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1 – Jesse and Jean Avery wedding in 1941, all the Webb family present. Leaving for the honeymoon in a 1937 ford 48(?) headed for the Ozarks. First baby, Sue born in 1943. Grandma Avery holding Sue, second baby Elaine born in 1945. Brother-in-law Morgan Webb pulling a trailer, water on top from melted snow, later play with the babys. Grandpa and Grandma Webb visit, also some of their children. Shirley is a nurse. Dutch digging outfit. Uncle Ivan and Aunt Gladys. Airplane take off lands. No. 3 baby Daniel, in 1946. Grandma and Jean hold the baby's. The girls take diapers off the clothes-line. Cousins Lawrence and Lynette Paschold come to visit.

2 – Cousins Steve and Joy Mathews. My Uncles nursery in California. On the sea shore. Uncle Ralph waves to us. A big crowd, cousins, aunts and uncles and one great grandma. On the sea shore. On 1948 rode the California Zephyr. In a Vesta Dome car gong through the mountains, several tunnels. Back in Nebraska Uncle Gordon shakes up 2 nieces in a wagon. The twins arrive 1949. The cousins swing and turn sommer sets. Twins again (same ones). Swerking(?) Uncle Willie and Aunt Marian in Mo.

3 – My sister Mildred and Carol Pasholds wedding at our church. Wedding party at our place for dinner after the ceremony. Their first baby Lawrence. Group with Grandma Avery. Carl and Mildred have a girl. Group of relatives. Carl hauling truck load of parts. Me riding bicycle. Carl riding bicycle. Holding their chins. Railroad scenes.

4 – Cindy No. 6 in our family. Sue gives Cindy a ride. Going and coming from church. Cindy in buggy. Bicycle riding.

5 – Bicycle races. Lawrence and his wagon wheel roll. Christmas presents being unwrapped. Feeding the dolls. Grandma with Sue wearing a fancy bonnet. Parade, bicycles and wagon and tricycles. Carl reads rain gauge. Big group, Grandpa and grandma. Cindy rides tricycle. Group of relatives. Log splitting, pretended cover-up with splinters. Head of sheep, two lambs bottle fed.

6 – Don Leech family visit, drive, Model A Ford. Phylis, Mildred and the cats. A trip to Shenandoah, Ia. Oscar and Rose Leech, James Walker and Jimmie, Elsie and Nellie. Jimmie Walker throws the cats. My scotch Uncle James Walker does the Sword dance. The 3 musketeers. Mildred shoots the 12 gauge shot gun, it kicks. Custer County hills(?), a boat ride. More sand hills scenery. Flog cannon at Cannons store. Don and Mable Leech and family. Scenery. A carom game. Almon, Wilbur and Mildred. Uncle Ralph and Don.

7 – Work horses in the pasture. A cow anxious about her calf. Feeding yearling calves hay. Spotted Poland hogs. Pigs having lunch. Very young pigs nursing 2 or 3 hours old. Feeding time with a scoop. Day old chicks under the brooder stove. Turn the hens out 150 Buff rocks. The kittens have a great time. Fighting comes natural. The mother cat, Edith, brings her kittens a rat.

8 – Pleasant View Church, built in 1885. 1920-21 part of steeple removed. Basement and furnace added. Rebuilt in 1929. Grading done with horses. First service in new church in Dec. 1929. Water in the basement. Laying brick, Harold Maxey, left. Hedge fence comes out. Jesse Phillips on the tractor. Oscar Leech, Will Leech, Joy Mehlin stopped for a drink. James Phillips, Uncle Rae Leech and others helping. Digging drainage and ditch. Grading, horses and scrapers at least 10 teams on the job. First service in the church. Looking down from the towers, cars leaving going North, South and East. Good view of the road. Hedge fences kept trimmed. Building Committee. Weiner roast Roger, Lyle, Ward. Pastors since Pleasant View became independent from Humboldt Methodist:

Sept. 1917 – John H. Hall
Sept. 1918 -1923 – F. L. Harris
Sept. 1924-1928 – E. B. Maxey
Sept. 1929-1932 – C. F. Watters
Sept. 1932-1935 – R. E. Martin

Sept. 1936-1938 – I. G. Hopkins
Sept. 1939-1940 – C. F. Wagner

9 – Bible school. Church. Cutting wood for the church. More Bible School. A trip to Shenandoah, Iowa, Henry Field. Close up pictures of Esther, Vera Almon and Jay.

10 – Humboldt Fall Festival, Sept. 1929. Queen Marie Parli Eleanore. Humboldt Fall Festival, Sept. 1937. Queen Inez Rist Barber. Richardson county fair at Humboldt, 1929. At least 22 floats. Pictures taken from Park Hotel. 1937 at least 20 floats taken from the Southwest corner of the square. Bratton Union float. Una May, State Champion Speller, Ema Joe Newly, Miss Nebraska.

11 – Worlds Fair, 1933. 2,600 ft towers. Cable cars between. Pictures taken from top of 6000 tower. Belgium and other countries represented. Almon and Junior tied up our escape artist (?) he escaped. Candy 10 cents. Wayside gardens. Byrd's Ship to South Pole. A submarine. Chicago sky line, Getto. A pile of shoes, 10 cents a pair if you can find a pair. Narrow streets, street cars. Elevated railroad passes over street cars. Airport, 3 motored planes. Lake shore drive with heavy traffic. Chicago land music festival spot lights. Babe Ruth hits a home run and other plays. Four of us drove to Chicago in our Model A Ford, James Phillips, Junior Wilkenson, Almon Leech and Jesse Avery. We were guests of Almons Aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Swartsfeger of Chicago.

12 – Snow at home, scenes at Avery's. Then at Oscar Leeches. A horse drawn sled around and around we go. Sled behind 27 Model T Ford. Ice on trees. Sledding at our neighbor Oscar Leech. Burlington depot, Humboldt. My sister Mildred taking train to Lincoln. Air views of Lincoln. Fair grounds, cafrets(?). James Phillips and Jesse Avery. Brownville Ferry, several ladies leaving the house boat. Mrs. Watters, Rose Leech, Mildred Avery, Frieda Hess and 3 more. Our group rode the ferry across the river and back. Warren Leech has his pony to its tricks. Threshing scenes, an Avery yellow kid (?) separator 22" x 36", one bundle at a time. Billy Earnest on his pony Charms, the onlookers, around 5 years old. Those of the crew are Arnold Ernest, Frank Eis, Harry Avery, Oscar Leech, Almon Leech, Alvin Koehler and 3 whose names I do not know. The Wilkenson Family of four. Norma Mehlin with her pet cat and dog. School teachers. Neighbors husking corn for my Uncle Charlie Avery. Three Martin boys, sons of R. E. Martin. Pleasant View pastor. Agriculture College Campus at Lincoln. Some reverse grain binder and threshing views, followed by correct views. Belt drive from the pulley of a 15-30 International tractor to the Cylinder pulley of the yellow kid. Basketball at Bratton Union, Nebraska. First rural consolidated school. Coach E. E. Parmenter. Bratton Union operated from 1916 to 1966 – 50 years, graduated 313.

13 – Disking corn stalks, International 15-30 reverse action. Plowing in reverse action. Seldom ever plow in Feb. Rotary hoe, this is one of the first ones in Richardson County, 1927. Pulled with 3 horses at first, tractors pulled them later. This one was a one piece 2 row. Later they made single row units. Could put several together, usually 4 rows. Followed by cultivation, up to 4 times. Rife(?) wheat in the field. Raking hay, side delivery rake. Loaded on hayrack with a hay loader. Here a load is coming from the field. Unloading in hay now, a reverse view, back on the rack. Sawing wood. Farmall tractor. My father and my brother. Almon Leech husking corn. Threshing. Loading bundle wagons. Joy Mehlin tips his hat. The best pitcher around. Roger Leech pitching he is a little young for that job, tips his hat too. He does very well.

14 – Phillips dam being built with many tractors and fresnoes, before bulldozers. Can't remember when or where. Scooping grain, before elevator or auger days. Two bundle separator, threshing and moving.