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Today while I was praying, trying to decide what I could do for the most benefit for the Lord and to myself this following year, I went through several plans, none were accepted. And at last, the spirit started bearing witness to my ...

The nineteen eighties are going to see many changes in the great and wonderful land of ours. Politically as well as spiritually the secret combinations are going to be swept off this land by war and natural disasters. But America will survive and stand forth as she was meant to be a bastion of freedom to the world. God bless her. How I love her. Even unto the laying down of my life for her.

The hand of the Lord is over her. Her purposes will be fulfilled. Her people must stand in holy places to enjoy her beauty. She will one day stand as the Law Giver to a great part of the world.

Jan 2nd 1982 Sat.

Today was spent with the family playing chess and watching football games, I did the usual requirements. Talked to Ralph McClain about scouting today. Had the spirit witness to me of the nearness of the dividing of the saints. Where each one of us have to decide where we stand for or against the Church.

January 3rd Sunday

Today was a special day for me. Testimony meeting was attended by the spirit, after which I gave the Aaronic Priesthood to York and ordained him to the office of a Deacon in that Priesthood. He was told to honor the Priesthood and be an example to the world and follow his Priesthood leaders. And fulfill the assignments given.

When our meetings were over, I gave Bill a blessing. After several of us offered family prayers imploring the spirit...

After which, I gave Titine a blessing...

I also had an unusual experience, the Lord revealed to me one of the spirits or one of the people that would harden his heart against the Church and become an enemy to all righteousness. As of now he appears to be a [twelve/devout] member of the church. It was an unusual experience for me.

Monday Jan 4th

I called Emery the Mine and US Steel. We had a family home evening and played charades and ate donuts. A heavy snow has been falling for two days.

Tuesday 5th, Jan 1982

We have had the heaviest snowstorm of the five years that we have lived in Huntington. The electric power was off on the West end of town all morning. And because of the heavy snow the schools were not in session. The family spent time putting puzzles together. I took the three oldest boys and went over to help Mrs. Harrison shovel her walks and bring her flowers in from the green house.

San Francisco, California is having hard rains. Some homes are sliding down hills and killing people and destroying homes.

Wed. 6th

I got arrested for an illegal check. Bail was set at \$300.00. Titine bailed me out. It isn't as bad as it sounds though. It was a business deal.

I took the children snow inner tubing. It was cold and they got wet. The night was extremely cold.

Thursday 7th

I worked, called on the Emery mine and Beaver creek. The weather is very cold, getting below zero. We had heavy snow and now the weather has turned off, very cold.

Friday Jan 8th

I went to Salt Lake City and talked with [Hatchco] concerning a bill that they sent me, of 33 some dollars. They said that they wrote me a letter, I never answered so they assumed that I owed them money. I could not find any letter at all.

Saturday Jan. 9th

I received a bill from Fair banks weighing [Dur]. I wrote them a letter stating that Carbon era owed them the money, because I never asked them to fix the scales, the scales are on Carbon era property and they belong to carbon era.

Sunday Jan 10th

We worked on a new scout program in the bishops meeting to see if we could get scouting off the ground. We as a Bishopric agreed on a program. We now have to get it working.

We played games with the children, until 10:45pm. All in all, the day was a very enjoyable day.

Monday Jan 11th

I worked, got ready to go to Wyoming, and unstacked the chairs. I have had a perplexing day with finances. I gave six tires to Hals Service on a debt owed. I hope to get the rest of it paid off at some future date.

Tues Jan 12th

I left today for Green River Wyoming to see my boss and visit the [Trovo] mines and conduct some tests with bits.

I arrived in Rock Springs expecting to find Earl there, he hadn't come yet. I found a motel room and settled down for the night.... (missing 2 pages) ... and they straightened things out. I had a court date Thursday, but the judge said that I could postpone it. He then forgot to do it. It is good to be home after being away for three days.

Saturday 16th January

I spent the morning with Titine. And the biggest share of the afternoon with the children. I helped Ashley wash the dishes, played marbles, and played checkers with Ammon. And held the little children. We put up a crib for Polly. Titine felt that she is too large for the buggy now. Ashley and I washed the pickup and fed the goats.

Sunday January 17th 1981

Today I felt the spirit of the Lord more in a Bishops meeting than I ever had before. The right people were called. We were one in the decisions that were made, it was truly a choice experience to have. The Master Mind Effect even came into play. So, I feel that the program will work.

Wednesday 20th

I drove home from Green River the roads were slick, and it was snowing. I did enjoy being with the family again.

Thursday 21st

This has to be one of the worst days that I have spent in my life, not the worst just one of the worst. I went to Court nothing was decided. But it was interesting to watch the law at work. Money was the reason 95% of the people were in court. Either the refusal to pay or the inability to pay.

Throughout it all I was sustained by the spirit of the Lord. He has guided me and comforted me. He also said not to go to the [Trovo] mines until Monday- to stay home over the weekend. I will obey. However, the boss won't like it very much.

I have always been a person to want to settle outside the courts. But now I have two Lawyers hired, and a hearing scheduled, with the industrial commission. All of which are against my better liking. But I hope that many things are settled by it all. I don't like this mess at all.

Friday & Saturday 22-23

Friday, I went to Salina to the [Sefco] mine. And went to the consolidated and Trail Mountains.

Saturday was a wasted day. I watched to Basketball game and that was about all.

Saturday night was the first two sessions of Stake Conference; it was about genealogy and temple work. They were extremely interesting. We also had an activities session.

Sunday 24th Jan

We attended Conference today a special, welfare session on mass disasters, I feel that the church is gearing its membership up for the curses that are coming on the world. That was one of the most spirited conferences that I have attended. I really believe that the spirituality of the Saints are improving all of the time. But we still have a long way to go before we reach the state that the Savior wants us to reach.

January 28, 1982

Last night in my prayers I asked my Father in Heaven why he treated or answered my prayers in the manner that he did. I received no answers while praying, but while asleep he gave me one. The basis of the whole thing is for the best good of his children. How his answers affect them, and what knowledge they have, for him to work with. Anyway, I have learned to trust in Him all the more, and I am so grateful for his concern for me. I had no doubts of his presence.

I spent the evening playing with the children.

Jan 29th 1981

I washed the pickup and bought a new battery for the van. Titine and I went out for dinner.

Jan 30th 1982

I gave Tom Humphrey a blessing tonight. The Lord promised him great blessings as well as telling him the things he would have to suffer for the Lord's sake. ... His family would be blessed. He knew the Prophet Joseph well in the preexistence. That angels would protect him until his time was fulfilled in this life.

January 31st 1982

As usual Sunday has been a great day. We have finished organizing our scout troop and had our first meeting. The spirit of the Lord was in great abundance when we were calling them. If I follow through, we should have some Scout advancements in the ward. I tried to give Rebecca a blessing. Rebecca is a very special person, and the Lord is helping her come to a greater righteousness.

Satan had been working on me, what a battle for the mind. But I will prevail. In fact, he has been working on me a great deal.

Monday Feb 1st 1982

We had the Dana Purpe family and the Richard Bissel family over for family home evening. the conversation was on [] I do believe that everyone enjoyed themselves.

I set thing straight with the banks, now if we can sell our house, we will at least pay some bills that we need to pay because of the business that went broke.

Tues Feb 2nd 1982

We had a board of review for the boy that earned their eagle scout award. John Hanson. John is a very outstanding young man. He was well prepared and well deserving of the Eagle award.

I watched Ashely play basketball tonight. It is fun watching the smaller boys play. Ashley is short but a good hustler and passer.

I spent the evening talking with Rebecca and Bill.

Feb 3rd 1982

We spent a good share of the day at Price River Coal. The bits haven't been selling well.

This evening, I invited Earl Wright and his wife to dinner. Titine did a super job on the dinner. Earl is my boss from SII (Smith International Inc.)

Feb 4th, 1982

Today a young man called and wants to buy our house \$15,000 down and take over payments. I don't know but we will probably do it. We will have to see.

I started a four day fast today under the instruction of the Lord. It was last March that he had me on a twelve day fast. We will have to see what it is going to be.

I spent the day in Price River Coal mine #5 testing bits.

Feb 5th 1982

This writer has not done much to write about today. Called on some mines. Earl went or will leave for home tomorrow. I told the children a story and will read the rest of the evening. The biography of Heber C. Kimball.

Feb 6th 1982 Sat

Today was a good day for me. I started the day off by teaching a first aid class at the merit badge Pow Wow. Having to leave early to attend a funeral for a small Thompson boy of Lin and Yolanda. He died very suddenly. What the dr. called crib death. He left this life after he left a blessing to those around him.

Colby and I went to Cedar Mountain and got a pickup load of wood. Then at six o'clock we drove to Castle Dale to attend the baptism of Joey Rudisall. I enjoy baptisms. Also, Melanie Down, Ammon's little friend, was baptized.

Titine and I took a ride up the canyon just to be together.

Feb 7th 1982 Sunday

We had a good day today. After Church, I gave Elaine Wilson a blessing. And came home and broke a 4 day fast. After which we went to count the tithing and fast offerings money. We couldn't make the receipts and the money balance we are three dollars short.

The children and we sat up and talked until after ten o'clock. But these talks are going to be cut short I am afraid because having church responsibilities are going to get heavier. I have had some feeling that I will be called to be a General Authority this April Conference. But I have had such impressions before. Not for General Authority but other offices in the Church. Some have panned out, others have not or are still in the future. I have learned to trust in the Lord and not to even try to call the shots or guess when impressions will be fulfilled. It has been a hard and many times a disappointing lesson for me to learn. But I have learned. Many things I don't understand, but maybe someday. I just believe, endure to the end, and pray for the guidance of the Spirit, have faith and hope. Beware of pride, and all things will work together for my own good. But my testimony has grown. I am grateful for that. It will continue to grow.

Monday 8 Feb.

The spirit of the Lord was with me all day long today. I did much reading, the biography of Heber C. Kimball and finished the teaching of the prophet Joseph Smith. The Lord also let me know that my four days fast was to put me on a new plateau of spirituality, which I can feel that it has. Also, that I ... was to increase my learning of Chinese, which I will do tomorrow.

Tuesday 9 Feb

I went to the temple today and bought some more Chinese tapes to learn Chinese letters. There was wind and snow over Huntington Canyon.

Wed Feb 10th 1982

I finished reading the book Heber C. Kimball, and watched Ammon wrestle. He lost one and won one. We had our van repossessed today. We have now sacrificed every material thing we have; the house we moved out in April whether we sell or not, and I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't sell, and would just plan to move. The way things have been going I expect that will happen. But I am prepared for it.

Thurs 11th of Feb.

I spent much time praying and thinking.

Friday 12th

I read, prayed, and thought. Titine and I went to a Valentine's dance. We had a tasty meal and a fun dance; we had our pictures taken.

Saturdday 13th Feb Sat.

Taught first aid at the Merit badge Pow wow today. Visited Ralph McClain, called Colby and York into the Deacons presidency along with Darren Hurdsmen.

Sunday Feb 14th 1982

We got our [SME] off the ground today, also we reconvened a Bishops Court on Leslie, she is ready to come into full fellowship in the Church. It was a very good experience.

Phyllis and Albert called me today to tell me that mother is going into the hospital for tests on her and also on her stomach. Perhaps she has cancer in her stomach. We want to know.

Monday 15th 1982

I spent the day sick with the flu

16th

Rebecca, Francine, and I drove to Nephi. Albert and I gave mother a blessing. She is going into the Dr. to have some tests run on her hands and her stomach.

She received a good blessing, her calling and election is made sure, she was told that she is a good mother, that her life is not yet over and her influence will yet grow. And with faith in the Lord her hand can be restored.

We got stuck on the mountain coming back. But we were pulled out in a short time.

Wednesday 17th 1982

Worked, went to watch Ammon wrestle, I stayed two hours and never got to see him, came to Huntington to a Bishopric meeting had a boy scout meeting, and then went back to get Ammon. We wrestled four times and took 2nd place.

They cut our telephone off today; we didn't pay the bill.

Bill has had the flu just two more in the family need it and we have all had it. I have gained some new insights into the Savior. And, on faith. The day was very foggy.

Thursday 18th of Feb

Today I went to Povo to the Scout office and picked up some advancement and merit badges for the scouts. Watched Ashley play ball.

Friday 19th Feb

I went to Salina, watched Bill play ball, and started reading Pres. Clarks book on stand fast by our Constitution. I also feel that I want to learn more about our Constitution than I have ever known before. I am going to make that a more concerted effort.

Feb. 20th 1982

We hauled some things to Desert Industries today; we are getting ready to move when the Lord wants us to.

I took Titine to the movie, after which we went to Ralph's and talked to him, I called mom to see how she was doing. Where the Dr. felt there was a growth in her stomach they found none.

Feb 21st 1982

Church, Sunday School, and then we set the Deacons Presidency apart. I acted as mouth for Loren Brinkerhoff, and York Winsor. York as sect. Loren as Presidency. After which, I acted as mouth to set Billy apart as President of the teacher's quorum.

We had a court of honor tonight, the first one in a year. After which I went to the five ward Bishop's meeting, we then went as a bishopric over to Leo Atwood and gave him a blessing. The bishop acted as mouth. Finally, the day ended at 10:30pm, a full day.

Feb 22nd 1982

I drove to Green River Wyoming that day to call on the Tova mines.

Feb 23rd

I called on the mines here in Wyoming read and watched television. It really wasn't much of a day. Wasted too much time.

Feb 24th Wed.

I went to Salt Lake to an Industrial hearing with Russell Edwards. We will have to wait and see what happens, whether the commission judges in my behalf or Russell's behalf.

Feb 25th 1982 Thurs

I went to Hanna to call on the coal mine there. I found their coal mine and I now know where this point of the rocks are. There is also a coal mine there. I arrived home in Huntington about 7:30pm

Fri Feb 26th

We went to Salt Lake about seeing for the house. To see if we can sell it. I had the talk to the Lawyer.

We found a good sale on sleeping bags and bought four of them. Titine and I had a very enjoyable trip.

Sat. 27th

We packed our books ready for the move. I watched a BYU basketball game on TV. The Y won but they have a so-so team this year, and they beat San Diego St by a score of 101-66. Ashley went to the movies.

Sunday Feb 28th 1982

The year is 1/6 gone today. February has ended with beautiful clean warm weather. The snow is mostly gone.

We had a boy scouts meeting today, planned another court of honor, and talked about financing, and scout advancement.

Monday March 1st

I went to Salt Lake today to see Lanny Richards. He has internal bleeding that can't be stopped easily, but he is better today. The spirit directed me to tell his mother that he was going to be okay and become a mission president on day. I also paid the telephone bill and apologized to the manager for getting angry with him. We had some rain.

Tuesday March 2nd 1982

Titine and I went to Delta to get mom's pickup. We had an enjoyable trip. I talked with Ralph McClain tonight.

Wed March 3rd

I worked on the boy's pinewood derby cars, we had bishops meeting tonight and called two ladies to help in the Relief Society and nursery, one accepted the other wanted to think about it. Also, one other lady turned down a call to teach Sunday School. She had a good reason.

Thursday 4th

I am out of a job again today. I gave a two-week notice, and they said let's call it quits now. The boss got a little heated. But it ended on friendly terms. I watched Ashley play ball. The day was somewhat depressing, but I feel fine now. Prayer is a cure all. I have accomplished all that I needed to accomplish in the job though. I know where the mines are, and somewhat the size of them.

Fri. 5 March

I slept in too late, boxed some more items, preparing for the move.

Saturday 6th

Took the MIA young people up Huntington Canyon for a stake tubing party. We had a lot of fun- the weather was warm and the sky blue.

I have a rare headache tonight. I just don't get them often. Darien has an earache, but he is sleeping well tonight. I went over to see Scott Earfield this evening, he had a seizure and now pneumonia. He has lost weight.

Sunday 7th

In fast and testimony meeting today Colby and I bore our testimonies. I finished calling the Beehives Presidency. And we will set them apart as soon as we can.

Mike and Coleen Loveless came over and spent a while with us.

I am going to start filing the conference talks of gone by years this next week. Also, I learned that I was supposed to be in court and wasn't there, so a bench warrant for my arrest will be issued but not yet.

Monday 8th of March

Today started out as a frustrating day. I had to see the judge to stop from being arrested. I then listened to Titine give a book report. I tended to the children, and in the evening I went over to see sister Ruth Guyman. She is going into the hospital for an operation on her hip. They have to put a new hip ball in. I went next door and talked with Maughn for a few minutes and then came home. About nine thirty the doorbell rang and there was Maughn with 50 pounds of wheat over his shoulder he had for us. It seemed as if he was in bed when the spirit said to him, to get up, get dressed and bring us some wheat. He did. I accepted it. The spirit told me that just as he [was told to bring] It was the case; I came into the bedroom upon his leaving and prayed to find the answer. The answer was that the wheat was a symbol between Maughn and myself that there was a bond of trust between us that he accepted the thing I told him, of losing the cars, the house and all things, upon my words that the bond is without guile, and he was supposed to give us a blessing.

I called him back, it was about 10:15p at his time and he gave Titine a blessing telling her of the importance of motherhood, that she doesn't fully understand now but she will get a glimpse into the heavens and will understand. The blessing that he gave me was one of warning- to be aware of Satan that he would try and deceive me, even unto appearing as an angel of light. That I should re-evaluate my promptings and know that I know the will of God. But mainly that I should be careful, and through fasting and prayer I wouldn't be deceived. The blessing and Priesthood would also help in the fight against Satan.

Upon his leaving I spent the next considerable time in prayer, re-evaluating; I have not been deceived as yet. But Satan will try harder to do so.

Titine and I talked some after. And somewhat after 12:00am we finally went to sleep. I have also been told to write another letter to Carol Moss.

March 9-10

I waited up on the Lord these two days, I didn't make the best use of my time. But I did no evil. Unless evil is wasting a few hours.

March 11

I went to court today we set a Preliminary hearing for the 15th of April.

March 12, 1982

I watched Bill's team play ball, read to Ammon, played with children. Rebecca went on her first date to the Emery Jr. Prom. And I waited upon the Lord.

Sunday 14th March

I started out the day in Bishop's meeting. Taught a Sunday school class and a Priesthood class. After which, the Stake high council taught us concerning the duties to us of the Aaronic Priesthood.

We set some people apart in their callings. After I got home Tom Humphrey came in and we gave Ashley a blessing. He has had stomach cramps all day.

He was told to beware of Satan to learn truth from his Sunday teacher and parents, keep his mind clean and pure. Prepare to serve the Lord.

Monday March 15th

I saw Allen Edwards today. We had a very nice visit. Read some old conference talks. And spent time with the children.

Tuesday March 16th 1982

I went home teaching tonight and found two families; one family just wanted me to come and visit. The other family wants to be taught. At Grants place we talked of the 93 section of the Doctrine and Covenants. After which I gave him a blessing. The spirit was there in great abundance. The evening was very spiritual.

Wed March 17th 1982

The news tells of floods in Indiana, and tornadoes tearing up houses and shops. We have had wet weather here and expect more of the same.

The Lord has put me on another fast, 5 days of at this time. I have started my second day. After the first 48 hours it isn't so bad. But I believe that this time I will drink some water. That way my face doesn't look so hollow.

I finished filing the conference talks. Read to some children sang to Robrt and Darien and helped Colby a little with his rifle.

The spirit has been with me all day today.

March 18th

Today is beginning the 3rd day of a five day fast. I haven't accomplished much; I have read quite a bit and spent time with the children.

March 19th Sat.

I went to the desert today and found and found a calmness that I have found many times there.

Titine and I watched the sun. Marc's team played basketball in a regional tournament, they won.

March 20th

Five years ago, today Robert was born. He has been a joy to us. A little friend of his is sleeping over. I played basketball with Bill and two of his friends. They slept over last night.

March 21st 1982

Today I finished a five day fast. I felt more spiritual than before, my whole body felt purer and even [finer/fire] I gave Rebecca a blessing. It was a fine blessing. The Lord told her that he called her and laid his hands upon her and set her apart for the work.

Mt. Saint Helen erupted again. Not as devastating as before.

March 23

Watched Ashley play one on one basketball; Colby and I did some home teaching.

March 25th

Ralph McClain called and wanted me to cut timber in half. Rebecca got her driver's license today.

Titine and I went to a Republican County meeting.

March 26-27

It rained so I didn't accomplish much. Tended kids and watched a ball game.

March 28th

We set the beehives girls apart as presidency of the class. We had our boy scouts meeting. Titine and I visited the Almonds this evening.

March 29-30

I sawed timber, I have had a bad day these past two days. I made the decision this morning to check the children out of school Monday. Where we are going on why don't I know, or I am not sure. The weather has been cold, and blistery.

I just hope that the Lord has patience with my frustrations and uncertainty. If I could trust my impressions I would know which direction, but those impressions don't always mean to the receiver what they mean to the Lord. So, I will trust in Him. And have [better understanding] of those who don't trust in [him.]

March 31-April 2 1982

We have had floods in California, windstorms in Denver Colorado, and wars in Central America.

Argentina involved the Falkland Islands, five hundred miles off their coast. England claimed protectorate over them. The news announced tonight that the LDS missionaries call was shortened to 18 months instead of 24 months that they have been serving. Titine and I took some items over to Deseret Industries today.