

The families in 1957:

Gardners – Isaac Newton “Newt” 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, Kay, Phillip, and David.

Orville was married to Beverly Stevenson; they had Larry.

Twyla was married to Norris Davis; they had Denny and Ricky.

Donald was married to Phyllis Reynolds; they had Donald.

Kay was married to James Johnson.

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

Richard was married to JoAnn Davis; they had Richard and William.

Judith was married to Richard Easley; they had Jeffrey.

Lana was married to Gabriel Parodi.

Doyle was married to Irene Wright; they had Terry.

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

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

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

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

Anna was married to Howard Crate.

Dorotha 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.

Carol was married to James Green; they had Cheryl and Vicki.

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.

Louise was married to John Wilson.

Wayne was married to Eula Neff.

Eugene was married to Lela Schaffer; they had Nancy and Robert.

Nancy was married to Gerald Weekman.

Robert was married to Rachel Creel.

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, Thomas, and Jewell.

Selma was married to Robert Wallace; they had Patti, Robert, and Beverly.

Raymond was married to Beverly DeVore; they had Michael and Gary.

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 and Susan Stiverson.

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 Donavan.

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

Marian was married to Bob Mericle.

Robert was married to Dorothy Semenchuk; they had Craig, Lynn, and Bruce.

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

Lester was married to Ledell Mitchell; they had Jennifer.

Francis was married to Lemuel Holmes; they had Connie and Ann.

Max was married to Norma Stoen.

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 Akes; they had Anita.

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

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

Marvin and Fern Stevens had Susan, Tracy, and Scott.

Margie was married to John Nish; they had Ann and Cathy.

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

Juanita was married to Donald Bemis.

Wilma was married to George Casey; they had Larry.

Larry was married to Irene Vanderlinden; they had John.

Note: the “Highlights” section (below) replaces the “Timelines” section in previous diaries.

Highlights of 1957

(Source: babyboomers.com)

MAJOR EVENTS:

- The Soviet Union inaugurates the "Space Age" by launching Sputnik I, the world's first artificial satellite. A month later Sputnik II carries a dog into orbit, making that dog the first living being to enter space.
- President Eisenhower announces the "Eisenhower Doctrine," pledging defense of Middle Eastern nations against communism
- Federal troops ordered to enforce integration of schools in Little Rock, Arkansas
- Israel withdraws from Sinai Peninsula
- European Common Market created
- Britain detonates hydrogen bomb; U.S. conducts first underground nuclear test
- Despite record-setting filibuster by Sen. Strom Thurmond, Congress approves the first significant civil rights legislation since the Civil War

BUSINESS & ECONOMY:

- Teamsters union expelled from the AFL-CIO for failing to deal with organized crime

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

- Successful Sputnik satellites mark the beginning of the "Space Race," with intensive efforts by both the U.S. and Soviet Union to achieve space milestones.
- 67 nations participate in International Geophysical Year of earth science research
- Growth-producing hormone discovered
- Interferon discovered

SPORTS:

- **World Series:** Milwaukee over New York Yankees, 4-3
- At age 13, Bobby Fischer becomes a chess champion
- New York Giants move to San Francisco; Brooklyn Dodgers move to Los Angeles

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT:

- **Movies:** *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, *The Prince and the Showgirl*, *Twelve Angry Men*, *Love in the Afternoon*
- **Songs:** *Young Love*, *Tonight*, *Wake Up Little Susie*, *That'll Be the Day*, *Jailhouse Rock*
- **TV Shows:** *Phil Silvers Show*, *Father Knows Best*, *Price is Right*, *American Bandstand*, *Twenty-One*, *Leave it to Beaver*, *Nat "King" Cole Show*
- **Books:** *On the Road*, Jack Kerouac; *Atlas Shrugged*, Ayn Rand; *The Cat in the Hat*, Dr. Seuss
- *West Side Story* and *The Music Man* open in New York
- *And God Created Woman*, a film starring Bridgette Bardot, becomes a controversial sensation; many communities ban the film based on its supposed sexual content
- Humphrey Bogart dies

EVERYDAY LIFE:

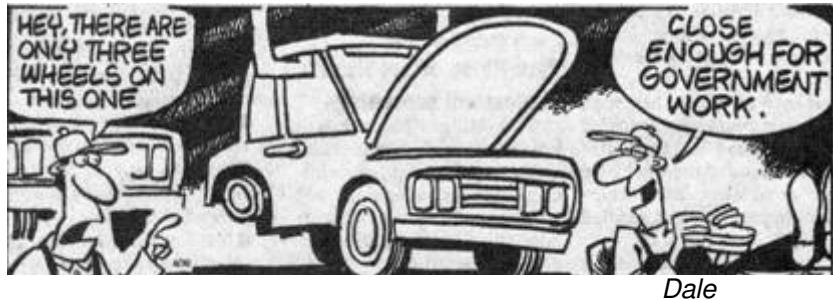
- "Beatnik" enters the vernacular as a description of the emerging "Beat Generation" counterculture movement

Diary of Dale Gardner 1957

We live at 3727 Reservoir Boulevard, Columbia Heights, MN. The second floor apartment is rented to Shirley Staebler and her daughter, Kay. A one-room apartment in the basement is rented to two young men named Ron and Jerry. Dale and Helen celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Helen takes her first airplane trip, and enjoys it. Dale and Helen attend Helen's 28th high school class reunion in Osceola. General Foods introduces Tang breakfast beverage crystals, Velcro is patented, Greyhound launches the "It's such a comfort to take the bus and leave the driving to us" ad campaign, the Frisbee is nationally marketed, the internal pacemaker is invented, singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme are married in Las Vegas, and Major John Glenn sets an air speed record by flying from California to New York in a jet in 3 hours and 23 minutes.

As this diary from 1957 begins, Dale is 47 years old working at Ed Phillips & Sons bottling plant, Helen is 45, Stanley is in his sophomore year back at Muscatine Junior College, and Dalene is in her freshman year at Columbia Heights High School. They still have their 1948 Dodge and cat Dusty, and Stanley has a 1949 Ford. We see many family members during the year, including Wilma and George Casey; Jettie and Clarence Liggett; Lela and Gene Yates and Bob; Ruth and Louie Schaffer; Marie and Ralph Kimmel and Susan; Clarice and Lloyd Gardner and Carol, Nancy, Marie, and Mary; Opal and Don Schaffer; Gladys and Paul Eggleston; Ethel and Lloyd Schaffer; Vivian and Wayne Hanson and Donovan; Margie and Jack Nish and Ann and Cathy; and Meda Gardner.

Dale had a favorite saying, with tongue in cheek (because of the accuracy required in his job), and it was in a newspaper cartoon several years ago as a sign of our times, in "Mother Goose & Grimm", by Mike Peters:



Tue Jan 1 – Holiday. Low -3°, high 11°. Watched the Rose Bowl parade, etc. Watched Iowa beat Oregon in Rose Bowl 35-19. Dalene & I picked Ron up at 11 at the bus station.

Sat Jan 5 – Up late. Took Dalene to Broadway & bought her some shoe skates. Set up my photo developing & printing equipment & developed one roll of film at night. Letter from Mother.

Sun Jan 6 – Up & read the Sunday paper. Developed & printed some pictures. Dalene, Judy & I to Powderhorn Park to watch speed skating. Ron & Jerry here in evening for TV.

Mon Jan 7 – Worked in rectifier plant. Dalene & Judy went skating after I got home from work, I took them. Dalene baked her first pie, a cream one. Very good.

Dale's 1957 diary has repeated references to working in the "Rectifier" or "Rectification" Plant. This will be abbreviated "R.P." from now on. An online search came up with the following:

"Rectification — Older distilleries do not provide alcohol sufficiently pure for industrial purposes. The raw spirit contains a quantity of aldehyde and fusel oils. The operation of rectification is designed for the removal of these substances. The operation is discontinuous, the boiler being filled with the diluted spirit and carefully distilled. The operation is then broken and the residues removed; then the boiler is refilled, and the distillation repeated. The loss amounts to 1.5-2 per cent, of alcohol."

The raw spirit was thus separated into four products: (1) First runnings or foreshots, which is a mixture of acetaldehyde and ethyl alcohol. It boils at a lower temperature than pure ethyl alcohol, and is called ether by the refiner. (2) Clean or rectified spirit, which is the intermediate product, and consists of almost pure alcohol, 96-97 per cent by volume. (3) Feints, a mixture of various alcohols, consisting of some ethyl alcohol and much amyl alcohol, and similar alcohols of high boiling points. (4) Fusel oil, which remains in the still together with the water."

Tue Jan 8 – Worked in R.P. Bought 2 new flannel shirts & 2 throw rugs at Fredin's. Dalene went to a skating party after school.

Wed Jan 9 – Worked in R.P. COLD. Dalene baked another cream pie after supper, delicious too. Letter from Stan.

Thu Jan 10 – Worked in R.P. Picked Dalene up at bowling after work. I went to a show at night.

Fri Jan 11 – Worked in R.P. Dalene to a show at night.

Sat Jan 12 – Cold. Not above +10° all day. Below zero at bedtime. Cleaned out drain in basement. Dalene went skating with Judy.

Sun Jan 13 – Dalene went to watch Bowlerama & then to a show. Us old folks stayed home all day, in by the fire. Had fried chicken dinner.

Mon Jan 14 – Worked in R.P. Helen went to Dalene's school for afternoon luncheon. Helen & I worked over 2 hours clearing sink & laundry tub drain in basement, all clear now. Letter to Marie.

Tue Jan 15 – Worked in R.P. Took Dalene to a basketball game at night, Anoka 69, Columbia Heights 30.

Thu Jan 17 – Worked in R.P. Cold, high 13° above. Stan came home from college in Muscatine for a few days.

Fri Jan 18 – Worked, R.P. Had new plugs & points put on Stan's Ford, also repaired master brake cylinder, at Shell station < *directly across the street from the house* >. Went to "Bus Stop" at night.



Sat Jan 19 – Stan started back to Muscatine at 11:30 A.M. Dalene went bowling in the afternoon with Sharon. Very windy all day.

Sun Jan 20 – Warmer, about 35°. I fixed our iron today. Played rummy with Dalene.

Sun Jan 27 – Helen & I have colds, stayed in the house all day. Dalene went to a show.

Tue Jan 29 – Worked. Talked to Bushery on phone. He is going to St. Louis as group leader. Pulled Al Dorsch's car but it wouldn't start.

Thu Feb 7 – Worked, R.P. I went to Fireside Realty for income tax help. Then I went to a movie, "Friendly Persuasion." Very good.



Sun Feb 10 – High about 40°. Kay came downstairs to show us some pictures.

Thu Feb 14 – Worked, R.P. Sent Mother a letter with a card for Aunt Meda and Uncle Charlie Gardner's 50th wedding anniversary. Letter from Stan.

Wed Feb 20 – Worked, R.P. Picked income tax forms up at Fireside after work. Mr. & Mrs. Sparks of Methodist Church visited us after supper.

Thu Feb 21 – Worked, R.P. 5 inches of new snow & colder. Put tire chains on after work. Took Dalene to a basketball game. Talked to Stan in Muscatine, on the phone, regarding income tax & tuition.

Fri Feb 22 – Worked, R.P. Double time today. Took Dalene to work with me in the afternoon, took her to a show at night. To bed after midnight. Cold. Snow off & on.

Sat Feb 23 – Ron's folks came after him, from Wisconsin. The basement room is empty now. Bought Dalene a dress pattern & some goods to make a dress. Letter from Mother.

Wed Feb 27 – Worked. Dalene went to a style show at night at high school.

Sat Mar 2 – Cold weather. Dalene & I visited Southdale shopping center today. Developed another roll of film, no good. Lela called, Wilma sick. Helen called George.

Sun Mar 3 – Married 25 years ago today. Nice quiet day at home. Dalene here, Stan in college in Muscatine, Iowa. I gave Helen a music powder box.

Mon Mar 4 – Worked, R.P. Snow flurries. I cleaned the basement after supper. Swept & mopped it. Letter from Stan, & George Casey. Card from Holms.

Tue Mar 5 – Worked, R.P. Helen called Lela. Margie called Helen. Wilma to be operated on, on Thursday. Watched a late movie.

Wed Mar 6 – Worked 8 to 1:30, 3 hours annual leave. Took Helen to Wold-Chamberlain Field to catch Braniff plane to Des Moines at 4 P.M. She called from D.M. after 6, got there OK. She called later after Wilma's operation too. Her first plane ride & she said it was wonderful. Mother & Clarence met her in D.M. Dalene & I at home.

Thu Mar 7 – Annual leave. Stayed home with Dalene, she doesn't feel good. Helen in Osceola. She called me at 4 P.M. I called her at 10 P.M.

Fri Mar 8 – Annual leave. Dalene & I started for Osceola at 3 P.M. Got to Owatonna at 6 P.M. Too icy on highways to proceed. Stayed at Shady-Rest Motel all night. Called Mother from a restaurant. Dalene worked on homework & I read a book.

Sat Mar 9 – Up at 6 A.M. & on to Osceola by 7 A.M. Arrived at 1 P.M., no trouble. Saw Wilma. Took Helen to the hospital & Lela to Louie's. Back to Mother's by 9 P.M. Saw Marie's pictures at Mother's.

Sun Mar 10 – Helen, Dalene, & I drove from Osceola to Mpls city limits in 6 hours. Wilma better. Ate supper at Herring's Café. Brother, I'm tired, & glad to get home. Went to bed early.

Fri Mar 15 – Worked. 4½ inches of snow in a blizzard, worst of the winter.

Sun Mar 17 – Nice day, high about 40°. Took Dalene a short ride in the afternoon. She went to a show with MaryAnn in the evening.

Tue Mar 19 – Worked. Radke dropped in to say goodbye. He is retiring this week, 64 years old, 24 years of service including military. Going to live in Florida.

Wed Mar 20 – Worked. Dalene played at Marianne's at night. Letter from Stanley.

Thu Mar 21 – Worked. Rented a portable TV to watch state high school basketball games at work.

Fri Mar 22 – Worked. Watched state high school basketball tournament at night.

Sat Mar 23 – Nice day. Went shopping at Southdale. Bought sport coat and hammock, & car wash brush. Washed the car. Watched state high school basketball finals at night, Roosevelt won.

Sun Mar 24 – Dalene & I took a ride over to a store in St. Paul that makes donuts. Marie wanted to know how they were. She is thinking of buying a donut making machine. Nice day, windy.

Sun Mar 31 – Rainy all day. Dalene & I went bowling in the afternoon at Field House. Marianne here in the evening. I fixed our lawnmower. Watched TV late.

Mon Apr 1 – Worked. Played ping-pong with Dalene after supper, in the basement.

Wed Apr 3 – Worked. Helen took Dalene to the doctor, she has infectious mononucleosis, has to stay home a couple of weeks. Helen got Dalene's books at school & talked to Mr. Eng.

Sat Apr 6 – Helen & I to the store & library. Marianne & Bonita here in the evening to see Dalene. Watched TV until after midnight. Letter from Mother.

Mon Apr 8 – Worked. Letter from Stan. He will be up on 22nd. 2 men from church here after supper. I went to a show, "Battle Hymn."



Tue Apr 9 – Worked. Cool & clear, high 40°. Looked at new tires at Coast to Coast. No, I didn't buy any. To bed at 10:30, by myself. Helen stays up to watch TV.

Fri Apr 12 – Worked. Cool. I went to see "Wings of Eagles" at night, John Wayne, very good.



Sun Apr 14 – Nice day. 50°. Dalene & I took a ride through Como Park.

Tue Apr 16 – Worked. Helen applied for a switchboard job at Crown Iron Works < *where I was a shop helper last summer painting and chipping slag off steel beams* >.

Sun Apr 21 – Raked the yard, washed the car. Beautiful day, high 70°. Helped Helen wash. Put our new hammock up on the front porch. Watered the new seeding on parking strip.

Mon Apr 22 – Worked. Picked Stan & Sue Timm up at the train station. Stan is home for 1 week. Played ping-pong with Kay before supper. Kay washed in the basement. 21 years with Civil Service.

Tue Apr 23 – Worked. Stan & Sue to University to study. 2 Internal Revenue Service Inspectors at plant today, with Gilbert.

Wed Apr 24 – Worked. Nice day, in the 70s. Helen & I went to a show together at night. Stan, Sue, & Dalene stayed home.

Thu Apr 25 – Worked. Letter from Snyder. Leo took me a ride in his '54 Olds. Pretty nice. Stan & Sue to University to study. Went to bed early. Stan & Sue went to a show.

Fri Apr 26 – Worked. Stan stayed home all day & studied & wrote a 3000 word theme. Had fried chicken for supper. Dalene to a show at night with Bonita.

Sat Apr 27 – Took storms off upstairs & put screens on. Helen & I went downtown early to look at carpets. Stan & Sue went back to Muscatine on the 5 o'clock train. Helen, Dalene, Bonita, & I walked up after Dairy Queen after supper.

Sun Apr 28 – Minnesota went on Daylight Savings time today. Beautiful day. Took Dalene for a walk in Peck's Woods in the morning. She went with Winchesters for a ride in the afternoon. Left 2 rolls of film at the drug store to be developed.

Mon Apr 29 – Annual leave. Took Dalene & Bonita to school. Painted screens & took storms down on 1st floor. Helen helped me paint. Shirley came in for coffee & visit. Letter from Wilma.

Wed May 1 – Worked. Sugar Ray knocked out Gene Fulmer for middleweight title. Dalene went to a concert at school with Bonita & folks.

Fri May 3 – Worked. Drove a new Mercury. We ate at Candlelight Café. Dalene to a show at night. Letter from Mother.

Sat May 4 – Cool & clear. Went to the downtown library. Dug up bare spots in the front lawn & re-seeded them with some grass seed George Casey sent us.

Sun May 5 – Beautiful day, in low 70s. Took Dalene a ride & knocked some golf balls at Big T driving range. Put a basketball backboard up on garage in afternoon. Watered the front lawn. Had fried chicken for dinner. Watched a movie on TV & to bed at 11 P.M.

Mon May 6 – Worked. Another nice day. Bought Dalene a basket & put it on the backboard. Worked on the lawnmower after supper. Letter from Sue.

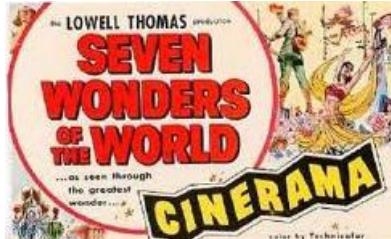
Tue May 7 – Worked. Put a wire mesh screen up so basketball can't fall in Helen's flowers. Put Shirley's new dinette set together & brought ours to the basement.

Thu May 16 – Worked. Dalene went to a dinner at the school at 6:30. I took her & went after her.

Fri May 17 – Worked. Helen went to the doctor for an exam. Took her to the library after supper. Picked Dalene & Sharon up at a show at 10 P.M. Letter from Stan.

Tue May 21 – Worked. 2 tornados in Minnesota today, around Rush City. Very windy.

Sun May 26 – Rain & cool, not above 52° all day. Dalene & I went to see "The Seven Wonders of the World" at Cinerama.



Mon May 27 – Nice day for a change. High near 70°. Dalene & Bonnie went to a church roller skating party at night.

Thu May 30 – Holiday. No duties. 2 jet planes crashed near here & fell 20 blocks away. 1 pilot killed, 9 civilians injured. Houses fired. They went right over our house before falling. I saw them.

Sat Jun 1 – Beautiful day. Pitched horseshoes in the back yard. Took Dalene a ride to Como Zoo. Had fried chicken supper.

Mon Jun 3 – Beautiful day. Dalene went horseback riding in the evening.

Tue Jun 4 – Jack Owens called me at work to talk a minute. Stan came home from college, brought Billy Mullen with him. They looked for work, didn't find any.

Sun Jun 9 – Finished scraping paint off house trim, upper floor. Stan & Bill helped. Quite a job, washed it too. Nice roast beef dinner. Boys to a show at night, Dalene up to Bonnie's.

Fri Jun 14 – I went to work early to have breakfast at café. Bill Mullen went home to Muscatine on the 5 P.M. train. Bought stakes & poles for Dalene's badminton set.

Sun Jun 16 – Bought 5 used tires for Stan's car & 4 inner tubes. Bought 2 new tires for the Dodge. Took Dalene & a girl friend to Como Park in the afternoon.

Mon Jun 17 – Had my 2 new tires put on. Bought 2 new rugs & 2 chair slip covers at Mpls House Furnishers. Letter from Mother. 96,000 miles on Dodge.

Fri Jun 21 – Thunder showers in the morning & at night. Stan went to General Mills for a job interview. Letter from Hancock. I weigh 179½, have reduced from 194 in about 3 months.

Sat Jun 22 – Put our 2 new rugs in the dining room & living room, also new chair covers on 2 chairs. Looks nice. Shirley & Kay came down to see our new rugs.

Sun Jun 23 – I patched a hole in the roof around a vent pipe. Pretty high up there. Stan mowed the front yard. Dalene & friends to Columbia Heights carnival.

Tue Jun 25 – Nice day except rain about 7:30 P.M. Stan went to General Mills for 2nd interview. Went to the downtown library after supper.

Wed Jun 26 – Smitty stopped by warehouse to say hello, he & Pumpkin & Bob came out to see Helen. I mowed the back yard. Stanley got a fulltime job at General Mills, starting next Monday, as Radiation Physics Laboratory Technician. We are all pretty pleased about it.

Fri Jun 28 – McCumber at warehouse with me to take over next Monday for 3 weeks while I'm on vacation. Dalene, Sharon, & I went to a show.

Mon Jul 1 – Annual leave. First day for Stan's new job at General Mills. Painted the car black.

Tue Jul 2 – Annual leave. Helen, Dalene, & I drove to Osceola. Stopped at Casey's & Marie's. Dalene & I mowed most of Clarence's yard after supper.

Wed Jul 3 – Rainy. Annual leave. Out in the cornfield to visit with Lloyd in the morning. Painted all the screens on Mother's front porch today. Visited at Marie's too. To Lloyd's after supper to visit.

Thu Jul 4 – Annual leave. Fourth of July in Osceola. Drove Marie's Chevy in the parade. Helen rode with me. Visited with the Cochran family in the park. Home to Mother's at 10:30.

Fri Jul 5 – Annual leave. At Louie's all day helping fill the silo. Went to Charlie & Leota Johnson's in Weldon to visit with Doris & family. Don Gibsons there too.

Sat Jul 6 – Spent the day at George & Wilma's. George & I looked at new Chevys. Supper at Don & Opal's. HOT today & humid. Cooled off in Mother's yard. Ate too much today.

Sun Jul 7 – Helped Lloyd start cutting oats, drove Pike Woods' tractor. To the Osceola Fairgrounds for Helen's high school class reunion, 28 years, & dinner. Out to George Casey's for family supper for us for 25th wedding anniversary, received silver tray & cream & sugar vessels. Nice. Pretty hot today.

Mon Jul 8 – Annual leave. Started at 5 A.M. for Estherville to see Gene & Lela, got there about 12:30. Stopped in Winterset, Iowa, for breakfast with Paul & Gladys Eggleston. Had a nice visit with Gene & Lela, & Bob. Helen, Dalene, Lela, & Bobby played Scrabble.

Tue Jul 9 – Annual leave. Left Estherville, stopped in Mankato for dinner. Home at 4 P.M.

Fri Jul 12 – Annual leave. I'm 48 years old today. I painted basement walls today. Stan & I looked at late Chevy's for him. To bed at midnight.

Sat Jul 13 – Signed papers to buy Stan a new Chevy hardtop. Bought a rotary mower from Sears.

Tue Jul 16 – Annual leave. Stan got his new Chevrolet 210, 2 door, 2 tone hard-top today. Beautiful car, ivory & Coronado yellow, V-8 with Power Glide. Shirley came down after supper & brought us malted milks. Dalene to a show.



Thu Jul 18 – Annual leave. Took Dalene a long ride after supper in Stan's new Chevy.

Fri Jul 19 – Annual leave. Stan drove his new Chevy to Muscatine after work. Dalene to a show with Sharon. Raining at midnight.

Sat Jul 20 – Watched the Aqua Parade on TV in forenoon. Helen is 46 years young today. Dinny & I got her 2 dozen roses.

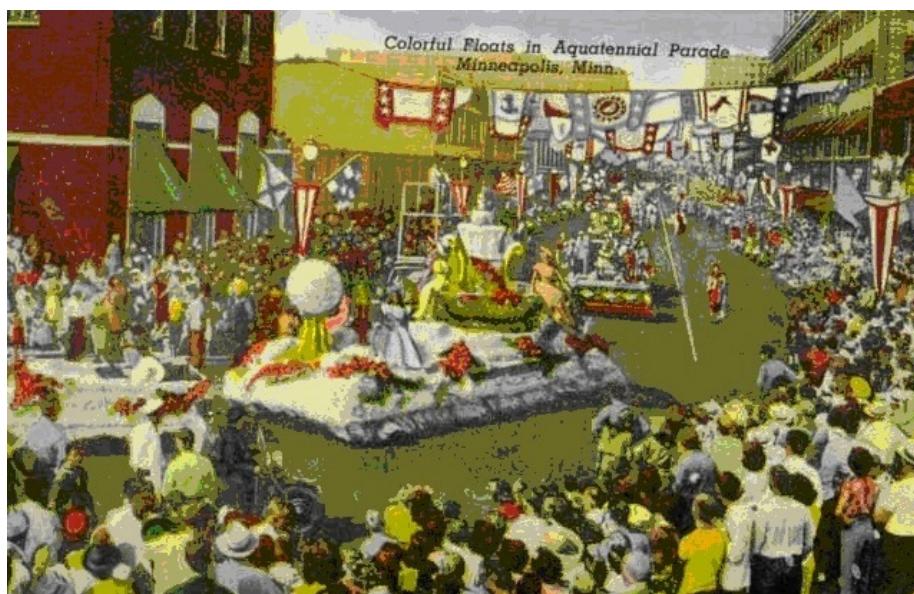
Sun Jul 21 – Took Dalene a ride to Lake Calhoun & watched boat races.

Mon Jul 22 – Worked. Back to work after 3 weeks vacation. Took Helen to the library after supper.

Tue Jul 23 – Worked. Dalene & I mowed the lawn before supper. I took Stan to the show "The Oklahoman" at night. Birthday cards from Gene & Lela.



Wed Jul 24 – Worked. Dalene went to work with me in the afternoon. We bought 3 tickets to the Aqua Queen coronation Friday night. Dalene with Sharon to watch the Aquatennial Parade.



Fri Jul 26 – Worked. Neva called Helen, Orville in town with Elks Chanters. Stan, Dalene, & Sharon to Mpls Auditorium to see the Aqua Queen Coronation Program.

Sat Jul 27 – Picked Emricks up at the Curtis Hotel in Stan's car & brought them home for visit. Went to Southdale in the afternoon to hear Elks Chanters. Dalene to a show at night.

Mon Aug 5 – Worked. I went to Dr. Roberts after work & he cut a blood clot out of a varicose vein. Painful. Called Palmer after supper to tell him I couldn't come to work for 2 or 3 days.

Tue Aug 6 – Sick leave, recuperating from last night. Went back to the doctor at 4 P.M. for exam. OK. McNitt called after supper to ask how I was feeling.

Fri Aug 9 – Sick leave. Took Dalene downtown in the afternoon to get binoculars, etc. Watched All-Star pro football game on TV.

Mon Aug 12 – Worked. Lloyd & Chloe <*Ethel*> Schaffer, Wayne, Vivian, & Donovan Hansen drove in about 6:45 P.M. Visited all evening.

Tue Aug 13 – Worked. Company left about 9 A.M. Dalene to Diane's at night to stay all night.

Wed Aug 14 – Nice day. Brought a load of lumber home from work. Stan got off in the afternoon to go to a picnic at Excelsior Park. Dalene to a show with Sharon & Bonnie. I took them home. Card from Margie, letter from Mother. High 87°. Low humidity.

Fri Aug 16 – Worked. Jack & Margie & family got here about 6:30 P.M. Watched a pro football game late on TV.

Sat Aug 17 – Jack Nish, Stan & I got a load of lumber in trailer from warehouse. Downtown in the afternoon & to Southdale. Stayed up till 1:30 visiting with Jack & Margie.

Sun Aug 18 – Cool & clear. Drove Jacks to Como Park & Zoo in the afternoon. Supper here & an evening of TV and visiting.



Popular show at Como Park Zoo

Mon Aug 19 – Worked. Another nice day, high 79°. Jack & Margie & kids left about 10 A.M.

Tue Aug 20 – Worked. Stan, Helen, & I built a clothes closet on to the downstairs room after work. Took until 11 P.M. Glad to get that job done. Made it out of plaster board and 2x4's.

Wed Aug 21 – Another nice day. I wrote Mother a card. Put a floor in the basement clothes closet.

Thu Aug 22 – Worked. Heflinger, Sanderson, & Palmer visited at Phillips. McNitt dropped in a little while. Got a gas pipe at the warehouse for Stan's clothes closet rod. Mixed some paint for Dalene to use tomorrow.

Fri Aug 23 – Worked. Dalene & I rode out to buy some paint but they didn't have our color. Stopped & visited Al Dorsch & family.

Sat Aug 24 – Bought Dalene some clothes & me a new pair of health-spot shoes. My feet felt better the minute I put them on. Mowed the lawn. Dalene to parade ground with Diana.

Sun Aug 25 – Dalene, Bonnie, Sharon, & I went to the Minnesota State Fair. Me to the auto races & girls to the rest of it. Helen stayed home.

Wed Aug 28 – I painted Stan's new clothes closet after supper. Letter from Mother, Marie hurt her ankle Sunday.

Thu Aug 29 – Stan had lowering blocks put on his Chevy. I ran into the garage door with the Dodge & had to touch up the fender & fix the metal strip. Helen called a lady about taking care of a baby.

Fri Aug 30 – Stan went to Muscatine in the afternoon for the week-end. Watched a Richard Dix late movie.

Wed Sep 4 – Beautiful day, high 67°. Dinny & I took a ride in Stan's car. Stan & Helen to show "Ten Commandments."



Fri Sep 6 – Worked. I drove to Rossini's in St. Paul for a retirement luncheon in honor of Rutenbeck. This is his last day, after 31 years. Nice experience. McNitt rode back to Phillips with me. Mother & Clarence arrived for a visit.

Sat Sep 7 – Mother & Clarence here, took them to Southdale, Como, etc. all afternoon. Beautiful day. Kay washed in basement. Watched Miss America Pageant on TV after supper.

Sun Sep 8 – Mother & Clarence went to Cinerama in the afternoon. Helen & I watched a late movie & to bed at 11:30.

Mon Sep 9 – Mother & Clarence left. Rainy all day.

Wed Sep 11 – Another nice day. Card from Mother in S. Dakota. Wrote a birthday card to Lloyd & accident card to Marie. Stan to church to practice for choir.

Thu Sep 12 – Carl's parents brought him down in the evening to see about Helen babysitting with him. She starts Monday, here. Stan had 2 friends in from church. Stan & Helen watched a late movie.

Fri Sep 13 – Painted front porch floor in afternoon & started painting back porch. Lloyd is 50 today.

Sat Sep 14 – Stan & I painted on back porch until we ran out of paint. Dalene downtown with Diane.

Mon Sep 16 – First day for Helen taking care of Carl. Dalene to an outdoor party at night.

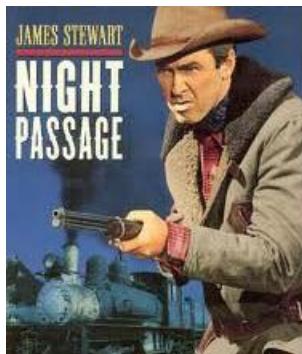
Fri Sep 20 – Fred King dropped in to the warehouse. Marie called after supper, she was lonesome.

Sat Sep 21 – Family downtown in the morning to Robert Hall's & Foreman & Clark's, in Stan's car. Watched football on TV in the afternoon. Dalene to a show & Stan on a date. Helen & I watched TV. Sent Mother a birthday card.

Mon Sep 23 – First day in 6 months assigned to R.P. Stan registered at the University for night classes.

Tue Sep 24 – R.P. Palmer & Carlson visited the plant. Mother is 76 years old today.

Thu Sep 26 – Worked, R.P. Stan & I to a show at night "Night Passage."



Fri Sep 27 – R.P. Took Helen to the downtown library after supper. Picked Dalene up at a football game, Columbia Heights 18, Hastings 7. Stan & Helen up late watching a movie.

Sat Sep 28 – Took Dalene a 61 mile ride on highway 100. Watched football on TV. Stan went with his boss Don Young and 2 others to Wisconsin.

Sun Sep 29 – Left Mpls at 8:45 for Osceola in Stan's car. Got there at 3:15 P.M. Nice car, nice day. Drove Lloyd's new tractor. Had supper at Lloyd's. Marie took me a ride in her new Mercury. I drove out to Dad's grave in the cemetery. Peaceful out there. Stayed all night at Mother's.

Mon Sep 30 – Annual leave. Bought 5 dozen eggs from Lloyd. Got my hair cut at John Devore's barber shop in Osceola. Mother & I went to see Aunt Meda <*Charlie Gardner's wife*>. She has cancer. Drove from Osceola to Mpls in 6 hours, 300 miles in 1957 Chevrolet. Beautiful day.

Tue Oct 1 – R.P. Stan started to U attending night classes. Wrote a card to Marie.

Thu Oct 3 – R.P. Another nice fall day. Listened to Braves beat N.Y. 4 to 2 in World Series.

Fri Oct 4 – R.P. Took Helen to the downtown library after supper. Dalene went to a football game. Letter from Rod Mead. Watched a late movie.

Sat Oct 5 – Dinnie & I downtown. Bought a nightgown for Helen & pajamas for Dalene. Put some storm windows upstairs. Straightened up the basement.

Sun Oct 6 – I got breakfast. Stan to church. Took a ride out through some woods north of highway 100. Put a storm window on Stan's room. Watched football.

Tue Oct 8 – R.P. Mother called in the evening to tell us Aunt Meda died this morning.

Thu Oct 10 – Letter from Del Snyder. Aunt Meda's funeral was today in Osceola. Braves won the World Series from Yanks.

Sun Oct 13 – Up late. Helen & I washed. Watched football on TV in the afternoon. Took Dalene a ride through the woods north of highway 100.

Thu Oct 17 – R.P. Dalene to school at night for homecoming queen ceremony. Stan to class at University.

Fri Oct 18 – R.P. Took Helen & Dalene to the library after work. Helen, Stan & I ate supper at Candlelight Café. Dalene to football homecoming.

Mon Oct 21 – R.P. Watched the Queen of England on TV at night, from a Ball in New York.

Thu Oct 24 – Annual leave. Dalene & I drove Stan's Chevy to Osceola from 9:30 to 5:30. Lunch in Albert Lea. Mother & Clarence took us to supper & to Marie's.

Fri Oct 25 – Annual leave. To town with Lloyd to take Nancy to school. Got my hair cut at John Devore's. Helped Lloyd pick corn in the afternoon. Bought 11 dozen eggs from Lloyd.

Sat Oct 26 – Dinny & I at Osceola. Out to Louie's & Jack's & George & Wilma's in forenoon. Went bowling in the afternoon. Marie took us a ride in her Mercury. Spent the evening at Mother's.

Sun Oct 27 – Dalene & I drove the Chevy from Osceola to Mpls 5 A.M. to 12 noon. Beautiful day. Watched football on TV in the afternoon.

Thu Oct 31 – R.P. Slayback at Wine Room on annual inspection. I had lunch at Kresge's dime store in St. Anthony. Statewide power failure 8:50 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.

Fri Nov 1 – R.P. Slayback bought my dinner at Kresge's, turkey. Helen & I to Candlelight Café for supper then to the downtown library.

Sun Nov 3 – Watched football on TV in afternoon. Placed paving blocks in front driveway. Had the Dodge greased & oil changed.

Mon Nov 4 – R.P. Cool & cloudy. Stan & I to a show "Jet Pilot" at night at Heights theatre.



Thu Nov 7 – Took Helen downtown to the dentist. She is getting a complete new set. Stopped at downtown stores & also to look at the 1958 Chevy. Watched a late movie & to bed at 12:30.

Fri Nov 8 – First snow of the season. Stan went to Muscatine at noon for the week-end. Helen & I watched TV until midnight.

Sat Nov 9 – Watched football on TV. Iowa 44, Minn 20, at Iowa City. Dalene downtown with Bonnie & Diana. Watched TV until after midnight.

Sat Nov 16 – Bought new linoleum for upstairs apartment. Watched football on TV in the afternoon & evening. To bed at midnight.

Sun Nov 17 – Up late. Put storm doors on. Stan went to church to sing in the choir. Watched professional football on TV in the afternoon. Had roast beef dinner.

Tue Nov 19 – R.P. 10 inches of snow on the ground this morning. Stan & I shoveled walks before breakfast. He got stuck in the driveway. Al Dorsch gave me a new pair of tire chains yesterday.

Wed Nov 20 – R.P. Took the chains off my & Stan's cars before breakfast. Snow flurries today. Helen called the telegraph school about renting to a student. He is supposed to come tomorrow.

Sat Nov 23 – Ate breakfast in the Heights & then to the grocery store. I laid new linoleum on the apartment kitchen floor. Dalene went downtown Christmas shopping.

Mon Nov 25 – R.P. Stan went Christmas shopping downtown after supper.

Tue Nov 26 – R.P. Took Helen to the dentist after work, & to the library & supper out.

Thu Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Holiday. Watched football on TV all afternoon. Had capon for dinner. We all stayed home all day.

Mon Dec 2 – R.P. Helen rented ½ of Stan's room to Spencer Larson, a telegraph school student. He moved in after supper. I went downtown at noon for Helen's new teeth. Stan took Spencer & a friend a ride over the city.

Tue Dec 3 – R.P. Dalene went to a basketball game at night. Stan to school after supper. Spencer to school at night too, telegraph school.

Fri Dec 6 – Spencer came down to Phillips to visit. Went shopping at night for a present for Helen. We watched a late show.

Sun Dec 8 – Went to the drug store & bought Christmas records. Watched football on TV. Watched movie "Born to Dance" on TV.



Tue Dec 10 – R.P. Helen got her new teeth tonight, & she is happy with them. Makes her look 10 years younger. Stan to evening class at U. Spencer to telegraph school at night.

Sat Dec 14 – Downtown Christmas shopping in forenoon. Watched football on TV in the afternoon. Stan took Kay to a party at night.



Kay and her Prom escort

Mon Dec 16 – R.P. Helen, Dalene, & I went shopping in the Heights. Bought a Christmas tree & put it up in the front room. Helen wrapped Christmas presents for Mother & Clarence.

Wed Dec 18 – R.P. Stan went to choir practice at night. Dalene decorated the Christmas tree.

Thu Dec 19 – R.P. Plant had dinner at The Peacock, I went too. Stan to school. Stayed up to watch "Tonight" with Jack Paar & Jonathan Winters and Charley Weaver. Snow forecast.

Sat Dec 21 – Up early, Dalene & I downtown Christmas shopping. Home for lunch. Watched football on TV in the afternoon. Dalene to girl friend's in the afternoon. Stan to church to sing carols at night.

Sun Dec 22 – We all went to church. Had dinner out & took a ride over to Zuercher's to say hello. Watched Lions beat 49ers on TV in the afternoon.

Mon Dec 23 – Kay took color pictures of our family in our living room after supper.



Wed Dec 25 – Opened presents after breakfast. Nice Christmas. Dalene & I took a ride over to St. Paul loop & back after supper. Made waffles on Helen's new waffle iron; perfect.

Sat Dec 28 – Family downtown in the morning & bought Stan a pair of shoes; dresser for Dalene. I built a small wall table for Helen in kitchen for waffle iron etc. I cleaned the dining & bedroom rugs with Blue Lustre. Watched a football game in the afternoon on TV.

Sun Dec 29 – I got up & read the Sunday paper. Watched Lions beat Browns for pro title.

Mon Dec 30 – R.P. Stan practiced with the Twin City Symphony Chorus after supper. Stayed up late watching TV & adjusting furnace. To bed at 11:35.

Tue Dec 31 –R.P. Helen did some baking today. Shirley came down awhile. We watched the old year out & 1958 in.