

The families in 1958:

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; they had James.

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 and Shawn.

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; they 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 Vallee Baker.

Highlights of 1958

(Source: babyboomers.com)

MAJOR EVENTS:

- Efforts at school desegregation in the southern U.S. are met with impassioned resistance
- U.S. launches its first satellite, Explorer I; NASA established
- Vice President Richard Nixon's goodwill tour of South America sparks open protests and rioting
- Egypt and Sudan form the United Arab Republic
- U.S. Marines intervene in Lebanon to bolster government

BUSINESS & ECONOMY:

- Economic slowdown in U.S. causes sharp rise in unemployment

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

- Nuclear submarine U.S.S. *Nautilus* makes the first underwater crossing of the North Pole
- U.S. launches satellites that detect the Van Allen radiation belts around the earth, and determine that the earth is not perfectly round
- Experimental nuclear power plant goes into operation

SPORTS:

- **World Series:** New York Yankees over Milwaukee, 4-3
- Arnold Palmer wins his first Masters golf tournament

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT:

- **Movies:** *Gigi*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Me and the Colonel*
- **Songs:** *Catch a Falling Star*, *Chipmunk Song*, *Volare*, *The Purple People Eater*, *At the Hop*
- **TV Shows:** *You Asked for It*, *Wagon Train*, *To Tell the Truth*, *The Rifleman*, *Donna Reed Show*, *Have Gun Will Travel*
- **Books:** *A Raisin in the Sun*, Lorraine Hansberry; *Exodus*, Leon Uris; *Dr. Zhivago*, Boris Pasternak; *Masters of Deceit*, J. Edgar Hoover; *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, Truman Capote; *The Affluent Society*, John K. Gailbraith
- The "Cha Cha" becomes a dance craze
- New York's Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, opens

EVERYDAY LIFE:

- Stereo recordings become available
- "Barbie" doll introduced, becoming an instant success

FUN FACTS:

- "Hula Hoops" become a national craze

Diary of Dale Gardner 1958

We live at 3727 Reservoir Boulevard, Columbia Heights, MN. The second floor apartment is rented to Shirley Staebler and her daughter, Kay. I live in the basement room. We still have Dusty, the cat. Dale marks 22 years with the Civil Service, and is appointed Gauger in Charge at Phillips & Sons. I go back to school full time at the U of Minnesota. Dad and I trade cars; he takes the 1957 Chevy (and its car payments) and I take the debt-free 1948 Dodge. The family acquires another pet; Gene and Lela give us a parakeet named Skipper. Crest toothpaste inaugurates the "Look, Ma! No cavities!" campaign. Sweet n' Low is introduced, substituting saccharin for sugar. Friskees introduces the first dry cat food; and Rice-a-Roni, the San Francisco Treat, is introduced. The RIAA awards the very first Gold Record, to Perry Como, and the first Grammy Awards are held. This is the peak year for drive-in movies with 4,063 outdoor screens nationwide. The first domestic jet airline passenger service is begun by National Airlines between New York City and Miami. The Air Force Academy opens in Colorado Springs, CO; the all-male facility won't go co-ed until 1976.

As this diary from 1958 begins, Dale is 48 years old working at Ed Phillips & Sons bottling plant, Helen is 46, Stanley is in his junior year part-time at the University of Minnesota while he works full-time at General Mills Research, and Dalene is in her sophomore year at Columbia Heights High School. We see many family members during the year, including Jettie and Clarence Liggitt; Wilma and George Casey; Clarice and Lloyd Gardner and Carol, Nancy, Marie, and Mary; Marie and Ralph Kimmel and Susan; Ruth and Louie Schaffer; Ressia and Gerald Schaffer and Juanita, Carole, Judith, and Alice; Fern and Marvin Schaffer and Susan, Tracy, and Scott; Opal and Don Schaffer; Lela and Gene Yates; Rae and Bob Yates; and Margie and Jack Nish and Ann and Cathy.

Wed Jan 1 – Holiday. Living at 3727 Reservoir Blvd, Mpls, Minn. Watched Bowl football games on TV. Nice dinner & nice day.

Thu Jan 2 – Rect plant. Cold today. Letter from Mother. Watched the Tonight show with Jack Paar.

Dale's 1958 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."

Sat Jan 4 – Helen, Dalene, & I downtown to the library. Wrote Mother a letter. Dalene went to Sharon's to stay all night. I went to a show..

Sun Jan 5 – Nice bright warm winter day. Took Dalene over to Powderhorn Park to watch speed skating. Stan to church.

Mon Jan 6 – R.P. Stan to practice with Twin Cities Symphony Chorus at night.

Fri Jan 10 – Another nice day. Dalene to a basketball game at night. We watched a late movie.

Sat Jan 11 – Took Dalene a ride. Watched a movie on TV, also the North-South football game.

Fri Jan 17 – R.P. Picked Dalene up at a basketball game. Stan & I decided to go to Osceola tomorrow.

Sat Jan 18 – Stan & I left Minneapolis at 12:30 A.M. & drove to Osceola in the 1957 Chevy. Nice trip & good driving conditions. Stopped at Casey's to watch them use their milking machine. Got a haircut at John Devore's shop in Osceola. Took a ride in the afternoon to watch Lloyd & friends saw wood. At Marie's in the evening.

Sun Jan 19 – Up late at Mother's, Stan & I. Went out to Louie's for a visit. Mother & I visited at Lloyd's in the evening. Stan to a show with Carol Jane & others at night. Snowing at bedtime but not cold. Aunt Sarah died today < *Dale's great-aunt Sarah Elizabeth Gardner, age 90, sister to Isaac Newton Gardner and daughter of John McBain Gardner* >. I called Helen about 7:45 on the phone.

Mon Jan 20 – Up early. Stan & I drove to Muscatine. Visited the alcohol plant, & he visited school. Snowing. We drove from Muscatine to Mpls 1:40 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. The Chevy is sure dirty. Wrote Mother a card & to bed at 10:30 P.M.

Sat Jan 25 – Watched Iowa beat Minnesota 73-71 on TV. Shirley's sister & brother in Atlanta Georgia were murdered. Helen & I baby-sat with Carl until 2:30 A.M. tomorrow. Their furnace wouldn't work & it was 63° in their home.

Sun Jan 26 – Snow all day. Stan & Dalene to church. Dalene also went to a church supper. Helen & I washed. I shoveled snow off the walks after supper.

Wed Jan 29 – R.P. I went to the store after work. Stan went to Tony's to study < *Tony Lord was a co-worker lab technician at General Mills; see September 16* >.

Fri Jan 31 – R.P. Helen got her hair cut after supper. Watched Jonathan Winters on TV & to bed late.



Jonathan Winters

Sun Feb 2 – Cold. Dalene & I drove over to St. Paul to see the toboggan slide. Stan joined the Methodist church.

Fri Feb 7 – Dalene went to a basketball game. Stan downtown to a show with Tony. The Dodge turned over 100,000 miles.

Sat Feb 8 – Helen & I to the library. Stan & Dalene to a hobby shop. Stan bought a boat to put together & Dalene a figurine to paint. Helen & I worked on income tax figures. To bed at midnight.

Sun Feb 9 – Stan went to church, Helen & I washed. Stayed up late watching TV. Stan went to a show with Tony & Jack at night. < *Jack was a fellow stock clerk at Danielson's drug store, developmentally disabled but with a sunny outlook.* >

Fri Feb 14 – R.P. Dalene to a basketball game at night. Stan went after her. Helen took care of Chris & Carl.

Sat Feb 15 – Low -11°, high zero. Pretty cold. Stan, Dalene, & I took TV tubes to General Mills for testing, Stan tested them. Bought one new one & the buzz stopped. Dalene & I to a new Red Owl store. Stan & I to Williams Arena at night to watch Northwestern beat Minnesota 76-75.

Sun Feb 16 – I got breakfast. Stan to church. 14° below zero & warmed up to 0°. Dalene & I to Bush Lake ski jump but cost too much so we didn't stay.

Wed Feb 19 – Letter from Mother. Took Dalene to the hobby shop before supper. Stan to choir practice after supper. Helen called Lela at 10:30 P.M. to visit & ask about Uncle Pearl.

Fri Feb 21 – Uncle Pearl < *Pearl Gardner, son of Charles Loren Gardner, and cousin to Williams Gardner* > died of cancer about 2:30 P.M. Marie called Helen. Dalene to a basketball game at night.

Sat Feb 22 – I drove Stan's Chevy to Estherville & picked up Lela & drove on to Milo, then to Osceola. Got to Osceola at 8:30. Marie & I went to the hospital to see Wilma. Nice day, high at Osceola 40°.

Sun Feb 23 – Took a walk out in Lloyd's field. I went out to Louie's in the afternoon & to the cemetery. At Mother's at night & watched TV. Very foggy after dark.

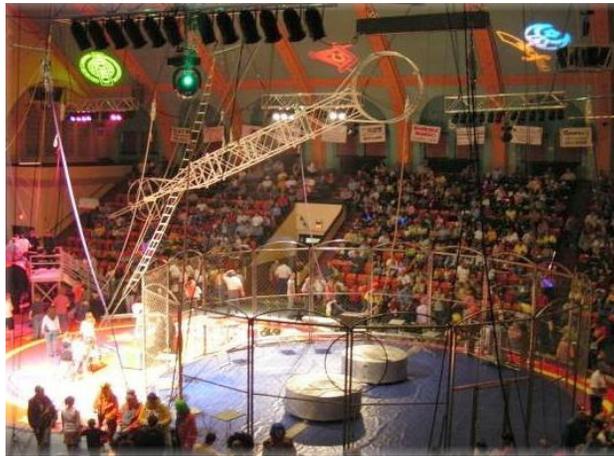
Mon Feb 24 – Annual leave. Lloyd, Marie, & I drove Stan's Chevy to Milo for Uncle Pearl's funeral. Nice day, high 52°. Mother & I went to the cemetery at sunset to see the flowers on Uncle Pearl's grave. Bought 11 dozen eggs from Clarice. Watched Iowa State beat Kansas 48-42.

Tue Feb 25 – Annual leave. I drove to Mpls from Osceola in 6 hours. Beautiful day for driving, south wind. Helen & I to the library after supper. Stan to class at the U at night.

Sat Mar 1 – Mailed our federal income tax return. Watched basketball on TV in the afternoon. Helen & Dalene baked pastry & Dinny took it to the YWCA downtown. Stan had a date.

Mon Mar 3 – R.P. Married 26 years ago today. I ironed after supper, so did Dalene. Watched a good movie & to bed at 10:40.

Fri Mar 7 – R.P. Helen & I to the library, etc. after supper. Stan & Dalene & friends went to the Shrine Circus. Kay washed in basement. Spence told us his last day here is Sunday.



Shrine Circus

Sat Mar 8 – I'm up at 8:30 & read the paper. Helen & I to the new Red Owl grocery store in St. Anthony before noon. Watched basketball all afternoon. Dalene to a high school basketball game at night. Stan to a show & here afterwards to watch TV. I went to bed with a book at 11 P.M.

Sun Mar 9 – We had breakfast at 11 A.M. Stan to church, Helen & I washed. Had fried chicken for supper. Stan went to help Tony Lord with lessons after supper.

Wed Mar 19 – Received our federal income tax refund. I ironed for 2 hours after supper. Stan to choir practice after supper, then on a date. Dalene home with stomach flu.

Thu Mar 20 – R.P. Borrowed Charlotte's portable TV & watched state high school basketball tournament at the R.P. Also after supper at home. Good games & close. Stan to school at night.

Fri Mar 21 – R.P. Downtown after work to look for a coat for Dalene. Bought Helen a box of candy. Watched state high school basketball on TV at night.

Sat Mar 22 – Helen, Dinnie, & I downtown & bought Dalene a new suit & spring coat. Helen & I washed in late afternoon. Watched Austin win Minnesota high school basketball tournament at night.

Sun Mar 23 – Stan to church. I burned trash, washed the car, fixed furnace fan door so it will stay closed. Felt bad late & have a fever. Helen called Palmer to tell him I won't be at work tomorrow.

Mon Mar 24 – Sick leave. Stomach flu, in bed all day & ate very little. Bought some liability insurance for the house & lot from Badan Insurance Co. Stan took Helen & Dalene to the library after supper.

Wed Mar 26 – Sick leave. Getting over the flu. We all watched Academy Award TV program at night. Called Palmer to tell him I'll be at work tomorrow.

Thu Mar 27 – R.P. Back to work. Took Helen & Dalene downtown after supper to exchange a pair of shoes for Dinny. Stan to school at night.

Sat Mar 29 – I got up & raked the whole yard by 12:30 P.M. Looks nice. Stan hauled the leaves & burned them. Letter from Mother.

Thu Apr 3 – R.P. Went downtown on East Hennepin after supper & bought some paint & bed frames. Dalene & Sharon to a show. Stan to school at night. Letter from Mother.

Fri Apr 4 – Annual leave. Good Friday. Painted Dalene's bedroom all afternoon. Put twin beds in Dalene's room & new double bed frame in Stan's room. Worked to 10 P.M. Showers & windy.

Thu Apr 10 – Took Dalene downtown after school to Donaldson's to buy some goods to make pajamas. Watched TV late. Stan to school at night.

Fri Apr 11 – Painted the bathroom. Paint smell sort of strong from blue enamel used on the bathroom. Dalene went to a slumber party. Stan on a date.

Sat Apr 12 – Painted our bedroom desert sand with white ceiling. Helen washed. Dalene home about 11 A.M. Stan studied most all day. Helen & I watched a late show.

Wed Apr 16 – R.P. Record high of 84° today. Took Helen for a treatment. Stan to choir practice.

Sat Apr 19 – Took Dinny & Diana downtown. Stan on a picnic in the evening. Helen washed. Dalene & Sharon to a show at night.

Sun Apr 20 – Took Dalene a long ride north of Anoka. Took Helen a ride in the afternoon. Stan stayed home all day. Fried chicken for dinner.

Tue Apr 22 – R.P. Letter from Mother. 22 years with Civil Service.

Sat Apr 26 – Rode downtown with Stan in the morning to book store & music store. Helped Helen wash in the afternoon. I started taking Geritol - have a sore throat too. Set our clocks ahead one hour, daylight savings starts tomorrow.

Sun Apr 27 – Daylight savings starts today. Dalene, Diana, & I went over to Columbia Park to hit golf balls. Had a chicken dinner. Oiled the electric clock, put a mirror on the back of Dalene's closet door.

Tue Apr 29 – R.P. 21° above at 7 A.M. Coldest April 29th in history in Mpls. Sent Marie a birthday card < *her* 40th >. Stayed up late watching TV.

Wed Apr 30 – Annual leave. Helen & I & Carl to Twin City Federal to see about taxes. Very windy today. Looked at trailers after supper. Nice.

Thu May 1 – R.P. Joe Dvorak at plant regarding Frank Jr. working as salesman for Phillips. I went to Dr. Roberts after work for my sore throat, have pharyngitis. Got a prescription filled at drug store.

Thu May 8 – R.P. Dvorak took a statement from me regarding Arth. Looked at trailer homes after supper. 50 ft, 10 wide, 3 bedroom for \$5,000. Took Dalene's friends home after a style show.

Fri May 9 – R.P. Took Helen to the library after supper, Dalene to her club meeting. Stan to Arthur Murray's for a dance lesson. I had a chiropractic treatment of Dr. Wilke, for sinus.

Sat May 10 – Beautiful day. Stan & I put screens on the apartment. Stan dropped one storm window & broke both glasses out of it. Took Dalene & Judy to play tennis. Stan to a show at night with Jack. Dalene babysat with Carl at night.

Sun May 11 – Put bamboo shades on the front porch. Worked on dandelions. Helen, Stan & I drove to McCumber's in the evening to visit.

Tue May 13 – R.P. We need rain. I finished putting up the screens after work. Stan went to class after supper. Mother called to tell us she will be here Thursday, on the bus.

Thu May 15 – R.P. Beautiful day. Carlson at plant, brought some locks, etc. Stan traded cars with me in the afternoon so I could pick Mother up at the bus station at 5 P.M.

Fri May 16 – R.P. Carlson working on tax paid wine room inspection. Mother & I went to the grocery store. Stan on a date with Sarah Jo McCumber at night.

Sat May 17 – Rain, we need it. Up late in the morning. Took Mother downtown to some stores.

Sun May 18 – Stan, Mother & Dalene to church. Took a long ride in the afternoon. Windy & cool.

Tue May 20 – R.P. Mother visited Phillips & also Stan's place of work, General Mills. Went to the airport after supper to show Mother.

Wed May 21 – R.P. I took Mother to the bus station about 8:15 A.M. then on to work. Another beautiful day, high was 80°. Took Helen to the library after supper, Dinny & Diana went along.

Fri May 23 – R.P. Dalene to a club meeting after supper & Stan with date to a concert. Louie called to ask if I wanted his 1953 Dodge. He traded it in on a new Plymouth.

Mon May 26 – R.P. Arth was called to St. Paul office to talk with Dvorak. Took Helen & Dinny downtown after work. Bought paint & a blouse for Dinny. Had supper at a drive-in.

Tue May 27 – R.P. President signed the Postal Bill for higher rates and postal employees pay raises. Dalene went to a picnic at Lake Phalen in the afternoon. Stan to a church supper & school at night.

Sat May 31 – Fixed one window shade upstairs & bought one new one. Painted our dining room moss green. Stan on a date with Sarah Jo McCumber.

Sun Jun 1 – Stan borrowed a tape recorder & we had fun with it. Dalene went to a show in the afternoon. Fried chicken for dinner.

Mon Jun 2 – Annual leave. Painted in the kitchen all day. Nice weather for painting. Stan to a church supper at night. Diana here in the evening to visit Dalene.

Tue Jun 3 – Annual leave. Painted Stan's basement room. Didn't do a very good job with the Monterey Red on the walls. Dalene over to Diana Schmitt after supper awhile. Stan to class at U.

Wed Jun 4 – Annual leave. Tornados killed several people in western Wisconsin. Helen & I cleaned the basement. I made 2 shelves in the basement stairway. Stayed up late watching the Jack Paar show. Zsa Zsa Gabor on it.



Zsa Zsa Gabor

Thu Jun 5 – Annual leave. Painted primer coat on the back steps, painted part of the basement floor, painted the basement stairway. Painted all day. Dalene went to a slumber party.

Sat Jun 7 – Helen & I downtown to get 3 rugs & a waterless cooker. Dalene went to play tennis. I mowed the lawn. Stan & Dalene baby sat with Carl at night.

Sun Jun 8 – Stan to church. Dalene & girl friends played badminton & ball on the front lawn. Diana here to stay all night.

Fri Jun 13 – Sick leave. I had a treatment of Dr. Wilke in the afternoon. Took Dalene downtown to buy bathing suit etc. Stan had a date in the evening. I went to a show, got home at midnight.

Sat Jun 14 – Up at 8 & saw Dalene off to a lake cabin with her club, for a few days. Stan went with Jack to “Peter Pan” at night.

Sun Jun 15 – Helen called Wilma in forenoon to visit. Stan to Excelsior Park with Jack. Dalene at Elk Lake. I mailed a letter to Mother at downtown post office.

Tue Jun 17 – R.P. Civil Service pay bill sent to the White House. Helen washed & hung the clothes outdoors in the sun. 2 cards from Dalene. Cleaned the back yard.

Wed Jun 18 – R.P. I went to a show “Teacher’s Pet.” Dalene came home at 10 P.M. from 5 days at an Elk Lake cabin with girl friends.



Fri Jun 20 – R.P. President signed Civil Service pay bill giving us a 10% increase, retroactive to January. Good news. Dalene to Jamboree at night. Stan to a dance at U for summer students.

Sat Jun 21 – Painted walls in the basement. Dalene to a carnival. Stan & Jack too, at night.

Mon Jun 23 – R.P. McCumber in Bottling works - Arth on leave 1 week. Letter from Mother. Dalene & Diana to a show at night. Stan on a date.

Fri Jun 27 – R.P. Bought Stan's Chevy (15,000 miles on Chevy) < *Dad and I traded cars* >. Took Helen to the library & store. Dalene to a show with Sharon.

Sat Jun 28 – Drove the Chevy over to Lake Street to inquire about car insurance. Had brakes & headlights adjusted. Stan left at 5 A.M. for a cabin on a lake in Wisconsin with his boss & 2 others. Dalene & Diana went swimming in the afternoon. Wrote Mother a letter.

Sun Jun 29 – Took Dalene & Diana swimming at Twin Lakes. Stan came home from lake week-end.

Mon Jun 30 – R.P. Drove Chevy to work for the 1st time. Stan drove the Dodge to work. Helen washed & ironed today. Called Ressa at 7:15 P.M. to tell her we're coming down Wednesday.

Wed Jul 2 – R.P. Helen, Dalene, Diana & I drove the Chevy to Latimer, Iowa, to Gerald's from 5:30 to 9 P.M. 190 miles, & stayed all night.

Thu Jul 3 – Annual leave. Fried chicken dinner at Gerald's. Drove to Mother's at Osceola.

Fri Jul 4 – Fourth of July Holiday at Osceola. Watched the parade. Out to Wilma's in the afternoon then into town for the evening. Slock Rowland & his wife visited with us in our car a long time. Nice clear, cool evening. Mother & Clarence left for California with Herbert Ewoldsen at 6 A.M.

Sat Jul 5 – Beautiful, bright day. Out to Wilma's in the morning. Back to town at night. Saw Marvin & his family.

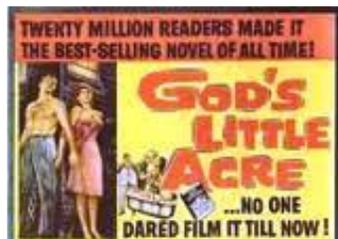
Sun Jul 6 – Drove to Lloyd's pasture where he was cutting thistles in the morning. Out to Wilma's for dinner, girls went swimming. George & I watched a ball game. Out to Louie's for supper & pitched horseshoes. Drove Louie's new Plymouth & Marvin's Chrysler. Nice day, warm. Home to Mother's.

Mon Jul 7 – Annual leave, at Mother's. Drove to Ottawa, Woodburn, Weldon, etc. After supper at Don Schaffer's.

Tue Jul 8 – Annual leave. I walked out in the field where Lloyd was plowing beans. Out to Louie's to a birthday party for Marvin's daughter. Got too hot pitching horseshoes. To Wilma's for supper.

Wed Jul 9 – Annual leave. Helen, Dalene, Nancy, Diana, & I drove from Osceola to Minneapolis, 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. in 1957 Chevy, 22 miles to the gallon & no oil. Cool & nice for driving.

Thu Jul 10 – Annual leave. Helen, Dalene, Nancy, & I downtown to Sears & the library & Robert Hall's. Went to "God's Little Acre."



Sat Jul 12 – 49 years old today. Presents from family. Eyes tested at Kindy's for new lenses. Dalene & Nancy swimming in the afternoon. Sat on the front porch with Helen till midnight.

Sun Jul 13 – Took Nancy & Dalene swimming at Moore Lake. Marie called to talk a little while & place an order for topping. Went to a show at Terrace theatre at night, Diana went along.

Wed Jul 16 – Annual leave. Got a new fuel pump & spark plugs on the Dodge. Took Nancy to Southdale & the airport. She & Dalene to Cinerama in the evening.

Thu Jul 17 – Annual leave. Took Nancy downtown to 9 A.M. bus. Helen & I took a ride after supper.

Fri Jul 18 – Annual leave. Got new glasses at Kindy's. They sure do help one to see good. Dalene went baby sitting at night at Johnson's on Tyler. Stan to practice solo for a wedding, at church.

Sat Jul 19 – Beautiful day. Dalene went downtown at 10:30 & home at 5 P.M. Watched a parade. Stan sang at a wedding in the afternoon. I pitched horseshoes in the evening.

Sun Jul 20 – Helen is 47 years old today. We gave her a candle coffee warmer. Had fried chicken dinner. Dalene to a show in the afternoon.

Mon Jul 21 – Back to Phillips after 2 weeks vacation. Helen had a treatment of Dr. Wilke at 7 P.M. Watched late movie "King's Row."



Wed Jul 23 – Worked. Letter from Mother. Stan on a date at night to watch a parade. Dinny with girl friends for same purpose. Went to bed after 11 P.M.

Fri Jul 25 – Annual leave. Dalene & I went to Curtis Hotel to visit with Elks Chanters from Muscatine. Neva Emrick & daughter here in the afternoon to visit. Took Helen to the library in the evening.

Sun Jul 27 – Dinny & I to Lake Calhoun. Margie called in the evening, Louie to be operated on in the morning for gallstones & ulcer. Stan on a date at night.

Mon Jul 28 – Louie operated on for gall stones at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines.

Sun Aug 3 – Most beautiful day all summer. Diana here all afternoon. I took a nap in the hammock on the front porch. Took a short ride down on Central to look at Susan's shop.

Sat Aug 9 – Gerald, Ressia, & Alice came about 11 A.M. Hottest day of the year 97° and muggy. Went to the zoo & about cooked.

Sun Aug 10 – Cool & cloudy & nice rain. High 80°. Cleared off about 5 P.M. Stan went swimming at Wold Chamberlain Naval Air Base.

Mon Aug 11 – A nice day. I took Dalene & Diana swimming at Lake Johanna. Helen & the girls washed. Dalene bought a leather bag, billfold with trading stamps, and a sweater downtown.

Tue Aug 12 – A perfect day, low humidity & clear air. Picked the girls up at 6 P.M. at Lake Johanna.

Wed Aug 13 – Gray & Kennedy visited the plant regarding files. Stan took the Chevy today to go on a General Mills picnic. I drove the Dodge. Went downtown after work to look at typewriters.

Fri Aug 15 – Perfect day, bright, clear & high of 77°. Took Helen to the library after supper. Lela called to tell us to come down tomorrow. Watched All-Stars beat Lions 35 to 19 on TV.

Sat Aug 16 – We all drove down to Gene's at Estherville from 10 to 3. George & Wilma there too. Bob & Rae there too. Went to buffet supper at Lake Okoboji in the evening, then drove around the lake looking at lake homes. Nice day, nice time, nice visit. To bed about 2 A.M. tomorrow.



Lake Okoboji

Sun Aug 17 – We all went to a Flight Breakfast at Estherville airport. All we could eat. Gene & Lela gave us their parakeet "Skipper" & cage & stand. Drove back to Mpls from 1:15 to 5 P.M. Rested on the porch awhile & watched TV.

Sun Aug 24 – I drove the Dodge to the State Fair at 8 A.M. to get a place to park. Walked around machinery hill, saw horse-power thresher in action. Rest of family came in the afternoon. I went to races. Had dinner & supper at fairgrounds. Helen walked through livestock buildings in afternoon.



Minnesota State Fair

Tue Aug 26 – I wrote Aunt Ina & Jack Hook a letter. He is in the hospital. Took Helen & Dalene up to Heights to buy Dinny a pair of shoes. Stan went over to watch Tony paint their apartment.

Wed Aug 27 – Dalene started to Columbia Heights High School as a Junior. Watched movie "Flirtation Walk" at night.

Fri Aug 29 – Stan got the afternoon off, drove the Chevy to Muscatine. Dalene went with Diana to pick up her grandfather about 8 P.M.

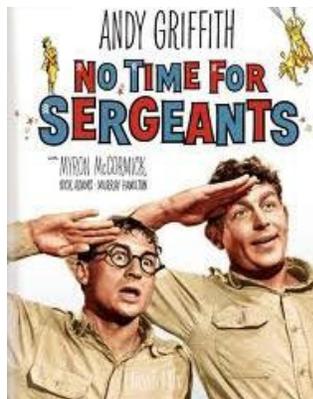
Sat Aug 30 – I got breakfast for me & Helen. Dalene to the Fair with Michelsons in the afternoon.

Sun Aug 31 – I went to the Fair at 7:30 A.M. & stayed until 5:30 P.M. Saw lots of exhibits and the auto races. Had fried chicken for supper. Helen & Dalene stayed home all day. Stan in Muscatine for the week-end.

Mon Sep 1 – Holiday. Dalene went fishing with Michelsons. Daylight savings time ends today.

Wed Sep 3 – Helen told Arden Ebert she wasn't going to take care of Carl much longer. We ate supper at a drive-in at highways 100 & 65. Dalene to the high school for a choir party after supper.

Fri Sep 12 – Stan & Dalene went to a football game at night. Helen & I to a show, "No Time For Sergeants." Watched a late movie "Task Force." To bed 12:30. Letter from Mother.



Sat Sep 13 – Took Dalene & Diana downtown in the afternoon. Lloyd is 51 today.

Tue Sep 16 – Stan's last day of work at General Mills. They gave him a dinner & a "Snorkel" pen with his name on it.



General Mills dinner for me, fifth from left; Tony Lord is fourth from left

Wed Sep 17 – Bought Kay & her husband a wedding present, table cloth & 2 napkins. They were married Monday at Nashua, Iowa.

Thu Sep 18 – Wrote Mother a letter. Helen & I to the Terrace to see “Indiscreet.” Good.



Sun Sep 21 – Up early to read the Sunday paper. Dalene & I took a long morning ride to Zimmerman, Minn. & back. Breakfast near Anoka. I went to a pro football game at Met Stadium in the afternoon. Chicago Cardinals 31, Green Bay Packers 24. Perfect day for watching football.

Tue Sep 23 – Warehouse. Carlson worked in R.P. Took Dalene to G.A.A. picnic at 6. Stan at U of M all day as full-time student again. 25,000 students.

Wed Sep 24 – We had supper at 100 Drive-In, to the library afterwards. Mother is 77 years old today.

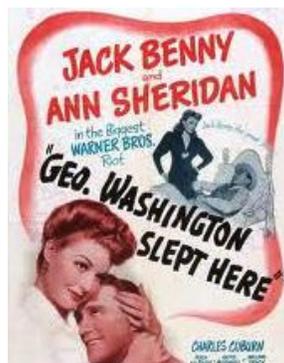
Sat Sep 27 – Dalene downtown with Diana. Watched football on TV in afternoon. Nice day.

Sun Sep 28 – Beautiful fall day, high 64°. McCumbers here in the afternoon to visit. Dalene on a ride with Michelsons.

Tue Sep 30 – Warehouse. Locked the car keys in the Chevy in front of the drug store & had to walk home to get the other one. Took Dalene to a choir meeting at night at high school. Good night on TV.

Sat Oct 4 – Helen, Dinny & I to Wards & bought 2 new chairs, nice ones. I watched football on TV in the afternoon. Stan to a football game at U of Minn. Got beat. He went on a hayrack ride at night.

Sun Oct 5 – Watched pro football on TV. Watched a late movie, “George Washington Slept Here.”



Tue Oct 7 – Warehouse. Dalene on a hayride at night, Stan & girl friend chaperoned.

Sat Oct 11 – Stan & I put storms on upstairs. He went to see Northwestern beat Minn 7 to 3. Dalene came home from a pajama party about 10 A.M. Helen & I babysat with Carl until 2 A.M. (tomorrow).

Tue Oct 14 – Warehouse. Took Dalene downtown to a Junior Achievement meeting. She came home on the bus with other girls.

Thu Oct 16 – Warehouse. Took Dalene to high school at night to see the homecoming queen & king crowned, then went back to pick her up at 9.

Sat Oct 18 – Another beautiful day. Stan went to a football game, Minnesota 8 - Illinois 20. Dalene baby sat all afternoon. Football on TV in afternoon, Iowa 20, Wisconsin 9. Stan to U dance at night.

Wed Oct 22 – Warehouse. Stan to choir practice at night, Dalene to a football game. We got ready to go to Iowa tomorrow.

Thu Oct 23 – Annual leave. Helen, Dalene & I up at 4 A.M. & drove to Muscatine by 2:45 P.M. Visited Meads & Emrichs. Saw Eubanks at alcohol plant. Bought new shoes for me & Helen in Muscatine. Supper at Washington, Iowa. Drove to Mother's by 11 P.M. Drove 546 miles today.

Fri Oct 24 – Annual leave. Watched Lloyd pick corn & use elevator to unload it. To town in the afternoon to watch high school homecoming parade. Drove out to the cemetery awhile. Out to George & Wilma's for supper, Louie & Ruth there too. Home to Mother's at 10 P.M.

Sat Oct 25 – Got a haircut at John Devore's shop in Osceola. Susan came out to Mother's for lunch. Helen, Dalene, Susan & I took a ride north of Ottawa & through Woodburn. Drove out to Louie's in the afternoon & to Margie's for supper. Stopped at Marie's a minute & also Lloyd's for 6 dozen eggs.

Sun Oct 26 – Left Mother's at 8:30 for Mpls. Stopped in Des Moines & visited Merle Osterquist a little while. Drove to Latimer, Gerald's not home. Home at 5:15 P.M.

Fri Oct 31 – Worked. McNitt came to spend his lunch hour in warehouse with me. Took Dinny to a party. Helen, Stan, & I chaperoned Junior High party at the high school. Letter from Mother, & Kay.

Sat Nov 1 – I went to Coast to Coast for glass cloth for the front porch. Helen, Stan & I put 75 feet of green glass cloth on the front porch, took us 5 hours.

Tue Nov 4 – Phillips. Helen & I to Terrace theatre at night to see "The Reluctant Debutante." Dalene to Junior Achievement downtown.



Sat Nov 8 – Cloudy. Stan went to Iowa-Minnesota game at Mpls, Iowa 28, Minn 6. In the 40s today. Watched a college football game on TV. Helen put more straw in Dusty's house.

Mon Nov 10 – Phillips. Took Helen to the downtown library & to Central Avenue library. Diana Michelson came down to be with Dalene. Stan to Hi-Y meeting as advisor at high school.

Tue Nov 11 – Double time today at Phillips. Took Dalene to Junior Achievement & went after her. Stan stayed home all day & studied.

Fri Nov 14 – Phillips. Another nice day, in the 40s. Took Helen to the library. Took Amy & Carl home. Stan to Northfield for the weekend as a camp counselor for high school teens.

Sat Nov 15 – Marie called to tell us Mother & Clarence in car accident. Mother in hospital but not serious. She called again at 7 P.M. to tell us severe mental shock. Men finished black-topping Reservoir Blvd today. Put a little black top on our drive. Dalene babysitting at night.

Tue Nov 18 – High 33°. Snow flurries. Winter is here. Wrote Mother a letter. Had a light supper. Stan studied all evening. Dalene to Junior Achievement downtown.

Thu Nov 20 – EPS < *Ed Phillips & Sons* >. Called Mother after supper to see how she feels after accident of Nov 15th. She is OK but tires easy.

Sat Nov 22 – Watched Iowa beat Notre Dame 31 to 21 on TV. Stan took the Chevy on a date. Watched a late movie & to bed at midnight.

Mon Nov 24 – EPS. Letter from Mother describing her accident of Nov 15th.

Thu Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Holiday. Had a nice baked chicken dinner. Watched football, 2 games.

Sun Nov 30 – Took Dalene a ride in the morning, over town. Watched football on TV in the afternoon.

Tue Dec 2 – EPS. I came home at noon after my billfold. Ate lunch at dime store in St. Anthony. Helen ironed. Stan went to choir practice. Dalene to Junior Achievement.

Fri Dec 5 – EPS warehouse. Letter from Mother. Stan out to supper with a girl. Dalene to a basketball game. Helen tried to get Dusty in the house but he wouldn't come.

Tue Dec 9 – Helen, Dinny, & I went shopping at Atlantic Mills in the evening. Stan tried out for a musical group, "Choralaires."

Wed Dec 10 – EPS warehouse. Palmer came to plant to visit in the afternoon. Helen, Dinny, me, & Mr. & Miss Holm to the high school at night to a chorus concert. Very good. Dalene sang a solo.

Thu Dec 11 – EPS warehouse. I took Dalene to practice singing & to a club meeting after supper.

Sun Dec 14 – Cold. Helped Helen wash. Had a good steak dinner. Watched football on TV.

Mon Dec 15 – EPS. Shirley came down to spend the evening. Tony came over to study with Stan.

Tue Dec 16 – EPS. Stan went to practice with Choral-Aires. Dalene to Junior Achievement. Helen & I wrapped Christmas presents & watched TV.

Wed Dec 17 – EPS warehouse. Stan had his last quarter exam today. Dalene sang with a group at Southdale, etc. Stan & Helen went downtown at 10 P.M. to a show, "Sinbad." I went to bed. Dalene in bed too.

Sat Dec 20 – Helen, Dalene, & I to Atlantic Mills shopping. Wrapped our Christmas packages & put up the Christmas tree & decorated it. Dinny to a club party at night, Stan to sing carols.

Wed Dec 24 – EPS warehouse. Phillips closed down at 1 P.M. I took Dalene & Diana M. downtown shopping. Stan went to church at 10:30 to sing. Letter from Mother.

Thu Dec 25 – Christmas. Helen gave me a wedding ring. Dalene gave me an ax. We gave each other mostly clothes.

Fri Dec 26 – EPS warehouse & R.P. Dalene babysat all day. Diana here after supper. Stan got all ready to go to Muscatine later tonight. Letter from Wilma, Larry & Vallee getting a divorce.

Sat Dec 27 – Stan started to Muscatine at 1 A.M. in the Dodge. Dinnie & I went downtown to look for a hat for me, didn't find one. Watched football on TV all afternoon.

Sun Dec 28 – Watched Colts beat Giants 20 to 17 in sudden death overtime on TV. Marie & Susan came up on the bus, got here at 9:20 P.M. Dalene & I picked them up at the bus station.

Mon Dec 29 – EPS warehouse. Dalene & Susan went downtown. We all went to Atlantic Mills after supper. Marie & Susan bought clothes. I took them to the bus station at midnight. Helen called Stan in Muscatine to tell him he got a job in the "U" library starting next Monday as a library page.

Wed Dec 31 – EPS warehouse. Dalene to a show. Helen & I home alone. Stan in Muscatine. To bed after midnight.