

The Gardners in 1985: Gilham, Elsie, Williams, Lena, and Charles.

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.

Larry and Susan Eves had Elizabeth, Amy, and James.

Carol married Kevin Snider.

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

Denny and Rosemary Foust had Melissa, Michael, and Jill.

Ricky was married to Mary Jo Cronin.

Denise was married to Kent Barbee.

Donald and Phyllis Reynolds had Donald and Ray.

Ray and Carole had Leslie.

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

James and Mary Kinsey had Jamie and James.

Cheryl and Joseph Shutt had Christina, Linda, Joseph, and April.

Brian married Trena Wymore.

Phillip and Janet Shrader had Susannah, Phillip, and Deborah.

David and Martha Roman had Julie, Seth, and Ginger.

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.

Russell and Elizabeth Miller had Edward, Stephen, and Rebecca.

Gary and Cynthia Algood had Brian and Rebekah.

Randy and Mary Thompson had Katie.

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) had Lloyd, Dale, and Marie.

Lloyd and Clarice McGee had Carol, Nancy, Marie, and Mary.

Carol and James Green had Cheryl, Vicki, and Darwin; Carol and Daryl Paschall had Patti.

Cheryl and Tom West; they had Jessica.

Vicki was married to David Averbach.

Patti and Timothy Summers had Justin.

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

Cynthia married Kelly Brimmer and had Tyler.

Marie and Robert White had Gregory and Brenda.

Mary was married to Ronald Keller.

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

Stanley and Judy MacDonald had Jeffrey, David, Christopher, Virginia and Matthew; Stanley was married to Nancy Raymond.

Jeffrey and Mary Jane Hall had Jessica, Rachel, and Joshua.

Christopher is married to Catherine Olson.

Dalene was married to Russell Riggs.

Marie and Ralph Kimmel had Susan.

Susan and Albert Sales had Nathan; Susan was married to Douglas Granner.

Lena (1882-1968) and Pearl L. Yates (1883-1958) had Louise, Wayne, and Pearl Eugene.

Louise was married to John Wilson.

Wayne was married to Eula Neff.

Eugene was married to Lela Schaffer (1909-2003); see Schaffers below.

Charles (1884-1965) and Ida "Meda" Robins (1888-1957) had William Roswell.

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

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

Robert and Brenda Coppick had Tony and Angela.

Beverly and Steven Romano had Benjamin.

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 Cottrell (Meda's niece) and Frank Gonseth had Jon and Debra.

The Schaffers in 1985: Lloyd, Earl, Pearl, Harley, Louie, Gerald, Wilma, Lela, and Helen.

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, Dawn, and Heather.

Karyl and Bradley Leeson had Shane and Chad.

Vivian and Wayne Hanson had Donavan.

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

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

Norman married Ellen.

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. Earl was married to Dorothy Elliott.

Lester and Ledell "Lee" Mitchell had Jennifer and Lance.

Lance married Terrie Bond.

Francis and Lemuel Holmes had Connie and Ann.

Connie was married to John West.

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.

Anita and Joe Reynolds had Laura.

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

Michael and Kathryn Blair had Gabriel, Cade, Jordanna, and Keysto.

Michele and Mark Zaragoza had Neeli and Brooke.

Melanie and Kenneth Smith had Natalie.

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 and Jerry Smith had Jeremy and Misty.

Cathy and John Adair had Nikki and Cory.

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. Carole is married to Robert Leisinger.

Steven and Cindy Clayton had Chad; Steven is married to Linda Knapp.

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

Alice and Jack Miller had Joshua and Jacob.

Wilma and George Casey had Larry; Wilma is married to "Mac" McFarland.

Larry and Irene Vanderlinden had John.

Lela and Gene Yates had Nancy and Robert.

Nancy and Gerald Weekman had Thomas and James.

Robert and Rachel Creel had Jeffrey, Megan, and Cara.

Highlights of 1985

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WORLD EVENTS

- Soviet leader Chernenko dies at 73 and is replaced by Mikhail Gorbachev, 54, who initiates a broad program of reform and liberalization.
- Two Shiite Muslim gunmen capture TWA flight 847 with 133 aboard, 104 of them Americans.
- PLO terrorists hijack the Achille Lauro, an Italian cruise ship, with 80 passengers plus crew; the Italian government is toppled by the political crisis over hijacking.
- Reagan and Gorbachev meet at a summit and agree to step up arms control talks and renew cultural contacts.
- Terrorists seize EgyptAir flight 648 after takeoff from Athens; 59 dead as Egyptian forces storm the plane on Malta.

U.S. EVENTS

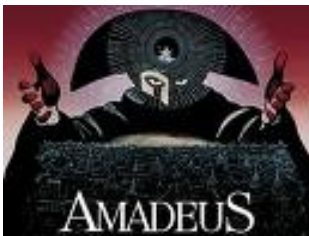
- US Supreme Court, 5-4, bars public school teachers from parochial schools.
- Arthur James Walker, 50, retired naval officer, convicted by federal judge of participating in Soviet spy ring operated by his brother, John Walker.

SPORTS

- Super Bowl: San Francisco defeats Miami (38-16)
- World Series: Kansas City defeats St. Louis Cardinals (4-3)
- NBA Championship: Los Angeles Lakers defeat Boston (4-2)
- NCAA Basketball Championship: Villanova defeats Georgetown (66-64)
- NCAA Football Champions: Oklahoma (11-1-0)

ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS

- Academy Award, Best Picture: *Amadeus* (Orion)
- Academy Award, Best Actor: F. Murray Abraham, *Amadeus*
- Academy Award, Best Actress: Sally Field, *Places in the Heart*



- Emmy Award, Best Drama Series: *Cagney and Lacey* (CBS)
- Emmy Award, Best Comedy Series: *The Cosby Show* (NBC)
- Tony Award, Best Musical: *Big River*
- Grammy Award, Record of the Year: "What's Love Got to Do With It," Tina Turner
- Grammy Award, Song of the Year: "What's Love Got to Do With It," Graham Lyle and Terry Britten, songwriters

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

- Rock Hudson dies of AIDS at age 59. He's the first major star to fall victim to the disease.
- Madonna launches her first road show, the Virgin Tour.
- Dozens of top-name musicians and bands perform at the Live Aid concerts in Philadelphia and London to benefit African famine victims.
- "We Are the World" was performed to help raise money for famine relief by a number of musicians, including Ray Charles, Bob Dylan, Michael Jackson, Billy Joel, Cyndi Lauper, Willie Nelson, Lionel Richie, Smokey Robinson, Kenny Rogers, Diana Ross, Paul Simon, Bruce Springsteen, Tina Turner, and Stevie Wonder.

MOVIES

- *After Hours, Back to the Future, Return of the Living Dead, Brazil, The Color Purple*
- *Out of Africa, Prizzi's Honor, Better Off Dead, Return to Oz, The Purple Rose of Cairo*

SCIENCE

- British scientists report the opening of an enormous hole in the earth's ozone layer over Antarctica.
- Researchers at IBM develop the scanning tunneling microscope, which can visualize images on an atomic scale.
- Coca-Cola attempts to change its 99-year old formula in an effort to attract younger drinkers. "New" Coke is poorly received, and the company soon re-introduces the original, "Classic" beverage.

DEATHS

- Louise Brooks, actress; Marc Chagall, painter; Rock Hudson, actor; Frank Oppenheimer, physicist



Diary of Dale Gardner 1985

As this diary from 1985 begins, Dale and Helen live at 624 North State Street, Osceola, IA. Their neighbors are Don and Virginia Cole to the north, Tina Wolfe to the south, and "T. J." and Lois Laing across the street. Stan and Nancy divorce this year; Stan lives in Aurora, OH, and works at Standard Oil of Ohio (now BP America) in Cleveland. Dalene and Russ live in Crestwood, NY, and Dalene works at Buck & Associates Consultants in New York City. Dale is 75 years old, Helen is 73, and they drive a 1980 Pontiac LeMans.

Dale has "another spell" with the left side of his face and his left hand. A subsequent angiogram and brain scan in Des Moines shows nothing out of the ordinary. Wilma has a gall stone operation in Des Moines. Lela has eye surgery, but Dale doesn't provide any details. In August, Dale says, "I'm well again, first time in two years," probably referring to his leg pains. Two months later, he is diagnosed with macular degeneration of his right retina. He and Helen drive to Des Moines for eye exams, with a referral to University Hospital in Iowa City for additional eye exams, but no results are reported.

The Greenpeace vessel, Rainbow Warrior, is bombed and sunk in Auckland harbor by French DGSE agents. An 8.1 Richter scale earthquake strikes Mexico City, killing more than 9,000 people. Terry Anderson is kidnapped in Beirut, Lebanon. Boris Becker becomes the youngest winner at 17 to win the men's Wimbledon championships. A joint American-French expedition locates the wreck of the RMS Titanic. The Unabomber kills his first victim. The first .com domain name, symbolics.com, is registered by the Symbolics Corporation; however, .edu domains, for educational institutions, still predominate over commercial ones. Microsoft Corporation releases the first version of Windows, Windows 1.0. Notable births this year include Reggie Bush, Emile Hirsch, Sarah Hughes, Anna Kendrick, Keira Knightley, Frankie Muniz, Michael Phelps, and Ashley Tisdale.

Dale and Helen see many family members during the year, including Margie and Jack Nish; Lela Yates; Wilma and Mac McFarland; Clarice Gardner; Carol Robins; Patti Summers and Justin; Marie and Ralph Kimmel; Dorothea Matheny; Beverly Gardner; Annadell Gonseth; Selma Wallace; Marie White; Mary Keller; Vera and Gene Marquis; Nancy Weekman; Opal and Don Schaffer; Ledell and Lester Schaffer; and Dorothy and Earl Schaffer. Died this year: Don Matheny.

Tue Jan 1 – 6 inches of snow last night. Holiday, lots of football & parades.

Wed Jan 2 – Had another spell with my left hand & left side of face. Went to Dr. Wilken, he made an appointment in Des Moines with Dr. Rodgers for 1:30 PM tomorrow. Phoned Stan, Dalene, & Judy. Margie is going to take us to Des Moines.

Thu Jan 3 – Margie drove us to Dr. Rodgers for artery tests (angioscan) on me. OK. Phoned Stan, Dalene & Judy. We sure are relieved that I won't have a stroke.

Fri Jan 4 – Severe headache till I had treatment #30 by Dr. Andlehelm at 1:30 PM for neck & back.

Sat Jan 5 – Didn't have a headache all day. What a relief. Margie phoned.

Tue Jan 8 – Went to Des Moines to Methodist Hospital for a brain scan by Dr. Rodgers. Took 25 minutes & no pain. Home in time for lunch.

Wed Jan 9 – Talked to Marie by phone. Don Matheny died.

Fri Jan 11 – Had treatment #32 by Dr. Andlehelm. Letter from Dalene & Russ, with pictures.

Sat Jan 12 – Had a good day, after a morning headache, took Empirin 3. Watched a lot of college basketball. Dalene phoned in the evening.

Sun Jan 13 – Very quiet day. Ate lunch at Family Table with Lela.

Tue Jan 15 – Quiet day. Phoned Stan in the evening.

Sun Jan 20 – Watched 49ers beat Miami in the Super Bowl.

Wed Jan 23 – Clarice phoned in the evening.

Thu Jan 24 – Stayed home all day. Talked to Marie by phone.

Tue Jan 29 – Had income tax returns verified by Gary Kimer. He made a mistake in Social Security amount. Bought a blood pressure machine.

Wed Jan 30 – Tried our new blood pressure machine.

Thu Jan 31 – Iowa beat Indiana in basketball. Blood pressure machine wouldn't work.

Fri Feb 1 – Took the blood pressure machine back for a refund. Picked up our income tax at Kimer's.

Sun Feb 3 – Visited Mac & Wilma after supper.

Mon Feb 4 – Sent the Federal Income tax in. No headache today. Dalene phoned at night.

Tue Feb 5 – Wilma in Methodist Hospital for tests, operate tomorrow.

Wed Feb 6 – Wilma operated on for gallstones at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines.

Thu Feb 7 – Wilma had 82 gallstones!

Mon Feb 11 – Had Mac's driveway shoveled. Had chills at 3:30 AM and in the afternoon & evening with 102° temperature. Helen made a doctor appointment tomorrow. Talked to Dalene.

Tue Feb 12 – Wilma came home from gall bladder operation. I went to the doctor about my flu. Feeling much better than yesterday.

Fri Feb 22 – Best day yet, I'm getting over the flu. Letter & picture from Jack Owens. Dalene phoned in the evening.

Mon Feb 25 – Had a spell in the afternoon with left leg & right fingers. Mac took Helen to the store.

Thu Feb 28 – 1st day out of the house for me since February 18th. Did shopping & ate lunch & supper at Family Table. Bought them a full length mirror.

Fri Mar 1 – Had treatment #35 from Dr. Andlehelm. Ate at Family Table. Curt put up the mirror in Family Table we gave them yesterday. Good day for me.



Dale and Helen's 53rd anniversary photo

Tue Mar 5 – Nice day, one of my better ones for my legs. Sent a letter to Jack Owens.

Thu Mar 7 – Nice day. Got 5 or 6 diaries of Lloyd's from Clarice to read yesterday.

Mon Mar 11 – Read some of Lloyd's old diaries.

Thu Mar 14 – Fine day, cool north wind. Watched Ames & Iowa City get beat in college basketball in NCAA tourney.

Sat Mar 16 – Watched NCAA basketball in the afternoon. I'm better today. Helen's back spasmed in early evening.

Sun Mar 17 – Helen has the flu & back spasms. I walked once around the football field.

Tue Mar 19 – Took Helen to Dr. Sullivan in the afternoon for help for back spasms. He gave her a shot.

Thu Mar 21 – Legs didn't bother today. Helen feels better. Watched basketball.

Fri Mar 22 – Watched high school basketball & NCAA basketball in the afternoon & evening. Legs good.

Thu Apr 4 – Spread 16 pounds of bluegrass seed on the lawn in the morning. Lela's eye operated on.

Sun Apr 7 – Mac & Wilma brought Lela home from eye operation.

Mon Apr 8 – Sent a letter to Russ & Dalene. Sent a card to Dorothea.

Sun Apr 14 – Helen had a severe back spasm right after noon.

Tue Apr 16 – Beautiful day. Took storm windows off the dining room. Took Lela to supper with us.

Wed Apr 17 – Fine day. I painted the railroad ties in the back yard. Florence mowed the lawn. Tammy Russell helped Helen clean house in the afternoon.

Thu Apr 18 – Laid in the hammock on the patio in the afternoon.

Fri Apr 19 – Took Helen to Dr. Sullivan, will begin therapy treatments Monday.

Mon Apr 22 – Helen is wearing a Dual-Channel TENS < *Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation* > unit for her back pains. Fitted at the hospital.

Wed Apr 24 – Florence mowed the lawn. Helen phoned Dalene. Feet & hands bothered at night.

Fri Apr 26 – Helen had 3rd therapy treatment. Tammy cleaned & dusted. I had 38th chiro treatment for back, etc.

Sun Apr 28 – T. J. borrowed our tree trimmer. Took Lela to lunch with us. Watched pro basketball all afternoon.

Tue Apr 30 – Dorotha came to Marie's to visit us. I had a good day, Helen doesn't feel too good.

Wed May 1 – Marie is 66 today. Visited Dorotha at Marie's in the morning. Took Helen to the hospital for her 5th therapy treatment. Phoned Dalene & Russ.

Sun May 5 – Had a dinner & party for Dorotha at Family Table & the library. We took Lela.



Back: Elizabeth Saylor, Clarice Gardner
L-R: Beverly Gardner, Annadell Gonseth,
Selma Wallace, Marie White, Mary Keller



Four generations. Seated: Clarice Gardner
and Carol Robins; standing: Patti Summers
with her son Justin in Carol's lap



Dale and Dorotha



Mac, Gene Marquis, Ralph Kimmel, Everett Saylor

Tue May 7 – Took Helen to Dr. Sullivan in Leon. Had battery trouble in the morning with her TENS, bought new non-rechargeable batteries. Talked to Dalene at night.

Fri May 10 – Took Helen for physical therapy at the hospital. Dorotha here in the afternoon & to supper. Margie phoned.

Sat May 11 – Dorotha went home today, Marie took her to Des Moines.

Sun May 12 – Stan phoned, so did Dalene. Mother's Day.

Wed May 22 – Florence mowed the lawn. Letter from Wayne.

Fri May 24 – Had 39th treatment by Dr. Andlehelm for my back, etc. Blood pressure = 118/74. Took Lela to supper. Phoned Dalene & Russ at night.

Mon May 27 – Very quiet day. Watched Celtics beat Lakers 148 to 114 in pro basketball. Dalene phoned about how to make Maid-Rites < a loose-meat hamburger sandwich; these were first created in 1926 in a Muscatine café, and eventually franchised around the Midwest >.



A Maid-Rite sandwich

Fri May 31 – Helen ordered self-adhering TENS electrodes from Des Moines.

Sat Jun 1 – Took Lela to supper. Looked through the last of our pictures.

Mon Jun 3 – Sent Dorotha some pictures. Sanded & painted the patio table.

Fri Jun 7 – Clear, 82°. Sat in the park awhile. Tammy cleaned the house.

Sat Jun 8 – Clear, 101° in Des Moines. Hottest June 8th since 1911. Letter from Russ & Dalene.

Sun Jun 9 – Lela took our picture, very good. Watched Lakers beat Celtics for world pro basketball championship.



Dale and Helen at Lela's house

Tue Jun 11 – Nice letter from Dorothea.

Wed Jun 12 – I started to sort our photos into decades, on the pool table. Took Lela to supper.

Thu Jun 13 – Sorted 2 more shoe boxes of pictures.



Sorting photographs on the pool table

Fri Jun 14 – Sorted more photos on the pool table.

Sat Jun 15 – Went to a sale a few minutes. One of Helen's TENS wires broke, Mike brought a new one.

Sun Jun 16 – Stan & Dalene phoned for Father's Day.

Mon Jun 17 – Finished sorting our photos & stored them in the basement. Caulked on the patio.

Wed Jun 19 – Fine day. Went to Dr. Berg in the morning. I painted on the patio in the afternoon.

Sat Jun 22 – Wrote a letter to Dorothea with pictures. Talked to Marie about 9 PM.

Mon Jun 24 – Sent Dalene a letter & pictures of us; sorted photos.

Fri Jun 28 – Worked on the gutter on the patio in the morning. Took the afternoon off. Florence mowed the lawn. Tammy cleaned our house.

Sun Jun 30 – Took it easy. Helen washed. Stan & Matt came in the evening for the Fourth.

Wed Jul 3 – Virginia came. Stan & Matt here too.

Thu Jul 4 – Kids still here, they enjoyed the Fourth.

Fri Jul 5 – Kids still here, spent time on the patio.

Sat Jul 6 – Stan went home. Matt & Virginia stayed all night here.

Sun Jul 7 – Virginia & Matt started home about 5:30 AM. Lunch at Family Table, supper at home.

Mon Jul 8 – Helen won \$86 in the lottery.

Fri Jul 12 – I'm 76 years old today. I had breakfast at Manley's. Mac & Wilma ate with us at Family Table. Dalene called, Judy called.

Tue Jul 16 – Went to see Vera Marquis at the hospital in the afternoon < Vera was a great-grand-daughter of John McBain Gardner >.

Sat Jul 20 – Helen is 74 today. Marie here; Wilma here. Dalene phoned in the evening.

Sun Jul 21 – Looked at Mother's diary & old newspapers etc. all afternoon. Very interesting.

Mon Jul 22 – Took a walk in forenoon. Florence mowed the lawn. We read Mother's 5-year diary from 1934-1938.

Tue Jul 23 – Took a walk around the oval. Sorted letters from 1912 to 1945, mostly written by Helen & I, some by Aunt Elsie. Fascinating.

Wed Jul 24 – Read old letters from us in Washington D.C. to Mother, very interesting.

Thu Jul 25 – Took a walk around the football field. Read old letters in the evening, from us to folks in the 1930s & 1940s. Nancy came to Lela's.

Fri Jul 26 – Lela's birthday, Nancy & Lela here in late afternoon.

Sat Jul 27 – Took a walk in the morning. Lela bought a new chair & lamp. I stayed up till 1 AM tomorrow watching "Zeppelin."



Sun Jul 28 – Took a 7 block walk in the morning. Ate lunch with Lela & Nancy.

Mon Jul 29 – Took a 7 block walk in the morning. Florence mowed the lawn in the afternoon.

Tue Jul 30 – Took a 6 block walk. Helen renewed her driver's license today. Visited Nancy & Lela in the afternoon.

Fri Aug 2 – Ran some errands in the morning. Mowed the lawn myself, in the afternoon. First time in many months that I mowed the lawn.

Mon Aug 5 – I went to the County Fair. Threat of thunderstorms at night.

Tue Aug 6 – Sent anniversary card to Russ & Dalene.

Wed Aug 7 – Russ & Dalene's 2nd wedding anniversary. They phoned us. We phoned Vivian. I'm well again, 1st time in 2 years. Florence mowed the lawn.

Thu Aug 8 – Took the morning walk. Helen told Dalene about low air fare.

Sun Aug 11 – I'm in the hammock on the patio in the morning.

Mon Aug 12 – I sanded & painted one side of the little tool house in the back yard in the morning. Helen made an appointment for 9:30 AM Wednesday for me for an eye test in Des Moines.

Tue Aug 13 – I sent Dorothea a letter with old letters written by Aunt Elsie. Visited Don Schaffer.

Wed Aug 14 – Helen & I to Des Moines for my eye test. Don't need new lens.

Fri Aug 16 – Had my 42nd treatment by Dr. Andlehelm. I painted the little house in the back yard 2nd coat of white paint. Letter from Bernice with pictures of the Depot Hotel about 1918. Took them to the Sentinel office.

Sat Aug 17 – Took a walk in the morning. Painted the windmill in the afternoon. Watched Cowboys beat Chargers at night. Talked to Marie on the phone.

Wed Aug 21 – Florence mowed the lawn. Talked to Dalene in the evening.

Thu Aug 29 – Mac is 76 today. Sent Bernice the Sentinel with Depot Hotel picture in it.

Sat Aug 31 – Phoned Stanley, he's coming September 26th.

Sun Sep 1 – Hot. Took it easy. Margie here in the afternoon to visit.

Tue Sep 3 – We painted the living room ceiling spot where it had leaked. Florence mowed the lawn.

Sun Sep 8 – Finished painting the living room ceiling where it had leaked.

Wed Sep 11 – Fine day. Florence mowed the lawn. Visited with Marie White & Clarice at the store.

Thu Sep 12 – Went to Des Moines, bought paint; & red carpet for front stoop. Left my glasses at Benson's to repair scratch coat, no cost.

Fri Sep 13 – I got treatment #43 by Dr. Andlehelm. Dalene phoned at night.

Sat Sep 14 – I put a new carpet on the front stoop, took me 3 hours in the afternoon.

Wed Sep 18 – Letter from Marose about his retirement. I sent him a letter.

Fri Sep 20 – Pasted the carpet to the front cement stoop.

Sat Sep 21 – We went to the Des Moines airport after Russ & Dalene at 11 PM. Sure glad to see them.

Sun Sep 22 – Russ & Dalene here. Showed some 16 mm color movies at night, taken in 1960.

Mon Sep 23 – Dalene & Russ here.

Tue Sep 24 – Russ & Dalene took a long walk in the afternoon. Ran more 16 mm color movies at night.

Thu Sep 26 – Russ & Dinny, Helen & I, Mac & Wilma went to Derby for lunch. Stan came in the afternoon. Looked at pictures & diary & newspapers at night.

Fri Sep 27 – Fine day. I mowed the lawn myself. Stan, Virginia, Russ, Dalene, & us all here all night.

Sat Sep 28 – Lester & Lee Schaffer & Earl & Dorothy came up from Ottumwa. Stan & Dalene & Russ here all day & night. Took pictures, had family dinner at Family Table.

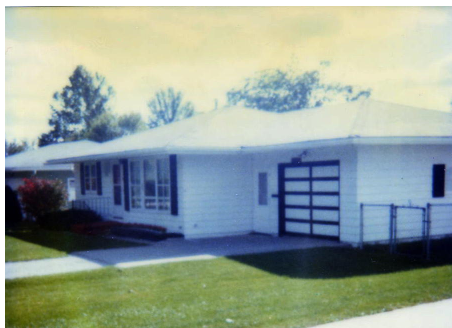
Sun Sep 29 – Family breakfast at Family Table. We took Russ & Dalene to the Des Moines airport in the afternoon. Stan left too.

Wed Oct 2 – Steve Devore & 3 helpers shingled all afternoon, will finish tomorrow. Phoned Dalene.

Thu Oct 3 – Devore & 2 crew finished shingling the house, except for 4 vents. I patched the gutter above the garage door.

Fri Oct 4 – Devore finished the new roof by installing 4 roof vents.

Sat Oct 5 – Quiet day. Took some pictures of the new roof.



New roof on 624 N. State Street

Sun Oct 6 – Helen & I brought awnings off the patio. Lela here in the afternoon. Dallas beat the Giants.

Wed Oct 9 – Had 43rd treatment by Dr. Andlehelm. Went to Dr. Neilson, optometrist; I have macular degeneration of the right retina. Helen made me a date on October 29th in Des Moines.

Thu Oct 10 – Walked to Marie's & back, 12 blocks.

Sun Oct 13 – Fine day. Helen & I had a picnic dinner in Stephens forest; then rode from Chariton to Derby on an old cinder path, former railroad bed.

Thu Oct 17 – Stopped drinking coffee with caffeine in it. Dalene phoned in the evening.

Fri Oct 18 – I walked through my old high school today. What memories; what memories!

Sat Oct 19 – Watched a lot of football and baseball on TV. Supper at home, steak & gravy.

Sun Oct 27 – Watched a lot of pro football & Kansas City Royals win baseball World Series.

Tue Oct 29 – Helen & I to Des Moines, me to Dr. Sarno for eye tests. Took 2 hours.

Thu Oct 31 – Took a morning walk. Took some papers out to Margie in the afternoon.

Fri Nov 1 – Went to Weldon to see Charlie, Leota, & Doris; took Lela along.

Sat Nov 2 – Watched Ohio State beat Iowa in college football. Read some old letters I wrote to Lloyd in 1929. Helen found my old 1926 & 1927 high school basketball newspaper clippings.

Sun Nov 3 – Watched a lot of pro football. Talked to Stan; Helen phoned Judy. Quiet day.

Fri Nov 8 – I mowed the front lawn in the afternoon, used the walker mower. No ill effects on my legs.

Sun Nov 10 – Watched a lot of pro football. Stayed home for steak supper. Marie & Ralph's 48th wedding anniversary today.

Mon Nov 11 – Dr. Sarno phoned at 5 PM about my eye & Iowa City doctor. Watched pro football.

Tue Nov 12 – Dr. Sarno's office phoned; I'm to go to Iowa City November 26 for eye exam.

Wed Nov 13 – Took Lela to her doctor in Des Moines. Went to AAA office also.

Sun Nov 17 – Laings left for South Texas for the winter. I watched pro football on TV.

Mon Nov 18 – Took a 7 block walk. University of Iowa Hospital phoned at 8 PM about my next Tuesday admission.

Wed Nov 20 – Took some books to Margie. Helped Jack start his combine.

Sat Nov 23 – Iowa beat Minnesota, Iowa gets to go to the Rose Bowl January 1st.

Sun Nov 24 – Got ready to go to Iowa City tomorrow, packed the car, etc. Phoned Stanley.

Mon Nov 25 – Freezing drizzle all day. Slid through the south end of State Street, no go for Iowa City. Bertha Camblin Anderson phoned from San Diego, she went to Leslie school. Wrote letters to Stan & Dalene.

Tue Nov 26 – Sent letters to Stan & Dalenes.

Wed Nov 27 – Snow flurries at night. Stan phoned.

Thu Nov 28 – Stayed in the house all day. Helen baked a chicken for Thanksgiving dinner, it was good. Dalene phoned.

Fri Nov 29 – Watched a college football game in the afternoon on TV. Letter from Bertha Camblin Anderson of San Diego, California.

Sun Dec 1 – Blizzard all day. Didn't go out of the house. Watched a lot of pro football. 7 inches of snow, in drifts.

Sat Dec 7 – Drove from Osceola to Iowa City from 10 AM to 3 PM with lunch in Des Moines. Staying in the Siesta Motel, very poor motel. Supper at Ponderosa restaurant.

Sun Dec 8 – In Iowa City. Changed motels to Clayton House Motel. Nice & modern, color TV. Helen phoned Stan, Dalene, & Wilma. Eating at Ponderosa.

Mon Dec 9 – In Iowa City. Ate at Country Kitchen, and Ponderosa.

Tue Dec 10 – Had my eye exam by Dr. Folk in Iowa City in the morning. Drove home by 3:15 PM. Heavy snow in the evening here, 5 inches of new snow.

Sat Dec 14 – Ate at home today. Watched a lot of football. Nice card from Perlman.

Mon Dec 16 – Sent a package to Dalene & Russ. Bought Christmas cards. Watched pro football at night.

Tue Dec 17 – Took Lela to the Des Moines airport in the afternoon. Bought a Christmas present for Stan; a window glass scraper that plugs into a car cigarette lighter.

Wed Dec 18 – Sent some Christmas cards.

Fri Dec 20 – Wrote a card to Jack & Lavonne. Ran the snow blower on the drive & sidewalk. Bought a Christmas tree.

Wed Dec 25 – Stan came about 11:20 AM, took us to dinner at Manley's. He gave me a beautiful pair of driving gloves & Helen a vibrating pillow. We phoned Dalene & Russ.

Thu Dec 26 – Card from Ethel. Stan left just after 6:30 PM. Nancy phoned; Amy phoned.

Fri Dec 27 – Marie & Ralph left for California this morning. Sent Ethel a New Year card.

Sat Dec 28 – Lela came home. Watched pro football & college football in the afternoon. Supper at home.

Sun Dec 29 – Watched pro football; & Iowa basketball team get beat by St. Joseph's at night.

Mon Dec 30 – Talked to Charlie & Leota Johnson, and Blanche Eddy about Bertha Camblin & picture.

Tue Dec 31 – Washed the car; 1980 Pontiac LeMans 6 cylinder, 51528 miles. Overall, a good year.