

The families in 1941:

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, Donald and Kay.

Leona was married to William Van Sant; they had Richard, Judith, and Lana.

Doyle was married to Irene Wright.

Merle was single.

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

Dorothea 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; they had Carol and Nancy.

Dale was married to Helen Schaffer; they had Stanley.

Marie was married to Ralph Kimmel.

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 and Robert.

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, Richard, Shirley, and Thomas.

Annadell was single.

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.

Burl was married to Opal Mathis.

Donald was married to Opal Horton; they had Karen.

Vivian was married to Wayne Hanson; they had Donavan.

Kenneth was married to Doris Meyers.

Norman, Marian, and Robert were single.

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; they had Juanita, Carole, and Judith.

Wilma was married to George Casey; they had Larry.

Diary of Dale Gardner 1941

Timeline: Germany attacks the Balkans and Russia. President Roosevelt enunciates "four freedoms" in his January message to Congress. Glenn Seaborg and Edwin McMillan isolate plutonium, a fuel preferable to uranium for nuclear reactors. RCA demonstrates a new simplified electron microscope that magnifies up to 100,000 times. In his movie "Citizen Kane," Orson Welles uses newly developed film stocks and a wider faster lens and redefines the medium. The Academy Award for Best Picture goes to "Rebecca" (Selznick and United Artists). The NY Yankees defeat the Brooklyn Dodgers 4-1 in the World Series, the NCAA Football Champion is Minnesota (8-0-0), and "Whirlaway" wins the Kentucky Derby. The Japanese surprise attack on the U.S. fleet in Pearl Harbor brings the U.S. into World War II; the U.S. and Britain declare war on Japan.



Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, by Norman Rockwell

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.

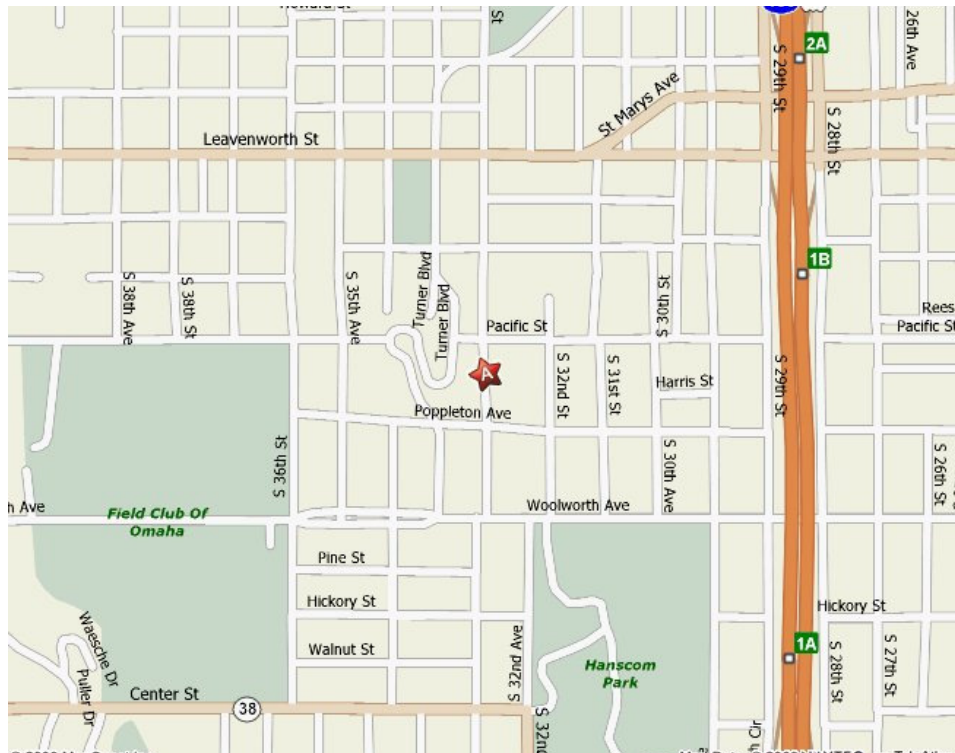
Foreword

For the past 1½ or 2 years, I have not kept a diary. Previous to that time for a period of five years I had recorded each day's happenings in a 5 year diary which was very interesting to read after a lapse of a year or years, to me. For that reason I have decided to again keep a day by day account of my activities & that of my family as well, also any happenings incidental to my work, business connections and those of a family nature.

At the time of the completion of my previous diary we lived in Washington, D.C., where I was employed by the Government as a file clerk in the Internal Revenue Bureau. In June 1938 I was transferred to St. Paul, Minn., in the Alcohol Tax Unit as supply clerk. In February 1939 I was made a Jr. Inspector & placed in Nebraska with Omaha as Post of Duty < as *Inspector, extensive travel was required* >. In November 1939 I was committed to the hospital with a spinal ailment. In March 1940 the same pain returned & I requested to be transferred back to the St. Paul office as supply clerk to relieve the strain of driving. In April 1940 I became supply clerk again & we moved back to St. Paul.

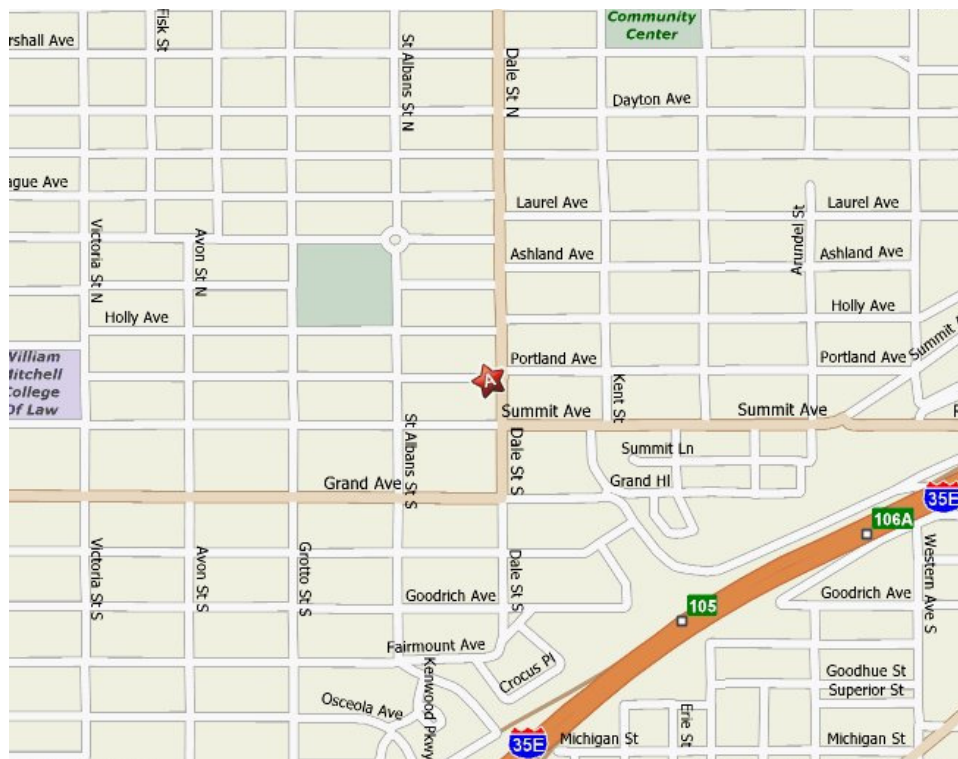
In December 1940 we moved into a new 4 room house built by our landlord, Mr. J. Zuercher. For several months prior, we lived at 628 Portland Avenue in a double house < *duplex* >. The other side was occupied by Mr. & Mrs. A. Moody. Mrs. Moody was a mental case & caused us untold nervous strain which led Mr. Zuercher to finally build us this house. We had a very nice quiet Christmas in December 1940 – ate turkey which was free with our new electric stove from Montgomery Ward & Co.

From November 1938 to March 1939, Dale and his family lived on University Avenue, St. Paul. From March 1939 to May 1940, they lived at 1136 South 33rd Street, Omaha, NE:



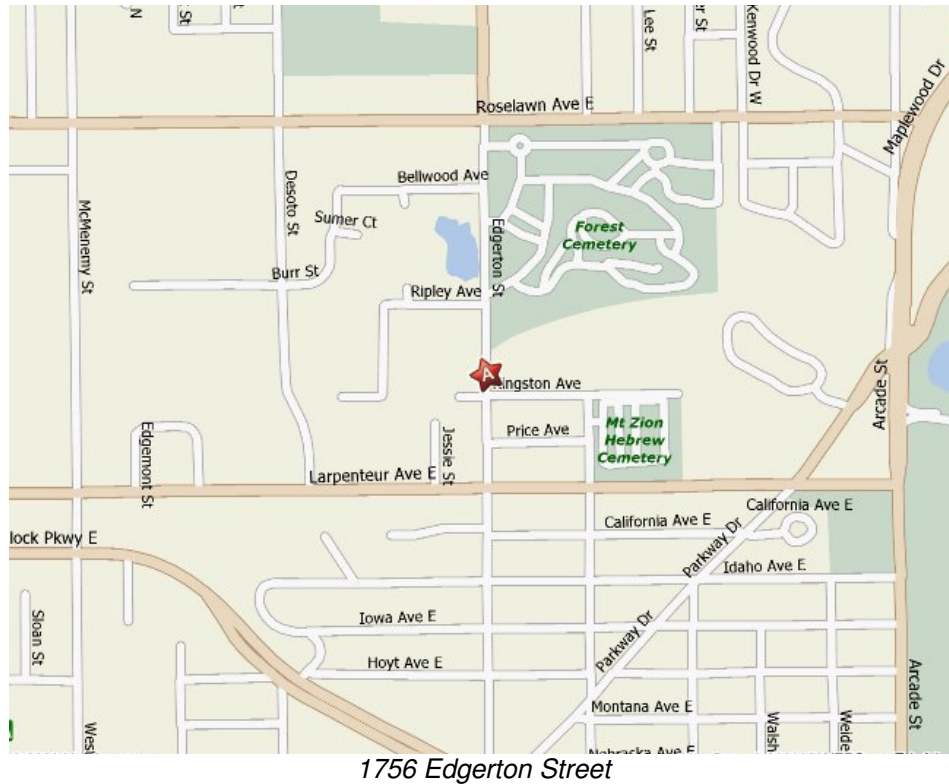
1136 South 33rd Street

From May 1940 to December 1940, they lived at 628 Portland Avenue, St. Paul:



628 Portland Avenue

From December 1940 to June 1942, they lived at 1756 Edgerton Street, St. Paul:



There are two weeks of daily entries inserted from 1939, in St. Paul, as follows.

Wed Feb 1, 1939 – Promoted to Jr. Inspector CAF-5 from CAF-2. Mr. Storlie came to take up duties as supply clerk at St. Paul.

Thu Feb 2, 1939 – Breaking in the new stock clerk. Called the folks at night. Cold.

Fri Feb 3, 1939 – Worked. Still breaking in the new supply clerk. Received some supplies.

Sat Feb 4, 1939 – Went to Rochester with Ackley to get O C from a violator. First time out for me as inspector. Went to a show at night & ate out too.

Sun Feb 5, 1939 – Helen & I went to a show. Janette watched Stanley. Bought a brief case.

Mon Feb 6, 1939 – Was notified my Post of Duty would be Omaha – Pleased me very much. Helen too. Worked in St. Paul office all day. Wrote folks a letter. Today was a high spot.

Tue Feb 7, 1939 – Worked. Went over some cases with Mr. Lahart. Listened to radio at night.

Wed Feb 8, 1939 – Worked in South Basement searching for records. Received my letter of authority designating Omaha as Post of Duty. Received gas credit card, tax-free expense certificate, transfer voucher.

Thu Feb 9, 1939 – Inspected with Ackley. Bad blizzard. Had to quit at 2 P.M. Connell let the force off early to enable them to reach home. Stayed home in evening. Listened to Bing < Crosby >.

Fri Feb 10, 1939 – Worked with Ackley. Blizzard all day & got stuck several times.

Sat Feb 11, 1939 – Worked with Ackley. 25° below zero. Went to the grocery store.

Sun Feb 12, 1939 – Warmed up to 38° above. Stayed home all day. Dad & Mother arrived here at 8:45 P.M.

Mon Feb 13, 1939 – With Ackley around Minneapolis. I inspected today. Ackley supervised.

Now to continue, with 1941.

Wed Jan 1 – Holiday. Very quiet at home. Working at Alcohol Tax Unit, 706 New Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minn. Living at 1756 Edgerton Street, St. Paul.

Thu Jan 2 – Worked. Delbert Schaffer of Sandstone, Minn., came for a visit.

Sat Jan 4 – Worked. Drove out to Fort Snelling for Delbert to see a friend. Had a terrible time with the car. Carburetor trouble.

Mon Jan 6 – Worked. Delbert left via hitch-hike to points south about 11:30 A.M.

Sun Jan 12 – Stayed home. Went over to 628 Portland Avenue after the box out by the garage.

Sun Jan 19 – Stayed home. Mrs. Marshall & 2 daughters came over.

Mon Jan 20 – Worked. Listened on the telephone at work to President's Inaugural Address. Helen sick. Mrs. Marshall came over & cleaned up the house & cooked dinner.

Tue Jan 21 – Worked. Sent Haselton's quarterly requisition to Fargo. Mrs. Marshall came over & cleaned the house. Helen has the flu.

Wed Jan 22 – Worked. Made 1000 inspection cards on 1 side. Drove Mr. Connell's car to the Capital for license plates for him. Helen still sick. Bought 2 new battery cables. Beef stew for supper.

Thu Jan 23 – Worked. Helen better tonight. Lost a bill of lading for a beer meter. Checked on inventory with Van. Mailed Inventory to Washington, D.C. Knox took beer meter.

Fri Jan 24 – Worked. Shelving moved out of supply room from south wall to the hall. Went to the store early in the evening. Had a letter from Lloyd. Fixed Stanley a light in the basement.

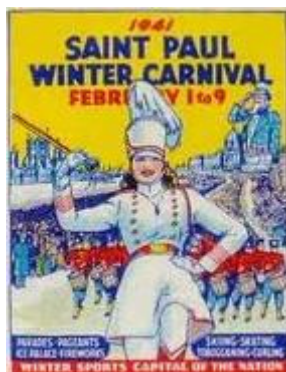
Sat Jan 25 – Worked. Put 2 new cables on the car. Won't start yet. Fixed the garage door. Fixed the door over the stairs to keep cold air from the kitchen. Helen is well again.

Sun Jan 26 – Stayed home all day. Fixed banisters on the stairs going to the basement. Helen popped some corn. Temperature 27° above.

Mon Jan 27 – Worked. Colonel Whitney blew up about opening his mail. Mr. Connell settled him. Helen washed. Played with Stanley at night. Had coffee & rolls before bed.

Tue Jan 28 – Worked. Mrs. Marshall came over to visit Helen. Got a letter from Aunt Elsie. Nice day. 17° above.

Sat Feb 1 – Watched Winter Carnival Parade.



Winter Carnival poster

Sun Feb 2 – Took Delbert to Sandstone. Had dinner at Harvey's.

Wed Feb 5 – Telegram from Marie. Watched Paul Bunyan Parade.

Thu Feb 6 – Dad, Mother & Marie came up, visited.

Fri Feb 7 – Annual leave. Folks & Marie here. Rode over town.

Sat Feb 8 – Annual leave. Folks still here. Watched ski jump. Chicken for supper.

Sun Feb 9 – Drove to Como Park & zoo. Watched skating races. Watched the fireworks at night.

Mon Feb 10 – Rode to work with the folks on their way home. Letter from Lela.

Thu Feb 13 – Worked at the switchboard. Bought Valentines for Helen & Stanley.

Fri Feb 14 – Worked. Valentine's Day. Helen & Stanley made me a Valentine. I got 2 at the office.

Sat Feb 15 – Worked. Pay day. Painted table & chairs. Made 2 shelves in the bathroom & painted them black.

Sun Feb 16 – Home all day. Blizzard in forenoon. Stanley & I shoveled to the mailbox & garage. Mrs. Marshall & Mary Ann came over at night. Popped corn.

Wed Feb 19 – Worked until 10:30 as supply clerk then Olson took over & I went to work auditing floor tax returns. 20° below zero. Went to the library after work.

Thu Feb 20 – Worked auditing floor tax returns. Olson working as supply clerk.

Fri Feb 21 – Worked as auditor. Field Inspector O'Connell here to revise filing system.

Sun Feb 23 – Warmed up to 34°. Stanley & I took a ride looking for a ski jump.

Mon Feb 24 – Worked as auditor. 3° above zero at 9:30 P.M. Letter from Lela, card from Marie.

Thu Feb 27 – Worked. Mrs. Marshall & Mary Ann here at night.

Fri Feb 28 – Worked. Pay day. Mrs. Marshall & daughters here at night also Joyce. Listened to Lou Jenkins knock out Lou Ambers.



Jenkins (right) beat Ambers (left)

Sat Mar 1 – Worked. Ackley brought me home. Stanley tried to roller skate in the basement.

Sun Mar 2 – Warmer. About 40° above. Helen, Stanley, Jimmy Longhenry & I went over to the duck pond & slid down the hill.

Mon Mar 3 – Worked. This is our 9th wedding anniversary. Blizzard last night & colder. 16° above tonight. Worked on floor tax today.

Wed Mar 5 – Worked. Addressograph Company made 700 plates. 26° above. Helen & Stanley met me at the streetcar. Stanley played outdoors a lot & went to bed early.

Sun Mar 9 – Took a walk up the railroad tracks. Rained in the afternoon. Stanley made mud pies in the garage. Wrote a letter to the folks. 36° above zero.

Fri Mar 14 – Worked. Drove the car to work. Rod took me out to dinner & played 29 free games on a pinball machine at Union Station.

Sun Mar 16 – Wow! 3° below zero and 40 mile wind, light snow. Didn't go out of the house all day. Almost out of coal. Played a lot with Stanley today.

Mon Mar 17 – Worked. Bought 1 ton coal. Card from Wilma. Letter from Lela. 6° above zero.

Wed Mar 19 – Worked. Went to library & to Zuerchers. They have a new Chrysler Royal. 35° above zero.



Stock 1941 Chrysler Royal

Sat Mar 22 – Worked. Snow melted as it fell. Cleaned the basement with Stanley's help.

Sun Mar 23 – Dreary day. Stayed home. Carol Longhenry came over in the morning. Mrs. Marshall here a few moments in the evening.

Wed Mar 26 – Worked. Mr. Connell gave Stanley an Easter duck. Mrs. Marshall & Mary Ann here in the evening a little while.

Fri Mar 28 – Worked. Walked home. 4 miles. Took me 1½ hours & I was dead tired too. Helen & I went to the library after supper. Mrs. Marshall & Mary Ann stayed with Stanley.

Sat Mar 29 – Worked. Warmest day yet. 50° above. Beautiful day. Drained the back yard. Had a flat tire. Drove to store after Oleo < *margerine* >. Waxed the kitchen floor.

Sun Mar 30 – Fixed a flat tire. Painted the kitchen table & chairs & ice box. Took Mrs. Marshall & Mary Ann a ride. Wrote Rod a letter. Warm & bright. About 60°.

Wed Apr 2 – Worked. Kinzer finished painting the house & garage the filler coat. Stanley played outdoors all day.

Fri Apr 4 – Worked 3 hours. Took 4 hours annual leave. Painted 2 chairs & the washing machine.

Sat Apr 5 – Annual leave 4 hours; took Helen to the library & on down to see the river. Washed & polished the car. Warm. Stanley played outdoors all day.

Sun Apr 6 – Lazy day. Rainy & chilly. Stanley & I cleaned up the yard. Mrs. Marshall here a while.

Sat Apr 12 – Worked 2 hours, 2 hours annual leave. Met George & Wilma & Larry at Dan Casey's. Georges came on out here for a visit. Took a long ride in the afternoon.

Sun Apr 13 – Took Georges a ride in forenoon. Went to Dan Casey's in the afternoon. George got a telegram; his hired hand got sick & they went home at 7 P.M.

Wed Apr 16 – Worked. Olson & I worked in sub-basement destroying old records.

Sun Apr 20 – Stayed home. Chilly. Went to a show in the evening.

Mon Apr 21 – Worked. Moved the stock room from 7th to 15th floor.

Fri Apr 25 – Worked. Drove out to Montgomery Wards at night & bought Stanley 1 pair play shoes.

Sat Apr 26 – Worked. Went to Montgomery Wards in the afternoon & bought some clothes. Stanley bought another pair of shoes, white ones. Mrs. Marshall & Mary Ann went along.

Sun Apr 27 – Fine day. Helen & I went to church. Mrs. Marshall, Jeannie & us went to the zoo & took a ride. They were here for supper.

Tue Apr 29 – Worked on floor tax. Zuercher & Kinzer finished sodding our lawn. Got a trailer load of manure at Zuercher Brothers & put it on the garden patch.

Wed Apr 30 – Worked. Took Zuercher's cot home. Got 3 trees there & set them out at night. Went to Kinzer's store at night. Bought a nozzle for the hose. Wrote Marie a card.

Thu May 1 – Worked as supply clerk – Olson sick. Finished spading up the garden in the evening. Watered the lawn.

Sat May 3 – Worked the switchboard; operator on leave. Planted the garden. Set out some plants Mr. Zuercher brought over.

Sat May 10 – Worked. Bought a sanitary cot. Planted cucumbers, beans & set out onion sets.

Sun May 11 – Fine day. Joined the First Christian Church at corner of Marshall & Farrington, St. Paul, Minn. Rev. Hantzenrader baptized me. Perfect day all around.

Sun May 18 – Aunt Sadie here for dinner < Sarah “Sadie” Schaffer, sister of George Schaffer >.

Mon May 19 – Left St. Paul at 4:30 A.M. for Iowa. Stopped several times. Got to Dad’s about 5:30 P.M. for 2 weeks vacation.

Thu May 22 – Drove to Louies & stayed all night. Vacation.

Fri May 23 – Drove to Albia & stayed all night with Gene & Lela. Went to a show at night.

Sat May 24 – Washed Gene’s & my cars. Took a treatment with an electric vibrator. Came back to Osceola in the afternoon. Went to George & Wilma’s at night.

Tue May 27 – Drove back up to the folks. Rain just as we arrived. Road muddy. I’m doing Dad’s chores. Vacation.

Wed May 28 – Vacation at the folks, near Thayer. Drove the tractor all afternoon. Lloyd planted beans.

Fri May 30 – Helen, Mother, Stanley & I drove to Osceola to the cemetery. Hard rain. Drove back to Thayer & out again before rain had made the road too muddy. George Casey’s at night. Gene & Lela, Russ & Irma also there.

Sat May 31 – Left George & Wilma’s at 5:30 A.M. for St. Paul. Arrived at 2:30 P.M. Bought a vibrator at Montgomery Ward. Glad to get home.

Mon Jun 2 – Back to work at Alcohol Tax Unit as supply clerk. Good to be back but I have a bad cold. Helen doesn’t feel good either.

Sat Jun 7 – Worked. Drove out to Montgomery Wards but got there too late to get in.

Sun Jun 8 – Stayed home with colds.

Tue Jun 10 – Worked. Received title to the car from Omaha. Rainy & cold.

Sat Jun 14 – Worked. Mr. & Mrs. Zuercher here in the afternoon – fixed the roof. Bought a new lawn mower, grass scissors & rake at Montgomery Wards. Mowed the yard, but good!

Sun Jun 15 – Fine day. We went to Sandstone to Aunt Sadie’s for dinner & supper < see May 18 >. Washed the car at Kettle River. Got the lights fixed. Drove home after dark. Got here at midnight.

Mon Jun 16 – Worked. Took Mrs. Marshall & girls to Prior Lake after work to her sister’s. Took a boat ride. Got home at 9 o’clock. Pay day.



Prior Lake, MN

Tue Jun 17 – Worked. Watered the lawn in the evening. Turned the hose on the kids.

Fri Jun 20 – Worked. Hot. Letter from home. Painted inside of lower kitchen cupboard & ice box & Stanley's chair after supper. Woodwork all white enamel now & very pretty too. Mowed the yard.

Sat Jun 21 – Worked. Rain & cooler. Took a nap after lunch. Washed all windows on the outside. Swept the basement. Put slip-covers on chair & davenport. Stayed up late listening to war news.

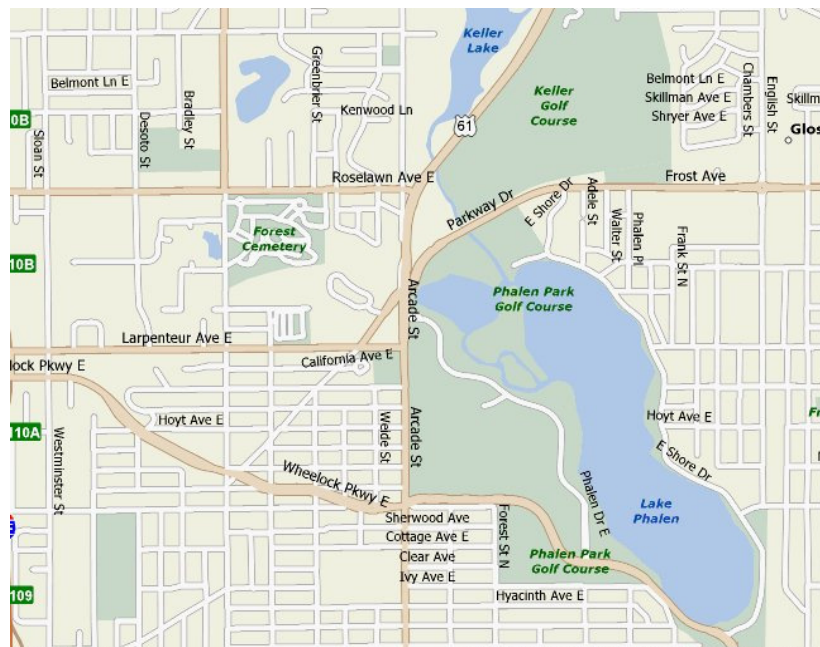
Sun Jun 22 – Slept late. Painted 2 chairs, table & washing machine. Stayed home all day. Fine day.

Mon Jun 23 – Worked. Helen & I picked 8 quarts of strawberries in the evening. Watered the lawn.

Thu Jun 26 – Worked. Howard Abbott was one of the victims of the O-9 tragedy. Wrote his parents a letter. Abbott was a swell fellow – went to high school with him. Letter from Wilma.

Fri Jun 27 – Worked. Rain. Showed the office force pictures of Abbott. Pretty warm day. Wrote license department a letter sending car title.

Sat Jun 28 – Worked. Went to the library. Took Stanley swimming at Lake Phalen.



Location of Lake Phalen, Saint Paul

Sun Jun 29 – Slept late. Went down & watched boat leave. Drove to the airport. Went to a show “Western Union” in the afternoon.



Fri Jul 4 – Holiday. Drove to Sandstone to Aunt Sadie's. Drove out to Henrys & to Grindstone Lake. Had some fireworks at night. Stayed all night.

Sat Jul 5 – At Aunt Sadie's. Came home in the afternoon. Mr. Zuercher fixed our garage door.

Mon Jul 7 – Worked. Letter from home. Wrote to Marie.

Tue Jul 8 – Worked. Filled in our back yard next to Oscar Johnson. Finished it, now our line is complete along the south side. Filled in a hole in the front yard.

Fri Jul 11 – Worked. Helen & I went to a midnight show & when we got home Don & Ethel were here from Eatonville. Up until 2 A.M. They stayed all night.

Sat Jul 12 – Worked till 11 o'clock. Office had a party for me. My birthday – 32 years old. Left St. Paul at 12:30, arrived in Osceola at 8:30. Went to folks house to stay all night. Uncle Pearls & Don & Ethel there too. Surprised the folks.

Sun Jul 13 – Had a family dinner at the folks for Don & Ethel. Fine cool day. Perfect. We left in the evening for Louie's. Drove out to Gerald's after a chicken. Stayed all night at Louie's.

Mon Jul 14 – Annual leave. In Iowa. Out to Wilma's for dinner. Folks came out too. Left at 1:30 and arrived St. Paul about 10 P.M. Marie Gardner & Keith Schaffer < age 16 > came home with us.

Tue Jul 15 – Worked. Keith came down to the office. Took a ride out to Zuerchers.

Thu Jul 17 – Worked. Went to a show at night, "Caught in the Draft." Bought Marie's train ticket.



Fri Jul 18 – Worked. Came home at noon after Marie, took her to the train at 12:50. Mary Ann & Jeannie came over in evening & played Monopoly with Keith. Letter from Gerald about appointment.

Sat Jul 19 – Worked. Took Keith a long ride around town. Went over to Lake Phalen to watch people swim. Rode over by Zuerchers.

Sun Jul 20 – Took Keith a ride over town. Keith took Jeannie to a show at night.

Tue Jul 22 – Worked. Hot - 100°. Tried to fix the car in the evening but no luck. Exhaust gasket blown out & spark plug full of oil.

Wed Jul 23 – Worked. Still hot. Letter from Ruth asking about selling the car. I wrote right back: yes.

Fri Jul 25 – Louie called about the car. I worked one hour & then Stanley & I took the car to Iowa to Louie. Helen stayed home with Keith. Ate supper at Wilma's. Stayed all night at the folks.

Sat Jul 26 – Annual leave. Sold the car to Louie & went to County Treasurer to arrange transfer to Marvin. Marie took us to Chariton to the train. Left Chariton at 2:02 P.M. Got to St. Paul at 7:30 P.M.

Sun Jul 27 – Stanley & I walked to Payne & Ivy after Sunday paper. Rested all day. Watered the lawn. Wrote a card to the folks, letter to Rod & Uncle Pearl.

Mon Jul 28 – Worked. Still hot. Keith still here. Mowed the lawn & sprinkled in the evening. Letter from Lela & Wilma.

Thu Jul 31 – Worked until noon, took 4 hours annual leave. Helen & I & Stanley went to Montgomery Wards & bought clothes, shoes, etc.

Fri Aug 1 – Sick leave. Dizzy & stomach upset. Bought 3 tons coal & had it delivered. Bought a used Kelvinator for \$30.



A 1941 Kelvinator refrigerator

Sat Aug 2 – Worked. Kelvinator delivered. Helen, Stanley & I went to a show downtown at night.

Sun Aug 3 – Hot. 96° today. Rested all day. Keith went to work in a hamburger shop at 4th & Roberts for \$13 per week. Mrs. Marshall & Jeannie here for supper. Keith got home at 8:30.

Mon Aug 4 – Worked. Had supper at Keith's hamburger shop. Mowed & raked the yard.

Tue Aug 5 – Worked. Helen got a permanent. Had supper at Keith's shop. Stanley stayed home with Mrs. Marshall. Watered the lawn in the evening. Helen washed.

Sat Aug 9 – Worked. Had supper at Keith's shop. Went to 10¢ store & bought mirror, 2 pair shoes for Helen & toy banjo for Stanley. Watered the lawn. Letter from home.

Tue Aug 12 – Worked. Helen & Stanley came downtown in the afternoon to watch American Legion parade. Keith came home early.

Fri Aug 15 – Worked. Helen & Stanley came down to meet me at 4 P.M. Went to Keith's & had hamburgers. Home early. Sprinkled. Read at night. Pay day.

Sun Aug 17 – Stayed home. Stanley & I took a walk over by Phalen Park.

Sat Aug 23 – Worked. Stanley & I went to Minnesota State Fair in the afternoon & saw the auto races.



Postcard, horse races at 1941 Minnesota State Fair

Sat Aug 30 – Worked. Went to the Fair in the afternoon. Very hot. Saw exhibits. Rained on us in Fairgrounds. Went to the Grandstand in the evening to see Revue & fireworks. Nice time.

Sun Aug 31 – Went to the State Fair. I saw the auto races. Helen, Stanley & Mary Ann saw exhibits & Midway. Helen & I stayed downtown in the evening & went to a show. Keith went home.

Sat Sep 6 – Worked. Painted basement windows. Put numbers on the house. Mowed the lawn.

Sun Sep 7 – Stayed home all day. Built shelves in the basement. Rain. Split some wood for Mrs. Marshall. Had a fire in furnace all day.

Tue Sep 9 – Worked. Letter from the folks telling about renting the Landis farm west of Weldon.

Thu Sep 11 – Worked. Sent Lloyd a birthday card < for his 34th on Sep 13 >. Helped Mary Ann with arithmetic at night. Listened to President Roosevelt's speech at night.

Fri Sep 12 – Worked. Took 4 hours leave. Went to Hetfield-Perrys & bought a Model A Ford for \$125.00. Went to Montgomery Wards.

Sat Sep 13 – Worked. Painted all the storm windows. Took me until 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

Fri Sep 19 – Worked. Went to the library after supper after some books for Helen & Mary Ann.

Sat Sep 20 – Worked. 88° above. Took the family & went to market. Bought putty. Drove to Ross' new home at Nebraska & Hazel. Took a picnic lunch to Phalen Park with Mrs. Marshall.

Sun Sep 21 – Windy. Some rain. Warm. Puttied the back bedroom window. Took a ride to New Brighton. Stayed home all afternoon.

Mon Sep 22 – Worked. Cooler 59°. Rain. Sent a birthday card to Mother < her 60th on Sep 24 >. Letter from Wilma.

Tue Sep 23 – Worked. Stanley & I went to Payne Avenue parade at night.

< No daily entries from September 24 through November 30. >

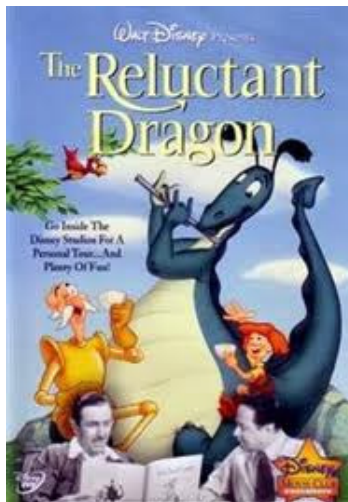
Mon Dec 1 – Received appointment as U.S. Storekeeper-Gauger. No stock clerk as yet. Promoted from \$1,620 to \$2,000 per year.

Tue Dec 2 – Still on special assignment in St. Paul office as supply clerk. No word about a new stock clerk as yet. Working pretty hard so the new man won't be swamped too much.

Thu Dec 4 – Worked in office of Alcohol Tax Unit, St. Paul, Minn. special assignment. Went to Radke's home at night to a Gauger meeting. Rode with Mr. Jackson.

Fri Dec 5 – Special assignment in office. I'm a Gauger now since December 1, 1941.

Sat Dec 6 – Took annual leave – 4 hours. Helen & Stanley & I went to Montgomery Wards to the Christmas shop. Went with Gaugers to Shakopee to inspect the distillery in the afternoon. Went to a show at night, "Reluctant Dragon."



Sun Dec 7 – Put a new hot air heater on the car. Gave the hot water one to Inez Johnson for helping me. Blizzard at night. Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, Honolulu.

Mon Dec 8 – Worked in the office of the Alcohol Tax Unit. War declared on Japan. Nothing but war today. Philippines attacked by Japan. Card from home. Letter from Lela.

Tue Dec 9 – Assigned to George Berry IRBW # 1. Bottling in Bond department. First day as actual work as Gauger. Listened to the President at night. 5° above zero.

< No daily entries from December 11 through December 24. >

Thu Dec 25 – Christmas Day. Home all day. Nice day.

< That is the last daily entry for 1941. >