

Friday we loaded up and went to San Diego.

I spent afternoon studying while Tracy went to the tool show.

Friday
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We loaded (flowers, etc) & went down to San Diego. We finally (after spending 2 hrs looking) found a vacancy at the 2711 motel on the hotel circle near the Convention center where Tracy, & the S.B.E.'s will get their award. The Am. Philatelic Society is awarding the "titan", Tracy, Bob Winters, Herb Strong, Francis Bundy, the international prize for new materials - they will be splitting a \$5,000 prize. Also get \$200 for travel. He will attend a dinner Monday night & the talks will be Tuesday. We will leave early Weds for home hopefully to do it in one day if Tracy feels up to it.

Sat.
19 mar. Oops. found an orchid grower in San Diego. Ridgway Orchid Gardens - national city which is incl. in San Diego boundaries. we went down to see what they had. They mostly grow orchids for the trade & they have some real beauties.

They had some nice phalaenopsis, so I ended up buying (with my nice husband's permission) 2 ^{8.20 each} white + a ~~pink~~ white with red lip - and 2 (2.50 each) meristem (3" pots). They won't bloom for 3 or 4 years but then they will be worth from \$30 to \$100 each. When we brought them back & put them on the counter in front of a mirror they were so pretty we decided we must have a mirror background in the house to display orchids.

It's wonderful to be away with Tracy - like a second honeymoon. All married couples need to get away from it all done together. I ought to figure a way to let Bob and kids get away from it all & leave Tracy with me.

Sun 20
mar Went to church in north ~~San~~ San Diego to attend Louise Wangsgard's ward. Alton has had a stroke. Is just recovering his orientation. Louise had us out to lunch. She had a delicious fruit salad and carrot cake. (Reminded me of Gugu's wedding cake. Alton was Tracy's 10th grade math teacher. They have 2 children. After he got his Ph.D. he taught at the U for a while & then went into industry.