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Diary of Our trip From Wash, to California

In the year of 1918 we left Hoguian Washington to go to California. We first went to Linniault to see Grandma in the Ford truck. The first place we stoped at after we left Hoguian was Chehalis Wash. That was April 12-1918. We were there two weeks, Mama + Dad worked in a factory where they condensed milk. Then we went to Ostrander Wn. We camped near a windmill. Elmer run car upon the sidewalk broke the fence, stayd there that night then left in the morning. The next place was Halbrook Ore. We camped near a

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school house, Arthur found a
Crawfish in a hole in the ground

The next place we stoped was
at Salem, we camped behind a
blacksmith shop.

The next place we stoped at
was about 4 mi. from town, we
camped in a park near a camp
where there was a Gypsy Girl
named Rosie. We went upon a
hill and played in a sawing then we
went up the hills a little farther
and looked down upon City of
Eugene. We were there three days.

The next time we camped was
at Drain near a church, Mary,
Elmer, Arthur, & Jesse slept on a
dancing floor.

The next place we stoped

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at was near Sutherland along the roadside near a mountain, we got water out of a little creek under a bridge along the roadside.

The next place we stoped at was Dole, we camped behind a little store, across the road was the depot, it was there that Elmer threatened to leave us.

The next place we stoped at was Canyonville, we camped near a creek where there was a lot of Crawfish; Elmer had us kids catch some Crawfish, and cook them then he got mad at us, then he wouldn't eat any of them.

The next place we stoped at was Wolf Creek, we camped by a blacksmith shop, got some milk

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at a house near by.. a woman gave us some magazines to read. It rained so hard that Mary, Elmer, Arthur & Jesse had to get up and move their beds into a shed in the back of the black smith shop. had to stay there the next day till the road got a little better for travel.

The next place we stoped at was Grants pass, in the camping park, met a couple that we saw that morning along the road camped in the same park, ate our dinner together along the road side by a pigpen.

The next place we stoped was at the foot of the Siskiyou Mountains where we had

a man named Anderson come out and fix the car. Elmer found out that Anderson was an old boyhood friend of his.

The next place we stoped was near the California border, by the roadside near a house where a man lived with his granddaughters. We saw a man hide a bottle of whiskey near the roadside.

The next place we stoped was a little place along the road was Sisson. There was a junk man there with a whole automobile full of automobile tires.

The next place we stoped was Flame Creek, where Marg spoiled one of the dish pans so Papa threw it away. the kids had

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fun playing on the rocks in a little creek a little ways down the road from where we camped.

The next place we stopped was Stamp creek, where we tried to go up a little grade and broke the bearings of the car, so we had to stay there until we could get the repairs for it, so

Dad sent Elmer back to Dunsmair for the repairs, - we were there that day, Elmer got on the train at a little station near by and went to Dunsmair and got the repairs and got back about eight o'clock. Glad Elmer got the parts already to put together in the morning. When they got the car all put to -

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gether we tried to go on but we could not go, we broke the same part that time as the other part just because the men on the road would not offer to pull the car up the hill so the bearing broke again on the same grade so Dad sent Elmer back to Dunsmuir again for some more parts, while he was gone, the road commissioner came and asked why we were staying there and Dad told him how he asked the men if they would pull the car up the hill and they refused to do it so we tried to go up the grade without any help, but we only got up about half way when the bearings broke, so how we had sent

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for repairs about 50 miles away. so he told ~~them~~ if he had known they would not pull us, he would have made them pull the ~~car~~ ^{car} up the grade, so when we were ready to go again the men were ready to help pull us up the grade. so we got away from there that day.

The next day we camped one mile north of a little town named Delta, near Volmers Ranch. That was the seventeenth day of May. we met Volmer out for a horse back ride and he said he was a thoroughbred horse trader. Volmer lived near a little grave yard.

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We camped next in a camping park at Dixon. We saw two junk men with their cars of tires. we played with two little children there.

The next night we camped at Cornong the "Clean Town". where Elmer had us kids get egyptus leaves and make some tea. we got it so strong that Elmer got mad and would not drink any of it.

The 20th we camped at was five miles east of Colusa. Jesse & Elmer went Rabbit hunting. but they didn't get any. Mary & us kids went down the road and found some mulberries & ate them.

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The 21st we camped in a park
at Sacramento. where we met
Mr. & Mrs. Browne again. There
were animals and birds there
2 kinds of bears. Black & Brown
Rabbits, Monkeys, 2 kinds large &
small, Guinea pigs, an ostrich
& American Eagle. They had
a slides swings, & a swimming
pool for the little children.

The 23rd we camped at Orange
vale. Lived in Workfitts house
picked cherries for Workfitt &
Pierce; were there about 3 wks
June 11th we went back to Sac-
ramento. Rented a house on
E 16th Street. Where little
Charles Edward Wilson was
born June 13-1918.

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The 27th we camped in Fairfield.
 Cut aprons for Cooper. ~~where~~
 Elmer got mad at Dad because
 he wanted him to pay for his
 board and he didn't want to
 so they packed up and went
 to San Francisco early the 5th

The 14th we camped at Walnut
 Creek. Across a bridge. Had a
 garage man fix the car.

The 15th we camped at Oakland
 on Chabau Road. We had to go
 down a steep bank & cook in a
 creek bed. A cop said we could
 not stay in the City limits over
 24 hours. But we did because
 Dad & Arthur went to San Francisco
 to find Mary, and they didn't get
 back in time. The cop came around

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and asked us when we were going to go and we said when they got back.

The 17th we camped at Irvington cut apricots for Chadbourne.

Dad & Arthur went to see Mary again. Mary gave Dad some beads for Rosie's birthday. The 5th of Aug. we camped at Salida by a school house. There was a weeping willow tree in the school yard.

The 6th ^{the 6th of Aug.} we camped at Medera along the railroad, near a cheese factory.

The 7th we camped in the camping park at Fresno. A woman took Jewels picture, she was about a year old.

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The 9th + 10th we camped at Kings River about 6 miles from Kingsburg. Where we met Wilcox ^{we are all of} sons. I was got acquainted with a boy named Jimmy. The next night we camped 4 miles north of Dinuba by the roadside. Papa + Mrs Wilcox went to a house and asked if they could get some peaches and she said "yes" so they both got a bucket full. The woman didn't like it because we took so much. She came down where we were and said, "don't people object to your foraging like this." so the next morning before we left she came out to the road to see if we

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were gone yet. Then we went to work for Mr Patterson cutting grapes and cutting peaches for Mr Johnson. We were there about 3 wks.

The next night we camped at a little town by the name of Exeter on a ball ground where we lost a whole sack of clothes.

The next night we camped a few miles from Bakersfield. That day was Mamma's birth day the 15th of September. When we left there we went to Llano to see what it looks like. were there the best the then we went back again over the same road we came

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over and headed for Los Angeles.

After we left Llano we camped by a lake that was fair. Arthur & Jesse had to carry water about 2 miles for us to use.

The next night we camped ~~at~~ at Glendale a suburb of Los Angeles. Whence a woman asked Eugene if his name was Jesus.

The next night we camped a few miles from Los Angeles by the roadside. We were there for about three days and then we went to a camping ground in Los Angeles. We were there about three weeks. From there we went to Buena Park $23\frac{3}{4}$ mi.

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away. Papa and Arthur
worked at a Beanery ~~Mama~~
& Jesse & I worked at a tom-
ato cannery. Worked there until
we had the flu. When we
were alright ~~Mama~~ went
back to work again and
they wouldn't let her work
so ~~Mama~~ started to work
at the pepper plant where
we string peppers on a
long string to dry. Worked
there a long time. We were
living at Jansie's that winter
we got oranges from the
boys for 10¢ a dozen and
they were great big ones.
While we were there ~~Mama~~
and I went to work in the
beanery at two dollars a

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day, I worked there for 6 weeks. I earned \$72 there in six weeks. I was only sixteen years old. We went there October the fourth and left there the eighth of June ¹⁹¹⁹.

The next night we camped at Seal Beach, where there were about 2 hundred seals along the beach. We all played in the water until the tide started to come in then we went back to the car and started to get supper and fix the beds for the little kids. When a man came over and said that we could not stay there, but papa told him that we would stay there that night and we moved

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leave in the morning
so he went away. Early
the next morning about 4:30
or 5:00 Papa, Mama, Arthur,
Jesse, & I went down to the
beach to see the tide go out.
I and Mama saw what look-
ed like whales playing but
I guess it was only the waves
a rolling. That morning we
left for Anaheim Landing
where there two days we went
down to the beach every day
and got a lot of pretty shells.
Then we went back to Buena
Park and camped in the
Pepper Plant yard. There
about two weeks then Dad
decided to go North to see

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Mary. They were living at
Sebastopol, so the next morn-
ing we were ready to go north.

The next night we camped
at Camarillo. That was the
26th of June, Eddie was a year old.

The next night we camped
at Goleta.

The next night we camped
at Los Alamos.

The next night we camped
at San Miguel.

The next night we camped
at Salinas. We camped by
some benches and a table.

When we went through town
on our way to San Jose we
went to see Uncle Jimmie
Callahan.

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The next night we camped at Sam Jose by the railroad near two other camps. There were 2 women and about 5 kids there.

The next night we camped at Martine;

The next night we camped at Fairfield on a lot near the center of town. It sure was very cold because the wind was blowing very hard.

The next night we camped at Sebastopol on a farm where many was working at. When we got there some one picked up Eddie and made him cry. We were there about four days and then we started to go back to work in the fruit.

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That night we camped at Napa &
the next night we camped at
Niles Canyon. Where Dad kicked
a kettle down the hills into the ^{creek}
because it tipped over and put
the fire out.

The next night we camped at
^{was} a few miles from Irvington at
a fruit Ranch.