

The families in 1961:

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) and Verda Machlan (1881-1936) had Orville, Leona, Doyle, and Merle.

Orville and Vera Lee had Orville, Twyla, Donald, Kay, Phillip, and David.

Orville and Beverly Stevenson had Larry and Steven.

Twyla and Norris Davis had Denny, Ricky, and Denise.

Donald and Phyllis Reynolds had Donald and Ray.

Kay and James Johnson had James, Kendal, and Cheryl.

Leona and William Van Sant had Richard, Judith, and Lana.

Richard and JoAnn Davis had Richard, William, and Martin.

Judith and Richard Easley had Jeffrey and Shawn.

Lana and Gabriel Parodi had Aldina.

Doyle and Irene Wright had Terry.

Merle and Dorothy McCollister had Russell, Gary, and Randy.

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

Charles and Glen Ashby had Charles Jr., Jack, and Darlene.

Donovan and Ethel Filteau had Patricia and Nancy.

Anna was married to Howard Crate.

Dorothea and Art Kerr had Donna and Sandra.

Williams (1881-1950) and 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 and Clarice McGee had Carol, Nancy, Marie, and Mary

Carol and James Green had Cheryl, Vicki, and Darwin.

Nancy and Stanley Saddoris had Cynthia.

Lawrence “Dale” and Helen Schaffer had Stanley and Dalene.

Stanley and Judy MacDonald had Jeffrey.

Marie and Ralph Kimmel had Susan.

Lena (1882-1968) and Pearl L. Yates (1883-1958) 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 and Rachel Creel had Jeffrey.

Charles (1884-1965) and Ida “Meda” Robins (1888-1957) had William Roswell and raised Meda’s niece, Annadell Cottrell (daughter of Arline Robins Cottrell).

William “Roswell” and Tressie Woods had Selma, Raymond, Richard, Shirley, Thomas, and Jewell.

Selma and Robert Wallace had Patti, Robert, and Beverly.

Raymond and Beverly DeVore had Michael and Gary.

Shirley was married to Mervin Briggs.

Annadell and Frank Gonseth 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) and Ethel “Chloe” Orr (1893-1972) had Burl, Donald, Vivian, Kenneth, Norman, Marian, and Robert.

Burl was married to Opal Mathis.

Donald and Opal Horton had Karen and Karyl.

Karen was married to Roger Stickler.

Vivian and Wayne Hanson had Donovan.

Donovan and Sally Visser had David.

Kenneth and Doris Meyers had Larry, Linda, Roy, Jeffrey, and Steven.

Marian was married to Bob Mericle.

Robert and Dorothy Semenchuk had Craig, Lynn, Bruce, and Judy.

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

Lester and Ledell Mitchell had Jennifer and Lance.

Francis and Lemuel Holmes had Connie and Ann.

Max was married to Norma Stoen.

Pearl “China” (1896-1963) was married to Mercedes “Cedar” Sutton (1899-?).

Harley (1898-1967) and Doris “Dot” Mitchell (1898-1975) had Keith and Eva.

Keith and Betty Akes had Anita.

Eva and Jerry Kelly had Cynthia, Michael, Michele, and Melanie.

Louie (1899-1975) and Ruth Cherington had Marvin and Margie.

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

Margie and John Nish had Ann and Cathy.

Gerald and Ressa Bishop had Juanita, Carole, Judith, and Alice.

Juanita and Donald Bemis had Tonya and Jeffrey.

Carole and James Martin had Steven.

Judith was married to Leland Muhlenbruck.

Wilma and George Casey had Larry.

Larry and Irene Vanderlinden had John.

Highlights of 1961

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MAJOR EVENTS:

- Outgoing President Eisenhower issues warning of a "military industrial complex" developing in America
- President Kennedy establishes Peace Corps
- Cuban exiles fail in their bid to invade Cuba through the Bay of Pigs; President Kennedy accepts responsibility
- Soviets build wall dividing East and West Berlin
- Nazi leader Adolf Eichmann tried in Israel, found guilty
- "Freedom Riders" travel throughout the South to test and promote integration measures; many are assaulted and beaten

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

- Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becomes first human in space during a single-orbit flight
- Commander Alan Shephard Jr. becomes first American in space in a suborbital flight aboard Mercury 3; Virgil Grissom follows in similar fashion two months later
- Soviet space probe Venera 1 becomes the first man-made vehicle to reach another planet when it arrives at Venus
- First lasers developed
- Anthropologists Louis and Mary Leakey discover *Homo habilis* in the Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania

SPORTS:

- **World Series:** New York Yankees over Cincinnati, 4-1
- Ty Cobb dies

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT:

- **Movies:** *West Side Story*, *The Hustler*, *Judgment at Nuremberg*
- **Songs:** *Moon River*, *Where the Boys Are*, *Will You Love Me Tomorrow*, *Blue Moon*, *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*
- **TV Shows:** *Bullwinkle*, *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color*, *Hazel*, *Dick Van Dyke Show*, *Top Cat*
- **Books:** *Stranger in a Strange Land*, Robert Heinlein; *Catch-22*, Joseph Heller; *The Carpetbaggers*, Harold Robbins; *The Making of the President: 1960*, Theodore White; *The Agony and the Ecstasy*, Irving Stone; *The Winter of Our Discontent*, John Steinbeck
- Henry Miller's 1934 novel *Tropic of Cancer* published legally in the U.S. for the first time
- Ernest Hemingway dies of a self-inflicted gunshot wound
- Gary Cooper dies

EVERYDAY LIFE:

- Electric toothbrushes introduced
- "Frito" corn chips appear

FUN FACTS:

- "Barbie" gets a boyfriend when the "Ken" doll is introduced

Diary of Dale Gardner 1961

As this diary from 1961 begins, Dale, Helen, and Dalene live at 3727 Reservoir Boulevard, Columbia Heights, MN, and 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 Reseda, CA, and Stan is a computer programmer at SDC. Dalene is a school secretary. Dale is 51 years old and Helen is 49. Dale and Helen drive a 1960 Plymouth. Stan and Judy drive a 1957 Chevrolet. Dalene drives a 1961 Plymouth Valiant. In May, Helen and Dale drive to California to visit again. Then in August, Dalene takes the train to Southern California to spend some of her vacation with Stan and Judy. Near the end of the year, Dale and Dalene and several of Dalene's friends drive to Southern California to attend the Rose Bowl.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy is inaugurated as 34th President of the United States. Singer Patsy Cline releases "I Fall to Pieces" and "Crazy;" the success of the songs helps her cross over from country to pop. Audrey Hepburn delights as Holly Golightly in the movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's," but Henry Mancini emerges as the real star; he won two Oscars and four Grammy Awards for the score, which included the hit song "Moon River." The Album of the Year Grammy went to Bob Newhart's "Button Down Mind."

Dale and Helen see many family members during the year, including Jettie and Clarence Liggitt; Clarice and Lloyd Gardner; Marie and Ralph Kimmel and Susan; Ruth and Louie Schaffer; Wilma and George Casey; Leona and Bill Van Sant; Vera and Orville Gardner; Glenn & Charles Matheny; Charles Matheny Jr.; Ethel & Don Matheny; Opal and Don Schaffer; Ethel and Lloyd Schaffer; Minnie and Bert Chandler; and Ressia and Gerald Schaffer.

Sun Jan 1 – Lazy, restful day. Football in the afternoon on TV. Dalene went ice skating in the afternoon.

Mon Jan 2 – Holiday. Watched Rose Bowl Parade & Washington 17 - Minnesota 7, on TV. Light snow. Dalene to a show at night.

Tue Jan 3 – EPS. Letter from Mother, she is moving back into her house in town soon.

Thu Jan 5 – EPS. Dalene took care of Teri < *Helen babysits Teri Roath for her parents Paul and Jean* >.

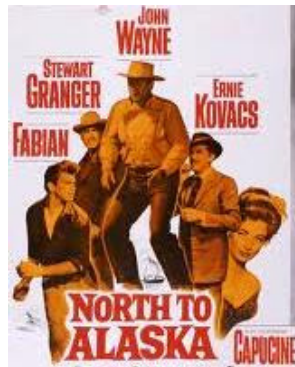
Sat Jan 7 – Helen & I figured our income tax data. Watched football & basketball on TV in the afternoon. Dinny to the Auto Show.

Wed Jan 11 – EPS. High 42°. Tied an all-time high record set in 1928. We ate supper at Candlelight Café.

Fri Jan 13 – EPS. Letter from Mother, she is moving back to Osceola at 322 South Park. Dinny to a basketball game at night.

Sat Jan 14 – I went to have Don McGee figure our income tax. Jean & Teri came in the afternoon to visit awhile. Lilly D. called in the evening, on her way to California with Minnie.

Mon Jan 16 – EPS. High 46°, highest in history. I went to a show at night at Heights, “North to Alaska.”



Thu Jan 19 – EPS. Letter from Judy. Jean & Teri Lee here to visit in the evening.

Fri Jan 20 – EPS. John F. Kennedy inaugurated 34th President of U.S. Took Helen to the library & store. Watched the Presidential Ball on TV at night.

Fri Jan 27 – EPS. I took Helen to the library. Dalene to a dance with John at night.

Fri Feb 3 – EPS. Nice 8 page letter from Stan & Judy. Sent a letter to Mother.

Sat Feb 4 – Helen & I to the new downtown library, very nice place. Teri here in the afternoon visiting.

Sun Feb 5 – Stayed in the house all day. Dalene went to a ski jump & Battle Creek Park.

Tue Feb 7 – EPS. Dalene took us to see her new school, Valley View, where she works as secretary. Nice place.

Sat Feb 11 – Beautiful day, high 51°, broke the all time record. Helen & I to Shopper's City. Teri & Jean here in the afternoon to visit.

Sun Feb 12 – Nice day. Helen, Dalene & I drove the Plymouth around Lake Mille Lacs & back. Dinner at Mille Lacs Café.

Sun Feb 19 – Took Dinny to Heights Cleaners at 9 AM to get her billfold. Keith shoveled our walks again. Jean & Teri spent the afternoon visiting. Dinny went to Como Park with some girls.

Wed Feb 22 – Holiday, no duties. Helen & I drove to Osceola, Wisconsin, for lunch & to look at mobile homes. Perfect day, 47°. Dinny & I washed our cars.

Sat Feb 25 – Helen & I went to look at house trailers, & Shopper's City. Wrote a letter to Mother.

Fri Mar 3 – EPS. Married 29 years ago today in Maryville, Mo. Letter from Stan & Judy. Called them after supper.

Sat Mar 4 – Helen & I stayed with Teri in the morning while Jean went to the doctor. Four inches of wet snow, all day. Watched basketball on TV all afternoon. Jane got stuck in our driveway.

Fri Mar 10 – EPS. Decided to go to L.A. in April instead of May. Called Mother to see if she can come up in April, yes. Took Helen to the library & to see Teri after supper.

Mon Mar 13 – EPS. Palmer called me to tell me Arth is to be transferred to Muscatine April 10th. Letter from Wilma, & one from Mary. Patterson knocked out Johansen in 6th round.

Wed Mar 15 – EPS. High 35°. We called Stan & Judy to tell them we're coming out to L.A. for the month of April.

Thu Mar 16 – EPS. Helen & I took our Magic Chef stove to pieces to take it to California.

Sat Mar 25 – Helen & I to Shopper's City, bought seat cleaner, clothes rod, etc. for our trip. Teri stayed with us in the afternoon awhile. Dalene to a shower, & all night at a girl friend house.

Fri Mar 31 – Annual leave. Dalene & I left Mpls at 4:30 AM for Muscatine. Spent 2 hours at alcohol plant & then on to Osceola for supper. Lloyd & Marie there too. At Mother's all night. Beautiful day for driving.

Sat Apr 1 – Dalene & I in Osceola, at Mother's. I went to Lloyd's for breakfast. Dinny & I to Louie's & Wilma's. Spent the evening at Mother's, Marie & Susan there too.

Sun Apr 2 – Dinny & I at Mother's. Left there at 4:30 AM, arrived Mpls 11 AM. Nice trip. Drove 900 miles since Friday. Called Marie to send our clothes we forgot at Mother's.

Sun Apr 9 – Baked chicken dinner. TV in the afternoon. Dalene to church & downtown in the afternoon.

Fri Apr 21 – EPS. Helen & I to the store after work. Dalene gave her mother a set of Wear-Ever aluminum cook ware. 25 years ago today I started with the government.

Sun Apr 23 – Jim Chasteen stayed all night with us. Took him to Atlantic Mills. Bought some clothes. Took him to St. Paul in the afternoon, had fried chicken dinner. Called Stan & Judy at night.

Fri Apr 28 – EPS. Helen & I went to Shopper's City after work. Bought bug screen, films, etc, for our trip next month. Letter from Leona. Dalene had a girl party in the basement room.

Wed May 3 – EPS. Met the train at 7:30 PM to get Mother. Letter from Lela. Visited with Mother in the evening.

Thu May 4 – EPS. Helen & I loaded the car trunk, & packed our clothes for the California trip tomorrow.

Fri May 5 – EPS. Helen & I left Mpls at 4:15 PM & drove to Estherville, Iowa, to Gene & Lela's to stay all night. Rain about half the way & rain all night.

Sat May 6 – Helen & I left Estherville at 7 AM & drove to a motel in Norton, Kansas by 6 PM, 475 miles. Phoned Dalene to visit. Supper at a café.

Sun May 7 – Helen & I drove from Norton, Kansas, to Del Norte, Colorado - 520 miles. Saw the Royal Gorge & lots more beautiful scenery. Got a nice motel.

Mon May 8 – Annual leave. Drove from Del Norte, Colorado, to Peach Springs, Arizona. About 730 miles, 5 AM to 10:30 PM. Crossed the Continental Divide at Wolf Creek Pass. Saw the Grand Canyon.

Tue May 9 – Annual leave. Helen & I drove from Peach Springs, Arizona, to Reseda, California, by 2 PM, to Stan's house. 2,350 miles from home. Called Dalene at night.



Stan and Judy's house on Tampa Avenue in Reseda

Wed May 10 – Annual leave. At Reseda. Washed the Plymouth. Wrote a long letter to Dalene & Mother. In the 80s. Took some snapshots & movies of the house, & Jeff. Ran some movies.



Jeff and Stan in front of the house

Thu May 11 – Annual leave at Reseda. Up early & took a walk to a café & had breakfast. Helen & I put the Magic Chef stove together in Stan's garage in the afternoon. High today 73°.

Fri May 12 – Annual leave. Drove to Malibu Beach to watch the ocean. Bought some film. Cashed my salary check & bought some Traveler's checks. To bed late. Big fire in the Hollywood Hills.

Sat May 13 – Reseda. Helen & I took a ride to Ventura, Malibu, & Santa Monica - by the Pacific Ocean.

Sun May 14 – In Reseda. I cleaned & waxed the Plymouth. High 85°. Air conditioner on & inside was 78°. Fried chicken for supper.

Mon May 15 – Annual leave, in Reseda. Cleaned & waxed Stan's Chevy. Took 200 feet color movies of Jeff in back yard. Talked to Olsgaard.

Tue May 16 – Annual leave at Reseda. High about 70°. Helen & I drove to Laguna Beach, & then to Bill & Leona's. Called Dalene after supper. Watched "Emmy" awards on TV all evening.

Wed May 17 – Annual leave, in Reseda. Helen & I drove to Stan's place of work, SDC, & he showed us around. Home through Santa Monica, drove out on Santa Monica Pier. Hooked our gas stove up in the evening.

Thu May 18 – Annual leave. In Reseda. Bought some film. Dalene called after supper.

Fri May 19 – Annual leave. In Reseda. Helen & I baby sat in the afternoon with Jeff. Went to Ted Henry's at night for the evening < *Ted was a co-worker and neighbor; we often watched "The Virginian" on Ted and his wife Grace's color TV (ours was B&W)* >.

Sat May 20 – In Reseda. Stans & us went to La Puente to visit Bill & Leona & Orville & Vera. Spent the day & ½ the night there. Saw Merle & wife also. Nice day, nice food, nice people.

Sun May 21 – Helen & I drove over Mulholland Drive to Topanga Canyon Drive to Venice & Peague's. Then to Bentley Ashby's for cold cut supper & home to Reseda by Malibu Canyon by 8 PM.

Mon May 22 – Annual leave. Packed the car, bought some gas, cashed some travelers checks. Met Charles Matheny Jr. in Canoga Park.

Tue May 23 – Annual leave. Helen & I drove from L.A. to Modesto, California from 5 AM to 6 PM. Stopped several times on Highway #1 to look & take pictures. Drove 483 miles. Stayed all night at Chas. Matheny's.

Wed May 24 – Annual leave. In Modesto. Glenn fell last night & broke her hip, Chuck put her in the hospital this morning. Helen & I drove to Lovelock, Nevada (320 miles). Visited Alcohol Tax Unit in Lodi, California, & Inspectors & Gaugers.

Thu May 25 – Annual leave. From Lovelock, Nevada to Salt Lake City, Utah - 474 miles. Helen & I saw the Mormon Tabernacle choir & organ in rehearsal. Drove over the city a little. Nice motel.

Fri May 26 – Annual leave. Helen & I drove 634 miles from Salt Lake City to Newcastle, Wyoming, from 5:30 AM to 7 PM. Nice weather, mostly lousy scenery. High about 75°, cool in afternoon.

Sat May 27 – Helen & I drove from Newcastle, Wyoming, through the Black Hills to Minneapolis, 5:15 AM to 8 PM for 680 miles. Not much traffic, beautiful day. Glad to be home.

Sun May 28 – Mother & Dalene to church. I cleaned & washed & unloaded the car. Mowed the back yard. Showed Mother some movies at night. Beautiful day, not too hot. Bright & sunny.

Mon May 29 – Annual leave. Had my eyes tested. To Twin City Federal about assessment, to Wards for a swim suit for Dalene, bought linoleum for kitchen, saw Teri awhile.

Fri Jun 2 – Annual leave. Paid the special assessment for sewer. Mowed the front lawn. Went to EPS to pick up keys from McCumber. Wrote letter to Don Matheny. Letter from Mother.

Mon Jun 5 – EPS. Back on duty after 30 calendar days vacation. Got 4 rolls of 16mm color + 5 rolls of snapshots of our trip, at Brown's. Good pictures. Ran them twice.

Tue Jun 6 – EPS. I got my new lens for my glasses today. Helen & Dalene got some eats at A&W & brought them home for supper.

Fri Jun 9 – EPS. Helen & I went to see Teri awhile. Dalene to a drive-in movie with some girls.

Sun Jun 11 – Dalene went swimming at Turtle Lake. Helen & I took a ride after supper to drug store & Apache Shopping Center.

Mon Jun 12 – EPS. Helen & Dalene went to Atlantic Mills & Shopper's City. Watched an 8 PM movie "Gay Divorcee" on TV.



Wed Jun 14 – EPS. We 3 ate supper at Candlelight Café.

Sun Jun 18 – Helen to church to help Dalene with the toddlers. Teri Lee here all afternoon. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Chasteen here for dinner.

Thu Jun 22 – EPS. Helen had X-rays of gall bladder, nothing wrong there. Watched TV late.

Fri Jun 23 – EPS. Teri Lee spent the evening with us. Dalene was out to Columbia Heights Jamboree.

Sat Jun 24 – Drove to South Mpls to look at a 20 foot wide mobile home, then to King's for a visit. Called Mother in the evening to visit.

Sun Jun 25 – Up & read the Sunday paper. Helen & I to Mary Skinner's to show pictures. To Atlantic Mills & bought shoes & trousers, to Shopper's City for sun glasses, etc.

Sat Jul 1 – Helen & I took some negatives to Brown's & then shopping. Took bedroom slippers to Teri. We 3 went to a drive-in movie at night, "Can-Can." To bed at 12:30.

Mon Jul 3 – EPS. Took Helen to the downtown library, & supper at the White Castle. Dalene & girls to an all night drive-in movie. Helen & I locked ourselves out of the house, came in through a bedroom window.

Tue Jul 4 – Holiday, stayed home in Minneapolis. Chasteens came about 8:30 PM to stay all night.

Wed Jul 5 – EPS. Chasteens here tonight for all night. Don & Ethel Matheny came about 8 PM to stay 2 nights, they slept in Dalene's room. We talked until midnight.

Thu Jul 6 – EPS. Chasteens went home in forenoon, Don & Ethel & Helen came down to Phillips at noon. Visited at night & looked at pictures.

Fri Jul 7 – EPS. Don & Ethel left after 8 AM. We ate supper at Candlelight Café.

Sun Jul 9 – Helen & I washed. Dalene to church in the morning. Talked to Mother by phone to tell her Helen & Dalene are coming down there Tuesday. Visited Teri in the evening.

Tue Jul 11 – EPS. Helen & Dinny drove the Valiant to Osceola via Gerald and Ressa's at Latimer. Helen called me at 7:30 PM & they were at Mother's. I had a hamburger at the Band Box, picked up a pair of trousers at cleaners & spent the evening at home.

Wed Jul 12 – EPS. I picked Helen up at 8:30 at railroad station, from Chariton. Took her to Frost-Top for a sandwich. I'm 52 years old today.

Fri Jul 14 – EPS. Letter from Judy. We called Dalene about 8 PM, at Mother's. Helen & I to "Ben Hur," a 4 hour movie, home at 1:30 AM.



Thu Jul 20 – EPS. Teri Lee & Paul & Jean took Helen & I to the 8:25 PM train to go to Chariton. Helen is 50 today.

Fri Jul 21 – Annual leave. Arrived in Chariton 4:30 AM. Dalene & Mother met us. Went to Don & Opal's & to Lloyd Schaffer's at Weldon in the afternoon & evening.

Sat Jul 22 – At Osceola. Fixed Mother's water faucet, front door, & light string, etc. Went to Don & Opal's a little while. Went out to Louie's awhile in the afternoon.

Sun Jul 23 – Took a ride S.W. & Woodburn & north. Mother's for dinner. To George & Wilma's in the afternoon & for supper. Went to Bert Chandler's a little while too < *Bert was married to Minnie Schaffer, Helen's aunt* >.

Mon Jul 24 – Annual leave. Left Osceola 8 AM, to Latimer to Gerald's for dinner. Home to Mpls about 7 PM. Dalene is home now.

Fri Jul 28 – EPS. Helen, Dalene, Jean, & Teri had lunch with me at Land O' Lakes cafeteria. Helen & I drove to Frost-Top for a hamburger about 9 PM. Dalene went to Mary's to play cards.

Sat Jul 29 – Helen & I had lunch at the Candlelight Café. We went to Swedish Hospital to see Valborg Holm, & then on to Southdale to look at mobile home display. Bought Stan a jacket. < *Ms. Valborg Olivia Holm died several days later; see August 13 and 14.* >

Thu Aug 3 – EPS. Helen called depot & made train reservation for Dalene to go to California on Saturday. Called Stans & told them too. Watched TV late. Jane washed.

Fri Aug 4 – EPS. Helen & Dalene & I went downtown shopping, & picked up Dinny's ticket to L.A. She got all ready to go today. Watched TV after midnight.

Sat Aug 5 – Took Dalene to Rock Island station to see her off for L.A. at 11:30 AM. Beautiful day. Helen & I to store & A&W then TV in the afternoon & evening. Dalene called from Kansas City at 1 AM, all OK.

Mon Aug 7 – EPS. Nice day. Dalene called from Reseda after 6 PM. Had a nice trip.

Sat Aug 12 – Helen & I traded in our Airline 12 inch TV (11 years old) on a 1954 Motorola TV for the bedroom. Went to Shopper's City to price roofing. Letter from Dalene, card from Mary.

Sun Aug 13 – Took Mrs. Magnuson to Larson Chapel to see Valborg Holm. Took a ride afterward.

Mon Aug 14 – EPS. Helen went to Valborg Holm's funeral & then to Jean Roath's.

Wed Aug 16 – EPS. Helen & I ate supper at Shopper's City. Called Dalene at Reseda at night.

Sat Aug 19 – Chasteens here, gave them clothes poles, rug, mattress. Jean & Teri here in the evening to visit. Card from Marie from Yosemite.

Mon Aug 21 – EPS. Bought new rabbit ears for bedroom TV. Mowed the lawn before supper. Watched TV all evening. Dinny is on her way home.

Tue Aug 22 – EPS. Dalene came home from California, we met the train at 7:30.

Thu Aug 24 – EPS. Helen & Dinny took Jean & Teri Lee to the library in the evening. I watched sports on TV. Card from Marie from Mexico.

Sun Aug 27 – I went to the State Fair about 3 hours to look around. Gene Yates called, on his way to New York on business by plane.

Sun Sep 3 – I went to the Fair, saw auto races. Had my picture taken with George Grim. Helen stayed home & rested. Dalene to the Fair with Smiths.

Sun Sep 10 – Windy & hot until evening, then cooled off. Helen & I washed. Mr. Holm sat on our porch & visited awhile.

Mon Sep 11 – EPS. Helen & I to the grocery store & eat at A&W, after work. Dalene registered at U of Minn for evening class in psychology.

Wed Sep 13 – EPS. Lloyd is 54 today. Helen & I to Shopper's City & Atlantic Mills shopping. Letter from Wilma.

Sun Sep 17 – Cleaned & waxed the Plymouth. Dalene bought a walnut bedroom outfit; Helen & I bought a silver gray one & box springs & foam mattress at Gamble's warehouse sale. Another beautiful day.

Wed Sep 20 – EPS. Worked until 10:30 changing bedroom furniture. New bedroom outfits for Dalene & us. Nice.

Sun Sep 24 – Helen & I took a ride in the morning. Watched pro football all afternoon on TV. Lazy day. Called Palmer, to take tomorrow on sick leave. Called Mother, she is 80 today.

Mon Sep 25 – Sick leave. Helen applied for switchboard work at new Grand Central shopping area. Letter from Mother.

Wed Sep 27 – EPS. Gilbert at EPS until noon. Helen & I ate supper out. A young man looked at the basement room. Dalene stayed home from work, flu. Jane washed in basement.

Tue Oct 3 – EPS. Mr. Magnuson < *neighbor* > died yesterday.

Wed Oct 4 – EPS. Helen & I went to review Mr. Magnuson at a funeral parlor in the evening. Dalene to U class.

Sun Oct 8 – Helen, Dalene & I went to Millville, Minnesota, to see steam engines, etc. Not much to look at. Drove over 200 miles, got 21.5 miles per gallon.

Fri Oct 13 – EPS. Teri Lee & her mother & cousin here in the morning. Took Helen to the downtown library in the evening. Dalene to an allnight party.

Sun Oct 15 – Beautiful fall day, high 70°. I washed both cars. Watched pro football on TV. Dalene to St. Cloud with friends. Helen & I had fried chicken supper at Frost-Top.

Mon Oct 16 – EPS. Dalene bowled after work. Had a good meat loaf supper.

Fri Oct 20 – EPS. Dalene brought Helen to Phillips at 4 PM to see new warehouse. We went to Apache Center. Harold Elmer picked up our old furniture. Mother called.

Sun Oct 22 – Up late. Borrowed Axel's 2 wheel cart & hauled some dirt for south side of basement. Watched football on TV. Helen & I to Shopper's City for cigars & a doll high chair for Teri for Christmas.

Thu Oct 26 – EPS. Helen rented the basement room to Betty Patrow. Letter from Judy.

Sun Oct 29 – Cemented some holes in the basement walls to stop water leaking in. Painted a cabinet for the basement room. Painted shower room & toilet room in the basement.

Tue Oct 31 – EPS. Betty Patrow moved into the basement room. Teri Lee here for tricks or treats. Had over 40 trick or treaters.

Wed Nov 1 – EPS. Bought Helen a wedding ring at Shopper's City. Teri & Jean here a little while.

Sat Nov 4 – Watched Minnesota beat Michigan State 13 to 0.

Tue Nov 7 – EPS. 6 years ago today I started at Phillips. Big fire in Los Angeles. Policeman here in the evening to see Keith Kelley. Stayed up late to watch a movie with Joel MacRae.

Wed Nov 8 – EPS. Talked to Stan & Judy at 11 PM. The L.A. fire got within 2 miles of them.

Fri Nov 10 – EPS. Helen & I to Apache Center to buy lamp shades. Jean & Teri here a little while in the evening. Called Mother to tell her Dinny & I are coming down tomorrow.

Sat Nov 11 – Up at 3 AM. Dalene & I left Mpls at 4 AM & got to Osceola at 10:30. Watched Minnesota beat Iowa on TV. Drove Marie's new Ford station wagon. Supper at Mother's.

Sun Nov 12 – Drove home by 3:30. Drizzle on us part way.

Sat Nov 18 – Bought a new Mirro automatic coffee maker at Snyder's. Watched football on TV. Minnesota beat Purdue 10 to 7.

Mon Nov 20 – EPS. Had fried chicken for supper. Dalene bowled a 193 game. I watched Minnesota-Purdue football game on late TV.

Thu Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Holiday, had turkey dinner at home & watched football. Dalene & I went bowling in late afternoon. Called Mother, & Stan & Judy in the evening to visit.

Fri Nov 24 – EPS. Helen & Dalene went downtown shopping. Jean & Teri visited us awhile in the evening. Dalene to a show downtown at night.

Sat Nov 25 – Shopping at Shopper's City. Chasteens here in late evening.

Tue Nov 28 – EPS. I wrote to Mother. Betty watched our TV a little while in the evening. Teri Lee here for the evening.

Sat Dec 2 – Minnesota played UCLA. Dalene & I decided to go to the Rose Bowl game. Ordered 2 tickets for Rose Bowl. Talked to Stan & Judy in the evening.

Mon Dec 4 – EPS. Dalene finished making arrangements for girls to take to Rose Bowl. I called Marie Kimmel at 10:30 PM for parade & parking instructions.

Wed Dec 6 – EPS. I bought a Christmas tree at Grand Central. Dalene went to a concert.

Fri Dec 8 – EPS. Helen & I to bank & café after work. Letter from Marie about Rose Bowl trip.

Sun Dec 10 – COLD. Put the Christmas tree up. Snowed again last night, I shoveled the walks.

Tue Dec 12 – EPS. Sent packages to Stan & Judy. Jean & Teri here awhile at night.

Wed Dec 13 – EPS. Betty came up to visit awhile, & paid 4 weeks rent. Dalene to night school.

Sun Dec 17 – About 4 more inches of snow last night. I shoveled the walks today. Watched pro football on TV.

Mon Dec 18 – EPS. Letter from Stan. Dalene & Mary went to a high school concert. Watched a late movie.

Wed Dec 20 – EPS. Attended a retirement luncheon at Sugar's Hospitality Room in St. Paul.

Sun Dec 24 – Nice day. We opened our presents today. I watched pro football on TV.

Mon Dec 25 – Holiday. Christmas at home in Minneapolis. Teri here in the morning. Getting packed to go to California tomorrow. Had Swiss steak dinner.

Tue Dec 26 – Annual leave. Dalene & friends & I drove the Valiant from Mpls at 8 PM to Sioux City at 8:30 PM, to somewhere in Nebraska by midnight. Drove all night. We're going to the Rose Bowl.

Wed Dec 27 – Annual leave. Had oil changed in Cheyenne at 8:15 AM. Arrived Rawlins, Wyoming, at 12:40 PM. Arrived Salt Lake City 6 PM. Found a nice motel. No snow today on the highway.

Thu Dec 28 – Annual leave. Left Salt Lake City 7 AM. St. George, Utah, 1 PM. Sunny & 50° in the shade. Stopped in Las Vegas, Nevada, & played a few slots. Arrived at Reseda at 11 PM. About 40 hours actual driving time from Mpls.

Fri Dec 29 – Annual leave. Drove to Pasadena to get car parking spot. To Chinese Theatre, Laurel Canyon drive, Mulholland Drive & etc. I called Bentley & Leona to visit. Marie is coming too.

Sat Dec 30 – Drove to Laguna to see Rutenbecks. The girls went swimming in the ocean. Drove to Bill & Leona's for supper. Orvilles were there too. Marie was at Bill's too. Back to Stan's by 11 PM.

Sun Dec 31 – We left for the parade route at 8:45 PM & were on the front row by 9:30 PM. Marie there at 5:30 PM. We slept on the curb & in the cars, off & on, all night in order to save our places on the front row.