

The following are the words to a tape recording of the voices of: Thomas Ray Gledhill, May Eames Gledhill, Preston Gledhill, Utahna and Beverly McKnight at Cedar City, Utah, March 24, 1945.

Dad: Alright mother, here we are in Cedar. It is fine to be here in Cedar visiting Preston and Isabelle again.

Mother: Yes that takes us pretty much all over the country when we follow them around.

Preston: There's nothing like a drive. How did you like the play?

Mother: Oh I liked it fine. I just thought it was very outstanding. The girls (all girl cast) surely did well.

Dad: Too bad we can't stay after the dark you see.

Mother: Well, we'll have to go. Dave is going in to take his physical Monday. We must get back.

Preston: He's going Monday is he?

Mother: Yes-- When he has his physical he wants to go out and volunteer now for the navy, rather than waiting to be drafted into the infantry.

Preston or dad says several words, comments on mother's self consciousness. *(Dad laughs)*

Mother: First time I couldn't think of anything to say in all my life. *(laughs)*

Preston says something

Utahna: Well, a you'd better be calling on Beverly and I because otherwise we wouldn't say anything. *She's self conscious down here; we all are, aren't we. this is a lot of trouble*

Dad starts laughing. Preston says something and laughs.

Preston: What about the coal mine. Is it been able to do anything yet?

Dad: \_\_\_\_\_ *(replies and bursts out laughing again)*

Mother: He's been saying that same story for ten years.

Utahna: Beverly, Beverly do you want to come here and talk in this telephone. Come on you'd better say hello. Say hello everybody.

Beverly: Hello everybody.

Utahna: Say, I'm down here visiting Robert Barry.

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Beverly: repeats

Utahna: Say, my daddy's in England now.

Beverly: " " " " "

Utahna: When daddy comes home we'll all go to Provo and live.

Beverly: (repeats)

Mother: This is quite a red letter year for us anyway dad, when our youngest son graduates, whether he stays or not, in two months and then we'll be left alone after, well at least after the war when Beverly and Utahna go. Then we'll be right back alone. I don't know how we'll spend our time.

Dad: After raising seven children we ought to start in<sup>now</sup> and raise seven more.

Mother: (laughing) More grandchildren then, I hope.

long pause in the tape

Preston: Just a minute; here's some more of mother and dad.

Mother: Oh hello Preston; my it seems good to see you again. You wanted to know all about the family. Well, I will start with Ora. She is still teaching up at Lincoln High (Salt Lake). She seems to be working as hard as ever.

T.R. of course is going to the U. still, and he seems to like it. He likes the "U" I believe better than he did the "Y".

Ilah Dean is not enjoying school half as much this year because all the fellows have gone to war. But I guess certain parts are good, she just doesn't enjoy it as much. (Ilah had just started dating Thad at that time)

Evelyn is spending most of her time tending her boys. Trent's been quite sick but he's alright now.

And lets see there's Dave; two months from today Dave will be 18 and so, he knows he'll be drafted so he's going out to enlist in the infantry rather than wait -- in the navy, rather than wait and have to go in the infantry.

And then Utahna, of course is with us. Neil's in England. Neil seems to be enjoying himself a lot. He likes his work better than he did when he was here in the states.

Dad: Well, Preston, it's nice to be alive these days, there's so much happening in the world. And we can see what's happening is a result of disobedience to the commandments of the Lord. I think everything will turn out alright if we all do our part in the end. I have here in my hand a "Deseret News" edition of March the 23rd, in which it says the general Patton says the United States can \_\_\_\_\_ anytime it wants to. It looks like the war will soon be over and I'm glad to be alive, and looking forward to the time when peace will be

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Dad cont:

and righteousness will be established in the earth and hope that I live to see peace established and righteousness throughout the world.

Mother: Well I surely hope it doesn't take too long. It seems to me like our boys will all be killed if it keeps on like it's going now very long.

Utahna: Oh it won't either, mother. Nobody's going to get killed, The war will soon be over; then you can have me out of your hair for awhile; Neil can take over. And I know Dave will be alright too. We all have our tough breaks, but he will be fine.