INTRODUCTION TO VOLUME IV  
(JANUARY 1,1967 - DECEMBER 31,1975)

Gladys Bolon Cooper started her diary in her 40th year in 1939. She would keep it up faithfully for over fifty years through the evening before her death on November 19, 1989. The original diaries consist of 46 separate notebooks, which Gladys numbered as Book One through Book 45. [The 46th book, which related to two separate trips taken in 1939 and 1968, has been labeled by myself as Book 35 A. This unusual volume contains entries for a trip to South America, particularly Brazil, from March 1 through April 2, 1968, and also a much earlier trip to Arizona, the West Coast and Canada in 1939. Entries for the earlier trip go from June 10 through August 20, 1939. Since I was unaware of the existence of the entries for the 1939 trip out west until recently, I shall include them as an Appendix to the volume for 1968. The first entry for the "regular" diary is September 3, 1939, Gladys'40th birthday.]

The diaries have been transcribed by Donald B. Cooper, son of Gladys, and Professor Emeritus of History at Ohio State University. In making these transcriptions I have copied the original diaries verbatim except that certain abbreviations (such as, for example, "S.S." for "Sunday School" and "Chas." for "Charles") have been extended. In addition, certain explanatory comments, such as adding the full names of individuals, where known, or explaining the context of an entry, have been added in square brackets, i.e. "[...]". Finally, in a few places, I have typed names or sentences in CAPITAL LETTERS to highlight something I deemed to be of unusual interest. I have also written a "Synopsis" for each Book of the diary. Otherwise, I have added nothing, or left nothing out, including the endless entries about the weather.

The diary entries tend to be brief They list "what" is happening in Gladys' life; very little is said about her own inner feelings or reactions as events unfold. Nevertheless, over time, a reader would feel that she or he knows Gladys well. She chronicles in her diary her daily activities around the home including cooking, baking, canning, cleaning, washing, ironing, shopping, etc. There is some information about other family members, especially her three children Charles William ("Bill"), Dorothy Jean (Kutchera), and Donald Bolon., and, in time, their own children. The Coopers had 11 grandchildren; the last one, Linda Marie Cooper, was born in 1965.

There is much mention of Gladys's social life, which centered around her bridge clubs, and activities at church. Finally there is some information about the Coopers' summer "cottage" in Burnett county in Northwestern Wisconsin. They spent every summer at the cottage. Charles built the beautiful cottage, as well as the nearby Guest House, entirely with his own hands. Charles died suddenly at the cottage on August 26, 1969. The principal theme of Volume IV would be Gladys' efforts to adjust to her loss of Charles. Otherwise the diaries provide a great deal of useful, detailed information about the daily life, activities, and concerns of a middle-class, professional American family in the mid to late years of the 20th century.

With the completion of Volume IV the project is now slightly more than two-thirds done. If I am granted enough time to complete all 50 years, I would expect to leave a copy of the entire diary with The Ohio State University, as well as all of the original diaries. I also expect to give a copy to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon Church), to Mr. James Cummings, Bookseller, of Knapp, Wisconsin, who has a notable collection of diaries, as well as to certain family members. I undertook this lengthy project - which I first started more than six years ago—when I reached my later years, and came to realize that I knew virtually nothing about three of my four grandparents, all three of whom died long before I was born. I found myself curious about who these people were, or had been, but almost no documentation about them has survived. It occurred to me that in years to come my own grandchildren or great-grandchildren, or nephews or nieces, might have a similar curiosity about their own forebears. So I decided to try to preserve what I could. I would hope that future generations of the family would preserve their own histories to add to the family archives. This transcription is, of course, dedicated with eternal love and gratitude to my mother, Gladys Bolon Cooper (1899-1989).

Donald B. Cooper, November 19, 2003.
Gladys and Charles, both 68, had now been married for 44 years. This was the first year they both had been completely retired from teaching. Charles continued to maintain an office (indeed he was given a brand-new one with all new furniture) at Ohio State, and occasionally went to campus to have lunch with his colleagues. Both found numerous ways to stay busy around the home, and they continued, as they had for so many years, with their monthly bridge club, attendance at Crestview Presbyterian Church, cultural events at the Mershon auditorium, and frequent socializing with friends and neighbors. Gladys would have enjoyed the bridge games even more were it not for the fact that "Bill [Walter] cheats so much." (He was also their attorney.) Both enjoyed good health in 1967. They visited New Orleans at Easter to see Don and his family, and had an extra long stay at their summer cottage in Wisconsin from June 21 to October 23. It was another very good year for the Coopers. In late May both Charles and Gladys visited Cambridge, Ohio for Charles' 50 Cambridge High School Reunion, class of 1917.

For Gladys most of her life centered around her house and her husband. She prided herself on the perpetual cleanliness of the house, and makes frequent mention of cleaning, scrubbing, waxing, washing, ironing, sewing, mending, canning, cooking, and baking. Among her pies were her longtime stand-bys, apple, lemon, pumpkin, peach, blueberry, blackberry, and cherry, and a new variety, "macaroon." She made elderberry and blueberry jelly, and blackberry jam. She enjoyed making doll clothes for her granddaughters, including one green velvet doll dress made from an old hat. At church she agreed to be a "Deaconess" and made calls on other ladies in the church from time to time, although she wrote "I am a little concerned about taking this job." She continued to attend "Circle" meetings at church. Charles was less interested in the church, and neither, insofar as I can recall, ever discussed religion much at home. Not once does Gladys ever comment about the content of any of the hundreds of sermons she must have heard.

Among the cultural events they attended during the year were "Porgy and Bess," a slide show on Chile (which they would visit next year), and the Vienna Boys Choir. Trey continued to enjoy more meals each year outside of the home, visiting the Worthington Inn, the Suburban Steak House, Williards, Halloway House, Coventry Inn, and long-time favorites the Faculty Club and Howard Johnsons. Quiet, pleasant evenings were often spent in the basement enjoying the fireplace and the T.V. As always almost nothing is said about life beyond family and home, although on January 27 she mentioned in her diary "three astronauts killed." Although there is ever more mention of the new shopping centers in Columbus Gladys still loved to visit stores and shops "downtown." She even "went downtown to have interest marked on bank accounts."

Charles seemed most content when he was busy and productive. Among his various tasks around the house were painting the entire house and garage with two coats of paint, remodeling an old T.V. cabinet into "a nice piece of furniture," installing a silent light switch in the hall, recaulking the tile around the bathtub. He continued his small garden in the backyard planting lettuce, parsnips, radishes, onions and tomatoes, although much to Gladys' disappointment a heavy frost on April 11 killed all the blooms on their magnolia tree. Both Charles and Gladys enjoyed indulging the neighborhood birds with several feeders, and a birdbath (which Charles had made). Gladys "put out strings and rags for a robin building a nest." Charles enrolled in a photography class, bought a nice new tripod for his camera, and even worked "on something for his camera [whereby] an animal can trip it and take its own picture." His slide collection was growing all the time. Charles' mother, Fanny Eugenia Dolman Cooper Stewart (to give the full name), age 91, was settled in a nursing home in Phoenix, Arizona following the death the previous summer of her son Ralph, Charles' identical twin brother. Fanny requested that Charles come to visit her and so he did.
for five days in March. Her sister, Jennie Knowles, now made her home in Cumberland with a long-
time friend, Esther Smith. She spent her 87th birthday in Columbus with Charles and Gladys.

Bill and Gloria, both 43, continued to maintain their rural residence on the farm at 5675 Horns
Mill Road, S.E., Sugar Grove, Ohio, as well as their house in Columbus. They became grandparents
on March 22 when Kay, their oldest daughter, gave birth to Christopher John Rehl on March 22, the
first great-grandchild of Gladys and Charles. Colleen, age 10, continued to be enrolled at Glenmont
Elementary School in a special class for blind children. She was completely deaf by this time.
Colleen also developed scoliosis of the spine and was told she would need to wear a corrective back
brace for seven years.

Dorothy, age 39, and Dick, age 43, continued their long-time residence in Cincinnati. They
purchased a lot in the country to hold their new house trailer which served as a pleasant weekend
retreat. Chuck was involved with judo, B.J. with the Girl Scouts, and Valerie with the Brownies.

Don, age 36, and Ellen, age 32, still lived in Harahan, Louisiana with their three children,
John Frederick, age 9, Thomas Glenn, age 6, and Linda Marie, age 2. Charles and Gladys visited the
family for four days in late March when they much enjoyed the "beautiful flowers and summer
weather" in New Orleans. Don escorted his parents to the Tulane campus, the Garden District, the
Audubon zoo. "Linda and I had a nice walk about dinner time," wrote Gladys. On their trip home they
drove through the Gulf Coast of Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Florida, totaling all told for the trip
some 2464 miles. On June 6 Don and his entire family sailed on a 17 day voyage to Rio de Janeiro,
Brazil, to begin the adventure of a lifetime. Don was doing historical research on the impact of yellow
fever on Brazilian history. He had a $20,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health, and a
$6,000 supplemental grant from The Commonwealth Foundation. The latter paid for private
schooling for the two boys at The American School of Rio de Janeiro, where one-half of the
instruction was in Portuguese. Charles and Gladys made plans to visit Don and Ellen as part of a
lengthy trip through South America scheduled for March, 1968. They got various shots in
preparation, including typhoid, smallpox, tetanus, and yellow fever.

The summer of 1967 in Wisconsin: As mentioned Charles and Gladys spent over four months
at their cottage in 1967. Here they were living their dream. It was for them "a little bit of heaven."
The main cottage stood less than forty feet from the high water mark of spring-fed Fish Lake whose
waters were clearly visible through the dozens of towering Norway and white pines, and the
occasional birch and oak tree. Their "grove," a lot whose natural beauty remains undisturbed to this
day, gave them a real sense of privacy on their south side. Charles, of course, had built the entire
Cottage, as well as the Guest House, a combination garage, workshop, half-bath, and two bedrooms
upstairs, entirely with his own hands. Every summer he added something new. In 1967 he decided to
dig out a basement from underneath the porch and front half of the living room. This would mean
excavating by hand using a pick, shovel, and wheelbarrow, hundreds of square feet of earth. Even for
Charles this was too big a task for one summer, and so he started digging in 1967 (and would finish
the job handsomely in 1968). His main reason for undertaking all of this hard labor was so he could
install a better, more modern pump system, and he was told he would need a basement to do this
properly. So he would build one at age 69. Among his smaller jobs at the cottage that summer of
1967 were making floor boards for the aluminum boat (still used in the boat today), making a rack to
hold lap trays under the sink, repairing and installing on the dock a large sunscreen umbrella which
he found at the dump, and installing a storage shelf in his workshop.

Soon after arrival at the cottage on June 21 "Charles found a [raccoon in old toilet [the
outhouse]. He had knocked everything off the shelves." Immediately after unpacking Gladys got to
work cleaning and scrubbing inside, and Charles raked leaves, installed the dock, put the two boats in
the water, mowed grass (and even mowed the beach), and planted the flowers they had brought from
Columbus, "8 dozen petunias, marigolds, and saltanas." They had so many flowers Charles had to
start a new flower bed along the driveway. Later in the summer they transplanted wild pipsissewas, an
evergreen herb, to their flowerbed below the kitchen window. The raked leaves had to be carted to
the woods across Highway H, or hauled by trailer to the dump. Charles found time to help his neighbor, Art Ferron, dig a new well.

Friends began to arrive almost immediately by car and by boat. Within a week of arrival they drove to Minong, about 20 miles distant, and purchased a new washer from Link Brothers for $123.00. The annual scramble to pick every available wild berry began almost immediately. Gladys records over the summer picking a total of 4 quarts of blueberries, 34 quarts of blackberries, plus assorted wild plums, elderberries and juneberries (saskatoons). She canned 22 jars of blackberry jam, and Dorothy canned still more while visiting in August. Gladys made plum butter from wild plums. She also took home several quarts of blackberry and elderberry juice for making more jelly at home. She did decide, however, not to make "green tomato pickles" after their close friends, the Dybvigs, offered them a good supply of green tomatoes. Gladys did like to fry these tomatoes with a coating of flour, however. They searched for wild hazel nuts, but couldn't find any that year; however, on their trip back to Columbus they gathered quite a few hickory nuts from a rest area beyond Beaver Dam; these were used in delicious cakes and cookies. Gladys made several small rugs out of plastic bread wrappers. She would cut them in strips and weave them into rows which could then be sown together. These rugs were very durable and she showed several neighbor ladies how to make them also. (I have one to this day). Gladys made an apron out of an old red and white dress, and the left over pieces were added to her current hooked rug. Pillow cases were made from some old white curtains. She also decided to buy a fishing license this year after foregoing one the previous summer. She caught several nice northern pike, but lost two spoons to the fish.

The parade of company seemed endless. Not even the "terrible mosquitoes" that year discouraged the company. Gladys once said to me it seemed like "we are running a bed and breakfast." Harry Gibson, a classmate of Charles from Cambridge High School, arrived with his wife to spend the day. Herman and Lucille Reeder, long-time friends from their bridge club, spent a week in late July. "Herman not interested in anything except bridge, which we play every evening." Bridge scores were kept for the entire week, and Gladys and Lucille finished 13,690 points ahead. Score a rare win for the ladies. Esther Soutter spent three days at the cottage in early August, and shortly thereafter Dorothy and Dick arrived with their three young children for their two-week visit. Dick had exceptional luck in fishing. He caught a 32 inch northern pike on August 13, and a thirty inch, six-pound northern on August 20 while casting from the dock, as well as several other very nice northerns. Dorothy's entire family enjoyed berry picking, and both Gladys and Dorothy baked pies, muffins, and made jam and jelly. When visitors were not present from home, there was a constant parade of visiting back and forth with numerous friends. Gladys played bridge once a week with a group of ladies.

Since they stayed in Wisconsin until late October Gladys reports hearing "guns going off from duck hunters." She estimated on October 20 she had "seen at least 200 ducks on Webb Lake." There was a snow storm on October 9, and the temperature dropped to 36°, but still "Charles worked more on digging under porch." No one could ever accuse either Charles or Gladys of being lazy. Shortly before leaving Charles got the car washed in Spooner "at a $.25 place."

Gladys closes her diary for 1967 with "Am glad Charles and I have had another year together. Both have been well. Had trip to New Orleans at Easter, and a nice summer in Wisconsin. The children have been well. Don and Ellen went to Rio in June. We look forward with much pleasure to our planned trip to South America, March 1".

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1967

Am glad Charles and I can start another year together. Cloudy day. A few sprinkles of rain. We went to church. Dorothy called to wish us "Happy New Year." In afternoon we went to Bills.
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1967 Warmer, cloudy day. We took down tree, put away all Christmas things. I baked cookies. Watched Rose Bowl parade. Mrs. Lewis called at 4:30 for us to come over to see Ray [son and his wife] Carol. We didn't go. We enjoyed our dinner on trays and watched the Rose Bowl game.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1967 A beautiful day. We went downtown to have interest marked on bank accounts. In P.M. took a walk to North Broadway. Mrs. Scott invited me over tomorrow afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1967 Another nice day. Charles had some errands downtown. He took down outside Christmas decorations. I went over to Mrs. Scott's. She had some of the neighbors in. Fire in basement in evening.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1967 Light snow on ground. Charles went to office, had lunch with men and saw new office. Reeders were here for dinner. Lucille [Reeder] and I won bridge game.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1967 Didn't sleep well and felt punk all day. Took bottle of Citrate of Magnesia. Better in evening. Charles is working on something for his camera. An animal can trip it and take own picture. Fire in basement in evening.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1967 Felt much better. We went to Graceland [shopping center]. I went to beauty parlor in afternoon. Home all evening. Fire in basement. [Bridge] club 14th.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1967 We went to second church service, then to Faculty Club for dinner. Some snow flurries. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1967 A beautiful day. Washed and ironed. Went to circle meeting at Mrs. Cowgills, then stopped to see Mari Jane Jackson [former neighbor].

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1967 Charles worked all day at new office helping to put furniture together. In afternoon, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Billingsley came to call about my becoming a "Deaconess" at church.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1967 Beautiful day. Charles worked at office all day. I made a cherry pie and dusted recreation room.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1967 Charles gone all day. Had lunch with men and worked on furniture. I walked down to East North Broadway [Road].

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1967 Cloudy today. Charles worked on furniture at office in morning. In P.M. we went to Sears, and to get \( \frac{1}{2} \) bushel of apples. In evening went to Mershon [Auditorium] to see slides for Chile. Warmer today. The program was very good.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1967 We went to Graceland in the morning. [Bridge] club went to Faculty Club for dinner, then to Axlines [Raymond and Merle]; Lucille [Reeder], $1.00; Raymond, $.75; Herman [Reeder], $.70 (pennies), Merle, $.25.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1967 A few snow flurries. We went to early church. Home rest of day. Watched a football game. Colder!

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1967 Beautiful, sunny day. Washed and ironed. Charles worked at University all day putting furniture [for new office] together. In evening he went to first meeting of Photography Class. Went to dinner of the Deaconess' at church. Am a little concerned about taking this job.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1967 Lovely day. Did steam ironing, mopped and waxed linoleum. Charles worked at University.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1967 7° above, but a pretty, sunny day. Baked cookies. Charles worked on furniture at university in morning. In afternoon we went to a new grocery that opened on Cleveland Avenue. Fire in basement. Watched "Cinderella."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1967 Charles went to grocery. I went to beauty parlor at 11:30. Baldwins and Paffenbargers [from the Department] were here for dinner. We showed some of our slides. Had a good dinner and pleasant evening.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1967 Charles worked on office furniture part of day. I went to Lazarus [Department Store] semiannual clearance. Ate lunch at Mills. Got a black dress with blue dots ($7.90). Reduced. In evening I went to see Vienna Choir Boys. Charles took us, worked at office and came for us.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1967 Mild weather continues. We went to J-Mart store in morning. Went with Walters to Worthington Inn for dinner, and to their house. Men won [bridge] game (as usual).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1967 Very mild day. We went to church. I WAS INSTALLED AS DEACONESS. Home rest of day. Mr. [Ed] Dybvig [from Fish Lake] called.


TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1967 Another day in high 60's. Did yesterday's ironing and washed a washer. In P.M. walked to North Broadway. Charles took Jennie to Bill's [Walter] office to make some changes in her will. [Bill Walter was also the attorney for Gladys and Charles.]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1967 65°. Almost a spring day. Walked to mail box with a sweater and no hose. Charles took car for three-year check, and washed it in P.M. I did some ironing.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1967 Charles went to university in morning, but didn't stay for lunch. I didn't have much to do - made a doll dress. In evening Edith and Bill [Walter] came over for Jennie to sign her will. We played a little bridge.


SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1967 Turned out to be a fairly nice day - even some sunshine. I cleaned up house. We went to Krogers in afternoon. In evening went to Worthington Inn for dinner with Ellis', then to their house.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1967 We went to 9:30 church. Dorothy called to talk with Jennie. We called Dybvigs - going to their house Wednesday for the day.


TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1967 Cloudy and some rain. I went to beauty parlor in P.M. Getting ready to leave tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1967 We left at 8:30 for Dybvigs in Dayton. Stopped at West Jefferson at Knight Travel Agency. Got to Dybvigs a quarter 'till eleven. Had a nice day but too much to eat. Raining hard when we left. Cleared before we got to Dorothy's at 5:20. [Karen's 7th birthday].

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1967 Gloomy day and snowed hard most of day. We went to grocery in morning. Dorothy went to her church meeting for lunch. I did her ironing.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1967 Dorothy took us to lunch at "Windjammers," a very nice place. Then, we went to see their new house trailer - very nice. In evening she and Dick went to look at cars.


WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1967 2° below, but nice day. Charles started to remodel the old T. V. cabinet I mopped kitchen, cleaned refrigerator. Fire in basement in evening and watched movie "Guys and Dolls."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1967 Warmer and pretty, sunny day. Charles went to office in morning, but didn't stay for lunch. Worked on TV. cabinet. In afternoon went up to Northland [shopping center]. In evening we took Edith to hospital. She took us as her guests to hospital cafeteria. We went back for her later.


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1967 Another nice day. I cleaned up house. Charles worked on T.V. cabinet. In the evening we went to Reeders [Herman and Lucille] for bridge. Men won, by 600 points.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1967 Beautiful day. We went to second church service, then to Faculty Club for dinner. In afternoon went to Paffenbargers.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1967 Another lovely day. Charles went downtown with Ray [Ellis] to bring him home. His car in an accident. I washed and ironed. In P.M. went to circle meeting at Mrs. Reeds, then made three church calls on West Pacemont [Street]. Charles went to photography class.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1967 About 57°. Almost like spring. I went to beauty parlor and stopped at Mrs. Cowgills to get my "wind chaser." In afternoon went to Valentines Tea at Rachel Yarrington's. Ralph Paffenbarger up here, getting Charles to do some work for him.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1967 Cloudy and windy. Charles went to new [office] building to help, but they were waxing floors and he couldn't work. Came home - worked on T.V. cabinet. I didn't do much. Made a green velvet dress for the doll - from old hat.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1967 Hard wind last evening. 40° drop in temperature. Surely cold today with snow flurries. Charles went to university and had lunch with the department. Walters gave us their tickets to "Porgy and Bess." Had dinner at Faculty Club. After we had gone to bed (11:30 DON CALLED. HE HAS RECEIVED A BIGGER GRANT, $20,000, FROM NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1967 A few snow flurries. I cleaned part of woodwork in kitchen. Charles brought up the remodeled T.V. cabinet. Made a nice piece of furniture.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1967 We went to grocery in morning. Charles took Ray Ellis downtown to get his car. We were home in evening. Had fire in basement and watched T. V. A nice day.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1967 A beautiful, sunny day. I went to church alone. Bills came up in evening for ice cream and cake. They brought Kay - baby due in two weeks.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1967 Rain during night. I washed and ironed, did kitchen curtains. We went to wall paper store, ordered a mural for the entrance hall. Charles went to photography class and I went downtown with him. Got him two short sleeve shirts and a duster for myself. Mr. Dybvig called - they are coming over tomorrow. [Ellen's 32nd birthday.]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1967 We really got the house all slicked up. Dybvig's [Ed and Cora] came at quarter'till four. Had good dinner. Sat up and talked until twenty of one.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1967 Dybvig's left at eleven o'clock. Then, Charles went to university. He was gone all day. I washed a washer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1967 Light snow on ground. Charles went to office, got his things packed to move to new office. He stayed for lunch. I did ironing, put clean papers in closet in pink room and in bath.


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1967 -2°. Cold, but sunny day. Cleaned up house, baked a lemon pie. We went to [Faculty] Club for dinner with Ellis', then here for bridge. Men won.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1967 Beautiful day and a little warmer. Didn't go to church. Home all day.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1967 Snow! Kept it up all day. 5 inches. Charles hung the mural in front room. I washed and ironed, made sweet rolls. Charles went to photography class on bus.


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1967 -2°. Didn't seem that cold. Charles had several errands downtown. Gone all morning. Enjoy fire in evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1967 Lovely day, much warmer. Lots of snow melted. Charles went to office and had lunch with the men. Fire in basement in evening.
FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1967 Beautiful day. 50°. Most of snow melted. Put clean papers in closet in yellow room. Charles bought four new tires and new battery. He is cleaning out books, etc. in room in basement. [Bridge] club postponed again. Merle [Axline] is sick.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1967 We went to grocery in morning, beauty parlor in P.M. Since [bridge] club couldn't meet went with Reeders to Suburban Steak House for dinner, then to their house. Men won. Hard rain during evening.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1967
Rain most of day. We went to church - home rest of day.


TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1967 Seven inches snow! Never saw it so beautiful as last night and this morning. Took some pictures. Frieda called at 11:30. Mother wants to see Charles so he got reservations to leave tomorrow [for Phoenix]. We went downtown to get tickets. Charles called Frieda to tell her when he would come. I called Dorothy. Snow melted fast, soon streets very clear.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1967 Up at quarter 'till six. Left for airport soon after 6:30. Snowing so Charles didn't want me to wait until he left. No trouble home, soon after eight. Mopped kitchen, but didn't do much the rest of day. Watched T. V. in evening until after eleven. Turned out to be a nice day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1967 A lovely day and warmer. Cleaned furniture in guest room. Went to Juanita's [Shupe] to bridge luncheon. Had a nice afternoon. No trouble driving. Didn't want any dinner, ate a sandwich in evening, watched a movie until 12:15.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1967 62°. A lovely day. Went downtown in morning. In evening went to Reeders [Herman and Lucille] to [bridge] club. Florence [Mick; a member of the club until her husband, Charles, died] played in Charles' place. I went with Walters. Merle [Axline], $1.00; Edith [Walter], $.75; me, pennies, $.69; Bill [Walter], $.25. Charles called a few minutes after I came home. He will be home tomorrow. MOTHER [STEWART] IS GOING IN A REST HOME. [She was 90 years old.]

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1967 Cleaned tile and woodwork in bathroom. Cleaned up some leaves. In afternoon walked down to the Buckeye Mart - bought a dress, ($4.00). Watched T. V. until after eleven. A nice, spring-like day.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1967 Cloudy but a nice day. I went to church. Sat with Leona Benton. Went to airport for Charles. Plane on time. Sure glad to see him! MOTHER IS SETTLED IN A REST HOME.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1967 Beautiful day. 72° (until about six o'clock). I washed and ironed. Charles went to office a while in morning. Hard rain and thunderstorms in evening.
Cloudy and cooler. Charles had errand downtown. I went with him, came home on bus. His knee is bothering him. Went to Dr. [Bonnell], but he is out of town. Kept heat on it all afternoon and evening.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1967 Made elderberry jelly. Left at 10:30 for Cumberland. Jennie not too well. Stopped at Bolin Funeral Home [in Cumberland] to see the undertaker from Cumberland, so Frieda will know what to do if Mother [Stewart - Charles' mother] passes on. A horrible drive home, snow, wet streets, etc.


FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1967 Snow and high wind during night. Streets icy. Charles went for a hair cut. In P.M. we went to Thrift Shop, Ontario, and [redemption] stamp store to get a quart thermos.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1967 Cleaned furniture in pink room and weekly cleaning. Washed and ironed one washer. Charles had snow tires taken off. We went with Ellis' to Suburban Steak House for dinner, then to their house and had poor cards. Men won.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1967 A beautiful day. We went to church. Richard [Davis; next-door neighbor] came in to see how to take care of flowers while we are gone. Charles called and talked to Joe [Cooper, his nephew in Arizona]. Mother doing as well as you could expect her to.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1967 Such a morning. Everything covered with snow, and snowed until noon, then turned to rain. We finished packing. I made cupcakes to take Dorothy's children. Rained all evening.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1967 First day of spring! The rain stopped but cold and damp. I went to beauty parlor at nine o'clock. We left at 11:30 for Dorothy's [in Cincinnati]. Got there 1:30. Dorothy Rad gone to circle meeting, then had Scouts. Dick and Chuck went to judo.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1967 Nice day. Left Dorothy's at 7:45. Turn right at Holiday Inn, going to Nashville. I saw first daffodils and forsythia in bloom. Stopped at Lincoln's boyhood home and went through house. Ate lunch there in car. Drove on to his birthplace. Heavy traffic through Nashville. Fields are green. Stayed at Stone's Motel at Columbia, Tennessee. ($7.50). Dinner at motel, $1.00 each.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1967 Left motel (after breakfast there) at ten 'till seven. Weather like summer, redbuds in bloom. Ate lunch roadside table. I drove 55 miles. Country not very interesting. Drove to Meridan, Mississippi. Stayed at Nelva Hotel, where we stayed last November. $8.50 after Charles told her what AAA listed. She had charged us $9.00. Had dinner at Nelva Restaurant. $1.60.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1967 Another nice day. Ellen and Charles went to grocery, got a lot of oysters. Charles washed the car. Didn't do anything special.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 1967 Easter Sunday and a very rainy one. Children hunted their Easter baskets. In afternoon children went to a movie with a babysitter. Played a little bridge in evening.

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1967 A beautiful day and much warmer. In morning, Don, Charles, Linda, and I took a drive around Tulane campus and Garden district. Stopped at [Audubon] zoo. Linda and I had a nice walk about dinner time.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1967
Left Don's at 8:15. Got lost getting out of New Orleans. Nice drive along Gulf. Ate lunch at a roadside table along Gulf. Got to Bellingrath Gardens at 2:15. Enjoyed trip - such lovely flowers. Charles took a roll of film Drove to Dauphin Island - only one motel. It was so crummy we would not stay. Back to Mobile at 6:30. Checked into Taylor Motel ($11.00). Dinner at Embers Restaurant. 28 miles beach in Georgia.


SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1967 Left motel, after breakfast at ten of seven (our time). Beautiful morning. I drove 50 miles on Bluegrass Parkway. Traffic bad later on. Got to Dorothy's at 12:15. No one home. We ate lunch, took a nap, decided to come home about three. Home soon after five. Glad to get home safely. Johnson's [Leonard and Bernice, from Fish Lake] had stopped. So sorry to miss them! Nice warm day. Called Dorothy. I drove 175 miles on trip. Total 2464 miles.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1967 Lovely spring day. I went to church. Cleaned up back porch, ate there.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1967 Cooler today. Washed, ironed, baked cookies. We went to Ontario [Discount Store] in afternoon. Turned furnace up in evening.
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1967 Nice day, some warmer. Charles cleaned garage, mowed grass. Brought clock Don and Ellen gave us up to china cabinet. Charles covered the ground, getting ready to plant radishes and parsnips.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1967 Rain during night, and hard showers during day. Charles worked on covers for lettuce. I cleaned furniture in yellow room, put away heavy coats, hats, etc.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1967 Went to church at 9:45. [Women's] Association had a breakfast meeting. The nicest meeting I have been to there. In P.M. went to [redemption - probably "green stamps," the most popular kind ~ ] store, got shirts for Kay's baby. Charles planted onions.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1967 Nice day, but cooler and windy. Went downtown with Charles. After we came home went to grocery. Tripod. [Probably refers to purchase of a new tripod for Charles' camera.]

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1967 Lovely day. Cleared house, went to beauty parlor. Charles planted more onions. [Bridge] club went to Suburban Steak House for dinner. (Walters didn't go - Bill still on a diet.) [Bill Walter was noticeably overweight.]

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1967 Nice day. We went to church in afternoon. Went to see Helen Davis.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1967 Lovely day and cooler. Washed and ironed. Men came at five o'clock and fixed cables on garage door. Went to Circle meeting. In evening we went to Home Show, stopped at Ontario [Store].

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1967 Heavy frost damaged the blooms on magnolia tree. Charles working on covers for onions. Reeders [Herman and Lucille] were here for dinner and bridge. Men won.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1967 27°. Frost finished the magnolia blooms. We went to Ontario in morning. In afternoon walked to [East] North Broadway [Road]. Made three church calls on my deaconess list.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1967 Rainy day. Kay and Chuck [Rehl] were to come in P.M. and bring the baby. [Christopher John Rehl was born March 22, 1967.] Didn't show up or call. Dorothy called to say they would come Saturday morning.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1967 Real nice day and warmer. Went to Graceland in morning. Charles mowed grass and worked in yard. First evening we could sit on porch all evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1967 Nice spring day. Made three pumpkin pies and a black walnut cake. [The walnuts were gathered from rural roads around Cumberland, where Jennie lived. Jennie Knowles, Charles' aunt, was celebrated in the family for her delicious black walnut and hickory nut cakes, made always with bacon grease which Charles and Gladys saved faithfully for her.] Dorothy came at nine o'clock.
They went to Graceland [Shopping Center] in P.M. Later, Charles and Dick went to Ontario [Store]. Dorothy, Valerie, Chuck, and I took a walk through [Overbrook] Hallow.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1967 79°. Beautiful day. Had a good dinner - eating on porch. Dorothy left at four o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1967 Rain in morning. Cleared about ten o'clock and a nice day. Washed two washers, only did part of ironing. Cleaned up house. Left at 11:30 for Cumberland to get Jennie. Home about 4:30. Stopped at Ontario [Store]. GOOD LETTER FROM DON. HE RECEIVED ANOTHER $6,000 GRANT [FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION] FOR BRAZIL, TOTAL $20,624. [ACTUALLY IT WAS OVER $26,000.] WE ARE VERY PROUD OF HIM.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1967 Cloudy and cool. Charles went to office and to Auto Club. In afternoon went down to Indianola Plaza. Bill and Colleen stopped in evening after open house at Glenmont [School where Colleen was enrolled in a special class for blind children].

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1967 Nicer day, but still cool. We took Jennie to Faculty Club for dinner. HER 87™ BIRTHDAY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1967 Lovely day and warmer. I cleaned drapes, etc. in front room and pink bedroom with Hoover attachments. In P.M. took baby gifts (Dorothy's, Don's, and ours) to ReRl's [Chuck and Kay] to give to Kay.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1967 Gloomy day and some rain. We went to Graceland [shopping center] in morning. Cleaned furniture in living room with Sani-wax.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1967 Charles has been working on getting slides in order. In afternoon Kay and Chuck brought the baby [Christopher John] over. Went to beauty parlor.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1967 Nice day, but cool. Charles and I went to church. In the evening Imogene and Ivan were here. Rain in late evening.

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 1967 Cooler! Went to Dr. Sage for eye test. No cataracts, no glaucoma! Both lens changed, the left more than right. Looked at slides in evening.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1967 29°. Sunny day. Warmed up during day. We left about noon to take Jennie home. Came back by way of Cambridge. Looked at motels for our trip there in May.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1967 Another cool day and some rain. Charles went to a new Kroger store that opened, to Sears and Ontario. I went downtown about noon, took the prescription for my new glasses to Ohio State Optical.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1967 36°. Sunny and cool. I swept back bedroom, washed a quilt, etc. and aired pillows. In P.M. went to opening of new Kroger store. Charles worked in front yard, planted more grass seed.
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1967 29°. Beautiful day and warmed up. Charles went to see Sam Rickly about something for boat. I took a walk in P.M. Stopped at Buckeye Mart and A&P [grocery]. After dinner went to Ontario [discount store].

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1967 A nice day. Cleaned up the house. In evening we went with Ellis' to Williards's for dinner. Had such a good dinner. They came here for bridge. Ethel and I won game.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1967 Had to move clocks up an hour to Daylight Savings Time. Charles and I went to church. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 1967 Rain during night. I washed a quilt and other things. Charles worked on cleaning his workshop. In afternoon went to see Fields [Wooster and Margie] at Community Village and to pick up T. V. It wouldn't work when we got home.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1967 Hard rain during night and a rainy morning. CHARLES' 68TH BIRTHDAY. We took each other out for dinner instead of exchanging gifts. Mother [Stewart] sent him $5.00, Jennie [Knowles] got him poloroid sun glasses. Dorothy and Dick gave him a fire extinguisher for cottage. Don, two lovely sRirts. We went to the Suburban Steak House and had a good dinner. Bill sent a card. He and Dorothy called in evening. Card from Ralph Paffenbarger, and Wilma Harper [Secretary in the Department of Engineering Drawing], and Dorothy.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1967 33°. Lovely, sunny day. I washed rugs. Put out strings and rags for a robin building a nest. Charles went to office in the morning. Cleaned up behind garage. We went to Paffenbargers [Ralph, Sr. and Viola] for dinner with Ostats. Had a good dinner and pleasant evening. First asparagus.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1967 Nice day, but still cool. Charles did some cleaning in garage. I went downtown and got my new glasses. $33.99.

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1967 Nice sunny day and cool in evening. We took a walk through Overbrook [Hallow] after dinner. In the morning went for groceries. In the evening Bill, Gloria and Mrs. Bond [Gloria's mother] came.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1967 Rain most of day. Usual Saturday cleaning. We went with Edith and Bill [Walter] to Old World Bazaar in German Village and had dinner there. They came here for bridge. Poor cards - men won.

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1967 Rain hard most of night. We didn't go to church. In afternoon Dick stopped with Chuck and Valerie on way home from Cleveland. Dorothy had gone camping with Scouts.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1967
 Mostly cloudy and cool. I did steam ironing. Charles had car checked ($47.00). Ray [Ellis] drove him to get it and went with him to take it down.


THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1967 Hard rain during night and when we got up. Went to Sears in morning. In afternoon drove down to get seats for "Hawaii" movie.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1967 Charles attended an all day "ACE" [American College of Engineers?] meeting on campus. I made a doll dress. Velma Millhone [formerly of Cumberland] called and talked over an hour. When Charles came home, he finished painting the stucco on porch.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1967 Charles painted floor of the porch. We went to Giffords in evening. Had bridge and real good refreshments.


TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1967 Lovely day and a little warmer. Charles started painting on North side of house. I walked to North Broadway [Road].

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17,1967 Charles did more painting in morning. In afternoon we went to see "Hawaii" and had such a good dinner at Seafood Bay. Then, went to Big Bear [grocery]. Got caught in rain when we got out of show.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1967 A lovely day. 72° degrees. Charles got north side of house painted second coat.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1967 A brief shower, otherwise a nice day. Charles got more painting done. Went to grocery in P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 20,1967 A lovely day. Charles got first coat of paint on the east side. Ladder slipped and he hurt his foot. We had planned to go for dinner with Walters and to their house. Charles could not walk very well. We stayed home for dinner and they came here for bridge. Men won.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1967 Another beautiful day. Charles' foot much better. I went to church, and in afternoon went to see Velma Millhone.
Cooler, but lovely day. I did the laundry. Charles got first coat on east side of house. After dinner went to Sears for more paint.

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1967 35°. Lovely day, warmed up during day. Charles got the west side of house painted the first coat.


FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1967
Raining and Charles didn't finish the painting. He washed the car. I went to Dr. Inglis in afternoon. Charles took me down. I was fine, blood pressure little high. Charles got groceries. Took up cold frame.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1967
I went to beauty parlor at eight o'clock. At 9:30 we left for Cambridge. Went to El Rancho motel, ate lunch at "Chals" across road. In the afternoon went to see Ola Stewart [Charles' step sister, I believe], then to Marion Adkins for open house. Met a lot of folks there - good refreshments. [This was probably the 50th class reunion for Charles' class at Cambridge High School.] Back to motel, at 5:30 went to Copper Kettle for a get together. Took group pictures of Charles' class. Ate dinner with Harry Gibson and wife. They were good company. We had a very nice day. Very warm!

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1967
Another nice day. We drove downtown for breakfast, then out to see Glass Plant School. [This was the school where Gladys taught for two or three years after earning her Teaching Certificate at Muskingum College.] Drove out to see the State Hospital - then to see Charlie Nelson. Mary Luse, Gaithers, and Dennis West were there. Had a nice visit. Back to motel to check out, then to [Cambridge] cemetery to take pictures of rhododendrons. Left for Cumberland. Jennie and Esther [Smith - the lady who boarded Jennie] went to [Cumberland] cemetery with us. Saw Opal Wolfe there. Had ice cream and cake and cookies at Jennie's. Home at 6:20. A real nice weekend. Soon after seven Esther Bond [cousin of Gladys' from Oregon] called. They were at [bus] depot. A very hard storm. When it let up a little we went for them.

MONDAY, MAY 29, 1967 Gloomy, cool day. Took Balf [Bond] down to Wizard Weavers to have hole in coat repaired. Went for it in P.M. Didn't do anything but visit.

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1967 Another gloomy day. We all took a walk through ravine in afternoon. Nothing but talk rest of day.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1967 Turned out to be a lovely, sunny day but cool. Esther and Balf left on 10:30 bus. When we stopped at bus station, a man opened door and got out of his car on right side. Hit our car and knocked chrome off. Charles put it back and car not hurt. He was a "swearing character." After we came home, I washed a washer. Charles finished painting the house - last coat on the front. So glad to get it done.
Thursday, June 1, 1967

Real
nice day. Charles got all painting done, except garage. I did ironing. In afternoon went to meeting at
cuch - a tea. Took Mrs. Holmes home. Went to Buckeye Mart in evening.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1967
Lovely day. Charles gave the downspouts
second coat and finished painting house. Put wire over spouting. He went to office [at university] in
morning. In afternoon did some errands. Went to [redemption] stamp store for wedding gift for Diana
Shupe [daughter of Hollie and Juanita Shupe, long-time friends from the Department].

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1967
Charles finished wire on spouting. I
cleaned up house. In evening went to Worthington Inn for dinner with Edith and Bill [Walter], then
to their house [for bridge]. Men won.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1967
Lovely day. I went to church. Charles set
out all the flowers. Wanda and Fred [Ochs] came about six o'clock and stayed 'till ten. We called
Don and talked to him and Ellen [about to leave for Brazil].

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1967
Lovely day. Washed, ironed, aired some
things, washed part of windows on porch. Charles went downtown, got his tripod [for camera]. We
took Diana Shupe's wedding gift out to Shupes [Hollie and Juanita]. Men came and got Don's de-
humidifier to sell at auction. Called Florence [Mick] and heard about her trip to the Orient.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1967
Left at nine o'clock for Dorothy's. I drove
50 miles. Got there 11:15. Dick was in Connecticut. We went for tomato plants. Charles set them
out for Dorothy. [DON, ELLEN, AND THE THREE CHILDREN SET SAIL FOR BRAZIL ON
THE DEL NORTE ON THIS DATE.]

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1967
I finished Dorothy's ironing, I started
yesterday. In afternoon we went to grocery. Dick got home about 10:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1967
Still lovely weather. We left at quarter'till
[LINDA MARIE COOPER'S 2ND BIRTHDAY. This birthday was celebrated aboard the liner Del
Norte enroute to Rio de Janeiro. The ship provided a delicious birthday cake for Linda].

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1967
OUR 44TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY. Cards from Dorothy, Florence, Kutcheras, and Edith and Bill [Walter]. In
evening went to Shupes for dinner.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1967
Charles got groceries. I rid up house.
Bridge club here. Went to Worthington Inn for dinner. Herman [Reeder], $1.00; me, $.75; pennies,
Raymond [Axline], $.25, Edith [Walter]. Warm.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1967
I went to church. Home rest of day.
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1967

Another hot day. Got ready for Circle picnic. Have seventeen. All had a nice time, and lots to eat. Charles went downtown on several errands. Merle [Axline] called. They came for our high chair we gave them. We had a bridge game on back porch. Enjoyed it.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1967

Another warm day. Charles got trailer greased. I did some ironing and washed odd things.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1967


THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1967

Still in 90's. Got a permanent ($13.00). In the evening went to Reeders. A good dinner and fun at bridge.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1967

Hot weather continues. We had several errands to do. Ordered a plant for Florence. Had a hard rain and electrical storm in P.M. Needed the rain.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1967

Not so humid. Charles has trailer about packed. I washed and ironed. After lunch we went to University Hospital to see Florence. Ellis' were down in evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1967

Much cooler. I went to church. Charles busy getting packed. In P.M. drove up to see Bill Brown [a member of Charles' Department], but he wasn't home. Dorothy and Bill called because of Father's Day, and to say good-bye to us.

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1967

Lovely day. Final preparations for leaving tomorrow [for cottage in Wisconsin]. Went to Halloway House for dinner.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1967

Up at 4:30. Breakfast at home. Left five after five. Gasoline at Warsaw [Indiana] (stamps). Lunch at Deep River Park (about 285 miles). Very windy there. Stoped several times at rest areas, took some pictures. Got to Dells at 5:30. Stanton's Motel ($6.00) where we have stayed for several years. Walked downtown, ate dinner at Wenk's. ($2.50). 523 miles. Turn for Dells at 13 north. Had planned to take boat trip, gave it up and going on tomorrow. $3.60 paid in toll.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1967

Breakfast in motel. Left at quarter 'till six. Had some heavy showers and wet roads in morning. However they didn't last long. Stopped to say "Hello" to Ferrons [former neighbors from Fish Lake]. At Spooner 11:15. Ordered paper and gas. (Standard [gas station] at Black River Falls gives [redemption] stamps.) Got some groceries, ate lunch at Nick's [Restaurant - still there today]. Stopped at Tokash's and Johnsons. Cottage, 1:30. All was fine. Charles found a coon in old toilet [outhouse]. He had knocked everything off shelves. Got shutters off, pump started, and did some unpacking. Mileage, 764.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1967

I picked up a "bug," had cramps and didn't feel very peppy all day. Did some little things, putting away, etc. Charles finished unpacking trailer. Still cool.
19FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1967 Furnace on in morning and evening. Got all suitcases unpacked. I cleaned the front room and porch. Charles mowed some of grass. In P.M. we went to dump and to Dybvig's. They weren't home. After dinner we set out flower bed with petunias and marigolds.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1967 Miserable morning - a cold rain. Quit in P.M., but still a damp, cold day. I didn't do much. In P.M. we drove to Middle McKenzie [Lake] to see Zahns. Then, decided to go to Gelbars (new cafe) for dinner.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25,1967 A real nice day. Charles made a new flower bed by other driveway on the road. Set out the remainder of our flowers. Had 8 dozen petunias, marigolds, and saltanas. Took a drive in P.M. Dybvig's and son and daughter came over by boat in evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 26,1967 Nice day. We went to dump in morning. I baked cookies. Went to town in afternoon. Looked for a washer. Norma [Uhl] and Vi came down in evening.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1967 Rain during night. But, a lovely day. We drove to Link's [Brothers store in Minong] and bought a new wasRer. ($123.00). Charles took old one apart - took off some things. It has served long and well.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1967 Cloudy until noon, then a nice day. We went to dump. Charles mowed beach and put the dock in. Got windows cleaned and washed in guest house. I took a row in afternoon. We drove down to see Mrs. Meronk in evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1967 Pretty nice day after sun came out in morning. I went to bridge for the first time. Left car at Scalzo's and rode with Irene. Charles mowed more of grove- Put in two more gas tanks for us.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1967 A real nice day. We left at 8:30 for Duluth. I drove to Minong - went there to get warranty signed for washer. Had a nice day in Duluth. Went to Sweden House for lunch. It was closed. Went back to one at Superior. Such a good lunch! Got a lot of groceries at Goldfines. Home soon after five. Zahns had been here.

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1967 A nice day but very windy. Did a big washing. Used new washer for first time. Before we were through, Epps came to make a call. In the evening Ferrons were here.

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1967 Rain, sunshine and a variety of weather. We went to church - it was communion. Ate dinner at Open Kitchen. Stopped to see Trefethens. Didn't get out of car.

MONDAY, JULY 3, 1967 Quite cool! Furnace on part of day. I washed some windows, made up children's beds. Mrs. Finsterwalder here in morning. Charles raked a lot of leaves. I went up to Ferron's trailer in P.M. A LETTER FROM DON. THEY ARRIVED SAFELY IN RIO [DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL] THE 24™ OF JUNE.]
TUESDAY, JULY 4, 1967


WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1967

42° this morning. I did the ironing, raked some leaves. Charles hauled off a lot of leaves he had raked. Got logs at Art's [Ferron] lot - took the trailer. Making a road to woodpile. We fished in evening. I caught one we put back.

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1967

Real nice day and warmer. We went to dump, Desjardins [lumber store] and Dybvig's. In P.M. went to Webb Lake to [women's] bridge [group]. I planned to drive, but Vannie stopped. I got pennies, $.33. After dinner fished a while. I got one small one we put back.

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1967

We went to town in morning. Went with Dybvig's to Minerva Marina for dinner. Charles drove, then to their house. Saw several deer. Nice day.

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1967

Rain during night. I gave the cottage a good cleaning. Charles mowed more grass, cut and hauled logs from Art's. Has made a road so he can drive past woodpile.

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1967

We went to church, came home broiled steak for dinner. Took a drive in evening. Kapacek's have come. The mosquitoes are really terrible this year.

MONDAY, JULY 10, 1967

Baked cookies, baked beans and made rolls. Charles made floor boards for boat. I took a row in P.M. and we had our first swim. In evening we had boat ride and fished a little while. I ran motor. Dybvig's came by boat and stayed till ten o'clock. Picked pint blueberries.

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1967

Hard wind most of day. Charles worked in grove, raking leaves. I aired mattress and pillows. I drove to Scalzo's in P.M. and went down to Tiffanys.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1967

Still windy. Charles again raked leaves. We went to dump. In P.M. found a pint of blueberries. Went to tell Tiffanys goodbye.

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1967

Real nice day, but cool. Had furnace on. Charles washed plastic windows on porch and cleaned the screens. I washed kitchen windows. Went to bridge at new Northwood Resort. Mary drove. Decided to go to Minong for dinner - real good one. Looked around Links [general store].

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1967

A beautiful day. We did washing, also mattress cover, quilt, kitchen curtains and bathroom rugs. Charles took green [wooden] boat to dock and fixed tires on it [the dock]. Fished in evening, two small ones, we put back.
SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1967

Nice day, some cooler. Charles raked more leaves. I took out front screens, cleaned them, washed windows. Mary Trefethen brought a dish of cookies. We had Ferrons and Kapacek's for dinner. Ate on porch. Showed some of our slides.

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1967
In the morning we went for blueberries, got a quart. Storm came up. We hurried home to disconnect the T.V. Up to Ferrons trailer in P.M. Fished after dinner. I got a pike to keep - lost a spoon.

MONDAY, JULY 17, 1967
Lovely day. Charles worked in grove. I did the ironing. In P.M. went to Scalzo's, dump, and Dybvigs. In evening fished from dock. I got 18 inch [northern] pike. Mr. Trefethen over, showed him cottage.

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1967
Beautiful day. Charles did more raking. Mrs. Meronk here in P.M. Fished in evening. I got a 19 1/2 inch pike.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1967
Still lovely weather. Charles raked and carried more leaves. Had swim in P.M. Drove around lake in evening, then went to Kapacek's.

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1967

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1967
Another hot day. We went to town, got a lot of groceries. Then, went to Book Mobile. Dybvigs stopped in P.M. with guests. We took a short drive to get a bouquet, stopped at big dump.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1967
Hard rain during night. Cleaned cottage, made a pie. Gibsons came at 1:30. [I believe Harry Gibson was a member of Charles' graduating class from Cambridge High School] Took drive after dinner.

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 1967
Didn't do anything but talk. Went for paper and short drive in evening.

MONDAY, JULY 24, 1967
Gibson's left at 7:30. We did the washing. I did ironing and got ready for Reeders [Herman and Lucille - from their bridge club]. In afternoon we picked a quart and a half of blueberries. Went to Johnsons in evening, but they weren't home.

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1967

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1967
Nice day. I made a pie. In afternoon we went to Dybvigs. They had two guests. Cora had coffee and cookies. In evening we looked at Reeders pictures until 11:30.

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1967
Beautiful day. Lucille and I went to bridge. She won 3rd prize, $1.75. I won pennies. We went to Minerva Marina for dinner. Bridge in evening. [Dick's 43rd birthday.]
FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1967 Lovely day. Went to town after early lunch. Herman had his car serviced.

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1967 Home all day. Lucille and I took a walk. Herman not interested in anything except bridge, which we play every evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1967 I went for paper. We drove to Minong for dinner - dining room not open 'till four. Looked through Links and gift shop. Went to Suggs for dinner. They took us. Drove over to Soutters [on Nicaboyne Lake]. Kept bridge scores all week. Lucille and 1,690 points ahead.

MONDAY, JULY 31, 1967 Warmer today. Reeders left at 9:30. Charles did more mowing. We had swim in P.M. Drive up to "Pop's" - took Beatrice Kapacek. Had a swim.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1967 Rain and storm during night. Charles did some raking in the grove. We went to dump. In P.M. went to dump and to Scalzo's. Rain in evening.


THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1967 Charles took down some poplar trees. I went to bridge. Helen forgot to stop and I drove. Fished in evening. I lost a spoon. Went up to Kapacek's to see if she wanted to go to town.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 1967
We left at 8:15 for town. Home about noon.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1967 Cleaned up cottage. We went to dump. Charles took a second load of brush. We went to Beatrice Kapacek's for dinner. She had a nice meal.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 1967 Rainy day. We went to church, then to Ferrons [Art and Blanche] for dinner. Blanche had such a nice dinner. Home at 5:30. Rain part of way. Esther Soutter came at 8:30 to stay a few days.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 1967 Nice day. Took Esther a row on lake. In P.M. went to Dybvigs and through Swiss Trail. After dinner to Scalzo's [store] for her to make a telephone call. Showed some pictures. [COLLEEN COOPER'S 10™ BIRTHDAY]

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1967 Another nice day. Charles worked on wood he had cut. We took Esther home about four o'clock. In the evening we went to Meronks and Johnsons.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1967
Did a big washing. Beatrice Kapacek here in afternoon. Fished in evening. No fish. Had our first fire in fireplace. Mr. Dybvig and daughter came to borrow the plunger.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1967 Real nice day, but cool. I did the ironing. Went to bridge at Lamplighter Inn [Still there today]. (28 pennies). I drove. In the evening we drove to Des Moines Lake to see Reeses, also found Schraders place. After we came home, Mr. Dybvig, Edie, Mary, Bill, Dorothy and Lee, came. [Mary, a daughter, was married to Bill; Lee, a son, was married to Dorothy].

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1967 Beautiful day. We went to Spooner. Charles had car serviced. Sidewalk Days [annual sale in Spooner; much merchandise placed on sidewalks.] All I got was two bracelets. Got a lot of groceries. Beatrice Kapacek went with us. Mrs. Finsterwalder and sister over on dock in P. M. Fished in evening. No fish.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1967 Beautiful day. Baked cookies, finished fixing guest house. Made two trips to dump. First time found big umbrella, went back to look for a missing part - didn't find it. Dorothy came at 3:30. Children had a big time in evening.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1967 Another perfect day. Charles and Dick went fishing. Dick got a 32 inch [northern] pike. In evening a smaller one. Children played with Finsterwalder children, and made new friends at [Cabin] No. 12 [the rental cottage from Johnson's Fish Lake Resort that was adjacent to the Cooper's "grove," or wooded, unbuilt on lot]. [BILL'S 43RD BIRTHDAY.]

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1967 Made two apple pies. Dick got a 22 inch pike from dock. Drove through Strawberry Point to look for berries.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1967 BARBARA'S ["B.J."] 12TH BIRTHDAY. Dorothy made a cherry cake. All had a swim.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1967 Charles and I went to Swiss Trail - 2 quarts [black]berries. [Swiss Trail in those days was an undeveloped area where wild blackberries and chokecherries grew in abundance. Today it is largely developed.] Dorothy made a batch of jam. Went down to No. 12 to show woman how to make plastic rug. [Gladys would cut plastic bread wrappers into strips and weave them into a very serviceable plastic rug. I still have one today in my workshop. They can be washed in a machine.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1967 Went to town early. Children had fun shopping. Got a lot of groceries - forgot our two cartons at Super-Valu [grocery]. Charles and I had to go back [to Spooner]. A real hard rain in P.M. Over at Finsterwalder's in evening. Showed Wendy [Finsterwalder] how to make plastic rug


24 SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1967

Charles and Dick took boat, went to Lily Lake. No fish. After they came home, Dick got a 30 inch, 6 pound northern [pike] from dock. Washed my hair. Mrs. Finsterwalder here in P.M. [DON'S 36th BIRTHDAY.]

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1967

Left at ten o'clock for Hayward. Ate at logging camp [restaurant], boat rides and guided tours. Had a nice day. Home at five, then Dorothy, Valerie, Barbara, Charles, and I went to Swiss Trail for blackberries. Five quarts.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1967

41°. Another lovely day. Dorothy made two batches [blackberry] jam. We did a big washing. Charles and I went to Scalzo's [corner store]. Dorothy, Dick, Chuck, Barbara went to "Pop's" [who sold vegetables and fishing worms] and to dump.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1967

Warmer today. Dick got two nice pike. Rain in morning, fireplace lit. Dorothy and I did our ironing. I made a cake. All went to Dybvigs. Not home. Took a drive.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1967

Rain during night. I cleaned the bedrooms. In P.M. Dorothy, children, and I went to Scalzo's and dump. Dorothy and Dick fished in evening. She is busy packing.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 1967

Up early. Dorothy left at 6:30, after they had breakfast. How fast the vacation goes! I defrosted freezer, rid up guest house, swept front room. Dybvigs came in morning. In P.M. we drove to Soutters. Esther told us to pick berries [they had a large tract of land; I would guess twenty acres or more], got almost two quarts. Also got [wild] plums at Keslers. Began to rain at five and kept it up all evening.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1967

Rained all night and didn't quit 'till late afternoon. I made a blackberry pie, swept guest house, mopped kitchen.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1967

We went to church. Met Powells and Strunks. Came home for dinner. Over at Finsterwalders in P.M. In evening we drove through Swiss Trail. Met Dybvigs [who also regularly picked berries at Swiss Trail]. They asked us over. We went over, had apple pie. Didn't get home 'till after ten.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1967

Charles carried off more leaves. We went to dump. After dinner went to pick blackberries. Got $4 Vi$ quarts. Picked until so dark we couldn't see. Charles moved three trees up by woodpile.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1967

Charles moved four more trees. Worked in grove. I made pie and rolls. Mrs. Meronk stopped, and Soutters to ask me for lunch Friday. We had other plans - couldn't go. Johnsons were here for dinner. Mr. Johnson here from Beiloh Insurance.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1967

Did some raking. Think about through with raking and hauling leaves. Went for [wild]plums. All picked. To see Vi in the evening. Took walk through Johnson's woods [still a favorite place for nature walks].
25 THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1967 42°. Beautiful day. We went to dump, to Des Jardins [lumber store], and picked 2 3/4 quarts blackberries. Went to bridge at Lily Lake Inn. Left car at Scalzo's [store] and rode with Helen [Tokash]. Charles worked on insulation over bath.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1967 Went to town in the morning, came home and baked a birthday cake. Went to Minerva Marina with Dybvigs for my birthday dinner. His [Ed Dybvig] is 11th. Came back here, had cake and ice cream and a nice fire.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1967 BEAUTIFUL DAY! MY 68th BIRTHDAY. Charles and I have stopped [exchanging] gifts - just take the other to dinner. (Marina on Friday). A Kodak album from Bill, a corning dish from Dorothy. Greetings from Don in Brazil, many cards. $5.00 from Jennie. Charles broiled steaks for dinner. We went to woods and got pipsissewas [an evergreen herb] to set under kitchen window. Went to tell Kapacek's goodbye. Norma and Bill Rehl here in evening. Later, Mother [Stewart] sent $2.00.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1967 Another lovely day. We did a big washing - hadn't washed since Dorothy left. In P.M. Esther [Soutter] stopped to say good-bye.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1967 We went to Swiss Trail. Picked 5 3/4 quarts blackberries. In evening Mrs. Meronk here for dinner. I went for her - we took her home.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1967 Beautiful weather continues. We canned blackberry juice and made plum butter. (Got plums at Johnson's old home). [This would be on Lost Lake Road]. Went to Zahns in P.M Not home. Fished a little after dinner. [JOHN COOPER'S 9th BIRTHDAY].

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1967 Went to Soutters and picked seven quarts blackberries. I didn't go to bridge but Charles and I went to Club 70 [a restaurant west of Spooner on U.S. route 70].

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1967 I did ironing. Charles helped. Made two quarts blackberry juice. Put some in freezer. Mrs. Meronk stopped in P.M. Charles took down a birch and oak on bank. In P.M. went to Dybvigs. Zahns stopped in evening to say goodbye. [DON AND ELLEN COOPER'S 10th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, WHICH THEY CELEBRATED IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL.]

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1967 Need rain, but beautiful weather. Cooler today. I cleaned cottage. Charles has been trimming and cutting down trees on west side. He finished our big umbrella (from dump). Enjoyed the Miss America pageant on T. V.
26 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1967
Another lovely day. Went to look for hazel nuts. Didn't find any. In afternoon Joyce Trefethen came with her neighbor. Before supper we walked to Long Lake Road.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1967
Another lovely day. We took a load of brush to dump. Charles worked on cleaning shop and trailer port. Cora and Dorothy Dybvig stopped in P.M. Invited us over for dessert. We went over - had birthday cake.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1967
Cloudy but turned out to be a nice day. We left as 7:30, picked 2 1/2 quarts blackberries at Soutters. Went to dump after we came home. In P.M. went to see Kaddatz. She served chocolate pudding with whipped cream, cake and two kinds cookies and coffee. A little rain in evening.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1967
Didn't rain much. Had a little more during day. Went to "Pop's" in P.M. and to see Mrs. Tiffany. More rain in evening.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1967
Real nice day. Charles made a place for plywood in the garage from old beds he got on dump. Went to bridge at "Lamplighter" [Restaurant]. Got 26 pennies.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1967
Beautiful day. Charles worked on shelf in his shop. In afternoon went to Book-Mobile, then to town. I stopped to see Florence Tucker. We got our groceries, went to Donatells for a fish dinner. Drove out in country to see a man about a pump. Then, a "fiesta" sundae to top off a nice afternoon.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1967
Another nice day. Charles finished putting up shelf in workshop. I didn't do much, but clean up cottage.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1967
Beautiful day. We took a boat ride around lake, stopped at Dybvigs. They weren't home, but came over in afternoon. We all sat on dock under our new umbrella. Drove through Swiss Trail in evening. [In the early evening hours Swiss Trail is a favorite spot for "deer hunting."]

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1967
Quite warm. We went to dump. I baked cookies. After dinner went to Soutters to get berries, but about gone. In evening drove to Scalzos for ice cream bar. Big evening!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1967
Another day, like summer. We did the washing. In afternoon drove to Minong for spouting. They didn't have it, came home by way of Des Jardins.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1967
Cloudy, but sun came out about noon. Charles took down a limb on birch tree in front to get spouting up. I washed my hair, did ironing. Went to Mrs. Meronk's for dinner. Had a nice evening. A little rain in evening.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1967
Went down to tell Tiffany's goodbye. Charles worked on spouting. I was hostess at bridge at Lamplighter. Only had three tables. A few sprinkles during afternoon and evening.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1967 57°. Windy and sunny day. I cleaned cottage and made a raisin pie. Charles finished moving tile by kitchen window and spouting.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1967 36°. Another nice day. Ferrons stopped in afternoon. Later, we took a drive.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1967 Much warmer today. In afternoon went to Des Jardins and Dybvigs. After dinner went to see Norma Uhl.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1967 Cooler. Charles made a rack to hold lap trays under sink.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1967 33°. Baked a lemon pie. We went with Dybvigs to Donatells for dinner. They came here afterward.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1967 Nice day, but quite cool. We went to dump and to Dybvigs. Decided not to make green tomato pickle - they had offered us tomatoes. Went to bridge at Lamplighter.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1967 30°. Coldest we have been here. Charles dug out more under porch - he had started on Thursday. WANTS TO MAKE A BETTER PUMP ROOM [NEXT YEAR HE WOULD MAKE A ONE-HALF BASEMENT UNDER THE COTTAGE] Fire in evening. In afternoon went to Shell Lake Clinic. Dr. Moen to get something for rash I have had for a week. Dr. gave me a shot and a prescription for two kinds tablets. It is probably oak poison.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1967 40°. A beautiful day and much warmer. Ate on porch. First for several days. In P.M. took walk through Johnson's woods. Came out on Kesler Road. In evening Charles went up to Meihoffers to ask about grass. Dybvigs came over. Want us to take a trip tomorrow.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1967 Much warmer - a beautiful day. We left at 10:30 with Dybvigs. Ate dinner at Sweden House in Superior, drove to Sandstone [Minnesota]. Stopped at their son's home [Lee and Dorothy Dybvig]. Over 200 miles Home 6:30.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1967 First day for some time we haven't turned on furnace when we got up. Warm enough to sit on dock. Read on terrace in P.M. Sat on porch awhile after dinner. We went to dump in the morning. Charles did more digging in room under porch. I made rolls.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1967 A nice day - slightly cooler. Charles worked more on digging under porch. I cleaned up more pine needles above the [stone] wall. In afternoon drove out Rooney Lake Road and Swiss Trail to take pictures.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1967 We left at nine o'clock to drive to Bayfield - 115 miles. The colors are beautiful. Charles took several pictures. Had a good lunch at Bayfield. Bought apples - home different way. 230 miles. Home at six. Very warm during day.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1967 40°. Beautiful day. Charles worked on digging under porch. He took the dock in. Went to bridge at Lamplighter [restaurant]. 44 pennies. Fire in fireplace.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1967 Beautiful day. Charles is still working on digging on new room. I cleaned the bedrooms and swept the front room. We had to go back to Clinic at Shell Lake for this rash I have. Had to wait 2 1/4 hours to see Doctor. $7.00 for call, $6.40 for medicine. Got some groceries. Home 4:30. Fire in evening.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1967 Rain most of day. We went to dump and stopped at Dybvigs a little while. I made valance for kitchen curtains. Charles did more digging. Leaves are falling fast.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1967 Gloomy day but didn't rain. We went for a paper and to Soutter Road to get vines. Charles planted them on bank. We cut pillow cases from old white curtains. Hear guns going off from duck hunters.


TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1967 36°. Cold! Charles worked more on digging under porch. Mrs. Meronk stopped in afternoon. We went to Shraders but they were not home.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1967 Slightly warmer and sun came out about noon. Charles finished all the excavating he plans to do this summer. Took in last section of dock - stored on shore. I mopped and waxed linoleum. Took curtains down and spreads off in guest house.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1967 Went to bridge at Lamplighter. Mary stopped for me. Charles went to Soutter Road and got more vines to put on bank.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1967 We did a real big washing. So very windy, Charles put a canvas up to shut off wind. Hung clothes in [workshop. In P.M. took books back to book-mobile. Drove to Dybvigs. So many cars there, we didn't stop.

29 Sunday, October 15,
1967 Beautiful day. We went for a paper. Charles covered the dock on the shore. In P.M. walked to Long Lake Road. On way home visited with Finsterwalders. Cleaned up leaves at back. Went to Dybvigs after supper.

Monday, October 16, 1967 Lovely day. We left at eight o’clock and took T. V. set in. Got it repaired - a tube blown out. After we came home, Charles carried a lot of leaves across the road. Leonard [Johnson] came down and invited us to dinner tomorrow.

Tuesday, October 17, 1967 Charles worked on packing the trailer, also moved a red maple tree from the woods. I had a big ironing. We went to Johnsons for dinner. Dybvigs were there - had a good dinner and nice evening.

Wednesday, October 18, 1967 Nice day, but cool. Charles continued to pack trailer. I baked cookies and a coffee cake. We went to tell Mrs. Meronk good-bye but she wasn’t home. Stopped at Dybvigs and decided to go out to eat. Went to Minong. A good dinner and they insisted on paying for ours. Saw ten deer - three here at Meihofers - two ran across in front of car. Stopped at Dybvigs a little while.

Thursday, October 19, 1967 26°. Coldest we have been here. Went to bridge at Lamplighter - had some cards for a change. Had a cake for Helen's [Tokash] birthday. Charles took rug out and cleaned porch.

Friday, October 20, 1967 42°. Warmer temperature, but a cold wind blew all day. Charles cleaned up a lot of leaves. I cleaned bedrooms. In P.M. drove to post office at Danbury. Saw at least 200 ducks on Webb Lake. Letters from all the children.

Saturday, October 21, 1967 30°. Real nice day. Charles cleaned up more leaves. We brought the boat up [the bank]. Took trash to dump. Went to Gelbars for dinner. Dybvigs were there - had a good dinner and nice evening.

Sunday, October 22, 1967 Lovley day and wanner. Charles closed trailer, brought down shutters, put [both] boats away. In afternoon Bernice [Johnson] and Bradley [grandson of Bernice] came, then the Finsterwald children, then the Dybvigs. So warm we didn’t have any fire in evening.

Monday, October 23, 1967 43°. Beautiful day, so warm we didn't need fire. Our final day. Shutters in, [Buckeye] sign down, etc. Left about three for Ferrons [in Rice Lake]. End of a wonderful summer. Got to Ferrons about four. Had a good dinner and pleasant evening.

Tuesday, October 24, 1967 A big breakfast and left about twenty 'till eight, in the rain. Rained all morning. Standard [gas] station at Black River Falls gives [redemption] stamps. Ate lunch at Past's cafeteria at Dells - a good place. In afternoon it poured, so Rard had to stop once. Never drove such a day! $3.60 toll. It is 12 miles to [route] 41 from last toll station. Got to SeRerville [?] about six o'clock. Radiant Motel, $7.00. Had dinner at Sauzers. 480 miles. 433 today.

Wednesday, October 25, 1967 Had breakfast in motel. Left at twenty of eight. Ate lunch at Delphos (park behind). Some showers in afternoon. PICKED UP HICKORY NUTS IN A REST AREA BEYOND BEAVER
DAM. Home a few minutes after three. Everything was O.K. here. Letter from Esther [Smith].
JENNIE HASN'T BEEN WELL. Jeanette [Davis - next-door neighbor] came over. Went through our
mail. Drove 770 miles.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1967 Got 'phone connected at 9:30. Called
Esther [Smith], said Jennie no better. Left soon after ten to see her. Went by way of Caldwell to see
Doctor. She hardly knew us - don't know much going on. On way home bought apples at Lynd's
[Fruit Farm - still in business today]. Stopped to see Bills. Called Dorothy.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1967 Got more unpacking done and things put
away. In afternoon Charles took electric blanket for repair (they gave us a new control). I waited at
Lazarus and got my stole from storage. Got groceries at Ontario [store] on way home. Went to
Graceland [Shopping Center] after dinner. [Gloria Cooper Van Dixon's 43rd birthday].

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1967 Charles cleaned up a lot of leaves. He
went to football game with Ralph Paffenbarger. We went to Faculty Club for dinner with Edith and
Bill [Walter]. They came here [for bridge]. Men won. [Wayne Cooper's 9th birthday].

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1967 Beautiful day. We went to church.
Talked with Mrs. Kaiser [neighbor across the street]. Went over to Davis' [Jeannette - next-door
neighbor], also to see Lewis' [neighbor behind back fence] new project.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1967 Rain during
night and a drizzle most of day. We didn't do anything special.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1967 Rain all day. Charles cleaned up
garage, washed and put in windows for back porch. I got a permanent. ($12.50).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1967 Rain quit about noon. We went to
Ontario [Discount Store] in morning. I went to Women's Association luncheon. After dinner we went
to Sears. Charles started to repair around bath tub.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1967 Charles went over to university and
visited with some of men. I went downtown - got a new watch band. Rain after dinner. Ray and

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1967 Colder today. Charles put snow tires
on car. I cleaned up house, washed and ironed. Went to Axlines [Raymond and Merle] for bridge.
Had a nice evening.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1967 We went to church. Home rest
of day. Snow in afternoon. Getting ready to go to Akron.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1967 Left at 7:15 for Cumberland. Found
Jennie some better - her mind clearer. Ate lunch at "Past House," on to Akron. Got there around 3:30.
Had heavy snow flurries going to Cumberland. A nice dinner and visit with Gibsons.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1967 Gibson's took us around Akron in morning and again in afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1967 Left Gibons at ten. Had a pleasant visit with them. Ate lunch at Plymouth - on to Shelby. Had a visit with Helen Zebold. Good cake. She sent some home. Home at five o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1967 We left after lunch for Dorothy's. Dick came home from Connecticut about midnight. Charles went with Valerie to her Brownie dinner.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1967 Dorothy and Charles and I went to Marshs [grocery store] and Zayres after lunch. Barbara left on a camping trip.


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1967 Nice day. We left at 8:30. I drove 40 miles. Home twenty 'till eleven.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1967 Charles worked on repair behind bath tub. I went down to see about helping with retarded children. Will go when they call me. In afternoon went to church circle.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1967 Charles continued work on tile in bath room. I moved all furniture in yellow room and swept it. In afternoon went to Woolco's and did some Christmas shopping for the children.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1967 Charles still working on bathroom. Florence [Mick] was here for dinner. She brought me a pin and candy to us. Carolyn, Viola [Paffenbarger], and children stopped in A.M.


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1967 Hard rain all morning. I did the ironing. Went to Departmental dinner at Coventry Inn. Paffenbargers drove.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1967 Cleaned up house. Went to Onagaro's for bird seed, and to University Shopping Center. Giffords were here for bridge. Jerry and I won by almost 800 points. Had apple pie and ice cream.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1967 Beautiful day. We went to church. In afternoon went to see Ellis' and to see Wanda and Fred [Ochs].

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1967 Charles finished a new affair to put slides in for sorting. Went to Krogers to order turkey.

Snow in evening.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1967 Cloudy day. Charles is sorting his slides.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1967 Another cloudy day - a few
sprinkles. Charles took me downtown - did more Christmas shopping. Ate lunch at Mills. Fell
on curb and skinned both knees. Charles went for the turkey.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1967 THANKSGIVING DAY. Our dinner
will be Saturday. Dorothy's family stopped about 8:30 on way to Cleveland [where Dick's parents
lived] - had breakfast here. I tied up rest of Dorothy's Christmas gifts, and one for Ackley's baby.
Watched Macy's parade and football. Nice day. [THOMAS COOPER'S 6TH BIRTHDAY].

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1967 Put clean papers in cupboards, baked
cookies. In afternoon we went to Graceland [Shopping Center]. Rain in evening.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1967 Dorothy came about 10:30 from
Cleveland. We stuffed turkey (21 pounds) got in oven early. Bills and Kays were here for dinner.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1967 A beautiful day. Had enough left over
for dinner. Dick took children walk through hallow. Watched football. They left at four o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1967 Nice day. Washed two washers and
ironed. Mopped the kitchen. Charles made a sliding shelf to put in chest of drawers.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1967 21°. Lovely day. Cleaned the stove,
washed rugs. Charles got out Christmas decorations. In afternoon we went downtown - had passport
pictures taken (for South America), then to Dr. Bonnell for smallpox vaccination and typhoid shot.
Then to Worthington to look at watches for Charles.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1967 17°. Nice day but started to cloud
up in afternoon. We went back to Worthington and Charles bought a Hamilton watch.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1967 Washed a washer and ironed, the big
linen tablecloth. Had four inches snow - driving very bad. Charles went to A&P [grocery] for fresh
fish - only time out. Snow quit in afternoon.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1967 No more snow, but some streets
slippery. Charles had to go again to have passport picture. He took me to church and went on
downtown. I worked there 'till 3:30. Don't think I'll go again.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1967 Charles worked in shop. I cleaned up
house. Had to go to beauty parlor at 8:30. [Bridge] club went to Ft. Hayes [Hotel] for dinner, then to
Axlines [Raymond and Merle]. Edith [Walter], $1.00; Lucille [Reeder], $.75; Merle [Axline], $.66;

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1967
Miserable morning but snow melted later. We were home all day.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1967: In morning I worked on shortening my spring coat. We left at 11:15 for Cumberland. Found Jennie much better. Home at five. Fed Yancy [dog] for Kaisers, went to Halloway House for dinner, then to Sears - did some Christmas shopping.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1967: Another nice day. Charles put up Christmas lights. In afternoon we went to Post Office and applied for our passports ($20.00). Then, to Dr. [Rollo] Bonnell for second typhoid shot. Have two sore arms!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1967: Charles went to Auto Club, made first payment on our trip - stopped at office. I didn't feel very peppy. I think reaction from shots. Colleen has to wear a brace to correct a curvature [of the spine]. Dr. says for seven years. We went to Schottensteins [Department Store], Charles bought a coat.


FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1967: A mild day. I tied up Bill's packages and made more jelly for them. In afternoon we did some errands and shopping at Graceland.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1967: Fairly nice day. Charles went to office in morning and ran some copies of our trip to South America. I cleaned up house. We went with Ellis' to Stauffers for dinner - a punk, expensive one. (Had $10.00 gift book from Carolyn [Paffenbarger?]).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1967: A rainy day. We didn't do to church. Worked on Christmas cards. Watched T. V.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1967: Rainy day. Charles is working in his shop. Went to Circle meeting at Mrs. Pelton's. Laura [Hardy] called. [Laura and Covert Hardy had been members of the "dinner" bridge club. The club disbanded following Covert's death.]


FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1967: Beautiful day. Man came to fix burner on stove. $8.75 for a service call. Still have to get new switch. Had a good dinner and nice evening with Reeders. Lucille and I won bridge game.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1967 Another lovely day, but cold. We went to shopping center in morning. Went with Walters to "Beef Buffet" for dinner. Then, to their house. Men won bridge game.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1967 Began to cloud up and rain by evening. We went to church. Made a macaroon pie, and good cake from egg yolks. Lit our Christmas lights for first time.


TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1967 Another beautiful day, sunny and temperature 49°. I put ornaments on tree. In afternoon Charles and I walked down to Oakland Park [Avenue] and stopped at shopping center.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1967 Still warm weather. Charles washed windows. I washed a washer - kitchen curtains and tinted them. In afternoon we took a walk through Overbrook to High [Street] and up Glenmont.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1967 Another record, 64°. Charles walked to North Broadway in morning. Both of us walked in P.M. Down Glenmont to Sharon, to Blenheim, and home by Indianola.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1967 Much colder. In afternoon went to Scotts. She had some of the neighbors in. Car would not start. Auto Club towed car to Trenors [agency], got it fixed. In the evening we went to Hatch's for dessert. [Bernard and Princess Hatch had been members of the now defunct "dinner" bridge club.]

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1967 Cold! In morning we went to shopping center. Charles walked down to Buckeye Mart. Bills came to bring our gift and get theirs. Didn't come till five - stayed until 6:15. We ate a light meal, enjoyed T. V. Jeanette Davis brought us a lovely poinsettia. Said because we brought her pine cones.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1967 A beautiful day. We went to church. In afternoon walked for an hour and a quarter. About dark drove down [town] to see Insurance Building and Lazarus window [both well know Christmas displays].

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1967 A nice CHRISTMAS DAY, until evening and some rain. Dorothy called. We talked to all the children. Charles and I didn't exchange gifts. Dorothy sent shirt and blouse, Barbara a vase. Bills, a lamp and Colleen Girl Scout Calendar. Mother sent $5.00. Didn't exchange with Frieda or Jennie. In evening Edith and Bill [Walter] were her for dinner. Men won. Baked good rolls for dinner.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1967 Went to Sears to exchange gifts. Washed a washer and ironed.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1967 Charles had to go to Trenors to get battery [for car]. We left at 8:45. Stopped at Bills to pick up Gary's gift for return. Ate our lunch in car along the way. Stopped at Sears (at Cincinnati).
Returned the blouse Dorothy gave me. Bought a beautiful sweater (white, beaded). ($19.98.)
Wanted a dressy one to take on trip. Then, to Dorothys. Good to see all of them.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1967 Dorothy had to take the children downtown and go for them. Such a lot of driving through heavy traffic. Dick went to karate in evening.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1967 Left at 8:10. Drove to Lockbourne to get yellow fever shots. Can only get them on Wednesday. Stopped at Ontario. Had been two inches snow here. In P.M. to Woolco to exchange Chuck's sweater and to Schottensteins to return Gary's. In evening went to Ellis'. They moved to another apartment.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1967
More snow during night. We didn't go to church. Charles typed names for us to send cards on our trip. Watched football. 13° below zero where they were playing. More snow during day.
Am glad Charles and I have had another year together. Both have been well. Had trip to New Orleans at Easter, and a nice summer in Wisconsin. The children have been well. Don and Ellen went to Rio [de Janeiro] in June. We look forward with much pleasure to our planned trip to South America, March 1.

END OF BOOK XXXTV, PART TWO (JANUARY 1, 1967 - DECEMBER 31, 1967)

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Gladys and Charles, both 69, had now been married for 45 years. As Gladys wrote "this has been a very good year for Charles and me." Both fully retired for over two years they still remained busy. They continued, as before, most of their customary activities. These were centered around the home, church, their bridge games, their three children and eleven grandchildren, and, by now, two great-grandchildren, plus a four-month stay in Wisconsin from June 19 through October 20. At the cottage Charles finished a new basement and made other improvements. In November Don was appointed a tenured Associate Professor of Latin American history at Ohio State, thus continuing the family tradition that had started when Charles starting teaching there in 1923. Don's family would move to Columbus in June, 1969. But Gladys wrote "the highlight of 1968 was our trip to South America" when they visited Peru, Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Brazil. The trip lasted a full month from March 1 through March 31, and included 12 days with Don and family in Rio de Janeiro. Except for brief excursions across the border in Canada and Mexico, this would be their only trip outside of the United States.

The one-month trip to South America: Gladys started her Travel Diary with "Charles and I have looked forward to this date for several months. Now the big day has arrived!" The first day of the trip was very long indeed. It started at 6:00 A.M. at home, and continued with arrival in Miami just before noon. Several other tour members also arrived at Miami before the long flight to Lima Peru started in late afternoon. Arrival in Lima was not until 11:30, and Hotel Bolivar not reached until 1:15 A.M. the next morning. A very nice breakfast was sent up to the room. Charles and Gladys walked around the hotel, buying a tie for Charles, and noting the "many shoeshine boys round the hotel." Their first stop was to the Lima Country Club, a "beautiful place" where they had a delicious lunch. The next day they had "a delightful plane flight of two hours across the Andes." On their long taxi ride from Cuzco to Pisco they took pictures of llamas, but "never saw such ragged children and horribie living conditions." "One poor old man came up and touched my orchid." This corsage was a beautiful gift from Dorothy as a going-away present for her mother. The Inca ruins they saw at Pisco were "beyond description!" They returned to the hotel at Cuzco where the food was poor, and the owner wanted to know if any of the party had any Kennedy half-dollars. On Monday, March 4, they visited Macchu Pichu after a lovely train ride through the mountains. "Such a place! Indians selling things sitting on the ground. Ragged children, some carrying babies on their backs." At the marvelous ruins Charles climbed to the top (a formidable climb, having done it myself). Despite the poor dinner on board they were happy to take the train back to Cuzco. After seeing more Indian ruins and a beautiful cathedral they arrived back at Lima. Here they enjoyed a good meal as they watched some Chilean dancers.

They spent three days in Chile. Here the food was much better, the people better dressed, and the cities were clean, but they overslept and missed the bus tour of Santiago. Later they saw some of the countryside which reminded them "so much of Arizona. Fields full of melons, hemp, bamboo, lovely jacaranda trees." There were four days in Argentina which were spent mainly in and around Buenos Aires. On March 10 "Charles didn't feel too peppy." After an afternoon nap at the hotel when he got up "he was so dizzy he couldn't walk. We got him to a chair, broke out in heavy sweat and fainted! Really frightened me!" There was a doctor in their group, Dr. Ide, and he arrived and said Charles was suffering from "too low salt and lack of fluids." After some very salty soup and rest he felt better by bedtime. The next morning Charles felt well enough so that he was able to resume normal participation in the tour activities. That day they saw the Argentine "White House," the Casa Rosada, Calle Florida, the "widest street in the world, 460 feet," the famous Recoieto Cemetery where almost every Argentine President, as well as Eva Peron, is buried. The first course of their first meal was "octopus, shrimp, and minnows," but things improved. "A good steak dinner here about
They enjoyed a delightful boat ride on the La Plata River (actually an estuary), and saw some of the 2,000 islands in the delta. In Uruguay the next day they enjoyed a lengthy bus tour of Montevideo where they stopped at the beautiful, all marble, Congress building, and saw many beautiful beaches along the Rio de la Plata. They visited an hacienda where they saw many gauchos, or cowboys. Charles and Gladys were offered a drink of mate, the national tea, but refused to drink it "since all had to drink from the same tube." The enjoyed a nice plane ride to Asuncion, Paraguay on March 14 where they visited a lace factory and an Indian market. That afternoon they flew to Iguacu Falls in Brazil.

One could hardly imagine a more magnificent introduction to Brazil than the spectacular Iguacu Falls, truly one of the wonders of the world. The hotel was huge, and they had a nice room, but the electricity failed and they went to bed by candle light. The hallway was lit by kerosene lanterns and candles. Before departing on a boat trip to the falls they "enjoyed" an "odd breakfast of peeled orange, cold meat, and cheese." But the falls were magnificent! That night they flew to Sao Paulo, the largest city in South America. They had a most interesting bus tour where they visited the large Japanese district [Brazil has the largest Japanese population of any country in the world outside, of course, of Japan], automobile plants, banana groves, coffee trees, and oil wells on top of mountains. They ate lunch in Santos where they saw the Atlantic Ocean for the first time ever. The next day they visited the famous "snake farm" (Institute Butantan) where they saw a snake milked; the venom was used in making vaccines. Gladys bought a tourmaline ring at Sterns Jewelers. On March 19 they visited Brasilia, the capital of Brazil where they were intrigued by the ultra-modernist architecture. The Congress building was "two huge saucers." The workers lived in very poor houses while the rich lived in splendor. This was their last day with the tour group. They broke away, took a flight to Rio, and met Don, Ellen, and the three children.

During their ten days in Rio with Don, Charles and Gladys were able to visit many sights and attractions in the city and environs. They "saw the "National Library where Don works and his private office. Don does well speaking Portuguese." They saw Sugar Loaf Mountain, which they reached after two cable car rides, and Corcovado Mountain, known for its enormous statue of Christ. Among the different foods that Gladys sampled in Rio included baby squid, pigeon eggs, fruits and vegetables of all kinds, some of which Gladys had never seen before. Charles and Gladys enjoyed accompanying the children to nearby Copacabana Beach. Once Gladys visited a local hairdresser who put a blue rinse on her hair which actually turned it a light purple. Gladys was horrified and could understand none of the explanation in Portuguese. Don arrived and explained to the attendants that however popular that color was in Rio his mother did not prefer it. Some, but not all, of it was removed with a further rinse. There was frequent bridge in the evening, but the heat was "terrible." When Charles and Gladys arrived home on April 2 she wrote "End of a wonderful trip."

After the month-long adventure of a lifetime getting back into the customary routine was "rather a let down." Charles and Gladys attended church about every other Sunday, and played bridge once a month in their club. The top prize continued to be $1.00 with $.25 for the "booby prize," or low score. It was now the custom for the group to meet at a restaurant for dinner before the game. Once the club went to the Faculty Club where they were "entertained" by a bat flying loose in the dining room. They continued playing regularly on other nights with Bill and Edith Walter. It was always "men versus the women." Usually the men won. "No wonder the way Bill cheats!" Edith was far sighted and always held her cards at a dangerous distance despite occasional hints from Charles; Gladys hugged her cards in as close in as possible. Still Bill "peeped" regularly. There were also occasional bridge games with Ray and EtRel Ellis, neighbors, but "get so tired of their terrible bridge and her opinions." There were "Circle" meetings of church ladies, and Gladys sometimes hosted the group at her home. She made many plastic rugs from bread wrappers which the Circle sold as a fund raiser. There is no mention this year of further work as a Deaconess at church. She continued baking throughout the year many of her old favorite recipes for cakes, pies, cookies, etc., including one new item, hickory nut cupcakes. Nor did she ever let up on her washing, ironing, scrubbing, cleaning,
waxing, etc. Once she delivered a blue Brazilian "butterfly" dish to Dorothy Cecil, the former maid of Alberta Gates, Ellen's grandmother, which was a gift from Don and Ellen.

Both Gladys and Charles continued to have a sharp eye for a bargain. Charles bought most of the groceries. He saved money with coupons and stocked up on sales. He found lettuce at $.49 a head, and would not buy it. Once he got a free "blanket at one bank for adding to our account." He got a free ham at a Marathon station. She got a pair of blue shoes for the trip for $11.32 at Lazarus' semi-annual sale, an event which Gladys never missed. A "nice green raincoat" was found on sale at the Fashion Department Store, reduced from $35.00 to $28.00. Charles paid $.50 to get the car washed; in Spooner it only cost $.25. Insurance for the trip to South America cost $15.00 each. The price of permanents was raised from $12.00 to $12.50; there is less mention now of the $.50 tip. On trips they frequently saved money by packing a lunch and eating it at a roadside rest stop. On a trip back from New Orleans visiting Don and family they "ate lunch at a so-called rest area in Tennessee. Nothing but a place to pull off the road." But that night they found a "lovely motel" for $6.00, and a "good steak dinner" for two with biscuits and sorghum for $2.25. Although both Charles and Gladys, as said, had an eye for a bargain they could, and did, spent significant money for other things, such as the expensive trip to South America. They never had more than one car, but they always bought a new one. They could also be very generous with their children and grandchildren.

Both Charles and Gladys seemed to be in excellent health. Charles did have that frightening episode of dizziness in Buenos Aires, but his cholesterol count was reduced from 307 to 217. "We are happy about that." As will be related below he was also incredibly active at the cottage over the summer. Gladys got an excellent report from her physicians, and her blood pressure was down.

Charles, as usual, planted a small garden of lettuce, radishes, and onions, which would be ready before their departure for Wisconsin, and parsnips, which could be harvested in October, but there is no mention this year of tomatoes since they planned to be gone for so long. There were also the early garden "perennials" of rhubarb and asparagus. Their lawn developed a serious fungus, and Charles had to dig it out front and back and bring in new topsoil. He also painted the garage two coats, a job he had started last year, and coated the driveway with asphalt. Both enjoyed TV. more than ever, or so it seems. Once Gladys stood in line over an hour to attend the filming of Bob Braun's T.V. show. On June 1 Gladys attended the 50th reunion of her 1918 graduating class from Cumberland High. All eight survivors were there.

Charles' mother, FANNY STEWART, age 92, continued to live in a nursing home in Phoenix where they was visited regularly by FRIEDA COOPER, widow of his deceased twin brother, Ralph. Frieda also visited Charles and Gladys in April. Frieda was on her way to Germany to attend the wedding of her youngest daughter, Linda, to Jerry Erickson, an American serviceman stationed in Germany. Before departure Frieda, Gladys, and Charles all visited JENNIE, Fanny's sister, age 88, in Cumberland, the boyhood home of Charles and Ralph. Jennie was quite ill in the spring and spent two weeks in the Zanesville Hospital, but recovered. During a visit to Columbus in October "Jennie got us all upset complaining [about living in Cumberland with Esther Smith]. We started to look for a place for her," and found a "very nice" place for $275.00 a month. After visiting this facility Jennie decided to continue living with Esther, and there is no further mention of her complaints. While visiting the Zanesville Hospital Gladys was surprised to meet Dr. Harry [name illegible], an old beau whom she had once expected she might marry. That was not to be.

BELL and GLORIA, both 44, continued to divide their time between a home in Columbus and a lovely farm near Sugar Grove, Ohio. Bill taught elementary education; it may have been at Beck School; I'm not sure. Their five children were growing up. NANCY KAY, whom they had adopted when she was eight years old, had her second child, and second boy, BRYAN WESLEY REHL, born April 30. These were the first great-grandchildren of Charles and Gladys. GARY, age 17, had gotten his drivers license and began to ponder enrollment at college. He visited Miami of Ohio with Ris parents, but ultimately chose Kent State University. COLLEEN, age 10, both deaf and blind, had another medical situation when she needed an operation to correct a serious curvature of the spine. A
nine-inch metal rod was placed in her back, and she was in a cast for several months. Gladys took Colleen a talking doll as a minor consolation.

**DOROTHY,** age 40, and **DICK,** age 44, now married 15 years, continued living in Cincinnati. Dorothy belonged to a bowling league. They had a movie camera now for making home movies. Chuck continued with judo, and the girls were still involved with scouts. **B J.,** age 12, was learning to cook and made excellent rolls for her grandparents during a visit.

**DON,** age 37, and **ELLEN,** age 34 returned to the states on July 13 after more than a year in Brazil. They landed in Miami and flew to Washington, D.C. to visit Dr. and Mrs. Clayton Hutchins, Ellen's parents. After Don bought a used Plymouth Fury for $2100 Ellen and the children drove it alone back to Louisiana, and Don stayed on with the Hutchins for the summer while he did further research on Brazilian medical history in the National Library of Medicine in Rockville, Maryland. On October 29 Don was offered a position as a tenured Associate Professor of Latin American history at Ohio State. At first he rejected the offer and decided to remain at Tulane, but a week later changed his mind after learning the job was still open. It was felt that the children would have much better educational opportunities in Columbus than in New Orleans. Don and his family would move to Columbus (Upper Arlington) in June, 1969.

The summer of 1968 in Wisconsin: Charles and Gladys were at their Fish Lake cottage a full four months. They arrived on June 19, and departed on October 21. The big news that year was that Charles built a large basement under the porch and front part of the living room. He had started the digging the previous summer. By the end of the job he had removed hundreds of square feet of dirt a shovel full at a time. Much of this dirt was then used to create a flat terrace in front of the cottage, but much of it was shoveled down to fill in the old well which now had to be enclosed in concrete walls. Dozens of concrete blocks were needed to make the walls; a cement floor had to be laid; four windows installed; the ceiling had to be reinforced to prevent a possible cave-in from above; and a new stationary wash tub and washing machine installed once it was done. And of course Charles dug a new well, and installed the new pump, which was the reason for doing all of this work. Finally Charles built a stone wall to protect some of the new terracing from erosion. The wall is still perfectly in place today. The first washing in the new laundry was done on August 20, and all systems worked perfectly. He had some help in the basement from his friend and neighbor, Art Ferron, but, as always, Charles did most of it himself If there was anything Charles Cooper could not construct, repair, assemble, or build, using his tools from his workshop, I wouldn't know what it was! Although I never heard him say so, his motto seemed to be "There is a solution to every problem." In his spare time that summer Charles cut in half the bulky T for the end piece of the dock; this made it easier to handle; he made new steps down the walk to the lake; removed several huge stumps and buried them; installed a second pump that could pump water from the lake to water the new lawn on the new terrace; constructed forms for making new concrete steps to the workshop. He also made a new wheelbarrow; it is no wonder his earlier one was worn out. His last job was to split firewood that could be carted home to Columbus in the trailer to use in their basement fireplace. It is no wonder that Charles did not catch his first pike until September 9, and apparently went swimming only once. That frightening episode in Buenos Aires when he was so dizzy he couldn't walk seemed to be forgotten.

Despite their best efforts few berries were found that year, although Gladys scrounged lots of crab apples from friends who didn't want them. She took home over 7 gallons of crab apple juice for making jelly. Despite this abundance she also made jelly from the apple parings once the juice was canned. Nothing was wasted. Despite all their activity there was constant visiting back and forth with dozens of friends: shared meals outside, bridge games, boat rides, side trips to town, etc. They went to a movie in town for only the second time ever. Their close friends, Ed and Cara Dybvig, started in 1968 the tradition of church services in the "Dybvig Woods" by the lakeshore. This would lead many years later to the foundation of the thriving Lakeside Community Lutheran Church on county road H. Once while attending Sunday services at the Methodist Church in Spooner "an officer came in, handcuffed a young man and took him out."
Dorothy and Dick visited in August for about ten days. Neither fishing nor berry picking were up to standard in 1968, but the children enjoyed playing in the lake and rowing the old wooden rowboat. They did find enough berries for several pies.

Gladys closed her diary for 1968 with "This has been a good year for Charles and me. Am glad we are together to start another. The highlight of 1968 was our trip to South America. Had four months at cottage and Charles got the basement done. A trip to New Orleans. Don's decision to move to Columbus and [being named a] Professor at Ohio State. Our biggest trouble - Colleen's operation and in a cast so many months."

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1968 New Year's Day and a record temperature of 6° below zero, but sunny. Charles took down [Christmas] tree. I baked cookies. Watched the Rose Bowl parade and game. Indiana was beaten 14-3.


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1968 Warmer today. We went downtown after lunch and had interest marked on bank accounts. Got a blanket at one bank for adding to our account. Jennetre and Richard Davis [mother and son, and next-door neighbors] were here in evening. Showed our Wisconsin pictures.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1968 9° above. Cold! Washed a washer and ironed. Too cold to go out. Charles walked to mailbox. Cold wind was bad.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1968 -2°. Another cold day but wind dropped. Charles got groceries. Enjoyed basement fire - also last evening.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1968 Not so cold. Snow most of day. Went to beauty parlor. Charles took me since driving bad. The [bridge] club went to Faculty Club for dinner - a bat in the dining room. To Reeder's [Herman and Lucille] for bridge. I had good cards. Won $1.00, Bill [Walter], $.75; Herman [Reeder], pennies, $.46; Charles, $.25. We drove. More snow by time we came home.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1968 8° above. Didn't go to church. Sure looks like winter. Fire in basement in evening. 4° below zero when we went to bed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1968 9° below zero, bright and sunny. Went to Circle meeting at church. Got a bag of bread wrappers. I am making [plastic] rugs from them to sell for our Circle. Fire in basement.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1968 13° above. More snow during night. We went downtown. Closed my bank account at Scioto [Savings & Loan]. Got certificates at Central [Savings & Loan].

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1968 Went to Lockbourne [Air Force Base] in morning and got shots for yellow fever. $1.00 apiece. In the evening we went to Worthington Inn for dinner and to Beechwold [theatre] to see "Alaska Safari." Had a nice evening. Lots of snow and too cold for it to melt. Went to Stewarts in P.M. to get bread wrappers from Rose Mary.
6 THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1968

Beautiful day. I washed and ironed. We went to Northland [shopping center] in afternoon. Got a three-piece cotton suit - brown and white - for our trip. ($30.00). Charles got three new ties.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1968

Another sunny day, but cold. We went to Krogers for groceries. Charles went to Ontario [store] in P.M. - then took a walk.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1968

Four inches snow and more fell all day. Looks beautiful! Reeders [Herman and Lucille] were coming for dinner but cancelled. It is too bad to go out! We had a fire in basement and watched T.V.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1968

More snow! Charles measured 12 inches in back yard. We watched football game. A good day to be indoors.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1968

More snow during night. Keeps Charles busy cleaning the driveway. He walked to mailbox - all we are out.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1968

7° above! No more snow. By eight o'clock down to zero. Washed one washer. In afternoon we went to [Dr. Rollo] Bonnell for second tetanus shot. Fire in basement. Snow piled high. Hard to park. [Charles "Chuck" Kutchera's 10th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1968

Some warmer today. Made hickory nut cake. Reeders were here for dinner and bridge. Men won.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1968

Much warmer and sunny. Lots of snow melted. We went to Gilbert's [shoe store]. I got pair blue shoes ($11.32). We went to Lazarus' semi-annual sale. Charles got hat for our trip. I got him two decalene shirts. I got blue pocketbook. Home middle afternoon.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1968

Another nice day and more snow melted. In P.M. went to Murphey's [discount store] in Lane [Avenue] Shopping Center and to Krogers. Lettuce, $.45 a head. Would not buy it. Axlines [Raymond and Merle] were here for bridge. Had apple pie a la mode. A nice evening. Jerry [Gifford] called to tell us Estel in hospital.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1968

Nice, sunny day and more snow melted. I went to beauty parlor. Charles and I went to Faculty Club for dinner. Came home and watched T.V.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1968

Cloudy today. We went to church. Ice terrible around the church. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1968

Washed and ironed. Charles went to Ontario, and to the library. Got book on South America Don had suggested. Fire in basement in evening.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1968

Just before noon, Esther Smith called - taking Jennie to hospital in Zanesville. We went to Northland [Mall] in P.M. Dr. called at five, said no hope unless operation. Again at six - said she
was in no condition to operate. Charles called Frieda [his sister-in-law in Arizona] (talked with Carol) [Cooper, wife of Charles' nephew, Joseph]. Called Bill and Dorothy.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1968 Nice day, but 10° above. We left at eight o'clock for Zanesville. Found Jennie better. Not going to operate. Waited over three hours to see Doctor. Ate lunch at "Brown Cow." Bought bushel apples on way home. Home, 3:30.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1968 Lovely day. I washed and ironed. In afternoon Charles went to hospital to see Estel Gifford.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1968 Still lovely weather, and warmer. More snow melted. We went to Zanesville to see Jennie - on to Cumberland to see Mr. Gress [?]. Ate lunch in Zanesville. Stayed with Jennie 'till 2:30. Home 4:30.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1968 Another nice day and more snow melted. We went to grocery in morning. Watched basketball game in P.M. Went with Walters [Bill and Edith] to Millers at Gahanna for dinner. A good meal. They came here for cards. MEN WON. NO WONDER THE WAY BILL CHEATS.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1968 Rain during night and the streets were wet. We ate early dinner and went to see Jennie. She had been moved to a semi-private room. Dr. said she was better, took tube out that was pumping her stomach and stopped vein feeding. Stopped at Ontario [store]. Home 5:30. Dorothy and Bill called.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1968 Gloomy day. Charles had errands downtown, and went to university. He took a walk in afternoon.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1968 Rained hard all morning and we put off going to see Jennie 'till tomorrow. I washed and ironed. Charles went downtown, made another payment on our trip and stopped to see Mr. Rickly. Bill called. Gary [age 16] passed drivers test.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1968 Cloudy, not very cold. We left at 11:30 to see Jennie. She was much better, sitting up and talking. Home at 4:30.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1968 Record temperature 57°. Washed some rugs, baked a pie. Charles worked on income tax, took a walk in P.M. After dinner we went to Graceland [shopping center]. [Karen Sue Cooper's 8th birthday.]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1968 Charles went downtown to have income tax checked. He had made it out O.K. He washed the car (at $.50 place) in afternoon.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1968 We decided to go see Jennie instead of Sunday. Left at eight, home 12:30. She was much better - solid food and able to sit up. Went to beauty parlor. Charles took Christmas lights and stars down. [Charles had made two large, beautiful wooden lighted stars.] In evening went with Ellis' [Ray and Ethel] to Worthington Inn for dinner. They came here. Had ice cream and hickory nut cupcakes. Get so tired of their terrible bridge and her opinions.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1968 Beautiful, sunny day. I went to church. Sat with Condens and Leona Benton. Charles took a walk in afternoon.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1968 Beautiful day! Charles took car to Trenors for check. Walked home and walked back for it. In afternoon we went to Library, and to Northland [Mall].

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1968 Lovely weather continues. We left at 11:35 to go to Zanesville to see Jennie. She is still improving. Home at 4:45. Had intended eating out, but stopped and bought steak and ate at home.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1968 Left at eleven for Dorothy's [in Cincinnati]. Took our lunch and ate in a rest area along the way. She was bowling when we got there at 1:30, so we took a nap. Looked at their movies in evening.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1968 Nice day. In afternoon we went to the nice shopping center near Dorothy's. In evening Barbara ["B.J.", age 12] made rolls. Chuck went to judo and Dick to karate. Valerie had an earache.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1968 Left Dorothy's at a quarter 'till eight. Before long began to snow. At times hard to see. Home quarter 'till ten. Some errands in afternoon.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1968 7° above. We left at 8:30 for Zanesville to see Jennie. She had a cold and not feeling well. Ate lunch there, home at two o'clock. Went with Walters to "Suburban [Steak House]" for dinner. A good one. To their house. Men won bridge game.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1968 5° above. Cold. We didn't go to church. Home all day.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1968 In afternoon went to Dr. [Rollo] Bonnell for our last shot. (Tetanus). My blood pressure down. Charles has cholesterol test.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1968 Another pretty day, but still cold. We left at ten - went to [redemption] stamp store - got a travel clock for our trip. Then, on to Zanesville. Ate lunch at rest area. Jennie was sitting up and seemed much better. We stayed two hours. Stopped at Dr. Bonnell's. Charles'cholesterol count down from 307 to 217. We are so happy about that.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1968 Lovely day. Washed, ironed, scrubbed laundry room. Charles sharpened his saws. Lucille [Reeder] invited us for dinner. Had a good dinner and nice evening of cards. Also, Gloria called and invited us for dinner on Saturday.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1968 Beautiful day. I put clean papers in closet in yellow room, some odd jobs. Charles went to Ontario and to Auto Club. Got our flight bags. They are really nice ones. I went to beauty parlor. Charles took a long walk. Called Laura [Hardy] in evening. Charles called to see how Esther Smith is. We hope she will be able to care for Jennie when she leaves the hospital.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1968 Still nice, sunny days. Charles went for groceries. In P.M. Florence [Mick] came and brought us an inflatable coat hanger and four plastic clothes pins for our trip. Club went to David's Buffet for dinner. $2.95. Such good food. To Walters [for bridge]. Lucille [Reeder], $1.00; Bill [Walter], $.80, pennies; Edith [Walter], $.75; Merle [Axline], $.25.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1968 Another beautiful day, but colder. We left at 8:30 for Zanesville. Jennie is better, and could have gone home today, but has to wait for Esther [Smith] to get better of her cold. Saw my old beau, Dr. Harry [illegible], had a nice visit. [Gladys told me that at one time she expected to marry Dr. Harry, but that his parents brought pressure to break it off. They were afraid he might not complete college. Obviously he did.] Home a little before two. We went to Bills for dinner. Gloria had a good chicken dinner. Saw some of their movies.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1968 Still beautiful weather. We went to church. In afternoon drove to Schottensteins [Department Store]. Charles bought a sweater. I got bedroom slippers for our trip.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1968 Another nice day. I am putting clean papers in cupboards and on shelves. After lunch we went downtown. I went to Lazarus [Department Store], paid bill. Charles went to Auto Club, got our plane tickets. Had fire in basement in the evening.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1968 Nice weather left. Began to snow during night, kept it up to about three inches. Many accidents. 21 in 35 minutes. Got burner on stove fixed. Started December 15. Cost $52.42, We put things (temporarily) in suit cases and weighed them. Charles called Esther. She and Jennie going home tomorrow. News tonight said 285 accidents in two hours. PROFESSOR [CHARLES] MORLEY CALLED FROM UNIVERSITY. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DON IN HISTORY DEPARTMENT AT [OHIO] STATE. [ELLEN'S 33rd BIRTHDAY]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1968 2° below zero, but a pretty, sunny day. I washed and ironed. Charles did some errands in afternoon, but too cold for me. Ellis' came about five and stayed until a quarter 'till six. Jennie went home from hospital.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1968 8° above. Beautiful day. Decided to go to Cumberland instead of tomorrow as had planned. Charles had flat tire before we went. Early lunch. Jennie much better. Home 10 of six.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1968 Another nice day. I mopped and waxed linoleum. Charles spent all morning getting his camera registered, and a state seal on our health certificate.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1968 Nice weather continues. I cleaned up house, washed door curtain and one in small bath. Charles did some errands. Home all evening.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1968 Beautiful day. We went to church. In afternoon drove to airport to see about insurance.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1968 Beautiful weather continues. We went to Auto Club, got traveler's checks. In P.M. Charles went to university. Got insurance for our trip. ($15.00 apiece). Rosemary Stewart and Jerry [neighbors] here in P.M. Saw first robin.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1968 Didn't do much. Charles got a haircut. Checked on our packing, getting house in order, etc. Cloudy, few snow flurries.


THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1968 Leap year date. Our last day before departing for South America. All bags packed. Went to beauty parlor for a permanent. ($13.00 with tip). We went to Halloway House for dinner. Dorothy sent a lovely corsage. Esther Soutter sent a "Travel Diary." Florence [Mick] an inflatable hanger and four plastic clothes pins, Jeanette [Davis] a box of candy. Cards from Kapacek's, Scotts, and Nelsens. Bill and Gloria called. We called Dorothy. She had intended calling. All set, for our big trip we have looked forward to so long.

NOTE See Travel Diary to April 3rd. [This is Book XXXV-A. In reading this supplemental volume I discovered Gladys had recopied at the rear of it her diary for a 1939 trip to Arizona. I had been unaware of the existence of this 1939 portion, and will include following this year, 1968.]

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1968 Charles and I have looked forward to this date for several months. Now, the big day has arrived! Up at six, ate a light breakfast. Reeders [Herman and Lucille] came a little before seven-thirty to take us to airport. They stayed until plane left. Slight mechanical trouble, left at 9:40. Six minutes late. Breakfast on plane, sweet roll, ham omelet and fruit. Got to Miami ten of twelve. Waited in line an hour at Braniff ticket counter to get our tickets checked. Got a snack. Because of bad weather in New York plane delayed 'till five fifteen. Three hours and fifteen minutes late. Met some from our group at airport. Dr. and Mrs. Ide, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Mary Neihous on plane. A good dinner with wine. In Lima, Peru at eleven thirty. Had a long wait for our luggage and going through customs. Our bags were not opened. Bus to Hotel Bolivar. Got there at one fifteen! Met our tour director, Jim Gibson, on bus going to hotel. About twenty 'till two when we got to bed. A very nice room. We will remember Braniff airline for the very weird outfits the stewardesses wear.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1968 A good rest but so much noise on street. Had our breakfast sent up and a bottle mineral water. Such a nice breakfast! We walked around, took some pictures. I bought a tie for Charles. Group went by taxi to Lima Country Club. A wild ride, but a most beautiful place and a delicious lunch. In the evening we ate at Hotel Grill with Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Brooke. A very nice day, weather warm, lovely flowers in bloom. Many shoeshine boys round the hotel.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1968 Up at 5:30. Left baggage at hotel, except one flight bag. A delightful plane flight of two hours across the Andes. When we landed at Cuzco many Indians there to see plane come in. A long ride through mountains by taxi - with Andersons to Pisco. Took pictures of llamas on way. So many animals and children and adults in road. Never saw such ragged children and horrible living conditions. The market was very interesting. Since it was Sunday, Indians had on their best clothes. Sat on ground with their wares spread beside them. One poor old man came up and touched my
orchid. Lunch at hotel, then in P.M. to Inca ruins. They are beyond description! We didn't walk to top. Back to hotel for dinner and overnight. Such a cold place. Kept electric heater on all night and slept under three heavy blankets. Such poor food, never saw so much sent back on plates. The owner wanted to know if we had Kennedy Ralf dollars.

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1968 Breakfast at hotel. A little better food. Our guide, George, ate with us. We left by taxi to railroad station. Such a place! Indians selling things sitting on ground. Ragged children, some carrying babies on their backs. Dogs and children running around. A lovely train ride through mountains. Train glass top. The scenery beautiful, along a swiftly flowing river. Then a bus to hotel for trip to Machu Picchu. A wild bus ride around hairpin curves. The women at railroad station were making baskets from twigs [reeds], lining with leaves and filling with peaches. A steep climb to Machu Picchu. Charles climbed to top. I went to next to last stop. We had a real nice lunch at hotel before the climb. Back by bus to railroad station, where we got train to Cuzco. Hotel there some better than night before, but a poor dinner. Cuzco, a city of red-tiled roofs. Went in by switch backs on the railroad.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1968 Rain during night, but a beautiful day. Called at 6:30, had a trip to Indian ruins and a beautiful cathedral. Driver to airport. Left at eleven for Lima, arrived at 12:45. Taxi to hotel, glad to get back to [Hotel] Bolivar. Took baths, washed out a few things, walked around town for awhile. Had sandwich at hotel. Took another walk. In the evening group met at bar of Hotel for a pisca sour. Didn't care for it. Then to Trece Monados (three [thirteen] coins) for dinner. Said to be finest restaurant in South America. Good dinner, but nothing special. Saw some native Chile dances (holding a handkerchief). Very crowded and noisy. Each of us received a box of Chilean coins.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1968 Up quarter 'till six. Bags in hall 6:15. Bus to airport. Nice plane trip to Santiago. Eighteen hundred miles, took three hours. Went to Hilton Hotel. Served orange juice in lobby when we arrived. Jim didn't call us and we missed tour of city. Sat around in lobby in afternoon. Went with Andersons to roof garden for dinner. So cold, had to move inside. Food was good, but an argument about bill. Henry is our guide in Santiago.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1968 Ate breakfast in Copper Room. Left at 8:30 for Vina Del Mar. Lovely drive through mountains and along Pacific Ocean. Made stops for pictures. Ate lunch at Hotel O'Higgins at Vina Del Mar. Real nice. On way home had stop at a lovely place for a drink - guests of Henry. Such beautiful flowers. Everyone taking pictures. Made a stop at melon stand. The driver gave each of us a honey dew melon. (We later gave ours to maid at hotel). Country reminds us so much of Arizona. Fields full of melons, hemp, bamboo, lovely jacaranda trees. Chile is a clean country, even poor homes are neat and yards swept clean. In Vina Del Mar saw many horses drawing Victorian carriages. Many horses and carts on the road. 235 miles today.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1968 A free day. Had all our meals at Copper Room in hotel. At ten o'clock went to Square to see changing of guard from Presidential Palace. Walked around the stores with Andersons. So many men on street all with dark business suits and ties. All women well dressed - no slacks. A clean city. After lunch we walked around to stores, did a little shopping. Must spend all money from one country to another or lose it. Ate dinner at hotel with Andersons. Beef restricted Tuesday through Thursday. Have good fish.
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1968
Up at 5:15. Bags in hall at 5:45, lobby 6:15. Bus to airport where we had breakfast. Plane
delayed. Played bridge with Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Tate, and Mr. Kirby. At two o'clock announced
flight to Bariloche was cancelled for the day. A big disappointment to miss the Lake Country. Jim
got us on a plane to Buenos Aires. Again, the weird costumes for stewardess' on Braniff airlines. Had
a good lunch on plane. Moved clocks forward one hour. One hour and a half flying time. Jim got us
through customs without opening any of our bags. Fifty minutes ride to Hotel Plaza. Bath and rested
and went out for evening at nine-thirty. A bus to some restaurant. Never saw such a place, worse
than one in Santiago. Noise, noise, noise, couldn't even speak to one next to you. Wine, orange crush,
mineral water on table. First, octopus (good), then shrimp and minnows! Then spaghetti, chicken,
potatoes, and finally ice cream. Charles liked the spaghetti. I didn't eat much but ice cream. Long
day! In bed, one fifteen.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1968
Beautiful day! Charles didn't feel too peppy. Washed my heavy white sweater. In afternoon took a walk. Found a nice store, where they
could speak English. Bought a bag for Dorothy. Rested awhile, then looked in windows. Back to
hotel at three, took a nap. When Charles got up he was so dizzy he couldn't walk. We got him to a
chair, broke out in heavy sweat and fainted! Really frightened me! Just before he fainted Andersons
came to door and Mr. Anderson called a Doctor then went for Dr. Ide (in our group). He said too
low salt and lack of fluids. We ordered soup sent up and put lots of salt in it. I ordered a sandwich
and fruit. He felt much better by bedtime. I sat by window and watched people go and come at
church across street. [Gladys said to me years later that she wondered if Charles might have had a
mild heart attack. We're never know.]

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1968
Charles felt better and we went down
to breakfast. At 9:30 we left for a drive through city. Our guide, Callie. Buenos Aires, city of eight
million people. At some intersections man stood in high, round platform controlling traffic. Saw pink
government house [Casa Rosada]. Oven bird is the national bird. Had a two compartment "house"
[bird house] on statue in Mayo Square [Plaza de Mayo]. Took pictures there. Saw so many parks and
squares, beautiful trees, rubber, gum, jacarandas. Saw monument "Ode to Labor," man pulling big
stone. An old cathedral, an old church with big nails on side. Nails from British invasion [1808].
Widest street in world, 460 feet [Calle Florida]. Through cemeteries, such fancy and beautiful
mausoleums. [The Recoleto cemetery where almost every Argentine president is buried.] Had a real
good lunch with Andersons - delicious tenderloin steak, salad of palm hearts. Hazel and I looked for
a dress, but didn't find one. After that we shopped separately, came back to hotel, took a nap, more
shopping. Went to dinner with Andersons. Another steak A good steak dinner here about $1.50 in
our money.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1968
Had breakfast about eight. Left at
nine o'clock for a trip to Tigre, eighteen miles north of Buenos Aires. The delta has two thousand
islands. Home on islands are built on stilts. Saw huge monument Spain gave to Argentina,
American Embassy. Saw President's home. The sport in Argentina is soccer. Cars like Valiant or
Falcon cost $6,000. The La Plata river 45 miles wide where we were. Had a boat ride on river. It
was very muddy. Some lovely homes along the river. Drove to a restaurant for lunch - wine, soft
drinks. First course, salad (onions and sliced tomatoes). Second, sausage (very good). Third,
chicken and French fries. Last, dish of fruit. Back to hotel, did some packing, took a nap. Andersons
stopped. Went to La Cabana for dinner. Said to be finest steak house in Buenos Aires. Such a steak!
Good desert. Our guide, Callie. A maid gets $1.00 a day in our money.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1968

Left for airport at nine. Had a nice flight to Montevideo. Went to Hotel Victoria Plaza, and directly to lunch. At three tour of city 'till six. Our guide, Elena. Not as nice or clean a city as Santiago or Buenos Aires. Uruguay, size of North Dakota. No unemployment. School compulsory 'till twelve. School children all wear white smocks with big blue bows. Went through Congress Building. Beautiful all marble, such huge columns and carvings. Beautiful huge paintings. Ceiling in one room took seven years to paint. 14 carat gold. Monument to covered wagon. They kill the parakeets because they destroy corn. Hospitals are free to people with less than income often thousand pesos. Beautiful beaches along Plata River. Not muddy on this side. Went to dinner at 8:30 with Andersons. Hot, when we got here. Very hot on afternoon trip. At dinner I had fruit cup, pork chops, French fries, palm heart salad. Charles had steak, palm heart salad, French fries. Baked Alaska for all. $7.00 in our money. Uruguay has so much marble. Only twelve feet below surface. Our guide walked with a cane.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1968

Called at six o'clock. Left at seven for ranch to see gauchos (cowboys) round up cattle. On way back so many in road bus could hardly get through. Then, we visited an hacienda, owner head of World Travel. House had twenty-two rooms, four kitchens, eight baths. Gave us grapes and offered us mate - the national [tea] drink. Since all had to drink from same tube, we didn't try it. When money borrowed in Uruguay, thirty per cent interest. Lots of wool on trucks. Beef not aged, eaten next day. Steaks not good, like Argentina. No grain, all imported from United States. Finest beef thirty-five or forty cents a pound in our money. No funeral homes - no embalming, bury in twenty-four hours. Left hotel at twelve o'clock. Another wait at airport. Left one-thirty. Lunch on plane at three o'clock. Nice flight to Asuncion [Paraguay]. Charles and I had to sit across aisle from each other. He dropped his knife at lunch. Stewardess made a fuss until it was found. Turned clocks back one hour. Got to Asuncion quarter'till five. Really hot when we got off plane. Hotel Guarani. [Guarani Indians are largest ethnic group in Paraguay, and their language, Tupi-Guarani, is an official language alongside Spanish.] Took baths and walked around square. Traffic terrible, didn't stay long. Hotel has so much marble. Ate dinner with Andersons. 900 guaranis, six dollars in our money. Our guide was Caesar.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1968

Ate breakfast outside on patio. Lovely trees, shrubs planted there. The breakfast was punk, dry bread, butter, jam, orange juice, and tea. Charles and I got stuck in elevator going back to room. He pushed a button that said "Alarma." Phone in elevator rang. Charles told them we were stuck - soon the door opened. Went with Mrs. Ide, Jardinson, Brooke, and Anderson to a lace factory, $2.50 apiece. Had flat tire. Saw many people carrying bundles on their heads. Some carrying babies on back, basket on head, and a bundle in hands. Live chickens in wheelbarrows. Women on donkeys with bundle on head and donkey loaded down. While we were there, Charles went on tour with group. They stopped at Indian market. Got lovely shawls for Mother and Jennie. I was sorry I didn't go with him. Back to hotel. Left soon after twelve for airport. Charles found our gate and we all got in. Such a long wait and so hot. When we got on plane had orange juice and cake. Fifty minutes to Iguacu Falls and at times quite rough. Taxi to hotel, a huge pink building. [I stayed in same building in 1983]. Took eight years to build, all by hand. Nice room. Electricity not turned on 'till six o'clock. We took a walk to look at Falls and sat on porch. The electricity went off and we went to bed by candle light. Candles and a kerosene lamp in hall.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1968 An odd breakfast, peeled orange, cold meat, cheese. Could order eggs, but some who did didn't get them. Took the boat trip, took two row boats, walked planks to get to Falls. They were magnificent! Walked around grounds at hotel, pictures of macaws. Had lunch at eleven, but to airport. A two-hour wait there. Smaller plane to Sao Paulo - made one stop - took four and a half hours. A very long tunnel going into town. Othon Palace Hotel. Two rooms, one with table and two
chairs. Went to roof for dinner. Cheese fondue and beef. Dipped bread in cheese. Cooked beef in hot oil. I didn't care for it. Ice cream for dessert was good. [Dorothy's 40th birthday.]

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1968

Called at 7:30. Had a good breakfast. Mr. Kirby ate with us. Left at nine for a tour. Such rough streets and poor bus! First, through Japanese District. Five hundred thousand [Japanese] in Sao Paulo. Five thousand a year can come. Negro, thirteen percent. Mercedes-Benz has a plant here, also Chrysler plant. Volkswagon makes 3500 a month - give profits to workmen [doubtful]. The wealthiest man in Brazil [owns?] 230 factories. Saw banana groves and coffee trees. Coffee workers live in shacks. Saw oil wells on top of mountains. In this area 50,000 barrels of oil a day. They pay 5% income tax. Saw beautiful flowering trees - yellow (Ipe) and purples ones (manaca). Five tunnels, thirty two bridges in mountains in nine miles. Saw the coffee exchange, but closed on Sunday. Ate lunch at Santos. Walked over to beach, our first time to see Atlantic. Stopped at orchid garden on way home. Many birds, ducks and macaws. Never saw so many high rise apartment buildings as at Santos and Sao Paulo. Rained all the way home. Had dinner at hotel with Andersons. Got some laundry done.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1968

Raining! Breakfast, then a wait in lobby for tour to leave at nine. The traffic on foot and car is terrible. Can hardly walk on street. Saw a law building that was built in 1828. Highest building forty-seven stories. University in town divided into different colleges. At one, students had been accepted but no classes for them. They hang around building. Some even had tents and hammocks. Very fancy apartments. We stopped and looked around courtyard of one. A condominium costs about $25,000. The wealthy people have beautiful homes. Passed a cemetery, after six months the bodies are taken out and destroyed. No room for all. Went to the snake farm, saw them milk a snake. [The Instituto Butantan, where I worked for two weeks, has been a world leader in developing poisonous snake vaccines.] Went to Sterns [jewelry store], bought a tourmaline ring ($35.00), then to restaurant for a typical Brazilian meal. I could not describe it. [Feijoada, the Brazilian national dish, offers black beans and sliced sausage on a bed of rice, surrounded by orange slices, and covered with a generous coating of farinha, or "flour" made of dried, grated heart of palms.] Then to beauty parlor - cost 8,000 cruzeiros ($1.75), gave her 1500 tip. Didn't want much dinner. Went down to lobby. My ring was delivered from Sterns. We met Andersons, had a shrimp cocktail and ice cream. Packed for early departure tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1968 Up at five o'clock. Breakfast at hotel. Left for airport at six-twenty. Plane was to leave at six-thirty. Left nine-thirty. A nice, smooth flight. Lunch on plane. Arrived Brasilia ten of twelve. Bus to Nacional Hotel, beautiful building, and a nice room. We walked around, bought some postcards. Ate lunch with Zimets and Mrs. Winter. I left my camera in a chair in lobby. Someone turned it in at desk. Went on tour at three, Our guide was Dermis. Many huge office and apartment buildings. Went to palace of Arches or State Department of Ministry. Such a huge building. Marble steps, a dining area and cocktail lounge that could take three thousand. Saw a carpet four hundred years old. Rugs on walls all hand made. Most of buildings on piers, parking underneath. Went to Congress building. Two huge saucers. Walked and walked! Saw Senate and House of Representatives, about worn out after that walk - so many steps. Then to Television building. Up on elevator to see view of city. Brasilia built in super squares, 3200 - 4000 [people] to a square, all self-contained, complete with shopping, schools, churches. Workers live in very poor homes that will be torn down. Have satellite cities fifteen or twenty miles away. Jim had a cocktail party in his room, he said a farewell party for us. [Gladys and Charles were about to leave the tour group to visit Don and Ellen in Rio de Janeiro.] Had a boy playing a guitar. The drink was potent. Charles and I only tasted it. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Rifkin Rad too much to drink. Too many of us got on elevator - it began to descend slowly, door not closed. Operator got it stopped before first floor. Two men got
out, took women's hands and we jumped, about three feet. Had lots of fun! Went to dining room at nine. Had a real good dinner. Our last evening with the group. [This is the longest daily entry since Gladys started her diary in 1939.]

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1968** Hate to think this is our last day. Took a walk before breakfast. Had our last breakfast with Andersons. Left for airport at nine. For once plane about on time. Lunch on plane. We could not get seats together. I sat with a Japanese man. Got to Rio about twelve. Group went to Leme Palace Hotel. We felt badly to leave them. Hotel called a taxi for us and took us to Don's. In hall a little girl, named Donna, took us to Don's apartment. Ellen was surprised to see us arrive early. We took a walk to beach when goys got home [from school]. When we got back to apartment Don was home. So good to see them all. Can hardly believe we arrived in Rio [de Janeiro].

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1968** Didn't do much all day. Charles and I went out and bought post cards. Went to [Copacabana] beach with Ellen and the children. Don went to work in P.M. Had a game of bridge in evening.


**SATURDAY, MARCH 24 [23], 1968** Really hot! Since Ellen has a maid [Maria], there is nothing for me to do. Played a little bridge in morning. In afternoon Don's friend, Art Rimback, took us a drive through mountains, and a favela [hillside slum]—really terrible living conditions. Stopped at a factory where they were making marble top tables.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25 [24], 1968** Another hot day! Wish I had brought more cotton dresses. Played bridge during day. We took all the family out for dinner. Went in two taxis. Walked home. More bridge after we came home.

**MONDAY, MARCH 26 [25], 1968** 93°. This heat is terrible! Ellen, Charles and I went downtown to do more shopping. Ate lunch there. Napped in afternoon. More bridge.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27 [26], 1968** 96°. We went to [open air] Fair. Never saw so many vegetables, fruit of all kinds, fish, rice, beans. Met Maria (maid) there. Went downtown to beach. We were invited to Lt. Rimback's for dinner. He is in submarine service. Had such a nice dinner. We went in a taxi, and he brought us home.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 [27], 1968** 99°. Really hot! Charles, Don and I went to Corcovado [Hunchback mountain] or Christ the Redeemer [statue]. Took a taxi, then a cog train to top [of mountain]. Then, steps and steps to the statue. Can hardly realize how huge it is. Taxi home. Came home about two thirty and ate fruit. Rio has no cement sidewalks. All small stones, some with designs. No mail boxes in home or on street. Many taxis, mostly Volkswagens [beetles]. No [stand alone] homes, everyone lives in apartments.
[28], 1968 Charles, Don and Linda took a long walk. I shortened my voile dress and Maria washed it. Don went to office. Ellen has a cold and slept most of day. Went to Doctor at six o'clock for her cold. $ 11.00 a call. Charles and I took a walk in afternoon, then went to beach.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 [29], 1968 Still very hot. Boys came home from school. All schools dismissed because of a shooting incident. Charles and Don took boys to Botanical Gardens [Jardim Botanico], but got rained out. We all went out for "pizzas" for lunch, then to beach. Bridge in evening. The checkerboard ice cream is good. A little snack when we play cards.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1968 Still hot! Went to beauty parlor. Couldn't talk to operator and they put blue rinse on my hair. Don and Ellen came down and told them I didn't want it. They washed out some of it, but still grey instead of white. Had to give two tips (1000 each). 11,000 [cruzeiros] all together ($3.66 in our money). Don and Charles took children to beach. Bridge in evening.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1968

Our last day at Don's. Car from airport came for us at nine. Almost an hour drive to airport. Don went with us. Plane half hour late. Five and half hour flight to Caracas [Belem?]. We met Sue Lorenz who had been with our group at airport. She rode partway with us. Made a stop at Caracas. We got off, just to set foot in Venezuela. Good lunch and such a dinner! Could not begin to eat it. Three kinds of meat. Only a few minutes late to Miami. We had to go to another room for Charles to find vaccination certificate. Going through customs didn't amount to anything. When we came out Delts's son met us, and her husband. [Delta was Gladys' roommate at Denison University in 1918. They remained friends for life.] She had been sick that day. Son's wife and five children were there, too. Nice ride (in a Cadillac) to their home. A lovely one, an acre of ground, four baths, big Florida room, etc.

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1968

We walked around their yard in morning. Charles, Delta and I went to the "Parrot Jungle." Enjoyed the show very much. In afternoon a long drive (Alan took us). Showed us Miami. Almost seemed like a tour director. Drove to Ft. Lauderdale and had a nice dinner at a restaurant called "Patricia Murphey's," lovely place and beautiful grounds. Many pink hydrangeas and other pink flowers.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1968

The final day of our trip. In morning Delta took us to Seaquarium, saw the porpoises put on a show, also beautiful fish. Had lunch there. Left soon after four, got Alan at his office. They brought us to airport, but didn't stay. Plane twenty minutes late. Nice flight to Columbus. Lucille and Herman [Reeder] met us. Home by nine. Everything fine. END OF A WONDERFUL TRIP! Called Dorothy and Bill.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1968

Was quite tired after trip. Rather a let down after being with so many people for a month. Finished unpacking. Charles went to grocery.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1968 Charles went to Auto Club. Put on new license, took off snow tires. I did laundry, baked cookies, wrote "thank you" notes and other letters. Over to Scott's [neighbors] in evening.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1968 Left at 9:20 for Cumberland. Ate lunch at Frisch's in Zanesville. Jennie better. Charles had four stops at Cumberland and Zanesville to take care of her affairs.
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1968 Charles worked in yard. Cleaned up house. [Bridge] club went to Suburban [Steak House] for dinner - a good one. Here for bridge. Charles, $1.00; Edith [Walter], $.75; Merle [Axline], $.75, pennies, me, $.25.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1968 Palm Sunday. We went to church. Home rest of day. Charles did some work in yard.

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1968 Real nice day. Washed the mattress covers on spare bed. Went to Circle meeting [at Crestview Presbyterian church] and stopped at Mrs. Cowgills. We drove to Slemmons [nursery] to get things for yard. Grass has a fungus - most of it has to be dug out. Jeanette [Davis] over after dinner.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1968 Charles worked in yard most of day. I washed mattress covers in spare room and "house-cleaned" the room. Cleaned walls and pictures in other two rooms. Went to Ontario [store] after dinner.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1968 Charles took trailer to Slemmons and got a load of topsoil. Washed mattress covers in yellow room and swept it. Baked a cake. Bill, all but Gary, here in P.M. Came too late to show pictures. Had ice cream and cake. Rain in afternoon.


FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1968 Beautiful day and warm. Charles finished the yard (trying to get rid of fungus). He raised a stone in back walk. I finished cleaning the yellow room. All three bedrooms done. Hatchs [Bernard and Princess] were here in evening. Showed our pictures, and played some bridge. Had apple pie and ice cream.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1968 Another nice day. We took rug off back porch and cleaned porch. Ate dinner there for first [time] this spring. Charles planted parsnips, washed the car. Home all evening.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1968 Easter Sunday! Cloudy but no rain until late evening. We went to church. Dorothy called in afternoon. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1968 Much coler. A beautiful day. Charles was gone all A.M., at university and other errands. I washed and ironed, cleaned more woodwork. Walked to Buckeye Mart and to North Broadway [Road] in afternoon.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1968 A nice day. Charles took slides from post cards. Went to beauty parlor. Raised price to $12.50 [$0.50 increase]. Had Florence [Mick] for dinner. Showed our pictures.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1968 Charles had several errands - also took plate to Dorothy Cecil Don and Ellen sent. [This was a decorative plate, or wall hanging, made from blue butterfly wings.] I finished cleaning woodwork in front room. Charles cleaned all the woodwork in kitchen.
Another nice day. Charles took me downtown. Had lunch at Mills. Bought a linen tablecloth in cross stitch to work at cottage. Charles got the groceries. Forgot yesterday evening Frieda [sister-in-law] called [from Phoenix]. She will be here May 14th on way to Germany to Linda's wedding. [Linda is the youngest of five children, the two oldest of which - Joseph and Betsy—have died.]


SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1968 Charles has been staining lattice on garage. Washed rugs, cleaned some kitchen cupboards. We went for dinner with Walters [Bill and Edith] (Graceland). They were here for bridge. Edith and I won. Dorothy left early for Cleveland.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1968 I went to church.
Dorothy stopped in afternoon on way home from Cleveland.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1968 Warm day. Charles got black on garage painted first coat. I went down to Fashion [Department Store] sale. Got a nice green raincoat. ($28.00 reduced from $35.00). In evening drove to Sears and Northern Lights [Shopping Center].


THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1968 Cool! Washed and ironed curtains in yellow room. Put blueberry pie in the freezer. Went with Ellis' to Suburban [Steak House]. They came here for bridge. Their bridge playing is terrible.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1968 Charles tried to paint but rain stopped him. We went for groceries in the morning.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1968 Nice day but still cool. Charles had errands in the morning. In afternoon he finished the first coat of paint on the trim - garage. I walked down to East North Broadway and stopped at Buckeye Mart and looked around. Home all evening.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1968 Lovely day. We went to church. Since we are having company tomorrow, Charles did some painting on garage and put the trellis up. Turned clocks forward an hour.

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1968 Beautiful day. Baked cookies, got blouse cleaned "extra special." Hazel and Harry Gibson [from Charles' 1917 graduating class at Cambridge High School] came in afternoon. We drove around campus after dinner and had a "tastee freeze."
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1968 In afternoon we all went to a new store that opened at Northland. All went to Faculty Club for dinner. Kay [Rehl - granddaughter] has a second boy. [Bryan Wesley Rehl born April 30, 1968].

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1968 Rained most of night, but a nice day. Gibson's left about 9:30. Charles and I went to new store where we were yesterday. In P.M. I went to beauty parlor.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1968 CHARLES 69th BIRTHDAY. Dorothy sent card and $5.00, Bill called, sent card and gift later. T took him to David's Buffet for dinner. They gave him a birthday cake. Went to stores afterwards. Went downtown in morning, got a lot of cards at half price. Charles took me down. Mother sent $2.00.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1968 Charles transplanted the lettuce and cleaned up the flower bed by garage. I washed and ironed. Dorothy called. She was gone and couldn't call on his birthday. Planted marigolds.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1968 Charles finished most of painting on garage. In evening we went to Beef Buffet for dinner with Walters. To their house [for bridge]. Edith had dessert. She and I won bridge game. [Bridge club, 24UL].

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1968 Much cooler and gloomy. I went to church. Sun came out part of day. We started our scrapbook on South America. [Ed] Sullivan had a good show. 90 minutes honoring Irving Berlin on 80th birthday.

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1968 29°. A record low temperature. Nice sunny day. We went to nurseries in evening, bought a plant with white flowers to put by garage to replace mock orange that died during winter. I washed and ironed.

TUESDAY MAY 7, 1968 43°. Lovely day. Gave the house a special clean-up for our company. Made two apple pies. Soon after five, Dr. and Mrs. Ide came. They went with us to Faculty Club where we met Mr. and Mrs. Kirby and had dinner. [These were people Gladys met on South American tour.] All came here where we had pie a la mode, then looked at each other's pictures [of South America]. They left soon after eleven thirty. A real nice evening.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1968 In morning we went to opening of new Ontario store, then next door to Gold Circle for more specials. Paffenbargers were here for dinner. We showed our pictures.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1968 Raining when we got up. Charles went to Gold Circle for more specials. I washed and ironed and cleaned the oven. In afternoon we went to see Giffords [Jerry and Estel]. Both have been in the hospital.

Rained all day! Charles is making a canvas to haul leaves at cottage. I went to beauty parlor. At three Kirby's stopped for us and we went to Ide's at Bucyrus. Mary and Sue from our trip were there. Had hors d'ouvres, a daquari, and a delicious dinner. We looked at each others pictures [of South America] and Lois' from Guatemala. Quit raining by time we were home. Got to our house at two o'clock. A delightful evening.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1968 Mother's Day. Card from Dorothy. Card and pin from Bill. Don, too far away. We didn't go to church. Worked some on our South American scrapbook. Dorothy called in the evening.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1968 Charles mowed grass and trimmed yard. I didn't go to Circie meeting. Frieda came at 5:30. Glad to see her. Lovely day.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1968 Visited all day. In the evening we went to Florence's for dinner. A nice meal - played bridge.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1968 We left about 9:30 for Cumberland. Ate lunch in Zanesville. Stopped at [Cumberland] cemetery, put out three geraniums. Got to Jennie's about one o'clock. She is better. They had ice cream and cake. Looked at old slides of Arizona in evening. Gave them to Frieda.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1968 Rain in morning. We left about noon for Dorothy's. She had a nice dinner and we had a fine visit. Home at ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1968 Rain in morning. I took Frieda to beauty parlor, stopped at [Dr.] Bonnell's to get her medicine for sore tongue. After dinner we went to Bills. They had ice cream and cookies. Home at ten.

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1968 Rain during night and when we got up. Left early to take Frieda to airport. After we came home, I washed and ironed, got things back to normal. We also went to shopping center. In the evening we went to new stores, Gold Circle and Ontario.
Gloria called. Colleen to go in hospital next Monday for operation for curvature of spine. We took a walk through Overbrook in P.M. In evening went for slides we are getting for others that were in our group. Washed my hair. Fire in dormitory on [Ohio State] campus. One killed!

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1968 Pouring rain. I washed, ironed, did some mending. Charles spent all morning getting slides ready to mail to three others. Went to Faculty Club for dinner with Waiters, then to see "My Fair Lady." We enjoyed it very much. Also, a good dinner. Such a down pour as we came out of Mershon.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1968 Charles went to ACE [American College of Engineers?] Day at a university. Bridge club in evening. Went to Grandview Inn - had a good dinner - then to Axlines [Raymond and Merle]. Merle, $1.00; Bill [Waiter], $.75; Edith [Waiter], pennies; $.25, Raymond. Waiters drove.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1968 A lovely day and no rain for a change. We went to Waigreens [Drug Store] and Gold Circle [Discount store]. Charles packed some groceries to take to cottage. Took a long walk in evening.


MONDAY, MAY 27, 1968 Discovered water in the basement. Charles moved furniture and fixed it. Baked cookies. We went to Gold Circle in morning. Bridge club here to see our pictures. Afterwards we played seven tables of bridge. Raymond, $1.00; Edith, pennies, Bill, $.75; Charles, $.25. Colleen went in hospital for operation on Wednesday. More rain!

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1968 No rain for a change. Charles fixed a leaky pipe in basement. He set out begonias, although the ground very wet. In the evening went to Buckeye Mart.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1968 COLLEEN [AGE 10] WAS OPERATED FOR CURVATURE OF SPINE - A 9 INCH METAL ROD PUT IN HER BACK. Was gone to operating room 6 hours. Bill called me at a quarter 'till two. In the morning I did laundry. We went to Schottensteins [Department store] and Gold Circle We got Colleen a talking doll. Bill called again in evening. Colleen doing O.K.

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1968 No rain for a change. Charles put another coat on basement floor where we had a leak. Put stakes around peonies. Colleen getting along alright, so Doctor says.

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1968 A real nice day. We went to Ontario and Gold Circle. Also to Schottensteins to exchange Charles' trousers. He moved grass in afternoon. After dinner took a long walk for hour and half Stopped at Buckeye Mart and looked around.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1968 Cloudy. I went to beauty parlor at 8:30. Charles shortened two pair trousers. We left about quarter of twelve for Zanesville. MY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION, 50 YEARS. THERE
WERE EIGHT OF US STILL LIVING. [Gladys graduated from Cumberland High School] Helen White, Mary Young, Lucille Boyd, me, Earl Gregg, Dwight Conner, Marion St. Clair. We all met at Gregg's home in Zanesville for the afternoon. We left early and went to see Jennie. The dinner was very good. Our class was honored. Program too long. Home soon after 12:30. It poured rain last few miles.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1968
Beautiful day. We went to church. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1968 Beautiful day. I washed and ironed. Charles put a coat of asphalt on the driveway. In afternoon went to Children's Hospital to see Colleen. She is much better. We took her a "talking" doll. Stopped at Gold Circle, went to Worthington Inn for dinner. First really warm day.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1968 Another lovely day. I went to Dr. Inglis for my yearly physical. He said I was fine. Have such a miserable cold. After I came home went to Dr. [Rollo] Bonnell for it. Charles went to Dr. Turrell to have his teeth checked.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1968 NEWS THIS MORNING. SENATOR [ROBERT] KENNEDY SHOT [AND KILLED]! Didn't do much today - still feel bad with cold. Charles went to university for awhile, and to stores to get cartons [for packing items in trailer for Wisconsin]. In evening he went to Gold Circle. Quite warm!


FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1968 Another hot day. Karen went to grocery with Charles today. In afternoon I took them to Overbrook [Hallow] and let them wade. Bill came for them about seven. Dorothy came about five minutes after Bill and the children left.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1968 Very hot again today. Dorothy and Dick went to see Colleen in the afternoon, and to shopping center. SENATOR KENNEDY'S FUNERAL ON ALL THREE CHANNELS ALL DAY. [Linda's third birthday]

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1968 Another hot day. Dorothy and Dick took children to Overbrook. They left about 4:30. Washed windows on porch and did some cleaning up. OUR 45TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. Cards from Edith and Bill [Waiter], Florence [Mick], Kutcheras, Dorothy, and Jennie.

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1968 Church Circle here for a picnic - only twelve. Really had to get busy after all the company. Charles helped me. After they left, put away some things. Colleen was put in a cast.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1968 Another hot day. I washed and ironed and began collecting things to leave. We went to Reeders for dinner and bridge. A good dinner. Lucille and I won game.
Some cooler today. Washed another washer and ironed. Charles started packing the trailer. In afternoon took my [mink] stole to storage to Lazarus, got my glasses adjusted and went to Ontario [store].

THURSDAY, JUNE 13,1968 DOROTHY AND DICK'S 15™ [WEDDING] ANNIVERSARY Much cooler. Had to get a blanket last night and turn furnace on. I went for a permanent at 8:30. ($12.50). In the afternoon we went to see Colleen. Poor little girl in that cast! We called police to check our house while we are gone. A patrolman (Sears) stopped to see about it.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1968 Beautiful day. Charles went to dentist, mowed grass and did more packing in the trailer. I washed, ironed, and collected more things. MOTHER [STEWART] IS 92 TODAY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1968 Much warmer today. We are busy packing, etc. Charles went on some errands. Ellis' stopped. Home all evening. Charles typed address labels. A thunderstorm and rain in the evening. Colleen went home from the hospital.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16,1968 Rain during night, and when we got up - and so dark. Didn't go to church. In afternoon went to see Colleen. Stopped to see Kay. Bought petunias and verbena to take to cottage. Took a walk in evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 17,1968 Our last day before we leave. Did laundry, mopped kitchen, etc. Charles had a few errands. We went to Coventry Inn for a steak dinner. (A special, two for one.) Jeanette [Davis] came over.

TUESDAY, June 18,1968

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1968

THURSDAY, June 20,1968 Furnace felt good. On and off all day. Charles mowed some grass and worked in shop. I got bedrooms, bath and front room cleaned, and more unpacking. Dybvgis [Ed and Cara] came in afternoon. Blanche was down in the morning. Poured rain and hard electrical storm most of evening.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1968 A nice day. We went to tell Kapaceks "hello" and "good-bye." They leave tomorrow. In afternoon went to dump and Dybvgis. We always have to have tea. Zahns were here as we drove in. They left at five. We decided to go to "Club 70" [Restaurant - on Highway 70] for fish special dinner and get groceries. Enjoyed dinner and going in evening. Met Helen Tokash at Scaizo's on way home. Set out our flowers.
SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1968

We went to the big dump after breakfast. In afternoon went to DesJardins [lumber store] for preservative for dock. Charles painted dock. We walked up to Perrons, and they took us for a long drive - saw three deer. Charles got T. V. working. He hadn't plugged it in right.

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1968

We went to church. Mrs. Meronk stopped in afternoon. Later, Blanche and Art [Ferron] came. Nice day.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1968

Charles painted dock. We walked up to Perrons, and they took us for a long drive - saw three deer. Charles got T. V. working. He hadn't plugged it in right.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1968

I cleaned more cupboards. Charles is cutting the T on dock in two, so it will be easier to handle. He rode in to town with Art [Ferron] in afternoon. Wish it would warm up. Still have furnace on at times.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1968

Some sunshine, but still cool. Charles did more mowing. I went down to Book Mobile. Went to bridge, left car at Scalzo's and rode with Vannie. Went to Lily Lake Inn. Good lunch. Ferrons were here in evening. Charles worked digging under the porch. Nice day.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1968

Nice day, but still cool. Furnace feels good. Charles worked [on] more excavating under porch. We went to dump in morning. We ate early dinner and went to town for groceries.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1968

A real nice day for a change. Charles got more digging done, the "T" and seats [two large wooden benches] on dock. I cleaned up cottage, washed some windows and got guest house fixed up. Got boat down to dock and rowed up the lake in evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1968

Rained and stormed most of night. We decided to go to church. We came home, changed clothes and went to Cabaret [restaurant and bar] for smorgasbord. A real good dinner, $1.95. A hard rain and lots of wind in the afternoon.

MONDAY, JULY 1, 1968

A hard wind blew all day. July 1st and furnace on most of day! Charles spent the day digging under house. I put clean papers in dresser, washed some windows and made a raisin pie. Started to embroider my linen tablecloth. In evening we thought we would go to Johnsons. They were going away, so went to Dybvigs. Had strawberry pie and whipped cream. Too much!

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1968

Wind abated and a nicer day. Charles worked on more digging. In afternoon we drove to DesJardins and to look for blueberries. Doesn't look like we would find many.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1968

Nice day and did a big washing. Went to dump before I washed. In afternoon we drove to Links [General Store] at Minong. Charles got more digging done.
THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1968

The first day we havn't had furnace or electric heater on. I did the ironing. Worked on beach awhile. Took a row after dinner. Charles is beginning to see the end of digging. He is terracing front yard with dirt he digs out. Blanche and Art [Ferron] came down in evening. Fire crackers all around the lake.

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1968

Another nice day. i cleaned front windows in living room. Charles cleaned screens and washed plastic windows on porch. Made sweet rolls. Ferrons and Dybvigs were here for dinner. Was showing our pictures of South America - the bulb in the projector burned out, and spare no good. Ended our picture showing. A good dinner and nice evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1968 Lovely day. I didn't have anything special to do. Charles started to take out the big birch tree by the porch. Got it almost out. Margaret (Laverne's wife) stopped with Mark [her son]. A shower in evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 1968 Another nice day. We didn't go to church (communion). Went to Cabaret for dinner. Drove to Busch's to see about a pump. They were not home. Waited awhile, then went to Spooner. Came back to Busch's. Mrs. Busch came at six o'clock, and he about 6:30. Charles ordered a pump. Ferrons were here in evening. In the morning Charles worked on birch trees by the porch.

MONDAY, JULY 8, 1968 The warmest day we have had. Charles got the big stump out and buried it. Cut up the wood. I baked cookies. Dybvigs came at one o'clock and stayed about two hours.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1968

Much cooler! Charles dug and hauled more dirt leveling in front. Blanche was here in morning. Ruses came at 12:30 and stayed 'till three o'clock. Brought my agate back and gave me a Lake Superior necklace. Real pretty! After dinner we drove to Busch's to get pump. $112.00. Paint, $10.50.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1968

A little warmer today. Art [Ferron] and Charles put down the new well. Got good water. I cleaned the bedrooms and hall. Blanche [Ferron] was down. I drove to DesJardins to get something for Charles and she went with me. Mrs. Esp and John came down. Sat on dock awhile. Dybvigs came by boat to say they were going to Minnesota and couldn't go to dinner with us on Friday evening.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1968

Much warmer. Charles took trailer and hauled iogs from birch tree to woodpile. In afternoon put in cement base for the pump. I went to bridge at Lily Lake Inn. Left car at Scalzo's [store] and rode with Helen [Tokash]. I won third prize, $1.75.

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1968 Rain during night. We went to town in the morning. Charles worked on pump in afternoon. I took a row. Newions were here all evening. A deer was killed last evening across from our Buckeye Sign. We heard a crash last night about ten o'clock. I drove down to DesJardins to get something for Charles.

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1968 Charles got the new pump installed. Really nice! I baked cookies, raked pine needles on west side. It stormed and rained all evening.
SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1968 Rainy and stormy. We didn't go to church. Cleared off about noon. Charles got motor on boat. We went to Johnsons at five o'clock. DON CALLED US FROM HUTCHINS. THEY GOT BACK [FROM BRAZE,] ON SATURDAY. SO GLAD THEY ARE BACK IN STATES SAFELY. Took a ride around lake. Stopped at Dybvigs but didn't get out of boat.

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1968 The hottest day we have had! Charles opened the drain under sink that was stopped up. On the spur of the moment asked Art [Ferron] to eat dinner with us. Blanche, at Rice Lake. We went up the lake. I rowed.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1968 I went down to DesJardins for Charles. He is still digging and hauling sand from under the house. Arlene stopped with peas, and I didn't hear her. Rain and storm in P.M. We went with Dybvigs to Minerva Marina, then to their house. Kosters stopped.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1968 No rain today. I worked a little while on beach. Charles hauled out more sand. I took a row in P.M. Charles took a swim. I haven't gone yet. Went to see Mrs. Meronk after dinner.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1968 A lovely day. Baked cookies. We went to DesJardins to order lumber. Went to bridge at Lily Lake Inn. Left car at Scalzo's, rode with Mary. When I came home Trefethens had been here since 3 o'clock - stayed 'till six-fifteen. Blanche [Ferron] down in evening.


SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1968 Very windy i We went to church. Home rest of day. Ferrons here in evening.

MONDAY, JULY 22, 1968 Beautiful day. Charles worked 'till late. Got the footers in for wail. Art went to town, ordered concrete and cement blocks. I did the ironing, took a row and had my first swim. Washed curtains on west side of front room.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1968 Cooler and cloudy part of day. Washed my hair. Raked some leaves, did some work on beach. The cement for footers didn't get here till 4:30. Man on truck and Art helped. Got it all poured. Cement blocks came about seven o'clock. Driver had his two girls with him. They rowed the boat awhile. Afterward I took a row.


FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1968 Art finished laying block at noon. Charles paid him $67.00. After mail came, we went to town. Got groceries, ate fish dinner at Club 70. Ordered [propane] gas. Home at 7:30.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1968 Nice day, but cooler. We went to dump and to DesJardins. Charles put the "plates" above the blocks and cemented around windows. I cleaned up cottage - baked a sponge cake. Dybvigs came in evening. Had two grandchildren with them

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1968 We didn't go to church. The minister out of town. Much cooler today - fire in morning and evening. Took a short drive to look at the blackberries. A few ripe ones.

MONDAY, JULY 29, 1968 Charles is getting floor ready for cement and getting ready to put drain in. We left at 12:30 for Minong. Bought a laundry tub - stationary. Blanche and Art went with us, they got a stove, refrigerator and hot water heater. Fished a little while in evening. Three small ones, too small.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1968 Very windy. Charles working on drain. We went back to Minong in P.M. They had left out some parts of yesterdays order. Got some groceries. Won't have to go to town this week. I went to see Retzlaffs and stopped at Ferrons.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1968 Charles has helped Art some with his chimney. We thought Soutters were coming to see pictures, so I baked cookies. They stopped to say they would come Saturday. Put cookies in freezer. Blanche [Ferron] here in afternoon.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1968 Nice day. Charles laid block along top of basement. I went to bridge at Roamer's Inn. Drove myself In the evening I rowed and Charles cast. No fish.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1968 Nice day, warm and windy. Made up beds in guest house. Charles worked on a landing at door of basement. In afternoon we went to Danbury and to see Kaddatz'. Soutters left a note to say they couldn't come Saturday.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1968 Real nice day. Charles finished the landing by basement door. I cleaned up cottage. We took a swim. After dinner went to look at blackberries. Retzlaffs came down. We showed them our pictures. Had coffee and cake.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 1968 Warm today. We went to church. Some excitement - An officer came in, handcuffed a young man and took him out. Came home, changed clothes and went to Cabaret för smorgasbord. Home rest of day except to Ferrons to pay Art for block. Had a row in evening. No fish.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1968 Hot day! Did a big washing. Charles getting basement floor ready for cement. In the evening we drove over to Soutters. Home by Scalzo's to get ice cream bar.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1968 Hot and humid. A little rain. Charles changed the cold water pipes in the basement. I did ironing, baked a cake. We went to Dybvigs in evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1968 Warm day! The cement floor put in basement. Charles and Art helped each other. I had a swim. In evening we went to "Mom's" for eggs.


FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1968 Started off a gloomy day, but nice in afternoon. Had furnace on in evening. Charles cleaned up shop, and finished plumbing. We went to town after lunch, got a lot of groceries. Charles installed new laundry tub.


SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1968 Lovely day, but still cool. I took Dorothy and children to look for blackberries - there were none. Went to dump, children had fun. Dorothy and Dick fished in evening.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 1968 Very windy all day. Charles got grading on back finished and part of grass seed planted before wind got so bad. He and Dick took the washer to basement. Dorothy, children, and I went to "Pop's" and to dump. They fished in evening, a 17 inch pike.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1968 Dorothy, children and I went to Dybvigs (not home) then to dump and Scalzo's. Charles sowed rest of grass seed, and did some work on steps. They fish every evening. I played scrabble with the children. [Bill's 44th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1968 42° at Duluth. A lovely day. Dorothy and Dick walked to Scalzos. Charles worked on forms for cement steps. In the evening we took the children for a drive and to dump. Had a nice fish dinner.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1968 Gloomy day and cool. I rode to DesJardins with Charles. Dorothy baked a cherry cake for Barbara's birthday (13). I took the children and Dorothy to dump and Scalzos. So cool we had to eat dinner in the front room.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1968 Sidewalk Days in Spooner. We all went in - each drove own cars. Charles and I didn't buy anything at sale. Got a lot of groceries. Children had a good time. In afternoon Leona and Ferbers stopped. Hank is in hospital at Spooner. Barbara and I went for milk. A nice day.
29 SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1968
Cool day. Charles did more work on steps, has forms in now. All of Dorothy's took a boat ride. In evening Barbara and I rowed to Lily Pads. Valerie and Chuck went swimming in spite of cold. All of us were invited to Ferrons for coffee and cake.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1968
Still cool. We took trash and garbage to dump. Home all day.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1968
Much warmer. I baked cookies and three blueberry pies. Dorothy's family went out in P.M. Got a quart of blackberries. Hard to find them this year. Mr. and Mrs. Esp here in P.M. Charles, Dorothy, and I drove to Strawberry Point after dinner.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1968
A beautiful day. Dorothy and I did a big washing. Our first in new laundry room. All Dorothy's family had a swim and Lady Bug [dog] a bath. Esther Soutter and Barbara stopped about noon. Dorothy and Dick fished. Not big enough to bring home. Barbara and I play scrabble in evening. [Don's 37th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1968
One of hottest days we have had here. Charles working on doors to close plumbing in basement. Dybvigs came and invited us for the evening. I took Dorothy and children - went to "Mom's" for corn and eggs, then to Scalzos and dump. Had a nice evening at Dybvigs - pie a la mode. Barbara found a turtle. Dick caught a fish. Electricity went off at suppertime - had to use gas hot plate.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1968
Another very hot day. We went to Book Mobile and the dump. Charles worked on doors and finished them. Dorothy and children took a boat ride - rowed home from Dybvigs [about a mile]. Thought they were out of gas. They are packed to leave tomorrow.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1968
Another scorcher! Dorothy left at quarter 'till seven. We did some straightening up, then went to town. Had a swim in afternoon. In the evening we went to see Reeses at DesMoines [Lake]. Saw one deer coming home.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1968
Wind blew very hard in the night and all day. We went to dump. I baked cookies, cleaned up the cottage. Mrs. Preston and children here in morning. I started a plastic rug for her. Charles is enclosing the old pump in basement. A change in weather - fire in evening.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1968
A nice day but still on cool side. We went to church. Came home, changed clothes and went to smorgasbord. Dorothy left us money for the dinner. Came home by Lily Lake Road, got a cup of blackberries. Walked to Long Lake Road in evening.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1968
Lovely day. We made two trips to Spooner, one for gravel and one for sand. Between times I mopped and waxed linoleum. Dybvigs came while we were gone, we drove over - going out to eat tomorrow evening. Ferrons came down in evening. Before they came we went to Esps.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1968
42°. Coldest morning so far. Went to look for blackberries - aren't any. Stopped at dump. I swept guest house with Hoover. Charles worked indoors in basement - took out a piece at tap. We
went out for dinner with Dybvigs. First to Perrys - they were closed on Tuesday, then to Fish Bowl at Siren [26 miles each way]. Had a good dinner. They came here for dessert - ice cream and cookies.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1968
A lovely day and some warmer. I did a big washing and washed my hair. Charles put in cement steps. Ed Dybvig came over and helped him in the afternoon. Mrs. [illegible] here in evening.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1968
Beautiful day and warmer. I canned five pints applesauce, made jelly from parings. Made a cake and took half to Art [Ferron] for his birthday. Charles put in concrete slab at foot of steps. I went to bridge at Lamplighter. Won fourth prize, $.75.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1968
We left at 7:30 for Minneapolis. Charles left his camera to be fixed, got grass seed and a new pump. (Pumped water from lake.) [Used for watering lawn.] Had such a good lunch at Embers restaurant. Home at 5:15.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1968
Cioudy and shower in afternoon. Cleared off in evening. I baked cookies and a sponge cake. Went to Trefethens in afternoon. Charles planted grass seed for second time and did some grading in front. We started to take a walk when Dybvigs came with their daughter and two grandchildren. Invited us to their house for church tomorrow.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1968
Lovely day. We went to Dybvigs to church. A service in woods, by lake, conducted by their son-in-law, Rev. Johnson. [This was the beginning of what became in later years Lakeside Community Lutheran Church featuring today a sizable church with a membership of around 300, For many years a group met on Saturday nights at the Dybvig woods. As the congregation grew it moved to the Senior Citizen Center at A&H highways, and about 15 years ago to the new location on county road H. The bell used for the Dybvig services, which could be heard all around Fish lake and beyond, is today the bell for the Lutheran church.] Cold! We had Art [Ferron] here for dinner. Blanche was gone, but came up in P.M. with her sister. They came down. We walked up to tell Mr. Kapacek goodbye. Fire in evening.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1968
46° this morning. I did the ironing. Charles fixed pole by lake, and got his new pump working. We were invited to Dybvigs for my birthday. Cara had a big angel food cake with pink icing and candles, ice cream and candy. Ferrons were invited, but at Rice Lake. Johnsons were there - came late. Charles started to build stone wall by path to lake. Esther [Soutter] stopped to say goodbye.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1968
Beautiful day. MY 69TH BIRTHDAY. We went to dump. I cleaned our bedrooms - also closets and windows, Charles worked on stone wall all day, I carried stones for him, Dorothy sent $5.00, Bill, spray mist perfume, Don has a gift he didn't want to mail. Received several cards. Charles is taking me to Perry's for dinner tomorrow. They aren't open on Tuesday. Some rain in evening.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1968
Rained all night and a dreary day, till late afternoon. Cleared off and a nice evening. Charles finished the stone bank by path to lake. We went to Perrys for my birthday dinner. A good sinner. Saw eight deer coming home, seven together.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1968 Charles put up beams in basement to brace the floor above. We went to Des Jardins. Went to bridge at Cabaret. Helen [Tokash] stopped for me. I got $.37 pennies.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1968 Cool, furnace on part of day. Charles got more done in basement, some cement work inside door. Put fertilizer on level place he hadn't planted grass seed. I painted the chair we got at dump. Looks nice with green paint, will use in Guest House. We went to town in late afternoon. Ate dinner (fish special) and Club 70. Got groceries, home quarter 'till nine. [John Cooper's 10th birthday.]


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1968 A gloomy day. Rain began in afternoon, kept it up all evening. Home all day.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1968 A nicer day, sun really came out. Charles worked on door frame and basement door. I made 2 quarts crab apple juice from apples Cara gave us. Went to Minong in afternoon. I drove over. After dinner Charles fished and I rowed. He got a pike, first this year.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1968 Beautiful day and warmer. Charles worked on basement door, about done. Blanche was here in P.M. Johnsons were here for dinner and we showed our pictures.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1968 Lovely day! I baked a cake, took half to Blanche [Ferronj for her birthday. Did the washing. Surely like our new basement. We were invited to Ferrons for dinner. Had venison. After dinner Art drove up to see Laverne [iileg.] Stopped at Webb Lake dump to see if we could see the bears but they weren't there.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1968 Lovely day and warmer. I did the ironing. Charles started the corner of house. W't went to bridge at Cabaret [restaurant and bar].

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1968 Nice day. We went to town early to have car checked. Got groceries, home before eleven. Charles put the "footers" in far corner of house. Went to Dybvigs after dinner.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1968 Beautiful warm day. Charles wheeled rest of block down to be ready to work Monday. Did a lot of ridding up. I cleaned cottage, mopped the kitchen, took up rug and cleaned porch. In the evening went to town to see "Yours, Mine and Ours." Enjoyed it - second time we ever went to a movie here. Home after ten.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1968 Another nice day. Had steaks (Charles broiled) for dinner. Took a drive in afternoon, and in evening. A ride around the lake.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1968 Another gloomy day, but not cold. I made a pie. Charles worked on front of house and cleaned up shop. We had Mrs. Meronk for dinner. I went for her and we took her home. Showed pictures of South America.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18,1968 Rained most of night. I baked cookies. Cleared off before long. Charles graded and made a stone bank to left of basement door. I went to Johnsons in P.M., but not home. After dinner we went to Mrs. Meronks to get crab apples. Dybvigs came while we were gone. Cooler in evening.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1968 Gloomy day, but sun came out later. Rain in evening. Charles put lime on new bank and fertilizer [to encourage grass seed to grow], and trim around basement door. I went to Book Mobile and to bridge. Left car at Scalzo's, rode with Irene. I won first prize, $4.00. fl believe that would be Gladys' all time high in bridge winnings.]

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20,1968 Fairly nice day. We went to town in morning. Got halfway home, forgot wheel for wheelbarrow and had to go back [Charles made his own wheelbarrow.] After lunch went to "Mom's" for eggs and to dump. [Sometime Gladys went to "Mom’s", other times to "Pop's". It was the same place. They met in their later years after "Mom" answered an ad in a Chicago newspaper for a man seeking a wife. They bought a small farm in Burnett County on the Namekagan Trail and sold corn, vegetables, and fishing worms, all of which they raised themselves. Despite hard work they lived on the verge of stark poverty. Broken or missing windows were backed with propped-up mattresses they got from the dump to help keep out the winter cold. At some point Pop died, and Mom continued to run the farm alone for several years. Following her death another couple renovated the house, continued selling vegetables, and added a very popular new line of Rome baked pies.] Charles cut some wood for Art [Ferron]. They exchanged work - Art laid block and Charles cut wood. We went with Dybvigs to dinner at Perrys, then to their house.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1968 Cloudy most of day. Charles put siding boards on the front of house. I made 3 \( \frac{1}{2} \) quarts crab apple juice from apples Mrs. Meronk gave us. [This juice would all be made into crab apple jelly back home in Columbus.] Baked a pie and sponge cake. Took a walk after dinner.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1968 A miserable day. Stormed and rained most of day.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23,1968 Turned out to be a nice day. Could work out without a sweater. Charles cemented under last basement window and about finished the carpenter work. I raked a lot of pine needles. We went to Johnsons [Leonard and Bernice] in evening.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1968 Much cooler. A cold wind blew hard all day. We did the washing. Cold and so windy to hang clothes. Charles cleaned up around shop and west of house. We went to Ferrons in evening.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1968 46°. Quite cool. I did the ironing. We went to Dybvigs to call about gas which we ordered ten days ago. Charles sowed grass seed in front. Fire in evening.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1968 Lovely day, but cool. Blanche [Ferron] down in morning. Charles put lime and fertilizer on west side. Helped Art [Ferron] in afternoon. I went to bridge at Lily Lake Inn. Mary drove. We went to Cabaret after dinner to arrange for bridge next week.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1968 41°. Charles cleaned and raked a lot of leaves. I took good curtains down in guest house, and did some raking. We went to town after lunch. After dinner walked to Long Lake Road.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1968 38°. A beautiful day. I cleaned cottage, baked cookies. Charles worked at cleaning leaves. In afternoon Bernice [Johnson] came down - brought me crab apples. After she left we went out on lake. I rowed and Charles cast. He lost one, fish took frog. Met Mr. Stovens. [The Stovens sold their property on Fish Lake in summer of 2002.]

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1968 40°. A beautiful day. We worked all morning raking and hauling leaves. In afternoon took a drive, by Minong and Dairyland. Stopped at Wilkinson Deer Farm.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1968 Warmer - beautiful day. Charles worked all day raking and hauling leaves. I made five [more] quarts crabapple juice from apples Bernice gave me. In evening we went to Dybvigs with Perrons. Ate dinner on porch.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1968 Another beautiful day. Charles raked leaves and hauled leaves. I helped some. Bernice came down in morning and invited us to dinner. Dybvigs came over in afternoon - stayed about an hour. We had a good dinner at Johnsons and a pleasant evening.


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1968 38°. Much colder! I baked cookies - some to take to Arlene, also yellow cake. Charles spread some of manure and helped Art cut up [fire] wood. I was hostess at bridge at Cabaret. Had a few snow flurries.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1968 34°. Quite chilly. Charles worked in shop. He is moving old [wooden] refrigerator [ice box] to another place. [It is there to this day serving as a storage cabinet. Charles removed the original top, however, to use to extend the eating table on the porch.] I raked some leaves. We left at one o'clock for Hayward [50 miles away]. Charles took some pictures. We looked around stores, took a drive our Route 77. Ate lunch at Ranch House - a smorgasbord. Home by Trego. Had a nice afternoon. Home soon after seven. Saw two deer crossing road. About thirty at a "deer farm" where we ate dinner.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1968 38°. Gloomy day. Rain in evening. Charles worked in his shop. I cleaned up house, made a pie. In morning we went to dump and through Swiss Trail. In afternoon Margaret Johnson and Bradley, and Joyce came down. [Margaret and Joyce Johnson are both daughters-in-law of Leonard]
and Bernice. Margaret married to older son, Laverne, Joyce married to younger son, Vernon. Today Laverne and Margaret, Vernon and Joyce, own the two permanent homes immediately south of the Coopers "grove," the wooded lot of 135 feet that is still in a natural state.] Getting a few things gathered up to go home on 22°.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1968 Rained all night - but not hard. Cleared off by noon. Charles worked at cleaning up his shop. In afternoon we had a row and took some pictures from the lake. Did a lot of raking in the grove. Took a drive and saw three deer on Lily Lake Road. They all stood and stared at us.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1968 Nice morning but clouded up in P.M. and rain. Charles took in most of dock and I did washing. Art stopped in afternoon with grass seed. Only a little fire in furnace in evening.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1968 I did ironing. Charles worked in shop. In the afternoon went to Dybvigs. After dinner to Ferrons. Rained all evening.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1968 Rained all day. A miserable day. Charles worked in shop putting a vise on workbench [still there today]. We went out for dinner at Perrys with Dybvigs. They drove and came here for dessert. Rain let up by evening.


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1968 48°. Nice, sunny day and warmer. We went to town in the morning - our last trip. In the afternoon took a long drive, ended up at Danbury, Wisconsin at post office. The roads are beautiful.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1968 38°. A beautiful day. Warm enough to sit on porch in afternoon. Charles split wood to take home. Made more cement stepping stones. I cleaned up cottage. In the afternoon had a ride on the lake. So many beautiful colors around lake.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1968 60°. Didn't turn furnace on this morning. Worked out, raked and hauled more leaves. Saw one bloom on a strawberry plant Blanche was down. Duck season on, and guns banging. Painted pine cones for Christmas decoration. Took a drive in afternoon. Only had furnace on a little while in evening.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1968 64°. Cloudy but a nice warm day. No fire all day or evening. Charles covered dock and cleaned up wood pile.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1968 64°. Door open - no heat on electric blanket last night. Charles made a new walk in front of shop and up to garage from [cement] blocks he had made. [They are still there today]. I washed and waxed inoileum and raked leaves on west side. Went to Mrs. Meronk to leave paint, then I went up to Ferrons. 80° on back porch in afternoon. Ate on front porch, first for a long time.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1968 A little cooler, but still mild and no fire. Charles raked pine needles, made plastic covers for doors. I waxed inioiueum in bath room. We went to Dybvigs for dinner with Ferrons and Johnsons. A good dinner and pleasant evening. Rain in evening.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1968

Some cooler. Had heat this morning. Charles working on packing. Rain until noon, then cleared and sun came out. I went to bridge with Vannie at Lily Lake Inn.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1968

A miserable day, cold and rainy. I got some things packed. Charles worked in shop. I was shut in all day. DON HAD AN INTERVIEW AT OSU.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1968

40°. Cold wind and damp. Charles packed his clothes. I did more packing. Then we decided to leave on Monday instead of Tuesday. After lunch we took the trash to dump, said good bye to Johnsons and Dybvigs. Charles put on part of shutters. In the evening Finsterwalders stopped. They put a "For Sale" on their place. [It would be purchased by Elmer and Betty Schwarze.]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1968

38°. A real nice day. Final day and last minute preparations. Had time for a drive in the afternoon. Mrs. Meronk stopped and Ed Dybvig stopped by boat for us to meet their son-in-law. Our last evening - end of a wonderful summer. To bed at 9:30.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1968

Beautiful day. Left at 5:20, ate breakfast at Topper [Cafe] in Spooner. Got to Dells a few minutes after eleven - ate lunch at Posts. Got off at [route] 141 instead of 41 - not a bad way to come through Dyer - not so much traffic. Drove on to Wanetta, Indiana to Jon-wan-etta motel ($9.00). 526 miles. Ate dinner at Marina Restaurant. At motel at 5:30. Rolls at Dyer bakery, $.12 apiece.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1968

Up about 5:30. Ate breakfast in motel. Waited to nearer daylight and watched T. V. DAY THE THREE ASTRONAUTS LANDED FROM AN ELEVEN DAY FLIGHT. Left at 6:30 (7:30 our time), ate lunch at Delphos. Home at two. All was fine. Place about swamped with leaves. Went - [route] 23 to [route] 199, 199 to intersection of 30 North at Court House (Upper Sandusky). Went for a few groceries. Called Jennie, Bill and Dorothy. Unpacked a lot of things.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1968

Another nice day. Did more unpacking and putting away. Charles burned a lot of leaves. He took me downtown to get my stole [out of summer storage]. I stayed downtown, came home on bus.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1968

Cloudy, began to rain in afternoon. Charles cleaned up and burned leaves. I went to beauty parlor in morning and in afternoon we went to Golden [Gold] Circle for groceries.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1968

Cloudy, but no rain. Charles finished unpacking trailer and cleaned garage. We went to jewelers and left a ring to be fixed for Valerie for Christmas. Went to bridge club at Reeder's. Had dinner at Suburban [Steak House]. Edith, $1.00; Merle, $.75; Bill, pennies, Charles, $.25.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1968

Nice day. Made a second batch of jelly. One yesterday. Take some to Don's. In the afternoon I went to Buckeye Mart - did some shopping. Home all evening.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1968

We went to Mansfield with Edith and Bill to see flower gardens. Had a real good smorgasbord at Beliville. Nice day. [Gloria's 44th birthday.]

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1968 Washed and ironed. We left at ten for Cumberland to get Jennie. Stopped to see Colleen and leave her birthday gifts. Ate lunch at a rest area. Brought Esther [Smith - lady with whom Jennie lived] to Zanesviile. Home at three. JENNIE GOT US ALL UPSET COMPLAINING. WE STARTED TO LOOK FOR A PLACE FOR HER. [Wayne's 10th birthday.]

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1968 Charles called about a place for Jennie. We went out to see it. Very nice, $275 a month. But, she decided she didn't want to leave Cumberland. Showed our South American pictures and had Jeanette [Davis - next-door neighbor] over to see them. Charles went to dentist. I made a doil quilt for Linda. DON HAS RECEIVED OFFER FROM OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1968 Another nice day. Charles went to grocery in the morning and to dentist in afternoon. I walked to North Broadway and stopped at Buckeye Mart. Charles went to office in morning.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1968 Nice day until evening, then rain and electrical storm. I did some extra cleaning. Jennie took us to Howard Johnsons for dinner.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1968 Beautiful day. So warm, could work out without a sweater. Charles got the groceries. Ellis' came at 11:30 and stayed an hour. Bill, Karen and Wayne came in evening.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1968 We didn't go to church. In afternoon Imogene and Ivan came over. Dorothy called to talk with Jennie. I talked with Gloria.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1968 Beautiful, warm day. I went to Faculty Meeting at university with Mrs. Baldwin. Had a nice afternoon - meeting at [Student] Union, with lunch. Charles went to Gilbert's [shoe store], to Auto Club and also bought a new [slide] projector.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1968 Election day, a very nice day - weather-wise. We went at eight o'clock to vote. [Charles and Gladys were life - long Republicans.] Left at 8:30 to take Jennie home. Coming home, ate lunch at Zanesville, stopped at Ontario, home soon after two. Charles stayed up 'till two o'clock - election not decided. Colleen went to Grant [Hospital] for table to help her walk.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1968 A rainy morning. In the afternoon I went to Northland and finished Christmas shopping for Donald and Dorothy's children. Then we drove downtown and exchanged Charles' new projector. Getting slides ready to take to Baldwins on Saturday.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1968 Another rainy day. I tied up Christmas packages. Charles worked on slides. He went to grocery. We went to Florence's [Mick] for dinner with Mrs. Ashcraft. Nice evening.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1968 Charles worked on slides. In P.M. went to bank, to get Valerie's ring, and to see Colleen at Grant [Hospital]. Dorothy's came about eight o'clock. Here overnight on way to Cleveland.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1968 First snow. I cleaned up house. We went to Baldwins for dinner with Paffenbargers [Ralph, Sr. and Viola]. They drove. They asked us to bring our South American pictures. Charles has a new projector.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1968 We went to church. Home rest of day. Dorothy stopped on way home from Cleveland.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1968 A real nice day. I washed and ironed. Went to church to Circle meeting. Took Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. McMillan. Charles finished the third puzzle (jigsaw) to take to Don's children. He raked and cleaned up leaves.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1968 Miserable, cold day. Charles took car to be checked before our trip [to New Orleans], and went to grocery. I didn't do much, cut a lot of bread wrappers [into strips to make plastic, woven rugs]. DON CALLED ABOUT TEN. HE HAS DECIDED TO STAY AT TULANE, INSTEAD OF ACCEPTING OFFER TO COME TO OHIO STATE.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1968 Charles put snow tires on. Getting ready to leave on Saturday. In the evening we went to Battelle [Institute] to program on Switzerland.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1968 Frieda called and wanted two figurines sent. Charles mailed them, and went to grocery. I got a permanent. $10.00. In afternoon we went to Grant Hospital to see Colleen. She is walking some now.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1968 We left at 8:30 and went to Bill's farm to get a trailer load of wood. Had rain on way home. Getting ready to leave for Don's tomorrow.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1968 Rainy day. We left at 12:15 for Dorothy's. Before we got there it quit raining and roads were dry. Dorothy had a good dinner. Colder in evening.


MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1968 Beautiful day. We had breakfast at Ackleys. Margaret packed us a lunch. Left at ten of eight. Got mixed up and drove about 10 miles out of our way. Bought rolls at Birmingham and ate lunch in the parking lot there. I drove 43 miles. Got to Meridian. Motel, Nelva at 4:30. $9.00 and
tax. Had been warm driving but heater in motel felt good. Had a good chicken dinner at Neiva restaurant! $1.50. $2.36 total. Much cooler in evening. 356 miles. Birmingham had Christmas decorations up.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1968 Beautiful day, good roads and little traffic. Ate lunch along road. Got to Don's at quarter 'till two. HAD A SURPRISE. DON HAS ACCEPTED POSITION AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY. THEY WILL MOVE TO COLUMBUS IN JUNE. [The crucial factor in changing my mind was deciding that Columbus would have a much better educational opportunity for our three children than New Orleans. Columbus had just passed a large school levy, and New Orleans had just decided to have all-male and all female High Schools (so that, frankly, white girls would not be in school with black boys in the newly desegregated schools). Fortunately Ohio State had not offered the job to someone else. When I called the chairman, Harry Coles, to say that I might still be interested, I was told "Take another week if you need it." I called back the next day and accepted a position as a tenured Associate Professor of Latin American History at a salary of $17,800 a year, a raise from the $15,000 I was getting at Tulane.] Linda is sick. Mileage 1025.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1968 Lovey day, but cool. Work on plastic rug for something to do. In the afternoon Charles and I walked to mailbox and intended to take a walk. He ran into a tree limb and cut his eye lid. They were taking Tommy to [eye] clinic, so Charles went too. He had a local anesthetics and several stitches in eye lid. So glad it wasn't any worse. Looked at part of South America pictures in evening.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1968 Beautiful day. Charles and I took a morning walk. He sawed off limb that hurt his eye. We took another long walk in P.M. I stepped in a hole on sidewalk and sprained my foot. Looked at rest of our pictures.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1968 Ellen took us for a drive in morning. Showed us crabs and how they caught them. In afternoon she took Tommy for more eye treatments. Looked at more slides in evening.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1968 Linda and I took a walk. A man gave us a bouquet. TOMMY'S SEVENTH BIRTHDAY. Warm weather.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1968 Lovey day, Charles, Don and I went downtown to clinic to have stitches (6) taken out of Charles' eye lid. Took the bandage off. We went up to Observation Tower and walked around French Quarter. Our last evening. Probably our last trip to New Orleans.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1968 Lovely, warm day. We left Don's at five after eight. Ellen made us sandwiches. We ate at rest area before we got to Hattisburg. Such beautiful pyracanthas. Alabama and Mississippi have lovely plantings of trees along the roads. I drove 50 miles. At quarter 'till five stopped at Shangri-la Motel ($10.50) with tax. Ate at a restaurant close by that had been a house. Mileage 339.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1968 Left motel at 6:30. Had our breakfast there. Beautiful day, good roads until afternoon two lane road. I drove 50 miles. Odd evergreen trees in Tennessee. Ate lunch at so-called rest area in Tennessee. Nothing but a place to pull off road. Stopped at 3:30 at Cave City. Had lovely motel for $6.00 ($12.00 summer rates). Had such a good dinner at Hubbard Kupboard. Steak dinner, $2.25, biscuits and sorghum. Drove 357 miles.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1968
Raining when we got up. We turned watches forward an hour when we went to bed. Too early, woke about 2:30 and very little sleep after that. Got up early, ate breakfast and waited for daylight. Left 6:25. Rained for quite a while. Got held up with accident in Cincinnati - a half hour getting past - a truck fell on a car. Got to Dorothy's after one o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1968
Thanksgiving day and much to be thankful for. Dorothy had turkey, etc. Bad, rainy day, but cleared in afternoon and we decided to come home. They are all out for vacation and we don't want to interfere with their plans. Home quarter "till six. Everything O.K.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1968
Gloomy day. Busy putting things away. Charles went to grocery.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1968
Lovely sunny day. Charles cleaned up back and front yard. I baked cookies, cleaned up house, washed my hair. Home all evening - watched [Ohio] State's first basketball game.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1968
We went to 9:30 church. Raining when church was out. Kept it up all day.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1968
Cloudy most of day. I washed and ironed. Went to meeting of Women's Club at University. Charles took me and came for me. While I was gone, he looked at new cars.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1968
Cloudy and rain in late afternoon. Charles is putting a plug in hall for new lamp Don brought us. I repaired three coats for Charles. In the afternoon we went to Gold Circle [Discount store].

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1968
Washed a washer - did the kitchen curtains. Got the bridge club called. I am trading turns with Edith. Cloudy, gloomy day.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1968
Very windy, sunny day. Charles went on some errands. I baked a cake and went to Women's Society meeting.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1968
24°. Sunny day. I washed a washer of rugs. In afternoon I went to Northland [shopping center], and finished Christmas shopping. Charles put up Christmas lights and washed some windows.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1968
Cold and snow flurries. I cleaned up house, went to beauty parlor. Club here - we went to Terrance Room for dinner. Merle [Axine], $1.00; Herman [Reeder], $.78 (pennies); Bill [Walter], $.75; Raymond [Axine], $.25. Walters drove.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1968
Cold this morning and streets slippery. We went to church. Tied packages, wrote letters and Christmas cards.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1968
14°. Washed and ironed. Went to Circle meeting at church.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1968 Beautiful day. Charles took big T.V. for repairs and stopped at university. I started shortening my red coat. In afternoon we took some clothes to Thrift Shop, and gifts to Bills. Then went to look at new cars. Ate dinner at Williards.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1968 Cloudy and a little rain. I did more work on my red coat. In afternoon went for groceries.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1968 Reai nice day and warmer. I finished fixing my red coat. Started embroidery on Ellen's clock. Charles went to look at the Oldsmobile and liked them.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1968 A few snow flurries. A little cover on ground by night. Colder. We went to Faculty Club with Edith and Bill [Waiter]. Had a good dinner. They came here for bridge. Men won.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1968 12° above. We didn't go to church. Invited Reeders [Herman and Lucille] for dinner on Tuesday. Florence [Mick] called - also talked with Mrs. Minister. A lovely day.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1968 Lovely day. We didn't do anything special.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1968 Another nice day. Charles went to Dr. Bonnell for a physical. Reeders were here for dinner and bridge. Lucille and I won - almost doubled score.


FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1968 Nice day. Baked a pumpkin pie. We had Velma Millhone and Eileen Chandler [Secretary of the Department of Engineering Drawing] up to see our pictures.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1968 Another nice day. We went to grocery in the morning. We went to Stauffers for dinner. Carolyn [Paffenbarger] gives us a $10.00 gift certificate for getting her football tickets. The prices are terrible there. $7.75 for two dinners. Came home and watched T.V.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1968 Rainy and gloomy. We didn't go to church. Home all day.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1968 Washed and ironed tablecloth I embroidered last summer. Went to beauty parlor. Snow flurries all day. Charles worked on framing a picture I bought in New Orleans.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1968 I was fixing shirt when Dorothy called and asked us down for Christmas. Bill and Karen brought our gifts and ate a little lunch. We left at 1:30 for Dorothy's. Had a nice Christmas Eve with them. Nice day.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1968 Another nice day. Dorothy gave me a blouse. Charles a key ring, both of us a record and bird book. Bills gave Charles some tools and me a sewing basket. Don will send family picture. Had turkey, pumpkin pie. I took a pretty salad. Had such a nice day with them.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1968 We left at 8:30 for home. Home at eleven. We stopped at Marathon Station, got a free ham (1 72 pounds). Edith had broken her wrist. Jennie called. Mother had fallen and sprained her leg. Snow in P.M., then rain and froze. Over 300 accidents. Glad we are home.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1968 Rain all day! We spent much time watching T. V. on return and recovery of astronauts. I finished fixing my blue wool skirt.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1968 Charles had more cold, and we canceled dinner and bridge with Waiters. A miserable day. Glad we are staying in.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1968 I have the cold now. Charles feels some better. Home all day. I made our Christmas list over.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1968 Miserable all night. Felt some better after I got up. Charles went out to exchange some gifts and to Gold Circle. I didn't do anything. Gloria called.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1968 Felt a little better but don't feel like doing much. Charles went to dentist. THIS HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR FOR CHARLES AND ME. Am glad we are together to start another. The highlight of 1968 was our trip to South America. Had four months at cottage and Charles got the basement done. A trip to New Orleans. Don's decision to move to Columbus and Professor at Ohio State. Our biggest trouble - Colleen's operation and in a cast so many months. Spent New Year's Eve at home. Watched T.V.
In the summer of 1939 the Cooper family, Charles and Gladys and their three children, Bill, age 14, Dorothy, age 11, and Donald, age 7, headed west for over ten weeks in a great adventure. The make of Charles' car is unknown, but it pulled a "housecar" for over 6,000 miles. The car was not air conditioned, and temperatures in Texas would get as high as 120°. The three children rode in back, Don in the middle. There is no mention of any radio in the car. The main purpose of the trip was to visit Ralph Cooper, Charles' identical twin brother, and his wife Frieda, and their five children, Joe, Betsy, Marjorie, King (short for "Kingston," the middle name of Ralph Kingston Cooper, Jr.), and Linda. Other relatives would also be visited along the way. The trip started on June 10, and progressed through Indiana, southern Illinois, Arkansas, Texas, and New Mexico before arriving at Ralph's 900 acre ranch near Buckeye, Arizona (close to Phoenix) on June 17. Since they were pulling a "housecar" they stopped at roadside camps. Their first campsite was in Indiana; this cost "$0.50 including electricity." A camp close to Ranger, Texas, cost only $.25 for the night, but one at Texarkana charged them three times as much, $.75, and there is no mention of electricity being included. The toll bridge across the Mississippi River at Cairo, Illinois cost $1.50. Enroute to Ralph's ranch the family stopped at Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, where they walked 7\(\frac{1}{2}\) miles on their tour. Also, in Arkansas, Gladys writes of "Poor country, Negro shacks. White women working in fields." They passed numerous cotton and rice fields, trucks loaded with onions, and saw their first cacti in East Texas. To reach the ranch they traveled 2,499 miles.

The first full day at the ranch Charles, Ralph, and Don walked over much of it. Gladys noted that meat for the evening meal was cooked in a pressure cooker, not common in those days. Meals often included huge servings of home-made ice cream, made two gallons at a time. That same day Charles and Gladys visited Flora (Flo) and Tom Nelson who lived in town in Phoenix. Flo was a first cousin, once removed, to Gladys. Flo's mother, Mary Hayes, was the wife of Pearl Hayes, a brother of Gladys' grandfather, Morgan Hayes. Aunt Mary Hayes passed away in the early hours of June 23, and Charles, Gladys, and the children attended her funeral. In the evenings Charles and Gladys enjoyed bridge with Ralph and Frieda, often including also Frieda's brothers, Johnny and Reg and their spouses. Frieda had a scorpion bite; King was bitten by a stinging ant. The children enjoyed swimming in the small pool of water that fed the extensive irrigation system at the ranch. Bill, age 14, had several driving lessons while at the ranch. Gladys started work on a crocheted bedspread, and would work on it the entire trip as she found some spare time. Gladys visited some "Indian stores" and bought two pictures, and a petrified wood bracelet.

The family departed the ranch on July 10. They left the ranch at 6:15 P.M. and drove all night. The temperature was 109° at eight o'clock, 94° at 12:30,72° at 4:30 AM. They arrived in San Diego on July 11, finally found a carwash where both the car and trailer could be washed, and set off for Balboa Park. The next day it was the San Diego Zoo, and a museum. There was a relative in town, Mary Wolfe, although I don't know how she was related. At Long Beach they enjoyed a seaside beach picnic, and visited the "battleship" (probably a cruiser) "Portland," a ship that cost $50 million to build. It carried a crew of 600 men, four sea planes and nine guns, and its anchor weighed 18,500 pounds. At Hollywood the next day the family engaged a private guide who rode along with them and pointed out the homes of movie stars. He charged $3.00 for
a two-hour tour. At Los Angeles Charles found a bargain in a second-hand store and bought Gladys an electric iron for $.50. She was able to do all of her ironing for $1.10 as the camp charged $0.05 an hour for electricity. The laundry the day before had also cost $1.10. The rate was $1.10 a half-hour for the machine, but Gladys was able to do it all "for a dime by using time left on one." As they proceeded northward in California along the coastal highway Gladys wrote of numerous walnut, almond, plum, fig, and apricot groves. They bought a lug (30 pounds) of fresh apricots for $.50. They also saw huge fields of beans, tomatoes, and sugar beets, but a remarkable sight was seeing "them spraying beans with an airplane."

In San Francisco the World Fair of 1939 was still underway. The family visited "Treasure Island," an artificial island scooped out of the bay, and where many exhibits were held. They saw a show there, the "Cavalcade of Golden West," and watched glass blowers with fascination. They all walked out onto the Golden Gate Bridge, and then visited China Town. Next came the remarkable Redwood Park; they camped here for the night. Don baked a potato in the campfire.

On July 27, after driving through Crescent City, California, and Grant's Pass, Oregon, and with much of the route surrounded by giant redwood trees, the family reached Halsey, Oregon, the home of Gladys' second cousin, Esther Bond, and her husband, Balf. Here Gladys made apricot jam in the trailer, and they all took in a movie, "Andy Hardy Gets Spring Fever." Next came Olympia and Seattle, Washington, and on August 3 they entered Canada. Gladys' delight on the excursion to Vancouver was a visit to Hudson's Bay store where Charles bought her a full-length squirrel coat ($165.00), an early present for her 40th birthday coming up on September 3. The next day they returned and bought four blankets, two of them wool, and coats for Charles and Bill. Returning to the states they "had a nice $.85 lunch south of Seattle." On their way to Yellowstone Park they passed through Durkee, Oregon, Boise, Idaho. After crossing the Snake River they "passed a drinking fountain where we had drunk nine years ago." A dust storm delayed them at Massacre Rock, Idaho. They reached Yellowstone Park on August 10, and made camp at the "Old Faithful" camp. They drove through Geyser Basin, visited Sapphire Pool, and Dorothy and Donald went to see "Old Faithful" at noon. Charles bought new fishing rods for the boys, but still they had no luck fishing. Even so on three occasions someone gave them five trout, enough for a meal for the family. On the 15th of August they stopped at Tower Falls, Mammoth Hot Springs, and "Old Faithful" once again. That same day they saw "eleven bears, four moose, and one elk." Every evening they had a campfire or attended a lecture; sometimes both. On August 17 they visited the Grand Teton and Jackson Hole. Two days later they were in Cody, Wyoming and saw the "Buffalo Bill" museum. Don celebrated his 8th birthday on August 20; Bill earlier had celebrated his 15th on August 13. The rest of the diary for the trip is lost, but it was on that last leg of the summer trip that Charles and Gladys, quite by accident, stopped at Fish Lake in Burnett country, Wisconsin. Here they bought a lot that would be the location of the family cottage, today the property of Don.

On September 3, 1939, Gladys' 40th birthday, she would start the "regular" portion of her diary, and would keep it up for over fifty years. At age 40, with fifty years of life remaining, Gladys had already lived longer than various other members of her extended family. Neither of her maternal grand parents had lived to age 40; her half-brother, Audlie, had drowned in the Olentangy River in his early 20s. Her father, Dr. William Bolon, had been dead 25 years, and her mother dead for 14 years. Her first cousin, Nellie, daughter of her Aunt Milly, had already died in her thirties, and another first cousin, once removed, Ray Nelson, son of Flora, died as a young teenager from electrocution. Charles' father had died when Charles was four years old, and his nephew, James Phillips Cooper, second son of Ralph and Frieda, died at age two of a bowel obstruction. But for Charles and Gladys life looked most promising in 1939, although World War Two would break out in Europe on or about Gladys' 40th birthday.
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1939 Left Columbus at eight o'clock. Route 40 to Springfield, 4 to Dayton, 50 to Washington, Indiana for night. Over three hundred miles. Saw Wright Flying Field, beautiful country, several state parks. Came through several hard showers. Had a new camp at Murdock's for $.50, including electricity. 303 miles.


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1939 Left camp at seven. The hottest day - 120° in car! Saw first mountains. Had vapor lock in car. Came into Pecos at six o'clock. Hillcrest camp. 311 miles. [Mother Stewart's 63rd birthday.]

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1939 Left at 7:30 for Carlsbad Caverns. Left trailer at Pecos. Looked at animals on way. Had a delightful day at Caverns. 347 in our party, 20 from Ohio. Temperature [inside cave] 56°. 7 1/2 mile walk. Back to camp at eight.


SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1939 Left Lordsburg at 5:30. Bad gravel road. Stopped at Wilcox for breakfast. 89 more miles. Bad road, mountains all around. Stopped at Tucson for gas. Found a roadside park for lunch. Took some pictures. Reached Ralph R's [Charles' twin brother] at 4:45. Spent the evening looking at ranch and talking. 2,499 miles. [900 acre ranch located near Buckeye, Arizona.]

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1939 Ralph, Charles and Donald [age 7] walked over the ranch. Cooked meat in pressure cooker. Charles and I went to Flora's in P.M. [Flora Hayes Nelson was a first cousin of Gladys'. They had known each other in Cumberland. Flora was married to Tom Nelson. To me they were always "Aunt Flo and Uncle Tom."]. Found Aunt Mary Hayes quite ill.
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1939 Ralph, Charles, Bill and Joe went on a trip. Frieda and I washed. She sewed on her dress in P.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1939 Charles and I went to town. Stopped at Flora's, found Aunt Mary worse. I went to beauty parlor, and Charles and I had lunch at Walgreens. We went to store, out to Johnny's [Phillips, brother of Frieda] for grapefruit and stopped at Mrs. Bargdals. In the evening made two gallon ice cream.


THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1939 Boys started work on the cooler. Tom [Nelson] called to say Aunt Mary was worse. Charles and I drove in to Floras in the evening. Aunt Mary passed away at 1:30 A.M.

[THE HAYES FAMILY LINE, MOTHER OF GLADYS] The death of Aunt Mary Hayes presents an occasion to document here what I know about the Hayes family line. I'll follow this with a similar summary of the Bay family line. I know only a little about the Hayes family. Gladys' mother, Jennie Wilma Hayes [known as Wilma] (March 5, 1876—February 11, 1925), and Wilma's sister, Mildred (Milly), were orphaned as teenagers following the deaths of their parents, William Morgan Hayes [known as Morgan, or "Morg"] (January 11, 1850—April 6, 1889) and Velma Irene BAY Hayes (1852—June 7, 1883), who were married December 16, 1874. Velma died of tuberculosis at age 31, Morgan of typhoid fever at age 39. Three years after Velma's death Morgan Hayes married Sula R Martin in May, 1886, and the two girls, Wilma and Mildred, as far as I know, lived for a time with their step-mother. In addition to Morgan, father of Wilma, and grandfather of Gladys, there were five other siblings in the Hayes family. The three other boys were Cooke, never married, Charlie, and Pearl, married to Mary. Their two sisters were Grace, who died young, and Elizabeth. Nothing is known of their parents, except that both survived Morgan. Charlie was married to Laura; they had no children, and operated a farm near Cumberland. It is possible the two orphaned girls lived also for a time with their Uncle Charlie on his farm. Aunt Mary Hayes was the wife of Pearl Hayes, and the mother of Flora Nelson, their only child. Flora, first cousin to Gladys, married Thomas Nelson, and at some point they moved to Phoenix, Arizona. They had one son, Ray, who was killed tragically at about age 13 or 14 when he touched a live wire after a storm and was electrocuted. Elizabeth Hayes married Arthur Walker, a Civil War veteran, who fought for the South. They had two children, Frank and Cara. Mildred Hayes, sister of Wilma, and Gladys' aunt, married Smith Blackstone. They had two daughters, first cousins to Gladys, Nellie and Anna Maude. Nellie married Thomas Sigman; they had one son, Bob. Nellie died in her thirties of tuberculosis. Anna Maude was married three times, no children. Ellen and I visited Aunt Milly and Uncle Smith in Cambridge about 1953 or 1954. I don't know the date of death of either. Gladys' mother, Wilma, died of cancer at age 48; I seem to recall Gladys stating that it was liver cancer.

THE BAY FAMILY (GRANDMOTHER OF GLADYS) The following is what I know about the Bay family. Velma Irene BAY, the wife of Morgan HAYES, and the grandmother of Gladys, was one of five siblings. There were three boys, Will, who married Louella (no children), Summer, never married, and Chalmers, (two children, Helen Cloyd Zebold, and Elbert (married Mary McClennan), and two girls, Miny (?) and Velma. Gladys did not remember "Miny's" [pronounced "My knee"] real name. She was
the mother of three boys, one of which, Fred, was the father of Esther Bond (married to Balf Bond), and who lived in Oregon. Esther was a second cousin of Gladys, but they remained in contact all their lives. Velma Bay Hayes' parents (Gladys' great-grandparents) were John Bay (December 2, 1814—1896)) and Mildred Rannels, (1820—1896). John Bay's parents (Gladys' great-great grandparents) were Thomas Bay, Junior, and Rebecca Conner. Mildred Rannels' parents were (Judge) William Rannels, II and Rhoda Burt/Bush (1779-1863). I consider it a good guess that Judge William Rannels could be related to the well-known early to mid-twentieth century local painter of animals, Will Rannels, who painted the Pekinese dog picture now in possession of Linda Cooper.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1939 Spent the morning cleaning the house. Afternoon bridge party, three tables. I won the booby [prize for low score]. Served lemon sherbet, cookies and ice tea.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1939 Frieda and I did a big washing. She was stung by a scorpion. Charles and I drove to town [Phoenix]. Could not find Flora. Went downtown and found them home later. We went to mortuary with them. Home at 6:35.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1939
Had to iron so I could go to Flora's early Monday. BILL [age 14] HAD HIS FIRST DRIVING LESSON. Ruth and Reg [Phillips - brother and sister-in-law of Frieda] had picnic supper for us at Papago Park. Drove up to Hunt Memorial, first governor of Arizona, then walked up to Hole in Wall. Mr. Phillips [Frieda's father] recited poetry and gave me a book. Ralph had flat tire coming home.

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1939
Came in early to Aunt Mary's funeral. Very beautiful service. Helen Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Becker, [H.ev] and Emma with us. After service, all had a malted milk, then to Flo's [Flora Nelson] for P.M We went back to cemetry for flowers. Charles, Flo, and I went to Jay's for dinner. Had a nice evening. Charles went back to ranch.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1939 Flo and I had a long talk after breakfast. Came downtown, had lunch at Karricks with Mrs. Crumm. Went to Indian stores looking for bracelet. Mr. and Mrs. Becker and Jane took us to French Cafe for dinner. Afterward Tom took us all for a long drive.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1939 After breakfast Helen Jay stopped in to see Flo. Charles came for me with Dorothy [age 11], Donald and Betsy. In P.M. Frieda and I went to Mrs. Beloats for a bridge party. Ice cream for supper.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1939 Nothing special. Charles and Ralph went to Phoenix. Had a letter from Florence [Mick]. Lovel and family here in evening. [Lovel was a sister of Frieda. She married a Mormon and converted to that religion. She had a very large number of children, about 12 as I recall, and over 100 grandchildren at one time. Frieda lived until 2002, outlasting two of her children, Joe and Betsy.]

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1939 Charles and Ralph went to Phoenix. In the evening we went to McClellans for dinner with Flo and Tom. Had generator trouble on way home and had to go back to garage. Home 11:30.
SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1939
Everyone was home all day. I was trying to pick a pattern for crocheted bedspread. Made two gallons ice cream and peach cobbler for supper.

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1939 Nothing new today. In the evening a storm was brewing but rain missed ranch.

MONDAY, JULY 3, 1939 A big washing today. After lunch Charles and I went to Phoenix. Took car to have generator fixed. Did some shopping. Had pie a la mode at Newberry's. Went with Flo and Tom to Griffins at Mesa for dinner. Had a nice chicken dinner. Bought two pictures and home at twelve.


WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1939 Charles and I brought the children in town. They did some shopping and we had sandwiches and malted milk for lunch. Took Bill out to see Don Hale. I bought my petrified wood bracelet. In the evening we went to Coughlins for dinner and bridge.

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1939 I did my ironing and part of Frieda's. Bill had another driving lesson. We all sat in the yard in the evening. Went to bed early as Charlie [Knowles?] was due the next day. [Gladys doesn't say, but this could refer to Charlie Knowles, husband of Jennie (who was the aunt of Charles and Ralph, and sister of their mother, Fanny Stewart).]

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1939 We cleaned the house and trailer in morning. The men brought Charlie and Mr. Ray about noon. After dinner we all sat in yard and talked. I took the children swimming [to pump station]. Ice cream and peach cobbler for dessert. Flo and Tom came out after supper. They took Mr. Ray back to town. Charlie slept in the yard, and Bill in the car.

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1939 Charles and Ralph took Charlie to the train. In the evening Ralph, Frieda, Charles and I went to Berridges for dinner. Flo and Tom were there. Last time to see them [on this trip].

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1939
I cleaned the trailer and packed away some things. King was lost and had run away to section house. Johnny, Mildred and children came out in P.M. They stayed for sandwiches and ice cream.

MONDAY, JULY 10, 1939
I washed and ironed, packed - getting ready to leave. We left Ralphs at 6:15 P.M. Drove all night. Temperature 109° at eight o'clock, 94° at 12:30, 72° at 4:30 A.M. [Again there was no air conditioning in the car.] Stopped at Yuma for sandwiches and inspection. Had steep mountain grades. Very rough and jagged mountains. Drained radiator three miles from tap. We went in to trailer camp 16 miles from San Diego and slept three hours and took showers.
Arrived at San Diego about ten o'clock. After three attempts found a station to wash both car and trailer. Had lunch in trailer at Balboa Park. Then went to Mary Wolfe's and had dinner. (She was a relative; I don't know how she was related, and whether it was to Charles or Gladys.) She came with us to Pacific Beach at "Trailer's End" camp.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1939 After breakfast we drove in to Mary's. She had a picnic lunch and we went to Balboa Park for the day. Visited the museum and zoo. Saw building and bowl Henry Ford left the city after the Fair. Came to their home for dinner.

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1939 Spent the day at camp. In the evening Mrs. Purkey, Elwood and Mary had a trailer dinner with us. Mr. and Mrs. McClymonds called and we had a pleasant evening with them.

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1939 Nothing special in the morning. Mrs. Past from Reno, Nevada came over. In the P.M. Charles had the car greased. Dorothy and I went in to Mary's. We had dinner with them. After we came back to camp, had a beach picnic with Past's.

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1939 Left San Diego at 9:45. Had a nice drive to Long Beach, mostly along ocean. Saw where fishing boat had stuck in sand. Found an excellent camp at Long Beach, "Shady Acres." Went to see the city. David and Sara came out in evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1939 Sara and David came out for dinner. Then we went to see battleship "Portland." [It must have been a cruiser; battleships named for states, cruisers for cities.] A nice boat trip to and from ship. Sailor from Cincinnati showed us around. Cost $50 million. 600 men aboard. Anchor weighs 18,500. Carried four sea planes and nine guns. Drove around city and to Sara's for supper. Then we went to a "fun zone" and up to see lights.

MONDAY, JULY 17, 1939 Spent the morning at camp. After lunch went to Wilmington to see Gladys and Orie Dennis. Stopped at $.10 store on way. Charles and Orie drove into Los Angeles. Had dinner with them.

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1939 Did washing on morning. Washer $.10 a half hour. Washed for a dime by using some time on one left. Drove to Long Beach to tell Sara to come to picnic. Left for Hollywood and had dinner at "Sally's" on way. Had a guide from Iowa to show us movie stars' homes. 2 hours for $3.00. Went to Los Angeles post office, beautiful new building. After supper Gladys and Orie came.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1939 Charles bought me an electric iron for $.50 (2nd hand store). Did my ironing for $.10. $.05 an hour. Cleaned shelves in trailer. Decided to go to San Francisco instead of Yosemite Park. Went to picnic at Banning Park. Arie, Gladys, Sara, David and some of Gladys' (Dennis) relatives. Told them good-bye and felt most of our visiting over.

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1939 Had lovely drive by ocean in morning, flowers were beautiful, flaming eucalyptus. Ate our lunch along road. Afternoon much hotter, farther inland. Many walnut groves and sugar
beets and almonds. Stopped at King City and trailer door was locked. Had to break door glass and cut screen.

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1939
Left at 8:15. Saw many large walnut and apricot groves. Huge fields of beans, tomatoes, and sugar beets. Saw them spraying beans with an airplane. Ate our lunch at San Jose. Bought a lug (30 pounds) of apricots for $.50. Had first glimpse of Golden Gate Bridge. Came in to camp at El Cerrito at 2:30.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1939
Crossed the Oakland Bridge. Very foggy. Went to post office and I had my glasses fixed. Then we visited China Town and Golden Gate Bridge. Parked car and walked to first tower. Had a "punk" lunch along the waterfront. Visited Cliff House and Aquarium.

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 1939 Spent the day on "Treasure" Island. [This artificial island was constructed in the Bay as part of the 1939 World's Fair in San Francisco. During the war it became a military base. I was discharged from the Navy on November 19, 1954, on what had once been Treasure Island.] Carried our lunch and ate supper on the grounds. The exhibits [at the World's Fair] were interesting and flowers and lights were beautiful. We went to "Cavalcade of Golden West," and watched the glass blowers. Crossing bridges were fun.

MONDAY, JULY 24, 1939 Stayed at camp all day. Charles fixed screen door and I washed and ironed. Weather quite cold in evening. Decided to skip Yosemite.


WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1939 Had fresh figs for breakfast. Took a walk through grove and left at 10:30. Car almost stuck pulling out of camp. Drive was beautiful through Redwoods. Stopped at Garberville for malted milk and souvenirs. [They were traveling along Highway 101.] Stopped at Eureka for gas and post cards. Road was very winding, along ocean and last part of drive. Stopped at Klamath. Nice camp along Klamath River.

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1939
Left camp at 7:25. Was cold and foggy along ocean to Crescent City [California]. Ate lunch along road after we came through Grant's Pass [Oregon]. Drove through more lovely redwood groves. Very hot in P.M. and one mountain range after another with sharp curves. Reached Halsey at 6:45.

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1939
Esther (Bond), Dorothy, Marilyn and I went to an Eastern Star picnic. [Esther Bond was a second cousin of Gladys'. Her grandmother, "Miny," was a sister of Gladys' grandmother, Velma Bay Hayes. Esther was married to Balf Bond; their two children were Marilyn and Wellington.] A lovely home. In the evening we drove to their farm and stopped at Willamette River. Wellington and Bill went swimming.
made apricot jam in the trailer. After lunch we all went to Eugene. All went to show, "Andy Hardy get Spring Fever," except Balf and Charles. After milk shakes we all came home.

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1939 Esther and I spent the morning preparing for picnic. We left at noon, drove about 45 miles to a camp the C.C.C. [Civilian Conservation Corps - a New Deal program to create jobs] boys had built. A lovely place along river. After dinner had a nice drive home. Wellington and Esther played for us [piano?] before bedtime.

MONDAY, JULY 31, 1939 Esther showed me her gifts (Eastern Star) in morning. Packed trailer while Charles went to town to get new [inner] tube [for tire on car]. We left at two o'clock, drove to Longview, Washington [on the Columbia River]. I washed a few things.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1939 We visited "Long Bell" Lumber Company in morning. Had a nice trip for hour and half. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr from Maine went with us. After buying groceries and eating lunch we came to Olympia, Washington.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1939 Got up at five, left camp at six. Left trailer at Olympia. Drove to Port Angeles and found ferry [to Victoria on Vancouver Island] on strike. Drove to Port Ludlow and waited until 1:30, then ferried to Seattle. ($4.65). From there we drove to Blaine on Canadian border. A nice cabin - we rented.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1939 Came into Canada at 7:45. Found a cabin then visited Hudson Bay store [in Vancouver]. Charles bought me a full-length squirrel coat ($165.00), back to cabin for lunch. [Elsewhere I have referred to this coat, which much later was cut down to make a stole, as a "mink coat." I stand corrected.] More shopping and went to picture show, "Out West with the Hardy's" in evening.


SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1939 Left Vancouver at eight o'clock. Came through customs at nine. Country not very interesting. Had a nice $.85 lunch south of Seattle. Bought groceries at Longview and stopped there, same camp as before.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 1939 Left Longview at 8:15. After Portland we turned east on Columbia River highway. Very lovely scenery. Stopped at Falls and followed trail to Upper Bridge. Ate lunch there. Country changed to mountains and rocks, then bare desert and very little irrigation and some farming. Stopped at Pendleton, Oregon.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 1939 Left Pendleton at eight o'clock. Had a long climb for several miles. Came through Umatello Indian Reservation and Emigrant State Park. Through very lovely pines. Stopped at Durkee, Oregon for lunch. Bare mountains and Snake River part way. Turned watches forward one hour. Camped at Municipal Park, Boise [Idaho]. Dr. and Mrs. Jefferson and baby came in evening from camp.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1939
Stayed over a day in Boise. Washed, ironed, etc. Went to Jeffersons for a nice picnic dinner in yard. A pleasant evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1939

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1939
From Pocatello a gradual climb, desert and some irrigation. Ate lunch at a "Look Out" on mountain. Very beautiful drive to Yellowstone Park. Stopped at West Yellowstone, then on to "Old Faithful" camp. Lecture in evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1939
Took a drive through the Geyser Basin. Stopped on bridge to watch "Sapphire Pool" boil. Dorothy and Donald went to see "Old Faithful" at noon. Went to stores in P.M., and to lecture and camp fire in evening. Bear tore open a trunk near our camp.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1939
Ate a late breakfast and left for "fishing bridge" camp. Fifteen miles of road under construction. Saw one bear on way. Ate our dinner early and went to see bears feed at canyon. Then down to the Falls, then the evening lecture. Bought milk and raisin pie and had 9:30 lunch.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1939 BILL'S 15TH BIRTHDAY. I was in camp all day. Gave him "Scarface," [about a bear, not a criminal], and Dorothy and Donald gave him a western picture. Charles and Bill fished most of the day. Camp fire in evening.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1939
Discovered bears had been bad during night. Ate a late breakfast and went to river to fish. No luck, but had five nice trout given to us. Bought Dorothy and Donald a pole. [Mine is still in the workshop at cottage.] Came home and cooked the fish.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1939
After a late breakfast, made the loop around the Park. Stopped at Yellowstone Canyon. Walked down 493 steps. Stopped at Tower Falls and Mammoth Hot Springs where we ate lunch. Saw "Old Faithful" again, eleven bears, four moose, and one elk. Had our campfire and one of the "neighbors" talked with Charles 'til 11:30. Bears were prowling around.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1939
Spent the day at camp. I worked on bed spread. Bill and another boy went fishing. Had five trout given us.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1939
After breakfast we decided to go to Grand Tetons. Road narrow and winding through narrow and winding through Tetons. Very beautiful mountains. Went to Jackson Hole and bought food for lunch. A typical western town. Ate lunch under a tree along road. Spent evening with friends we had met at Yellowstone.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1939
Went to see our friends off. I washed and did some mending. Went to stores in P.M. Packed a picnic lunch and went to Inspiration Point. Ate supper at Canyon Camp. Went to grizzly bear feeding. Had our camp fire and toasted marshmallows.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1939

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1939
DONALD'S [8th] BIRTHDAY. Gave him his presents at breakfast, bank from Bill, plaque (Old Faithful) from Dorothy. "Cubby" books from Charles and me. Left camp at 7:50. Barrens uninteresting country. Came through Wind River Canyon.

AUGUST 21 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2, 1939 As mentioned elsewhere this travel diary for summer, 1939, was re-copied from an earlier source at the end of a diary for the 1968 trip to South America. Gladys says that the portion for the above dates was lost. I do believe that the family stopped at Mount Rushmore National Park, and then continued on to Minneapolis. What was done there in 1939 I have no idea, but I do recall that since their house at 393 Mimring Road, Columbus, had been rented until September 1 the Coopers could not yet return home. Someone suggested they might visit Spooner, Wisconsin, which, I believe, had not been part of the original itinerary. Arriving in Spooner, as I have heard Gladys relate the story, Charles asked a stranger in the street if he knew of any place where they could pull in for a few days with a house trailer and get an electrical hook-up. Two places were mentioned, one of which was Leonard Johnson's Fish Lake Resort about 20 miles northwest of Spooner on county road H. Roads were unpaved outside of Spooner at the time. Charles and Gladys showed up at Fish Lake and spent a week there. They discovered that beautiful lake lots were available for $1.00 a frontage foot. They had been looking unsuccessfully for a lake lot in Michigan, and decided to take the plunge and buy a lot on Fish Lake. Leonard Johnson told them "to tie some rags on pine trees marking the location they would like" and he would get it surveyed. He did, and they bought a 100 foot lot, and soon added another 150 feet within a year. Thus the accidental finding of the lot on Fish Lake was a genuine serendipity. Gladys said to me "We wondered many times what was the other place mentioned by the stranger in Spooner," but they could never remember what it was.

One thing I do remember about the trip home was on the final day of the trip, near Ft. Wayne, Indiana, was a sudden jolt early in the day. A Greyhound bus had rear-ended the trailer, causing damage mainly to the trailer. No one was injured. The family was able to continue on to home. Charles later got a modest settlement from Greyhound.

END OF BOOK XXXV-A, TRAVEL DIARY (JUNE 10, 1939- AUGUST 20, 1939)

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Gladys starts her diary for 1969 with "glad we are together to start another year," but ends it with "[this] was the saddest year of my life." Charles died suddenly and unexpectedly on August 26 at their cottage in Wisconsin. The couple had celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary on June 9, but it would be their last. Gladys' dream of celebrating together their Golden 50th Wedding Anniversary was to be denied. "Life will never be really happy without my Charles." Obviously the synopsis for 1969 falls into two distinct periods. Therefore, I shall first summarize the eight months Charles and Gladys were together, and then describe Charles' death and the aftermath that year.

Until August 26 the daily routines of Charles and Gladys, both age 70, were much as before. They continued regular participation in their long-time bridge club, consisting of Bill and Edith Walter, Herman and Lucille Reeder, and Raymond and Merle Axline. The final meeting of this club came on April 11. They also often played separately with the Walters. The last game of this foursome was on May 3 in which the "men won. No wonder the way Bill peeps." They continued their attendance at Crestview Presbyterian Church, Gladys more than Charles. Gladys worked on hooked plastic rugs, some of which were sold in church fundraisers, made a doll dress for her granddaughter, Linda, and kept the house scrubbed and neat. The frantic pace of baking of former years had slowed down, although she did bake a pie every so often. They enjoyed their television, and watched O.S.U. basketball games and, on January 1, Ohio States's victory over Southern California and O.J. Simpson 27-16. On January 20 Gladys spent much of the day watching the inauguration of President Richard Nixon. Both enjoyed afternoon and early evening walks through nearby Overbrook Hallow. There were more than occasional visits to restaurants. Most of these meals tRey enjoyed, but at Stauffers they had a "good dinner, but awful prices. $4.25 for dinner - apiece!" On Sundays they often drove around looking for "For Sale" signs for houses, hoping to find a good house for Don and Ellen. [In fact Gladys told us about the house at 1896 Baldridge Road which we bought. It was down the street from her good friend, Florence Mick.]

Both Charles and Gladys were excited about the purchase of their almost-new Delta Custom Oldsmobile, a demonstrator car with less than 3,000 miles. On March 19 they set out on a 5,000 mile trip to Phoenix, Arizona to visit Fanny Cooper Stewart, Charles' 93 year-old mother, Frieda Cooper, widow of Charles' deceased twin brother, Ralph, Florence (Flo) and Thomas Nelson (Flo was a cousin of Gladys), as well as several of Frieda'a children. On March 30, their last day, Mother Stewart showed them around the Waitwell Nursing Home in Glendale where she lived. They never saw one another again. Enroute to Phoenix they visited Dorothy and Dick in Cincinnati and Carlsbad Caverns. There were some minor frustrations in Texas. Departing from Mt. Pleasant, Texas, they stopped for lunch, as was often their custom, at a "Rest Area." But they "didn't get out of car, cans and trash all around. No toilet, steps over fence to go back in woods." The next day near El Paso "the wind was terrible and such awful dust storms. Charles could hardly see road. The tumbling weeds really tumbled across the road. ... Country nothing but cactus and desert. They can have Texas!" Arizona was no improvement. In Tucson they were charged $9.98 at the Sun Ray Motel, "the most expensive motel we have had and the poorest." Charles protested the high price after discovering it was more than listed in the Triple A Guide, and the owner refunded $1.50. Texas seemed better on the trip home. At Sonora, Texas, they "had a real good dinner for $1.50 - soup through dessert." The small town of Ozona was notable for its beautiful homes, and because supposedly 32 millionaires lived there. They stopped to see the L.B.J. Ranch and took some pictures. TRey briefly stopped in Harahan, Louisiana to visit Don and his family. This was Gladys' eighth trip to see them in New Orleans, and her last, since the family would move to Columbus early in June. The long trip west ended on April 9.
Both Charles and Gladys seemed to be in excellent health. Charles had frequent trips to the dentist, and purchased new eye glasses. He also had a cardiogram but was told the results were normal. Gladys had elevated blood pressure, but it was corrected with medication. Her vision was excellent.

They arrived at the cottage in Wisconsin on June 18. "All was fine except mice had been in shop, broke bottles, and three dead ones in toilet." They started on the annual clean-up immediately. Charles installed the mailbox, put up the "Buckeye Sign," cleaned out the gutters, and started mowing the grove. Gladys helped rake the leaves. Their busy social life started immediately. On June 22 they met their new next-door neighbors, Elmer and Betty Schwarze, and visited with Ed and Cara Dybvig across the lake. "Then Trefethens came and stayed 2 1/4 hours. We had supper, then Zahns came." Charles started to scrape and paint the cottage and was able to finish the job in mid-August. For the first time Gladys mentions "speed boats and skiers on lake;" at least, they never had to put up with Jet Skis. Some tomato plants were rescued from the dump and planted alongside the road.

On July 13 "Charles was taking a nap and woke with a severe pain. It got worse. I drove him to Shell Lake [Hospital] - 26 miles. Much faster than I ever drove on these roads! They put him in hospital - a kidney infection. After nearly four days in the hospital Charles was discharged and soon was able to resume his usual schedule. Before picking up Charles Gladys watched the moon shot in the early morning of July 16. Both were able to watch on July 20, "a day for history. Man landed on moon." Dorothy and Dick, and their three children, arrived for their annual visit on July 19. The children enjoyed horseback riding at a local stable, swimming, and eating popcorn by the fire in the evening. Dick was an avid fisherman and on July 27, his 45th birthday, he caught the largest fish any member of the family has ever caught in Fish Lake, a 35 inch, 12 pound Northern Pike. I assume it was eaten; Gladys doesn't say. The Kutcheras left on August 1, and the next day Charles and Gladys had their first swim of the summer. On August 3 more company arrived, Merle and Raymond Axline from their bridge club. They stayed four days. Charles finished painting both the cottage and the Guest House on August 20, and on August 23 laid out plans for a new cement walk that would connect the back and front porches. This would be the final project of the dozens Charles would complete at the cottage and elsewhere. He did not live to see it completed. On the evening of August 25 Charles and Gladys read the 23rd psalm together he died the next morning.

August 26 began as a normal day. Charles began to extend the back porch. He was mixing cement, but stopped briefly in the living room at a quarter until ten as Gladys watched the television. When she went outside at ten to hang clothes she found Charles unconscious, face down, on the back seat of the car. A 17-year old neighbor boy, Roger Schwarze, whom Gladys had never met, frantically drove the car to Shell Lake Hospital, twenty-six miles away, but Charles died enroute. Thus began "the saddest day of my life. I lost my beloved Charles. My heart is broken and life will never be the same." Three neighbor men came over and finished the portion of the porch Charles had started. The connecting cement walkway between the two porches was never built. The next day Gladys flew home in a single engine plane with Charles' coffin crowded in the rear. It was a 4 1/2 hour flight. Don, Dorothy, and Dick met Gladys at the airport in Columbus. Calling hours were on August 28, the funeral was August 29. "Such a horrible day to leave my Charles at cemetery. Part of me was buried with Charles.... The days are all alike - nothing matters."

Gradually, very gradually, Gladys began to venture out of her house. There were necessary visits to her attorney, Bill Walter. On September 6 she went to Don's for John's 11th birthday party. There was a trip to Cumberland to visit Jennie. On September 14 Gladys and Don flew to Duluth airport where they were met by friends. Don closed up the cottage with the help of Leonard Johnson, and packed the trailer. After four days Don drove the car and trailer back home. Gladys sold the Oldsmobile as it had too many unpleasant memories. Ellen gave her a kitten and this seemed to help a bit. The neighbors were attentive, especially in the first month, and brought in food. She had been used to a busy social life, now greatly reduced. "I get so lonesome!" "How my Saturday nights have changed!" "The days are beautiful but the heartache is so heavy." On October 17 she wrote "Such
long evenings. People have about quit calling and coming - they soon forget." "I have so many problems. How I miss my darling!" Gladys ordered a framed, lighted picture of Jesus which was hung in a corridor of the church as a memorial. Slowly she reengaged in activities. She raised money in the neighborhood for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, joined the Golden Crest Club at church for senior ladies, and attended a Bible Class. She agreed to be chairman next year of her Circle group. She gave to family members some of Charles' tools and other possessions, and sold others. Christmas Day was difficult. "First time I ever got up alone on Christmas day, only K.C. [the cat] for company." Bill soon arrived and she spent the day with Bill and his family.

She closed the diary for 1969 with "This year started well. Our new Oldsmobile we were so proud of. We had our trip to Phoenix and New Orleans. Two months at cottage, then my world shattered and it was the saddest year of my life. Life will never be really happy without my Charles. Am glad Don and Ellen are back in Columbus, and family has kept well."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1969 5° above. Bright, sunny day. I washed one washer. We took down tree, and put away all decorations. Watched Tournament of Roses Parade and Rose Bowl Game. Ohio State beat University of Southern California 27-16. [O.J. Simpson played in this game for U.S.C] Glad we are together to start another year.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1969 9° above. Another beautiful day. Did the ironing. We both felt better of colds. In the afternoon drove around and looked at area where Don might like [to buy a house]. Took my wedding ring to jeweler at Worthington to have a piece put in it.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1969 Beautiful day. I felt much better, but Charles still has cold. He went to Doctor in afternoon. I baked cookies, washed a washer.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1969 Zero! Pretty, sunny day. Did ironing and cleaned up house. Charles went for bread - only time out. Had fire in basement and watched a good basketball game. O.S.U. beat Indiana. Only second fire this winter.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1969 Zero again. Charles is better of cold but did not want to go out when so cold. Home all day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1969 Light snow on the ground. Charles went to dentist in P.M. Had fire in basement in evening.


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1969 5° above during night. I washed a washer and ironed. Went to beauty parlor in P.M. Charles took me. Freezing rain began in evening. Many accidents.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1969 Such a morning. All the city a glare of ice! All schools closed. Accidents and falls all over town. I was to go to Lucille's [Reeder] to substitute in her bridge club. It was called off. Charles tried to clean driveway, but too cold to melt ice. Charles had been getting all Wisconsin checks put together. [This must have something to do with taxes.]
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1969 About 7° above. I mopped and waxed linoleum. Received Round Robin [letter] from S.A. [South American] group. [These were the people Gladys met on the trip to South America.] In afternoon Charles went to dentist, then we went to grocery.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1969 9°. Another cold, sunny day. [Bridge] club went to Forest Park Inn for dinner - very good. Then, to Walters [Bill and Edith] for bridge. Herman [Reeder], $1.00; Charles, $.75; me, pennies, $.59; Lucille [Reeder], $.25. Edith broke her wrist before Christmas.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1969 A nice day. Still cold and we were afraid of slippery side streets to go to church. Charles typed our "Round Robin" letter and got it ready to send on.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1969 4° above. Sunny and cold. Still ice on side streets. Has never been warm enough to melt it since last Thursday. Charles went out to look at cars. Colleen had cast off, braces put on.


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1969 Much warmer and most of ice melted. In the morning we went to look at Oldsmobile. Then to Worthington to get my wedding ring I had pieced. In evening we stopped to look at Buick on way to Reeders for dinner. We had a nice evening until Herman jumped on Charles because he didn't lead to suit him. He was very rude!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1969 Warmest day for a long time. In morning we went to see Buick. In afternoon went back to Oldsmobile and bought one - a Delta Custom. It is a demonstrator, has 2960 miles on it. Had a misunderstanding. The manager wouldn't approve estimate. We were there three hours. Finally, we paid $50.00 more, but feel we got a good bargain. Washed one washer and ironed. Chuck's 11th birthday.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1969 Light rain most of day. Put clean papers in some of cupboards. Charles took the outside Christmas lights down. In afternoon drove to Bill's to leave Karen's birthday gift. Fire in basement.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1969 Another drizzly day. I cleaned up the house. Charles cleaned out car. We went to Forest Park Inn with Walters and to their house for bridge. Edith and I won the game. A nice evening.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1969 We went to early church. In afternoon went to Ellis' [Ray and Ethel]. They weren't home, so we went to see Paffenbargers [Ralph, Sr. and Viola].

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1969 Inauguration Day for President Nixon. I watched most of day. Charles had to go to dentist. Was gone so long I became worried. He was in chair an hour and three-quarters. Had to have a tooth
pulled. In afternoon we went to Northland to Lazarus and to Schottensteins [Department Store]. Colleen went back to school. Still has braces on.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1969 A real nice day. We went at 9:30 to get our new Oldsmobile. We are surely pleased and proud of it. At 12:30 Esther Smith called [from Cumberland]. Taking Jennie [Charles' 88 year-old aunt] to hospital. Charles called Esther at Zanesville about nine o'clock. Said Jennie had pneumonia and dehydration.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1969 Almost a spring day. Charles had to take car back to get papers and see about lock. I went to Gilbert's [Shoe Store]. Got a pair Red Cross shoes for $9.90, and pair blue Selby's for a "wooden nickel." Then to Lazarus, bought a car coat for $11.34. Home on bus. In the afternoon I walked to North Broadway [Road]. Drove car "around the block" for first time. Esther called, but didn't know much more about Jennie.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1969 Another nice day. We left at ten o'clock for Zanesville to see Jennie. Ate lunch at Frisch's [Big Boy Restaurant]. Esther was at hospital. Jennie in pretty bad shape. Don't know much more than we did. We left about 2:30, took Esther to her sister's. Home at four. I drove the new car 50 miles. A little shower on way home.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1969 Washed a washer and ironed. We went for groceries in morning. Turning colder. Had fire in basement in evening and pop corn.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1969 Much colder. 14° here. 10° above by evening. Axlines [Raymond and Merle] were here for dessert (pie a la mode) and bridge. A good game. Merle and I won by 20 points.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1969 10° above. Charles and I went to church. Had early dinner and went to Zanesville to see Jennie. She is able to eat a little now, but talks irrationally at times. Home 4:15. Lovely day. Fire in basement in evening. Frieda [Charles' sister-in-law from Phoenix] called.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1969 Beautiful day and a little warmer. I did some mending. Washed Charles' top coat and two jackets and steam ironed them. Charles took car to have lock on steering wheel fixed. Not right when we got it. Had a misunderstanding about bringing it back. Kept it over night.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1969 Charles left before daylight on bus and got the car. They had not fixed the lock but had done the wiring for the trailer. About eight o'clock, rain that froze - over 300 accidents. Charles got home before freeze. I cancelled my hair appointment. Better by afternoon and I went to bridge at university. Charles took me and came for me. Had lunch and a pleasant afternoon. I didn't know anyone there. Fire in basement, watched basketball game.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1969 Rain during night and a good part of day. We both were home all day. Didn't do anything special.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1969 Rain again, most of day. Washed a washer and ironed. We went for groceries in the morning. I went to beauty parlor in afternoon - first time to take car out alone.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1969 The nicest day so far this week, although cloudy. No rain. Charles went downtown to have income tax checked. We left at 12:15 - had to make a stop at Schottensteins to return trousers. Then, we went to Zanesville. Jennie was much better, eating and sitting up. We took Esther to her sister's. We ate dinner at Kuennings on way home. A good dinner. Home a quarter 'till seven.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1969 A nice day. We did some errands in morning. Charles took a walk in afternoon. Went to [bridge] club at Axlines. Walters drove. We went to Fireside Inn for dinner. Charles won top [prize], $1.04 (pennies), Merle [Axline], $1.00; me, $.75; Raymond [Axline], $.25. [Karen's 9th birthday.]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1969
Real nice day. We went to church. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1969 Some snow during night and flurries in morning. Started to put clean papers in drawers and on shelves. Turned out to be a beautiful afternoon. I went to Women's Meeting at University. Charles took me and visited at office. Enjoyed basement fire in evening.


WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1969 Another lovely, sunny day. Charles went downtown for a cardiogram. Dr. [Rollo] Bonnell suggested it for his records. We don't think anything wrong. I washed a washer of rugs, put clean papers in bathroom. Charles took a walk in afternoon. I made sweet rolls.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1969 We went to grocery early. Began snowing in the morning - a miserable day. Laura [Hardy; member of their former "dinner" bridge club] stopped in afternoon. We went to Forest Park Inn for dinner with Ellis' and to their house. They ignored the fact we had a new car. Don't enjoy an evening with them at all.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1969 Did the ironing. Charles was at dentist two and a half hours. We went to Paffenbargers [Ralph, Sr., and Viola} for dinner. Baldwins were there. We had a fine dinner and a pleasant evening.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1969 Charles had been working on the Wisconsin records. I drove downtown to library and got some books to read. Began to rain about 12:30 and kept it up all afternoon and evening. We were glad we were home. Charles called Esther [Smith] and Jennie still better.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1969 Snow during night and flurries during day. We didn't go to church. Home all day.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1969 15°. A beautiful, sunny day. Didn't go to Circle meeting [at church]. Instead we went to Zanesville to see Jennie. She was sitting up and better. Charles got report from cardiogram. Nothing wrong, pulse a little fast.


WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1969 Snowed during night. Charles went downtown to Doctor Norris to have eyes checked. Getting new glasses and frames. I rode down with him, home on bus. Ate lunch at Mills. Heavy snow flurries at supper time. Decided not to go to Battelle [Institute].

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1969 Nice day. We went to grocery in morning. Florence [Mick] was here for dinner. Jennie went home [from Zanesville Hospital].

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1969 Beautiful day. We left at 9:15 for Zanesville. Charles had to check at hospital and Dr. office on Jennie's bills. Ate buffet lunch in Zanesville. On to Cumberland. Jennie still better. Home about five.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1969 Nice day. We went to A&P [grocery] and Krogers. Made a picture from old jewelry. Had the frame. Home all evening. Had invited Walters but Bill has flu.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1969 Beautiful day. We went to church. Baked a cake and cupcakes. Bills came over in afternoon to see our pictures from South America. Had ice cream and cake. Had asked Kay but she didn't come.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1969 Lovely day. I "housecleaned" the spare room. Charles took car to have lock fixed. I took a walk through the [Overbrook] Hallow. Invited Reeders for dinner on Thursday.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1969 Another nice day. I started to count Charles' stamps. [Two possibilities here. Stores gave "redemption" stamps, such as Green stamps or Buckeye stamps, one for each dollar spent. They could be redeemed for prizes at "stamp stores." Also, the state gave "tax stamps" which could be redeemed with state of Ohio for refunds. They were issued in one, two, five cent denominations.] Washed one washer and ironed. Walked to [East] North Broadway in P.M. Mrs. Justus brought me home. Charles went by bus to get car. They hadn't fixed it right, so he left it and home on bus. Fire in basement. Axlines invited us, but we are going away on weekend.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1969 Still nice weather. I didn't do much. Charles rode bus and got car. After he started home had to go back and have directional signal fixed. Edith offered us Mershon [Auditorium] tickets, but we didn't want them.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1969 Beautiful day. Charles went downtown and got his new glasses. Reeders [Herman and Lucille] were here for dinner and bridge. [Ellen's 34th birthday.]
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1969 Dorothy called Tuesday evening and asked us to come down on Friday. Charles went downtown and got his new glasses. We left at quarter of twelve for Dorothy's. Chuck went camping for the weekend. Dick is putting a bath in basement and wanted Charles to help.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1969 Charles and Dick put in a long day working in basement and got sewer pipes in. Dorothy and I went to grocery. In evening Valerie, Dorothy, and I went to a concert at High ScRool. Barbara played flute in band.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1969 Dorothy and Dick surprised Charles with a check for $25.00. We were embarrassed. Barbara went to Sunday School. Dick and Dorothy took drive in our new car. Left at quarter 'till two. Home at four. Almost had an accident. Got a free box of candy at Stuckey [restaurant] with [purchase of] ten gallon gas. Went to Davis' [next-door neighbors] to get our [news]papers.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1969 Still mild weather. I washed two washers and ironed. I went to Northland [shopping center] in morning to exchange hose. Took a walk in afternoon. Charles went to Dr. Bonnell. All fine.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1969 Snow flurries. I went to beauty parlor and to bridge at university. Juanita [Shupe] stopped for me. We went for lunch - had eight tables of bridge. Am glad I started going to bridge group.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1969 Snow flurries. By afternoon real nice day. Charles took down all the light fixtures and I washed them. Moved furniture and swept pink room. In afternoon we went to Eastland [shopping center]. Went so [we could] see "Funny Girl" and had dinner there.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27,1969 Another nice day. We took Florence [Mick] to airport for her trip to Phoenix. Stopped at grocery. I took a walk in afternoon to Buckeye Mart. Fire in basement.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28,1969 Lovely, sunny day. Charles helped me. We swept yellow room, cleaned woodwork and furniture. Charles got car washed. We were invited to Velma Millhone's for the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hare were there too. [I'm guessing these were people with a Cumberland connection.]

SATURDAY, MARCH 1,1969 Our nice weather continues. We didn't do much today. The [bridge] club went to Reeder's, and to faculty Club for dinner. Me, $1.00; Merle [Axline], $.75; Lucille [Reeder], pennies, Herman [Reeder], $.25. We drove.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1969 We went to church. A few snow flurries when we came out. Didn't last long, sunny day. Home rest of day. Charles typed name labels for our trip.

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1969 Lovely, sunny day. Charles had errands in the morning downtown. In afternoon I went to Northland [shopping center] and bought a cotton dress. Ellis' were here in P.M.
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1969 Another beautiful day. We left at 11:30 for Cumberland. Charles had to stop at Zanesville and pay Jennie's doctor bills. She is better. Home at five o'clock. Watched basketball game.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1969 Still a beautiful day. Charles cleaned woodwork in kitchen and dining room. I washed a washer, took a walk in afternoon.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1969 Rain predicted, but a nice day. We went for groceries in morning. In afternoon I went to library, then afterward we drove to Indian Hills to drive past a house we are going to look at Sunday for Don. Called to see how Valerie is - she had a bad reaction to penicillin.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1969 A little snow on ground when we got up, but it soon melted. I cleaned the oven. In the afternoon we drove to a nursery at Canal Winchester to see what to do for our front lawn [which had had a bad fungus].

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1969 4-6 inches snow predicted. A few flurries and some rain was all it amounted to. Charles cleaned his small room in basement. I cleaned up house, washed rugs. We went to "David's Buffet" for dinner.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 1969 We didn't go to church. Charles went to see Mr. Scott about yard. In the afternoon went to see a house for Don and to call on Hangs, pick and Mary Hang, from the Department. A pretty day, few snow flurries.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1969 Snow flurries. I washed part of kitchen walls. Went to Circle meeting. Took Mrs. Holmes. Fire in basement. Invited to Reeders Friday evening and to Kirby's next Tuesday.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1969 13°. Sunny and cold. Some snow flurries. I washed the little bathroom and washed one washer. Charles took car for 5,000 mile check.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1969 10°. Sunny day. Washed a washer and ironed. Charles packed Frieda's dishes. [Jennie had decided to divide her dishes between Frieda and Gladys.] In afternoon he worked on yard. I took a walk. Rev. Chafin came to call - stayed over an hour. [I assume this was the minister at Crestview Presbyterian Church.] Went to Battelle - left at intermission.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1969 Lovely day. Charles worked on yard. I took a walk in P.M. We went to airport to meet Florence [Mick] at 5:30. She took us to Williards for dinner.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1969 We went to Reeders [Herman and Lucille] for dinner and bridge. A nice dinner and pleasant evening. Men won game.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1969 Beautiful sunny day. We went for a few groceries to Big Bear. Didn't need many, since leaving Wednesday. Charles trimmed clematis vines. Home all evening.
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1969 Another beautiful day. We went to church. In afternoon Charles and I took a long walk. I took key to Davis' [next-door neighbors]. Don called [from New Orleans] in evening. No special news. [Dorothy's 41st birthday.]

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1969 Charles took car to have snow tires taken off. I did my packing. Charles planted onions and cleaned up yard. Another beautiful day in 60s.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1969 Quite a social day for me, also beautiful day. I went to beauty parlor, then to Lucille's for lunch and bridge. Enjoyed driving our new Oldsmobile. Won first prize - cards. Merle and Florence were there. In the evening we went to Kirby's. Dr. and Mrs. Ide came from Bucyrus. Kirby's took us to Scioto Country Club for dinner, then to their house to see pictures. A real nice day. [Kirby's and Ide's were friends from their trip to South America the previous year.]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1969 Another beautiful day. 66°. We packed the car. Left at quarter 'till two for Dorothy's [in Cincinnati]. I drove 30 miles. Dorothy had a good chicken dinner with pumpkin pie. Barbara went to dancing class and Chuck to Patrol meeting.


SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 1969 Breakfast in motel. Left 7:15 for Carlsbad Caverns. Went on ten o'clock trip. Walked three miles, took close to five hours. Had good lunch down in Cavern. A box lunch - roll, three pieces chicken, potato chips, cake and orange. Came out at two o'clock and left for El Paso. The wind was terrible and such awful dust storms Charles could hardly see road. The tumbling weeds really tumbled across the road. At El Paso at quarter 'till six. Stayed at Carol [?] motel ($9.57). had a good dinner at restaurant nearby. Country notRing but cactus and desert. They can have Texas! 159 in our party through Carlsbad. Later joined by party that took shorter tour.
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1969 Breakfast in motel. Left at seven. I drove 50 miles in morning. Nothing but desert. Ate lunch at roadside park. Warm enough to get out to a table. In afternoon stopped at real nice rest area - took some pictures. Drove to Tucson. Sun Ray Motel, $9.98 - the most expensive motel we have had and the poorest. Dinner nearby, $2.91. By Triple A book we had been overcharged for motel. Charles protested - owner returned $1.50. She came over to see where we got our book.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1969 Breakfast in motel. Left at seven. Stopped at a park and took pictures. Tried to find Casa Grande ruins. Missed road, so didn't go. Drove through pretty rock areas. Got to Phoenix, had a time finding a car wash. Ate lunch at Drive-In. Got to ranch at 1:45, Visited all evening. Miles 2,264.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1969 Went to Glendale for Mother. [Charles' mother, Fanny Cooper Stewart, age 93, lived in a nursing home at Glendale.] All three of us had our hair done. ($3.00). Frieda went to Lodge in evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1969 Didn't do anything special. Carol [wife of Charles' nephew, Joe] was here in afternoon. Walked out to see the "Pig Mamma." [Joe raised Landsray hogs on the ranch.] Frieda showed us her Norwegian pictures.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1969 We went to Flo and Toms [Nelson]. [Flo was a second cousin to Gladys.] We took them to lunch. Then Tom wanted to take a drive. It was so hot, glad when we got back to house. We went to Betsy's [Charles' niece] for dinner. Had such a nice evening. A bad accident on way home, had to detour. Home at ten.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1969 Our last day here and a family dinner. Flo and Tom were here, Betsy and Joe's families -seventeen altogether. Frieda cooked a turkey, all brought something. After the others left, we took Mother back to Waitwell [Nursing Home]. She showed us around the place.


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1969 Up at 4:30. Breakfast in motel, left at 5:15. Drove an hour or more before daylight. Cloudy and a cooler day to drive. Stopped to see L.B.J. Ranch and took some pictures. Lovely flowers along road, orange and blue. Saw wild roses and spirea in bloom. Also beautiful azaleas. Stopped in Austin
to see University [of Texas]. Ate lunch at roadside park. Texas has lots of roadside parks, some very nice ones. Heavy traffic getting through and around Houston. Motel $7.50. Ate at restaurant near-by. Drove 468 miles.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1969 Usual breakfast in motel. Left at 6:30. We enjoyed the lovely flowers and green trees. Ate lunch at a drive-in. Got to Don's [in Harahan, Louisiana, a suburb of New Orleans] at one o'clock. Drove 252 miles. He has sold his house [to Mr. and Mrs. Songy].

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1969 Letters from Bill, Jennie, Reeders and Dorothy. Some, day before. Reeders are going to Malaysia. We didn't do anything special.


SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 1969 Easter Sunday. The children had an egg hunt and for their baskets and a $1.00 apiece Charles gave them. Don, Ellen, Charles, and I played bridge.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1969
Up at quarter 'till six. Ellen had breakfast for us and we left at quarter 'till seven. Our last look at their house [at 595 Gordon Avenue, Harahan]. I have been there eight times. Long drag getting out of New Orleans. Lovely trees and shrubbery planted along highway in Mississippi. Ellen made us sandwiches and we ate at a roadside "park." Not even a picnic table. We found a young couple with car trouble - all water drained from car and burst pipe. Charles took the man where he got help and I stayed with his wife. Gone about forty minutes. We drove to Fultondale, seven miles north of Birmingham. Stayed at Keystone Motel ($7.50). Ate dinner at Ramada Inn. 396 miles. About twelve miles was taking the man for help.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1969

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1969
Left Dorothy's about nine. Home soon after eleven. Drove about 5,000 miles. All was well here. Called Bill and Don to tell him we are home.


FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1969 Charles worked in yard. Planted grass seed in front yard and covered it with straw. [Bridge] club went to Suburban Steak House for dinner and here for bridge. Herman, $1.00; Bill, $.75; Lucille, pennies, and Merle, $.25. Our last time to meet for a long time. Reeders leave Sunday for Malaysia -gone four months. [Added sometime later] It proved to be the last time we ever met.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1969 We went to early church, then on to Cumberland. Ate dinner in Zanesville. I think Jennie has failed quite a lot. Home at 5:30. Stopped at Ontario [Discount Store].

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1969 Cloudy and a little cooler. Charles worked in yard - went for trailer license. I did some extra things. Went to Circle meeting in afternoon.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1969 I didn't do anything special, worked some on plastic rug. Charles went to dentist and worked in yard.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1969 We took rug off back porch and cleaned it. Ate dinner there for first time this spring. Dusted drapes for small windows in washer, took out storm windows. Went to new Gold Circle [store], also washed car. 

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1969 Really warm today. I dusted big drapes, put in screens, also in kitchen window. Charles went to dentist. Hopes he is through going. In afternoon we went to look at a place for Mother [Stewart; then in a nursing home in Arizona, although Charles' brother, Ralph, had died]. Couldn't imagine anyone staying there.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1969 Rain most of day and cooler. Charles got the groceries. I made pumpkin pies. Dorothy's family here overnight on way to Cleveland [where Dick's parents lived].

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1969 36°. Dorothy left at 7:30. Had some snow flurries. Cleaned up house. Mary and Dick Hang [from the Department of Engineering Drawing] were here to see our pictures [of South America]. JENNIE'S 89™ BIRTHDAY.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1969 A beautiful day. We went to church.

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1969 Rain in afternoon and evening. I washed a washer and ironed, cleaned breakfast room furniture. In afternoon went to Dr. Bonnell. My blood pressure was 176/86. He gave me medicine and told me to have my eyes checked. Charles came for me, then he went in to see Doctor. In the morning he took car in and had the tires rotated.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1969 Washed a washer and ironed. Cleaned part of front room furniture. Charles cleaned spouting, carried wood to basement [for fire place]. I went to bridge at university. Charles took me, stayed at office. Rain in afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1969 Washed and hung curtains in yellow room. Cleaned more furniture in front room and registers. Charles cleaned garage and basement. Quite cool, some rain. Letter from Don. They plan to leave New Orleans on 7th June.
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1969 Lovely day and warmer. I defrosted freezer. Charles got groceries. I went to beauty parlor and to Rachel Yamngton's for lunch. [Rachel's husband, Paul, was Chairman of the Department, and later Dean of the College of Engineering.] Mrs. Devereaux took me. Charles and I went to Stauffers for dinner. Had $5.00 left on gift [certificate] Carolyn [Paffenbarger] gave us. Good dinner, but awful prices. $4.25 for dinners - apiece. About ten Bill called to tell us he is going to Hospital Monday.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1969 Beautiful day. We went to Auto Club, filled out a blank for them to send my driver's license in September. Then, to Doctor Norris to have my eyes checked. No cataracts, glaucoma. Said I had almost perfect vision for my age.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1969 Lovely day and warmer. We went to Gold Circle and Krogers in morning. In afternoon Charles went to Ontario and I had a long sleep. We went to dinner with Walters at Forest Park Inn. Came here for bridge. Men won.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1969 Turned clocks forward one hour. We went to church. Drove around in afternoon to look for house for sale for Don. Much warmer.

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1969 Rain during night, but only a few sprinkles during the day. I baked cookies. Bill went in Mt. Carmel Hospital.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1969 Gloomy day. Bill was operated for hydrocele, an accumulation of fluid. He got along fine, and called us in early evening. Charles worked on a frame to hang in hall with small [family] pictures.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1969 Nice, sunny day. Charles worked on picture frame. In the afternoon went to see Bill. Ellis' stopped in evening and we played bridge awhile.

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1969 Lovely day and warmer. We went to Gold Circle in morning. In afternoon Charles went to see Bill. I took a walk through the [Overbrook] Hallow. Washed and ironed.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1969 Beautiful day. CHARLES' 70 TH BIRTHDAY. I took him to Terrace Room [at O.S.U. Student Union] for dinner. They gave him a real nice birthday cake. After dinner we walked around the campus, then drove through Arlington. We are looking [for] "for sale" houses for Don. Dorothy called after we came home. She sent a card, a car washer. Bill, a card and playing cards. Jennie sent $5.00. My gift, the dinner. Don got day mixed, thought birthday Sunday. He is sending a paper to us for six months. Birthday and Mother's Day.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1969 Warmer today. I cleaned up house. Last night I didn't sleep until after four o'clock and didn't get up early. We went to Faculty Club for dinner with Walters. To their house for bridge. Men won, no wonder the way Bills peeps. [This was the final bridge game for the Coopers' and Walters'.]
SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1969 We didn't go to church. Our Department [of Engineering Drawing] had a dinner at Officer's Club at Depot ($4.35 apiece). We took Devereaux's and stopped at their house afterwards. Don called Charles. He thought today was his birthday.


TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1969 Warm today. Washed a washer. Charles packed some groceries and tools for the cottage. Waited all day for Bill to call to take him home from hospital. Called at four. Charles got home after 5:30. We went to Krogers after dinner. I made apple jelly to take to cottage. [No doubt made from the crab apple juice canned the previous summer at the cottage.]

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1969 Quite warm today. Mopped kitchen. Charles took car to garage to have repaired where some one scraped on it in parking lot. I walked to A&P [grocery] in afternoon.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1969 Rain during night and showers during day. Some very hard ones. I washed quilt on our bed, made a pillow to use in car. In afternoon Charles went for car. Cost us $57.00 besides what insurance paid for some one's carelessness.

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1969 Gloomy day - some sunshine at times. We went to grocery in morning. In afternoon Mrs. Wolfe took us to see a house for Don. We, and Velma Millhone, went to Prof. Hare's for dessert and to see slides.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1969 A rainy day. Very hard rain at times. I cleaned up house. In evening Charles and I went to Faculty Club for dinner. Disappointed in menu.

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1969 We went to church. Mother's Day cards from all the children. Dorothy called. Mr. Scott [next-door neighbor] fell off a ladder and caused some excitement in neighborhood.

MONDAY, MAY 12, 1969 Lovely day, but cool in morning and evening. I washed a washer and baked cookies, some to take to church. Went to Dr. Bonnell on way home. Blood pressure down 160/82. Went to Circle meeting at church. Frost predicted.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1969 Did not frost. We went to Bill's farm with the trailer and got a load of wood. Charles took chain saw to cut it. Home at 12:30.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1969 Beautiful day. Charles took T. V. for repair and cleaning to Swan's [Dry Cleaners]. I went to beauty parlor and to library. In the afternoon we went to [Faculty] Recognition Dinner [at Ohio State] with Paffenbargers [Ralph, Sr., and Viola]. We brought the flowers to Mr. Scott [who had fallen off a ladder].
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1969 Real nice day. We went to grocery in morning, came home, ate lunch and went again. Got several specials and canned goods to take to cottage. Went for T. V.

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1969 Charles has been splitting the wood we got at Bills and storing behind garage. Florence [Mick] was here for dinner. Charles went to help Mr. Scott walk.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1969 Cloudy but only a few sprinkles of rain. We went to Swans for [dry] cleaning. I didn't do much. Charles went twice to help Mr. Scott. Home all evening.

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1969 Rain, and we didn't go to church. Some real downpours during day. Took a walk through [Overbrook] Hallow between showers. Charles went twice to help Mr. Scott.

MONDAY, MAY 19, 1969 Rain again today. Home all day except to Post Office. Charles set out begonias and other plants. He went three times to help Mr. Scott.

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1969 Cloudy and sunshiny. Charles left at 8:30 and took car for check at 10,000 miles. Cost over $50.00. He didn't get home until quarter 'till twelve. Went three times today to help Mr. Scott. I took a walk in afternoon. Saw boxes at A&P [grocery]. Charles drove down and got some. Drove to Auto Club and Schottensteins [Department Store] after dinner.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1969 Charles is working on a clock for Ellen. I embroidered it and he is putting it together. Went three times to help Mr. Scott. I made a pie. We went with Ellis' to Forest Park Inn. Had a good dinner. Came here for dessert and bridge.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1969 Some sprinkles in morning. We went to Lazarus. Charles got a raincoat. Then to Gold Circle for groceries. Charles finished the clock. Went to help Mr. Scott again. Took a walk in evening.

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1969 Nice day. I fixed a blouse, defrosted freezer. Charles went to Shopping Center and to help Mr. Scott. In afternoon I went to see Mrs. Hazen. She wasn't home. Went to see Mari Jane Jackson, Mrs. Minister, and Mrs. Gillespie. [All friends from former neighborhood.] Took a walk after dinner through Overbrook [Hallow].

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1969 Nice day. I made grape pie, potato and gelatin salad. Dorothy came soon after 9:30. Charles only had to help Mr. Scott once. Charles drove them around campus. Dorothy, Chuck, Valerie, and I took a walk through Overbrook.

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1969 Nice day except a hard shower about five. Have had a nice weekend with Dorothy. The table extension is so nice on porch. She, the children, and I drove around our old neighborhood and had a "Tastee-Freeze." They left at 4:30. Bill called to talk with Dorothy.
MONDAY, MAY 26, 1969 38°. Lovely day, but a record low temperature this morning. I washed a washer, mopped kitchen. We left at ten for Cumberland. Ate lunch at roadside park. Stopped at [Cumberland] cemetery, planted large marigolds. Jennie was fine. Home at quarter 'till five. Carol [Hoffman] brought us some birthday cake. I have a miserable cold.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1969 Nice day and warmer. I didn't feel too well with this cold, but went to beauty parlor and bridge at university. A nice afternoon. Charles did some errands in P.M. Last day to go to Scotts.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1969 Didn't feel very peppy with a cold. Charles put out four tomato plants for Don.

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1969 Up in the 90s. I felt better today. Charles went to Dr. [Rollo] Bonnell and did errands. After dinner we went for Colleen, Wayne, and Karen. They are to stay 'till Saturday. Mrs. Lewis asked Colleen to play piano.

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1969 Not so warm but a lovely day. We didn't do anything but entertain the children. I took Colleen a walk in morning. In afternoon we took them to Overbrook [Hallow]. Wayne and Karen went wading. After dinner we took them to playground, and for cones. Then, Mrs. Lewis wanted Colleen to play [piano] for her and some guests.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1969 Bill and Gloria came for children about ten. They were all three so nice. We enjoyed having them. I cleaned up house. We went to Forest Park Inn with Edith and Bill [Walter], then to our house. Men won. Our last evening for awhile.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1969
Cloudy, but no rain. We went to church. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1969 Cloudy and some rain. I washed two washers and ironed. Charles greased the trailer. In afternoon we went to Ontario [store] and Jay Mart.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1969 48°. Cloudy most of day and cool. Charles finished getting trailer greased and started to load it. I finished a Kodak album I was changing. In afternoon I drove to Northland [shopping center], put my [fur] stole in storage.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1969 Warmer today and sunny. We went to banks and library in morning. Charles went to Master's [store] in P.M and bought a sprinkler for cottage. He took most of cold frames out. I made a dress for Linda's doll. In evening I went over to see Jeanette [Davis - next-door neighbor]. Merle Axline invited us for tomorrow evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1969 Rain in morning and some showers during day. I washed a washer and cleaned up basement. Charles cleaned and waxed linoleum. I walked down to [Dr.] Bonnell's [office at southeast corner of Indianola Avenue and East North Broadway]. My blood pressure down to 150 from 160. We went to Axlines for bridge. Had a good dessert and pleasant evening.
FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1969 A nice day. We went to grocery in morning. Charles went back in afternoon for ice cream and rolls. Juanita and Holly [Shupe] were here for dinner. Had turkey roll.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7,1969 Raining when we got up. Cleared off for Commencement. WE WENT TO SEE GLORIA GET HER MASTER'S DEGREE. We waited at reception for her about an hour. Had all the children and Mrs. Bond. We didn't stay for food. Busy getting ready for Don [to arrive from New Orleans tomorrow]. In late afternoon we went to Bills for dinner. Kay and Chuck [Rehl] were there, too. Had a very pleasant evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8,1969 Thunder in morning but cleared off soon. I went to church. Don called at two, they were north of Cincinnati. I baked a birthday cake for Linda. [THIS WAS HER 4TH BIRTHDAY.] They came about a quarter 'till six.

MONDAY, JUNE 9,1969 OUR 46TH ANNIVERSARY. We didn't get to do anything. Don and Ellen were out all afternoon looking at houses. Cards from Florence, Kutcheras, Mrs. Cowgill and Walters. A nice day but still a little cool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1969 Warmer today. I don't get much done. Charles planted a row of beans. Took the children up to Jerry's [Drive-in]. Don looked at houses in P.M., and at six left for Bethesda, Maryland [to visit the National Library of Medicine]. Charles took him to airport. After dinner Ellen took children to playground and for a drive.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1969 Washed a washer of rags. Charles has trailer almost packed. Ellen drove around in P.M. to look at certain areas and to grocery.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1969 Quite warm. I went to beauty parlor for a permanent. ($10.00). Charles went to grocery and for a hair cut. Don came from Washington at 7:30. We weren't looking for him 'till tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1969 Had 2 1/4 inches rain from five last evening 'till this morning. Cleared off and a nice day. Charles closed the trailer. Don went to university, was very pleased with his office. Ellen went to Northland to look for a dress.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1969 Gloomy day. Don and Ellen went out with a realtor in afternoon. We got more packing done. Played some bridge in evening. [MOTHER STEWART'S 93RD BIRTHDAY.]

SUNDAY, JUNE 15,1969 Rainy, gloomy, cold day. Turned furnace on. Don and Ellen spent all day house hunting. We did nothing but baby sit. They were invited out for the evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 16,1969 43°. Had furnace on. Our last day before leaving [for cottage]. Not much to do to house. Washed one washer. Mrs. Scott brought us a box of fancy jellies. Don was at his office most of day. They went to look at a house in evening. THEY DECIDED TO BUY A HOUSE ON BALDRIDGE ROAD [1896]. [This was the last time I ever saw my father. He said "Good Night" and they left early in the morning for Wisconsin. The last words I heard him say were "Good Night." ]
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1969 Rain during night. Ate breakfast in motel. Left at ten of six. Had some showers, but finally cleared off. Got to Spooner at quarter 'till eleven. Ordered paper, got groceries. Ate lunch at Nick's. Got to cottage quarter 'till one. All was fine except mice had been in shop, broke bottles, and three dead ones in toilet. Went to Ferrons. They were down in evening. Ed Dybvig stopped in afternoon. Finsterwalders have sold. Mileage 755 miles. I drove 85 miles on way.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1969 Nicer day, but still chilly. Furnace on at times. Got more things put away and front room cleaned up. Charles put up mailbox and "Buckeye" Sign and mowed some. Really looks nice in front with our new grass. I went to book-mobile. In afternoon we went to dump and took a drive. Lots of blackberry bloom.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1969 Gloomy and still the furnace feels good. Charles mowed grass most of day. I did more unpacking. Went to Ferrons in P.M. After dinner we went to Mrs. Meronks.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1969 Another gloomy, drizzly day. Charles fixed shower head, rid up shop. Charles met the new neighbors (Elmer and Betty Schwarze). Had fire in fireplace in evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1969 Another cool, rainy day. We went to church, then to smorgasbord at Webb Lake. Then, stopped to meet new neighbors. Next, to Dybvigs to pick their strawberries for them. Then, Trefethens came and stayed 2 % hours. We had our supper, then Zahns came. Quite a day!

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1969 Cloudy, but little warmer. Charles set out the flowers, painted the dock, and fixed steps down to lake. I baked cookies, started a plastic rug. Went to Johnsons and called Gen [Johnson] about bridge. They had put my name in.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1969 Another cloudy day but some warmer. Charles got first section of dock in. I cleaned flowerbed at the walk, planted zinnias. Raked some leaves. Blanche [Ferron] was down in afternoon. We were going to Kapaceks in evening, but Dybvigs came. Gave us the berries I had frozen for them.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1969 Charles made shelves for basement. We went to DesJardins [lumber store] for material. Dark, gloomy day. Finally got some rain. In the evening we went to Kapaceks and Ferrons.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1969 Warmer today. I washed kitchen windows, clean papers in stove. We unpacked groceries and put on new shelves in basement. Went to bridge at Cabaret [restaurant and bar]. Rode with Vannie. Charles worked on wiring in basement.
FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1969 Very windy all day. Charles fastened down the plastic tub in basement. I fixed up the guest house. We went to see Zahns in afternoon. Got so much of Don's mail. Charles called home - got the babysitter. [Don and family were staying at 626 Yaronia Drive South until the new house was ready.]

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1969 Nicest day we have had, but cool in morning and furnace lit. Charles cut down two trees that were diseased, loaded all brush and trees on trailer and took to dump. I weeded flower beds by our road and set out marigolds. In P.M. Mrs. Schulze [Betty Schwarze] here. After dinner, we went to Mom's for eggs, then sat out in our new lawn.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1969 Drizzly morning. Charles set out lilies under the kitchen window. We went to church [Methodist Church in Spooner], ate lunch at "White House" [Restaurant]. Cleared off in afternoon. Got boat down to dock and had our first ride around lake. I went to see Mrs. Tiffany.

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 1969 A nice day but still had furnace on and fire place in evening. Charles mowed more of grove and washed car. I washed some windows. Washed my hair.

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 1969 44°. Left at seven for Minneapolis. Went to shopping center, Charles got paint (undercoat) for cottage. We bought some groceries, a broom and mop. Had a good lunch at cafeteria in shopping center. Then, went to General Mills and took tour through kitchens. Then, to another part of town for grass seed. Got into bad construction coming home. Ate dinner (chef's salad) at Siren. Home, ten 'till eight

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 1969 First day we havn't had heat for a short time. Nice day, so did the washing. Went to Dybvigs in afternoon. Took a drive after dinner.

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1969 Real nice day. Charles scraped on house, put on some undercoat. I went to bridge at Cabaret. I was hostess - won first prize, $3.75. Fished after dinner. I rowed and Charles cast. He caught two nice ones, one 23 inch [northern pike].

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1969 Speed boats and skiers on lake and fireworks around lake in evening. Cleaned up cottage, did ironing. Fixed a hung curtain on shelves in basement. Charles cut stakes and tied up several trees - the snow had bent them. I went to Schwarze' in afternoon.

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1969 Nice day, but cooler. Charles worked in shop. I baked a cake, went to Dybvigs - invited them and Schwarze' in for dessert. Had a very nice evening. Electricity went off for fifty minutes. Dybvigs brought us tomatoes and cabbage plants. Also got three tomato plants from dump.

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 1969 48°. We didn't go to church. Charles set out tomato and cabbage plants - covered them with plastic. A gloomy, cold day. Went to see Tiffanys in afternoon. Had fire in fireplace in evening. Ferrons were called away late Tuesday, and we miss them.
MONDAY, JULY 7, 1969 Another cool day. Charles is scraping on house. I baked cookies. He has north side and under the porch painted with undercoat.

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 1969 Rained almost all morning. We had planned to go to town. Left about twelve. I drove in. Got a lot of groceries. Charles got a haircut. Note from Ferrons in door. Asked us to get Rex [dog] at Aliens on Saturday.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1969 Charles painted ceiling on back porch. We went for blueberries in afternoon. Got a little more than a pint. FisRed in evening, but no fish.

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1969 Much warmer. Charles got back porch and side done - undercoat. I went to bridge at Lamplighter [Restaurant]. Had cake and ice cream for Gen's [Johnson - wife of Iven Johnson] birthday. In the evening we were invited to Newlins for Tiffany's 25th anniversary. Johnsons were there. Aliens came over to tell us about Rex.

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1969 A real hot day. We left at eight o'clock, for Duluth. Did some shopping. Ate lunch at Sweden House. Home by Minong to get meat for Rex. Home a quarter till four. Charles put last section of dock in and put benches out [on the T of the dock].

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1969 A really hot day - No wind blowing. I went for Rex, but Aliens are keeping him a few days longer. Charles painted all day. In evening we took some of Rex's food over and spent the evening. They took us a ride in their pontoon boat, and had root beer floats.

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 1969 We didn't go to church. A warm day but good wind blowing. CHARLES WAS TAKING A NAP AND WOKE WITH A SEVERE PAIN. IT GOT WORSE. I DROVE HIM TO SHELL LAKE [HOSPITAL] - 26 MILES. MUCH FASTER THAN I EVER DROVE ON THESE ROADS! THEY PUT HIM IN HOSPITAL - A KIDNEY INFECTION. I stayed awhile, got home about 5:30. Then had to go for Leonard to fix toilet in guest house. How I miss Charles.

MONDAY, JULY 14, 1969 Storm and rain during night. Sure lonesome without Charles. I drove downtown in P.M. Found him much better.

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1969 Sure do miss Charles. I took out screens and washed front windows. Went to see Charles in afternoon. He comes home tomorrow. Two very hard rains in evening. The evenings are so long!


SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1969 A DAY FOR HISTORY MAN LANDED ON MOON. Charles cleaned grove next to Johnsons. Dick caught three nice fish. In evening we watched the two men walk on moon!

MONDAY, JULY 21, 1969 Quite chilly! I took the buckwheat flour to Allen's that Art [Ferron] left for them. Dorothy and children went along, stopped at dump. Then, drove to Mom's for eggs and bait. Dorothy and Dick fished in evening.

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1969 Nice day. Baked cookies, raked some leaves. Charles trimmed some trees and cleaned up leaves we had raked. Dorothy and Dick went to Webb Lake. Dorothy and children to dump and riding stable. Bernice [Johnson] came down to see if I was going to bridge Thursday. Decided to go.


FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1969 Still lovely weather. Dorothy's family all went to town. We had to go to Shell Lake to see Doctor. Charles got some good reports from tests, but has to go back for X-Ray later. Dorothy and Dick fished - four nice ones. Charles didn't feel well - went to bed early.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1969 Charles felt better but didn't do anything. Barbara baked a birthday cake for her Dad. Dick got a nice fish in morning. Storm in evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1969 Much cooler. Dick went out early - really got a big fish [northern pike]. 35 inches. Weighed 12 pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Reese stopped. Went to dump in P.M. Dorothy, Valerie, and I went to Lily Pads. Had fire in evening and toasted marshmallows. [DICK'S 45™ BIRTHDAY]

MONDAY, JULY 28, 1969 Dick got another nice fish. Charles raked and hauled leaves. Dorothy and I did a big washing. She and children went horseback riding. She, Dick, and Barbara fished in evening. Ferrons [Art and Blanche] were here a little while. They brought in three fish.
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1969 Charles has poison ivy. He cleaned more leaves. We didn't do anything special. Lovely day. Did ironing.


THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1969 Another nice day. Dorothy is packing. The children from Johnson's cottages here to play with Valerie and Chuck. I went to bridge at Lamplighter. Got 31 pennies.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1969 Beautiful day. Up at six. Dorothy left at seven. Miss them. We cleaned guest house and shop. Charles did it, swept and washed and cleaned bathroom. Dybvigs came and brought us beans. Then, Tokashs came - here 'till twelve. Charles washed car. We went to town after early dinner for groceries.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1969 Lovely day! I cleaned the cottage, made beds in guest house. Charles cleaned his shop. We took a load of brush to dump. In afternoon had our first swim. Then went to Soutters and picked about a pint of blueberries. After dinner a boat ride around lake. I ran motor, then to Scalzo's for milk.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 1969 Another nice day. We finished cleaning up and getting ready for Axlines [Raymond and Merle - members of their bridge club]. They came at a quarter 'till six. Brought a lot of groceries.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1969 Went to Scalzo's to get spinning lures for Raymond [Axline]. Men did some fishing. In afternoon we went to Dybvigs. Merle and I took a walk after dinner, stopped at Ferrons. Bridge in evening.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1969 Men fished all morning. Merle and Raymond went out in P.M. We took them to Minerva Marina for dinner. Excellent dinners. Drove around some coming home, ended up at Webb Lake. Saw the deer [at deer farm]. More bridge.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1969 Merle and Raymond tried to fish, but too rough. Wend blew hard all day. Bad tornadoes in Minnesota. Bridge in evening.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 1969 Axlines left soon after 7:30. We took trash to dump. I went to bridge at Lamplighter. We walked to Long Lake Road in evening. [Colleen's 12th birthday.]

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1969 Charles started painting again. Got a lot done on west and north side. I baked cookies, started to cut strips [of old clothing] for a wool [hooked] rug. We took a drive through Swiss Trail - the blackberries aren't ripe.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1969 Beautiful day. Charles did more painting. I baked a pie, raked more leaves. Blanche [Ferron] was down in morning. In the afternoon Prestons came, then Margaret Johnson and Bradley [her son].
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1969 Lovely day. We went to church. Minister gone and we didn't like the service. Walked to crossroads after supper. Dybvigs came at nine o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 1969 About hottest day we have had this summer. I did the washing. Charles painted on front of cottage. Drove to Danbury in afternoon. Went to see Prestons after dinner, then boat ride.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1969 Another warm day. I did the ironing, washed my hair. Charles finished painting front of cottage. We went to Minerva Marina with Dybvigs, then to their house.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1969 Wind blew hard all day. Charles painted on back of cottage, almost got east side done. So windy, he had to quit. We went early and picked two quarts blackberries. Made eight glasses of jam. Blanche [Ferron] was down in morning. We were up there in evening. [BILL'S 45TH BIRTHDAY.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1969 Another lovely day - need rain badly. I cleaned up cottage, went to book mobile and to bridge at Lamplighter [Restaurant - still there today]. Got $.44 pennies. Charles painted back porch. All through now but front porch and screens. Took a walk in evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1969 Turned out to be a real hot day and very windy at lake. We went to Sidewalk Days - their annual sidewalk sales]. Such a mob! Didn't buy anything but two packages napkins birthday.]


SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 1969 Another beautiful day. We didn't go to church. Spent a lazy day. Mr. and Mrs. Schwarze over in evening.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 1969 Lovely day and cooler. Charles painted front porch. I didn't do anything special.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1969 Charles painted the screens. I went to Retzlaff's in P.M. After dinner we went to Johnsons.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1969 Beautiful day. Charles painted the shutters and finished the painting. Mrs. Retzlaff and Susan were here in afternoon. [DON'S 38TH BIRTHDAY].

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1969 Doesn't look like it would ever rain. Charles is raking and putting lime on bank [for grass seed]. I went to bridge at McKenzie Inn. [Still there today, but in a different location.] Drove myself.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1969 We left early for town. I went in to see Florence Tucker. In the afternoon went to see Reeses. Mr. Retzlaff here in evening.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1969 Charles is working on east bank to plant grass seed. Laid out plans for new walk around house. [Only partly completed.] In evening we walked to Long Lake Road.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1969 Still beautiful weather and no rain in sight. We went to church. In the evening we had a ride around lake. Later Dybvigs came with Becky.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1969 A beautiful day. We took trailer and went for a load of sand and gravel. Saw a deer hit by a car. [Later Gladys looked upon this as an omen.] Charles got things ready for cement tomorrow. [He was working on extending the concrete back porch at the moment of his death. Two or three neighbor men came and completed the job. I think they were Art Ferron, Ed Dybvig, and Leonard Johnson.] We had a swim in P.M. I went to Ferrons and Kapaceks in P.M. Ferrons were here for a little while in evening. [Gladys also told me that on this evening Charles suggested that they read the 23rd Psalm together, which they did, even though they had never done this before. She wondered if Charles had had a premonition about the next day.]

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1969

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1971 [Sic]
[NOTE: This entry, although written on July 3, 1971, deals with events of August 26, 1969, the day of Charles' death. Therefore I include it here.]
Perhaps I should tell more of the terrible day I lost Charles. It began as usual with breakfast. Then, I did the washing and he started the cement work on back porch. Almost my last recollection was his wheeling the wheelbarrow down the path. I asked if he had enough material. He said "he didn't know yet." Those were the last words I remember. I decided to watch "Concentration" before I hung up the clothes. He came to bathroom about a quarter 'till ten and I told him what happened in last game. He stood by davenport - we were watching program and I don't recall turning to look at him. Don't remember a word we said. He couldn't have been sick or he would have sat down. A few minutes later I went to hang clothes and saw him in back seat of car with feet hanging out. He was unconscious. I ran screaming to neighbors. Schwarze's, Ferrons and Kapaceks came. The Schwarze boy [Roger, age 17] (whom I had never met) drove. Mr. Kapacek went along. Roger drove about 80 miles an hour. But, my Charles died on my lap before we reached the hospital [in Shell Lake]. Mr. Kapacek went to funeral home with me [in Spooner]. After we came home, he took me back in our car to get keys and wallet [from Charles' trousers]. Everyone was wonderful to me. I gathered up things to go home. Stayed alone for awhile. Some of my bridge friends came. Leonard came for me and I stayed there overnight. The next morning Mr. Kapacek took me to funeral home. Florence Tucker stayed with me 'till we left for Shell Lake to get plane. A strange man for pilot and my darling in the back [in a coffin]. [Although no autopsy was performed the supposition has always been that Charles died of a sudden heart attack, the same way his identical twin brother, Ralph, had died three years earlier. It is also thought that he went to the back seat of the car thinking that if he fell Gladys would not be able to get him to the car by herself.]

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1969 I flew home with Charles in a one-engine plane. 4 1/4 hours. Don, Dorothy, and Dick met me.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1969 All of Bill's family came after funeral. Dorothy brought the children from Don's, and Don's family here too. Don took all the children to their house for night. Such a horrible day to leave my Charles at cemetery. Part of me was buried with Charles. Frieda was here and made some notes in a red book. The days are all alike to me - nothing matters.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1969
Many called and some phoned.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 1969
Dorothy and family went home. Middle afternoon.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1969 Bill here for lunch. I gave him typewriter and both of Charles' watches and some clothes.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1969 I went to lockbox with Bill Walter [her attorney] and tax man. Went to store in Don's car. He loaned us his good car. He was here for supper. [Gladys' car was, of course, still in Wisconsin.]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1969 Went to Hoffman's [neighbors on Yaronia Drive South] to see Carole's ceramics. Went to lunch at Florence's. Lucille and Edith [also there].

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1969
Ellen here for lunch. Carol Hoffman here in evening.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1969 Frieda had hair done. Don and I went to Dr. Bonnell and bank. Mrs. [Jeanette] Davis here in evening.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1969 Went to early church. Edith and Bill took us to Mansfield for lunch.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1969 Don, Ellen, Linda, Frieda, and I went to see Jennie [in Cumberland]. Had a picnic lunch. Had some papers for Jennie to sign. Had supper at Don's [by then living at 1896 Baldridge Road, Upper Arlington]. [DON AND ELLEN'S 12™ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1969 Went to bank and funeral home to pay bill. Went to Lazarus and to Edith's to return pans, and to drug store for sleeping pills. Don here in evening. Dorothy came in evening.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1969 Frieda went home with Dorothy. How I hated to see her leave. I stayed overnight at Don's on 13th.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12-13, 1969 Dates are wrong somewhere. Don and I left on 14th for Duluth. Dot Selkle met us at airport. Such a sad return [to cottage]. We got everything packed as soon as possible. Was at Ferrons one evening for dinner, and Dybvigs another evening. Arrived there on Sunday, left on Wednesday. [Don] drove to Elkhart, Indiana. Home next day.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1969 Slemmons [nursery] came and plowed front yard and planted [grass] seed. Jeanette [Davis] and I went to look at cars. Ours is too big and I can't stand to look in back seat where I found Charles. [This is the first gap in Gladys' diary in over 30 years.]

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1969 I went to Don's and stayed with children while they went to football [game]. Florence came up in afternoon. Ellen got me a kitten. [Named K.C. for Kitty Cat]

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1969 I went to church, then to cemetery, then drove to Worthington. In the afternoon Mabel Meisner came, Edith and Bill [Walter] and Ellis' [Ray and Ethel].

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1969 Washed some windows. Don and I went to look at cards in evening.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1969 Decided to buy the F85. I am so confused - don't know what to do. Went to Dr. in P.M. and stopped to see Mrs. Terry.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1969 Went to grocery. Had Jeanette here for dinner.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1969 Ellen and Linda came. Ellen put the plastic windows on porch in for me Went to luncheon at church. Stopped at Ellis. Do hope some one will come or call me. So lonely!


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1969 Got my new car today. Felt bad to leave our lovely Delta 88 Custom, but it had such horrible memories. Don went with me and drove it home. Dorothy's family came in evening. So glad to see them.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1969 Dorothy and I drove to the cemetery. [Head]stone in and sodding done. Drove on up to Worthington. First time I have driven my new car. Dick put some storm windows in for me. Don and
children came over in P.M. He brought ice cream. Kay and Chuck and children here, also Mr. and Mrs. Devereaux [from the Department]. Bills family here in evening, also Edith and Bill stopped.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1969 Did a washer and ironed. In afternoon went to bank and to Mrs. Terry's to get pictures of Bill's family - they are the United Appeals Family [and their family picture was the full-page cover of a supplement to the Columbus Dispatch], I met Mary Grashel and took her home and stayed awhile. Then stopped at Scotts [neighbors] to leave a clipping.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1969
Went to bank and to the lock box.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1969 Went to beauty parlor. In P.M. went to Ilo's, then to Don's for dinner. Carol [Hoffman] was down. Edna Scott left me a salad.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1969 I took Edith [Walter] to lunch at Northland, then stopped at her house. Bill came for me and brought me home. I had dinner with them, Mrs. Bond [Gloria's mother] was there. Dorothy called after we came home.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1969 The days are beautiful but the heartache is so heavy. I try hard. Went to bank. Cleaned and burned a lot of leaves. Ellis [Ray and Ethel] spent the evening with me. They are good to come.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1969 Left at 10:15 to stay with Don's children while they went to football game. They were invited for dinner, so I stayed all night. How my Saturday nights have changed!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1969 Left early to come home to go to church. After church I went to cemetery. Flowers Mrs. Bond gave had been planted. Ackley's came in afternoon. I cleaned up some leaves. Ada [Lewis -neighbor to the rear] came in evening, brought nasturtiums and big piece of cake. I get so lonesome!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1969 Very Warm. I cleaned some leaves. Went to Circle, took Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Rhodes. In the evening Jeanette [Davis] and I went to HoUoway House for dinner, and looked around the stores. Edith and Bill [Walter] were here a little while. Laura [Hardy] called.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1969 Went to Bible Study. Group with Juanita [Shupe]. She came here for lunch. Cleaned more leaves. Called Dorothy in evening.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1969 Went to bank. Linda stayed here while Ellen had her hair done. Cleaned leaves in P.M. Called some people in evening. So lonely.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1969 Went to grocery, cleaned leaves in back yard. Took car down for adjustment. Scraped the side and felt so bad. Mr. Segal was so kind to me. They will fix it Monday without charge. Went in to Lewis' [neighbors] after I came home.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1969 Another nice day but cooler. I burnt the leaves I raked yesterday in back yard. Ethel [Ellis] took me to a luncheon at Fort Hayes Hotel. "Watch Washington" group. They came in awhile, then I went to Jeanettes. Ellen and children went to pumpkin show at Circleville - stopped here with a pumpkin pie. Such long evenings. People have about quit calling and coming - they soon forget. About ten o'clock I thought the furnace was running all the time. A little after eleven I called the Youngs - they both came over. Mr. Young said it was the blower and would not hurt anything.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1969 I cleaned up the house. Richard [Davis - next-door neighbor, son of Jeanette] washed picture windows and brought tires out of basement. I cleaned up more leaves. Walked to Buckeye Mart and decided to eat my dinner at Frisch's. Mr. Hoffman and Carol came down to see if he could fix furnace. Later, Carol came down.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1969 I went to church, to the cemetery, then drove to Worthington. No one came all afternoon. When I was eating dinner Ada Lewis called and asked me to take a walk. Then she came in awhile.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1969 Man came for furnace. A switch in hall closet was turned on. Cost $15.00. I took the car to Key Olds to have side fixed where I scraped it. In afternoon walked down to Dr. Bonnell's. So blue - a gloomy day.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1969 Since I didn't have my car, Juanita came for me for Bible class. Then I took her to lunch at [O.S.U.] Golf Course. In afternoon raked and burned a lot of leaves. Kitty got up a tree and couldn't get down. Finally, fell out.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1969 Much cooler. Mr. Howard brought car at 9:15. Would never know it was scratched. I went to get my hair done at eleven. Merle [Axline] was here when I came home. She took me to German Village for lunch. We looked around - then went to Raymond's [Axline] office. He showed me all around building. Home at five. Didn't want much dinner. Edith [Walter] called and invited me to lunch tomorrow. Velma Millhone, Ethel [Ellis] and Don called. My friends have been so good to me, but how I miss Charles!


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1969 Lovely day. The children were all so nice - a pleasure to have them. I put in three small storm windows. Children helped clean up leaves and garage.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1969 Beautiful day. Bill came for children, put in rest of storm windows and fixed snow plow [which Charles had made by cutting up an old hot water heater]. He and the children left at a quarter 'till ten. Don brought Linda while they went to game. Boys came after a judo tournament. I am so low tonight.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1969 Clocks turned back an hour. I went to church, took a drive and went to cemetery. After dinner went to grocery and drug store. Raked more leaves. Such lovely evenings!
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1969 Went downtown to see about Charles' memorial and to bus station. Home about 2:30. Bill's had letter from President Nixon [after the family's picture appeared in the newspaper as the United Way Family of the Year]. [Gloria's 45th birthday.]

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1969 I went to Bible Study Group, then to lunch and bridge. University Women's Group. First [bridge] I have played since Wisconsin. Edith and Bill were here in evening. [Wayne's 11th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1969 Cleaned leaves off of front yard. Mopped and waxed kitchen floor. [Gloria's 45th birthday.]

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1969 Another nice day. I went to Gold Circle, cleaned a few leaves and got permanent in afternoon ($13.00). $.50 tip. Not very exciting days. Such long lonely evenings!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1969 I went to bank and to the cemetery, dug up the chrysanthemums and set out tulip bulbs. Planted the chrysanthemums at home. In the afternoon walked down to see Mrs. Terry, then went over to Jeanette's. In the evening Mr. Shaffer came about the camera equipment.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1969 Rained all day, everything is covered with leaves. Moved furniture and cleaned the yellow room, and a few odd jobs. Not much incentive to clean house. Went to Lewis' for dinner. Mr. Robinson showed slides. Hard to go out with couples.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1969 Went to church, to the cemetery, drove up to Worthington for a drive. Cleaned some leaves. Too wet to burn. Drove to Don's in P.M. Gloria and Bill called.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1969 Left on 12:30 bus for Dorothy's [in Cincinnati]. Ray Ellis took me to bus. Met Mrs. Duffy on bus. Plan to call each other. Dorothy met me.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1969 Dorothy and I went to grocery. Men are working on their house [11410 Gresham Place, Cincinnati, 45240.]

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1969 We went to meet Dorothy's new neighbor who had just adopted a baby.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1969 Dorothy took me to Women's meeting and lunch at church.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1969 Dorothy and I had a nice day together shopping. I took her to lunch. After dinner - 6:30, we started home. Home at 8:30.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1969 Cleaned up and burned a lot of leaves. Went to Don's to stay with children while they went to football. They were invited for dinner so I stayed overnight. They kept the kitten for me.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1969 Left [Don's] early with kitty taped in a box. Went to church, afterward cleaned more leaves. Richard [Davis] had cleaned the spouting and roof for me. Don came after church—he stayed for dinner with me. I had half a chicken. In P.M. Florence [Mick] came. Dorothy stopped on way home from Cleveland [visiting Dick's parents]. Dick took the big saw.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10,1969 Went to bank, then to Worthington [suburb of Columbus] to leave watch. Found I could buy a new one for what I could have that one repaired. Got a pretty one for $12.69. Went to church Circle. Lock went bad on car. Had to call Auto Club to start it for me.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11,1969 Went to Bible class. After lunch took car down to Olds[mobile Agency]. Went uptown to see about Charles' memorial. Down to Lazarus. Home about four - raining.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12,1969 Cleaned leaves in back yard. Washed, ironed and did the kitchen curtains. Went to Tea at Center of Science and Industry [COSI] with Juanita [Shupe] and Mary Hang [from the Department at OSU]. After I came home raked more leaves. My car not ready - nothing had been done on it and wrong radio panel ordered. I have so many problems. How I miss my darling! Jeanette [Davis] and I went to Frisch's for dinner.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1969 More frustration. Car not ready at nine or noon when promised. Jeanette took me to bank, to Worthington to get my ring and to beauty parlor. I walked home in rain. Got my feet so wet. One of the girls from Olds brought the car at 6:30. A miserable evening, rain turned to snow.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14,1969 Don and I went to see Jennie [in Cumberland], I drove over [to Upper Arlington] for him. Ate lunch in Zanesville. She looked fine. I took Don home and I was home soon after four. Snowed all evening.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1969 Snow on ground and streets slippery. I didn't want to drive and Don brought my groceries. When he brought children they were here for lunch and stayed over night.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1969 Still slippery. I didn't go to church. Don came for children about nine o'clock. I collected $22.00 for Muscular Dystrophy and took to Fire House, then drove up River Road to Worthington. In the afternoon Florence [Mick] and Talmadge Slager were here. Dorothy called. Raymond Axline called and bought snow tires.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17,1969 Washed, ironed, made three little pies. Made Kacy [the cat; also called K.C. for "Kitty Cat"] a scratching post. Went to Golden Crest [for older ladies] with Mrs. Holmes. I might as well join, it is somewhere else to go. Decided to take chairmanship of our Circle. Had car washed.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18,1969 I went to Bible Class. Stopped at Albers for groceries. In afternoon brought Mrs. Pegg up for a visit and took her home.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1969 I have so little to write. Moved furniture and swept back bedroom. Washed pitcher collection. Ellen went to Shopping Center and left Linda here.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1969 Washed a quilt and some other things. In afternoon Jeanette and I went to Northland. I bought box springs and mattress for twin bed and a dress (Karel, $16.00). In the evening Axlines [Raymond and Merle] came and bought snow tires for $40.00. Also Paffenbargers [Ralph, Sr. and Viola] came.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1969 Beautiful day. I went to bank. Had them balance my checkbook, then to grocery. Went to Florence's [Mick] for lunch and bridge. I took Edith [Walter]. Lucille [Reeder] was there. I won first prize.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1969 A beautiful day. Don stopped in morning. I cleaned more leaves. Bill's family here for dinner. We had a nice evening and he showed me how to run projector.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1969 Cloudy day and raining when church was out. I went to cemetery after church. Ada Lewis came over and stayed a couple of hours. Mrs. Pegg and Ethel [Ellis] called me. [TOM COOPER'S 8th BIRTHDAY.]

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1969 A beautiful, sunny day. I went downtown to Social Security office and to banks.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1969 I went to Bible Class and to bridge at [O.S.U] Golf Course. Turned out to be a nice day.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1969 Lovely day. I went to bank and grocery. Hutchins [Ellen's parents] were here. Had hair done in P.M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1969 Baked two pumpkin pies. Got house all in order. Left at one o'clock for Thanksgiving Dinner at Don's. Hutchins were there and Mr. Hutchin's two sisters [Ruth and Dorothy]. How I miss Charles! Mr Hutchins [Clayton] took pictures - Charles would have done that. A good dinner. Dorothy Cecil [former live-in maid for Alberta Gates and Bertha Jacobs] was there, too. Don drove my car home. Mr. Hutchins brought his sisters who stayed overnight with me.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1969 I took the women back to Don's. Stopped at Boulevard Gardens [Nursery], bought a wreath for Charles.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1969 Bill and Colleen stopped and had lunch with me. Bill took filing cabinet in basement. Don and the boys here in afternoon. They took quite a few things from Charles' shop. Got my new springs and mattress from Lazarus.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1969 Went to church and the picture [of Christ] for Charles' memorial was hung. It wasn't lit as wiring wasn't completed. A long day - people have quit coming. Don called me and Bill stopped later on way home from taking Gary back to school.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1969 Beautiful day. I went to the bank and grocery. Juanita came for me. We went for lunch at the Faculty Club and to Women's meeting [at university].
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1969 I went to Bible Class. After lunch to drug store and to get stamps. Mrs. Kaiser [neighbor] came over in evening. So glad to have someone come in. Lovely day. Bess Mueller invited me to substitute in her bridge club tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1969 Snow flurries during the day. I went to university on bus. Had lunch at Faculty Club and a pleasant afternoon playing bridge. After five when I got home.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1969 15°. Lovely day. I went to bank and Krogers, then to Gold Circle [store]. In afternoon went to Women's Association [at church]. Took Mary Grashel home. Don and Ilo called.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1969 Beautiful day. Had Lucille [Reeder], Florence [Mick] and Edith [Walter] here for lunch and bridge. Don came for trailer to get lights fixed and stayed for dinner with me. Ellis' [Ray and Ethel] came in evening. Sold Charles' jigsaw for $25.00.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1969 Washed and ironed, cleaned and burned more leaves. Man came for jigsaw. Had a fire in fireplace in evening.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1969 Rainy morning but I went to church. Charles' picture [of Jesus] was lit for the first time [at church]. Really beautiful. Wrote some checks and Christmas cards.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1969 Nice day. On committee at Circle [at church], baked cookies. Went to meeting at church. I am to be chairman next year. Went to mailbox and stopped at Stewarts [neighbors].

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1969 Lovely, sunny day. I went to Bible class, then to cemetery. Walked down to Buckeye Mart in P.M. Don was here in evening. We went through some old pictures, got things out of crawl space.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1969 Washed rugs. Went to drug store to leaves slides to be made into pictures. Worked on Christmas cards. Went in to Jeanette's [Davis] on P.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1969 Miserable day, wet streets. Light snow during night. I washed the stairway and steps. Such long evenings!


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1969 Went to Dons and stayed overnight while they went out for dinner.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1969 Almost overslept, but got home in time to go to first church service. Jennie called, she was worried about Mother [Stewart, in a nursing home in Arizona]. I called Valerie. Her 10th birthday.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1969 Snowy, blustery day. Home all day - nothing special. Invited Florence [Mick] and Velma Millhene for dinner on Wednesday.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1969 Lovely day. Went to Bible class. In afternoon to bank and grocery. Then took radio to Jeffrey and tried to go through car wash. Got off the track. Won't try that again. Looked at some slides in the evening. Ellen stopped and brought some cookies and Don called.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1969 Another nice day. I cleaned up house. Jeanette [Davis] was here in afternoon. Had Florence and Velma Millhene for dinner. Had a good meal. Looked at some slides - had fire in fireplace.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1969 A miserable day. Had planned to go to Ellen's to help her iron. Cancelled that and my hair appointment. Ellen took that, brought Linda here and some of her ironing. I did it for her.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1969
Nicer day. I went to bank and to get radio.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1969 Fair and cold. Bill and Colleen stopped in morning - then, Don came and had lunch with me. Mrs. Minister called. Good T.V., but such long evenings!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1969 20°. I went to church. Stopped at drug store, then drove to Dons to take a shirt. They had me stay for lunch. Came home and watched Ruth Lyons "Hello" show. Snow began about three o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1969 About four inches snow. Don and Ellen left for Connecticut [to visit Ellen's sister, Winnie, and her family. During that trip John, age 11, fell through the ice in a pond and was rescued by his cousin, Stacey]. I didn't feel well with a cold, but did clean driveway. Mrs. Scott brought me a plate of Christmas cookies.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1969 Snow predictions for four more inches. I went to bank and grocery. When I got home it was really snowing and kept it up all day. Eldis Reed stopped and left me a rose. Then, I had a lovely planter from Lucille and Herman [Reeder]. Carole [Hoffman, a neighbor] brought me an orange, apple, and cookies. Don called. They arrived safely in Connecticut. So, had several nice things during the day.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1969 I cleaned the drive. Baked a pie. Ellis' were here for dinner - brought me a nice box of candy. We had a pleasant evening. K.C. [the cat] made a hit. Helped me over Christmas Eve.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1969 First time I ever got up alone on Christmas day, only K.C. for company. Snowing hard. Made two pumpkin pies to take to Bills. He came for me about eleven. We stopped at [Union] cemetery - Charles and Christine [Bill's daughter who died shortly after her birth. She is also buried in Union cemetery, but in the section east of Olentangy River Road. Charles and Gladys are also buried in Union Cemetery, but on the west side of River Road.]. Gloria had such a nice dinner. Bill brought me
home about eight. On the way we stopped on Broad Street [downtown] to see Insurance Building [celebrated for its annual Christmas window display]. Don’s gave me a lovely leather bound Bible. Bill’s, two books, one by Helen Steiner Rice. Dorothy's family gave me a record, an Inspirational book, candy, fruit cake and fruit basket.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1969 Mrs. Young came and brought me a can of cookies. Had to clean the driveway again.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1969 Not going out with our street so bad. Washed and ironed on Friday.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1969 Nice day. Dorothy's family came a quarter 'till nine. So glad to have them. Had two chickens for dinner. Burned my fingers and marred the cupboard. I gave them the secretary [fold-down desk with glass covered shelves above, and drawers below] in basement and waffle iron. They left about four. Valerie stayed with me.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1969 Weather predictions so bad, I didn't go to church meeting. Began to rain about noon and a miserable afternoon and evening. Valerie and I played scrabble.


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1969 Still bad driving so Valerie and I are staying in. We made three little pies. This year started well. Our new Oldsmobile we were so proud of. We had out trip to Phoenix and New Orleans. Two months at cottage, then my world shattered and it was the saddest year of my life. Life will never be really happy without my Charles. Am glad Don and Ellen are back in Columbus, and family has kept well.

END OF BOOK XXXV, PART TWO (JANUARY 1, 1969 - DECEMBER 31, 1969)
THE DIARY OF GLADYS BOLON COOPER (1939-1989)

BOOK XXXVI, PART ONE (JANUARY 1, 1970 - DECEMBER 31, 1970)

SYNOPSIS OF BOOK XXXVI, PART ONE (1970)

Needless to say 1970 was a difficult year for Gladys. It was her first full year as a widow. She celebrated her 71st birthday on September 3. She missed Charles more than she could say since their lives had been deeply intertwined for more than fifty years. Anniversaries were especially painful, none more so than August 26 the one-year anniversary of Charles' sudden passing at the cottage in Wisconsin. One could only admire Gladys' courage as she fought off moments of grief and depression. She was blessed with many friends and wonderful neighbors, and her three children did all that they could, but the ache and loneliness never truly went away. No one could ever replace Charles, and all of the special moments they had shared so joyfully for so many years. She visited Charles' gravesite at least once a week. She planted flowers over the summer and laid a wreath over the winter. He was never far removed from her thoughts. She saw their bond as eternal.

Despite her persistent sadness Gladys kept busy at home and away. Their regular bridge club of nearly fifty years ended with Charles' death, but she played bridge regularly with women friends. She was the "president" of her Circle at church, attended Sunday services fairly often, took part in a "Bible" class, and also worked there on the "Mother and Daughter Banquet." Occasionally she had lunch at the Faculty Club, and kept in touch with several friends from Charles' Department at OSU. Her most constant support, however, came from her neighbors, especially from Jeanette Davis and Ada Lewis, next-door neighbors. It was a rare day in the neighborhood when she did not visit with one of her neighbors in person or on the phone. Yaronia Drive South was a short street with about a dozen homes, and Gladys knew everybody well. She continued to do some baking for the neighbors or her children and grandchildren. Her days of canning were nearly over although she did make blackberry jelly from berries picked at the cottage. She made another hooked rug for the cottage, and several more plastic rugs were made from braided strips of bread wrappers. [I have one to this day.] She bought new carpet for her kitchen. When her pet cat, K.C., ran off one night she bought a canary, Nicky, who was a "good singer." She enjoyed her television, but preferred to spend evenings visiting with friends.

Gladys' three children all remained in close touch on a regular basis. Don and Ellen and their three children were closest since they lived in nearby Upper Arlington. Gladys babysat often for the family, especially during the football season. Bill and Gloria owned two homes, one in Columbus and a small farm southeast of Columbus near Sugar Grove. They had five children; the oldest son, Gary, was a student at Kent State University, and the oldest daughter, Kay, was married with a child. The three younger children visited Gladys frequently and enjoyed wading in the creek in nearby Overbrook Hallow. Dorothy and Dick and their three children lived in Cincinnati. Gladys visited the family twice during the year, and they stopped in Columbus when they could.

Gladys had two extended stays away from her home in 1970. In March she spent over two weeks at the ranch of her sister-in-law, Frieda, near Phoenix, Arizona. Frieda, of course, had been married to Ralph Cooper, Charles' identical twin brother, who had died in 1966. The two women were very close and lifelong friends. Gladys also visited with Frieda's five children, her nephews and nieces. The two boys, Joe and King (short for Ralph Kingston Cooper, Jr.) were both married. A cousin of Gladys, Florence Nelson "Flo" also lived in Phoenix with her husband, Tom. Gladys played a lot of bridge, did some reading, and enjoyed walks along the irrigation canal. She visited with Charles' ninety-four year-old mother, Fanny Cooper Stewart, who was living in a nursing home in Phoenix, and was well enough to show Gladys around the facility. On March 31 Jeanette Davis, Gladys' next-door neighbor from Columbus, and possibly by now her best friend, arrived in Phoenix. On April 2 the three women, Gladys, Frieda, and Jeanette, departed for a wonderful two-week visit to Hawaii.
All three had window seats but since they flew above the clouds there was little to see. They enjoyed delicious meals on the plane, including ham and eggs, fruit and a roll for breakfast. Arriving at Hilo on the "Big Island" of Hawaii they were given a lei and whisked off to a cocktail party. During the next two weeks they had many pleasant experiences, including visits to museums, lava fields, sugar and pineapple plantations, an orchid farm, the zoo, the Punchbowl Cemetery, the Arizona Memorial, and a Buddhist Temple. They saw several varieties of tropical trees new to them, including banyan, coffee, papaya, macadamia, almond, coconut, African tulip, and mango. They enjoyed mai-mai fish and bought a mau-mau. They ate poi at a luau. Gladys found few shells on the beach, but a Japanese man stopped his car and gave her some. The beautiful mountains on Oahu reminded her of Machu Picchu in Peru. Margie Little, Frieda's middle daughter, lived in Hawaii and cooked a Chinese dinner for them. It was a wonderful trip, and the perfect diversion for Gladys from her memories and sadness.

The second excursion from home for Gladys in 1970 was a five-week visit to the cottage in Wisconsin. She drove up with Dorothy and Dick and their three children. They arrived on July 24. Dick promptly installed the dock and cleaned the pine needles out of the gutters. It was a good year for blueberries. They picked at least eight quarts; Dorothy had 35 jars of blueberry jam to take home. Dick had his usual good luck at fishing, catching "three nice pike" one night, and later a 25" northern pike and a five-pound walleye. The children enjoyed horseback riding, swimming, berry picking, and toasting marshmallows by the fire. There was constant visiting back and forth with friends and neighbors some on other lakes. Dorothy left for home on August 7, and Don and Ellen and their three children arrived that evening. Don picked some twenty quarts of blackberries, and Gladys and Ellen baked pies. Ellen made three on one day. On August 15 a severe storm sank both boats and left them full of seaweed. There was a lot of brush to clean up afterwards, and Don hauled several trailer loads to the dump. The children enjoyed swimming, boating, fishing, walking through the woods, but never berry picking. Don left the morning of August 23 and Bill and his family arrived that evening. Gladys had three difficult days alone after Bill left. "So lonely, how I miss Charles. No one will ever know." On her last day after removing the mailbox, taking in the "Buckeye" sign, and cleaning up the cottage she was alone. She saw no one during the day. "A long evening. I wondered if I'll ever be back!" Her dear friends, Ed and Cara Dybvig, drove her to the airport in Minneapolis.

The visits to the cottage and Hawaii helped Gladys immeasurably to get through a difficult year. But there were moments when she had to confront her sadness and grief "Last night I cried myself to sleep. I'll never get used to being without you, my darling." "I miss Charles so much. Sometimes I think I can't live without him." "Such long days. Sometimes I think I can't go on without Charles." "I get so tired of eating alone. The evenings are so long!" "Watched T.V. all evening. Such a change from our Saturday nights." "I was feeling pretty low, seeing the men around coming home from work." "A telephone call means so much to me." "I wish I could go to sleep and not wake up until Christmas is over." "So little to write about. Hardly worth keeping a diary." In addition to the loss of Charles her long-time friend, Florence Mick, died on November 1. Florence left Gladys $100.00 in her will. Gladys herself drew up a new will, and gave a copy to her children, a step she would later regret.

Occasionally she mentions other family members in the diary. Jennie Knowles, Charles' aunt, age 90, continued to board with a friend in Cumberland, but Gladys visited her twice in Cumberland, and Jennie spent a couple of weeks in Columbus. As mentioned her sister, Fanny, age 94, Charles' mother, lived in a nursing home in Phoenix. Her memory had noticeably faded. Dorothy and Dick added on to their home in Cincinnati; Valerie was very proud of her new room. Chuck was a member of a baseball team. B.J. was old enough to babysit and had a "boyfriend." Bill continued teaching elementary school. His girls, including Colleen, who was deaf and blind, played the piano, and Wayne played the cornet. Kay was married to Chuck Rehl and they had a baby boy. Gary had to leave college at Kent State for a week because of riots following the killing of four
students by the Ohio National Guard after anti-war rallies. Don continued teaching Latin American History at Ohio State, and presented a paper on "The Social Impact of Disease in Nineteenth-Century Brazil: The Case of Yellow Fever" at the American Historical Association meeting in Boston on December 29. Ellen had surgery was hospitalized for several days. John enjoyed target practice at a local shooting range, a hobby he shared with his uncle Bill. Linda's big news is that she broke her wrist on July 12 after falling out of a swing.

Gladys closed her diary for 1970 with "Another year has gone and my heart aches for Charles. I have tried so hard, but time hasn't healed the hurt. The family has kept well with the exception of Ellen's operation. I had a nice trip to Hawaii and Arizona. Spent five weeks at the cottage.

I try to be thankful for my children, my home, my church and good friends and neighbors, Also, good health."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1970 Little did I think I would have to start another year without my Charles. More snow during night and most of day. Valerie cleared driveway for me. Don and Bill called.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1970 More snow! I washed a washer and ironed. Don came at 11:30 and Valerie and I got bus at 12:30. So many people. We got the last double seat. Dorothy met us.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1970 Snowed most of day. I went to library with Dorothy. She got stuck on ice and man pushed the car 'till she got started. Barbara babysat all day and evening. Made $10.50 altogether.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1970 Nice sunny day. They didn't go to church. Dick worked upstairs. Read some, worked on a puzzle. Long days-how I miss my Charles!

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1970 Did some ironing for Dorothy. Finished the book and started another.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1970 Dorothy went to dentist, and to have her eyes tested. Mrs. Monroe brought the baby in. I spent most of day reading "All This and Heaven Too." I had read it before, but still interesting.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1970 -5°. Last night I cried myself to sleep. I'll never get used to being without you, my darling. Dorothy went bowling. In the evening she and Dick went shopping.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1970 Zero or below. Dorothy and I had planned to go to shopping center, but car would not start.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1970 Below zero again. Dorothy and I went to bank and to grocery. Left at 1:30 for bus. I left at three o'clock, had a nice woman, Mrs. Beatty from Athens, to ride with. Don met me and I had a good dinner with them. He took me to grocery, then brought me and K.C. [the cat] home. All was fine here, even flowers on [back]porch. [This was an enclosed porch; some potted plants were kept there over winter.] So much snow, I am staying in. Mrs. Pegg called and our church meeting for
next Monday cancelled. Bill called. I read my mail, then called Dorothy to tell her I am home safely.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1970 In the house all day. Driveway covered with snow.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 1970 Snowed all day. I went out and started car and let it run awhile, then cleaned driveway. Soon covered again. Wrote letters and had some telephone calls. Bess Mueller called and asked me to play in their bridge club. In evening Mrs. Kaiser came over. Then Frieda called. She moved Mother [Stewart] to a nicer and cheaper place [in Phoenix].

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1970 I cleaned the driveway and walk. Front steps are a glare of ice. Long days, can't get out anywhere. Wilma [Hardy] called.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1970 Edith [Walter] called and invited Lucille [Reeder], Florence [Mick] and me for lunch on Wednesday. I took car out, first time for three weeks. Got stuck in our street - had to shovel, use cardboard and ashes - finally got off Went to bank and Krogers.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1970 Snowing hard. Edith called off the luncheon. I cleaned the back porch.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1970 I cleaned up the wood in Charles' shop and did a few odd jobs. Had a fire in evening with the scrap wood.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1970 Much warmer and sunny. Washed a washer and ironed. Edna Scott [next-door neighbor] called and asked me over for lunch. Had a good lunch and nice afternoon. She had the baby and we went to school for Susan, then to her daughter's house. Edna showed me through house. It had been written up in paper. Very nice. [Chuck's 12\textsuperscript{th} birthday].

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1970 Worked more in basement. Bill and Colleen stopped in morning. In afternoon Don, Linda and John came. I went with Ellis' to Bob Evans Sausage House for dinner. Paid own check. Had a good dinner and a treat for me to get out an evening for dinner.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1970 I didn't go to church, afraid of parking there. A long day. Watched a basketball game. Don called and talked an hour. Also, Dorothy called. Also talked to Chuck and Valerie.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1970 More snow on ground and snowed part of morning. Another long day - didn't do much. Watched basketball in evening. Had a fire and popped some corn. How we liked to do those things together.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1970 Another inch of snow. Cleaned the driveway again. Also cleaned ashes out of both fireplaces. Such long days. Florence [Mick] and Jeanette [Davis] called in evening which helped some. -5° at eleven o'clock.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1970 -3° when I got up. I got the trash out. Dust the china closet. Went to bridge at Faculty Club - on bus. Had lunch there. Six o'clock when I got home.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1970 -5° during night, but nice, sunny day. I went downtown, closed out one bank account. Bought pair of shoes. Came home, ate lunch, then went to Krogers. Then, to Northland, bought a robe and yellow tea kettle.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1970 More snow on ground. Snowed all morning. I went through a lot of old checks. Ilo called and talked an hour. Ellen called and invited me to go to movie "Oliver" with them. Enjoyed going. They stopped here for ice cream.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1970 -4° early in morning. I baked cookies, mopped and waxed linoleum. Ellen called from shopping center, came over here for lunch. Always glad to see her. She stayed awhile and we cleaned up a few things in basement. Long Saturday evenings!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 1970 Weather didn't look too good, but I went to church, then took a drive to Morse Road and home by shopping center. Wrote some letters. Bill and Gloria brought the children to stay overnight and all had supper here.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1970 More snow but it didn't stick to ground. Wayne, Karen and I had two games scrabble. I popped corn for them. Bill came for them and stayed for supper. Five months today since I lost my darling. How I miss him!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1970 More snow! I was so disappointed had planned to go to beauty shop and bridge at Golf Course [at Ohio State]. Cancelled both. Thelma Hoffman came at 11:30 and stayed 'till one. Washed my hair.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1970 Warmer and I got many errands done, to Gold Circle, two banks and grocery. Ellen called and asked me for dinner. Don stopped for me at five and brought me home about nine. We looked over more things in basement. Our street still icy.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1970 Another warm day and all ice melted from street. Pat [hairdresser] had a cancellation and I got my hair done at ten. Then, went to Central Building and Loan. About two o'clock Jeanette [Davis] called and asked me to go to grocery with her. Then, asked me over for dinner. Had a nice dinner.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1970 Snow on ground. I put clean papers on shelves in bathroom. Snow melted. I went down for Mrs. Pegg and we went to see Mrs. Cowgill. I took Mrs. Pegg home, then stopped to see Marie Day.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1970 Snow, but sunny day and it soon melted. Bill and Colleen stopped in morning. I went to Frischs [Big Boy Restaurant] and had a good fish dinner. Watched T. V. all evening. Such a change from our Saturday nights.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1970 Lovely day. I went to church, then to cemetery. In afternoon went to Beechwold [Theatre] to see "African Safari." Enjoyed going. Got projector. Wanda Ochs called. [Karen's 10th birthday]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1970 Linda made her T. V. "debut" on Romper Room. On for two weeks. She and Ellen stopped after program. I put clean papers in desk and chest of drawers in yellow room. Sorted some slides, got wood on porch as cold wave predicted.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1970 Light snow on ground and five above zero. Juanita [Shupe] called, said she would stop for me to go to Bible class. I hadn't been there since before Christmas. Linda stayed in afternoon while Ellen went to beauty parlor.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1970 -2°. Lovely sunny day but cold! I put clean papers in back room. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Drove and took Mrs. Guth.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1970 Warmer today. I went to church to Women's Association - potluck. Stopped at grocery on way home. Got out slides and ran projector. I called Jeanette [Davis - next-door neighbor] and she came over. She is going on our trip to Hawaii.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1970 Warmer today. I went to two banks and to Graceland [Shopping Center]. Then took my car to Edith's [Walter] and she drove to Merle's [Axline]. Lucille [Reeder] was there. We had a delicious luncheon. I won second prize - a shopping bag. Had a fire in evening. Such long evenings. I get so lonesome.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1970 Real nice day and wanner. I sorted books, etc. in basement. Ada Lewis asked me over for a cup of coffee and a doughnut. She took books for their office. Also, Jeanette came over. I cleaned up house after they left. Went to Don's overnight and stayed with children while they went to dinner.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1970 I came home at a quarter after eight. Went to church. Mr. Lewis came over and bought Charles' drawing table. In the afternoon I went downtown to see Paffenbargers [Ralph, Sr. and Viola]. They had me stay for supper. I was so low, it helped me a lot. First time I have driven after dark. Dorothy, Don, and Frieda called in evening. I had planned to call Frieda later on. All the children called me today.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1970 I wish I could sleep past 5:30. Turn on radio. Raining this morning. Washed and ironed. Clean papers on some shelves. Had my first Circle meeting as President. Took Mrs. Holmes and McMillen. Mrs. Scott invited me to a luncheon on Thursday.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1970 Gloomy morning. I went to Bible class. Juanita didn't come and I don't feel at home there. Am trying to find somewhere to give K.C. [the cat]. In P.M. drove to the Auto Club at Karl [Road] and [Route] 161. Mr. White made arrangements for ticket to Phoenix. $171.15. Have to stay within 30 days to get that price. Went over to Jeanettes [Davis - next-door neighbor].
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1970 Snow flurries. I went with Jeanette [Davis] or rather went after her. She left her car at Buick [Agency], then drove mine through car wash. Then, I went downtown. Home about two o'clock. Jeanette had me over for supper.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1970 Snow flurries but they didn't amount to anything. I had my hair done. Edna Scott took me to a luncheon at Ciintonville Women's House [Club]. Invited Don's for dinner tomorrow evening.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1970 Tommy was sick so Don's are coming tomorrow evening. Snow on ground but it soon melted. I went to grocery and library. My car turned the first thousand miles.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1970 Snow most of the day. Don's family was here for dinner. We looked at some slides. Bill called, also Ethel [Ellis], Edith [Walter], and Velma [Millhone].

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1970 More snow, then freezing rain. Hazardous driving - so I stayed home. A long day.


TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1970 Much warmer and sunny. I went to bank and in afternoon to Buckeye Stamp Store and got a key case. [Buckeye stamps, and the more popular Green stamps, were given by stores based on the amount of purchase. They could then be redeemed for merchandise.] Laura Hardy called. Said Wilma [her daughter] would take K.C. [the cat]. I hate to give him away, but he scratches furniture so bad and I don't know what to do with him when I go away.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1970 A beautiful day. 57°. I went to grocery. Baked cookies for State Hospital - delivered mine and Mrs. Holmes' to Mrs. Throckmorton. In afternoon went to bridge at Golf course. Took Mrs. Guth.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1970 Colder and snow flurries. I went to drug store to get a picture. Had Ilo here for lunch, and showed pictures. Bill called. Such very long evenings. Time doesn't seem to help me.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1970 I cleaned part of the kitchen woodwork. Went with Ethel Ellis to a luncheon - "Watch Washington." She took me as her guest. Then I went to Don's for dinner and overnight. Ellen's [35th] birthday. Stopped at Florence's on way. [Florence Mick lived at 1799 Baldridge Road; Don lived at 1896, one block away.]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1970 Home at quarter 'till eight. Didn't do much today. K.C. disappeared at quarter after twelve - followed Jeanette down street after dinner. I went back to Don's.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1970 A beautiful day. I came home at quarter 'till eight. Went to church and cemetery. Then went to Holloway House for my dinner and looked around at Sears. In afternoon went to Kaisers and gave them some slides Charles had of their house and dog. Dorothy, Bill, and Don called.


TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1970 Lovely day. I went to beauty parlor. In afternoon went to bridge at Golf Course. Then in to Jeanette's.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1970 Much colder and snow flurries. I finished cleaning kitchen woodwork and clean papers in cupboard. Jeanette and I went to see "Good-Bye Mr. Chips" and had dinner at Halloway House. Carol [Hoffman - neighbor] came down after I came home.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1970 8°. Cold this morning but sunny. I let out the drapes at picture window. Went to grocery. Six months today since Charles went away. How I miss you, darling.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1970 Went to Bill Walters office to see about income tax. Looked for Dorothy for lunch. A note in mail won't come 'till dinner time. Should have had note yesterday. They came about five o'clock. Showed slides, had fire in fireplace. Don came over, brought John and Linda. Popped corn.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1970 Dorothy left for Cleveland about 7:30. Bill came for me at nine o'clock and took me there for the day. In afternoon went to scout program. Had a nice day. Home about nine o'clock.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1970 I went to church, then to cemetery, then drove to Worthington. After dinner, swept garage. Dorothy came at three o'clock. They stayed for supper. Left at 5:30. Velma Millhone invited me to lunch on Friday.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1970 Mr. Dickerson [hired man] washed all the wails $32.00. Ellen called about four and said to come over for dinner. I went and drove home after dark. My first after dark driving - such a dark, rainy night for the first.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1970 Real nice day. I went to Bible Class and left drapes (picture window) at Swans [dry cleaners]. After lunch went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure up a little, 160/80.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1970 Rainy day - cleared in afternoon. Went to Swans, got drapes and hung them. Went to Golf Course [at Ohio State] to bridge - took Mrs. Guth. Had such good cards, had 6,890 points. Carol [Hoffman] came down in evening. Worked on wool rug.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1970 A beautiful day. I mopped and waxed linoleum. Went to luncheon at church. Then I went to Northland [Shopping Center] and bought two dresses. A pink and gray jersey, $9.47, and a

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1970 Went to bank and to get stamps. Went to Velma Millhone's for lunch with Florence [Mick]. In evening went with Eileen [Chandler, secretary in the Department of Engineering Drawing] to Ponderosa [steak house] for dinner. She came in and stayed 'till after ten.


SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1970 Another nice day. I went to church, stopped at Buckeye Mart. Bought a carousel for camera. Returned it in afternoon. Home rest of day. Several telephone calls which helped.


TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1970 Real snow storms. I washed and ironed curtains in yellow room. Downey's cleaned carpet, $37.90. Marvene [Shonting] called. Talked 1 ¼ hours. Such lonely evenings!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1970 Real nice day. I went to Bills [Bill Walter, her attorney], paid income tax. Had a refund so it was $20.49. Paid him $70.00, including making a new will. Went to Lucille's [Reeder] to a party, took Edith [Walter]. Had a nice time. Carol [Hoffman] came down and brought me a ceramic cat "on a pillow." Later, Mrs. Young [neighbor] came over.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1970 Snow all day. I was home all day, except to go to mailbox [on Indianola Avenue]. Lucille [Reeder] stopped, had several 'phone calls.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1970 Snow stopped but several inches on ground. I had my hair done, went to bank, library, and grocery. Don's three children here for dinner and overnight. Bill and Karen stopped after a program at Mershon [Auditorium at Ohio State].

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1970 Nice morning - snow storms in afternoon and evening. Don came for children at eight o'clock. I went to a "coffee" at Rachel Yarrington's, took Viola [Paffenbarger]. Had car washed on way home. Florence [Mick], Mrs. Kaiser [neighbor], Wanda [Ochs], and Don and Ellen called. I called Bill's. Jeanette [Davis] here in evening. All ready to leave in morning.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1970 Up at six. More snow during night. Don came at 7:30, and brought a lovely orchid, and took me to airport. Plane left on time, 8:50. Nice flight to Chicago, roll and coffee. Met Edna Scott's friends, Mrs. Cameron and Rogers. Left Chicago on time, good lunch on plane. Only a few minutes late in Phoenix. Frieda [sister-in-law], Betsy [niece], and Tom [Nelson, husband of]
Gladys' cousin, Flo Nelson], met me. We went to see Mother [Stewart] and Flo and Tom. Nelsons gave us grapefruit from their tree. Stopped at King's [Ralph Kingston Cooper, Jr. was Charles' nephew]. Temperature 73°.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1970 Frieda and I went in to Phoenix. She had several errands. Had a real good hamburger for lunch at "Bob's." Stopped at Wigwam Hotel at Litchfield. A friend of Frieda's showed us through it. Lovely place. Beautiful flowers. In the evening we went to Frieda's book club. A lovely home.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1970 In the morning we went to Frieda's church circle. In the afternoon to her (Buckeye group) bridge club at Mrs. Beloats. [Buckeye, a small town, is a suburb west of Phoenix.] Nice home. Frieda stopped at Doctors and library.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1970 Man came to fix the telephone. We were home all day except trip to grocery at Goodyear. King and Joe [both nephews] stopped.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1970 Frieda had three tables of bridge - Goodyear Club. I had good cards and a very nice afternoon. Afterward we went to Goodyear for Frieda's medicine.


SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1970 Frieda has heater on in morning and evening. I went to get my hair done at 1:30. Charged $13.50. That is too much. We watched T.V. in evening and I am re-reading "The Good Earth" [by Pearl Buck]. Frieda said I was the only person she had seen whom she could live with.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 1970 Quite cool in morning. Frieda and I went to Sunday School. All family here except Glenn [husband of Betsy] who had to go to postal meeting. [He worked in the post office]. Had a good dinner. Keith and Clyde walked out on desert so far. Betsy had to wait for them over an hour. [Keith was the son of Betsy and Glenn Azlin; Clyde was the son of Joe and Carol Cooper.]

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1970 Frieda and I came in to town. Got Mother and bought her a pair of shoes. I took her and Frieda to lunch. Frieda brought me to Flo and Tom's. We visited all afternoon, then went to lunch at Picadilly Cafe - nice dinner. Flo gave me an old plate and the covered dish (compote ?) I have been wanting for a long time.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1970 Didn't do anything all day, except a drive in afternoon. Went to Diamond's for dinner.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1970 Another day like yesterday. Drive in afternoon - went to Ferguson's for dinner. I have enjoyed eating out these three evenings.
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1970
Little did we think a year ago Charles and I only had five more months to be together. Frieda came for me at one o'clock. We stopped to see Mother. Frieda went to a meeting in evening but was not gone long.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1970
Didn't know what to do so, Frieda called Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Knowles and they came for bridge in afternoon.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1970
Read most of day. I took a walk in morning. Frieda and I walked along [irrigation] canal in the afternoon.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1970
Easter Sunday. Frieda and I went to Sunday School and Church. Had a good sermon. Then, we went to King's for dinner. Parti's [wife of King] mother was there. Had a good dinner, when we came home. Charlie Nelson and wife and another couple came. Don and Dorothy both called me. How nice of them!

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1970
I washed and ironed my brown dress. Took a long walk by canal in afternoon. Tippy [the dog] went along. We went to Betsy's for dinner. Stopped at grocery on way home.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1970
Got ready to meet Jeanette [Davis] at 3:30. Called and her flight cancelled. She called from Chicago, said she would be in at 6:30. We went to town, Frieda did some errands. We went to see Mother and Nelsons. Got to airport at 5:15. By that time flight was to be in at 8:20. Controllers on strike, reason for delays. Frieda and I ate dinner at airport. Then, Jeanette found us, she had been put on an earlier flight. But had to wait 'till 8:30 for her baggage. Left airport at nine, home about ten.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1970
Jeanette, Tippy, and I took a walk along the [irrigation] canal. I had my hair done. Frieda took Jeanette by Wigwam [Hotel] and around Goodyear. All ready to go [to Hawaii] tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1970
This is the day! Up at 5:30. Left at six for Joes and took Tippy. Joe went to bring Frieda's car home. Got to airport at seven. Had coffee and doughnut. All of us asked for a window seat. Had breakfast on plane, fruit, ham, eggs, and a roll. Had more than three hour wait in Los Angeles. Turned watches back an hour. Big plane from Los Angeles - not nearly filled. Flew above clouds, hardly knew we were flying over the ocean. Got champagne punch and Seven-Up on plane, Bought a very good lunch for $7.00 on plane. Got to Hilo on time. Given a lei and a kiss. Party divided into two hotels. Went to a poolside cocktail party. Good entertainment. Had light lunch at hotel.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1970
Island of Hawaii. This is a "free day." We bought a button for $1.00 that took us to several things. A museum that had an exhibit of very old and beautiful silver. To a school where we heard a band from Honolulu. It was in cafeteria - we were only "foreigners" there. Reminded me of my days of taking children to programs [while a substitute elementary teacher]. A lady gave us a ride there. We went to Civic Center, saw beautiful quilts and interesting Hula dancing. Had lunch at drug store at Hilo. Took bus back to Hotel, took a nap and went to stores. Jeanette looked for a mau-mau. In the evening we had gone to the cocktail party with our group. Packed for tomorrow. Showers during day.
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1970

Breakfast at hotel. Left about nine for Kona. A long day. Lunch at a small place, La Haina. Saw banyan trees. Largest one in India, 12 feet in diameter, covers 2,000 feet. Banyan trees here planted by famous people. Saw rain tree or called monkey pod [tree]. Tidal wave came at 490 miles an hour. Feed avocados to pigs. There is a weeping banyan or Chinese Banyan. Hilo 28,000 [people]. Only 10% of sugar cane stalk makes sugar. Taro makes poi. Went to orchid farm and drove through lava fields. Walked through lava tube. Saw Julie Andrews' ranchland planted with macadamia nut trees. Saw Jimmy Stewart's ranch. The lava fields are unbelievable! Made many stops. After six when we got to hotel. Way out in country but lovely hotel. Ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. McLean. Open air dining room. Very expensive. Lovely room in hotel. Pacific Empress Hotel. Beautiful grounds and flowers.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1970

Breakfast at hotel. Walked to town, over a mile and hot. Looked in shops. Went to church. It lasted over two hours. Had lunch at Kona Inn - very beautiful by ocean. Came home by taxi. In evening went to luau at a nice hotel in town. The pig was roasted in a pit. Really had a good dinner and entertainment was lots of fun.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1970

Breakfast at hotel with McLeans. Walked around, took some pictures. Jeanette [Davis] and Frieda [Cooper] played shuffleboard. All took bus [obviously Gladys meant to write "airplane"] to Maui Island. Only 18 minutes flying time. Nice airport. When we landed, very windy. Saw coffee trees, papaya trees, mango trees. Saw grass shack from Phillipines representing first settlement from there. Also Japanese and Chinese. Beautiful mountains so much like Machu Picchu in South America [Peru]. One area we drove through has as much as 300 inches [of rain?] in a year. We all stopped at LaHaina, had a good lunch. Whalers grog. I had a half pineapple filled with fruit and cottage cheese. Looked around shops. Back to Kahulia to hotel. Don't like this room as well as other two we had. Island of Maui. Ate at a little restaurant. Hotel too expensive. Jeanette bought a mau-mau at hotel shop.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1970

Breakfast at hotel. Frieda and I took walk along beach. Found some pieces of coral but few shells. On way back to hotel Frieda went ahead. A Japanese man stopped car and gave me shells. Lunch at Haralds through Super Market. Washed my hair and Frieda set it. In evening we went to cocktail party which doesn't amount to much. Afterward eighteen of our party went to Hawaiian restaurant - had mai-mai fish, very good. Looked in gift shop, bought perfume. Bags in hall 8:30 tomorrow. Maui Beach Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1970

Breakfast at hotel. Walked down to beach and to gift shop. Left hotel at 9:45. Bus to plane. Flight to Island of Kauai. Bus to restaurant. Had an excellent meal, mai-mai fish. Then river tour to fern grotto - beautiful place. Saw almond tree, large coconut trees, some perhaps 200 years old. Back to Kauai Resort Hotel - a very beautiful one - nicest one so far. In the evening the group ate in hotel. Had a five-course meal - cost me $5.00, and I ordered the cheapest meal. Didn't get through eating until ten o'clock. Had a good floor show.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1970

Breakfast in motel. I discovered last evening, I left my night gown at last motel - a new one. McLean's asked us to rent a car with them. So we did, left about 9:30, home at three. Had a good lunch on way. Saw an old church and Russian fort. Ate dinner at Marina with McLean's. Sat in lobby awhile.
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1970 Walked around in morning and sat in lobby. Left hotel around eleven - the nicest one we had. Went to airport. Plane left at twelve. About half hour flying time to Oahu Island and Honolulu. Checked in at Park Shore Hotel. We three had a pineapple boat for lunch. Margie [Little, later Minakami, and finally Cooper again, the daughter of Frieda who then lived in Honolulu] came about three o'clock and took us to their home for a Chinese dinner. Five couples from University [of Hawaii, where Margie worked] there. All left their shoes at the door and went in barefoot. One man was blind. Had a nice evening. Back to hotel after ten. Letter from Bill.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1970 Frieda spent the day with Margie. Jeanette and I went on a tour. We went to King's Palace, a Buddhist temple. Saw African tulip tree - lovely orange blooms. So many oleanders. Drove up to Diamond Head. Had lunch along way. Home about 2:30. Jeanette and I went to the [?] and looked at pictures. I got so tired I came home, and took a nap. She and I went out in evening and walked and walked, looked in shops. Had a good chicken dinner. I bought a tray of wooden fruit. We came home, went back, and bought some candy.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1970 In the morning we walked through zoo. It is across street from hotel. We skipped lunch today. In the afternoon went on boat trip to Pearl Harbor. Saw the Memorial built over [battleship] Arizona. Over 1,000 men lost there. In evening we ate at Copper Kitchen. Frieda didn't feel so well. Mrs. McLean came in - bores us with her incessant talking.

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1970 I had my hair done. Cost me $5.75 - most I ever paid. We three went to the big shopping center. Had lunch there with Ann Machovina [widow of Paul Machovina, formerly a member of the Department of Engineering Drawing]. Frieda came on home to go to Margie's. Jeanette and I stayed longer. Home on bus. Jeanette and I had supper at the "Minute Chief [Chef?]". I bought a big straw bag. We came home, sat in lobby. The girls had brought us three orchids. Visited in lobby. McNeals and Medley's

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1970 I bought doughnuts and we three had coffee in our room. The hotel gives us instant coffee every day and furnishes a coffee pot. Jim [Little, husband of Margie; later they were divorced] came for us at one o'clock. We drove around the University [of Hawaii] and saw the Punchbowl Cemetery. Had lunch at college cafeteria. In afternoon went to Polynesian Culture Center. Cost $17.50 and not worth it. Home at 10:10. The city is beautiful at night.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1970 We went to the free show put on by Eastman [Kodak] company. It was very good. We all went different ways after that. I went up street through shopping center. Had a good fish sandwich and macadamia ice cream for lunch. Bought me a pair of elephants from Ceylon, $9.00 a pair.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1970 Our last day. Frieda went back to Kodak show to take pictures. I walked over on pier and watched the men on surfboards, then to the zoo. Saw the Medley's off. McNeals came down to see us off. Both kissed us good-bye. Left hotel at 11:45 on a nice bus. Such a big airport. Ate sandwich there. Plane left at 1:45. A huge one, one stop at San Diego. Showed the movie "Cactus Flower." Jeanette got sick on plane. King and Patti [Cooper; King was Charles' nephew, and the son of Frieda] met us at airport. It was one o'clock when we got to bed.
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1970  Men "splashed down" in pacific after Apollo 13 failed. We went to Goodyear, then to see Mother. Went to Nelson's and Tom took us all to dinner at the Picadilly Cafeteria. Flo gave me the compote I had been wanting. [This compote had once been in the small variety store in Cumberland that Fanny Cooper Stewart operated for a couple of years following the death in his 20's of Charles Frederick Cooper, Charles' father.]

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1970  Jeanette didn't feel a bit well. We didn't do anything all day. Went to Joe and Carol's for dinner. [Joe, oldest son of Frieda, and brother of King, was Charles' nephew.] Jeanette couldn't eat much. Changed our return to Columbus to an earlier plane.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1970
Jeanette felt better. We drove to Sun City and went through model homes. Had dinner at cafeteria there. Went to Mack's in afternoon. [The Mack's were the parents of Carol Cooper, Joe's wife.] Mrs. Mack showed us her ceramics. Went to see kittens next door. Packed to leave tomorrow.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1970
Up early, ate breakfast at Frieda's, left soon after seven. Plane left at nine. Didn't know we were getting breakfast, but had a roll, omelet, sausage, and fruit. A little ahead of time in to Chicago. About a forty minute wait. On second plane served a "snack", two pieces chicken, potato salad, tomato, olives, and wafers. In Columbus on time, 3:30. Don met us and brought us both home. Called Bills and Dorothy. Florence [Mick] sick in hospital.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1970  In the morning I went to University Hospital to see Florence [Mick], then to bank. After lunch went to Gold Circle [store]. So lonely to come home and Charles not here. Several phone calls.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1970  Got more things put away. Planted onions and cleaned up yard a little - sticks and leaves. After lunch went to cemetery and Dons. A man came to make an estimate on the front steps. [They were concrete steps and had developed some cracks.]


FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1970  Rained very hard during night. I washed a washer and ironed. Worked on sorting slides. Edith [Walter] was here in afternoon.


SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1970  I went to church, then Viola took me to the Faculty Club for dinner. In afternoon I went to see Florence and to Don's. [Florence Mick lived at 1799 Baldridge Road; Don at 1896 Baldridge Road.] Took a walk in evening.
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1970 Worked in yard and mowed back yard. Cleaned up more behind garage. [The woodpile for the fireplace was behind the garage. Charles had also stored there dozens of surplus bricks] Over to Lewis' in afternoon. Walk after dinner.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1970 Had my hair done in morning. Went to bridge at Golf Course in P.M. On way home bought strawberries and tomatoes, took some to Scotts's and Lewis' [both neighbors]. Walk after dinner.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1970 Washed a washer. Cleaned garage and got trash out. Jeanette [Davis] and I went to Northland [Shopping Center] and bought paint for kitchen. Worked in kitchen at church on Mother and Daughter Banquet. Came home and ate my dinner.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1970 Quite warm. I cleaned the back porch and pulled some weeds. In evening went to Don's for dinner. Ate in yard on new picnic table. [Today the property of Linda and her family]. Chicken and rhubarb pie. Nine o'clock when I got home.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1970 Another warm day. I worked in yard, went to Kroger's. In afternoon went to Jeanette's [Davis]. Ate dinner on porch, then walked to Buckeye Mart. Stopped at Terry's. They gave me rhubarb.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1970 CHARLES' BIRTHDAY and a blue one for me. It was a gloomy day until afternoon cleared off. I was home all day. Bill called me in morning and talked about an hour. Dorothy called in evening.

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1970 Went to church and to cemetery. Worked some in yard. A long weekend.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1970 Went to bank and to grocery. More work in yard. In afternoon went to see Eva Faelchle. Bought petunias on way home and set out along the driveway.

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1970 Men have promised four time to come to fix front steps but have not come, took our drapes to cleaners and voted on way home. I mowed and raked back yard Gary came home from college. Kent [State University] was closed because of riots were shot dead at Kent by the Ohio National Guard.] The evenings are so long!

Jeanette and I yesterday {Four students

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1970 Lovely day. After a great deal of telephoning bridge was changed to [O.S.U.] golf course from Faculty Club. Men were working on steps [for front porch] and I couldn't get car, so Mrs. Frazier stopped for me. Men took out old steps. Put in bigger ones with wrought iron [railing]. I am so pleased with my little porch. ($236.30). Rode to Riverside with Rosemary [Stewart] to get Ethel [Ellis - both neighbors]. Mrs. Hoffman here all evening. The [Ohio State] University closed today because of riots [provoked by the killings at Kent State]. All students [and faculty] ordered home. What would Charles have thought?
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1970 In the morning I went to Northland and Gold Circle. After lunch to [redemption] stamp store, to see Florence [Mick]. Stopped at Don's and Boulevard Gardens [nursery]. Stopped at [Union] Cemetery on way. [Charles and Gladys are buried in Space 476, Section 10, of Union Cemetery.] Met a Mrs. Singleton there. Jeanette, Mrs. Pegg and I went to Frisch's [Big Boy Restaurant] for dinner. Then, Ethel [Ellis] called me to come to hospital for her.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1970 I washed my car in morning. In evening I went for Ethel. We ate dinner at Frisch's, then I took her to hospital. Went up to see Ray [Ellis]. Later went back for Ethel.

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1970 Lovely day. In morning I went to cemetery, set out a geranium and marigolds. Bill and Colleen came there, then up here. About noon Don came over and worked 'till after four. Did several things for me. In evening Mrs. Kaiser and Mrs. Young came over to sit on my new porch.

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1970 MOTHER'S DAY. Cards from all the children and towel set from Bill and Gloria. I went to church, then drove to Bills. First time to drive there. Gloria had a good dinner. Then, I went to Dons. Stopped at cemetery and to see Florence on way. Stayed overnight at Don's.

MONDAY, MAY 11, 1970 Came home about nine. Drove to jewelry store at Worthington, then put my stole in storage at Swan's [Dry Cleaners]. Had my Circle meeting. 15 there. Took Mrs. Bond.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1970 Rain today. Very hard rain at times. I washed a washer. Moved some "snow on mountain." [Evidently the name of a flower] It quit raining in P.M. I walked down to [Dr. Rollo] Bonnell's. Blood pressure up to 170/90. Dr. said too high. More medicine.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1970 Hard rain in P.M. I moved the small red bud tree. Put screens in both bathrooms. In afternoon went to Ilo's. After I came home, Carol [Hoffman] and Mrs. Young were here. Jeanette [Davis] was over and Rosemary [Stewart] stopped. [All four of these women were neighbors on Yaronia Drive South.] I cleaned up the driveway.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1970 Worked in back yard in the morning. In afternoon got a permanent ($9.00 including $.50 tip). After dinner walked down to vegetable stand on Indianola [Avenue].

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1970 Dusted the house, went to grocery. Came home, mowed back yard and washed the car. Later, I raked the yard and swept tRe driveway.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1970 Don came over for breakfast. We left at 8:20 for Jennie [in Cumberland]. Home soon after twelve. He had lunch here. Rain part of time coming and going. Gloomy day.
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1970 I went to church. After dinner we drove to Bill's. All the children played for us. Girls on piano and Wayne on cornet. All do so well.

MONDAY, MAY 18, 1970 I went to bank and bought grass seed. Came home and planted it in front yard. After lunch we went to cemetery, then drove up to Worthington. Velma Millhone here for dinner. Ate on porch. Dorothy called. Also both the boys.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1970 Warm day! I dampen the grass seed twice a day. Stained the back fence [separating Gladys's lot from Lewis']. Quite a job, but it looks so much nicer. Enjoy the new [front] porch.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1970 Another warm day. I washed a washer. Took Jennie to church to see Charles' picture. [It was an illuminated picture of Jesus which Gladys purchased in memory of Charles.] Went to bridge at Golf Course. Took Mrs. Huth. Ellis' [Ray and Ethel] were here in evening.

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1970 Defrosted freezer, did the ironing. Jennie and I went to grocery and to return a book to Viola [Paffenbarger]. After dinner we drove over to Don's for a little while, and had a "Tastee-Freeze" on way home. Rosemary [Stewart] and Mrs. Young were here.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1970 Warm day. Jennie took me to Howard Johnson's for dinner, then we went to Graceland to Shopping Center. Sat on porch 'till after nine.

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1970 Went to cemetery early and set out adgeratum. After lunch went to stamp store to get two chairs for front porch. Moved petunias from bed by driveway to backyard to get more sun. Imogene and Ivan here in evening. Hard rains and thunderstorms during afternoon and evening.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1970 Worked in yard. Drove up to Worthington to get jewelry I had left for repair. Jennie and I went to Don's for dinner and stopped to see Florence [Mick]. Home 9:15. To bed early.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1970 Went to grocery in morning. Had Jeanette [Davis] here for dinner, showed some slides.
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1970 Went to Worthington to get my ring. Was overcharged and will not go back there. Mowed the yard. Mrs. Scott brought me flowers for cemetery.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1970 Jennie and I went to cemetery. Last year I didn't think I would be going for Charles. I washed a washer and ironed, baked cookies. Carole and I took a walk in evening. Dorothy called. She plans to come up on Tuesday.  
SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1970 I went to church. Didn't think much of sermon. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1970 Went to Northland [Shopping Center] and Gold Circle [store]. Have had enough of Gold Circle. Bought yellow curtains, slip cover and cushions for Jennie's rocker. In afternoon she and I went to Krogers. Then, to Jeanette's for dinner. A nice evening. Mrs. Scott brought us cake.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1970 Dorothy drove up by herself First time. Got here at ten, left 2:30. We went to see Charles' picture, to cemetery, and Boulevard Gardens. In afternoon Jeanette and I went to see the movie "Airport." Velma Millhone came to see Jennie while I was gone. Much cooler and rain during day.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1970 Really nice day. I went to Association meeting. [Evidently this group included all of the various Women's Circles at the church.] My Circle had charge. After I came home, Mrs. Scott brought the baby over. Jennie and I looked at South American slides in evening.


SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1970 Went to church [Crestview Presbyterian]. Got pretty lonesome. Walked down to fruit market, got two quarts strawberries. Gave some to Scotts' and Lewis'.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1970 My church Circle here for a picnic. Had fourteen. After they left went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure down to 150. After dinner went to see Florence [Mick] and to Dons for birthday cake and ice cream. [LINDA'S 5th BIRTHDAY.]
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1970 OUR 47th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, and how I miss my darling. I washed two washers and ironed. Washed the car. Mr. Dickerson painted kitchen ($15.00). Went over to Jeanette's in evening. [Jeanette Davis lived next-door.]

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1970 Warm day. I went to bank and grocery. Jeanette and I went to luncheon at church put on by Big Bear [grocery]. Nice time, good lunch. Bill and Gloria brought the children over in evening. Had ice cream and cake. They all stayed overnight.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1970 Ellen was here a few minutes in morning. I took the children to Overbrook [Hallow]. Karen and Wayne waded in the water. Bill came and all were here for supper. Wayne and Colleen went home. Karen and I played Scrabble in the evening.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1970 Karen and I drove over to cemetery. In evening we went to Strawberry Festival at church with Mrs. Hamilton. Played Scrabble and Double Solitaire.


SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1970 Don went to church with me. Charles' picture was dedicated. He took me to Frisch's for dinner. Came in for awhile. Kay, Chuck, and boys came. Hard storm in afternoon. Went to Jeanette's a little while. I miss Charles so much. Sometime I think I can't live without him.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1970 Up early, left for city bus at eight. The Cincinnati bus left at 9:30. Dorothy and Valerie met me at 11:30. They have a lot more done on their house. I had a nap in Valerie's new room.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1970 Dorothy takes Valerie swimming every morning. She made the "President's Physical Fitness Team." I did some ironing. Went over to Mrs. Monroe's.


THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1970 Another hot day. Dorothy took Valerie swimming. Barbara had a baby sitting job from 8 -5. Dorothy and I went to grocery. Boy friend here in P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1970 Much cooler today. We left for Columbus at 6:20. Here before 8:30. Had a nice visit with them. Chuck mowed grass for me.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1970 Beautiful day, and still cool. I worked in yard. Mrs. Young and Jeanette here in afternoon. Jeanette and I went to Buckeye Mart in evening.
SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1970 Rainy day at times. I went to church. Dorothy stopped on way home from Cleveland. Had Mrs. Kutchera with them. After they left, I went to see Florence [Mick] and to Don's for dinner.

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1970 Real nice day. I put fertilizer on front yard. Washed a washer. Went to bank, Kroger's and library.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1970 Went to beauty parlor and grocery. Not much to write about. Didn't get any mail today and 'phone didn't ring.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1970 Beautiful day. I had Lucille [Reeder], Merle [Axline] and Edith [Walter] here for lunch and bridge. Had a nice time. Before they left Velma Millhone called and asked me to go out for dinner with her and Donna Daran. We went to see Helen Kennedy.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1970 Gloomy day until late afternoon. I went to Wilson's to look at kitchen carpet. Walked through Overbrook [Hallow], picked some black raspberries. Such long evenings!

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1970 Jeanette went with me to look for carpet for kitchen. We went to Lazarus, Sears, and ordered it at Rite Rug. Bought a spread for my bed. A hard storm and rain around five o'clock.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1970 Washed a washer. I mowed back yard and worked in yard, moved the iris. Walked down to fruit stand to get strawberries. Such a long day!

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1970 I went to church, then to cemetery. In the P.M. Ada Lewis came over with Ray's baby and we took a walk. Talked with Mrs. Scott. Bills family fame in evening and took me to cemetery with them. Then they came here for awhile.

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1970 Washed a washer and ironed. Worked in yard. Man came to measure kitchen for carpet. I took walk in Overbrook, got enough raspberries for my dinner. Such long days. Sometimes I think I can't go on without Charles.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1970 Very hot! I went back to Rite Rug to look at carpet. Took pattern I had picked out on Friday. In afternoon went to Krogers and library. Ada Lewis came with baby and we took a long walk.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1970 95° again today. I went to Don's and did ironing for Ellen. On way home stopped to see Florence. Eileen Chandler came and spent the evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1970 Washed some bedding. Worked some in basement. I have so little to do. Nothing to write. Went to Jeanette's in P.M. After dinner she asked me over for watermelon. The boys are good to call me in the evenings.

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1970 Lovely day and cooler. I mowed grass, cleaned up side of garage and washed the car. Went to Frisch's for dinner. Hate to go alone, but get so tired of eating alone. The evenings are so long! How I miss Charles! Sometimes I can hardly realize I won't see him again.

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1970 Much cooler. Furnace on at times. I went to church. Such a gloomy day. Had to get out. Went down to see Mrs. Minister. Didn't get home 'till after five.

MONDAY, JULY 6, 1970 Beautiful day. I went to post office. Painted a stand with paint left from kitchen. Phone out of order. Reported it twice, but they didn't fix it. Jeanette was over in afternoon. Phone fixed at ten. Tried 'till eleven to call Frieda. Had letter saying she was sick.

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1970 Beautiful day. I had my hair done, then went to Graceland [Shopping Center] to get the trailer license. After dinner took a long walk with Ada and Mark. Letter from Frieda. She is better.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1970 Washed a washer of rugs. Mopped kitchen. Kitchen carpet was to be put in the 10th. Called, a delay, On Tuesday a letter from Linda [Cooper Erickson; niece of Charles, and daughter of Ralph and Frieda]. She will stop on way home from Germany, Had storm and rain in afternoon. Thought it would be a long evening but both boys called. Ilo called. Mrs. Lewis came and we took a walk with Mark [her son]. She gave me good dessert.


FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1970 Gloomy day. Even turned furnace on a few minutes. I went to bank, to Krogers and Dr Bonnell. Blood pressure, 150/80. Got tablets to last 'till I get home.


SUNDAY, JULY 12, 1970 Hot day! I went to church. In afternoon went to Dons and to see Florence. After supper took a walk with Ada Lewis and baby. Don called. Linda fell out of swing and broke her wrist. I called Dorothy.

MONDAY, JULY 13, 1970 Warm day. I washed a washer and ironed. Mowed the back yard. Was in to Jeanette and Kaisers. Ate my first tomato from garden.
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1970
Another hot day. Waited all day for Linda [her niece] to call. At 8:15 she called from Jennie's. Edna and Rosemary [Stewart]. Another tomato. Took Ethel [Ellis] to hospital to see Ray about 4:30.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1970
Hot again. I left at 7:30 to take Ethel [Ellis] to hospital. Ray to be operated [on] at 9:30. Linda (Erickson) arrived 11:45, on way home from Germany. We went to Dons for dinner, stopped at cemetery. Linda had her hair done and I had mine combed. Looked at South American slides.

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1970
Cooler, less humid and a lovely day. I took Ethel to hospital, then we went to see Charles' picture [at church] and to grocery. [This was not a picture of Charles, but a picture of Jesus purchased in memory of Charles.] Looked at slides. Bill's family came in evening for ice cream and cake.

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1970
Another nice day. Bill told Linda she should get [travel] insurance. I took her to Allstate on West Hudson. Found she couldn't get it. She left 11:15. In the afternoon Jeanette and I went to shopping center and to Rite Rug. I cancelled my order for kitchen carpet and got my deposit back. They couldn't keep their word. Enjoyed having Linda and wish she could have stayed longer.

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1970
Warmer today. I didn't do much. Don brought the trailer over and got top. [This was an all-metal utility trailer with a fold-down top. It is now in possession of Gary Cooper.] Jeanette stopped. I went to hospital for Ethel.

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1970
I went to church. A long day. In evening Ada [Lewis - neighbor to the rear] came over. We took a short walk with the baby.

MONDAY, JULY 20, 1970
A miserable dark, rainy day. I was so low and had a hard crying spell. How I miss my Charles! Ellen helped - she called and asked me over for dinner to celebrate Don's birthday [August 20] in advance. Had a cake. She gave him a lovely watch. I stopped at cemetery and to see Florence on way. Shontings [Dan and Marvene] were here while I was gone.

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1970
Much cooler. A record 48°. An extra blanket felt good. I mowed and raked the yard. Sold my red coat to Ada Lewis for her sister-in-law. After dinner we went to see Ray Ellis and brought Ethel home from hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1970
Lovely day. I baked cookies to take [to Wisconsin], defrosted freezer and washed the car. Bill came over in afternoon and got some boards. Trimmed limbs off of trees. Carol [Hoffman] helped me to tie them up. After dinner, Jeanette [Davis] was here, Carol [Hoffman], Edna Scott and Allen. All ready to go tomorrow. Ready to go to bed and Rosemary [Stewart] came down.

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1970
Don came for me and I left on 12:20 bus for Cincinnati. Quite different than way I used to go to Wisconsin. Dorothy, Chuck, and Valerie met me. They had Dick's birthday cake since we would be gone on 26th.

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1970
Dorothy had to take Chuck to Doctor for his arm, and Valerie for poison ivy. Chuck had a ball game. We left at 2:10 for Wisconsin. A hot day. Ate our dinner at Frisch's on way. Drove to
Janesville, Wisconsin. 10:30 our time, 9:30 theirs. Could not get a motel and slept in car. Slept at one rest area awhile, drove on, slept at another 'till five. Had a good breakfast at Jiemo's [?] restaurant in Mauston. Got to Spooner before ten, got groceries, ate at Nick's [still there today]. To cottage before twelve. All was well, except some mice. Kosters are in No. 12. So glad to see them.

NO ENTRIES FOR JULY 25 AND 26

MONDAY, JULY 27, 1970 Another warm day but not as hot as yesterday. I cleaned up a little in the shop. Dick put in three sections of dock. Dybvigs [Ed and Cara] here in P.M. I went to Kosters and Trefethens in evening. Had a swim. Pick's 46th birthday

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1970 Warm today. I clean up a little each day in shop. Sold the wheelbarrow to Vernon [Johnson] for $15.00. At Johnson's [Bernice and Leonard] in P.M. Had a swim.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1970 Not quite so hot. I cleaned up around cottage, leaves and pine needles. Dick cleaned needles off the roof. We went blueberry picking after lunch, got 2 1/2 quarts. I went to Kosters after supper. Dorothy and Dick got three nice pike. Had a swim.

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1970 Still hot. I work some each day cleaning up shop. Dorothy and I went to Trefethens to a coffee. After lunch we went to dump. Art and Blanche [Ferron] here in afternoon, then Kosters. Mrs. Meronk came in evening. I had a swim.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1970 Raining when we got up but soon cleared. We went to town. On way left Valerie and Barbara for horseback riding. Was glad to see Spooner again. Bought a dress at Penney's. Lunch at Dairy Queen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1970 Dorothy, Barbara, Valerie, and I went blueberry picking. Got 3 1/2 quarts. Dorothy made two batches of jam. Mr. and Mrs. Devic [Bill and Donna] were here. Valerie and Barbara have found girls their age to play with.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 1970 Cooler today, lake rough. We went to "Mom's" for beans. Stopped to see Opal [Day]. In afternoon Dorothy and I went to Schwarze's [next-door neighbors] for coffee. Mr. and Mrs. Harris came down [and] bought hose, shovel, and rake. Dick got 25 inch, 4 pound pike.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1970
Dick caught a 5 pound walleye. Did the washing.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1970 We went to town. The girls went horseback riding. Mr. Stevens bought the portable pump for $35.00. Dorothy has 35 jars blueberry jam to take home. Had a swim.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1970
Cleaned up leaves around shop. Dorothy packing.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1970 Dorothy left at quarter 'till eight. I had the washing on line at quarter 'till ten. I swept cottage and guest house. Dybvigs came in afternoon. He bought drill and scaffolds. Don's came at six. Rain in evening. [Colleen's 13th birthday]

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1970 Nice day after rain. We picked a quart of blackberries and Ellen made a pie. Don, Linda, and I had a boat ride.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1970 Ellen and John fish most of time. Mr. Fendt and Mr. Devic came down and bought more things. In afternoon Laverne and Margaret [Johnson] and boys came. Also Rose and Phyllis Trefethen. I rowed up lake, stopped to speak to Prestons and Mrs. Olson.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1970 Don and I went to Swiss Trail and picked 2 1/4 quarts blackberries. In the afternoon he picked that many on Long Lake Road. Had a swim.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1970 Ellen did a big washing. I baked two pies, also baked two on Monday. In afternoon Dybvigs came and bought rest of dock. Then Mrs. Meronk came, then Mr. and Mrs. Reese. I went to Kosters in evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1970 Don left at eight and didn't come home 'till two picking blackberries, five or six quarts. I cut down some dead trees and branches from one that had blown down. Went to Johnson's [Leonard and Bernice] in afternoon, stopped to speak to Mrs. Fendt. Went with Dybvigs in evening to Catholic church [Sacred Hearts Church] to see slides on Honduras.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1970 Hot day. Don made four trips to dump hauling brush. I cut down the tamarack and limbs off tree Dick had cut down. Went to bridge at Lamplighter. Got pennies. Helen [Tokash] stopped for me. Don got a 15 inch bass. [BILL'S 46TH BIRTHDAY]

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 1970 Another hot day. Don picked three quarts blackberries. Ellen made three pies. I went to dinner with Dybvigs, then to their house. Had as nice an evening as I could without Charles. How I miss him! Home at 10:15. Don and Ellen had cleaned the cottage.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1970 A severe storm, started at midnight. Both our boats sank and full of seaweed. Don and Ellen cleaned them out. I carried lots of brush that was blown down. Don trimmed trees and took four loads to dump. [Barbara Jean's "B.J." 15th birthday]

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 1970 Don and I picked three quarts blackberries. A windy day and cooler. He took me a ride all around the lake after dinner.
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1970 Lovely day. I cleaned up some leaves and brush. Walked up to Johnsons in afternoon. In evening visited with Mrs. Fendt and Mrs. Esp, then to Kosters. They are in [Cabin] No. 1 [of Johnson's Fish Lake Resort]. They walked home with me.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1970 Made two blackberry pies. Ellen and children sent to town. Don and I took load of brush to dump and drove through Swiss Trail. I had a row [in rowboat].

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1970 Beautiful day. Ellen did her washing. I cleaned up some leaves. Don cleaned up the shop. Another load to dump, and drove through Swiss Trail.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1970 I cleared more leaves. Man stopped from electric company to see about trees. Went to bridge at Cabaret [Restaurant]. Irene drove. Had a score of 5000, but not good enough for 5th prize. Invited to Stovens for the evening. Johnsons were there. [DON'S 39™ BIRTHDAY]

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1970 I cleaned my bedroom. Cleaned up some brush on east side. Don cut wood to take home. Has the trailer packed. Linda and I walked down to Kosters after supper.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1970 I swept the small bedroom and front room. Don and Ellen are packing. Mrs. and Mrs. Fendt came in evening.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1970 Dons left at 7:15. I mopped kitchen and did laundry. Sprung the wringer and had quite a time. Dybvigs came. Ed tried to fix it but couldn't. A couple came to see if place for sale. Bills came at seven.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1970 Beautiful, warm day. All Bills had a swim. Bill and Gloria went around lake in boat. Mr. and Mrs. Esp were here. Went to "Mom's" for corn.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1970 I don't do much. Went to Kapacek's in P.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1970 Lovely day, but one year ago I lost my beloved. How I miss him! Had a swim in P.M. We all went to Dybvigs and they weren't home, then drove through Swiss Trail and picked a gallon of blackberries. Cara and Ed [Dybvig] came in evening.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1970 I went to bridge at Lamplighter. Got pennies. Third time this summer.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 1970 We went to Webb Lake and fed deer [at deer park]. Went to "Mom's" for corn. Drove around lake, picked two quarts blackberries.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1970 I cleaned out fireplace. Mrs. Meronk here in afternoon and Reese's stopped as we were finishing supper. Bill took in dock and put away boats. Mr. Schwarze helped with the [wooden] green boat. We went to church at Dybvigs. [On Saturday night there was a worship service held in "Dybvig's woods." Different local Lutheran pastors took turns. Benches had been made, and there was a rustic altar. Very nice experience. This was the beginning of what became Lakeside Lutheran Church on County Road A. The bell used for the lakeside services at Dybvigs is today the bell for the church.] Bills got their things collected.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 1970 Bills left at 10:15. Wringer still out of order. When I was almost finished Dybvigs came. Ed looked at it again and fixed it. I was so grateful. I went with them to Nick's [Restaurant in Spooner] for a chicken dinner. After I came home Kapacek's came down. I took the clothes and line down. So lonely, how I miss Charles. No one will ever know.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1970 I cleaned the guest house and made up all the beds. Put some things away. Sat by lake and read in the afternoon - so lonely. Leonard came down shortly after five - said I was to go there for dinner. Bernice thought she had told me. A good chicken dinner. He brought me home about ten. Paid him $10.00 to close, shut off water.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1970 My last day. I tried to get everything cleaned up and put away. Took down mailbox and [Buckeye] sign. Saw no one all day. A long evening. I wondered if I'll ever be back! Went to bed at nine o'clock to "kill" time.


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1970 Went to banks and to grocery. MY 71ST BIRTHDAY. Pretty gown from Bills, two books from Dons. I went there for dinner. On way stopped at cemetery and to see Florence [Mick]. Dorothy coming soon to take me to lunch. (She came September 17 - gave me $5.00.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1970 I went to Northland [Shopping Center] and ordered kitchen carpet. Then, took Ethel [Ellis] on some errands. The traffic was terrible! In evening Walters [Bill and Edith] took me to "Touchdown " dinner at Neil House. Rowlands, Bells and Susie at our table. A good dinner and pleasant evening. About twelve when I got home. Could have touched Bob Hope.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1970 Another beautiful day. I mopped kitchen, walked in yard and dusted house.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1970 Lovely day. Went to church, home rest of day. Bill called, they got home safely Saturday. Such long days. Mrs. Kaiser came over. [JOHN COOPER'S 12TH BIRTHDAY]
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1970 Labor Day. I didn't do much. Home all day. Mrs. Lewis brought me apples.


WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1970 Lovely day. I didn't do much. Took a walk through [Overbrook] Hallow. Jeanette [Davis] and Carol [Hoffman] were here. After dinner took a walk with Ada [Lewis] and Mark.


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1970 Swept and dusted the house (don't know what for). Worked in yard. Have such lovely tomatoes. Jeanette came over in evening. We dealt a few hands of bridge. I stayed up'till twelve to watch "Miss America" contest.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1970 I have so little to write about, hardly worth putting down. Went to church, talked with Don and Gloria.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1970 Rain during night. I washed, ironed and cleaned stove. Slemmons came and finished yard. Went to Circle meeting. Took Mrs. Bond and Holmes. Don came, then Jeanette. She brought me a string of peppers for kitchen.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1970 I took car to Key Oldsmobile. Went downtown, ate lunch at Chintz Room. Saw several people I knew. Got car at 3:30. Very hot! Took Jeanette a bag of nuts for making me pepper string. Dorothy called. She is coming up Thursday.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1970 Another warm day. I went to bank, then beauty parlor. In afternoon went to see Edith [Walter]. Jeanette was over in evening. We dealt bridge hands.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1970 Made blackberry jelly. Dorothy came around 11:30. Don came over in afternoon. Dorothy and I looked at slides in the evening. So glad to have her come. She talked with Bill.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1970 Dorothy and I went to grocery. She left at a quarter 'till one. It meant so much to me to have her come! I went to Dr. Bonnell - blood pressure up again. Colleen and Karen stayed here in evening while Bill and Gloria went somewhere.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1970 Beautiful day. I baked cookies, a cake and made salad. Bill and Don's were here for dinner. We had a good dinner and nice time together.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1970 I went to early church. A shower after I came home. In afternoon went to see Laura Hardy [once a member of the defunct "dinner" bridge club], then to the cemetery and to see Florence [Mick].

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1970 Another hot day. I did some extra cleaning in back bedroom. Called Ilo and we went to see "Airport" ~ second time for me. I took her. After supper mowed back yard. Went over to see Jeanette.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1970 Hot again today. 90°. I mowed, raked and watered front yard. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Drove over and went with Ellen. Stopped to see Ray Ellis on way home. Jeanette over in evening.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1970 89°. Hot and no rain. I sprinkled the new sod, washed my car. My legs hurt me so bad.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1970 Sprinkled the sod. My right leg hurts so badly. Called Dr. [Bonnell]. He had me get a new prescription. Went to Riverside [Hospital] to see Laura, stopped [at] Buckeye Mart and got medicine. Jeanette came over. Must have walked too much going to hospital. Can hardly walk tonight. Bill called. Some rain.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1970 Didn't do much. Still have leg trouble. Carol [Hoffman] and Jeanette here.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1970 Good rain. I hobbled and swept driveway. Then, I could not walk. Had to call and tell Ellen I could not stay with children. They brought Tommy and Linda here. When Don came for them, he helped me get supper and fixed me a "crutch." Really had a rough time trying to walk. More showers in evening.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1970 Went to bed last evening at 9:30, didn't get up 'till eight. Furnace came on. My leg is some better. Home all day.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1970 Much cooler, 49°. The furnace feels good. I washed everything on kitchen shelves. Don came over in P.M. and helped me take the flowers in and mowed the front yard. Carol came down and brought me a piece of chocolate cake. I was feeling pretty low, seeing the men around coming home from work. Jeanette called. My leg is some better.


WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1970 47°. A beautiful day. I washed rugs. Went to Swans [dry cleaners] and got my stole. In afternoon got a permanent ($8.50), then stopped to see Mrs. Minister. The evenings are so long. I think they will never end!
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1970 Another beautiful day. Edith's for lunch and bridge. Merle [Axline], Susie Rufner were there. I won the first prize, three cakes of soap, cinnamon flavor. Jeanette and I went to the church to monthly meeting of Circles - program on Hawaii. First, I have driven after night.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1970 Washed and ironed. In afternoon went to Dr. Bonnell for blood pressure. Down to 160. Was 170. Jeanette came over in evening. We dealt bridge hands.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1970 I went to Don's while they went to football. Stopped to see Florence. Don went along and put away her porch furniture. Such lonely Saturday nights compared to ones Charles and I had.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1970 My car is a year old today. It has meant so much to me. I went to church, came home, changed clothes and went to cemetery. Sunday is a long day. Cleaned driveway and talked with Mrs. Kaiser.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1970 Beautiful day. I went to bank, got Jeanette who had taken her car for repair. Went to see Mrs. Scales for lunch - her book club. Then took Jeanette down to get her car. Jessie Boyd called.


WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1970 Beautiful day. Man came to tell me about humidifier. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Don came over and got the trailer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1970 I mowed, trimmed, raked and sprinkled front year. Swept the driveway. Went to Krogers in P.M. then in to Jeanette's. The evenings are so long. I think it will never come bedtime.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1970 I raked front yard and cleaned driveway twice and burned leaves. Ellen is at her folks. Don and the children were here for dinner.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1970 Cleaned leaves. Went downtown to see "Carousel" at Ohio Theatre. Home about five. How I miss the things Charles and I used to so. I get so lonely. A telephone call means so much to me. My leg hurts me so much and I can't walk like I used to do.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1970 Went to church. Home rest of day and a long one. Ellen got home from her folks.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1970 Went to grocery. Then to Circle - took three women, brought four home. It gives me "something to do." Don brought the trailer home. He got strawberry plants at Davis's. Set ten out forme. Had a nice rain.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1970 Gloomy day but no more rain. Warm temperature. I washed and ironed. In afternoon Jeanette and I went to see "Dr. Zhivago." After dinner I raked leaves off the driveway. Bart Bevins.
called me on 'phone. [Bart Bevins was the son of their former minister at the Methodist Church in Spooner, Wisconsin.] At a quarter 'till ten Dorothy called. I called Jennie to tell her Don and I could not come down on Friday.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1970 More rain - gloomy day. I swept garage and back porch. Got box of wood on porch. Cleaned leaves from driveway. Man came to see about the humidifier.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1970 So little to write about. Hardly worth keeping a diary. Cleaned the driveway, but leaves too wet to burn.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1970 Cleaned leaves in front yard, then knee got so bad I could hardly walk. In afternoon made it to Dr. Bormell. He said pulled tendon and to bandage. Don came over in evening and brought me an ace bandage. Put storm windows on back porch.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1970 Beautiful day. I went to get pictures and Dons to stay with children. Stopped to see Florence. My leg still bothers me a lot.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1970 Another lovely day. I thought it best to stay home from church and off this leg. Richard put my kitchen carpet down. Jeanette and Mrs. Kaiser came in to see it. Bill and the girls stopped in evening. So glad to see them for feel so low.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1970 Beautiful day but shut in all day and kept heating pad on leg. Sears put my kitchen carpet down. Jeanette and Mrs. Kaiser came in to see it. Bill and the girls stopped in evening. So glad to see them for feel so low.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1970 Gloomy morning but sun came out in P.M. Went to grocery and library. Bill Walters stopped. Asked me to be Chairman of our Circle again.


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1970 Swept and cleaned up house. Mrs. Young came in to see kitchen carpet. Cleaned more leaves.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1970 Another beautiful day. Went to church. Had a new service put on by young people. Lucille Reeder came in afternoon, and I was so glad to see her. After she left I went to cemetery. Gloria called and invited me to dinner on Wednesday evening. Florence [Mick] is much worse.


TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1970 Jeanette and I went to Gold Circle [store]. I went to Golf Course to bridge. Had a nice afternoon. Cleaned some leaves after I came home. [Gloria's 46th birthday]

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1970 Cleaned up the drive and front yard. Jeanette and I went to Union [Department Store]. I got a mink hat to match collar on my new coat. $19.00. Also a brown knit dress. Had been $20.00, reduced to $12.90. In the evening I went to Bills for dinner. He came for me and brought me home. Mrs. Bond [Gloria's mother] was there. [Wayne's 12th birthday]

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1970 A rainy, gloomy day. Leaves fell fast. I went to grocery.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1970 Cleared off in the afternoon. Had Edith [Walter], Merle [Axline] and Jeanette [Davis] here for lunch and bridge. Good to have company.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1970 Cleaned some leaves before going to Don's at eleven. Such awful traffic coming home.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1970 Edith called at 7:30 to tell me Florence died in the night. [She had cancer]. I will miss her. Went to church, cleaned some leaves. Had several calls concerning Florence. Went in to Jeanettes awhile in evening.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1970 Rain and thunder storms. Washed a washer. Went to have blood pressure checked. 150/80. Down quite a bit.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1970 Gloomy day but did not rain. I went to graveside services for Florence. Took Donna Dorn. Stopped at her house and Velma Millhone's. On way home stopped at Ellis'. Election day. Got a lot of leaves cleaned up in morning.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1970 Drizzly day. Went to beauty parlor and bank. To bridge at Gold Course. Helen Guth took me.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1970 Gloomy, but no rain. Burned some leaves. Went to a "brunch" at ten o'clock at church. In to Jeanettes's in P.M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1970 Much nicer day. I finished cleaning front yard. Mr. Scott cut down the peonies for me. Merle [Axline] invited me to a luncheon tomorrow. I drove up Morse Road to see where it is. Received a copy of Florence's will. She left me $100.00.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1970 Went to Merle's party. Was her guest for lunch. Won 2nd prize, $.75. Had a pleasant afternoon. Beautiful day.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1970 Another lovely day. I went to church. Took Mrs. Hamilton to her daughters - then went to cemetery. Mrs. Pegg and I went to Holloway House for dinner, then to her house - didn't get home 'till three o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1970 67°. Washed one washer. Went to circle meeting - took three women and brought four home. Jeanette came in. Called Dorothy to tell her I would come on a later bus. Don can take me.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1970 Gloomy day, but not cold. Don came for me at 11:30. Had a nice trip and Dorothy met me. Good to see all of them and the new kitten, "Noser." Dick worked upstairs all evening. Valerie went swimming.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1970 I stayed home all day, Dorothy went to grocery. Reading a book. Dorothy went bowling.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1970
Another day I was in house all day.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1970 Nice day. Dorothy and I went to shopping center and I took her to lunch. We had such a nice lunch. Valerie swims four evenings a week.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1970 Miserable day. Rain and snow flurries. Barbara's band was on T. V. Watched [Ohio] State - Purdue game. Barbara went to a Sadie Hawkins dance [where the girls ask the boys]. Chuck played soccer.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1970 Another bad day. Didn't do anything but read and work on plastic rug.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1970 Really a nice day. Dorothy took me to bus. Left at 12:40. Don met me. We stopped at Burger Chef for sandwiches. Brought home for lunch. Jeanette and Carol were in. Bill called.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1970 Jeanette went to Sears with me to see about kitchen carpet. Then, we went to car wash. She drove car through for me. In P.M. I cleaned leaves in front yard and spaded "garden" next to Davis'. Went to Buckeye Mart and A&P [grocery]. Lucy Daniels called in evening. Talked over an hour. Ada Lewis also called, but not so long.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1970 Nice day. I went to beauty parlor, then to a lunch at Whetstone [Retirement Home]. Juanita's guest. Had a nice afternoon. Excellent speaker.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1970 Another nice day. I cleaned bath and bedrooms, went to bank, Krogers, and library.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1970 A beautiful day.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1970 Cloudy, windy day. I went to church. Wore my new coat and mink hat. Terry's asked me to go to dinner with them. Went to Millers at Gaharma. Had a good dinner, then went to Burwell's and looked at Christmas decorations. Home at three. Called Dorothy.


TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1970 15°. Baked a cake and took to Hoffman's. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Low score, got my dime back. In the evening Jeanette and I went to funeral home with Scotts.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1970 First snow! I stayed at Hoffman's during funeral. Washed a washer. Had to call a plumber to fix both toilets. $19.20. Finished the hooked rug I started last winter.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1970 Much nicer day.
THANKSGIVING. I have much to be thankful for, but how I miss Charles. I drove over to Bills and had a good dinner with them. In the evening Ellen's two aunts [Ruth and Dorothy Hutchins] from Dayton came to stay overnight. Tomorrow is the dinner at Don's.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1970 I took the women to Don's, 26 there for dinner. Two tables in dining room, one in front room. An excellent dinner. I took three pumpkin pies. I came home about 5:30. Mr. Hutchins brought the women later.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1970 In the morning I showed the women some of my slides. Took them to Don's at 10:30. I stayed for lunch, came home about 2:30. Ellen gave me some ham and turkey. Had a good snack in front of TV. Don called.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1970 Miserable, rainy day. I got the "bug" in the night and felt miserable. In bed, and slept most of day.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1970 Felt better. Went to bank and post office in morning. In afternoon to cemetery to put the wreath on Charles' grave.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1970 A record 67°. I washed one washer. Jeanette and I went to Woolco's to look for a canary -all sold. She had her car washed. Came home, it looked rainy. We put her car away, took mine and went to Northland [Shopping Center]. We each bought a three foot tree. I got a string of small
lights. Also a cotton dress. Ada Lewis here in evening. I gave some engineering books to firm
where she works.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1970 Another spring day, and a record
61°. I had my hair done. Played bridge and had lunch at Faculty Club. First time for me to drive on
campus since restrictions are on [following the riots that followed the Kent State shootings, and the
closure of the university for 10 days]. Took Mrs. Guth and brought Mrs. Frazier home. Don came
up in evening while John was at shooting gallery. He got a lot of things out of crawl space [in
basement], some of it to throw away.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1970 Rain in morning. I went to
Women's Association. Took Mrs. Holmes home, then went to see Edith [Walter].
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1970 Colder and snow flurries. I put clean
papers in kitchen cupboards. Ellen stopped a little while in afternoon. Mrs. Barnett called me about
having her niece stay with me for awhile, I told her I would take her.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1970 A fairly nice day, but cold. I went
to Krogers. Cleaned up house. Jeanette and Marva came in to see kitchen carpet. Watched
football game. Carol wanted me to stay with her in evening. Didn't get home till past eleven thirty.
[Carol Hoffman at the time was a woman in her 30's, but was somewhat retarded.]

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1970 Went to church. Home rest
of day. Started on Christmas cards. Ellen went in hospital.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1970
Beautiful day. I washed a washer. Went to bank and Krogers.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1970 Ellen had surgery, more extensive
than we thought. Sears put carpet in bathroom. I went to Jeanette's to watch a program on
colored T.V.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1970 Nice day, still mild
temperatures. Ellen pretty miserable. I went to bank and grocery. Don and the children here for
dinner.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1970 Went downtown. Ate lunch in
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1970 Rainy day. I baked cookies. Went
to Don's to stay with children after school. Came home after dark. The directional signals went
out. Dorothy's family came about seven to stay overnight. Put up my little [Christmas] tree.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1970 Dorothy's left at 7:45 in rain for
Cleveland. I took car to Sunoco station and got signals fixed. Bill came and got our big [artificial
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1970 A dark day with snow flurries. I
went to church. After I came home, baked a cake. Mrs. Young came over to see Nicky. After
dinner I went to see Ellen. Had only been home 15 minutes when Dorothy came. After they left
made salad for tomorrow.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1970 A beautiful day. We had fifteen here for Circle meeting - had such a nice time. They gave me a nice brown bag. Mrs. Bond, McMillen and Holmes gave me a pretty scarf. Mrs. Pegg and I washed the dishes. I took her and Mrs. Reinold home, then went to Don's to stay overnight.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1970 Don had to leave early. I fixed some things for their supper. Took Linda to Kindergarten and came on home. Had dishes, etc. to put away from party.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1970 Linda sick. I had to cancel my hair appointment and go over there. Ellen came home from hospital. Pat [hairdresser] took me in P.M. I stopped on way home from Don's. A miserable day.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1970 Cloudy but no rain. Men came to see about fixing spouting. I went to Dr. Bonnell - blood pressure up again. 180.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1970 I went to Graceland [Shopping Center] and had car washed. Then to bank and Krogers on Thursday. I went over to Kaisers.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1970 Real nice day. Don came for some things and had lunch with me. In afternoon Jeanette and Mary came over. Then Carol came and brought me a huge orange. Our street is really beautiful. I gave away our outside decorations, tree, and tree lights.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1970 A really miserable day. I went to church. Then for Mrs. Pegg and we had dinner at Halloway House. She came here 'till about four o'clock and I took her home. Watched Bob Braun's "Hello" show.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1970 A miserable day. I washed a washer. Ilo called and asked me to go with her on some errands. I went to her house for lunch, then we went out to Lutheran Home. In evening Jeanette called me to come over. She had a nose bleed. I stayed with her 'till Richard [her son] got home. The men finished the spouting and cleaning gutters. Cost me $70.00.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1970 No rain today, had some during night. I made fudge. Took some to Hoffman's and stopped awhile in afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1970 I went to Krogers in morning. Mrs. Scott and Kari came over, brought me a plate of Christmas cookies. Glad I had some fudge to give her. Eldis Reed [from Charles' Department at OSU] stopped and left me a rose. I kept Peggy Lewis' baby in afternoon. She brought me another plate of Christmas cookies. Ada came over, I wish I could go to sleep and not wake up until Christmas is over. The evenings are so long!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1970 CHRISTMAS MORNING. My second without Charles. I have shed many tears since last Christmas. After breakfast I opened Dorothy's packages. $10.00 from her and Dick, a "Grandmother Book" from Barbara. Bless her heart! Cookies from Chuck, and a pin from Valerie. I called and talked with them and Jennie. Made two peach pies. Went to Don's. Stopped at cemetery on way. We had a nice dinner. They gave me their family picture. Began to snow in afternoon. I left at four. Driving was worst I ever did. So glad to get home safely. Radio warned people to stay home. "Nicky" and I spent Christmas evening together. Bills gave me a record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1970 10° above. Washed rugs. Framed and hung two pictures above my desk. One of Don's family they gave me for Christmas. Don left for Boston with three other men. He has a paper to read at the meeting [of The American Historical Association].

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1970 Lovely day. I went to church. Dorothy's came in the morning. In the afternoon I took Dorothy, Chuck, and Valerie to see Ellen. They were here overnight.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1970 A real nice day. In the afternoon Valerie and I started out to do errands and had a flat tire. I called Auto Club and they soon came and fixed it. Then, we went to bank and grocery. Had fire in evening.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1970 Another nice day but still cold. Karen and Colleen came to spent day, also Mary Reed. They all had lunch here and a good time. I went to Sunoco [service station] and got tire they fixed. ($2.00). Bill came for girls about six o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1970 A lovely day. I went to beauty parlor. Valerie went with me, then I took Circle program to church. Shored Valerie Charles' picture and where her parents were married [Crestview Presbyterian Church]. Then we went to Krogers. I went to Merle's [Axline] for lunch and bridge. I drove and took Edith [Walter], took Valerie to Don's. Had such a nice lunch and good time at Merle's. Went for Valerie. I took her to Frisch's for dinner.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1970

The predicted snow didn't come. Valerie and I went to bank. Then we went to Northland. She took me to lunch at Halloway House. Went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure down. 150/80.

Another year has gone and my heart aches for Charles. I have tried so hard, but time hasn't healed the hurt. The family has kept well with the exception of Ellen's operation. I had a nice trip to Hawaii and Arizona. Spent five weeks at the cottage.

I try to be thankful for my children, my home, my church and good friends and neighbors. Also, good health.

END OF BOOK XXXVI, PART ONE (JANUARY 1, 1970- DECEMBER 31, 1970)

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THE DIARY OF GLADYS BOLON COOPER (1939-1989)

BOOK XXXVI, PART TWO (JANUARY 1, 1971 - DECEMBER 31, 1971)

SYNOPSIS OF BOOK XXXVI, PART TWO (1971)

Gladys, now 72, managed to find various ways to keep busy, although she continued to miss Charles. She attended church regularly at Crestview Presbyterian where she had been a member for over forty years. She attended meetings of the Women's Association, and worked on the Mother/Daughter Banquet, but gave up the chairmanship of her Circle. Reverend Chapin, the senior minister, visited her at home, and she was present for the installation of the new Associate Minister, Rev. Hadley. She played bridge in a regular "foursome" of four women which included Edith Walter, her longtime friend, and also with another group of bridge friends from the university who played at the University Golf Course. Occasionally also she played bridge with the wives of members of Charles' Department. But still she missed the regular Saturday night bridge games of so many years.

At home at 626 Yaronia Drive South Gladys enjoyed her new color T. V., her first, and watched many Ohio State games, both football and basketball. She enjoyed reading novels, and walking through the neighborhood, especially walks through nearly Overbrook Hallow. Here she picked two quarts of wild black raspberries in the early summer. In the fall there were numerous leaves to be raked and burned in piles in the street. She made a beautiful quilt for Dorothy. As usual she put in a small garden in her backyard. This included tomatoes, leaf lettuce, onions, rhubarb, radishes, sweet potatoes, and lima beans. In the fall some of these items were canned. She canned 15 pints of tomatoes, and filled six milk cartons for Don with cooked apples gathered in Don's backyard at 1896 Baldridge Road in Upper Arlington. Frequently she visited Charles' grave at Union Cemetery, and also made many trips to the hospital to visit other friends who were ill. Her best friend was Jeanette Davis, her next-door neighbor, and also widowed. She continued baking but hardly at the pace of former years. She mentions baking grape juice and pumpkin pies, apple cake, and countless cookies, most of which she gave away. She made fudge on special occasions. Yet she wrote "I do so little, hardly worth keeping a diary."

Many time Gladys wrote in her diary her sadness, even grief, as she recalled happier days she had shared with Charles. "Started a pillow from scraps of Charles' trousers. I have so little of Rim left." "The children miss their father, but they can't realize how much I miss him. Don't expect them to." "Oh how I miss Charles and someone to talk to." "Our 48th wedding anniversary [on June 9th]. Oh, how I miss Charles!" "Such a change on Saturday evenings. We always went out for dinner and had bridge with someone. Now I sit alone!" "A long day, no one but Nicky [the canary] to talk to." "Got so low. Just don't see how I can face all these long, lonely evenings. I wish I could go somewhere in evening, but where can a woman go alone? My darling, life is hardly worth living without you." "I don't go anywhere. What's the use? Sometimes I wonder what's the use of living."

Gladys also faced the loss of several close friends and two family members in 1971. Charles' mother, Fanny Cooper Stewart, died in Phoenix on November 28 at age 95. She was buried in Cumberland alongside her first husband, Charles Frederick Cooper, father of Charles and Ralph, and who had died in 1903. Some 70 persons attended Fanny's funeral although she had not lived in Cumberland for many years. Also in Phoenix, Gladys' cousin, Florence Nelson, died October 18.1 remember her fondly as "Aunt Flo." A neighbor and close friend from Yaronia Drive South, Ray Ellis, died, as did another close friend from church, Mrs. Bailey. Gladys had taken Mrs. Bailey to church on Sunday; she was found dead the next day. Bernard Hatch, Jr., son of Princess and Bernard Hatch, members of the Cooper's former "dinner bridge club, and only forty-eight, also died in 1971. Every funeral she attended only reminded Gladys of her loss of Charles. Gladys even lost her pet canary, Nicky, in May, but Don found a parakeet in his front yard, and Gladys gave the parakeet a good home.
Two trips Gladys made during the year brightened her spirits considerably. She spent one month at the cottage in Wisconsin from July 18th through August 16th. She enjoyed many of the usual cottage pleasures, including boat rides, swimming in the lake, picking blackberries and gooseberries, spotting wildlife, including numerous deer and a baby fox, and playing bridge with friends. All three children and families visited the cottage during that month. Don was there when she arrived. Dorothy and Bill arrived later. Both Ellen and Dorothy caught northern pikes that weighed 4 pounds and were 28 inches long. Gladys hired a local man to cut down and haul away more than a dozen mature poplar trees. This cost Gladys $75.00. The second trip Gladys made was a one-week visit in September to Washington, DC. with Ellen. They stayed with Ellen's parents at 6110 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, Md. Ellen took Gladys to such attractions as the National Cathedral, Arlington cemetery, the tomb of the unknown soldier, the Smithsonian, the National Institutes of Health, and the White House.

As was typical Gladys said little in her diary about other family members. Bill and Gloria, both 47, bought a house trailer to put down on their farm. In later years Bill would live in that trailer, and rent out the farm house. Gary Cooper married Kathy on March 20. Gary's sister, Colleen, both blind and dead, took piano lessons, and was once invited to play Jeanette Davis' organ at her home. Bill continued to teach elementary school in Columbus. Dorothy and Dick Kutchera celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary in 1971. [Recently they celebrated their 50th in 2003.] Dorothy was now 43, Dick, 47. Valerie, the younger daughter, was a competitive swimmer. In a trip to Rochester, Michigan, Valerie won a third-place medal for the breast stroke, and swam 50 yards in 39.4 seconds. Barbara Jean played in the high school band. Don was a Professor of Latin American History at Ohio State. In October he flew to Antigua, Guatemala, to read a paper on yellow fever in Brazil in a conference on medical history sponsored by the Commonwealth Foundation. Don was 40, Ellen, 36. John, 13, had a paper route. Tom was 10, Linda, 6. The only other family member mentioned was Jennie Knowles, Charles' aunt and Fanny's sister, who was 91. She was "pretty well, but quite frail and tottery."

Gladys took in a boarder, Carol Baraett, for three months in 1971, and seemed to enjoy her company. She expressed some concern about her high blood pressure readings; these varied from 170 to 140 over the year.

She closed her diary in 1971 with a brief statement. "I now start a third year without Charles. Even if I have had this [this] long, sometimes I feel I can't make it without him. I have kept well and so has the family. Didn't go anywhere except to cottage for a month."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1971 Another nice day. Valerie and I watched Rose Bowl Parade and game in the evening. Ohio State had first defeat, 27-17. We were invited to Lewis' in afternoon. Went over for a little while. Don got home safely from his trip to Boston.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1971 A beautiful day. I made a grape juice pie. Dorothy and Dick came for Valerie about noon. Don came over and had lunch with us. Chuck and Barbara didn't come. AH left at two o'clock. Don called in the evening. He knew I was lonesome. The evenings are so long.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 1971 A beautiful day. I went to church. Home rest of day except to mailbox [on Indianola avenue].

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1971 Rain during night and a gloomy day. I washed and ironed two washers. Started a pillow from scraps of Charles' trousers. I have so little of him left.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1971 Colder, a few snow flurries. I went to post office, Krogers, and bank. Went to Jeanette's in afternoon. Velma Millhone called in evening.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1971 12° above, but lovely, sunny day. I went to bridge at Faculty Club. Took Mrs. Guth. She gave me an apple cake.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1971 7° above. High 19°. I did a few odd chores - starting to get back room ready for Carol Barnett. Jeanette and I went to Edith's to look at Florence's ring, then to Northland [Shopping Center]. I bought a rail for bath tub. We had dinner at Halloway House, came here for dessert. The apple cake.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1971 7° above. I cleaned the closet in back room and got it ready. Had to go to funeral home for Mr. Trimble. Had several telephone calls about him and Circle meeting next Monday.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1971 Another nice day. I cleaned up the house. Marvene [Shonting] and Bill called. Had fire in evening. The evenings are so long!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1971 Beautiful, sunny day. I went to church. Had a church meeting in afternoon. Had fire - it is company.


TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1971 Went to Krogers after lunch, also to library.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1971 Cancelled hair appointment. A freezing rain and driving very dangerous. Washed my hair. Many accidents and falls.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1971 Ice gone and not very cold. I don't have much to do. Took a walk in afternoon. Evenings are the worst - so long.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1971 Washed a washer of rugs. I do so little, hardly worth keeping a diary. Have started to piece a quilt for Dorothy.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1971 Cleaned up the house. I don't know why. In afternoon went to University Hospital to see Mable Meissner. Took her a box of candy. Jessie Boyd called in evening. Had a fire. It is company, and my little bird is a joy. Called Dorothy. Chuck's birthday.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1971 Two inches of snow. Cleaned the driveway. Edna Scott asked me over there in P.M. Ada Lewis was there. Had a fire in evening.
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1971 4° above. Washed and ironed a washer. Worked on Dorothy's quilt. Phone didn't ring all day.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1971 4° again. More snow and cancelled my hair appointment. Home all day.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1971 More snow and didn't want to drive. Decided to stay home from bridge.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1971 Nicer day and warmer. I went to bank and drug store, then to Sears and Gold Circle. To [Dr.] Bonnell. Blood pressure, 150/80.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1971
Worked on quilt. Went in to Jeanette's in P.M.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1971 A lovely, sunny day in the 40's. I cleaned out the fireplace, put ashes on garden. Dusted house. About five drove to Don's while they went out for dinner.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 1971 Home from Don's at 8:15. Went to church. Began to rain, some snow in P.M. A long day. Carol [Hoffman] brought me cookies.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1971 A beautiful, sunny day. I took a walk through Overbrook [Hallow]. Jeanette came in in P.M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1971 Such a change in weather! Very high winds and snow squalls. I cancelled my hair appointment for third time. Didn't make another. I don't go any place. What's the use? Sometimes I wonder what's the use of living? A terrible windy day! Much damage in city. Temperature dropped to 10° above. I baked a cake. Mrs. Barnett called and they brought Carol and her things about 8:30. I didn't go to bridge at Golf Course.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1971 I was working on Dorothy's quilt when Mrs. Hoffman called and asked me to go out to lunch with her, Carol, and Mrs. Kline. We went to cafeteria at Kingsdale Shopping Center [in Upper Arlington]. Stopped at a shoe shore. Nice to go out, but cold!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1971 More snow on ground, and pink bathroom flooded. I had to stay home from beauty parlor and wait for plumber. Just stopped up. $10.83. Home all day.


SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1971 A few snow flurries. I didn't do much. Carol [Barnett, her boarder] stayed 'till two o'clock, then she left. Don and Tommy were here in afternoon.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 1971 Just zero! I went to second church service. By that time it was 5° above. Driving O.K. but so slippery walking from the car. Carol ate dinner with me.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1971 -2° below. I washed two washers and ironed. I am doing Carol's laundry. Home all day. Worked on quilt.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1971 1° below. Sunny. I finally got to beauty parlor. Home rest of day. Carol was home in evening. Nice to have company. Popped corn.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1971 Cloudy, and not quite so cold. I went to bridge at Faculty Club. Had very poor cards. Started to snow about three o'clock, and we cut off one table. Very bad coming home. I am not used to such driving. Thought I'd have a telephone call, but none.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1971 A miserable morning. Rain that froze. Some schools closed. I didn't go to Women's Association. Worked on quilt - it is almost finished.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1971 A nice, sunny day. I went to bank, Krogers, and library. Jeanette came in P.M. She has got me a bathtub for "Nicky" [the canary].

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1971 "Nicky" sure likes to take a bath. I washed and ironed one washer. Made three small mincemeat pies. Jeanette and I went to the cemetery in afternoon. Don came over ~ he is working on my income tax.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1971 Snow, and four inches predicted, so didn't go to church. Cancelled our Circle meeting for tomorrow. Carol [Barnett] ate dinner with me.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1971 3° above. Sure glad I cancelled the Circle meeting. More snow during night and still coming! Had ten inches. Schools, meetings, etc. cancelled. Good thing I called off church meeting. Took Don three hours and twenty minutes to get home from university, three miles!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1971 3° above. Snow stopped about seven last evening. I baked cookies, washed and ironed one washer. I started to clean driveway. Mike Dodds came and helped me. I gave him $2.00. The astronauts (Apollo 14) landed safely [on the moon].

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1971 1° below. Lovely, sunny day, but too cold for snow to melt. I didn't do anything of importance. Carol went to church dinner.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1971 Snow melted quite a lot. I didn't go out. Worked some on quilt. Got so low. Just don't see how I can face all these long, lonely evenings. I wish I could go somewhere in evening, but where can a woman go alone? My darling, life is hardly worth living without you.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1971 More snow melted. I went to Krogers and A&P. In P.M. went to Dr. BonnelPs. Blood pressure up to 170. After I came home went in to Jeanette's. Snow predicted. I didn't want to drive. Don came for me to stay overnight with children.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1971 So glad I didn't drive. Freezing rain and snow about three inches. Don brought me home about 11:30. Driving hazardous. Watched basketball game in P.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1971 Too bad to go to church. Worked some on slides. Watched "Ben Hur" in evening. A four hour show.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1971 This is now "President's Day," celebrating Lincoln's and Washington's birthday together. I washed a washer and ironed. Took Jeanette a little gift for her birthday. Gloria called. They have bought a house trailer to put down on farm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1971 Some warmer. Snow began to melt. I got a permanent. $8.50 plus $.50 tip. In afternoon went down to Buckeye Mart. Watched basketball game in evening.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1971 Went to Faculty Club for lunch and bridge. Am getting better acquainted with the women. Jeanette came over and we played two games of scrabble. Snow melted from the streets. Our street full of slush and water. Garbage hasn't been collected for awhile.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1971 51° today. All the streets are clear and garbage collected. I went to I.G.A. [Independent Grocers' Association], bank, library, and Krogers.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1971 Took car up and had it washed. Went to Edith's to lunch and bridge. Merle [Axline], Reva Kutz, Edith's neighbor. I had terrible cards. Reva agreed to play with us as a foursome. Rain in evening.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1971 I went to "International Fair" with Carol and Mrs. Baraett. After that went to Don's to stay with children. He and Ellen went out for her [36th ] birthday.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1971 Home at 8:15. Went to church. Carol told me she is leaving this week. Took Mrs. Bailey home from church. Went to Don's overnight.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1971 Quite a shock. Mrs. Bailey found dead in her apartment. Came home from Don's about 9:15. Tried to repair gravel strip in front of yard where Carol parked and made a big dent.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1971 Washed and ironed one washer. Snowing, and I had given up going to bridge. Juanita [Shupe] called, she was coming up this way and she took me. Had a nice afternoon and fairly good cards. Went in to Jeanette's after I came home.


THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1971 Felt miserable with a cold. Stayed in bed 'till eleven. Felt better in afternoon. Jeanette and I decided to go out for dinner. Then it began to rain and we didn't go. Carol paid me for another week. She came home earlier this evening.


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1971 Cleaned out fireplace and dusted house. Carol was here part of day. Very exciting basketball game.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1971 Nice day. I went to church. Terry's asked me to go to Gahanna to dinner with them. Had a nice meal. I left my car at their house. On way home drove to Worthington - too nice to go home.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1971 A beautiful day. 52°. I washed and ironed. Worked on Dorothy's quilt. Took car up and had it washed. Raked and burned some leaves.


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1971 Such a day. Snowed about as hard as it could, with wind and drifting. Had to cancel bridge at Golf Course. Cleaned shelves in closet in yellow room.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1971 Snow melted fast. I went to luncheon at church. Don called and took me to a slide program at Battelle. Tommy went too. Program by one of his students. So nice to get out an evening. Carol paid me for another week.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1971 Went to bank and grocery. It helps to get out some. Don called and took me and Jeanette to a silent movie of Buster Keaton at church. Jeanette went too.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1971 Rain about noon. I went to a bridge luncheon at Presutti's [Restaurant]. A substitute in Merle's bridge club. One of women stopped for me. Talked to Bill. SAID GARY GETTING MARRIED THE 20™.
SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1971 Snow flurries. I went to church. Into Jeanette's to watch a program on Hawaii in color. Saw the first robin. Called Dorothy. Carol was here more today.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1971 Snow flurries and quite cold. I washed and ironed. Cleaned out the fireplace. Went to Circle - took Mrs. Holmes. Then went in to see Edna Scott.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1971 Real nice day. I did a little extra cleaning. Went to Krogers and drove a little extra. Too nice to come home. Went in to Jeanette's. Carol H[offman] came down.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1971 Snowed most of day. I washed and ironed. Have an extra washer with Carol here.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1971 Cloudy, but a nice day. Had a luncheon. Viola [Paffenbarger], Juanita [Shupe], and Mary Hang [all wives of faculty members from the Department of Engineering Drawing]. Had a real good lunch. Looked at some of my slides. Gary's marriage license in paper. Heavy snow in evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1971 Snow melted and a nice day. 53°. I put clean papers in cupboards and some shelves. Drove over to Northland [Shopping Center] in afternoon for something to do.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1971 Real nice day. In the morning I drove up to Graceland [Shopping Center], then to cemetery. Don and John stopped in afternoon.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1971 A beautiful day. 72°. I went to church. Mrs. Pegg and I went to "Tree House" for dinner. Then, she came here for the afternoon. After I came home worked some in yard.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1971 Colder and windy. I washed and ironed. Cleaned shelves in basement at foot of stairs.


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1971 Snow flurries but they didn't amount to anything. I went to Beauty Parlor, then to bridge at Golf Course. Had good cards and good score. Carol home this evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1971 Don and I went to see Jennie. I drove over for him. We went by Cambridge to check on a bank account for her. Stopped at court house to find Papa's death certificate - never knew what he died from. They had no record. We found Jennie pretty well but quite frail and tottery. Took her to cemetery and for a short drive. Home before six. I got my car license at Bill Owens [electronic store]. I got home at seven. Watched basketball game.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1971 Rainy day. I washed a washer and de-frosted freezer.
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1971 A miserable morning and GARY'S WEDDING DAY. Don came for me, although found out I could have driven. I went with them to the wedding. It was at Lutheran church on Martin Avenue. Had such beautiful windows. The wedding was very plain - about forty there. Then we went to Kathy's home [Gary's wife] for reception. I gave them a check for $50.00, and pair of pillow cases with crocheted lace. Then we all went to Bills for awhile. After I came home watched an exciting basketball game. State was beaten by three points.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1971 A beautiful day. I went to church and in afternoon went down to see Velma Millhone.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1971 Gloomy day and snowed most of afternoon. I washed and ironed. Cleaned woodwork in kitchen, washed one kitchen curtain. A long day, no one but "Nicky" [canary] to talk to.


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1971 Nice sunny day, but cool. I cleaned the fireplace and put birch logs in. [These logs were brought from Wisconsin, and left in fireplace over summer.] Marvene [Shonting] called, talked an hour and forty minutes. Jeanette came over to see how to care for "Nicky" I am going to Dorothy's tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1971 A real nice day. I was up early, went downtown on bus. Took 9:30 bus to Dorothy's [in Cincinnati]. Rode with Mrs. Bevan from Jeffrey Place. Dorothy met me. We went to grocery in P.M. In the evening went to see Valerie swim. Bill called to tell me Bernard Hatch [Jr.] had died. [Bernard and Princess Hatch were neighbors from the "old" neighborhood, and long-time members of the former "dinner" bridge club; Bernard, Jr. was their oldest son]. Carol stayed in the house.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1971 Nice sunny day. I cleaned the kitchen cabinets for Dorothy with "Liquid Gold." Dorothy and I went to store in P.M. then took Valerie to "Y." She left on a chartered Greyhound bus for Rochester, Michigan for regional swimming. Nineteen months today since Charles left me. I still count the months and my heart still aches.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1971 A lovely day. I knotted the quilt for Dorothy. Barbara helped. She had to go to the High School for her band to be rated. Dorothy and I went to the store in afternoon. Dick went to the shopping center in evening. Barbara went to an affair downtown and two girls stayed overnight with her.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1971 Another pretty day. Valerie got home at three AM. She won a medal for third place on breast stroke and a ribbon for ninth place on back stroke. Swam 50 yards in 39.4 seconds. A tragedy across the street. A boy, a senior in high school, shot himself.
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1971 Colder today. I bound the quilt for Dorothy. We went to grocery in afternoon. Finished reading "Balance Wheel."

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1971 A beautiful day. I didn't do much. Not out of house except to go to bank with Dorothy.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1971 Dick called from work to say "good-bye." Left for bus at 9:45. Just got there. A long line ready to board. Got to Columbus at 12:30. Went to Lazarus [department store], had a good lunch. Home quarter 'til three. All was fine. Carol still here. Went in to Jeanette's. Uncovered strawberries, raked and burned leaves. Ellis' came down and talked awhile.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1971 Gloomy day. Sprinkles of rain. Went to breakfast at church. Love feast. Went to banks, post office, and grocery. In P.M. to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure back up to 170. He was gone and I was out of medicine. Then, Jeanette and I went to Northland. Ate dinner there.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1971 A real nice day. Cooler. I washed and did all ironing, some from yesterday. Laura Hardy came at twelve. We went to Halloway House for lunch, then to Hatchs. Bernard, Jr. died ten days ago. I drove. Stopped at fruit stand on way home. Carol told me she had found an apartment.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1971 Nice day. I baked cookies, cleaned the house. Went to grocery, then to filling station to have new tags put on car. Don stopped in afternoon.


MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1971 Cloudy and cool. I went to bank, to Buckeye Mart to get a bamboo rake, then, had car washed. To Sears to get new curtains for the kitchen. One pair too short. Went back after lunch to exchange. Then went to Riverside [Methodist Hospital] to see Nora Kessellring. Bill called and Jeanette came over to see curtains.


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1971 Lovely day. I got up a little earlier. Got the trash out, washed the east window in living room and put in screen before I went to beauty parlor at nine o'clock. Afterwards went to candy store in [Olentangy] Village to get candy for tomorrow. Stopped at A&P. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Had score 3,850.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1971 Beautiful day. Edith [Walter], Merle [Axline] and Reva Kurz (our member replacing Lucille [Reeder]) were here for bridge. [I don't recall Gladys saying so, but I do recall that Lucille and Herman Reeder moved to Florida. Perhaps they had already left.] We all went to Betty Crocker Tree House for lunch. Had a nice afternoon. We all put in a quarter. Merle, $.40; Reva, $.30; Edith, $.20; me, $. 10. Seems queer for Carol [the boarder] not to be here. She left yesterday for home in Pennsylvania for vacation.
FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1971 Cloudy and windy. I worked out[side] most of day. Moved some sod to around dogwood tree. Planted onions, cleaned up behind garage, moved the dirt pile. It was left when gravel was put in. Cleaned up garage. Jeanette came and brought me a cupcake for Easter.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1971 Beautiful day. I went to grocery, then to cemetery. Home rest of day.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1971 Easter Sunday, up to 73°. I went to church. Mrs. Pegg and I went to Halloway House for dinner, then I went to her house. After I came home raked some in back yard. In the evening watched movie "King of Kings." Gloria and Dorothy called. Carol came home about ten. She had been home for Easter vacation.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1971 Really warm, 81°. Took storm windows out of bathrooms and one on porch. Went to Circle meeting. Had 17 there. I took Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Holmes. Went in to Jeanette's. Carol took a big load of things to her apartment.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1971 Washed and ironed a washer. Cleaned and put away storm windows. Took extra windows off the porch. Aired a lot of things. Carol and I went to York Steak House for dinner. After we came home, she left for good.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1971 Much cooler, but a nice sunny day. I made apple jelly and got Carol's room back to order. Washed quilt, dresser scarves, etc. Ellen, Linda, and Tommy stopped in evening.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1971 Went to Krogers in morning. Home rest of day. Lovely day. Jeanette was over in P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1971 Another lovely day. I swept and dusted the house. In afternoon went to Riverside [Hospital] to see Nora, then to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure down to 150/80. In the evening I went with Carol [Hoffman] to see some of Florence's furniture. Bill W[alter] gave me a little table of hers. Man here to fix a leak in gutter - for third time. Also, a man came to see about the yard. I am going to have the service where they come four times a year. Costs me $50.00 a year.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1971 Lovely day, but need rain so badly. I went to bridge at Olentangy Inn. Asked to substitute. A nice afternoon.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1971 Another beautiful day. I went to church. In afternoon went to Bills. They took me to see some big trailers. They have bought one to put on their farm. Then we went to see Gary. Almost seven thirty when I got home. I CALLED JENNIE FOR HER BIRTHDAY TOMORROW (91).

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1971 Washed and ironed. Worked in yard. Sat on porch for first time this spring.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1971 Drove over to Don's to take some things. Ellen wasn't home. She called later. Home rest of day. Dorothy called in evening.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1971 Went to beauty parlor, then bank and Krogers. Went to Golf course for bridge and lunch. Last time to take Helen Guth. She is moving to Florida. A show in evening. Don called.


FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1971 Did the ironing, baked cookies. Went to grocery. Moved some sod from back yard to bare spot in front yard. Went for Linda and Tom in afternoon. They were here for supper and overnight. John had to carry papers. Don's had a dinner party.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1971 Tom had a ball game so took the children back at nine o'clock. Baked a cake. Dorothy's family came at nine o'clock. They came up to get a roto-tiller Don had bought for them on sale.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1971 Another lovely day but still cool and no rain. Dorothy's went to Don's in P.M. I stayed home and washed dishes. They left at 4:15. Clocks turned forward an hour.

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1971 Washed and ironed. In afternoon went to Northland [Shopping Center]. Had new batteries put in radio and my glasses adjusted. Don called - broke the monotony of the evening. The children miss their father, but they can't realize how I miss him. Don't expect them to.


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1971 Lovely day. In afternoon went to church to work on Mother and Daughter Banquet. They always have more help than they need. Stopped at A&P on way home.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1971 Went to church to committee meeting, then to Krogers. Worked in yard, moved some sod I had saved in back yard to bare spots in front yard. Bill called.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1971 Had Jeanette for dinner. We played two games of scrabble.

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1971 Still no rain. I sprinkled front yard. Worked some in back yard. Washed the car.

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 1971 CHARLES' 72nd birthday. I went to church, to cemetery. Mrs. Pegg and I went to Halloway House for dinner, then she came here. After I took her home, went to see Carol, but couldn't find her apartment. Had some rain.
MONDAY, MAY 3, 1971 Washed one washer. Went to library and to bank. My dear little "Nicky" [canary] died in afternoon. Jeanette came over and took him out of cage and we buried him under syringa bush. He had brought me so much pleasure, and I feel so badly to lose him.

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1971 Beautiful day. Jeanette and I went to vote. In afternoon went to Bill's [attorney] office to settle estate. Paid him $1500, more than I had expected. Miss my little bird so much!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1971 Went to beauty parlor. Then to Building and Loan, took out $1500 and put on my checking account. Went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge.

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1971 Baked a lemon pie. Gary and Kathy were here for dinner. I enjoyed having them. Gave them several things.

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1971 Mowed, trimmed and raked the front yard. In afternoon went to Dr. Inglis. He has moved way out on Livingston. Two busses. Everything fine. Still only $15.00. Rain and got wet coming home.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1971 Went to Don's for dinner. He gave me a lovely orchid for Mother's Day and card. Also cards from Dorothy's and Bill's. Home about 8:30.

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1971 Bill's took me to Cleveland for Mother's Day. We went to Mrs. Bonds [Gloria's mother] and all went out for dinner. Then took her to cemetery to set out geraniums and drive around where they used to live. She had ice cream and cake for us. Home quarter 'till eight. A nice day.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1971 Beautiful day, 73°. I worked in yard in the morning, baked cookies. Went to Circle meeting, took Mrs. Holmes. Bill's children here for dinner. Colleen played Jeanette's organ. Dorothy called. Couldn't get me yesterday. When Bill came for the children he mowed both front and back yards.

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1971 Washed a washer. Swept back porch, took up rug. I drove, Jeanette and I went to jewelry store at Worthington - broke watch band. Then we went to Boulevard Gardens and I got tomato plants. Came home and set them out. After lunch, she drove and we went to cemetery and set out flowers. After came home set out most of flowers along the driveway. Tired!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1971 Home all day. Set out rest of flowers. Planted marigolds. Had onions from garden on Tuesday. Turned colder, down in 40's.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1971 Nice day. In morning I went to Kroger's, bank, Buckeye Mart and two [redemption] stamp stores. In afternoon up to Worthington to get watch, in to Jeanette's. Long evenings!
FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1971 Went to Dr. Norris. Had eyes checked ($15.00). He didn't change glasses. Stopped at Gilberis, bought three pair shoes. Had lunch at Lazarus Tea Room. Called from Dr. Inglis' office. My cancer test showed no malignancy, but some infection. Phoning in prescription to pharmacy. Jeanette was here, then Edna Scott came and brought me dessert. After supper took walk with Ada Lewis, then she came in for a little while.

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1971 Another nice day. 71°. I mowed and raked front yard. Washed some flower pots. Went to Kroger's and to drug store to pick up medicine.

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1971 80°. I went to church. Worked in yard awhile. About 3:30 decided to go to cemetery to water plants, then went to Don's for awhile.
MONDAY, MAY 17, 1971 Beautiful day. Mowed and raked back yard. Set out "Snow on Mountain" on west side of house. Went to bank and post office for stamps. Yesterday postage went up to $.08 [for a first-class letter]. Sat on porch in evening.

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1971 Washed a washer. Cleaned leaves between garage and wall. Swept the drive. Men gave me an estimate on cutting the dead tree in front yard.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1971 Another warm day. Went to beauty parlor. Then to Golf Course for lunch and bridge.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1971 Beautiful day. I went to grocery, mowed, trimmed and raked front yard. Bill's three children were here for dinner. He took two of his pupils to a free dinner. They had won recognition in science.
FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1971 Went to Sears to get gallon of paint and bought a print dress. Set out marigolds Bill brought me. Washed the car. The evenings are so long, sometimes I think I can't take it.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1971 Such a frustrating day. Dorothy's were to come early. Dick was going to paint trim on house. She called early. Lady Bug [dog] fell down stairs and had concussion, and they couldn't come. I had so much food, asked Don's to come for dinner. Mowed back yard. Cooler.

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1971 Beautiful day. Dorothy's came about quarter 'till nine. We had a nice day. They stayed for supper, She, the girls, and I drove over to cemetery. Dick cleaned the roof and scraped where paint was peeling. Cleaned awning over back steps. Lady Bug better.

MONDAY, MAY 24, 1971

Planted lima beans.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1971 Good rain during night. I went to jewelers and ordered pearl ring from money Florence left me ($100.00). Went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Up to Hoffmans with a little gift for Carole.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1971 The day of our first "Y" trip. Jeanette took her car to Buckeye Mart and we got on bus there.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1971 Nice day but still cool. Frost predicted for tonight. Covered tomatoes. Went to bank and grocery. In afternoon ran my South American slides getting ready to show tomorrow evening. In evening got one stuck. Went to Stewarts and Dave took it out for me.


SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1971 Washed dishes, put things away from evening before. Took a plant to cemetery. Don had trailer put in his name and got license. I went with him to Bills to get a load of wood, then to his house to unload, then brought trailer back here.

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1971 Beautiful day. I went to church. Worked a while in yard. A long day. Laura [Hardy] called in evening. We talked an hour and a half!

MONDAY, MAY 31, 1971 I moved and raked back yard. I have it looking pretty nice. No one around. Celebrating Memorial Day. Up to 82°. Can now sit on porch again.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1971 Beautiful day. I did the laundry. Don't have much. Washed my car. Jeanette and I went to shopping center, ate dinner at Halloway House.


THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1971 Nice day. Went to Scherers for more groceries. To Association meeting at church - pot luck. My Circle was hostess. Had program on dolls and Raggedy Ann theme. In evening Carol [Hoffman] and Jeanette [Davis] were here.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1971 Warm day. 89°. I went to Dr. Inglis. Hope all is cleared up and I won't have to go again. Mowed and raked front yard in the morning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1971 Another warm day. Jeanette went with me to cemetery to water flowers. Didn't do much. Cleaned bathroom. In evening Carol, Ellis' and Mrs. Kaiser Rere. She (Mrs. K.) and I sat on my little [front] porch till 10:15.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1971 Another hot day. 93°. I went to early church. In P.M. Leona Benton and I went to Freeman - Bill wedding. Very lovely wedding. Don called and invited me for a picnic supper, but looked so stormy, I did not go. Tornado warnings.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1971 Beautiful day and cooler. Quite cool by evening. Jeanette and I went to Krogers. Went to Don's for dinner. LINDA'S 6™ BIRTHDAY. Home about quarter 'till nine.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1971 OUR 48™ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Oh, how I miss Charles. Took my car to Edith's. She drove, Reva Kurz. We all went to "Center For Tomorrow" [at Ohio State; today called the Fawcett Center] for lunch with Merle [Axline], then to Axlines for bridge. Had such a nice lunch. When I got home, Bill's children were here. Came to stay 'till Friday P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1971 Need rain. I baked cookies. All gone next day. Played Solitaire and Scrabble with children. Mrs. Lewis asked Colleen over to play on her piano. [Colleen was deaf and blind]. Mowed front yard.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1971 Another nice day. Bill came for children at 1:30. Dorothy's came at 10:30 P.M. Valerie had to get a scout award before they could start.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1971 After breakfast Dorothy left for Cleveland at 8:30. Jeanette and I went to cemetery and watered flowers and stopped at A&P [grocery]. Washed a washer. Worked on slides in the evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1971 Looked rainy but I went to church. Don, John., and Linda here in afternoon. He took the trailer. Dorothy came soon. All had ice cream and cake. Dorothy left first. Don moved bed in front room so I could sweep under it. Another shower in afternoon. Dorothy's 18™ wedding anniversary.

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1971 Beautiful day. My church Circle here for a picnic. Sixteen with me. Showed my slides. All had a nice time. I took Mrs. Holmes home. Went in to Jeanette's for awhile.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1971 Mowed and raked both yards. Lucille [Reeder] was here two hours in P.M. In evening Ilo came and spent the evening. Also, Bill stopped. So glad to see all of them. Had all changed in car.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1971 Went to beauty shop. Stopped [at] A&P in P.M. Chuck Rehl [Kay's husband at the time] was here to demonstrate a sweeper type affair. A woman who was training him came too. Then I went to Don's for supper and overnight.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1971 Don and I went to see Jennie [in Cumberland]. On the way stopped at Historical Museum. Had a good lunch at Town House Motel in Zanesville. Stopped at cemetery. Home at their house 5:15. I came home about six.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1971 In afternoon went to bank and Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure down 140/70. Jeanette came over and Don was here in evening. Nora called.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1971 Really a hot day. I went to church and wore Ellen's orchid. Then took slides to drug store. In afternoon went to see Carol [Hoffman; a neighbor]. Don found a parakeet in his back yard.

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1971 Had a much needed rain during night. I went to cemetery and to Don's. I brought the parakeet home in my cage. Jeanette and Mrs. Young came in to see him.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1971 Much cooler. The bird found his voice and "talked" some. I went to Golf Course to lunch and bridge. Had a nice afternoon. Too cool to set out in evening. Don's family left for Wisconsin.


THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1971 Didn't do much. Baked a small grape juice pie. Washed a window in back room. No rain and everything very dry. Don put an ad in their paper about bird, but, so far, no call for him.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1971 Went to jewelers to see about my ring (money from Florence). It is here, but Mr. Denig was overpriced. Trying to get the price straightened out. Went to Krogers. A very hard storm in evening. Lightning struck tree in Davis' yard and fell across drive to my yard. No one called for bird.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1971 Our street a mess. Broken limbs, sticks, leaves, etc. A real bad storm hit the city. Our electricity was off 14 1/2 hours. Had a big clean up job in front yard. In the evening I stopped for Dorothy Conley and we went to Halloway House for dinner, then I stopped at her house. Lucille [Reeder] had asked us to get together. She lost her husband two months ago.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1971 A very hot day. 91°. I went to church. The new Associate Minister, Rev. Hadley, was installed. Home rest of day. Carol and I took a walk around block at dark. Dorothy called.

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 1971 Another scorcher. Got to 94°. Too hot to do anything. In morning walked to Overbrook to look at black raspberries. Lots of red ones, but only few ripe.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 1971 Another hot day. I went to Worthington and got my pearl ring. Used money Florence [Mick] gave me [in her will].

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1971 Mowed and raked the back yard. Then, went to beauty parlor, to bank, library and Krogers. After lunch to another bank. Was so lonely in evening. Walked down to Buckeye Mart and A&P. Then, Mrs. Kaiser came over and stayed 'till after ten. Still very hot.
THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1971 Heat wave broke today. Cleaned bath and swept all the house with Hoover. After supper walked down through brook. Got almost a pint of black raspberries. Carol comes down every evening with her new dog.

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1971 Cooler today. I drove to Don's to check on things. Pulled weeds, brought home some apples. Mowed the front lawn.

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1971
Didn't do much today. Lovely weather. Cooler.

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1971 Warmer today. I went to church. In afternoon walked to Overbrook. Picked over a quart of black raspberries. Such nice ones. Called Velma Millhone. She asked me down for supper tomorrow evening.

MONDAY, JULY 5, 1971 I started around to go to Don's to get apples. Ran into the Arlington parade. Such a mess. Had to come home within two blocks of Don's. Went to Velma's for dinner. Lucille Rowland was there and Donna Dorn came home. Locked keys in car. Got door open with a heavy wire. A nice evening.

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1971 Beautiful day. I went to Don's for apples. They aren't ripe. In P.M. went to post office, bank, and Krogers. Carol Barnett came over and spent evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1971 Went down town to bank and bus station. Bought a ticket to Spooner. After I came home decided the schedule was too hard. Called Mr. White at Auto Club about flying to Duluth. In evening went to Scott's. They had a guest who had worked with blind children.

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1971 Another hot day. I mowed and raked back yard. Dorothy came at eleven o'clock. After lunch we walked down to Hallow and picked a pint black raspberries. After dinner got a red bud tree. Man came to see about yard. A fungus. More yard trouble.

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1971 Dorothy and I went to cemetery, then to Don's and picked some apples. She took me to bus station on way home. I got money back for my bus ticket. Went to Lazarus awhile. After I came home went to see Mrs. Meyer, (her mother died) then in to Jeanette's. She brought me a plastic bag from Florida. I am cooking and freezing apples for Don. Cooked a big pan full after supper. Called Dorothy, she had no trouble getting home.

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1971 Canned apples for Don. Put too many parings down disposal and stopped up sink. Bought Liquid Plummer, but that didn't help. Carol tried to help me open it. Sat up until almost two o'clock watching late movie "All This and Heaven Too."

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 1971 Real good rain. I went to church. Mrs. Pegg and I went to "Center for Tomorrow" for dinner. She came here and I took her home about three. Then, stopped to see Mrs. Gillespie [former next-door neighbor from 393 Mimring Road]. Then over to Lewis' awhile. Cooler.
MONDAY, JULY 12, 1971 Such a nice, cooler day. I washed and ironed. Weeded the garden. Chem Lawn sprayed the yards.


WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1971 Beautiful day. I cooked two more cartons of apple sauce and froze for Don. Half gallon milk cartons. Defrosted the freezer. Mr. Henderson (mail-man) opened sink. He charged $3.00. I gave him $4.00. Mowed and raked front yard.


FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1971 Hard storm in Columbus, but none in our end of town and no rain. I went to Don's, got more apples. Have put six half gallon milk cartons in freezer for them. Have six smaller containers frozen for myself. Got permanent in P.M. ($8.50). Mrs. Scott here in evening. Dorothy called.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1971 Just last minute things to do. Went to Buckeye Mart. Got a chaise lounge for $5.00. I took my bird to Mrs. Young. Several of the neighbors told me "good-bye."

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 1971 Up early and had breakfast. Edith and Bill came at twenty 'till eight. Plane left at nine. Coffee on plane. A very long walk at O'Hare to change air lines. Left Chicago at 10:15. A good flight to Duluth. Don met me. We had a sandwich at Superior. Hard rain coming down. Got to cottage at three. So good to see it but such an empty place with Charles not here. Ellen had a good dinner. Don and I took a drive in evening.

MONDAY, JULY 19, 1971 Beautiful day after rain. I enjoyed walking around looking at things. Don took me around lake in evening. We stopped at Dybvig's - not home. When we came in, I went to Johnsons and stayed 'till 9:30. Had ice cream and cookies. Bernice walked almost home with me. Ellen got a [northern] pike 24 1/2 inches.

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1971 Lovely day. I raked some, cleaned out the corner by bedroom and walk. Dybvigs stopped and invited me to go to a friends - Johnsons to pick gooseberries. In evening we all were invited to Dybvigs for dessert. Saw a deer and all but me went to see the baby fox. Had a nice evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1971 I cleaned some of front screens. Went to dump with Don. Went to bridge at Lily Lake Inn. Mickey stopped for me. Had five tables. I won first prize, $2.50, and didn't put in any pennies [for getting set in bridge].
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1971 Took a walk up the road. Mr. Meihofer came up and talked a while. Dybvig's came by boat, asked me to go to town on Friday. Ellen got a 28 inch, 4 pound [northern] pike. In evening, Norma Ulh and Vi Bissette came. Don's are about packed.

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1971 Perfect weather. Don's last day. They about finished packing yesterday. Had time for some boating. They left at 1:30. Dybvigs came for me at four o'clock. We went to Spooner. I took old radio to see if it could be fixed. They took me to Nick's for dinner, then to their house for ice cream with red raspberries. Saw two deer coming home.

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1971 Pretty lonesome to stay alone and how I miss Charles. I made up beds for Dorothy, aired pillows. Raked some pine needles. Went to Trefethens in morning. Dorothy's family came at one o'clock. Ate the first tomato from my garden.

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1971 Wind blew hard all day. Had to eat inside. Had fire in fireplace. Stanley Nutt, his wife and four children came in the evening. [Stanley died about three years ago].

MONDAY, JULY 26, 1971 Still cool. I cleaned up some needles, trimmed tree by road. Chuck and Dorothy mowed some. Dick split wood and cleaned up around woodpile. Esther Soutter, Chuck, Doris and two of their girls stopped. We went to "Mom's" and Webb Lake. Dorothy baked a cake for Dick's [47th] birthday.


WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1971 Cool weather continues. I went to bridge at Lamplighter [Restaurant; still there today]. Dorothy took me. Mrs. Abel brought me home. Won $1.00. Fire every evening.

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1971 We all went to Spooner. I had my radio fixed. We all had lunch at Dairy Queen and a nice day. How I miss Charles! Fire every morning and evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1971 Pretty day but still cool. Dorothy, the gtrls and I went to look for blueberries, but didn't find any. Stopped at Soutters. In afternoon went to "Mom's", then I went to see Mrs. Retzlaff in Cabin 12. ["Mom" ran a small farm, and sold vegetables and fishing worms.]

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1971 Not quite so cool. First day we havn't had fire. I cleaned leaves around shop. Washed and ironed some dresses. Dorothy did more mowing. In the afternoon I met Mr. and Mrs. Jensen who bought two cottages up lake. She stayed quite a while. In evening Dorothy caught a big one, 28 inches. 4 pounds. Ties Ellen's record. Also they had some smaller ones.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 1971 Still cool. Had a social day. Dybvigs were here in morning. In the afternoon Ferrons came. Soutters came and bought [television] aerial for $20.00. In evening Mr. and Mrs. Retzlaff and Susan came.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1971 Another cold day with fire morning and evening. The girls [B.J. and Valerie] went horseback riding. Dorothy and Chuck and I went in to Spooner. Stopped to see Miss Tucker. She wasn't home. Walked up to Johnsons in P.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1971 Fire in morning but warmed up. Dorothy and I did a big washing.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1971 Much warmer today. Clean papers in stove, took porch rug out and cleaned under it. Went to bridge at Lily Lake [Inn]. 27 pennies. Went to [Cabin] 12 to see Mrs. Retzlaff.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1971 Beautiful day. Joe Durand came to take out some popals. Dick helped and they took out eleven or twelve and one jack pine. A big job to clean up. Dorothy took twelve little trees. Mr. Retzlaff, five. Had my first swim in afternoon.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1971 Beautiful day. Dorothy left at 8:15. I spent the morning cleaning the cottage. Mrs. Meronk came at five o'clock. I had to tell her at 5:30 I was going away. I took Johnsons and Dybvigs to dinner. Went to Danny's [Restaurant] at Minong. Had good dinner, brook trout. Ed drove, then we went to their house for ice cream and red raspberries. How I miss Charles!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1971 Warm day. I washed three spreads, two quilts, mattress cover and curtains in both bedrooms in cottage. Ironed, and hung curtains. Joe Durand, with helper took out seven more popals. I paid him $75.00. Dybvigs came for me to go to church and brought me home. They came in awhile.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1971 Very warm, but good breeze from lake. I never saw any one to speak to all day, except I took my flight number to Mr. Schwarze to make my reservation. A long day.


TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1971 Not quite so warm. I walked some in woods. Bill fixed bathroom light and moved some trees. He took a big load to dump, a storm on way home. Bill, Gloria, and I had a ride all around lake and in to Little Fish [a bay of the main lake, about 1/5 size of the main lake].

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1971 Another nice day. I went to bridge at Lamplighter. Helen [Tokash] stopped for me. I won $1.00. Have enjoyed playing this summer. After supper we all took a drive to Webb Lake. Children fed the deer [at a deer park]. Drove around through Voyager Village [a new housing development centered around Btrch Island Lake and four others].
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1971 Windy, but sunny. Bill and Gloria took a boat ride. In afternoon they all had a swim. Bill took in dock and float. Gloria took me to dump. They left at twenty-five 'till six. I went to Johnson's for dinner. Dybvigs were there, Vernon, Joyce, and baby. [Vernon is the second son of Leonard and Bernice Johnson; Joyce is his wife.]

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1971

Cleaned guest house. Made all beds up clean for next summer. Also one in small bedroom in cottage. Mrs. Schwarze invited me for coffee with Mrs. Burge. So glad, a hard storm in afternoon. Helped me put in afternoon. A long evening. Ate dinner in front room. So much static can't use radio. [Bill's 47th birthday].

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1971

Nice day but cool. I didn't have much to do. Worked some cleaning leaves. Shut off gas. Washed out a few things. Dybvigs stopped at six and took me there for church. Brought me home. Took down mail box.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 1971

So cool mornings and evenings. I took down "Buckeye" sign, and other things towards closing. Met Soutters on road and they came down and got tripod for [T.V.] aerial. It had been given to Dybvigs. Soutters bought aerial and we couldn't find tripod. Mrs. Esp came and spent the evening. Went to tell Johnsons "good-bye." They weren't home. Went to Schwarze's to say good-bye. In afternoon went up to Burge's.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1971

Up at six. Everything ready. Dybvigs came at quarter 'till eight. They had Becky [granddaughter] with them. We went to airport and I took Cora and Ed to lunch. Plane left at 1:30 [from Duluth]. Easy change in Milwaukee. Home 5:10. Don met me. All was well here. We went to Youngs and got Lindy [the parakeet]. Young's gave her a big cage. Several telephone calls.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1971 Went to bank and to post office. Trying to find some of my mail. It must have been forwarded to Wisconsin. A big job, but got front yard cleaned up. Frieda [sister-in-law from Phoenix] called! I had gone to bed.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1971 Beautiful day. I mowed and cleaned up back yard. Went to grocery. In evening went to Jeanette's. Have such lovely tomatoes.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1971 Another nice day. Had several telephone calls. Made batch crabapple jelly. Went to Albers [grocery].

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1971 A good rain in morning. Made batch of cookies. Took most to Don's. Went there for dinner. His 40th birthday. Had a good dinner. After dark when I came home.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1971 Cleaned the house, canned two pints tomatoes, made two pies from apples I got at Don's. Mrs. Kaiser came at five and stayed 'till seven. Mrs. Young brought her great grandson for me to see.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1971 Washed and ironed. Had a surprise. Mrs. Wall called me and invited me to go through German Village with her mother and friend. Had a pleasant time and good ice cream cone.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1971 I drove to Deveraux's [member of Charles' Department at OSU] and left my car. Went to bridge at Mrs. Bitentes on Dublin Road. Had such a nice time. Won third prize, $.30. In to Jeanette's in evening. Carol Barnett [former boarder] came.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1971 Mowed and cleaned up front yard. In evening went to Don's and stayed overnight while they went out for dinner.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1971 After I came home from Don's went to post office, Kroger's, library and bank. Jeanette and I went out for dinner, then she came in. Two years today since I lost my Charles.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 1971 Jessie Boyd invited me to Betty Crocker Tree House for lunch. Then we went to see Mrs. Watkins. I went in to Jessie's for awhile. Jeanette was here in evening.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1971 Last evening so cool I turned furnace on. Worked in yard all morning. Forgot Mr. Dickerson painted trim on garage and house on Thursday and Friday. Also wrought iron around porch. $65.00.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1971 Beautiful day. I went to church - home rest of day. Had a meal of lima beans from my little garden.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 1971 Another lovely day. I washed and ironed, but my laundry doesn't amount to much. Dug out some between walk and house. Went with Jeanette to Northland. We ate dinner at Halloway House. Don called, said we would go to see Jennie on Wednesday. I called to tell her.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1971 Lovely day. I painted a cart we brought from Wisconsin. Didn't do much else. Bill called in afternoon. Jeanette was over. I took a walk about dark, met Rosemary and Jerry [Stewart].

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1971 I left at 8:20 for Don. On way stopped at cemetery. Don and I left around 9:30 for Cumberland. Had lunch in Zanesville. Jennie was fine. We took her for a drive up road. Found nice apples. Jennie got us all a Dairy Queen. Back to Don's soon after five. Ellen had my birthday dinner. Gave me a nice box of Yardley cosmetics. Home 7:30. Mrs. Kaiser came over.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1971 I made sauce and three small pies from apples we got yesterday. Mowed front yard. Went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure up 150/80. Jeanette brought me a cute mouse for my birthday.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1971

MY 72ND BIRTHDAY. A rainy, gloomy day. Dorothy sent me $10.00 and called in the evening. Talked with all family except Cruck who wasn't home. Don called. Bills are at farm. Had a nice afternoon. Drove to Reva's [Kutz] and all went in her car to Brookside Country Club. Had a good lunch. Then, was I surprised when I was given a birthday cake and manager, waitress, etc. sang "Happy Birthday." We all had a piece and I brought rest home. Don gave me box of bath powder and cologne.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1971

I do so little, hardly worth writing down. Dusted house. Worked some in yard. Hardly saw anyone all day. Called Laura [Hardy].

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1971

Went to church. Home rest of day. Don and Ilo called.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1971 Labor day. I washed and ironed. Painted cart a second coat. I never saw anyone all day to speak to and phone never rang. A long day. [John Cooper's 13th birthday]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1971 Warm, sunny day. I took hose and scrubbed laundry room. Mowed back yard and washed the car. Edith was here a little while in afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1971 Another hot day. I went to bank, grocery, and library. Don hurt his back [from falling off a ladder] and in afternoon I went over and took him the heating pad. After supper I went to see Mrs. Kuensie and Jeanette [Davis]. [Don and Ellen's 14th wedding anniversary]


FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1971 Hot today. I went to Denig jewelers and bought a new Bulova watch. $45.00 watch. Used my old band and received some credit on my old one. $34.32. Mrs. Conley and I went to Northland [Shopping Center] and looked around, had dinner there. She came here afterward and I took her home about dark. Don is better.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1971 Up at six. Drove to Don's. He will have my car while we are gone. Ellen and I left at twenty 'till eight. Hard rain part of day. Stopped twice, once for coffee and pancakes, then for lunch. Got to Hutchins [6110 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, Md.] at ten after four. 8 ¼ hours. Certainly was made welcome, a nice dinner and visited in evening.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1971 Lovely day. Mr. Hutchins, Ellen and I drove around. Saw American University, National Pres. [Presbyterian?] Church, cost four million, Washington Cathedral and joined a group and listened to guide. Such beautiful altars, needlepoint, carvings and lovely windows. Had lunch at a

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1971 Ellen, Mr. Hutchins and I left around 9:30 for another day of sightseeing. Drove to Arlington Cemetery and left car. Took a motor bus tour. $3.00 apiece. Could stop different places and board another bus. We visited Arlington Cemetery. Saw President Kennedy's grave and Bobby Kennedy's. Over 175,000 buried there. 519 acres. We took tour through Robert E. Lee's house. $.50 apiece. [Before it became Arlington Cemetery this property was the ancestral estate of the Lee family. It was confiscated by the government during the Civil War.] Drove to tomb of unknown soldier. Saw changing of guard. Went past Lincoln and Jefferson memorials. Had lunch at Smithsonian. Underground cafeteria. Walked around there. Saw largest elephant ever killed. Whale, 92 feet. Saw huge engine with sound effect. The capsule John Glenn rode in [Mercury Seven], also one two of other astronauts rode in. Saw one Neil Armstrong had on moon, saw rock from moon. Home at 4:30. Tired! Watched a movie in evening.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1971 Another nice day. Ellen and I drove around awhile. Saw National Institute of Health, a building where Don had worked [doing research on Brazilian medical history]. The Rimbacks were there for dinner. [Art Rimback and wife were friends from Brazil]. Nice turkey dinner. Ellen went home with them to stay overnight.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1971 Ellen came home about nine. Mrs. Rimback stayed for coffee. We didn't do anything all day.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1971 Up at six o'clock for the White House tour. It was pouring rain. Ellen drove to bus stop. Some streets were flooded. Quit by time we got to White House. Three different tours. Our tickets were from Senator Saxbe [Republican Senator from Ohio]. The tour was 50 minutes. Saw library, room with beautiful china from different Presidents - same room where Roosevelt gave his Fireside chats. Saw East Room, Red Room, Blue Room, Green Room (where White House Christmas tree is put by removing a table and big chandelier). Photographs of Presidents and wives. Home at ten o'clock. Watched T.V. shows I like and don't see at home.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1971 Up at seven. Had breakfast, left five after eight. Stopped three times. Home soon after 4:30. I came on home. All was well here. Had lots of tomatoes. Mowed and raked back yard.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1971 Went to church. Drove over to Bill Owens [electronic store] to look at T.V. They weren't open. Home rest of day.


TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1971 My colored T.V. was delivered. $382.72. I think I'll like it. Did the laundry which doesn't amount to much. Walked to Indianola Plaza in afternoon.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1971 Lovely day. I faced a dress. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Merle’s guest in her bridge club. Third prize, 46 pennies. Enjoy my TV.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1971 Lovely day. In morning I went to Kroger’s and Albers. In afternoon mowed and raked front yard.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1971 Went to beauty parlor at 2:30. Don was here when I cam home mowing back yard. He sprayed front yard with acadine. He stayed for supper and until about 7:30. So nice to have someone to eat with.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1971 Really hard rain and thunderstorms. So bad, I didn’t go to church. In afternoon brought Mrs. Minister up for a visit. Took her home about 4:30. Mable Meisser called. Enjoy my new T.V.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1971 Washed and ironed. Went to bank. In afternoon went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure 150/70. The lower one was better. Then went to Northland. Bought a cotton dress and kit to make afghan. Jeanette was over.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1971 Much warmer. I cleaned the driveway. Went to bridge at Golf Course and for lunch. Had a nice afternoon. Went in to Jeanette’s after supper.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1971 86°. Real summer weather. Yesterday was the same. I went to cemetery and washed the car. Picked up a big sack full of acorns. Nice to sit on porch again.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1971 Went to A&P in the morning and bank. After lunch to Krogers and Library. Worked more in yard. Mowed front yard.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1971 Real warm day. I baked a cake, made salad and dessert. Don’s family was here for dinner. Had half a ham. Ate on porch. Nice to have them. Tom mowed back yard. Bill and Colleen stopped a few minutes.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1971 83°. Another warm day. Raked back yard, cleaned up more acorns. The children stay alone for football games. I don’t have to go there. Such a change of Saturday evenings. We always went out for dinner and had bridge with someone. Now, I sit alone!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1971 Another beautiful day. I went to church. Didn’t do anything but pick up more acorns. No one around has ever seen so many. Reading a book on "Abigail Adams."

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1971 Did the ironing. Went to post office and bank. Worked more in yard.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1971 Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had good cards, probably high score. Frieda called.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1971 Went to beauty parlor at 8:30. Cleaned driveway and front yard. Called Don to tell him "good-bye." He leaves on Saturday for Guatemala [to read a paper in Antigua on Brazilian medical history].

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1971 Beautiful weather, but cool. I went to library and Krogers. Took up the tomato plants and brought in more flowers. Did some Thursday. Dug in to sweet potatoes and found two nice ones. Mrs. Pegg and I went for dinner. Velma [Millhone] called.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1971 Rained almost all day. I put clean papers in kitchen cupboards. A long, gloomy day, not out of house. Don left for Guatemala.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1971 A better day with a little sunshine. I went to church. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1971 Nicer day and some sunshine. I washed all things on kitchen shelves, put in another storm window. Went to Circle meeting. Took Mrs. Hamilton, and Mrs. Bond. Went to Jeanettes after I came home. Called Bill.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1971 A lovely, sunny day. I cleaned leaves in back yard, pulled up marigolds. Cleaned driveway. In P.M. mowed and raked back yard. Dug two more sweet potatoes. A real big one and a small one.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1971 Beautiful day. I tried over an hour to get plastic windows on back porch. Couldn't quite get them in. Went to Northland [Shopping Center] in afternoon. Jeanette came in and Jessie Boyd stopped after school to get acorns.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1971 Another beautiful day. I went on a trip (Jeanette went too) to Roscoe Village in Coshocton. A group Edna Scott belongs to. We had a pleasant trip, lunch in an old warehouse. Went through Antique store. Museum in Coshocton had such beautiful Oriental things. Home around 4:30.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1971 Went to meeting at church, then to Krogers. Cleaned leaves in front yard. Ethel Ellis very sick at Riverside. Am thinking of getting a bigger T.V. This screen seems a little small for where I sit. Dorothy called.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1971 Rainy day. I defrosted freezer, cleaned bathroom. Went to Clintonville Electric and changed to R.C.A. 21 inches. Wanda Ochs took me to a church dinner at Clinton Heights Lutheran Church. A good dinner, nice to get out.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1971 Beautiful day. I went to church. Came home changed clothes and went to cemetery. In afternoon Jeanette and I went to see "Song of Norway." Afterward I cleaned driveway. Don got home from Guatemala. [On return flight I carried to my seat two large machetes I had purchased for John and Tom. No one said a word.]

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18,1971 Almost a summer day. 83°. I did a washing. And the 21 inch R.C.A. T.V. delivered. Could not get channels. Got frustrated with the salesman. Cleaned more leaves. Don called in evening.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19,1971 75°. Another lovely day. I did the ironing, mowed front yard, cleaned more leaves. Man came and adjusted T.V. Now, a good picture on Channel 6. Jeanette was here in afternoon. Around eight o'clock, Tom [Nelson; husband of Gladys' cousin in Phoenix, Flo Nelson] called to tell me Flo died yesterday. I called Bill, Don, and Dorothy.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1971 Went to beauty parlor, then to bridge at Golf Course. Had poor cards. Don stopped in evening. So glad to see him. They don't know how much a call or 'phone call can mean.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21,1971 Jeanette and I rode the bus to "Great Southern Shopping Center." It was a disappointment. Not much there. A punk lunch. After I came home cleaned leaves from driveway and front yard. Have been able to sit on front porch for several days.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22,1971 Went to Huntington [Bank], took $400.00 out and put in Central [Savings & Loan] to get more interest, went to Albers [grocery]. The car would not move in Reverse or Drive. Called Auto Club. They started it. Rain today. Mrs. Hoffman came down and spent the evening. To Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure up. 160.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1971 Another drizzly day. I went to Don's to stay with children during football. They had a cocktail party, and I stayed longer. I drove home after dark in rain. Got along O.K. Home 8:45.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24,1971 Another drizzly day. I went to church. In afternoon went with Don to see movie "The Living Prairie" and "Vanishing Wilderness." The children went but Ellen hurt her back and couldn't go.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25,1971 Gloomy day. I cleaned up some leaves but too wet to burn. Went to Cancer Ray with Mrs. Kuensie. Group made 120 pads. Carol [Hoffman] was here in evening. Bill called.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26,1971 A lovely day. Weather still in seventies. I went to bank, then had car washed. In afternoon went to bridge at Golf Course. Had poor cards. Cleaned leaves in front yard after I came home.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27,1971 Cleaned leaves. Took up lima bean vines and got another good meal. Have some in freezer. Went to hospital to see Ethel [Ellis], Fred Oehs and Mrs. Utterback, then to library. Painted yard lantern.


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1971 Still in seventies. I cleaned up house, potted more flowers. Went to bridge at Stew Harrison's [Restaurant], guest of Mrs. Heidom. One of women took me. Beggar's Night, only six. Clocks turned back an hour.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1971 Still weather in the seventies. Went to church. After I came home, burned a lot of leaves. Walk in P.M.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1971 Such a warm day for first of November. I washed and ironed. Then potted more flowers. 36 pots now. 26 on back porch. Spaded garden on north side. Cleaned more leaves.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1971 67° at six o'clock. Election Day. A rain and wind in morning. Cleared off and a beautiful day. High of 69°. I went to cemetery to pull up flowers but they were too pretty to pull. Voted in afternoon. Sat on porch a while on November 1.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1971 38°. Much cooler, but a sunny day. I went to beauty parlor. Then to Golf course for bridge. Had poor cards. Such long evenings! Since clocks were turned back, it is dark soon after 5:30.


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1971 29°. Beautiful, sunny day. Our bridge foursome went to Tree House for lunch, then to Edith's to play. She made a thoughtless remark. I cried most of evening. Oh, how I miss Charles and someone to talk with.


MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1971 15°. A record cold day. I did some extra little jobs in morning. Went to Circle meeting. Took three, brought one home. Really my last meeting, as Mrs. Read will be chairman next year. After I came home went to Mrs. Kuensie to find out how to make "swipes" for [cancer] hospital.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1971 26°. Warmer, gloomy day. I washed and ironed, cleaned and burned more leaves. So glad, soon began to snow. Snowed almost all day. I went in to Jeanette's in afternoon. 250 cancer swipes.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1971 Made 250 more cancer swipes. Worked on Dorothy's quilt. In afternoon went to Don's and stayed overnight.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1971 Beautiful day. I was home at 9:30. Had to scrape ice off the car. Princess [Hatch], Laura [Hardy], Juanita [Shupe], and I [all members of the former "dinner" bridge club which ended on the death of Covert Hardy] went to Sweet Sixteen for lunch. They all came here for bridge. Had a good lunch and nice afternoon. Gloria called and invited me for Thanksgiving.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1971 Went to Albers and Kroger's. Cleaned leaves from back yard. Worked on "swipes" for cancer. Dorothy's family came around 8:30. Here overnight on way to Cleveland [to visit Dick's mother]. Hadn't seen them since they left the cottage. Beautiful day.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1971 59°. Another busy day. Dorothy left about 8 o'clock. I worked more on cancer "swipes" and took to Mrs. Kuensie. Mr. Scott cleaned gutters on garage next to him. Watched football game on T.V.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1971 71°. I went to church, then took a drive. Stopped at the cemetery and pulled the flowers. Dorothy's family stopped around three - here 'till 5:30. Dick swept the roof and cleaned gutters. The children cleaned up leaves. B.J.'s boyfriend came up. Don and Ellen took trailer and went to Dayton. The furniture they got didn't amount to much. Don talked with Dorothy and called me in evening.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1971 71°. Almost a summer day. I washed a washer, cleaned my leaves. I think that will be the last. Put a bucket [of] manure on yard [which she probably got from Bill's farm]. Jeanette and I went to cancer Ray -1 drove. We made 121 pads.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1971 65°. Another nice day. I washed another washer and ironed. In afternoon walked to drug store at Buckeye Mart and stopped to see Mrs. Terry. Bill called.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1971 Lovely weather continues. I went to bridge at Golf Course. Had miserable cards. Made a salad and got a Burger Chef for my supper.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1971 69°. Such wonderful weather. I worked some on Dorothy's quilt. Cleaned more leaves. In afternoon went to Hospital to see Ellis'.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1971: Gloomy, cold day. I washed a washer of rugs. Worked on Dorothy's quilt. Cleaned more leaves. Don't know where they all come from. In afternoon Mrs. Kuensie and Carol came down. OS. U. lost to Michigan, 10-7.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1971: Cold, windy day. I went to church. The service was put on by the young people. I didn't think much of it as a church service. Home rest of day. Didn't talk to anyone all day. Watched "Born Free" in the evening.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1971: Cold, but sunny. I washed and ironed. Worked on Dorothy's quilt. In P.M. went to Dr. Bonnell, blood pressure 170. Highest it has been for long time. Went to see Fred Ochs. Jeanette came in.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1971: 11°. Cold, but a nice day. I went to Albers. Then to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Had a nice afternoon. TOM'S 10 BIRTHDAY. Had a surprise. Carol Barnett came to see me.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1971: Snow flurries all day. I worked on Dorothy's quilt. Made three pie shells for pumpkin filling tomorrow. Called Dorothy.


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1971: Went to bank, post office and Krogers. Worked more on quilt. In the evening watched "Mutiny on the Bounty" 'till eleven o'clock.


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1971: Went to church. Mrs. Pegg and I went to Beef Buffet for dinner. Stopped at her house. On way home got a cemetery wreath and put on lot. Jeanette came in. Then, about 7:10 Frieda called. MOTHER [STEWART] DIED ABOUT 2:15 OUR TIME. Had to call Jennie, the children, Starkey [Stewart; her step-son and step-brother to Charles], and funeral director in Cumberland. [Mother Stewart was 95; I loved her very much. She was the only grandparent I ever knew.]

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1971: Rainy, drizzly day. I put two cherry pies in freezer. Washed a washer. Also curtains in yellow room. Had many calls. Had to cancel bridge for Friday and get a substitute for bridge on Wednesday. Called Esther [Smith, with whom Jennie, Fanny's sister, made her home]. In afternoon went to funeral home to see Mr. Smith, then to Albers.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1971 Cloudy but seemed to clear in afternoon. I went to beauty parlor. Made a cake and salad to take to Cumberland and meat loaf for supper. Jeanette brought a pot of flowers to Frieda and me. Bill met Frieda and they were here at 5:30. He stayed for dinner.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1971 Lovely day. Frieda and I left for Cumberland soon after 8:30. She drove 50 miles, I drove 50. Got to Cumberland about eleven. Went to mortuary. Mother looked so nice. We took family flowers. She had four other pieces. Had calling hours in afternoon and evening. About 90 people called. Frieda and I stayed overnight at Esthers.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1971 A beautiful day. We had graveside services at 10:30. Bill and Don came. Starkey and Florence came. Rev. Bay, his son and wife were there. [Fanny was related to the Bay's.] We had lunch at Esthers. Rev. Wilson came. The boys left about one o'clock. Frieda and I left about 15 minutes later. I drove 50 miles, Frieda rest of way. Home at 3:30. We were invited to Jeanette's for dinner.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1971 Frieda and I went to post office and Krogers. In P.M. to bank and Albers. Dorothy's family came at nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1971 A real nice day. I didn't do much but get some meals. Frieda had kidney infection. Dorothy took her to Riverside [Hospital]. Gone over three hours. Barbara ["B.J." ] went out with Charlie. Came home with him about ten.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1971 Cloudy but no rain 'till late afternoon. Bill, Dorothy and Don went to Don's to discuss the cottage. Dick helped Don get car started. Valerie cleaned leaves in front yard. They left at four.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1971 A rainy day. I went to grocery. We had Velma Millhone and Jeanette for dinner. Velma had to leave early. The three of us played "scrabble."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1971 Rained until late afternoon. Frieda and I finished "Thank You" for Mother's flowers. I washed a washer.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1971 Gloomy day but no rain. Had Merle Axline and Edna Scott for lunch and bridge. We had a good lunch and nice afternoon. Merle brought me a window ornament. Frieda and I play Scrabble in the evenings.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1971 Cloudy but no rain. Frieda and I went to bank and to see Charles' picture. Played some Scrabble. Don, Ellen, and Linda here in evening. Jeanette was in. Called Bill and Dorothy.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1971 40°. A beautiful day. I cleaned the oven. Worked outside, cleaned up yards. (So many sticks from wind yesterday). Swept driveway, washed picture window and even washed the car.


MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1971 Had my Circle here for Christmas party. Eighteen filled my house. Mrs. Reimald helped me and all had a good time. I had to move out some furniture and was tired.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1971 Yesterday was a beautiful day. Today rained hard 'till middle afternoon. I washed and ironed. Worked on Christmas cards.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1971 Put up Christmas tree. Went to bridge. No one came except Mrs. Mewdick and I. We had lunch together and came home. Dorothy and Valerie called in evening. Warm!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1971 Lovely, mild day. I went to Albers and had car washed. Went to beauty parlor and 11:30, then to I.G.A., Krogers, and library. Stopped at Mrs. Smith's but she wasn't home. Jerry Stewart stayed with me in evening.


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1971 A lovely, sunny day, but colder. I washed, ironed, worked on Dorothy's quilt.


MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1971 A cloudy day. I washed a washer and worked on Dorothy's quilt. In the afternoon went [to Riverside Hospital] to see Ellis'. I was shocked at the change in them. Made crab apple jelly.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1971 A nice day. I took 250 "swipes" to Mrs. Kuensie and a glass of jelly. Made fudge. Went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure down to 156. Paffenbargers took me to Faculty Club for dinner. An Australian student, Dennis Bailey went with us. Had such a good dinner and pleasant evening. Played bridge afterwards. Ralph brought me home about quarter 'till eleven.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1971 A real nice day. I made orange cookies and decorated them. Fixed plates of fudge, cookies, and fruit cake. Took to Scotts, Stewarts, Jeanette, Youngs, Lewis' and Kaisers. Carol was down. I gave her a glass of jelly. Enjoyed baking and taking it to neighbors.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1971 A cloudy day. I finished Dorothy's quilt. Jeanette was in and put a little package under my tree. Had several telephone calls. Ada Lewis, Jessie Boyd, Ilo Hathaway, Thelma Hoffman, Wanda Ochs (on Thursday). Also, Don called.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1971 A mild CHRISTMAS DAY. My third without Charles. I left at ten o'clock. Stopped at cemetery. Ellen had a nice dinner, beef roast, pecan pie. Bill's gave me a robe, Dorothy, a record, and family picture. Her children gave me a subscription to *T. V. Guide*. Don also gave me a subscription to it, and card table cover he brought from Guatemala. Their children gave me wind chimes and Johnny a pretty candle. I left at 5:30, was misting rain. I watched rest of football game. Had two quarters overtime, a record.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1971 A drizzly, gloomy day. I went to church - not many there. Mrs. Young brought me cookies. In the evening Bill and Don's family, Gary and Kathy were here. We had ice cream, fruit cake, cookies and cake. I got a 2 1/2 pound box candy for all of us. Gary and Kathy brought me a towel set. Kay didn't come and sent a box of candy. We looked at some slides and had a pleasant evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1971 Gloomy day, but no rain. I cleaned up back porch, washed dishes and put things away. In afternoon went to see Ellis [at hospital] and found out Mr. Ellis had died a few minutes before. Went to see Mrs. Sutherland, a friend of Ilo's and stopped to see Fred Ochs. Went in to Rosemary [Stewart] and Jeanette's [Davis].

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1971 Much colder. I worked putting lace on pillowcases. In the P.M. went to see Ethel Ellis, but didn't get in. Have made two trips in vain. Talked with Gerry Gifford.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1971 A few snow flurries. I left at nine o'clock to meet Valerie at bus station. Bus ten minutes early. After we came home went to Albers. Jerry [son of Rosemary] stayed here a while in P.M. while Rosemary was at funeral home for Ray Ellis.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1971 Started out rainy morning with thunderstorms. Cleared off later. Jeanette and I took Mary and Valerie to Tree House for lunch. Then, Valerie and I went to Davis' for afternoon.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1971 In the morning Valerie and I went to grocery and bank. In afternoon we went to Northland. Such a crowd there. [Northland Shopping Center closed down for good in 2002.] Watched "Cinderella" in evening. We didn't stay up to see the New Year in. I now start a third year without Charles. Even if I have had this [this] long, sometimes I feel I can't make it without him. I have kept well and so has the family. Didn't go anywhere except to cottage for a month.
END OF BOOK XXXVI, PART TWO (JANUARY 1, 1971 - DECEMBER 31, 1971)

At age 73 Gladys continued to enjoy good health and to lead a busy life centered around her home, neighborhood, and family. At home she continued many of her customary activities such as cleaning, washing, ironing, and baking. Since she lived alone there was less need for baking than formerly, but she still made cookies, cakes, bread, fruitcakes, and pies. She planned a somewhat larger garden than in recent years with peas, sweet potatoes, onions, cucumbers, rhubarb, and peppers. Unfortunately poor weather led to poor production. "My tomatoes are a fizzle, none to use. Cucumbers had wilt so my garden didn't amount to much." She still did a little canning, however, using cherries and apples from Don's house, and tomatoes given her by a friend. She filled 13 milk cartons with cooked apples for Don. She enjoyed solitaire and scrabble especially with her granddaughter, Valerie. She started and finished a beautiful afghan for Dorothy, and wove several more of her small rugs made from braided plastic bread wrappers. She made embroidered pillow cases for her grandchildren.

As always reading was a favorite pastime, generally novels. "On Sunday I like to sit on back porch on my chaise lounge and read." Television became more a part of her daily routine as she got older. "I do enjoy my colored T.V.," on which she like to watR football and basketball games among other shows. Only very occasionally did she see a movie, and never liked to go alone. Her only companion at home was her dear parakeet, Lindy, whom Don had rescued from his front year tRe year before. Although she occasionally hired some help in the house, she continued to wash her car, mow the grass, and rake and burn leaves in the street. Since her house and the entire neighborhood were filled with tall trees the leaves seemed never ending in the fall. All had to be burned in the streets since leaf collection by the city had not yet started. In good weather she frequently took walks in the neighborhood especially in the nearby, beautiful Overbrook Hallow. In June she picked wild black raspberries near the creek in the Hallow, but once a rude boy threw stones at her.

She had many friends in the neighborhood, and visited with them frequently. Her best friend was her next-door neighbor, Jeanette Davis. Both widowed they spent many afternoons and evenings together on Yaronia Drive South, and took trips together as well. One such trip they shared was in the fall when for two weeks they toured New England and parts of Canada, visiting Ottawa, Montreal, the Thousand Islands, Lake Champaign, the Green Mountains, the White Mountains, the "Old Man of the Mountain" in New Hampshire. Fort Ticonderoga, a maple sugar factory, and the Finger Lakes. They shared a day trip together when they visited Darby Dan Farm, a showplace horse farm operated by a local businessman, John Galbreath. Another friend was Carol Hoffman, a slightly retarded younger woman who lived with her mother down the street, and who called on Gladys regularly, often bringing a piece of cake or pie. Gladys traveled alone to visit Dorothy and her family in Cincinnati, and in July she flew to Duluth to visit the cottage.

Gladys had played and excelled at bridge her entire adult life. In 1972 she joined her second bridge club. This "four some" regularly ate lunch at a restaurant and played bridge at the club house of the Ohio State University Golf Course. Gladys often won the first prize of $1.00. She continued playing also with three other friends of many years. She and Jeanette also took part in a "Cancer Ray," a group of ladies who met and sewed "cancer swipes" for a local hospital. Once this group made 250 "swipes." Much time was spent on the telephone talking to friends. Gladys continued to attend church services regularly at Crestview Presbyterian Church, although the congregation was in turmoil over the involuntary resignation of Rev. Lewis in favor of Rev. Shafer. As she had been for many years she was active in her "Circle" at church. She found time to do some babysitting, often for Jerry Stewart, a neighbor boy, and frequently also for Don's
children. She continued to visit Charles' grave frequently at Union Cemetery, and decorated the
grave with flowers in the summer and a beautiful wreath in the winter.

Gladys lost several friends and acquaintances in 1972. These included Ethel Ellis, a
neighbor, Dan Shonting, a close friend of Charles and Gladys for several decades, Mrs. Trefethen,
a friend from the cottage in Wisconsin, and Mr. Kutchera, father of Dick. She ready the obituary
pages every day.

All her life Gladys had learned to be careful about spending money. She frequently
recorded the price for goods and services, including the following: $24.10, re-caning two chairs;
$306.00 for recovering her davenport with new fabric; $.25 for eight tomato plants at Buckeye
Mart; $12.60 for a home visit by a plumber; $8.00 for a blue denim coat marked down from
$13.95; $9.00 the cost of a permanent including the $.50 tip; $694.00, the cost of a new furnace and
humidifier; $15.15 for a new TV stand. Then there was the free umbrella she got for depositing
$300.00 in a bank account.

Despite her numerous activities she continued to miss Charles enormously, and to feel
occasional bouts of loneliness or the "blues." At Departmental functions at Ohio State, "I continue
to feel like a 5th wheel, and doubt if I go again." "I swept and dusted house (what for?)" "
"Weekends are long. Usually glad when they are over." "Such long evenings. No one to talk to
and no phone calls." At the cottage in July sRe wrote "How things have changed. I shed many tears
no one knows about," and "Good to get back, but how I miss Charles!" On another occasion she
said (not in the diary) "At the cottage I feel like a guest in my own house."

As always her three children and their families were the center of Gladys' life. Bill
continued teaching elementary school in Columbus, and to own both a farm south of Columbus
and a home in Columbus. He had a house trailer on the farm. Bill's daughter, Colleen, age 15
continued to be enrolled at the blind school. Gary, age 21, presented Bill with a new grandchild,
Robert, born on January 6. Gladys did not see her great-grandchild for six months. Gladys was
greatly saddened when Bill told her that he and Gloria were getting a divorce. Gloria filed on
October 12; this filing was listed in the newspaper on November 11. Gloria kept the house in
Columbus; Bill later would move back full time to the farm house near Lancaster, but would also
live for a time with Gladys. He also developed some painful back troubles at about the same time.

Dorothy and Dick continued living in Cincinnati. B.J., age 17, was getting ready to attend
college the next year. Chuck, age 14, was in high school. Valerie, age 13, continued to enjoy
competitive swimming. Dorothy enjoyed bowling and belonged to a bowling league. The family
enjoyed their house trailer in the countryside, and their new station wagon. All were saddened by
the death of Dick's father.

Don and Ellen continued to reside at 1896 Baldridge Road in Upper Arlington. Don was
promoted to Full Professor and given a $1200 raise in pay. He was also given spring quarter off for
research leave, and departed alone for the cottage in Wisconsin in late March. He worked on a
writing project, and also grew a full beard which he kept until the family arrived in June. John, age
14 had a paper route in the morning, and was an accomplished pianist. Tom, 11, was active in
scouting. Both boys had become accomplished water skiers at the cottage. Linda, age 7, enjoyed
visiting her grandmother. All three children were enrolled in the Upper Arlington public schools.
Ellen was especially attentive to Gladys while Don was away in Wisconsin. Gladys reports with
pleasure both turkey and tortilla dinner with the family during this time, as well as a delightful
luncheon at the Worthington Inn.

The other family member mentioned was Jennie Knowles, sister of Charles' mother, Fanny
Cooper Stewart. Jennie was 92 and getting weak and tottery. Still she was able to visit Gladys for
two weeks in September, and family members visited her several times during the year in
Cumberland. She had pneumonia in December but recovered.

The summer of 1972 in Wisconsin: Gladys spent about four weeks at the cottage in 1972,
first with Don and family, and then with Dorothy and family. Fishing was good; Dick, especially,
had good luck. Gladys arranged to have all of the large popal trees cut down that summer. Over the years this has given more space to the beautiful pine trees one sees there today. Tom also cut down a dead tree. Gladys had many friends at the cottage, and visited back and forth with them regularly.

Gladys closed her diary with the following comment: "This year I spent four weeks at cottage, and a trip through New England. The family has been well. Bill's divorce hurts. When our children hurt, we are."


SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 1972 Another beautiful day. Don came and took Valerie to bus. After we came home, he stayed for dinner and until first half of football game was over. Watched T.V. all evening. First series of "Henry the Vill's" wives.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1972 A lovely, sunny day. Washed and ironed, put away Christmas ornaments. Went in to Jeanette's in P.M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1972 Drizzly day. I went to Albers [grocery] and bank. In afternoon started my afghan. Ethel Scott [next-door neighbor] brought ham, hot potato salad and cookies. ETHEL ELLIS DEED.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1972 An inch of snow and freezing rain under it. I got up my nerve and drove to beauty parlor. Didn't have any trouble. Then went to golf course for lunch and bridge.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1972 14°. Nice sunny day but cold. Kay [Rehi] called and Gary and Kathy [Cooper] have a baby boy. [Robert Cooper was a great-grandchild of Gladys.] I dusted the bedrooms. Afternoon went to drugstore, library, and Krogers.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1972 A lovely day. Merle [Axline], Reva [Kutz], Edith [Walter] and I went to "Tree House" for lunch, then came here for bridge. A nice afternoon. Jerry Stewart stayed here in evening while his mother went to funeral home for Ethel Ellis. Had car washed in morning.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1972 A beautiful, sunny day. I have been invited to join another bridge club. Met today at Stew Harrison's [Restaurant]. One of women took me. Axlines took me to Don's - had been invited for a turkey dinner. 23 pounds. Had a good dinner and nice evening. Don brought me home at nine o'clock.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1972 A drizzly, dark sky. I went to church. Home rest of day except to mailbox [on Indianola Avenue].

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1972 50°. Beautiful day. I finally got afghan started after raveling four times. Went to Circle meeting [at church]. I had to take meeting as Mrs. Read was gone. After I came home it was so nice, I raked a big pile of leaves from back yard and driveway.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1972 Another nice, sunny day. I washed a washer and ironed. Had check book trouble, but finally got it to balance. Jeanette [Davis] was here in P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1972 Another nice day. I went to grocery - made two trips for pictures and didn't get them. Took a pin to Denig's [Jewelers] for repair. Jeanette and I got a Colonel Sanders dinner. Ate it here and had fruit cake for dessert. Played scrabble.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1972 Cloudy, gloomy day and a sleety snowstorm in afternoon. I went to bread store and mail box. Both boys called.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1972 10°. Much colder, but a bright, sunny day. I washed rags, worked on afghan and read book.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1972 -5°. A record six below zero. A nice, sunny day. I didn't see anyone or speak to anyone all day except my little bird [parakeet]. Worked some on cancer "swipes" and my afghan. Fire in evening.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1972 My thermometer said 10 below. 12 below was reported in Columbus. A sunny day. Too cold to go to church. I called Dorothy. Chuck's 14th birthday. Watched Super Bowl game in afternoon. Don called in evening. So glad to talk with someone. Has been a long weekend. Fire in evening.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1972 Warmed up today. I cleaned up the house, or rather dusted. Jeanette and I went to Cancer Ray. She and I made 20 [cancer "swipes"]. There were 10 there. All made 125. Saw a mocking bird.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1972 Cloudy but not cold. I went to Krogers and bank. After lunch went to shopping center, then to Dr. [Rollo] Bonnell. Blood pressure up again - 170. Came home and was locked out, had changed pocketbooks. Jeanette was gone. Went to Hoffmans. After two hours got a key that was in Jeanette's garage. Got in her house and found my key. Such a time! I was worn out and went to bed at 9:15.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1972 Much warmer. Went to beauty parlor at nine. To Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Only wore my spring suit. Had high score, 5100.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1972 Washed and ironed. A gloomy day and some rain. Went to Jeanette's in afternoon.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1972 Nice day, I cleaned up back porch. Most of flowers froze during cold spell. Emptied the pots, brought in more [fire] wood. Cleaned fireplace. Wednesday I ruined zipper in one of my best dresses. I took it to Lazarus, cost $4.50. Went to Denig's to get a pin I had left for repair. Ilo [Hathaway] called in evening.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1972 Gloomy day, rain in evening. I baked cookies, went to Albers. Don brought Linda and Tom to stay for dinner and overnight. They had a dinner party.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 1972 A beautiful day until about 3:30, a shower. Linda and Tom here for dinner. I took them home about two o'clock. Don is working on my income tax. I do enjoy my colored T. V.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1972 Washed and ironed. I cleaned up drawers in sewing machine and sorted out boxes. In the afternoon I went to see Mrs. Smith. Didn't get home 'till almost five.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1972 Much colder. At ten last evening was 60°. Dropped to 19° above and cold wind. I went to bridge at Golf Course. Could not get zipper unfastened. Went in to Jeanette's.


FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1972 I was afraid to drive, and called about party on Saturday. It turned out Mr. Heidorn will take us. Washed a washer. Bill stopped and got the big ladder.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1972 A nice, sunny day. I was concerned about driving to bridge. Mr. Heidorn took all of us to Persuttf's [Restaurant]. A nice afternoon. I was low [score], got a quarter.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1972 Lovely, sunny day. I didn't go to church, because the walking is bad around there. Leona Benton called to see if I was sick. Then, Wilma Harper [secretary in Charles' Department at Ohio State] called me. I went to Department dinner at Officer's Club. Eileen [Chandler, another secretary] took me to her house, and Mr. Watkins stopped for us. He also took his daughter. He brought me home. I still feel like a 5th wheel, and doubt if I go again. Chet Long [long-time anchor of local news show] died.


WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1972 Weather predictions so bad, I tried to get a substitute for bridge. But, turned out a pretty decent day. Had very poor cards.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1972  Raining hard when I got up. Turned to snow, kept it up most of day. I sorted all Don's clippings [of various fellowships and awards] and mounted for him.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1972  10° above. I was shocked to see where Dan Shonting died. [Dan and Marvene Shonting has been close friends for many years. Dan taught at Ohio State, as I recall, for 44 years; Charles taught there for 43 years.] In the afternoon I went to funeral home. Bill stopped in afternoon on way to get Colleen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1972 -4°. Not out of house all day. Baked three little peach pies. Had fire in evening and watched basketball game.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1972 Had planned to go to church, but much snow and still snowing hard. Have missed four Sundays. Cleaned the driveway. Called Dorothy. 4 Vi inches snow.


TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1972  6 below zero. Called Marvene [Shonting]. We talked a long time. In P.M. I did several errands. Went to Dr. [Bonnell]. Blood pressure down to 156. Paid for flowers I sent Marvene. Got three roses for Jeanette. Took them to her.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1972  Worked on sorting clippings. Divided among children and fixed one of my clippings. Home all day. Some telephone calls helped.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1972  4° above. Worked more on clippings. Reverend Lewis resigned [from Crestview Presbyterian Church].

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1972  Warmer and sunny. I went to two banks and Albers [grocery]. Finished the clippings.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1972  Dusted the house. Home all day. Didn't see anyone. Snowed most of day.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1972  Still too bad to go to church. Worked on slides most of day. Gloria called.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1972  A lovely day, too bad our Circle meeting was cancelled. Cancer Ray moved up a week, but neither Jeanette nor I felt like going. I went in to her house in P.M. Took her a scarf for birthday gift. Dorothy called in evening.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1972  Had my hair done in morning. Went to Northland [Shopping Center] in afternoon. Some snow storms, but didn't amount to much.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1972 Another very nice day. I put clean paper in closet in yellow room. Washed picture window. Jeanette and I went to Forest Park Inn for dinner.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1972 A few snow flurries. I started clean shelf paper in cupboards. Paffenbargers [Ralph and Viola] stopped to see my [new] kitchen carpet. Worked part of afternoon and most of evening on slides. I think I have them pretty well organized now.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1972 Snow, but doesn't seem to accumulate. I put clean paper on more of kitchen shelves. Took shoe rack out of closet. It was fastened to wall.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1972 Went to early church. Very few there. A congregational meeting after second service. Accepted Rev. Lewis' resignation. Had quite a heated meeting. In afternoon went to Don's awhile. Ellen's [37th] birthday.


TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1972 Lovely day. Worked more on kitchen cupboards. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Had a nice afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1972 Went to two banks and post office. Began to snow about noon. Miserable afternoon and evening. Changed to freezing rain.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1972 Went to grocery in the morning. In afternoon went to cemetery and got Charles' wreath. They throw everything away March 1st. Went to [redemption] stamp store, got kitchen clock. Couldn't use it, so took it back. Marvene called at six and talked 'till 7:30.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1972

Finished cleaning all kitchen cupboards. Had hair done in P.M.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1972 Some snow on ground. Didn't amount to much. Clean papers in closet in pink room. Went to bridge at Dung Ho [?], then to Florence Sandler's to play. Lovely home and nice afternoon. Frieda Beltz drove. Very exciting basketball game. Played overtime and State won by two points. After I came from bridge worked on heart fund.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1972 Beautiful day. Went to early church. Our church in such a turmoil over Rev. Lewis. [As I recall Gladys said more than once that Rev. Lewis had been at the church for 25 years and never learned their names; also he read his sermons.] In afternoon finished working on heart fund, and took money to Mrs. Wheaton.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1972 Finished all the cupboards in the kitchen. A lovely day. Carol [Hoffman; a slightly retarded young neighbor woman who visited Gladys frequently] came down and got her bicycle. She kept it in my garage this winter.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1972 Leap Year and extra day in February. I went to bank, to Krogers, and to meat store. Got a swiss steak for my dinner on Thursday. Went in to Jeanette's in P.M. Watched the basketball game. Like a spring day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1972 Warm again today, but rain began about noon. Cleaned some woodwork in kitchen. Went to bridge at Gold Course. Raining hard when I came home. Had a surprise about six when Dick stopped on way home from Warren. I got him a little supper. He was here about an hour.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1972 Baked a pie. Made salad yesterday evening. Getting ready for dinner tonight. Went to Women's Association. Took Mrs. Cowgill. Raining and temperature dropping fast. I left early and my car was covered with ice! Ralph, Viola [Paffenbarger], Don and Ellen were here for dinner. Had a nice meal and pleasant dinner. First time I have invited a couple. Like to use my good things. But, the sink stopped up when I was getting dinner.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1972 Didn't do much except wash and put away the dishes. Had to empty water in the toilet.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1972 Cold and snow in afternoon. Mr. Henderson worked over two hours. Finally got sink opened. But, the gooseneck worn out. Can't use it 'till he brings a new one on Tuesday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1972 Snow flurries during the day. I went to church, stopped for some errands on way home. Home rest of day. Carol [Hoffman] and Trixie [her dog] came down. Brought me a piece of cherry pie. Don called.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1972 A nice, sunny day. I went to bank, Albers [grocery] and had keys made for Don. In P.M. went in to Jeanette's. Then, she and I went down to Buckeye Mart.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1972 Started out a nice day but rain in evening. I washed, ironed and baked a cake. I took Don's family to the Ponderosa [Restaurant] for dinner. They came here for ice cream and cake and watched first half of basketball game.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1972 A few snow flurries and cold. Finished cleaning woodwork in kitchen. Mr. Henderson put new piece under sink. It still leaks, don't know what I'll do about it. Jeanette and I went to Northland [Shopping Center] to see "Wilderness Journey." Very good. Ate dinner at Halloway House.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1972 A nice day. I put some tub sealer on joints under sink and stopped leak. Went to stamp store, got a timer and bowl of flowers for mantle. Had fire in evening. Bill called.
FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1972
A real nice day, but cool. I went to beauty parlor, then to Ochs. Jeanette was over in A.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1972
Nice, sunny day. 68°. I scrubbed laundry room and put clean papers in cupboard there. Ellen got home from Bethesda, Maryland with car her folks gave her.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1972
Went to early church. Mrs. Hamilton called last night and asked me to take her. Mrs. Pegg and I went to Beef Buffet for dinner, then she came here for afternoon.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1972
Had Circle meeting. I took Mrs. Hamilton, Cowgill, and Frost on Sunday evening. Mrs. Young brought me a piece [of] butterscotch pie.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1972
Mrs. Scott was locked out and I took her to get keys. Later, went to bank, Albers, and in P.M. to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure 150. Snow in morning. Paffenbargers [Ralph and Viola] took me to Ponderosa.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1972
Went to bridge at Gold Course. Carol came in and unzipped my dress. DON CALLED WITH GOOD NEWS. HE RECEIVED HIS FULL PROFESSORSHIP. How I wish Charles could know! To celebrate we all went to Sea Food Bay for dinner. Ellen came for me and Don brought me home. Nice evening to be remembered.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1972
Dorothy's 44th birthday. Rainy day. Don and I went to see Jennie [in Cumberland]. Rained all the way down. Ate our lunch at Zanesville. Jennie has failed and is pretty tottery. Had ice cream and cake. Rain had stopped and roads dry coming home. Don took out barrel chair to take to cottage.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1972
Went to Krogers in the morning. Went to dinner at Walt Stewart's with Don and Ellen. [Walt Stewart was a retired Professor of Latin American History from University of New Mexico. He retired in Columbus and called me one day. We became friends. Specialist on Central American History.] A delicious dinner and pleasant evening. Don took me and brought me home.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1972
A lovely day. Dorothy, Dick, and Valerie came for Valerie's swimming meet. Dorothy took her and they didn't get home 'till 9:30. We were getting worried. Valerie stayed overnight, and Dorothy and Dick left at ten o'clock. I planted a row of peas.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1972
Beautiful day. Valerie and I went to church. After dinner I took her to her swimming meet. Don called. He will receive $1200 raise in salary.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1972
First day of spring and a nice one. I cleaned woodwork in bath room. Went up and had car washed, then got my auto license, then to bank. In afternoon Jeanette and I went to sew for cancer. I drove. Both boys called.
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1972 Nice, spring-like day until supper time, then thunder shower. I raked and burned leaves from backyard. Don came over and put Turf Builder on my yard. Put new license plates on car and took out storm windows. I fell in the street and banged myself up.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1972 A gloomy day. Heavy snow storms in P.M. I washed, ironed, baked 6 Vz dozen cookies for Don. He called the man in Wisconsin. The lane [at cottage] is [snowplowed, and he plans to leave soon. Called Laura [Hardy] and Lucy.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1972 Another day of snow storms. I planted my tomato seeds. [Raised in pots on back porch until they could safely be transplanted outdoors.] Worked on my afghan. Watched basketball game in evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1972 A nice, sunny day but cold. I went to blind school to get Colleen. Had a time finding her. Don came over to get cookies I had baked for him. He ate lunch with me and Colleen. Jeanette was over in P.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1972 Nice, sunny day. I swept and dusted house. (What for?) Don called me and I saw Rosemary [Stewart] on way home from mailbox. Such a long day. Watched two basketball games. Don is ready to leave on Monday [for cottage in Wisconsin]. How I hate to see him go! [I had a one quarter leave-of-absence for spring quarter, 1972. I decided to go to cottage alone so that I could work undisturbed on a research project. The family would join me in June, and did.]

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 1972 A lovely day. I went to church. On way home got onion sets and cucumber seed. In afternoon went to mailbox and took walk through Overbrook [Hallow]. Don called to say goodbye.

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1972 Had snow during night. It didn't stick to the streets. I washed and ironed, went to bank. Don left at quarter 'till five for Wisconsin. He called about seven [P.M.] (to Ellen). He had reached the Dells.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1972 Had a real nice day. The best news Don reached cottage safely. Had pump, furnace, etc. all working. I went to beauty parlor in morning, then to Golf Course for bridge. Had some interesting hands, and I won second prize, $1.00. Went in to Jeanette's, then to Northland [Shopping Center]. Ate dinner at Halloway House.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1972 Up early, got all ready to leave. Ellen came for me at 8:15, and took me to bus station. That helped so much. Got to Dorothy's [in Cincinnati] at 11:10. She and Valerie met me in a new station wagon. Dorothy bowled in afternoon. Barbara [B.J.] is in Florida. Seems queer for her not to be here. Three girls came to see Chuck in evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1972
Didn't do anything except go to grocery store with Dorothy.
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1972 Dorothy and Dick went to trailer [in countryside]. He had the day off. Children out for vacation. A nice, sunny day. I went for a walk in P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1972 Had snow storms during day. Dorothy and I went to Tri-County Shopping Center. In P.M. watched bowling championship. Valerie made an Easter basket and colored eggs.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1972 Easter Sunday. Snow flurries. We all went to church. A nice service. Dorothy made a three tiered cake and decorated it. Had ham for dinner.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1972 Barbara came home from Florida. Dorothy and Dick met her and her friends at airport. She brought me a pair [of] earrings.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1972 A nice day but still cool. Dorothy went to a board meeting at church. She took me to Sharonville to get bus at ten of three. In Columbus at 4:30. Ellen and Linda met me and took me home for dinner. Had tortillas, very good. She brought me home about seven. All was well here.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1972 Lovely day. 60°. I went to dry cleaners. Stopped and picked material to have my davenport recovered. They picked it up in evening. Also, took two chairs to be re-caned. Went to bridge in P.M. On way home stopped at Krogers and Library.


FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1972 Had been rain[ing] during night. I stopped for Edith [Walter] and Reva [Kutz]. We met Merle [Axline] for lunch at Center of [For] Tomorrow [at Ohio State], then went to her house for bridge. Sleety rain, when we started home, car covered with ice. Finally got it in Axline's garage and left it. Edith called Bill and he came for us. BILL TOLD ME HE AND GLORIA ARE GETTING A DIVORCE. He brought some things to leave here.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1972 Paper said 62 accidents yesterday between 2:30 and 5:30. Tom and Linda here in afternoon while Ellen and John went to a movie. She brought a tub of fried chicken, cole slaw, and potato salad. All ate dinner here.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1972 A lovely day and a little warmer. I went to church. In afternoon went to Paffenbargers. [Ralph and Viola]. They had me stay for waffles and ice cream. After dark when I got home.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1972 A real nice day. I went for my chairs that I had re-caned. ($24.10). They looked very nice. In the afternoon our Circle met. Took Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Hamilton. Talked a long time with Marvene [Shonting - whose husband, Dan had recently died] in the evening.
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1972 Nice day. I didn't do much. Swept garage. Man came to adjust T.V. Bought a new antennae. ($10.35). Jeanette was here in afternoon. Saw first tomato plant coming up.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1972 Lovely day until late evening - storm and rain. Had my hair done. In afternoon went to Sears and ordered a rug for back porch.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1972
Raining and looked like a miserable day, but cleared - warm, sunny. 73°. Jeanette and I went on bus trip with Edna Scott's group to Darby Dan farm - owned by John Galbreath. [Local man noted for large fortune and generous philanthropies.] Such a place! 4300 acres, 87 miles fence, 20 paved roads, 15 gravel roads, 100 employees. Had zebra, ostriches, antelope, deer, buffalo. Big party house full of trophies shot in Africa, two stools made from elephant feet. He had two jet planes, three pilots. Carol [Hoffman] came down in evening. I lost my voice in afternoon.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1972
Cooler today. I went to bank, library and Albers [grocery]. De-frosted freezer. I cannot talk. Don called me in evening from Spooner and I could not talk. Was so disappointed.


SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1972 Raining hard when I got up. However, I went to church. It cleared off in afternoon, then rained again. Bill stopped in evening on way home from taking Colleen back to school.

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1972 Beautiful day. I washed and ironed. Worked outside awhile. In afternoon Jeanette and I went to Cancer Ray. They ran out of thread and we came home early. My voice came back Sunday, but still not very good.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1972 71° and a real spring day. I took out two storm windows, put some of flowers on back porch. Went to bank in morning. To Dr. Bonnell in afternoon. Blood pressure down to 140. Ellen, the children, and I went to Ponderosa for dinner. I took Linda as my "guest." Called JENNIE FOR HER BIRTHDAY. SHE WILL BE 92 TOMORROW. Sat on front porch for first time.


THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1972 Cloudy and cool but no rain. I took Ho to lunch at Tree House, then she came here. After I took her home went to Northland to have glasses straightened.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1972 Cloudy in morning. Rain all afternoon and evening. I went to post office and Krogers in morning. Forgot some things, then to Albers and A&P [groceries] in P.M. Don called me in
afternoon. Dorothy, Dick, Chuck, and Valerie came at ten o'clock. Barbara taking college entrance exam and couldn't come.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1972 Much better day. Dorothy and family left for Cleveland at eight o'clock. Mr. Kutchera in a nursing home. [Refers to Dick's father.] Ellen came over in afternoon to get some books and games Dorothy brought for Linda. Watched basketball game.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1972 A nice day. I went to second church service and took Mrs. Cowgill. After church we went to Dorothy Wenger's reception. After dinner I went to cemetery, then watched basketball game.

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 1972 Another nice day but still cool. I washed and ironed. Transplanted my tomato plants. Have twenty-four little pots. Edna Scott was in to see my davenport.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1972 Nice, sunny day but cool. Had my hair done, then went to University Golf Course for bridge. I was a hostess. Letter from Jennie. She isn't very well.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1972 A record low, 26°. I went to bank in morning. In afternoon to library, Krogers, and A&P. Then went in to see Jeanette.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1972 Went to Sears and got a kitchen clock. $ 10.39.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1972 Mowed front yard. Cleaned up more leaves. In afternoon walked down to Indianola Plaza.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1972 Took out old rug on porch and put down new one. Moved some flowers to garage. Went to see Jeanettes new furniture, and she came to see my new rug.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1972 A beautiful day. I went to church. Bill, Gloria, and Karen took me to Blind School for dinner and their program. I won a cookie gun in draw prizes - gave to Gloria. Didn't get home 'till after six. They stopped here for cake and ice cream.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 1972 A few showers that didn't amount to anything. I put in rest of screens and took out storm windows. Worked some in yard. So blue in evening. Laura [Hardy] called and talked a long time and that helped. Good letter from Don.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1972 CHARLES 73RD BIRTHDAY and I miss him so much! Didn't do much. Wrote some letters. In afternoon went to vote, then took a walk through [Overbrook] ravine.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1972 Faced a dress. Went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Poor cards. Watched basketball in evening.
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1972 Went to beauty parlor, then to Krogers. A little shower in morning, gloomy day and colder. In afternoon I mowed and raked back yard.

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1972 A beautiful day. Our four-some went to Golf Course for lunch. Then to Reva's to play [bridge]. Had a nice afternoon. Jerry Stewart [neighbor boy] stayed here in evening. We watched basketball game. After I came home from Reva's mowed front yard.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1972 Another nice day and warmer. Washed the car. Went to lunch at Kingswood cafeteria, then to Margaret Harmon's to play [bridge]. Had miserable cards.

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1972 Another nice day. I went to church and I went to Buckeye Mart. I got tomato plants and marigolds. Ada Lewis was in. Nora called.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 1972 A miserable day. Rained all day, very hard at times. I went to church Circle. Took Mrs. Bond, brought her and Mrs. Hamilton Rome. Ellen invited me to Worthington Inn for dinner on Sunday.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1972 Did the laundry. Rained all night and most of morning. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches water in basement. Went to Dr. Bonnell, blood pressure up again, 170.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1972 A nice sunny day. I cleaned the Hummel cabinet and some extra things. Jeanette and I went to Northland, had dinner at Halloway House. Had first onions from garden.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1972 Nice day and warmer. I went to Buckeye Mart, got ageratum and marigolds. Then to Boulevard Gardens [Nursery], got periwinkles, cucumber plants and pepper plant. Set flowers outside along drive, but didn't plant them.


SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1972 Mother's Day. Cards from all the children. Bag from Bill's. Ellen took me to dinner at Worthington Inn with the children, then they stopped for awhile. She brought me tomato stakes and put them in. I set out eight tomato plants. Got them for a quarter at Buckeye Mart. Bill stopped to see me in the evening. I called Jennie.
MONDAY, MAY 15, 1972 Washed a washer. In afternoon went to Northland. Dorothy called.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1972 Went to bridge at Golf Course. Last time 'till September. Jeanette came in after I came home.


FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1972 Really warm. Jeanette and I went to cemetery and to A&P. Then to Lazarus [Department Store]. I bought a new hand mower. Mr. Henderson took it out of car for me and will put handle on first of week. I could hardly push old one. Mowed back yard.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1972 Had my house looking very nice for party. Jerry brought her car here. I took her, Nellie and Fleeta, went to Center of [For] Tomorrow [today the Fawcett Center] for lunch and here for bridge. I won first prize, $1.00. Very tired!


MONDAY, MAY 22, 1972 Lovely day. Called a plumber, he opened my sink for $12.60. Dorothy came alone at 10:30. We went to grocery. In P.M. to cemetery and to see Ellen. In the evening went in to Jeanette's. Barbara [B.J.] called Dorothy.

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1972 Dorothy and I left before nine o'clock [for Cumberland] to see Jennie. Divided the driving. Stopped at [Cumberland] cemetery and walked around. I planted marigolds on my parent's graves. We packed our lunch, sat on mausoleum steps in shade and ate it. Had a pleasant visit with Jennie and Esther. [Esther Smith was the lady with whom Jennie made her home.] Home five after four. Jeanette was over. We went to [Union] cemetery after dinner.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1972 Still warm weather. Dorothy and I went to Buckeye Mart. She left at one o'clock. Surely enjoyed having her. Mr. Henderson put my new mower together and I gave him the old one. I mowed the front yard. Such a difference. This one runs so easy.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1972 Didn't do much. Trimmed both front and back yards. In to Jeanette's. Ordered a grass catcher for new mower.
FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1972 Went to bank, Kroger's, Albers and Weinlands meat store. In afternoon mowed back yard. Gloria called, asked me to go to concert at blind school. I went with them, had a pleasant evening. They stopped here for ice cream and cake. Mrs. Young [neighbor across the street] was over.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1972 Baked a loaf of bread. Didn't do much in house. Worked in yard. Mr. Kaiser [neighbor] put grass catcher on mower for me.

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1972 Beautiful day, went to church. Came home and changed clothes, then went to cemetery to water flowers. Jeanette was over in afternoon. Don [in Wisconsin] called Ellen.


TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1972 Rainy day. I went to beauty parlor, then to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure still 180. These gloomy days about get me.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1972 Another gloomy day. By noon I was so depressed. Called Jeanette, we went to Northland, ate dinner at Halloway House. She came in, we had ice cream and cookies. I baked cookies in morning. First time since I baked for Don to take with him.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1972 A nicer day. I was home all day except to get a loaf of bread. I have been so depressed all week - miss Charles so much. Found I could not make good bus connections between Minneapolis and Spooner [Wisconsin]. I mowed front yard. Like my new mower so much.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1972 Nice day. I went to Kroger's and library. Jeanette was here in afternoon. Ilo and Ellen called.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1972 Beautiful day. 82°. I went to lunch and bridge at Graceland [Shopping Center]. Jerry Jones drove. I won second place, $.75. Linda had a birthday party. [7th].

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1972 Another nice day and warm. I went to church. After dinner Jeanette and I went to cemetery to water flowers. On Sunday I like to sit on back porch on my chaise lounge and read. Don called Ellen.

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1972 Lovely day. I washed the car and mowed grass in back yard. Went to A&P [grocery]. Don called me in P.M. to tell me bus connections from Minneapolis to Spooner.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1972 Gloomy day and some drizzly rain. Lucille Reeder was here for lunch. We had a good visit - was so glad to have her. Later in afternoon took walk down Wynding [Drive] and through Overbrook [Ravine].

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1972 Beautiful day. Cleaned refrigerator, worked some in yard. Walked down to A&P. After dinner drove to Don's and took Linda's birthday gift. Jeanette was over.
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1972 Went to bank, then to Beauty School. Would have had to wait too long. Came home, washed my hair. Mowed the front yard. [Linda's 7th birthday].

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1972 Our 49* wedding anniversary. I worked in yard. Our bridge foursome met. I left my car at Edith's and she drove. We went to the smorgasbord at Graceland, then to Edith's to play.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1972 48°. Had storm and rain last evening. Nice today, but cooler. I trimmed front yard. Swept house. In P.M. Jeanette and I went to see Nicholas and Alexandra.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1972 35°. Record. Beautiful day - had furnace on. I went to second church service. Then we went (Mrs. Pegg) to the smorgasbord for dinner. I went to her house for awhile, stopped at A&P.

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1972 Beautiful day and much warmer. My church Circle was here - only had twelve and could all eat on porch. Had so much food (some was left). I asked Jeanette to come over for dinner. After she left Mrs. Kaiser came and sat on porch.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1972 Gloomy, dark day and some heavy rain. I had to call Orkins [exterminators] for bugs. Ellen, John, and Linda here for dinner. Tom had to go to funeral home with his class to see a friend. Cleared off in evening. Ellen took my suitcase.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1972 Went to beauty parlor, to Kroger's and library. In afternoon Jeanette was over. Carol [Hoffman] was down.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1972 Missed Thursday.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1972 Rain in afternoon. In morning I washed rugs, worked in yard. Mowed back yard, tied up tomatoes, cleaned cucumber bed, swept driveway. In afternoon went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure down to 150. Stopped at Buckeye Mart.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1972 Lovely day and cooler. Did some mending, worked in yard. Took walk through Overbrook [Ravine]. In P.M. Jeanette was over. Talked with Ellen to say good-bye. She and children leave for cottage tomorrow.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1972 Beautiful day. I went to church. Took Mrs. Hamilton, she came home with someone else. Afterwards I went to cemetery to see flowers Don and Ellen put out for Charles for Father's Day. Home rest of day. Glad to feel Ellen safely arrived.

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1972 Did the laundry. Worked some in yard. Such long evenings.
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1972

Stayed home all day.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1972 Much cooler, and a gloomy day. Jeanette went with me. I wanted to see where the pool is so I can go for them this weekend. Went to Triple A and ordered my ticket for Duluth. Stopped at Sears, had new batteries put in my radio. Turned furnace on.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1972 Have been dizzy several mornings - worse today. I didn't do much and ate light. Felt better in P.M. A cold. Miserable day, had furnace on. Bill was here in afternoon.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1972 Baked cookies. Drove to Don's, watered their flowers, tied up tomatoes. Picked some cherries. [I had three dwarf North Star cherries that grew along the driveway. They produced in abundance.] Then went to grocery. Dorothy, Dick, Chuck and Valerie came at nine. Barbara was working. Rather miserable day. Had been in forties. Furnace feels good.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1972 Another miserable, cold day with furnace running. I drove to pool with Dick to show him how to get there. He and Chuck left for Cleveland at 9:15. I went for Dorothy and Valerie at one o'clock. Jeanette was here in P.M. Don called from [cottage in] Wisconsin. Carpenter ants have done some damage in cottage.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1972 Nicer day and some warmer. I took Valerie and Dorothy to pool and went for them. In the meantime I went to church. Dick and Chuck got back from Cleveland. They all left at 4:45. Was so nice to have them. Weekends are long. Usually glad when they are over.

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1972 Nice day and warmer. I did the laundry, mowed both yards. Cut the wisteria vine off garage. Asked Rosemary [Stewart] to take me to airport in return for some sitting with Jerry. Walked around "block" about dark. Talked with Mrs. Arthurs [?].

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1972 Nice day. I went to beauty parlor at eight o'clock, then to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Nice afternoon. After I came home Bill and Colleen stopped. He cut some limbs off tree in driveway. I cut them up and tied in bundles for trash. Over to Jeanette's after supper.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1972 I went to Don's, weeded garden, tied up tomatoes. After I came home, went to bank. Got an umbrella for depositing $300. Gloria called and invited me for dinner. She came for me and Bill brought me home. Gary, Kathy and baby [Robert] came. First I saw him and he is almost six months. Had a good dinner and nice evening. Shower in late afternoon.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1972 Rain in morning and showers during day. I made some sauce from Don's apples. Put some in freezer for them. Called Wilma Harper [secretary in Department of Engineering Drawing] in evening. The evenings are so long.

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1972 Much warmer. I washed one washer and ironed. Cleaned bathroom and swept house. In P.M. walked through [Overbrook] Hallow, got a few black raspberries. In evening Jeanette came over. We walked to Indianola Plaza. Had ice cream cone. I got a blue denim coat for $8.00, marked down from $13.95.

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1972 I went to church. Home rest of day. In P.M. Rosemary [Stewart] and Carol [Hoffman] were down. I called Dorothy.

MONDAY, JULY 3, 1972 Another dark, rainy day. Washed one washer and ironed. Went to Dr. [Rollo] Bonnell in P.M. Blood pressure 148. A miserable cold - got some medicine for it.

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 1972 A miserable day and a lonesome one. I didn't see anyone until I went to mailbox and talked with Hoffmans.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1972 Sunny but still cool. Furnace came on. I walked through Overbrook to get black raspberries, and a boy threw rocks at me. Velma Millhone and Donna Dora came up in evening. Ola [?] Stewart died. [She would likely have been either a step-sister, or step-sister-in-law to Charles.]

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1972 43°. A record. I went to Kroger's. In afternoon mowed the back yard. Baked a cake. Took some to Davis' [Jeanette, and her son, Richard]. In there in evening. Furnace comes on.

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1972 A nice day. I went to Don's, tied up tomatoes, weeded garden and got a big sack of apples. Juanita [Shupe] and I went to lunch at Duff's. Sat for a long time, then went to Woolco's. Almost four when I got home.

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1972 Worked 'till one o'clock on Don's apples. Now have thirteen good sized containers in my freezer for them.

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1972 Went to church. Mrs. Kaiser [neighbor] came over and sat on porch. In afternoon Carol [Hoffman] and Jeanette [Davis] were here. Marvene [Shonting] and I talked a long time in evening.

MONDAY, JULY 10, 1972 Hard storm around five o'clock. I did the laundry. Finished another pair of pillow cases for grandchildren. Gloomy day.

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1972 Nicer day, much warmer. Mowed both yards. Juanita [Shupe] brought me sweet potato plants. Jeanette and I got a Colonel Sanders dinner and ate at her home.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1972
Hot, Humid day. I got a permanent. $9.00 including a $.50 tip. Went to library and bank. Took Lindy [parakeet] to Young's. Jeanette came over and spent the evening. All ready to leave [for Wisconsin] tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1972
Good sleep. Up soon after six. Rosemary and Jerry [Stewart] took me to airport. Went on United. Changed planes in Chicago. Both good flights. Rolls and coffee on both. Nice women to sit with. No trouble finding limousine to bus station. $1.60. Rode with nine men. Got a sandwich at St. Paul bus station. 1 1/4 [hours] to wait. Nice bus trip to Spooner. Zephyr line. Dybvig's [Cora and Ed] met me and we went to their house. They brought me by boat to my place. New speed boat. Good to get back but how I miss Charles! Dybvig's were here for dinner. Storm in night.

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1972
Nice day until a storm after dinner. Don, Linda, and I went to town. We stopped to see Mrs. Meronk. Enjoyed going to town.

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1972 Beautiful day. I cleaned out flower bed by road. Baked two batches cookies and got dinner. Don, the boys and I went to church. Mrs. [Betty] Schwarze here.

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1972 Started out as a nice day, but hard storm in P.M. Prestons came down. I went to Tiffany's [Cabin] (No. 2) in evening. Steve came home with me.

MONDAY, JULY 17, 1972 Ellen went to clinic in Spooner for her foot. Don turned hall carpet and cleaned fireplace. We had fire in evening.

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1972 Nice day. Don scraped the trailer to paint. I trimmed a tree and hauled off brush to old road. Tom cut down a dead tree. John mowed grass. Both boys water skied. Mrs. Devic [Donna] came and invited us for coffee in morning. We had Johnsons and Schwarze's in for ice cream and cake.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1972 Nice day. Ellen and I went to Devic's [Bill and Donna] for coffee. I went to bridge at Voyager's Inn. Had to ask someone to bring me home. Ellen took me over. It hurts me to ask favors. How things have changed. I shed many tears no one knows about. Don took me and Linda a boat ride.

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1972 Ellen washed. In afternoon went to Dybvig's for dessert. Cake, ice cream, red raspberries, chocolate sauce. Dump closed on way home, so took things to Webb Lake dump. Later, Don and I drove to Durand's to see about more trees down. He took me [on] a boat ride, then he and Ellen went to Devic's for cake and coffee and the children had a beach picnic. I was invited, but didn't want to go.

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1972 Raining when we got up and hard rains during day. I went to lumber company and dump with Don. They are finishing packing. All the children here in afternoon. Don shaved his beard.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1972 Very hard rain all night. 3 1/4 inches. Don left at quarter 'till eight and Ellen about 20 minutes later. I defrosted freezer, baked cookies, made up beds. Cora and Ed came for awhile.
Dorothy came about 2:15. Hot day and sunny until about supper time. Then, a storm and hard rain. Rained out [lakeside] church services at Dybvig.

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 1972 Real nice day. Went to Walter's store [formerly Scalzo's, today Gary Haas' "A&H Country Market"]. In evening Mrs. Reese stopped.

MONDAY, JULY 24, 1972 Nice day. On Sunday evening I went to see Tiffany's. Men came from electric company and cut down three trees by garage. [They] went off and left driveway blocked. Cooler in evening. Barbara walked to Walters and back [5 mile walk]. Valerie and I walked two miles. Scrabble in evenings. I trimmed two trees by drive the snow plow ruined. [Both have since recovered.]

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1972 Dorothy cut two big limbs off tree by road. We started cleaning up brush and leaves from trees electric company took down. Dick got a 23 1/2 inch pike.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1972 Worked more on bush and leaves. Dorothy and Chuck did a lot. I went to bridge at Lamplighter [Restaurant]. Got pennies. Barbara baked a cake for her Dad's [48th] birthday. After dinner we went to Durands to see if he could cut trees on drive. Stopped to see Mrs. Meronk.


FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1972 Joe [Durand] came in evening, cut logs and cleared driveway. [Gladys had Joe Durand cut down all of the poplar trees on property.]

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1972 Nicest day we have had for awhile. B.J. went to Minneapolis to see Julie Bridges. They all took her to bus, shopped, had lunch at Dairy Queen. I stayed home, did washing, also kitchen curtains. Clean papers in small bedroom. Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Elmquist here in P.M. I took them to meet Mrs. [Betty] Schwarze. Dorothy, Valerie, and I went to church.

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1972 I took the family to Cabaret [Restaurant and Bar in Webb Lake] for dinner. We went to feed [tame] deer, to dump, and drove around Voyager's Village. I went to Kapocek's in evening.

MONDAY, JULY 31, 1972 Dorothy did her washing. She took Valerie to go horseback riding. Dorothy, Valerie, and I had a ride around lake.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1972 Dick has been working on repairing woodbox. (Carpenter ants). I cleaned fireplace, and leaves by garage. We all started to town to meet Barbara. Had a flat tire. An hour late to get her. Did some shopping. Lunch at Dairy Queen. Stopped at Ferrons [Art and Blanche]. They gave me a rug for porcR.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1972 Nice day. Dorothy is starting to pack. I went to bridge at Cabaret with Vannie. Won $1.00. Reeses were here while I was gone. The Devic girls came down - played scrabble 'till 10:30. Finally had to break up game. All the family walked down with girls.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1972 Beautiful day. I cleaned more around garage. We brought shutters down [from garage]. [Charles made wooden shutters which fit precisely over each window. They are still used today some 50 years after they were handmade.] Dick took in dock and put the boats away. After dinner went to dump, Walter's store, and Dybvigs. They weren't home. Had ice cream with peanuts. Before our "party" the Devic girls came down, then their parents [for] a few minutes.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 1972 38° in Duluth. A record. 45° here. Dorothy and Dick left at 8:15. Miss them and pretty quiet to be alone. I cleaned guest house and the cottage. Aired pillows. In P.M. took a walk and stopped at Esps. Then, walked other way and Beatrice Kapoeck asked me to come in. Took another walk after dinner. Bernice and Curtis [son of Vernon and Joyce Johnson, grandson of Bernice] came down. Lovely day, but cool.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1972 Lovely day. I cleaned the shop and trailer port. [So named because the trailer was kept there.] Worked some in grove. Mrs. Jensen came in P.M., then asked me to go see their place. Her daughter-in-law wanted to see mine so they both came back with me. After dinner Mrs. Jensen came back to bring a telephone number.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 1972 Worked out [side] in morning. Began to rain at noon, kept it up 'till five. Then, I took a walk. Mrs. Esp came down and spent the evening. So glad to see her.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 1972 Dybvigs came about ten and took me over there. I helped Cora hang up her washing. We had tea, lunch and a drink and cookies. In P.M. Ed had an errand on lake and took me. Didn't expect to get another boat ride. They brought me home about four. Mrs. Meronk had been here. Went in to Schwarze's a little while. Rain all evening. [Colleen's 15th birthday]

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1972 Turned out to be a nice day. Met Mr. and Mrs. Stoven at road and they came down. [The Stovens sold their place in 2002 to their next-door neighbor, Mr. Floyd Markling.] In P.M. I walked to Long Lake Road. David Schwarze was watching for me. [David Schwarze now owns the place that earlier belonged to his parents, Elmer and Betty, and is next-door to the Coopers.] Bernice [Johnson] and Dybvigs had been here and gone there. I was to go in for coffee in evening. Mrs. Fendt came.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1972 A beautiful day. I tried to get everything locked up. Buckeye sign down, etc. Went to bridge at Voyager Inn. Won $1.00. Then went to Johnsons for dinner. A good dinner and nice visit. Bernice brought me home. End of my visit. How I missed Charles.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1972 Up soon after six, had breakfast and checked things. Dybvigs came soon before eight, took me to Spooner. Got bus to St. Paul, then bus to airport. [Spooner has no bus service today.]
A woman I met had lunch with me. A five hour wait in Minneapolis. Plane to Chicago at 5:20. Another hour to wait, then home. Bill, Gloria, and Wayne met me. They stayed awhile. All fine in house.


SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1972 A shower, but mostly a nice day. In afternoon went downtown to see "Hello Dolly." It was such a good movie. Didn't get home 'till quarter 'till seven.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1972 Nice day more ways than one. Bill's 48th birthday. I drove to their house, went with them to trailer [at farm]. Kay and Gary's families came. Fourteen in all - two little girls extra. They rode the horses. Didn't get home to Bill's 'till ten of nine. I drove home alone after dark. Never thought I would do that. Don's got home from Washington. They stopped to see Jennie [in Cumberland].


WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1972 Lovely day. Cleaned the house. Our bridge foursome went to Golf Course for lunch, here for bridge.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1972 Went to Sears to get Don a shirt and tie for his birthday. Bought myself two dresses. In P.M. went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure 140. Marvene [Shonting] and I talked in evening. Bad storm in evening. 2 inches rain.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1972 Another hot, humid day. Went to Kroger's and Library. Severe thunderstorms in afternoon, more in evening. Don called. Their lights out over 2 1/2 hours.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1972 Another hot day, not so humid. I washed my car. Bill came and split wood and brought me more. Karen and her kitten came too. My tomatoes area complete failure.


MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1972 Nice day. I went to Graceland [Shopping Center] and got my driver's license. Mowed back yard. In to Jeanette's in evening.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1972 Went to bank to see about bonds. Worked in yard. Storm and rain in P.M. Dorothy called, also talked with both boys. Gloria went in hospital yesterday for hemorrhoid operation.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1972 Home all day. Didn't see anyone except Carol [Hoffman] down in evening.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1972 Nice day until thunderstorms in late afternoon. Jeanette here in morning. This is the longest week. Gloria had operation for hemorrhoids.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 1972 No rain today. I did a number of errands in morning. Mowed and trimmed front yard.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1972 Hot and humid. Rain 6:30 in morning. Swept and dusted house, cooked more apples from Don's. He came in P.M. Brought snow tires that had been given to him. Three years ago today since I lost Charles. Such a nice letter from Mrs. [Ilo] Hathaway who remembered. Most people have forgotten. How I miss him!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1972 A cool, gloomy day. I went to church. In afternoon walked down to Buckeye Mart. Got pair brown shoes. Dorothy called in evening.


TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1972 Another nice day. I defrosted freezer, cooked apples I got at Don's. Went to see Mrs. Kuensie in afternoon. After dinner took a long walk. Three years today since Charles' funeral and I started going it alone.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1972 Beautiful day. I went to Graceland to check for shoes for Jennie. Home rest of day. Don called.


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1972 Went to Don's for dinner. Ellen had such a good meal, stuffed pork chops and pecan pie. They gave me two books. Home about eight.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1972 A rainy, miserable day. I went to church and asked Mrs. Smith to go to dinner with me. MY 73rd BIRTHDAY, and I didn't want to eat alone. Was at Don's last evening for good dinner and gift of two books. Dorothy's family gave me a lovely sweater. Jeanette, a toothpick holder. Several cards. Have not heard anything from Bill. A card or telephone call would help. It was almost six when I took Mrs. Smith home. She stopped here. Carol Barnett [former boarder] and her mother also stopped in P.M. Don and Merle [Axline] called me. Turned furnace on. Several cards. Handkerchief from Dorothy Conley.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1972 A long day. Labor Day. No mail. Took a long walk after dinner.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1972 Another lovely day. I went to cemetery, trimmed around stone. Cut back yard and pulled ivy off house on west side.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1972 Beautiful day. I cleaned the stove and cleared off the cucumber bed. After dinner Jeanette and I took a walk. She came in and we played game of scrabble. Phone hasn't rung for three days. [John Cooper's 14th birthday.]

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1972 Nice day. I washed the car, mowed front yard and put turf builder on [lawn]. Took a walk after dinner. Went to Dr. Bonnell.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1972 Nice day, although rain was predicted. I went to Kroger's. Took my car to Walters. Reva [Kutz] drove and we went to "Country Squire" for lunch, then to Merle's [Axline] to play [bridge]. Had so many "sets." SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1972 Beautiful day. I did the laundry and cleaned up house. So lonesome in afternoon, I went to Northland [Shopping Center] to "kill time." Didn't have much to buy. Sat on porch in mall and watched the people. Had a good dinner at Halloway House. Didn't want to go to block party. Watched the "Miss America" pageant 'till twelve. Miss Wisconsin won.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1972 Beautiful day, but cool. Furnace feels good in morning and evening. Went to church. Want to Lewis' [neighbors to the rear] in P.M. Mrs. Young brought me five ears of corn. Jeanette came over in evening.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1972 Few sprinkles of rain, but didn't amount to much. I left at 9:30 for Don. We went for Jennie. Road to Cumberland closed. Drove about 20 miles out of way. Don and I had lunch at Zanesville. On way home stopped at Gilbert's and got Jennie's shoes.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1972 Rain most of day. Nothing special to write about.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1972 Very nice day. Jeanette was here in morning. I went to bridge at Stew Harrisons. Frieda drove. Won first prize. $1.00. Velma Millhone came and stayed part of time with Jennie and was here for dinner.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1972 Rainy morning. I went to A&P to get half a ham. After lunch took Jennie for a drive. Went through grounds at Blind School. A little rain in P.M. Bill called.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1972 In the morning we went to Kroger's, then to Edith's [Walter] for a nice luncheon. Dorothy's came at nine o'clock with Elizabeth from Norway [a foreign exchange student]. Barbara had to work at King's Island and couldn't come. We all like Elizabeth. I mowed back yard in afternoon.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1972

Dick and Chuck left early for Cleveland. Don invited Elizabeth to football game [at Ohio State]. [I'll never forget trying to explain football to a person who had no idea what the game was about. She thought it was a very strange game indeed.] I took her over and brought Tom and Linda here for afternoon. Don and Ellen were Rere for dinner - had nine. John had gone on a church retreat. A real warm day.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1972

Another summer day. Dick and Chuck got back around three thirty. They left at four thirty. In evening Bill, Gloria, Wayne and Karen stopped to see Jennie. We really had a nice weekend. All my children were here.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1972 Some showers. I did one washer of laundry. Jennie and I went to Krogers. Into Jeanette's in afternoon. In evening Mrs. Young was here.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1972 Nice day and cooler. I canned four pints tomatoes. Did the ironing and washed my hair. In afternoon Jennie and I went to cemetery. Jeanette was here for dinner.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1972 A beautiful day. I canned more tomatoes. Jeanette has given me some. Dorothy canned 8 pints for me and brought me some. In afternoon took Jennie to see Mrs. McNutt. She took me to Howard Johnson's for fish dinner. Ivan and Imogene came over in the evening.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1972 Nice day until a thunderstorm in evening. I had several errands. Jennie went but stayed in car. Had intended going to Don's but Ellen was sick. Worked in yard.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1972 Beautiful and cooler. Washed a washer and ironed. Mrs. Tom was here in morning to see Jennie. Velma Millhone came in afternoon.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1972 A miserable day. Left at quarter 'till eight for Don's. We took Jennie home, poured rain most of way. Esther gave us a lot of tomatoes. I was home at one-thirty.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1972 Cloudy day and hard rain in evening. I canned 10 pints tomatoes from ones Esther [Smith - the lady Jennie lived with in Cumberland] gave us. Will divide with Don. Worked in yard. Jerry S[tewart] stayed here a while in morning. [He was a neighbor boy.] Got Jennie's room back to place.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1972

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1972
Went to Kroger's and bank. Getting ready for trip on Saturday.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1972
Rain in morning. Had been a miserable, gloomy week. Finishing odd jobs for trip. Went to beauty shop in afternoon. Hadn't been there since I got my permanent in July. Don and Dorothy called. Took Lindy [parakeet] to Young's. All ready to leave.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1972

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1972
A lovely day. Bags in hall at 7:45. Bus left at 8:30. One rest stop before lunch at Wentworth, New York at Holiday Inn. Good meal - turkey. Seats on bus are rotated, now we are at very back. Moved up one at noon. Very nice country to drive through. In afternoon stopped at Skytower. Went to top in elevator and saw Thousand Islands. Very pretty. Got to Hotel Chateau Laurier [in Ottawa?] at 5:30. Lovely hotel. Ate dinner with four other women from our tour.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1972
Rained during night and a cloudy day. Left at nine for tour of city. A very lovely and clean city. Huge buildings like England. Saw many embassies. High School where Lome Green [actor in Bonanza] attended. His father was a shoemaker here. Big paper mills. Hospital where Queen Juliana had baby. Flag put in her room and called it Dutch soil. She sent Ottawa 100,000 tulip bulbs. Saw monument Queen Elizabeth sent - also she sent swans. Drove through Montreal. 35 of ['?] French. Went through Parliament Building. Very beautiful. Saw House of Commons and Library that can hold a million books. Afterward, we walked around mall, had lunch there. Rested awhile, more walking. Ate dinner with four from our tour. Didn't like them as well as ones last evening. Sat in lobby awhile. A very rude boy. Very tired!! Pretty night view from our room. Big clock.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1972

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1972
Beautiful day. Left at 8:15, foliage, rocks so lovely. In Green Mountains in morning. White Mountains in afternoon. Went to Trapp family [from "The Sound of Music" film]. Saw lodge and Mrs. Trapp at guest house. Lunch at Johnsbury. Punk one, worst we have had. In afternoon saw "Old Man of Mountain" 48 feet from forehead to chin. [This natural stone feature fell apart from natural causes in 2003.] Left Mrs. Enock and had to go back for her at "Old Man of Mountain." Went to maple sugar factory. Takes 35 to 40 gallons sap to make one gallon syrup. Saw them making candy. The big trays held 95 pounds. Stopped for gas. Put in 85 gallons. A
beautiful drive all day. Overnight at Red Jacket Inn in New Hampshire - a huge place, 125 rooms. Could order anything from menu except steak. Everyone dressed up for dinner except one odd ball in group.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1972 Breakfast at motel. We were first in dining room and last to be served. Bus left at 8:30. I went part way up mountain in ski mobile. 1345 feet high. Went alone in a little car. Beautiful scenery. A good part of way by a stream of water. Had a good lunch at New London. In the afternoon went to Fort Ticonderoga. Along day. Arrived at Lake Placid at seven o'clock. Had a very good dinner ($6.50) but it was paid for by our tour. We forgot to sign check.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1972 All had to eat breakfast at motel ($2.00). 7% tax in New York. Made a stop at nice gift shop in morning. Very late for lunch at Vallos [?] Steak House at Syracuse. Didn't get there 'till two o'clock. A big serving of roast beef and choice of desserts. Drove through Finger Lake country. Very pretty and more lovely mountains. Some rain in late afternoon. Got to town of "Painted Post" for dinner. Had a good dinner, turkey. We ate with Knights. Our last dinner together. Our room had glass doors - right on lake. Drove through grape country. Saw many vineyards. Miss Reed bought some for us to eat on bus.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1972 Lovely day. Had breakfast same place we ate last night. Bus left at nine for Corning Company. Didn't have a lot. Many beautiful pieces on display. 1 1/4 hours there too long. Had lunch at Holiday Inn at Du Bois, Pennsylvania. Didn't get there 'till three o'clock - buffet. Nice country and lovely drive. Bus got to "Y" at eight o'clock. We took a taxi with the Knights. $1.00 apiece. All was fine here. Called Jennie and both boys. Couldn't get Dorothy.


MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1972 Lovely day. I raked the front yard, took in some flowers. Went to Circle meeting, took Mrs. Hamilton and Bond. After I came home went to see Mrs. Scott [next-door neighbor] (had foot surgery) then mowed back yard. Velma [Millhone] called in evening and Don called about supper time.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1972 Another beautiful day. I took car for oil change and air filter. Went to beauty parlor, then mowed front yard, planted grass seed, raked the leaves, and cleaned driveway.


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1972 Hard rain during night. A gloomy day. Didn't do much. Ran some slides and got them in order.

Henderson put in storm windows I couldn't handle ($2.00). Linda came to stay overnight. Jerry [Stewart] came down to play with her. Rosemary came for him.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1972 Nice day. I cleaned up house, baked cookies. Took down tomato plants, potted some flowers. Jerry was here in morning. Linda there [at Stewarts] in P.M. Don came for Linda and stayed awhile.


MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1972 Washed and ironed. Jeanette and I went to clinic and sewed cancer pads.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1972 Furnace man here. I called him about the humidifier. Big crack in furnace. Have to get a new one. Cleaned leaves, took up coleus. Pulled them for trash. Had taken slips off [to start new plants over the winter]. Man came in P.M. Furnace and humidifier will cost $694.00. Went to Northland, had dinner there.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1972 Miserable day. Had snow and some hail. Put last storm window in bathroom. Went to bridge at Golf Course. So glad to get home in such weather.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1972 Nicer day, but cool. I got some [fire]wood [stored] on back porch, washed curtain over sink. Baked a cake and took part to Stewarts. In afternoon went to cemetery and pulled up flowers, and to T. V. stamp store.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1972 A lovely day. I cleaned carpet in kitchen with "woolite." Cleaned more leaves on driveway and front and back yards. Gloria and Colleen stopped to get birthday gifts. Had ice cream and cookies.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1972 Cloudy and a little sun. I washed a washer and ironed. Went to Kroger's. Cleaned leaves in back yard and mowed it. Cleaned up garage. Got more wood and kindling on back porch.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1972 Fairly nice day. I went to church, home rest of day. Spent most of afternoon getting 310 coupons ready to order silverware.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1972 Rain during night. The leaves are falling fast. Sun came out in P.M., and I cleaned some leaves. Made a loaf of carrot, apple, raisin bread. Dorothy called, also talked with Barbara. Talked with Don, John, and Tom.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1972 Gloomy and some drizzle. Had to be at beauty parlor at eight. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Nine tables. Poor cards, but had a good time. Bill called, Gloria filed for divorce yesterday.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1972 Put birch logs away and fixed a fire in fireplace. [The birch logs, from Wisconsin, were put in fireplace when it was not being used purely as decoration.] Washed some things on shelves in kitchen. Went to lunch and bridge at Duffs. Frieda drove.


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1972 The man came for new furnace at 8:15. Quarter'till six when they left. I took Lindy [parakeet] to Jeanetre's, Such a nice day. I worked outdoors. Cut down peonies, spaded garden next to Lewis', burned leaves. Started fireplace at 3:30. After it started, Rouse warm. Went for Lindy and Mrs. Young brought Toby over while they go to Hawaii. Don called and Marvene [Shonting]. [Gloria's 48th birthday]

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1972 Rain in night and gloomy day. I went to grocery and in to Jeanetre's. Clocks turned back an hour.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1972 Went to church. We are going to call a minister soon. Stopped at A&P on way home. Put chicken in oven, then cleaned the driveway. Such long evenings. (Wayne's 14th birthday]

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1972 Cloudy but no rain. Man worked 2 hours putting in humidifier. Washed and ironed, cleaned more leaves. In afternoon went to Riverside [Hospital] to see Viola [Paffenbarger], then to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure down to 150.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1972 Gloomy day, rain in evening. Cleaned more leaves and burned them. Jeanette and I went to Denig's [jewelers] in afternoon. (Gold-stone pin). After we came home went to mailbox, stopped at Mrs. Kuensie's and Scotts. Dorothy called in evening. They are coming Saturday morning.


THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1972 Rain during night and in morning. Went to Women's Association - pot luck. Stopped at A&P on way home. Never saw the leaves come down so fast. Front trees are bare. I cleaned off the walks and driveway. Juanita [Shupe] stopped in morning to get plastic rug I made for her. [Gladys wove small rugs from braided strands of plastic bread wrappers. I have one to this day. ]

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1972 Went to Kroger's. Home rest of day, got a lot of leaves burned. Never saw them come down as fast as last two days. Nice day.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1972 Dorothy's family (except Chuck) came for breakfast on way to Cleveland. Barbara and Elizabeth [foreign exchange student from Norway] stayed with me. Tom and Linda were here for lunch and during football game. Everyone burning leaves. We looked at slides.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1972 A lovely day. The girls went to church with me. More leaves burned. Dorothy, Dick, and Valerie came about 3:30. Left in about an hour.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1972 Juanita called and asked me to have lunch at Faculty Club. Before I went cleaned leaves between garage and wall, went to bank and post office. Drove over and found parking space. Five of us had lunch and nice meeting, was good to get back on campus and to [Faculty] Club for lunch. Cleaned leaves in front yard after I came home. Almost like a summer day.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1972 Such a change! Rain when I got up. Kept it up all day. Went to vote, then at 11:30 for a permanent. ($8.50 plus $.50 tip). Listened to election returns in evening. Pouring rain all evening. Mary Hang invited me to substitute in bridge club next Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1972 Rain in night and a dark, gloomy day. Went to bridge at Heidorns. Fleeta had us for lunch. Won second prize, $.75.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1972 No rain today. Went to Denig's and got goldstone pendant, had car washed. Went to Clintonville Women's Club as Edna Scott's guest. Such miserable cards. Didn't play even one hand. I drove. In evening Jerry Stewart came down, then we went up there at nine so he could go to bed. Some more leaves cleaned up between times.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1972 Went to A&P and Buckeye Mart in the morning. Cleaned some leaves from back yard. Edith [Walter], Merle [Axline], Reva [Kutz] and I went to "Country Squire" for lunch, then to Reva's for bridge. Dick was here overnight on way to Cleveland.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1972 Cleaned up back yard. Put leaves in bag. Went to Kroger's. In the afternoon went to see "Fiddler on the Roof." Enjoyed it. Bill's divorce was in paper. It hurts me pretty bad. How I wish for Charles to talk with. Called Ellen and Dorothy.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1972 Went to church and stayed for congregational meeting. Rev. Shafer preached and was hired at meeting. Dorothy called. MR. KUTCHERA DIED YESTERDAY. Dick is at Cleveland and she wondered if I could come stay with children. I didn't see how I could. It upset me so to refuse. Had a cry and called Don. This has been an upsetting weekend.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1972 Washed a washer and cleaned some leaves before it began to rain. Dorothy called from bus station on way to Cleveland. Children are staying alone. Went to Circle meeting, took Mrs. Bond and Hamilton. Rained so hard, glad to get home. Rained all evening.
14, 1972 Drizzly day and snow flurries. Had snow tires put on car. Don was given them by his neighbor who moved to Texas. Went to a bridge party at Mary Hang's. Such long evenings!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1972 Another gloomy day. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Have had a run of bad cards. Don called to tell me Mrs. Trefethen died. [Friend from the cottage at Fish Lake in Wisconsin.]

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1972 A much nicer day. I went to Clintonville Electric and bought a new stand for T.V., then to bank. Cleaned the leaves on west side of house. Mrs. Young came for Toby and brought me a little gift. Bill called.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1972 Nice day. Think I finally finished the leaves. Washed a washer. Bill were [was] here in afternoon. He has been off school two days. Don called in evening.


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1972 A miserable rainy day. I went to church. It was filled. Home rest of day. Ellen called and Don called after he and Tom got back from a rainy, cold weekend with Scouts. I called Dorothy.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1972 Cloudy and some sunshine. In afternoon went to Riverside Hospital to see Viola [Paffenbarger] and Nora, then took Charles' wreath to cemetery. After I came home Edna Scott came in.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1972 Snow flurries. Went to Albers and to Denig's to get bracelet. In P.M. to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure 150. Bill stopped on way to get Colleen for vacation. I got him some supper. I feel so sorry for him. Gloria is demanding so much.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1972 Couldn't sleep well last night worrying about Bill's problems. Went to beauty parlor at nine. Jeanette came in in the morning. Made a three-layer jello salad to take to Don's tomorrow.


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1972 A lovely, sunny day. De-frosted freezer and baked a pumpkin pie. Don't know when I have baked a pie. Went to Kroger's. In afternoon took a long walk, stopped to see Terry's.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1972 Another drizzly, snowy day. Went to church. Home rest of day except to mail box. Had a fire in fireplace. Started it at four for company. Don called and helped break the monotony. Talked with Tom.


TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1972 Everything covered with snow when I got up, and still snowing. I gave up going to bridge at Golf Course. Washed a washer and ironed. Could have gone by noon but stayed home and watched T.V.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1972 Nice day. Went to bridge at Golf Course. I was hostess, took Mrs. Heidorn and Edna Scott for guests. Had a nice afternoon.


FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1972 Too bad bridge was cancelled - a lovely day. I went to post office, library, Kroger's and Albers. All streets clear. Never saw such a heavy snow disappear so fast.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1972 A beautiful, sunny day. I tried to wash the picture window by reaching out from little ones. Made an apple pie. Bill came and was here for lunch. He has been having back trouble along with diverse troubles. Watched army and navy game.


TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1972 Cloudy but no rain. I did a lot of errands. Mailed package (pillow cases) to Elizabeth [foreign-exchange student from Norway who spent a year living with Dorothy and family.] To drug store, Albers, had car washed. Did a few Christmas cards. Velma [Mill hone] called in evening.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1972 Hard thunderstorm in morning. Don took John on his paper route. The freezing rain that was predicted didn't come. I went to beauty parlor. Put up my little Christmas tree. Mr. Henderson cleaned the gutters. $8.00.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1972 A beautiful day. I went to Women's Association. Took Mary Grashel home. Went in to Jeanette's.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1972 Everything covered with freezing rain. We called off all going to lunch. Edith, Merle, and Reva came here at 12:30. Nice afternoon. When they went to leave Merle had left lights on [in car] and no battery. Had a time getting help. Finally Keith [who operated a nearly Sunoco station] came when Mr. Kunz didn't come. I took Edith and Reva home.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1972 Didn't have much to do. Made a loaf of peanut bread. Rosemary [Stewart] stopped in afternoon. Brought birch logs we had given Ellis'. Watched football, worked on Christmas cards.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1972 Went to church. The first Sunday for Rev. Shafer to preach. Worked more on [Christmas] cards and mailed a lot of them.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1972 A nice day. Went to Circle meeting. I gave the Christmas story. Had our gift exchange.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1972 Another ice storm. Glad I didn't have to go out. Washed and ironed. Put clean papers in some of cupboards. At 3:15 Velma [Millhone] called for me to come down for dinner. I didn't want to drive after dark, she came for me. Lucille Rowland and Donna Dorn there. [All had a Cumberland connection]. Good dinner. Ice had melted by early afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1972 Much nicer day. I went to Kroger's in morning and to Northland [Shopping Center] in afternoon. Jeanette was here and Mrs. Devereaux came to get packages I had got for her at party at Westminster Terrace.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1972 Nice day. I went to Albers in morning and to Dr. Bonnell in P.M. Blood pressure up again to 170. Called Valerie for her [13th] birthday. Not home.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1972 A miserable day. Sleety rain turned to snow. I washed a quilt and some other things. Washed the dishes on top shelf of china closet. Such long evenings. No one to talk with and no 'phone calls.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1972 10°. More snow during night, sunny and cold. I went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's [Restaurant]. Jerry drove. Our Christmas exchange. I got a blue calendar plate, which I'll return for something else. Also, won first prize. $1.00.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1972 5°. Cold! I went to church. Streets around church very icy. Carol [Hoffman] came down. In evening Don and Ellen surprised me by coming for an hour. Had fire in fireplace Saturday evening and this evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1972 Another bad day. In afternoon Jeanette stopped. She had locked keys in car at Graceland. I took her up, stopped at bank. Exchanged the plate I got at party.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1972 Today was rainy. Worse than yesterday. I didn't do much. Sent a few more cards. Ice began to melt.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1972
Warmer and ice melted. Had hair done in morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1972 Eldis Reed [from Charles' Department at OSU] stopped and brought me a rose. Stayed 45 minutes. Then Jeanette came and brought me cookies and candy. In afternoon went to Albers. Store had gone out of business. Went on to Kroger's and Library. Made one batch cookies.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1972 Made orange cookies. Makes so many and decorated most of them. Mrs. Young brought me a can of cookies. Took a plate to Jeanette and Youngs.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1972 Temperature in 40's. Has been for several days. Bill, Colleen and Karen came over in afternoon. Brought me two packages. They had ice cream and cookies. Don called. Very exciting football game.


MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1972 A gloomy Christmas Day, but driving O.K. I got up alone, ate breakfast and opened some gifts. Records from Dorothy, glass hen from Valerie. Record, Bill. Garment bag, Gloria, Wayne and Colleen. Went to Don's and stopped at cemetery on way. Don and Ellen gave me a scarf and slippers, John, a shield for stove, Tom, a plastic bug for window. Linda decorated a coffee can and filled with candy she made at school. Ellen had a 20 pound turkey. Home, at five. In the morning I talked with Dorothy and Bill's family. Called Jennie. She was sick and couldn't come to 'phone.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1972 Snow on ground and flurries during day. I washed and ironed. In afternoon went to Northland and got my cards for next year. Called Esther [Smith], Jennie has pneumonia, not much better.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1972 A beautiful day, first sun has shown for a while. I went to Don's about two o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1972 Another mild day. I cut up turkey, put some in freezer. Cooked the bones for soup. Made a baked dish for supper. Called Esther. Jennie is better. Also, Bill is feeling better.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1972 Real nice day. Temperature has been mild in forties for several days. In afternoon Linda and I went home for awhile, fed Lindy [parakeet] and got mail. Stopped at Dr. Bonnell's. Blood pressure down, 160.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1972

Don and Ellen got home at 3:30 A.M. Came through hard storm. We had rain last evening. I left at 7:30 in rain, went to church and stopped at A&P. Don, Ellen, and Bill called. Ada Lewis and I walked around the circle. She gave me a can of nuts. Carol pioffman] came down and brought me some goodies and a grapefruit. Turned out to be a beautiful, sunny day.

This year I spent four weeks at cottage, and a trip through New England. The family has been well. Bill's divorce hurts. When our children are hurt, we are.

END OF BOOK XXXVII. PART ONE (JANUARY 1, 1972- DECEMBER 31, 1972)

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Readers of previous synopses of Gladys’ diary will recognize for 1973 much continuity with the past. Bridge continued to be her favored recreation, as it had been for many years. As before she played in two different groups, one of which met at the Ohio State University Golf Course, and the other, the "foursome," met in participant's homes. At Crestview Presbyterian Church, which installed a new minister, Rev. Shafer, Gladys continued her participation in the Women's Association, her "Circle," and the weekly Sunday "widow's luncheon." "How I hate that word," she wrote. She always seemed busy around the house at 626 Yaronia Drive South. She kept her house spotless, although she had some maintenance problems. These included carpenter ants, one inch of standing water in the basement after a torrential downpour, and the need for a new roof. She did more baking than had been done in the recent past. Among her kitchen creations were various kinds of pies: blueberry, blackberry, lemon, pumpkin, cream, rhubarb, cherry, apple and mince. She baked carrot/apple bread, cookies, and cakes, and canned tomatoes and apples in the fall. Much was shared with her neighbors or her family. She volunteered regularly in a "Cancer Ray," which sewed "cancer swipes" for a hospital. She and her best friend, Jeanette Davis, considered volunteering at Riverside Methodist Hospital but had "second thoughts." She crocheted 10 sets of pillow cases for her grandchildren. On many occasions she would babysit for grandchildren, especially Don's three, as they were the youngest of her grandchildren and lived in nearby Upper Arlington. Outside she planted her usual small garden of tomatoes, lettuce, onions, radishes, and, in the fall, had plentiful leaves to rake. The city started picking up leaves. "We aren't supposed to burn them, but everybody is doing it." There were frequent trips to Union Cemetery to visit Charles' grave. She planted flowers there in the spring, usually marigolds, and left a wreath at the stone over the winter. It seems that all of her neighbors were her friends; she would go "in" to see them, and they would come "down" to see her. At home her companion was her parakeet, Lindy.

Despite all of the elements of continuity and stability suggested by the above in Gladys' life, there were, in 1973, two new factors that brought her much disappointment and grief. Both concerned Bill, age 49, her oldest son. After twenty-three years of marriage, and five children, Bill and Gloria were divorced in 1973. The divorce was granted on June 14, although not finalized until several weeks later. The second factor was Bill's very serious illness. Months before the divorce was finalized Bill entered Riverside Methodist Hospital on January 23. He left three weeks later with no definitive diagnosis, but quite sick, he returned on March 30. After X-Rays, a bone marrow test, and removal of a node under his arm, he learned on April 5 that he had Hodgkins Disease. Bill lived with Gladys the rest of the year except for occasional overnight trips to his farm south of Columbus near Lancaster and Sugar Grove. He bought a puppy, Kenny, who also stayed with Gladys that year. Bill tried to return to teaching in March, but managed only to teach only briefly. He was cheered from time to time by the cards he received from his students. Gladys wrote, "I get so discouraged about Bill and his troubles."

June 9th marked what would have been Charles and Gladys' 50th wedding anniversary. On that day in 1973 of both cherished memories and painful realities, Gladys wrote that "I washed, ironed, went to grocery, mowed back yard, planted zinnias." This was hardly the way she had hoped to observe the day. "I'll never get over thinking about and missing Charles." On other days she wrote "The evenings are so long!" (Feb. 2); "Sixteen years ago today we moved here. Forty two years ago we moved to [393] Mimring [Road]," (Feb. 22); "How many more troubles can I take?" (April 5); "Wouldn't it be nice to go out in the evening, but those days are gone forever," (Oct. 24); "My 5th Christmas without Charles. I'll never get over missing him." (Dec. 25). As we have seen Gladys recorded the cost of many purchases in her diary. These included, for 1973, the following: $8.00, blue pocketbook; $32.00, cost of having all walls in house washed; $35.00, carpet cleaned in entire house; $30.59, tune-up for car; $18.00, visit to an ophthalmologist; $9.99, blue cotton dress; $9.95, new
toaster; $4.00, pair of new shoes; $83.15, new dehumidifier; $9.95; $400.00, new refrigerator; $35.00, dark red fake fur coat; $19.95, oven broiler.

Gladys enjoyed good health in 1973. She monitored her blood pressure in regular visits to her long-time family physician, Dr. Rollo Bonnell, who practiced out of his home on the southeast corner of East North Broadway and Indianola avenue. Her readings varied from 140 to 170. Several of her friends, including two very close ones, died in that year. They were Viola Paffenbarger, wife of Ralph Paffenbarger, Sr., and close friend for over forty years, and Eva Faelche. Also Mrs. Frost, a member of her "Circle" at church died. When Gladys was seeking some rest and relaxation at home she relied chiefly on visiting with friends and watching television. She mentions watching various sports, including football, basketball, and baseball. The single movie she saw in that year was "Mary Poppins." There was an occasional mention of national events, something of a rarity in the diary. On January 20 she watched President Richard Nixon's second inaugural; January 23, "President Nixon announced peace in VietNam. Cease-fire Sunday;" On May 24 "All T. V. channels tied up with Watergate;" and on October 10 "Vice President Agnew resigned."

Gladys spent a month at the cottage in Wisconsin from July 26 to August 24. There were still some good times, but painful memories kept intruding. It was not at all what it once had been. "I get so blue - feel like a visitor in my own home. Oh Charles, how I miss you!" Another sad realization came when for the first time in many years she was not invited to dinner with Leonard and Bernice Johnson the evening before departure for home. "They don't want me alone." When she arrived in July Don and his family were there. Two weeks later Don departed and Dorothy and her family arrived. Both families and Gladys all enjoyed berry picking. All told the family picked 42 quarts of blueberries in 1973, plus many quarts of blackberries. Both Dorothy and Ellen canned blueberry and blackberry jelly and jam. Another happy moment came when Gladys found a small abandoned washer at the dump. It worked fine. Her granddaughter, Valerie, learned to water ski and skid all around the lake. The next-door neighbors, the Schwarzes, provided the skis and power boat. Gladys enjoyed bridge with a long-time group of friends, and did a little casting from the dock. When she got home on August 24 she wrote "Good to be home, but all my troubles again." Bill was still very sick.

As usual Gladys records very few details about family members living outside the home. Dorothy and Dick, whose home was in Cincinnati, made several visits to Gladys over the year, often in combination with visits to Cleveland where Dick's mother lived. B.J. graduated from High School and enrolled at Miami University (in Ohio). Once she slightly injured in an auto accident and required four stitches. Bill and Gloria, as mentioned, divorced in 1973. Gloria continued to live at the family home on Burlington Avenue, and Bill spent almost the entire year living with Gladys. Colleen attended the Columbus School for the Blind, but in September enrolled in Perkins School for the Blind in Massachusetts. In July she left for New York state with several other blind children to attend a special camp, but she was not pleased with the experience and returned home alone on a plane several days later. Karen continued her piano lessons, and Bill attended one of her recitals. Once Bill took Kay's two young boys to a Fun Fair at his school.

Don continued as the senior Professor of Latin American History at Ohio State. He gave a lecture at East Stroudsburg College in Pennsylvania and was paid $200.00. Don took a group of scouts to Muskingum College for a scouting event. Linda had her tonsils removed on March 16. Both Don and Ellen attended the 50th wedding anniversary of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Clayton (and Gladys) Hutchins of Bethesda, Md. At Thanksgiving Ellen baked a 24 pound turkey which Gladys said was "excellent." Jennie Knowles, the sister of Charles' mother, Fanny Cooper Stewart, continued in live in Cumberland. She was 92, frail, and tottery. Gladys ended her diary for 1973 with the following note. "This year has been one of worry and frustrations. Bill's divorce and illness. But, I have tried to take a day at a time, and trust in Lord. I do thank Him that Bill is better. Frieda [Cooper] visited me twice. Spent four weeks at cottage. Colleen went to school in Massachusetts, and Barbara ["B.J."] to Miami. Now I am on my 5th year without Charles. I miss him so much. Sometimes I don't see how I can decide all things myself. But, am thankful for good health."
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1973 A beautiful day. I worked outside cleaned up leaves, swept driveway and garage. Watched the Rose Bowl parade. Football in P.M. Only got to see first half of Ohio State in Rose Bowl. Mrs. Kaiser came over, stayed 'till about over. Ohio State was beaten, 32-16. Called about Jennie - still not getting over her sickness very fast.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1973 Another beautiful day. I went to two banks, Kroger's and post office. In to Mrs. Youngs in afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1973 Cloudy, rain began in afternoon. Quite hard in evening. I went to bridge at Golf Course.


FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1973 Nice day. I went to bank with church money and to mailbox. Didn't do much.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1973 Instead of predicted snow was a nice, sunny day. I cleaned up house, watched basketball game. Marvene [Shonting] called and talked an hour and half. Mable Meissner called in evening. Had fire in fireplace. Called, Jennie better.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1973 Nice day but cold. Went to church - the nicest communion service we ever had. Rev. Shafer is installed this evening. Home rest of day except to mailbox.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1973 Very nice day. I went to Circle meeting - took Mrs. Hamilton, brought Mrs. Frost and Cowgill home. Then went in to Jeanette's.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1973 15°. Cold, but sunny. A few snow flurries in afternoon. I went to see Marvene [Shonting]. Got lost going, finally went downtown through traffic and home that way. No trouble driving. Took part of cookies to Lewis'.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1973 9°. Sunny and cold. I washed a washer. In afternoon went to Riverside Hospital to see Nora Kesselring. In evening Imogene called and asked me to ride down to Cumberland tomorrow to see Jennie.


FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1973 Still lovely, sunny weather. Jeanette and I went to Howard Johnson's for a fish dinner. Stopped at Big Bear [grocery]. Frieda called [from Phoenix].


MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1973 Washed rugs. 3.3 inches snow on ground when I got up. Tried to clear drive, but snow too wet. Home all day.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1973 42°. Nice day. Snow began to melt. Our street very messy. Home all day. Nothing special. [Chuck's 15th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1973 Almost a spring-like day and sunny. Went to beauty parlor, library and bank. Then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Jeanette came in and brought me a present - a cucumber.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1973 61°. Another sunny day with warm temperature. Washed the picture window. Went to library and Kroger's in P.M. Then in to Jeanette's, cancelled the Orkin [exterminator] service.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1973 46°. Cloudy and still mild temperatures. After lunch drove to Don's to stay with children. They went to Wheeling on a church retreat. ["Middle Age is Beautiful" led by Rev. Robert Raines of First Community Church.] John also was gone on another one.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1973 Watched President Nixon's second inaugural. [Gladys doesn't say so in this diary, but she was a staunch Republican, as was Charles. She told me once, "Don, you're the only Democrat I know."] Good T. V. in evening. Linda and Tom had children there to play. Don and Ellen home about eleven. I slept on davenport.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1973 I left at 7:30 for home. Went to church, a congregational meeting, then the widows (how I hate that word) had a sack lunch in parlor. We had a pleasant afternoon. I took Mrs. Hamilton home. Bill stopped in evening. He looks so bad and feels so miserable - going in hospital on Tuesday for tests. He has so many problems.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1973 44°. Some sunshine in morning, showers in P.M. Orkin's gave house a free treatment. I am quitting them. Went to Dr. Bonnell in P.M. Blood pressure down to 144.


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1973 Light snow on ground. I had stomach cramps in night and didn't sleep well. Didn't do much today. Slept over two hours in P.M. Bill had X-rays.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1973 51°. Beautiful day. I went to Northland [Shopping Center] to get medicine for Lindy [parakeet]. Then to Kroger's. Home all afternoon. Bill called, he has had X-rays, but doesn't know results.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1973 Another mild, sunny day. I went to Huntington Bank. Changed passbook to my name. Then went downtown to Dollar Federal. Over an hour there getting certificate changed so all would be insured. Then went to see Bill. The trouble seems to be discs in his back. I didn't get to stay long as he was to have a treatment.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1973 Still mild weather, a little drizzly. I swept and dusted the house. Went to bridge at Stew Harrison's [Restaurant]. I drove, took Fleeta, Jerry, and Frieda. 20 miles all together. Ada Lewis called in evening. I called Jennie in the morning. She is better, except back bothers her.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1973 Went to church. Ada Lewis here in P.M., brought me some stamps she didn't save. Baked a loaf of my favorite bread before I went to church. Went to see Bill. Called Dorothy.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1973 Colder and half inch of snow. Cleaned furniture in back room. Home all day.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1973 Nice day but cold and down to ten or twelve. I cleaned furniture in my room. Marvene [Shonting] called. Eva Faelchle died. [Long-time friend. Her son, Robert Faelchle, was a good friend of Bill's.]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1973 Mild day. I had my hair done. Met Marvene at bus, she was here for lunch. We went to funeral home to see Eva. Later I took her to High Street to get a bus.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1973 Cloudy and mild. I went to Women's Association. Took Mrs. Hamilton. In afternoon to hospital to see Bill. He thought he was some better, but will be there another week. Began to rain as I came home. Hard rain in evening. Called Karen for her [13th] birthday.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1973 Some hard rain, also some sun. I went to grocery. Home rest of day. Jeanette came over in afternoon. The evenings are so long!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1973 I found jar of kitchen paint in basement. I painted the inside of kitchen cupboards (just back) under sink and mended a hole under lavatory in bath. Was pleased with results. Dorothy called in evening.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1973 Beautiful day, wore my spring coat to church. The widows had their lunch after church. I went to see Bill later in the afternoon. Stopped at Buckeye Mart after I took Mrs. Hamilton home.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1973 A beautiful, sunny day. I went to bank, then had car washed. Went to Faculty Club for lunch and Women's meeting. Juanita [Shupe] asked me to be a hostess, but didn't do anything. Hard to park.
on campus, lucky to find a place. Came home and slept 'till five o'clock. Didn't get any dinner after a big lunch. Watched basketball game. Very exciting game. State beat Indiana by one point.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1973 Home all day except I took my dental plate to Dr. Porterfield to have a tooth repaired. Some rain. I cleaned furniture in front bedroom and some woodwork.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1973 Cloudy but no rain. Baked a loaf of carrot, apple bread and three small blueberry pies. Put all in freezer. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Afterward in to Jeanette's.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1973 Snow on ground, more during morning, but quit and sun was out by noon. I washed and ironed. Worked on last pair of pillow cases with crocheted lace. This is tenth pair. All alike. Gave a pair to Elizabeth. Bill has been in hospital over three weeks.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1973 Beautiful, sunny day. Finished Linda's pillow cases - one pair for each of grandchildren not married. In afternoon went to Kroger's.


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1973 Went to church. A lovely day. Bill left hospital about eleven. Went home to get his things. Came here about seven. He is still miserable with his neck and back.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1973 Another beautiful day. I went to Circle meeting, took Mrs. Hamilton. Mrs. Shafer [wife of minister] was a guest. Watched basketball in evening.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1973 Bill went over home and to the farm. I went to library and Kroger's.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1973 Bill gave me a lovely pot of red tulips for Valentine's Day. Card from Dorothy's family. I washed one washer and ironed, went in to Jeanette's to leave her birthday gift. Decided not to go to Arizona. Wrote Tom [Nelson] and Frieda Cooper, widow of Ralph Cooper, Charles' identical twin brother].

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1973 Drizzly rain that turned to snow. I went to grocery. Dorothy's family coming Friday. Bill got Colleen and took her home. (Took platform rocker to be put together and finished.)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1973 10°. Snow on ground and cold. Bill went to stay with Colleen till Karen gets home. I went back to Kroger's. Frieda called. Dorothy's family came about 10:30. Had to put Valerie on davenport, and Chuck in sleeping bag on floor. Haven't had eight to sleep and cook for for a long time.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1973 Just zero, but a lovely, sunny day. Just visited, cooked, and washed dishes. All Don's family here in evening.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1973 10°. First Sunday I have missed church for awhile. Dorothy's left about 4:30. So glad we could be together. Dick fixed burner on stove.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1973 Beautiful, sunny day. Temperature, 44°. I washed a washer and ironed. Washed tile in bathroom. In afternoon went to Northland - bought a blue pocketbook. $8.00. Bill went back to school. Children gave him a $10.00 gift certificate from [The] Union [Department Store], box candy, many cards they had made.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1973 Drizzly day, some snow flurries. Washed a washer and ironed. Went to bank. Bill stayed with Karen and Wayne, not home 'till late. [Ellen's 38th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1973 A blustery day. First sun would shine then snow blizzards. I had my hair done, then to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Didn't get any dinner - ate piece [small meal] in front of T. V. Bill came home about 8:30. I think he is better.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1973 Bill was sick in night, thought orange juice was spoiled. Cloudy day. Mrs. Young came over in morning - brought me two cup cakes. Cleaned woodwork in bath room with Liquid Gold. Went to A&P and Buckeye Mart in P.M. Sixteen years ago today we moved here. Forty two years ago we moved to [393] Mimring [Road, in Clintonville].

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1973 Fairly nice day. Velma Millhone called to tell me she is getting married again. Jeanette came in. Went to Kroger's in P.M.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1973 A lovely day. I went to bridge - Frieda drove. Had lunch at Bill Knapp's, played at Florence's. Colleen got us all upset. Bill was in a turmoil with her from two o'clock 'till eleven. He was exhausted.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1973 Another nice day. I went to church. Bill and I both had a long sleep in P.M. He went to Gold Circle for medicine and some groceries.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1973 Drizzly, gloomy day. Didn't do much, went in to Jeanette's in P.M. Bill's alarm goes off at 5:15. Not used to such early hours - don't feel like doing much. Three and a half years since Charles went away. I miss him so much.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1973 A nice day. I went to bridge at Golf Course, and luncheon. Had a nice afternoon. Rosemary [Stewart] called and talked over an hour. Bill had a meeting and didn't come home for dinner. I stopped at cemetery and got wreath.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1973 Nice day. Frieda called to say she would come here on April 23rd. Jeanette and Carol [Hoffman] were here. Made a lemon pie.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1973 A beautiful day - 60°. I washed one washer, cleaned some woodwork in the kitchen. Went to luncheon at church - Women's Association. Stopped to see Mrs. Clemmer. Dorothy called - Dick and Chuck will be here over night tomorrow. Frieda Beltz invited me to a benefit bridge on Saturday.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1973 Nice day. I did the ironing, cleaned more kitchen woodwork. Went to Kroger's. Don was here in afternoon. He found the rest of platform rocker overhead in garage. Bill went to Lancaster and farm after school. Dick and Chuck here over night on way to Cleveland.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1973 A beautiful day. I cleaned oven and mixed refrigerator cookies. Went to a benefit bridge at Clintonville Women's Club. Frieda Beltz, Margaret Harmon, Helen Duhamel. So noisy!

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1973 Another nice day. I went to church, took rest of platform rocker to Mr. King. In afternoon cleaned leaves in back yard, swept drive.

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1973 71°. Lovely day, up to 71°. I called Dorothy in morning. Cleaned all cabinets in kitchen with Liquid Gold. Chuck and Dick stopped on way home from Cleveland. I got them some supper. Moved some wood and put snow plow back of garage. [Charles had made the snow plow using part of a discarded hot water heater.]


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1973 71°. Another record temperature. I had my hair done. Went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1973 Beautiful day, like spring. Jeanette and I went to Denig's, had car washed and to Woolco's. So tired, slept in P.M. then worked out[side] for an hour.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1973 Another spring-like day. I went to grocery and library. In P.M. to stamp store to get a clock for my desk. Planted onions and worked in yard.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1973 Rain during night, but a lovely day. Record temperature, 77°. I made a pumpkin pie, batch of jelly. Used last of juice we have canned at cottage, went to lunch at cafeteria, and to Margaret Harmon's to play. Edith called, Reva Kutz had a stroke on way home from Florida and paralyzed on one side.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1973 Rainy morning, but soon cleared up. Went to church, took Mrs. Hamilton. Planted tomato seed.
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1973 Lovely day. I went to Circle meeting at church. Took Mrs. Hamilton.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1973 Another nice day. I washed, ironed and cleaned more woodwork. Went to two banks in afternoon. Children called Bill and some of his former pupils called.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1973 Nice day until late afternoon, then hard rain storms. Mr. Dickerson washed all the walls. ($32.00). I cleaned the pictures, washed curtains and window in my room. Cleaned out fireplace. Planted lettuce. Don and Ellen, Dorothy and Dick called to thank me for money I sent them. Bill took day off, and went to Lancaster [near his farm] and to Dr. He took him off all medication.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1973 Another record temperature. 77°. Brought in birch logs, worked outside. Tired and slept in afternoon. Bill takes Colleen for an ice cream cone on Thursday evening. I feel he is a little better.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1973 Linda had her tonsils out and Dorothy's 45th birthday. Went to grocery in morning. Rain in afternoon. Called Dorothy.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1973 Winter returned! Snowed all day, strong winds, a real blizzard at times. I can't do much when Bill is here. I get so discouraged about him.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1973 Heavy wet snow. First time all winter I have been kept at home because of weather. Wrote some letters, went to mail box. Graded some papers for Bill.

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1973 Took picture window drapes to cleaners, went to Graceland and got my car license. In afternoon went to Northland [Shopping Center]. Bought a housedress, Turf Builder, and fence for between grass and gravel. Got draperies and hung them. Don went to a college in Pennsylvania [East Stroudsburg State] to make a talk [on the Mexican Revolution]. Received $200.00 for it.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1973 First day of spring. Not very warm. Took car to filling station. Keith took off snow tires and put my license on car. In afternoon went to Riverside [Hospital] to see Marie Neudick and Maude Christianson, then to Jeanette's. Both boys called.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1973 Nice day but cold. I had my hair done. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1973

Nice day but too cold to work outside very long. Went to bank. In afternoon to get more fences for the front. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens came along. He bought some things I didn't want - Chinese vases, old coverlet, etc. Saw Bill's gun collection.
FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1973 Washed one washer. Went to library and Kroger's. Mrs. Young brought "Toby" over to stay while they went to Florida. Mr. Stevens came and bought two guns and a sword from Bill.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1973 Beautiful day. I put Turf Builder on front yard and raked back yard. Mr. Stevens came and bought Charles' cabinet in basement and another sword.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1973 Gloomy day. Went to church, raining hard when church was out Bill is a little better. Home rest of day. I think Bill came home so tired. I get so discouraged about him.

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1973 Rainy day. Washed a washer and ironed. Went to Dr. [Bonnell] Jeanette's. Bill Blood pressure, 158. In to have a miserable cold. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Bill went to Doctor. He goes back to hospital on Friday.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1973 I didn't do anything today. Too cool to work out and have a bad cold. Am so worried about Bill. Joe Durand called me from Wisconsin about popal trees. Snow about gone there - last year when Don arrived on same date, 52 inches [on ground]. Bill won't be going back to school for over a week.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1973 Rainy day. Bill went to Mr. Bessey to make out income tax. Came home around two so sick he could hardly get in house. Called Doctor and Don. Don took him to emergency room at hospital. I got so upset and cried all afternoon. Jeanette came and spent evening with me. Had other calls. I am so worried. Dr. called Don. Said X-rays and blood O.K.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1973 Real nice day. I went to Buckeye Mart for more marble chips, then to Northland. Got a new robe for Bill. Went to see him in afternoon. He seemed better. Don also came to see him. Planted a row of onions by garage.


SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1973 Beautiful day. I called Frieda [in Phoenix] to tell her how sick Bill is, and I wouldn't plan to do the things I wanted to for her when she comes. Went to church and stayed for [widow's] sack lunch. Took Mrs. Hamilton home, then went to see Bill. Then to cemetery and to Don's to get my tax papers. Some telephone calls helped the evening.

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1973 Mrs. Kaiser and Mrs. Young were here. Mrs. Young came for her bird, brought me grapefruit, oranges, and tomatoes. Bill had a node removed under arm. I am so worried. A long day and longer evening.
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1973 Washed one washer. Orkins made last call. Went to see Bill. He was too sleepy to talk with me. Had a bone marrow test. Rev. Shafer came. Jeanette asked me to eat dinner with her. I took some things. We played "scrabble". Helped put in evening. Marvene [Shonting] called after I came home.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1973 Rainy day. Had hair done at nine. Went to see Bill. So discouraging. Went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1973 Gloomy day and cool. I took last of drapes to cleaners, went to Women's Association, post office, Kroger's. In P.M. went to see Bill and found he has Hodgkin's Disease. How many more troubles can I take? Doctor says it can be controlled by medication. Only time will tell! In the evening, Fleeta, Ilo, and Mrs. Pegg called. I called Dorothy.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1973 Beautiful day. I hung drapes in front bedroom. Went to bank. To see Bill in P.M. Don came. Start treatments for Bill today. Had seven calls from friends asking about Bill. One was from Frieda [in Phoenix]. Mowed and raked front yard.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1973 Washed a washer. Took Bill his robe and pajamas. I washed yesterday. I took out storm windows and put in screen in front room. Was in to Jeanette's a little while. Long sleep in P.M. A long evening.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1973 Turned out to be a nice day. Went to church. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hamilton and I went to Duffs for dinner. A good one. Took them home, went to see Bill. He seemed much better. Gloria came in while I was there.

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1973 Put clean papers in basement cupboard and swept basement. Went to Circle meeting. Mrs. Read was gone and I had to take meeting. Hard rain and storm after I got home. At ten o'clock Dorothy called. Didn't see Bill today.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1973 Snow during night and snow squalls all during day. Washed everything on "what-not" and cleaned it with Liquid Gold. Went to see Bill in the morning. He was sitting up writing letters.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1973 Pretty nice day. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's [Restaurant]. Frieda drove. I won 2nd. $.75.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1973 Such a morning. 6.3 inches snow! Sun came out, it was almost all gone by afternoon. Barbara Kaiser and I went to Merrill's auction. In P.M. went to see Bill. Moved to nicer room with one man.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1973 Lovely day. I went to library and grocery. In P.M. to see Bill. Trying to get pyranca thea off east side of house. It had died. Called Dorothy to wish them a nice trip to Florida.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1973 Beautiful day. I went to early church. We had two services today. Man gave lawn first treatment. Home rest of day, except to mail box. Bill took a short walk, so weak.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1973 A gloomy day, rain in evening. Don't get much done. Went to Dr. [Bonnell]. Blood pressure, 144. Bill fainted while I was gone answering the phone. Cut his face. Young's came to get card tables and chairs.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1973 Rainy day, quite hard by afternoon. Washed and ironed. Got permanent. $9.00 (with $.50 tip).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1973 Gloomy day, but not much rain. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had better cards.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1973 Some rain in morning, sunny in afternoon. I did some extra cleaning in kitchen. Went to A&P. Bill is walking a little more each day. Had my carpet cleaned in evening ($35.00).

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1973 80°. Beautiful day - real summer. Put screens in small windows and front door. Mowed both yards. Took Bill to Riverside [Hospital] for a prescription, then to Dr.'s office, and to Gold Circle [store]. Home quarter 'till six. Bill sat on porch for first [time].

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1973 Beautiful warm day. I washed the car, made a lemon pie and some odd jobs. Ate dinner on porch for first time. Bill walked to Lawson's [dairy store] and got milk and orange juice. Had to rest on way home.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1973 Easter Sunday. I went to church. We had a good baked ham for dinner (canned). In afternoon Bill and I went to Don's for awhile. He took a walk in evening. Mrs. Kaiser brought us cake. Some showers during day.

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 1973 Washed and ironed. Frieda [Cooper, widow of Ralph Cooper] came at 4:25. Plane got in then but baggage didn't get here 'till next morning. Don met her. He stayed for dinner.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1973 Called Jennie. Found Esther [Smith] had a stroke, and she and Jennie at Caldwell. [Small town near Cumberland]. We sure were upset. Had Jeanette and Velma Millhone for dinner.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1973 Gloomy day. Went to bank, library, and Kroger's. Bill drove to farm. He has improved so much in last few days.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1973 Lovely day. Went to bank, dry cleaners and grocery. Frieda made a salmon pie for dinner. Got slides ready to take tomorrow.
FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1973 Miserable day. Frieda and I went to Cumberland. Rained all day. Esther had a stroke and not very well- a woman staying with them. Jennie gave each of us $10.00. Bill went to see children and to his school room (the children out for vacation).


SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1973 Beautiful day, but still cool. Frieda and I went to church. Bill took us to blind school for spaghetti dinner. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1973 Nice day. Went to grocery, baked cookies. Frieda fixed a chicken casserole for our bridge luncheon tomorrow. Bill went to see Colleen and bought some things for the puppy he is getting tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1973 Had Gerry Jones and Fleeta Heidorn for lunch and bridge. Had a nice time. In the evening we went to Jeanette's. Played scrabble. Bill went for puppy.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1973 Charles 74th birthday. Frieda and I had our hair done. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Played scrabble in evening.

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1973 Gloomy but no rain. Merle [Axline] had Edith [Walter], Frieda [Cooper] and me for lunch at "Center of [For] Tomorrow." Then we went to her house for bridge. Gave each of us a double deck [of] cards. Bill went for intravenous feeding.


SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1973 Beautiful sunny day. Baked an angel food cake. Went to lunch and bridge at Worthington Inn. I was hostess. Jerry drove.

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1973 Not as nice a day as yesterday. Frieda and I went to church and to sack lunch [for widows] afterward. Later drove to look at place for Jennie. No one came to door. Didn't like looks of the place.

MONDAY, MAY 7, 1973 Frieda left today. Bill drove her to airport. He took me to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure 160. I walked home, and stopped at Terry's, then mowed and trimmed front yard. A little rain.

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1973 Rainy day. Tornado at Dublin. Baked two batches cookies. Took some to Mary Hang. Went there to substitute in her bridge club. Watched baseball in evening.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1973 Lovely day. I cleaned the oven and worked out[sid] some. Bill and I went to new Kroger store at Karl and Morse [Roads]. In P.M. he went to Union [Department Store].
THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1973 Washed a washer and ironed. Went to post office and grocery and bank. Set out flowers in front of the shrubbery in front. I had kept them all winter. Have had onions from garden for over a week. Tornado warnings in the evening.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1973 Bad tornadoes hit parts of Ohio. I made a loaf of carrot, apple bread, and a lemon pie. Bill went down to trailer [on farm], and Doctor in P.M. Don stopped in evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1973 Nice day. I set all the flowers along the drive, but still in pots. Bill slept about two hours in P.M. He is beginning to sleep better at night. Mrs. Smith invited me to the Cancer Ray on Friday. Received a lovely orchid from Don and Ellen for Mother's Day.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1973 Gloomy day and cool. Went to church. On way home bought marigolds for cemetery. Bill walked to A&P and got a gallon of milk. He is so much better. Home rest of day. Don and Dorothy called me for Mother's Day.

MONDAY, MAY 14, 1973 Nice day until a drizzle in evening. Washed and ironed. Went to Circle. After I came home, mowed and trimmed back yard, put in six tomato stakes. Bought plants on way home from Circle. Bill was gone all day on various errands.

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1973 Nice day, but cool. I set out six tomato plants, all flowers along drive. Mowed and trimmed front yard. Bill took my car to Chesrown [auto dealer] for a tune up. ($30.59). In evening he went to see Wayne get award. Then he went home with family, had ice cream and cake.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1973 Bill left before nine for the trailer. I went to beauty parlor, then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I am to be in charge of bridge next year. Got so worried about Bill, he didn't come home 'till 7:15.

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1973 Nice sunny day but cool. Went downtown to have eyes checked. Good report. No new glasses. ($18.00). Ate lunch at Lazarus [Department Store] and did some shopping. Home at four. Bill and I went to Duffs for dinner.

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1973 Nice day but still cool. Went to Cancer Clinic to work. A new group to me - all women from our church. Grace McCoy Cancer Ray. When I came home Bill was in bed and feeling miserable. He was to [go] off medicine today. Hope this is only temporary. Frieda called about a trip to Europe.

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1973 A miserable cool, rainy day. I got groceries. Bill didn't feel much better.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 1973 Cloudy but cleared off in afternoon. Went to church, then took material to Mr. King for platform rocker. Planted cucumbers. Think Bill feels better today but so weak. He talked with Gary and other children in evening.
MONDAY, MAY 21, 1973 A beautiful day. I washed one washer.
Bill and I went to cemetery, set out flowers. Mr. Henderson took out three storm windows and put in screens. $1.50. Bill went to school. Master's picnic. I walked almost an hour after dinner.

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 1973 Fairly nice day. Did the ironing, baked cookies. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had a nice afternoon. Bill went to Burlington [house in Columbus; Gloria living there with children] and to Gold Circle. Letter from Mrs. Reed (who stays with Jennie and Esther.) Jennie is not so well.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1973 No rain today, no sun 'till afternoon. I washed my summer knit dress and white sweater in "woolite." Put in dryer. Mowed and trimmed the front yard. Took a long walk after dinner. Bill went to trailer this morning to stay overnight. Seems queer to be alone.


FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1973 No rain until evening, then hard rain and tornado warnings. Bill went to both Doctors. I mowed back yard.

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1973 Beautiful day. Bill went to trailer for the weekend with Karen and one of her friends. I cleaned kitchen carpet, washed car. Put up a hanging basket on front porch. Took long walk after dinner.

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1973 Miserable, gloomy, rainy day. Lucille Reeder stopped and went to church with me and came in for an hour. Had a T. V. dinner. Slept two hours. Don and Imogene called.

MONDAY, MAY 28, 1973 Memorial Day. I washed and ironed. Didn't have much to do. Watched my favorite programs on T. V. Bill came home about 6:15. Stood the weekend well.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1973
Still gloomy weather. Nothing special - home all day.


FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1973 Another lovely day. Mowed front yard. Had hair done. Bill went to Dr. for intravenous feeding.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 1973 Lovely day, warm. I went to church. We had our monthly lunch there. Getting ready to go to Dorothy's tomorrow.

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1973 Bill took me to bus. Left at 9:30. Dorothy met me at Sharonville. Barbara and Elizabeth graduated. Their boy friends, Jim and Tom, were there for dinner and Jim's parents, and Mrs. Kutcher. A nice graduation, over 200. Hard storm in P.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 1973 Valerie and Chuck are still in school. Barbara and Elizabeth went to work in P.M. In evening Dorothy took Valerie to swim and I went alone.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1973 Dick took Dorothy and me to lunch at Chinese Restaurant. On way home Dorothy and I stopped at shopping center. I got an electric can opener for them. Dick took Valerie swimming. He and Dorothy went square dancing. The girls were working.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1973 Elizabeth goes to California Monday. Dorothy went to get her ticket, and I rode along. Also went to grocery. In evening we took Valerie to swim.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 1973 I left at 8:20. Only about six white people on bus. Home at eleven. Bill had things looking nice. I mowed and trimmed front yard and swept driveway. Sat on porch 'till late. [Linda's 8th birthday.]

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1973 Our 50th wedding anniversary. I'll never get over thinking about and missing Charles. I washed, ironed, went to grocery, mowed back yard, planted zinnias. Bill went to farm to stay 'till tomorrow.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1973 Very hot, almost 90°. Went to church Then had a T.V. dinner, went to Don's to take Linda's birthday [gift]. Bill came home about five.

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1973 Another very hot day. Had my church circle - fourteen and all ate on porch. A lot of work and I was tired. Bill had his [divorce] settlement, got off fairly well. He was home before eleven and stayed in his room. I took him his lunch. Tired.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 1973 Cloudy and not so hot. I didn't do much, washed dishes and put away things from yesterday. Bill went back to school. Hard rain and storm in afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1973 Nice day. Don and I went to see Jennie. Found her and Esther [Smith] both better. Ate lunch at ZanesviUe. Took Esther and Jennie to cemetery, and for [a] "Dairy Queen." Home about five. Mrs. Kaiser over in evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1973
Cooler. Beautiful day. The P.T.A. took the teachers out for lunch. I washed two washers and ironed. Painted the back fence. Made me tired, but it looks much nicer. Bill's divorce in paper - granted.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 1973 Lovely day. I went to post office and grocery. Bill's last day of school. Took a walk in evening.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1973 Hard rain during night. Went to bridge and lunch at Golf Course. I drove, took Fleeta [Heidorn], Frieda [Beltz], Gerry [Jones] and Bernice Robb. Hard rain while we were there. I had third - pennies.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 1973 Went to church, at 9:30 for summer. A gloomy day, hard rains in afternoon and evening.


TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 1973 Hot day. Washed and ironed. Bill went on errand to Dr. Stevenson's office. Awful rain, storms and tornado warnings in evening. Never saw it rain harder or longer.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1973 Basement had lots of water, rugs wet. Some people had flooded basements, stalled cars and trouble all over town. Bill drove down to farm. I went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Forgot cards. Lala went home and got some.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1973 No rain today, but had some during night. I went to library and Kroger's. Not much to write about.


SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 1973 Nice day except a shower in evening. I went to church. Don and Dorothy called in evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1973 Lovely day. Bill went to farm to stay overnight Edna Scott, Jeanette [Davis] and I went to see Rosemary Stewart [who had recently moved away from the neighborhood]. Lovely home. After supper I took a long walk. Carol [Hoffman] came down in evening.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1973 A miserable, gloomy day, rain in late afternoon. I washed and ironed. Swept drive. Don brought "Buffy" (dog) to stay while they are in Washington [D.C], for [Dr. Clayton and Mrs. Gladys] Hutchins 50th [wedding] anniversary.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1973 "Buffy" is so good. She slept on a rug in my room. Miserable day, cleared off in late afternoon. Washed a washer. Baked cookies. Bill and I went to Duff's for dinner.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 1973 Went to Kroger's in morning. Bill went to Doctor for an intravenous treatment. He couldn't eat any dinner.


SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1973 Nice day. Went to church. We had our breakfast after church. Sweet rolls and scrambled eggs. Bill and I sat in back yard and had a good talk. Called Dorothy. Don's got home from [6110 Wilson Lane in] Bethesda about 3:30 and got "Buffy."

MONDAY, JULY 2, 1973 Very hot day. I went to bank and cashed bonds to give to Bill. Didn't do much else. Walked to [Overbrook] Hallow to see if black raspberries are ripe. Lots of red ones, but not ripe.

TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1973 Hot day. Washed rugs, went to Mrs. Hamilton's and got flowers in afternoon. Bill was going for medicine when they called from Vision Center about Colleen. She had a tantrum. Bill worked with her, he didn't get home 'till six o'clock. A hard storm and tornado warnings.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1973 Not quite so hot. Bill cleaned gutters in front of house for me. He and I went to Gold Circle after supper.

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1973 Beautiful day. Bill went for more medicine and to stay with children in afternoon. I went to Beauty Parlor. Pat [hairdresser] had gone to dentist and Betty did my hair. Went to Auto Club for plane reservations. Didn't get home until almost 4:30 and Bill didn't come until about eight.

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1973 Went downtown to get a certificate [of deposit] at Central Ohio Federal. Bill had some errands and took a treatment in afternoon. I went to Jeanette's after supper. Edna Scott came in and invited me to a luncheon.

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 1973 Lovely day and warm. I went to Kroger's. Bill went to farm. Was over to Lewis' in afternoon. Mrs. McLean came over, then to my house. Barbara Kaiser was over. Colleen left for New York with other blind children. Mowed back yard.

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 1973 Went to church, then Bill and I went to Don's for apples. Got a basket and two bags full. Very hot day.
MONDAY, JULY 9, 1973 91°. Hot and humid. I washed one washer and ironed. Put some apples in freezer.


THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1973 Quite cool mornings and evenings. I painted the iron work around front yard and mail box. Bill cleaned more of gutters. We trimmed magnolia tree. Laura [Hardy] called.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1973 Warmed up and hot again. I went to two banks, Library and Kroger's. Washed car in afternoon. Bill went to bank and Burlington [Road - Gloria's Rouse] in P.M.

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1973 A nice day, but hot. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Jerry [Jones] drove.

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 1973 Lovely day. Went to church. Afterward Bill and I went to [Union] cemetery and to Don's for apples. Got a lot from ground. All had been picked that could be reached. Cooked and froze some. Bill and I took a metal cabinet out of basement.

MONDAY, JULY 16, 1973 Nice day, not too hot. I washed, ironed, baked an apple pie. Cooked and froze more apples. In P.M. went to Lazarus, got a new toaster ($9.95).

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1973 Lovely day. Went to Library for a book they had saved for me and to Kroger's. Then Edna Scott took me to Clintonville Women's Club for lunch and bridge. Bill went to farm.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1973 Nice day. I went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Mowed back yard after dinner.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1973 Warm day. I put five small pies in freezer for Bill and two jars of apple sauce. Had to return two Library books - stopped at Kroger's. Rosemary [Stewart] here a short while. Got the platform rocker. $35.00. It is really pretty. Jeanette and Mrs. Young in to see it.

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1973 Gloomy, dark rainy day. Put two more containers of apple sauce in freezer. Washed rugs. Bill went to Burlington to stay with Colleen while Gloria went to Cleveland. I was so worried about him. Went to Northland in P.M. to see "Mary Poppins" and ate dinner at Halloway House. Bill came home about 9:30.

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 1973 Cloudy but no rain. I went to church. Baked an apple pie after I came home. Worked in yard. Mrs. Hamilton called before I was up to tell me she wasn't going to church. Blanche Smith, Mrs. Pegg, Wanda Ochs, and Dorothy called. Took a long walk in evening.

MONDAY, JULY 23, 1973 Slept 'till 8:30, almost a record for me. Mowed front yard and some odd jobs. Bill cleaned the last gutter. Man came - have carpenter ants. Warm today.

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1973 Nice day. I went to Triple A to get my tickets. In P.M. to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure 150. Then Bill and I went to Don's. Got a lot of apples from a later tree. Gave to neighbors. Took some to Lewis and went in for awhile.


FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1973 Cool day, had fire all day. Don and I picked three quarts blueberries. I filled a can. [Each can held 1 \( \frac{1}{2} \) quarts.] We made blueberry jam.

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1973 Nice day. I put clean papers in stove and kitchen drawers. Swept back walk and cleaned up back porch. Tried to clean the flower bed. Don took me out in boat. In evening he and I took a drive. I get so blue - feel like a visitor in my own home. Oh, Charles, how I miss you! [Dick's 49th biorthday]

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 1973

Nice day. I slept 'till nine o'clock, a record for me. Mrs. (Betty] Schwarze was here in morning. Don took us to Cabaret for dinner. Dybvigs [Ed and Cora] came by boat. Don and Ellen went fishing. She drove over in evening to return Ed's hat. I like to get out but don't feel I should ask to go.

MONDAY, JULY 30, 1973

Beautiful day. I cleaned some leaves. Don sprayed for carpenter ants. I tried my little washer I found on dump. It worked fine. Went to Johnson's in afternoon. Mrs. [Donna] Devic asked Ellen and me up for coffee. Mrs. Johnson (Jay's mother) was there. Don and Ellen went fishing in evening. I played cards with Linda. Had fire all evening.
TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1973  Another lovely day. I cleaned up some pine needles, took a walk. In the afternoon Don took me up through the swamp to two small lakes. (One of which the family named "Linda's Lake.") Quite a trip! Fire in evening. Picked blueberries and dewberries. Found post for mailbox.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1973  Beautiful weather continues. In the evening Don took me a boat ride. Did some casting - first for a long time.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1973

Cleaned the stove. Don put new post in for mailbox on Wednesday. I went to bridge at Lamplighter [Restaurant]. Won $1.00. Hathaways were here while I was gone. So sorry to miss them.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1973  Another beautiful day. Didn't get up until after nine. Don cleaned up limbs he cut from trees yesterday by the lake. I went to see Mrs. Schwarze in P.M. She came over in evening. Dybvigs came in afternoon. Took Don, Ellen and me to their house to see stained glass windows Ed is making. They brought us home. Don took me out in boat in evening and I fished a while. Warmer today.


SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 1973  Nice day, but windy. Don, Dorothy, Valerie and I went blueberry picking. Got about six quarts. In afternoon Dorothy and Don picked quart blackberries. Don's decided to start home and left about nine o'clock.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 1973  Rain and storm during night. Dorothy and Valerie picked two quarts blueberries. She made two pies and a batch blackberry jam. I made a batch of blueberry, mopped kitchen and washed two loads in my little washer.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1973  Hard storm and rain during night. Dorothy made a batch of blueberry jam. She, Chuck and Valerie picked about 2 quarts. I made a blueberry coffee cake. I went swimming. First time for two years. [Colleen's 16th birthday.]


THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1973  All family but Chuck went blueberry picking. I went to bridge at McKenzie Inn. Mickey drove. Won $1.00. In the evening Dorothy, Valerie and I went to see Florence Meronk.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1973  We all went to town to "Sidewalk Days." Had lunch at Dairy Queen. I got black pair canvas shoes, and pair Indian moccasins. Esther and Esther Belle Soutter here in late P.M. Went to see Florence Tucker when in town.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1973  Nice day. Dorothy, Valerie and I picked 2 'A quarts blueberries. I made one batch jam and Dorothy made three. Our family has picked about 42 quarts blueberries. I was too tired to go to church. Didn't get there this summer.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 1973 Beautiful day. Washed my hair. Worked on cleaning up around the woodpile. Rest went to Cabaret for dinner. I preferred to stay home. Went to Jensen's. They were going to Cabaret, so didn't stay. Stoven's weren't there. Had ice cream and peanuts and wieners cooked over fire. Susan Retzlaff came down.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 1973 Bill's 49th birthday. Dorothy did a big washing. I made two small blueberry pies for Valerie and me. Raked pine needles off the bank. Went to Dybvigs in P.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1973 Worked more on cleaning up around woodpile. Had saved some wood Monday. Ed [Dybvig] came to see if I wanted to go to Baker's anniversary. I didn't. Dorothy, Valerie and I had a ride around lake. A perfect day. In the evening went to Esp's. Mrs. Fendt was there. Valerie played with Martin children and some others.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1973 Washed things from my bed and some others in the small washer. Cleaned up leaves by garage. Dick got 22 inch [northern] pike in front of Schwarze's. Began to rain at noon, hard rain in evening. [Barbara Jean's ("B.J.") 18th birthday.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1973 Beautiful day. Dick finished putting up new gutters. Dorothy painted top [of] wood box. I went to bridge at Voyager's Village. Dorothy took me both ways. Won $1.00. Every time I have gone this summer won $1.00.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1973 Hot day. Dick took in part of dock and brought green [wooden] boat in. Ferrons [Art and Blanche] were here in afternoon. After dinner Dybvigs came, then Mr. [Elmer] Schwarze.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1973 Dorothy and Dick are packing. Put green boat on terrace. Took in dock, aluminum boat, bell, etc. Valerie caught a 13 1/4 inch bass. Took picture and let it go. Schwarze's taught her to water ski and she went around lake. Dybvigs stopped, took me over there. Ed brought me home in boat. Valerie, Chuck, and I had our last two games [of] scrabble. I went swimming, second time.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 1973 Dorothy, Dick, Chuck and Lady Bug [dog] left at ten of seven. I cleaned bedrooms and bath. A rainy morning. Cleared off at noon. Valerie had fun playing with girls. Mr. Kapacek, Retzlaffs and Susan were here in evening.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1973 A beautiful morning. I washed three washers in little washer. Closed the Guest House. In the evening Bernice [Johnson] and Mrs. Esp were here. Valerie made coffee, and served them coffee and cookies. We did not get an invitation to Johnson's for dinner - first time [without one]. They don't want me alone and Leonard will not close cottage after this year. [Leonard Johnson died in 2002 at age 90.] Don's [42nd] birthday.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1973 Washed three washers with little washer. Pulled more popals. Mrs. Esp and Fendt were here in afternoon. Valerie was with Carrie Johnson [sister of Jay Johnson] most of the day. She was here for lunch. Valerie got to water ski.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1973 A miserable cold day. I had turned pilot on furnace off. My mistake. We had electric heater going almost all day to keep warm. Valerie went to Minong with Carrie Johnson's folks. Brought me a cake of strawberry soap. Johnson's (Carrie) invited us down in evening. We played scrabble.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1973 Gloomy, but not so cool. Our last day, checking, but most everything done. Pulled more popals. Went to Johnson's to pay Leonard to close. Valerie went skiing with Johnson's. Down there most of day. I wonder if I'll be back.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 1973 Up at six or soon after. Mr. Retzlaff and Susan came 20 'till eight. Took us to bus station at Spooner. Nice trip to St. Paul. Got Greyhound ($)75) to airport [in Minneapolis]. Valerie took me to lunch there. Then was served a lunch on plane - sandwich, tomato, two olives and a peach. Waited 2 1/2 hours in Chicago. Home at seven. Don met us. All was well here, but don't think Bill any better. I am so discouraged about him. Don stayed awhile and we had ice cream. Good to be home, but all my problems again.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1973 Tried to get house back in order. Valerie and I went to grocery. Such nice tomatoes, canned two pints. Mowed back yard.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1973 Valerie and I went to church. Bill went to Burlington to stay with children. Four years today since I lost Charles. Ilo Hathaway called. She never forgets. I'll never get over losing him. Mrs. Young came over and Mr. Meyer to welcome me home. Mrs. Halleck was down.


WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1973 Another very hot day. Didn't do much. My tomatoes and cucumbers are so nice.


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1973 Another hot day. Put Turf Builder on front yard. Canned three pints tomatoes. Bill had an intravenous feeding - one more next Saturday.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1973 Still hot, humid weather. Went to church, had our "sandwich" lunch. Home rest of day. Mrs. Kaiser took Kenny [dog?] for a walk and sat on porch awhile.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1973 Heat wave continues. My 74th birthday. Bill gave me an Anita Bryant record, Dorothy, $10.00, and Don the book on our area in Wisconsin. Frieda [Cooper] called [from Phoenix] and sang "Happy Birthday" to me. I defrosted freezer and canned five pints tomatoes. The problems with Colleen are about getting us down. Dorothy called, talked with her, Dick, and Valerie. Don called.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1973 No relief from hot weather. Went to two banks in morning and Post Office. In P.M. got a permanent. ($8.50).


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1973 The heat wave broke. Refrigerator and dehumidifier delivered. Refrigerator, $460.00. Canned 7 pints of tomatoes. Mrs. Young and Jeanette in to see refrigerator. [John Cooper's 15th birthday.]

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1973 Have so much trouble with tomatoes sealing. Going to freeze rest of them. I went to cemetery and cleaned up around stone. Bill went to see Colleen. She leaves tomorrow for a school in Massachusetts. I was in to see Jeanette's new refrigerator. Much cooler. Turned furnace on in evening.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1973 Beautiful day. Made three small pies and put two containers tomatoes in freezer. Went to bridge and lunch at Stew Harrison's. I drove and took Fleeta, Frieda, and Jerry. Won second prize, $.75. Bill had his last intravenous feeding. In evening he went to stay with Karen and Wayne. Gloria left today to take Colleen [to Massachusetts]. Seems strange to be alone.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1973 Rain during night. A cool, drizzly day. Went to church. Starting two services, so few at early one. Turned furnace on when I came home.


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1973 Lovely day. Went to Kroger's in morning. Now have freezer almost full. In P.M. went to see Edith [Walter]. Enjoyed visiting with her and Bill when he came in. After I came home mowed back yard.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1973 Beautiful day. I went to church. Mrs. Minister and Suzanne [neighbors from former neighborhood] here in P.M. Bill went to see some friends in evening.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1973 Lovely day. Jeanette and I went to Riverside [Hospital] to see about volunteer work. After we came home took her car and went to Northland. We have second thoughts about volunteer work.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1973 Partly cloudy and cooler. I washed and ironed. In P.M. went to Bill Walter's office to make some changes in my will. Stopped at library and Kroger's.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1973 Beautiful day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had a nice afternoon. Bill went to have brakes fixed and to see Clay Baker [Both his mechanic and personal friend].

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1973 Cloudy and a few drizzles. Cleaned up front yard. Jeanette and I went to Riverside [Hospital] to see about volunteer work. She agreed to go. I felt all let down - doesn't seem anything I can or want to do. Bill and Kenny [dog] left at noon for farm to stay overnight.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1973 Didn't do much. Put storm door in front door, and two small windows. Bill came home about nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1973 Quite warm. Went to lunch at M.C.L. [Cafeteria in Kingsdale Shopping Center, Upper Arlington], and to Margaret Harmon's to play. Don took some scouts to Muskingum College and went to see Jennie. I get so discouraged about Bill. If he is any better, it is so slow.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1973 Beautiful day. Almost like summer again. I went to church. Meat we had for dinner was spoiled and took it back to Kroger's. They returned money. Mrs. Kaiser over awhile. Swept the driveway.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1973 Another summer-like day. Washed and ironed. Bill was gone most of day at lawyers.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1973 Still summer weather. Bill went to farm to stay 'till Thursday evening. I went to bridge and lunch at Golf Course. Worked in yard after I came home.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1973 Another summer day. Swept the driveway twice and raked front yard and mowed back yard. Home all day. Put more tomatoes in freezer. In P.M. Jeanette was over.


FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1973 Took car to find out why it was hard to start. Went to two banks, Clintonville Electric and paid for refrigerator, to Post Office, Kroger's, drug store and library. Raked front yard after dinner. Very warm. Bill spent most of day at lawyer's office. Frieda called me.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1973 Rainy day. I swept and dusted. Bill went to see a friend and Gary.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1973 Nice day. I went to church. After dinner went to cemetery to get geranium. Swept the drive. Don and Dorothy called. Paffenbargers [Ralph and Viola] came in evening.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1973 Rainy day - poured at times. Washed and ironed. Bill and I got storm window in kitchen by table. Man came to see about roof.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1973 Much nicer day. Had my hair done. Now costs $3.50 and I don't go so often. Had to have new units put in bath toilets. Cost $57.00. Bill and Kenny left at four o'clock for the farm. Cleaned leaves, a daily chore.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1973 Real nice day and warm. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. One didn't come. Don called.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1973 Was at church most of day. Church bazaar. Came home at four. Didn't feel very well. Slept in chair an hour and three-quarters, 'till 7:30.


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1973 Nice day. Mowed front yard, and raked it. Baked cookies. Mrs. Read was here an hour in P.M. Brought a pie for freezer. We have to get the dessert for Circle tomorrow. Wanda [Ochs] and Don called.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1973 A lovely day. Went to second church service because we had our sandwich lunch [for widows].

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1973 Nice day. Bill left in morning to be gone 'till Friday. Baked a pumpkin pie. Mrs. Reed and I had to serve for ten at Circle and fix food. They paid for it. Had eleven there. Swept driveway.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1973 Washed a quilt and some other things. Cleaned Bill's room. In P.M. went to Bill Walters to sign change in will. He didn't have it right, have to go back tomorrow. Swept drive. Marvene [Shonting] and I talked in evening. Could sit on porch, even after dinner.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1973 Another beautiful day. Washed car, mowed back yard. Cleaned up more leaves. Went to Bill Walter's office and signed my new will. He charged me $20.00. Vice President Agnew resigned. Lindy [parakeet] fell from perch. Am afraid he broke his leg.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1973 Beautiful weather continues. Went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure down to 150. Lindy tries to hobble around floor of cage. So lonesome. I went to Duff's and ate my dinner, then to Jeanette's.


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1973 A rainy day. Dorothy, Dick, Chuck, and Valerie came about 11:30. Bill took Karen and Wayne to farm. Called about quarter 'till eight from emergency room at University Hospital. B.J. had driven here with boyfriend and in an accident. Don came over to see Dorothy. Dorothy and Dick and Barbara [B.J.] didn't get home from hospital 'till 10:30. She had four stitches over one eye and foot sprained.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1973 Beautiful day. Dick took B.J. to meet Jim and his father. Didn't get back 'till 12:30. They left soon after three.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1973 Another lovely day. I washed a washer and ironed. Took car for oil change and new filter. Bill took Wayne to doctor about his shoulders, to get permission for gym. Cleaned leaves in front yard.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1973 Perfect day. Bill and I left at 9:30 for Cumberland. Stopped at Gary's on way. Had a good lunch at Zanesville. Found Jennie and Esther both well. A good visit.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1973 Lovely weather continues. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Picked my big green tomatoes. Bill and Kenny [dog] went to trailer [on farm]. [Bill would eventually rent out the farmhouse, and live in his house trailer.]

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1973 Cooler, but beautiful day. Got more plants potted. Went to Kroger's. Then to Cancer Clinic to sew ["swipes"]. Six of us sewed 55 pads. A nice afternoon. Arranged a foursome [for bridge] for November 2.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1973 Another beautiful day. Washed and ironed, put two storm windows in bedrooms. Cleaned up and burned a lot of leaves. Don called. I called Dorothy.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1973 Still beautiful weather. I raked back yard, cleaned up the house. Rid off [cleaned up] back porch, started putting [fire]wood there, brought up some plastic storm windows. Bill came home about seven o'clock.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1973 Went to early church. So few there! In P.M. walked down to Shopping Center. When I came come, Don was here. Beautiful day.


TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1973 Went to beauty parlor at 9:30. Then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Was a hostess and only got to play part time. Finished painting the boxes for silverware and utensils in kitchen drawers.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1973 75° at five o'clock. Didn't do much, cleaned leaves. Took a walk in afternoon. Such long evenings! Wouldn't it be nice to go out again in the evening, but those days are gone forever. Went to bed at ten o'clock.


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1973 Didn't do much. Cleaned more leaves. We aren't supposed to burn them, but everyone is doing it. Bill came home at eight o'clock.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1973 Probably last nice day. Began to rain in the evening. Washed a washer, made two small mince pies. Bill went to Doctor. He said he was doing O.K. Had him get medicine for feet swelling. Don took Karen and Wayne around campus, out to lunch and to football game. Bill took them home. I called Gloria and wished her a Happy [49th] Birthday.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1973 Rain in night. Our street surely a mess of leaves. Bill left at 8:30 to go back to trailer. I went to church. First Sunday I have been alone for a long time. A long day!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1973 A miserable, rainy day. Didn't have much to do. Man came to see where roof is leaking.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1973 Another drizzly day. I took down rest of stakes and tomato plants. Cut them up for trash. Kaiser's gave Bill their old carpet. Went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure down to 140.


THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1973 Sun really came out, but very windy. Went to grocery. Getting ready for luncheon tomorrow. Bill came home about five.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1973 Nice day until rain in evening. Had Edith [Walter], Merle [Axline] and Edna Scott for lunch and bridge. Had chicken salad and lemon pie. Bill spent most of day at Clay Baker's. Frieda called from Iowa [where her daughter, Linda Erickson, lived in Story City]. She is coming the 16th.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1972 Nice sunny day and cooler. Bill left at a quarter 'till nine for farm. I cleaned leaves in front yard and driveway. Piled in front. We aren't to burn. Later, spaded garden on west side and raked part of back yard.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1973 Beautiful day. Got up early and baked a cake to take to church. Widows had sandwich lunch. After I came home raked leaves from back yard and piled in street. Never saw so many down at one time. Called Dorothy.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1973 Richard [Davis] put in the rest of storm windows. Took car and had snow tires put on. A lovely day but cold.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1973 Nice day, but cold. We had first freeze last night. Had been no frost. Pulled up flowers and cleaned more leaves. Our street is a mess of leaves piled high. Went up and had car washed. House gets so cold and furnace would not come on. Put fire in fireplace. Went to bed at 9:30 to keep warm.


THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1973 Not quite so cold. I cleaned more leaves and burned some. Man came and fixed furnace, had to have new motor for fan. ($63.00). Went to Westminster Terrace [Retirement Community] as Mrs. Patron's guest. Drove, took Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Reed. Got Lindy home. Sure good to get warm!


SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1973 28°. Beautiful day but cold. I washed and ironed. Cleaned some leaves from front yard, but too cold to work outside. Bill left about 12:30, took Wayne and Karen to farm for overnight. Watched football game.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1973 Another nice day, but cool. Went to church. In afternoon cleaned leaves next to Scot's. Bill came home at 7:30. We watched [the movie] "Airport."

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1973 Bill left about nine o'clock for farm. I baked three apple pies for our Circle meeting. We had ice cream with pie and nuts.


WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1973 Washed rugs. Took Charles' wreath to cemetery. Almost a spring day. City picked up some leaves on other side of street. I cleaned up both yards. Front filled, piled next to Scott's.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1973 Saw the leaf truck up street, so got more cleaned up. Wouldn't know I had raked so many evening before. Went to grocery. Left at 12:30 to get Frieda in a rain and storm. She didn't get in 'till almost two. It really poured coming home.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1973 Drizzly rain. Jeanette was here in morning. Ellen called. Decided to have a "in the spur of moment" bridge foursome. Got Merle and Jerry Jones. Had a nice afternoon. Bill came home before dinner. Frieda and I played Scrabble. Called to tell Jennie we plan to come down [to Cumberland] tomorrow.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1973 Real nice day. We went to A&P. Frieda and I went to see Jennie. Ate lunch at Zanesville. Home 4:30. Bill went back to farm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1973 Cloudy and cool. Frieda and I went to second service [at church]. Frieda met Lucille Bolon [related in some way to Gladys whose maiden name was Bolon]. Dorothy and Karen called.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1973 Cleaned leaves from back yard, around garage and driveway. Went to grocery. In evening Frieda and I were invited to Edna Scott's for bridge. Ada Lewis was there. Frieda won first prize.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1973 Another lovely day. I cleaned leaves in front yard. Edith took Frieda, Merle, and me to her house for bridge. I won first prize - cards. Frieda and I went to Jeanette's for dinner, then played Scrabble. Nice day.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1973 Frieda made salad to take tomorrow. Had my hair done in afternoon. Bill came about 4:30. Frieda and I played Scrabble in evening. We went to Northland [Shopping Center], but didn't stay long.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1973 A beautiful THANKSGIVING DAY. Frieda, Bill and I went to Don's for dinner. Ellen had a 24 pound turkey. Jean Cloud and Bill Spoor there. She brought scalloped oysters. We took salad and rolls. Delicious dinner. Some of us took a walk in P.M. Home about six.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1973 Fairly nice day. Frieda took Jeanette and me to Stouffers for lunch. Stopped at Buckeye Mart on way home, then we played Scrabble here. Frieda and I played again in evening. Bill took Karen and a girl friend to a sRow. [Tom Cooper's 12th birthday.]

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1973 Bill left at quarter 'till eight to take Frieda to airport. We have had such a nice time together. Bill went on to farm. Had hard rain. Watched Ohio State - Michigan football game. Ended in a 10-10 tie. Bill went on to see Gary. Didn't come home 'till almost five.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1973 Hard rain during night. Such a miserable morning. Almost didn't go to church, but went to second service. Home rest of day. Ohio State goes to Rose Bowl.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1973 Another drizzly, dark day. Washed and ironed one washer. Bill had errands and was gone most of day.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1973 Another drizzly day and some rain. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Dona Elbright took me and Mrs. Frye. With gasoline shortage we are going to share driving. Donna was in here before we left and we both stopped at Mrs. Fry's. Twin grand-children.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1973 A dark, gloomy day. Didn't do much. Called for a bridge luncheon I am having next week. Bill went back to farm. Marvene [Shonting] called at nine and we talked 'till ten of eleven.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1973 The sun finally came out. Washed a washer. Went to Big Bear - had car washed. [The Big Bear grocery chain, a local institution since early 1930's, has gone bankrupt and is closing all its stores on December 31, 2003.] In P.M. went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure still 160. Went to Northland Shopping Center [also gone], bought a dark red fake fur coat for $35.00, and a oven broiler for $19.95. Called Jeanette to come over to see my purchases. She brought me chocolate cake.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1973 A beautiful day and warmer. Went to post office and grocery. Cleaned all leaves for last time. City picked up while I was gone. Bagged most of them. Burned a few, although not allowed. Man came to see about roof. Bill came home about six. Came in a truck Clay Baker loaned him.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1973 Another beautiful day. Bill got Richard to help him load truck and he went back to farm. I went to bridge at Stew Harrison's. I drove, won second prize. In the evening went to a Department [of Engineering Drawing] party at [Clyde] Kearns, Paffenbargers [Ralph and Viola] took me. Had a nice time, when I started home it rather "hit me" being only one alone.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1973 Beautiful day. I went to second church service. Had our sack lunch [for widows]. Stopped to see Mrs. Pegg, then went to cemetery.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1973 Washed and ironed. Home all day. Made a casserole for Bill to take to Teacher's party.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1973 Cloudy and began to rain in morning. Bill went to farm. Had my hair done. A long, rainy day. Watched "Hans Brinker."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1973 Cloudy but not much rain. Went to Indianola Plaza in morning. Then to bridge at Golf Course. Took Edith as my guest. Get a few Christmas cards ready each day. Want all mailed by the 8th, but won't make that. Mrs. Young brought me a picture and some things for Lindy. Her bird died.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1973 Getting ready for my party tomorrow. Went to Women's Association [meeting].
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1973 Another nice day. I had Juanita [Shupe], Mary Hang and Evelyn Kearns for lunch and bridge. [All married to members of the Department of Engineering Drawing.] Holly [Shupe] and Brian stopped for Juanita. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1973 Beautiful day. Went to grocery. Bill came home about seven. Watched basketball game.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1973 Lovely day. I went to 2nd church service. In afternoon Leona Benton stopped for me. We went to funeral home to see Mrs. Frost, then to church for Mrs. Shafer's [wife of the new minister at Crestview Presbyterian Church] organ recital.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1973 Snow on ground and flurries all day. Man came and I signed contract for new roof. Went to Jeanette's in afternoon. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1973 17°. Beautiful day but cold. Went to post office and Buckeye Mart. Finished Christmas cards. Only sent one in town. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1973 A lovely day and warmer. Brought my little tree up [from basement], but couldn't get lights to light. Went to Northland in afternoon. Long evenings!!


FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1973 Bill left at eleven. Didn't do much. In the evening went to Watkins for dinner with Paffenbargers [Ralph and Viola]. Had a good dinner and a pleasant evening. [Valerie's 14th birthday.]


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1973 A bad morning and I cancelled bridge at Golf Course. Some didn't like it, but most were glad to stay home. Freezing rain was predicted. Ralph [Paffenbarger] called. Viola in intensive care at hospital.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1973 Bill had to spend most of day running around to get slip from Doctor so he could return to [teaching] school. I went to grocery in morning. Rain turned to snow. Colleen came home from school in Massachusetts. Terrible weather, plane four hours late. Gloria met her. We sat up until we heard she was home at a quarter 'till twelve.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1973 More snow in morning. Mrs. Young brought me cookies. I baked in P.M. Took some to Jeanette. Was shocked to hear Viola [Paffenbarger] died this morning. They stopped and we went down to see Ralph.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1973 Bill went to farm. I wasn't out of house all day. Sunny day, but our street so icy. Talked to some on 'phone. Helped put in day.


MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1973 Much warmer. Ice melted on our street. I went to Northland for some errands. Washed and ironed. Eldis [Reed] stopped and left me a rose. [Eldis Reed was a Deacon at First Community Church. The Deacons there had a Christmas mission of taking roses to widows and elderly ladies from the church; Gladys was included because of long-time friendship.]


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1973 57°. A miserable day and rained. Bill took the three children to the farm. I didn't feel very peppy - slept all P.M. Hard thunderstorms in evening. Bill came home in a hard rain. Tornado warnings. Did strike in southern Ohio.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1973 Some sunshine, even a shower. I went to bank. Bill brought the three children here for lunch. Had pizzas. Watched T.V. and played Scrabble. He went on to farm. Had planned to come back, but Don Christiansen [long-time friend; became an optometrist] was going to see him, so he will stay overnight. Went to Nellie's for bridge. Jerry took me and Mrs. Turner. Didn't get home 'till 12:30.


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1973  A nice day until late afternoon, then began to snow. Went to church. Watched T. V. and read.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1973
Four inches snow! I washed, ironed and cleaned the driveway. Quite a job when so much snow. Bill came home at 7:15. Gloria called. Ruined our evening!
This year has been one of worry and frustrations. Bill's divorce and illness. But, I have tried to take a day at a time and trust in Lord. I do thank Him that Bill is better.
Frieda [Cooper] visited me twice. Spent four weeks at cottage. Colleen went to school in Massachusetts, and Barbara [B J.] to Miami [University of Ohio].
Now I am on my 5th year without Charles. I miss him so much! Sometimes I don't see how I can decide all things myself. But, am thankful for good health.

END OF BOOK XXXVII, PART TWO (JANUARY 1, 1973- DECEMBER 31, 1973)
Gladys, age 75, enjoyed good health, and was able to continue her usual routines during the year. At Crestview Presbyterian Church she usually attended Sunday services, and stayed on for the weekly "Sunday brunch" of widows. Her Circle and the Women's Association met once a month, and she joined a new group, the "Golden Crest" for elderly women. Once she attended a Board meeting, but found it "a waste of time." As had been the case her entire adult life, her favorite recreation was bridge. The "foursome" ate lunches in a restaurant and then played in one of the member's homes. Another group met regularly at the restaurant of the Ohio State University Golf Course on Tremont Road, Upper Arlington. She experimented briefly with both Progressive and Duplicate bridge, but cared for neither. Scrabble was another favored recreation; she and her next-door neighbor, and best friend, Jeanette Davis, played many games during the year. She took long, regular walks around the neighborhood, and would stop to "chat" at every opportunity. Her garden was larger than usual. She plated onions, lettuce, radishes, carrots, chard, squash, peppers, cucumbers, and tomatoes. Unfortunately her tomato crop did not produce as expected, partly because the birds ate so many of them. Still she got enough tomatoes from Don, Bill and neighbors that she froze 32 milk cartons of tomatoes. She did all necessary spading in the garden herself. As usual she did much baking, including many cakes, pies, and cookies. The house needed a new roof, and there was the usual huge cleanup of leaves and acorns in the fall. All the neighbors, including Gladys, had burned their leaves in the street despite orders from the city to stop the practice. On one day a "big fire truck warned the neighbors not to burn leaves anymore in the street." Gladys never burned leaves again in the street.

It seemed that all of her neighbors were friends. She knew everybody well who lived on Yaronia Drive South. There was constant visiting back and forth, and often the neighbors brought her a little gift. Among items offered by neighbors included soup, grapefruit, cookies, a pie, blackberry cobbler, salad dressing, cake, and tomatoes. All such gifts had to be "repaid." Her most frequent visitor from the street was Carol Hoffman, a mildly retarded woman who lived with her mother. Gladys watched some TV., especially football and basketball. Other pursuits, none of them new this year, were sewing bandages for cancer patients, making plastic rugs from braided bread wrappers, and crocheting pillow cases, donated to the church bazaar. Her parakeet, Lindy, died April 11 and was buried "in a Christmas box under the magnolia tree." Two months later she bought two more parakeets. Once she let them out of their cage to fly about the living room, but found it was very difficult to get them back in the cage. They never left the cage again. Gladys was disappointed to learn late in the year that her long-time physician and friend, Dr. Rollo Bonnell, in poor health himself, closed his office and retired from practice at the end of the year. Fortunately, as stated, her health was good. Dr. Bonnell regularly monitored Gladys' blood pressure, which varied from 138 to 170. Her vision was 20/30. She had no glaucoma, and her cataracts were dormant. Several good friends passed away, including Margie Fields, wife of the late Wooster Fields of the Department of Engineering Drawing, Helen Koster, from Fish Lake in Wisconsin, Brian Shupe, the son of good friends Hollie and Juanita Shupe, and John Jackson, friend from the former neighborhood, and most important, Jennie Knowles, aunt of Charles, died November 17 at age 92. Little was said, as usual, about national affairs, but on August 8 she wrote "A big day in history. President Nixon resigned!"

Gladys continued as always to be careful about spending her money, although she never seemed to be short of necessary funds. Among the prices listed for 1974 were gasoline, $.59.9, "the most I ever paid for gas;" $44.00, "The most I ever paid for a dress"; the new roof, $1,000.00; car license, $16.00; $4.00, charge for removing four snow tires; $11.98, oil change;
$5.00, "too high" price of a movie ticket; and $. 10, cost of mailing a first-class letter. She continued to miss Charles very much. She wrote on June 17 "I was so depressed. Five years ago today Charles and I left for cottage and he never got back." On September 2, the day before her birthday, "I am so depressed. Had a hard crying spell - not enough to do. Oh, my darling. I cry for you! "Evenings are so long, sometimes I think I can't take it. No one to speak to."

Two long trips that Gladys took during the year boosted her morale. Between March 13 and April 2 she visited Phoenix, Arizona, to attend the wedding of her niece, Barbara Azlin, who was married on March 16. She stayed with Frieda Cooper, her sister-in-law, and close friend, and visited with four of Frieda's five children, Betsy and Glenn Azlin, Joe and Carol Cooper, King and Patty Cooper, and Linda and Jerry Erickson (from Iowa). Daughter Margie Little was not present; she was probably living in Hawaii at the time. Gladys also met with Tom Nelson, the 93 year old widower of her cousin, Flo Nelson. Tom drove Gladys about town, and she said his driving was excellent. In October Gladys spent one week in a busy trip to Canada, New York, and Pennsylvania. She visited the Peace Bridge, Toronto, the Catskill Mountains, Hyde Park, West Point, Washington Irving's home, and in New York City, St. John the Divine church, and saw Carol Channing in the play "Lorelei," which Gladys thought was overpriced at $10.00. In Pennsylvania she visited Allentown, the Gettysburg Civil War battlefield, and the town of Stroudsburg, where a waitress enlivened the evening by first dropping a tray of salad, and next slipping and dropping the main course. All in all "This was a fine trip - well worth the cost." She did not visit the cottage in 1974.

Bill and Gloria were now divorced. Bill, slowly recovering from a near-fatal bout with Hodgkins Disease, continued to live with Gladys until June 12. He then moved to his farm near Sugar Grove and Lancaster in Fairfield county. On January 2 he was able to return to teaching elementary school. Gloria continued to live in the family residence at 1532 Burlington Avenue. Despite the divorce Bill and Gloria saw each other fairly often. He would watch the children for her from time to time, and she was attentive to Bill during his serious illness. Gloria's house was burglarized and vandalized on one occasion. Gary's second son, Michael, was born February 9. Kay's third child, and first daughter, Nicole, was born October 17. Karen was active in the Girl Scouts. Colleen had her back brace for scoliosis removed, and continued her studies at Perkins School for the Blind in Massachusetts.

Dorothy and Dick were still living in Cincinnati. Valerie enjoyed swimming and gymnastics, and had a paper route. B.J. was enrolled at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Chuck was still in High School. Dorothy and Dick enjoyed square dancing.

Gladys spent Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas with Don and Ellen in Upper Arlington. Don left for Mexico on June 2, and spent two months studying Spanish in Cuernavaca at CIDOC, a noted language school run by the famous former priest and author, Ivan Mich. Mich invited Don to breakfast and they spent four hours together, and Don agreed to be a consultant on Mich's book, Medical Nemesis. Ellen flew to Guatemala City on August 16 and met Don right on schedule at the airport. He had been visiting Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador. They had 12 days together to visit many parts of Guatemala.

Jennie's health was noticeably failing throughout the year. On May 22 Gladys wrote Jennie "isn't so well." The next month, Esther Smith, the lady with whom Jennie lived, became paralyzed from a stroke. On November 14 Jennie fell and fractured her pelvis. Gladys and Don visited her at the Zanesville Hospital on October 16, and she died at eight the next morning. Frieda came from Phoenix for her funeral.

Gladys closed her diary for 1974 with "End of another year. I am so thankful Bill is so much better, and for my good health. I didn't go to cottage and missed going. Had a trip in October through East. Jennie died in November. Frieda came. The years don't heal my missing Charles."
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1974 Nice sunny day. Ada Lewis came and brought us soup, a grapefruit and plate of cookies. Didn't get to see very much of the Rose Bowl parade. Bill and I watched Ohio State at Rose Bowl. We beat 42-21. Ate our dinner on trays in front room. Looked at some old Kodak albums.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1974 5°. Cold! Had my hair done, then went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I took Edith [Walter]. Never thought I would drive on these snowy streets. No trouble, but snow tires helped. (Don's neighbor moved to Texas and gave him the tires.) Second year I have used them. Bill went back to teaching.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1974 18°. Cloudy, and freezing rain in P.M. Baked cookies. Started to grocery in P.M. Rain was starting, freezing, came back and stayed home. Driving bad. Bill talked with Karen and Gloria about two hours.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1974 Nice sunny day. Mr. Haney stopped about the insurance policy. By afternoon ice melted. Went to grocery and Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure up - 170.


SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1974 Pretty nice day. Had to have dinner at twelve for Valerie to get to swimming. I went with them in afternoon. We came home after she swam. She called and they went home from there. Bill came home about quarter 'till eight. [Robert Cooper's 2nd birthday. Robert, "Bobby," is the son of Gary and Kathy Cooper.]

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1974 Did the laundry. Went to bank, Buckeye Mart, drug store and A&P. Filled tank, now $.45 a gallon.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1974 4°. Cloudy and began to snow about dinner time. I didn't do much. Got trash out for tomorrow, worked on painting I am doing for Karen's birthday. Margaret Devereaux [wife of a member of Charles' Department] and Mable Meisser called.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1974 Snow on ground, a heavy, wet snow. I baked cookies. Jeanette was in in P.M.


FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1974 Another cold day. Driving bad, our street a mess. Mrs. Young called Mrs. Kaiser to complain about Kenny.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1974 10°. Cold. All shrubbery and trees covered with ice. Went to Holiday Inn for bridge. Mr. Heidorn took us. Bill went to Doctor, then to farm. Had fire in fireplace. Don called to say they were home.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1974 10°. Nice sunny day, but cold. I fell in front room last evening and hurt my foot. It is better today. Home all day. Laura Hardy here in P.M. Bill came about four. Doctor told him he was doing fine, that blood count and reflexes were better than last time. Said he should make further improvement. Does not go back for three months.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1974 Weather so bad our Circle meeting called off. Did a little extra cleaning for company tomorrow evening. Started work on roof. Had to sweep off snow.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1974 Some warmer and ice melted some. Got front walk and porch cleared. Nellie, Gerry [Jones] and Mable [Meisser] here for a foursome [of bridge].

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1974 Much nicer and streets are clear except ours. Had my hair done and went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Took Edith [Walter]. Chuck's 16th birthday.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1974 42°. A real nice day. In afternoon went to get my card to ride bus for $.25. Then to bank, post office, library, Kroger's.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1974 54°. A mild day, rain in afternoon. Washed and ironed. Went to shopping center to get batteries for radio. Got so provoked at clerk at Sears. In P.M. to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure, 164.


SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1974 Another gloomy, drizzly day. Went to church. Home rest of day, except to mailbox [on Indianola Avenue]. Bill didn't come home 'till 9:15.


TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1974 Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Took Donna Elbrink. With gas shortage [we] are sharing driving. Bill had P.T.A. and didn't come home 'till late.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1974 Miserable rainy morning. Cleared off in P.M. Didn't do much. In to Jeanette's in P.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1974 Very nice day. I went downtown. Used my new card for $.25 bus fare. Bought a Certificate of Deposit at Buckeye [Federal Savings & Loan]. Got a nice little heater for premium. I gave it to Bill. Got a dress, $44.00. Most I ever paid for one, but a nice dress. Mr. Johnson stopped to check on roof.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1974 Had car washed in morning, to grocery in P.M. and library. Jeanette [Davis] and Mary were in. Bill left about seven for the farm. Beautiful day.


SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1974 A busy Sunday for me. Went to church. Don came over early in afternoon, then at 3:30 [I] went to church to "birthday party." A table and cake for each month. Only four at our table. Bill came home at eight o'clock.


TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1974 Beautiful day. Washed one washer. Got confused about Certificate [of Deposit] and drove to Buckeye [Savings & Loan] at Morse Road.


THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1974 A beautiful day. I did ironing. In P.M. went to bank, took Mama's watch to Mr. Denig [the jeweler], then to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure, 162.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1974 A lovely day, almost like spring. Edith [Walter], Merle [Axline], Frieda Beltz and I went to "Country Squire" for lunch, then to Merle's. I won first prize. We asked Frieda to play with us. [Previous member, Reva Kutz, had a stroke.] Bill had dinner with family. Karen's 14th birthday.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1974 Bill left for farm at 9:15. I was home all day. Had fire in evening.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1974 Colder. Went to church. Had our sandwich lunch [for widows]. Then stopped to see Mrs. Minister [from former neighborhood].

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1974 Snow flurries and colder. Washed one washer and ironed, also a washer of rugs. Went to Jeanette's in P.M. Bill has YMCA on Monday.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1974 12° above. Went to bank and Kroger's. Snowing and flurries 'till late afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1974 A miserable day! Snow turned to freezing rain. Cancelled bridge at Golf Course. Slept two hours in afternoon. Saw the first robin.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1974 20°. Cleaned more woodwork in kitchen. Went to bank in morning. Drive so icy, had to put ashes under wheels to get car out. In P.M. went to Dr. Bonnell for bladder infection. Stopped at Buckeye Mart. Bought bedroom slippers to take to Arizona.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1974 20°. Bill left for farm a quarter 'till ten. I went to bridge - Jerry [Jones] drove. We went to Bill Knapp's [Restaurant] for lunch and to Florence Sandel's to play. Snow flurries in afternoon. Gary called. They have a baby boy, Michael. 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1974 Cleaned more of kitchen woodwork. Went to Circle [at church]. Not many there. Bill has class at "Y" on Monday evening.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1974 Lovely day. Warmed up and most of snow melted. Washed and ironed. We four - Nellie, Gerry, and I played bridge at Mable Turners. I had high score. Nellie drove.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1974 Almost like spring. Had my hair done. Flat tire coming home. Got to Sunoco station, left car and they fixed it. Jeanette was in in afternoon.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1974 Another sunny day but colder. I went downtown to bank. Ate lunch at Mills [Clock Restaurant], bought dress with turquoise dots and jacket. Reduced from $50.00 to $29.97. Went in to Kaisers and Jeanette's.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1974 Lovely weather continues. Went to stamp store and got a table radio. Stopped at cemetery on way.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1974 Beautiful day. Went to church. Mrs. Hamilton offered me $2.00 on the gasoline. I took $1.00. Bill stayed overnight with children last night while Gloria went to Cleveland [where her mother lived]. He came back about four o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1974 Rainy day. I went to Huntington [Bank], changed a Certificate of Deposit for higher interest. Then to Kroger's and Central [Savings & Loan]. Got a cashier's check for $1,000 to pay for roof. Mr. Dickerson painted kitchen ceiling. Had water damage. $10.00.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1974 Beautiful day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. [Ellen's 39th birthday].

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1974 Another lovely day, up to 59°. Didn't feel well with a cold and didn't do much. Went to Auto Club in P.M. Got my [airline] ticket for Arizona. $222.55.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1974 Seventeen years ago today we moved to this house [in 1957]. Felt better but didn't go to Cancer Ray to sew. Went to A&P [grocery]. Much colder, high wind and snow flurries. Ellen called to tell me she starts work March 1st at First Community Village three days a week. From three 'till eleven.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1974 A nice day. Bill went to farm for the day. I drove - went to lunch at Country Squire, then to Merle's to play. I won third, pennies, $.50. Bill came home about six.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1974 Wake up so early, just didn't feel like making the effort to go to church. Bill was invited out for dinner in evening. Began to snow in early afternoon - had several inches.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1974 Washed and ironed. In house all day except to let Kenny out. He ran away in evening. Had a time getting him. Bill had class as Y.


WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1974 Lovely day, most of snow gone. Went to two banks. To Denig's [Jewelers] to get Momma's watch. ($19.56). To post office. Now postage $.10, and to Kroger's. Bill took my car, filled tank and had it washed. Gas over $.50 a gallon. Have a cold and lost my voice.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1974 Cloudy day. I didn't do anything but try to get over this cold.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1974 Beautiful day. Gave my bedroom extra cleaning. Used Liquid Gold on furniture. Cleaned up back porch.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1974 66°. Lovely day. Went to lunch and bridge. Didn't think much of the restaurant. Played at Margaret's. I went in to see Crystal and took her a piece of cake. Frieda [Beltz] drove. Bill didn't go to farm this weekend. Went to a spaghetti dinner for Karen's scout troop, then to see Gary's baby [Michael].
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1974 72°. Really like spring. I went to church, then to Sunday Brunch. We had pancakes, waffles, and sausage. Paid $.50, then went to cemetery to get Charles' wreath. Bill walked around Wynding [Drive] and to Lawson's [dairy store] in evening. First he has done that for a long time.

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1974 70°. Tied the record temperature today. Washed one washer. Went to Lazarus and bought springs and mattress for Bill's bed. In to Jeanette's in P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1974 Another pretty day. I did ironing, went to bank and took my watch back to Mr. Denig. In P.M. went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure 170. Jeanette came in.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1974 A little drizzle, but mostly a nice day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Took Edith and Frieda Beltz. Bill takes a walk every evening and seems much stronger. After I came home raked leaves and sticks from back yard.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1974 76°, a record. Went to Indianola Plaza and the dry cleaners in morning. Had lunch at church - the Women's Association — $1.00. Cleaned side yard after I came home.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1974 80°. A beautiful day. A record temperature. The new spring and mattress were delivered for Bill's bed, and Volunteers [of America] picked up old ones. Washed a washer and worked some outside. Went to Jeanette's in evening.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1974 77°. Another record temperature. Bill went to farm and took children. Washed a washer of rugs, baked cookies. Watched basketball in P.M. Called Dorothy.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1974 Lovely day, but cooler. Went to church. Bill came home about 7:30.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1974 Went at eight o'clock for permanent. $8.50, $.50 tip. In afternoon went to Circle meeting. Bill had his last evening class at the Y.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1974 Nice day but chilly. I washed and ironed. Ellen called and Jerry Jones offered to take me to airport. Jeanette and Edna Scott came in P.M. All set to leave tomorrow!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1974 Up at six. Had breakfast, Bill took me to airport. Left at ten of seven. On first flight to Chicago had dish of fruit, roll and coffee. On second to Phoenix, ham, egg omelet, potato puffs, cake and dish of fruit. Three and half hours on second plane. Linda, Chris [Linda's son] and Frieda met me. Three hours difference in time. We went to Betsy's in evening and saw Barbara's wedding gifts.
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1974 84°. The time difference caught up with me and I slept two hours and a half in afternoon. Arlene Prince was here for dinner. Frieda had two tables of bridge in evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1974 85°. We went to LovelFs [Frieda's sister] at Mesa for the day. Linda went to Betsy's for rehearsal dinner. Frieda and I played Scrabble.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1974 We went to shopping center in morning. Got ready for wedding. The baby stayed next door. Left at six for wedding. It was very nice and a reception followed at a different place. Linda packed after we came home. Dorothy's [46th] birthday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1974 Linda's plane left at 7:30. I didn't get up to go to airport. Frieda's former S[unday] S[chool] class came from Avondale. We all ate dinner at St. Georges's, then they came here for dessert.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1974 Frieda and I went to her Circle meeting, at a nice home in Sun City. The program was on Arizona Trading Post. Then, we went to a luncheon at a fancy club. Panhellic luncheon. Beautiful place on a lake. Scrabble in evening.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1974 We went to the Liberty bridge club at Mrs. Arnold's. Had a nice afternoon. She and I alternated playing and won first prize. $1.00. I divided money with her. Had some rain coming home. Stopped to see Patty [wife of King, son of Frieda] and children and their new home at Buckeye. I tied on a game of Scrabble.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1974 Had rain during night. We went to Debbie Pritchett's for lunch with Pearl Coulter. Ate on patio. Nice luncheon. I had high score.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1974 Went to Frieda's Goodyear bridge club. On way bought Indian bracelet for Dorothy. Over $38.00. Will be her birthday and half her Christmas. Had a nice afternoon of bridge. Play Scrabble every evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1974 We went to see Tom [Nelson; married to Gladys's deceased cousin, Flo Nelson]. He took us to lunch, and for a drive by the church to see Flo's Memorial Window. His driving was good. 93 in May.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1974 We went to a nursery and Frieda got plants to set out. I paid for them, for didn't know what to get her. In evening we went to Pearl Coulter's for dinner and bridge. Such a lovely home facing Golf Course, and good dinner.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1974 We went to early church. Such a beautiful church and good sermon. 570 at first service. We went to Betsy's [Azlin, daughter of Frieda, and mother of Barbara, just married] for dinner.
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1974 Frieda had Arlene Prince for lunch. A neighbor gave us tickets for a lecture. Richard Vallente. It was on [Henry] Kissinger [Nixon's Secretary of State].

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1974 Had my hair done in morning. $5.00. In P.M. Frieda and I went through model houses. Had a golf cart to ride in. One house had a swimming pool in entrance room.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1974 We went to Dorothy Patterson's for dessert. The fourth one was Florence Duffy. Had a nice afternoon. Then to Joe's [Cooper, son of Frieda, married to Carol], then to school auditorium for Clyde's [son of Joe and Carol] Honorary Society.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1974 Frieda took car to have door handle fixed. Florence Duffy took us to lunch with Dorothy Hall, then to her home for bridge. She brought us back to garage to get car.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1974 We went to grocery and shopping center. I got two owls for my refrigerator doors and a pretty light plate for bedroom. Home rest of day. By evening we decided to go to a play at church.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1974 We didn't do anything special. Played Scrabble.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1974 We went to nine o'clock church. 509 there. Then to King's for dinner. Had barbecued chicken - home made ice cream. On way home stopped to see Mrs. Nowland.

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1974 Home until evening then went to Frieda's bridge club at Baldwin's at Scottsdale. Had a nice evening and good dinner.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1974 Didn't sleep well, up soon after 5:30. Had toast and coffee for breakfast. Frieda took me to airport, plane left at 8:05. Less than an hour to wait in Chicago. Two nice flights. They told Bill plane was late and I waited about an hour for him. We got "Grandma's Chicken" for dinner. Don and Dorothy called. I unpacked my suitcase.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1974 Started out a pretty day, then hard storms in afternoon and evening. I went to bank. In P.M. to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Bill transplanted some of his plants. The evening of awful tornadoes.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1974 Cleaned out fireplace. Went to Graceland [Shopping Center] to get car license. $16.00. Then had snow tires taken off. $4.00.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1974 Cooler. I went to the grocery. Bill put a lot of things in refrigerator, but still spent over $15.00. Finished a plastic rug. Bill left for farm after dinner. Took the children. Mrs. Pegg called. She has moved to her daughter's.
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1974 Beautiful day, but cool. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Jerry drove. Don invited me to go to dinner with them tomorrow.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1974 Lovely day but windy and cool. Missed Sunday Brunch at church. Went to Don's. He, Linda, and I went to Pancake House for dinner. Got my income tax from him.

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1974 A horrible day. Rain turned to snow. Decided not to drive to Circle meeting. Snow accumulated on yards but not on roads.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1974 Bill took day off to get income tax done, then drove to farm to get truck. Stayed overnight at Burlington. [Bill and Gloria moved to 1532 Burlington Avenue, Columbus, 43227 in 1962. Summers were usually spent on the farm. Following their divorce in 1973 Gloria and the three younger children continued to live at Burlington, while Bill lived with Gladys for a time, and then moved full time to the farm.] Gloria went to Cincinnati. I baked a load of carrot, apple bread. In P.M. went to bank, to Doctor BonnelFs. Blood pressure down to 160. Much nicer day, but cool.


THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1974 Very nice day. Went to post office, Kroger's, Library. Raked front yard. Planted chard, radishes, carrots. Barbara Kaiser and Jeanette were in. About eleven o'clock discovered my dear little Lindy [parakeet] was dead. He had been crippled for a long time. I will miss him, have had him almost three years. [Don had found him in his front yard in Upper Arlington, and gave the bird to Gladys.]


SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1974 Beautiful day. I worked outside, cleaned up more leaves and other things. Went to grocery. Took a walk after dinner. Talked with McLean's.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1974 Easter Sunday. I went to early church, then to Don's. Went out with his family for dinner to Drake Union. Had a good dinner. When I came home it was raining, then hailed. Got home O.K. Just got in house when a second storm came. Very windy.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1974 Cloudy and much cooler. Washed and ironed. In house all day - a long day. Juanita [Shupe] called to tell me Margie Fields died. [Both Hollie Shupe and Wooster Fields had been colleagues of Charles' in the Department of Engineering Drawing. Both long-time friends.]
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1974 Beautiful day. Had my hair done in P.M. After I came home mowed front yard.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1974 Lovely day. Went to funeral home to see Margie Fields, then for Edith and Gerry at Golf Course. Had such poor hands. Bill came about six for overnight. Mowed back yard after I came home.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1974 Beautiful day. I washed the car and worked outside. Bill left early. Took the three children to farm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1974 Baked cookies, went to grocery. Try to take a walk each day.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1974 Beautiful day. Baked a pie, made salad and Valerie came soon after eleven. Sat on back porch for first time and ate dinner there.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1974 Nice day. We ate on porch at noon today, and I sat on porch for first time. Dorothy's family left soon after four. Bill came home about eight. Don called. Peeled one of birch logs to make them look better.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1974 Rainy day, nice easy rain for lawn and garden. Things I planted are coming up well. Washed and ironed. In house all day.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1974 A cold, dreary day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Such poor cards. Graded papers for Bill. Called Ilo [Hathaway]. Had to bring plants and flowers in from back porch.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1974 Nice sunny day but still cool. I washed and ironed. Washed the curtains in my bed room. Took a walk in afternoon. Edna Scott [neighbor] had surgery.


FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1974 72°. Beautiful day. Had a number of errands, to bank, post office, Kroger's, library, A&P, and Pill Box Pharmacy. Bill decided not to go to farm 'till morning.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1974 Lovely day. Went to lunch and bridge at Country Squire. Nellie drove. I was hostess. Won 2nd prize, $.75. Bill left today for farm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1974 Cloudy but no rain. I went to church and worked on cancer drive in P.M. Later drove to Don's and took Ellen rubber ring. Bill didn't get home 'till almost ten. Gary and Kathy were at trailer and helped him.
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1974. Lovely spring day. I took out storm windows and put in screens in small windows, both baths and front door. Planted squash and washed fire screen. It was broken. Dick welded it and Bill put in on. Planted cucumbers by magnolia tree. Gloria called, their house had been burglarized and vandalized in P.M. Went on Cancer drive. Only got $7.00 on Wynding [Drive; road that intersects Yaronia Drive South where Gladys lived.]

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1974. Gloomy, drizzly day. Had my hair done. Planted cucumbers, took out storm windows and put screens in - west window. Bill stopped at Burlington to see the damage. Delivered cancer money.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1974. Took out storm windows over dining table, washed it. Bill helped me put it back. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had high score. Edith drove.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1974. Cloudy and rain all afternoon. I did the laundry, took out small storm window in front bedroom. Went to library and Kroger's. In to see Edna Scott just home from hospital. Took her jello with oranges and pineapple. Charles's 75th birthday. Dorothy remembered and called me.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1974. Got house all cleaned up. Merle, Frieda, Edith and I went to Stouffers for lunch and came here for bridge. Edith drove. Bill took day off [from teaching elementary school] and left early for farm.


MONDAY, MAY 6, 1974. Gloomy day, down to low forties. Washed and ironed. Too cold to work out. Brought our plants to kitchen in evening.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1974. 30°. A record for this date. Went to church - had a bake sale for the election. Didn't do much but enjoyed talking with the women. Brought our plants in again tonight. Filled gas tank. $57.9 a gallon. Most I ever paid.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1974. Gloomy day but not so cold. Rain in afternoon and evening. I baked a carrot cake. Water meter was installed on outside. ($35.00). Set out four tomato plants. Spaded flower bed by drive. Caught the boy who vandalized Gloria's house.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1974. Another gloomy day. I set out rest of tomato plants and 22 impatiens in front of shrubbery. Had kept the flowers to start. In P.M. went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure still 160. Then went to Northland [Shopping Center]. Bill went to help Gloria with car. Didn't come home for dinner. I went in to Jeanette's a while.
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1974 Nice day and a little warmer. Went to Kroger's in morning. In afternoon to A&P and cemetery to set out marigolds. Bill and I watched basketball 'till quarter 'till twelve. The playoffs and most exciting game I ever saw - two overtimes.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1974 Nice day. Bill went to Dr. then to farm. I went to bridge at Stew Harrison's [Restaurant]. I drove - won pennies. $.62. In evening watched the first half of "Giant." Called Dorothy.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1974 Rain during night and when I got up. Soon cleared off. Mother's Day. Went to church and Don and Ellen took me to Drake Union for dinner. John didn't go. Watched first half of basketball game at their house. Came home between halves and watched rest. Celtics won championship.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1974 65°. Nice day. Went to Circle meeting. After I came home mowed front yard.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1974 85°. Warmest day we have had. Had my hair done, went to bank and Kroger's. Set out plants on drive. Bill went to P.T.A. and was not home for dinner. In P.M. Jeanette was in. Brought me half a pie.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1974 Baked cookies I had mixed on Tuesday. Baked a cake. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Our last regular meeting. I turned over my job to Carrie Bowman. Gary, Kathy and the children here for ice cream and cake. First time I had seen the baby [Michael]. Gary took two big storm windows to basement. Mowed back yard.


FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1974 Went to cemetery to water flowers. Then a good rain in evening. Washed window and put in screen in Bill's room. Had a dispute with Ada Lewis. She had moved my ladder behind garage because it "looked so bad." Went in to Jeanette's. Had word Helen Koster died [Long-time friend from cottage in Wisconsin.]

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1974 Had hard storm last evening and heavy rain. Rained almost all night. I cleaned up house, did the laundry. In afternoon walked down to Buckeye Mart. Got more tomato plants. Set them out. Now have twelve.

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1974 Beautiful day. When I read paper was shocked to read of Brian Shupe's death. [Son of good friends, Hollie and Juanita Shupe.] Went to church. In afternoon the young people had a party for Senior Citizens. Real nice party. Then at seven went to the funeral home. Mowed front yard.

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1974 Beautiful day. Washed and ironed. I went to bank and grocery. Dorothy came about eleven. So glad to see her. We went to Northland in P.M. After dinner went to Dairy Queen, brought ice cream home. Enjoyed sitting on porch to eat it. Bill went to Schoolmaster's picnic.
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1974 Baked two blueberry pies and made salad. Don's family here for dinner. Not often I have all my children here. We ate on porch with Haviland [china] and Sterling [silver]. Had a good dinner and nice evening.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1974 Cloudy but not much rain. Dorothy left at one o'clock. Bill ate dinner at Burlington and went to see Wayne get an award. Letter from Jennie. She isn't so well.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1974 Lovely day. Washed rugs and basement steps. Mrs. Kaiser had to return to hospital and I tried to help her. Took a walk after dinner. Bill stays with Wayne tonight and tomorrow night. Goes to farm on Saturday.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1974 Nice day. In afternoon went to bank, library, Kroger's and Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure down to 150. Called Esther [Smith in Cumberland, with whom Jennie lived]. Jennie not well.


SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1974 Beautiful day. I went to church. In afternoon walked down to Buckeye Mart.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 1974 Another lovely day. I washed the car and bought two parakeets from a woman on Cooke Road. With cage, $20.00. She gave me toys and extra things. Washed my hair. Pat is gone and I can't get appointment. Bill came home about nine.

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1974 Went to grocery. Mrs. Young came to see the birds. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Jeanette in after I came home.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1974 Gloomy day. Marvene [Shonting] came at nine o'clock. Had to come early so Mary Ellen [Shonting - her daughter] could bring her. I took her to Clintonville Electric to look at refrigerators. A very discourteous salesman. She left soon after three. Bill didn't get home 'till past 7:30, but called me. I had eaten. Rain and thunderstorms.

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1974 Started a gloomy day but turned out to be nice. I washed one washer, went to bank. Sat on porch to eat dinner.


SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1974 Turned out to be a nice day but cool. I did ironing and cleaned up house. Bill cut some wood for Mrs. Scott and trimmed my shrubbery. He left about one for trie School Carnival, then on to farm. I mowed and trimmed front yard and swept driveway. Called Jennie - some better.
SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1974 75°. Beautiful day. Went to church. We had our Sunday brunch [for widows], then women came here. There were sixteen with me. Had a nice time. Don left for Mexico yesterday. [I spent the summer of 1974 in Mexico, and in visiting every country of Central America except Belize. Took many slides. Used experiences to improve my course on "Central America and the Caribbean" that I created and taught at Ohio State from 1969 to 2002. Ohio State had given me a grant in exchange for my giving up a Ford Foundation grant I had had to forfeit when I left Tulane University for Ohio State in 1969.] He called Ellen to tell her he arrived safely.

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1974 Nice day. Washed a washer. Made a loaf of raisin, apple, carrot bread. Went to see Barbara Kaiser in P.M. Just home from hospital.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1974 83°. Hottest day yet. Did the ironing. Went to beauty parlor, bank, and Kroger's. Bill was invited out for dinner, and didn't come home 'till late.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1974 Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. After I came home mowed back yard. Bill put up new bug light on front porch. He got it for me.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1974 Showers during day. I took out all screens on back porch, cleaned them and washed the windows. Went to potluck dinner at church, and meeting of [Women's] Association.


SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1974 Warm day. Bill left for farm at 9:15. I went to bridge at Stew Harrison's. Won second, $.75. Frieda [Beltz] drove. Called Jennie. She seemed better and came to phone. [Linda's 9th birthday.]


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12,1974 Beautiful day. I did the ironing. Gerry Jones took me as her guest to play Duplicate Bridge. I did not like it. Had her let me out at A&P and walked home. Bill left this morning [to live on his farm] and I miss him.
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1974 Another lovely day. Jeanette and I went to Northland. I bought three dresses at Sears. Ate lunch at Halloway House. Bought blue ring at Sears. ($6.19). Mowed back yard. Ellen called to tell me they arrived safely at cottage and all was well there.


SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1974 Rain during night. I didn't get up 'till nine o'clock. A long day, not much to do.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1974 Went to church. The Associate Minister was installed. Reception afterward. Home rest of day. Hard rain in P.M. Long weekend.

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1974 Gloomy day. Has been so cool in house have had furnace on in the evenings. Washed and ironed. Bill left before noon, didn't know when he would be back. I was so depressed. Five years ago today Charles and I left for cottage and he never got back.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1974 Nicer day and some warmer. Had my hair done. Was in to Jeanette's and Kaiser's a little while.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1974 Some sun and also showers. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Took a walk after dinner.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1974 Nice day until thunderstorms in evening. Gerry Jones took me to 2nd Avenue to play Progressive Bridge. Enjoyed it more that Duplicate a week ago. Told Nellie to get someone else for evening bridge. Don't like to go away and come in home alone.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1974 Our foursome went to Stouffer's for lunch and to Edith's [Walter] to play. I had low score. Carol [Hoffman] was down in evening.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1974 A miserable day. Really poured rain at times. I went to grocery, got caught in hard rain. Also to library. A long day to be shut in.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1974 Another gloomy day and cold but no rain. I went to church. In afternoon went with Frieda Beltz and Emily Rankin to see "No, No, Nanette." Enjoyed it very much. I drove to Frieda's and left car. She had a flat tire when we came out. Called Triple A. Emily bought us a "Dairy Queen" on way home. Not home 'till seven.

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1974 Nice sunny day, but still cool. 45° in evening. Washed rugs and cleaned up basement. Went to A&P [grocery] and Buckeye Mart. Jeanette was here in P.M.
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 1974 Nice morning but rain in P.M. Hard
storm and rain in late afternoon. I was one of hostesses at University Bridge at Golf Course.
Had a nice afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1974 These cold, gloomy days are "too
much." Still have furnace morning and evening. Tried to get a bridge foursome but it didn't work.
Barbara Kaiser was in and brought me a piece of Boston Cream pie. Watched a movie in
evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1974 A nice, sunny day and warmer. Went
to Dr. BonnelFs. Blood pressure down to 140. Stopped at Shopping Center. Walked for an hour,
after dinner. Carole [Hoffman] and Trixie [dog] caught up and went with me.
FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1974 Made a lemon pie. Went to grocery,
took Barbara Kaiser to beauty shop and went for her. Mowed front yard. Bill came around four
and was here overnight. So glad to have him.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1974 I went to lunch and bridge at Holiday
Inn. Gerry drove, won first prize. Bill left for farm after I was gone. Mowed back yard and
cleaned up the cucumber bed. Club stopped for the summer.
SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1974 Went to church, then to Boulevard
Let birds out of cage. Had a time to get them back in, especially with "Polly." Don't think I'll let
them out again. A long evening with severe storm warnings.
MONDAY, JULY 1, 1974 A really nice day. Washed and ironed.
Dick stopped going and coming from Cleveland. Mrs. Kaiser sat on porch awhile.
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1974
Had my hair done in morning.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1974 93°. Really warm, went to lunch and
bridge at Golf Course. Had high score. Mrs. Kaiser over.
THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1974 Another hot day. I re-read my cottage
story and made a few changes. Frieda Beltz called and asked me to fill in a four-some. We went
to Sweden House to play. Marvene [Shonting] called and wanted to come see my refrigerator, but
a storm scared them from coming. Didn't rain much.
FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1974 Threatened rain but only a few
sprinkles. I went to bank and to Don's. Got about $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel apples. Mowed and raked front yard.
Jeanette and I went to Howard Johnson's for a fish dinner.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1974 A real nice day. Cooked some apples
and put in freezer. Made three small pies. Mowed back yard. Took a walk - dark when I came
home. Invited Juanita [Shupe] and Eileen [Chandler; secretary in Dept. of Engineering Drawing]
for lunch on Thursday. Marvene called.
SUNDAY, JULY 7, 1974 Went to church. We had our sandwich lunch. Had two chances to go to a movie but nicer at home. Was over to Lewis's with McLeans. Walked around block after dark. Called Dorothy but she wasn't home.

MONDAY, JULY 8, 1974 92°. Very hot and no breeze. Washed and ironed. Bill surprised me. He was here for lunch and took some things home. Carol [Hoffman] was down. In evening I walked to Buckeye Mart and A&P. Had almost too much to carry.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1974 92°. Last night was hottest we have had. Today another hot day and night. Went downtown, changed certificate for higher interest. Home by 11:30. Barbara K[aiser] came over, brought me salad dressing. Swept driveway and sprinkled. Really need rain.


FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1974 A beautiful day, little warmer than yesterday. Had my hair done. Went to library and Kroger's. Mowed back yard after dinner. Such long evenings!

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1974 Added two more pictures over desk. I enjoy them so much. Put three containers of apples in freezer. Our foursome met at Nellie's. I was high. $.40.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1974 Raining hard when I left for church. Didn't last long. In late afternoon Barbara [Kaiser], Carol [Hoffman], and Jeanette [Davis] here. Getting ready to go to Dorothy's tomorrow. Hot day!

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1974 Up at 6:15. Took bus downtown to get Greyhound [Bus]. Left at 9:15. A nice little girl to ride with. Dorothy met me. Barbara on a date with a boy who has a sailboat.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1974 Not so hot today. Valerie started swimming at six. Went with Dorothy to get her. I snapped beans yesterday and today. Had a 3/4 bushel from garden. Folded papers for Valerie [who had a paper route].

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1974 Dorothy took Valerie to gymnastics - not home 'till 10:30. Helped Dorothy peel apples for sauce. She and Dick went square dancing.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1974 Dorothy, Valerie and I went to shopping center - had lunch there. In evening took Valerie to gymnastics.
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1974 I went with Dorothy to take Valerie to gymnastics. Left on 2:35 bus from Sharonville. Very Hot! Helped a blind woman at Greyhound bus station. Home quarter 'till six. Very hot and tired. All well but so dry. Dorothy called to see if I got home O.K. Watered a little.

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1974 Didn't do much. Some odd jobs. Mowed and trimmed yard next to Scott's. Jeanette brought me blackberry cobbler for dessert.

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1974 76°. Beautiful day, but need rain so badly. Went to church. In P.M. Jeanette and I went to see "Annie Get Your Gun" with Florence Henderson. Jeanette drove. We enjoyed it so much. Sprinkled tomatoes and part of yard.

MONDAY, JULY 22, 1974 A lovely day. Washed one washer. In P.M. went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure, 144.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1974 A little rain during night. Did the ironing. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Took Donna Elbrink. Mrs. Hamilton died yesterday. Letter from Jennie and Mrs. Reed [lady hired to care for Jennie and Esther Smith in Cumberland]. Esther in the hospital, paralyzed. Wonder what problems I am going to have. [Jennie did not want to be a burden to the family. She told me once, "Don, I pray every day that the Lord will call me home."] In to Jeanette's.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1974 Nice day. Went to have my hair done. Then to spend day with Mrs. Pegg. Her daughter came and guided me there. We had such a nice day. Home by [Route] 161. No trouble. In evening Leona Benton and I went to funeral home to see Mrs. Hamilton. She came in and spent the evening.


FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1974 Went to bank, Tarpy's [grocery]. Merle [Axline], Edith [Walter] and Frieda [Beltz] went to Holiday Inn for lunch, then to her house to play. I was third, $.20. Edith drove. In evening Gerry [Jones], Mable [Meisser], and Nellie here for our foursome. I had high. $.40. Bid a slam.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1974 90°. Hot and humid. Sprinkled tomatoes and some in front yard. Mr. Kaiser put bulbs in for me outside that were burned out. Barbara [Kaiser] was over. Picked first ripe tomato. John got home from Wisconsin and called me. [Dick's 50th birthday]. [John spent several weeks in 1974 studying microbiology at Ohio State's laboratory on tiny Gibralter Island near South Bass Island in Lake Erie.]

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1974 Very hot! I went to church, then to cemetery and to Don's for apples. Not worth the trip. Home rest of day. Called Leona [Benton] and Wanda Ochs.

MONDAY, JULY 29, 1974 Another hot day until a storm about three. Rain didn't last long, but cooled off. I washed a quilt and some things. Made a little table from bird cage stand. Didn't see anyone all day, except
Carole [Hoffman]. Mrs. Pegg called and I called Ilo [Hathaway]. Had a surprise. Barbara [Kutchera] stopped a few minutes on way to Cleveland.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1971 Beautiful day. Mowed back yard, painted the lantern and wrought iron around porch.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1974 Another nice day. I baked a pie I had in freezer. Bill came at 2:30. He brought me green beans, squash, and cucumbers [from his large garden at the farm]. A bucket of cucumbers - he divided among neighbors.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1974 Bill left soon after eleven. I didn't do much all day. Took Mrs. Young cucumbers - in to Jeanette's. William Ferguson and wife here to talk about Jennie since Esther in hospital with a stroke.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1974 Went to grocery. Didn't do much else. Carol [Hoffman] and her mother here in evening. Took a walk around the circle.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1974 Some rain in night. Good showers in afternoon. Ada Lewis asked me over for coffee.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 1974 Beautiful day and cooler after rain. The birds have been getting my tomatoes. Covered the big ones with cheesecloth and nylon net. Went to church Sunday. Brunch [had] only seven [women]. Lucille showed movies of Mexico. Ada and I took walk through [Overbrook] Hallow. Ilo [Hathaway] and Karen [Cooper] called.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1974 Still cool but lovely day. Washed and ironed. Went to bank. Bill called. He took Colleen to Doctor. She has her [back] brace off for good! [As I recall Colleen had scoliosis of the spine.] He had dinner with family and a birthday cake. Ada and I took a long walk after dinner.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1974 80°. Beautiful day. I went to Beauty Parlor. Then to Dr. Bonnell. He is in hospital. Blood pressure, 138, don't remember when it has been that low. Stopped at Buckeye Mart and A&P. took a long walk after dinner. Ellen and children got home from Wisconsin.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1974 Lovely day. Put clean papers in part of cupboards. Went to lunch and bridge at Gold Course. Such poor cards. Mr. King took platform rocker out to repair it. Jeanette and Barbara Kaiser here. [Colleen's 17th birthday.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1974 Didn't do much of anything all day. Carol [Hoffman] was down - only person I saw to speak to all day, except for two telephone calls. A big day in history. President Nixon resigned! Watched on T.V. [At the time of resignation I learned of it while riding a bus from Tegucigalpa to San Pedro Sula, Honduras. A Honduran passenger told me: "I have great respect for the United States. In your country the President is not above the law; in our country the President does anything he pleases."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1974 Lovely day. Finished papers in kitchen cupboard. Swept the house. The weekends are long.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1974 Cloudy but no rain. I went to church and stopped at A&P [grocery]. Picked three nice tomatoes. Carol and I took a walk in evening.


TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1974 Had Ellen, Tom, and Linda here for dinner. John at camp. Bill also came. His 50th birthday. He brought beans, squash, cucumbers, a small watermelon from garden. A storm came up and Ellen left sooner than she would have. Had a real good rain.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1974 Nice day, not so humid. I put three containers of beans in freezer. Bill left about eleven. In P.M. washed the car. After dinner walked my usual route Wz miles.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1974 Beautiful day. Went to Northland in morning. Had Ellen bring chaise lounge from cottage - a better one than I have. Enjoy relaxing on it and reading in back yard. Mowed back yard. Lucy Dennis called-talked to 10:30. ["B.J.'s" 19th birthday.]

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1974 Didn't do much today. Worked some in yard. Carol was down. Ellen flew to Guatemala [City, to meet Don at the airport there. We had 12 days there together. Visited Tikal, Lake Atitlan, Chichicastenango, Antigua, and, of course, Guatemala City.]

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1974 Lovely day. Dusted the house, worked in yard. Two more ripe tomatoes. Ada [Lewis] came over with Mark [son] and baby. In evening they brought me ice cream and cake.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1974 Cloudy and hard rain and storm in P.M. Went to church. Leona [Benton] brought me apples. A long day, wrote some letters.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1974 Nice day until late evening - threatening a storm. Washed and ironed, put two small pies and crust in freezer. Put Turf Builder on front yard. Went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure, 150.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1974 Warm day. Went to beauty shop, then on to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Frieda Beltz entertained in honor of former member of club. Poor cards. Picked three ripe tomatoes. [Don's 43rd birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1974 Has been very hot the last two days. Went to bridge and lunch at Golf Course. I drove to Edith's [Walter] and we went in her car since it is air conditioned. Better cards than yesterday. Went to grocery in evening. In to Kaiser's to wish them a nice trip.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1974 Gloria left Colleen and Karen about 8:30. We had a nice day. Jeanette and Barbara were in. Colleen reads and works on her Braille writer. Karen and I looked at pictures of South America.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1974 Karen cleaned the gutters at back of house for me. They left about quarter 'till seven. We had a nice time and glad they could come. After they left, I raked front yard.


SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1974 Beautiful day. Went to church - home rest of day except to mail box.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1974 Went to bank in morning. Cooked apples. Put two small pies in freezer. Five years ago today since Charles left me. I'll never get over missing him. A nice card from Ilo [Hathaway] - she always remembers me on this day. Mowed and raked front yard. In afternoon went to library and Kroger's. Took a walk after dinner.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1974 Another hot day. I went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Never had such poor cards - only played two hands and went down on both. Only $3.00 for 5 tables. Got my dime back. Bill surprised me by coming for supper. We ate sandwiches and ice cream. Don and Ellen got home from Guatemala. He called from airport at quarter 'till nine. Rain in evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1974 Rain during night and more in day. I put four containers of tomatoes in freezer. Our foursome met at Gerry Jones's.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1974 I went by bus to Dr. Inglis, and way out on Livingston Avenue. All was well. One test to hear from. Don came over and spent the evening. Brought me a beautiful pin from Guatemala. Rain in A.M.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1974 No rain today. I went to Tarpy's for some groceries.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1974 Nice day. Talked with Lewis' a few minutes. Hardly saw anyone to speak to. Swept and dusted the house, swept driveway. The acorns are becoming a nuisance. Long evenings!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1974 Rain during night. Went to church. Don called in afternoon. Will take me to lunch on my birthday. Mrs. Pegg called, then Carol Barnett [former boarder] came to see me. House so cool, turned furnace on in evening.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1974 Another gloomy, cool day. My 75th birthday. Got permanent in the morning. ($4.00 with $.50 tip.) Don took me to Duff's. Enjoyed it so much. Gave me a clutch bag from Guatemala. Jeanette brought me an orange scented candle. Ada Lewis brought two huge tomatoes. Bill called, but he always thinks [of] my birthday later, and I didn't mention it. Had several cards. Dorothy called, talked with her and Valerie. Dorothy sent $10.00.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1974 48°. Nice day but cool. I went to A&P, then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I drove and took Edith [Walter]. Mowed back yard after I came home.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1974 Mrs. Pegg spent the day with me. We had a pleasant visit and good lunch. After she left, some tree men working at Scott's took lower branches off my trees in front.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1974 Beautiful day. I put two small apple pies in freezer and four containers of tomatoes in freezer. Went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure 138. Don't remember it being that low. Then after I came home went to I.G.A. [grocery]. Don and Blanche Smith called in evening. [John's 16th birthday.]

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1974 Went to bridge at Stew Harrison's. I drove. Watched Miss America pageant in evening.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1974 Went to second church service. We had our [widow's] brunch at church. Lucille showed slides of Mexico.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1974 Nice day and warmer. I didn't sleep last night. Went back to bed after breakfast. Went to Circle meeting. Jeanette came over.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1974 Put four containers of tomatoes in freezer - now have fourteen. Took a walk in evening.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1974 Nice day and warmer. Washed two sweaters, took car to have oil changed, etc. ($11.98). Jeanette and I went to Howard Johnson's for a fish dinner and stopped at drug store. Much warmer today. Mowed back yard.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1974 Another nice day. Swept the house, washed one washer. Can clean the driveway every day. Went in to Kaiser's in P.M.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1974 Did the ironing. Went to library and Kroger's. Prices are terrible at the grocery. Rain in afternoon and evening.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1974 Beautiful day and cooler. Put three more containers of tomatoes in freezer. Now have 17. Mowed and raked front yard. Carol was down. Only person I saw all day except Jeanette. She gave me three big yellow tomatoes.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1974 Lovely day. I went to church. In P.M. went to see Wanda and Fred Ochs. Had a nice afternoon. In evening watched "Fiddler on the Roof."

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1974 Another lovely day. I went to bank and to Tarpy's [grocery]. In P.M. to Golden Crest -my first time. Enjoyed going. [This was a group of older women at Crestview Presbyterian Church.] Bill called and came up. I took him to Duffs for dinner. He brought me vegetables -green and lima beans, squash, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes. I put part of lima beans in freezer.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1974 Beautiful day. I left soon after 8:30 for Don's. He made a wrong turn [on way to Cumberland] and we got lost. Took us awhile to find freeway. Mrs. Reed had a good chicken dinner. Jennie is quite tottery and I think has failed some. Back to Don's. I stayed there for supper and looked at some of his slides. Home at eight and dark. Had to get the trash out. Jessie Boyd called and invited me to lunch on Thursday.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1974 Lovely day. Went to Beauty Parlor, then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Edith [Walter] drove. Worked in yard after I came home.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1974 Another lovely day. I froze more tomatoes. Now have 24 containers. Jessie Boyd took me and Mrs. Gibbs to lunch at Golf Course. Had a nice time. Mowed back yard after I came home.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1974 Hard rain during night and in morning. I didn't do much - seemed to be tired after so much "going" this week. In to Jeanette's a little while. Don called and invited me to football game tomorrow.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1974 Miserable dark, rainy morning. I baked a blueberry pie to take to Don's. Went to Buckeye Mart. Drove to Don's [at 1896 Baldridge Road, Upper Arlington], he, John, and I went to football game. [Ohio] State beat Oregon 51-10. Such a beautiful band and alumni band. 400 on field at once. Enjoyed it, the people, but hard for me to make "C" deck. [Uppermost seats in the stadium.]

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1974 Nice day but quite cool. Went to church. Home rest of day except to mailbox. The evenings are so long - sometimes can hardly stand it.


TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1974 Went to bank, post office, Kroger's. Then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Mrs. Frye drove. Had low score for second time. Got $.25. After I came home worked out[side], got trash out and potted more flowers.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1974 Beautiful day and warmer. Went to lunch at M.C.L. [Cafeteria] and to Margaret Harmon's to play [bridge]. I have had such poor cards lately. Cleaned driveway after I came home. Laura [Hardy] called in evening.


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1974 Rain during night, not much during day. I got in more flowers and worked some outside.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1974 Miserable, gloomy morning. Went to church. Stopped at Shopping Center. Never saw so many acorns. Cleaned up some and part of driveway. Windy and cold to work out.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1974 Beautiful day, but cool. Washed one washer, swept drive and picked up a lot of acorns. Jerry Jones and I went to see Merle [Axline] who was recovering from surgery. I drove. Frost warning!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1974 Lovely day but cool. I did the ironing, raked front yard and planted grass seed. Picked up lots of acorns! Bill came for dinner and took some things. So glad to see him.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1974 Frost predicted but none here. Beautiful day, but cool. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course with Edith [Walter]. I drove. Picked up acorns after I came home.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1974 Went to Dr. Norris for my eyes to be checked. Have 20/30 vision, no glaucoma, and cataracts not growing. Dr. said would not need surgery. Cleaned drive and picked more acorns after I came home. Jeanette was over and we had a game of Scrabble. After she left Edna Scott came - brought me a good dessert.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1974
31°. A record temperature. I went to bank, beauty parlor, and took things to church for bazaar. I had pillow cases with crocheted lace, three plastic rugs, potted plants. I froze more tomatoes, now [have] 32 [containers in freezer]. In to Jeanette's. Mowed back yard. All ready for trip tomorrow.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1974
Up at six. I went with Helen Utterback. Her son came for me at 7:30. Left "Y" at 8:30. 33 women on tour. Country beautiful, leaves turning, fall colors. Had such a good lunch at Painesville, turkey salad, ice cream with strawberries. In afternoon saw acres and acres of vineyards. Crossed Peace Bridge into Canada. Had beautiful drive all along Niagara River. Arrived Hotel Sheraton Fox Head around five. Could see Falls driving to Hotel. Had a light lunch at Snack Bar, then left on bus tour. Drove to Goat's Island, so named because only one goat
survived a severe storm. Walked down three flights of steps to see Falls. Later walked down to see Horseshoe Falls on Canadian side. Last, we went up in a tower to see Falls and city at night.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1974**

Another beautiful day. Don't need a coat. Had a punk breakfast at Hotel. $1.85. Drive not too interesting. Lunch at Rome, New York. Walked around grounds of James Fenimore Cooper's home, but did not tour house. Had a delicious turkey dinner at Hotel (2nd in tour). We weren't interested in the evening tour and enjoyed staying "home." Big porch at Hotel with so many rocking chairs all alike.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1974**

Had a fine breakfast at hotel. Left at 8:30. Beautiful driving through Catskili Mountains. Had lunch at Holiday Inn at Kingston, roast beef, baked potato, corn. In P.M. stopped at Hyde Park to see [Franklin] Roosevelt home. Enjoyed that and I saw their burial site. Arrived West Point - stayed at Thayer Hotel. Ate a light supper at town of Highland Hills - not very nice place. Ate with two women from tour. In evening sat in lobby awhile.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1974**


**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1974**

At breakfast at coffee shop with Miss Reed and Ina McCormick. Helen and I took a 4 1/2 hour bus ride. Had a lunch break. Had a hot dog and root beer at a "stand-up place" along street. I fell on way to bus. Girl at Bus Station helped me wash and disinfect knee. Ruined pair hose. Bus stopped and we went through church - St. John the Divine. On way home bought tickets for Carol Charming in "Lorelei." ($10.00). First seat in rear balcony. Enjoyed the play. Walked back to hotel, about three blocks. Streets full of people.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1974**

Another beautiful day. Had breakfast at coffee shop - prices are terrible! Left at nine—beautiful scenery. Stopped at Morristown where Washington had Headquarters, winter, 1699-1800. [These dates can't possibly be accurate]. Lunch at Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Late getting there. Waitress dropped a tray of salad, then slipped again and dropped a tray with main course. Lovely drive in P.M. through mountains. Arrived Mr. Airy Lodge, Pocono, Pa. About 4:30. Huge place. Bath as big as my bedroom at home. Almost froze in the dining room. $74.00 a day here. $5.00 suggested for a couple to tip waitress and $5.00 a day for maid! Don't see how the tour can put us up in such expensive places.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1974**

Another beautiful day. Had a good breakfast, waffles and sausage at Hotel. One woman sick, so an hour's delay getting started. Beautiful scenery through mountains. Made a stop at Allentown, Pennsylvania, to see a church. A lovely town. Helen and I didn't get off to see the church. When we reached Gettysburg had a long bus tour around battle fields. Later went by bus to International Village. Had a lunch at Chuck Wagon Restaurant. [Note added on next page.] Forgot to mention on Friday a delicious Pennsylvania Dutch dinner near Kutztown, Pennsylvania, at "Glockinspiel." One waitress in costume served us all.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1974 Our last stop. Ate breakfast in coffee shop with two from our tour. Had an excellent lunch at New Stanton Holiday Inn. Began to rain around Cambridge - only rain we had on entire trip. Back to "Y" before six. Helen's son met us. All well at home. This was a fine trip - well worth the cost. Took up money for Miss Reed (Tour Director) and bus driver. Don called.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1974 Went to church. Tired, and slept in P.M. Got more flowers potted and unpacked. Called Dorothy.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1974 Place swamped with leaves. I cleaned the driveway. Went to Circle meeting and took Mrs. Bond. Bill called. Went in to Jeanette's - took her a tin of tea for keeping birds. Rain in evening.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1974 Rained most of night and drizzled all morning. I baked a cake, cleaned up house. Cleared more leaves in P.M.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1974 Nice day. Had my hair done. Went to lunch and bridge at Holiday Inn. Jerry drove. I was third. 52 pennies.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1974 70°. A beautiful, sunny day. Washed East window in front room. Raked and burned leaves in front yard, still picking up acorns. After dinner took library books back and went to Kroger's. Karen and Gloria called. [Nancy] Kay [Rehl] has a baby girl [Nicole]. [Nancy Kay, who generally went by Kay, as a child, was Bill and Gloria's adopted daughter.]

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1974 Lovely day, cooler than yesterday. Washed windows in Bill's room. Cleaned and burned leaves from part of back yard. Went to Doctor [Bonnell]. (He is in hospital.) Blood pressure, 140. Stopped at Shopping Center. When I came home big fire truck in street. Warned Kaiser's and Scott's not to burn leaves. Barbara Kaiser over in P.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1974 Beautiful day, much cooler. Put plastic windows on back porch, swept porch and fixed the place for [fire]wood. Cleaned leaves from between garage and [Scott's] wall, went to show to see "That's Entertainment." It was most enjoyable, but price too high, $5.00.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1974 Had a few snow flurries. Went to church. Cleaned leaves from back yard and stacked them in front. Cut off peonies and cleaned some leaves from front yard. Brought in some wood on back porch [for fireplace].

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1974 Lovely day. Washed one washer. Went to Golden Crest at church. Got more wood on porch. Jeanette was in. Marvene [Shonting] called and talked 'till six o'clock. Bill called while I was eating dinner. Blanche Smith called in evening and talked an hour.


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1974 Went to Northland for hose and nightgown. Raked leaves from back yard and mowed and spaded garden next to Davis'. Edna Scott called in evening. Talked over an hour.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1974 Some rain in morning but turned out to be a nice day. I went to post office and Kroger's. Cleaned more leaves - a daily chore. Except driveway all front of lot piled high [with leaves].

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1974 A beautiful day. Almost like a spring day. Had lunch and bridge at Holiday Inn. I was hostess and I drove. In the evening watched movie "The Parent Trap."

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1974 Clocks turned back to Standard Time. Went to church. Home rest of day except to mailbox and [walking] around the circle. A long day. [Gloria's 50th birthday.]


TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1974 Another nice day. Dorothy came at 11:15. Brought me so many things, cookies, apples, cider, jelly. Before she came I cleaned leaves from front yard. Don came over in evening. We looked at some slides. Carol [Hoffman] washed picture window and Mr. King brought [platform] rocker home. Frieda called.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1974 80°. Cloudy part of day. Some sun. Dorothy and I didn't do anything - just visit. In P.M. went to Carole's to see her ceramics. She gave us tea and angel food cake. Beggars' Night. Seven here.


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1974 Another warm day. Can work outside] without a sweater. Went to Kroger's. Cleaned more leaves. Just room to drive through on our street.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1974 Rain during night. I worked outside] with leaves and spaded the cucumber bed. Washed basement windows. Don came for me. Hutchins [Dr. Clayton and Gladys Hutchins were Ellen's parents] were there, and he showed slides. Brought me home in the car Hutchins' gave them. John drove coming over. Worried about Bill. He called yesterday and had a bad cold.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1974 Went to church and to the brunch afterwards. Stopped at Buckeye Mart. Cleaned leaves. Pile getting higher and higher in front. City should have picked up - not allowed to burn.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1974 A miserable, rainy day. I wasn't out of house. Bill called and he is better.


WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1974 Cloudy but no rain until evening. Went to Beauty Parlor, then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I drove and took Edith. I had high score.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1974 A beautiful day. I went to Board meeting at church - a waste of time. The sink stopped up. Called plumber, cost $23.00. Went to Dr. Bonnell. Blood pressure, 142. Cleaned a lot of leaves.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1974 Beautiful day. Went to Tarpy's grocery. Cleaned closets in pink room. Spaded rest of garden and cleaned drive.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1974 Another lovely day. Didn't do much, a little cleaning in house and cleaned leaves in front yard. A huge pile clear across my lot. This should about be end. Ohio State beat Michigan [State].

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1974 Lovely weather continues. Went to church, stopped at drug store and A&P. Home rest of day except to mailbox. A long day - watched football and read.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1974 Miserable day. Rained all day. I washed two washers and one of rugs. Went to Circle meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1974 Did the ironing. Home all day except to mailbox. Carole was down with a Christmas tree so I would know what color. I ordered one for my Christmas present. [As I recall Carole Hoffman made these small, ceramic trees. Gladys' was about two feet Righ.]


THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1974 Made cover for davenport from one of drapes. Swept drive and some leaves from back yard. Too cold to work out long. Baked a cake. One layer for Jennie. Helen Utterback and I had intended going to see her tomorrow. I called at 6:30. She had fallen and hurt her hip. Going to Doctor tomorrow, so we won't get to go.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1974 Some snow flurries, but turned out to be a nice day. Did a few odd jobs. Home all day except to mailbox. Saw no one. Ellen and Bill called. Ellen invited me for Thanksgiving. I get so lonely. Over five years and I still cry for Charles. At 10:15 Mrs. Ferguson called. Jennie in Zanesville Hospital. Fractured pelvis. I called Frieda.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1974 A truly beautiful day. Called Mrs. Reed and Don. He and I decided to go down. Left about noon. Jennie was so glad we went. Home about 4:30. Called Imogene and Mrs. McNutt. Mr. Ferguson called.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1974 Soon after eight Don called to tell me Jennie had died. We are so glad we went down Saturday. I called Frieda, Dorothy, Ferguson's, funeral home twice, and some in town. Carole came down and cleaned the gutters, and I got back yard cleaned up. Later called funeral home [in Cumberland] again and Mrs. Reed.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1974 Beautiful day. Went to grocery, bank, and ordered flowers. Cleaned up leaves in front yard. Don met Frieda and they were here before five. Don stayed for dinner.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1974 Nice day. Frieda and I left soon after nine for Cumberland. Stopped at Miracle Flower Shop and got the flowers for the family. Pink carnations. ($61.20). Got to Cumberland at eleven. Stopped at funeral home and picked out a casket. Had lunch with Mrs. Reed, then had visiting hours in afternoon and evening. Many people called. We stayed overnight and slept in Jennie's bed. I didn't sleep well. Many sent food.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1974 Rained during night and in the morning. We went over and got the names off flowers [in order to send "Thank You" notes.] Bill, Karen and all Don's family came. Rev. Bay [who was related to Jennie in some way] had services. Jennie looked nice and several flowers. A nice service and rooms were filled. After we went to cemetery we came on home. It was so cold and windy at cemetery could hardly stand it. Home at 4:30 and tired. We had to clear out all Jennie's things. All clothes went to Good Will. We brought home a lot of things.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1974 Snow flurries and a miserable morning. We went to bank, got Jennie's will and certificates. In P.M. went to Mable Turner's for bridge. Jerry and Nellie [also there]. Edna Scott here in evening.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1974 Nice day. Jeanette was here in morning. We took Jennie's certificates to Don. Wrote "Thank You" notes. In evening watched a movie. Ate last tomato from garden.


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1974 Drizzly day. We went to church, then to Golf Course for dinner. When we came home finished "Thank You" notes. Went to Don's to see slides. Rainy evening. I drove. Home at 11:30.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1974 Didn't do much. Bill was here for dinner. After he left, we went to Jeanette's for Scrabble.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1974 Snow on ground, but a beautiful day. I took Frieda to airport. Came home for little lunch, then went to Golf Course for bridge. Poor cards. Carol was down in evening. First leaf pick-up on our street.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1974 Nice day until afternoon rain that didn't last long. Went to library and Kroger's. Washed car and cleaned up some leaves. Called Marvene [Shonting].

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1974 A beautiful THANKSGIVING DAY. I have much to be thankful for, but do miss Charles so much. Went to Don's about one o'clock. They had a 22 1/4 pound turkey, and all the trimmings. No one else there except family. Came home at 5:30.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1974 Another lovely day. Didn't do much. Not out of house except to mailbox. Our foursome was to meet here the 6th. A mix-up, can't get a date, will give it up for two weeks. Leaf pick-up here, but only took a few of mine.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1974 Didn't get up 'till 8:30 and city was picking up my leaves. Can get bridge group on 12th. Didn't do much. Began to rain late in evening.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1974 Rain turned to snow. A miserable morning. Missed church and Sunday Brunch. Long


TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1974 Sun came out and most of snow melted. Went to Beauty Parlor, then to Dr. Bonnell's. He is still in hospital and office will close last of month. In to Jeanette's. Blood pressure, 160.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1974 A nice, sunny day. Did some things around house. Went to bank, then to Northland. Got curtain for small bath. Sorry I had cancelled bridge today.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1974 16°. Lovely day. Went to post office for Christmas stamps, and to Kroger's. In P.M. to luncheon of Women's Society. Delivered a ceramic tree to Pat that Carol made. Karen called.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1974 Beautiful, sunny day. Washed a washer and ironed. Went to bank, got gasoline. Snow tires not worth putting on.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1974 Miserable morning. Almost stayed home from church. Carol brought down tree I had ordered ($18.00). Mrs. Kaiser came over. Brought me a piece of pie. Also, Carol brought me a box of mints "for being nice to her and selling two trees for her." Later, sold two more.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1974 Nicer day but cold. My church Circle here for our Christmas party. Only eight with me. They gave me a Christmas candle for having them here so much. Did more Christmas cards.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1974 16°. Lovely day. Didn't have much to do. More cards done and mailed. Wall's house was on fire.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1974 Nice day. Didn't do much, house clean from party. Mailed rest of cards. Jeanette was here in afternoon.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1974 Cloudy but no rain. Had foursome here. Gerry, Mable, and Nellie. Nellie ordered a large and small tree from Carole [Hoffman].

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1974 Gloomy day. Haven't been anywhere all week except to mailbox. Juanita [Shupe] invited me to go to dinner tomorrow with them. Bank called and Bill won $50.00. Don came over and spent the evening. Brought me oranges and grapefruit.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1974 Another gloomy day. I didn't have enough to do and got rather "low." Started a painting (by number). In the evening Hollie and Juanita [Shupe] took me to dinner - her birthday. Went to Wine Cellar on Route 161. Such an expensive place and dark. But, dinner so good. I had duck and ribs. Had never eaten duck before. I gave her an old picture frame. So nice of them to take me - not many remember.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1974 Went to church and stopped at grocery. Home rest of day except to mailbox. Rain in afternoon. Evenings are so long; sometimes I think I can't take it - no one to speak to. [Valerie's 15th birthday.]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1974 Cloudy but pretty nice day. Went to Golden Crest - a good pot luck. Got the dumbest ash tray in the exchange. I would be ashamed to take such an ugly, used article.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1974 Washed one washer. Had my hair done in morning. Jeanette locked keys in car. I took her down to get her car. She came in and brought me a plate of "goodies." Man came to see about garage opener.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1974 Some snow on ground, but didn't amount to much. Edith and I went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. She drove. I had better cards today. In evening watched a 2 hour special of "Little House on the Prairie." Dorothy called. Dick will stop tomorrow evening.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1974
An inch or more of snow. Melted fast and soon off the streets. Did the ironing. Bill was here for dinner. Dick and Mrs. Kutchera stopped on way to Cleveland [where Mrs. Kutchera lived].

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1974
Nice, sunny day. I went to Library and Kroger's. In P.M. to Dr. Bonnell's office - probably last time to go there. [The Cooper family had gone to Dr. Rollo Bonnell's office countless times since they moved to 393 Mimring Road in February, 1931, and Charles and Gladys continued to see him after moving to 626 Yaronia Drive South. His office was located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Indianola Avenue and East North Broadway. The building still stands, but is now a private home. He worked alone, and lived above his office. Truly a wonderful family doctor. He knew that Jennie Knowles, Charles' aunt, had limited funds, and he charged her $2.00 for an office visit.] Blood pressure 150.1 locked keys in car and had to walk home. Jeanerte took me back to get car. Dick and Mrs. Kutchera stopped on way home from Cleveland and had ice cream.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1974
Cloudy but no snow. Baked cookies. Can't remember when I had last baked them. Didn't do much else. Not out of the house.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1974 A lovely, sunny day. I went to church, stopped at Buckeye Mart and A&P. One of longest days I have had. Thought it would never come time to go to bed. T. V. went off.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1974 54°. Did ironing and went to bank. Sent checks, $2500.00, from what I got from Jennie to Bill, Dorothy and Don. So mild I cleaned up leaves and swept the driveway.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1974 Man came to fix T.V. Only needed a little adjusting. $14.95. Bill surprised me by coming up. He was here for lunch.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1974 Cloudy and colder. I left at twelve for Don's. They gave me a beautiful picture framed of cloth from Guatemala. All birds, John, box mints, Tom, a clip for cutting coupons, Linda, a ceramic dish she made. Bill, hose. Dorothy, pen desk set. Tom was in [Virginia?]. Rest all went to their friends. Jean and Bill [Spoor] for dinner. Beautiful home and delicious dinner. John, Linda, and I left at five. John drove my car to their house. After dark when I got home. Stopped at cemetery on way going over.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1974 A beautiful day. I went to bank, then to Sears and got my cards for next year. Then to Nellie's for bridge. A nice afternoon, but such poor cards. Low score. Edna Scott asked me to "pour" at their Open House Saturday, but Dorothy's family is coming for day.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1974 Freezing rain was predicted, so I went early to A&P and got groceries. Only a drizzle and didn't freeze. Jeanerte was here in the morning. In P.M. went to funeral home to see John Jackson. [Neighbor from the former neighborhood; husband of long-time friend, Mary Jane Jackson]. Slept in chair from 3:30 to 5:10.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1974 Few snow flurries. Dorothy's family came at eleven. All here for lunch. Barbara went to a wedding in P.M. She looked lovely in her red formal. I went to Scott's for a little while. Edna [Scott] and Ada Lewis had a tea. Barbara stopped after wedding, but wasn't here for supper or overnight. Chuck and B.J. [Barbara Jean] gave me a book. Valerie, soap and dish (pink).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1974 Dorothy's left at quarter 'till nine. I went to church. Home rest of day except to mail box.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1974 Karen and Colleen came about 8:15. Gloria brought them on way to work. Colleen worked on her Braille. Karen and I played Scrabble and Solitaire. They brought me a picture frame - for four pictures.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1974 A gloomy day, rained most of day. Karen and I had more Scrabble. Gloria came for them about four.

End of another year. I am so thankful Bill is so much better, and for my good health. I didn't go to cottage and missed going. Had a trip in October through East. Jennie died in November. Frieda came. The years don't heal my missing Charles.
Gladys, age 76, enjoyed good health during the year, except for a mature cataract on her right eye, and a slightly elevated blood pressure. She was able to maintain most of her usual activities. She played bridge once or twice a week, was active at church, planted a garden, and made several trips during the year. She saw regularly all of her three children, her eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Her neighbors were a great blessing to Gladys. She had many friends in the neighborhood, and regular, numerous contacts with most of them. At home she did less baking than formerly, and enjoyed crocheting, making plastic rugs (from bread wrappers), watching television, and reading. Still she could never quite dispel feelings of loneliness, and a heartfelt longing for Charles, gone from her by now for six years.

As before Gladys played regularly in two bridge clubs; she called these "foursomes." One of these included Merle Axline, Edith Walter, Frieda Beltz, and Gladys; the second included Gerry Jones, Mabel Turner, Nellie [?], and Gladys. She also played every other week with University Wives at the University Golf Course. The top prize one could win was $1.00. At Crestview Presbyterian Church, located at 350 East Tulane Road, where Gladys had been a member for more than forty years, she was active in several different groups. Her "Circle" met once a month although "every year our group gets smaller." Attendance would range from 6 to 12. She attended Golden Crest, an association of older women, and the Women's Association. She joined a new group called "Chat'n Sew,' with 15 to 20 members, which met to sew quilts and comforts. Gladys always enjoyed this group. On Sunday mornings following the regular services there was a regular "Brunch" for widows in the church. She worked on the bake sale, the Bazaar, and the Men's Dinner. Several friends passed away during the year, including Esther Smith, the lady who had once cared for Aunt Jennie, now deceased; Fred Ochs, a distant relative; and Estel Gifford, a member of Charles and Gladys' very first bridge club dating back to the 1920's.

Her garden seemed larger than ever. She planted onions, radishes, bush squash, red and yellow tomatoes, turnips, carrots, lettuce, and cucumbers. She grew so many tomatoes she was able to freeze 16 containers, plus 5 containers of cherries, and an unstated number of containers of apple sauce. She got the apples and cherries from Don's back yard, plus Bill brought her items from his garden at his farm. Her next-door neighbor, Richard Davis, gave her blackberries. There were dozens of flowers on all sides of her house. In the fall she had 43 pots of flowers growing inside the house to be replanted again in the spring. Although she wrote "[I] seldom bake anymore," her pies for the year included lemon, blueberry, apple, cherry, peach, and blackberry, many dozens of cookies, and several kinds of cakes. There was always on hand something delicious to eat whenever the grandchildren appeared.

Among her favorite activities at home were making plastic rugs from cut-up strips of bread wrappers which were woven into attractive and useful rugs. She sold five of these at the church bazaar, and gave others to neighbors. (I have one to this day.) She finished a couple of paintings from "paint by number" sets, enjoyed her slide collection, especially those from the South American trip she and Charles made in 1968, played Scrabble, and walked frequently around the neighborhood, usually for 1 1/2 miles or longer. Evenings were often devoted to television or reading. She enjoyed football and basketball, movies, and the Miss America Pageant. Her reading declined since because of the cataract "[I] can't read like I used to." She delayed surgery on the eye since "I am so afraid of surgery." No matter what she was doing Gladys always enjoyed a telephone call. [There were few telemarketers in those days.] Telephone calls meant a lot. "Lucy Dennis called in evening and talked 2 hours." "Don is so good to call in evening."
Other comments Gladys made in her diary included "Six years ago today since I lost Charles. I can't get over missing him," (August 26); "No one to talk to but the birds," [2 pet parakeets]; "Sunday is a long day;" "Don, Dorothy, and Bill all here for dinner. So nice to have all my children here," (June 2); "Don't seem to get anything done. Don't want to do the things that I should," (Feb. 20); "It has been the nicest Christmas I have had since I lost Charles, but I'll never get over missing him." (Dec. 25). When Gladys felt lonely it seemed that one of her neighbors would often show up to talk, visit, or bring her some small, thoughtful gift. Among the items given her by neighbors included grapefruit, oranges, tomatoes, blackberries, an Easter Basket, apple cobbler, frozen corn, a cherry pie, a big sack of apples, two hyacinths, several boxes of candy, flowers, and a piece of birthday cake. Gladys always like to reciprocate. Such kindnesses needed to be repaid. She watered neighbors flowers when they were gone, kept their dogs, sat for several days with Ada Lewis, a neighbor, who had a broken ankle.

All her life Gladys paid close attention to prices and expenses. Once when Kroger's, the grocery chain, stopped giving "bonus stamps," she stood in line for over two hours to redeem those she already had for a garden rake and a small Teflon skillet. Among the prices she recorded for 1975 include $202.00 for a "Genie" garage door opener; $38.99 for a new lock on her front door; $9.00 for an office call to her doctor; $2.05 for a pound of "bridge mix" candy ("Never paid so much"); $10.00 for a permanent (up from $9.00); $15.96 for a tune-up for her car; $4.50 for her driver's license good for four years (pictures now required); $46.75 for a new battery for her car; and finally $.13 for postage for a first-class letter (up from $.10).

Comments about her three children, and the grandchildren, were sporadic and occasional. Bill and Gloria, both 51 and now divorced, had separate residences, but still saw each other fairly often. Gloria remained in the family residence at 1532 Burlington Avenue, and Bill lived in his nice trailer on his farm. He was slowly recovering from a very serious ailment, Hodgkin's Disease. His doctors assured him that both his X-Rays and blood tests were good. Gladys wrote once "He looks so nice and has put on weight." Once Bill felt well enough to walk the picket line when teachers were on strike. He bought a new Jeep during the year. Bill, along with Karen, took a nine-week course on sign language so that they might better communicate with Colleen, deaf and blind. Colleen graduated in June from the Perkins School for the Blind in Massachusetts.

Dorothy, 47, and Dick, 51, continued to live in Cincinnati. They enjoyed square dancing, running, and working out, and always kept themselves in top physical condition. Dick's brother died on January 6. Barbara Jean ("B.J.") attended the University of Miami in Oxford, Ohio, and became engaged to a fellow student, Gary Novak. She spent the summer in Europe, mainly Germany. Chuck had a steady girlfriend. Valerie enjoyed competitive swimming, and once went to Florida for a meet.

Don, 44, and Ellen, 40, continued to reside at 1896 Baldridge Road in Upper Arlington. Don was the Senior Professor of Latin American History at Ohio State. John, 17, did very well in his College Entrance exams. Linda excelled with the piano and had a recital on May 31. Tom showed much promise as a wrestler at school. Ellen had surgery on October 29 for removal of her right ovary.

Gladys had several trips during the year. There was a four-day bus trip to Holland, Michigan to attend the Tulip Festival which brought half a million visitors to a city of 30,000. The highlights were seeing a Dutch flag made from 26,000 tulips, and an American flag made from 32,000 tulips. Most of the month of July was spent at the cottage with Don, Ellen, and their three children. Her first day back she wrote "So glad to see it again, but I miss Charles here so much." In her honor Ellen roasted a turkey in a garbage can, a "new one" as Gladys relates. This was true, but the barbecue had been made by John as a shop project in high school. It worked beautifully and we used it for years. Gladys busied herself cutting out popal shoots. The popal, a member of the aspen family, send up numerous shoots from roots. Gladys chopped down everyone. She hated popals. She made blueberry jam from some of the 50 quarts of blueberries picked that summer, mainly by
Don. The Coopers' good friend, the Williams', spent a long weekend at the cottage. In preparation the day before their arrival Ellen baked in one day a chocolate cake, three coffee cakes, two loaves of banana nut bread, and two blueberry pies. All was gone by Sunday. John, and his friend, next-door neighbor, David Schwarze, both swam more than a mile across Fish Lake on July 17. Gladys records two fish that were caught: a five pound, 28" northern pike, caught by Jim Williams, and a 12 1/4 inch pike caught by Ellen. Don and John fished one morning at Birch Island Lake, and caught one pike. The Schwarze's were invited for dinner; Ellen served rabbit and blueberry pie. In addition to swimming the children enjoyed horseback riding at a local stable, the Log Rolling World Championships in Hayward, and hanging out with their friends. One night, says Gladys, the "gang" of young people stayed until 1:00 A.M. In a sad moment Gladys wrote "I miss Charles so much. Would be better to stay home," but closed with "I'm glad I went but nice to get home." On October 27 Gladys signed the cottage over to Don.

Her final trip was a three-week visit to Phoenix, Arizona, with Frieda Cooper, her sister-in-law, and good friend, and Frieda's family. She spent time with most of Frieda's children. Joe, and his wife, Carol, hosted the group for Thanksgiving dinner. Carol made gingerbread Pilgrims for the occasion, and cooked a 20 1/2 pound turkey. Gladys wrote "Had an excellent dinner, but don't feel I fit in anywhere. Joe, the only one who has shown interest in my family." She feared she had stayed too long, and was happy to get back home on December 2.

Gladys closed her diary for 1975 with the following comment. "This has been a good year. I have had good health. In October learned I have a mature cataract on right eye. So thankful Bill continue to be well. Ellen had surgery. Colleen graduated from Perkins. Barbara announced her engagement. I was at Dorothy's twice. Had a trip to Holland, Michigan. Four weeks at cottage and three weeks with Frieda. Much to be thankful for."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1975 A nice day, but cold. I changed bed in Bill's room and did laundry. Don called. Watched most of Rose Bowl Parade. Bill surprised by coming up. We ate dinner on trays in front room and watched game. [Ohio] State lost by one point. He left quarter 'till nine to see children. Score 18-17 for game. [Lost to Southern California.]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1975 Beautiful day. Cold. Had my hair done, home rest of day.


SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1975 Snow flurries. I went to Library and Kroger's. In afternoon Eldis Reed came and brought me a rose. Dick stopped on way home from Cleveland to see his brother. Don called.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1975 Beautiful day. I went to church and to Sunday Brunch. Eight there. Wrote to Frieda and mailed it. Long day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1975 Called Marvene [Shonting] to meet me downtown for lunch. She couldn't go 'till Thursday. Washed and ironed. In evening watched basketball game. Dick and his mother stopped about 5:30. His brother [Frank?] died this morning. [Robert Cooper's 3rd birthday.]
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1975 Beautiful day. I went downtown and changed certificates for higher interest. Ate lunch at Mill's [Restaurant]. Bought red and white dress. Jeanette was in.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1975 50°. Cloudy, not much rain until evening. Went to bank. "Genie" [garage door opener] was put on garage door. I could hardly wait to try it. $202.00. That was part of Jennie's money. Bill called - teachers have been on strike all week. He has been on picket line. Don called.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1975 45°. No rain - partly cloudy. Took Hoover [vacuum sweeper] to the basement and swept it. Had better lock put on front door. ($38.99). Looked for Dorothy on way home from Cleveland, but they didn't stop. I called Dorothy and they went home Wednesday.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1975 56°. Rain in morning. In afternoon went to see Mari Jane Jackson [whose husband, John, had died late in 1974]. Bill called. Teachers still on strike.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1975 Beautiful, sunny day. Went to lunch and bridge at Brown Derby and to Nellie's to play. Jerry drove.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1975 Colder. Went to church. Home rest of day and only one telephone call. No one to talk to but the birds [two parakeets]. Had fire in fireplace. Began to snow in evening.


TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1975 10°. Cold but sunny day. Went to beauty parlor. Home rest of day. Don is so good to call in evening.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1975 Light snow on ground and continued during morning. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Edith [Walter] is now a member. I drove.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1975 Snow on ground, but about all gone by evening. Didn't do much. Painted (by number), worked on rug and finished a book. [Chuck's 17th birthday.]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1975 Beautiful day. Went to grocery in morning. The prices are terrible! Home rest of day. Ellen called, so did Bill. Chuck [Kutchera] called to thank me for his birthday money. Talked with Dorothy.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1975 Rain and freezing temperature so didn't go to church. Soon turned to snow. Looked at extra South America slides. Snow kept up all day. Had one call and made one. Fire in evening.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1975 Snow flurries all morning. Cleared off by noon. I did laundry, swept workshop, and cleaned French doors. Mrs. Young came and brought me a grapefruit, oranges, and tomatoes from Florida.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1975 Real nice day, some of ice and snow melted. I cleaned shades and glass bowls in lamps, put some clean papers in drawers. Went to Jeanette's. I hadn't been out of the house since Friday morning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1975 Don't have much to do or nowhere to go this week. Cleaned the stove, worked on painting, on rug and read. Ellen and Jean Spoor stopped in P.M. Don called in evening.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1975 Beautiful day. Went up and had car washed. Just some little chores around house. Bill called - he is coming for dinner tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1975 Another lovely day. I baked a lemon pie. Bill came for dinner. Left at 8:30.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1975 Rainy day. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's [Restaurant]. I drove and took four. Pouring on way over - nice when we came home. I had third score - 32 pennies. Had a fire and watched basketball. Illinois beat State by four points.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1975 Cold, windy day with snow flurries. Went to church. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1975 Pretty nice day. Cleaned up fireplace and back porch. Went to Dr. Heilman for first time. Blood pressure, 164. He has no personality, but will do. Charged me $8.00, and medicine $4.23.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1975 Went to beauty parlor at 9:30. Then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Mrs. Fry drove. Some drizzly rain.


THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1975 Fairly nice day until sleet and rain in evening. I went to Kroger's and to candy store to get candy for foursome tomorrow. Never paid so much. $2.05 a pound. May have to cancel tomorrow because of weather.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1975 Looked so bad in morning and predicted more snow. Cancelled the bridge - so sorry for no more snow and what had fallen soon melted. Didn't do much. Started another plastic rug. Jeanette came over in evening and we played "Scrabble."
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1975 Fairly nice day. I baked cookies - seldom bake anymore. Put most of them in freezer. Froze candy I had bought for yesterday. [Karen's 15th birthday.]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1975 Got up earlier to bake a cake to take to Brunch [for widows]. Went to church - took Mari Jane Jackson. Had eleven at Brunch. Home rest of day except to mailbox.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1975 Washed and ironed. Such a beautiful, sunny day, took a long walk in P.M. 1.7 miles. Edith [Walter] called, only person I spoke to all day.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1975 In the morning went to two banks and post office. Snow flurries in P.M.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1975 Drizzly, foggy day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Marie N. got sick and went home. Didn't get much dinner. Rain in afternoon.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1975 Gloomy day. Began to snow in afternoon. I swept and dusted. Made three small blueberry pies.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1975 12° above. Sun came out and nice day. I went to library and Kroger's and A&P. Jeanette and I went to Howard Johnson's for a fish dinner, and to her house for "Scrabble." So nice to get out an evening. I drove.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1975 24° this morning. Didn't do much. Some clean papers in kitchen cupboard, paid bills.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1975 About three inches snow and 12° above at ten o'clock. Didn't go to church. After dinner cleared driveway, then went to Valentine party at church. The car skidded a lot when I left church, but got home alright and glad I went. Sunday is a long day. [Michael Cooper's 1st birthday.]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1975 As low as 1° above. At eight when I got up, it was 6° here. Sunny day. Went to Circle meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1975 Got a permanent. $8.50 + $.50 tip. Stopped at Buckeye Mart. Home rest of day. Warmer today.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1975 Rain froze, then snow. Bad driving. I was home all day. Phone rang twice, both wrong numbers.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1975 Beautiful day. Most of snow gone. Took the sweeper and kitchen radio to Clintonville Electric for repair. Both boys called.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1975 Another lovely day. Valentine from Dorothy. Don came for lunch and brought me a linen calendar with two kittens on it. He and I went to Huntington Trust - decided not to put my affairs in
trust. He brought me home and I took Jeanette's birthday gift. Left in door. Felt I could not eat alone and went to Howard Johnson's for a fish dinner. Awful traffic.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1975 45°. Turned out to be a nice day. Didn't do much. Went to Clintonville Electric [which closed in 2003] and got kitchen radio and sweater. [Ohio] State beat Wisconsin but I slept through most of game.


MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1975 Turned out to be a nice day, almost 60°. I washed and ironed. Took walk in P.M. Went to Kaiser's [neighbors across the street] to see about watering flowers while they are in Florida.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1975 48°. Couldn't sleep part of night. Took Sominex, didn't wake up 'till a quarter 'till nine. Took long walk in P.M. Went to Young's [neighbors across street] - gave her a plastic rug. Then, went in to Jeanette's.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1975 Cloudy and some snow flurries. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Edith [Walter] drove, but I always have to drive to her house.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1975 41°. Beautiful day. I don't seem to get anything done. Don't want to do things I should do. Took a walk in afternoon. Ellen's [40th] birthday.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1975 Another lovely day. I went to A&P, drug store, Kroger's and library. In afternoon took my usual walk. Measured on car -1.7 miles. Jeanette came over after dinner. We played three games of "Scrabble."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1975 Beautiful day until rain and storm late. Up to 65°. Almost like spring. I worked out[side] and cleaned up drive and yard. Eighteen years ago today we moved here. Kay [Rehl; daughter of Bill and Gloria] called.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1975 Began to rain before I went to bed last night. Kept it up all day and evening. Went to church. Bill came for supper and stayed overnight. My sink stopped up and he opened it.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1975 Rain stopped during night but much flooding. Got up to get Bill's breakfast and pack his lunch. Washed a washer, also curtain by kitchen table. Got trash out. Collection days now Monday instead of Wednesday. Home all day. Got our foursome set up for [bridge] next week.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1975 Snow on ground and flurries a good part of day. Did the ironing and hung curtain by kitchen table. Went to bridge at Golf Course. University wives. Had ten tables. Donna Elbrink drove.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1975 Lovely, sunny day but a cold wind. Had my hair done and went to bank. In P.M. watered Kaiser's flowers. They are in Florida. Mr. Lewis called me at 3:30 to sit with Ada. She broke her
ankle. While eating dinner Jeanette called and wanted to come over. All upset about McLean's complaining about dogs. We played two games of Scrabble.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1975 Beautiful day. I went to "Chat'n Sew" for first time. Really enjoyed it. We knotted two comforts. After I came home went to sit with Ada. Mr. Lewis brought Colonel Sanders [Kentucky Fried Chicken] dinners. We ate on T.V. trays in Ada's room. Very good.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1975 Very nice day. Went to cemetery to get flowers, then to library, Kroger's, and A&P. Went into Jeanette's. We decided to go out for dinner. She drove. We went to Red Lobster. Don't think I care to go again.


SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1975 Little snow on ground, and heavy flurries during day. Church was earlier - one service. Youth group put on program. After lunch our Brunch. Pancakes and waffles. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1975 Another blustery day. Heavy snow flurries at times. Baked cookies. At ten o'clock went to stay with Ada Lewis. Took them cookies, got her lunch. Came home about two. Mrs. Young left me a dessert.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1975 Nice day. Cleaned up fireplace, dusted my room. Went to church to help on Men's Dinner. In afternoon watered Kaiser's flowers.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1975 Mama [Wilma Hayes Bolon] would have been 99 today. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I drove. Had such poor hands, only played two hands all afternoon.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1975 Lovely day. Merle, Edith, Frieda, and I went to lunch at Garden Gallery. Came here for bridge; I had good cards and had high score.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1975 A gloomy, drizzly day. Didn't do much. Worked on my painting (by number) and plastic rug. Had several telephone calls.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1975 Snow flurries. At times almost a blizzard, then sun came out. Our foursome, Gerry, Nellie, and Mabel here. It was Gerry's party since she couldn't have us at home. I was high Had fire in evening.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 1975 Beautiful, sunny day. Went to church, took Mari Jane [Jackson]. Home rest of day except to mailbox.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1975 Snowed during night and until late afternoon. I washed a washer. Did not go to Circle meeting. Bill called at noon and said he would be up for dinner. He had his truck and brought me a lot of [fire]wood. He left at eight. So glad to see him.
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1975 Much better day, all the streets are clear. Did the ironing, not much else. Painted, worked on rug.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1975 Rainy day. Went to Beauty Parlor in morning. In P.M. in to Lewis' [next-door neighbor to the rear].

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1975 Real nice day. I took Jessie Boyd to lunch at Golf Course, Jeanette went too. We came home and they stayed 'till four. Nellie called and Gerry [Jones] in hospital.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1975 A miserable day. Had freezing rain. I didn't set foot outside of house. Long day, talked to some on 'phone.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1975 Ice frozen on trees and shrubbery. Very pretty! Went to grocery, when I came home ice was melting, and hit the car like sleet. Got quite a lot of groceries. Won't need to go for awhile. Don called. I called Dorothy for her [47th] birthday [on March 16], but she wasn't home.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1975 Nice day. Went to church, when I came home watered Kaiser's flowers. Don and Ellen stopped in P.M. Baked an angel food cake to take to church tomorrow.

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1975 Beautiful day. Left at ten for church. The cake turned out fine. Had a nice meeting. Stopped at drug store on way home. Didn't get home 'till four o'clock. Dorothy called.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1975 Another nice day. Went to bank and post office. About noon went to [redemption] stamp store. Kroger's have stopped giving them. Such a mob! Stood in line two and a quarter hours to get mine cashed. Got a garden rake and small Teflon skillet. Rested awhile, then planted onions and raked more in back yard.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1975 Cloudy, but no rain. I went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. We were two short to play.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1975 Nice day. I cleaned the pink bathroom, washed tile, clean papers and Liquid Gold on woodwork. Went to Cancer Clinic - a foursome of bridge. So noisy! Went in to Jeanette's. She got me two chickens at Big Bear [now closed]. Carried some [fire]wood [from] behind garage that Bill brought me.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1975 First day of spring and a high of 69°. Put more papers in kitchen cupboards. Raked in yard, planted radishes and washed the car. Carried more wood and stacked behind garage.


MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1975 Nice day. Did the washing and ironing. Clean papers in laundry cupboard.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1975 Went at 8:30 to get my hair done. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Took Donna Elbrick and Martha Frye. Turned colder in P.M, and snow flurries. Had a fire in fireplace all evening. Kari brought me a little Easter basket.


THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1975 Nice day but cold. I finished cleaning woodwork in kitchen. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a good lunch and enjoy going. We knotted two comforts. Stopped at Buckeye Mart and bought Turf Builder for yard.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28,1975 A miserable, drizzly day. More rain in the evening. I went to grocery and bank. Mrs. Kaiser brought me a box of candy for watering her flowers.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1975 Pretty nice day. I didn't do anything special. Watched basketball play-offs.


MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1975 Nice day. I cleaned out fireplace. (Went to library, Kroger's, and Buckeye Mart on Tuesday.) Bill came about four for dinner and overnight. We had a fire and watched finals in basketball. U.C.L.A. won.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1975 Beautiful day. Cleaned out fireplace after Bill left at ten. He took Karen - vacation week. Raked side yard next to Scott's.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1975 Lovely day. 74°. Raked more in yard. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Edith didn't go. Raked some in front yard after I got home.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1975 Very high winds during night. Blew down half the rose bud tree. Much colder and snow flurries. Baked cookies. Leona Benton stopped for me and I went to Women's Association at church.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1975 Nice sunny day, but 40°, and a cold wind. I washed and ironed. Went to two banks and got my car license. Sawed off the red bud tree and cut up for firewood. Went to Jeanette's in P.M.
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1975 Another sunny day but wind cold. Went to lunch at M.C.L. [Cafeteria], and to Margaret Harmon's to play [bridge]. I had miserable cards and low score. After I came home went to see Edna Scott who is home after foot operation. Frieda [Beltz] drove to bridge. Mari Jane [Jackson] called and wants to take my sandwiches tomorrow.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 1975
Lovely day but still on cool side. Went to church. Services in basement since sanctuary is being painted. Had twelve [widows] at brunch. I took Mari Jane. In P.M. raked front yard. Mrs. Ferguson called to tell me Esther Smith died March 12th. [Lady in Cumberland with whom Jennie made her home for several years. Esther had had a stroke and was paralyzed. I have a Christmas Cactus started from a cutting Esther gave me from a plant she got as a wedding gift more than 100 years ago.]

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1975
Still chilly but sunny. Getting ready to go to Dorothy's tomorrow. Planted grass seed and put Turf Builder on front yard. Took key to Jeanette.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1975 Lovely day. Went to Beauty Parlor at eight o'clock, while there saw in paper that Fred Ochs died. [Fred and Wanda Ochs were long-time friends. One of them (I don't know which one) was related to Gladys.] Left at 10:20 for city bus. One to Cincinnati was late in leaving. Dorothy met me at Sharonville. Valerie went swimming and we went for her in evening.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1975 Wasn't out of house all day. Valerie getting ready for swim meet in Florida. Dorothy and Dick went square dancing in evening.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1975 Dorothy and I went to Miami [University in Oxford, Ohio] to get Barbara. I saw the campus, her room and sorority suite. Then, we went to the shopping center. I took them to lunch. After dinner took Valerie to swim.
FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1975 Barbara had a ride back to Miami with one of boys. Dorothy and I went to grocery stores. In evening went to Marsh's [grocery store].

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1975 Beautiful day. Don, Ellen, Tom and Linda came about noon for lunch. We had such a good meal and nice time together. Ate from Pine Cone dishes [which had been at cottage in Wisconsin]. On way home we stopped at Fort Ancient, and later stopped and ate supper at a restaurant. All was well at home. My little birds were fine, also my flowers.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1975 Lovely day. Went to church. Second Sunday to meet in basement. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1975 Nice day. Baked a cake. Went to church Circle. I was hostess, with Mrs. Pegg. She couldn't come and Helen Utterback helped me.
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1975 Nice day, but still cool. Washed a washer, dusted front room. Went to Sears with Jeanette to get hose. In P.M. to Pill Box [pharmacy] and Buckeye Mart.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1975 A little warmer, but temperature still below normal. Did the ironing. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had better cards. Edith drove. Donna Elbrink stopped to see me.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1975 Beautiful day and warmer. Man came to see about carpenter ants. Put clean papers in closet in yellow room. In P.M. went to Riverside [Hospital] to see Carrie Bowman, then stopped at A&P. Worked out[sid]e some. Mowed front yard.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1975 Home all day except to mailbox. Washed my heavy white sweater and washer of rugs. Mrs. Young brought me cookies and two hyacinths.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1975 Windy and cooler. The exterminating company here for carpenter ants. Really had a mess of them. A long day.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1975 Mostly cloudy and cool. April has been a very cold month. Went to church. Home rest of day except to mailbox. Jennie would have been 95 yesterday.

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1975 Nice day, a little warmer. Cleaned pictures in yellow room. Went to Golden Crest [at church]. Ellen called and I went with the family to Duffs for dinner. Paid my way.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1975 Started out rainy, but sun came out and a beautiful day. Went to beauty parlor, then to lunch at Golf Course. Had a nice time. Mowed front yard after I came home. Later, walked about a mile and a half.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1975 Cloudy and hard rain in afternoon. I took Wanda Ochs to lunch at Golf Course and she came here for afternoon. I took her home about 4:30. Made salad to take to "Chat'n Sew" tomorrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1975 Cloudy and some rain. Went to "Chat'n Sew." There were 20 there. Had a nice time and good lunch. Linda invited me to Grandparents Day at her school tomorrow.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1975 Rainy day - stopped in afternoon. I went to A&P. In P.M. went to Ellen's for lunch and to visit Linda's room. Ellen showed me their church [First Community Church in Marble Cliff] and we went to "Trading Post." I bought a dress and summer bag. Home at 3:15.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1971 Beautiful day. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. I drove. Kay [Rehl] and Laura [Hardy] called in evening.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1975 Still very cool. Went to church. Home rest of day except to mailbox. Called Mrs. Minister.
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1975 Sunday evening didn't feel well. In bed most of day. Didn't dress - only ate a piece of toast and bullion cube. Gloomy, drizzly day.


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1975 A nice day until about five - then hard rain. Swept back porch. Went to Shopping Center in P.M. Got pair shoes, $16.00. Don called. Marvene [Shonting] called in A.M.


FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1975 Beautiful day. Went to library and Kroger's. Got nice tomato plants for $.10 (Rutgers). In P.M. had my hair done. Don brought Linda for weekend and stayed for supper. Linda and I took a walk. Charles'76th birthday. I still miss him so much. Dorothy called - she always remembers it is his birthday.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1975 Nice day until some rain in evening. Linda and I took a walk through [Overbrook] Ravine. Played several game of Scrabble. I mowed front yard. My yard is lovely, grass thick. Hope it lasts. Magnolia blossoms falling and I cleaned up some of them.

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1975 Cooler, but no rain. Linda and I went to church. I missed the Brunch today. We had more Scrabble games and another walk through [Overbrook] Hallow. Never saw red buds, [flowering] crabs, etc. so lovely. I took Linda home around four o'clock. Called Wanda [Ochs].

MONDAY, MAY 5,1975 Beautiful day. I took flowers from back room and put on porch and cleaned that room. Put in another screen, put in tomato stakes. Mr. Schaller cleaned kitchen carpet. $12.00.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1975 Beautiful day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had better cards. After I came home mowed front yard. Jeanette was in. Took a walk after dinner. Three telephone calls in evening.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1975 Planted turnips and radishes. Cleaned more in yard. Went to [redemption] stamp store for Bill and other errands. Wanda Ochs and I went to Duffs for dinner, then to Woolco to look around. Lovely day.
FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1975 Lovely day. Planted cucumbers and bush squash. Went to church in P.M. to help set tables for Mother and Daughter Banquet. Took a long walk after dinner.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1975 Lovely day. I went to Mrs. CowgilFs funeral. Later to Hawaiian luncheon at church. Mother and Daughter, but some of us went together. Mowed back yard. Don stopped and finished it for me. Invited me for dinner tomorrow for Mothers' Day.

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1975 Went to church. Dorothy called for Mothers' Day. Cards from her and Bill. Don took me and family to Persutti's for dinner. Such a good meal. Almost nine when I got home. Set out rest of tomato plants.

MONDAY, MAY 12, 1975 Beautiful day. Washed one washer, set out some flowers. Went to Circle meeting. After I came home went to see Edna Scott, then mowed front yard.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1975 Another nice day. Did ironing, cleaned up the house. Set marigolds under red bud tree.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1975 Another lovely day but need rain. Had my hair done. Set out a few more plants along drive, went to Jeanette's to leave keys. Dorothy, Bill, and Don called. All ready for trip tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1975
Up at six. Helen [Utterback] and her son stopped for me at seven. Got two other women. Bus left at 9:30. Pretty drive - lunch at Sweden House - good one. Stopped at Bird Sanctuary - guide had gone, not much to see. So cold, got back on bus. Overnight at President's Motel at Grand Rapids. Basement room. Had a good dinner. Afterward played bridge with Helen Utterback, Helen Rymer and Margaret Davis.

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1975
Didn't sleep well. Breakfast at motel. Had a guided tour through "Tulip Lane," 8 miles. To Centennial Park also in morning. Population of Holland [Michigan], 30,000. Half million there during [Tulip] Festival. A Dutch flag made from tulips, 26,000. American flag, 32,000 [tulips used]. They plant 182,000 bulbs in Holland each year. Ate lunch at one of churches. In P.M. went to Windmill Island and to a Dutch village. Ate dinner at Hope College cafeteria - not good. Decided to go back to motel and not see Klompten Dancers (wooden shoes). So tired, in bed 9:15.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1975 Slept well. Ate breakfast at motel with Mrs. Roseboom and her daughter [Charlotte, a member of Don's 1949 graduating class from North High School, Columbus]. Everything cold. Went to program, "Dutch Heritage," very good. Lunch (good) at another church. They were serving 700 that day. Saw the parade, over two hours, and 50 bands. So warm! Another punk meal at College Cafeteria. Then on to Dearborn, 3 ½i hours. Arrived at two.

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1975 Our best friends on trip, Mrs. Kraut and Mrs. Rummel. Had breakfast with them, also dinner at motel. Very good meals. Left for home at 2:30. Arrived at house 7:30. All well, had to water flowers and tomato plants. Tired, and glad to get home.
MONDAY, MAY 19, 1975 Another very warm day. Set out a few more flowers, and mowed front yard. Went to Golden Crest - had devotions. Pot luck and good meal.

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1975 Very warm - need rain so badly. Went to cemetery and set out flowers [at Charles' grave] then to bank. In P.M. Jeanette and I went to Lazarus. [The downtown Lazarus Department store, in business since 1853, closed its doors in 2003.] I bought a grass trimmer, long handle, runs on batteries. $27.03. Barbara Kaiser came over and spent the evening. Set out a few more flowers.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1975 90°. A very hot day. I got screen in window by T. V. and washed window. Set out more flowers and swept drive. Watered front yard. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Our last regular meeting - the high entertained the low. Delia Mancon bought my lunch. Had good cards.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1975 Got storm windows (small ones) out of both bedrooms. Mixed cookies, put in refrigerator to bake later. Went to "Chat'n Sew." After I came home set out more flowers. A shower in late afternoon.

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1975 75°. Baked cookies. Went to grocery. Didn't feel too good - slept two hours in P.M. Turned down a chance to substitute in a four-some. All flowers out - still washing flower pots. So lonesome tonight.

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1975 A hot day. Cleaned up house, put last screen in bathroom. Yesterday Richard [Davis, son of Jeanette] took last one out and carried them to basement. Our foursome met at Mable Turner's. I drove and took Gerry and Nellie. I had high score. After dinner mowed front yard.


MONDAY, MAY 26, 1975 Lovely day, not so humid. Did the laundry, washed the car. Mr. Kaiser fixed my new trimmer - had come off handle. Memorial Day, since date was changed.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1975 Not so warm and a lovely day. Went to Beauty parlor, then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Watered tomatoes and some flowers. Very dry. Bill called.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1975 Beautiful day. Went to cemetery to water flowers. Didn't do much. Turned sprinkler on front yard. Took a long walk after dinner.

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1975 Hard rain in morning, just as I was leaving for Northland [Shopping Center]. Bought a dress ($10.00). Took my new trimmer to see why it didn't stay on handle. Another storm around five. Needed rain! Laura [Hardy] called. Such long evenings. I'll never get over missing Charles.
FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1975 Went to grocery in morning. Got my tax refund and took to bank. After lunch, mowed back yard. Went to Jeanette's in evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1975 Washed and ironed. Swept the driveway. Hard rain in late afternoon. Don called to tell me how well John had done in tests. They were going to Linda's piano recital.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1975 Nice day, but cool. In the afternoon turned the furnace on. Went to church - one service now. Didn't stay for brunch. In P.M. went to Rose Tea. Stopped at Mrs. Minister's but didn't find her. Called her, and she didn't hear me. Don invited me to a concert, but too much for one day.


TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1975 Fairly nice day. Dorothy and I went to the cemetery and bank. In evening to Duffs for dinner and walked around shopping center.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1975 In morning I scrubbed front porch and clipped shrubbery in front of living room. Dorothy and I had lunch and she left at twelve. Then, I went to Golf Course for bridge. Got there as the first hand started. After I came home went in to see Edna Scott.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1975 Went to dry cleaners and bank at 9:30. Frieda Beltz called to ask if I would substitute in their foursome. We went to Bob Evans [Restaurant] for lunch, and to one of members to play. I had miserable cards. Had tornado warnings.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1975 A little sunshine. Our foursome met, Merle [Axline], Edith [Walter], Frieda [Beltz]. We went to Stouffer's for lunch and to Edith's to play. I had low score. Didn't eat any dinner. In evening went to funeral home for Mr. Condon. Had left my scarf at Edith's. Went for it and stayed an hour. Helped put in evening.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1975 Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Frieda drove. After I came home mowed the front yard and trimmed. Rather tired of lunches and bridge after for days.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1975 Lovely day, but still turn furnace on morning and evening. Went to church. Afterward mowed and trimmed back yard. Getting ready for Circle tomorrow - got the tables and chairs up on porch. [Linda's 11* birthday.]

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1975 Lovely day but still cool in house. Our 52nd wedding anniversary. Church Circle here. Every year our group gets smaller - only nine, but we had a nice time and good food.
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1975 Nice day. Washed a washer, worked in yard. Went into Jeanette's. Went to drug store and to pick up dry cleaning. Had three dresses cleaned to take to "Trading Post" [run by First Community Church] to sell. Ada [Lewis] gave me some frozen corn.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1975 Rained all day until evening. Jeanette and I took some clothes to Trading Post, but didn't pay to leave them. Ellen went with us. In P.M. Karen Pollock came to get cardboard and paper, and stayed over two hours. So glad to have her.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1975 Much nicer day. Did the ironing, washed rugs - some mending. Gerry and Carol Jones stopped. In evening Karen Pollock and twins brought me bread wrappers [which Gladys cut into strips, and braided into plastic rugs].

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1975 Nice day until a storm about nine P.M. I didn't do much today. Started a second plastic rug for church bazaar. Ada Lewis was here in P.M. Dorothy's 22nd wedding anniversary. Stormy evening.


SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 1975 Nice day until a shower in late afternoon. Went to church, then to grocery. Had a coupon for 5 pounds sugar for $.66. After dinner went to cemetery. In evening Jeanette asked me over to play scrabble. Didn't come home 'till ten.

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1975 Nice day - no rain. I washed a washer, went to bank. Then to Golden Crest. After dinner mowed, raked and trimmed front yard and swept driveway. Bill called - so glad he is home safely from Colleen's graduation [from Perkins School for the Blind in Massachusetts].

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1975 Nice day until late afternoon. Rain and tornado warnings. Had foursome here in evening. Gerry, Nellie, and Mable.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1975 Hot day, but no rain. Baked cookies. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course - took Gerry Jones. Mowed back yard after I came home. In evening watched a movie, "A Girl Named Sooner."

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1975 93°, very hot and humid. Got a permanent. ($9.50 + $.50 tip). Made an exchange with Hoffmans. I'll take care of Trixie next Wednesday, and Thelma will take me to airport. Tornado warnings in evening. Bill called. Called Don to say "Good-bye." They leave tomorrow for cottage. Called Barbara ["B.J."]. She leaves tomorrow for start of trip to Europe.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1975 Another very hot day. Went to grocery. Jeanette was in and Helen Utterback stopped to get paper. Barbara on way to Cleveland, Don's to cottage, Colleen and Karen on way to Arkansas. Took Trixie for walk after dinner and kept her down here until after eight. Went to Dr. Rose.

Blood pressure 138. Lowest it has been for a long time.
SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1975 Moved furniture and cleaned my bedroom. Brought Trixie down here and tied her on porch in the morning. Gerry drove to bridge at Stew Harrison's [Restaurant]. I was hostess - won second, $0.75. Stopped for corn and strawberries on way home. Brought Trixie down. Mrs. Kaiser took her a walk and stayed awhile.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1975 Another very hot day. Brought Trixie down awhile before church. Took her home, after church she stayed here 'till about dark. Mrs. Kaiser took her for another walk.

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1975 Another hot day. I did the laundry. Kept Trixie here all day. Took her some walks and Barbara [Kaiser] took her a longer one in evening. Don called to say they had arrived safely [at cottage]. Ellen had been stung by a bee. Dybvig's [Ed and Cora] had them for dinner.


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1975 Another hot day. Went to Auto Club for my plane ticket [to Wisconsin]. $131.51. Hoffman's didn't come home as they said they would. Storm in late afternoon. Had to put Trixie in garage early. Bill called, he will be here tomorrow. Yesterday B.J. left for Germany.


FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1975 We got up at six. Bill left at seven and took my car to Chesroun's for a tune-up. ($15.96). He didn't get home 'till twelve. He left soon after one. Mowed and trimmed back yard. Wanda Ochs and I went to Howard Johnson's for a fish dinner. Poured coming home and for quite awhile. I went to her house and stayed 'till nine.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1975 Another hot day. Went to Don's to look for Ellen's bathing suit - found it. Richard and Jeanette [Davis - mother and son] went with me. Picked five quarts cherries and got apples. I put five containers of cherries and some of apple sauce in freezer.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1975 Went to church. After I came home cooked more apples. Worked some outside. Jeanette brought me cherry pie last evening and beans today.


TUESDAY, JULY 1, 1975 88°. Had my hair done. All ready to go tomorrow. Took keys to Jeanette and birds to Scott's. Called Dorothy but she wasn't home.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 1975 Dorothy called as I was getting up at 6:30. Also talked with Dick and Valerie. Mrs. Hoffman took me to airport. Left home, 7:30. Left at 8:55. United Airlines. Two rolls and coffee on first flight. Changed at O'Hare [in Chicago]. Cake and peanuts on second flight. In Minneapolis 11:30. Confirmed my return reservation. Bus to bus station at St. Paul, $2.00. Ticket to Spooner [Wisconsin], $6.30. Lunch at bus station. Got to cottage at six. Don had errands and groceries to buy. So glad to see it again, but I miss Charles here so much.

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1975 90°. Very hot. Ellen cooked a turkey in a barbecue they made [John made on a shop project at Upper Arlington High School] from a garbage can. (New one). [It worked beautifully. We used it for years.] I went swimming. Don and I went around lake in the evening. He caught seven small pike - no keepers [longer than 18 inches].

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1975
Cut some popals [aspen trees] and cleaned up more around house. Lots of activity on lake. Big boats and skiers. (On Thursday Mr. Burges [neighbor] helped Don open laundry drain). In evening Don and I took a long drive. Ellen got 12 3/4 inch pike. Mr. and Mrs. Schwarze [Elmer and Betty] came to see me.

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1975
Cleaned out more popals. Also pine leaves around cottage. Dybvigs came in afternoon. Went to church in evening. About 200 there [in a lakeside service held every Saturday evening in the summer on Dybvig's property by the lake. The current Lakeside Lutheran Church takes its name from these lakeside services at Dybvig's.] Storm after we came home.

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 1975 Still warm weather. Didn't do much. Don and I went to dump, store, and looked for blueberries. Went to Johnson's in evening.

MONDAY, JULY 7, 1975 Another hot day. I did some washing, cleaned screens in front room. Went to Johnsons [Leonard and Bemice], and called Mickey about bridge. We were invited to Schwarze's [Elmer and Betty; next-door neighbors] for coffee and cake. Beautiful sunset. Don picked three quarts [blue] berries. He and I made a batch of jam.

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 1975 Not so hot today. I chopped more popals and carried off brush. Mrs. Meronk came in afternoon and Dybvigs were here for dinner. Don was gone almost all day getting dock repaired.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1975 Cooler. Went to bridge and lunch at Voyager Village [large, near-by housing development, golf course, and restaurant clustered around several different lakes]. Women stopped for me. So glad to see my friends again. Won $1.00. Fire in fireplace. Don got dock in again. Mr. Schwarze cut oak tree down that was about ready to fall.

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1975 Very chilly! Cut more popals. Ellen had a baking day for the company coming tomorrow. Made a chocolate cake, three coffee cakes, two banana bread and two blueberry pies. They caught an 18 inch [northern] pike in evening. I rode to dump twice with Don when he took brush from oak tree cut down yesterday.
FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1975
Don and John fished at Birch Island [Lake]. One pike. Left at five. Got ready for company. A queer day - had fireplace going all day. Rain, then sun.

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1975 Much nicer day. I worked more on popals. [These trees are very hard to eradicate. After the main tree is cut down numerous shoots will keep coming up from the roots for several years. They are usually the first trees to reappear after a forest fire.] Ellen and Audrey [Williams] caught four nice pike. In evening Mr. Williams got a 28 inch, 5 pound northern.

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 1975 Forgot to mention - Don bought a new motor yesterday. Cool, gloomy day. Fire place going all day. Mr. Burge sent us a 22 inch pike. Williams [Jim and Audrey, and their five children, Lorelei, James, Kent, Clark, and Libby] left at five. The boys stayed overnight at Schwarze's [with their friend, David, now the owner of the Schwarze cottage].

MONDAY, JULY 14, 1975 Much wanner today. I washed some things in my little washer and cut more popals. Don left after breakfast to pick [blue] berries. Didn't come home'till 5:15. Picked 61^ quarts (Now 16 quarts). In evening we made four batches jam. Don and David Schwarze washed and sorted. John mashed and I made the jam. Ellen was fishing.

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1975 A hot day. Each day I cut a few more popals. Went to a bridge luncheon at McKenzie Inn in honor of Helen Tokash and her sister. The family went [blue] berry picking. Seven quarts.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 1975 Another hot day. Went to bridge - worst lunch I ever had! Won $1.00. Don picked 3 1/4 quarts berries. 27 quarts now. I miss Charles so much. Would be better to stay home.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1975 The family went to Minong [20 miles away]. I cleaned up house. In afternoon Don picked more berries. John and David Schwarze swam the lake.

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1975 Hot, windy weather continues. Don finished cutting popals. In the evening he and I had a boat ride around both lakes. [Actually one lake. Little Fish Lake in a bay of Fish Lake, but connected to the main lake only by a narrow channel.]

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1975 Very windy. Don picked four quarts blueberries. In the afternoon Ferrons [Art and Blanche] came, the Burges'. Children all went horseback riding, so Ellen invited Mr. and Mrs. Schwarze for dinner. We had rabbit and blueberry pie. Didn't get to church [evening lakeside services at Dybigs].

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1975 Some cooler today. Don cleaned up the grove. I went with him to take four trailer loads of brush to the dump.

MONDAY, JULY 21, 1975 No rain - need it. Warm day. Baked loaf blueberry, orange bread. Don took me to town. Had a visit with Miss [Florence] Tucker. In evening went to Johnsons and Martins [John and Mia].
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1975 Went with Don to take three loads of brush to dump. He has hauled eleven loads. He and Ellen went to Spooner to a movie. I was at Burges' till 9:15. John was fishing until quarter of eleven. I got worried.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 1975 Went to bridge at a new place on Oak Lake [Oak Lake Inn, now closed]. Won $1.00. Dybvigs were here in evening. Invited me to dinner tomorrow. Boys went to a drive-in movie.

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 1975 Much cooler. Had fire in morning. Made one trip to dump with Don. Went to Dybvigs for dinner. Such a good one. Don's family came for dessert. Mr. and Mrs. Hauer came in afternoon.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1975 Warmer today, washed things on my bed with small washer. After dinner went to see Whitmarsh's and Stoven's.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1975 Nothing special to write. The "gang" [of young people] came here in evening until one o'clock. Quite different than when my children were that age. [In that earlier time there were no other children nearby on the lake.]

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1975 Warm day. Don's left at 9:15 for log rolling and other events at Hayward. Home about seven. I walked to Long Lake Road. [Dick's 51st birthday.]

MONDAY, JULY 28, 1975 Very warm. Don picked 3 1/4 quarts blueberries. Ellen washed and made a pie. In evening Don took me a long drive. Had an ice cream cone. Hottest night we have had.

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1975
Hot! 90° on back porch at five o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1975
Another hot day. Don picked berries. Now 50 quarts [blueberries]. Went to bridge at Lily Lake Inn. Low score. 21 [pennies]. Elmquist's were here when I came home. All ready to leave tomorrow.

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1975
Don and I left at a quarter 'till eight. Got behind road machinery and almost missed bus. Took a colored man to bus station. Car he was in stalled. Just made bus. Got to St. Paul. Had bought [bus] ticket to airport [in Minneapolis]. Bus never came. Got a taxi ($6.50) and just made plane. Snack - huge sandwich, pickle, tomato, peach and coke. Changed at O'Hare. Woman from Zanesville with a darling year-old baby girl rode with me. Mrs. Hoffman and Carole met me and took me to Willards's for dinner. Everything looked nice at home and went for birds. Six ripe tomatoes. I'm glad I went but nice to get home. 95°. Very hot!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1975 96°. Only one degree below record. Had my hair done, went to bank. Really tired, rested all afternoon.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1975 96°. Another hot day. Went to grocery, didn't do much. Ilo [Hathaway], Helen Utterback, and Dorothy called.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 1975 Not so humid. Went to church - a new way to have Communion. Our Sunday brunch. 13 [widows] there. Hard electric storm in evening and rain.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1975 Went to bank and post office. Washed one washer. Went to Lewis' in P.M. and took candy bars to Ada for her birthday. Good rain in P.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1975 Not so hot. Did the ironing, finished another plastic rug for church Bazaar. Jeanette was here in morning. Carole [Hoffman] in P.M.


THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 1975 So cool during night, needed an extra blanket. Went to A&P and I.G.A. [groceries]. Later in afternoon went to Northland [Shopping Center] and ordered a "crock pot." Clerk had one put away. Will be on sale next week. Ate dinner at Halloway House - such a good one. Home about 6:30. Walked around the circle. Colleen's 18th birthday.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1975
Went to library and Kroger's. In evening took a walk.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1975 Lovely day. Cleaned the house, mowed back yard. Made a blackberry pie. Richard gave me berries, also brought me a big sack of apples. In evening, Leona Benton and I went to Barbara Reed's wedding. [Daughter of Eldis and Marilyn Reed?]

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1975
Went to church. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 1975 Rain during night. Put six containers of tomatoes in freezer. In P.M. went for driver's license. $4.50 for four years. Had to have picture taken. Was in to Jeanette's a little while. Carole [Hoffman] was down. Such a nice evening, sat on porch quite late.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1975 Went to Lazarus and [got] crock pot ($12.36). On sale and saved three dollars. In afternoon, Jeanette, Richard and I went to see "Benji." A good movie [about a dog].

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1975 Got up at 4:30 and put roast and potatoes in new crock pot. Cooked 'till five P.M. Very good. Baked a cherry pie. Bill came for dinner. His 51st birthday. Left about ten.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1975
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1975 Another hot day. Finished third plastic rug for Bazaar. Don's got home at midnight last night. Brought a rabbit, friends gave them. I went over in P.M. and got my suitcase and stopped at Kroger's. Went to Jeanette's in evening. Barbara's 20th birthday. Stopped at cemetery on way to Don's.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1975 Didn't seem so warm. Our bridge foursome met at Nellie's. I was 2nd. Had a nice afternoon. Ilo called in morning.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 1975 Went to church. A long day, didn't see anyone but Carole and Richard.


TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1975 Did not sleep well last evening. Did yesterday's ironing and washed a washer. Put three containers of tomatoes in freezer. Jeanette and I went to Northland. I took her to dinner. Found a dress and coat (all one) reduced from $26.00 to $15.00 and bought it. So tired went to bed early.


THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1975 Home all day except to Buckeye Mart and A&P. Picked several ripe tomatoes and six small cucumbers. Had a turnip from garden for dinner. Made two small apple pies, one for freezer. Jeanette shortened the sleeves on my new coat. Edna Scott was [in?]. I was at Ada's in P.M.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1975 93°. A hot day. Put two more containers of tomatoes in freezer. Our foursome went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. I was low. Edith drove.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1975 Didn't do anything today. Carol was down, went to Jeanettes's to see what she was going to do about block party. I don't want to go. I am concerned about her. She isn't well. Card from Ilo [Hathaway] she always remembers the day Charles left me.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1975 Another hot day. Went to church. In afternoon went to see "Gone With the Wind" with Frieda Beltz and two others. I drove to Frieda's and she drove rest of way. Barbara Kaiser over in evening.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1975 Two more containers of tomatoes in freezer. 11 in all - won't have any more to freeze. Very hot! Didn't do much. Had 5 more tomatoes.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1975 Another warm day. Put three small apple pies in freezer. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course - on committee. Only had three tables. After I came home Jeanette was over. After dinner
Edna [Scott], Barbara [Kaiser] and Carole [Hoffman] [were in?]. Six years ago today since I lost Charles. I can't get over missing him. Ilo always remembers with a card. Wanda [Ochs] called.


THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1975 Bill and I canned eight pints tomatoes, or rather put in freezer. Another hot day. Karen rode in evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1975 Left about 8:30. Left Karen and home at ten. Bill cut down rose bud tree. It was rotten and about ready to fall. Bill went to Doctor - blood was good. He should have some treatments [for Hodgkin's Disease] Dr. didn't care about. Upset me. Jeanette came in and we played Scrabble. I am keeping Trixie. Mrs. Kaiser kept her from Wednesday 'till I got home. Ellen went to hospital for some tests. I could worry a lot. Six years today since Charles' funeral.


SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 1975 Rainy, gloomy morning. Went to church - thunder and lightning during service. Two stuck traffic lights on way home. Mrs. Lewis here in P.M. So lonely, went to bed at 9:30.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1975 A dark, gloomy morning. Went for Trixie, washed and ironed. Labor Day and a long, lonely one. Barbara takes Trixie in afternoon.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1975 A very nice day. Had my hair done. Mowed back yard and raked front yard. Took Trixie for a walk in evening. As I was taking her to bed, Hoffman's came home.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1975 My 76th birthday. Frieda [Cooper] called and sang "Happy Birthday." A number of cards. Dorothy sent me $15.00 for bracelet fund. Bill, a card. Don and Ellen took me to lunch at Golf Course. Gave me a red bird picture from Webb Lake, humming bird feeder, and Linda made me a picture. Jeanette brought me a big candy bar, Dorothy called and I talked with each of family. So glad B.J. is home safely from Europe. Watched "Giant" in evening until a quarter 'till twelve. Long walk after dinner.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1975 Nice day and cooler. Went to Board meeting and luncheon at church. Walked mile and a half after dinner.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1975 Went to grocery in morning. Didn't do much rest of day. Storm and rain in evening.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1975 Went to bridge at Nellie's. Had lunch at Brown Derby. I had low score. Block party tonight, but I didn't want to go. John's 17th birthday. Watched Miss America Pageant until midnight.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1975 Beautiful day. Church now 10:45. Went to church then we had our Sunday brunch - fourteen there. Cut off ivy on wall beside garage with electric trimmer. Went in to Jeanette's.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1975 Another beautiful day. Went to Circle meeting - pot luck. Mrs. Bond fell and we had to get both ministers to help her and take her home. New programs started on T. V.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1975 Beautiful day. I went to Clintonville Electric [closing in 2003] to get belt for sweeper. I couldn't get it on and Richard put in on for me. Home rest of day.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1975 Lovely weather continues. Went to bank. Mowed, raked and trimmed front yard. Put on Turf Builder [on lawn].

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1975 Gloomy, rainy day. Did not see anyone all day except when I went to get my hair done.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1975 Much cooler. Carol Hoffman and I went to Frisch's [Big Boy] for dinner, then to A&P. Wanda called and asked me to go to dinner, but had promised Carol.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1975 38°. Beautiful day but cool. Went to church. Blanche Smith and I were greeters. Ready to leave for Dorothy's tomorrow. Took keys to Jeanette.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1975 Left at ten for the bus. Got to bus station at eleven, left at twelve. Dorothy met me at Sharonville. Barbara's boyfriend, Gary Novak, here for dinner, and over night. After dinner he and Barbara went out. Came back with news. They had been out to select rings. They have been engaged but now will announce it. Showed us a picture of ring. Barbara's has to be made smaller. They are so happy. She showed me things she brought from Europe.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1975 Gary left early and took some of Barbara's things. They loaded the station wagon, and we left about nine to take her back to Miami [University in Oxford]. She has a very nice room. Quite a job to unload. Everything from plants to stuffed animals. After we came home went to Dorothy's Circle [from church] at a lovely home. A good program by a Mennonite minister.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1975 Dorothy and I went to grocery and in afternoon to Gold Circle. She made pumpkin pie from their pumpkins. Chuck went to his girl friend's, and Valerie baby sat.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1975 Rainy morning. Dorothy went to a meeting and a "coffee" for one of her Circle members. In evening they took a walk. Valerie was baby sitting.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1975 Dorothy and I, and a friend of hers, went to two garage sales. My bus left at 2:15. She took me downtown for fear I couldn't get a seat at Sharonville. Home at 5:30. All was fine. Called Dorothy to tell her I was home safely.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1975 Rain during night but a beautiful day. 72°. Went to bridge at Stew Harrison's. I had low score. I drove. Stopped at A&P on way home. Don called.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1975 Beautiful day, but cool. Went to church and took cottage deed to Bill Walter. Home rest of day, didn't see anyone. Raked front yard and swept drive.


WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1975 Miserable, gloomy, drizzly day. Potted more flowers. Bill came for dinner. He goes to Riverside [Hospital] Saturday for a two hour test. He left in rain at eight o'clock.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1975 Another gloomy day. I went to "Chat'n Sew." Had seventeen and a good luncheon. I enjoy that group. Ethel Petree called and I agreed to be Sunshine Chairman again. This is fourth year.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1975 Went to bank and grocery. Bill came for dinner and overnight.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1975 Cloudy and sun came out in afternoon. Bill left before daylight for Riverside. He took the "Scanner" test to check cancer cells. His lung and X-Ray was fine. He had lunch and left about 12:30. I dusted the house, cleaned the leaves in front yard. [Gary's 24th birthday.]

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1975 Beautiful day. Went to church. Don came over in afternoon.


TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1975 Lovely day. Ironed from yesterday's wash and washed and ironed another washer. Went to Clintonville Electric to get bags for sweeper. Had a hard time getting one on. Jeanette was in and Carol. Swept drive.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1975 Cloudy but no rain. Went to bridge at Golf Course, f drove, took Edith and Jerry. After I came home went to see Edna Scott.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1975 Beautiful, sunny day, but cold and windy. Richard put in storm windows, also on porch and washed windows on outside. So glad to get so much done. Dorothy called and Bill called to tell me he bought a jeep. Cleaned leaves in front yard.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1975 Beautiful day. Went to grocery and bank. Men came to trim the shrubbery ($18.00). After they left took plants to church for Bazaar tomorrow.


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1975 Lovely weather continues. Went to church - had our brunch afterward. After I came home potted some flowers and swept driveway.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1975 So warm, didn't need a coat. Washed crocheted cloth on table and glassware. Potted more flowers. Went to Dr. Rose. Blood pressure, 156. Swept drive and front yard.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1975 Had my hair done. Baked a carrot, apple, raisin loaf of bread. Wanda Ochs and I went to Frisch's [Big Boy Restaurant] for dinner, and she came in a while.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1975 Cloudy morning. Went to Northland [Shopping Center] for hose at Sears. Cleaned the drive and part of front yard. Couldn't tell it in an hour. Began to rain about noon. Man came to see about two chairs to be upholstered.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1975 Rainy day. Went on bus to Dr. Norris for my eyes. A mature cataract on right eye. He said wait a year. I am so afraid of surgery. Ate lunch at Buckeye Room at Lazarus [Department Store]. So tired and glad to get home.


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1975 Another lovely day. Went to bridge at Worthington Inn. Gerry drove. After I came home, mowed back yard, cleaned the drive and burned some leaves.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 1975 Lovely weather continues. Went to church. Took a long nap in P.M. Raked back yard and part of front yard.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1975 Put some clean papers in cupboards. Went to Circle meeting. Only six there and Mrs. Shafer. After I came home swept and burned more leaves.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1975 Almost a summer day. Went to post office for stamps, and left car to have a new battery put in. ($46.75). Swept drive. After I brought car home, washed it. After dinner cleaned leaves from front yard and burned them. [Burning leaves was against the law as Gladys knew.]

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1975 Almost like summer, went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course without a coat. Jerry drove.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1975 About 20° degrees cooler, but nice day. I washed one washer. Never saw so many leaves at one time. Cleaned them all up, back yard, driveway and front yard. Bill was here for dinner. I baked an apple pie for him to take home.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1975 A miserable, rainy day. Put three small apple pies in freezer. Did ironing. Man came to check T.V. I had forgotten there is a switch on antenna. Cost me $14.95 to be reminded.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1975 Another drizzly day, but not rain like yesterday. Washed quilt and mattress cover on my bed. Went to Mrs. Throckmorton's funeral. Home rest of day. Can't read like I used to.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1975 Gloomy day, but no rain. Went to church, then put \( \frac{3}{4} \) chicken in oven and baked a carrot cake. Home rest of day except to mailbox. Don called. They invited me to dinner Tuesday evening. Hutchins are to be there. A good special on T.V.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1975 Gloomy morning, but sun came out in P.M. Went to Golden Crest [at church]. Put on Nominating Committee. After I came home Carol and Jeanette came. After dinner cleaned some leaves.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1975 Lovely day. Went to beauty parlor. To Don's for dinner with Hutchins. Ellen has to have surgery. After dark when I came home. Saw in paper Estel Gilford died. [The Giftords were members of Charles and Gladys' first bridge club with the Micks and Walters. They dropped out after several years, replaced by the Reeders, but the Cooper's kept in touch with them from time to time. J Freida called - thought I might come five days earlier, but decided to leave plans as I had made them.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1975 Almost a summer day. I went to Northland, got a girdle, slip and blouse. In afternoon went to Estel Gilford's funeral. Worked more on leaves. Went in to Jeanette's a little while.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1975 Another warm, sunny day. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Always enjoy going. After I came home cleaned leaves around garage and side yard. Spaded garden next to Davis'.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1975

Beautiful day - can work out[side] without a sweater. Cleaned leaves in both yards after I came home from grocery. Potted the rest of flowers - now 43 [pots]. Bill and Karen called. Got more wood on porch.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1975

A gloomy day but not much rain. Our foursome met at Gerry's. Had a nice afternoon. After I came home, put on my night gown and robe and thought I was settled for evening. Phone rang at 5:15 and I was invited to a party at Shupe's, in honor of Donna Eibrink who was in town. Taby's came for me. Had a buffet supper and such a nice evening. Alice Jones was my "partner." Four couples. Home at one with Donna and Martha Fry. Clocks turned back one hour.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1975 Beautiful day, but cooler. Went to church. In P.M. Barbara, Gary, and another couple, stopped on way home from Cleveland. Later, Ada Lewis came and brought me frozen corn. Watched football.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1975 Beautiful day. Didn't do anything except clean leaves from front yard. Bill Walter stopped and I signed cottage over to Don. One of my most prized possessions. I hope I did the right thing. [Gloria's 51st birthday.]

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1975 Cloudy but no rain. I went to bank and "Pill Box" Pharmacy. Then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. After I came home cleaned a lot of leaves and cut the peonies off. [Wayne's 17 birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1975 Gloomy, rainy day. Ellen had surgery for removal of right ovary. Got along fine. I washed my pitcher collection and listed my Hummels. Man picked up the big chair to recover.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1975 Beautiful day. Didn't do much, washed a shelf of knick-knacks. Put some apples in freezer. Bill came and we went to "Grandma's Chicken" for our dinner. I had coupon for a free one. I wasn't so impressed with place. He left at eight o'clock. Our leaves were picked up. Beggar's Night, but only had three.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1975 Nice, sunny day but much cooler. Went to Kroger's and Lawson's [Dairy store]. Cleaned some leaves in back yard. Ellen called. She is getting along O.K.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1975 Pretty, sunny day, went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Frieda drove.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1975 Beautiful day. Soon as I got up, baked a cake to take to our brunch. Went to church. Had sixteen at brunch. After I came home and had a nap cleaned leaves from drive and front yard.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1975 Warm day. I worked out[side] without a sweater, and got more leaves from back yard. Washed two washers and ironed.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1975 73°. Almost summer weather. Baked a cake for bake sale, and loaf of raisin, apple, carrot bread. Worked on bake sale at church (election day), then got a permanent. After I came home
took half the bread to Ada Lewis. She and I took a walk through [Overbrook] Hallow. Dorothy and Don called. Permanent $10.00

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1975 73°. Another summer day. Went to lunch and bridge at golf course. Had good cards. Edith [Walter] drove. Wayne came to see me. Went in to Jeanette's.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1975 77°. A record temperature. Like a June day. I went to bank, put birch logs away and laid fire in fireplace. Cleaned leaves in front, almost finished in back. Carole cleaned the gutters. I gave her $7.00. Chairs came home I had upholstered. They look lovely. Jeanette came in to see them.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1975 Had some rain in the morning. Went to lunch at M.C.L.[Cafeteria] and to Merle's [Axline] to play. I drove, took Edith and Frieda.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1975 70°. Another warm day. I cleaned bathroom, dusted bedrooms and went to grocery. Cleaned rest of leaves from back yard, around garage, drive, and front yard. Washed the car. Called Gerry Gifford and talked an hour. Don called in evening.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1975 73°. Another record temperature. Went to church. In afternoon went to see Ellen and stopped at cemetery on way.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1975 Swept all house with Hoover [vacuum]. Went to Circle meeting. Took Viola R [?] home. Cleaned up some leaves. Hard wind and storm in morning blew a lot of them. Cooler today, but sunny.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1975 Last day before I leave for Frieda's [in Phoenix]. Had my hair done, cleaned more leaves from back yard. Took birds to Young's, keys to Jeanette. Bill and Don called. I was just going to bed when Don called.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1975 Up at seven. Mrs. Hoffman came at 9:30 and took me to airport. Plane left at eleven for Dallas. Had such a good lunch. About an hour in Dallas to change planes. Snack (sandwich) on second plane. Frieda met me. Shed my coat in Phoenix. After supper we went to a church meeting at Minister's home. Frieda on committee. Had a nice dessert.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1975 Tired after trip and turning watch back two hours. Took a long sleep in afternoon. In the evening five o'clock went to one of neighbors to a "Happy Hour." Don't care for drinks, had some wine and later snacks. We didn't get any dinner, cup of hot chocolate and slice of bread I brought.

t-RIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1975 Didn't do anything all day. In evening Frieda had a party. Two tables of bridge and here for a nice dinner. I had poor cards, as usual. They left soon after ten.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1975 Went to shopping center in morning. Bought an Indian bracelet. $48.00 with tax $.07 left out of $50.00. In evening we went to Dutch Treat [Restaurant] for bridge. Enjoyed going.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1975 Went to church at 8:30. 568 there first service. Later we went to Betsy's [Azlin] for dinner. [Betsy, married to Glenn Azlin, was oldest daughter of Frieda. She died in Phoenix of Alzhtheimer's Disease on January 30, 2000.]

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1975 Went to Frieda's Circle meeting. She is president, then to the library. Home rest of day.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1975 Didn't feel well. Slept an hour in morning and three hours in P.M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1975 Felt better today. In the evening we went to Phoenix and had dinner with Tom Nelson at the Eastern Star Home. He is 94. [Tom Nelson was married to Florence "Flo," a cousin of Gladys. She was deceased.] Stopped at grocery on way home.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1975 Went to Frieda's bridge club at Litchfield Park. A lovely town house. Didn't get home until about 5:30.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1975 Went at 8:30 to have my hair done. Had a very nice operator. Cost me $5.00, including a $.50 tip. In afternoon went to meeting of Women's Society. Frieda was on committee. In evening we were invited to a foursome at Maxine Merrick's with Florence Duffy.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1975 We went to Metro Shopping Center in morning. I slept two hours in afternoon. In evening went to Dutch Treat.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1975 Went to church at nine o'clock. In evening went to Mary Lindenberg's for supper (pea soup, salad and pie). I had high score in bridge. [Tom's 14th birthday.]

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1975 Went to Delta Zeta (Frieda's sorority) [at University of Southern California] luncheon at Howard Johnson's [Restaurant]. Some came here for bridge. Had three tables.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1975 Went to grocery in P.M. To church to a Bell Ringer program. Afterwards to Anna Mary Marble's for bridge with Maxine Merrick. I had high score. Letter from Jeanette.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1975 Didn't do anything special today. Called Tom and invited him for Saturday lunch. I am getting so anxious to get home - perhaps I have stayed too long.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1975 Thanksgiving Day. Frieda had a 20 Vi pound turkey. There were 15 here. Betsy and Joe's families. [Joe Cooper, married to Carol, was Frieda's oldest son. He died, as I recall, in 1994, and Frieda died in 2001 or 2002.] Carol made gingerbread Pilgrims. Had an excellent dinner, but I don't feel I fit in anywhere. Joe, the only one who has shown interest in my family. So anxious to get home. Frieda stooped over and hurt her back.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1975 Frieda went to Phoenix to get a treatment for her back. In the evening we went to Lucille Howard's for bridge with Pearl Coulter. I was high. $.75.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1975 We had Tom Nelson for lunch. Frieda went for him and took him home. Drove around Sun City. Had a good dinner.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1975 Went to early church with Maxine Merrick. Afterward, she took us to Rawhide Inn for breakfast. In the afternoon went to see Mack's. [Parents of Carol Cooper who had relocated to Phoenix from Cleveland.]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1975 My last day here. We went to library and shopping center. Had our lunch out. In the evening went to a lecture and showing of silent movies.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1975 Up at 6:30. Frieda took me to airport. A huge plane, every seat taken to Dallas. Made my second plane O.K. From there plane got in 11 minutes early. Don met me. We got birds home, got my mail, and I took him to Frisch's for dinner. Stopped at A&P. He stayed awhile, unpacked my suitcase, called Dorothy and Frieda. Nice to visit but good to get home.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1975 Lunch day. Finished unpacking. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Took Edith, Gerry, and Mable Turner. Had such poor cards. After I came home cleaned up some leaves.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1975 Beautiful day. 55°. Had my hair done. Went to bank. In P.M. to meeting of Women's Association - stopped at drug store and Buckeye Mart. Our leaves picked up.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1975 Another lovely day. 63°. Went to Kroger's and A&P. Cleaned leaves in front and side yard. Took fruit to Mrs. Young for keeping the birds. In to Jeanette's.


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1975 Went to church, had our brunch afterward. 15 there. Had first fire in fireplace.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1975 Rain predicted, but turned out to be a beautiful day. Went to Circle meeting. Made two "Mystery" pies that were quite a hit. Bill, Karen, and Colleen here for dinner. They are all taking a course in sign language. Runs for nine weeks, so will be here for dinner on Mondays.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1975 Nice day. Made batch of fudge and salad for tomorrow. Eldis [Reed] stopped in morning and left me a rose. In P.M. Jane Custer surprised me, stayed a long time. Jeanette and Carole brought "goodies." Fleeta Heidorn sent a two pound box of candy. Such nice surprises!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1975 Light snow but did not bother driving. Bill and I had breakfast and I opened my gifts. From Dick and Dorothy a bubbling [lava] lamp and gloves; Chuck and Valerie, a glass pitcher; Valerie, scented soap. From Bill a body massager. Colleen crochetted me a lovely white scarf and calendar. Bill left at ten to have dinner with family. I left at twelve for Don's - took salad. Don and Ellen gave me two records; John, box candy; Tom, linen calendar; and Linda, note paper. Ellen had beef roast. Snow began at noon, but didn't stick to ground. I was home about five. It has been nicest Christmas I have had since I lost Charles, but I'll never get over missing him! In the evening I watched movie "Hans Christian Anderson."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1975 Cloudy and gloomy, but no rain. I didn't do anything today. Watched T. V.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1975 A few snow flurries, didn't amount to anything. I took decorations off mantle. Don and Linda here in P.M. Don got on roof, swept it, and cleaned the gutters. Ada Lewis and children brought cookies.


MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1975 Last evening so lonesome. Went to bed at 9:15. Slept 'till eight this morning. Washed a washer. Didn't do anything else. Snow on ground, but soon melted. Went to mailbox.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1975 Rainy morning. Stopped about noon. I did the ironing. In P.M. went to bank and post office. Postage goes up at midnight to $.13. Then, got gasoline and went to A&P.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1975
Some rain, a gloomy day. Didn't do much, took down Christmas tree. Took car for an oil change. When I went for it, said didn't need it. Talked to Don and Jeanette. Watched football game and "Ziegfield Follies" in evening.
This has been a good year. I have had good health. In October learned I have a mature cataract on right eye. So thankful Bill continues to be well. Ellen had surgery. Colleen graduated from Perkins [School for the Blind in Massachusetts]. Barbara announced her engagement. I was at Dorothy's twice. Had a trip to Holland, Michigan. Four weeks at cottage and three weeks with Frieda. Much to be thankful for!