

The families in 1966:

Gardners – Isaac Newton 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, Steven, and Carol.

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, Brian, and Kyle.

Phillip was married to Janet Shrader.

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;

Carol and second husband Daryl Paschall had Patti.

Nancy and Stanley Saddoris had Cynthia, Craig, and Jeffrey.

Marie and Robert White had Gregory.

Lawrence "Dale" and Helen Schaffer had Stanley and Dalene.

Stanley and Judy MacDonald had Jeffrey, David, and Christopher.

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 and James.

Robert and Rachel Creel had Jeffrey and Megan.

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.

Jewell was married to Donald Midthun.

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 and Dawn.

Karyl was married to Bradley Leeson.

Vivian and Wayne Hanson had Donovan.

Donovan and Sally Visser had David, Susan, and Daniel.

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, Judy, and Peggy.

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, 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, Charles, Lisa, and David.

Carole and James Martin had Steven, Anthony, and Kathleen.

Judith and Leland Muhlenbruck had Kirk, Thomas, and Trent.

Wilma and George Casey had Larry.

Larry and Irene Vanderlinden had John.

Highlights of 1966

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WORLD EVENTS

- France withdraws its forces from NATO. President de Gaulle visits the USSR.
- Botswana, Lesotho, and Guyana become independent states within the British Commonwealth.
- India suffers worst famine in 20 years; Lyndon Johnson asks for \$1 billion in aid to the country.

U.S. EVENTS

- Medicare begins.
- Stokeley Carmichael elected president of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

SPORTS

- World Series: Baltimore defeats L.A. Dodgers (4-0)
- NBA Championship: Boston defeats L.A. Lakers (4-3)
- NCAA Basketball Championship: Texas Western defeats Kentucky (72-65)
- NCAA Football Champions: Notre Dame (9-0-1) & Michigan State (9-0-1)

ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS

- Academy Award, Best Picture: *The Sound of Music*
- Academy Award, Best Actor: Lee Marvin, *Cat Ballou*
- Academy Award, Best Actress: Julie Christy, *Darling*
- Emmy Award, Best Dramatic Series: *The Fugitive*
- Emmy Award, Best Comedy Series: *The Dick Van Dyke Show*
- Tony Award, Best Musical: *Man of La Mancha*
- Grammy Award, Record of the Year: "A Taste of Honey," Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass
- Grammy Award, Song of the Year: "The Shadow of Your Smile"

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

- The first Star Trek episode, "The Man Trap," is broadcast on September 8. The plot concerns a creature that sucks salt from human bodies.
- CBS backs out of plans to broadcast *Psycho*, deeming the movie too violent for at-home viewing.
- The old Metropolitan Opera House is abandoned as the company moves to Lincoln Center.

MOVIES

- *A Man for All Seasons*
- *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*
- *Alfie*
- *A Man and a Woman*

SCIENCE

- Insulin is first synthesized in China.
- MIT biochemist Har Khorana finishes deciphering the DNA code.
- The Food and Drug Administration declares "the Pill" safe for human use.

DEATHS

- Montgomery Clift
- Walt Disney

Diary of Dale Gardner 1966

As this diary from 1966 begins, Dale and Helen live at 3727 Reservoir Boulevard, Columbia Heights, MN, and Dale works at Ed Phillips & Sons ("EPS") bottling plant. They rent out their second floor apartment and a basement room. Stan and Judy live in Fridley, MN, and Stan works at CDC (Control Data Corporation) in Arden Hills. Dalene lives in Santa Monica and works at SDC. Dale is 56 years old and Helen is 54. They drive a 1965 Plymouth. Stan and Judy drive a 1963 Ford station wagon. Dalene drives a 1961 Valiant.

Dale and Helen arrive in Osceola on New Year's Day for a short visit. Dale marks 30 years with the Civil Service. In May, they drive to California to vacation with Dalene, visiting family along the way. Later, they attend a Schaffer reunion in Des Moines. Helen turns 55. Dalene takes her first airplane trip, round trip to Des Moines for a Gardner, Williams, and Machlan reunion in September. The same month, Jettie turns 85. Helen and Dale buy their first color TV. Dalene arrives in Minneapolis on December 10 on vacation for the rest of the year.

Ronald Reagan enters politics, becoming governor of California. Author Jacqueline Susann has her first novel, "Valley of the Dolls," published. Simon and Garfunkel release "Sounds of Silence." Pampers creates the first disposable diaper. The world's first vertical take-off and landing jet, the Harrier, is introduced in the UK, and hovercraft service begins over the English Channel. Notable births this year include David Schwimmer, Gordon Ramsey, Adam Sandler, and Mike Tyson.

Dale and Helen see many family members during the year, including Wilma Casey, Opal and Don Schaffer; Marie and Ralph Kimmel; Jettie and Clarence Liggitt; Ruth and Louie Schaffer; Lela and Gene Yates; Mary Gardner; Ressia and Gerald Schaffer; Nancy Saddoris; Rae Yates; Ethel and Don Matheny; Margie and Jack Nish; Marie Gardner and Greg; Opal and Burl Schaffer; Chloe Schaffer; Norma and Max Schaffer; Francis Holmes; Louise and John Wilson; Dorothea Kerr; Leona and Bill Van Sant; and Earl Schaffer.

Sat Jan 1 – Arrived in Chariton 5:30 AM. Train over an hour late. Wilma met us. Walked down to Don & Opal's. Walked to Marie's & watched the Rose Parade on her color set, also watched some bowl games. To Mother's in the afternoon & all night.

Sun Jan 2 – At Mother's. Went to Don & Opal's for dinner & pro football on TV. To highway café for supper with Wilma. Visited at Marie's awhile after supper.

Mon Jan 3 – Annual leave. I walked uptown to newspaper office & renewed our yearly subscription in Osceola. Bought a City of Osceola map. Saw Marie. Ruth took us to Chariton to noon train, we made it by 2 minutes. Home in Mpls by 7:30 PM. Stan met us. To Bridgeman's for hamburgers.

Tue Jan 4 – EPS. Back to work. Apache for supper. To bed 10:30.

Fri Jan 7 – EPS. Had the car washed at Apache. Watched a late movie, "Happy Anniversary." Good. To bed at midnight.



Sun Jan 16 – Helen & I worked on income tax computations. Supper at Sweden House.

Tue Jan 25 – EPS. Talked to Dalene in the evening, may drive out in May to see her. Helen called a man about new counter top.

Fri Jan 28 – EPS. 28° below zero at 7 AM & 11 PM. Warmed up to about 19° below. Started a savings account at Columbia Heights bank. First savings account we ever had. Good movie, "I'd Climb the Highest Mountain," on TV.



Sat Jan 29 – 28° below zero at 7 AM. Warmed up to -8° by midnight. We had supper at Bridgeman's. A man gave us a \$96 estimate on a counter top.

Sun Feb 6 – Stans came for awhile after church. Supper at Sweden House. Dalene called, wants us to come out in May, we probably will.

Mon Feb 7 – High 34°. First day in the last 29 it got above freezing. Decided to have counter-top & new faucet & sink installed. Called Mr. Kluck (plumber) & told him. Talked to Mr. Vassar earlier about counter top.

Tue Feb 8 – EPS. Mailed state & Federal tax returns at Apache. Supper at Captain's Cove. Told Mr. Vassar to go ahead with the new counter-top.

Sun Feb 13 – I have a head cold. Called Nickolay to tell him I won't be to work for a couple of days.

Tue Feb 15 – Sick leave. Going back to work tomorrow. Haven't had a cigar since last Thursday. Watched Iowa beat Minnesota in basketball on TV.

Wed Feb 16 – EPS. Back to work. I went to the library after work. Helen has the flu.

Sat Feb 19 – I watched Iowa beat Ohio State in basketball in afternoon. Letter & pictures from Dalene. We phoned her about 10:30.

Wed Feb 23 – EPS. Carlson, Coulombe, & Nickolay at EPS today. Letter from Mother.

Sat Feb 26 – Nice day. Roast beef dinner. Watched Minnesota beat Illinois in basketball on TV. Watched a late movie.

Mon Feb 28 – EPS. Supper at Apache. Watched Minnesota beat Indiana in basketball on TV.

Tue Mar 1 – EPS. High 45° & sunny. Fine day. Helen to Judy's today to help hem up some dresses. We stayed for supper & played caroms in the evening. Card from Dalene.

Thu Mar 3 – EPS. Married 34 years ago tonight. Sweden House for supper. Bought a new carom board & played it in the evening. Stan & Judy gave us carnations & roses.

Mon Mar 7 – EPS. Had the car washed. Vassar called, they are going to put new sink, faucet, & counter-top in Wednesday. Supper at Sweden House. Watched a late movie, “You’re My Everything” with Dan Dailey & Ann Baxter.



Tue Mar 8 – EPS. Mr. Kluck came & disconnected the kitchen sink & faucet in the evening.

Wed Mar 9 – EPS. Mr. Vassar put our new counter-top on, in the kitchen, nice. Watched a late movie.

Thu Mar 10 – EPS. Record high of 55°. Plumbers came & hooked up our new sink.

Sun Mar 13 – High 47° & sunny most all afternoon. Watched Philadelphia beat New York in pro basketball. Good game.

Mon Mar 14 – EPS. Letter from Lela, they’re coming up Saturday.

Thu Mar 17 – EPS. High 71°. Beautiful day, partly cloudy, & windy. Helen & I looked at travel trailers & mobile homes.

Sat Mar 19 – Nice day, snow all gone. Watched Texas-Western beat Kentucky in NCAA final, on TV. Gene & Lela came at 4:20 PM. Supper at Sweden House. Gene & Lela gave us a nice world globe.

Sun Mar 20 – Up & breakfast at 9 AM. Gene & Lela here. Nice spring day, high 58°. Supper at Sweden House & then to see Teri & then to Stan’s for awhile.

Mon Mar 21 – EPS. Nice day. To N.E. Trailer Sales to look at some travel trailers & then home.

Wed Mar 23 – Blizzard, worst since Nov 11, 1940. Over 14 inches snow. Most businesses closed. EPS closed. Government offices closed. University of Minnesota closed, first time ever. No mail deliveries. Stayed home all day. Stopped snowing in afternoon & quiet at night. High 23°. Administrative leave for today, not charged to annual or sick leave.

Thu Mar 24 – EPS. Had the driveway plowed out, first time this winter. To Apache for supper & then home to watch 2 high school basketball tournament games in the evening.

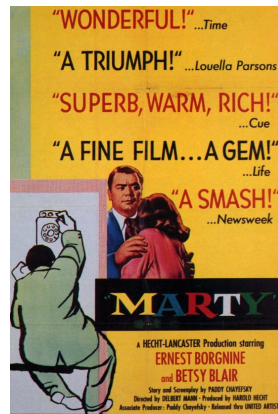
Fri Mar 25 – EPS. Letter from Mother. Watched 2 high school basketball games at night, one was 3 overtimes, Edina over Henning.

Sat Mar 26 – Nice day. Letter from Lela. Watched Edina beat Duluth for state high school basketball championship, on TV. To bed after a late movie.

Sun Mar 27 – Beautiful day, except for the snow on the ground. High 40°. Watched pro basketball in the afternoon. Good roast beef dinner, at home.

Sun Apr 10 – Helen fixed Sunday dinner for Stan & Judy. Good meal, lots of everything. Talked to Mother about 8 PM.

Wed Apr 13 – EPS. Bought a new Rand-McNally road atlas. Helen & I to Mr. & Mrs. Claude Larson's to meet them & see their new mobile home. Nice people. Watched a late movie, "Marty." Very good. To bed 12:15.



Sat Apr 16 – Helen & I put all the screens on today. Beautiful day, 65° & a little wind, mostly clear. Marie, Mother, & Mary came at 5 PM to visit until Monday. Supper at Sweden House. Played caroms in the evening, etc. Marie & I went over to Bridgeman's for ice cream.

Sun Apr 17 – Rainy day. Took Mother & Mary out to Stan & Judy's in the afternoon, then home at 3:30.

Mon Apr 18 – EPS. Stan brought us AAA tour books at breakfast time. Carlson & Marose at EPS for bottling inspection. Steak supper at home. Watched Academy Awards at night till 11:35.

Thu Apr 21 – EPS. Letter from Dalene. Helen called Lela to tell her we're coming there tomorrow night.

Fri Apr 22 – EPS. 30 years with U.S. Civil Service. Helen & I drove to Estherville by 9:15. Stayed all night with Gene & Lela. Rain at night. Gene & Lela bought a new Mercury yesterday.

Sat Apr 23 – Helen & I drove from Estherville to Omaha by 4 PM. Nice day for driving. Stayed at Lamplighter Motor Hotel & went to Merle Osterquist's retirement party there. Lasted until 2 AM. Good time all evening. Saw a lot of people we hadn't seen for years.



Gardner, Carlson, Marose at retirement party

Sun Apr 24 – Helen & I left Lamplighter Inn at 7:40 AM & drove from Omaha to Estherville. Dinner with Gene & Lela at smorgasbord there. Back home, sandwich at Bridgeman's. 377 miles today.

Tue Apr 26 – EPS. High 42° & chilly, cloudy. Wrote Marie a letter about routing to Alaska for Merle.

Thu Apr 28 – EPS. Picked up the pictures of Omaha retirement party & some taken at Phillips too with Instamatic camera. Called Dalene to tell her we would be there on May 14th.

Sat Apr 30 – Sprayed weed killer on the lawn. Marie sent literature on Alaska, for Osterquist.

Sun May 1 – Beautiful day but cool. High 50°. Bought Helen a new Waltham wristwatch & Instamatic 104 camera & film. Lunch at Burger King, supper at home. Marie is 48 today.

Mon May 2 – EPS. Helen & I to Downtown Plymouth to get bill of sale for Dalene.

Tue May 3 – EPS. Dietrich & Perlman gave me a camera, Instamatic 104. I'll be darned. High 55°, nice day. Shopping at Target for film, etc.

Thu May 5 – EPS. High 82°, beautiful but windy. I mowed back yard. Helen had her hair washed & set. Letter from Mother. Card from Jim Coulombe

Fri May 6 – EPS. High in the 70s. Rode to work with Roger Schlaeppli, left our car home for Helen to pack for trip. Supper at Brookdale. Drove to Gerald's by 9:30 PM, 190 miles, to stay all night.

Sat May 7 – At Gerald's. Drove to Des Moines to Merle & Beulah's then to see Nancy Saddoris a few minutes. Lunch at Redwood Café at Urbandale & Merle Hay Road. To Osceola & Helen bought new shoes at Penney's. Marie came in the evening to Mother's awhile.

Sun May 8 – At Mother's. Mother & Clarence went to Nancy's today, in Des Moines, for dinner. We had dinner with Marie, at Warren's Café. Louie & Ruth here in the afternoon, also Wilma. We went to Wilma's for supper. Dalene called for Mother's Day.

Mon May 9 – Annual leave. Helen & I drove from Osceola to Burlington, Colorado, 550 miles. Good driving day, cool. Stopped at Kit Carson Motel in Burlington. Ate supper at Williams Café uptown.

Tue May 10 – Annual leave. Burlington, Colorado, to Socorro, New Mexico, 575 miles. Staying at the Vagabond Motel, a nice one. Wrote some cards.

Wed May 11 – Annual leave. Drove from Socorro, New Mexico, to Phoenix, 381 miles. Beautiful day. Through Salt River Canyon etc. Stopping at Desert Hills Motel, nice place. Helen talked to Baldwins & Francis Burger in the evening.

Thu May 12 – Annual leave. In Phoenix all day visiting Pierce & Alice Baldwin & Francis Burger. Supper, all of us, at Desert Hills coffee shop & then to Francis's house for a little while. Pierces took us a ride in the evening over the city; back to the motel at midnight. Beautiful day. Took several pictures.

Fri May 13 – Annual leave. Left Phoenix at 6 AM. Arrived San Diego 2 PM, 371 miles today. High in the desert was 90°, in San Diego about 70° & cloudy. Spent the afternoon & night at The Surfer Motel.

Sat May 14 – From San Diego to Laguna Beach to visit Rutenbeck a few minutes, then on to L.A. & Brentwood Motor Hotel 12:30 PM. 127 miles today, San Diego to L.A. Nice motel in Brentwood Heights. Went to lunch with Dalene. High temp about 65°. To supper with Dalene. Watched TV at Dalene's apartment until 10:30 then back to the motel.

Sun May 15 – A day of rest. Helen & I to breakfast at noon. Bought some groceries & took to Dalene's. Slept most of the afternoon. Supper at Dalene's apartment, she cooked it. Back to the motel a little after nine & to bed to read & watch TV.

Mon May 16 – Annual leave. Breakfast at Dalene's. Shopping in downtown Santa Monica. Temp in the low 70s & no smog. Evening at Dalene's.

Tue May 17 – Annual leave. In L.A. Helen washed at Dalene's. To the motel in the afternoon to rest. To a smorgasbord on Wilshire for supper. At Dalene's in the evening. Jack Woods, Dalene's friend, came in the evening to get acquainted. Back to the motel at 10:30 to read awhile. High in the 70s. Beautiful day.



Dalene, Helen, Dale at Dalene's apartment

Wed May 18 – Annual leave in L.A. Helen had her hair washed & set in Brentwood Heights. Lunch at Dalene's, she came home for lunch. Helen & I down on Wilshire Blvd. to buy some books. Steak supper at Dalene's. Mr. Puckett, & Jack Woods there too. Beautiful day, around high 70s.

Thu May 19 – Annual leave. In L.A. at the Brentwood motel. To Coffee Pot for breakfast. Helen & I to SDC to see Dalene's work. To the Valley shopping in Canoga Park. Took Dalene's spare tire to her at SDC. Supper at the Hasty Inn cafeteria. To the motel all evening. Hot in the Valley 86°.

Fri May 20 – Annual leave. In L.A. Brunch at noon at Coffee Cup. Had car greased & oil changed at Standard Station in Brentwood Heights. Helen fried a chicken in the apartment for supper. Talked to Bill & Leona by phone in the evening. High about 78°. Back to the motel at 10:30.

Sat May 21 – Up late in L.A. Brunch at Dalene's at noon. Put some thin blue covers on the side windows of the car to filter the sun. Supper at Dalene's. Vicki's mother there in the evening. Home at 10 PM. High about 75 & clear in the afternoon.

Sun May 22 – Breakfast at Dalene's. Back to the motel to clean the car & load it for tomorrow - starting home. Took Dalene to supper at Norm's, in Santa Monica. I had a steak. Visited Dalene & Vicki until 10 PM. High today about 70°.

Mon May 23 – Annual leave. L.A. to Winnemucca, Nevada, 618 miles. Drove up highway 395, no good for scenery, saw Mt. Whitney but not very impressive. Beautiful day for driving, clear & bright, & not hot. Nice Best Western motel here, on the west side of highway 40. Wrote some cards.

Tue May 24 – Annual leave. Winnemucca to Little America, Wyoming, 512 miles. Another beautiful day, just drove & drove. Lunch in Salt Lake City, getting 17 mpg - good. Supper at Little America & a good night's rest ahead. Temp in the 70s. Not hot anywhere along the way.

Wed May 25 – Annual leave. Through the Black Hills & a stop at Mt. Rushmore to Wall, South Dakota, 604 miles. Spent the night at the Fountain Motel. Helen called Lela at 9 PM, we'll be there tomorrow night. Beautiful day, perfect. Not hot & very little wind, clear.

Thu May 26 – Annual leave. Wall to Estherville by 6 PM, 406 miles. Stopped at Murdo, South Dakota, to see Zoe Williams but she wasn't home. Another beautiful day to drive. Supper with Gene & Lela at a drive-in. Warm today, about 90°. Visited until 12:30.

Fri May 27 – Annual leave. Bought some things at Gene's store in Estherville. Lunch in Mankato. Home at 3:30. Drove 4836 miles on this trip. Unloaded the car. Supper at Sweden House, out to Stan's a little while.

Sun May 29 – Showed the apartment to several, but no renters. Lots of telephone calls. Shopping at Spartan's for paint, etc. Painted the shower stall in the basement. High about 68° & beautiful. Wrote letters to Mother, & Karen Schaffer < *daughter of Helen's nephew Don Schaffer* >.

Mon May 30 – Holiday. Showed the apartment but no renters. Beautiful bright clear day. 70°.

Tue May 31 – EPS. Back to work after 3 week vacation. High 75° & beautiful. Rented the apartment to Mary Darling beginning July 1st. Supper at Sweden House. Talked to Dalene by phone in the evening.

Sun Jun 5 – Up late. Russ Crosby looked at the apartment & will paint it, maybe this week. Mowed the lawn, washed the car, bought some paint brushes at Holiday. Supper at Sweden House. Watched a movie, "Warlock." To bed 10:45.

Mon Jun 6 – EPS. High 70°. Bought some tri-sodium & washed apartment kitchen walls & woodwork.

Wed Jun 8 – 4 hours sick leave 8 to 12:30, dental work at Dr. Foster's. Had my teeth cleaned. Letter from Mother, Marie in hospital, arms & legs go to sleep.

Thu Jun 9 – EPS. Letter from Lela. I canceled my Friday afternoon appointment with Dr. Foster, dentist. Too much money. Brookdale for supper.

Fri Jun 10 – EPS. High 72° & clear. I painted the kitchen ceiling after I got home from work. Supper at Pancake House. Home all evening. Watched a late show, "There's No Business Like Show Business." Good. To bed 1 AM.



Sat Jun 11 – Helen & I painted the kitchen cabinets white. Called Mother to see what is the matter with Marie, kidney infection, she is in hospital.

Mon Jun 13 – EPS. Sent Dalene a letter & album picture holders. Russ Crosby came in the evening & painted in the apartment. Watched a late movie, "Virginia," with Fred McMurray & Madeleine Carroll.

Tue Jun 14 – EPS. Russ Crosby finished painting the apartment walls & ceilings in 2 evenings.

Wed Jun 15 – EPS. Shopping at Snyder's Drug. Sent a get well card to Marie.

Sat Jun 18 – Paid Russ Crosby for painting our apartment. Helen & I painted the woodwork in our dining & living rooms. Took us 6 hours. I bought her a new bird bath & set it up. Father's Day card from Dalene. Beautiful day, 82°.

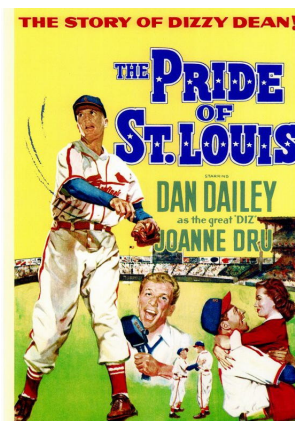
Sun Jun 19 – Lazy day. Washed the car. Dalene called for Father's Day, so did Stan.

Tue Jun 21 – EPS. Helen & I painted the woodwork in the apartment living room.

Wed Jun 22 – EPS. Helen & I painted the woodwork in the apartment dining room & bedroom. Watched a late movie, "Blue Skies."



Sat Jun 25 – Worked in the apartment from 10 to 2:30. Finished cleaning up. Washed the bathroom. Helen cleaned the stove. Watched "The Pride of St. Louis" with Dan Dailey. Good show. To bed at 12:30.



Sun Jun 26 – Up before 8 & read the Sunday paper. Beautiful day. Mowed the lawn. Called Marie to see how she is feeling, she isn't working yet. Mary Darling moved some things in the apartment. Supper at Sweden House. Don Matheny called from Brainerd, they will be here tomorrow afternoon. High 80°.

Mon Jun 27 – EPS. Don & Ethel came about 2:30 PM. Sweden House for supper. Stans came in the evening a little while to visit. Don showed some slides.

Tue Jun 28 – EPS. Don & Ethel left about 8:45 AM, for Osceola. Helen & I to Apache for supper.

Wed Jun 29 – EPS. Mary Darling came in the evening to paint inside apartment kitchen cabinets.

Fri Jul 1 – EPS. High 94° & humid again. Mary Darling moved into our apartment, paid her rent too. Watched a late movie.

Sat Jul 2 – Helen & I painted the basement room today. We also made a frame & installed a protective front for our 20 inch fan. Lunch at Bridgeman's. Supper at Pancake House. Watched a late movie, "On The Beach."



Mon Jul 4 – Holiday, no duties. Helen & I washed by noon. High 88° & very humid. Supper at Sweden House - steak. Very nice quiet Fourth of July at home. To bed 10:30.

Tue Jul 5 – EPS. Helen had a dinner here for Rae Yates & Stans in the evening. Tornado warning in the evening for awhile, several in this area. Mary D. came down from apartment & we all went to the basement awhile. Cooled off some & all clear about 9:30.

Wed Jul 6 – EPS. Russ Crosby painted walls & ceiling in our bedroom in the evening.

Thu Jul 7 – EPS. Jean, Teri, & Jane here in the afternoon to visit. Wrote a letter to Dalene.

Sun Jul 10 – Very hot, 99°. Air conditioner sure doing a good job, 77° in the house. Storms moved into the Twin Cities about 7:30. Tornados, thunder & lightning, over ½ inch rain. Went to bed 10:30.

Mon Jul 11 – EPS. Card from Marie, they are in La Puente, California, on vacation.

Tue Jul 12 – EPS. I'm 57 years old today. Nickolay dropped in to say hello about 4:10 PM at EPS. Senate & House sent the President the pay raise bill, hooray. Another card from Marie, from Grand Canyon.

Wed Jul 13 – EPS. Mary Darling came home from the Black Hills to the apartment. Card from Merle & Beulah Osterquist from Anchorage, Alaska.

Thu Jul 14 – EPS. To Apache for supper. Stan dropped in a minute. Letter from Mother.

Fri Jul 15 – EPS. Called Mother to tell her we will be down tomorrow.

Sat Jul 16 – Up at 4:30 & drove to Osceola by 10:45. Stopped 1 hour for breakfast. I sat in the park for awhile in the afternoon. Visited at Marie's. Down to Don's in the evening. All night at Mother's.

Sun Jul 17 – Schaffer reunion at Greenwood Park in Des Moines. High 90° & humid. Wilma ate supper with us at Mother's. Out to Louie's & Margie's a little while. Stopped to visit Marie too. Hot night.

Mon Jul 18 – Annual leave. Breakfast at Wilma's. Drove to Gerald's & stopped awhile. On to Minneapolis by 3:30. 91°, hot, but cool in the car. President Johnson signed the pay raise effective July 1st. Hooray, that sets up my retirement pretty good. To bed 10 PM.

Tue Jul 19 – EPS. High 78°, beautiful day. Supper at Apache. Judy & boys were here in the evening a little while. Watched an 8 o'clock movie, "Where The Boys Are."

Wed Jul 20 – Went to St. Paul office with Jim Coulombe, stayed all day. Kirby presented me with a 30 years service pin; Nickolay got a 25 year pin. Helen & I to Sweden House for supper, she is 55 today.

Mon Jul 25 – EPS. High 95°. Letter from Marie Gardner, she is coming up next week. Called Dalene to visit. Watched a late movie. To bed at midnight.

Thu Jul 28 – EPS. Letter from Marie Gardner, she will be here Sunday evening, on the train.

Fri Jul 29 – EPS. 4 hours annual leave in the afternoon. Helen & I to Southdale to look at trailers. We went to a drive-in movie at night at Hilltop. High 84° & nice.

Sun Jul 31 – Washed the car. Picked Marie Gardner up at train station at 8:30 PM, & Greg. To Bridgeman's for a snack.

Tue Aug 2 – EPS. Supper at Apache. I left Helen & Marie there shopping for awhile. I came home & picked them up later.

Wed Aug 3 – EPS. Took Marie Gardner to the depot for a ticket home tomorrow. Went out to Spartan's, & Stan's a little while. Dalene was on the phone there.

Thu Aug 4 – EPS. Marie & Greg went to Des Moines on the train. Supper at Apache.

Sat Aug 6 – Slept late. Helen fixed food for Schlaeppi's party at 5 PM. We went to Cherokee Park to farewell party, had a good time. Home at 9:30 & watched Viking football game.\

Sun Aug 7 – Washed the car. Watched a pro football game in the afternoon. Stans here for supper.

Thu Aug 11 – EPS. Wrote & sent a letter to Mother. Merle & Beulah Osterquist came about 5:30, on their way home to Iowa from Alaska all summer. Supper at Sweden House.

Fri Aug 12 – EPS. Merle came to EPS a little while. We all had supper at Apache. McCumbers, Chasteens, & Nickolays came in the evening to visit with Osterquists.

Sat Aug 13 – Merle & Beulah went home about 9:30 AM. Supper at Bridgeman's. Watched first half Vikings vs. Pittsburgh pro football game & to bed 11:45.

Sun Aug 14 – Up & read the Sunday paper. Dalene called at 10:30 PM. She gets off from December 19th to January 9th for vacation.

Fri Aug 19 – EPS. Jim Coulombe bought a new Chevy station wagon. Supper at Brookdale. Home all evening. Watched Colts beat Hawks in pro football in the evening.

Wed Aug 24 – EPS. Letter from Clarice about Marie Kimmel in the hospital & Mother's TV repair, & Mother rented her apartment too. Washed the car. Supper at home for a change.

Sat Aug 27 – High 90° but low humidity. Gene & Lela came about 5:30 PM. We all (Stans too) went to Sweden House for supper.

Sun Aug 28 – Gene & Lela left about 11 AM. Took it easy today. Lunch at Bridgeman's, supper at home. Watched Oakland beat Denver in pro football on TV in the afternoon.

Mon Aug 29 – EPS. High 92° & clear. Watched enforcement exhibit on TV, State Fair. Supper at Pancake House. Jim left a note saying he will be out of town until Friday.

Fri Sep 2 – EPS. Wrote a letter to Mother. Watched the Vikings get beat in pro football on TV.

Sun Sep 4 – Painted most of the east side of our house today, expect to finish the one side tomorrow. Perfect day for it, bright & cool. High 70°. Stan borrowed our roller & tray to paint in his house.

Mon Sep 5 – Holiday. Painted the rest of the east side of the house plus all the porch. Took all day, Helen helping. Cool in the evening.

Wed Sep 7 – EPS. I went to doctor for ear examination, inflamed ear canal & drum. He gave me a prescription for drops. Asked for tomorrow & Friday on annual leave. Supper at Burger Inn.

Thu Sep 8 – Annual leave. I painted both peaks, plus the whole north side of our house in Mpls. Took all day, rented a long ladder but didn't need to use it. Traded cars with Stan for the day, to haul the ladder. High 77° & beautiful for painting.

Fri Sep 9 – Annual leave. I painted the south side of the house today, painted all day. High 80° & clear & a good breeze. I'm sore & tired. One more day of painting should finish the job.

Sat Sep 10 – Painted all day on the front of the house. Now finished. Took me 5 days & 12 gallons of paint. Looks like new. Watched some pro football after supper.

Sun Sep 11 – Up at 9. Watched pro football in the afternoon. I painted the front porch steps.

Thu Sep 15 – EPS. Helen & I signed up for film for 3 years to get a new movie camera, projector, etc. A Mr. Miller called here about it.

Sat Sep 17 – Fine day. Our new 8 mm movie camera & projector were delivered today. I painted 12 storm windows, took me 5 hours. Supper at Howard Johnson's restaurant. Letters from Marie, Dalene, & Mother.



Dale painting storm windows

Mon Sep 19 – EPS. High 76° & beautiful. Came home at noon to get pictures of the house I took after painting it. Wrote letter to Marie telling her we can't come down this week-end. Trash man hauled the rest of our trash away.

Thu Sep 22 – EPS. Supper at Brookdale then to Stan's a little while. Marie Kimmel called in the evening, talked to her, Mother, Bill Van Sant, & Dorotha Kerr. Helen called Lela about reunion in Osceola. I called Nickolay & got off tomorrow on annual leave. Helen & I are going to Osceola.

Fri Sep 23 – Annual leave. Helen & I started to Osceola in the car but turned back at Faribault, her back bothered her. Beautiful day, high 70°. Drove back by the airport & I bought a round-trip ticket on Braniff for Saturday & Sunday to Des Moines & return. Called Marie & told her what time I'll get to Des Moines.

Sat Sep 24 – I drove my car to the airport & parked it in the public garage. I flew Braniff to Des Moines by 1:30 PM (took 45 minutes) in rough weather. My first plane trip, I liked it. Birthday party for Mother at her house in the evening. She is 85. I took several pictures. To bed about 11:30 at Mother's.



Gene Yates, John Wilson, Dale



Leona and Bill Van Sant, Dorotha Kerr

Sun Sep 25 – Up at 9 AM at Mother's. I walked down to Don & Opal's for about 1 hour. Gardner, Williams, & Machlan < *Verda Machlan married Gilham Gardner* > reunion in the afternoon at the library basement. 52 people there. Took more pictures. Rode to Des Moines with Burl & Chloe in the evening. Flew back to Mpls (Braniff) from 8:45 to 9:33 PM. Smooth ride. Home at 10:15.

Wed Sep 28 – EPS. Picked up some pictures at Brown's, of last week end in Iowa.

Sun Oct 2 – Cloudy till about noon. I drove to the airport to take some movies of take-offs. Pitched horseshoe with Stan Sienko in the evening at Fairview Park south of Lowry on Lyndale.

Mon Oct 3 – EPS. Called Marie tonight about Mother, etc. Jim Coulombe visited awhile. To bed 11 PM.

Wed Oct 5 – EPS. Letter from Lela, they're going to Spain Friday. Helen & I went to Al Rosenbower to get our wills up to date. Supper at Howard Johnson's.

Sun Oct 9 – Put some storms on today. Watched World Series till 3 PM then pro football all afternoon.

Wed Oct 12 – EPS. We signed our new wills at Al Rosenbower's office today. Supper at Apache.

Sat Oct 15 – Bought a new RCA portable color TV, 19 inches, with stand. Free small table radio with it. TV has beautiful color picture. Watched college football on it in the afternoon, in black & white.

Sun Oct 16 – Put some more storms on. Washed the car. Visited with Jim Coulombe. Watched pro football in color. Wilma called, Rouine < *Earl Schaffer's wife* > died yesterday of lockjaw. Bought Helen a round trip ticket to Chariton by train. Supper at the depot. Watched some beautiful shows, in color, in the evening on our new color set.

Mon Oct 17 – EPS. Took Helen to the depot at 11:30 AM. She went to Osceola for Rouine's funeral tomorrow. Called Helen after 8 at Wilma's. Walked up to the drug store at 9 PM after a prescription.

Wed Oct 19 – EPS. I took hamburgers, etc., out to Judy's for supper. Stan is in California & Helen is in Osceola. Helen called a little after 8. Watched TV awhile & to bed at 10.

Thu Oct 20 – EPS. Went downtown at 7 PM & walked over downtown, supper at Normandy Kitchen. Picked Helen up at 8:30 at train station.

Sat Oct 22 – Helen & I went to the airport to visit Gene & Lela, returning from Spain & Portugal trip. Supper at Howard Johnson's on Snelling. Michigan beat Minnesota 49 to 0.

Tue Oct 25 – EPS. Letter from Dorothea, & Wilma. Helen & I drove out to Max Schaffer's in St. Louis Park to visit them & Francis < *Max's sister* >. She goes home to Seattle tomorrow.

Fri Oct 28 – EPS. Had a new outside antenna installed, makes color TV much better. Brookdale for supper. Watched color TV all evening, good. First film came back from California.

Sat Oct 29 – Watched Minnesota beat Ohio 17 to 7 in football. Color TV is great.

Mon Oct 31 – EPS. Tricks & treaters here in the evening. I let Teri take a flash picture with our camera. Jim came up to watch a pro football game in color, Cards beat Bears 24-17.

Sun Nov 6 – Stans here for lunch & till 5:30. Vikings beat Green Bay in pro football on color TV.

Mon Nov 7 – EPS. 11 years ago today I started working at Phillips. Called Dalene in the evening to visit a little while.

Sun Nov 13 – Put storm doors on & 2 storm windows. Put snow tires on too. Stans here for lunch. Watched pro football on color TV. Took Stan to the airport at night.

Thu Nov 17 – EPS. Supper at Pancake House. Helen, Judy, & I to airport to pick up Stan at 11:15 PM.

Fri Nov 18 – EPS. Lela called & invited us down Thanksgiving weekend. Stayed up late to watch an Elvis Presley movie.

Mon Nov 21 – EPS. Downtown shopping at Donaldson's after work. I bought a new suit, Helen 2 dresses & a beautiful winter coat 100% wool with opossum collar. Supper at Bridgeman's.

Wed Nov 23 – EPS. Letter from Dalene. Max, Norma, & Earl Schaffer here in the evening for a visit. Watched a late movie, "The Girl Most Likely," Jane Powell. Good. To bed 12:10.



Thu Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Holiday, no duties. Took Stans & Mary to McGuire's for Thanksgiving dinner. Real nice. Stans came here afterwards & stayed till 10 PM. Perfect day all around. Watched a lot of color TV. Called Dalene in the evening to visit.

Sat Nov 26 – Helen & I drove to Estherville to spend the weekend with Gene & Lela. Saw their colored slides of their trip to Spain & Portugal recently. Nice drive, lunch at Mankato.

Sun Nov 27 – At Gene & Lela's in Estherville. Went to their store a little while then drove home by 4 PM. Strong wind but clear. Watched the movie "Can-Can" on TV in the evening. Turned the furnace fan on so it blows all the time. Gene's does, so does Jerry & Nancy's.

Thu Dec 1 – EPS. Hurried home to watch "Of Lands and Sea" about the Philippines from 4:30 to 5:30. Watched Minnesota beat Kansas in basketball. Some piano records came that we had ordered, good music.

Sat Dec 3 – Football all afternoon on TV. To Maizie's in the evening for dessert with her & Teri. Watched a late movie & to bed 12:30.

Tue Dec 6 – EPS. High 40°. Snow most all melted. Dalene phoned in the evening, she will arrive here this Saturday at 5 PM. Watched a movie, "The Bridges at Toko-Ri." Sad ending.

Sat Dec 10 – Helen baked 2 pies in the morning. She & I to the airport to pick up Dalene at 5 PM from L.A. She looks real nice. To Stan's for supper & all evening. Home late & to bed 1 AM.

Sun Dec 11 – Up late. Dalene here. I watched pro football all afternoon, Helen addressed Christmas cards all afternoon. I took Dalene to Stan's in evening to stay all night.

Wed Dec 14 – EPS. Helen & I to Brookdale for supper & Christmas shopping. Dalene is out to Stan's visiting.

Thu Dec 15 – EPS. Went after Dalene at noon at Stan's. She took me back to work & used the car in the afternoon.

Sun Dec 18 – Helen got deathly sick, vomiting, etc., too much till we had to call Dr. Wright. I went to Danielson's drug store at 3 AM after a prescription; didn't help. Dr. called ambulance & they took her to Unity Hospital at 4 AM. Bad sick but shots helped & by tonight she is much better. Called Wilma to tell her we won't be coming down this week. No sleep Saturday night or much during today. Dalene a big help here.

Mon Dec 19 – EPS. Dalene & I to Apache for supper, then to the hospital to visit Helen. Wrote Mother a letter.

Tue Dec 20 – EPS. I'm off the next 3 days. Helen still in the hospital. Dalene & I to the hospital in the evening. Watched Minnesota get beat in basketball.

Wed Dec 21 – Annual leave. 1 inch of snow last night. Brought Helen home from the hospital. Helen & I decorated the Christmas tree. I wrapped presents.

Thu Dec 22 – Annual leave. Dalene here. Jean & Teri here in the evening, I gave Teri a transistor radio. Wrapped a lot of Christmas presents.

Fri Dec 23 – Annual leave. Gave Dr. Wright a bottle of imported wine. Dalene here.

Sat Dec 24 – Took Helen to a beauty parlor & Dalene & Judy to another in forenoon. Took Dalene to Stan's in the afternoon. Helen & I went out at 7:30 to open presents with Stans, Mary, Dalene, & Wentzes.



Herb Wentz and Dale in Stan and Judy's family room

Sun Dec 25 – White Christmas. Dalene here, all to Stan's for turkey dinner. Talked to Mother by phone from Stan's.

Mon Dec 26 – Holiday. Dalene took the car all day. Watched the Orange Bowl game in the afternoon.

Tue Dec 27 – EPS. High 20°. Supposed to get 4 inches of snow. Helen, Dalene, & I to Apache for supper & shopping. Helen & I to Brookdale for shopping.

Wed Dec 28 – EPS. High 24° & snow all day. At least 8 inches. Dalene shoveled our walks. Helen fixed roast beef supper, real good too.

Thu Dec 29 – EPS. High 20°. Clear. Dalene shoveled the snow off the walks again. I took her picture, after dark, shoveling. Max & Norma here in the evening, Stan came a little while too. John Laufer here to take Dalene a ride downtown; just out of the army & back from Korea.

Fri Dec 30 – EPS. To Wentz's for supper, Stans there too. Home late & to bed at 12:30.

Sat Dec 31 – Helen & I to Brookdale to leave pictures for copies. She bought a new blue dress at Spartan's. Stan came after Dalene to go to a New Year's Eve party. To bed 1:30. Happy New Year.