

The families in 1934:

Gardners – Isaac Newton Gardner (1851-1909) and Nancy Ellen Williams (1856-1887) were the parents of Gilham, Elsie, Williams, Lena, and Charles Gardner.

Gilham (1875-1954) was married to Verda Machlan (1881-1936); they had Orville, Leona, Doyle, and Merle.

Orville was married to Vera Lee; they had Orville, Twyla, and Donald.

Leona was married to William Van Sant; they had Richard.

Doyle was single.

Merle was single.

Elsie (1877-1960) was married to Fred Matheny (1870-1945); they had Charles, Donovan, Dorotha and Anna.

Dorotha was married to Art Kerr.

Anna was married to Howard Crate.

Williams (1881-1950) was married to Jettie Short (1881-1973); “Dad & Mother” Gardner had Lloyd, Dale, and Marie. Jettie’s parents were John Short (1854-1945) and Aurora Belle Howard (1860-1926).

Lloyd was married to Clarice McGee.

Dale was married to Helen Schaffer.

Marie was single.

Lena (1882-1968) was married to Pearl L. Yates (1883-1958); they had Louise, Wayne, and Pearl Eugene. The senior Pearl’s parents were Carter Yates (1854-1911) and Alvira Harrass (1852-1934).

Louise was married to John Wilson.

Wayne was married to Eula Neff.

Eugene was married to Lela Schaffer; they had Nancy.

Charles (1884-1965) was married to Ida “Meda” Robins (1888-1957); they had William Roswell and raised Meda’s niece, Annadell Cottrell (daughter of Arline Robins Cottrell).

William “Roswell” was married to Tressie Woods; they had Selma, Raymond, and Richard.

Annadell was a child.

Schaffers – George (1868-1934) and Alice Lewis (1873-1930), “Dad & Mother” Schaffer, were the parents of Lloyd, Earl, Pearl, Harley, Louie, Gerald, Wilma, Lela, and Helen. Alice’s parents were Ezra Lewis (1848-1873) and Susan Stiverson (1850-1934).

Lloyd (1893-1963) was married to Ethel Orr (1893-1972); they had Burl, Donald, Vivian, Kenneth, Norman, Marian, and Robert.

Earl (1895-1988) was married to Rouine Fleming (1897-1966); they had Lester, Francis, and Max.

Pearl (1896-1963) was married to Mercedes “Cedar” Sutton (1899-?).

Harley (1898-1967) was married to Doris “Dot” Mitchell (1898-1975); they had Keith and Eva.

Louie (1899-1975) was married to Ruth Cherington; they had Marvin and Margie.

Gerald was married to Ressia Bishop.

Wilma was married to George Casey; they had Larry.

Diary of Dale Gardner 1934

Written on the inside cover of this Five-Year Diary (1934-1938):
Property of L. D. Gardner
Christmas 1933, Presented by his wife Helen.

Timeline: Adolf Hitler became Germany's Fuhrer by combining the chancellorship and presidency. In the U.S., with Franklin D. Roosevelt as president, the Securities Exchange Commission was established, as was the Federal Communications Commission. Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker (Bonnie and Clyde) were ambushed by lawmen in Louisiana. Dust storms ruined 100 million acres and damaged another 200 million acres of cropland in Kansas, Texas, Colorado, and Oklahoma (the Dust Bowl). The St. Louis Cardinals defeated Detroit 4-3 in the World Series, Minnesota was the NCAA football champion (8-0-0), and Cavalcade was Kentucky Derby champion.

Dale Gardner frequently referred to couples by one plural name. "Louies" was Louie and Ruth Schaffer, "Bills" was Bill and Leona Van Sant, "Gerals" was Gerald and Ressia Schaffer, "Orvilles" was Orville and Vera Gardner, "Georges" was George and Wilma Casey, etc.



1930s Gardners: Williams ("Dad"), Lloyd, Jettie ("Mother"), Dale, Marie



Helen and Dale



Dale, Helen, Clarice, Lloyd

Mon Jan 1 – Snow flurries. Gathered 6 eggs. Went to cut wood but came home at noon with a sore throat. Helen did the chores in evening. Dad brought his wagon over to haul wood on.

Wed Jan 3 – Snow flurries. 5 eggs. Helen & I went to town in Dad's car. Still have a cold. Helen is starting to take one.

Fri Jan 5 – Snow. 4 eggs. Lela & Gene, Dad Schaffer, Gerald & Ressia were here for dinner. Went hunting – Lela got 2 rabbits, Gene 2 rabbits. Dad, Mother & Marie came over in the afternoon.

Sat Jan 6 – Clear. 2 eggs. Carson boys came over & coasted down our hill on their sleds. We are getting over our colds. Split a little wood but loafed most of the day.



A vintage sled

Sun Jan 7 – Cloudy. 6 eggs. Gerald came after the car with Gus Fuller. Walked to Ottawa after a Sunday paper.

Mon Jan 8 – Cloudy. 5 eggs. Doctored Helen's cold. Went over home in the wagon & changed horses. Went to town with Dad & got a license for Gerald's Ford. Gerald & Ressia came out in the evening & brought oysters.

Tue Jan 9 – Cloudy. 7 eggs. Tacked muslin on windows & doors. Borrowed Orville's ice cream freezer. Dad & Mother came over for supper. Helen helped chore in the evening.

Thu Jan 11 – Cloudy. 6 eggs. Helen, I & Orville went over to Dad's to saw wood. Helen & I went to town to see Grandma Lewis < *Susan Stiverson* >. Bought 4 gallons of gas.

Fri Jan 12 – Snow. 2 eggs. Snow all day. Almost a blizzard by night. Made a sled to haul wood on. Gerald & Ressia came out & took us up to see Grandma Lewis.

Sat Jan 13 – Partly cloudy. 9 eggs. Went over to Dad's in the wagon & hauled 2 shocks fodder. Hauled 2 loads of wood home on a sled. Bill & Leona came home. Marie & Merle here in evening.



Typical team and wagon

Sun Jan 14 – Clear. 1 egg. Went to Lloyd's with the folks. Grandma Lewis died at 4:30 this morning. Went up to Jessie's at night with Gerald & Ressia. Spent 10¢ for Sunday paper.

Tue Jan 16 – Clear. 5 eggs. Went to town with Gerald & Ressia to Grandma Lewis's funeral. Came back down to Gerald's with Lela & Ressia. Gene & Lela brought us home. Sold 5 hens for \$2.25. Spent 53¢ on flowers & stamps.

Thu Jan 18 – Clear. 5 eggs. Took Dad's sled home in the forenoon. Hauled manure from hen-house in the afternoon. Played cards in the evening with Helen.

Fri Jan 19 – Clear. 4 eggs. Chopped & hauled willows out of 10 acres. Worked on corn-hog papers at night until 10:30. Signed up to start next week. < Dale mentions the "corn-hog" program frequently; it was the federal Agricultural Adjustment Administration's program to pay farmers to take corn acreage out of production, reducing their hog production proportionately. >

Sun Jan 21 – Cloudy. 3 eggs. Helen got up first & made breakfast before I got up. Rode Red to Ottawa after Sunday paper. Helen went with me to chore in the evening.

Mon Jan 22 – Clear. 9 eggs. Helen & I went over home in the wagon after hay but it was too muddy.

Tue Jan 23 – Clear. 4 eggs. Chopped willows all day. Made ice cream at night. Played Flinch with Helen at night.

Wed Jan 24 – Clear. 6 eggs. Chopped willows all day. I've got a lot of willows cut now. Put the horses in the barn for tonight.

Thu Jan 25 – Clear. 5 eggs. I got breakfast & washed dishes. Went over home early in the wagon to get hay. Went to Derby with Lloyd. Brought the carriage home.

Fri Jan 26 – Clear. 13 eggs. Took Dad's hayrack home in the morning. Traded 1 tire for a brooder house with Al Bishop. Used Frank C's telephone.

Sat Jan 27 – Clear. 6 eggs. Drove team to Dad's. Took tractor after brooder house. Marie rode Red over in evening. The folks came over at night. Gave Dad \$1.00 for use of his tractor.

Sun Jan 28 – Clear, windy. 13 eggs. Went to Lela's to dinner with George Schaffer. Went to show "Little Wimmen." Worked on work sheet at night. Carson's cattle are still here.



Mon Jan 29 – Clear, cold. 17 eggs. Talked to Bill Carson about his cattle. Chopped a little wood at the pile. Went over home and got Trixie in the afternoon. Helen went to Minor Carson's.

Tue Jan 30 – Windy – clear. 11 eggs. Renewed subscription to Osceola Tribune for 10 weeks. Helen & I went to Orville's at night a-horseback. The horses got loose & I rode all over the farm to find one.

Wed Jan 31 – Clear. 15 eggs. Cleaned the fodder up around the hen house. Helen & I went to Ottawa in the wagon. Louies came over at night.

Memo – Bought 2 mares & 2 colts of Dad for \$134.50. Took 1 mare back, & let the extra go on corn we got from Dad.



A mare and colt

Thu Feb 1 – Clear. 10 eggs. Went to Boston's on Trixie in the morning. Helped Gib Keeney saw wood in the afternoon. Dad came over in the afternoon. Traded Orville 4 eggs for 1 quart of milk.

Fri Feb 2 – Clear. 11 eggs. Fixed rear bolster on the wagon. Helped Keeney saw wood in the afternoon. Got 1 load of pole wood at Keeney's. Dad Schaffer came out to stay all night.

Sat Feb 3 – Clear. 14 eggs. Went over south after 1 load of wood. Cleaned up back lot in the afternoon. George & Wilma took us to Joe Adamson's to dance in the evening.

Sun Feb 4 – Clear. 12 eggs. Walked to Ottawa after the paper. George & Wilma, Pearl & Cedar here for dinner. Went to Louie's at night. Folks brought us home.

Mon Feb 5 – Clear. 17 eggs. Helen & I went up to Orville's in the forenoon. Cleaned out the barn & put straw in the hen house. Put the horses in the barn at night. Popped corn.

Tue Feb 6 – Clear. 18 eggs. Keeney & Frank counted my hogs. I went to Woodburn with Keeney to sign corn-hog contract #6 at 11 o'clock. Received pig evidence from Ottumwa.

Wed Feb 7 – Clear. 18 eggs. Went to town with Dad & figured his hog allotment. Stayed in town all day. Helen took a treatment from Dr. Craft. Helen went to Wilma's with Ressia.

Thu Feb 8 – Clear. 17 eggs. Helen & I took washing over home. Back home by noon. Cows got in the hay pasture. Cut a barrel in two for a water trough. Folks brought clothes over at night.

Fri Feb 9 – Cloudy, cold. 15 eggs. Borrowed Roy Heston's hoof cutters & cut the colt's hoofs. Went to Glen Powell sale in the afternoon. Didn't buy anything.

Sat Feb 10 – Clear. 17 eggs. Went to Osceola in the forenoon. Helen took a treatment of Dr. Craft. Pearl Lingle fixed the starter on the car. Folks brought Marie in the evening to stay all night.

Sun Feb 11 – Clear, warm. 15 eggs. Moved the woodpile. Cleaned out the hen house. Went over home for dinner. Saw Shively's horses. Marie, Merle, Louie came over & we played beckon & blackman. Uncle Pearls here at night. Played cards.

Mon Feb 12 – Clear, windy. 27 eggs. Got a load of wood from Keeney's. Dragged & hauled wood & piled it all day. Played basketball at Lucas at night. Got beat.

Tue Feb 13 – Clear. 17 eggs. Went to Shively's horse sale. Went to town after Helen's medicine. Went to George Casey's at night. Listened to Harolds' radio.

Wed Feb 14 – Clear, warm. 20 eggs. Took a radiator to Harold to sell. Went to Switzer's sale in the afternoon with Louie. Sold 6 hens for \$2.70. Spent \$2.30. Dad Schaffer brought us home.

Thu Feb 15 – Clear. 14 eggs. Piled some wood. Went with George Casey to Derby to see about a horse. We went home with George & Wilma to stay all night.

Fri Feb 16 – Clear. 29 eggs. Lela brought us home from town. Went up to Orville's at night & bought a quart of milk.

Sat Feb 17 – Cloudy. 22 eggs. Piled the rest of the wood. Helen went to town to take a treatment with Dad Schaffer. Marie came over to stay all night. Went up to Orville's & Frank C's. Played violin.

Sun Feb 18 – Snow. 22 eggs. Snowed last night. Dad came over & we went home with him. Helen & I took Marie to town. Bill & Leona brought us home & we played cards.

Mon Feb 19 – Clear. 14 eggs. I went to Ottawa in the wagon in the forenoon. Got Keeney's saw & Frank, Roy, Gib, Lloyd, Orville & I sawed wood in the afternoon. Surprise on Uncle Gilhams & Bills at night. Big crowd.

Tue Feb 20 – Clear. 17 eggs. Helped Bill & Leona move with the team & a wagon. Took the woodsaw home. Played violin in the evening. 10 little chicks hatched.

Wed Feb 21 – Cloudy. 20 eggs. Hauled 2 loads of oats (117 bushels, 26 lbs) from George Evans. Went to corn-hog election at Woodburn. Gerald, Ressia, & Dad came out at night.

Thu Feb 22 – Clear. 13 eggs. Cut hedge out of the pasture. Rode with Gerald on the Cat to Woodburn & brought back his radio. We get to use it because they're moving to Osceola.

Fri Feb 23 – Clear. 18 eggs. Helen sick in bed all day. I am the cook. Rode a bicycle over home & Marie & I rode back with Leona. I got supper too. Marie staying all night.



Vintage bicycle

Sat Feb 24 – Snow. 16 eggs. Snow all day. Listening to radio all day. Folks came over for dinner & took Marie home. Gerald & Harley came in the afternoon in a new car.

Sun Feb 25 – Snow. 13 eggs. Stayed home & didn't have company. The radio is lots of company. Heard Eddie Cantor.



Eddie Cantor

Mon Feb 26 – Clear & cold, 7 below zero. 11 eggs. Went to Gerald's & got hay. Used Frank's hayrack. Went to Ottawa with radio battery. Listened to the radio at night & ate popcorn.

Tue Feb 27 – Clear. 6 eggs. Split some wood. Wrote Peck a card about grass seed. Went over home & brought Dad's car back. Got a letter from Lloyd. George Knoles looked at tractor.

Wed Feb 28 – Clear. 10 eggs. Went to Lloyd's in Dad's car. Stayed for supper. Uncle Gilhams are going to move tomorrow. Saw Lloyd's new horse.

Thu Mar 1 – Clear. 6 eggs. Helen & I went to town. Uncle Gilhams moved. Helen took a treatment.

Fri Mar 2 – Clear. 2 eggs. Went to Ottawa in the wagon. Cleaned out the henhouse. Helped Roy Heston saw wood in the afternoon.

Sat Mar 3 – Rainy. 7 eggs. This is our second wedding anniversary. Helped Roy saw wood in the morning. Cut the hedge and cleaned out the barn in the afternoon.

Sun Mar 4 – Rainy. 7 eggs. Helen & I went to Bill & Leona's in the wagon. Rained on us on the way home. Chased pigs that were out. Fixed the gate. Orville got our Sunday paper.

Mon Mar 5 – Clear. 9 eggs. Went to town with Bill & Orville. Had dinner at Gene & Lela's. Bought Helen an anniversary present.

Tue Mar 6 – Snow flurries. 7 eggs. Went to Uncle Gilhams with Bill & Leona. Bill & I went over & did his chores & came back here for supper. Saw Gerald Schaffer & got some tools from him.

Wed Mar 7 – Clear. 13 eggs. Cut brush in back of the house and in the orchard, piled some of it. Measured land to rent to Government.

Thu Mar 8 – Clear. 7 eggs. Orville & I measured & marked our government land. I went to Ottawa in the wagon after groceries. Helen went to bed early.

Fri Mar 9 – Snow. 14 eggs. Went to Dad's & got the car. Went to town to take Helen for a treatment. Brought the car over here at night. Bought 3 gallons of gas for 56¢, spent 25¢ on groceries.

Sat Mar 10 – Clear. 15 eggs. Took Dad's car home in the morning & helped him measure land. Went to town with Gerald & out to Louie's all night. Drove Louie's car to town.

Sun Mar 11 – Clear. 15 eggs. Stayed at Louie's until after dinner. Spent 10¢ for Sunday paper.

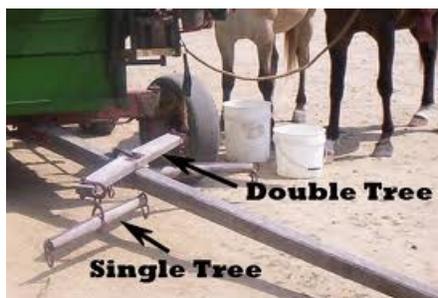
Mon Mar 12 – Clear, warm. 16 eggs. Helped Orville saw out posts. Vera & Orville here for dinner. Warmest day yet. Radio battery is down.

Tue Mar 13 – Clear, windy. 15 eggs. Fixed the corncrib with the tractor. Took tractor home. Helen & I ground chicken feed. Went to Lela's at night to supper for Dad Schaffer.

Wed Mar 14 – Clear. 17 eggs. Helen & I went to Louie's & brought back a horse, cow & calf.

Thu Mar 15 – Clear. 24 eggs. Helen washed here at home. I took the radio battery to Ottawa & got a rental. Helped L. Heston saw wood and brought the saw home. Got a gang plow at Clyde Heston's.

Fri Mar 16 – Clear, windy. 34 eggs. Harrowed in the forenoon. Started plowing in the afternoon. Broke the doubletree & got one from O.D. Marquis. Brought Dad's car home. Went to Bill & Leona's.



Sat Mar 17 – Snow, sleet, rain, hail, wind, rain & sun. Typical March day. 16 eggs. Helen & I went to Osceola. Helen took a treatment of Dr. Craft. Folks came over at night.

Sun Mar 18 – Clear. 26 eggs. Cleaned out the barn. Made a manger. Fixed the corncrib. Fixed doubletrees. Sawed tops off boundary posts. Fixed barn door.

Tue Mar 20 – Clear. 24 eggs. Butchered at Dad's. Brought home half a hog. Uncle Joe brought me home at 5 o'clock. Helen stayed until the lard was done. Warm without a fire.

Wed Mar 21 – Clear. 40 eggs. Harrowed stalks in the afternoon. Too wet to disk & too many stalks to plow. Moved tub to south well. Helen took care of our meat.

Thu Mar 22 – Snow all day, will delay oats sowing. 21 eggs. Stayed in the house by the fire. One little white sow had 3 pigs.



Sow and piglets

Fri Mar 23 – Cloudy. 10 eggs. Dad came over & got us in the morning. Washed over home & then went to town & Helen took treatment number 7. Lloyd has his oats sowed.

Sun Mar 25 – Clear. 5 eggs. Cleaned out the barn. Traded Dick for Nell, & Brownie & calf for Blackie & calf with Louie. Dad Schaffer & Gene & Lela also here for dinner. We went home with Louie's.

Mon Mar 26 – Cloudy. 39 eggs. Helen & I stayed at Louie's last night. Louie took Dick home in a trailer this morning. Tried to disk but too wet. Plowed in the afternoon. Helen helped chore.

Tue Mar 27 – Clear. 23 eggs. Broke the disk. Went to Ottawa & got George Evans' rake. Cleaned the hen house & hauled manure. Burned brush. Fixed barn door.



Horse-drawn disk

Wed Mar 28 – Clear. 25 eggs. Went up to Orville's & borrowed some lard. Went to Ottawa & got some gas & nails. Made Helen some shelves in the afternoon.

Thu Mar 29 – Rainy. 29 eggs. Went to Dad's & got disk repairs. Got bob-sled at Glasse's. Fixed the disk & disked in the afternoon. Helen & I walked to Roy Heston's at night to borrow seeder.

Fri Mar 30 – Snow. 28 eggs. Disked in forenoon. Rained & snowed in the afternoon. Cleaned out the barn. Helen & I went up to Orville's after a separator. Fixed gas light at night.

Sat Mar 31 – Cloudy. 15 eggs. Dug out posts in the morning. Went to town with Dad Schaffer in the afternoon. Helen took treatment number 8. Got seed potatoes. Went to Creston at night.

Sun Apr 1 – Rain. Helen & I took a ride in George Schaffer's car in the morning. Had dinner at Jim Schaffer's < *brother of George* >. Came home after dark & did chores.

Mon Apr 2 – Clear, windy. Plowed potato patches in forenoon. Helen & I sowed 55 bushels of oats in the afternoon. Dad's hired hand brought a load of hay over at noon.

Tue Apr 3 – Clear till evening. Disked oats in. Got 2/3 done. Rained about six o'clock, hard & lots of it. Helen caught rainwater. Made candy at night.

Thu Apr 5 – Cloudy. Helen & I went up to Orville's and back. Doyle came home with us and stayed all night < *Orville and Doyle are sons of Gilham* >.

Fri Apr 6 – Went to Ottawa in the morning. Borrowed Frank's auger & stretchers & fixed fence. Helen baked bread. Put a gate at the road.

Sat Apr 7 – Clear. 41 eggs. Hauled trash in forenoon. Harrowed in the afternoon. Dad brought Marie over in the evening to stay all night. Played ping-pong at night.

Sun Apr 8 – Clear. 37 eggs. George & Wilma & the folks here for dinner. George & I went to Woodburn after a Sunday paper. Listened to Eddie Cantor in evening.

Tue Apr 10 – Clear. Helen & I went to Wilma's & washed. I washed the car. Got the radio battery. The folks & us went back at night to surprise George < his 32nd birthday > but it was postponed.

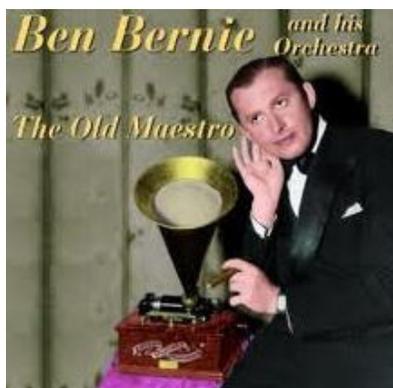
Thu Apr 12 – Clear. Helped Helen clean house in the morning. Lela came & helped Helen today. I disked & harrowed the garden in forenoon. Harrowed stocks in the afternoon.

Fri Apr 13 – Clear. Helped Helen paint floors in the morning. Got the gang plow ready to go. Bill & Leona here for dinner. Sowed grass seed in the afternoon. Painted floor at night.

Sat Apr 14 – Clear. Helped Helen place furniture. Marie helped iron. Plowed. Went to town with Dad Schaffer & came home with the folks. Helen took treatment number 9. Marie stayed all night.

Mon Apr 16 – Clear. Plowed all day. Painted the kitchen floor at night. Started to feed Roanie by hand. Soaked my watch in gasoline.

Tue Apr 17 – Clear. Plowed all day. Mother came over in the afternoon & helped Helen. Helen waxed floor. Listened to Ben Bernie. Almost through house cleaning.



Ben Bernie

Wed Apr 18 – Clear. First dust storm we ever saw. Scared us! Plowed all day. Red had a calf. Helen had a shower for Leona. Fifteen women here for the shower. Painted bedroom floor at night.

Thu Apr 19 – Dusty. Painted bedroom floor 2nd coat in the morning. Plowed in the afternoon. Got a letter from Cecil Williams. Nice letter.

Fri Apr 20 – Clear. Plowed all day. Helen did most of the chores at night. Got a card from Lela about Sunday dinner at China's < Pearl George Schaffer >.

Sat Apr 21 – Clear. Went over home in the wagon. Dad took a plow down to Lloyd & we went after him. Uncle Pearls here at night.

Sun Apr 22 – Clear. Uncle Pearl & Marie here all night last night. Louie here a few minutes. We fixed the chicken house. Washed Uncle Pearl's car.

Mon Apr 23 – Bad dust storm all day. Set out 30 cabbage plants in the morning. Plowed all day. Got six gallons of milk tonight from 2 cows.



Erosion caused 1930s dust storms

Tue Apr 24 – Clear. Harrowed stalks in the morning. Dad & Mother came over. Plowed in the afternoon. Got dinner & supper. Helen sick.

Wed Apr 25 – Clear. Got breakfast & washed 3 meals dishes. Plowed in the afternoon. Set some hens. Helen got up in evening.

Thu Apr 26 – Clear. Sprinkled last night. Plowed all day & got done. Orville & Vera stopped here in the evening. Got 6 gallons of milk tonight from 2 cows.



Fun picture of milking a cow and feeding a cat

Fri Apr 27 – Clear. Harrowed. Cleaned out the hen house. Bill & Leona here at night. Bill & I played ping-pong. Had fun.

Sat Apr 28 – Clear. Corded the woodpile. Helen & I cleaned the back yard. Sure some job. Took all day. Cleaned out the barn. Got a card from Al Bishop.

Sun Apr 29 – Clear. Bill & Leona came over in the morning. Folks came over & we all went to Bills for dinner. Bill & Leona took us for a ride at night to Chariton.

Tue May 1 – Clear. Brought the car home last night. Had a surprise on Marie over home < her 16th birthday >. Had ice cream & cake. Set out cabbage plants at night.

Thu May 3 – Clear. Disked in forenoon. Burned brush & hoed in the garden in the afternoon. Bill & Leona here at night.

Fri May 4 – Cloudy. Got up at 4:30 AM. Helen & I went to Bill & Leona's to help plant corn. Bill & I went to Ottawa at night. Marie came over to stay all night.

Sat May 5 – Clear. No rain. Helen & I fixed 12 setting hens on nests in brooder house. Marie & I put saddle & bridle on Pet. We went to Chariton with the folks in the afternoon.

Wed May 9 – Sprinkle. Helen & I went over home. I planted corn all day on 18 acres. Big cloud came up in the evening but as yet (9 P.M.) no results. We sure need rain.

Thu May 10 – Clear. No rain yet. Helen & I took Marie to school. Brought team & planter home & disked some in the afternoon. Mother gave us some oatmeal.

Fri May 11 – Clear. Disked in forenoon. I went over home & got tractor, disk, & roller. Lela, Gene, & Dad here at night. Chicks starting to hatch.



Chicks hatching from their eggs

Sat May 12 – Rain. Beautiful rain. At last we get a much needed rain. First rain in 35 days. Started planting corn. Went to Osceola at night.

Sun May 13 – Clear. Had a wonderful rain last night. Harrowed some clods in the morning. Took folks' car home. They came over here for dinner. Got tractor ready to go.

Mon May 14 – Clear. Harrowed in forenoon. Disked with tractor in the afternoon. Folks here in the evening. We have 95 chicks now.

Tue May 15 – Clear. Harrowed with tractor till Bill came. Bill harrowed most of day with tractor. Dad graded seed corn & took tractor home in the evening. Bill, Leona & Doyle here for supper.

Wed May 16 – Clear. Planted corn all day. Helen & I walked to Orville's at night to borrow flour.

Thu May 17 – Clear. Planted corn all day. Dr. Craft stopped about 5 minutes. Shelled seed corn.



Farmer planting corn

Fri May 18 – Clear. Planted corn all day. Went to Junior-Senior banquet at night. Marie brought us home & stayed all night.

Sat May 19 – Clear. Finished planting corn. Dad Schaffer took us to town at night. He & Marvin came to stay all night. Uncle Pearl let us keep his car till they come back.

Sun May 20 – Clear. Drove Uncle Pearl's car to Lloyd's and to George Casey's at night. Had ice cream at George's. Stopped at Bill & Leona's a little while.

Mon May 21 – Shower. Drove the car to Woodburn & over home. Took Orville over to Bill's at night.

Wed May 23 – Clear. Finished harrowing in the morning. Went to Bills at night.

Fri May 25 – Clear. Plowed potatoes in forenoon. Went to Lloyd & Clarice's at night.

Sat May 26 – Clear. Marie came over in the morning. Went over to Bill & Leona's in the morning. Washed the car. Went to town at night.

Sun May 27 – Clear. Went to Uncle Joe's for dinner. Folks went with us. Went to Bills at night.

Mon May 28 – Clear. Measured land in forenoon. Ground some corn for chickens in the afternoon. Figured corn acreage at night.

Tue May 29 – Clear. Helped Helen with chickens most all day. Went to Bill's a little while.

Wed May 30 – Clear. Decoration Day. Hot & dry. Pasture & small grain almost a total loss. Plowed corn in the morning. Went to town in the afternoon.

Thu May 31 – Clear. No rain in sight. Chinch bugs hatching. Smith brothers plowed corn for me in the afternoon. Went to Bills & had ice cream at night.

Fri Jun 1 – Clear. Hot & dry. Smith brothers & I plowed corn all day. Listened to the radio at night.

Sun Jun 3 – Clear. Went to Louie's for dinner & to Lewis Park. Gas line broke & people got thousands of gallons of free gas south of Osceola. We got 27 gallons. Folks got some too.

Mon Jun 4 – Clear. Pastures burning up with heat. Went back to the gas line & got 5 more gallons. Voted at Woodburn. Went to Bill & Leona's at night.

Tue Jun 5 – Clear. Took forenoon off to rest. Took Helen over home at noon to wash. Plowed corn in the afternoon & went over home for supper. Took Orvilles to Bill & Leona's at night.

Wed Jun 6 – Clear. Plowed corn all day. Sold 5 hogs to Haltom. Went to Harleys at night for supper.

Thu Jun 7 – Clear. Eva came home with us last night. Took Helen & Vera to pick goose berries. Ice cream at night at Orville's.

Fri Jun 8 – Clear. Fixed the screen door. Took Vera to dentist in the afternoon. Orville plowed corn for me. Helen got shoes & dress & paint. Took Eva home.

Sat Jun 9 – Clear. Helen fixed a dress. Took Leona & Bill to town. Nellie had a colt.

Sun Jun 10 – Clear. Took Max & Lloyd & Clarice to Lewis springs & went swimming. Took Max home after chores were done.



Dale, Helen, Max Schaffer at Lewis Springs

Mon Jun 11 – Clear. Plowed corn in forenoon. Plowed potatoes. Gerald borrowed some gas. Helen & I painted woodwork in the kitchen. Put hooks on screen doors.

Tue Jun 12 – Clear. Helped enamel the cabinet. Signed up for beans. Orvilles & us got 14 gallons of gas at the pipe line.

Wed Jun 13 – Clear. Made a mail box. Helen painted the cabinet. Went to Uncle Joe's at night for ice cream & cake. Max came home with us.

Thu Jun 14 – Shower in the morning, then clear. Helen, Lela, Max, & I went to Lewis springs. Went to Uncle Joe's for supper. Took Max & Betty for a ride. Listened to Baer win boxing crown.



Max Baer (left) defeats Primo Carnera for heavyweight crown

Fri Jun 15 – Clear. Marie came over to pick mulberries. Hoed milk weeds in 12 acres. Picked some cherries. Went to George & Wilma's at night.

Sun Jun 17 – Clear. Got up early & did chores. Went over home for dinner. Folks & us went to Lloyd & Clarice's in the afternoon. Went to Ottawa at night.

Mon Jun 18 – Clear. Helen washed over home. Bill & I went to town in the morning. Traded cars with Louie. Took Louie home at night & stayed at Pearl's.

Tue Jun 19 – Clear. Ground chicken feed over home in the morning. Stayed home at night.

Wed Jun 20 – Good shower in the evening. Made a log grader. Took Orville over to Bills. Bill & Leona came home with us. Traded horses with Dad. Bills & us went to Chariton at night for a show.

Thu Jun 21 – Clear. Bill & Leona stayed all night last night. Took them home this morning & washed the car. Went to George's for ice cream at night.

Fri Jun 22 – 1¼ inch rain this morning. Crop saver & lots of help. Fixed the spring & turned in on oats. Went to Lloyd Schaffer's at night.

Sat Jun 23 – Clear. Planted beans, squash & etc. Went to town at night. Gerald & Ressia & Marie stayed all night.

Sun Jun 24 – Clear. Took Gerald & Ressia home. Went over home for ice cream. Francis came out with us to do chores. Harold & Francis, George & Wilma, & us went to Lewis springs.



Wilma and George Casey

Mon Jun 25 – Clear. Hot wind. Helen stayed at Francis' all day. Had supper at Harold's & ice cream.

Tue Jun 26 – Clear. Hot winds. 108° in the shade. Went to Bills at night for ice cream. Borrowed Orville's ice cream freezer.

Wed Jun 27 – Clear. Hot winds. Went over home & to Burgess's to see about a horse. Tried to plow for beans but too dry. Went to Ottawa for groceries.

Thu Jun 28 – Clear. Plowed corn. Gene, Lela, Francis, Harold, Dad Schaffer & Lester Schaffer here for supper. Lester stayed all night. < *Lester and Max were brothers and Helen's nephews.* >

Fri Jun 29 – Clear. Chinch bugs flew in corn field today. Dad Schaffer sick. Went to town to see him. Went to Bills at night.

Sat Jun 30 – Clear. Took Helen to town. Came back & pulled burrs. Washed the car. Stayed all night at Lela's.

Sun Jul 1 – Came home & chored. Worked at Penney store all day for \$1.40.

Mon Jul 2 – Clear. Did chores early & went to Lela's. Dad Schaffer getting better.

Tue Jul 3 – Clear. Took Helen to Lela's. Ground corn. Uncle Pearl's came home & took their car. Brought Gene's car home at night.

Wed Jul 4 – Clear. Went to Osceola for Fourth of July celebration. Had dinner at Uncle Joe's. Danced once. Got home at 2:00 A.M. with Bill & Leona & Dickie.

Thu Jul 5 – No rain yet. This is the day after the night before. We slept most of the day. Got pictures & letter from Max, from New York.

Fri Jul 6 – Clear. Shower of rain last night. Temperature dropped to 72°. Went to Orville's & played ball. Marie came over to stay all night.

Sat Jul 7 – Clear. Went to town in the afternoon. Went back in the evening to stay all night with Dad Schaffer. Went to a show.

Sun Jul 8 – Clear. Got home at 10 A.M. Pearl Schaffer & Cedar < *Pearl and Mercedes* > brought us home. Played ball in the afternoon at Orville's. Went to town with Bill & Leona at night after ice.

Mon Jul 9 – Clear. Hot & sultry. Sprinkle in the morning. Corn is tasseling hip high – hot winds. Louie, Harley, Gerald here to tell us they moved Dad Schaffer to Harkin Hospital this afternoon.

Tue Jul 10 – Clear. Took Helen up to Orville's to wash. Took Nellie to Burdess' horse & got her bred. Went to town in the evening with Bill & Leona.

Wed Jul 11 – Partly cloudy. Ground corn at Frank Carson's. Sold him 5 bushels of corn for \$2.50. Borrowed Roy's drill. Helped Orville calve. Vera here in the evening.

Thu Jul 12 – Clear. I'm 25 years young today. Went with Orvilles to Bills for berries. Folks and Lloyd & Clarice came for supper.

Fri Jul 13 – Worked on the fence. Went to town with Bill & Leona in the afternoon. Helen went to see her dad. He is pretty sick. Helen canned dew-berries. Had beefsteak.

Sat Jul 14 – Clear. Worked on the fence till 3 P.M. 103° in the shade. Went to town with the folks at night. Marie stayed all night.

Sun Jul 15 – Clear. Record breaker for heat, 106° in shade. See June 26th. Went over home for dinner. Went to town for ice & had ice cream. Marie brought us home. Cloudy at night.

Mon Jul 16 – Clear. Picked berries at Leona's. Made some fence. Gus Fuller came & told us Dad was worse. Went to town in Dad's car. Visited with Gerald & Ressia at Paramount Café.

Tue Jul 17 – Clear. Red bred to Keeney's bull. Made fence all day. Got done. Went to town at night to see Dad Schaffer. Brought car home at night.

Wed Jul 18 – Clear. Hot winds. Washed over home & ground feed. Went to town in the afternoon. Dad Schaffer is getting weaker. Marie came home with us at night.

Thu Jul 19 – Clear. Hottest day for years, 110° in shade. Hot winds & hot sun. Went to town. Bill & Leona here at night. Corn is almost ruined by heat.

Fri Jul 20 – Clear. Helen is 23 years old to-day. Fixed the spare on Dad's car. Bill & Leona here a little while. Hot day. Corn is dying from heat & hot winds.

Sat Jul 21 – Clear. Hotter & dryer. Loafed all day. Went to town with the folks at night. Danced at Ottawa at night. Got home at 1 A.M. Marie also came.

Sun Jul 22 – Clear. Subscribed to Des Moines Tribune. Played ball in the afternoon at Van Wert. We won 12 to 4. I got 4 hits & 2 scores out of 4 times up. 1000 per cent.



Fixin' to play some ball in 1934

Tue Jul 24 – Clear. Hot winds & hot weather, continued. I walked over to Bills in the evening but they were not home so I got to walk back. Went to Ottawa at night with Marie who stayed all night.

Wed Jul 25 – Clear. Went over home & washed. Went to town & Helen stayed until I went back in the evening. Watched Chinch Bugs beat Pirates 9 to 1.

Thu Jul 26 – Clear. Temp dropped 20°. Went to Grandma Yates's < *Alvira, Gene's grandmother* > funeral at Leslie. Went up to Orville's at night to take dresses.

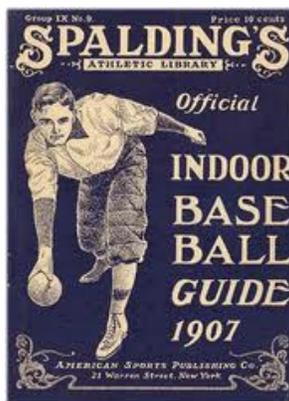
Sun Jul 29 – Clear. Bills came home last night. Marie stayed all night last night. Folks here for dinner. Played ball at Orville's, 5-4 our favor. Went home with Bills at night.

Mon Jul 30 – Clear. Went over home & cut corn with the grain binder. Played ball at Osceola at night. Chinch Bugs beat us 9-3. Brought car home.

Wed Aug 1 – Clear. No rain yet. Vera came down, Orville is sick. I milked his cows at night.

Fri Aug 3 – Clear. Went to Woodburn in the afternoon with Bill's. Watched Woodburn beat Promise City. Went back at night. Danced once at Ottawa.

Sat Aug 4 – Clear. Bills here for supper. Went to Woodburn & Ottawa at night. Played Woodburn in kittenball. Beat them 4-1. I got 2 hits & 2 scores.



"Kittenball" guide

Sun Aug 5 – Clear. Gardner-Williams picnic at park. Umpired kittenball game between Chinch Bugs & Damison – 10-11 favor of Chinch Bugs. Went to Bills at night in folks' car.

Wed Aug 8 – Clear. Hottest day yet, 111° by our thermometer. Not much wind. Cut corn over home in forenoon. Marie came over in the afternoon. Made a corn sled in the evening.

Thu Aug 9 – Clear. Made a fodder sled. Cuts 2 rows at a time. Bill helped run it. Took all day to perfect it. Folks came in the evening to see how it worked.

Mon Aug 13 – Clear. Took the corn sled over home. Went to Lloyds in the afternoon.

Wed Aug 15 – Rain. Wonderful rain, about ½ inch. Had dinner over home. Blackie is sick. Cut her teat and too much green fodder.

Sat Aug 18 – Showers. Caught ride to town. Had dinner at Lela's. Loafed uptown in the afternoon. Uncle Joe brought us home. Read magazines in the evening.

Sun Aug 19 – Clear & cool. Rested most all day. I played ball in the afternoon up to Orvilles.

Mon Aug 20 – Shower in the morning. Cut corn at Bill's in the afternoon. Drove Bill's car home at night. Went to Ottawa after groceries.

Wed Aug 22 – Clear. Went to town in Bill's car. Brought Sally home from Bill's. Sally backed into the corn sled & cut an artery in her left hoof. Joe Reese fixed it.

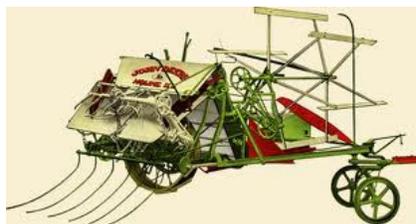
Thu Aug 23 – Cool & clear. Bill & Leona here at night. Louie Neal & Dad & Mother here also.

Sat Aug 25 – Clear. Sold Gus Evans some fodder. Jenkins looked at some fodder. Marie came over in the evening & took Helen to Ottawa.

Sun Aug 26 – Clear. Kearney bought 5 acres of fodder, paid \$5. Jenkins bought 5 acres on shares. Louie & Marvin here. I played ball in the afternoon. Beat Derby 14-13. Folks here in the evening.

Tue Aug 28 – Clear. Dad & I cut corn by hand. Kearneys cut 5 acres. Bill & Walt cut. Jenkins cut some.

Wed Aug 29 – Clear. Cut corn by hand in the morning. Used Orville's horses & binder in the afternoon. George Casey came at night after grapes. Fixed the radio. Read "The Right of Way."



Horse-drawn binder

Thu Aug 30 – Rain, 1 inch. Fine rain. Hauled fodder to cattle & horses. Moved the chicken house. Folks here in the afternoon. Cut weeds, chased chickens.

Fri Aug 31 – Sultry. Cut corn with Orville's binder all day. Went with Bill to do his chores. Bill & Leona here for supper and all night.

Sun Sep 2 – Cloudy. George, Wilma, Larry & Dad Schaffer here all day. Played Chinch Bugs & got beat in double-header.

Mon Sep 3 – Rain. Had a big rain. Grass is greening. Orvilles back from World Fair. Shocked some fodder. Took Orville's wagon home. Bill & Leona stopped here on their way home.



World's Fair poster

Tue Sep 4 – Clear. Picked plums. Dad here in the morning. Cut some fodder with the binder but it didn't work. Fodder down too much. Took the binder home. Hauled fodder.

Wed Sep 5 – Rain. Shocked corn & tied shocks. Dad & Mother here in the morning. Sold Bert Carson 1 bushel of plums for \$1.35. Rode Red to Heston's after books.



Shocks of corn

Thu Sep 6 – Shower in the morning. Cut a load of fodder. Helped Kearney load fodder. Folks took us to Ottawa after food. Rode Red to Carrie Johnson's after books. Read "Life of Jesse James."

Fri Sep 7 – Clear. Took corn over home & ground it. Also ground beans. Marie came at night.

Sun Sep 9 – Clear. Uncle Pearls came for dinner & we all went to a ball game at Woodburn in the afternoon. Got a letter from Civil Service about appointment.

Mon Sep 10 – Clear. George & Georgie here at night to pay for fodder. Sent a letter to the Civil Service Commission.

Wed Sep 12 – Rain. Had at least 2 inches rain. Loafed all day. Bert Carson here in the evening. Walked to Orvilles at night.

Fri Sep 14 – Rain at night. Ground is all soaked up. Went to Doc Holden's sale. Dad sold his tractor, plow, & disk for \$250.00. Went to a football game at night after Marie.

Sat Sep 15 – Helped Dad saw wood. Dad Schaffer operated on, Helen stayed in town to help Lela.

Sun Sep 16 – Clear. Bert Carson here in the morning. Went up to Orvilles & played workup in the afternoon. Read “The Broken Gate.”

Tue Sep 18 – Rain. Caught ride to town. Got a job in Des Moines. Went to Des Moines on bus. Went with Aunt Ina & Jack to supper. < *Ina was Jettie’s sister, a twin to Ira.* >

Wed Sep 19 – Clear. Worked 8 hours for Great Lakes < *probably Great Lakes Pipeline Company* >. Wrote Helen a letter at night. Had supper at Aunt Ina’s. Stayed at the Hotel Plaza a while at night.

Thu Sep 20 – Worked 13½ hours for Great Lakes. Worked in cold rain part of the time. Had supper downtown. Stayed all night at Jacks.

Fri Sep 21 – Rain. No work. Went home & stayed all night at Lela’s with Helen. Hired Ernest Smith to do the work on the farm.

Sat Sep 22 – Came to Des Moines on the Jefferson bus. Worked 8 hours for Great Lakes. Went to Orpheum theatre at night. Bought leather shoe-strings.

Sun Sep 23 – Worked 8 hours for Great Lakes. Got laid off at night. Went home with Teale.

Mon Sep 24 – Went back to Des Moines with Teale after my check but didn’t get it. Came home on the bus. Went to Dad’s at night. Gene brought Helen out about 9 o’clock.

Tue Sep 25 – Went to town & got my check from Great Lakes.

Wed Sep 26 – Big rain last night. Hauled 2 wagon loads of burrs out of 12 acres. Hauled 1 load of wood. Helen popped corn & made candy at night.

Sat Sep 29 – Cool. Dad came over & took us to town. Gerald got his radio. We brought the car home at night. Drove to Woodburn at night to call Gerald.

Sun Sep 30 – Went to Lloyds in the morning. Uncle Gilhams for dinner. Played New Virginia & beat them 16-14. Went to a show at Chariton with Bill & Leona.

Wed Oct 3 – Washed over home. Went to town in the afternoon. Helen stayed at Wilma’s & George came after me & we stayed all night.

Fri Oct 5 – Went with the folks to look at Tom Norton’s farm. Went to Ring & Hootman sale. Helen & I went to Chariton at night, saw a Shirley Temple show.



Shirley Temple

Sun Oct 7 – Marie stayed all night last night. Played New Virginia there, got beat 14-6. Bill has a truck.

Mon Oct 8 – Worked 8 hours with a road team. Frank Gibson here to check on corn-hog contracts.

Tue Oct 9 – Worked 8 hours with team on road. Bert Carson took Orville & I after corn-hog check - \$135.77.

Wed Oct 10 – Worked 7 hours on road. Took Helen to Lela's shower. Went to a show.

Thu Oct 11 – Voted on corn-hog at Woodburn. Carried "Yes."

Sun Oct 14 – Went over home for dinner. Uncle Pearls & Lloyds there also. Picked up walnuts. Harley Carson killed last night in car wreck.

Mon Oct 15 – Washed over home. Turned cows into the oat field. Orville brought bread home.

Wed Oct 17 – I was a pall-bearer at Harley Carson's funeral. Helen & I went to Woodburn in Uncle Gilham's car to call Francis. Drilled Helen on switchboard < *she applied to be a telephone operator* >.

Thu Oct 18 – Went to Des Moines with Francis & Wilma. Had supper at Francis's. Stayed all night at Gene's.

Fri Oct 19 – Came home & got Dad's car. Stayed at Dad's all night. Helen got hired for telephone operator.



1934 ad for telephone operator

Sat Oct 20 – Rented a room at Morrows. In town all day. Marie came home with us.

Sun Oct 21 – Took Bill home to chore. Played ball. New Virginia beat us 2 games. Went to Louie's at night to see Dad Schaffer.

Mon Oct 22 – Helen, Mother & I canned 2 chickens. Gerald & Lloyd came after Helen in the evening. Dad Schaffer is worse. I went in later. Stayed out to Pearl's all night.

Tue Oct 23 – Bill moved us from Mumford farm 2 miles north of Ottawa to town, 1st house east of funeral home. I came home & did chores & went back to stay all night.

Wed Oct 24 – Went over home & helped Dad fix fence. Went to Bill's at night.

Thu Oct 25 – Helen practiced at telephone office. Dad Schaffer still bad sick. Mother canned chickens.

Fri Oct 26 – Harley shaved Dad Schaffer. Harley had dinner with us. Harley & Wilma here for supper.

Sat Oct 27 – Dad Schaffer worse. Took turns staying at hospital. Minnie & Cedar here all night.

Sun Oct 28 – George Schaffer passed away at 8:30 P.M. < Age 66 > We went home with Louie's.

Tue Oct 30 – Dad Schaffer's funeral. Had supper at Lela's. Had a Schaffer meeting. George Casey is administrator.

Fri Nov 2 – Gerald took Helen & I to look for rooms. Harold & Francis took us a short ride.

Sat Nov 3 – Rented Campbell's rooms. Went home with Louie's at night.

Sun Nov 4 – Had dinner at Louie's. Went to Uncle Bill's & Uncle Joe's. Uncle Bill passed away 1:15 < *George William Gardner, age 79, brother to Isaac Newton Gardner* >. Went to George's with Lela & Gene. Folks here.

Tue Nov 6 – Helen & I went after Lloyd & Clarice. I went to Uncle Bill's funeral. Stayed at Gene's all night. Election day.

Wed Nov 7 – Helen took a treatment last night of Dr. Craft. Stayed all night at Gene's. Helen packed dishes.

Thu Nov 8 – Louie helped us move to Campbell's. Moved all day until 10:30.

Sat Nov 10 – I did dishes & made the bed while Helen went to the telephone office. Went uptown at night. Got a haircut. I bought a new hat. Helen got a new coat & shoes.

Sun Nov 11 – Got up late. Gene & Lela here for dinner. I started to work at the Paramount Café for our board, 4 o'clock P.M. to 10:30 P.M.

Mon Nov 12 – Helped wash at Lela's. Worked 11:30 to 1:30 and 4:00 to 1:15. Went to a show a little while. Dance night.

Tue Nov 13 – Worked 11:30 to 1:30; 4:00 to 9:00. Didn't feel good in the afternoon. Got my wrist watch fixed \$2.25.

Wed Nov 14 – Worked 7 hours at Paramount. We went down to Lela's a while at night.

Thu Nov 15 – Worked 7 hours at Paramount. Helen went to a bridal shower. Saw Dad & Uncle Charley. Finished reading "Black Soil."

Fri Nov 16 – Worked at Paramount. Helen & I went to a show. Called from show to help with football boys. Got home at 12 P.M.

Sat Nov 17 – Worked 8½ hours at Paramount. Helen was out to Wilma's all day making a dress.

Sun Nov 18 – Worked 8½ hours at Paramount. Helen & I went to George's with Gerald & Ressia.

Mon Nov 19 – Worked 7½ hours at Paramount. Gerald's got a new radio at Chariton. Lots of rain.

Tue Nov 20 – Quit working at Paramount. Started looking for a shop of our own.

Wed Nov 21 – Went out to the folks to get some milk & butter. Rain.

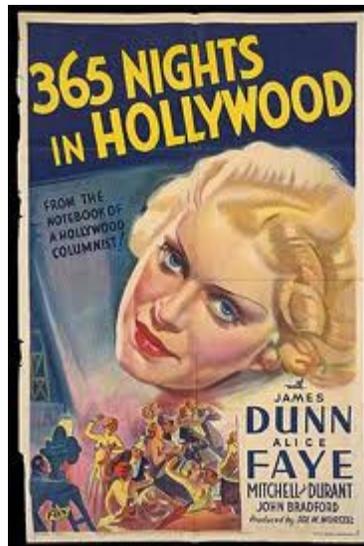
Thu Nov 22 – Decided to try to buy Boggs hamburger shop. Snow.

Tue Nov 27 – I helped Lela wash in the morning. Played basketball at night with Jr. College. Got beat. Rain & lots of it.

Thu Nov 29 – Thanksgiving at Harley's.

Sat Dec 1 – Signed up for Post Office work. Not many people in town today. Too much snow.

Mon Dec 3 – Aunt Jessie came over & cooked supper. I went to the show, "365 Nights in Hollywood."



Movie poster

Tue Dec 4 – Went out to the folks & came back with Dad. He froze his car up & busted it. Cost 11 bucks. Practiced basketball at night.

Wed Dec 5 – Harley came over in forenoon. I went over there in the afternoon. Marie here until 9:00 P.M. Bought Helen a box of cosmetics.

Thu Dec 6 – Harley cut my hair. Took magazines to Uncle Joe. Practiced basketball at night at the high school.

Sun Dec 9 – Went up to Gerald's. Walked down to Gene's at night. Louies here a minute.

Sun Dec 16 – Went down to Gene's for dinner. Went for a ride in the afternoon out to George Casey's. Folks & Harleys here at night.

Tue Dec 18 – Went home with Bill & after wood with him. He played basketball with us at high school at night. Helen stayed at Lela's all afternoon.

Wed Dec 19 – Saw Kate McKee about fodder. Louie here for dinner. Went to Indianola with Louie & George to look at a tractor. Marie here all night.

Thu Dec 20 – Sold a cow to Haltom. Saw Lloyd & Clarice. Went up to the café at night.

Sun Dec 23 – Went to Lela & Gene's for dinner. Uncle Pearls were there. Went out to George's at night. Stayed all night at George's.

Mon Dec 24 – George has the flu. Helen & I are staying at their place to help. Went to town in the afternoon. Our radio came.

Tue Dec 25 – Wilma has the flu. Cold. We're still at George's.

Thu Dec 27 – Warmer. Clear. Took a cow over to west pasture. Mrs. Casey here all day. Listened to the radio at night.

Sat Dec 29 – Still out to George Casey's. George came to town in the afternoon.

Mon Dec 31 – Last day of 1934. Took George's car & went to look at Millard farm. Went after an axe at Herman's. Helen & I came back to town in the afternoon.