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My Autobiography

I came into this world on April the fourth 1928. It was one O'clock in the afternoon. I weighed eight pound and a quarter. The place of my birth was in the capital city of California. It was in Sacramento.

My father was a garage man in Walnut Grove, California, until I was one year old. My mother taught me to do the right thing and not the wrong. There were five children born in our family. My oldest drowned in Walnut Grove. My sister also died in Walnut Grove. She died of sickness. I am the black sheep of the family.

I haven't been very religious all my life. I believe in God yet I didn't have the opportunity to go to church. My friends when I was young were the Japanese family living across from us. They had a little boy about my age whom I played with. The one I liked best was the man who owned a store. He owned the only store in our small town. I used to take my lunch over to his store and stay with him all day. One day a new friend of mine wanted to go with me. When we got to the store he became very bashful and started to cry. After that he and I always went together.

The only pet I had was a Fox Terrier dog. We called him Jackie. He was loyal until he died last year. He lived with us for about nine years. We buried him where he had lived all his life. The toys I used to play with were about the same any boy had. We used to play mostly about make believe things.

When I first started to school my first teacher was Mrs. Steely. She to me was the best teacher I have ever had. That year we learned a lot. We made new friends. A few years later our school house burnt down. We had to go to a store until it was rebuilt.
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As time went on I grew older. In the sixth grade we learned a lot. The only thing I disliked was that our teacher gave us too much arithmetic at one time. We had a chorus which included the sixth and seventh grades. We sang for Christmas and special things. Our teacher was Mrs. Gaskill.

In the sixth grade I was elected on the traffic patrol. In the sixth grade I started to play the drums. In my eighth grade year I was elected the president of the student body. Also the captain of the traffic patrol. I was the pitcher of our baseball team in our school. I also played football and baseball.

I like to see almost any kind of movie just hate to see the old time movies. At night time when I listen to the radio I like to listen to the comedians. I like to read stories about mystery, sports and a life story about somebody.

In the summer time we used to work in the grape vineyard for a couple of months. About once in two years we used to go on a vacation. We used to go to Santa Cruz, Monterey, and other places around the coast.

After evacuation in Stockton Assembly Center all we played was softball. Our team won two leagues. The Junior League and the International League. When we started to leave Stockton on October 9. It was the first time I was ever to leave California. It was a big thrill to me. We went through through. Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and then into Arkansas.