#### The families in 1960:

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 and Steven.

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

Donald was married to Phyllis Reynolds; they had Donald and Ray.

Kay was married to James Johnson; they had James, Kendal, and Cheryl.

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

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

Judith was married to Richard Easley; they had Jeffrey and Shawn.

Lana was married to Gabriel Parodi; they had Aldina.

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, Vicki, and Darwin.

Nancy was married to Stanley Saddoris.

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

Stanley was married to Judy MacDonald; they had Jeffrey.

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.

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.

Shirley was married to Mervin Briggs.

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.

Donavan was married to Sally Visser.

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, Bruce, and Judy. 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 and Lance.

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, Michael, 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; they had Tonya and Jeffrey.

Carole was married to James Martin; they had Steven.

Judith was married to Leland Muhlenbruck.

Wilma was married to George Casey; they had Larry.

Larry was married to Irene Vanderlinden; they had John.

## Highlights of 1960

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## **MAJOR EVENTS:**

- John F. Kennedy elected President in narrow contest over Richard Nixon
- Soviet Union shoots down an American U-2 reconnaissance airplane over Soviet airspace and captures pilot Gary Powers, forcing U.S. to admit to aerial spying
- Black students stage a sit-in at a lunch counter in Greensboro, NC to protest segregated seating at the establishment; the event inspires a wave of such sit-ins across the South
- U.S. relations with Cuba deteriorate as Castro regime seizes U.S. assets

#### **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:**

- U.S. launches Tiros I, first weather satellite; Echo I, first communications satellite (experimental); Transit I-B, first navigational satellite; and Corona, first spy satellite
- Soviet Sputnik 5 launches two dogs into orbit and returns them safely to earth
- U.S.-French team aboard the deep-sea vessel *Trieste* dives to a record 35,800 feet in the Pacific
- First studies linking cigarette smoking with heart disease

#### SPORTS:

- World Series: Pittsburgh over New York Yankees, 4-3
- Olympics held in Rome

## **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT:**

- **Movies:** Psycho, The Entertainer, The Apartment
- Songs: Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini, Let's Do the Twist, Never on Sunday, Teen Angel, Stay, Are You Lonesome Tonight
- TV Shows: Perry Mason, Bonanza, My Three Sons, The Untouchables, Andy Griffith Show, The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis, Walt Disney Presents
- **Books:** The Affair, C.P. Snow; The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner, Allan Sillitoe; To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee; Rabbit, Run, John Updike; The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich, William L. Shirer
- Pioneering rock-and-roll DJ Alan Freed arrested in national investigation of "payola" in radio industry
- Presidential candidates Kennedy and Nixon engage in a televised debate that helps set the precedent for future TV political coverage
- Clark Gable dies

## **EVERYDAY LIFE:**

- The number of television sets in the U.S. reaches 85 million, nearly one set for every two Americans
- First "Teflon" non-sticking cookware goes on sale at Macy's in New York
- First oral contraceptives made available to the public

# Diary of Dale Gardner 1960

As this diary from 1960 begins, Dale, Helen, and Dalene live at 3727 Reservoir Boulevard, Columbia Heights, MN, with cat Dusty. Dale is a government Gauger at Ed Phillips & Sons ("EPS") bottling plant. They rent out their second floor apartment and a basement room. Stan and Judy live in Santa Monica, CA, where Stan is a computer programmer at System Development Corporation ("SDC"). Dale is 50 years old, Helen is 48, and Dalene is in her senior year at Columbia Heights high school. Dale and Helen buy a 1960 Plymouth in August, and Dalene drives the 1952 Oldsmobile. Dale and Helen travel to the west coast to visit Judy and Stan and other relatives. Dalene attends her Senior Prom, graduates from Columbia Heights High School, and also visits the west coast, then she starts working as a school secretary. Dale marks five years working at EPS.

The "Flintstones" is shown on television for the first time. Notable technical achievements include the invention of the laser (Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation) and the heart pacemaker. France tests its first atomic bomb in the Sahara and joins the US, UK, and USSR as a nuclear power. Gasoline costs 25 cents per gallon; a loaf of bread is 20 cents. Aluminum cans are used for the first time, and Xerox introduces the first commercial document reproduction machine. Chubby Chequer starts a new dance craze with "the twist."

Dale and Helen see many family members during the year, including Jettie and Clarence Liggitt; Leona and Bill Van Sant; Vera and Orville Gardner; Elsie and Dorotha Matheny; Lela and Gene Yates; Marie and Ralph Kimmel; Jack Hook (Ina Short's husband); Clarice and Lloyd Gardner; Wilma and George Casey; Irene and Larry Casey; Ruth and Louie Schaffer; Ressia and Gerald Schaffer; Rae and Bob Yates; Margie and Jack Nish; and China Schaffer. Fri Jan 1 – Holiday. I checked 2 suitcases at the Great Northern station to Los Angeles & then on to McCumber's to get Helen's coat. Snow all afternoon & evening. Watched football on TV.

Sat Jan 2 – 6 to 8 inches of snow since yesterday noon. High about 25°. Watched football on TV in the afternoon. Dinny & I picked Mother up at 8 PM at the Rock Island train station.

Sun Jan 3 – Stan called from Santa Monica to tell us to bring warm clothes. Dalene took a ride with some girls. Mother here. Watched TV & visited.

Mon Jan 4 – Annual leave. Dalene & Mother took Helen & I to the Great Northern R.R. station to catch the 8 AM train to Chicago to go to Los Angeles. To Chicago by 3:05 PM & left at 6:15 PM.

Wed Jan 6 – Annual leave. Helen & I arrived in L.A. at 10:30 AM. Stan met us at the train. Near 70° & sunny in Santa Monica. I walked uptown. Phoned Leona Van Sant & Mrs. Bent Ashby.



Dale, Helen, Judy at Stan and Judy's apartment

Thu Jan 7 – Annual leave. Helen & I in Santa Monica. I walked uptown in the morning. High about 70°. Stan took us down by the ocean in the afternoon. I talked to Bent Ashby after supper. Wrote a big letter to Dalene & Mother.

Fri Jan 8 – Annual leave in Santa Monica. Helen & I took a walk looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand store in Santa Monica. Stan took us through SDC in the afternoon. I went uptown to buy some cards.

Sat Jan 9 – We changed our routing home to go through Tacoma. Wrote to Aunt Elsie & Dalene.

Sun Jan 10 – In Santa Monica, Cal. Rain last night & this morning. Stan took Helen & I a long ride - Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Pacific Palisades, & Santa Monica Mountains. Helen & I to a show at night, "Happy Anniversary." Saw the ocean.

Mon Jan 11 – Annual leave. In Santa Monica. Helen & I took Stan's car & drove to Laguna Beach to see Harry Rutenbeck. Back through Knott's Berry Farm & home at 6:15. Letter from Dalene.

Tue Jan 12 – Annual leave. I drove down to Santa Monica Pier & took some pictures. Helen bought a platform rocker & cover for Judy. Called Dalene.

Wed Jan 13 – Annual leave. Helen & I to Beverly Hills for train tickets. To Bentley's in Pacific Palisades for supper. Took some pictures of Bentley's house.

Thu Jan 14 – Annual leave. Helen & I to La Puente at Bill & Leona's to stay all night. They have a nice place. Orvilles there for supper. We drove there on Hollywood & San Bernadino Freeways.

Fri Jan 15 – Annual leave. Drove to Pomona to look up Gene Peagues. Couldn't find them. Back to Santa Monica in the afternoon over Whittier Hills. Talked to Dalene on the phone.

Sat Jan 16 – At Santa Monica. Visited Gene & Minnie Peague in Venice, Cal. Talked to Gwen Smith on the phone. Bought groceries for our trip tomorrow.

Sun Jan 17 – Up at 4 AM in Santa Monica to breakfast & finish packing. Stan took us to the train. Left L.A. at 6:30 AM on Southern Pacific R.R. Beautiful scenery through Tehachapi Mountains of Southern California. Moonlight scenery through Northern California & Southern Oregon.



Tehachapi Mountains

Mon Jan 18 – Annual leave. Through Oregon & Washington to Tacoma by 12:30 PM. Dorothy & Aunt Elsie met us. Sun broke through about 11 AM & from south of Chehalis, Washington, we had a perfect view of Mt. Rainier.

Tue Jan 19 – Annual leave. At Aunt Elsie's in Tacoma. Helen, Aunt Elsie, Sandy, Tracy, & I in Sandy's 1953 Ford to Eatonville & meet old friends & look around. Hadn't been there since 1930.

Wed Jan 20 – Annual leave. At Aunt Elsie's in Tacoma. Walked over to look at Art Kerr's fishing pictures. Yellow cab to Milwaukee station & left Tacoma at 2:15 PM. Crossed the Cascades in daylight - beautiful scenery. Slept in a berth tonight.

Thu Jan 21 – Annual leave. On the train through Montana. Saw antelope, lots of deer & one fox, etc.

Fri Jan 22 – Annual leave. Helen & I arrived back in Mpls at 6:30 AM from 6,000 mile vacation trip to West Coast. Dalene & Mother met us. 8° below zero in Mpls. Everything fine at Reservoir Blvd.

Sat Jan 23 – Mother, Dalene, Helen & I downtown & to Wards. Dalene bought a formal gown & we bought Mother an electric skillet at Wards. Dalene had a date with John Laufers at night.

Sun Jan 24 – Took Mother to the train at 11:30. To McCumber's to borrow a coat for Dinny to wear to the formal dance. Snow flurries. Low 10°, high 26°.

Mon Jan 25 – EPS < *Ed Phillips & Sons* >. Back to work after 3 weeks annual leave. Joined the N.A.I.R.E. union. Helen & I to the high school at night to a meeting to plan all night party for seniors.

Wed Jan 27 – EPS. Took Helen to the library after work. Picked Dalene up from work at 7:30.

Thu Jan 28 – EPS. Bought Dalene a Hi Fi Stereo record player with 4 speakers. Surprised her.

Fri Jan 29 – EPS. Helen & I took Teri home < Helen babysits Teri Roath for her parents Paul and Jean >. Picked Dinny up at 8 PM at work. John & friend here a few minutes to see the record player.

Sat Jan 30 – Dinny worked 9 to 12. Shirley came in & visited awhile. Dinny had a date with John to a downtown show.

Fri Feb 5 – EPS. Bought color film & flash bulbs for Paul & Jean's camera. Took 2 pictures of Dalene in her prom gown. Diana M. here in the evening. Letter from Mother.

Sat Feb 6 – Helen & I to Shopper's City & bought a stereo record & stand. Dalene to Senior Prom with John Laufers at night. I took colored pictures of her & John in formals. Paul & Jean here with Teri awhile in the evening.



Dalene and John ready for the Senior Prom

Thu Feb 11 – EPS. I took pictures of the house. Jack Paar quit the Tonight show.

Sat Feb 13 – Helen & I bought a table to set Dinny's Hi Fi set on. Took care of Teri in the afternoon & evening. Called Stan & Judy after midnight, to visit.

Thu Feb 18 – EPS. Talked to Marie from work about going down tomorrow. Helen & I to the library, & lunch at White Castle. Letter from Mother.

Fri Feb 19 – Annual leave. Stayed home to help take care of Teri. Helen has the flu. Got some colored pictures of house, good. Mother called in the evening about me coming down.

Mon Feb 22 – Holiday. Took Dinny to school. Worked on income tax info. Sent Mother pictures.

Sat Feb 27 – I took income tax info to Don McGee. He told me our house might bring \$25,000. Jim Staebler is in some kind of trouble with the law. Watched TV all afternoon.

Tue Mar 1 – EPS. I have a head cold. Dalene had her eyes tested. Needs glasses for close reading.

Wed Mar 2 – EPS. Helen called Stan in the evening. He is flying to New York next week for 2 weeks.

Thu Mar 3 – Sick leave. I have the flu. Dalene took the car to school. Married 28 years ago today at Maryville, Missouri.

Mon Mar 7 – EPS. Letter from Stan, he is flying to New York Thursday & stopping here 2 hours.

Thu Mar 10 – EPS 4 hours, 4 hours leave. We met Stan at the airport & brought him to the house for about 1 hour. He was on his way to N.Y. from L.A. for 2 weeks. Nice to see him.





I flew on the graceful Lockheed "Connie" from Los Angeles to Minneapolis, and on the double-decker Boeing Stratocruiser from Minneapolis to New York; both were propeller-driven. The Stratocruiser was one of the last two still in service. Commercial passenger jet service had begun.

Sun Mar 13 – We went looking at trailers & apartments. Dalene went to a choir concert in afternoon.

Sat Mar 19 – Helen & I downtown buy vitamin pills at Donaldson's. Gene & Lela came at 7:30.

Sun Mar 20 – Gene & Lela here, left about 1:30 PM. Dalene went to Johnsville after cat food.

Fri Mar 25 – EPS. Watched high school basketball games at night on TV.

Sat Mar 26 – Mother, Marie, Susan & friend (Betty Potter) came about 6:30 PM to stay all night.

Mon Mar 28 – EPS. Mother, Marie, Susan, & Betty Potter left for Osceola at 9:30 AM. Shirley visited here awhile after supper.

Fri Apr 1 – EPS until 1:30. Mother called. I drove to Osceola by 1 PM for Aunt Ina's funeral tomorrow < *Jettie's sister died March 31* >. Rained on me from Albert Lea to Ames. Cold in Iowa.

Sat Apr 2 – We all went to Des Moines in Marie's car, to Aunt Ina's funeral. Went to Jack's house < *Ina's husband, Jack Hook* >. Stopped in Osceola to buy groceries on the way back.

Sun Apr 3 – Up late at Mother's. Started home at 10:30 AM. Nice day but windy. Bought 6 dozen eggs at Lloyd's. Home at 5 PM.

Tue Apr 5 – EPS. Helen went to Dr. Eli, she has muscle spasms that pinch a sciatic nerve. Dalene got an A in a singing contest (solo) at White Bear.

Sun Apr 10 – Dinny & I raked most of the lawn. She took a ride in the afternoon.

Mon Apr 11 – EPS. Wrote Rod a letter, also Stan & Judy. Letter from Stan & Judy, also Mother.

Thu Apr 14 – EPS. High near 70° & nice. Sat on the front porch after supper.

Sat Apr 16 – Dinny & I finished raking the lawn. Talked to Stan after supper. Letter from Rutenbecks.

Wed Apr 20 – EPS. Shultz, Palmer, Gray, Peterson & Carlson at Phillips. Bought a Keystone 16mm movie camera & projector from Al Dorsch.

Thu Apr 21 – EPS. 24 years ago today I went to work for the government in Washington, DC.

Fri Apr 22 – EPS. High 85°, tied an all time record. Dalene went to the senior banquet in the evening.

Fri Apr 29 – EPS. Dalene sang a solo at State music contest for a "B" rating. Jim Staebler got a little huffy when I asked him about a fellow rooming with him. Shirley paid the rent.

Sat Apr 30 – Bought Dalene a railroad ticket to L.A. for June 6<sup>th</sup>. She worked. She took some girls & went to a show at night. Helen & I stayed home.

Sun May 1 – Fine day. Took some movie pictures. Called Marie, she is 42 today. Jim Staebler moved out of the upstairs apartment, thank goodness.

Fri May 6 – EPS. Borrowed Al's lights & took some movies at night of Dalene & John.

Sat May 7 – Helen, Dinny & I looked at house trailers. To Al Dorsch's to get movie film. Watched a late movie. Letter from Mother.

Sun May 8 – Dalene bought some 16mm film at Snyder's in St. Anthony. Helen called Mary.

Mon May 9 – EPS. Helen got a Mother's Day card & letter from Stan & Judy.

Tue May 10 – EPS. Letter from Rod Mead. Dinny to a choir concert rehearsal at night.

Wed May 11 – EPS. We went to the high school choir concert at night. Dalene in Columbia Heights chorus. Very good.

Thu May 12 – EPS. Helen & I to a meeting at night at the high school for graduation night breakfast.

Mon May 16 – EPS. Dinny's senior class went to Faribault for the day.

Tue May 17 – EPS. Dalene to a G.A.A. dinner in the evening. She brought me a piece of chicken. Mailed Dalene's graduation announcements & pictures.

Wed May 18 – EPS. Dalene went on a choir picnic in the afternoon & evening.

Sun May 22 – Daylight savings starts today. John took our picture with a new Polaroid camera.

Tue May 24 – EPS. Helen & Dinny to the library. Dusty caught a young rabbit & Dalene couldn't eat supper.

Wed May 25 – EPS. We called Mother at 10 PM to tell her Dinny is going to sing Sunday night at baccalaureate.

Sun May 29 – We went to baccalaureate at the high school in the evening. Dalene sang a solo.

Tue May 31 – EPS. Dalene's last day working at Columbia Heights Credit Union.

Thu Jun 2 – EPS. Dalene graduated from Columbia Heights High School. We went. 240 in class. I drove 6 seniors to Field House.

Fri Jun 3 – EPS. To the high school at 3 AM to help cook breakfast for 240 seniors. Home at 7 AM with Dalene.

Sat Jun 4 – Mary here in the afternoon. Shirley Staebler gave notice, she is going to move from our apartment July 1<sup>st</sup>. Dalene babysat for Carl & sister. Helen packed Dalene's suitcases.

Sun Jun 5 – Took the big black suitcase to train station & checked to L.A. for Dalene. Dalene went to play tennis.

Mon Jun 6 – EPS. Took Dalene to the Milwaukee Line station to go to Los Angeles with the Corson family at 11:30 AM. Letter from Stan. Sent a graduation present to Nancy Gardner.

Tue Jun 7 – EPS. Helen & I ate supper out & then to the downtown library. Dalene on her way to California, should be in Arizona now - 10:30 PM.

Wed Jun 8 – EPS. Called Dalene at Stan's at night. She got there at 8:30 this morning.

Sun Jun 12 – Wrote Mom a letter. Talked to Stan, Judy, & Dalene in L.A.

Mon Jun 13 – EPS. Sent Clarence & Lloyd a necktie each for Father's Day. Wrote letter to Mother.

Fri Jun 17 – EPS. Beautiful day, high in the 60s. Letter from Mother. Took Helen to the library after work & stopped to see Teri on the way home.

Sat Jun 18 – Beautiful day, high 83°. Shirley sat on the porch & visited. Mother called to tell us Aunt Elsie died & Lloyd, Marie & Susan went to funeral at Tacoma. We called Dorothy & talked to her, & Don & Chuck. < Elsie was a sister of Williams Gardner (so aunt to Lloyd, Dale, and Marie), married to Fred Matheny; the others called were her children. >

Mon Jun 20 – EPS. I received Father's Day cards from Stan, Judy, & Dalene. Floyd Patterson knocked Johannson out in the 5<sup>th</sup> round.

Sat Jun 25 – Painted the bathroom, looks nice now. Mowed the lawn. Helen & I went to grocery store. Mr. Holm asked us to let Skippy out tomorrow while they are away.

Sun Jun 26 – Called Mother, Lloyd should be here tomorrow morning, from Tacoma.

Mon Jun 27 – EPS. Lloyd came at 2:30 PM to 9:30 PM on his way home from Tacoma & Aunt Elsie's funeral. We took him to Rock Island train.

Tue Jun 28 – EPS. Rain. Stan, Judy, & Dalene arrived 1 PM from Santa Monica.

Wed Jun 29 – EPS. Beautiful day, high about 79°. Kids spent the evening here. Had supper at Mary Skinner's. Dalene babysat with Teri. Showed home movies & went to bed at midnight.

Fri Jul 1 – EPS. Shirley Staebler moved out of the apartment, lived there  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years. Visited with Stan & Judy & to bed late.

Sat Jul 2 – Showed the apartment to Mr. & Mrs. Grossman. Dinny & I to Railway Express for 2 suitcases. Stan & Judy to a play at night.

Mon Jul 4 – Holiday, at home with Stan & Judy all day. Helen has bad throat, called doctor & got a prescription. Polished the Olds.

Wed Jul 6 – EPS. Stan took me to work & brought me home. Dinny used the car today. Stan bought a house in Reseda, Cal. He found out by phone.

Fri Jul 8 – EPS. Dalene took me to work & went to Sharon Lynn's wedding. She picked me up too. Mary here in the evening at supper time. Letter from Mother.

Sat Jul 9 – Dalene on a picnic (Soo Rail Road) with Sharon & family all day. I went downtown for rug shampoo. Lined an apartment closet in the afternoon with cardboard. Cleaned one side of a rug.

Sun Jul 10 – Dinny to a lake with Sanders, all day. Helen & I took Mrs. Magnuson to hospital to see her husband. Called Mother to visit.

Mon Jul 11 – EPS. Stan & Judy saw Don McGee about signing FHA papers for their house in the San Fernando Valley, OK. Our new rugs came for the apartment.

Tue Jul 12 – EPS. Mary & kids here at night. Ran some movies at night of California. I'm 51 years old today.

Wed Jul 13 – EPS. Letter from Mother for my birthday. Card from Lloyd too. Watched Democratic convention all evening.

Sun Jul 17 – Made ice cream in the evening, Stan & Judy had some friends in. Dinny to a drive-in.

Mon Jul 18 – Annual leave. I bought a 14 foot stairway for our apartment entrance & hauled it home. Stan & Judy packing. Mary here in the afternoon a little while. Paul & Jean & Teri here too.

Tue Jul 19 – Annual leave. Dinny & I drove to Osceola from 4:15 to 10:30. Stan & Judy came later. Afternoon at Mother's, Marie's, & George's. Evening at Louie's & Marie's taking movies & showing movies. To bed late. HOT.

Wed Jul 20 – Annual leave. Stan & Judy left Mother's at 6:30 for Calif. Dinny & I left same place for Mpls. HOT driving, home at 1:30 PM. Helen is 49 years old today.

Sat Jul 23 – To Atlantic Mills for paint. Bought bedroom slippers too. Painted the apartment kitchen & bathroom, bedroom walls. Dalene had a club party at night.

Sun Jul 24 – Helen & I painted all day in the apartment. Dalene went to a lake with Sharon Sanders & friends. High 91°. Good breeze. Up late to watch a movie.

Tue Jul 26 – Annual leave. Helen & I worked all day laying carpets in the apartment. Finished except for trimming on one. They look nice too. Dalene took care of Teri.

Wed Jul 27 – Annual leave. Bought some floor lumber for back porch & put it on. Helen worked all day in the apartment, I worked on the back porch.

Thu Jul 28 – Annual leave. Took old back porch steps down & put new ones up. Letter from Mother.

Fri Jul 29 – Annual leave. Worked all day on the back porch steps to apartment & finished & painted, Helen & I. Back porch steps in good condition now.

Sun Jul 31 – Beautiful day, high about 80°. Rented the apartment to Mr. & Mrs. Keith Kelley. Called Stan & Judy in the evening at Reseda, Cal.

Mon Aug 1 – EPS. Back to work after 2 weeks vacation. Took movies of our apartment and our downstairs bathroom. Paul & Jean here in the evening to look at the apartment.

Sat Aug 6 – Harold Elmer hauled old stairway away. Keith & Jane Kelley moved into our apartment. I cut weeds in the back yard & alley. We took care of Teri from 8:30 PM to 1:30 AM.

Sun Aug 7 – Beautiful day. Helen & I to Atlantic Mills to buy a G.E. coffee pot. Dalene took a ride in the afternoon with other girls.

Mon Aug 8 – EPS. Picked movie film up after work of our apartment & 1<sup>st</sup> floor bathroom. Good. Worked on back porch railing after supper. Picked some apples of Holm's tree. Letter from Mother.

Thu Aug 11 – EPS. Dinny took me to work & then went to Lake of the Isles all day to watch water sports.

Sun Aug 14 – Beautiful day. Painted back porch & steps 2<sup>nd</sup> coat. Put a new wall cabinet in the apartment kitchen & put a new light over the apartment sink. Dinny to water sports.

Mon Aug 22 – Attended a conference on new DSP forms & regulations at St. Paul office most all day. I talked 2½ hours mostly answering questions. Dalene got a job as secretary at Nelson grade school. Good for her.

Tue Aug 23 – EPS. Dalene's first day on new job as school secretary. Helen, Dalene & I looked at a new Plymouth after work at Downtown Plymouth. Watched TV late.

Wed Aug 24 – EPS. Signed up for a NEW 1960 Plymouth. Bought insurance to cover it from Brandt.

Thu Aug 25 – Annual leave. Bought a new 1960 Plymouth 2-door Savoy at Downtown Plymouth in Minneapolis.



Dale and Helen's 1960 Plymouth

Fri Aug 26 – EPS. Drove the new Plymouth to work for the first time. Dinny to drive-in movie at night.

Sat Aug 27 – I fixed the garage doors so they will close behind the new Plymouth. Dinny to the State Fair. Gene & Lela came about 11 to stay all night. We sat up till 4 AM visiting.

Sun Aug 28 – Up at 10 AM. Took Gene & Lela a short ride in the new Plymouth. Steak for dinner.

Wed Aug 31 – EPS. Gray & McNitt at Phillips too, plus Arth. Nice letter from Stan. Dalene had a flat on the Olds.

Sat Sep 3 – Up early & cleaned out the garage so Dalene can put the Olds in. Took a ride to Thompson Heights in the evening looking for Fred King & family. No find.

Sun Sep 4 – Put hardware on garage doors on Dalene's side. Harold Elmer came & took a trailer load of scrap lumber away. Mowed the lawn & cleaned the car. Dalene to the State Fair.

Mon Sep 5 – Labor Day, holiday. Dalene & I polished her Olds. Last day of daylight savings time.

Fri Sep 9 – EPS. Dalene got her 1<sup>st</sup> salary check as school secretary. She went to a football game.

Sat Sep 10 – Dalene bought a new winter coat at Robert Hall. Helped Helen wash. Helen bought a used TV at Miller's, it quit & she called them.

Sun Sep 11 – Watched pro football on TV in the afternoon. Had steak supper & to bed at 10:30.

Tue Sep 13 – EPS. Lloyd is 53 today. Fine day. Millers brought our used TV back, fixed, works fine.

Fri Sep 16 – EPS. Dalene to a football game at night & then to a slumber party all night. Helen & I to Candlelight Café for supper. TV until midnight.

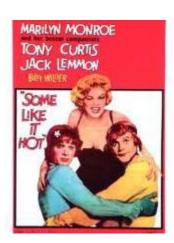
Wed Sep 21 – EPS. Nickolay at Phillips. Miss Holm painted ½ of their picket fence.

Sat Sep 24 – Called Mother at night, she is 79 today.

Mon Sep 26 – EPS. Dalene home with a sore throat. Minnie & Lilly visited us after supper. Watched film of Minnesota & Nebraska football game.

Wed Sep 28 – EPS. Dalene still home with a sore throat. I went to a show at night, "Hole In The Head," & "Some Like It Hot."





Fri Sep 30 – EPS. Nice letter from Judy. Dalene had a party in the basement room.

Sun Oct 2 – Took Lillie to Minnie's farm near Hinckley. Jean & sister & babies here in the evening.

Wed Oct 5 – EPS. Helen washed in the afternoon. John Laufers dropped in at 9 to see Dalene.

Thu Oct 6 – EPS. Called Stan & Judy in the evening, Dalene is going out to spend Christmas with them.

Fri Oct 7 – EPS. Brought Lillie & Minnie out for supper & took them back to their room. Dalene to a football game.

Sun Oct 9 – Helen & I to see Fred Kings. Dalene to St. Cloud to see Sharon.

Thu Oct 13 – Took Helen to the downtown library after supper. Dalene to the high school to Homecoming Queen Coronation night.

Fri Oct 14 – EPS. Dalene went to a football game in the evening.

Sat Oct 15 – Iowa beat Wisconsin, Minnesota beat Illinois. Dalene baby sat with Teri at night.

Sun Oct 16 – Lillie, Minnie, & Delbert here for breakfast at 10 AM. Watched football on TV.

Wed Oct 19 – EPS. Called Mother to tell her we're coming down Friday. Dalene got her hair fixed different & went to a football game.

Fri Oct 21 – Annual leave. Helen & I drove to Osceola, stopped at Latimer to see Gerald, & in Ames to see Bob & Rae. Had supper at Casey's. Stayed all night at Mother's.

Sat Oct 22 – Took movies of Lloyd plowing, Louie & Jack picking corn, George & Larry cutting hay & feeding cattle. Bought 12 dozen eggs of Louie for \$2. All night at Mother's.

Sun Oct 23 – Helen & I drove from Osceola to Mpls. Had dinner at Gerald's. 20 miles per gallon.

Tue Oct 25 – EPS. Took film to Brown's for processing. Dalene to Amy's to baby sit a little while.

Thu Oct 27 – EPS. I drove to St. Paul office to see Gray about 2611. Helen & I went shopping at Atlantic Mills & Shopper's City. Had steak supper at Shopper's City. Bought 4 bulb light bar.

Fri Oct 28 – EPS. Letter from Judy & one from Mother. Jane paid the rent for November. Helen reserved a seat on the train for Dalene December 26 for L.A.

Sun Oct 30 – Put 1 gallon anti freeze in Dalene's Olds. Watched pro football all afternoon on TV.

Mon Oct 31 – EPS. Sent a letter to Stan & Judy. Dalene picked up film I took last weekend down on the farm. Tricks or treats. To bed at midnight.

Tue Nov 1 – EPS. Dalene is all enthused about her Christmas vacation in California.

Fri Nov 4 – EPS. I went to Great Northern train station to see Railway Express about samples. Helen & I ate out, after going to the library.

Sat Nov 5 – Watched Minnesota beat Iowa 27 to 10, on TV. Dalene went to Schmitt's to stay all night.

Sun Nov 6 - I bought new rabbit ears for the TV. Bought a new snow brush & scraper for the car. Watched football on TV. Had a good roast beef dinner.

Mon Nov 7 – EPS. 5 years ago today I started working at Phillips.

Tue Nov 8 – EPS. Election Day. Looks like Kennedy at midnight. Stayed up till midnight & after, watching election results on TV.

Wed Nov 9 – EPS. Kennedy elected next President, Lyndon Johnson Vice President.

Thu Nov 10 – EPS. Mr. Carlson from Washington office at Phillips, with Gray. Helen & I watched the Jack Paar show, from Hawaii, to midnight.

Fri Nov 11 – EPS. Holiday, double time. I came home at noon & got Helen, had lunch together at Land O' Lakes cafeteria & she stayed at EPS all afternoon with me. Had supper at Candlelight Café.

Wed Nov 16 – EPS. I went to St. Paul post office in morning to attend a Reorientation Program for IRS employees. Dalene drove a new Valiant in evening, from Central Motors on Central.

Sat Nov 19 – Helen & I looked for a watering can, bought gas, looked at Valiants. TV in afternoon.

Sun Nov 20 – Helen & I took Mary Skinner to the train for L.A. Watched football on TV. Had fried chicken dinner.

Mon Nov 21 – EPS. We all went to Downtown Plymouth & signed up for a Valiant for Dalene. She gets it Wednesday.

Wed Nov 23 – EPS. Dalene picked up her 1961 Valiant at Downtown Plymouth after work. Beautiful car, black with red, white & brown interior, etc. She put 80 miles on it.



Dalene's 1961 Valiant

Thu Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Holiday. Dalene is getting used to her new car. I took some pictures of it. Helen talked to the kids in California. I watched football on TV. Had roast chicken for dinner.

Sat Nov 26 – Watched Navy beat Army 17 to 12 on TV. Helen & I went Christmas shopping at Wards & then to a show at the Varsity. Dalene had a pajama party here, about 8 girls.

Fri Dec 2 – EPS. Helen & I to the library after supper. Dalene to a basketball game at South St. Paul.

Sun Dec 4 – Watched pro football on TV. Dalene went to a Christmas program in late afternoon.

Tue Dec 6 – EPS. Helen & I wrapped Christmas presents in evening. Dalene went to a basketball game. Wrote Mother a letter.

Mon Dec 12 – EPS. Called Mother in the evening to tell her we will be down for Christmas.

Tue Dec 13 – EPS. High 33° & no snow. Dalene bought new dress & shoes.

Thu Dec 15 – EPS. Keith Kelley visited awhile at supper time. Dalene went to a school supper. Wrapped Mother's Christmas presents.

Fri Dec 16 – EPS. Letter from Judy. Took Helen to the library after supper. Letter from Mother.

Sat Dec 17 – Helen & I Christmas shopping. Football on TV in the afternoon. Dalene on a pajama party all night at Podany's. Saw "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" on TV at night.



Sun Dec 18 – Took some movies of Teri & her new baby buggy, & Helen. I went to Shopper's City for new light bar bulb.

Wed Dec 21 – EPS. Bought a Christmas tree at National.

Fri Dec 23 – EPS. Marie called after supper to see if we are coming down for Christmas. Gave Bob a key, while we are gone. Packed the car.

Sat Dec 24 – Up at 3:30 AM. Helen, Dalene, & I drove the Plymouth to Osceola. Nice day. 4° below in Mpls, 40° above at Osceola. Lloyds & Marie & Susan & us at Mother's in the evening & opened Christmas presents. Took some movies. To bed at 10:30. Nice Christmas.

Sun Dec 25 – Christmas at Mother's. Called Stans in the morning, they weren't up yet. Turkey dinner at Lloyd's. George & Wilma here after supper.

Mon Dec 26 – Holiday. At Mother's. Dinner at Lloyd's & watched pro football there on TV. Out to Louie's in the afternoon & Marie's. Saw China Schaffer a little while.

Tue Dec 27 – Annual leave. Helen, Dalene & I drove home to Mpls from Mother's. Nice day. Cold in Mpls, 8° above. Got 20 miles per gallon with the Plymouth.

Fri Dec 30 – Annual leave. Had the Plymouth washed. Helen cleaned the house. Took her to the library, picked up ironing. Watched TV till after midnight.

Sat Dec 31 – Watched football on TV. Nice day at home to end the year.