

Lehi School, Arizona, 1924
Spring play written by Rita Merrill



Virgil Virgil Grace Alice Bessie Muriel Gladys Elenore Bernice
 Roberts Crismore Haws Boyle Hooten Powers Hooten Skill Carter
 Thistle Kim Trudy Princess Paige Queen Ava Renabelle Glenna - Fairies
 Power Skill Jones

RING PAGEANT at Lehi school

written by Rita Merrill

not in the picture
Leon Jones & Leon Crismon
they were catapillars



Agatha-____-Lily- Jennie-Trella-____-____-Mildred-LaVerna-Fern- Nona- Ava
Spessard Neal Brown Nelson Spessard Rogers Power Shill Power

Thora- Marie- Leona- Thelma-Sylvia-Sylvia-Lucille- Melfa
Rollins Bryant Mortensen Brown Steele Jones Mortensen Shill

Elaine- Jo- Sadie- Virginia-Flo- Olivia- Rose- Thelma-Bertha- LaRee- Glenna- Renabell-Gladys- Bernice
Sirrinc Cook Green Boyle Shill MortensenBrown Marcus Simkins Merrill Jones Shill Hooten Carter

____-____-Hilda

Thelma Harris

Dolly- Edna- Florence-Suzie- Deborah-MURIEL-ALICE-Irma- Ora- Inez- Hazel- Velma-Grace-Olga
Green Shill Rogers Ishikawa Brown Power Boyle Perry Jones Watkins MartinJones Haws Svob
1st gr. ↑ ↑
Queen&Princess

Scott-DellaMae-Ralph- Jack-Vic-Bob-Harry-Chuck-Charles
 Shill(child of S.) Shills

Orson-Frank- Otto- Frank -Nettie-Vera-Edith- Orson-Lillie- Hazel
 S. S. S. Biggs S. Boyle Henry S.

Prilla-Elinora- Rena Nona-Marg.-Fred
 S. Richens S. Biggs

Oscar-Wright-Carrie- Milo--Grandma- Ella Biggs Ruth
 Boyle Florine-Margie- Melpha- George

Darrel-Jr.- Vernetta-June- Ken- Maxine- Edna- Dorothy-Cy- Norma
 Boyle



A SHILL REUNION AT AUNT BELLS at Mesa Dr. & Lehi rd. In 1924



Bernice
Lopez

Maria
Lopez

Virginia
Pena

Julia
Small

Trella
Nelson

Neva
Marambanta

Mable
Kanyon

Dot
Skill

1924 Trella Nelson Irene Carter Mary Sinterfritt Mary Doyle Teacher Mr. Bailey Gladys Stille Agatha Spesard Zelpha Evens Jennie Brown



Grace Haws

Orson Rollins

Ivan Jones

Charley Shill

Boyle Morgan

Paul Coleman

George Shill

Boyd Merrill

8

Glen Jones

Warren Sirrine

Ellis Boyle

Trella- eland-Alice-Agatha-Gladys-Annie-Lily -Mary -Irene -Lenore Shill
 Nelson- Stillwell-Boyle-~~Spesant~~ Stillwell-Green-Neal-Sinterfrith-Carter

7
8
gr-
1925

Mr.
Baily



Orson Rollins Ivan Jones Charley Shill Doyle Morgan Billy Green Paul Coleman Leon Crisman- Leon Jones Bruce -Wing

Earl
Tiffany

Wayne
Power

Oscar
Gosthen

Virgil
Roberts

Grace
Haws

Gladys
Stille

Bernice
Carter

THORA
Rollins

Glenna
Jones

Jennie
Brown

Ava
Power

Ellis
Boyle

Warren
Sirriner

George
Shill

Boyd
Merrit

George
Lewis

Glen
Jones

Browning

Harvey
Hooten

Stella
Morgan

Charcie
Britton

Zelpha
Evans



"Return of Spring" May 1, 1929 Dell T Rollins in charge N W corner school grounds

Saturday, September 27, 1975

MESA TRIBUNE, MESA, ARIZ.

This Week in Mesa's Past:

The Story of Mesa High's Motto

By W. EARL MERRILL

Forty-eight years ago this month, in September of 1927, I began what would be 14 years of teaching in my home community of Lehi, then a separate elementary district, but joined with Mesa, Alma, and Jordan districts to form the Mesa Union High School District.



CLASS OF LONG AGO — Seventh graders of the 1927-28 class at Lehi School pose with their teacher, W. Earl Merrill. Back row: Zelpha Tiffany (Stewart), Ora Jones (Moore), Elaine Serrine (Hathcock), Violet Martin, Jerine Calvin, Olga Svob (Shill), Vilate Langford. Middle: Arthur Power, Darrel Shill, Ranford Perry, Ferrel Lamb, Samuel Carrol, Harold Martindell, Laurence Mortensen. Front: William Stone, Lowell Evans, Carl Eaves, Burnes Kenyon, Zedo Ishikawa, Robert Nelson.

During those years — five in the seventh grade and nine in the eighth, it was my privilege to have a number of Japanese children in my classes. These Ishikawa, Okazaki, Horiba, Ujiie, Sekiya, Nakatsu, and Matsuyoshi youngsters were uniformly well-behaved, intelligent, cooperative, respected by their fellow classmates, and deservedly won more than their share of "outstanding student" and leadership awards.

Last week, while attending the Mesa High-Westwood High football game at Jackrabbit Stadium, I was reminded of my first class of seventh graders at Lehi, and of the brown-eyed, black-haired, neat, likeable Zedo Ishikawa, — the first of many youngsters of Japanese ancestry that I was to have in my classes at Lehi.

I thought of Zedo, that night of the football game, when I saw the motto, "Carry On," emblazoned in neon on the scoreboard at the southwest corner of the field, and again when the crowd stood while the band and students, as has been done a thousand times since 1933, played and sang Mesa High's tradition-hallowed and stirring "Carry On" song.

For it was Zedo, one of the twenty or so seventh graders who met daily with me in the northeast room of the old Lehi School, who, at his death five years later, would utter words that would provide the inspiration for the adoption of the "Carry On" motto and song as the rallying cry of Mesa Union High and Mesa High students from that time on.

Zedo was the only son of Kurataro and Hatsune Ishikawa, Lehi's earliest Japanese family. They had gardened and raised citrus on their farm one-half miles east of Lehi School since 1912. They had a number of daughters, five of whom I would have in my classes in later years.

Zedo was 12 at the beginning of his seventh grade year, which, at that time, was the minimum age for joining the Boy Scouts. He, a Buddhist, was welcomed as a member of Lehi Ward's Latter-day Saints Troop 54.

Zedo was a good scout, as he was a good pupil. In my estimation, he truly possessed those qualities enumerated in the twelve scout laws. He was trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent, whether in the schoolroom, the playground, at his scout activities, or, I am sure, at home with his family.

Scout meetings were held on Wednesday nights at that time, in connection with the regular LDS Mutual Improvement Association meetings. The scouts, along with the rest of the MIA membership, met in the Lehi Chapel for the "opening preliminaries" before separating for the various departmental activities.

It so happened that the very month I began teaching at Lehi I had been asked to serve as MIA president, holding that position until September of 1930. Just previous to my release a new MIA song had been introduced at the June conference of that organization in Salt Lake. Called at the time "Carry On," but now titled "Firm as the Mountains Around Us," the new theme song was an instant success, its stirring words and lively tune thrilling young people's groups throughout the church.

Though by this time I had another assignment in the ward organization, I did, on occasion, attend the Mutual meetings on Wednesday nights, and know that the new song was sung often during the next two years. Zedo, now attending Mesa Union High, was there almost every time to hear the song, and, since he was

a member of the school chorus and thus must have enjoyed singing, undoubtedly joined in the crescendoing refrain, "Holding aloft our colors, we march in the glorious dawn, O youth of the noble birthright, Carry on, carry on, carry on!"

It might even have been possible that the song was sung during the preliminary

program of Wednesday, September 21, 1932, which would have been 43 years ago this week, and that the words of the refrain were still ringing in Zedo's ears as he made his way homeward after his scout activities were over. We do know that Zedo, by this time a patrol leader in the troop, attended Mutual that night.

Or it may have been that his thoughts were on his plans for his senior year in high school, just starting, or in anticipation of the coming football game with Gilbert, for he was a returning letterman on the team. At least, he had no inkling of fateful events of the next three hours, nor of the contribution that he would soon be making towards the traditions and legendry of Mesa High.

Of the event soon to happen, Robert Ripley's syndicated feature, a few months later, would carry the "Believe It Or Not" story of how, in Mesa, Arizona, a dog had shot a man, but to the family, the Lehi neighbors, his schoolmates and teachers of elementary and high school days, and to a host of friends of the Ishikawa family throughout the valley, the accident was not a flippant thing, but a shocking, unbelievable tragedy.

The Arizona Republic of Friday, September 23 had the following:

"Funeral arrangements for Zedo Ishkiwaw, 17-year-old star high school athlete who accidentally shot himself late Wednesday night are being delayed pending the arrival of his mother, who has been visiting relatives in Japan.

"The youth died in a Phoenix hospital about two hours after the accident, which occurred at the family home north of Mesa.

"Shortly after he had returned from a meeting of the Lehi Mutual Improvement Association, in which he was a patrol leader of a Boy Scout troop, Ishikawa attempted to

separate two fighting dogs by pushing the butt of the gun between them. The gun discharged, the bullet lodging in the boy's chest. He died at 1:10 a.m. yesterday."

Something the Phoenix paper did not tell was how the dying Zedo, with labored effort, whispered to those about him to "tell Coach (Steve) Coutchie to go ahead and play the game with Gilbert," and to "tell the boys to carry on."

Thus Zedo's dying words, "Carry on!" became the rallying cry that has resounded in school assemblies, echoed across the gridirons, and rung among the rafters of Arizona prep school gymnasiums for over 40 years.

Scoreboards, football fields, gyms, and even the school plant itself have been modernized or replaced, but still the story of the courageous little Zedo is "carried on" to new

generations of youth.

His memory still lives in the annual Ishikawa award, and in his dying words printed in school annuals, painted in slogans, spelled out in purple-and-gold mosaics and in neon letters on athletic scoreboards. In distant years a thousand spines will still tingle as the strains from the marching band bring a whole stadium of Mesans to their feet, a good part able to join in the words:

"Carry on, Mesa High ...
Carry on with hearts
afire,
Traditions great and
mighty deeds ...
Carry On, Carry On!"

Teacher

1939-40

1939-40



Earl Merrill



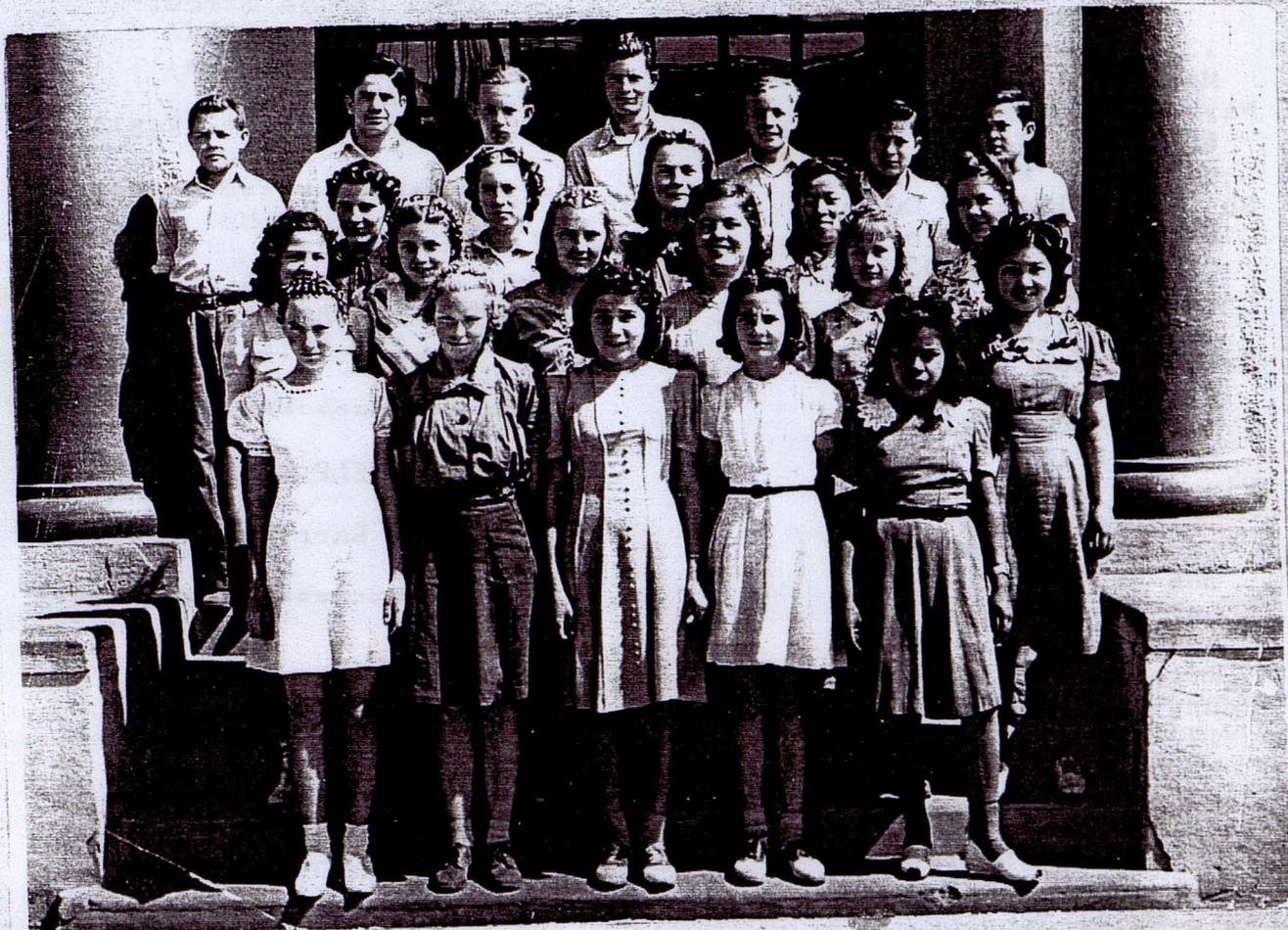
Ella Mae



Bobby



Beth



Back Row

Ted Skill
Bobby Nabeeb
Wayne Peterson
Geo. McBride
Scottie Boyle
Adrian Davis
Danny Ortiz

Third Row

Georgia Baldwin
Meneva Walcott
Stella Hathcock
Rosie Nakatsu
Beth Williams

Second Row

Zobeida Barragan
Gloria Bendure
Vina Mae Johnson
Nadine Blau
Lois Skill
Minnie Sekiya

Front Row

Ella Mae Kingan - Ethel Opie - Norma Svob
Virginia Siskovich - Ramona Peña

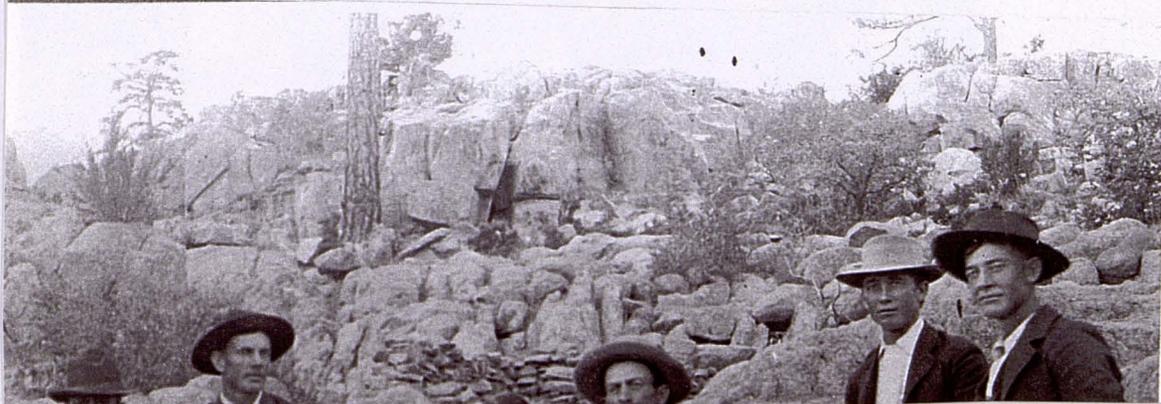


Wright

Victor

Ralph

Big Bug Mine Area





Orson

Wright

Otto

Scott

Frank

Ralph

Orson

Wright

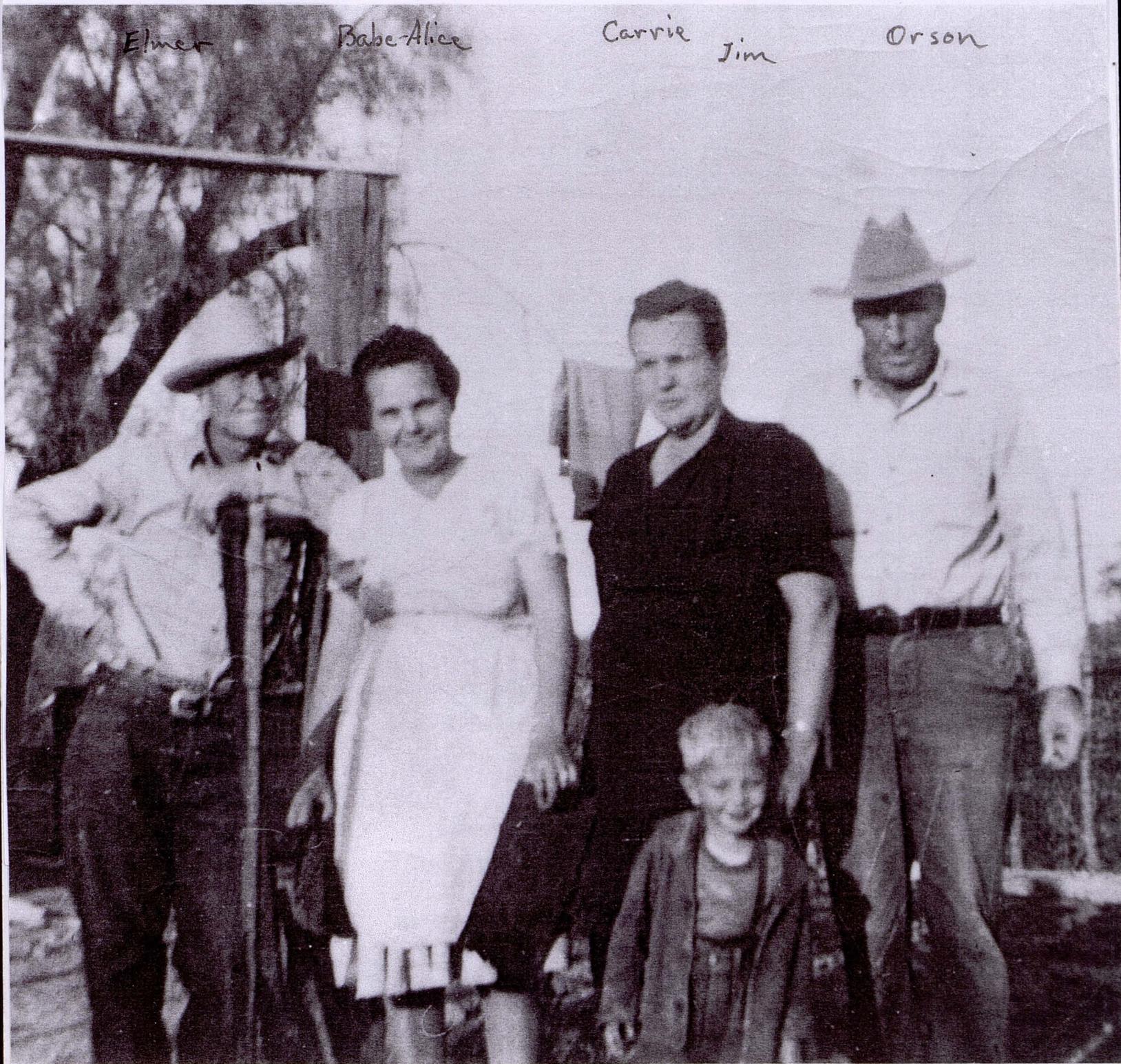
Elmer

Babe-Alice

Carrie

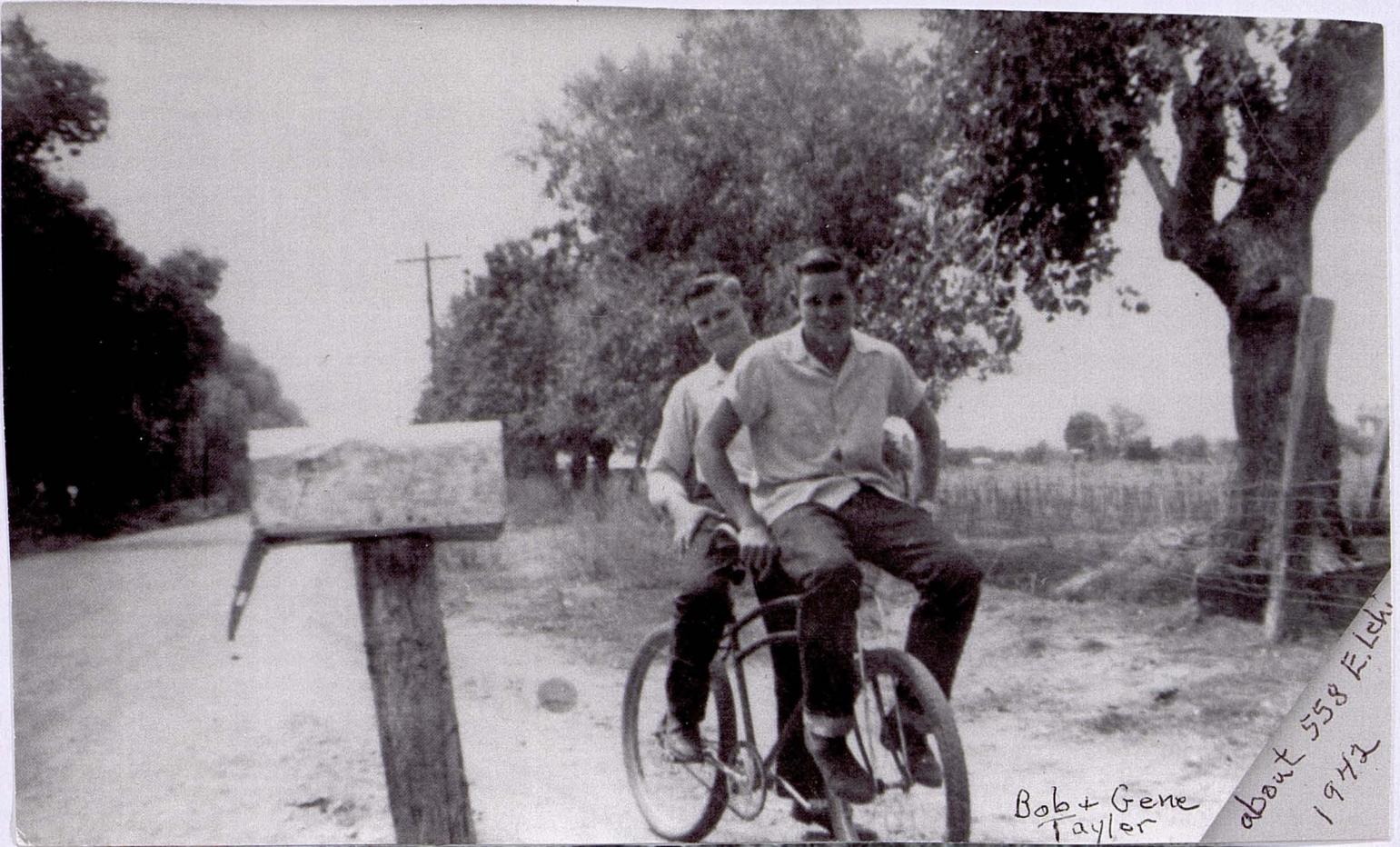
Jim

Orson





Nov. 1942 Lehi rd. Looking east--between Horne & Mesa Dr.
Carrie (Shill) Boyle & her mother-in-law Sarah Ellen (Carter) Boyle.
On their way home from R.S.



Bob + Gene
Taylor

about 558 E. Lch.
1942



Jimmy--Bob--Max---Merle---Joe
Taylor Mortensen-Hathcock-Taylor
Rose Ruth Trelva 1945
Tiffney Boyle Merrill S.S.class

Max Mortensen
is really tall

Vera Rogers
 Vina Steele
 Lilly (Rothrock) Shill
 Serena (Nelson) Brown
 Caddy Rogers Watkins



(Shuart) Lucy or Rita Merrill Nellie Westbaum Atella (Steele) Ruth (Byers) Blair

Elmer Babe Orson Carrie Russell Bessie Gerie Gerie



Emmie Red Ruth Scottie

Boyles 558 E Lehi rd.

basement of the old chapel at Lehi & Horne. (red b)
 Must be March-1946-

Scott-Ken- Darrell-George-Frank-Otto-Ellis-Bob-Otto-John Orson-Zula
 Shill S. S. S. S. S. Biggs B. Jr. Shill Boyle Bigg



Larry-Olive-Eva-Emma-Kent-LaVerna-Lilly-Dorothy&Ernie-Ruby-Francis-Olga-Nettie
 Shill S. S. Hancock Rice S. Clevenger Biggs Shill S. S.
 Ralph-Wright-Vic- Vernon-Jack-Raylene-Ella-Carrie-Frank-Nora-Marg.-Detta-Fred-Willford
 Shill S. S. Fuller Biggs B. B. Boyle B. B. Shill B. B. B.
 Ethel- Vernetta Ella D.-Quinton-Ruth-Marlene-June
 Hancock Fuller Shill S. Resley Shill Bueler
 Bud Dixie- Francis- Tam-Edwin-Norman-Vic L.-Bill-Harold
 R Hancock R S. S. S. S. Biggs B.
 Harry- Franklin-Georgia-JeriLyn-Andy-Vicki-Tom-Johnny
 S. Bueller S. S. Clev. S. Biggs B.
 (born 5/6/44)

Old Lehi Ward Building

Anna---Orson---August---Carrie---Marion---Frank---Wilford---Vina---Annie---Minerva
Harder- Boyle- Harder- Boyle- Opie- Biggs- Biggs- Steele-Simkins-Rothrock



Detta---Jennie---LaVern---Lillie+Wright---Viola---Florabelle---Fred
Biggs-Mortensen-Rogers- Shills Jones--Taylor- Biggs
Ike--- George-- George--Josephine--Bessie-Elijah D.--Zula--Nora+Ellis
Steele-Thompson-Rogers-Thompson---Jones--Thompson- Biggs- Biggs
Tom---Margueritte&Otto---Jose---- Roy--&Nellie-- Ruby
Jones- Shills Thompson Sirrines Biggs

1946