

RECOLLECTIONS--ELBERT DEAN

March 25, 1950--met Janna Ruth Hey (approx. 5 pm) --206 Oak Street, Merkel, Texas

Spring Break from CWC (Colorado Woman's College)

Came with Sandra Sadler and Sue Mayfield

Activity:

Cookout at Sadler's cabin on Sweetwater Lake (Sat. eve. & Sun. afternoon)

Church together--evening First Baptist--Merkel

Cookout at "Banker" Booth Warren ranch--east of Merkel

Large cookout shelter by large stock tank with boats -- showed Jan my
class ring--the Lake (ate) it: still in the bottom!

April 2--took girls back to Amarillo to take train to Denver, Colorado.

Janna Ruth Hey --Sterling, Illinois

Donalynn Rees--Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Alice Johnson--Fremont, Nebraska

Sandra Sadler--Merkel, Texas

Sue Mayfield--Merkel, Texas

September--to Denver--CWC (took Greyhound bus) met Jan & parents & Sue Hey

also Bob & Sally Schuneman & Dorothy Winn from Sterling

November--Thanksgiving College Break

I had a new Jeepster Convertible

Jan stayed with Sandra & Sue during vacation

Introduced Jan to my family.

Drove Jan to Amarillo (in Jeep) Coming back by myself--ran off road (no

harm--thank you, Lord)

December--1950--moved to Colorado City, Texas, (Abilene Reporter-News Dealership)

January, 1951--Drove Jeep to Denver and gave Jan engagement ring this night (Jan. 23

Coming home alone in snowstorm--wrecked Jeep in Pueblo, Colo. stayed hotel

car repaired--returned to Colorado City (6 inches of snow in Colo.City)

March, 1951--Jan came to Colorado City (Hotel Gosnell) 4 days only

Picked her up & returned to Amarillo Train Station

July 21--Mildred, Pauline & I (in Jeep) to Sterling

Married in Jan's home -- She was beautiful!

I was in pajamas and bathrobe--double pneumonia & pleurisy

After 30 days (w. her family)--we started Home to Colorado City, Texas, in Jeep

Operated Paper Route to Spring of 1954.

August 14, 1954--Moved from C.C. to Sterling, Illinois, with Steve (almost one year old)