

## **The Engagement of Howard Tracy Hall and Ida-Rose Langford**

It was supper time in our Ogden home on 27th Street in Ogden, Utah. Around the table were my mother and father and my four younger brothers, Eugene, Wendell, Donald and Delbert.

It was in the month of June in 1941 and I was showing my family the engagement ring I had purchased to give to Ida-Rose. The family wasn't surprised. We had been going together for about one year and a half.

The ring was purchased from Jack Jeffs who worked for Zales Jewelry who was also a member of our Ogden Eighteenth Ward. The ring cost \$50.00 which was quite a bit of money for me at that time.

Later that evening we went to a show at the Paramount Theatre. I had planned to wait for awhile before giving it to Ida-Rose, but now that I had the ring, I just could not stand to not give it to her. After the movie, we walked up the hill eastward along the sidewalk from Washington Avenue to Jefferson Avenue and Lester Park. A warm, romantic, summer breeze accompanied us on our way.

When we arrived there, high above the city, we reveled in the lovely lights of the valley below.

Then we sat under a tree on the grass and kissed a lot. Then I put the ring on her finger. Together we went to the nearest arc light in the park so she could see the ring. And that's how we became engaged to be married.