

1.1 Happy New Year everyone! That's for everyone to read, but from here on it's mine and mine alone. Understand? That's good, we'll get along better that way...

1.3 The flooding is all over; leaving West Sp and Glenwood one large Mess. One can't realize how much damage a flood can do until one sees it....

1.4 I think I'll apply for the job of shop clerk. I have more darn fun when I'm out there. Axel (Nielsen) and Jimmy (Hoffman) especially are loads of fun...

1.14 I was dead tired tonite (sic) and trying my best to get sick so the inevitable happened. Dick and Leigh came over and played pinochle. They're nice guys but they don't know when to go home. Axel (Nielsen) is worrying about my "love life" ... Both he and Skip (Couch) act like benevolent brothers where my future is concerned...

1.19 ... We – yes, both of us, went up for our driving test. Our learner's permits had expired so we had to take the law test again. I was thoroughly unprepared, so I flunked. All on little unimportant questions, too. Norma, of course, made it.

1.20 The folks are feeling kinda bad because I didn't get my license and Norma did. Which is just the way I want them to feel. They should have felt that way two years ago. I don't resent Norma's getting it- I just think I should have got one when I was that age too.

1.25 I was so sick today I didn't care very much whether or not the world kept on going... About 4:30 Gill got a phone call and dashed out without a word. When I got home, Daddy said "Don't get scared, but Mother's in the hospital" ... Bernice and Mother had been hit by another car – the reason Gill left. Bernice wasn't hurt, but Mother was pretty well jolted up. Gill and Bernice both felt worse about Mother than M. did about the bruises.

1.27 I slept in til noon.... Got a big dinner and had just finished dishes when Patty and David came. Pretty soon Wilbur and Virginia and the kids came. Pretty soon Aunt Madge and Uncle Nelse and Bud came. We went in to greet them and found Loren and Aunt Gertrude there too. All at once. We kids drove around – out to Hayden Bridge first, and then in to Sp after food....

1.31 Dot's shower (given by Mom).....I got to drive Lois down to the bus, but Norma had to take me downtown to buy the cakes. I don't get it....

2.6Dash and I went to the city league championships at MacArthur Court....All Nordlings were there... Dash and I did all the yelling, I think, but we enjoyed it anyway.

2.17 Pat, David, Delores and I started on our hike about 11:30 but it was raining and the only patch of blue sky was way out there somewhere. We started toward it and found out it was over the summit of the coast range on the Triangle Lake Highway. We parked there and climbed to the very highest point we could see and ate our lunch there. We drove over to Triangle Lake and had an ice cream cone. David let me drive all the way back to Eugene. First time I'd ever driven over the mountains.

2.21 David and I went to a show. ... He's going to, shall we say, become affectionate soon, I'm afraid. I certainly don't want him to and I just don't know what to do about it. There's absolutely nothing wrong with him, and I have to admit he's absolutely as nice as anybody could be, but I just can't make myself be very interested...

2.22 Daddy's been down with the flu for several days and now Mother is too. And Norma's laid up with her inflammatory rheumatism, again... David called about the concert Sunday afternoon, but I said "no". Illness in the family, you know.

3.2 Had my hair fixed after work, then ran out in the rain to buy a hat. Got one too. Gee, I wish I had a lot of money - I love to buy hats but I never wear them.

3.3 (Don and Dot's wedding)

3.4 John Kirk came by at 7:00 and stayed all night. He was with the very first group of prisoners ever taken by the Japs. He was on Soake (?) Is. then and in Japan for 4 years - no one knew if he was alive or not...

3.6 ... new girl (at work) is 4'10" and 86#. I feel like a bull in a china closet, but I think she'll be nice enuf - I'm not ignorant, I'm just in favor of simplified spelling.

3.7 ... I bought a dress today (Kaufman's - \$10.95) and it's simply out of this world. I'd like to have it for Easter but I know I'll never hold off that long....

4.1 ... We all wanted to get vaccinated and Gill told us to take the time off to have it done....

4.3 ...The insurance man was there today.... Gill pays for it so we take what they give us. Mine was the 43.00 policy. More than I'm worth.

4.4 Went to the doctor for insurance policy. He said my heart was good enough for 75 more years.

4.5 ... We went to Nordlings to play pinochle.

4.6 The folks and I washed and waxed and simonized the car. All day long too.

- 4.21 ... Dash, Dot, Don... and I went to Sunrise Services at MacArthur Court...
- 4.22 ... I'm taking dictation now. Quite a bit of it, lately, too....
- 4.23 ... Rode in and back with Jimmy, again. Wish I wasn't so tongue-tied and "little girlish" when I'm with him, but I am...
- 4.24 ... Dave came down and asked for Friday night ... - out of fairness to him, I should start saying 'no'...
- 4.25 I wore my new suit to work today and compliments just flew. Wish I wasn't so scotch and I could dress like that all the time.
- 4.27 ... Gilbert Fox is in (the Navy).
- 5.1 We went with Gill and Bernice out to J.O. Olsen's and bowled in his private bowling alley. My game was lousy but they say I have good form. And I sure do love it. I'd like to do it a lot and get really good at it....(more about Nordling's stores in Roseburg, Cottage Grove and Eugene successes)
- 5.2 ... Got a raise from 58 cents to 65 cents...
- 5.7 ... Saw Mrs. (Axel) Nielsen and their daughter for the first time....
- 5.19 The folks went to a dance with Myers last night and on a picnic with them and the rest of the gang today...
- 6.8 The world is getting too darned complicated for me. Now they've got a plane that goes faster than sound...I think it's silly. What are they going to do with it now that they've got it?
- 6.15 We went over to Nordlings for pinochle and strawberry shortcake. Had fun, a flat tire and 1500 pinochle three times.
- 6.21 Today Axel asked me to go for a picnic and fishing trip some Sunday with him, his wife and his brother. Carl is 21, single and ex-Navy (sic). I'm flattered to pieces that Axel wants me to meet him, but I'm kinda scared because I don't know Mrs. Nielsen or him. I told him I'd think about it.
- 6.24 Don says "Don't worry. He'll like you all right" which is very flattering but I still wish Carl had asked me as well as Axel. I'm getting worrieder and worrieder...

6.25 I asked Vera this morning what she thot and she said I most certainly should go but "Mrs. Nielsen should ask me too", which is just exactly what I want. I've been avoiding Axel since Friday but he caught me tonite and suggested that very thing. Awfully surprised , but awfully pleased, too. I don't know when or how, but his wife will ask me to go. Axel says she will anyway. So far she hasn't heard anything about the whole deal tho.

7.1 Axel and his wife are in Portland and probably will be till Wed. Thurs is a holiday, so that leaves Fri and Sat for her to see me. She'd better do it too. I'd die of disappointment if I didn't go and I won't unless she asks me.

7.5 Axel brought me a note from his wife today asking me to go. I feel much better about the whole thing...

7.7 Carl, Axel and Irene Nielsen and Tangy the dog came after me at 7:30. We stopped at Oakridge for breakfast and got to Gold Lake about 11:00. Fished til about one; ate our picnic lunch and fished till about three. Not even a nibble so we drove on to Crescent Lake till sundown. Went on up to Cress-Dell Lodge for dinner and got home about ten. Mrs. Nielsen is sweet as can be and Carl was hardly a disappointment. They're all just swell people - friendly and nice. I had loads of fun and they said they did too. Hope so, cause I'd sure like to do that more often. They're ideal people to do something like that. The sun was so nice we all got terrific sunburns and the only bites we got were mosquitoes (but we got plenty of them) but I don't know when I've had such a good time.

7.8 Axel said today that next time we'll go to East Lake - we'll get fish there. (Who cares about the fish?)

7.9 Gee whiz! I wish Nielsens would ask me out again. That's a habit I'd like to form...

7.10 I'm gaining. Axel asked me today if I could go to East Lake and stay overnight. Mrs. Nielsen and Marynadine were in today. We had quite a pleasant visit....

7.11 Axel went home sick this morning. Those shots lay him low sometimes. Some day he's going to go home like this and not come back. I worry about him.

7.16 ... Axel still talks about nothing but going to East Lake with them, but he never says when. Darn men anyway!

7.19 The Fishing Trip is the weekend of 27-28....

7.20 My gosh, can it be this hot? 105.2 last time I heard and getting hotter. It's too hot to even live, let alone do anything. I've moved my bed outside under the grape

arbor. I'm going to stay there all the rest of the summer, too. May shock the neighbors, but I'll be cool.

8.15 ... I gave mine (blood). A very interesting, painless and profitable experience. Someone in San Diego got a pint of my blood and I got \$20....They told me to have a milkshake, so I went to Christiansens; ordered; got sick and passed out. They were awfully nice - took me back in the dairy part and treated me like an invalid.

8.16 Axel was in (he had recently quit Nordlings) to take me for a banana split. He said Irene had suggested having me out for dinner and staying all night. And could I or would I? I sure would!

I sent the girls at Christiansens a half dozen of the most beautiful glads I've ever seen - from the girl you were so nice to yesterday...

9.3 ...Axel came back to Nordlings...

9.9 ... Axel told me today that Carl wants to know if I'd go out with him if he called me - and if I'd mind if he called. He's terribly bashful so Axel said he'd ask me. Would I? Brother!! I thot he'd forgotten me, but Axel says he's wanted to take me out all along, but hasn't had a car. He has a '41 Buick now...

9.11 ... And Axel hasn't called. And I haven't talked to Axel for nearly two days....

9.14 ...The folks went over to Nordlings and Madge and Nelse were here a minute, but no Carl. I'm trying to be terribly indifferent and casual about it all, but I sure wish he would come...

9.21 ...Job at the Eugene Hotel. I applied, got it, got scared and asked to talk to Gill first. I went back to break the sad news, but he'd gone. Monday, I guess. Date. Carl, no less. He called the store twice and finally got me at home. We had a perfectly wonderful time. Found Eugene too crowded so we came back to the new McKenzie in Sp. Had to wait almost a hour anyway but I sure didn't mind. Saw "The Postman Always Rings Twice" and "Rainbow Over Texas". Went to Chucks Café and had hamburgers - on his 43 cents. He's awfully nice to go with and loads of fun - just bold enough to be flattering and shy enough to be a perfect gentleman. Incidentally, I hope I can always (illegible) his Good Girl!! (When he asked me if I smoked)

9.23 I told Gill today and, believe me, I'd sure a lot rather get a job than quit one. But when I went back to the hotel, I found they'd only interviewed me, not hired me. So now I don't know how I stand.

9.26 The hotel called today and said the job was mine, when could I come? Gill said the first, thru his tears. My career at Nordlings is just about over.

10.2 ... That “private secretary” idea isn’t far wrong. I discover I’ve done practically nothing but take dictation.

10.3 I’m going to give a party! Yes, I am. Halloween. Dash and Betty and Dot and Don and Carl and I. Sounds good! Mmmm! We’ll have cider and apples and candy and doughnuts and popcorn and stuff. If I get to see Carl to ask him.

10.12 I’m heartbroken. Daddy says I shouldn’t want things so – it’s too much of a disappointment when I don’t get them. I wanted Carl to come so bad. I’ve been hoping awful hard all week he’d call, and I was just sure he’d show up tonite, But he didn’t.

10.14 Can you imagine two pairs of nylons in one day? Even seamless? Mother and Lila found some at Mosses so M. came down to tell me about them. Agnes and I dashed up and got ourselves a pair too. I called Vera and told them about them too...

10.19 ... I’ve tried every store in town – actually – that handles radios. Bought one today – a small one for the folks for Christmas. \$32.22....

10.20 ... I smashed a fender on a telephone pole and my family is very unhappy about the whole deal. So am I. Brother! There isn’t anything in the world I want (excluding humans) that I want as badly as a car of my own. Golly....

10.25 ... No more O.P.A.! Now what are people going to blame for all the ills of the world?

11.19 Folks and I played pinochle. I wonder what people did for entertainment before pinochle was invented?

11.30 Went to show with Elmer...and didn’t give him a second chance to hold my hand... Here I go again – just like with David. Why couldn’t they be Carl or someone like that?

12.16 I stayed all night with G & G and wrapped the folks’ radio. They’re sure nice people, even if they are my relatives. I looked at their photo album after I got in bed. You know, people were just as “human” then as they are now. The clothes and poses are different but the expressions are the same and you can tell they think and feel the same way we do 50 or so years later. Did you know my great great great grandpa Jesse founded Kirksville, Mo?