

1944

A Brand new year, An eventful year for the world at large and for the Stouts in particular! On the 10th of Dec. dad and I left for Laredo - Stel stayed over for a week in Pgh to attend Peggy Hill's wedding. Left here in a blizzard and arrived in balmy weather. Wedding was in the College Club and brides maids wore red velvet. Stel paid 30⁰⁰ for her!

Folks ^{in Laredo} were well and happy. The house all painted white and a nice walk all around made things inviting. The yard was lovely with Bonganville vine and fruit laden trees. A few cold days were felt keenly because of gas heat!

Trip to S.A. ^{San Antonio} was a real treat. Marion and Elsie were lovely. The 30 acre estate surprised dad and the kid. My description two years ago had not convinced them. Marion had a lovely dinner with toast & etc. Gave the kid a 150⁰⁰ ck. Dad stayed over night. Stel and I left to join Elsie & Joe at the Blue Bonnett.

Shopping was strenuous, but lots of fun. The kid got all she wanted. Her dress blue - her hat an original model of Hattie Carnegie. Dad left for Pgh. from S.A.

On arrival at home I got sick - had to have Dr. Austin. Nearly everybody had the flu. Made a visit across the river.

I got a silver pin for my birthday - still was given a ten buck bracelet.

On Monday the 10th. at 6:00 a.m. steel and I left for our trip to Savannah + the altar for her -

Stopped again in S.A. after a drive by beautiful moon light from Ldo. to S.A. Had lunch at the St. Anthony, did a bit more shopping and at 5: P.M. on the 10th. we boarded our train for Houston and N. Orleans, Montgomery and Savannah. At N.O. we spent the better part of a day and enjoyed Canal St. and the shopping district. The Mississippi, Hughey Lang's Bridge are great attractions. Left for Montgomery and from Montgomery to Savannah there was no diner ^{cars} or anything to sell on the train, so we practically starved. So did the men in uniform, who crowd the trains these days. They are tired boys but exceedingly courteous. Arrived in Savannah early in the evening, ate a bite, collected two of our three suitcases, waited long for a taxi and finally reached our destination. The beautiful Le Soto Hotel. Our room faced a court with a beautiful swimming pool. It rained day + night for 2 days, so we ate and rested and worried about our missing suit case.

Chas. called during the night, but we
heard nothing - finally at 7: a.m. Stel
answered the phone + poor Chas. was relieved.
On Friday our suitcase arrived, Stel
had her hair done + at 2:30 we left for
the station. The 3:00 P.M. train left at 5:
and at 7:30 we arrived in Charleston, S.C.
where Chas. + his best man Harold
were waiting. We went to the Francis Marion,
had dinner - after visiting with Chas., retired
to awake on the eventful great day, Jan 15th.
It had been raining, but it cleared and Stel
and I had a long walk thru the business
section (Stel bought me a black slip for
my Birthday) and then went to the address
on Beaufain St. where the kids will
live. At the Hotel ~~to~~ ^{Stel} and I had
a lovely dinner (our last together) and
then chased to our room to get ready.
Our child looked lovely in blue and
wearing white orchids. I wore black
and red roses. The ceremony was
beautiful in the home of Rev. Pettigrew.
We missed dad. Pictures were taken
and after waiting muchly for a taxi
we raced to the hotel to pick up my
suitcases, chased to N. Charleston to
the station and in the rain I boarded
my train and the kids left for
the beginning of their life together.

Before I left, the mother-in-law
joke was mine to enjoy. Chas. had to
work hard to get me a reservation.
Finally the agt. said "I should be
able to help you get rid of your mother
in law!"

And thus our trip ended, our
child began a beautiful phase of
her life and dad and I are back
where we started from a quarter
of a century ago this Aug 21st. 1944!

Feb. 19th. 1944

A month and four days have passed
since that lovely day and so much has
happened and I've been so busy that
this diary has been neglected. But
events of too much significance are
happening for me to give up the job now.
I shall try to summarize and continue.
Sharps are leaving - we give them a
farewell tea on the 27th. + hope to present
them with a silver service. The Clausens
are leaving too - for Cleveland. He
has taught us much and we shall
miss him!

Marshalls have been taken by our boys.
Tomb attacked - Russians going

steadily ahead. Sixteen Russian states
given freedom of Foreign Policy. Fight
near Rome is bloody + cruel. We have
had to retreat at times. The monastery
of Mt. Casino bombed - Rumors of peace between
Finland + Russia are persistent.

Shays are gone - saw the installation service -
later went to see the lovely parsonage. Clausens
will soon go too. Mr. Perry has been sick in
the hospital, much to her worry - now better. Am
still in charge of Red Cross sewing in Mrs. Mellors
absence. Mary Manning continues to be
peevish at me. Daylight bombing of Berlin by
American planes + night bombings by R.A.F.
should result in something. In the Pacific
we have Truk + are ever drawing closer
to Japan. May be a 4th term for Roosevelt.
So Feb. is gone + here comes March with
sunshine, snow storms + rains. Still
is taking Nurses aid training - continues to
receive presents from dear friends - and will
receive nice furniture from Hornis. Mother has
had a lovely time shopping! Had continues
with an overload of cases! Mrs. Fenslon is
rejoicing over her Social Work Position.

Engagement of Elizabeth Warner announced
+ today (Mar. 8th.) a daughter Gail is born
to Shirley Stine Thomas! And Ann Wood
is broken hearted because Bill is sent
overseas. Hope to hear that still is happily
established in her Chico Apts.
Mrs. Roosevelt

April 7 - good Friday

All of March gone and we have enjoyed getting newsy enthusiastic letters from our child. After 2 mos of boarding + living in one room they moved into their new apt. in the chico, Meating + John's STS. 304B. Their furniture arrived + they are quite settled. Still sounds like a veteran cook and chas. seems to be the ideal man for her - Still finished her nurses aid course on Mar. 31st. is having a rest holy week, gets capped on April 14th. + then has a Tues. Thursday schedule at the Hospital.

The war goes right on. We are making progress in the Pac. + the Russians are racing thru to Odessa (April 7) but at Casimo we retreated and now there is a stalemate. That invasion is still coming. DeValera's Ireland refused to break with Germany + Japan + England is placing an embargo - cutting telephone communications. Wellikie, having carried his campaign to Wisconsin + having lost, has quit cold + is a candidate no more. ~~now Dewey~~ is the man.

We said goodbye to the sharps + now I'm on the ^{committee} Com. A to say goodbye to the Clazens. Have met at Donald Clark's. Presently Clazens with Silver Service. Nominating ^{committee} Com. met at the Y.M.C.A. last night. Vankirk is our chairman.

April 29th. Our Com. made its report last Wed. the 26th. + so our work is over. Marie Anderson, Dr. Evans, Dr. V.K. + Mr. Hopkins were nice to work with.

Lots has happened this month - high lights are the Clausen reception, a huge success, the constant bombing of Europe by Amc. + Eng., the jitters of all peoples about European invasion, our own Commando Kelly reception, still getting home sick, but very happy and just yesterday the death of Secy of Navy Knox. Then too there's a lot of excitement over the Montgomery-Ward's plant seizure by the Government. These are pros + ^{cons} against; we shall see how it all ends! Just now I am ready to go to our children's party at the church. Emma has gotten a raise - she makes 25 a week + her lunch, which is good going! Dad + I miss the kid, but are trying to keep busy + happy. Our Red cross sewing is a joy - Mrs. Mellon is back. The Metzgers are about to become parents.

May 5th 1944,
all meats free of ration pts. Today -
all except roast beef + steak -
Mahatma Gandhi will be released
unconditionally tomorrow, He is a
sick man. Invasion is still
coming. Peggy Hill moving to
Savannah. - still is happy.
Our beloved Ernie Pyle won the
Politzer Prize. He has just arrived
in England.

May - 19 - Dianne Mc. Metzger born on the
6th. The Pres. when resting in the Sumner
Home of Burch was visited by Gen. Clarke
of Anzio Beach fame. Yesterday, announce-
ment comes of our having taken Caserta
& the monastery & other towns close by.
Now we are on our way to Rome. MacArthur
too is nearing the Philippines. In China
the situation is grave. Madame Chiang-
chi-check is in Moscow! We don't
help - Russia may! At our church
night dinner on the 17th. a painting
of Dr. Clausen by Dorothy Metzger was
unveiled & presented ^{to the church.}
(not a good likeness)
June - 1944

Junction of 5th & 8th armies in Italy and
Sto Anzio men were not alone. Clark & his men
making progress toward Rome.

Russia built bases or rather allowed us
to build them & now shuttle service is being
carried out by allies. From Italy our planes
flew across to ~~bomb~~ Germany & then went
on to Russia to land... this outcome of
Tehran Conference. Rept. ^{by} ~~Comm.~~ ^{Comm.} June 26th in
Chicago - Dem. on July -

It is reported that Germans are lynching
allied aviators when bailing out on German soil.

Stell + Charles are having a good time going swimming at Folly Beach.

It's a race between F.I.R. + Dewey

Sunday June 4th 2:15 P.M.

Allies have entered Rome

He didn't go to sleep at all. He had his windows blacked out!

June 1944
Tuesday 6th 1944

President spoke last night at 8:30.

He was asleep shortly after mid-night when word came that the Invasion was on - Allied troops crossed the channel - into France -

June 14th.

Our forces suffered severely in order to get established on the beach-heads in France, but less than expected. Not so easy as at first reported however. We are making progress slowly, but surely. Russia is attacking the Germans in Finland. She wants to be safe in the North.

Trouble about accepting De Gaulle -

Hardly get over the shock of "Rome taken" "Invasion is on" when along comes our darling child announcing that the Curls expect the stroke on or about Dec 18th.

What a year of eventfulness!

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June 15th. Stel's fifth month of marriage.
France fighting at Cherbourg + along French
invasion line.

→ Lash - Japan proper blasted by Giant B-29's
Superfortresses. Night air ships coming from China -
Burma airfields built by hand by the Chinese.

Our men attacking Marianas, just 500
miles from Japan - great activity everywhere.

French troops land in Elba -

Germany has come out with its secret
weapon - a Robot plane + England has
been visited by them the last three nights.

17th. Now comes the news that Bill Floyd
has been assigned to another Sub - The
Gudgeon is still missing.

Bill Manning is in Hawaii on his
way home + while there will attend
Warren's wedding! More news! July 4th

Got a big kick out of sending Stel a
dress for "The Lady in Waiting". Life
marches on!

French Envy here considered "Persons
non-grata" has been asked to leave the country.
How sad, but war does distort things. + Inland
just made her payment on her war debt on World
War I!

18. Eddie's birthday - Leanne's birthday
were both yesterday, Leanne is 21.
Mrs Petty had a tea for Eddie

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June 19th. Albert Chackmak is 20. His good friend Barton (Larsen) was 20 in Feb. Cherburg is taken (20th of June) Lib Mendenhall was married today. I thought of her all day long. She is now Mrs. David W. Millbrand.

Finland may soon be out of the war. Her second city is now in Russian hands.

China is losing!

We are doing well on the Marianas.

Chicago G.O.P. Convention in Chicago
will nominate Dewey on first ballot next week.

It looks as tho today (26th) Cherburg is still "being taken". We are in the heart of the city fighting.

Miss Nanna's farewell luncheon is tomorrow at Webster Hall (June 27th. + 1:30.)

Went on ~~Friday~~ ^{Saturday} the 24th to see the devastated area around McKeesport. The storm uprooted trees + flattened out houses as tho they were paper -

June 28th - We have heard the GOP convention daily.

Heat terrific. Warren refused Vice Pres. Bricker, Gov. of Ohio, was drafted. He ^{had} hoped to be Pres. So now its Dewey + Bricker -

June 30 - We have broken relations with Finland. They are in the slutches of the Nazis -

4th of July 1944.

Warren Mawhinney married today in Hawaii.

De Gaul coming this week to U.S.A.

July 8th. No letter from Still all week until Friday. She is getting along fine.

De Gaul is having a friendly visit in U.S.A.

Tornadoes, mass explosions, train wrecks, plane crashes & finally the fire of the Circus tent where some 135 lost their lives were the tragedies of the week - Such a terrible thing to happen to children.

In England the robot ^{bombs} have killed 7200 + injured 7800. It's serious. Children are being evacuated.

Had a S.S. Teachers dinner last night (8th.). We vote on a new minister on the 11th. Chinese have had war 7 yrs. today. July 10 - America lag over Scaplan.

11th. What an evening. W. F. King, Anthony Clark, M. S. Mawhinney, Mrs. Catrell + others threatened to sue the church because they claimed voting for a minister was violating the by-laws - because notices stated that report of Com. would be submitted but no voting for minister mentioned. But the Report of the Com. was such a master piece + the minister considered so good, they capitulated and all ended well! Most will be our next minister.

Horrible damage done to England
by robots acknowledged by Churchill.

Horrible accident in Port Chicago, West
Coast (near San Francisco) two ammunition
ships blasted + loss about 375 + some
500 or more wounded.

18th. Bill Maurer is in town - a good
looking, trim ³⁰ yr. old, I shook hands with him,
but am afraid he is bitter toward us as
is his family. Poor child, he doesn't seem
to realize that he is tied to his mother's apron
strings.

Mary Floyd is giving a buffet supper
for Bill next Sunday at 7 P.M. but Bill
and Rose ^{don't} will be here + we can't go.
Maybe it's for the best. God knows we
love Bill, wish him well and have no
knowledge of having "done him wrong."

Wed 19th. The Democratic Convention
opened today in Chicago. Everyone is
sure of the Presidential Candidate (F. O. P.)
but the fight is for a Vice Pres. The
Pres. wrote a famous letter, approving
Wallace, but saying he would not dictate
candidate. Truman ^{of Mo.} is also considered ^{so is} Barkley.
Jimmy ^{Byrnes} withdrew he said in reference to ^{so is} Douglas.
Pres. wishes. A Beautiful lady from ^{so is} Rayburn.

Alabama, a Mrs. Dorothy is Secy.
The Pres will "accept" by radio - it is rumored
he is in England. Wouldn't it be a joke if he
appeared in person!

Some Southern Democrats are going to present
Senator Byrds name for Pres., but he only has a
few states back of him - just showing opposition.

Tojo is out + all the cabinet with
him. Loss of Seapan is a blow to them.

June 20 - Revolt in Germany. Hitler
hurt by a bomb. His military men
are revolting. He had several shot.

20 - Convention last night nominated
Roosevelt + he accepted by radio
from Naval Base at West. It
was midnight + nothing was done
about Vice Pres.

21 - Today at noon several are
being nominated for Vice Pres. I
think Wallace will get it. He didn't. Truman won!

A flash has come from Stockholm -

" Berlin is in a state of ^{panic} ~~panic~~ - siege

9:30 P.M. The Convention is over -

Truman is candidate for Vice Pres.

30 - Russians, lead by a Jewish officer today
entered German soil... East Prussia.

Turkey is said to be on the verge of declaring
war on Germany. Warsaw in sight of Soviets.

We are almost in possession of Guam.
We are advancing in Normandy towards
Paris, thus the noose tightens around
Hitler's neck.

Gen. Rommel is said to have died of wounds.
England being hit hard by robots.

Bill Maehoney has been here for 3 Sundays.
He greeted me kindly but with great reserve.

Barbara Sandy was in town today. Her
husband is in India - her husband's brother
is in France.

Two bombers bringing wounded from
Europe are lost, one crashed in Scotland -
22 lost - another lost around Iceland -
26 lost.

Aug. 2 - A shameful strike in Philadelphia - all
transportation stopped because 8 negro workers
were being trained to run street cars. A small
riot developed. War production set back. Workers
defying Government - Union leaders say strike is
unauthorized. Some think it's the company trying
to embarrass the administration.

Aug 7 - after 5 days strike is over - leaders
arrested - deferments cancelled - those not
returning to work are fired - the army is in
control.

From Normandy the Americans have
advanced fast into Brittany in France &
in a few days we have the port of Brest.
The Russians are in E. Prussia,
invading the new Yorker territory.

Gen. McNair killed by our own bombs.
Hitler still shooting those who
planned to kill him. Some predict
an early end of the war - others warn
that it is all over but the fighting.

Bill Maubrey after 30 days here is
on his way back to So. Pac. by way of
Hawaii. He will visit Warren & his
bride - Beatrice Hurth.

Had a luncheon on the 4th. and
wanted Mrs. Ellis, because Julia is gone
to Fla., but she couldn't come. Had
Babs Sandy & her mother, Mary Goode -
now & Mary Floyd.

Still announces that they are
being transferred to Savannah.
They are glad of the change except
for leaving their lovely apt. & their
dear friends. Still's baby 5 mos. coming
on the 18th. of August. Just think, in
4 mos., God willing, we shall have a
grandchild. It's a happy time!

Lib. Mrs. David W. Milham lives at
2519 1/2 Jackson Ave. Baton Rouge, La.
Sent her a lamp for her wedding gift.

Aug. 11 - '44 - Hot weather offers no relief. At last
we know where our Pres. went after his acceptance speech -
He went to Hawaii to confer with McArthur & Nimitz.
Fella ^{dog} went along! Super fortresses B29 have blasted
Japan & Philippines - 3 lost! War in the
European theatre goes well - we are 87 mi. from
Paris & Russia is in Warsaw. Guam is ours!

No word from Stella in a week. Hope she doesn't
overdo moving. Our protecting love goes out to
our baby. ~~1944~~ 1944 has indeed been ^{or} is being
a very wonderful year. Not all pleasant -
for the loss of a friend or rather the loss of
her love is not a pleasant experience!
I have just received a letter asking me
to Proctor ^{on 2/20/44} on 6 et. 3, 4, 5. Delightful!

Aug 15 - Great Day - Invasion of Southern
France along 100 miles along the Riviera -
very little resistance. In Northern France we are
doing fine + the Germans are trapped. War may end
soon -

+ from Japan, McArthur says we may not need
attack Japan proper to defeat Japan!

Stella + Chas move to Savannah Today.
Life marches on for this young couple.

Went to sew at Red Cross. Mrs. Holcomb + I
were the only ones besides Mrs. Ellis + Julia. Julia is
just back from Coco, Fla. YTs 20 mi to night
and dad hasn't come home. Wonder what?
Am doing my floors + doing a bum job!

Aug 20th - Red Letter day - Stella + Charles
called by telephone at 7 a.m. + this afternoon
Shirley + Don were here. Their baby Shirley
is 5 mos. old. Stella's new address is

1119 E 54th St.
Savannah, Ga.

Aug 23 - Paris liberated by her own people from inside! Four yrs + 70 dys under the Nazi heel are over. Pgh. Frenchmen are to celebrate this afternoon over the radio -

Our pastor arrives today - a rather dull day.

Roumania accepts Russian peace terms - becomes ally.

Marcellus also taken. We are rushing to the German border -

Robot bombs were thick over England, Germans are making hay while they can. Their fall is near.

Hull + Dulles the Dewey Foreign Relations advisor are meeting today. Quite an event!

Meeting at Dumbarton Oaks proceeds in secret.

Aug 26 - First news of Paris was a little premature, but today (Our 25th Wedding Anniversary) Paris is free + lights are on again. Thank God.

Went to airport + ate at the Webster Hall
Aug 28 - Paris' joy knows no bounds.

Sep. 1, 1944 -

Old Patton is going so fast towards Germany we can't keep up with him - 30 mi from Germany. Bulgaria may be out in the next week. Rumania fell + 1000 aviators freed - they had been captured at Stalingrad. We expect war to be over soon. Wonder what Hitler will do.

5 yrs. today since he invaded Poland.

Had lunch with Mrs. Ellis at Joyce's in E. Lib. She bought still a lamp at a little gift shop.

Sep 5th. Tuesday. Unconfirmed reports said Germany had capitulated - but later denied.

But peace is near. We are freeing Belgium, Holland + Luxembourg. Patton may be in Germany but no news are being let out.

An earthquake took place along the U.S. N. East coast this A.M.

England still was hit by robot bombs. Wonder where they were sent from. We have cleared the French coast where they were being sent. Brussels + Antwerp were freed.

Yesterday, Labor Day, we stayed at home + read. On Sunday, the first of

Our new Pastor was a lovely day. Our Church was crowded. In the afternoon we went to So. Park.

Our men will soon be coming home. War in Japan going well too. Bill & Lloyd was here Sunday.

Catherine Engelder was 12 yrs. old on Sunday.

Coal mines in Penn. have been taken over by the Government because of strikes.

Sep. 10 - Our boys are liberating one small country after another. Belgium again in the hands of the Belgium Com. of Liberation. Luxembourg is free and now our troops are for the first time on German soil.

That Man from Eng. (Churchill) and our President are meeting (10th time) to plan war strategy - this time in Canada.

Our new Pastor is O.K.

Stell's visit to the Beach was short lived. They had a lovely stay at the W. E. Soto Beach Hotel.

Nancy Lee Beatty is engaged to James Buell Mumma.

SEP 17 - Three months from today, God willing, little Blossom will arrive on the scene.

An army of paratroopers landed today in the Netherlands. Robots again hit Eng. & they must have come from Holland. Siegfried Line has been broken & our men are well in

in German territory and on way to Rhuine - Russian
also about to take Warsaw.

In far East, we are closer to the Philippines -
now have islands of Palau -

Have an reservation for Oct. 15 over Trail Blazer
to Washington - Champion a Coast Lines to Savannah.

We like our new minister. Our sewing circle will
have him as a guest for lunch on Tuesday.

Stella & Chas. vacation is over today. Maurice
looked lovely in church today. Her Bob is in Italy.

Sep. 25 - Our paratroopers on the German front
in Holland suffered a terrific pounding from
the Germans. They were English & it was another
Woeppel. Some 2000 were rescued - the rest
are dead, wounded or prisoners. Germans
are fighting like mad & the war it is said
may last until spring. Rains & mud
are the order of the day. What a hell war is!

Sep. 27. Aimee Simple McPherson is dead!

" 28. Dinner & reception for our new
Pastor & his family.
Still is anxiously awaiting us & we are
counting the days. The war will be longer than we ^{expected}.

Oct. 5 - All Smith of the Brown Beret is dead.

Oct. 8 - The World is shocked by the untimely
death of Wendell Wilkie -

Chas. ^{Curp} is ordered to Wash. D.C. on Oct 23. I may stay
longer until Chas returns.

Oct. 14 - Goodbye diary for awhile.
We leave at 1:45 A.M. for Savannah
to see Stell. Happy day.

Achen being pounded to pieces -
Germans want surrender. Robots still
falling on England. Island of
Formosa also pounded. We are
on our way to the Philippines.

Worked for U.S.A. canteen yesterday.
Bought Stell + dad both - bed
room slippers for their Birthdays.

Nov. 8. Dear diary - we are just back
from Savannah where we had a swell
time with Stell + Chas. missed my vote,
but Roosevelt won with $3\frac{1}{2}$ million majority.

Nov. 1 - Ann W. Huron Wheeler has a
son -

Nov. 26 - Dear diary - have forgotten you for most
a month, lots has happened - victory in Germany
which at first we thought imminent is now further
delayed - Germans are putting up strong resistance -
but we are making progress - also progress in
Japan. We bombed Japan (Tokyo) last Friday +
again today. Wilkie + Al Smith have passed
on - Hull has resigned - Roosevelt has been
re-elected for fourth term - production has been

Spurred up again, another Thanksgiving is passed, our Pastor is so brave and far-seeing as to the teaching of Jesus, ~~and~~ he makes B.C.C. look like a "piker" — but news of shocking nature keeps coming in to the States. Our placid Sunday was quite disturbed when our daughter phoned that she was taking a plane for Pgh. ^{to have her baby here.} These young people really "live". Talked to her this a.m. + I await letter with eagerness — there is more than they dare say over the phone.

On Tuesday still phoned that she wasn't coming. Chas.' plans were changed. We are thankful.

Dec. 12th. Poor diary; we forget you. Stationary is now secy. of state and you others as assistants, including young Rockefeller. The British are fighting the Greeks — the Patriots — and Churchill had to ask for a vote of confidence. He got it, but not overwhelmingly. The world is mad at him. How we help the British retain their freedom + Britain in turn keeps ~~on~~ ^{on} trying to keep the Greeks, Italians and Belgians from getting the kind of govt they want.

Att. Attended party or tea at Mrs. Metzger's on the 8th. To see baby Diana (7 mos old) and she is a darling. Lucille looks fine too. Also saw the 9 day old daughter of Charlotte Ley Glover and C.L.G. is her name. She too is a jewel. We now await the arrival of our baby. Pgh. today is snow-bound — 18 in since yesterday afternoon. Traffic jams today and all meetings cancelled + schools closed. Still writes that she feels fine + has bought her little tree.

The war is far from won. The Germans are fighting like demons and our advance is slow with lots of casualties on both sides. God help us. Had dinner with Hills on Sunday - stuffed chicken, fruit salad and lots of silver! We had a wonderful time.

Peggy goes to Abilene Tex to join Joe.

Dec. 16th. Allison Myers Whitman has a daughter - Susan.

Dec. 19 - So early as yet. We sit by the phone and wait! Snow is still plentiful! Still writes often and we enjoy her letters. She has her crib, bath-mat + baby clothes ready - even suit case packed, but baby doesn't seem to be in any hurry! Dad is on a 2 week vacation.

Germany putting up terrific resistance and even throwing our men back.

In the Philippines we are doing well -

Dec. 20. We are experiencing reverses in the German theatre of war and several ones too. God help us - many of our boys have fallen and will continue to give their lives and take those of others as long as we hold out for unconditional surrender. Hitler seems to have disappeared, but his men are defending their country like demons. The first army hasn't stopped them yet.

Dec. 24th. People have crowded the stores to the point where you can't get near a counter - money every-where, but underneath are heavy hearts. We are spending the evening alone with our happy memories of last year in Ldo. and looking forward to the joy of the advent of our first grand child. Church + S.S. this morning and the pageant this P.M. Will not stay for refreshments - much rather come home + be near the phone.

Thomas Day 1944. The most wonderful thing happened this morning at 1:05 a.m. The phone rang and Charles M.C. was on the phone announcing the birth of a son at 8:45 P.M. Xmas eve. He reports Still doing well and Char. Michael perfect. Thank God for the miracle of birth and our hearts rejoice in an altogether peculiar way at the arrival of our first grand child.

Dec. 26 - We were still that I shall be with her Sat. morning the 30th. Unable to get reservation, but shall go anyhow.

Dec. 27th. Sad news were relayed to us this a.m. Cullee Mann's son, A.J., has been killed in action. They are people who are the salt of the earth and our hearts go out to them.

Feb. 19 - Left Pgh. on the 28th of Dec. and saw Still and Michael at the Telfair Hospital after visiting hours on Dec 29th. at about 9:30 P.M. Still looked lovely and after a few minutes visit I took a taxi to 1119 E. 54th. and Char. met me at the curb. From then on it was a happy experience to do and take care of Still + Michael. Char was away most of the time, but when he was home he was easily pleased with my cooking and took charge of the firing of the stove + of "burping" his majesty at night! Still nursed the baby for 5 weeks; then it was the "easy flow" with Pet milk, Dextrose + Karo. Michael is adorable and it was hard leaving him when

he was just beginning to cov. Still made a
short visit to Charleston and I kept Michael.
The weather was delightful - 70 + 75° - sun
shining - birds singing, and Camellias in
full bloom. Attended Camelia show at
the Desoto Hotel before I left. Spent a birth-
day in Savannah + my husband sent me a
lovely Schaffer pen, my children a 5 lb. bag
of pecans + mother + sisters a nightie + slippers.
left still + Michael on Wed. the 14th ^{of Jan}
+ made the trip back home over the ¹⁹⁴⁵⁻
Seaboard + B+O. Found nice weather
here on arrival but its cold again. P.H. has
had one snow storm after another.
Very severe winter. Dad was delighted
to see me + its nice being home but I
miss Michael more than I can say.

Lots has happened in the world of war.
We are surrounding Germany, McArthur has
"returned to Manila"; ^{Bataan} lots of prisoners have
been liberated; great meeting of the
Big 3 at Yalta and now we are
taking Iwo ^{Jima} Island from where Japan can
be bombed more easily. Hope all this ends
and we can put our efforts towards rehabilitation.

Michael will be two months on the
24th. Shirley's baby daughter will be one year old
on March 8th.

March 1st. Have pictures from Michael - went to the dentist - Pres. Roosevelt addressed Congress reporting on the Yalta Conf. (he was seated while he spoke) and Henry Wallace is our next Secy of Commerce - Bill Floyd is in town - is engaged to an Indianapolis girl - will rejoin his sub on the 12th. Poor kids of ours - this war is bad.

March 9th. Cologne has been taken; Gwo is almost taken at a terrific cost in lives, our boys have crossed the Rhine - Reds crossed the Am, the Mexico City Conf. known as the "Chapultepec Agreement" is over (in which Stalinus, our Secy of State, did well) now we move on to the San Francisco Conf. where Stassen of Minn. + Dean Gilderslove of Columbia will be delegates and all the while the European War draws to an end. In this time of great historical importance our Michael chose to be born and is doing nicely in the Georgia Sunshine. God preserve him and may there be no wars in his generation or any other.

Virginia Hendryx Shanks has a daughter (Carolyn Ann) born on March 1st.

Prisoners being set free both in Japanese camps and in Germany must be the happiest people in the world. Nurses captured when Batan fell have just arrived in San Francisco. Was Mrs. Ellis guest today at Southern Club + yesterday went with dad to Tower Institute.

March 24 - Our baby is 3 months old today. Wish I could see him. A great day for the War, especially on the European front. Gen. Alexander began his push across the Ruhr and American armies followed suit. Now with tanks, paratroopers and planes, level ground + fair weather, this may be the "great Heave" desired by Churchill to end the war. Wait see how Germany takes so much.

Arlene Chackmak mames Mays death on next Thursday the 27th.

Bought me a blue two piece dress + hat with fresh colored pearl ornament. (Best I've ever had - don't tell price no-no).

April 1 - Easter - and April's Fool day. Just as crazy a combination as the condition on this earth. In Europe is ours after terrific loss of life - In Germany we are sliding along at a great pace - but Germany is not licked yet. Now comes the news that the greatest amphibious attack of this war was made on Okinawa - some 300 miles from the heart of Japan. We are not meeting with much resistance. Natives are committing mass suicide.

April 5th - We are freezing - 30° and snow. Great news - Gap Cabinet resigns - Russia repudiates the treaty with Japan - Russia is at the gates of Vienna. Russia will be given the 3 votes at San Francisco

including Eleanor Roosevelt, are on the high seas on their way to a U.N.O. Conference in London. More Power to ²great lady, Mrs. Roosevelt.

Ernie Pyle was killed this year, too, and that was a great loss. His wife followed him within a few months.

Pictures of Mickey and his grand daddy was our Xmas gift to our loved ones. Great Picture!

If I were to make a New Year's resolution for myself and the whole world I would say: "May we during this New Year learn to live up to the Golden Rule". May we thus dedicate the New Year to creating a Nation worthy of the sacrifices the boys made. May 1946 bring healing to our war-torn world.

Jan. 16th '46

Strikes, strikes, strikes - General Motors, Steel, telephone, meat packers and all sorts of demonstrations by our boys at far-flung battle lines, yelling to come home. The U.N.O. meeting in a Hall of Westminster Abbey is under way. Our own Eleanor Roosevelt is one of our delegates. We are proud of her.

Mickey is walking ever since he was 4 weeks short of a year. He and his mother and dad look splendid. A new member of the family is to be born (God willing) in April of this year, this year which promises so much if we but guide it aright.

Jan 16th 1946 Another Birthday! Cards from Elsie, Mom + Rose + Bill greeted me and made me happy. Mother sent me a flannel nightie. Had was hard to keep from spending, but I have the trip to Stills + income tax + insurance + being out of debt is better than a birthday gift. Stel + Cio will send me pecans later on.

Jan 21 The Steel strike is one of the greatest of its kind in our history. Too bad U. S. Steel didn't see fit to meet the President's recommendation of $18\frac{1}{2}\%$. It will be hard on people because gradually it will affect more industries and retard reconversion. Meat Packers strike is on, too, and we are back to wieners, bologna etc.

Jan 25th. Went to Mrs. Ellis luncheon. At night we called the Curls. It was thrilling to hear their voices.

Jan 26th.

Great Day — a break in the strike situation. Government took over the meat plants last midnight with CIO not willing to go back. Today — CIO went back to work for Government-managed plants.

RRs decided to arbitrate rather than strike. Ford followed Kaiser in settling with 18% per hr. raise.

Chrysler also settled with $18\frac{1}{2}\%$. Thus it leaves General Motors, Westinghouse and U. S. Steel to come across.

Feb 12. ^{Tuesday.} Our City, Philadelphia and N.Y.C. are paralyzed by strikers. Duquesne light employees went on strike on Monday and there are no street cars, no lights, no schools, no business downtown. Our streets are dark and we have to use candle light. Our Mayor is fighting hard to get parties involved to mediate.

Feb. 13. Strike was ended at 11:30 last night. Thank goodness. We heard the first street car roll by in the wee small hours of the morning.

The steel strike is still on. General Motors and Westinghouse are still on strike. Philadelphia is O.K. again. N.Y. is alive again, but the tug-boats are still being operated by the Govt. today. G. Ches has resigned.

Feb. 16-44 The steel strike is over! Thank the Lord. Work will start on Monday. We are getting Nylons! One pair for Stel and one for me!

Feb. 25. We are again threatened by a blackout at mid night tonight. We had a scare 2 weeks ago and really went thru the strike of Duquesne light employees for 19 hrs. Tonight after 2 weeks of negotiations, we are threatened again. Duquesne finally agreed to arbitration but Union refuses. We shall see. N.Y. has a threatened transit strike, Houston Tex with a Utility and Detroit with a milk. The General Motors strike is still on -

Jan Feb. 26th 1946. At 11:45 last night the announcement was radioed from the Mayor's office that strike of Duquesne Light Union was postponed for a week!

Get me a lovely pair of pumps at Johnsons!
March 9th. Well, a telephone strike was avoided - now we are threatened with a R.R. and later with a coal strike. Meanwhile Russia is "acting up". In Manchuria she is stripping the country of machinery for industry and carrying it to Siberia, also ^{taking} Japanese prisoners as labourers - in Iran she refuses to remove her troops as agreed.

That man Churchill has been here or rather is still here and has made two talks - one at Fulton, Mo. (where he was introduced by our President) and he was rather "bold" suggesting an alliance between U.S.A. + England and its empire and later dual citizenship. Boy, does he lean on us! The talk was in College.
His second talk was in the Virginia Parliament.

▼ Mickey was vaccinated last Saturday, March 2nd. He doesn't talk much but understands a lot. Can hardly wait to see him - Hope to leave here on the 5th of April -

Two weeks ago the Pope conferred

hat's denoting 'Cardinalship' to 5 Americans.
Last night the first Cardinal died in Ireland,
on his way home.

March 13th.

Hurrah - G.M. strike is settled
for 18½ hour increase; 175,000
men back to work -

ouch! Russia hints at
break with Britain.

Why did Churchill ever
come here to speak in
the first place. His speech at Fulton, Mo.
is causing a heck of a lot of trouble.

March 16 - Think of Bevin of Eng. announcing that England
is willing to give India her freedom.

Russian situation in Iran quite serious. Russia wants
security and oil and a part are her aims. England
seems to have oil concessions in southern Iran

March 17 -
Trials of Nazi leaders in Nuremberg have been going on
for months. Several have been executed. Goehring is now on trial &
according to him, they never meant any harm, but they did plan
to exterminate the Jews. Hitler, who has never been found, dead
or alive, is said to have killed himself & ordered his body buried.

Mrs. Gray surprised me yesterday by announcing
that she was going to Washington in May for Mary's second baby.
She had her first last April. Our girls are prolific!

March 18. Made my reservation today for the night of April 5 out of Washington.

Because of Churchill's speeches, now the cry is for Peace-time conscription and the military in charge of atomic energy. Gosh, and we thought we had these two issues won.

Westinghouse still on strike.

March 25 U.N.O. meets in Hunter College, N.Y. today. Great Day and we should be much in prayer for the success of this undertaking to settle the difficulties among nations. Russia has been much in the news + much feared because of her troops remaining in Iran. We hope for good results.

Ned was in town yesterday. Has a new car.

I leave a week from Friday. Mrs Mellon arrives from Cal. on the 4th. of April.

Atomic bomb tests at Bikini in the Marshalls has been postponed.

Stell is moving to:

25 Fenwick Drive

(Windemere)

Charleston, S.C.

Mar. 27. The U.N.O. Representative from Russia "Walked Out" because it was voted to discuss the Iranian issue now. Poland + Australia agreed to postpone, but

but we shall be content with one. We are being urged to "take over" islands in the Pacific! Okinawa advance continues and Ernie Pyle says landing on Easter morn was called "Love day" and that it was lovely not to meet resistance. Patton is some hundred miles from making contact with Russians near Berlin. All goes well, but Eisenhower does not think Germany will surrender all at once. Guerrillas may take place after fall of Berlin. We are 50 miles from oil fields of Borneo. Stella announces their moving back to Charleston in the near future.

April 12 - (Thursday) A sad day - Our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt is dead. We can hardly believe it - we are stunned. Heard the news at 6: P.M. while having dinner. He had gone to the Little White House in Georgia to rest. He had planned from there to stop in Washington for a few days and then go on to the San Francisco Conference. His death was at 3:55 P.M. He fainted while an artist was painting his picture at 1:55 + never regained consciousness.

All evening programs over all Radio Stations have been dedicated to the memory of the President. At about 8: P.M. our new President Truman was sworn in. God help him + guide him.

April 13th ^{Friday} All day the radios and the allied nations have paid tribute to Roosevelt. Schools and theatres are closed and tomorrow the stores will be closed. at 11: a.m. Body was carried to train + is on its way to Washington. The train went thru Atlanta at 2:30 P.M.

Saturday - April 14th. 1945 - Am listening to the broadcast of the cortege taking the remains of our beloved F.D.R. from Penna Station to the White House, where services will be held this P.M. at 4:00. Tomorrow, Sunday at 10 a.m. he will be laid to rest among the flowers in his beloved Hyde Park -

April 18 - 1945 -

Another hard blow - Ernie Pyle is dead. A Japanese Sniper got him on a little island off Okinawa. He died and will be buried even as a G.I. Joe whom he loved.

Lots has happened on the war fronts; Okinawa has proven to be a tough fight; all our armies are nearing Berlin; even in Italy great advances are taking place. Hitler is urging his men to fight to the last and the Russians in Berlin are fighting in each street, house + even room and under ground.

Today, April 25th the Allied Nations Conference opens in San Francisco. Our beloved F.D.R. won't be here, but his spirit will. President Truman will speak by radio from Washington. Molotov is here from Moscow but the Polish question is unsettled.

April 27th. At Torgau on the Elbe River the
Yanks and the Russians met and so now there is
only one battle front in Europe. There was great
jubilation all over allied countries, especially in
Russia. We took it as another day and one less day of
~~useless~~ war. Munich is said to be in revolt, Hitler is said
to have been shot, Spain is supposed to be helping the
axis Big Wigs. And the Conf. in San Francisco goes on
with no great personality and plenty of difficulties to
iron out. Molotov shocked the nation by objecting
to Stalin's being permanent chairman - he wants
rotation among the big 4. Finally compromised by
having all share the gavel, but St. is to be chairman
of the 4 and preside over Steering Com. ^{at times} meetings.
On the other hand Russia gets her 3 votes. How we
miss our dearly beloved F.W.R.

What about Argentina? What about Poland? Small
countries ask to be heard. The entire Reich has now
known the agony of war - Berlin will fall in the next
few hours. (April 28)

April 29 - False alarm got the nation in a wild state of
celebration - believing Peace with Germany had come.
At mid-night Pres. Truman put people at rest by saying
there was no confirmation of the report.
Mussolini is no more, Italian patriots shot
him + his "sweetie" + several of his henchmen. He was
kicked about + hanged after death + finally landed
in a potter's grave.

May 1st. Cool, very cool weather. No peace yet,
but it is announced that Hitler is dead. San
Francisco Conf. allowed Argentine delegates a seat
in the deliberative body, but still has refused
the Polish gov. as named by Russia. Russia did
get her 3 votes however. Borneo has been
attacked by ~~our~~ forces. Now we shall have oil!

Michael is adorable. In the midst of this horrible war, our baby is a sheer delight and ray of sunshine.

April 6th. What a week - no peace yet but every day we are assured it's coming. Reporters at the San Francisco Conf. + in Washington tell us to stand by, but only suspense so far. The Germans are willing to give themselves up to American Eng. but not to Russia. In Prague the fight is on, but elsewhere all is peace. Of course Norway is still occupied, but we hope for the best. Eisenhower + Montgomery hope to proclaim V.E. Day as soon as Germans surrender to Russia too. Hitler's death is still a mystery. Some refuse to believe he is dead. His successor is Wernitz, no high ranking Nazi. Holland and Denmark are jubilant and so are all our prisoners of war liberated by the thousands after suffering that is beyond words. On Oct 5th 1942 the Axis reached the peak of their conquest. Stalingrad was being besieged and we waited with bated breath - and now just 2 yrs + 7 mos. Later the Germans are on their knees and the Allies are the victors. We shall feel nothing but a great sense of thanksgiving when V.E. Day is announced.

Monday the 7th 1945 - ^{may} A reporter by the name of Kennedy made a scoop and this morning the Radio blared forth the news that the Germans had surrendered unconditionally and papers signed to that effect. People celebrated all over the country and in our Pqts. was covered with ticker tape -
Bought our baby a high chair!

Wednesday the 8th. 1945 - May

At 9 a.m. this a.m. our President proclaimed V.E. day and the German war is over. Our Chief has proclaimed Sunday May 13th (incidentally Mother's Day) a day of prayer.

Now we are listening to the recorded speech of Winston Churchill, declaring the good news to the British Isles.

No proclamation from Stalin as yet. It seems as the Germans are still resisting - the Russians in Czechoslovakia.

Wed 9th. Russia had a celebration all her own today and what a celebration! Czechoslovakia was not fully surrendered until today. Some German fliers even bombed the capital causing considerable losses. We do not know yet whether Stalin will help us in Japan. Molotov left the San Francisco Conf today. Much was accomplished during his stay.

Thurs. 10th. We shall return to half normal very soon. Blood Bank here will be closed on the 19th. - horse racing + curfew laws are lifted - the Capitol Dome is again lighted + so is the torch in the hand of our Statue of Liberty. Our men will be coming home soon some 2 million of them and civilian goods will again be seen on our empty shelves.

May 24th. Our baby is 5 mos. old and a darling.

June 12- Ike Eisenhower is the man of the day.

He was given a great ovation in England.
The Russians presented him with a medal worth \$12,000. He will be in Wash. on Monday.
The European war is over - what a thrill.

Our boys are still being killed in Okinawa.
Think I am going to see Michael in July!

Truman is doing O.K. after 60 days in the White House.

June 18th - Eisenhower Day in Washington.

What a reception to the humble warrior who gives all the credit to "G.I. Joe" and pleads for peace - a lasting peace so that "this may never happen again".

June 19th. At sewing for Red Cross and will miss reception in N.Y. for Eisenhower. What a reception.

Our President Truman leaves for Olympia Washington for a rest. Will address conference in San Francisco on Saturday.

Polish arrested in Moscow plead guilty!
Michael will be 6 mos. on Sunday.

Dad has a new suit - brown.

Okinawa now almost ours. The General in command, Simon Bolivar Buckner was killed.

June 26 - Great Day - even as I write this the 50 nations represented at San Francisco are affixing their signatures to the "Hope of the Civilized World" a World Security Charter.

God grant that this plan may work - this
Security Conference Peace Plan on which
we pin our hopes for a new world.

Mrs. Mellon will be a grandmother in December -

May, hereafter, San Francisco be known throughout
the ages as "the City of Peace". Our President is
present at the conf and shortly will speak. This
is a time in which one feels that it is good to be
alive - History, significant history, is being made on
this the 16th day of June 1945, the outcome of
two months of hard work and discussions by the
50 nations involved.

The President, Harry S. Truman, spoke. It was
a good speech, well delivered and warmly received.
If we have the will to carry out the Charter, we
will have peace he said.

July 9th. Dear diary how I neglect you. A lot
has happened since The S. Francisco Conf. A lot of
cabinet changes. Stettinius resigned as Secy of
State and is now U.S. Representative to the U.Nations
Conf. Vinson of Ky has just been named Secy of
State. The Japanese war goes on relentlessly -
we standing pat on unconditional surrender, and
we are bombing that nation to powder. Wonder
what we are doing to the people. The Philippines
are free. Our Pres. left Saturday for Germany
for a meeting with Stalin + Churchill. I'm
England elections have been held but results
are not yet known. Our baby is 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ mo

and turns over on his back. I hope to leave on next Tuesday the 17th for Charleston.

The boys are coming from Europe in great numbers. The allies are having trouble agreeing on how to handle Germany as a conquered nation. Food is scarce. One of our guards here went "nuts" yesterday and machine gunned 29 German prisoners - nine died. There was a total eclipse of the sun this A.M. Our skies were overcast.

July 16th. Significant day because a Missouri farmer, the son of a shoe maker and an English aristocrat are to meet in Potsdam, Germany, to make decisions that will affect millions of conquered peoples and incidentally the whole world. God bless the meeting. Our President seems capable and has a heart. Also significant, this day, because when it is done, I shall leave on an happy journey to see my grand son, daughter ^{her} husband. The only sad note is to have to leave Dad. But all grandmothers seem to get the breaks while the grandfathers stay home and work!

Mr. Perry is no better. Mr. Evan Jones changed himself last week!

Aug. 4th 1945 Well, dear diary, I got back last night from a delightful trip to Charleston, ^{with 2 nice} ~~broken~~ ^{also}. Michael is adorable, his mother is thin and his dad is a fine person. Dad looked good at the station and I was glad to be back home.

The Potsdam Conf. is over - Our President is on the high seas on his way home, England's Winnie Churchill was defeated in the election and he did not get to finish the Conf. But Stalin is still the ruler of the Russians. Things agreed upon are still not digested by poor me, but it looks good. For me they the part of Danzig on the Baltic goes to Poland!

We are still bombing Japan.

Monday the 6th. of August 1945

A new Era Begins

Pres. Truman on the high seas, homeward bound from Potsdam, has announced that the bombing of Hiroshima on Sunday was done by one single Atomic Bomb. One single blow extinguished a city the size of Flint, Michigan, or killed as many people as we lost in the last war! God of mercy, how will we use this discovery of science in days to come. This means no more wars or extinction of man by man. Sorry we used it first. God forgive us. Kagawa sends us a message: "Think America." God help us.

Aug 9th. The Pres. arrived at New Port
news yesterday and today announced
that Russia has declared war on
Japan - Nagasaki treated to an atomic bomb.
Are we Christian?

Aug 10th Rumors since early this A.M.
that broadcast from Tokyo announced
Japan ready to surrender, but they want their
Emperor to be allowed to remain Emperor.

Rumors seem to be truth. Our Cabinet
met and other allied countries in contact
with ours. God be thank it, it looks as
tho the horrible carnage is over.

Aug 11th negotiations going on about
Peace Surrender terms. My side hurts!

Flash Uncle Geo. Stout is dead.

His son George just phoned.

Flash Bill + Rose are coming tonight.

Aug 13th. my side hurts but we went to
Carapolis today (Sunday) and shall go again
tomorrow for the funeral. Harry Stout is married
to Mary Brown (a lovely girl working in Washington)
and they have bought a home in Washington.
The other son, Walter, flew here from Arizona.

Aug 14th. Since Sunday the world has been
awaiting the announcement of Japan's acceptance
of terms for surrender. This finally came today

exactly at seven P.M. just as Lowell Thomas
got thru his broadcast. Atlee in England went
on the air, but our President chose to invite
the reporters to his office and make the
announcement to them. He also stated
that he wished FDR could have
experienced this happy occasion. Our
city began celebrating in the morning
when a false alarm came in. Last
night the world prayed, sorrowed
and rejoiced. Our building went wild
me, with my broken ribs was glad to
watch the passing parade from my bed.

Now we have the work of reconversion.
Aug 16 McArthur is going ahead with plans
to get Japan under control.
Blue pts are a thing of the past. Gasoline
rationing is also off!

Aug 21. Such a world - things happening every
minute. Japanese surrender envoys are back
in Tokyo after a two-day conference with
McArthur's staff in Manila. They travelled in
two planes, painted white + properly marked and their
pass word was "Bataan". Japan will now carry out
instructions for the landing of our forces. Ft. is
said we will start landing on Sunday. Firing
didn't stop at once - in fact the Russians are
still fighting. In China the Japanese troops are
surrendering today. The Japans news

was the liberation by volunteer parachute troops of Gen Wainwright from a Jap prison camp. He may be present at the signing of the peace in Tokyo. Now comes the news that four of the Doolittle party who bombed Japan have been rescued.

De Gaulle of France arrives here tomorrow for conferences with Pres. Truman -

Pétain's sentence for treason was commuted to life imprisonment.
Quizling of Norway is being tried now.

Aug 28 - Our forces have entered Tokyo Bay and arrived in Tokyo.

Wainwright, a prisoner for 3½ yrs. is now in Shanghai and will fly to join McArthur on the "Missouri" to be present when peace is signed.

My ribs are knitting! My washing was done today for 4.50 plus 20¢ car fare!

Am going with Engelbers to K.W.N.A. program.

Aug 30 - Had went with me tonight to The Wm. Penn^{Hotel} to hear the K.A.V. Broadcast on hypnosis. Great fun. It's a science being used on soldiers whose war casualties.

Aug 31 - Great day. McArthur met Wainwright at the Grand Hotel in Yokohama after 3½ yrs. of tragic separation.

all war time agencies and priorities are falling by the boards fast. all cars possible will be manufactured - Office of War Information is done for, ^{plants} plants are going down on both commodities and for service men being demobilized. Signing of Peace with Japan is expected Saturday night, after which our President will speak. Prisoners of war, said to be in bad condition and having been subjected to beatings and filth are being liberated daily. How thankful they must feel. War is horrible. I fear for our preacher talking on the atomic bomb tomorrow. People are narrow and bitter. They think of what is done to us but not of what we do to others. God help him. Warren Maulding has a son

Saturday Evening Sept 1st. 1945

Have just listened to a broadcast from Tokyo Bay aboard the Battleship Missouri describing the signing of the Peace Pact or rather surrender terms by the Japanese to the allied nations. A momentous occasion - one in a lifetime - of terrific importance and responsibilities. McArthur + Nimitz spoke and then

our President (Harry Truman) spoke
declaring Sunday, Sep. 2nd. V-J Day.
Thank God the conflict is over.

Sep. 5th. British are again in possession
of Singapore. Congress reconvenes today
with lots of problems to solve.

I eat lunch with Irene Thomas.
Flash letter from Stel announces her
arrival by plane on the 10th at 6:30.
Gosh what excitement!

Aug. 7 McArthur parades into Tokyo
today. Wainwright reaches California
today.

Sep 10th. Lots of fun - the last three
days preparing for our baby and her
mother. Today they are "on the wing"
here in Washington at 7:55 and leaving
for Pgh. at 5:10 arriving here at 6:20.

Gen Wainwright is being paid homage
due a hero today in Washington. Just
heard him speak in the House.

Two great men in Washington today:
Mactin Chas Michael Curb 8 1/2 mos
and Gen Wainwright 65 yrs.!

Oct. 5th. Forgotten this diary for almost a month. Having Michael and Stel here is a joy and we have no time for dear diary.

Admiral ^{Charles W.} Mimitz is now being honored in Washington. Michael doesn't know what to make of the applause over the radio. Mimitz is addressing the Congress.

Nov. 9th. Mrs. Jones is dead, Mike's mother. Carolyn has a daughter.

Nov. 11th. Well, our baby, his mother and dad left on the 6th at 7:45 A.M. for Wash. in 1 hour + 20 min + then on to Charleston, arriving at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Flying is grand, but I still prefer the train.

We miss Michael terribly. He is a large, healthy baby, good eater and friendly. He stands and crawls and nothing frightens him, not even big dogs or siveeper or the darkness. He says "Ahaaa" when something pretty is shown him, like a pretty flower, a light or a toy. Chris arrived on the 2nd and he + Stel had a good time looking over the town.

Lots has happened in the international scene - strikes at home, riots and civil strife in China, revolts in the Indonesian states of Java etc. and trouble between the allies so that the "lesser" three are not as close as the "great three" were during Roosevelt + Churchill's time. The atomic bomb, too, is causing trouble - so powerful that it's a "hot potato". Attlee of Britain, MacKenzie King of Canada + our Truman are today on a yacht on the Potomac considering many problems, among them the atomic bomb.

~~Friday~~ I on Oct. 4 proctored for the Dentists.

Dec. 10 - Janet Mellon has a son -
Went sewing for red cross for last time this
year. cold and snowy. Jessie Petty
Cruiger is in Charleston with her husband.
She saw Stel + Michael. Our baby
has his first cold and we are so sorry.
His dad has just gotten back from Washington.

There are all sorts of Senate investigations
and everybody is striking. President wants
legislation against strikes, but he probably
won't get it thru. Even Gen. Marshall is
being questioned on the Pearl Harbor
investigation. It looks as tho we had
plenty of warning because we learned to
decode Jap. messages. General Motors
and Ford people are on strike, so no
autos any time soon. There are no
houses for returning soldiers - Steels
men will strike on Jan 14th. and lots
of industries will be affected by that, so
reconversion will be delayed. meantime we
don't know what to do with the atomic bomb,
people are buying tons of trash ^(no quality) _{in the}
stores, the Nazi gangsters are being tried
as are the Jap war-lords, and Gen. Patton
(Cold Blood + guts) has broken his neck in
an auto accident!

Dec. 20, 45. Patton is dead.

↓ Mickey is walking.