

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

It was suppertime in our Ogden home on 27<sup>th</sup> Street in Ogden, Utah. My mother and father and my four other brothers, Eugene, Wendell, Donald, and Delbert were also there.

It was in the month of June in 1941 and I was showing my family our engagement ring. 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, and who was also a member of our Ogden 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Theater. Then 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.

Now that we were here, 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 and we became engaged to be married.