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he arrived at the camp safe.

Theo met Merdath Barnson at Urie Wyoming.
He was driving his new Model A.

He stopped to talk to this load of girls in a car on
there way to Lyman. He found

out where these two blond girls lived in Mountain
View and said he would stop

by and see them. So he did and he couldn't tell the
girls apart so he waited

until Al Day took out the one he had came for and
Theo took out the one left

for him. Merdath he said, when she turned side
ways he couldn't see her she was

so slender' (Theo always said SKINNEY).

Theo and Merdath got married June 23, 1931

in Salt Lake City they were accompanied

by Merdath's mother Mrs. Vivian Barnson Green,
they were married by Bishop Graham

in west Salt Lake. The honeymoon night was spent
in Salt Lake. On there return

to Mountain View, Theo worked for Avery Green in
the forest ona saw mill. He

worked for a dollar a day. The next summer in the
hay fields and walked 3 miles

to work and back. The first child a daughter was
born March 4, 1932, named

Carolee. Theo then worked at sheep herding until
one time on his return Carolee

didn't know him and would cry when he came
near. So he quit that job and went to

work in the Ackerman grocery store. He worked
there for three years and during

this time his first son Jay Ronald was born, April 14,
1935. In 1933 Theo and

Merdath purchased an acre in the west end of
Mountain View , there Theo built a one

room log cabin 16 X 22 ft. , were his little family
lived until in 1939 he built

a new house. In 1940 he had two rooms completed
and moved his family into the new

rooms. December 11, 1940 a second baby son was born Garry Brent. In the summer

of 1941 Theo moved his family to Evanston to work for M.K. Construction, removing

the top of the Union Pacific tunnel at Wahsatch and making a cut. It was the

first time anyone had seen a Monnagun shovel that walked around and Theo was

impressed with it and took his family out to see it walk.

Theo learned to sheep shear,when in his teens he sheared with his uncles.

His back would get so stiff he had a bucket of rocks tied to a pully and while

shearing being bent down shearing when he raised up the bucket would go down to

the floor and pull him back up. He got his own shearing plant in 1936 and hired

a crew of men each spring to shear and eyeing (cutting the wool away from the eyes)

bagging (cutting the wool away from the ewe's bag for the lambs to suck) tailing

(removing the wool from the sheeps back door).