. We spent the day with Kay & Enid. She had her whole family at home and we felt privileged to be their guests.

December 9, 1981 (Wednesday)

Jane stayed home from school today. She seems to have a very bad cold. I have been making Christmas goodies for days and so I think today I can just rest with Jane. We received Joey's pkg. today.

December 10 1981 (Thursday)

Jane stayed home all day today and Rudger went with Shirl to Vegas. Didn't get home until late. Jane and I didn't do much except wrap some gifts.

December 11, 1981 (Friday)

Jane seems much better and went to school. I was glad because I had a lot to do. Vacuumed and dusted and went shopping. Rudger had an appt. at the Dr Booth's for a physical. In the afternoon we rode up to the well and went to the grocery store.

December 12, 1981 (Saturday)

Rudger had a meeting in Cedar Federation. Richard and Ellen came down and made some picture frames for Christmas gifts. In the afternoon Rudger and I went up to Bill's & Jewell's and gathered their leaves to work into our garden.

December 13, 1981 (Sunday)

Went to meetings and spent the afternoon making fondat and Caramel corn. We watched Christmas special and went to visit Richard, Ellen, Ryan and Mandy. They were making taffy treats.

December 14, 1981 (Monday)

Started the day off talking to Enid on the phone for an hour. Rudger stayed home for an hour and helped me dip chocolates.

December 15, 1981 (Tuesday)

Enid's birthday. Rudger called her late - almost forgot. I went shopping all day. Rudger didn't come home for lunch and I think I have my Christmas shopping all done now.

December 16, 1981 (Wednesday)

Rudger and Shirl took the new Mayor to lunch today so another day I can do what I want without worrying about lunch. We attended a Rotary Christmas party up at the Rococco Steak House. I was on the committee but didn't get to do much. It was a very nice party, however.

December 17, 1981 (Thursday)

Rudger stayed home and we got all my toffee and chocolates dipped. I am glad that is over with. They turned out nice. We went to the office party held at the new city office building. Nice party. Good food. I won a door prize, a gal. of blue paint. Oh, wow.

December 18, 1981 (Friday)

This is Jane's 18th birthday. She is such a lovely, pretty girl. On this day I think back all the trouble she has had in her life time. The time she was born. It wasn't a normal birth and my life was in jeopardy but it worked out OK and we brought her home. We were so happy. Then when she was 14 months her hip was dislocated and she was in traction in the Holy Cross Hospital for two weeks. It broke my heart to see her like that. Then when we brought her home trying to care for her in a body cast. Rudger made a special chair for her and a mattress for the car and after 9 mo. and a brace she learned to walk again and was back to normal. Then when she was 4 years old we rushed her to Salt Lake City. She had a high fever. When we were half way she had a convulsion and an ambulance took her the rest of the way. She had spinal meningitis. She sank into a coma and they said she wouldn't make it. It was a miracle after they relieved the pressure on the brain she was doing better. She was paralyzed on the right side for a few days. She stayed in a coma in the Primary Children's hospital for six weeks. We brought her home and with the families surrounding she started to come out of it. It took learning to walk and talk and years before she was back to normal. Dr. Newton said at 4 years she only had the mentality of a 1 1/2 year old when she left the hospital. We prayed a lot and we had faith that everything would be ok with her and we are so grateful and we love her very much. We know through all that trouble we spoiled her but that has to be expected. We would appreciate it if her brothers and sisters would realize this. It was hard for us. We love all of our children but the experience has made her (Jane) a little more special.

Jane is performing (one of the villagers) in Fiddler on the Roof. This is opening night. It was very good and Jane did very good.

December 19, 1981 (Saturday)

We slept in rather late for us and were lazy all day. Rudger enjoyed the ballgames all day and I just enjoyed the warm fire in the fireplace. Richard came down with Mandy. Jane and I enjoyed playing with Mandy while Richard washed the cars.

December 20, 1981 (Sunday)

Ryan's birthday. We attended meetings and then went to help celebrate the birthday. It was nice. Maddie is here with a gentleman friend (very nice) and Lillian's family came down. We enjoyed visiting and singing Christmas carols.

December 21, 1981 (Monday)

Kay's & Enid's anniversary. It is really some job getting ready for Christmas and I keep telling myself it is worth it. We got to stay home tonight and that was nice. Maddie, her friend, Lillian, Enid and Kay came down for a visit. We ate a lot and sang a lot. Richard Ellen, Mandy, Ryan and Loyann came too. Mandy is really a show off and so cute. Ryan sang us a song and Richard sold one of his rocking horses to Loyann.

December 22, 1981 (Tuesday)

Great day for cleaning the house. Jane is out of school today for the holidays. She is happy about that.

December 23, 1981 (Wednesday)

Ellen took me with her for some last minute shopping and we made some caramel corn for the ward Christmas party. It was a nice program. The choir was great and Rudger sang a solo, O Holy Night.

December 24, 1981 (Thursday)

They told us today that our car could not be fixed and so we drove to Cedar City to pick up a car to try out. It is a Dodge Diplomat and very luxurious. Love it and hope we can have it. Night before Christmas but got to bed surprisingly early.

December 25, 1981 (Friday)

Christmas. It is here and a nice Christmas we did have. Our gifts were many but the best thing was the many family that came a calling. All of Lillian's family, friends, Kay & Enid. We all had dinner at our house. We received a new color TV so now I know Rudger is going to enjoy the ball games more. I don't see how he could watch them anymore but at least the picture will be better and the grass will be green instead of purple.

December 26, 1981 (Saturday)

We went to the after Christmas sales. Now we have a large plastic Santa and a snowman and lots of lights to add to our display outdoors at Christmastime. Jewell called and she and Bill came for a visit. We enjoyed that.

December 27, 1981 (Sunday)

We attended meetings. Richard, Ellen, Ryan and Mandy came down. They brought a box of chocolates and that is something we didn't need but we ate them and they were good. We took the tree down.

December 28, 1981 (Monday)

Jane and I put the Christmas decorations away and cleaned the house and washed dishes to get ready for our New Year's party dinner. We rode up to the well and were pretty disgusted. He is a lazy guy. Je just showed up to start drilling at 2 p.m. He will never get done.

December 29, 1981 (Tuesday)

This year is running out and it has gone fast. I think it is because we have kept so busy moving and getting our new home livable. Mr. Lunt brought me a little car to drive today until they can get us another car to try. Hope they can come up with something for me as good as the Aspen I have been driving the past 3 years.

December 30, 1981 (Wednesday)

Richard and Ellen came down and worked outside digging post holes. I did a little cleaning and cooking. We rode up to the well and told Gordon Holt that he had to get the well drilled by 15th of Jan. or he was off the job.

December 31, 1981 (Thursday)

Rudger stayed home to help get ready for our party. We invited 14 guests but the last minute 3 left town and 3 got sick and so we still had a fun time with 8 of us left. Everyone seemed to have a good time and I got to use my good dishes and table linen and it just looked nice.