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The U.S. Bureau of Mines
Salt Lake Station

My life long friend Frank Davis left Sperry Flour Mills in about 1942 and obtained a technical position at the Bureau. By now ~~I had had started on my masters degree at the University of Utah~~

~~I graduated~~

After graduating from the last high school class at Ogden High school I enrolled at Weber Junior College also in Ogden. A number of my friends including Lane Compton, Lowell Reeder, Vern Stoenberg, and some forgotten ones also enrolled. We all took technical courses including chemistry, higher math, geology, and surveying.

→ on graduating from Weber I got a room in a house up on the avenues. I cooked on a hot plate. Later, so Jack Barrett joined me. The room cost each of us five dollars a week.

I was now seeing Ida-Rose on almost a weekly basis. I would take the street car to the end of the line at Hot Springs and hitch a ride to Ogden. It was safe in those days.

I would reverse the procedure on returning to Salt Lake City.

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Our family was now living in a house on the south side of 26th street between Adams and Jefferson Avenues. There were two blue spruce trees in the front of the house and you had to go down steps to get to the house.

Our love was getting pretty serious for both of us at this point. I was working at Sperry flour mills at this time (I rode a bicycle about one mile to get there). I would get to our 26th street home about 5 pm and Ida-Rose, who worked at ~~the lunch counter~~ ^{Worward's lunch counter} would leave work a little later. I would now be sitting on the ledge of the porch and Ida-Rose would often stop by on her way home which was actually out of her way.

I need to back track a little to tell you of a struggle that I had to stay in school at the U. of U. On registration day I was alone. None of my friends were there. The registration lines were long and the procedures I had to go through intimidated me. Its hard to tell you how alone I felt. Fada and I came within a quarts ear of forgetting about ~~more college~~ ^{taking} additional college work education.

I think I have previously discussed some of my experiences at Checketts Photo so I won't repeat that. But maybe I will, ^{\$20 was a lot of money for me} Denton. Checketts owed me twenty dollars when I left for school at the University of Utah and I was never able to collect it from him.

Ida-Rose and I married on September 24th 1941 which. Her mother, Charlotte was also married on September 24th.

After a brief honeymoon at a motel near Wasatch Hot Springs and some time at the state fair we moved into a \$15/month, share the kitchen and bath. Summer and winter we slept on this open air screened in porch.

We had a good time there with the other college occupants.

We had arrived in Salt Lake City with \$300.00 cash that I had saved to start our marriage.

How we Came to Purchase the Farm

Both Ida Rose and I spent their early life on a farm. Five acres was about the amount of land involved ~~in~~ in both instances so after being somewhat settled we thought we ought to buy some sandy soil land in the Mapleton area where we expected the soil to be sandy loam.

Well, we never found anything to our liking so we abandoned the idea.

We had learned that ^{two} former Ogden friends had moved to Payson Utah and were operating a small dairy. The friends were Noble DeHart who lived in Ida Rose's Ninth Ward and Ardell Russell who ~~to~~ had also lived for a few years in that ward but mainly lived in my Ogden 18th Ward so we went to visit them.

~~So~~ The I-15 Thruway had not been built. We talked to them about land and said that the 38 acres across the street north was for sale. A messy divorce caused this land to be put up for sale. We tried to buy half of the piece but would not sell so we bought the entire piece for \$27,500.00. Other farmers thought that we had paid too much and that the land was only worth \$7600.00 which amounted to only \$200.00 per acre.

Time would tell, however that the purchase was propitious. Later on the State of Utah DOT took 8 acres of our land to establish the turn off and paid us \$32,000.00 for this land.

How I met Ida-Rose Langford

Lane Compton and I were

I was walking south on the east sidewalk of Washington Avenue
in Ogden with ~~me~~ just south of 25th Street. I noticed
this girl that I had seen before at ninth ward dances.

I said to Lane, "I've seen that girl before but I don't
know her name. I'm going to try to find out and
get a date with her."

Somehow, I asked around, got her telephone
number and asked ~~her~~ for a date.

~~She said she already had a date~~

So I called later and asked her to go with me
to the new years eve dance sponsored by the
Church (1939) in the White City Ballroom ^{located} on the
north side of 24th Street between Washington and
Adams avenues.

Talk about peking
alcohol
bouncers etc