

The families in 1951:

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, Merle.

Orville was married to Vera Lee; they had Orville, Twyla, Donald, Kay, Phillip, David.

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

Doyle was married to Irene Wright.

Merle was married to Dorothy McCollister; they had Russell and Gary.

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

Charles was married to Glen Ashby; they had Charles, Jack, and Darlene.

Donovan was married to Ethel Filteau; they had Patricia and Nancy.

Anna was married to Howard Crate.

Dorothea was married to Art Kerr; they had Donna and Sandra.

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, Nancy, Marie, and Mary.

Lawrence "Dale" was married to Helen Schaffer; they had Stanley and Dalene.

Marie was married to Ralph Kimmel; they had Susan.

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 and Harold "Glenn" Cottrell).

William "Roswell" was married to Tressie Woods; they had Selma, Raymond, Richard, Shirley, Thomas, and Jewell.

Selma was married to Robert Wallace; they had Patti.

Raymond was married to Beverly DeVore.

Annadell was married to Frank Gonseth; they had Jon and Debra.

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 "Chloe" 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 and Karyl.

Vivian was married to Wayne Hanson; they had Donovan.

Kenneth was married to Doris Meyers; they had Larry and Linda.

Marian was married to Bob Mericle.

Robert was married to Dorothy Semenchuk.

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

Francis was married to Lemuel Holmes.

Pearl "China" (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.

Keith was married to Betty Akers.

Eva was married to Jerry Kelly; they had Cynthia and Michael.

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

Marvin and Fern Stevens had Susan and Christy.

Margie was married to John Nish.

Gerald was married to Ressia Bishop; they had Juanita, Carole, Judith, and Alice.

Wilma was married to George Casey; they had Larry.

Diary of Dale Gardner 1951

Timeline: The Korean War continues. The 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is ratified, limiting the number of terms a president may serve. UNIVAC (Universal Automatic Computer), the first business computer to handle both numeric and alphabetic data, is introduced. The first nuclear power plant is built by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. Color television is introduced in the U.S. In the first broadcast of Edward R. Murrow's "See It Now" series, Murrow shows the split-screen image of the Golden Gate and Brooklyn bridges and tells viewers it is the first time to see the Atlantic and Pacific oceans simultaneously. The Academy Award for Best Picture goes to "All About Eve" (Twentieth Century-Fox). The NY Yankees defeat the NY Giants 4-2 in the World Series, the NCAA Football Champion is Tennessee (10-0-0), and "Count Turf" wins the Kentucky Derby.

We still live at 507 East 7th Street, but in September we move next door to 505 East 7th Street, which has a gas furnace, and Dale appreciates no more coal shoveling. "Washing" means laundry, which is hard work involving a wringer-washer, with clothes hung outdoors or in the basement to dry. "Mickey" or "Mike" is Mike Collier, my closest high school friend. He and his mother were immigrants from Burton-on-Trent, England. Margaret Sinnott is the woman who lives next door at 503 East 7th Street. "Weed Park" is the 72-acre town park; it has a swimming pool, ball park, lagoon, small zoo, playground, tennis courts, and picnic areas. "Fun Night" is a teen dance held at the YWCA on Friday evenings.

We visit with many members of the family during the year, including Jettie Gardner; Marie and Ralph Kimmel and Susan; Wilma and George Casey and Larry; Keith Schaffer; Clarice and Lloyd Gardner and their girls; Ruth and Louie Schaffer; Ressia and Gerald Schaffer and their girls; Lela and Gene Yates and family; Sarah Talbott (John McBain Gardner's daughter, who married Edward Talbott); Jessie Schaffer; Minnie and Bert Chandler (Helen's aunt Minnie Schaffer); Charlie Gardner; Tressa and Roswell Gardner; Opal and Burl Schaffer; and Helen's brother Pearl "China" Schaffer.

As this diary from 1951 begins, Dale is 41 years old, Helen is 39, Stanley is in 8th grade, and Dalene is in 3rd grade. They still have their dog, Ringer, and their 1939 Mercury.

Mon Jan 1 – I worked 7 to 3 - Holiday, double time. Nice warm day. We washed clothes before supper. Watched TV at night.



Stock photo of wringer-washer

Tue Jan 2 – Worked. Very icy on streets. No school on account of ice on roads. Had meat loaf for supper. Kids to a show in the afternoon. TV at night.

Fri Jan 5 – Worked. Got the monthly reports out. Got the ironing. Streets still very slick. Stanley went roller skating at night < *the skating rink was ½ block from home* >. Had scalloped pork chops & potatoes for supper.

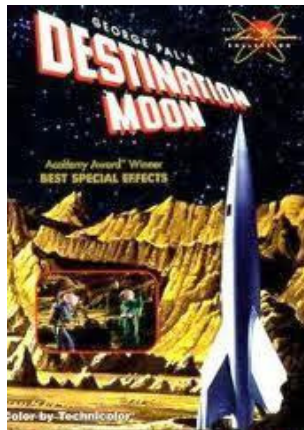
Sat Jan 6 – Up at 8 & got breakfast. Took family downtown to the library. Bought new lampshades. Watched TV; Army beat Brown in basketball. Kids roller skated in afternoon. Watched TV at night.

Sun Jan 7 – Stanley went to church. We had roast pork for dinner. Zero this morning. Watched TV.

Sat Jan 13 – Went to Osceola with Bob Shoup. Very foggy all the way. Mother & I went to town in the afternoon & stayed till 11 P.M. Watched TV at Marie's.

Sun Jan 14 – Mother & I went to see Uncle Gilham in the morning. Went to the cemetery, too, to see Dad's grave. Marie at Mother's for dinner. Rode home with Bob Shoup in the afternoon, home by 7 P.M.

Mon Jan 15 – Worked. Got a new water hose on the car; lost water & alcohol over the weekend. Kids to a show, "Destination Moon" at night.



Tue Jan 16 – Worked. Letter from Mother today; Helen's Uncle Jim Schaffer's funeral today < *James Wilbur Schaffer, brother of George Franklin Schaffer* >. Watched TV at night.

Fri Jan 19 – Warm today. Worked until 2 P.M. Left Muscatine for Osceola at 3 P.M. & got there at 7. Marie & Susan there for supper too. Went to Perry Diehl's to watch boxing on TV.

Sat Jan 20 – Got alcohol tested in my & Mother's cars. Went to Wilma's in the afternoon. I went to a basketball game at night between Osceola & Chariton town teams, Osceola 89-88 in overtime. Watched wrestling at Marie's. 10° above zero at night.

Sun Jan 21 – 2° below zero at Mother's this morning. Drove home to Muscatine by 4 P.M.

Wed Jan 24 – Worked. Palmer at work, stayed all day. Not too busy today. Gib McQuinn called in the evening to say hello; old friend from the 1930s.

Sat Jan 27 – Up late & took Dalene to the dentist. Didn't need anything done, also Stanley & Helen. Took kids to a show in the afternoon. Stanley to a show with Carl Strauss at night. Watched TV at night.

Sat Feb 3 – Worked this afternoon so Lofgren & Owens could take off annual leave. Letter from Mother.

Sat Feb 10 – I helped Bushery move his TV antenna to his new house. Watched Yale beat Army in the afternoon on TV. Took family to Bushery's in the evening & went to the store.

Sun Feb 11 – Warm day. 55° at 5 P.M. What a relief. Kids to a show in the afternoon. Had fried chicken for supper. Watched TV at night. Good picture, good programs.

Wed Feb 14 – Worked. Bought Valentines for Helen, Stan, & Dalene. Put them under tablecloth at supper. Sugar Ray Robinson beat Jake LaMotta on TV at night.

Thu Feb 15 – Worked. Letter from Marie & one from Mother. Stan talked on radio station KWPC about Junior High. 35° above.

Sun Feb 18 – Mother called to tell us to meet her in Burlington at 4 P.M. Helen & I went. Kids stayed in a show here. Very foggy & rainy on the way back.

Mon Feb 19 – Worked. The still was down all day. Foggy in the morning. Clear in the afternoon. Bought Helen a new nightgown & housecoat, Dalene a dress.

Wed Feb 21 – Worked. Took Mother to Burlington in the afternoon. She can move into town from the farm now. Drove down & back in 2¼ hours. Kids went skating at night. TV at home for the old folks.

Sat Feb 24 – Helen, Dalene & I downtown to the library & to see a household goods sale out by Weed Park. I went to the sale later. Stan in a play at high school, won 6th prize. TV at night at home.

Sun Feb 25 – Kids to a show in the afternoon. Keith Schaffer here for supper & stayed all night.

Mon Feb 26 – Worked. Talked to Radke about another Gauger & also wrote him a report. Jim & Martha Smith came down at night to watch TV < *neighbors up the street* >. Not a very good night on TV.

Sat Mar 3 – Worked. Lofgren sick so King worked 3 to 11. Helen & I married 19 years ago tonight.

Sun Mar 4 – Took a ride in the country, looked at 2 houses owned by Roy Tooman. Had chicken dinner.

Tue Mar 6 – Worked. Temp in the afternoon was 66°. Beautiful day. Eubanks had my car washed. Jim & Martha Smith here at night to watch TV.

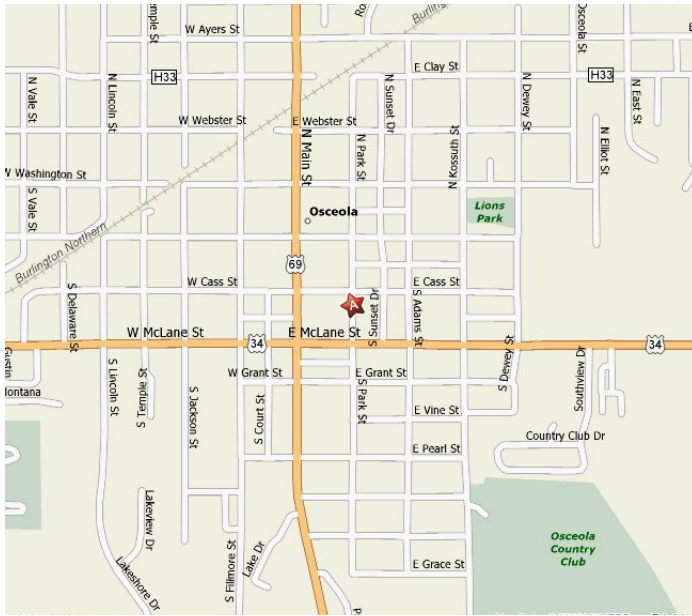
Thu Mar 8 – Worked. Dalene & I went to Clarence, Iowa, with Staab after his new Chevrolet. Visited with Olive & girls a little while. TV at night at home. Colder today, 25°.

Mon Mar 12 – Non-work day for me. Traded with King this week. 13 inches of snow & still snowing. Helen & I washed this morning. Smiths came down at night for TV.

Tue Mar 13 – Worked. 17 inches of snow by 8 A.M. Hard to get around. Watched TV at home at night.

Wed Mar 14 – Worked. Dalene & Stanley both stayed home from school. Snow melting.

Sat Mar 24 – I drove to Osceola to Mother's. We went to Marie's at night to watch TV.



Jettie Gardner now living at 322 South Park Avenue in Osceola

Sun Mar 25 – I went to church with Mother & Carol. Dinner at Mother's. Waxed & polished dining & living room floors. Mother & I stayed home in the evening, reading old papers.

Mon Mar 26 – Fixed Mother's clock shelf, mail box, dresser mirror & stair door & hung hall curtain. Drove home to Muscatine in the afternoon. Took Helen to the library. TV at night.

Sun Apr 1 – Worked 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. Working on vapor line at top of alcohol column. I put a new water pump on my car at the plant. Helen & kids went to church. Had fried chicken dinner. TV at night.

Mon Apr 2 – Non-work day. Helen & I went downtown this morning. Put new seat covers on kitchen chairs. TV at night & to bed at 10 P.M.

Tue Apr 3 – Worked. Filled 6 trucks & 3 tank cars. Warmer today, 50°. Kids played outdoors after school. Watched TV at night.

Fri Apr 6 – Worked. Durkin & Hemerson here in forenoon from 9 to 10 for visit. Rainy all day. Took family to the library & store after work.

Sat Apr 7 – Worked. Brisk, damp wind. Dalene to a show in the afternoon with Judy Fisher.

Wed Apr 11 – Worked. Rain most all day. President Truman fired General MacArthur. Talked to Wing & Radke. Truman on TV at night.

Sat Apr 14 – Non-work day. Washed the walls in the front bedroom in the afternoon. Mother, Marie, Susan, & Carol came about 4:30 P.M. to stay all night.

Sun Apr 15 – Took a ride in Marie's car all over town & to see Cedar River. They went home at 1:30. Kids to a show in the afternoon. Helen & I stayed home. Chilly today & cloudy.

Tue Apr 17 – Worked. River still coming up. Work started on paving highway 61, on Grandview Avenue.

Wed Apr 18 – Worked. Warm today. Hemerson at plant all day. Got the deed for our cemetery lot. To the library & river front in the evening. Boxing on TV at night.

Thu Apr 19 – Worked. Frank Arth arrived for duty. Card from Mother. MacArthur spoke to Congress.

Fri Apr 20 – Worked. South Muscatine residents are moving out because of flood possibility. Helen & I to plant in the evening, kids went skating.

Sat Apr 21 – Levee still holding. No danger where we live. Rain all forenoon. Had steak for supper.

Sun Apr 22 – 15 years in Civil Service. Cool today & windy. Levee broke at Port Louise. No danger to Muscatine yet. I drove across the county to Grandview & back on new paved 61. Alva & Teresa came here in the afternoon a few minutes. TV at night.

Mon Apr 23 – Worked. Very quiet day. River over 20 feet. Warmer in the afternoon & evening.

Tue Apr 24 – Worked. Mike Cavanaugh reported for duty. River still rising. Took family to the library & to see the river after work. Wrote a letter to Mother.

Wed Apr 25 – Worked. River higher, 20.5 feet. Cavanaugh & Arth & Arms & I working. Warm & cloudy. Arth & Cavanaugh here in the evening for television.

Thu Apr 26 – Worked. Bright warm day. 2nd Street open to traffic to Mulberry Street. Got Dalene a new spring coat. TV at night.

Sat Apr 28 – We all raked & cleaned the back yard. I washed the car. River holding at 20.9 feet. Played basketball with Stan in the back yard. Hard rain & hail in the afternoon. Took a ride to the library.

Sun Apr 29 – Fine day. Dalene, Ringer & I walked down to the river in the morning. Levee broke on the Illinois side. Dalene & Smith kids to a show in the afternoon. Chicken for dinner. TV at night.

Mon Apr 30 – Worked. Warm day & windy. Shower in the afternoon. Sent Marie a birthday card. Went with Arth to see the flood. Helen washed & changed the bedrooms, Dalene has one to herself.

Tue May 1 – Worked. Hemerson at plant for inspection. Levee still holding, had a scare at the light plant in the afternoon. Cooled off in the evening. Marie's birthday < her 33rd >.

Wed May 2 – Worked. Hemerson still here on inspection. Bright, warm day. Had a leaky tank truck. Franklin Deitrick here in the evening & watched Joe Louis outpoint Aguinatio in 10 rounds.

Thu May 3 – Worked. Showers & cooler. River still at 20 feet. Letter from Wilma. Brought malted milks home. Busherys here at night a little while.

Sat May 5 – Worked half-day. Wrote inspection report. Showers & cool today. Jack Owens borrowed our army cot & blankets. Family to the library at night & home to TV.

Sun May 6 – Stayed home all day. Kids to a show in the afternoon. Cool. Kids played out in the afternoon. Watched TV all afternoon & evening.

Mon May 7 – Worked. Watched police take a body from the river near the plant. Nice spring day. Wrote Mother a letter. Emerick here after magazines. TV at night, at home.

Tue May 8 – Worked. Nicest day this spring. Moved the files all into one cabinet. Helen & I went to a bowling supper at Sand Mound at night. Stopped at Bushery's. Kids to a show.

Fri May 11 – Worked. Bought Dalene a new pair of shoes. Kids went skating at night.

Sat May 12 – Took family to Osceola at 12:30 P.M., to Mother's. Uptown at night & nice weather.

Sun May 13 – At Mother's. Ruth in to visit. Drove out to Lloyd's awhile. Went to the cemetery. Drove home to Muscatine by 7:45 P.M. Good weather & a nice weekend. Hard work for an old man.

Mon May 14 – Worked. I went to a wrestling match at night with Bushery, Lofgren, & Arth.

Wed May 16 – Worked. Bought dining room outfit - table, 6 chairs & buffet. Warm & showers. Max Jelinek here at supper time for visit.

Thu May 17 – Worked. I went to dinner at the Country Club for Grigsby, Durkin, Wing, Meek, & Hayes. Went to Kent's country home < *owner of Kent Feeds* > afterwards; \$100,000 home in country.

Fri May 18 – Worked. Grigsby & party at plant today. Had turkey dinner at Village Club in Hotel Muscatine. Durkin, Hayes & Meek at our house in the evening watching boxing & wrestling.

Sat May 19 – Washed the car. Kids to a show in the afternoon. Cleaned the dining room. Rain & cooler. Watched TV at night. Card from Mother.

Mon May 21 – Worked. Bushery, Owens & I on duty. Hayes still here on annual. Cooler in the evening. Dalene bought Stanley's Flexy Racer for \$1 < *I had won it earlier in a contest drawing* >.



Flexy Racer: a sled on wheels

Tue May 22 – Worked. Had to push Hayes' government Ford to start it. Bushery sprained his ankle getting off a truck. Took Helen to the library after work.

Thu May 24 – Worked. Fisher bought a new Dodge. Max Jelinek here for supper. Had chicken. Watched TV at home at night.



Stock 1951 Dodge

Fri May 25 – Worked. Hayes still here. Stanley went skating at night. Dalene had coffee & cookies.

Tue May 29 – Worked. Sent belt to Larry Casey for high school graduation present. Stanley went on a school picnic. Clear & warm.

Wed May 30 – Holiday. No work. To the river front in morning to watch Fred King & drill team. Kids to a show in the afternoon.

Sat Jun 2 – Non-work day. Helen & I washed the bathroom walls & ceiling. Kids to a show in the afternoon. Bought Stanley a new pair of shoes & Dalene a new belt. TV at night, at home.

Mon Jun 4 – Worked. Plant shut down for repairs to aldehyde column. No night shift. Fred King put new shock absorbers in his car. Stan & I to wrestling matches at night. Fair.

Wed Jun 6 – Worked. Still & cooker still down. Walker died last night of a stroke. Stanley graduated from 8th grade < *Junior High School* > at the high school auditorium. We went.

Sat Jun 9 – Up late & watched TV until noon. Took family to the library & downtown shopping. Drove to plant. “How many bricks in that big smokestack, Daddy?” Washed car. Stan mowed yard.

Thu Jun 14 – Worked. Put in application for annual leave 1st 3 weeks in July. Busherys here a few minutes in the evening. Beautiful day. Watched TV at night. Started diet supper.

Sat Jun 16 – Non-work day. Took family downtown. Bright sunny day. Got some Father’s Day gifts. Washed living room walls. Watched TV in afternoon & night.

Sun Jun 17 – Drove to Gerald’s, stopped at Amana colonies for lunch. Got to Gerald’s at 2 P.M. Genes there too. Stanley went home with Bobby. Helen, Dalene & I got home at 10 P.M.

Mon Jun 18 – Worked. Talked to Radke about redistillation. Landlord painted our hall today. Rain in the evening. Got Stanley’s clothes ready to send to Perry, Iowa < *where Lela and Gene were living* >.

Tue Jun 19 – Worked. Arth back to work. Hayes still here. Hot & sultry. Sent Stanley’s clothes to him at Perry. Helen cleaned the woodwork in the hall. Cooled off in the evening.

Fri Jun 22 – Worked. Hayes left today, been here since May 15th. Lela called Helen to see if Stanley could go to Osceola, Helen called Marie & it’s OK. Baumgardner made me a muffler patch.

Sun Jun 24 – Up & got my own breakfast. Relined the Mercury brakes, took 5 hours. Had a grand dinner at 6 P.M. Fried chicken & all the trimmings. Frank Arth here at night for TV.

Tue Jun 26 – Worked. No shipments today. Bought new Eureka tank type cleaner at Stein’s. Busherys & us looked at a house on Leroy St.

Wed Jun 27 – Worked. Rainy & sunny. Unloaded a tank truck. Letter from Mother & Stanley. Electrical storm at night. Dalene to a show with Mrs. Hazen < *neighbor at 505 E. 7th* >.

Thu Jun 28 – Worked. Cool & rainy. I picked Dalene & friends up at Cohn’s news agency after the show. Stayed home in the evening & watched TV. Helen all packed for 3 weeks vacation.

Sat Jun 30 – Helen, Dalene & I drove to Osceola. Stopped in a park for picnic lunch. Got to Mother’s at 5 P.M. Went uptown at night. Kids to a show at night.

Sun Jul 1 – Up late. Mother to Sunday school & church. Chicken noodles for dinner. Helen & I took a ride in the country in the afternoon. Kids to a show. Went to Lloyd’s in the evening.

Mon Jul 2 – On leave. Took Mother to Lloyd’s. Stan & I got haircuts at Devore’s. Went to Louie’s in the afternoon & stayed for supper. Back to Mother’s at 9 P.M. & rain, thunder, & lightning. To bed at 11.

Tue Jul 3 – Helen bought shoes, clothes, & drapes. Mother got a permanent. Rode on Ferris Wheel with kids. Nice day. Visited with Aunt Sarah < *Sarah Gardner Talbott, sister of Isaac Newton Gardner* >.

Wed Jul 4 – Fourth of July in Osceola. Cool, only got to 78° all day. Saw the parade & everything. Kids had a good time. Home late. Fire in the stove at Mother's.

Thu Jul 5 – On leave in Osceola. Went to Louie's after lunch. Had supper there. Kids rode merry-go-round & Ferris wheel once each. Brought Mother home from Marie's.

Fri Jul 6 – Took Mother's washer motor to Bill Herron & traded for another one. Hunted for front spring & found one west of Medora < *Highway US 69 halfway between Osceola and Indianola* >. To George's for afternoon & supper. Still cool. To bed at 10:30.

Sat Jul 7 – Got front spring fixed at Shorty Porter's. Helen & I took other spring back to Medora & stopped at Jessie Schaffer's. Went uptown at night & parked the car < *people parked at the town square on Saturday evening and visited with passers-by* >.



East side of Osceola town square

Sun Jul 8 – Cut a door into Mother's bathroom, took all day & didn't quite finish. Took a ride in the evening. Uncle Joes here at night. Hard rain about 6 P.M. Stopped at Lloyd's a few minutes.

Mon Jul 9 – Up at 5:15 to go to Omaha with Louie, Jack, & Biscuits Bailey. Louie sold 20 head steers. I went to the alcohol plant & visited. Helen & I took a ride at night. Kids to a show.

Tue Jul 10 – Worked on the bathroom door and front porch steps all day. Cool. Went to Wilma's at night for a wiener roast. Stayed with her till 1 A.M. while George & Larry went to Linden barn sale.

Wed Jul 11 – Fixed back porch steps today. Took a quilt to the country for Mother. Went to Lloyd's after supper for home made ice cream. Kids played "I packed my grandmother's trunk." Funny.

Thu Jul 12 – 42 years old today. Got some nice presents. Fixed Mother's basement steps in the morning & painted storm windows in the afternoon. Marie showed her pictures.

Fri Jul 13 – Finished painting at Mother's. Bought a new muffler & tail pipe & put them on at Louie's. Went to Bert & Minnie's for supper < *Minnie Schaffer, sister of George Franklin Schaffer, married Bert Chandler* >. Took a walk in the timber. Watched soap box races in town. Bought Marvin's clothing from Ruth - 4 sweaters, 4 shirts, 1 jacket.

Sat Jul 14 – Fixed Lloyd's garage door & washed my car there. Put Mother's storm window up. Sat in the park in the afternoon. To Harley's for supper. Uptown at night. Dalene to Ruth's to stay all night.

Sun Jul 15 – Drove home to Muscatine, got here at 3:30 P.M. Nice day. Kids & I mowed & raked the yard. Been gone 2 weeks. Watched TV at night & rested.

Mon Jul 16 – Annual leave. Washed the kitchen walls and fixed the back screen door. Landlord (Kopp) said he is raising the rent 1st of Sept < *this prompted a search for a different house to save money* >.

Tue Jul 17 – Annual leave. Helen & I washed. Bright & hot today. Family to the library at night. Slept on the back porch tonight, 1st time this summer.

Wed Jul 18 – Annual leave. Helen put new drapes in living room. Kids to a show at night. TV at night. Joe Walcott knocked out Ezzard Charles in 7th round.

Fri Jul 20 – Annual leave. Helen is 40 today. I went down to the plant today. Stan to a show.

Mon Jul 23 – Worked. 1st day back after 3 weeks leave. Nice day. Watched TV at night.

Sat Jul 28 – Non-work day. Very quiet day. Stan mowed yards < *I got 25¢ per yard, pushing a rotary mower* >. Busherys here in the afternoon. Dalene & I drove through Weed Park.

Thu Aug 2 – Worked. Bought a new hot water bottle. Paid polio insurance for 2 years. Stan & I worked a puzzle (counted stars) & mailed it to Stein's. TV at night.

Sat Aug 4 – Stan & I drove to Osceola 10 to 2. Nice cool day. Played pool with Uncle Charlie, won 2 out of 3. Went uptown at night & saw everyone, almost. To Mother's & to bed at 11 P.M. Cool night.

Sun Aug 5 – Gardner-Williams picnic at Osceola park. Stan & I took Mother. Helen & Dalene stayed home. Drove back to Muscatine in the afternoon. Lots of traffic.

Mon Aug 6 – Worked. Hayes came down on government office change - approved. Hayes here all day. Looked at Hooper country home in the evening, to rent. Too small. TV at night.

Tue Aug 7 – Worked. Quiet day. 2 tank cars. Talked to Harley Orr about renting his house on Mulberry Avenue. TV at night.

Wed Aug 8 – Worked. Quiet day. Answered an ad in Muscatine Journal regarding a house to rent.

Thu Aug 9 – Worked. Moved government office today, me into Staab's old office. Called Howard Scott about a house to rent in the country.

Fri Aug 10 – Worked. New office is nice. Roswell here for supper & all night. Looked at a house in the country & showed Roswell the alcohol plant. TV at night & to bed at midnight.

Sat Aug 11 – Non-work day. Roswell left at 9 A.M. Worked most all day on the car. Looked at Meerdink's apartment. Frank Galbraith here at night a few minutes.

Tue Aug 14 – Worked. Rain today. Called Mother & she's coming over tomorrow.

Wed Aug 15 – Worked. Electrical storm at 3 A.M. Rained 1 inch in 15 minutes. Electricity burned out our refrigerator. Eubanks sent Scherer out to fix it. Mother came on 7:40 bus. Roswell & Tressa here.

Fri Aug 17 – Worked. Nice day. Got a screen on M&T office window. Insurance man here to OK refrigerator repair. Watched All Star football game at night on TV.

Sat Aug 18 – Worked till noon. Louies & Genes got here at 11:30. TV at night & to bed early.

Sun Aug 19 – I took Louie & Gene through plant. Louies & Genes left for home at 11 A.M. Jim Chasteen told me about a house for rent so I saw Albert Crow & think I'll get it – on West 6th Street.

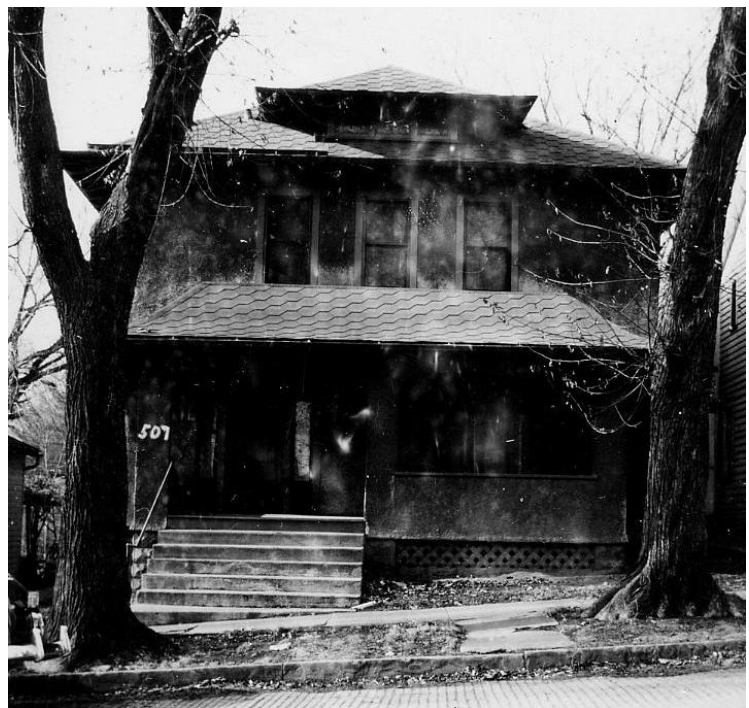
Mon Aug 20 – Worked. Jack Owens cap sealed on 4th floor. Arms on sick leave. Got washing & ironing. Took Mother & Dalene a ride in the evening. Roswell here a little while in the evening. TV at night.

Wed Aug 22 – Worked. Took family to look at a house on West 6th Street. Dirty, etc. I went out to see Bill Lease at 7:30 & rented his house at 505 E. 7th Street. Good place to live. Watched boxing.
< *We will move to the house adjacent to our house to avoid higher rent; see July 16.* >

Thu Aug 23 – Worked 8 to noon, 4 hours annual leave. We all took Mother to Burlington to catch 2:25 P.M. train to Osceola.

Sat Aug 25 – Worked. Very quiet day. Thunderstorm in the morning. Insurance paid Stormer Electric for new refrigerator motor. Took Helen to the store & downtown. TV at night.

Thu Aug 30 – Non-work day. Helen & I washed. I cleaned the basement. Paid Mrs. Kopp rent for Sept 1-15 at 507 house. Paid Mr. Lease rent for Sept 15-30 at 505 house. Kids & I played a round of golf in the afternoon. Very hot & humid. TV at night.



Dalene and Helen in front of 505 East 7th Street (left), next door to 507 East 7th Street (right)

Sat Sep 1 – Worked. Real estate man showed the house to 22 couples. Kids to a show at night.

Sun Sep 2 – Had pancakes for breakfast. I polished the car. Had canned chicken for dinner. Cloudy.

Mon Sep 3 – Holiday. Cool. Bud Funk here to look at the house, to buy. Took kids a ride.

Tue Sep 4 – Worked. Kids started to school < *Stan to 9th grade in senior high school, Dalene to 4th grade at Jefferson grade school* >. Dalene went to work with me after school.

Wed Sep 5 – Sick leave today. Hazen moved out next door. Letter from Mother. Damp in evening.

Fri Sep 7 – Worked. Fine day. Called Mr. Lease in the evening about going in his house to wax floors, etc. Helen & I went over awhile & looked around. To bed late.

Sat Sep 8 – Put linoleum on Lease basement & carried toys, etc. to new house. Waxed the floors & put down rugs. Had gas, lights, & water turned on at 505 E. 7th Street. Letter from Mother.

Sun Sep 9 – Moved all day, piece-meal. Waxed the bedroom & bathroom floors in the new house. Chicken for supper. TV at night. Dalene has a cold.

Mon Sep 10 – Moved today. Put up our TV aerial on the chimney. Moved from 507 to 505 East 7th Street. Bought Lease's refrigerator. Jack Owens helped at night.

Tue Sep 11 – Bushery & Shoup helped move & ate supper with us. All moved except the garage & basement. Went to the hospital to see Fisher. No TV at night. Too tired.

Wed Sep 12 – Worked. Sold a cabinet & the old refrigerator. Gave Lester one key to the 507 house. Hooked the TV set up. Went to bed early.

Thu Sep 13 – Worked. Mr. Wing here at plant. I put a light over the sink at the house. Kids & I put carpet on the stairs & hall. I went to plant at 11 P.M. to interview about Fisher accident. Home at 2 A.M.

Fri Sep 14 – Midnight to 2 A.M. interviewing plant employees regarding Fisher's accident. Wing, Olsgaard, & Hemerson at plant all day. Burl & Opal Schaffer & China < *Helen's brother Pearl* > here at supper time.

Sun Sep 16 – Slept late. Took fence from 507 to 505 East 7th Street. Took down radio aerial, clotheslines, & swing. Fixed TV aerial connection. Had fried chicken for late dinner. Nice place to live, 505 East 7th, Muscatine.

Mon Sep 17 – Worked. Cooler & rain at night. Gas furnace wonderful < *no more shoveling coal* >.

Tue Sep 18 – Worked. To the hospital at night to see Fisher. Helen, Dalene & I to Bushery's to see their new baby.

Fri Sep 21 – Worked. Nice day. I got supper, Helen helped. Dalene broke a bedroom window.

Sat Sep 22 – Fixed a short in my stop lights in the morning. Put a new pane in the upstairs window. Took kids to a show. TV at night & to bed early.

Sun Sep 23 – Restful day. Put blinds on kitchen windows. Put Dalene's mirror up. Tacked hall rug down. Nice evening at TV.

Mon Sep 24 – Worked. Shower & cooler. Mickey, Bob Rath, & Stan had a party in Stanley's room.

Tue Sep 25 – Worked. Quiet day at work. Got Stanley's eyes tested. Had roast beef for supper, Roswell here at night.

Thu Sep 27 – Worked. Brought groceries home, dropped 3 dozen eggs in the yard & broke 1 dozen.

Fri Sep 28 – Worked. Bushery rode to work with me from garage, & home too. Cool, 34° this morning. Gas furnace is wonderful. TV at night & Stan to YWCA for Fun Night.

Sat Sep 29 – Non-work day. Fixed washing machine. Fixed TV aerial, too. Watched Yale 7 - Navy 7 on TV. Letter from Wilma. Kids to a show in the afternoon. I made chili for supper. Warm fall day.

Sun Sep 30 – Warm day. Dalene & Sonnie to a show in the afternoon. Stanley to Mickey's for supper.

Mon Oct 1 – Worked. Warm today. New paving opened on Hershey Avenue & Front Street.

Tue Oct 2 – 4 hours annual leave in the afternoon to watch Giants versus Dodgers, 0-10.

Wed Oct 3 – Worked. TV at night. Stanley skating, Dalene & Mary in the kitchen.

Thu Oct 4 – Worked. Worked on distillery efficiency most all day. Very warm today, too warm. Listened to World Series at office. TV at night, good.

Fri Oct 5 – Worked. Wrote several reports. Called Wing & LMR regarding tank truck with one seal missing. Cooler today. Kids went skating at night. Watched TV all evening.

Sat Oct 6 – Non-work day. Went to the store & library in the morning. Put up medicine cabinets in the kitchen & pantry. Kids to a show in the afternoon. Watched World Series & football on TV.

Sun Oct 7 – Washed all mirrors & double doors. Rainy & cool. Had fried chicken dinner. Kids to a show in the afternoon. Watched Cardinals beat Bears 28-14. Cleaned the basement.

Mon Oct 8 – Worked. 34° this morning. 2 hours annual leave in the afternoon to watch Yankees beat Giants 6-2. Bob Rath & Mickey here at night with Stan.

Tue Oct 9 – Worked. Yanks beat Giants 13-1. Helen cleaned the house. Margaret Sinnott here for short visit before supper. Good night on TV.

Wed Oct 10 – Worked. Listened to the last World Series game, Yankees 4 - Giants 3. Roswell here for supper & TV. Good supper.

Fri Oct 12 – Worked. Watched Sugar Bowl game in Grain Processing Corp main office basement. Stan & I to high school football game at night, Muscatine 28 - Mt. Pleasant 12. Good game.

Sat Oct 13 – Helen & I washed in morning. Changed the oil & greased the car in afternoon. Kids to a show in the afternoon. Dalene & I to the library before supper. TV at night. Beautiful day, & warm.

Sun Oct 14 – Sat in the sun in the backyard in the morning & talked to Margaret Sinnott. Had chicken dinner. Dalene to a show with Sonja Sopher. TV at night, nice evening.

Mon Oct 15 – Worked. Wing called & told me to go to Omaha for a week or two on per diem. Drove to Osceola, Mother's, from 4:30 to 8:15. Went to visit Marie a little while.

Tue Oct 16 – Got up at Mother's at 4 A.M. & started to Omaha at 5 A.M. Got there at 8:15 & at alcohol plant all day. Found a nice room of Mr. Larson on Poppleton Avenue & went to a show after supper.

Wed Oct 17 – Worked at the Omaha plant helping Whitney. Went to a show.

Thu Oct 18 – Worked at the Omaha plant. Cooler & rainy. Hayes came this morning. Called Helen.

Fri Oct 19 – Worked at the Omaha plant. Drove to Osceola by 8:20 P.M. to see a football game. Lloyd, Marie, Susan, Mother & I had pie & coffee afterward. Cold & damp.

Sat Oct 20 – Went out to Louie's. Louie & Ruth have a new living room set. Mother, Marie, Susan, & I to Lloyd's for dinner. Called Helen on the phone. Watched football on Marie's TV in the afternoon.

Sun Oct 21 – Mother worked in Marie's store in the morning. I went out to Wilma's. Drove to Omaha from 2 to 5 P.M. Rested awhile & then to supper. Larsons let me read the Sunday paper.

Mon Oct 22 – Worked at the Omaha plant. Went out to Sidwell's & Mead's after supper.

Tue Oct 23 – Worked at Omaha. Dvorak, Hayes, Leahy, & Gray at plant, also Rhodes & Smith. Went to show "Rommel" at night & then visited with Mr. Larson.



Wed Oct 24 – Worked at the Omaha plant. Went to Sidwell's for supper & evening of television.

Thu Oct 25 – Worked at the Omaha plant. No shipments today. Gaugers still cap sealing. I went to Mead's for supper & visit afterwards. Warm day.

Fri Oct 26 – Worked 8 to 2 P.M. at the Omaha plant, finished. Drove to Osceola, at Mother's for supper, & home to Muscatine by 10:45 P.M. Glad to be home. No car trouble.

Sat Oct 27 – Took kids to a show in the afternoon. Watched football on TV. Chilly & damp.

Sun Oct 28 – Put storm windows on & covered the back screen door. Watched TV football in the afternoon. Had baked chicken dinner. TV at night.

Mon Oct 29 – Worked at the Muscatine plant. Bosch has a new Buick. Whole family feeling good. TV in the evening.



Stock 1951 Buick

Tue Oct 30 – Worked. Drove Bosch's new Buick home & back to plant. Kids out to trick or treat at night.

Wed Oct 31 – Worked. Colder, around 40°. Got 1 gallon alcohol in car - good to 18° above. Workers topped the big tree in our back yard. TV at night. Stan went tricks & treats.

Fri Nov 2 – Worked. Cold today. 13° above this morning & 12° above tonight. Picked Dalene up at Palace Theatre, from work. TV at night. Stan & Mickey to a show.

Sat Nov 3 – Non-work day. Snow & cold today. 12° above. Went to the store. Kids to show in the afternoon. Bob Shoup here in the evening a few minutes. Had oyster soup for supper. TV at night.

Sun Nov 4 – Restful day, indoors all day. Cold, 8° above at 7:30 A.M. Kids played out a little while. Had baked chicken dinner. TV in the afternoon & evening. Good programs.

Tue Nov 6 – Worked. Arth back to work. Snow & cold. 3 tank cars today. Stanley is tall as I am.

Thu Nov 8 – Worked. Got a questionnaire from the Bureau. Told Arth about his transfer to Omaha. Borrowed Jack Owens' car-top carrier. TV at night.

Fri Nov 9 – Annual leave. Stan & I drove to Osceola. Drove by Lloyd's at 1 P.M. Took Marie to high school football game at Lamoni. Beat Osceola 33-12. All night at Mother's.

Sat Nov 10 – Stan & I brought davenport back to Muscatine from Louie's, tied it on top. Home by 2 P.M. Put porch screens away, watched football on TV in the afternoon. Fine warm day.

Sun Nov 11 – In the house all day. Dalene to Sunday school, Stan to church. Chicken dinner. Football on TV in the afternoon. Had to have gas company man out at 11 P.M. to fix the thermostat on the furnace. Wouldn't turn burner on.

Mon Nov 12 – Holiday. Lofgren called, Arth won't be in until Wednesday. Warm day. Kids had a marshmallow toast at Smith's at night.

Thu Nov 15 – Worked. Took family to the library before supper. Some people moved in next door at 507 E. 7th Street.

Sat Nov 17 – To Batterson's department store & bought clothes for Stan & Dalene. Watched football on TV in the afternoon. Kids to a show. 20° above at 5 P.M.

Sun Nov 18 – Stanley to the high school in the afternoon to sing. Kids both to a show. Baked chicken for dinner.

Tue Nov 20 – Worked. Bought a 10-pound turkey at Weis Grocery. Roswell here in the evening & watched TV.

Thu Nov 22 – Worked today, Fisher & I. Rain & cooler. Had turkey for dinner, 1st one in 10 years. Called Mother at night.

Fri Nov 23 – Non-work day. Stanley in Christmas parade in the afternoon. Turkey again today.

Sun Nov 25 – Rain most all day. TV all afternoon. Margaret Sinnott here in the evening to visit.

Tue Nov 27 – Worked. Wing says Arth goes to Omaha & Mead comes here December 1st. Very quiet day. Good supper, fried oysters. Good TV programs.

Wed Nov 28 – Worked. Nice day. Stanley went with singing group to Lutheran Homes to sing for supper. Dalene to Ann Hocking's for birthday party. Wrote Mother a letter.

Thu Nov 29 – Worked. Hayes here today. Roswell at plant in the morning to visit a little while.

Fri Nov 30 – Worked. Hayes at plant all day. Took Helen & Dalene to the library before supper. Helen & I washed. Stan to a show with Mickey.

Sat Dec 1 – Watched Navy beat Army 42-7 & Notre Dame beat Southern Cal on TV. Mead called from Des Moines. Family watched Mystery Hour.

Mon Dec 3 – Worked. Mead came to work today, transferred from Omaha. Dalene home from school today, sick. Meads here in the evening till 11 P.M. Warm, in 60s.

Sat Dec 8 – Bought 10 yards heavy brown paper & covered the back porch screens. Letter from Wilma. Kids to a show in the afternoon. Snow today but not cold. TV at night.

Sun Dec 9 – Kids to Sunday school. Helen fixed Stanley's suit to fit him, he sang at Presbyterian church in the afternoon. Dalene to a show with Mary Ella. Meads here to watch football in the afternoon.

Tue Dec 11 – Worked. Olsgaard finished 1431 renewal. Jack Owens told me he is trying to be an Investigator. Helen, Dalene & I to open house at Jefferson school. Wrote letter to Mother.

Fri Dec 14 – Worked. Blizzard most all day & near zero weather. Went to West Liberty after Bushery & got home 3 A.M. Saturday; train late due to storm.

Sat Dec 15 – Up at 9 A.M. Mead called me down to plant to see his letter regarding changes by Durkin. Took kids to a show in the afternoon. Stan & I & Bushery to midnight show. 12° below zero.

Sun Dec 16 – 4° below zero this morning. Stanley sang in "Messiah" at the high school. Watched Cardinals beat Bears in the afternoon. Good TV afternoon & evening.

Wed Dec 19 – Worked. Took Helen & Dalene to the library. Roswell here in the evening for TV.

Thu Dec 20 – Worked. More snow today. Stanley to a show at night with the boys. TV all evening.

Fri Dec 21 – Worked. Very cold, around zero. Got Christmas present from Marie. Put Christmas tree up at night. Home all evening watching TV.

Sat Dec 22 – Non-work day. Whole family downtown Christmas shopping. Dalene & Mary S. to a show in the afternoon. Mead picked up his fruit cake.

Sun Dec 23 – Had chicken dinner. Watched Rams beat Browns for pro football championship < *the Super Bowl won't be created until the NFL - AFL merger in 1966* >. Colder in the evening, near zero.

Mon Dec 24 – Non-work day. Kids & I went shopping in the morning. Good Christmas programs on TV today & tonight. Put out presents at midnight.

Tue Dec 25 – Christmas in Muscatine at 505 East 7th Street. We had a nice Christmas & roast duck for dinner. Watched TV in afternoon & evening. Kids had fun with dart game.

Sat Dec 29 – Worked. Got starter fixed. Marie & Susan came over about 3 P.M. to stay all night. Warmer today, above 32°. Watched football on TV in the evening.

Sun Dec 30 – Marie & Susan left before noon. Nice bright day. King brought oleo margarine. Good TV.

Mon Dec 31 – Up early to give Arms keys to office. I took a ride to the riverfront & Weed Park. Dalene & Mary to a show in the afternoon. Helen & I washed. Stayed up to watch the old year out on TV.