

The families in 1962:

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, Cheryl, and Brian.

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 and David.

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 and Lela Schaffer had Nancy and Robert.

Nancy and Gerald Weekman had Thomas.

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.

Thomas was married to Eloise Porter.

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 and Roger Stickler had Jan.

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 Ressia Bishop had Juanita, Carole, Judith, and Alice.

Juanita and Donald Bemis had Tonya, Jeffrey, and Charles.

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 1962

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MAJOR EVENTS:

- Soviet missile bases detected in Cuba; President Kennedy demands their removal. The confrontation is the closest the U.S. and U.S.S.R. ever come to war. Crisis is resolved when Soviets agree to remove Cuban missiles in exchange for removal of U.S. missiles in Turkey.
- Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann executed in Israel
- U.S. establishes semi-permanent military presence in Vietnam
- Pope John XXIII convenes the Second Vatican Council, which will modernize many practices of the Catholic Church when it concludes three years later

BUSINESS & ECONOMY:

- Industrial robots introduced to perform repetitive manufacturing tasks

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

- Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr. becomes first American to achieve earth orbit; his Mercury 6 mission is followed by two other Mercury flights
- Ranger IV first U.S. space probe to reach the moon, where it crash lands by design
- Telstar becomes the first communications satellite intended for regular service; relays television signals between North America and Europe
- Rachel Carson publishes *Silent Spring*, bringing attention to a number of environmental crises for the first time
- Morning sickness drug thalidomide found to be causing birth defects
- Niels Bohr dies

SPORTS:

- **World Series:** New York Yankees over San Francisco, 4-3

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT:

- **Songs:** *Blowin' in the Wind*, *Go Away Little Girl*, *Days of Wine and Roses*, *The Loco-Motion*, *Sherry*, *Monster Mash*, *Big Girls Don't Cry*
- **TV Shows:** *I've Got a Secret*, *Beverly Hillbillies*, *Route 66*, *The Flintstones*, *Price is Right*, *Ben Casey*
- **Books:** *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, Edward Albee; *Letting Go*, Philip Roth; *Travels with Charley*, John Steinbeck; *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, Alexander Solzhenitsyn; *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Ken Kesey; *The Thin Red Line*, James Jones; *Happiness is a Warm Puppy*, Charles Schultz
- Marilyn Monroe dies, apparently from an overdose of sleeping pills

EVERYDAY LIFE:

- Phil Knight develops the first Nike running shoe

Diary of Dale Gardner 1962

As this diary from 1962 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 (System Development Corporation) in Santa Monica. During the year, Dalene moves to Santa Monica and starts working at SDC. Dale is 52 years old and Helen is 50. Dale and Helen drive a 1960 Plymouth. Stan and Judy drive a 1957 Chevrolet. Dalene drives a 1961 Plymouth Valiant.

Dale and Helen celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary, and during the year, become "empty-nesters," but they drive to California a second time in December to spend Christmas with their Left Coast children and grandchildren. Johnny Carson takes over hosting duties of "The Tonight Show." Another entertainer, Ernie Kovacs, dies, as does Eleanor Roosevelt. The 1962 Academy Award for Best Picture goes to "West Side Story." Movies released this year include "Lawrence of Arabia," "The Manchurian Candidate," and "To Kill a Mockingbird." Mariner II, the first interplanetary probe, reaches Venus.

Dale and Helen saw many family members during the year, including Jettie and Clarence Liggitt; Wilma and George Casey; Marie and Ralph Kimmel and Susan; Clarice and Lloyd Gardner and Mary; Ruth and Louie Schaffer; Margie and Jack Nish; Lela and Gene Yates; Opal and Don Schaffer and Karen; Chloe and Lloyd Schaffer; Rae and Bob Yates; Betty and Keith Schaffer; and Leona and Bill Van Sant.

Mon Jan 1 – Holiday. Watched the Rose Parade & Rose Bowl game today. We were right there in Pasadena. Had a beautiful day for it, temp was 80° in afternoon.

Tue Jan 2 – Annual leave. 82° in the shade on Stan's front porch in Reseda. I rested today. Called Marie Kimmel, we are going home together tomorrow. Packed for the trip tomorrow.

Wed Jan 3 – Annual leave. Left Stan's at 5 AM. Met Marie in Barstow. Drove 719 miles today to Gallup, New Mexico, to stay all night.

Thu Jan 4 – Annual leave. 10° above at Gallup, New Mexico. Arrived Greensburg, Kansas, at 9:30 PM in a snowstorm. Stayed all night here.

Fri Jan 5 – Annual leave. Drove all day in a blizzard from Greensburg, Kansas, to Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Stayed in a nice Ranger Court motel. Had a nice supper at motel, & to bed.

Sat Jan 6 – Took until 1 PM to start the Valiant. Arrived Osceola at 3:30 PM. Had supper there. Drove on to Mpls by midnight. Drove 4,637 miles since Dec 26th.

Sun Jan 7 – Unwinding at home in Mpls. Unpacking & resting, etc at home.

Wed Jan 10 – EPS. 17° below. Stayed below zero all day. Betty & sister & baby visited us awhile in the evening. Letter from Mother. I wrote her a card. Dalene to class.

Sat Jan 13 – Helen & I to the downtown library, & to Apache to pick up our movies of the Rose Parade & Rose Bowl. Movies are good. Lunch at Murphy's at Apache.

Sun Jan 14 – Helen & I figured on our income tax. Watched Pro Bowl game on TV. Called Stan & Judy about Dalene going out there to work after school is out.

Thu Jan 18 – 28° below zero, a record for this date in Mpls.

Mon Jan 22 – EPS. Letter from Rod Mead, he had a heart attack about January 13th & is in hospital. Brought a typewriter home for Dalene to use.

Tue Jan 23 – EPS. Dalene sent 4 letters for work to L.A. area. Sent Rod Mead a letter, with some pictures in it.

Wed Jan 24 – EPS. Helen & I went to a show "Blue Hawaii" at night.



Thu Jan 25 – EPS. Helen & I picked Jean & Teri up & spent the evening at Mr. & Mrs. Lewis's, Jean's parents, in their new house. Showed them our movies, nice evening.

Wed Jan 31 – EPS. Stan called to tell us they are coming back about May 16th for vacation.

Fri Feb 2 – EPS. Mailed our income tax return to Federal & State today. Helen & I went shopping, I bought trousers at Atlantic Mills, bought Dalene a robe, etc.

Sat Feb 3 – Helen & I looked at a 12' wide mobile home. Watched Minnesota get beat by Wisconsin in basketball on TV. Dalene to a show at night.

Sun Feb 4 – Dalene went to a ski jump in the afternoon.

Mon Feb 5 – EPS. Letter from Mother. Sonja Sopher called, she is coming up this week-end. Dalene started cleaning her room.

Sat Feb 10 – Helen & I downtown to the library, & stamp redemption center for towels & washcloths. Sonja Sopher & Jan Fronson drove up from Iowa City to see Dinny & stay all night.

Sun Feb 11 – Sonja Sopher & Janet Fronson here until about 3 PM. Dreary day, foggy in the morning & damp all day. Talked to Stan & Judy on the phone. They are coming May 22nd, go home on June 13th.

Wed Feb 14 – Jean left Teri Lee here to spend the evening. Dalene to the high school for a musical.

Wed Feb 21 – EPS. Merle Osterquist phoned to tell us Rod Mead died yesterday, unexpectedly. I called Chasteen, Peterson, & Arth.

Fri Feb 23 – EPS. Letter from Mother. Decided not to go to Mead's funeral tomorrow.

Mon Feb 26 – EPS. Dalene took us to the Pancake House for nice supper. She & Betty Patrow shoveled the driveway to Mrs. Magnuson's garage for Betty's car. Wrote Merle Osterquist a letter.

Thu Mar 1 – EPS. 32° below at 2:30 AM, coldest March 1 on record. Didn't get above zero all day.

Sat Mar 3 – Letter from Merle Osterquist. Helen & I looked at mobile homes in the afternoon. Blizzard all evening. 30 years married.

Fri Mar 9 – EPS. Received federal income tax return. Ate supper at Candlelight Café. Took Helen to the library. Watched a late movie.

Fri Mar 16 – EPS. Bob Nash at Phillips, he & I to Distillers Distributing Co. for interview. Betty came up for TV. Dalene went bowling at 10:15 PM with girls.

Thu Mar 22 – EPS. I watched Minnesota state high school basketball tourney at night on TV.

Fri Mar 23 – EPS. Watched high school basketball on TV all evening.

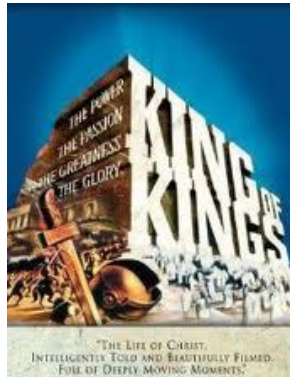
Sat Mar 24 – Helen & I to the library. Dalene to a show with Diana in the afternoon. I watched 5 basketball games on TV including 3 in Minnesota state high school finals.

Wed Mar 28 – Ate supper at the Pancake House. Called Stan & Judy to visit in the evening. Wrote Mother a letter.

Mon Apr 9 – EPS. Watched Academy Awards on TV in the evening.

Tue Apr 10 – EPS. Transferred the Valiant title to Dalene.

Fri Apr 13 – EPS. Helen & I to a long show “King of Kings” at the Terrace.



Mon Apr 16 – EPS. Chasteen at Phillips to begin warehouse inspection. Helen & Dalene to Penney's to buy Dalene 4 new dresses & 3 pair shoes. I stayed up late to watch Lakers get beat by Boston.

Wed Apr 18 – EPS. Helen & I raked the front yard in the evening. Letter from Mother. Watched Lakers get beat by Boston for world championship in basketball.

Fri Apr 20 – Annual leave. Helen, Dalene, & I left Minneapolis at 4 AM, arrived Osceola at 11 AM. Drove out to George's to visit awhile in the afternoon. Dalene & Susan to a show at night.

Sat Apr 21 – In Osceola. 26 years ago today I started working for the government in Washington DC. I ate breakfast at Lloyd's. Out to Louie's at noon & visited. Supper at Mother's & showed movies.

Sun Apr 22 – To church at 8:30 AM in Osceola. Louies, Jacks & us at George & Wilma's for dinner. Nice day. At Mother's all evening. I took a walk up to Marie's.

Mon Apr 23 – Annual leave. Helen, Dalene, & I drove home from Osceola by 2:30 PM. Dalene to a drive-in movie.

Tue May 1 – EPS. Marie is 44 today. Helen & I & Dinny to St. Anthony to buy her a set of stainless steel silverware. Helen & I to Gamble's to look at air conditioners.

Wed May 2 – EPS. Teri here awhile in the afternoon. Put new awnings up at kitchen & dining room windows. Letter from Mother.



Dalene and Teri Lee Roath

Fri May 4 – EPS. I bought a new air conditioner at Wards in Apache Center, on the way home from work. Watched a late movie.

Sat May 5 – Helen & I painted the front porch, took all day. Also the porch swing & hammock stand. Dalene to a drive-in movie in the evening.

Mon May 7 – EPS. I bought a hammock at Wards, will pick it up Wednesday. Also left film at Brown's.

Tue May 8 – EPS. Air conditioner delivered.

Mon May 14 – EPS. High 86°. Helen & I put our new air conditioner in the dining room window & connected it. Works fine. Humid outdoors.

Tue May 15 – EPS. High 86°. The air conditioner is wonderful. Dalene to a barbecue at night.

Wed May 16 EPS. High 86° & humid. Larry Casey called, he is in town on business.

Tue May 22 – EPS. Stan & Judy & children arrived at 5 PM from L.A. Had a nice evening, watched the Emmy awards on TV. To bed 11:30.

Thu May 24 – EPS. Scott Carpenter into space 3 times around the earth today.

Fri May 25 – EPS. Stans here. Showed some movies. Watched a late movie & to bed 1 AM.

Mon May 28 – Stan & Jeff visited Phillips, then came on out to the house awhile. Wrote Mother a letter.

Tue May 29 – EPS. Dalene to an all-night drive-in movie. Helen called Lela about coming up tomorrow.

Wed May 30 – Holiday. Stans here for dinner & movies. Up late visiting & to bed at 11:30.

Thu May 31 – EPS. Change in assignment from Gauger-In-Charge to Gauger but no drop in wages. Stans are here. Dalene & Judy took Mary Skinner a bottle of wine.

Wed Jun 6 – EPS. Peterson, Carlson, & Helman at Phillips today. Stans out to dinner. Mabel Garwood died 2 AM, Mother called to tell us < *Vera Mabel Garwood was the daughter of Sarah Gardner and Joe Garwood, and a grand-daughter of John McBain Gardner* >.

Fri Jun 8 – EPS. Mabel Garwood's funeral today. Took Stan & Judy to supper at Captain's Cove cafeteria. Watched the Tonight show.

Sat Jun 9 – Up late. Stan & I nailed a board on the house eave & cleaned Mr. Holms' eave trough. Packed Dalene's car, mowed lawn, watched TV late.

Sun Jun 10 – We all went to Wentz's for dinner, roast turkey. Stans all night at Wentz's. Helen talked to Lela on phone, called Mother too.

Mon Jun 11 – EPS. Dalene & Stan packed their cars to go to L.A. tomorrow. Last night here for Dalene.

Tue Jun 12 – EPS. Stans & Dalene & Judy Corson left Mpls 7 AM on their way to L.A. Dalene called from Osceola. They called at 11 PM from Kansas City. Beautiful day, high 72°.

Thu Jun 14 – EPS. Kids called from Gunnison, Colorado, where they stayed all night.

Fri Jun 15 – EPS. High 85°, air conditioner feels good. Stan & Dalene called from Salina, Utah. They are driving on to L.A., no stopping for the night.

Sat Jun 16 – Drove to Chasteen & King's to visit a little while. Stan called, they got to Reseda at 4:30 all OK. Called Mother & told her.

Mon Jun 18 – EPS. Carlson & Holman at Phillips on inspection. Father's Day card from Stans & Dalene.

Thu Jun 21 – EPS. Letter from Mother, Mabel left her house to Lloyd. Letter from Dinny too.

Sat Jun 23 – Letter from Dalene. Called Marie at night to talk about Lloyd getting Mabel's house.

Thu Jun 28 – EPS. Mary Skinner called. Letter from Stans & Dinny.

Tue Jul 3 – EPS. Helen, Teri & I ate supper at Murphy's. Rented the basement room to Bill Nordstrom, with garage space.

Wed Jul 4 – Holiday. Helen & I took a little ride. Letter from Dalene.

Sat Jul 7 – High 90° & sultry. This air conditioner has paid for itself already, in comfort. Painted the basement shower & toilet floors. Watched a late movie.

Wed Jul 11 – EPS. Nice letter from Dalene. Bill Nordstrom moved some things into the basement room.

Thu Jul 12 – Letter from Mother & card from Lloyd. I'm 53 today.

Sun Jul 15 – Helen & I drove to the new airport. Quite a place.

Wed Jul 18 – EPS. Dalene called, she has a job as secretary at SDC, good for her.

Fri Jul 20 – EPS. Helen & I out to supper at Apache. Watched a late movie. Helen is 51 today.

Sun Jul 29 – To Southdale to look at mobile home display & dinner at Walgreen's. To Blaine to look at trailers. Watched a late movie. Wrote Mother a letter.

Mon Jul 30 – EPS. Nice letter from Mother. Susan has appendicitis in San Jose, California.

Tue Jul 31 – EPS. Card from Marie at Malibu Beach, Cal.

Sat Aug 4 – Margie called from Michigan, they will be here Tuesday. We called Lela to talk to them.

Tue Aug 7 – EPS. Jack & Margie & family, & his mother here. We took them to supper at Apache, & then to Como Zoo. Had a nice evening, visited until midnight.

Wed Aug 8 – EPS. Jacks went home about 9 AM. Letter from Dalene.

Wed Aug 15 – EPS. Mother called, she & Mary are coming up Saturday.

Sat Aug 18 – Helen & I to the new Sears store & I bought a watch. Helen bought one at Zayre's, both wrist watches. Mother & Mary came on the train.

Sun Aug 19 – Took Mother & Mary to zoo, capitol, etc. Came home & stayed by the air conditioner.

Mon Aug 20 – EPS. High 92°. Took Mother & Mary to Apache after supper. Bought Al Dorsch a pair of sun glasses, for retirement. Showed some movies at night.

Wed Aug 22 – EPS. Al Dorsch's last day at Phillips, 22 years there. Letter from Dalene.

Thu Aug 23 – EPS. Mother, Helen, & Mary came down to Phillips in the afternoon. We all went to the airport, & Apache for supper.

Fri Aug 24 – EPS. Letter from Dalene. Took Mother & Mary to Atlantic Mills & Shopper's City. Lots of traffic. Watched a late movie.

Sat Aug 25 – Took Mother & Mary to the 12:30 train. Gene & Lela came about 10:20 PM to stay all night. Visited until 4:15 Sunday.

Sun Aug 26 – Gene & Lela here. Visited over a late breakfast. They left about noon.

Thu Sep 6 – EPS. Low 41°, coolest September 6th on record. High 67° & nice. Watched a late movie & to bed after midnight.

Fri Sep 7 – EPS. Had supper at Apache & then to library. Watched baseball on TV & the Tonight show.

Tue Sep 11 – EPS. Low 35°, lowest in weather history for September 11th. Warmed up to 80° & nice. I bought a filter for the 16mm movie camera at Brown's. Sent Lloyd a birthday card.

Thu Sep 13 – EPS. Helen & I to Sears & bought new binoculars for \$21. Bought 8 rolls movie film. Dalene called, she has a phone in her apartment now. Lloyd is 55 today.

Sun Sep 23 – Took a short ride & mailed a letter to Dinny, letter to Stan & Judy, etc. Watched pro football on TV.

Mon Sep 24 – Mother is 81 today.

Tue Sep 25 – Ordered air conditioner cover, looked at Marshfield mobile homes.

Thu Sep 27 – Helen & I downtown to the library. To Apache. Sent Dalene's winter clothes. Wrote Mother a letter. Letter from Wilma.

Tue Oct 2 – EPS. Peterson at Phillips for efficiency rating & plant profile. Helen & I to Apache for supper, & shopping.

Wed Oct 3 – EPS. I went to McCumber's retirement luncheon at St. Paul Union Station lunch room. Nice party. Letter from Dalene.

Sat Oct 6 – Minnesota 21, Navy 0, on TV. Put glass cloth on front porch, all ready for winter now. Got new air conditioner cover at Wards.

Sun Oct 7 – Helen & I got 1st oral polio shots at Junior High school. Watched baseball & football on TV.

Tue Oct 9 – EPS. To the library & out to drive-in for supper. Letter from Mother, Lloyd has a 1957 Ford.

Thu Oct 11 – EPS. Kennedy signed pay raise bill. Wrote Mother a card. Letter from Dalene.

Sat Oct 13 – Helen & I covered the air conditioner & window. Watched football on TV. Nice day.

Sun Oct 14 – Up at 8, read the Sunday paper, got breakfast. Jean & Teri here in the afternoon. Watched football on TV. Nice day.

Mon Oct 15 – EPS. Talked to Jim Chasteen & Fred King about our pay raise. Called Mother to visit.

Tue Oct 16 – EPS. Inspector Trainee Tom Furchner rented the basement room for 2 weeks, he is working with me. Letter & pictures from Dalene. Helen & I ate at Murphy's.

Wed Oct 17 – EPS. Furchner & I at Phillips. Don Schaffer called, they're coming up tomorrow.

Thu Oct 18 – EPS. Don Schaffer, Opal & Karen came to visit & stay all night. Stan called in the evening & visited 25 minutes.

Fri Oct 19 – EPS. Don, Opal, & Karen & Helen visited Phillips. Beautiful fall day, high 70°. We all went to the airport after supper. Letter from Mother.

Sat Oct 20 – Don, Opal, & Karen left at 10:30 PM. Took some movies of them. Axel Holm moved from next door, lived there 37 years.

Sun Oct 21 – Axel & his niece came over to say goodbye. Mowed the front lawn, to get rid of leaves.

Tue Oct 23 – EPS. Called Dalene in the evening. She has a new English bike.

Fri Oct 26 – EPS. Furchner's last day at EPS for 1 month. Helen & I to Murphy's for supper.

Tue Oct 30 – EPS. Helen rented the basement room to Duane Kurth, railroad man. Neighbor Marie Miller borrowed our step ladder. Kurth moved into the basement room.

Tue Nov 6 – EPS. Talked to Dalene on the phone. We're sending Dusty to her Saturday morning by Western Air Express. Got an apple box to send Dusty to California in.

Wed Nov 7 – EPS. 7 years at EPS. To Apache for supper.

Sat Nov 10 – Took Dusty to the airport for his trip to L.A. Called Dalene in the evening to tell her about Dusty. Minnesota 10, Iowa 0.

Sat Nov 17 – Downtown to the library. Watched Minnesota beat Purdue 7-6 on TV. Letter from Mother.

Tue Nov 20 – EPS. Teri Lee here awhile in the afternoon to visit. Dalene called in the evening, Stan bought 4 new white side wall tires.

Thu Nov 22 – Thanksgiving Holiday. Watched 2 pro football games on TV. Had roast beef dinner. Nice restful day.

Sat Nov 24 – Bought a luggage set at Krome's: matched tan train case, overnighter, & pullman. Watched TV in the afternoon & evening. Wisconsin 14, Minnesota 9.

Mon Nov 26 – EPS. Tom Furchner, trainee, back at Phillips for about 5 weeks. Rented him the front bedroom. Watched the Minnesota - Wisconsin game on TV.

Wed Nov 28 – EPS. Rode to work with Tom. Showed him some movies. Dalene called in the evening.

Sun Dec 2 – Watched football on TV in the afternoon. Helen called Lela in the evening.

Thu Dec 6 – EPS. Went shopping at Apache. Wrapped Mother & Clarence's presents.

Sat Dec 8 – Helen & I Christmas shopping. Watched football on TV all afternoon. Watched a late movie. Letter from Lloyd.

Mon Dec 10 – EPS. Finished wrapping Christmas packages after supper. Talked to Keith & Kurtz about being gone until January 5th or 6th.

Wed Dec 12 – EPS. Mary brought a portable TV for us to take to Stans. Plymouth packed full. Helen & I left Mpls 3:45 PM & drove to Osceola by 11:30. Cold & a head wind. All night at Mother's.

Thu Dec 13 – Annual leave. At Mother's. George & Wilma, Ruth & Louie, Lloyd, & Marie Kimmel came to see us. Left at 11 AM, saw Lloyd & Chloe at Weldon. Drove via Kansas Turnpike to Pratt, Kansas, 450 miles, by 9:30. Beautiful day, 47° in Kansas City, warm & nice motel (El Rancho) in Pratt.

Fri Dec 14 – Annual leave. Drove from Pratt, Kansas, to Socorro, New Mexico, 620 miles. Beautiful day, in the 60s & clear. Beautiful motel. Supper at Westward Ho Café.

Sat Dec 15 – Drove 450 miles from Socorro, N.M., to Wickenburg, Arizona, beautiful scenery. Took movies along the highway through mountains. Nice new motel. Called Stans & Dalene after supper. Wrote some cards. Restful evening. 72° here in daytime.

Sun Dec 16 – Drove from Wickenburg, Arizona, to Reseda, California, 350 miles. Stan & I unloaded the car, Dalene there too. Jeff & I to the store. Had pork roast supper. Stan put Christmas tree up at night & lights & ornaments.

Mon Dec 17 – Annual leave. In Reseda. Jeff & I went to the store.

Tue Dec 18 – Annual leave. Up late at Reseda. Waxed the car. Stayed home till evening then to Bob & Rae's in Brentwood, until 2 AM, visiting. High 70°.

Wed Dec 19 – Annual leave. Helen & I to Pasadena to buy 5 reserved seats & 2 car stalls for the Rose Parade. Home through Sunland & Helen called Keith Schaffer's wife. To Dalene's apartment in the evening. Nice place. High about 70°.

Thu Dec 20 – Annual leave. I went Christmas shopping in Reseda, bought Helen a present, Spray, Steam & Dry iron. High 80° & bright sun. Bob & Rae & Dalene here after supper. Took movies & snaps of everyone. I went to bed at 11 PM.

Fri Dec 21 – Annual leave. Helen & I through Malibu Canyon to the ocean, Santa Monica & Palms where Dalene lives, she came home for lunch & joined us later shopping. Home to Stan's on the new freeway in 20 minutes. High in the 70s.

Sat Dec 22 – Up late. I went to see about tires & Dinny & I later bought 4 new ones for her car. She was pleased. Helen & I Christmas shopping in evening.

Sun Dec 23 – In California. Watched pro football on Stan's TV. I went to get Dalene. Keith Schaffers came to Stan's to visit. Helen, Dalene & I went to Dinny's apartment to stay all night. High in the 60s.

Mon Dec 24 – Holiday. Helen & Dalene to Stan's in the morning. I stayed in her apartment & rested, also bought her a pole lamp for her apartment. To Stan's at 4 PM. Finished wrapping presents etc. All the Dale Gardners together for the first time in 4 years. Received Rose Bowl football tickets in mail.



Judy and Dalene inspecting playhouse

Tue Dec 25 – Christmas in Reseda, California, Stans, Bob Yates's, & Dalene. In the 60s, windy & sunny. Turkey dinner, lots of presents. Took movies & snapshots. Called Leonas, Bentley, & Gene Peagues. To Dalene's apartment in evening for all night. Nice Christmas.

Wed Dec 26 – Annual leave. At Dalene's apartment. Up late & to Stan's. Took Dalene's car to get transmission fixed. Lunch at Stan's. Drove to the ocean at Santa Monica for sunset, took pictures. Visited Bentley & all night at Dinny's.

Thu Dec 27 – Annual leave. At Dalene's. Had roast beef supper at Dalene's apartment.

Fri Dec 28 – Annual leave. Helen, Dalene, & I to Laguna to visit Rutenbecks, then to Bill & Leona's for visit. Home at 11 PM. Beautiful day, in the 60s.

Sat Dec 29 – Helen & I to SDC. Stan showed us where he & Dalene work. Helen & I to Stan's for supper & the evening. Showed some movies. Bob & Rae dropped in. Back to Dalene's at 10:15.

Sun Dec 30 – At Dalene's apartment in L.A. We three to Stan's in the evening.

Mon Dec 31 – Annual leave. All day at Dalene's. Cashed some traveler's checks in Culver City.



Dale and Helen at Dalene's apartment building

< Next: we go to the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena >