

The families in 1972:

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.

David and Martha Roman had Julie.

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, 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 and Brenda.

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

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

Marie and Ralph Kimmel had Susan.

Susan and Albert Sales had Nathan.

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, Megan, and Cara.

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.

Beverly married Steven Romano.

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 and Bradley Leeson had Shane and Chad.

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, Peggy, and Drew.

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 and Norma Stoen had Julie.

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 Michael, Michele, and Melanie.

Michael married Kathryn Blair.

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.

Ann was married to Jerry Smith

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; Wilma is married to “Mac” McFarland.

Larry and Irene Vanderlinden had John.

Highlights of 1972

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WORLD EVENTS

- President Nixon makes unprecedented eight-day visit to communist China and meets with Mao Zedong.
- Britain takes over direct rule of Northern Ireland in bid for peace.
- Eleven Israeli athletes at Olympic Games in Munich are killed after eight members of an Arab terrorist group invades Olympic Village; five guerillas and one policeman are also killed.

U.S. EVENTS

- Governor George C. Wallace of Alabama is shot by Arthur H. Bremer at Laurel, MD, political rally.
- Five men are apprehended in attempt to bug Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington DC's Watergate complex - start of the Watergate scandal.
- U.S. Supreme Court rules that death penalty is unconstitutional.

SPORTS

- Super Bowl: Dallas defeats Miami (24-3)
- World Series: Oakland A's defeat Cincinnati (4-3)
- NBA Championship: L.A. Lakers defeat New York (4-1)
- NCAA Basketball Championship: UCLA defeats Florida State (81-76)
- NCAA Football Champion: USC (12-0-0)

ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS

- Academy Award, Best Picture: *The French Connection*
- Academy Award, Best Actor: Gene Hackman, *The French Connection*
- Academy Award, Best Actress: Jane Fonda, *Klute*
- Emmy Award, Best Drama: *Masterpiece Theatre: Elizabeth R* (PBS)
- Emmy Award, Best Comedy: *All in the Family* (CBS)
- Tony Award, Best Musical: *Two Gentlemen of Verona*
- Grammy Award, Record of the Year: "It's Too Late," Carole King
- Grammy Award, Song of the Year: "You've Got a Friend," Carole King, songwriter

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

- Time Inc. transmits HBO, the first cable network.
- The National Institute of Mental Health and the surgeon general issue a report that claims exposure to violence on television fosters aggression in children.
- Gloria Steinem's *Ms* magazine debuts.
- M*A*S*H premieres on CBS.
- Atari introduces the arcade version of *Pong*, the first video game. The home version comes out in 1974.

MOVIES

- *The Godfather*
- *Deliverance*
- *Cabaret*
- *Sleuth*
- *The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie*

SCIENCE

- CAT (Computerized Axial Tomography) scanning is developed in England.
- The compact disc is developed by RCA.
- The antidepressant Prozac (fluoxetine) is developed by Bryan B. Malloy (Scotland) and Klaus K. Schmiegell (US).
- The video disk is introduced by Philips Company (Netherlands).
- Electronic mail is introduced.
- *Apollo XVII*, the last manned moon landing to date, returns with 250 pounds of lunar samples.

DEATHS

- Gil Hodges
- J. Edgar Hoover
- Harry S. Truman

Diary of Dale Gardner 1972

As this diary from 1972 begins, Dale and Helen live at 300 North Fillmore Street, Osceola, IA. Stan and Judy live in Westfield, NJ, and Stan works at Chemical Bank in New York, NY. Dalene lives in San Francisco and works at Xerox Computer Services. Dale is 62 years old and Helen is 60. They drive a 1968 Chevrolet.

Early in the year Wilma breaks her right arm, and late in the year she breaks her left arm and left leg; a bad year for bones. During the year, Dale earns money by helping Mac with farming chores: plowing, disking, sowing, harrowing, mowing, baling, and tending to animals. Dalene flies in to help Helen and Dale celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in March. Later that month, Larry Casey flies Helen and Dale to Palatine, Illinois, in his plane to stay with son John while Irene and Larry visit San Antonio. Mac and Wilma plan and build a house in Osceola. In September, Helen and Dale drive to Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Dalene joins them in Seattle and drives to California with them; they see their investment property on Arlington Avenue in Torrance. In December, Dale and Helen drive to Westfield, NJ, to spend Christmas with Judy, Stan, and family.

This is the year when General Idi Amin of Uganda takes control of British firms and interests in his country and expels 50,000 Asians. The largest diamond known, the Star of Sierra Leone, is unearthed and weighs 969.8 carats. The last U.S. ground troops are withdrawn from Vietnam, and the Equal Rights Amendment is passed by the U.S. Senate to provide for the legal equality of the sexes. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closes above 1000 for the first time in history. American swimmer Mark Spitz wins a record 7 gold medals in the Summer Olympics in Munich. Richard Nixon orders the start of the space shuttle program, as Apollo 16 lands on the moon where the Lunar Rover is tested; Apollo 17 lands on the moon and the last men to walk on the moon are Harrison Schmitt and Eugene Cernan. Digital watches are introduced, and Atari kicks off the first generation of video games with the release of PONG, the first game to achieve commercial success. Notable births this year include Ben Affleck, Gwyneth Paltrow, Scott Peterson, and Jonny Lee Miller.

Dale and Helen see many family members during the year, including Jettie Liggitt; Ruth and Louie Schaffer; Marie and Ralph Kimmel and daughter Susan and grandson Nathan; Opal and Don Schaffer; Vivian and Wayne Hanson; Wilma and Mac McFarland; Margie and Jack Nish and daughters Ann and Cathy; Vera and Gene Marquis; Earl Schaffer; Francis and Lem Holmes; Betty and Keith Schaffer; Irene and Larry Casey and son John; Opal and Burl Schaffer; Marie White; Cedar Schaffer; Clarice Gardner and daughter Mary; Chloe Schaffer; Fern and Marvin Schaffer; Lela and Gene Yates; Bernice and Chuck Delmage; Ressler and Gerald Schaffer; Vera and Orville Gardner; Doyle Gardner; Juanita Bemis; Ethel and Don Matheny and daughter Nancy; Dorothea Kerr and daughter Donna; Leona and Bill Van Sant; Maurice Eddy; Kenneth Schaffer and sons Jeff and Steve; and Bob Schaffer and sons Craig and Bruce.

Sat Jan 1 – Watched parades & Bowl football games on TV. Went to see Mother in the afternoon.

Sun Jan 2 – Manley's for a chicken dinner. Took a ride with Louie & Ruth to Indianola & back in their new Chrysler. Watched pro football on TV. Supper at Manley's.

Thu Jan 6 – Helen & I to Derby for supper. I watched Don Schaffer bowl in the evening.

Fri Jan 7 – Helen & I to Indianola for goat milk, last time from Petrie's; on to Des Moines shopping & to visit Wayne & Vivian Hanson.

Sun Jan 9 – Manley's for dinner. I went to see Mother. Watched some basketball on TV in the afternoon & evening. We went to Manley's at 10:30 for pie & ice cream.

Sun Jan 16 – In the house all day. Watched the Super Bowl, Cowboys beat Dolphins 24-3. Jack Nish is in the hospital with the flu.

Mon Jan 17 – I helped Louie grind 2 loads of feed for cattle in the morning. I went to see Mother in the afternoon. Supper at Manley's, Margie & Cathy there too. Basketball on TV at night.

Tue Jan 18 – Helen & I to Des Moines shopping. Margie; & Mac & Wilma here in the evening. Called Dalene at night in San Francisco.

Thu Jan 20 – Us & Macs to Derby for supper. Gene & Vera Marquis there too. Letter from Merle Osterquist; they're in McAllen, Texas, for the winter.

Sat Jan 22 – I walked around the square & home. Watched college basketball all afternoon on TV. To Manley's for supper. Snowing at midnight.

Sun Jan 30 – Helen & I to Manley's for dinner. Earl & Francis; Mac & Wilma; Louie & Ruth here in the afternoon.

Tue Feb 1 – Mailed the Federal Tax Return to Kansas City for a refund. Louie here a few minutes in the morning. I went to see Mother, stopped in to see Marie too.

Wed Feb 2 – Mac & Wilma here in the afternoon. I took Mrs. O'Hare to the hospital, her husband isn't expected to live long. Manley's for supper.

Fri Feb 4 – Took Mrs. O'Hare to the hospital & back. Helen & I to Indianola for her treatment by Dr. Lundahl.

Sun Feb 6 – Cold. We went to Jack's, & to Louie's about noon, for water. Dinner at Manley's. Drove out to see Mother in the evening, & on out to Wilma's farm.

Mon Feb 7 – Wilma & Margie here in the afternoon. Helen phoned Gerald's & Earl about Louie & Ruth's 50th. Dalene phoned, she's coming home March 3rd.

Tue Feb 8 – Mac & Wilma here. Helen & I to the library. I took Mrs. O'Hare to the hospital & back in the afternoon. Phoned Stan & Judy at night.

Thu Feb 10 – Received a note from Jack Wood for our \$4000 & put it in the strongbox. Helen & I to Derby for supper. Took Mrs. O'Hare to & from the hospital. I went to a girls basketball game, sat with Jack & Margie.

Sun Feb 13 – Surprise dinner on Louie & Ruth for their 50th wedding anniversary. 21 people there, mostly all family.

Tue Feb 15 – Nickolay phoned, Palmer died yesterday during an operation, he was 73.

Wed Feb 16 – Louie & Ruth's 50th wedding anniversary. Mac & Wilma here; Marie here. To Manley's for supper.

Fri Feb 18 – I took Mrs. O'Hare to the hospital, went after her in the afternoon & evening; saw Chas Deaver, in the hospital for his heart.

Sat Feb 19 – I went to help Mac chore in the morning. Watched college basketball in the afternoon. To Manley's for supper. Went to a high school basketball game at night, sat with Jack & Margie & Marie.

Tue Feb 22 – Helen fried a chicken & made a fruit salad for Mrs. O'Hare. I walked uptown in the afternoon. We went to the funeral parlor to see Mr. O'Hare. Mac & Wilma here; also Marie.

Wed Feb 23 – I was a pallbearer at Mr. O'Hare's funeral & had lunch at the Catholic Church. Mac & Wilma took Helen & Marie to the funeral. Went to see Mother. Supper at Manley's.

Thu Feb 24 – Got some lumber for crating a chair. Took a ride by the old Kirby farm, Dad once owned it (1920). Ruth here; Mrs. O'Hare here. Helen & I to Derby for supper.

Fri Feb 25 – Wilma in the hospital; broke her right arm. Helen & I helped Mac. Called Lela in the evening. Margie & Cathy here at midnight, after a ball game.

Sat Feb 26 – I did Mac's chores so he could be with Wilma in the hospital when the doctor set her broken arm. Helen & I to the hospital twice. Watched college basketball on TV in the afternoon.

Sun Feb 27 – Went to the hospital twice to see Wilma; Larry & Irene there. Dinner & supper at Manley's. Rode through the cemetery.

Mon Feb 28 – Beautiful day. I crated Mother's old rocking chair, helped Helen clean house. Manley's for supper. Went to see Wilma in the hospital in the evening.

Tue Feb 29 – Another beautiful day. Helen & I to Leon & bought her 2 new dresses for our 40th wedding anniversary. Visited in Decatur City with Mrs. Mast about goats; found goat butter near Boone. Saw Wilma in the hospital. Helen called Lela.

Wed Mar 1 – I went to Louie's for eggs & water. Wilma went home from the hospital.

Thu Mar 2 – Met Dalene at the Des Moines airport at 8:20 AM. Margie, Marie, Dalene, Helen & I, & Mac & Wilma to Derby for supper. Had a good day all around.

Fri Mar 3 – Married 40 years ago today. Burl; Bob & 3 children; Marie; Mac & Wilma here. Dalene here too. Nice cards, flowers, & presents. Went to Jack & Margie's. Supper at Manley's. Perfect day.

Sat Mar 4 – Dalene here. To Mac's for a 5 gallon cream can for her. Lunch at Byer's. Ralph gave her an iron skillet. To Don Schaffer's in the afternoon. Went to see Mother. Supper at home.

Sun Mar 5 – Dalene here. Finished crating the rocking chair; & the cream can. Mac & Wilma here for dinner. Went to Jack's & Louie's in the afternoon. Marie came down for awhile after 10 PM.

Mon Mar 6 – Took Dalene to look at her piano; & to Marie White's. Took her to the Des Moines airport & she went home. She called us later. Supper at Sherwood Forest.

Thu Mar 9 – To Decatur City for goat milk. Derby for supper & home by Mac's. Talked to Larry about staying there May 24-29th.

Thu Mar 16 – I helped Mac ring hogs, chore, get endgate seeder ready & went one round with grass seed. High school boys basketball at 3:30 on TV. Derby for supper.

Sat Mar 18 – I worked for Mac in the morning. Watched finals of boys high school basketball at night, Cedar Rapids won.

Sun Mar 19 – Manley's for dinner. Mac & Wilma here, measured their lot for the new house. To Louie's for water, they were sowing oats. Went to see Mother. Fine day.

Mon Mar 20 – Painted Mac's barn in forenoon, disked in the afternoon. Irene phoned at night about our going there March 24 to 28th.

Tue Mar 21 – Doug Cole, age 8, run over & killed on Clay Street in front of our house in late afternoon. Manley's for supper. Went to Cole's a little while.

Thu Mar 23 – I did some of Mac's chores & disked. Irene called. Derby for supper.

Fri Mar 24 – Marie & I to Doug Cole's funeral. Mac & Wilma & Marie took us to the Des Moines airport. Larry & Irene & John came after us by their plane to take us to Palatine, Illinois, to stay a few days while they go to San Antonio.

Sat Mar 25 – At Larry's in Palatine, Illinois. Helen & I, & John here. Larry & Irene in San Antonio, Texas. I watched college basketball tournaments on TV all afternoon.

Sun Mar 26 – In Palatine. I drove Larry's Mustang to the drug store for a Sunday paper & milk. Watched pro basketball in the afternoon. Wilma phoned in the evening. Marie & Ralph closed their store, after 25 years. Helen called Amtrak for rail fare home.

Mon Mar 27 – In Palatine. Helen made train reservations. Talked to Irene in San Antonio. We went out for lunch but restaurant no good. Helen phoned Cedar.

Tue Mar 28 – In Palatine. Helen & I drove Larry's Mustang to Libertyville to see Cedar & where Helen used to live; & to Waukegan to see Burl & Opal. Watched pro basketball at night.

Wed Mar 29 – In Palatine till 2:30 PM. Bob Schaffer took Helen & I to Aurora, Illinois, to catch a train for Osceola at 5:07 PM. Home by 10:10 PM. Marie & Mary met us.

Fri Mar 31 – I had a complete physical check-up by Dr. Hertko. I'm OK. I got goat milk at Decatur City. Marian Schaffer died, Don Schaffer phoned us. We went to Don's in the evening. Margie here at night.

Sat Apr 1 – Helen & I took Chloe to Waukegan, Illinois, to Burl's house. 434 miles from Osceola to Burl's. We all went in the evening to view Marian at the funeral parlor. Staying in the Stardust Motel.

Sun Apr 2 – At Waukegan. Went to Burl's for dinner, then to the funeral parlor to see Marian.

Mon Apr 3 – Went to Marian Mericle's funeral at Waukegan, Illinois. Ate lunch at their church. Helen & I drove home from 1:30 to 9 PM. Marie phoned at 11:30. Good to be home.

Tue Apr 4 – Mac & Wilma here. Wilma is 67 today. Helen & I to Louie's for water.

Thu Apr 6 – I disked all day. Wilma had the cast removed from her arm. Helen & I to Derby for supper, ate with Keith & Betty.

Fri Apr 7 – Rested today. Went to Decatur City for goat milk. Went to see Mother. Supper at Manley's. Helen called Judy; & Lela.

Mon Apr 10 – I disked 8½ hours (40 acres) after Mac fertilized the field. Watched the Academy Awards at night. Charlie Chaplin was presented, in person, 82 years old.

Sat Apr 15 – Stayed in the house all day. Marie here. Watched pro basketball in the afternoon. Earl phoned, coming up tomorrow.

Sun Apr 16 – Nice day. Earl came up, has a new Dodge Polara. Mac & Wilma & Louie & Ruth here. Manley's for dinner & supper. Watched some pro basketball in the afternoon.

Tue Apr 25 – Talked to Clarice about painting her house. Phoned Vivian in the evening; also phoned Dalene.

Wed Apr 26 – Mac & Wilma signed a contract for their new house at 231 West Garfield Street. They were here in the evening.

Fri Apr 28 – Adamsons staked out Mac & Wilma's new house. I worked on Clarice's house, took storms off & washed the house getting it ready to paint. Manley's for supper.

Sat Apr 29 – Watched pro basketball in the afternoon. Helen & I & Marie to the Van Wert Methodist Church supper.

Sun Apr 30 – Manley's for dinner. Keith here, gave us mushrooms. I went to see Mother. Watched Lakers beat Knicks. Manley's for supper. Went out to see Louie & Ruth.

Wed May 3 – Painted for Ralph in the morning. Puttied windows on Clarice's house in the afternoon & painted the west side of her house. Vivian & Chloe here.

Thu May 4 – Painted on Clarice's house. Went to Decatur City for goat milk & to Derby for supper.

Sat May 6 – Watched pro basketball in the afternoon. To the Woodburn Christian Church for supper.

Sun May 7 – To Manley's for dinner; & supper. Mac & Wilma here. Letter from Dalene yesterday. Watched Lakers win NBA championship by beating New York.

Tue May 9 – Painted on Clarice's house in the morning. Supper at Manley's. Helen & I to visit Louie & Ruth in the evening.

Fri May 12 – Lela phoned, they are coming down tomorrow. Marvin & Fern came to Louie's.

Sat May 13 – Gene & Lela came at noon. They went to Mac's in the afternoon. Marvin & Fern & Louie here all evening, too. Gene & Lela here all night.

Sun May 14 – Gene & Lela here. Dalene phoned for Mother's Day. Gene & Lela; Mac & Wilma; Earl; & Helen & I to Byer's for dinner. Went to Louie's for water & home by Manley's for supper. Helen & I to see Mother in early evening. Don & Opal here in the evening.

Mon May 15 – Went to Decatur City for goat milk. We made home made ice cream from goat milk, good.

Tue May 16 – I painted all day at Clarice's, finished, including the garage. Good 10:30 movie, "The Rounders," with Henry Fonda & Glenn Ford.

Thu May 18 – Disked & harrowed 9 hours for Mac. To Manley's for supper late. Sewer & water dug in at Mac's lot.

Sat May 20 – Disked & harrowed 6 hours for Mac. He finished planting corn in the afternoon. I watched pro basketball on Wilma's TV in the afternoon. Helen out with Ruth all day. Supper at Manley's.

Sun May 21 – To Derby for dinner. To see Mother at the rest home. Mac & Wilma & Helen & I to Louie's awhile in the evening. Supper at home.

Mon May 22 – Went to Decatur City for goat milk. Harrowed 40 acres of corn in the afternoon. Jack & Margie, Mac & Wilma here at night; their basement was dug today.

Sun May 28 – Helen & I to the cemetery early to decorate. Dinner at Manley's. Paul & Gladys & Bert & Nina here in the afternoon. Marie here in the evening.

Tue May 30 – Chuck & Bernice here in a new Mercury Marquis. Manley's for supper with Ralph & Marie.

Thu Jun 1 – Helen & I to Indianola to buy a bug deflector at a handicap school.

Mon Jun 5 – Air conditioner on in the house 1st time. Put the bug shield on the Chevy in the afternoon.

Tue Jun 6 – Took Helen to Indianola for a treatment. Lunch at Manley's. I went to Mac's in the afternoon & plowed beans 5 hours. Adamson poured the basement floor in Mac's new house in town.

Sun Jun 11 – Mac & Wilma & us to dinner at Manley's, over to their new house later. To see Mother in the afternoon. Manley's for supper.



Helen and Dale at 300 N. Fillmore



Wilma and Mac were there

Mon Jun 12 – I finished plowing Mac's corn. Took Helen to Dr. Benson, dentist, in the afternoon for new teeth. Marie took Mother a ride in the afternoon.

Tue Jun 13 – Gerald & Ressia here. Mac & Wilma showed them their new house. To Louie's to visit; Manley's for lunch. Talked to Dalene in the evening.

Tue Jun 20 – Took Helen to Dr. Benson for tooth impressions. I helped Mac bale hay from 5 to 8 PM.

Sun Jun 25 – Dinner at Manley's. Helen & I to Carlisle to see Orville & Vera & family. Doyle there too.

Tue Jun 27 – Orville & Vera here, lunch at Manley's with them. I finished mowing hay for Mac in the afternoon. Orville, Vera, & I to see Mother.

Wed Jun 28 – Helen got her new teeth of Dr. Benson in Leon. I plowed corn in the afternoon for Mac. Went out to Louie's after supper. Went to see Mother.

Fri Jun 30 – Took Helen to the Leon dentist for teeth adjustment. Lunch at Manley's, with Marie.

Sun Jul 2 – Manley's for dinner with Mac & Wilma. We went to Charlie & Leota's to visit Doris & Jay & grandson & Mrs. Cochran.

Mon Jul 3 – I painted on Eva Kerr's house all day. Hard work. Manley's for supper. Mac & Wilma married 4 years today.

Tue Jul 4 – Phoned Gene & Lela. Watched the Fourth of July parade. Lunch at home. Went to Louie's for water; he bought a new tractor. Mac & Wilma here about 9:30 PM a few minutes.

Thu Jul 6 – Went to Louie's in the morning to see his new tractor. To Leon to dentist, & Decatur City for goat milk. To Derby for supper & home by Mac & Wilma's.

Sat Jul 8 – I painted in the afternoon on the new house. Took a ride in the evening, got Wilma's step-ladder from Eva Crawford.



Dale painting Mac and Wilma's new house

Tue Jul 11 – I painted in forenoon on the new house. Helen & I to Indianola for a chiro treatment in the afternoon. Watched some of the Democratic convention. \$100 profit check from Jack Wood.

Wed Jul 12 – I'm 63 years old today. Mac & Wilma took us to lunch at Manley's. I painted on the new house in the afternoon. Dalene phoned at night.

Sat Jul 15 – I painted on Mac & Wilma's new house. They painted too. We all had a hamburger lunch here. Manley's for supper. Card from Dalene.

Sun Jul 16 – Dinner at Manley's with Mac & Wilma. Went to see Mother in the afternoon. Raked some hay for Louie. Supper at Manley's. Marie phoned from Edmonton, Canada.

Wed Jul 19 – Took Helen to the Leon dentist in the morning for teeth work. Went to Woodburn at night for home made ice cream (Methodist Church benefit). Gave Helen a necklace birthday present.

Thu Jul 20 – Derby for supper. Helen is 61 years old today. Dalene phoned.

Fri Jul 21 – I painted windows in Mac's new house. Took Helen to Indianola for a chiro treatment. I went to Decatur City for goat milk. Wilma here a few minutes, on the way home from Des Moines.

Sun Jul 23 – Lunch at home. Went to see Mother in the afternoon. Supper at Manley's. Visited Don & Opal a few minutes. To Louie's for water.

Tue Jul 25 – Mowed the lawn. Mac & Wilma here. Supper at Manley's. Louie is 73 today.

Wed Jul 26 – To Van Wert for home-made ice cream & cake. Supper at Manley's.

Thu Jul 27 – Helen & I to a doctor in Des Moines for allergy tests for her. I went downtown, lunch at Bishop's. Supper at Sherwood Forest.

Sun Jul 30 – Earl came up & took us to dinner at Manley's, Mac & Wilma there too. Helen & I got the kitchen ready to paint tomorrow. Marie phoned from Brady, Nebraska, on their way home.

Mon Jul 31 – We painted the kitchen today, & the bathroom walls & ceiling. Lunch & supper at Manley's.

Tue Aug 1 – Helen & I painted all day in the kitchen & bathroom, finished, varnished, too. Manley's for supper. Ralph & Marie came home from over 7,000 mile trip.

Thu Aug 3 – Supper at Derby & home by Mac's; also stopped to visit Charlie & Leota in Weldon.

Sun Aug 6 – Helen & I made ice cream. Supper at Manley's. Went to see Mother.

Mon Aug 7 – Painted at Mac's new house in forenoon, helped hay in the afternoon. I got goat milk at Decatur City. Ressa operated on for breast cancer (malignant).

Thu Aug 10 – I painted the north side of Mac's new house. Mac & Wilma stopped there on their way to Des Moines. Tim Duke visited me too. Marie there too, on her bicycle. Derby for supper.

Tue Aug 15 – Helen & I to Des Moines to Dr. Tieglund for her allergy tests. She is allergic only to tomatoes, dust, feathers & ragweed.

Fri Aug 18 – Wilma & I & Mac painted inside their new house till noon, finished 1st coat. To the Leon doctor for Helen. Got goat milk & butter. Supper at Manley's with Ralph.

Sat Aug 19 – Mac & Wilma & I painted in the new house. Took Helen to Indianola in the afternoon for a treatment. Supper at Manley's. Watched pro football at night.

Sat Aug 26 – Helen & I to Indianola for a chiro treatment by Dr. Tracy. Went to see Mother. Ressa in the hospital, Helen made calls to Lela, Earl, etc.

Sun Aug 27 – To Des Moines shopping, lunch at Baker's; Mac & Wilma there too; to Juanita's & to Lutheran Hospital to see Gerald; home by Target on Fleur. Supper at Manley's. Lela phoned.

Mon Aug 28 – Mac, Billy Chase, & I built a fence all day on Wilma's 30 acres. Manley's for dinner & supper. Ressa is much better. Helen called Lela.

Tue Aug 29 – Helped Mac finish fencing on the Casey 30 acres, 4 of us all day. High 90° again. Mac is 63 today.



Billy Chase, Dale, a helper, and Mac building a fence

Wed Aug 30 – Helen & I had chiro treatments of Dr. Stacy in Indianola, then on to Des Moines shopping & supper at Baker's.

Sat Sep 2 – Gene & Lela came at 4:30. Mac & Wilma; Gene & Lela; Helen & I to a Woodburn Christian Church supper.

Sun Sep 3 – Gene & Lela here; Earl came up; & we all had dinner at Manley's, Mac & Wilma too. Went to see Mother. All went to Mac's for supper, Louie & Ruth too. Gene & Lela here all night.

Mon Sep 4 – Gene & Lela left at 9:30 AM. Marie here. She found our family history, by Mother.

Tue Sep 5 – Wilma & I stained windows in the new house. Phoned Dalene at night; also phoned Dorotha that we're coming out next week.

Thu Sep 7 – Helen & I to Indianola for treatments & to Des Moines shopping. Supper at Baker's cafeteria. Marie here. Retired 4 years ago today.

Sat Sep 9 – Loaded the car for the trip tomorrow. Went to see Mother.

Sun Sep 10 – Helen & I drove from Osceola to Ogallala, Nebraska, 505 miles. All night at the Sunrise Motel. Sent some cards.

Mon Sep 11 – Clear driving from Ogallala to Cokeville, Wyoming, 564 miles. Staying at the Valley Hi Motel, a nice one. Good supper at a café across the street.

Tue Sep 12 – Drove 547 miles from Cokeville to La Grande, Oregon. Beautiful clear day, mostly. Staying all night at the Stardust Lodge motel. Helen called Wilma.

Wed Sep 13 – Drove from La Grande to Vancouver, Washington, 270 miles. 1886 miles from Osceola. Nice supper at Don & Ethel Matheny's. Nice visit.

Thu Sep 14 – Clear & warm in Vancouver at Don & Ethel's. Don took me a ride over town. They took us out to supper. Dalene phoned, she will meet us at the Seattle airport tomorrow.

Fri Sep 15 – Drove from Vancouver, through Eatonville, to Dorotha Matheny Kerr's in Seattle. Picked Dalene up at the Seattle-Tacoma airport at 2:20 PM. Drove 200 miles. Staying all night with Dorotha.

Sat Sep 16 – At Dorotha's in Seattle. Helen, Dalene, & I to Lem & Francis Holmes in the evening for a visit. Took a few pictures.



Cousins Dorotha and Dale

Sun Sep 17 – Helen, Dalene, & I drove from Seattle to Vancouver. Dalene drove from Tacoma. Took Don & Ethel to a smorgasbord supper at night.

Mon Sep 18 – At Don & Ethel's last night. Dalene drove all the way to Smith River, California. Staying at the Ocean Villa Motel. Beautiful place, right on the Pacific Ocean. Watched Redskins beat Vikings.

Tue Sep 19 – Clear as a bell. Drove from Smith River to San Francisco through the redwoods, 377 miles. Lunch in the redwoods. Arrived at Dalene's a little after 5 PM. Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco Bay, etc. Out to supper. Letter from Wilma waiting.

Wed Sep 20 – Beautiful clear day in San Francisco. Helen & I stayed around Dalene's apartment all day, resting. She came home for lunch. Jack Wood phoned at 8:30 PM.

Thu Sep 21 – In San Francisco. Helen & I took it easy in Dalene's apartment. We wrote some cards. Dalene took us a ride after supper at Z's. Showed us where she works. Rode over downtown, etc.

Fri Sep 22 – In S.F. Helen & I shopping in the afternoon. To Pancake House for supper. Dalene took us a ride by Fisherman's Wharf; & downtown, etc. Decided to go to L.A. on highway #5, tomorrow.

Sat Sep 23 – Helen, Dalene, & I drove from S.F. to L.A. down highway 5, 400 miles. Bright day. Staying at the Plush Horse motel. Jack Wood took us to supper at a buffet at the Eldorado Club in Gardena.

Sun Sep 24 – In Redondo Beach. Drove to Laguna Beach to see Mr. & Mrs. Rutenbeck. Jack Wood took us all for dinner at Horace Heidt's Java Time Restaurant; also took Agnes Puckett. All night at the Plush Horse Motor Hotel. Mother is 91 today.

Mon Sep 25 – In Redondo Beach at the Plush Horse motel. Dalene took us shopping, took pictures of our property on Arlington Avenue in Torrance. I had a sinus headache, took a long nap in the afternoon. Beautiful day.



Helen and Dalene at the home of Dalene's friends

Tue Sep 26 – Dalene & us checked out of the Plush Horse, had lunch in Santa Monica. Said goodbye there. Helen & I drove to Bill & Leona Van Sant's in La Puente by 3 PM. Visited with Bill & Leona in the afternoon. Staying at a Motel 6 in El Monte.

Wed Sep 27 – In La Puente, at Bill & Leona's most of the day. Took them to supper at Stat's.

Thu Sep 28 – Drove from La Puente to Winslow, Arizona, 534 miles. Staying at the Desert Sun motel.

Fri Sep 29 – From Winslow to Tucumcari, New Mexico, 443 miles. Beautiful, clear day. Nice motel, Villa Inn. Unit carpeted same as our Mpls house living & dining rooms. Wrote a card to Dalene.

Sat Sep 30 – Beautiful clear day. Drove from Tucumcari to Wichita, Kansas, 414 miles. Staying at the Sands Motel. Phoned Marie in the evening.

Sun Oct 1 – Another cloudless sky day. Drove from Wichita to Atchison, 245 miles. Staying in the Skyway Motel. Phoned Hines. Rode around town. Watched pro football in the afternoon.

Mon Oct 2 – At Atchison, Kansas. I visited Hines at the distillery in forenoon. Drove home, 161 miles. Over 5500 miles this trip, gone 23 days. Seattle, Vancouver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, etc. Marie & Ralph to supper with us.

Wed Oct 4 – Went to see Mother. Wilma here, we went to see her new house. Supper at Manley's.

Sat Oct 7 – To a Woodburn church supper. Lela phoned. Helen phoned Stan & Judy.

Sun Oct 8 – Ate at Manley's; went to see Mother; watched pro football in the afternoon too. Went to Louie's for water; & to Jack & Margie's.

Thu Oct 12 – I varnished 2 hours in the morning, & scraped & washed 21 windows in Mac's new house in the afternoon. Derby for supper, home by Mac & Wilma's farm. Phoned Dalene at night.

Fri Oct 13 – Helen & I to Indianola for a treatment, on to Des Moines to Dr. Hertko in the afternoon for a check-up; all OK. Supper at Baker's cafeteria. High school football at night. Marie & Margie here.

Mon Oct 16 – Mac & Wilma here. I went to Louie's for water. To Don & Opal's in the evening.

Tue Oct 17 – I washed & scraped all the windows in Mac's new house on the inside in the afternoon. Sent 2 rolls of film to Triple-Print. Had broiled steaks for supper at home. Delicious.

Wed Oct 18 – Levi Cochran died last night, age 89. Maurice Eddy died this morning, heart attack, age 61. Helen & I & Marie to Cochran's & also to see Eileen Eddy at night. Saw Mother in the afternoon.

Thu Oct 19 – To Derby for supper. To the funeral home to see Levi Cochran & Maurice Eddy.

Fri Oct 20 – I was an honorary pall-bearer for Levi Cochran's funeral. Mac & Wilma here in the afternoon, watched part of the World Series. Took Marie to Des Moines after Susan at 10:30 at night.

Sat Oct 21 – We went to Maurice Eddy's funeral at the Christian Church. Went to Van Wert to a church supper. Watched Texas beat Arkansas in the evening in college football.

Sun Oct 22 – Stayed in the house all day. Watched Oakland win the World Series. Watched 3 pro football games too. Fried chicken for dinner.

Mon Oct 23 – Sent a letter to Nickolay. Went to see Mother. Lunch & supper at Manley's. Went to see Susan & Nathan at Marie's. Pro football at night.

Tue Oct 24 – Supper at Manley's. Went over to Mac's new house where they were varnishing.

Wed Oct 25 – Took it easy today. We went over to Mac's new house to see a new davenport. Steak supper at home & very good.

Thu Oct 26 – Helped Mac pick corn. I hauled in & unloaded 4 loads altogether. Went to Derby for a late supper. Took pictures of the timber for color. We talked to Stan at night.

Fri Oct 27 – I varnished kitchen cabinets for Mac & Wilma in the afternoon. Gene phoned, Lela in the hospital for tests.

Sun Oct 29 – Earl came to visit in the afternoon. We all went to Mac & Wilma's new house. Watched pro football in the afternoon. Manley's for dinner & supper. Marie here.

Thu Nov 2 – Wrote a letter to Dorothea & sent some pictures. Went to see Mother. To Louie's for water. Helen & I to Derby for supper, stopped at Mac's on the way home. Dalene phoned in the evening.

Sat Nov 4 – Ate pancakes & sausage at the Fire Hall. Took a ride to McHarg's sale to look at mowers. Watched Nebraska beat Colorado on TV. Went to the Woodburn Christian Church for supper.

Sun Nov 5 – Helen & I took a ride in the country in the morning. Pro football in the afternoon. I took a ride with Marie & Mother in the afternoon. Lloyd Schaffer's wife Chloe died at 11:30 PM at the hospital. Helen called Wilma & Lela about Chloe, at midnight.

Mon Nov 6 – Lunch & supper at Manley's. To the funeral parlor to see Chloe. Watched pro football at night.

Tue Nov 7 – Nixon won by a landslide. Kenneth Schaffer's sons Jeff & Steve; & Bob Schaffer's sons Craig & Bruce stayed overnight upstairs. They are here for Chloe's funeral tomorrow; grandchildren. Gene & Lela here too, at Mac & Wilma's. Dinner at Don & Opal's.

Wed Nov 8 – Chloe Schaffer's funeral. Lunch at church; Earl, Gene & Lela, all of Chloe's children here, Gerald & Ressaia, & Juanita here too. Letter from Dalene. Supper at Manley's.

Fri Nov 10 – Lunch at the Hotel Café. Went to see Mother. Supper at home. Marie here in the evening. Went to look at Mac & Wilma's new house.

Sat Nov 11 – Helen & I helped Mac & Wilma move furniture to the new house.

Thu Nov 16 – Sent a letter & pictures to Don & Ethel. Lunch at Manley's. Went to see Mother. To Derby for supper, home by Mac & Wilma's. Phoned Gene & Lela.

Fri Nov 17 – Wayne & Vivian here. Lunch & supper at Manley's. Marie here.

Sun Nov 19 – Ate dinner with Mac & Wilma at Manley's; supper with Ralph & Marie there. Watched pro football all afternoon.

Mon Nov 20 – Helen & I to chiro in Indianola for treatments, then to Des Moines shopping. Louie taken to the hospital sick at stomach & dizzy. I sent a letter to Bill & Leona. Margie here at night, also Wilma.

Tue Nov 21 – To Leon shopping & to Decatur City for goat milk. Mac & Wilma stopped here at night, Ruth stayed all night.

Wed Nov 22 – Helen & I to the library; to see Louie in the hospital; to see Mother. Supper at Manley's.

Thu Nov 23 – Thanksgiving. Ruth stopped by in the morning. Took a ride to Murray & back. Watched a lot of football on TV. Dalene phoned in the afternoon. Mac & Wilma here in the afternoon.

Sat Nov 25 – Walked uptown. Watched Ohio State beat Michigan on TV. Manley's for supper. Ruth here at night, waiting for Margie. Louie better, still in the hospital.

Sun Nov 26 – Manley's for dinner. Mac & Wilma stopped by; Ruth here. Pro football all afternoon. Good late movie "Made In Paris."



Tue Nov 28 – I helped Jack in forenoon picking Louie's corn. I went to the library, & to the hospital to see Louie. Marie here.

Thu Nov 30 – Helped Jack in forenoon picking Louie's corn, finished except for 1 load. Ruth here; Margie & Cathy here; Wilma here; Marie here. Phoned Dalene.

Fri Dec 1 – I helped Mac pick 5 loads of corn in the morning. I borrowed Louie's tractor & wagon & took them to Mac's in the afternoon. Went up to Mac & Wilma's new house in the evening.

Sat Dec 2 – Helped Mac pick 6 loads of corn. Mother sick with kidney infection, in the hospital. Dalene phoned, is paying our way to Stan's for Christmas. Wow!

Sun Dec 3 – Went to see Mother twice, in the hospital. She is better. Watched pro football in the afternoon. Stan & Judy phoned; we told them we're coming for Christmas.

Mon Dec 4 – Wilma broke her left arm & left leg - both bones in each - helping unload corn. I helped Mac picking corn. Helen helped at Mac's too. Supper at Manley's. Pro football at night.

Wed Dec 6 – Doctor set Wilma's arm today. Went to see Mother & Wilma in the hospital. To Louie's at night for water. Margie here in the evening. Letter from Dalene.

Sun Dec 10 – Went to Jack's & Louie's in the morning a few minutes. Went to Mac's to help pick corn. COLD. High 8° above. To the hospital on the way home to see Mother & Wilma.

Tue Dec 12 – 8 inches of snow. Plowed our drive & sidewalks. Supper at Manley's & to the hospital to see Mother & Wilma.

Wed Dec 13 – Mailed Christmas cards, started Christmas shopping - here & in Creston. Helen, Marie, & I to Snowden's for gowns & robes. To the hospital to see Mother & Wilma.

Thu Dec 14 – Helen & I to Des Moines Christmas shopping. Mother back to Leisure Manor today. Christmas package wrapping at night. Called Dalene.

Fri Dec 15 – Helen & I to Creston to mail packages to California & Mpls by UPS. Helen wrapped most of the packages. Saw Mother.

Sat Dec 16 – Wilma home from the hospital at the new house. Earl came up. Watched some pro football. Manley's for supper.

Sun Dec 17 – Helen stayed with Wilma in forenoon while Mac chored. Merle & Beulah here. Got the car ready for our trip east tomorrow. I went to see Mother. Margie & Jack here in the evening.

Mon Dec 18 – Drove from Osceola to Greenfield, Indiana, 500 miles. Lost 1 hour on time change to EST. Staying at Liberty Motel. Good day for driving.

Tue Dec 19 – From Greenfield to Somerset, Pennsylvania, 400 miles, rain all the way. Stopped at a Somerset new motel, nice room. Color TV. Rain all evening too.

Wed Dec 20 – Drove from Somerset to Westfield, N.J., 300 miles; to Stan & Judy's. Nice visit.

Thu Dec 21 – At Stan's in Westfield. Put up the Christmas tree & decorated it.

Sat Dec 23 – Watched football all afternoon & evening. Stan went shopping, Judy worked.



*Stan and Judy's family -
Dave and Jeff in back;
Matt, Ginny, Chris in front*

Sun Dec 24 – Helen & I went shopping. Put a doll buggy together at night, also a doll bed. Watched a lot of pro football on color TV.

Mon Dec 25 – Christmas in Westfield at Stan & Judy's. Opened presents in the morning. 16 pound ham for dinner. Dalene phoned in the evening. Phoned Hemerson.

Wed Dec 27 – Drove from Westfield to St. Clairsville, Ohio, 414 miles. Clear & nice to drive. Supper at Elby's restaurant. Staying at the Skyline Motel, Color TV.

Thu Dec 28 – Drove 636 miles from St. Clairsville to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Nice motel in Mt. Pleasant, the Iris Motel.

Fri Dec 29 – Drove from Mt. Pleasant to Osceola 120 miles. Manley's for lunch & supper. To Decatur City for goat milk. Margie here at night. Phoned Lela. Talked to Mac, Ruth, & Marie.



Nathan, Susan, and Jettie at Christmas time

Sat Dec 30 – I walked to town in the morning for a paper. To Louie's in the afternoon for water. Louies & us to Mac's to visit in the afternoon. I went to see Mother.

Sun Dec 31 – In the house all day. Fried chicken for dinner. Watched 2 pro football games. Gene & Lela phoned at night. Happy New Year!