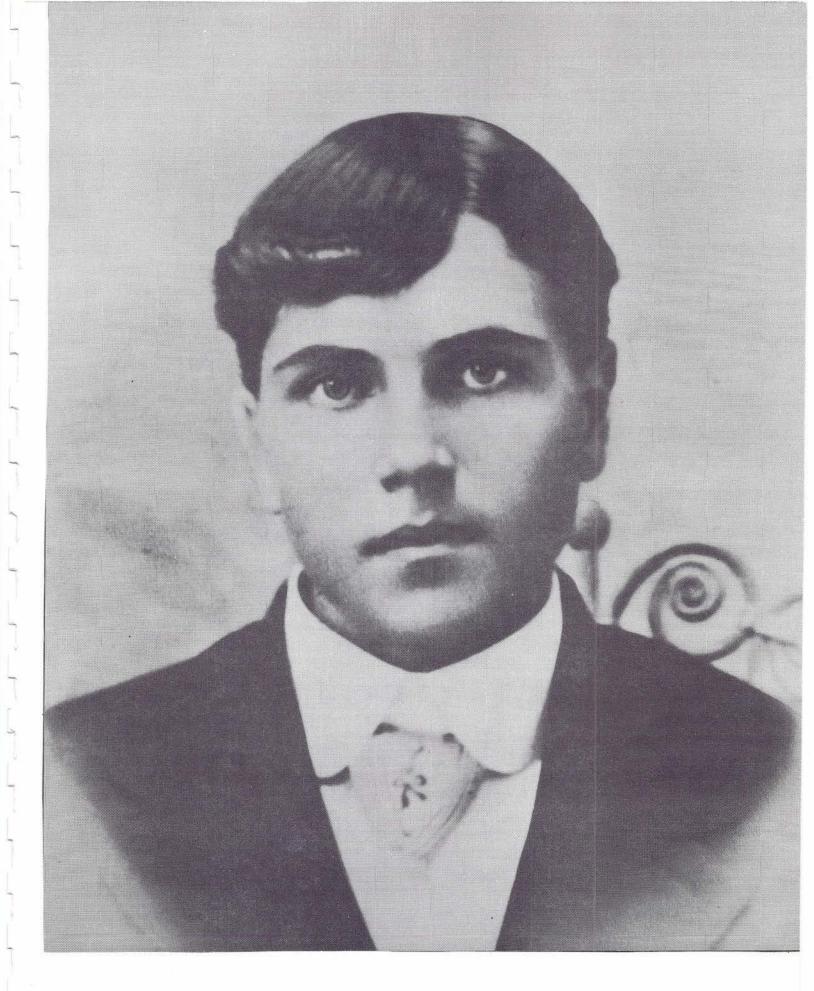
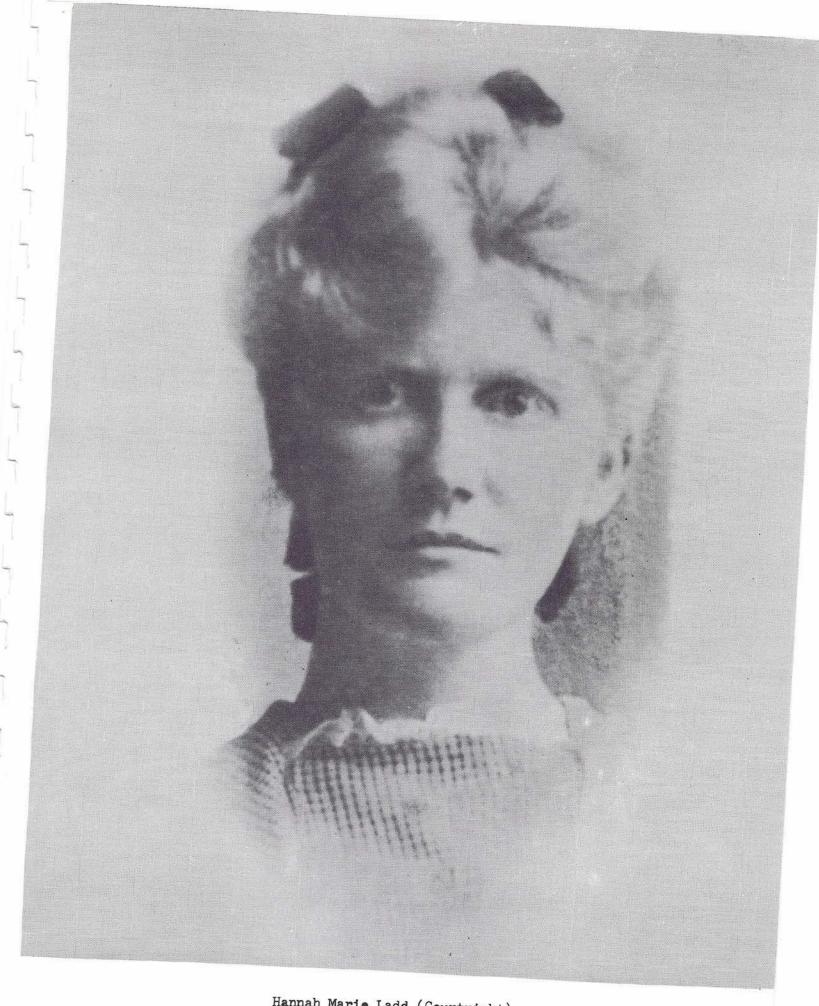
PART III

IRVIE LADD FAMILY CHILDHOOD



Irvie Earl Ladd



Hannah Marie Ladd (Courtright)

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Standing Left to Right:
Charlie, Etna, Goldie, AnnaMay, Homer & Troy
Sitting Left to Right:
Kenneth, Irvie, Donald, Hannah, & Earl

Irvie Earl Ladd was born on July 11, 1883 near Neodasha, Kansas. He was the son of Charlie Henry Ladd and Henrietta Marie Richmond. He was the 18th of 11 children.

Hannah Marie (Courtright) Ladd was born on March 24, 1881 in Cedar Vale, Kansas. She was the daughter of Richard R. Courtright and Hannah Marie Slater. She was the 11th of 13 children.

On December 24, 1904, they were married in Stillwater, Oklahoma Territory. Irvie worked on his father's farm near what is now Ripley, Oklahoma for about two years. During that time their first two children were born Anna May in 1905 and Goldie Fay in 1906.

The next year, the family moved to a farm near Avery, Oklahoma. They always rented their various farms. Most of the farms that the Ladds rented were one hundred and sixty acres, which is one fourth of a section and then each section was quartered. Land was available for homesteads in parcels of this size. Irvie raised wheat, corn, cotton, oats, and various feed crops for his own livstock. He was quite a successful farmer. As a family project, they also had a garden where they raised their own vegetables and fruits. Hannah and the children did most of the work in the garden, except the plowing. They sold the extra vegatables in town. Rent would normally be paid by a certain percentage of the crop. The usual rent was one fourth of the cotton and one third of the oats, his main crops. Irvie owned his own tools, plow, and mules.

In August of 1908, their third child was born. They named him Charlie Richard, after his grandfathers on both sides of the family.

In 1909 the family moved to another farm. This one was near Cushing, Oklahoma. Water had to be carried by bucket from outside. This was the arrangement in all of their farmhouses. Many times the walls were thin and wallpapered with newspaper. In 1910, Homer Clay Manning was born, he was named after the family doctor.

In 1912, Troy Frank was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma. In 1914 Etna was born just after the family moved to a farm near Shamrock, Oklahoma. About this time the two girls, Anna May and Goldie, started taking Charlie to school with them. It was about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles to walk. Some neighbor boys would carry Charlie half way, then he would walk the rest of the way.

The farm where Etna was born was located between Shamrock and Avery, Oklahoma. This farm was owned by Hannah's brother-in-law, John Wilson. Irvie built an addition to the log cabin type home that was already there. The children of school age, went to school. The school teacher's name was Mr. Adams. He was a young man and new at teaching. He lived, as most teachers did, with a family who lived near the school. Later in the term, he came to Irvie and Hannah and ask if he could room with them for the rest of the term. He claimed that the man he was living with was "rude and foul mouthed". So he moved in with them.

When Etna was still a baby, he became quite ill. His gums bled, and the became weak and pale. The country doctor just shrugged his shoulders. He could not figure out what was wrong. A neighbor who had a car, took Irvie and the baby to another doctor some distance away. This doctor could

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LOCATION IRVIE LADD FAMILY

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- 7. Shamrock, Oklahoma
- 8. Drumright, Oklahoma

not figure it out either, or he just never said what it was. But he did give Irvie a small amount of medicine saying that it would either help him get well or kill him. Irvie took the medicine and went home, He later decided to give Etna the medicine. After the baby had taken the medicine Irvie went out in the yard and leaned against a tree and wept. The next morning Etna was improved and he continued getting better. The family was so happy about it that they took Etna into town a couple of months later and had his picture taken. Anna May still has that picture.

In 1916 the family moved again. This time they moved because Hannah's Brother-In-Law dicided that he wanted to move on the land himself. The two families lived together in the house for about a month before the Ladds found another farm to live on. The Ladds lived in the log cabin part of the house and the Wilsons, lived in the new section. These months the children really had fun. They would play paper dolls with dolls cut from old Sears and Montgomery Ward catalogs. They would build huge bonfires and play and talk around it for hours during the winter. The farm that Irvie found was nearer Shamrock, but in the same area. The farm had no house on it, so the family lived in a small house they rented for about two months. During this time Irvie built a house and planted his crops. There was a school near by. the teacher was a very strict older man. One day Charlie was sitting too close to the heating stove and became much to warm. He was afraid to move without permission and was even afraid to ask permission., so he sat there. Later he caught cold and had pneumonia. No doctor was called, Hannah's care and home remedies cured him. The children never went back to that school. Charlie was too ill and the girls helped their father on the farm.

By the next term, they were on their farm and in the new house. They lived there nearly five years. The move was only about two or three miles from Hannah's Brother-In-Laws land. The children were able to play with their cousins again. One time one of the children found a baby wild rabbit. It only lived a short while. The children had a complete funeral for their little pet. None of them had ever been to one, but someone knew how it should be.

During the time the family lived there, Earl Boyd was born, this was in 1917. In 1919 another son was born, Oliver Kenneth.

Irvie did quite well on this farm and the family enjoyed it greatly. But again, the family had to move. Between the years of 1922 and 1933 the family moved four times.

The house they lived in next had no well. Irvie would take the wagon and fill large water barrels at the nearest place, which was about two miles away. One time the children got into the water and had a huge water fight. Of course they got in trouble for wasting the water, but Anna May remembers it was well worth it.

In 1924 the last child was born. Charlie wanted to name the boy Alvin, and his father thought Donald was a proper name. His mother felt that since the boy was born on the president's birthday they should name him after the president. After much discussion they settled on the name Alvin Donald Calvin Coolidge Ladd. He was the seventh son.

There is a superstition that says that the seventh son born to a family has special healing powers. When Donald was about six or seven years old, the son of one of their neighbors became quite ill with a serious, contagious disease they called the "thrash". The neighbor asked Donald (the "seventh son" of Irvie and Hannah) to breathe into the sick child's mouth, believing this would cure him. Hannah and Irvie were quite upset when they found out, fearing that Donald would contract the disease also. Donald did not get sick and the boy got well very quickly afterward.

In 1930 the family moved to a farm near Depew, Oklahoma. They called it the Cooper Place, after the man who owned it.

After Charlie graduated from high school, he stayed at home and helped his family farm. One afternoon about a year later, Charlie and his father were topping caphracorn. This is a feed crop used for chickens. Topping is the way the caphracorn is harvested. The whole top of the plant is cut off, dried and ground for feed. Charlie started having severspains in his abdomen, so much so that he doubled over. Irvie thought he was just constipated and told him to go to the house. He continued to have pain and finally called a doctor. His appendix had ruptured. They operated and he was in the Depew hospital about ten days to two weeks.

Because of Charlie's severeillness, Homer who was two years younger, was not able to complete his senior year of high school. He was desperately needed on the farm. After Troy was old enough to help, Homer went to business college. Homer later was working, for pay, on his uncle's farm near Tonkawa when he took ill. They really didn't know what was wrong with him so they decided to take him home. About half way he fainted and became much worse. They really thought that he was going to die. Finally he was taken to the doctor that evening. The doctor saidnothing could be done because the appendix had already ruptured and that he felt that it was too dangerous right after a rupture to operate. The doctor thought it was hopeless, and said Homer might die during the night. The doctor operated in the morning and it did not take him long to recover.

In 1933 Irvie moved onto his last farm, which was near Drumright, Oklahoma. The rent was one hundred and seventy-five dollars each year. The existing house on the land when they first moved there was rather poor. After a few years, the owner built a new house, but they did not raise the rent. This was the largest of Irvie's farms. It was half a section, or three hundred and twenty acres.

The oats, cotton, wheat and potatoes were sold, but the feed crops were mostly used for the hogs, cattle and cows that he kept. The cows would be milked and much of the milk was consumed by the family. Any extra was sold. All of the cream was collected in a large milk can under the house in the cellar. Once a week, the cans were taken to the grocer in town. He would send it up to Kansas to a creamery. They made butter with it and sent Irvie a check each month for its worth. Hannah always made her own butter, especially after one particular incident. The grocer happened to open a can of cream and found a rat floating in it. He calmly removed the rat, resealed the cream, and sent it on to the creamery. They would not eat any creamery butter after that. The cream and milk money, along with the money from the extra butter and cottage cheese that Hannah made, was a much needed addition to the income of the family. Of course, the hogs, chickens, cattle and eggs that Irvie raised in addition to crops brought much income.

Hannah would make hot cereal out of the bran that was bought for the horses. They would go out and get a sifter full of bran and sift out the fine part. This would be used for making hot cereal and the rest would be given to the horses. Bran, oatmeal and malted wheat were the only cereals available for some time. The first cold cereals the family had was Post Bran Flakes and Wheaties.

They did their clothing in a large iron kettle that was outside the house. The clothes would be actually boiled to make them white and kill germs. The soap they used for bathing and clothes was made in a huge kettle outside over a fire whenever the livestock were slaughtered. They would also make lard for cooking in this way.

Hanna's father was well educated, a politician, a surveyor for the government. He had instilled within his children a love for learning. Hannah wanted her children all to receive as much education as they possibly could. Irvie only completed second grade and felt that education really was not important. But he allowed the children to go to school. Three taught school and two of these earned a master's degree in education. Five of the children went to some college.

Hanna taught her children at home through stories and games. Anna May actually learned to read some before she went to school. She learned by asking her mother to read the printing on the newspaper that papered the walls of their home.

Irvie loved giving nicknames to people. He was pretty good at thinking of nicknames that would stick. He must have picked up this talent from his own father, who called him Fatty. This is one nickname that cannot be figured out, he was never fat in his life. Irvie had a nickname for all of his children, and even for his wife. Hannah was called Yank. Goldie was called Rat because she was bald as a baby and Irvie thought she looked like a rat. Anna May was call Oppossum because she had short thick hair as a baby and it would do nothing but stand on end. Charlie was called Buster after a comic strip character called Buster Brown.

When Homer was a baby, he was quite sickly. He would have the flu, colds and catch anything else that was around. Irvie called him Doc, after their country doctor who spent so much time doctoring him. Etna was called Toughy after a girl in a magazine story. Etna was stocky and would fall down often but never got hurt. Troy was named after an Indian man who lived on a farm near theirs. The man refused to speak English and would not listen if you spoke to him. He would only grunt at you. Troy learned to talk a little bit later and before he spoke, he would grunt like Sam, the Indian. Irvie called him Sam.

Earl was called Babe, I think it was because they thought he would be the last. Kenneth was called Wimpy after a comic strip character and Donald was called Skeezix after a comic strip character.

This farm they lived on for fourteen years and finished raising their family.

Irvie and Hannah retired in 1947 and moved to the town of Drumright. Hannah was quite sickly and she saw a doctor who diagnosed her problem to be cronic asthma. Anna May and her husband Ebb, lived in Drumright. They would spend much of their time at the house caring for Hannah. Anna May and Ebb finally moved into Irvie and Hannah's home. It was a very nice white wooden house with two bedrooms. But it had a small yard, much too small for even a nice garden. Irvie was used to working very hard on the land. He had a difficult time adjusting to retirement. There were beautiful hard wood floors in the house. Irvie would scrub the floors, just to have something to do. All of the children were gone then, many in Oregon, one to California and one in Wyoming.

On Sunday morning, Hannah began talking of snow and saying unusual things. Shortly she seemed ill and had to go to bed. On Thursday, she died. It was March 13, 1949.

A while after her death, Irvie remarried, He and Georgia sold their home to Anna May and Ebb, and bought another house. Irvie was able to have a garden and chickens. Irvie lived nineteen years longer than Hannah. On March 8, 1968 he, too, died. They are both buried at Parkland, Oklahoma.

Song sung by Irvie E. Ladd to his children.

COW BOY JACK

1. He was just a lonely cowboy, With a heart so brave and true, And he learned to love a maiden With eyes of heav'n's own blue. They had learned to love each other and had named their wedding day. Oh, when a quarrel come between them And Jack he rode away. 3. He joined a band of cowboys, And tried to forget her name, But out on the lonely prairie, She waits for him the same. 4. fast One night when work was finished just at the close of day, Someone said, "Sing a song Jack "twill drite dull care away. 5. When Jack began his singing, His mind it wandered back, For he sang of a maiden Who waited for her Jack.

6. "Out on the lonely prairie, Where the skies are always blue Your sweetheart waits for ye Jack Your sweetheart waits for you." Jack left the camp next morning, Breathing his sweetheart's name, "I'll go and ask forgiveness, For I know I'm to blame." 8. But when he reached the prairie, He found a new made mound And his friends they sadly to him They'd laid his loved one down. 9. They said as she was dying, She breathed her sweetheart's name, And asked them with her last breath To tell him when he came. 10. Your sweetheart waits for you Your sweetheart waits for you.

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ANNA MAY LADD

Anna May was born September 19, 1905 near Ripley, Indian Territory. In 1907 Indian Territory became the State of Oklahoma. She was the first born of Irvie and Hannah Ladd. They lived on Irvie's father's farm near the Grandparents so the family all doted on her. She was named by her bachelor Uncle, Ray Ladd. He gave her a ring and a bracelet. She learned to talk when she was quite young - a talent which she maintains today superceded only by her sister, Goldie.

When Anna May was about two and one-half years old, by wagon and team, she moved with her parents to a farm several miles away. She wanted to stay with her Grandparentsbut was not permitted to stay. The weather was rainy. She cried and said, "I'm cold, and wet, and hungry, and sleepy. Why didn't you leave me with Grandma."

She grew up on farms in different counties. She loved school. When she was in the 5th grade, she had a teacher whom she admired very much. She decided then that she would be a teacher, She attended school in Shamrock 7th through 12th grades. She graduated in 1924 with the highest grades in her class.

A Syrian merchant, with whom the family traded gave Anna May a lovely bouquet. Then he loaned her father \$50.00 dollars, She used some of the money to go to Sapulpa (on the train) to take the examination for a teaching certificate. She enrolled in College, Oklahoma A & M. She stayed with an Aunt and Uncle, Nellie and Frank Davidson, and did a summer term. She did not have the finances to enroll in college again. So she stayed home and helped her father pick cotton. Her mother needed help also as she had a young baby.

In January of 1925 4th grade teacher resigned in Shamrock. The Superintendent contacted Anna May and Offered her the position. She taught school in Creek County for several years. She went to nightschool, summer classes, and took correspondence courses and earned a Life Certificate in Elementary Education.

On June 23, 1929 she married Ebinezer Lee Phillipps whom she had known since childhood.



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GOLDIE FAY LADD

Born December 10, 1906, Ripley, Oklahoma on my Grandpa Ladd's farm. We lived there until I was three years old. We moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma on a farm owned by a lady named Miss Miller, when I was four years old I went to school in a one room school, had a lady teacher. I remember Anna May and me walking to school through a timbered area, we passed Aunt Nellie and Uncle Frank's house. I remember Troy my brother was born there, he was named Troy Frank after Uncle Frank as they had six girls, but no boy s,a few years later they had twin boy s Leonard and Dwight, several years later Leonard died from an injury from playing football at school.

When I was five years old we moved to the Creek Nation, Near Avery Oklahoma. We lived in a big log house with an up-stairs. It was fun living there. We had to walk some distance school. It was a one room school the teachers name was Mr. Adams and he lived and boarded at our house for some time. We would all walk to school together.

When I was seven, years old we moved near Shamrock, Oklahoma, at first we had a one room school and the teacher was Mr. Taylor. In a short time the County schools were converted to town schools. Mr. Taylor was transferred to town and he was my teacher. I finished the six grade in that school. Then I was transferred to High School where we had 7th and 8th grade and there I finished High School.

After high school I went to Stillwater to Oklahoma A & M College and spent the entire year earning my Teacher's Certificate. I was given a job teaching at Gypsy Corner's School near Depew. We had a teacherage where we all lived and a house keeper, who prepared all our meals. We were paid more than the average teacher of the times recieved because it was an Oil Company School. I taught four years, also at Depew School and Shamrock.

I decided to go to Tulsa, Oklahoma, I stayed at the Y.W.C.A. and made a new life for myself. There was a job advertised in the newspaper, so I put on my best dress, gloves and hat and made my way to that destination, it was a department store, women were lined up to apply for the job, but I was hired. I worked there five years and this company had a store opening in Hawaii and I had a desire to go, our Merchandising Manager suggested that I come to Los Angeles, California and he would help me to become employed in Hawaii. I had saved enough money so I went. To my great disappointment Pearl Harbor was bombed and war was declared, no one was allowed to travel Hawaii.

I got a job in California at Barker Brothers, one of the most beautiful decorating business in the world at that time. I was so pleased and happy, I loved working there.

On December 11, 1942 I married Robert Aubrey Denton in Los Angelos.

CHARLIE RICHARD LADD

Charlie Richard was born August 31, 1908 near Avery, Oklahoma. Charlie was the third child born to Irvie and Hannah. Charlie helped on the farm and attended the various schools, as the family moved from one location to another.

When he started High School in Shamrock he rode horse back for the first two years. The last two years he drove a model T Ford car.

One time Charlie was riding a horse quite fast, through the woods. He leaned to go on one side of a tree but the horse had ideas of his own and went on the opposite side, slamming Charlie against the tree. He was quite ill for several days with head and internal injuries.

Charlie graduated from high school in 1927, his family was living near Shamrock, Oklahoma. It was about a year or two later he was struck with appendicitis. He was rather slow to recover from his illness. When he was able, he found a job in Pennsylvania working for Standard Oil of Indiana. He started at 45¢ an hour working in the oil fields. He would be home for a few months out of the year when weather was to poor to work.

During these trips home he continued his friendship with Janet Taylor a boyhood sweetheart of many years. Charlie was transferred to Henderson Texas by the Standard Oil Company a short time later, he and Janet were married in Henderson, Texas in 1931.







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HOMER CLAY MANNING LADD

Homer Clay Manning Ladd was born near Avery, Oklahoma, October 12, 1910. Being named after his Doctor, Homer Clay Manning, his nickname "Doc" stayed with him for many years.

His father being a tenant farmer in Oklahoma the family lived on several different farms as he was growing up with his brothers and sisters. He attented school in Shamrock for most of his schooling. His sophmore year was cut short because he had to help on the farm. He never returned to high school, but attended a year of Business College in Tulsa.

He worked at many different jobs, such as farm work and oil field pipe line jobs in Oklahoma and Texas for \$3.00 and \$4.00 a day. During the depression years he worked on a farm for as little as \$20.00 a month with room and board.

In 1936 he went to Idaho to work in the harvest, threashing alfalfa seed and digging potatoes. After the harvest was done he drove his 1932 Model B Ford to Oregon to visit his brother Roy, who had a ranch at Kellogg.

Finding work more plentiful in Oregon he decided to stay awhile. He worked as an apprentice carpenter for \$3.00 a day with his future wife's Uncle, Frank Madison, doing all kinds of carpentry jobs.

On August 26, 1938 he married Thelma Esther Madison in Kellogg, Oregon, at the Madison home.

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TROY FRANK LADD

Troy Frank Ladd born August 23, 1912, he was the fifth child of a family of two girls and two boys. Troy was always very good and caused very little trouble.

His hair was kinky curly and remained that way until now.

Troy was nicknamed Sam after an Old Indian Sam Falls, who would just grunt when you spoke to him, it seemed that Troy would just grunt when you spoke to him when he was quite small.

When Troy was about 14 years of age we were playing war and our weapon was green persimmon, which would be put on the end of a sharpened pole and thrown at each other, Leonard Phillips was on the opposing team and hit Troy in the eye with a persimmon, which broke up the game and Troy for several days.

Troy went to harvest in Northern Oklahoma one summer and decided to hop a freight train to get there, a brakeman kicked him off the train far from any settlement, and he had quite a time walking to civilization.

Troy graduated from a two room school called Stoney Point, and graduated from Shamrock High School.

He worked for some various pipe line jobs and finally got a permanent job at the Tide Water gasoline refinery.

In about 1934 he bought a Model A car which he kept in the barn, that summer lightning set the barn on fire and lost his car, but bought another Model A with a jump seat.

Troy always helped with the washing of clothes and always did his share with all the other work. He was always generous with his money and helped the folks a lot. He bought suits for Kenneth and Earl when they graduated from High School in May of 1936.

Troy has continued to help people and is always there if needed. He married Thelma Merledene Clark August 7, 1938.

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ETNA LEROY LADD

Etna LeRoy Ladd born August 1, 1914 was always active and took his place as a hand in the field at an early age. He had a rare blood disease when he was quite young and they thought he would not live for awhile, but finally he recovered good as new.

He was always getting hurt some way, he broke his arm while trying to get on a little red mule we owned called "Old Red". He was about seven years old, and was not big enough to get on from the ground. He climbed upon the barb wire fence and the staple pulled out of the post and he fell. That was the only broken bone that ever ocurred in the family.

Another time we were playing around a large pile of old boards and he ran three spikes through his foot that was attached to a small length of 2×4 , instead of waiting for us to help him he started for the house as fast as he could with the piece of board attached to his foot flopping with every stride.

Dad soaked the foot in a pan of kerosene and the foot was well in a few weeks.

Etna went to school at Stoney Point, Shamrock, and graduated from Depew High School in May of 1933.

In the summer of 1933 he went to harvest and ended up in the potato fields of Idaho where he met his future wife Mildred Bullock who lived in Oregon but was visiting her Uncle, who was Etna's employer.

Etna came to Kellog, Oregon that fall and he and Mildred were married

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EARL BOYD LADD

Earl Boyd Ladd was born June 30, 1917. It was very warm and my Father cut brush and made a brush arbor to help shade the house, so it would be more confortable inside. The house was on a farm near Shamrock, Oklahoma. I had two sisters and four brothers, it seemed we always had lots of company, Aunts, Uncles and friends. I continued to suck my thumb until I was about twelve so I was nick named Babe.

Mama used to play with us often knocking down waspnests, picking flowers and looking for greens.

When I was six years old I fell off the top of the wagon and was paralyzed in my left arm and right leg for about two months, but with excellent care I recovered, due to this I missed that year of school.

I started to school at a two room school Mr. Rhodes was my teacher. We had to walk about one and half miles. There are so many thoughts of growing up, the beautiful spring days and when there was rain a carpet of different colored flowers. The oak, black jack, red oak, black walnut and pecan bursting forth in green splendor. The cold of winter, the intense heat of summer, the rolling hills, hunting for squirrel, rabbit, oppossum and coon. Setting in the woods and watching the red birds, the call of the whippoorwill, the whistle of bobwhite, cattle bawling to be fed, tingling of the horse and cow bells. The wind as it whipped around the house. The fierce crack of lightning, cyclones in the sky, then sweeping like a serpent to the ground leaving a path of destruction. Beautiful moonlit nights, large watermelon patch, washing the clothes every Saturday by hand on a washboard, butchering hogs and curing the meat. Making lye soap and lard, canning peaches and vegetables many times 100 of gallons, the good home baked bread with freshly churned butter or butter milk, fried chicken or chicken and dumpling most every Sunday, going bare foot in summer, buying shoes each fall, once in while delicious cinnomon rolls, buying sugar and flour by 100 pound sacks, mixing the yeast starter each night, filling the kerosene lanps, helping to neuter hogs, calves and horses, helping the birth of animals, going to town once a year by wagon to buy school clothes, delighted if we got an ice cream cone. How we looked to Christmas, very seldom an evergreen, most any kind of bushy tree (no leaves) decorated with popcorn, colored paper, and elder berries, how we looked forward to the one small present some hard candy and an orange. In later years Anna May and Ebb were always there and we got better presents, a big turkey dinner from our own flock of turkeys, taking cantalope to school for lunch and trading with the oil field kids for sandwiches. The big pot of beans on the wood stove when we came home from school. The frustation when some brother or sister came by and slapped my thumb out of my mouth when I was bothering noone. But most of all the love that existed in the family. The care and example set by Dad and Mom and when you really needed some one they were always there to help or listen.

I finished the fifth grade at the two room school called Stoney Point. The sixth grade in Shamrock, we moved and I finished seven and eight grade at a two room school called Hull in May 1932. Attended high school in Depew 1932-33.

We moved on a farm by Drumright, from January 1934 to May 1936 I attended Pleasanthill High School, graduating that year. During my Senior year started seeing Annalee Rogers. In 1936-37 attended Drumright Junior College and stayed with Anna May and Ebb. In 1937-38 attended Bristow Jr. College, rented a one room apartment for \$ 6.00 a month utilities furnished, worked in a boarding house waiting on tables for Aunt Rose, got my meals. Washed cars on Saturday for the Chevrolet garage from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. received \$ 2.00 per day.

Annalee Lela Rogers and I were married September 5, 1938.

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OLIVER KENNETH LADD

Oliver Kenneth Ladd (Wimpy) was born August 26, 1919 on a farm west of Shamrock, Oklahoma, he was the eight of nine children, the sixth consecutive boy. Being what they thought was the last he was spoiled by all the older brothers and sisters and I am sure that Dad and Mom contributed their share, also.

Kenneth nursed longer than most babies and the older children got to teasing him, he got so when he wanted his dinner he would pull at Mama to go in another room or behind a door.

He begin to talk at an early age and learned very fast, he could repeat the pledge of allegiance and other poems, so he was the star attraction for many family gatherings.

When he was three years old we moved to a farm 4 miles south of Shamrock, at that time the little red mule we had owned so long ran free and would come through the yard and go down by the road to feed.

One evening as "Old Red" came though the yard Kenneth grabbed a small branch and ran out and hit him on the hind leg. Old Red usually was gentle and kind, and kids could climb under and all over him safely, I had heard my folks say "he wouldn't hurt a fly".

When Old Red felt the whack and looked back and saw Kenneth assaulting him he must have needed a lesson in manners, so with a mule grin, the kind that mules can give, he proceeded to tap Kenneth right in the middle of the forehead with a quick right hoof and calmy walked on his way.

Kenneth of course went down like a pollaxed steer, out cold, with blood running down his face and laying on the ground. Mama ran out and picked him up in her arms and screamed "he is dead" she carried him into the house and applied cold towels, by that time Dad had come from the barn and many of the other children were gathered around. Kenneth lay lifeless with Mama continuing to work over him, his eyes fluttered and opened and he let out a big yowl, everyone smiled he was alive. With in a few days he was as good as new.

When Kenneth was six years of age he started school, a two room school called Stony Point, Anna May was his teacher. He went there through 5th grade. He transferred to Shamrock through the 6th grade and rode a school bus. Then the family moved to a farm three miles south. Kenneth changed schools going to a two room school called Hull his teacher was Mr. McFarland, in 1932 he graduated from the eighth grade there. That fall of 1932 he started to Depew High School and rode with LeRoy in his Model T Ford. In 1933 he started to Depew High School but had to walk 3 miles. The family moved again to a farm three miles east of Drumright and Kenneth started to school at Pleasanthill High School. Their he played basketball and was on the track team. He met his wife to be Vernell Rogers. He graduated in the spring of 1936 and the next 2 years he spent on the farm helping his folks On May 20, 1939 he and Vernell Rogers were married.

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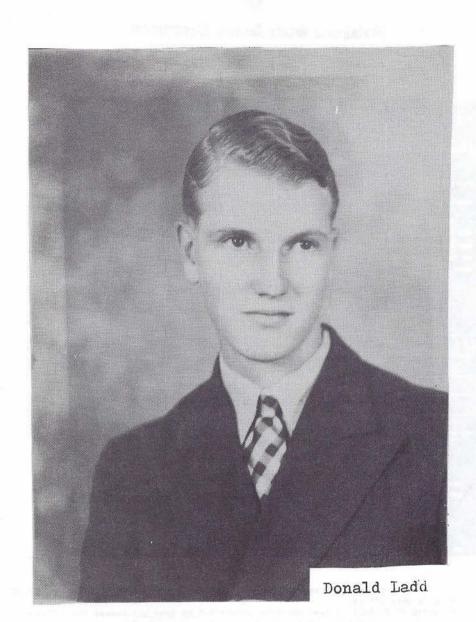
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DONALD ALVIN CALVIN COOLIDGE LADD

Donald Alvin Calvin Coolidge Ladd born July 4, 1924. The 9th of a family of 2 girls and seven consecutive boys. Seventeen years younger than Anna May, five years younger than Kenneth. I am sure a beautiful surprize and I am sure an accident my folks didn't expect, Mama was 43 years of age.

Mama or the family never mentioned his coming, Anna May was in college and came home one weekend, just the day before Donald was born. She said, "Don't you think we better start getting ready for a baby." Mother replied, "I don't think that is any of your business." So the subject was closed.

Donald grew very fast and was idolized by all the family. He was very good and caused very little trouble.

He started to school at Hull School and rode a little white donkey. A neighbor boy rode with him sometimes, one evening Donald was supposed to go to the neighbors house for awhile, but when they got to our gate the donkey turned in and no amount of coaxing would convince him to go further so Donald and his friend had to walk. Donald finished grade school at Pleasant Hill and graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in May of 1942. He played basketball, was very popular, and had many friends.

Soon after graduation he came to Oregon with Annalee and me.
He stayed with Kenneth and Vernie and worked at various jobs, on
the road, laying plank road and on Etna's farm and finally begin
driving a logging truck.

He was drafted into the service, after boot camp he was assigned to the Sixth Marine Division, he saw action in the South Pacific, Quam, Quadal Canal and Iwo Jima. He had shells explode all around him and had two trucks blown to pieces that he was driving. He never recieved any injuries. He was discharged Feb. 11, 1946, and after a short visit with his family in Drumright, Oklahoma returned to Oregon and his love for driving logging trucks.

All nieces and nephews loved him and he was like a big brother to them.

In 1947 he moved to Roseburg with Kenneth and Vernie. They purchased a home on Alameda Street, with help from Etna they both purchased a logging truck and begin hauling for the Roseburg Logging Company. He was happy and carefree for he loved this kind of work.

He was killed in an accident when a log jumped out of the bunks on his truck and pinned him against a stump. This was in May 1948.

He was laid to rest in the Scottsburg Cemetery near a longtime friend David Nugent who was killed a few months earlier in a logging accident.

As of this writing 34 years later all the other brothers and sisters are living and in excellent health.

Pfe Donald Ladd

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Donald (Skeet) Ladd Killed In Accident

Donald (Skeet) Laid, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Jadd, was killed in a logging accident Wednesday, May 4, neal Roseburg, Oregon, as the track he was operating was being loaded, a log went out of control and fell upon him. This death dealing accident was witnessed by his older brother Kenneth

A graduate of Pleasant Hill high school with the class of 42, Donald spent two and a half years in the Marine Corps during World War II, and has been employed in Oregon since his return home.

Survivors besides the parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Ladd, include two sisters, Mrs. E. L. Phillips, 402 E. Second street, and Mrs. Robert Denton, of Los Angeles, and six brothers, Charlie Ladd, Wayne, Oklahoma; Homer, Troy, Ray, Earl and Kenneth Ladd all of Oregon.

Mrs. Ladd has been confined to Mercy hospital in Oklahoma City for several weeks and it was the unpleasant task for Mrs. Phillips to break the sad news of Donald's death to her.

Services were held at Roseburg, Oregon, Saturday, May 8, with military graveside rites at Scottsburg.

"Hello, Central, give me heaven
For my mama's there;
You can find her with the angels
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For I want to surely tell her,
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This song was sung by Hannah to her children.





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